

The Commercial Review

Portland, Indiana 47371

www.thecr.com

\$1

Commissioners OK gun buy for sheriff's office

New Glocks will require council approval

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

County officers may be getting new weapons.

Jay County Commissioners approved a \$15,015.66 trade-in purchase for guns from Kiesler Police Supply of Jeffersonville during their meeting Monday.

The decision moves next to Jay County Council, which meets for a public hearing on the county's budget Wednesday and has its next regular meeting Oct. 11.

Ben Schwartz, chief deputy at Jay County Sher-

iff's Office, explained officers currently utilize .40-caliber Glock 22 guns purchased while former sheriff Dwane Ford was in office. Schwartz said Sheriff Ray Newton would like to shift back to 9 millimeter guns, which were used previously.

"The ammunition is way more readily available for 9 (millimeter); .40-caliber is kind of a dying breed, unfortunately," said Schwartz. "It's harder to find .40-caliber than it is for us to find 9 (millimeter ammunition)."

The department will trade in 41 of the current Glock 22 guns for about 50 of the Glock 17 pistols. According to its website, the semi-automatic Glock service pistol was created in the early 1980s to fit the Austrian military's needs. More than 65% of federal, state and local United States agencies issue Glock pistols.

See **Gun** page 2



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

PFD runs have been on the rise

Department is on pace for 1,125 calls this year

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Runs for Portland Fire Department were fairly stable at the close of the last decade.

They went down significantly during the two years most effect by the coronavirus pandemic.

Now, they are climbing. Portland Fire Department had a busy first six months of 2023 in terms of fire runs and is on pace for more than 1,100 total runs this year.

If the increases continue, it could lead to a need to add to the department down the road.

"We're getting to the point, if we continue to see the increase of runs like we have ... more staffing is probably going to be inevitable," said Portland Fire Chief Mike Weitzel. "When you're running 12 runs a day like we did (Aug. 28), that puts stress on the guys for sure."

See **Runs** page 2

Learning about the past

Former Jay School Corporation teacher Jodi McKee shows visitors to the Heritage Festival a quill and inkwell set Sunday afternoon. The annual festival at Jay County Historical Museum featured music, food, historical reenactments and a variety of other activities.



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Homecoming performance

Kendall Ranly plays the flute while performing with the Fort Recovery High School marching band prior to Friday's homecoming game against the New Bremen Cardinals. The Indians will be back at home this week to take on Division VII No. 1 Marion Local.

Funds unclaimed

By CASEY SMITH

Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

With federal pandemic relief funds nearing expiration, Hoosier schools still have about \$1 billion up for grabs.

The money still to be claimed is part of the more than \$2.8 billion made available to Indiana schools through temporary federal funding, according to the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE).

Approved by Congress in 2020 and 2021, the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) and Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) programs are supposed to help schools districts manage financial hardships and make up for educational disruptions spurred by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some ESSER funds expired last year. Of that, Indiana schools claimed \$203 million, equal to about 99% of their available share, according to state data.

Another round of funds are set to expire this week. Hoosier schools have so far claimed 87% of those ESSER dollars, with around \$106 million still remaining. IDOE officials said some applications have already been submitted and are still being processed, while other schools are continuing to apply for funds.

Schools must spend — or commit to spend — whatever other

Schools still have significant ESSER dollars available

dollars they qualify for by the end of September 2024 — or one year's time. Any money left unspent is returned to the federal government.

Since 2021, more than \$1.8 billion of Indiana's overall pandemic relief share has been issued out to school districts around the state.

Indiana's education department manages the lump sum and is in charge of reimbursing K-12 school districts for qualified expenses.

Under federal requirements, ESSER dollars were distributed based on districts' most recent Title I allocations — which meant schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families were prioritized. School systems with greater numbers of children from low-income families received more money.

The aid has few restrictions, meaning districts can decide how to use the dollars.

Deaths

Eva Miller, 95, Portland
Judith Milligan, Berne
Larry Grube, 77, Coldwater
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 79 degrees Sunday. The low was 48.
Showers are expected tonight with thunderstorms possible and a low in the upper 50s. Rain is expected Wednesday with a high in the lower 70s.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Board of Health will hold its regular meeting at 7 a.m. Wednesday at the health department office, 504 W. Arch St., Portland.
Jay School Board has called a special meeting for 7 a.m. Thursday at General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. The agenda includes hiring a new transportation director.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of this week's Dunkirk City Council meeting.

Thursday — Results from the JCHS boys soccer team's game against Blackford.



Runs ...

Continued from page 1
As he spoke earlier this month, the department was already on its fourth run of the day. It was 9 a.m.
"I think this is across the board too," he added. "Talking to the other chiefs in the county, everybody's runs have increased."
In 2017, '18 and '19, Portland Fire Department hovered between 900 and 975 runs. That was already a massive increase since the about 500 runs per year that were typically when Weitzel joined the department 15 years ago. The number dipped into the 700s in 2020 and 2021 during the height of the coronavirus pan-

demic, but have since jumped again.
Portland Fire Department had 1,098 runs in 2022. Through the first eight months of 2023, the number was already at 750 — on pace for 1,125.
"It's definitely increased a great deal," Weitzel said.
The department has seen more fire activity — 17 runs through August puts it on pace for 25, three more than the five-year high — and a greater volume of calls overall. It has already made more smoke/odor investigation and service call runs than it did a year ago. It is on pace to surpass 2022 figures in most categories.
Portland Fire Department is

most frequently called out for medical runs, with 531 through the first eight months of the year. (No other category of runs totaled more than 65.) It is on pace for nearly 800 such runs this year, which would surpass 2022's 773.
"Our fire runs are actually a very low percentage of our calls," said Weitzel. (Through August, they amounted to just over 2.25% of runs this year.) "Our medic runs are our highest percentage. The last couple of years, they've been in the 70% range."
Following medical runs on the list this year are false calls/fire alarms (63) and motor vehicle accidents (44).

The bulk of the runs are in Portland (69.9%) and Wayne Township (16.9%), with the remainder coming through fire protection agreements with Greene, Pike and Jefferson Townships or mutual aid for other departments as needed.
Though fire runs are a lower percentage of the overall workload, they are among the most preventable. Weitzel said that he has seen an increase in fires that are a result of controlled burns getting out of hand. He noted that controlled burns should not be started in dry, windy conditions, should be kept to less than 10 feet wide and 10 feet high and should not con-

tinue after dark. He added that all controlled burns should be called into the fire department in advance.
If a fire does occur, from controlled burns or otherwise ...
"The biggest thing, obviously, is life safety," said Weitzel. "Get yourself and other family members out, and stay out. Call us. That's what we're here for."
Once firefighters arrive on scene, any information — where the fire started, how it started, who or what is still in the home that needs to be saved — will be helpful.
"That gives us a better indication of where to start at," Weitzel said.

CR almanac

| Wednesday 9/27 | Thursday 9/28 | Friday 9/29 | Saturday 9/30 | Sunday 10/1 |
|---|--|--|---|--|
| | | | | |
| 72/56 | 73/55 | 74/53 | 76/51 | 77/53 |
| There's a 70% chance of showers Wednesday with thunderstorms also possible. | Another chance (40%) of rain Thursday, when the high will be in the low 70s. | Friday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a low in the mid 50s at night. | Sunny skies are expected. The high will be in the mid to upper 70s. | Another day of sun on Sunday, bringing out warm temperatures in the upper 70s. |

Lotteries

| | |
|--|--|
| Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$785 million | 56-59-60-64-69-73-74-80 Cash 5: 3-7-11-12-36 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000 |
| Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$230 million | Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 0-5-1 Pick 4: 4-7-6-4 Evening Pick 3: 8-3-6 Pick 4: 9-4-2-7-0 Pick 5: 8-9-7-6-0 Rolling Cash 5: 6-23-25-31-37 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000 |
| Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 4-5-9 Daily Four: 2-7-3-5 Evening Daily Three: 3-9-9 Daily Four: 3-1-4-3 Quick Draw: 5-11-12-17-25-26-27-33-34-35-40-43- | |

Markets

| | |
|--|--|
| Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....5.42 Oct. corn5.27 Wheat4.81 | Dec. beans12.85 Wheat 5.01 |
| POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....5.37 Oct. corn5.22 Oct./Nov. corn4.62 | Central States Montpelier Corn.....4.77 Oct. corn4.47 Beans12.52 Oct. beans12.49 Wheat5.45 |
| The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.52 Jan. corn4.77 Beans12.43 | Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.62 Oct. corn4.32 Beans12.52 Sept. beans12.37 Wheat5.01 |

Today in history

In 1580, Francis Drake, an English admiral, arrived back at Plymouth Harbour, England, to complete his circumnavigation of the world.
In 1774, John Chapman, known as "Johnny Appleseed," was born in Leominster, Massachusetts. He earned the nickname for planting nurseries and individual apple trees across 100,000 square miles of wilderness and prairie in the Midwest. Chapman owned land in Fort Wayne where he planted a nursery that produced thousands of apple trees.
In 1888, poet T.S. Eliot was born Thomas Stearns Eliot in St. Louis Missouri. He won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1948 and was famous for works including "The Waste Land" in 1922 and "Four Quartets" in 1943.
In 1960, the first of a series of televised debates between Republican Vice President Richard Nixon and Democratic Sen. John F. Kennedy was held. It was seen by at least 85 million viewers.
In 1962, the TV series "The Beverly Hillbillies" made its debut on CBS.
In 2013, the Jay County High School girls soccer team tied the Yorktown Tigers 2-2. Yorktown had defeated the Patriots in each of the previous two sectional championship games, but JCHS would go on to top the Tigers 1-0 for its first sectional championship a few weeks later.
In 2022, Jay County Commissioners approved moving forward with MakeMyMove, an initiative that offers financial incentives to attract residents who work remotely.
—The CR

Citizen's calendar

| | |
|---|---|
| Wednesday 7 a.m. — Jay County Board of Health, health department, 504 W. Arch St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council public hearing, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. | 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building 131 S. Main St. Thursday 7 a.m. — Jay School Board special meeting, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. |
|---|---|

Obituaries

Eva Miller

May 20, 1928-Sept. 20, 2023
Eva Nadine Miller, age 95, a resident of Portland, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023, at Willow-bend Health in Muncie.

Nadine was born on May 20, 1928, in Portland, Indiana, the daughter of Clarence and Letha (Lee) Oehler. After her mother's passing, Clarence married Dorthea (Stroble) who helped raise Nadine as a child. She graduated from Portland High School and worked as a secretary for the Jay School Corporation for many years. She was a member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bryant.



Miller

Nadine married Jimmy Miller on Dec. 15, 1946, and he passed away on May 30, 2015.

Survivors include:
Her children — Gary Miller (wife: Sandy), Union City, Indiana; Tod Miller (wife: Reda), Portland, Indiana; Nick Miller (wife: Kathleen), Fort Collins, Colorado; and Debra Cravener (husband: Terry), Ocoee, Florida

Seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren

She was preceded in death by a sister, Marjorie Thompson.

A memorial services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Condolences may be expressed at williamosspencer.com.

Judith Milligan

Judith Elaine Milligan, loving wife, mother, and teacher, passed away in Berne on Sept. 22 after a battle with cancer. A longtime resident of Portland, Judy was 84.

Judy leaves behind her husband of 64 years, Doug; her son David (wife: Dawn) of rural Portland; and daughter Barbara of Cape Cod, Massachusetts; along with her grandchildren Shyla Houser, Chancellor Milligan, Patrick and Michael Ryan, and AJ and Samantha Pettyjohn; and nine great-grandchildren. She leaves behind a sister, Phyllis, of Fort Wayne.



Milligan

Her brother Bob predeceased her. Born in Bryant in 1939, Judy was the youngest daughter of Albert and Vera (Shoemaker) LeFavour. Living

Gun ...

Continued from page 1
Answering a question from commissioner Brian McGalliard, Schwartz noted the weapons they currently use are about seven or eight years old.
Commissioners OK'd purchasing the guns from Kiesler Police Supply. The cost will come out of the sheriff's budget.
Also Monday, McGalliard noted the county's capital improvement plan will be ready to approve at the next commissioner's meeting Oct. 9.

Commissioners rescinded their former plan Sept. 11 and re-approved it as a capital improvement project list. There are currently seven projects on the "wish list," which in total comes to more \$5.3 million.

Plans are to create a more in-depth plan similar to Jay County Development Corporation's five-year economic development income tax (EDIT) capital improvement plan, which commissioners rescinded in February. It would include up-to-date dollar amounts based on recent state estimates, state code, specific projects and copies of separate capi-

tal improvement plans created by Jay County municipalities. (Updates to those plans would be subject to each respective municipality.)

Commissioners also noted they should consider approving the county's agreement with Jay County Humane Society on Oct. 9.

Schemenaur said he would connect with Jay County Humane Society to work out a few details in the con-

tract before commissioners approve it. The organization has requested \$66,325 to provide animal control services to the county in 2024.
Jay County Humane Society has been renovating the former Fastenal building along Indiana 67 on the west side of Portland. Construction should be finished sometime next month.
.....
For additional commissioners news, see Wednesday's newspaper.

tal improvement plans created by Jay County municipalities. (Updates to those plans would be subject to each respective municipality.)

Commissioners also noted they should consider approving the county's agreement with Jay County Humane Society on Oct. 9.

Schemenaur said he would connect with Jay County Humane Society to work out a few details in the con-

tract before commissioners approve it. The organization has requested \$66,325 to provide animal control services to the county in 2024.

Jay County Humane Society has been renovating the former Fastenal building along Indiana 67 on the west side of Portland. Construction should be finished sometime next month.

.....
For additional commissioners news, see Wednesday's newspaper.

tal improvement plans created by Jay County municipalities. (Updates to those plans would be subject to each respective municipality.)

Commissioners also noted they should consider approving the county's agreement with Jay County Humane Society on Oct. 9.

Schemenaur said he would connect with Jay County Humane Society to work out a few details in the con-

tract before commissioners approve it. The organization has requested \$66,325 to provide animal control services to the county in 2024.

Jay County Humane Society has been renovating the former Fastenal building along Indiana 67 on the west side of Portland. Construction should be finished sometime next month.

.....
For additional commissioners news, see Wednesday's newspaper.

tal improvement plans created by Jay County municipalities. (Updates to those plans would be subject to each respective municipality.)

Commissioners also noted they should consider approving the county's agreement with Jay County Humane Society on Oct. 9.

Schemenaur said he would connect with Jay County Humane Society to work out a few details in the con-

tract before commissioners approve it. The organization has requested \$66,325 to provide animal control services to the county in 2024.

Jay County Humane Society has been renovating the former Fastenal building along Indiana 67 on the west side of Portland. Construction should be finished sometime next month.

.....
For additional commissioners news, see Wednesday's newspaper.

tal improvement plans created by Jay County municipalities. (Updates to those plans would be subject to each respective municipality.)

Commissioners also noted they should consider approving the county's agreement with Jay County Humane Society on Oct. 9.

Schemenaur said he would connect with Jay County Humane Society to work out a few details in the con-

tract before commissioners approve it. The organization has requested \$66,325 to provide animal control services to the county in 2024.

Jay County Humane Society has been renovating the former Fastenal building along Indiana 67 on the west side of Portland. Construction should be finished sometime next month.

.....
For additional commissioners news, see Wednesday's newspaper.

tal improvement plans created by Jay County municipalities. (Updates to those plans would be subject to each respective municipality.)

Commissioners also noted they should consider approving the county's agreement with Jay County Humane Society on Oct. 9.

Schemenaur said he would connect with Jay County Humane Society to work out a few details in the con-

tract before commissioners approve it. The organization has requested \$66,325 to provide animal control services to the county in 2024.

Jay County Humane Society has been renovating the former Fastenal building along Indiana 67 on the west side of Portland. Construction should be finished sometime next month.

.....
For additional commissioners news, see Wednesday's newspaper.

tal improvement plans created by Jay County municipalities. (Updates to those plans would be subject to each respective municipality.)

Commissioners also noted they should consider approving the county's agreement with Jay County Humane Society on Oct. 9.

Schemenaur said he would connect with Jay County Humane Society to work out a few details in the con-

tract before commissioners approve it. The organization has requested \$66,325 to provide animal control services to the county in 2024.

Jay County Humane Society has been renovating the former Fastenal building along Indiana 67 on the west side of Portland. Construction should be finished sometime next month.

.....
For additional commissioners news, see Wednesday's newspaper.

tal improvement plans created by Jay County municipalities. (Updates to those plans would be subject to each respective municipality.)

Commissioners also noted they should consider approving the county's agreement with Jay County Humane Society on Oct. 9.

Schemenaur said he would connect with Jay County Humane Society to work out a few details in the con-

tract before commissioners approve it. The organization has requested \$66,325 to provide animal control services to the county in 2024.

Jay County Humane Society has been renovating the former Fastenal building along Indiana 67 on the west side of Portland. Construction should be finished sometime next month.

.....
For additional commissioners news, see Wednesday's newspaper.

tal improvement plans created by Jay County municipalities. (Updates to those plans would be subject to each respective municipality.)

Commissioners also noted they should consider approving the county's agreement with Jay County Humane Society on Oct. 9.

Schemenaur said he would connect with Jay County Humane Society to work out a few details in the con-

tract before commissioners approve it. The organization has requested \$66,325 to provide animal control services to the county in 2024.

Jay County Humane Society has been renovating the former Fastenal building along Indiana 67 on the west side of Portland. Construction should be finished sometime next month.

.....
For additional commissioners news, see Wednesday's newspaper.

tal improvement plans created by Jay County municipalities. (Updates to those plans would be subject to each respective municipality.)

Commissioners also noted they should consider approving the county's agreement with Jay County Humane Society on Oct. 9.

Schemenaur said he would connect with Jay County Humane Society to work out a few details in the con-

tract before commissioners approve it. The organization has requested \$66,325 to provide animal control services to the county in 2024.

Jay County Humane Society has been renovating the former Fastenal building along Indiana 67 on the west side of Portland. Construction should be finished sometime next month.

.....
For additional commissioners news, see Wednesday's newspaper.

tal improvement plans created by Jay County municipalities. (Updates to those plans would be subject to each respective municipality.)

Commissioners also noted they should consider approving the county's agreement with Jay County Humane Society on Oct. 9.

Schemenaur said he would connect with Jay County Humane Society to work out a few details in the con-

tract before commissioners approve it. The organization has requested \$66,325 to provide animal control services to the county in 2024.

Jay County Humane Society has been renovating the former Fastenal building along Indiana 67 on the west side of Portland. Construction should be finished sometime next month.

.....
For additional commissioners news, see Wednesday's newspaper.

tal improvement plans created by Jay County municipalities. (Updates to those plans would be subject to each respective municipality.)

Commissioners also noted they should consider approving the county's agreement with Jay County Humane Society on Oct. 9.

Schemenaur said he would connect with Jay County Humane Society to work out a few details in the con-

tract before commissioners approve it. The organization has requested \$66,325 to provide animal control services to the county in 2024.

Jay County Humane Society has been renovating the former Fastenal building along Indiana 67 on the west side of Portland. Construction should be finished sometime next month.

.....
For additional commissioners news, see Wednesday's newspaper.

tal improvement plans created by Jay County municipalities. (Updates to those plans would be subject to each respective municipality.)

Commissioners also noted they should consider approving the county's agreement with Jay County Humane Society on Oct. 9.

Schemenaur said he would connect with Jay County Humane Society to work out a few details in the con-

tract before commissioners approve it. The organization has requested \$66,325 to provide animal control services to the county in 2024.

Jay County Humane Society has been renovating the former Fastenal building along Indiana 67 on the west side of Portland. Construction should be finished sometime next month.

.....
For additional commissioners news, see Wednesday's newspaper.

tal improvement plans created by Jay County municipalities. (Updates to those plans would be subject to each respective municipality.)

Commissioners also noted they should consider approving the county's agreement with Jay County Humane Society on Oct. 9.

Schemenaur said he would connect with Jay County Humane Society to work out a few details in the con-

tract before commissioners approve it. The organization has requested \$66,325 to provide animal control services to the county in 2024.

Jay County Humane Society has been renovating the former Fastenal building along Indiana 67 on the west side of Portland. Construction should be finished sometime next month.

.....
For additional commissioners news, see Wednesday's newspaper.

tal improvement plans created by Jay County municipalities. (Updates to those plans would be subject to each respective municipality.)

Commissioners also noted they should consider approving the county's agreement with Jay County Humane Society on Oct. 9.

Schemenaur said he would connect with Jay County Humane Society to work out a few details in the con-

tract before commissioners approve it. The organization has requested \$66,325 to provide animal control services to the county in 2024.

Jay County Humane Society has been renovating the former Fastenal building along Indiana 67 on the west side of Portland. Construction should be finished sometime next month.

.....
For additional commissioners news, see Wednesday's newspaper.

tal improvement plans created by Jay County municipalities. (Updates to those plans would be subject to each respective municipality.)

Commissioners also noted they should consider approving the county's agreement with Jay County Humane Society on Oct. 9.

Schemenaur said he would connect with Jay County Humane Society to work out a few details in the con-

tract before commissioners approve it. The organization has requested \$66,325 to provide animal control services to the county in 2024.

Jay County Humane Society has been renovating the former Fastenal building along Indiana 67 on the west side of Portland. Construction should be finished sometime next month.

.....
For additional commissioners news, see Wednesday's newspaper.

tal improvement plans created by Jay County municipalities. (Updates to those plans would be subject to each respective municipality.)

Commissioners also noted they should consider approving the county's agreement with Jay County Humane Society on Oct. 9.

Schemenaur said he would connect with Jay County Humane Society to work out a few details in the con-

tract before commissioners approve it. The organization has requested \$66,325 to provide animal control services to the county in 2024.

Jay County Humane Society has been renovating the former Fastenal building along Indiana 67 on the west side of Portland. Construction should be finished sometime next month.

.....
For additional commissioners news, see Wednesday's newspaper.

tal improvement plans created by Jay County municipalities. (Updates to those plans would be subject to each respective municipality.)

Commissioners also noted they should consider approving the county's agreement with Jay County Humane Society on Oct. 9.

Schemenaur said he would connect with Jay County Humane Society to work out a few details in the con-

tract before commissioners approve it. The organization has requested \$66,325 to provide animal control services to the county in 2024.

Jay County Humane Society has been renovating the former Fastenal building along Indiana 67 on the west side of Portland. Construction should be finished sometime next month.

.....
For additional commissioners news, see Wednesday's newspaper.

tal improvement plans created by Jay County municipalities. (Updates to those plans would be subject to each respective municipality.)

Commissioners also noted they should consider approving the county's agreement with Jay County Humane Society on Oct. 9.

Schemenaur said he would connect with Jay County Humane Society to work out a few details in the con-

tract before commissioners approve it. The organization has requested \$66,325 to provide animal control services to the county in 2024.

Jay County Humane Society has been renovating the former Fastenal building along Indiana 67 on the west side of Portland. Construction should be finished sometime next month.

.....
For additional commissioners news, see Wednesday's newspaper.

tal improvement plans created by Jay County municipalities. (Updates to those plans would be subject to each respective municipality.)

Commissioners also noted they should consider approving the county's agreement with Jay County Humane Society on Oct. 9.

Schemenaur said he would connect with Jay County Humane Society to work out a few details in the con-

tract before commissioners approve it. The organization has requested \$66,325 to provide animal control services to the county in 2024.

Jay County Humane Society has been renovating the former Fastenal building along Indiana 67 on the west side of Portland. Construction should be finished sometime next month.

.....
For additional commissioners news, see Wednesday's newspaper.

tal improvement plans created by Jay County municipalities. (Updates to those plans would be subject to each respective municipality.)

Commissioners also noted they should consider approving the county's agreement with Jay County Humane Society on Oct. 9.

Schemenaur said he would connect with Jay County Humane Society to work out a few details in the con-

tract before commissioners approve it. The organization has requested \$66,325 to provide animal control services to the county in 2024.

Jay County Humane Society has been renovating the former Fastenal building along Indiana 67 on the west side of Portland. Construction should be finished sometime next month.

Heritage Festival made the weekend

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

What a beautiful weekend. The skies were an intense blue and sunny both Saturday and Sunday. It was the perfect temperature, not too hot and not too chilly. The breezes brought the sweet scents of autumn. Chrysanthemums bloomed in bright yellows and rusty reds.

It was the perfect weekend for the annual Heritage Festival in Portland, Indiana. It was held at the Historical Museum. There were various activities for people to try such as old fashioned games and a set of stilts that very few could master.

As I See It



I was there on Saturday when the national anthem was played. Every single person I saw stopped whatever they were doing to face the flag. Most of them held their hands over their hearts. A few quietly sang along. I thought to myself, this is what small-town America is all about.

The festival offers a place to sell various arts and crafts. Even that is second to the real attrac-

tion. After a hot summer where people stayed in air conditioned spaces as much as possible, it was the perfect place to reconnect with friends and neighbors.

I saw people I hadn't seen in years. It was nice to be able to catch up with them without blocking the aisle of a store or feeling like we should move along and get out of the way. The conversation was even more important than whatever the vendors were peddling.

The other attraction was food. I opted for a foot-long hot dog with chili sauce. I tried to be careful but a good bit of the sauce ended up on my jeans. I was told that the

sauce was an attempt to reproduce the original sauce from a recipe created long ago. They seemed to think that they were close to matching the original flavor and texture but they were not quite there yet.

Original or not, it was good in addition to being messy. They had other items on the menu such as chili and cornbread, but I prefer the messy hot dog to the other choices. I intended to go down to the far end of the displays for some ice cream but never made it.

It seemed to me that even though the weather was perfect, there weren't quite as many buyers as usual. I did manage to sell

a small piece that was supposed to be a parrot but ended up being something else. I have no idea what it ended up being other than being a small token to remind its owner that somewhere, somebody loved her and was glad she was still here.

I have a tiny blue polka dotted hippopotamus that lives in the bottom of my purse that serves the same purpose. I have tried and tried to reproduce it to no avail.

The chrysanthemum display was on the way out. I was talking to the vendor and said that I really wanted two pots of flowers but didn't think I could carry both pots to the car. He graciously offered to drop

them off at my house. I took him up on his offer.

A few minutes after I got home I heard a knock on the door. I assumed it was the flower guy. I was wrong. It was my brother and his wife. They had been to the antique store and decided to stop by.

It wasn't too much later that the flower man appeared at the door and dropped off the plants. I needed to get them into the ground so they can take attention away from the pathetic peonies that were moved last week.

All in all it was a great weekend. Now it is time to get the houseplants ready to come into the house and start getting things ready for cooler weather.

Mother-in-law's habit becomes too much

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law is a heavy smoker. She lives two hours away from us, so when she visits, she likes to stay for one or two nights. My husband and I have a 3-year-old son, and my MIL's smoking is a huge concern for me.

Every two hours, she smokes outside on our back patio. She seems to think this is her right. She closes the sliding glass door behind her, but I can still smell

Dear Abby



the smoke inside the entire time. And, of course, when she comes back inside, the smell permeates even more.

After her last visit, our home smelled like an ashtray. My eyes burned, and my son was also rubbing his eyes. By the second day, I'm seething each time she ventures out to smoke. I have asked her in the past to go down the street away from our home, but there's always an excuse why she can't. (For example, she doesn't want to risk walking down the incline of the sidewalk for fear of falling.)

I don't think it should be her right to expose my child (or us) to her harmful addiction. I need advice on how to make clear that if she intends to visit our home and son in the future, smoking will not be permitted anywhere. My husband thinks we should just tolerate it while she's here. — FUMING IN THE WEST

DEAR FUMING: As much as I agree that smoking is

unhealthy and a social turnoff, your husband is right. His mother is severely addicted to smoking if she can't go more than two hours without a "fix." She is cooperating to the extent she can with your house rules, so if you want a relationship with her (if only so your child has a chance to know his grandmother), I suggest you lighten up.

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email news@thecr.com.

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7

p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday

in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenant-landlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 5:30 p.m. at Persimmon Ridge Rehabilitation Centre, 200 N. Park St., Portland.

MISSISSINewa CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, at Jay County Historical Museum. The program is on revolutionary era wedding attire. For more information, call Kathy Selman at (260) 251-1694 or Sue Sommers at (260) 726-2678.

Friday

PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call

(260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

LOCALS MARKET — Is held from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday in May through October on East Main Street in Portland. For more information, contact The Flower Nook at (260) 726-7166.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Consumer Cellular®

EXACT SAME COVERAGE UP TO HALF THE COST.
855-572-5165

© 2023 Consumer Cellular Inc. Terms and Conditions subject to change. Half the cost savings based on cost of Consumer Cellular's single-line, 5GB data plan with unlimited talk and text compared to lowest cost, single-line post-paid unlimited plan offered by T-Mobile and Verizon, May 2023.

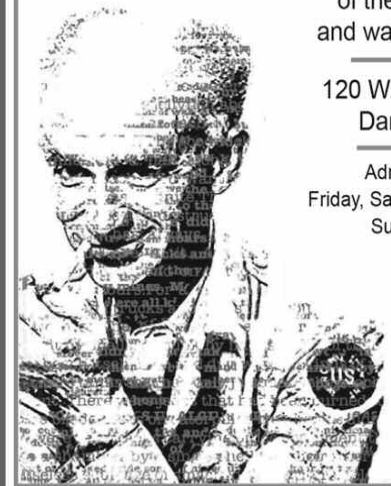
Discover the story behind the storyteller.

The Ernie Pyle WWII Museum will close Nov. 12 for the 2023 season.

Explore the history of the famous writer and war correspondent.

120 W. Briarwood Ave.
Dana, IN 47847

Admission is free.
Friday, Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday 1-4 p.m.



THE ERNIE PYLE WWII MUSEUM

765-665-3633
erniepile.org

Sudoku

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | | | | 8 | 9 | | | |
| | | 9 | | | | | 6 | |
| 7 | 2 | 1 | | | | 4 | | |
| 4 | | | | 7 | 6 | | 1 | 2 |
| | | | | | | | 7 | |
| | | 8 | 9 | | | 6 | 3 | 4 |
| | 6 | | 7 | 2 | | | | |
| 9 | 1 | | | | | 2 | 4 | |
| 8 | | | | 4 | 1 | 9 | | |

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| 5 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| 2 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 8 |
| 4 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 7 |
| 7 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 2 |
| 6 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 5 |
| 8 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 6 |
| 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 4 |
| 9 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 3 |

The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

FULL TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

JAY COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

2023 SALARY: \$28,264.60

WORK SCHEDULE

- 35 hours weekly (Monday - Friday)
- Occasional evening, weekend, and overnight hours as necessary for community outreach, training, etc.
- Ability to respond to the EOC for emergencies on a 24-hour basis as necessary.

DUTIES

- Performs department bookkeeping duties to include preparing and recording claims/payroll, maintaining an up-to-date budget, and filing/recordkeeping.
- Answers telephones, greets visitors, responds to inquiries, provides information/assistance to the public, and takes messages for department personnel.
- Assists with damage assessments, data recording, EOC operations, and other tasks required during emergency situations.
- Assists department personnel in maintaining/updating plans, policies, and procedures.

REQUIREMENTS

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Must possess or be able to obtain the necessary National Incident Management (NIMS) and FEMA Professional Development Series certifications.
- Working knowledge of basic accounting, standard office procedures, and Microsoft software.
- Ability to effectively communicate both orally and in writing.
- Ability to work on several tasks at the same time, and work rapidly for long periods, often under time restrictions.
- Must have a valid Indiana driver's license and be able to travel off-site as necessary.

All interested applicants can submit their resume to the Jay County Emergency Management Agency, 224 West Water Street, Portland, IN 47371 or to the Director via email srhodehamel@co.jay.in.us.

Applications will be accepted until September 27, 2023.

There's great value in being bored

By NED SEATON

The Manhattan Mercury (Kansas)
Tribune News Service

The youngest of our kids has had a summer vacation a month longer than all his peers. Which led him to utter a sentence the other day that I haven't heard in 15 years: "I'm bored."

That's a real problem, in my humble opinion. I don't mean boredom is a problem. I mean the lack of boredom.

Boredom is a highly undervalued condition. Boredom leads people to create, to think, to dream, to imagine and build and connect. Only when you have nothing else to occupy your mind

Ned Seaton



is it allowed to wander, and only the wandering can create visions of things that don't exist.

You remember boredom, don't you? You'd just sit there, nothing to do, no external means of stimulation. Your mind would wander, and you'd think up ... something. You could go outside and

get the neighbor kids to play freeze-tag, or you could read or draw or come up with a money-making scheme or just think about the girl or guy you saw at school. Or maybe you'd dream of hydrogen-powered flying cars, or walkie-talkie wristwatches.

The key was to have nothing else occupying your mind. Nothing in your hand, or your pocket, or in front of your face 24-7 that enables you to do anything you want, without even trying.

Here we are now, entertain us, Nirvana said. And so our society did.

And as a result nobody is ever bored, not in the way that drives

creativity. If there's a pause of more than three seconds in a conversation, well, there's somebody's Snap or Insta, or a provocative Twitter rabbit-hole to go down. All outrage, all the time.

I suppose all that becomes entirely old-hat, too, which is why the sentence came out of the youngest one's mouth. He's starting his first year of college in California, but not until late this month, which means all his friends at K-State and KU have been all caught up in their new lives and he was left waiting tables most nights.

He's about to be highly un-

bored; college is the ultimate antidote to that.

That'll pass, too, though. And his generation, and all of those that follow, will never really know boredom, and where it can lead. We've stamped that out; there's too much money to be made in entertainment.

What does that mean? I don't know. Something's been lost. Probably something gained, too — I notice that this generation can navigate far more complex social environments than I ever could. On balance, though, I have to wonder if we'll eventually wish we hadn't stamped out boredom.

Meeting demands would be win-win

By SONALI KOLHATKAR

OtherWords

The United Auto Workers (UAW), a union of nearly 150,000 workers at America's "Big Three" automakers, are on strike.

On the face of it, UAW's demands sound audacious. They're calling for a 46 percent pay raise and a four-day workweek, among other things. But in the broader context of a decades-long decline in labor rights and wages, they're perfectly reasonable.

What's unreasonable is massively profitable corporations' insistence on squeezing every last drop of productivity from their workers with paltry wages, long hours, and little-to-no job security — and then feigning outrage at union demands.

The Big Three made more than \$20 billion in profits in the first half of 2023 alone. Their CEOs are compensated to the tune of tens of millions of dollars a year. Meanwhile, even the top-paid auto workers earn less than six figures a year. Temporary workers start at only \$17 an hour.

After years of making concessions, auto workers believe they — and not just their bosses — should share in the industry's record profits. "Record profits mean record contracts," as UAW president Shawn Fain put it.

Linking worker pay to CEO compensation is a savvy move. As unions remain popular, the idea of sharing the wealth appeals to a basic sense of fairness among the public.

It also makes financial sense for the automakers themselves. When GM workers went on strike in 2019 for 40 days, the cost to the company was far greater than anticipated — nearly \$4 billion.

NBC estimates that meeting the union's salary demands today would cost the companies comparable amounts — but spread out over much longer periods. "A 40 percent wage bump for UAW members would cost GM \$4 billion to \$5 billion and Ford \$5 billion to \$6 billion over four years," they report.

But rather than offer salaries that enable workers to budget their lives, buy homes, and project expenses, the Big Three want to pay workers individual bonuses during years when profits are high. Their ostensible reason is to remain flexible as the industry is pressured into evolving away from fossil-fuel based vehicles

Sonali Kolhatkar



to all-electric vehicles in the face of a warming climate.

But President Joe Biden's administration just announced a massive funding plan to boost EV production and tied it to labor rights. "Building a clean energy economy can and should provide a win-win opportunity for auto companies and unionized workers who have anchored the American economy for decades," Biden said.

In short, automakers can unlock federal funding, avoid disruptions to their inventories, and ensure that their financial losses are spread out over several years rather than just a few months — all by simply meeting UAW's salary demands.

What more incentives do the big companies need?

There's another beautiful win-win opportunity for workers and automakers in the EV transition. It takes significantly less labor to make an EV compared to a gas-run car. According to Ford, it's 40 percent more labor efficient to make EVs.

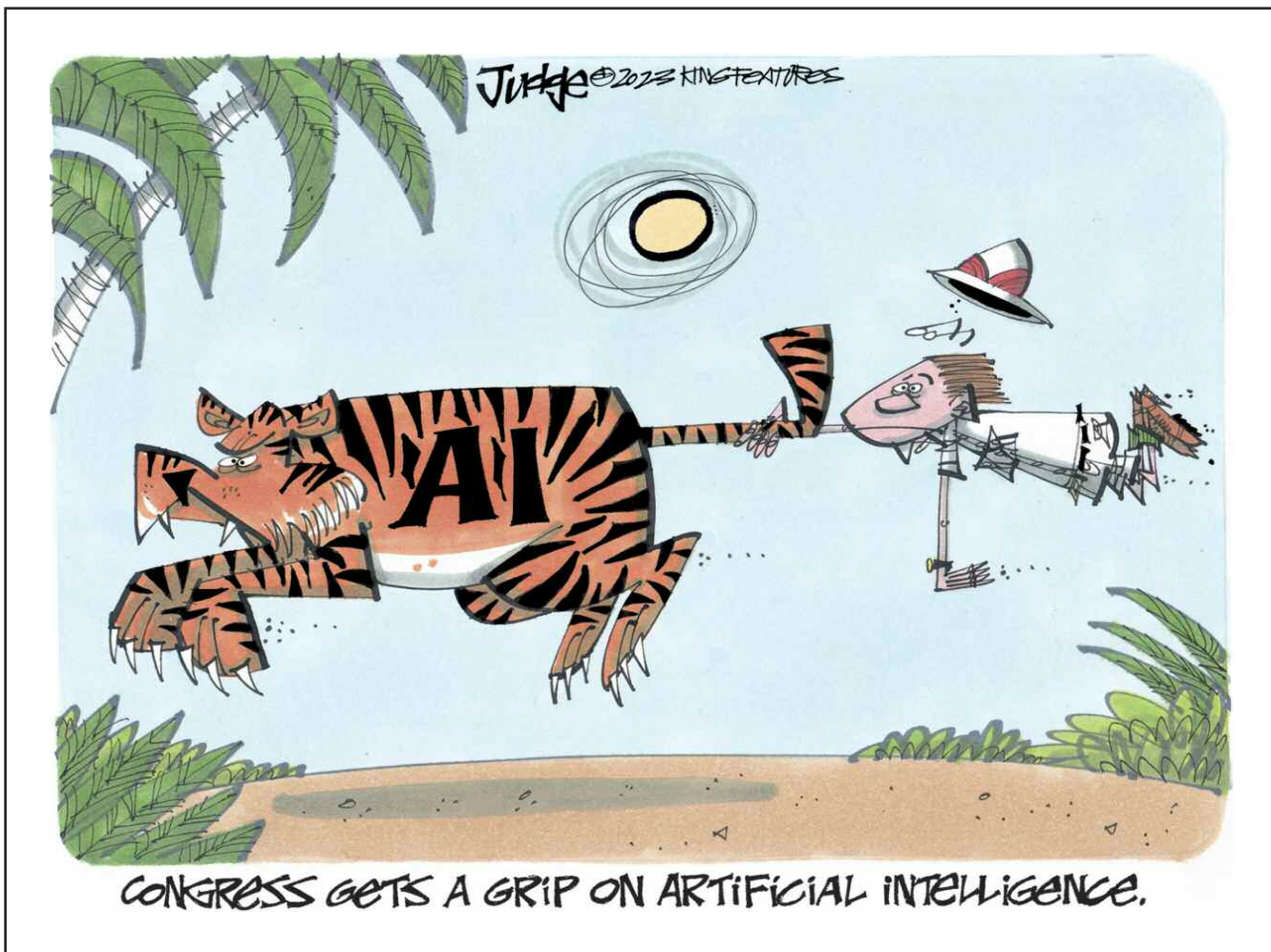
According to UAW, auto workers "are working 60, 70, even 80 hours a week just to make ends meet." But if they're making EVs, they could work fewer hours at a higher rate without impacting production or their yearly salaries. Studies show that the companies would likely remain profitable and retain employees better if they switched to a four-day workweek with no loss of pay.

UAW's demands, in short, are hardly unreasonable. But with corporations insisting on squeezing more profits no matter the cost, merely pointing out the mutually beneficial rewards of meeting union demands isn't enough to sway shareholders and their allies.

So the striking workers are fighting for their demands. It remains to be seen how much autoworkers can flex their power. The Big Three can certainly test their patience and find out.

.....

Kolhatkar is the host of "Rising Up With Sonali," a television and radio show on Free Speech TV and Pacifica stations.



Push helps small farmers

Star Tribune

More than two years have passed since former U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue departed, but the brouhaha he created with one callous comment in the middle of his tenure remains memorable.

Perdue, a Trump appointee, visited a Wisconsin expo in 2019, one attended by struggling dairy farmers. When asked about the industry's future, Perdue's tone-deaf reply was this: "In America the big get bigger and the small go out."

Perdue caught serious flak, including from the Star Tribune Editorial Board. While some may dub it brutally honest, "defeatist" and "shortsighted" are more accurate. A stable, affordable food supply is essential to national security. For this, we need small- to medium-sized producers and processors in addition to their industrial counterparts.

The nation's rural regions have hollowed out under the "go big or go home" approach. Fewer farmers means fewer customers for small-town businesses and fewer students in schools, a regrettable trend.

With that backdrop, current USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack's recent visit to Minnesota was a refreshing change. Rather than throwing up his hands, Vilsack is wielding his department's considerable resources to aid small and midsize producers, strengthen rural communities and, for extra measure, combat climate change.

Will Vilsack's ambitious strategy work? Time will tell. But this is an overdue course correction for this massive agency and worth a try. The number of Minnesota farms has been in long decline, from 86,000 in 1993 to 67,400 now, according to a Star Tribune analysis and a 2022 federal report.

Vilsack served as USDA secretary under former President Barack Obama and was appointed again by President Joe Biden. He visited Minnesota in late August to tout \$230

Guest Editorial

million in new rural development funding for the state. He also met with an editorial writer.

Part of Vilsack's mission was playing political defense. Congressional gridlock on spending bills means a potential government shutdown on Oct. 1. Vilsack made the case to protect agricultural investments included in previous legislation, such as the \$1 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) of 2022. The IRA appropriates more than \$18 billion in new funding for climate-smart agriculture and forestry greenhouse gas mitigation.

Congressional Republicans in particular may look to divert some of these dollars to other purposes, such as more traditional farm supports. That's stale thinking that would likely benefit bigger producers most.

Vilsack didn't just have the shutdown in mind. He also had almost evangelical fervor in outlining new strategies, ones with historic funding levels thanks to the IRA and other legislation, to reinvigorate smaller producers and communities while mitigating climate change. These initiatives include:

- Working with producers and food companies to create a new market for foods grown with climate-sustainable methods. Like organic products, consumers may be willing to pay a premium for these products, creating a new niche for growers.

- Providing assistance to transition to renewable energy, with farmers potentially able to sell excess energy back to utilities.

- Creating "local and regional food system opportunities." This covers a lot, from providing help to rural entrepreneurs wanting to build small

meat or food processing facilities to policies that encourage bulk buyers such as schools to purchase nearby products.

•Continuing support for biofuels, including the transition to sustainable aviation fuel, which could open up a large new market. Delta Air Lines and Xcel see enough potential for this that they are pushing to locate a manufacturing hub in the state.

"What we're now saying is here's the alternative to getting big or getting out. It's to get entrepreneurial," Vilsack told an editorial writer.

In turn, that could alleviate a data point that alarms Vilsack. "There are about 2.1 million farms in America. Of these, 7.5% received 89% of farm income. So roughly 2 million farms had to share 11% of that income. The question is whether we're OK with that."

So far, this new push has garnered a favorable reaction. Dan Glessing, a dairy farmer near Waverly and Minnesota Farm Bureau president, said farmers are open-minded about these initiatives, particularly if new programs can mitigate the risk of transitioning to climate-smart practices. He also said farmers need more information about new programs.

Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen told an editorial writer that the federal shift has resulted in significant investments in the state to aid small producers and processors. Petersen said he'd recently visited an apple orchard that benefited from the new push for schools to buy produce locally.

In an interview, former Rep. Collin Peterson, a Democrat who represented northwest Minnesota and once chaired the House Agriculture Committee, praised Vilsack's efforts. As for climate-smart agriculture's naysayers, Peterson said other countries are already moving forward on this front, leaving the U.S. at a competitive disadvantage.

"Whether you like it or not, this is the world you live in," Peterson said. "If you don't get on board with this, you're going to get left behind."

The Commercial Review

US PS 125820

HUGH N. RONALD (1911-1983), Publisher Emeritus
JOHN C. "JACK" RONALD (1948-2022), Publisher Emeritus

LOUISE RONALD

Board president

TONIA HARDY

Business manager

RAY COONEY

Editor and publisher

BRIAN DODD

Production manager

"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have government without newspapers or newspapers without government I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."

—Thomas Jefferson

Subscription rates

Internet-only: Three days - \$3; Monthly auto-pay - \$10; 13 weeks - \$32; six months - \$60; one year - \$108.

City (walking - where available): Monthly auto-pay - \$11; 13 weeks - \$35; six months - \$66; one year - \$118.

Motor route (where available): Monthly auto-pay - \$12; 13 weeks - \$43; six months - \$72; one year - \$136.

Mail: Monthly auto-pay - \$13; 13 weeks - \$47; six months - \$78; one year - \$147.

Home delivery problems: Call (260) 251-9588

VOLUME 150-NUMBER 105
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

www.thecr.com

The Commercial Review is published daily except Sundays, Mondays and four holidays (New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas) by The Graphic Printing Co. Inc., 309 W. Main St., Portland, Indiana 47371. Periodical postage paid (USPS 125820) at Portland, Indiana. Postmaster: Send address changes to The Commercial Review, 309 W. Main St., P.O. Box 1049, Portland, Indiana 47371 or call (260) 726-8141.

We welcome letters to the editor, which are accepted by email only to letters@thecr.com. They should be 700 words or fewer, signed, with city/town of residence and include a phone number for verification purposes. We reserve the right to edit for content and clarity.

Ardagh facility receives energy honor

An Ardagh Group facility has earned another honor for its energy efficiency.

The Environmental Protection Agency awarded the company's distribution center in Fairfield, California, with an ENERGY STAR building certification. It was the eighth consecutive year the facility has earned the honor.

"Ardagh Group's commitment to the environment goes beyond producing infinitely recyclable glass containers; we're dedicated to protecting the communities in which we live and work, by saving energy and reducing our environmental impact," said Ardagh chief sustainability officer Alex Winters in a press release. "Initiatives like the ENERGY STAR certification demonstrate Ardagh's aim to be an environmental leader in the packaging industry."

On average, ENERGY STAR certified buildings and plants use 35 percent less energy, cause 35 percent fewer greenhouse gas emissions, and are less expensive to operate than similar facilities.

Ardagh's manufacturing facilities in Dunkirk and Winchester have both previously been ENERGY STAR honorees.

Ribbon cutting

Jay County Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the mural that was completed in July on the north side of Community Resource Center.

The ceremony is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Brick Alley, which is adjacent to the building.

The City of Portland in April received a \$10,000

Business roundup

grant from Indiana Destination Development Corporation for the mural as part of more than \$400,000 in funding awarded for IN Indiana Public Art Activation projects. It is the second Portland mural for Zach Medler, a Geneva native and former Arts Place employee, as he also painted the Portland Rotary Club mural on the south side of the J&P Plating Building.

MSSL to host

MSSL Wiring System, Inc., of Portland will host its health fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26.

The event is designed to give employees information about health and wellness as well as to learn about healthcare providers in the community.

Individuals or companies interested in attending should contact Dakota Pettus at dakota.pettus@motherson.com or (260) 726-6501.

Classes scheduled

John Jay Center for Learning is continuing to offer ServSafe training.

The courses for those in the food-service industry are scheduled for Oct. 30 and Nov. 27. Each runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at John Jay, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

For more information, call (260) 729-5525.

EV event is Thursday

Indiana Department of Environmental Manage-

ment, Drive Clean Indiana and Indiana Utility Group are launching GOEVIN: GO Electric Vehicle Indiana, an electric vehicle charging initiative.

The organizations will host a series of events to promote the program, including at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, at Citizens Square, 200 E. Berry St., Fort Wayne. Other events are planned for Portage, South Bend and Indianapolis.

For more information, visit goEVIN.com/events.

Trade fair is Oct. 6

Ivy Tech Community College Fort Wayne will host its Skilled Trades Career Exploration Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 6 in the Steel Dynamics, Inc. Keith E. Busse Technology Center.

The event in the facility at 3701 Dean Drive, Fort Wayne, will feature more than 50 employers. It is designed as an opportunity for anyone interested in the trades to explore their options.

For more information, go online to link.ivytech.edu/skilledtrades.

Summit is Oct. 25-26

Indiana Chamber of Commerce will host the Future of Indiana's Workforce Summit Oct. 25 and 26 at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown.

The summit, led by Ivy Tech Community College, will feature experts from industry and government who will share information about jobs and employer-led collaborations to address workforce needs. Details will also be shared about using data to make decisions about hiring and training.

"We are in a talent-driven competition," said Indiana chamber president and CEO Kevin Brinegar in a press release. "Ensuring the quality of our workforce is an ongoing focus of the Indiana Chamber's policy efforts and it's critical to securing our economic position locally and around the world. This summit will tackle the main obstacles and challenges and bring together many stakeholders."

For more information, Go online to indianachamber.com/inworksummit or call (800) 824-6885.

Indy airport honored

J.D. Power named Indianapolis International Airport best in customer satisfaction for medium-sized airports in North America.

It marked the fourth time in five years and the sixth overall that the airport has received the honor.

The recognition is based on consumer rankings from the J.D. Power North America Airport Satisfaction Study. The survey looked at a variety of factors, with Indianapolis International scoring highest in airport arrival/departure (getting to and leaving the airport), security check, terminal facilities (concourses, lounges, signage, restrooms and gate areas) and food/beverage and retail factors.

"This award demonstrates the dedication of our team and airport business partners to the community," said Mario Rodriguez, Indianapolis Airport Authority executive director, in a press release. "The true magic is

that our world-class team has a boundless capacity, year after year, to continuously improve the airport customer experience."

Show is Oct. 18-19

The Design-2-Part Show is scheduled for Oct. 18 and 19 at Indiana Convention Center.

The free event, which will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., is the region's largest sourcing event for engineers and buyers of custom parts, components, design, prototypes and assemblies. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with suppliers, learn about new technologies, see sample parts and discuss solutions to manufacturing challenges.

For more information or to register, visit d2p.com.

Meetings scheduled

Indiana Department of Workforce Development will hold town hall meetings in the coming weeks to offer information to instructional providers about funding available to provide adult education.

The meetings will include an overview of the grant application process, including what funds are available, who is eligible and requirements for grant recipients. Funds available can be used to help adults attain a high school equivalency, transition to post-secondary education/training and assist migrants with English language classes.

The meetings include 1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 4 in Allen County Public Library Meeting Room C, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, and 1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 10 in the Maring-Hunt Library Meeting Room, 2005 S. High St., Muncie.

For more information, email adulted@dwd.in.gov.

Hosting events

The Central Indiana Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals and the Indiana Chamber of Commerce will host the 2024 Indiana Safety and Health Conference Feb. 26, through 28.

The event will include the Indiana Forklift Rodeo, speakers, a 10-hour course for general industry, an innovation showcase and the governor's workplace safety awards luncheon.

The Indiana chamber also has a safety leadership principles workshop scheduled for Sept. 21 and 22, safety for maintenance and machine operators on Oct. 4 and forklift safety on Oct. 5.

It will also host the 2023 Indiana Environmental Conference and Winter Technical Meeting Dec. 6 and 7. Various continuing education credits can be earned at the event.

For more information, or to register, call (800) 824-6885 or email events@indianachamber.com.

Nominations open

The Indiana Primary Health Care Association is accepting nominations for its annual awards.

The organization selects an employee of the year, provider of the year, volunteer of the year, special exemplary project award, grassroots advocacy award, legislator of the year and health center dedication.

Nominations can be made at indianapca.org.

Does your business have news to share? Email us at news@thecr.com to be included in our weekly business roundup.

INPRS divestment ahead of schedule

By **LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ**
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Indiana's Public Retirement System (INPRS) says it's "ahead of schedule" in pulling out of its Chinese investments after lawmakers approved a ban in May.

And it's putting together a compliance strategy for a separate ban on controversial ESG investment strategies.

"We very much realize and respect the policy wishes of the Legislature and so we've been working diligently to move as quickly as possible," INPRS Executive Director Steve Russo told an interim pensions-focused committee Wednesday.

The Indiana Public Retirement System has nearly 530,000 members from more than 13,000 public employers across the state. It manages more than \$46.6 billion

on their behalf.

The system had \$1.2 billion invested in China at the beginning of the year, with \$486 million falling under a new ban in Senate Enrolled Act 268. Now it's trying to comply.

The legislation requires INPRS to divest from any entities on a variety of federal lists of Chinese companies that do military or intelligence work, or that are controlled by the Chinese government and its ruling political party.

The system must divest from 50% of any holding within three years of discovering a banned connection to China, 75% within four years, and 100% by five years.

"I'm happy to report we've been marching along — I'll show you numbers here — to the extent that I would call it ahead of

schedule," Russo told the committee.

As of late March, INPRS had 486 investments subject to divestment, and 711 that were excluded. By late July, the number of investments covered by the law was down to 40.

Russo said the system was "purposely timing" its departure from the remaining 40 to "minimize the impact on the fund." But he's expecting it'll be zero by late next June.

INPRS, he said, aimed to comply in a "practical way, and an efficient way, without significantly impacting the fund."

System leaders previously said the proposal could increase the volatility of INPRS' portfolio, though they anticipated little long-term impact.

INPRS is also working on a framework for a more complex

ban on ESG investing, the culture war-entrenched investment method that takes into account the environmental, social and governmental effects of decisions.

Supporters say it's basic risk management, but the method's detractors say it brings "woke" non-financial factors into decisions that should be about dollars and cents.

In its final version, House Enrolled Act 1008 bans INPRS' board from using ESG criteria in investment decision-making, and the system itself from contracting current and future investment managers that have made "ESG commitments." INPRS must replace the manager with an alternative that delivers "comparable" financial results.

The legislation charges the state treasurer with creating and

publishing a list of investment managers who make those commitments. The treasurer must provide the manager's name and evidence backing up the claim to INPRS' board for a final decision. If the system can't find a comparable alternative, it must make that decision and supporting evidence public.

"We are very close to wrapping up all the details of the process with the treasurer's office on exactly how this is going to work," Russo said.

INPRS will likely go public with its plans at a board meeting this fall, Russo added. Once the board adopts the process, the system will start following it.

Indiana Capital Chronicle is an independent, nonprofit news organization. Its website is indianacapitalchronicle.com.



Find Local Businesses & Services

| | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| <p>Fortkamp Foam 3216 Wabash Road Fort Recovery, OH 45846 419-852-1390 Fortkampfoam.com</p> | <p>This local business listing runs 4 times a month with packages of either \$25, or \$50. Give us a call at 260-726-8141 to be included</p> | <p>Vormohr Family Dentistry 1413 W. Votaw St., Portland 260-726-7822</p> | <p>Display Craft Signs 630 E. Votaw St. Portland, IN 260-726-4535</p> |
| <p>All Weather Heating and Air Conditioning (260)726-4822 24 hr Emergency Service Serving Portland & Surrounding Areas</p> | <p>Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition 100 N. Meridian St., Portland, IN 47371 260-251-3259 Email: jcdpcccontact@gmail.com</p> | <p>Iron Wolf Martial Arts 121 East Arch St. Portland, IN 260-703-8040</p> | <p>Ohio Valley Gas 129 E. Main St., Portland 260-726-8114 www.ovgc.com</p> |
| <p>All Circuit Electrical, LLC 5510 N. US 27, Bryant, IN 260-997-8336 www.allcircuitelectrical.com</p> | <p>Williams Auto Parts, Inc. 1127 Detroit Ave. Portland, IN 8-5:30 Mon-Fri, Closed Sat & Sun. Used auto parts since 1951 (260) 726-8001 www.williamsautoparts.com</p> | <p>Baird Freeman Funeral Home 221 N. Meridian St. Portland, IN 260-726-7171</p> | <p>Home Idea Center 901 Industrial Dr. Ft. Recovery, OH 419-375-4951 www.ehomeidea.com</p> |
| <p>Dunn Family Dental Care 110 W. North St. Portland, IN 47371 260-726-8007</p> | <p>Hopkins Repair, LLC Auto & light truck repair Mon-Fri. • 7am-4pm Call Scott Hopkins 260-251-0459</p> | <p>J Wood Products For Sale Sawdust & Firewood Call or Text 260-251-1154. 415 W Water St. Portland. 7:00 am-3:00 pm.</p> | <p>Brigade You're safer with us 1976 W. Tyson Road, Portland, IN 47371 (260)766-4343 brigade-electronics.com/en-us</p> |

SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Improving your chances

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 9 8 6 3
♥ A 7
♦ A 9 4
♣ 5 4 2

WEST
♠ 2
♥ J 10 9 5 2
♦ 1 8 6 5 3
♣ K 7

EAST
♠ 7 4
♥ Q 8 6 3
♦ Q 10 7
♣ J 10 9 8

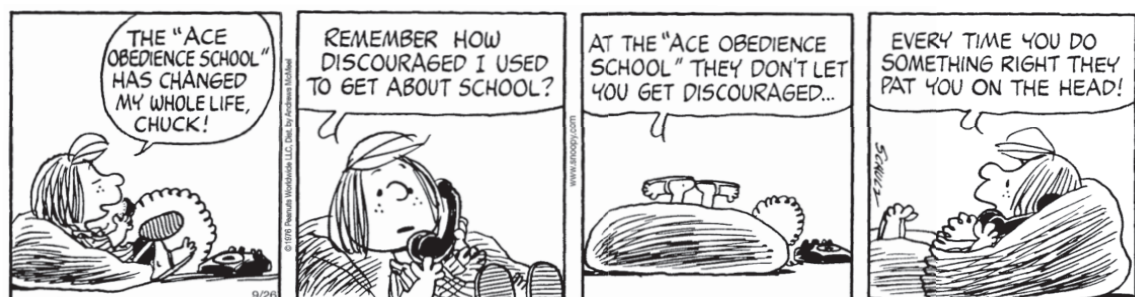
SOUTH
♠ A Q J 10 5
♥ K 4
♦ K 2
♣ A Q 6 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 NT Pass 5 ♥ Pass
5 NT Pass 6 ♦ Pass
6 ♠

Opening lead — jack of hearts.
Let's suppose that declarer can make a particular contract only by taking a successful finesse against a missing king. If nothing in the bidding or play indicates otherwise, he is said to have a 50% chance for the contract.
In some cases, though, declarer can find a way to improve on the straightforward 50% chance of the finesse succeeding. A means of adding to one's chances is something a careful declarer is always on the lookout for.
Consider this deal where South's slam seems to depend solely on a successful club finesse. But this is not really an accurate assessment. With correct play it is possible to make the slam not only in the 50 deals out of 100 where East has the king of clubs, but also in another 10 deals or so where West has the singleton or doubleton king.
To cater to this additional possibility and thereby raise his chances from 50% to 60%, South wins the heart lead with the king, draws trump, plays the K-A of diamonds and ruffs dummy's nine of diamonds, then cashes the ace of clubs and leads a heart to the ace.
With these preliminaries attended to, South now leads a club and plays the queen after East follows low. If East has the king, the queen wins the trick and the slam is made.
But if West started with the doubleton king, he will take the queen with the king and then be forced to return a heart or a diamond. This allows declarer to discard a club from dummy as he ruffs in his hand, and the slam is home.

Tomorrow: The art of wishful thinking.
©2023 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Peanuts



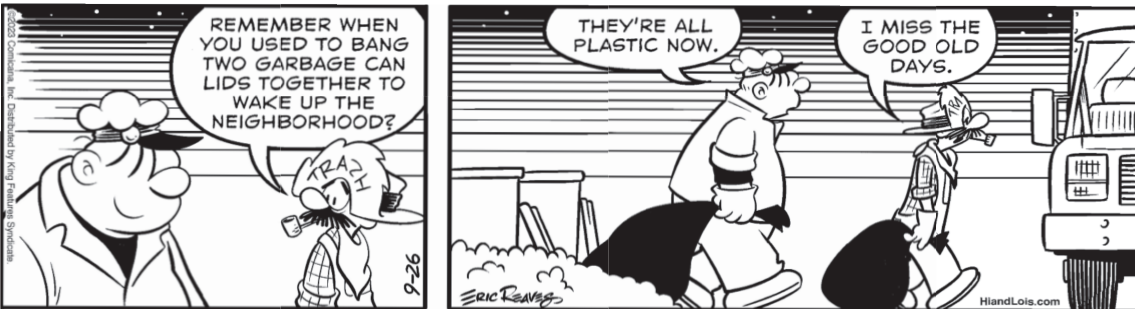
Rose is Rose



Agnes



Hi and Lois



Between Friends



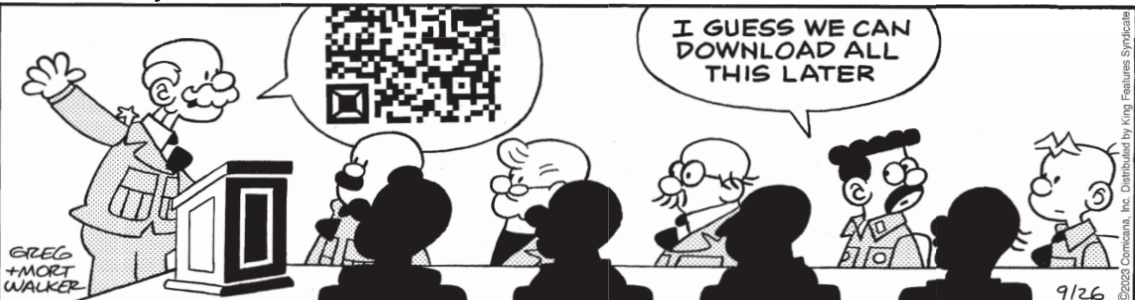
Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



9-26 CRYPTOQUIP

ZCDRWL ROQ LRPV CTRWF C
TUV LFMNCD RZ YCFNM
CORPV YAUJA FARWLCPL RZ

JRYL OUXN: "DRR MUXNM."
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A TABBY PRODUCES A CRY BECAUSE IT'S IN PAIN, WHAT COULD YOU CALL THAT? THE CAT'S YEOW.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals H

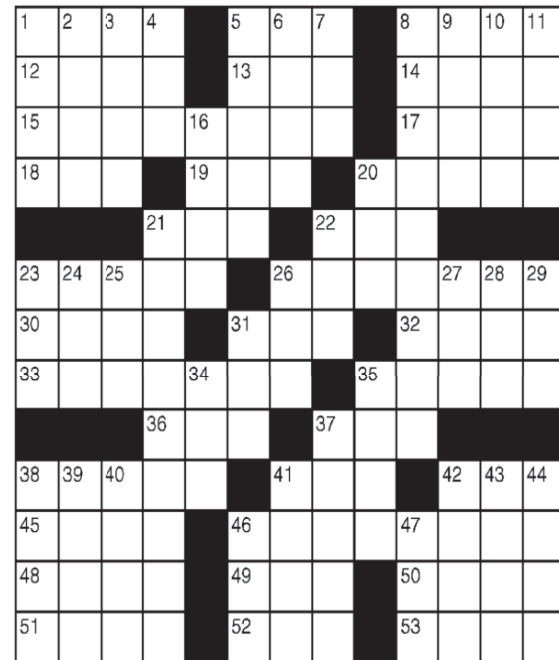
CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Missing ballroom dance
 - 5 Mountain pass
 - 8 Roasting rod
 - 12 401(k) relatives
 - 13 Boom times
 - 14 Actress Hatcher
 - 15 Eke out a living
 - 17 "East of Eden" son
 - 18 Small battery
 - 19 Twisty turn
 - 20 Bitten by a bee
 - 21 "Mayday!"
 - 22 Expected
 - 23 Former U.N. leader Kofi
 - 26 Drum kit parts
 - 30 Old radio knob
 - 31 Golf peg
 - 32 "Yeah, right"
 - 33 Toronto's province
 - 35 Fishing net
 - 36 Quick swim
 - 37 Prof's degree
- DOWN**
- 2 Sea predator
 - 3 Poet Teasdale
 - 4 Airport org.
 - 5 Stab
 - 6 LAPD alerts
 - 7 "Gangnam Style" singer
 - 8 Nene, to Hawaii
 - 9 Andean land
 - 10 Pressing thing?
 - 11 Crystal-tapping sound
 - 16 Drudge
 - 20 Bottom line
 - 21 Waldorf-serving container
- 22** Coloring agent
- 23** Fuss
- 24** Diarist Anaïs
- 25** — King Cole
- 26** Biz bigwig
- 27** Lawyers' gp.
- 28** "Ben-Hur" author Wallace
- 29** Cardinal cap letters
- 31** Gratitude thing?
- 34** 2016 Olympics city
- 35** Spring melt-down
- 37** Give a ring
- 38** Lion's share
- 39** Folk singer Guthrie
- 40** Repast
- 41** Lotion ingredient
- 42** Kate of "House of Cards"
- 43** Spill the beans
- 44** "— fair in ..."
- 46** Bashful
- 47** Chignon

Solution time: 22 mins.



Yesterday's answer 9-26



00 CLASSIFIEDS

CLASSIFIED ADS
260-726-8141
ADVERTISING RATES
20 Word Minimum
Effective 07/01/2018:
Minimum charge....
\$12.40
1 insertion.....62¢/word
2 insertions.....81¢/word
3 insertions.....96¢/word
6 insertions.... \$1.14/word
12 insertions. \$1.52/word
26 insertions. \$1.77/word
Includes
Online.....FREE
Classified Display \$6.95/ per column inch
No borders or logos allowed on Classified Page
Card of Thanks Up to 100 words.... \$13.00
In Memory Up to 100 words.... \$13.00
Advertising Deadline is 12:00 p.m. the day prior to publication. The deadline for Mondays paper is 12:00 p.m. Friday.
Pre-Payment required for: Rummage sales, business opportunities, jobs wanted, boats and sporting equipment, wanted to rent, motorized vehicles, real estate and mobile homes.

30 LOST, STRAYED OR FOUND

ATTENTION! LOST A PET Or found one? The jay county humane society can serve as an information center. 260-726-6339

40 NOTICES

PLEASE NOTE: Be sure to check your ad the first day it appears. We cannot be responsible for more than one day's incorrect copy. We try hard not to make mistakes, but they do happen, and we may not know unless you call to tell us. Call before 12:00 pm for corrections. The Commercial Review, 309 W Main, Portland, Indiana 260-726-8141.

60 SERVICES

J. L. CONSTRUCTION & ROOFING LLC. Amish crew. Custom built homes, new garages, pole barns, interior/ exterior remodeling, drywall, windows, doors, siding, roofing, foundations. 260-726-5062, leave message.
"SEAMSTRESS NAN" HOMEMADE Sewing and Alterations, Quilts, Baby Blankets, Appliqué, Zippers, Hemming, Memory T-Shirt, Special Orders, Wedding & Prom Gowns. 260.766.9334
WICKY CONSTRUCTION Free Estimate. Metal roofing & more. 260-273-9776
GOODHEW'S ALL SEASON Construction- Specializing in standing seam metal roofs. When Quality Counts, Count On US. A company you can trust. Member of the BBB. New Installation and repairs. Call Rodney Thornbury, owner 765-509-0191

WICKY CONSTRUCTION Free Estimate. Metal roofing & more. 260-273-9776

GOODHEW'S ALL SEASON Construction- Specializing in standing seam metal roofs. When Quality Counts, Count On US. A company you can trust. Member of the BBB. New Installation and repairs. Call Rodney Thornbury, owner 765-509-0191

Wendel's
Carpets & Upholstery Cleaning
Von Schrader Dry Foam Cleaning
For Quick Drying, Residential & Commercial
Green Seal Approved
Dave Wendel
Ph. 260-726-4520
Cell 260-729-2797

✓ **Out The CR**
Classifieds
www.thecr.com

Little JJ's Tree Service
Tree Trimming, Removal, Stump Grinding, Firewood available
765-509-1956

GABBARD FENCE
FARM • COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL
RESIDENTIAL • VINYL
SINCE 1969
rgfence@yahoo.com
(765) 546-8801

SCHWARTZ HOME IMPROVEMENT LLC
All types of construction
✓ New Homes ✓ Garages
✓ Additions ✓ Post Frame Barns
Exterior Finishing
• Roofing
• Siding
• Windows
• Doors
Leave Message
260-301-1805

ROD PENROD, LICENSED AGENT
TURNING 65?
Call me for all of your insurance needs.
Medicare Supplements
Medicare Drug Plans
Medicare Advantage
Senior Life Insurance
Local Agent
260-418-9492 rpenrod@cgnaz.org

BAIL BONDS
Travis Weaver
260-726-3189
across street from Jail

Dave's Heating & Cooling
Furnace, Air Conditioner
Geothermal Sales & Service
260-726-2138
Now accepting MC/Disc/Visa

BOOLMAN'S
Auto Sales & Service, Inc.
Highway 67 W,
Portland, Indiana
260-251-9735

✓ **Out The CR**
Classifieds
www.thecr.com

Bricker's Flowers & More
414 N. Meridian St. Portland
Call or text to order 260-703-0304
Open 9:30-5:00 Monday - Friday
9:30-3:00 Saturday

E and E Construction
Amish Crew
BARN RESTORATION
Specializing in metal roofs, decks & more
FREE Estimates
260-301-1777

SCHWARTZ CONSTRUCTION
CALL TODAY FOR A FREE ESTIMATE
(765) 227-9499
Call 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Running ...



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

JCHS freshman Caleb Garringer runs in the middle of the pack during the Versailles Tour de Sewer at Versailles Water Treatment Plant on Saturday morning. Garringer finished with the No. score for the Patriots, clocking in at 18:32.75 to earn 40th place in the race.

Continued from page 8
“We are trying to run negative splits,” Wood said. “We’re trying to have a better strategy. For most of our guys, that is to not take off too fast, and to be able to feel good at the end, so they can be aggressive and finish.”
Two boys that did well with the strategy were Joseph Boggs and Max Klopfenstein. Boggs started the race in the middle of the pack and was in 40th after the first mile. By mile two, he worked his way into the low 30s before he was able to make a late push for 17th-place.
Boggs ran negative splits

despite being on a difficult course for the first time.
“The most difficult part was each big turn was always a hairpin ... so, you had to really tighten it in,” Boggs said. “There wasn’t really any really steep uphill, but there was a really deep downhill, that would tear apart your legs if you go down it wrong.”
Klopfenstein was near the 100th-place runner after the first mile and consistently worked his way up to a 69th-place finish with a time of 19:21.29.
Other scores for the boys came from Caleb Garringer (18:32.75) in 40th, Lukes Powers

(21:55.84) in 129th and Darren Fisher (22:27.45) in 137th.
On the girls’ side, Wood was impressed with Willow Hardy’s execution during the race. She crossed the finish line at 24:24.66 for 64th.
Alexis Sibray paced the Patriot girls for a 24th-place finish in 22:19.6. Courtney Harris (86th - 26:27.68) and Nina Ribas Cesar (114th - 32:50.64) were the other Patriots competing.
“It was a successful race,” Wood said. “The course is probably the toughest we’ve ran all year, so our results, I’m super happy with.”
Parker Brunswick (27th),

Reese Diller (36th), Evan Evers (96th) and Russell Hart (114th) made up the rest of the boy’s scoring for Fort Recovery’s eighth-place finish.
“I think it’s good. The high school boys is hard because we’ve got a big gap there,” Diller said.
“As we get a little further and try to tighten that gap up, they’ve been running really well.”
Junior high
The Fort Recovery middle school teams also competed, with the girls finishing sixth and the boys ninth.
Riley Heitkamp paced the

girls with a 17th-place finish in 13:59.92 en route to 143 points. Versailles won with 37 points.
Courtney Klenke (23) and Kendall Ranly (29) both had top-30 finishes. The other scores came from Claire Grube (58th) and Yoselin Juarez-Gomez (60th).
Alex Roessner finished first for the boys after 12:27.57 for 16th place as the team scored 202 points. Russia won the meet with 34.
The other Indians finished close to each other with Charlie Stammen in 66th, Gavin Heitkamp in 69th, Evan Diller in 71st and Chase Filey in 79th.

Roundup ...

Continued from page 8
Hallie Schwieterman had strong performances against Southern Wells and Woodlan. Against the Raiders she had four kills and a block. She led the Patriots with 20 digs against the Warriors.
Abraham wins pair
CHARLOTTEVILLE — The Jay County boys tennis team took part in the Eastern Hancock invitational on Saturday. The

invitational was an individual competition with players from Jay County, Eastern Hancock, Fankton and Shenandoah.
The Patriots picked up three wins and dropped seven matches.
Abraham Dirksen won both matches in the No. 1 singles position. He first took down Frankton’s Sam Barr 6-3, 6-3. In the second round he dispatched Luke Zeilinger 6-1, 6-1.

The only other win came from Eli Dirksen in the No. 2 singles position. It took him three sets to beat Shenandoah’s Cayson Worrell 6-4, 2-6, 10-2. In the first round he lost to Luke Schilling of Eastern Hancock 6-7, 7-5, 10-6.
Liam Garringer dropped both of his matches in the No. 3 singles position. Shenandoah’s Colton Gifti won 6-1, 6-2 before Eastern Hancock’s Luke Fletcher swept him.

Sam Myers and Gage Sims nearly beat Frankton’s Jackson Alexander and Jon Hobbs 7-5, 4-6, 11-9. They also lost to Bo Dixon and Myels Wennen of EHHS 6-1, 6-2.
Isaac Miller and Luke Muhlenkamp dropped both matches to Garrett May and Ethan Taylor of Shenandoah (6-2, 6-3) and Griffin Lawrence and Josiah Swanger of Eastern Hancock (6-3, 2-6, 10-5).
The Patriots’s next

match is the sectional opener at JCHS on Wednesday at 5 p.m.
Patriots fall
MUNCIE — The Jay County boys soccer team fell to the Delta Eagles 3-2 on Saturday.
Both of the Patriots’ goals were scored by Levi Muhlenkamp unassisted. He took 10 shots on the goal.
Delta’s Cooper Pierce also had two goals in the

match. He also scored the game-winning goal.
The Eagles’ other goal came from Maddox Huffman.
Easton Bell and Senad Selimovic both had assists for Delta in the match.
The Patriots (6-3-2) took 18 shots on Delta’s goal in the match. Outside of Muhlenkamp, Dylan Marentes took five shots while Caden Buckland, Brayden Collins and Oskar Mateo each shot once.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys soccer vs. Blackford - 5 p.m.; Girls soccer at Blackford - 5 p.m.; Volleyball at Southern Wells - 6 p.m.; Junior High volleyball at Southern Wells - 5:30 p.m.; Junior High eighth grade football at Heritage - 6 p.m.; Junior High seventh grade football at Bluffton - 6:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls golf sectional at Moose Landing Country Club - 9 a.m.; Middle school volleyball at St. Henry - 5 p.m.

Wednesday
Jay County — Boys tennis Sectional - 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
6 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Cleveland Guardians (Bally Indiana)
8 p.m. — WNBA: Connecticut Sun at New York Liberty (ESPN)
10 p.m. — WNBA: Dallas Wings at Las Vegas Aces (ESPN)

Wednesday
6 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Cleveland Guardians (Bally Indiana)
6 p.m. — College volleyball: Maryland at Rutgers (BTN)
8 p.m. — College volleyball: Wisconsin at Ohio State (BTN)

Local notes

Turkey Trot sign-up open
Cooper Farms will be hosting its 16th annual Turkey Trot Saturday, Nov. 4 at the Cooper Farms Turkey Harvesting Plant in St. Henry, Ohio.
Participation costs \$15. All proceeds benefit EverHeart Hospice.
The race will begin at 10 a.m. There will be splits at each mile of the 3.1-mile course. There

will also be chip timing for participants operated by Speedy Feet.
Water will be provided throughout the race, as well as a to-go turkey meal at the end.
You can register by visiting bit.ly/cooperfarmsturkeytrot, or registration will open at 9 a.m. at Cooper Farms on the day of the race.
.....
To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@thecr.com.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE COMMERCIAL REVIEW
up to **49% off**
Newsstand prices
Subscribe at **thecr.com**
or call **260-726-8141**

90 SALE CALENDAR
PUBLIC AUCTION
FRIDAY OCTOBER 6 TH, 2023 TIME 5:00 P.M.
LOCATED: 225 E Water St., Portland, IN.
GRASSHOPPER MOWERS - WEIGHT EQUIPMENT - MISC
Grasshopper 928D mower with 1966 hours.
Grasshopper 722D mower with 1887 hours.
Cub Cadet LTX 1046 22HP mower 46" cut.
John Deere tricycles.
Frigidaire refrigerator.
Amana dryer. Pole lights. Fluorescent lights. Utility carts. Nurses cots. Sweepers. 4 drawer file cabinets. Tables and chairs. Paint stripper. Large lot of rubber matting. Large lot of weight equipment.
LARGE AUCTION: SEVERAL ITEMS NOT MENTIONED
OWNER: JAY COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SHAWVER AUCTIONEERING AND REAL ESTATE
AC31800004
Zane Shawver
Lic. #AU10500168
260-729-2229
Pete D. Shawver

90 SALE CALENDAR
Lic. #AU19700040
260-726-5587
Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos.
100 JOBS WANTED
AMISH CREW LOOKING FOR any work. No job is too big or small. Pole barns, roofing, remodeling. 260-849-2489.
110 HELP WANTED
HELP WANTED Pressure washing in Fort Recovery. Call 419-852-0309.
HIRING PART-TIME INSERTER Hours vary each week. Apply at The Graphic Printing Company • The Commercial Review 309 West Main Street • Portland, IN 47371 Office Hours: 10 am - 4 pm, Tuesday - Friday NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE. Equal opportunity employer.
THE TOWN OF REDKEY WILL be accepting applications for a Town Marshal position. Requirement, must have training. Applications

100 JOBS WANTED
may be picked up at Redkey Town Hall by calling 765-369-2711 during business hours to make an appointment for pick up. Office Hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 8 am to 4 pm and Wednesday 8 am to 12 noon.
130 MISC. FOR SALE
APPLES-CIDER-PUMPKINS For Sale. Daily 1pm-7pm Menchofer Farms; 5679 Wabash Rd., Coldwater, OH. 419-942-1502
PAPER END ROLLS FOR SALE Various sizes and prices. Call The Commercial Review at 260-726-8141 for more information.
ALUMINUM SHEETS 23"x30" .007 thick. Clean and shiny on one side. .35 cents each or four for \$1.40, plus tax. The Commercial Review, 309 W Main, Portland 260-726-8141.
Visit Us At: thecr.com

190 FARMERS COLUMN
AG RENTAL Spreaders: BBI, Artsway Vertical. New Holland 228 skid loaders w/full cab, heat/ac. Fort Recovery 419-852-0309
200 FOR RENT
LEASE SPACE available, Coldwater, OH. Manufacturing, warehousing, assembly, distribution, offices, inside and outdoor storage. Easy access to major highways and railroad docks and overhead cranes available. Contact Sycamore Group, 419-678-5318, www.sycamorespace.com
NEED MORE STORAGE? PJ's U-Lock and Storage, most sizes available. Call 260-726-4631.
230 AUTOS, TRUCKS
WE PAY CASH for junk autos. We pick up at your location. 1-765-546-2642 or 1-765-857-1071. Slocum's Salvage

250 PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice
Office of Jay County Drainage Board Notice of Hearing Regarding Combining into Salamonia River Watershed
Notice is hereby given by the Jay County Drainage Board that a hearing will be held to combine the Geesaman Watershed, Glen Miller Watershed, Samuel Scholer Watershed, W H Hodge Watershed and Wikel Watershed into the Salamonia River Watershed on October 9, 2023 at 9:15am in the Auditorium, Jay County Courthouse, Portland, Indiana, at which time the following will be considered:
1. Combine for purpose of maintenance into the Salamonia River Watershed all legal drains (both open and tile) of the above watershed.
2. All funds in the above watershed will be combined into the Salamonia River Watershed monies to create one fund from which work will be performed. The assessment rate of the above watershed will be adjusted to the Plot (\$20.00) and Acre (\$2.00) rate of the Salamonia River Watershed.
That the maintenance report of the Jay County Surveyor and the schedule of assessments made by said Board relating to the above mentioned drain have been filed and are available in the office of the Jay County Surveyor.
Jay County Drainage Board
Rex Journay
Chad Aker
CR9-26-2023 NS 9-27-2023-HSPAXLP

250 PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice
The Jay County Commissioners are advertising for sealed bids on a new track excavator. Bids shall be submitted on forms prescribed by the State Board of Accounts. A bond or cashiers check in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid must be filed with the bid.
We are trading in a 2017 SK210LC Komatsu excavator with approximately 6,000 hours on it. The 2017 SK210LC Komatsu excavator can be seen by contacting the Jay County Surveyor at (260) 726-6902. We would request that the excavator have specifications equal to or comparable to the following.
Operating weight - 50,000 lbs.
SAE New Horsepower - 145-155 hp
Dig Depth - 21 ft.
Boom Length - 18 1/2 to 19 ft.
Arm Length - 9 1/2 to 10 ft.
Options - 1. 6 ft ditch bucket
2. 3 ft tooth bucket
3. Hydraulic Coupler
4. Manual thumb
The bids should be mailed to the Jay County Surveyor and received no later than 8:30am on October 9, 2023 - Jay County Surveyor
120 North Court St
Portland, IN 47371
The bids will be opened in the Auditorium in the Jay County Courthouse on October 9, 2023 at 9:00am and continuing until completed.
Bradley A. Daniels
Jay County Surveyor
CR 9-26-2023, NS 9-27-2024-HSPAXLP

READ THE CR THEN RECYCLE

Just keep running

Maddie Heitkamp has career day despite heavy legs

By **ANDREW BALKO**

The Commercial Review
VERSAILLES, Ohio — Cross country can be a grueling sport. Having fresh legs and mental strength can often make or break your performance.

Maddie Heitkamp's legs weren't the freshest, but her mental strength carried her to a career best.

Heitkamp pushed through to set a new career-best time of 22 minutes, 55.11 seconds, for 38th-place and was the fifth scorer for the Fort Recovery High School girls cross country team as it placed third at the Versailles Tour de Sewer at Versailles Water Treatment Plant on Saturday morning.

The Tribe girls scored 82 points to finish third out of 10 teams. The Division III No. 10 Botkins Trojans took first place with 35 points. Botkins' Brittany Arnold won the race in 19:07.18.

Jay County's cross country teams also competed in the race. The girls were without Paityn Wendel and exchange student Tinatin Japaridize, leaving them without the five athletes necessary to qualify for a team score.

The FRHS boys team finished with 205 points to earn eighth-place out of 13 teams. Jay County had 274 points to land it in 12th. Versailles won with 51 points.

Winning the boys race was Fort Recovery's Trevor



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Ellie Will (6549), Anna Roessner (6547) and Natalie Brunswick (right) come out to a strong start at the Versailles Tour de Sewer on Saturday morning at Versailles Water Treatment Plant. Brunswick led the Indians with a third-place finish while Will finished in eighth and Roessner in 31st.

Heitkamp. He established an early lead and never looked back. By the half-mile mark there was a considerable gap between him and second place. His time was 16:03.89.

"I thought all of our kids ran

awesome girls and boys," FRHS coach Christy Diller said. "Times were pretty comparable to last week, which was a much flatter and faster course. So, for them to run those kinds of times on this course, is a really good sign."

The girls received strong performances from Natalie Brunswick and Ellie Will who stayed within the top 10 throughout the race. Brunswick set the pace, finishing third with a time of 19:59.38. Will

earned eighth place and crossed the finish line at 21:06.36.

Joelle Kaup wasn't far behind, finishing 14th (21:36.1) for a third score in the top 15 for the Indians.

The No. 4 finish came from Anna Roessner. She stuck with Kaup in the top 15 before waning after the mile mark and eventually finishing 31st with a time of 22:42.20.

The No. 5 score opened up for the Indians without freshman Makenna Huelskamp competing. When lining up, Heitkamp recognized that her body wasn't at 100%.

"I could feel like my legs were already a little heavy whenever, like we were getting ready to line up," Heitkamp said. "As soon as we took off, (the soreness) was already there."

Off the start, she kept pace with Kaup for the first 400 yards. By the time she hit the mile mark, she was sitting around 35th and held the position for the rest of the race.

With about 200 yards left she held the position, but a strong push from some of her competitors resulted in her finishing 38th, for the best race of her high school career.

"I really wanted to PR," Maddie Heitkamp said. "I was just trying to keep my head straight. As long as my mentality was good, I had a good feeling about how I would do even if I wasn't physically there for it."

The Patriots had different goals for the race.

JCHS coach Bruce Wood picked up the event because his athletes wouldn't be familiar with their competition, so they could focus on race strategy rather than comparing how they were performing.

See **Running** page 7

Portland's Largest Selection of FRESH CUT QUALITY MEAT




AWARD WINNING MEATS

While supplies last, no rain checks

| | |
|--|---|
| <p>Quarterloin Pork Chops \$2.99/lb <small>(sold on sheets of 6)</small></p> <p>Bone In Country Style Ribs \$2.69/lb</p> <p>Marinated Boneless Chicken Breasts \$4.99/lb <small>(assorted flavors)</small></p> <p>Colby & Cojack Cheese \$5.39/lb</p> <p>Mustard Potato Salad \$2.99/lb</p> | <p>Top Sirloin Steaks \$7.99/lb</p> <p>Sirloin Tip Steaks \$5.99/lb</p> <p>Chuck Roasts \$5.99/lb</p> <p>10 lb case of 80/20 frozen tubes of 1 lb ground beef \$2.99/lb</p> |
|--|---|

From Fisher's Smokehouse

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Ring Bologna \$3.39/lb. | Hunter's Summer Sausage Chubs (10.75 oz each) \$5.69/pkg | Olive Loaf \$4.99/lb. |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------|

***while supplies last, no rain checks, sale prices reflected at the register**

300 W. Walnut St., Portland, IN
(260) 726-7355
Monday - Friday 8 am-5 pm • Saturday 8 am-1 pm • Closed Sunday

Call your order in today!

Freezer bundles are also available. They offer the perfect mix of our most popular cuts of meat in quantities small enough to not crowd your freezer or cramp your budget. Save time and energy with call ahead ordering and have your order ready to go when you arrive.

www.fishermeats.com

Boys golf finishes fourth in MAC

CELINA, Ohio — The Indians wanted to improve in the Midwest Athletic Conference.

This year, a fourth-place finish in the MAC tournament and fourth in the regular season, propelled the Indians to a fourth-overall finish in the MAC.

The Fort Recovery High School boys golf team shot a 330 at the MAC tournament on Saturday morning at Celina Lynx Golf Club to finish fourth.

Last season, Fort Recovery (7-7, 5-4 MAC) was seventh in the MAC regular season with a record of 3-6. They placed fifth in the tournament for sixth overall in the MAC.

The St. John's Blue Jays won the tournament with 310 strokes, but Minster's undefeated regular season and second-place (311) secured them the MAC title.

Colin Feathers was the MAC Player of the Year, but Coldwater's Ben Giere was

the tournament medalist with a 70. Feathers finished with a 75.

Second team All-MAC player Reece LeFevre led the Indians with 79 strokes in the match. He had three birdies in the match, all on par-4s. They came on holes No. 6, 14 and 18.

Fellow second team member Eli Lennartz earned the No. 2 score for the Indians with an 81. He only had one birdie on the par-5 13th hole.

The final Tribe golfer to be named to the second team, Keegan Muhlenkamp, posted the third-best score of 84 strokes. Muhlenkamp also birdied the 15th.

Nate Jutte posted the final qualifying score for the Indians when he shot an 86.

Alex Dues had 89 strokes while Matthew Romer shot 94. Neither player's score contributed to the team's final.

Dues and Jutte both were listed as All-MAC honorable mentions.

Soccer sectional matchups are set

INDIANAPOLIS — Matchups are set.

Now it's time for coaches to start scouting and teams to prepare.

The IHSAA revealed sectional pairings for the boys and girls soccer tournaments on Sunday evening.

The Jay County High School boys soccer team drew Yorktown in the first round of the Class 2A Sectional 24 tournament at Mississinewa. The Patriots (6-3-2) edged out the Tigers (4-7-2) by one goal on Sept. 7. They will face off Oct. 2 at 5 p.m.

If they win, they will face the winner of Center-ville and New Castle on Oct. 4 at 5 p.m.

On the other side of the bracket, Blackford takes on Eastbrook while Mississinewa hosts Delta. The championship game will be played Oct. 7 at 2 p.m.

The girls drew Hamilton Heights (8-4-2) in for their sectional opener. The Patri-

Jay County roundup

ots' matchup with the Huskies will take place at Yorktown on Oct. 3 at 7 p.m.

If the Patriots (4-8-1) win their first game, they will play the winner of Center-ville and Delta on Oct. 5 at 5 p.m.

Yorktown and New Castle bypass the opening round and will face each other in the other semifinal game.

Spikers split

PONETO — The Jay County volleyball team picked up a pair of wins and a pair of losses to finish fourth in the Allen County Athletic Conference tournament on Saturday.

The Patriots beat Bluffton 25-9, 25-23 and Southern Wells 25-16, 25-13 while losing to Adams Central 25-20, 22-25, 5-15 and Woodlan 25-23, 23-25, 15-9.

Bella Denton led Jay County (8-11) in three of the four matches, while Mya Kunkler had five to lead the match against the Warriors. Denton finished with 27 while Kunkler earned 18. Kunkler also had six blocks during the tournament.

Maggie Dillon and Paisley Fugitt totaled ten kills.

Sophie Saxman tallied 54 assists in the matches. She had a particularly strong match against Bluffton when she had three aces and nine digs.

Brenna Haines recorded a team-high 41 digs, with 15 in the games against Bluffton and Adams Central.

See **Roundup** page 7