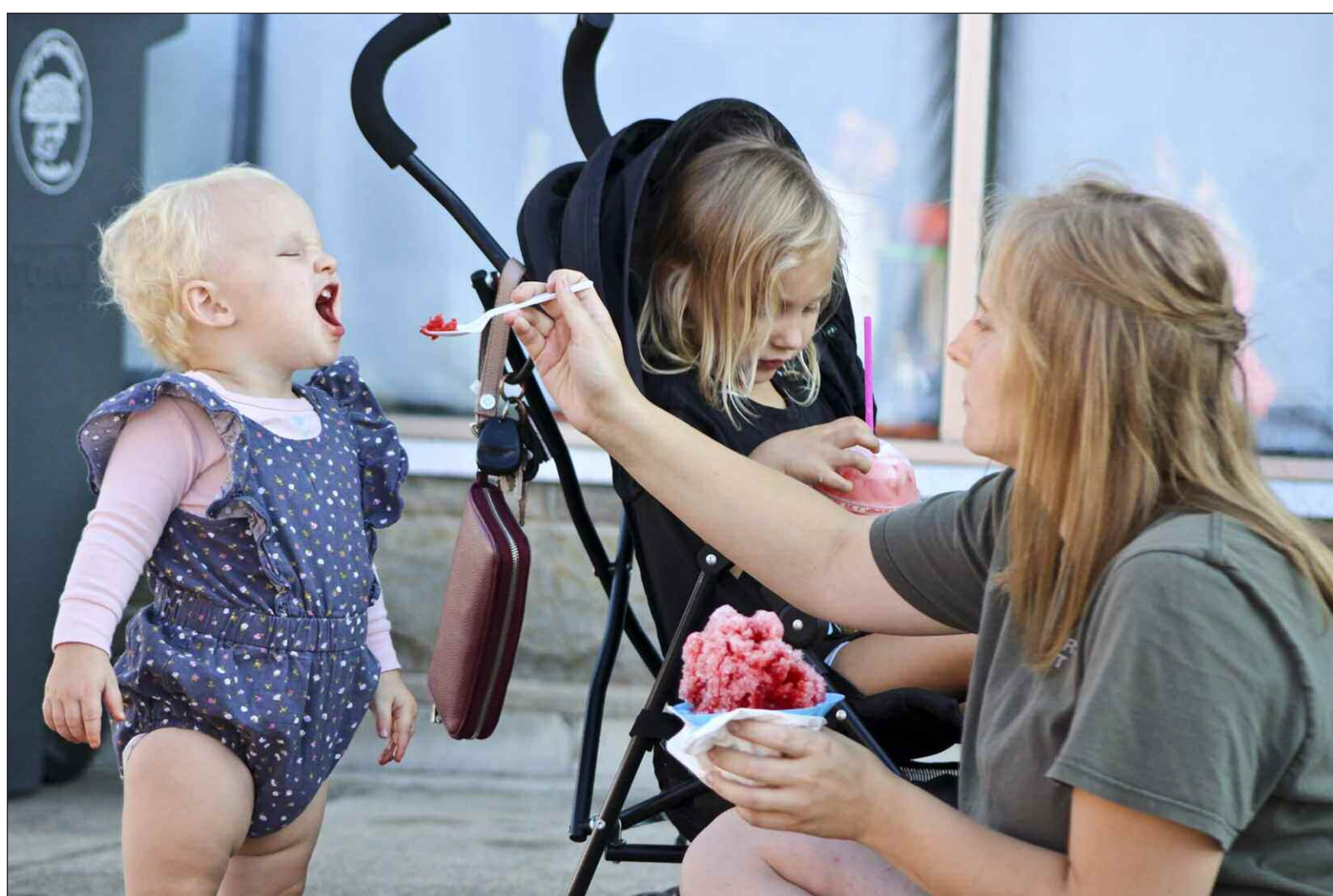


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Kimball takes on new county role

BSU grad was hired as community coordinator in August

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

After more than a month on the job, Jay County's community coordinator is taking root.

Nate Kimball was hired Aug. 14 to serve as Jay County's community coordinator. His services are part of the two-year contract Jay County Commissioners signed with East Central Indiana Regional Planning District.

Kimball's job consists of visiting local town, city or county meetings and hearing the needs of the communities. From there, he begins the search to find potential grants or other resources that could be available.

"A lot of what they are wanting me to do is to figure out what the needs are for those communities that often get overlooked by county government," he said. "If I can figure out what their needs are and see if there is any possibility for grants out there ... that's one of my biggest priorities."

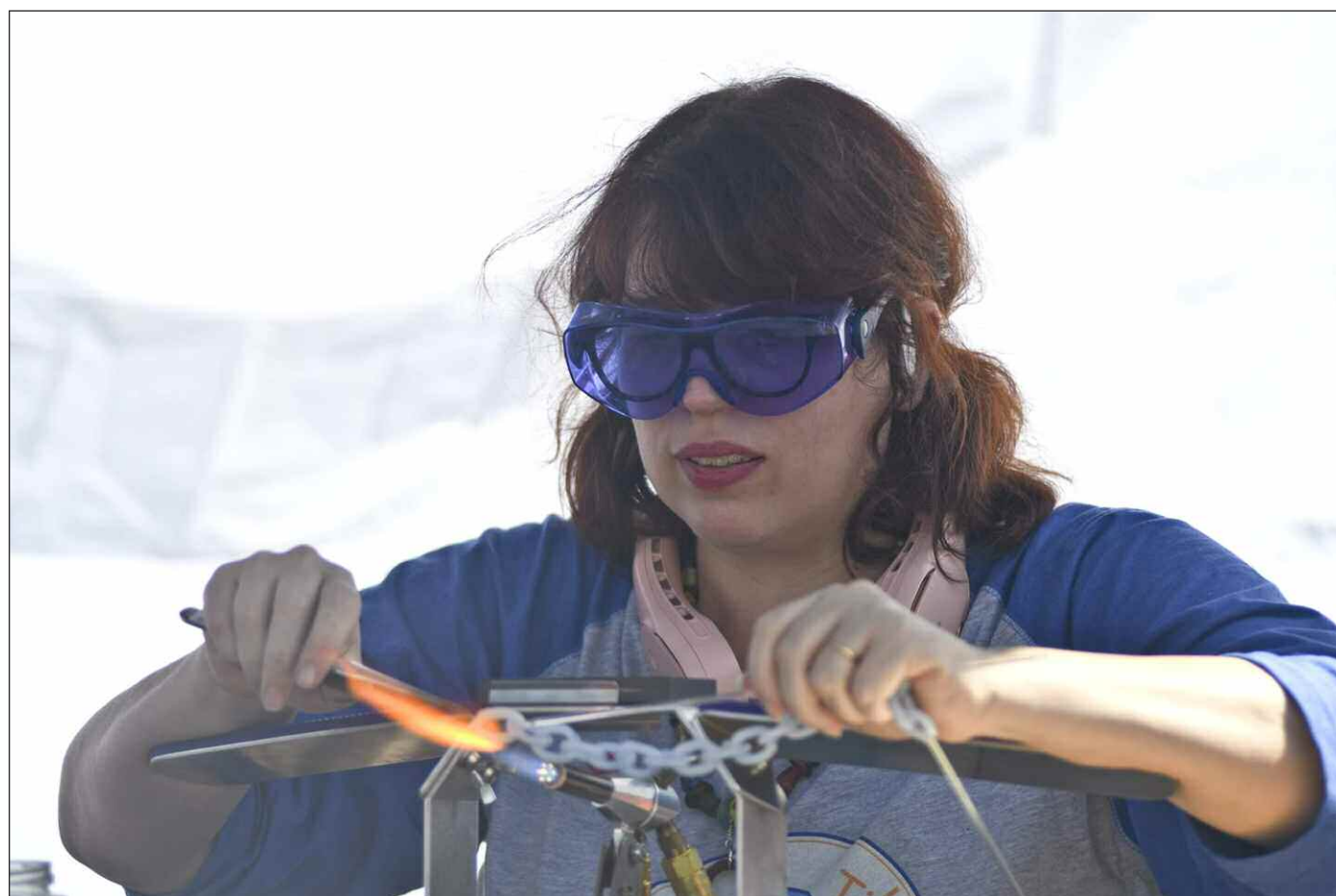
A Muncie resident, Kimball is a 2019 graduate of Shenandoah High School near Middletown. He earned his associate's degree in business administration from Ivy Tech Community College's Accelerated Associate Degree Program — it's an intensive program that allows students to earn their degree in less than a year — and received his marketing degree in May from Ball State University.

During his time in college, he volunteered with his family's business, Ashton Land Surveyor of Muncie, and worked with field crews and research teams to gather information.

See Kimball page 2

Festive weekend

Jay County was bustling with activity over the weekend. Pictured above, 1-year-old Heidi Cline readies for a spoonful of shaved ice from mother Haley Cline on Saturday at the Portland Main Street Fall Festival. Below, Patricia Boelte of Torch Time in Anderson uses a torch to heat up a chain she was working on at one of the various glass-related booths at the reincarnation of Glass Days in Dunkirk. (The festival had been dormant since 2019.) For more photos, see page 2.



Biden vows to move on Ukraine aid

By AKAYLA GARDNER
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

President Joe Biden urged House Speaker Kevin McCarthy to follow up quickly with funding for Ukraine hours after Congress passed a spending bill without it to avoid a U.S. government shutdown.

The omission comes at a critical stage for Kyiv as it steps up efforts to repel Russia's invasion and shows how domestic political debate in Washington is starting to affect support for Ukraine. Less than two weeks ago, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy visited Washington to plead for new weapons systems and urged allies to keep up their financial and military support for Kyiv.

"I fully expect the speaker to keep his commitment to secure passage and support needed to help Ukraine as they defend themselves against aggression

Funding was pulled from spending bill in order to avoid shutdown

and brutality," Biden said Sunday at the White House. "There's an overwhelming number of Republicans and Democrats in both the House and the Senate who support Ukraine. Let's vote on it."

On Saturday, Congress passed a bipartisan measure that would keep the U.S. government funded until Nov. 17 with \$16 billion in disaster funding. However, the lack of \$6 billion in Ukraine aid is a blow to Biden.

Asked what he would say to Zelenskyy and other allies of

Ukraine, Biden said, "I can reassure them. Look at me: We are going to get it done."

But fresh assistance isn't certain and becoming more difficult to achieve particularly as issues like U.S. border security come to the forefront.

Kyiv has ramped up missile and drone attacks on Russian-occupied Crimea, targeting bases and supply lines as its four-month old counteroffensive makes halting progress on the ground ahead of winter.

Backing for Ukraine from the

E.U. is also facing a fresh challenge after a candidate sympathetic to Russia won Slovakia's election on Saturday. Robert Fico has criticized E.U. sanctions against Russia and pledged to end military aid to Ukraine.

The concern for Kyiv is that opponents of aid in the U.S. and Europe may feed off each other's momentum after their successes over the weekend.

Zelenskyy's office did not immediately respond when contacted for comment late Sunday. But Ukrainian officials broadly downplayed the situation in remarks on social media, saying they were working with U.S. counterparts to secure fresh financial aid.

The situation won't impact aid which was announced earlier, Ukrainian foreign ministry spokesperson Oleh Nikolenko wrote on Facebook. "Support for Ukraine remains unwaveringly strong - in the U.S. administra-

tion, in both parties, in U.S. Congress, and most importantly, among the American people."

Josep Borrell, the European Union's foreign policy chief, called the omission of aid for Ukraine "a decision that we have to regret."

Yet Biden's calls for Congress to provide funding separately offer "hope that this will not be a definitive decision and Ukraine will continue having the support of the U.S.," Borrell said at a news conference in Kyiv.

Senate leaders have said they would begin work to approve aid. "In the coming weeks, we expect the Senate will work to ensure the U.S. government continues to provide critical and sustained security and economic support for Ukraine," Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said in a joint statement Saturday with Senate GOP Leader Mitch McConnell.

See Aid page 2

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 82 degrees Sunday. The low was 52.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low of 60. Expect partly cloudy

skies Wednesday with a high in the mid 80s. There is a chance of showers overnight Wednesday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

United Way of Jay County and Second Harvest Food Bank will host a free food tailgate at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Jay County Fairgrounds.

Income verification is not required.

Coming up

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

Thursday — Results from the JCHS girls soccer team's sectional opener.



Kimball ...

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He noted that the research sent him to various communities in the east central Indiana region, including Jay County.
“That allowed me to realize a little bit more about how the real world works,” he explained.
Kimball worked part-time for Montpelier through East Central Indiana Regional Planning District in 2022 doing similar work to his current role with Jay County. He looked into grants for various projects, several of which are still ongoing.
Montpelier is applying for a \$500,000 grant to bring fiberoptic internet to all its residents. (Kimball noted the city conducted an internet survey to test connection speeds and allow residents to voice complaints about their current provider.) The city is also planning to conduct a

multi-million dollar lead line inspection project, find a new use for the former Montpelier Elementary School building and make some additions to Baldwin Park (colloquially known as Airplane Park).
“I had very much enjoyed the work that we were able to do,” said Kimball. “Our number one goal was to try and make the daily lives better for the people of the community (we were) serving.”
According to the \$200,000 contract signed by commissioners, East Central Indiana Regional Planning District is providing administrative support and services related to economic development projects, identifying and working with consulting firms, assisting commissioners in vetting and identifying projects and working with local officials. It’s

also required to be available for meetings as needed and have a dedicated community coordinator, Kimball, to Jay County year-round.
Kimball is involved with work on securing money from Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) 2.0 and the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP), a planning process through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for how to spend federal coronavirus relief funds through the American Rescue Plan Act.
He’s also facilitating work on the owner occupied rehabilitation (OOR) program that is being funded through the \$1 million Jay County is receiving for being a part of HELP. The program approved in August by Jay County Council and commissioners

will allow low-income homeowners to apply for funding to make improvements to their homes, such as new roofs, furnaces or air conditioners. Between 50 and 75 homes will see improvements from the program, which would likely allocate \$10,000 to \$15,000 toward each project per guidelines from OCRA’s Owner Occupied Rehabilitation program.
Kimball pointed out there are a variety of grants available from different sources, such as governmental entities or corporations like Walmart or Nike. A part of the key to success is finding grant cycles that align with project timelines, he said. Another is finding grants that have obtainable match amounts, with Kimball noting some required matches may not be affordable for some communities.
When he finds a grant the

community is interested in pursuing, Kimball will forward information onto East Central Indiana Regional Planning District’s grant-writing team.
As of September, Kimball was looking into various grants, including funding to purchase new fire trucks for Redkey and Pennville.
His schedule varies from day to day, shifting between remote and in-person duties as needed.
“My number one goal is to serve those in need,” he said. “I think here, with Jay County, with it being a low to median income range, I think there’s a lot of people who are at least in financial need. And working with grant writers and grant administrators, I think there’s a great possibility to fulfill those needs.”

CR almanac

Wednesday 10/4	Thursday 10/5	Friday 10/6	Saturday 10/7	Sunday 10/8
84/63	72/52	64/41	56/36	57/39
Mostly sunny skies are expected Wednesday with a high in the mid 80s.	Thursday has a 60% chance of showers and thunderstorms all day and night.	There’s a slight chance for showers. Otherwise, mostly sunny with the low hitting the 40s.	Saturday has another low chance of rain. The temperature at night may reach 36 degrees.	Another cool day Sunday, when the high won’t pass 60 degrees.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$1.04 billion	64-66-71-77-78-80 Cash 5: 11-28-35-38-39 Estimated jackpot: \$183,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$300 million	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 8-6-6 Pick 4: 1-1-5-5 Pick 5: 6-8-5-6-0 Evening Pick 3: 5-5-8 Pick 4: 2-4-7-0 Pick 5: 6-0-0-4-3 Rolling Cash 5: 12-14-19-22-32 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 2-8-7 Daily Four: 7-5-9-9 Evening Daily Three: 0-6-7 Daily Four: 7-3-1-7 Quick Draw: 6-7-11-19-21-34-41-43-50-53-55-58-60-	

Markets

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Today in history

In 1941, Adolf Hitler declared in a speech in Berlin that Russia had been “broken” and would “never rise again.”
In 1951, the New York Giants won the National League pennant by a score of 5-4 as Bobby Thomson hit a three-run homer off Ralph Branca of the Brooklyn Dodgers in the “shot heard ‘round the world.”
In 1970, the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) was established under the Department of Commerce.
In 1974, Frank Robinson was named major league baseball’s first Black manager as he hired by the Cleveland Indians. Robinson also played for the team.
In 1981, Irish nationalists at the Maze Prison near Belfast, Northern Ireland, ended seven months of hunger strikes that had claimed 10 lives.
In 1990, West Germany and East Germany ended 45 years of post-war division, declaring the creation of a reunified country.
In 2022, Jay County Council agreed to incorporate raises ranging from 6% to 31% into the county’s 2023 budget.
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Citizen’s calendar

Tuesday
4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
7 p.m. — Pennville County Government public hearing on park board ordinance, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.
7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.
Wednesday
8 a.m. — Upper Wabash River Basin Commission, Wells County Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St., Bluffton.



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Auto enthusiasts

Among the many activities held this weekend were the Shutterbug Car, Truck and Bike Show at Jay Community Center and the Jeeps at Jay County event at Jay County Fairgrounds. Pictured above, visitors to the Shutterbug show check out a table full of model vehicles. Below, a Jeep nears the top of the flex ramp at the fairgrounds.



Aid ...

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But McCarthy wants to link aid for Ukraine to Republican proposals for security at the U.S. border that are opposed by Democrats.
“I support being able to make sure that Ukraine has the weapons that they need, but I firmly support the border first,” McCarthy said on CBS’s Face the Nation on Sunday. “So we’ve got to find a way we can do this together.”
Ukraine is “not going to get some big package if the border is not secure” and the White House should be aware of that, he said, citing a House-passed border bill that hasn’t become law.

SERVICES

Today
Bell, Carolyn: 2 p.m., Center Cemetery.

Wednesday
McGill, Frederick: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Don't mix Christmas and Halloween

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

We were walking through a home improvement store last week in search of potting soil. I was surprised to see a display of Christmas decorations across the aisle from the Halloween decorations. One side of the aisle featured witches, bats and towering skeletons. Facing them were life-size Santa Clauses with brown or pink features. I doubt if the Santas could hold their own against the skeletons and witches.

My first thought was that it was still September. For many years we have seen holiday displays pop up months before whatever holiday is upcoming. But mixing Halloween with Christmas just seems so wrong. Before we know

As I See It



late father-in-law always said he wanted to do. He wanted to set out a life-size cut out of a mountain lion, stag, doe and fawn. First the mountain lion would be removed and replaced with the stag. The stag was then replaced with the doe. Lastly, the fawn was added.

All of these were to stay in place for a day or two. Then the mountain lion would be added back in. It would creep up on the deer family. Then the stag would be removed, followed by the doe. The mountain lion would be moved closer and closer to the fawn. On Christmas day the fawn would be by itself.

I realize that craft kits take time to complete and thus need to be offered ahead of the actual holiday. However, it doesn't take the better part of three months to set out a plastic Nativity or other assorted decorations.

One of these years we will set up something my

I think it is far too early to deal with decorations for either Christmas or Halloween. There are plenty of holidays between now and Christmas. For instance, Cinnamon Roll Day is October 4. I have been hungry for cinnamon rolls for several weeks. One of these days I'll make some cinnamon bread and call it close enough.

Columbus Day is also in October. This used to honor the guy who discovered America. There is a problem with that. America was already home to many people. Dear old Chris also brought a series of diseases with him which he readily shared with the peoples on the islands where he did visit. These days his exploits are more quietly remembered.

November is a time to

Halloween is at the tail end of the month and is probably the most celebrated of October holidays. Any holiday that celebrates candy is a good one.

November has its own set of holidays. Election day is the seventh. It is when we get to vote in the next set of politicians that we will complain about.

Veterans Day on the 11th. Aside from a ceremony or two, this day rarely gets the attention it should. It is a somber day of remembrance.

As I said before, Halloween wraps up the month. The skeletons and ghouls should go into hiding no later than it takes to finish the Halloween candy.

begin Christmas shopping and planning for Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a time to get together for an oversized meal while trying to avoid that one relative who gets on your nerves every year.

The first week or two of December is the time to get out all those Christmas decorations you forgot you had. This is in between all the shopping trips to find that perfect present. The more perfect the gift seems, the more the recipient will hate it.

In my opinion, we should back off of the desire to get everything done ahead of time and enjoy the days as they come. Oh, and spooky decorations should never share the same space as plastic Santas. It confuses the reindeer.

Instead of rescheduling for when I returned, my mother-in-law danced with my son. This was deeply upsetting to find out afterward. I don't think my husband should have let his mother do that. What are your thoughts? — CAN'T LET GO IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR CAN'T LET GO: I think what's past is past, what's done is done, and you should stop dwelling on something you cannot change. If there is fault to be found, you all own a share of it. Now let it go.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Divorcee finds herself in familiar situation

DEAR ABBY: I was divorced four years ago after a 27-year marriage. Unbeknownst to me, my ex-husband hadn't paid taxes for 17 years. We were always pretty strapped as a couple and the parents of four. Money was a constant worry, and I foolishly let him handle it all.

I am now on my own and pay everything on time, but my credit is still poor. I have been dating someone for 2 1/2 years. He has no children. He has a college degree but no savings at all, and he's \$80,000 in debt. He lavishes me with gifts for birthdays. He's madly in love with me and incredibly kind and thoughtful. The sex is good, but I don't love him as much as he loves me. Our politics are opposite. He loses his temper now and then, and his finances are a

Dear Abby



mess. I have broken it off seven times.

He's now selling his house and planning on moving in with me. I have an engagement ring, and I'm afraid of what it will do to him if I end it again. I'm also afraid of being alone. We get along well and have fun, but I don't want the money worry. I know he would split the bills, but my income is small and will shrink further when my alimony is done. Help! — MONEY MESS IN MICHIGAN

DEAR MESS: Before this

relationship goes a step further, PLEASE discuss the implications with an attorney! You have hooked up with yet another financially irresponsible man. You may "know" he would split the bills when he moves into your home, but you'll have no guarantee unless you have it in writing, reviewed by an attorney and notarized.

It goes without saying that if you actually would consider marrying this person (in the near or distant future), you will need a prenuptial agreement in place. There are worse things than being alone, and one of them would be to tie yourself to someone who can't control his temper and can't handle money.

DEAR ABBY: I had an unfortunate incident at my son's wedding 11 years ago, for which I feel people are still judging me. I was sick in the months before my son's wedding and had just returned to work. The week of the wedding, my husband was in the hospital. He was discharged the morning of the wedding, with IV antibiotics to be given at home by me for several weeks. The wedding was big and beautiful. Classy.

During the reception, my husband's family read a poem they had written about my husband's medical problem to those in attendance. I was upset and decided to calm down by taking a walk around the neighborhood. While I was walking, the dance with my son was called, but I wasn't there.

Community Calendar

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

Tuesday

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'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. Creager 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.

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

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 - BRIANNA'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 Port-

land. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

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.

Sudoku

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Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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.

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Net neutrality return is welcome

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At long last, the 32-month circus featuring Congress and the Federal Communication Commission is over.

The swearing in Monday of Anna Gomez as the fifth FCC commissioner breaks the agency's 2-2 deadlock on issues, allowing chair Jessica Rosenworcel to take steps to restore net neutrality rules that were rescinded under then-President Donald Trump.

Rosenworcel on Tuesday announced that she will move to reverse the rules that bar internet service providers from blocking or throttling traffic, recreating an open internet that is essential for innovation and economic growth and fostering

Guest Editorial

the next generation of tech entrepreneurs. It's a concept backed by tech pioneers such as Tim Berners-Lee and Vincent Cerf since the beginning days of the internet. They believed that the future of innovation, freedom of speech and democracy in America depends on strong, enforceable net neutrality rules.

The American people agree. Polls show that net neutrality is supported by 75% of the popula-

tion. That includes President Biden, who made restoring net neutrality a key element of his campaign.

Biden nominated Gigi Sohn to replace Commissioner Ajit Pai, who resigned the day Trump left office. But Senate Republicans blocked Sohn's confirmation for more than two years, claiming that her "radical" views disqualified her. Sohn's so-called radical views consisted of her calling Fox News "state-run propaganda" during the Trump administration and her service as an Electronic Frontier Foundation board member, which defends digital privacy, free speech and innovation. Senate Republicans' real problem with Sohn was her position as a top aide to former FCC Chair Tom

Wheeler, who was rightly credited with installing the toughest net neutrality laws in U.S. history.

Biden withdrew Sohn's nomination in May and then nominated Gomez, a telecommunications attorney who had worked for the FCC in several positions for 12 years. She had also been a vice president for federal and state government affairs for Sprint Nextel.

The current FCC rules allow broadband providers such as Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile and Comcast a free rein that allows them to rake in billions while serving as kingmakers. They have the power to pick winners and losers online by charging content providers and users higher rates for faster service.

Pai argued that would allow the broadband powers to hire more people, invest in network improvements, making for a "better, cheaper" internet. That didn't happen. If it had, Biden wouldn't have had to announce on June 26 a plan to invest more than \$40 billion to deliver high-speed internet in places where there's either no service or service is too slow.

Pai's rescinding of net neutrality laws left a checkerboard of rules and regulations by various states across the nation.

Rosenworcel reportedly wants the FCC to vote in October on new net neutrality laws. Creating a level playing field for the tech industry's newest wave of entrepreneurs can't happen too soon.

Suits push for a livable planet

By FARRAH HASSEN
OtherWords

Across the globe, people are turning to the courts to combat the worsening climate emergency. Since 2015, cases around the world have doubled to over 2,000, according to a recent United Nations report.

They are also on the rise in the United States.

In a landmark trial in Montana, a judge ruled this summer that the state had violated the young plaintiffs' "right to a clean and healthful environment" — a fundamental right enshrined in the Montana Constitution.

The case, *Held v. Montana*, is the first constitutional climate suit in U.S. history to make it to trial. The nonprofit law firm Our Children's Trust brought the legal challenge on behalf of 16 young people against the state's pro-fossil fuel policies.

They argued that Montana's energy policy had harmed Montana's environment and failed to protect their rights, citing a law that prevented state agencies from considering climate impacts when approving projects. The court sided with the plaintiffs and held that this restriction violated the state's constitution.

Throughout the trial, experts testified to the public health threats from climate change. And the plaintiffs provided impactful testimonies on how Montana's changing climate had hurt them both physically and mentally.

The Montana court set an important precedent by recognizing that a safe and stable climate is integral to the enjoyment of all other rights. This decision can inform other cases seeking to hold governments accountable for harms caused by climate change.

Young people are also pursuing constitutional climate cases in Hawaii, Virginia, and Utah.

Other states like Massachusetts and Rhode Island, along with cities like Boulder, Colorado and Baltimore, Maryland, are suing for damages from Big Oil for allegedly concealing or misrepresenting the dangers of burning fossil fuels.

California filed suit this September against five of the largest oil and gas companies in the world for engaging in a "decades-long campaign of deception" about climate change. California is the largest oil-producing state and econo-

Farrah Hassen



my to take such legal action against Big Oil.

The lawsuit alleges that Exxon Mobil, Shell, Chevron, BP, ConocoPhillips, and their trade association, the American Petroleum Institute, have all known for more than 50 years that burning fossil fuels would lead to global warming.

Yet rather than warn the public, the complaint details how the companies chose to publicly downplay and deny the dangers to the environment while aggressively promoting their products in California.

Through this lawsuit, California Attorney General Rob Bonta seeks to hold the fossil fuel companies financially responsible for contributing to climate-related damages in the state, create a fund to finance climate mitigation, and prevent these companies from further misleading the public. This approach is similar to that used against the tobacco industry.

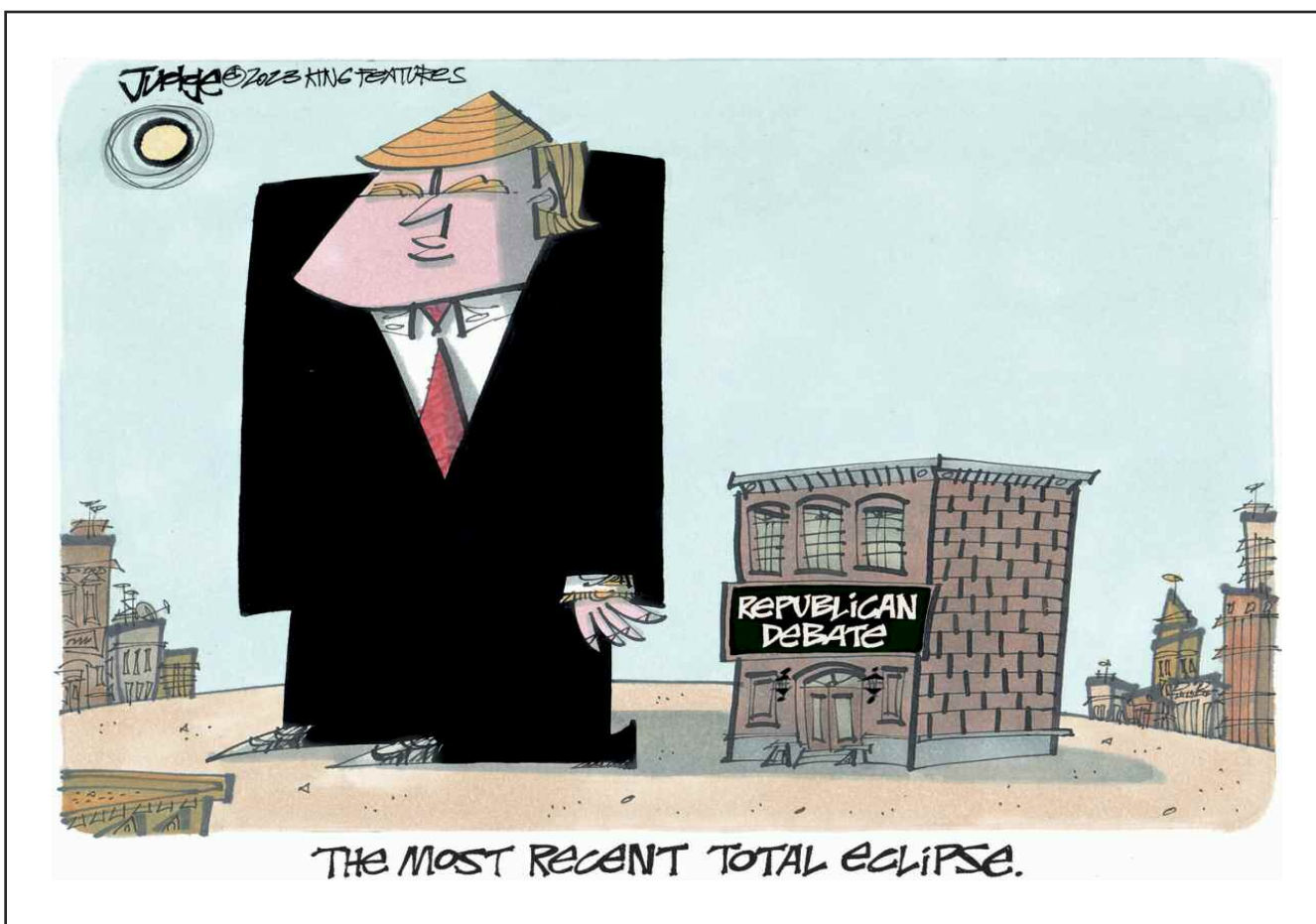
Climate-related lawsuits face complex legal obstacles, like proving causality between fossil fuel industry practices and resulting harms. But if successful, they can make Big Oil pay for its well-documented role in the climate disaster — and ultimately transform how these companies do business.

Litigation alone won't solve the climate emergency. The environmental justice movement will need to keep sustained pressure on our elected officials, many of whom have either enabled this crisis or been far too reluctant to act on it.

Together, this combination of litigation and grassroots advocacy sends a powerful message to policymakers that, in the words of Montana plaintiff Rikki Held, "We can't keep passing on the climate crisis to future generations."

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Mentoring beats monitoring

By LISA JARVIS
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Tribune News Service

Last spring, my tween was begging for more independence, starting with being allowed to walk home from school alone. The mile-plus walk involves crossing a few busy streets. I was hesitant; she doesn't have a phone, so she had no way to contact me if something went wrong. But we practiced a few times (with me trailing her a block behind) to be sure she was confident of the route and talked about what she would do in various scenarios.

Then, we allowed her to do something that some parents in our uber-connected era might find truly wild: roam free.

The chance of something happening to her is vanishingly low, but it still took a few days to shed my anxiety. I reminded myself that building her independence requires mutual trust — and that comes with accepting some risk.

And failing to give kids sufficient independence carries risks, too. That's a recurring theme of "Growing Up in Public: Coming of Age in a Digital World," a new book by Devorah Heitner. There are downsides to constantly tracking our kids, whether that's using Find My Phone to keep tabs on their locations or following their performance at school through apps like ClassDojo or PowerSchool. Even monitoring teens' texts and perusing their social media accounts — as often suggested by parenting experts — can backfire.

"The culture of surveillance is shaping our children's sense of identity and independence — and impacting our mental health, our family's connectedness, and our ability to self-define in adulthood," Heitner writes. "This impact starts as early as kindergarten." This teaches our kids that it's normal to be constantly surveilled, she argues. Living in this digital panopticon can increase their anxiety.

And hard though it may be to

Lisa Jarvis



admit, parental vigilance can't always keep kids safe. Constant supervision just gives us the illusion of control — it doesn't prevent questionable decisions or bad grades. What's needed is, as Heitner puts it, a shift from "monitoring" to "mentoring" so that teens learn to make their own wise choices. One of parenting's challenges is walking that line.

Heitner's perspective adds dimension to the conversation about the current teen mental health crisis. Whenever I've written about the alarming decline in the mental health of tweens and teens, I inevitably get a flurry of emails telling me that the source of the problem is clear: It's all that TikTok and texting. The solution, therefore, is simple: Parents just need to be more on top of what's going on in their teens' digital lives — less social media, more boundaries, more monitoring.

But that instinct to keep kids safe through constant oversight might not always be the right one. At times, it could even do more harm than good.

Let me be clear: I'm a proponent of putting off phones and social media for as long as possible — and of forcing social media companies to make their products safer for younger users. Kids should not have free rein with TikTok and Snapchat, nor should parents be unaware of their tweens' and teens' inner lives. Social media certainly plays a role in kids' deteriorating emotional state.

But so, perhaps, do our well-meaning attempts to cocoon kids from harm. "When we say we're keeping an eye on our kids because they 'make bad choices,' we are robbing

them of opportunities to develop good judgment and boundaries — and to think for themselves," Heitner writes.

As kids first dabble in social media, it makes sense to provide structure, rules and some oversight, and Heitner and others certainly have advice on how to do that. But ideally, they earn independence over time through mutual trust.

In the process, they will undoubtedly experience uncomfortable social situations and even make mistakes. But that, too, is part of growing up. As clinical psychologist Lisa Damour drives home in her recent book, *The Emotional Lives of Teenagers: Raising Connected, Capable, and Compassionate Adolescents*, some struggle is normal, and learning to cope with adversity is critical to kids' success later in life.

As Damour writes, "Mental health is not about feeling good. Distress comes with being human, and it certainly comes with a teenager dealing with the challenges and disappointments that are part of growing up." Parents, with good intent, too often succumb to the urge to prevent or fix a problem rather than help kids learn how to manage their own emotions in a healthy way.

Giving kids space often defies our parental instincts — particularly our sense that more information about our kids' inner lives is always better. But as they grow up, constantly supervising them isn't a solution, either.

My kid has now walked home from school dozens of times. This fall, she asked to roam even further ... and got her first Apple Watch, so she can text us if she needs to. Even though I trust her, the urge to constantly check in is strong. But so is my hope that it will fade.

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Bank donates

First Bank of Berne recently made a \$1,000 donation to Jay County Cancer Society. For its annual Walk Against Cancer. Pictured are Deanna Walker (left) of First Bank of Berne and Angela Paxson, a First Bank of Berne employee who is also a member of the Jay County Cancer Society board of directors.

Meeker's BOND leads investment

A firm that involves a Portland native led a round of investing for an artificial intelligence firm.

BOND Capital recently led a financing round that raised \$150 million in funding for market intelligence firm AlphaSense, Reuters and others reported last week. Mary Meeker, a Jay County High School graduate, is a general partner at BOND.

"Artificial intelligence tools that help you discover insights from data are scaling rapidly," Meeker told Reuters.

Other investors include Alphabet, Viking Global Investors and Goldman Sachs.

Investing in new initiatives such as generative AI is a focus for the company, AlphaSense CEO Jack Kokko said.

The funding will also be used to expand the firm's searchable business content and make strategic acquisitions to expand its capabilities.

Locations added

Mercer Health now has five Women's Health offices.

The organization has expanded its services and now has Women's Health offices in Fort Recovery, Coldwater, St. Henry, Celina and Mendon.

"At Mercer Health, we want to make it easy and convenient for women to get the healthcare services they need," said Abby Schmitz, practice manager for Mercer Health Medical Group Women's Health offices. "Women are busy and we recognize that, which is why we have made these enhancements."

Mercer Health also has a new scheduling line for Women's Health services at (576) 890-6510.

For more information, visit mercercare.com.

Funeral home hosting

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland will host a free advance planning seminar on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Jay County Public Library.

The seminars will feature elder law attorney Michael J. Huffman and advanced planning specialist

Business roundup

Andrea Thornburg. Sessions are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.

Tyson awards

Tyson Foods recently awarded a \$10,000 grant to Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry to support its Meat the Need initiative.

The funds will be used to pay for the processing of 7,000 pounds of donated livestock and deer. The meet will be distributed to agencies service food-insecure residents in Jay, Harrison and Cass counties.

"We are thrilled to be able to provide this investment ... and to assist in improving the lives of our neighbors," said Tim Graier, senior director of social impact Tyson Foods, in a press release. "We take seriously the responsibility we have as a community member to help scale the good work being done by our nonprofit partners."

Set to sell

NextEra Energy announced last week that its Florida Power & Light subsidiary has entered into an agreement to sell Florida City Gas to Chesapeake Utilities Corporation.

The sale price was announced at \$923 million. The sale is expected to be completed over the next few months.

"We are pleased that FPL has reached this agreement to sell FCG to Chesapeake Utilities," said John Ketchum, chairman, president and CEO NextEra Energy in a press release. "This transaction allows us to continue our strategy of redeploying capital into our core businesses. I want to thank the FCG team for their hard work and accomplishments and am confident they will

continue to be successful in the years to come."

NextEra owns and operates Bluff Point Wind Energy Center in southern Jay County and northern Randolph County.

Leader hired

Brock Meyer has been hired as the next executive director of BIGJAWs Youth for Christ.

Meyer previously served as director of employee engagement for TLC Management, which operates nursing, assisted living and independent living facilities. He has been the lead pastor at Fairmont Friends Church since 2012.

"Getting to know Brock and his family over the last several weeks has been a gift," said BIGJAWs board chairman Cory M. Powell in a press release.

BIGJAWs operates in Jay, Blackford, Adams, Wells and Grant counties.

Lab launching

Indiana Wesleyan University will launch its mobile career lab with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, on its North Indy campus, 3777 Priority Way South Drive, Indianapolis.

The mobile career lab is designed to eliminate barriers to education and help individuals identify a personalized career pathway. It will initially be used in the Indianapolis area, with Indiana Wesleyan planning to expand in the future.

"Through the Mobile Career Lab, IWU helps mobilize the workforce population in Indiana to level-up job skills and career opportunities and serves to bolster Indiana's workforce by engaging the existing population to meet the growing demands," said IWU vice president of learner success and regional workforce engagement Jon Sampson in a press release.

For more details, visit indwes.edu/careerlab.

Speaker scheduled

Meridian Health Services will

host speaker Randi Silverman from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9 at Horizon Convention Center, 401 S. High St., Muncie.

Silverman is the founder and former executive director of The Youth Mental Health Project. She seeks to facilitate community conversations regarding mental health.

Registration for the event is required at meridianhs.org. The deadline is Oct. 10.

Offering check-ups

Indiana Michigan Power is offering Home Energy Check-ups for income-qualified customers.

The check-up will include a walk-through of the home to identify energy-saving opportunities. Homeowners will also receive a free energy-saving kit.

To qualify, a customer must be a residential customer, use electric heat and be at 200% or below the federal poverty level.

For more information, electricideas.com or call (833) 566-0583.

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.

Airport exec honored

Indiana Chamber of Com-

merce recently named Indianapolis International Airport executive director Mario Rodriguez as its 2023 Dynamic Leader of the year.

Indianapolis International Airport has been named the best airport in North America, based on customer experience, for 11 years in a row. Rodriguez, who previously served in executive roles at airports in Hong Kong, Long Beach, California and New Orleans, has led the airport since 2014.

"Mario is the epitome of a visionary leader and really one of the most influential minds in our state," said chamber president and CEO Kevin Brinegar in a press release. "He understands an airport is more than a public transportation facility, it's a vital economic hub and key strategic partner for attracting and sustaining all kinds of commerce."

Grant awarded

Dollar General last week announced that it has presented its Because Kindness Matters Award and a \$1.7 million grant to Save the Children.

The funding will be used to "to help ensure children in rural America have increased access to quality education and nutritious foods." Since 2020, the company has provided more than \$5 million in grants to the organization.

"Save the Children has a long legacy extending over 100 years of helping children in need in our hometown communities and around the world," said Dollar General vice president of corporate social responsibility and philanthropy Denine Torr in a press release. "We are honored to present them with the Because Kindness Matters Award for their shared commitment to advancing literacy, addressing hunger and extending hope through compassion and kindness."

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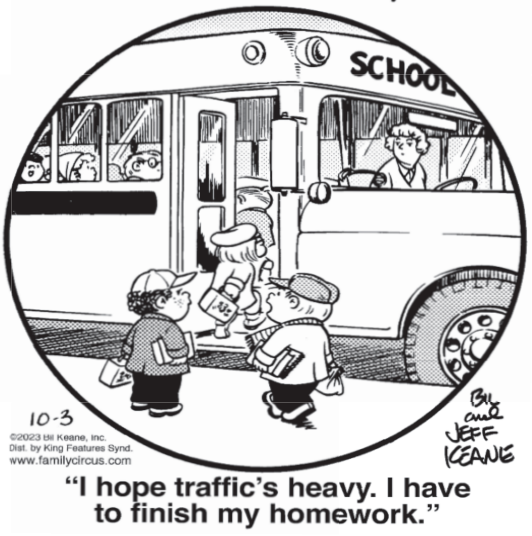
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The two-way view

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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♠ A 5
♥ 7 6 3
♦ 8 4 2
♣ A K 9 5 3

EAST
♠ Q 10 7 2
♥ J 10 4
♦ K 9
♣ Q 10 8 7

SOUTH
♠ K 9 6 4
♥ A K 8
♦ A Q 5
♣ J 6 2

opening diamond lead, South has eight sure tricks, and his best chance for developing a ninth trick lies in clubs. If, after taking East's king with the ace at trick one, declarer next cashes the A-K of clubs, hoping for a normal 3-2 division, he winds up scoring only the eight tricks he started with.

Instead, he should lead a club to the ace at trick two and return a low club toward his J-6. This guarantees the contract against any lie of the opposing clubs. Let's take the actual case first.

If East goes up with the queen of clubs, South scores four club tricks instead of only two. If East does not take the queen, South's jack wins, and again he makes four clubs by continuing the suit.

If West holds the Q-10-x-x of clubs, the outcome is the same. West's club holding is revealed when East shows out at trick three, and after losing the jack to the queen, declarer has no trouble making four notrump with the aid of a subsequent club finesse.

So, no matter how you slice it, South can assure the contract by employing a safety play at trick three. At the same time, the recommended approach yields at least 10 tricks even if the clubs turn out to be divided 3-2.

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East 1NT Pass
South 3NT
West 1NT Pass
North 3NT

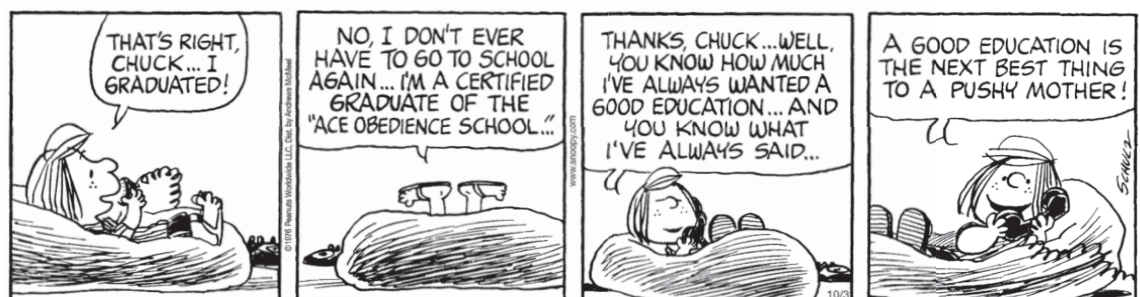
Opening lead — six of diamonds.
In the majority of deals, the most important period of the play comes early in the hand. That's when declarer takes the time to assess his prospects and formulates a plan that will give him the best chance for the contract.

To this end, he tries to organize the play in such a way as to succeed if the opposing cards are normally divided, while at the same time, he tries to cater to the possibility that the cards may not be normally divided.

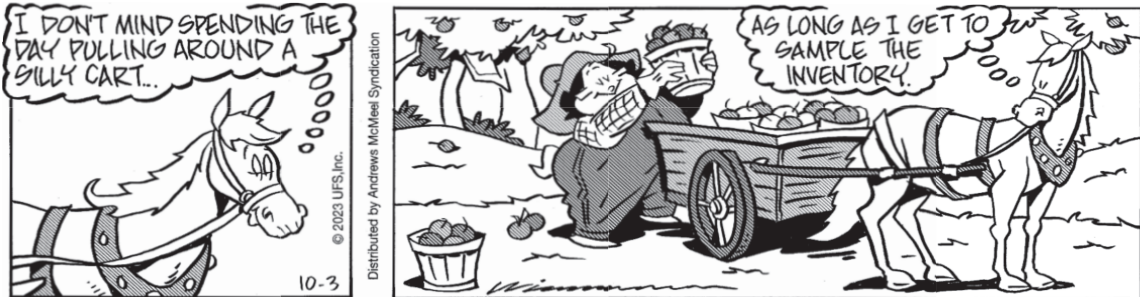
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Tomorrow: Sylvia rides again.
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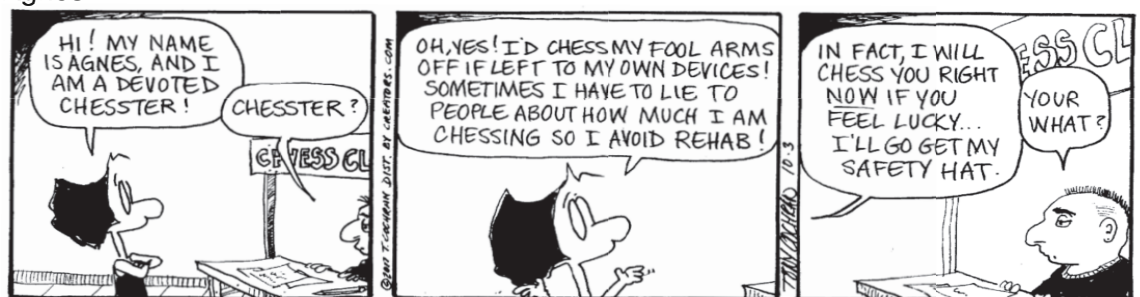
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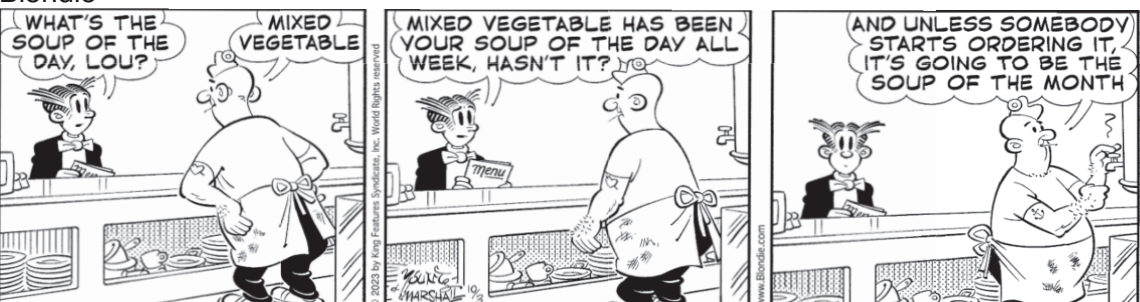
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Between Friends



Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



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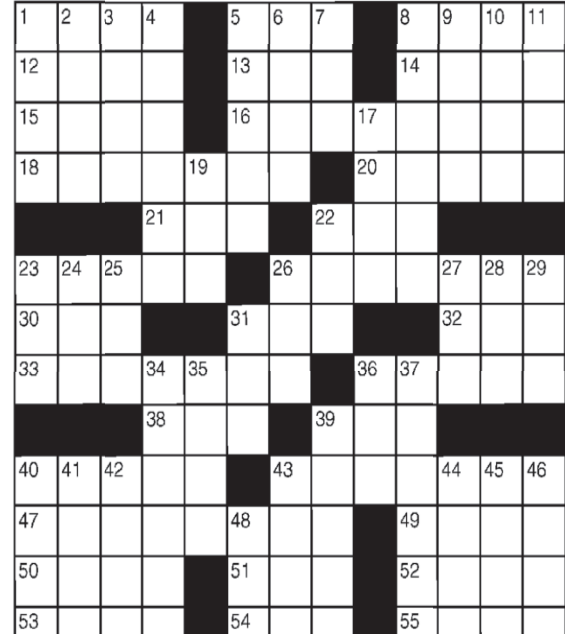
CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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| 1 Pond duck | 40 Toy container | 3 Band boosters | 24 — Claire, Wisc. |
| 5 Tax pro | 43 "Victory City" author | 4 "Weapon" lead-in | 25 Vegas Hog-wash |
| 8 Fiesta food | Salman | (Gibson/Glover film) | 27 Honey holder |
| 12 Salingir girl | 47 Busy commuting period | 5 Toe woes | 28 Discoverer's call |
| 13 — Faithful | 49 Spoken | 7 Billboards | 29 Prohibit |
| 14 Flair | 50 Otherwise | 8 Plant-based protein | 31 "Gee, ya think?" |
| 15 En-grossed | 51 Ton fractions (Abbr.) | 9 Balm ingredient | 34 Hodge-podges |
| 16 Mount with presidents | 52 Charades player | 10 Novelist Caleb | 35 Swear word |
| 18 Moving fast | 53 Squeezes (out) | 11 Till bills | 36 Clear the tables |
| 20 Mimics | 54 Jargon suffix | 17 Bowlers and fedoras | 37 Not on the road |
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| 22 Church chimers | | 22 Baltimore news-paper | 40 Manitoba tribe |
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| 31 Mafia boss | | | 43 Abrades |
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Eli Dirksen of the Jay County High School boys tennis team smashes a serve in the No. 2 singles match against Union City's Zackary Fulk on Saturday. Dirksen lost the first set before storming back for a 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 victory. His win capped off a 4-1 victory for the Patriots in the sectional championship.

Kids ...

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Eli Dirksen picked up a 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 victory over Zachary Fulk in the No. 2 singles contest. As he started to consistently place his serves and volleys onto the court, Fulk struggled with the power that he hit with, leading to the victory.
Liam Garringer's growth was on display, as he led Corbin Richards in the No. 3 singles match at 4-3. He couldn't hold the lead, eventually falling 7-5, 6-1.
The win for Jay County marked the first time it has won back-to-back sectional titles since 2006 and 2007. The Patriots also won in 2005 to make it three titles in a row.



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Roundup ...

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The final two scores came from Beckett Brandenburg (32nd) and Darren Fisher (54th).
Just outside the top 20 for the girls was Willow Hardy in 23rd. The other three Patriots in the race were Courtney Harris (29), Livia Luzzi (37) and Tina Japaridize (46).

Patriots win races
WINCHESTER — The Jay County Junior High School cross country teams also competed at the Winchester Invitational on Saturday, with both teams finishing first.
The girls racked up 19 points to take down four opponents, while the boys totalled 18, beating their sole opponent, Driver Middle School.

The girls took the top three spots, including Abby Fifer finishing first with a time of 12:01.12. Following right behind her in second and third were Jessie Homan and Ava May.
Union City's Henley Paddock and Madelyn Carrell took up the next two spots before Brooklyn Byrum (6) and Maria Laux (7) rounded out the Patriots score.

The boys also swept the top three spots, with Raif Beiswanger winning the race in 10:40.73. Next up were Sam Wiggins and Rockland Beiswanger.

Abraham Bogue of Driver earned fourth place before Grady Warvel finished in fifth. The final score for Jay County came from Carson Westgerdes in eighth.

Jay loses three
The Jay County junior high volleyball team struggled at the Patriot Volleyball Invitational as they dropped three matches on Saturday.
The Patriots lost to South Adams 25-19, 25-13, Adams Central 25-16, 25-12 and Bluffton 19-25, 25-22, 25-12.

The Patriots had a new leader in kills with Brenna Ruble recording eight. She was also one of two people to block an attack, the other being Amelia Heath. Other players with kills in the matches were Heath with six, Emalyn Homan with three, Kenady Lyons with two and Makayla Bishop, Avery Lykins and Allie Westfall with one each.

Bishop and Lyons both had six assists while Homan had three.
The defensive effort primarily came from Gabi Petro. She protected the back row with seven digs. Peyton Schoenlein (four), Lykins (three) and Lyons (two) also had digs.
Ruble had nine aces in the tournament.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys tennis regional vs. Delta at Noblesville - 4:30 p.m.; Girls soccer sectional vs. Hamilton Heights at Yorktown - 7 p.m.; Junior High football at Woodlan - 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Middle school volleyball at Minster - 5 p.m.

Wednesday
Jay County — Potential boys tennis regional at Noblesville - 4:30 p.m.; Potential boys soccer sectional semifinal at Mississinewa - 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today

3 p.m. — Major League Baseball playoffs: Texas Rangers at Tampa Bay Rays (ABC)
4:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball playoffs: Toronto Blue Jays at Minnesota Twins (ESPN)
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Local notes

Wrestling clinic set
Jay County Wrestling Club has set their free elementary wrestling clinic for Monday, Oct. 9 through Thursday, Oct. 12.
Young athletes between kindergarten and sixth grade are able to participate by arriving at the high school wrestling room at 4:25 p.m. Participants should wear a t-shirt and shorts. The clinic will then start at 4:30 and run until 5:30.
There is no need to pre-register, as the club

will take names, grades and weights on the first day of the clinic.

At the clinic, young athletes will receive instruction from the Jay County wrestlers and coaching staff to learn the sport. On the final day, there will be a small tournament held in the wrestling room with three or four different pools.

The event is designed for those who are new to the sport, but experienced wrestlers are also welcome. If interested in continuing with wrestling, there will be a signup on the final day of the clinic for Jay County Wrestling Club.

For additional details call Eric Myers at (260) 485-4000 or email him at emyers@jayschools.k12.us.

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.

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Gary Loy AU01031608
Travis Theurer AU11200131
Aaron Loy AU11200112
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90 SALE CALENDAR

TOOLS
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
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Location: 7800 N 125 W, Bryant, IN, Jackson Township, Section 12
Action Requested: Requesting Special Exception Use approval to construct and operate a wedding and entertainment venue on said property.
A public hearing will be held by said Board on October 19, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Community Resource Center, 118 S Meridian Street, Portland, IN. At that time, all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard in reference to matters set out in the petition. The petition and file on this matter are available for public inspection at the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department, 118 S Meridian Street I Ste E, Portland, IN 47371. If unable to attend the meeting, the Department will accept letters from the public prior to the meeting date.
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Comeback kids

Both Jay County doubles duos come back from early deficits to win sectional championship

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

Things didn't look great for the Patriots coming out of the gate Saturday.

Three positions quickly fell behind and something needed to change if they wanted to make it to Noblesville.

The Patriots got what they needed from the doubles teams.

Both of the Jay County High School boys tennis' doubles duos came back from early deficits to lift the Patriots to a 4-1 victory over the Union City Indians in the IHSAA Sectional 53 championship match.

"I'm excited for the young men," said JCHS coach Donald Gillespie, whose team has won eight in a row after a slow start. "Six seniors, you don't want them to leave their senior year without this. And we started the season with this as one of our goals. ... Very proud of the young men today."

The win earns the Patriots (12-8), who beat Union City 3-2 on Aug. 21, a trip to IHSAA Regional 14 in Noblesville. They will match up with Delta on Oct. 3. A win would then pit them against the winner of Noblesville and Frankton (Jay County previously lost to Frankton 4-1 on Aug. 19).

The No. 1 doubles pair of Sam Myers and Gage Sims had a rocky start to their match. They went down 4-1 to Union City's Brennan Hoggatt and

Jacob Thornburg. Midway through the set, they made some adjustments to attack at the net more with volleys and be aggressive on second serves to storm back for a 6-4 win.

The second set didn't quite go as planned, leading to a 6-2 loss before the 10-minute break.

"After we lost us like it's, we sat down, we talked about what we needed to do," Myers said. "We came back in with the intent of I have all the confidence in the world. We shoved it right back at them."

They stormed back for a 6-0 sweep in the third set capped off with a hard volley from Myers in between Hoggatt and Thornburg and a scream of "Let's go!" to push the Patriots to three wins and the team title.

Isaac Miller and Luke Muhlenkamp also struggled to begin. They went down 4-2 to Kolton Mills and Caleb Lutz.

During the set, Gillespie had Miller and Muhlenkamp change their formation up so that they played more in line with either both near the back or near the net rather than staggered with one at each end.

"It gives us more time to be ready for the ball and I felt like I was able to return the ball a lot easier," Muhlenkamp said. "They'd either put a nice little ball up at the net, and then I just put it down or I'd find a way to win."

They rallied for four straight



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

JCHS senior Sam Myers reaches over to hit a volley during the Patriots' 4-1 victory over Union City in the IHSAA Sectional 53 championship on Saturday. Myers and Gage Sims fell behind early in the No. 1 doubles match but stormed back to win 6-4, 2-6, 6-0.

games to win the set, including a 20-minute game with multiple deuces for the 6-4 win.

The second set went a lot smoother, as they quickly put Mills and Lutz away 6-2. The final game of the set featured

four straight points earned by Muhlenkamp on two forehands and two volleys.



The first win for Jay County came from Abraham Dirksen at the No. 1 singles position. It only took him about 45 minutes

to take down Owen Dowler 6-1, 6-0.

"Abe is Abe," Gillespie said. "He's just playing wonderful tennis. ... He's one of the top players in Jay County history."

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Indians lose to first unranked opponent

CONVOY, Ohio — The Indians have had a strong season so far. They hit a slight bump on Saturday.

The Fort Recovery High School volleyball team lost to an unranked opponent for the first time this season, while also picking up two wins at the Lady Knight Invite on Saturday at Crestview High School.

The Indians (12-4) kept things close with Ottawa-Glandorf but couldn't find a way to pull away. The Titans ended up winning 25-20, 25-21.

It took Fort Recovery an extra set, but

they got back on track against the Fort Wayne Bishop Luers Knights (Indiana). The Indians fell in the first set, but then took the next two to come out on top 23-25, 25-13, 25-16.

The win helped the Indians find their groove, as they made quick work of the St. Paul Flyers. Fort Recovery held the Flyers to single digits in the second set of the 25-18, 25-9 sweep.

They will face off against Wayne Trace on Monday before they get back to Midwest Athletic Conference play against the Minster Wildcats on Thursday.

Patriots will take on Bulldogs in sectional

The Patriots had to battle to make it to the championship. They just couldn't quite push past once they got there.

The Jay County High School volleyball team snuck past Wabash 25-15, 16-25, 25-19, 26-28, 15-12 to get to the championship game at the Patriot Volleyball Invitational before falling to the Marion Local Flyers (Ohio) 25-23, 25-8, 25-10 on Saturday.

Bella Denton powered the offensive attack against Wabash, recording 15 kills for Jay County (10-12). Behind her, Maggie Dillon and Mya Kunkler were short of double-digit kills with nine.

Running the Patriot offense, Sophie Saxman tallied 37 assists.

Brenna Haines protected the back row, digging out 30 balls. She also led the team with 5 aces.

Denton and Kunkler tied with seven kills against the Flyers. Saxman was cut down to 17 assists. Haines only dug out six balls.

The IHSAA also released the sectional draw for volleyball on Sunday. In the Class 3A Sectional 24, the Patriots drew the Centerville Bulldogs in their

Jay County roundup

opening-round matchup on Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. at New Castle High School.

A win would advance the Patriots to play the Frankton Eagles on Oct. 14 at 12:30 p.m. The championship will be played later that night at 7 p.m., with the winner of New Castle and Delta.

Patriots get help

The Jay County boys soccer team finished its regular season with a 3-0 win over the Oak Hill Golden Eagles on Saturday.

The Patriots (9-3-2) didn't score any goals in the first half, but got some help when an Oak Hill (8-7-1) defender passed a ball back to the goalie, who missed the ball resulting in an own-goal.

With 9:37 left in the second half, Dylan Marentes delivered the ball to Cayden Buckland who executed a header for his first goal of the season.

Jay County then put the

game away when Marentes scored his own goal with 4:32 left.

Kaleb Coppock was busy in the goal, saving nine shots from breaking the plane of the net.

With the win, Jay County finishes the season undefeated at home.

Boys finish third

WINCHESTER — The Jay County boys cross country team had three athletes finish in the top 20 to power the Patriots (96 points) to a third-place finish out of nine teams at the Winchester Invitational on Saturday.

The girls were able to field a team, finishing sixth with 110 points. Centerville led the girls with 51 points while Muncie Burris won the boys race with 74.

Joseph Boggs and Alexis Sibray paced the Patriots, both finishing sixth. Boggs crossed the finish line at 18:01.67. Sibray ran her best time of the season with 21:52.39.

The boys also got high finishing from Caleb Garringer and Max Klopfenstein. Garringer finished 11th while Klopfenstein was 19th.

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