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Coming down



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Portland Board of Works on Thursday awarded a contract for the demolition of The Bailey Building, 201 through 205 W. Main St. to JAShroyer Group of Muncie. The bid specifications require demolition to begin within 30 days of the contract being awarded and the work to be complete 10 days after it begins.

Portland Board of Works awards contract to JAShroyer for demolition of the Bailey Building

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

One downtown building is coming down.

The city has bids to demolish another.

Portland Board of Works on Thursday awarded the job to demolish the Bailey Building on Main Street on the west side of the downtown area and opened bids to take down the former Hunts building on Meridian Street.

JAShroyer Group of Muncie was the lone bidder for the demolition of the Bailey Building, 201 through 205 W. Main St.,

which is blighted and has been the subject of discussion amongst city officials for years. The board opened the bid — \$295,000 — at its Sept. 7 meeting and took it under advisement to allow time to review it.

With city attorney Wes Schemenaur indicating there were no issues with the bid, board members Jerry Leonard, Steve McIntosh and Mayor John Boggs, who attended the meeting remotely, voted unanimously to award the project to JAShroyer Group.

The bid specs call for the demolition to begin within 30

days. The demolition is to be completed 10 days after work begins. (The specs also require the firm to dispose of asbestos and to remove rubble from the demolition.)

Eric Welch, attorney for adjacent bar/restaurant The Greazy Pickle, requested a meeting with JAShroyer Group to discuss the demolition in order to ensure that the common wall between the two structures will be preserved. Schemenaur asked city clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips to arrange the meeting.

The board also opened bids

for the demolition of the former Hunts building, 208 and 210 N. Meridian St. Bids came in at \$150,000 from WEU Corporation of Portland and \$249,000 from JAShroyer Group.

The bids were taken under advisement to allow board members and Schemenaur time to review them.

The building was declared unsafe in August, at which point owner Juan Marentes had 30 days to tear down the building or otherwise mitigate its issues to make it safe before the city could take further action.

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The CR receives HSPA awards

Newspaper honors include first place for best website

INDIANAPOLIS — The Commercial Review added to its list of journalism awards Friday.

The newspaper received five awards, including two first-place honors, at the Hoosier State Press Association Journalism Conference and Awards Luncheon at The Marriott North.

The CR finished fourth in the general excellence category in Division III (daily newspapers with a circulation of less than 6,000). It trailed The Daily Reporter (Greenfield), The Daily Journal (Franklin) and The Times (Seymour), all of which are owned by AIM Media Indiana.

The Commercial Review has earned at least five awards in the HSPA contest every year since 2011.

The top honor for The CR during Friday's awards luncheon was first place for its website — thecr.com.

Editor and publisher Ray Cooney also took first place for headline writing. It was his sixth award in the last 12 years for headline writing and marked his second win in that category.

He also received a third-place award for best sports feature photo.

Reporter Bailey Cline picked up two more awards for The Commercial Review. She was second for best news coverage with no deadline pressure and third for best in-depth feature or feature package.

Both awards were the first in those categories for Cline, who joined The CR's staff in 2020.

Also Friday, former CR reporter Steve Garbacz earned three Division III awards for his work with The News Sun (Kendallville).

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Retrospect

Jay Co. won behind a record passing effort

Twenty-five years ago this week, the Patriots were celebrating the greatest passing performance in school history.

The Oct. 10, 1998, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of the Jay County High School football team's 60-14 win over Connersville in which Brad Bennett set the school record for passing yards in a single game.

Bennett completed 14 of his 22 passing attempts for a school-record 422 yards to go along with five touchdowns.

"It keeps getting better and better, but this one was by far the best," said Bennett, whose record stood until Billy Wellman

broke it with 433 yards against Muncie Southside in 2008. "The other ones don't count because we lost. It's so much better when you win."

The Patriots (2-6) were in control throughout, scoring 21 points in the opening quarter. The first of those scores came on a 75-yard pass from Bennett to Luke Bailey.

"The play calling set me up," said Bailey. "It was a real good, quick route and we were able to take advantage."

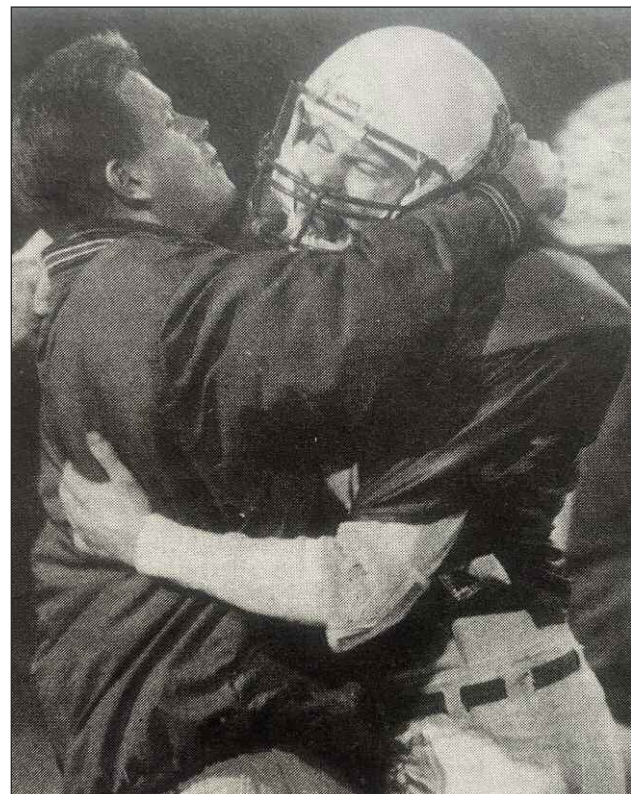
Jon Glassford and Andrew Michael added TD runs before Bennett got rolling again in the second quarter.

Bennett had two more

first-half TD passes, both to Andrew Michael. They connected on a 38-yard TD in the first quarter and added a 25-yard TD at the 9:13 mark of the second. He added TD passes of 49 yards to Bailey and 14 yards to Jon Glassford in the third.

With his passing effort, Bennett became the first quarterback in school history to surpass 2,000 yards in a season. He went on to finish with 2,381 yards for the season and 3,871 for his career, both records at the time. (Wellman also broke those marks, tossing for 2,546 yards in 2008 and setting a career mark of 5,289 yards.)

JCHS defensive coordinator Casey Thomas gives an exuberant hug to safety Jason Knapke after he intercepted a Connersville pass on Oct. 9, 1998. The Patriots earned their second win of the year by a 60-14 score behind a record-breaking performance from quarterback Brad Bennett.



The Commercial Review/Mike Snyder

Deaths

Judith Wilson, 78, Dunkirk
William Shory, 82, Dunkirk
Doris Muhlenkamp, 61, Fort Recovery
Teresa Rouse, 80, Hartford City
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 68 degrees Friday. Today's forecast calls for cloudy skies with a 20% chance of rain, winds gusting to 25 miles per hour and a high topping out in the mid 50s. Windy conditions will continue tonight with the low dropping into the 30s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Jay County High School choir will host their fall preview show at 2 p.m. Sunday in the school auditorium. Admission is \$5.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from the JCHS boys soccer team in today's sectional final.

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



Obituaries

Judith Wilson

Sept. 18, 1945-Oct. 4, 2023
Judith L. Wilson, 78, of Dunkirk, Indiana, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023, in the comforts of her home. Judy was born on Sept. 18, 1945, in Dayton, Ohio. She was the daughter of the late Orpha P. (Newman) and John W. Davis. She was the loving wife of the late Thomas E. Wilson who she happily married in 1964.

She attended Ball State University and was a dedicated wife and mother. She is survived by one son, Joseph L. Wilson; one brother, Joe Garrett (Judy); eight grandchildren, Dirk S. Wilson (Holli), Keri Wilson, Tiffani Wilson, Dustin Feuston, Kayla Tetzloff, Monica Dheel, Tony Hanes and Sam Hanes-Olnhausen; one great-grandchild, Oliver Wilson; and several nieces and nephews. Judy was preceded in death by her parents; husband Thomas;

two sons, Michael Todd Wilson and John Thomas (J.T.) Wilson; two brothers, Jay O. Davis and John L. Davis (Wilma); and one sister Clara Logan. At Judy's request, there will be no viewing or funeral services. Final resting place will be in Black Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries. **William "Bill" Shory**, Dunkirk, May 10, 1941-Oct. 4, 2023. Service will

be at 3 p.m. Monday at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier. **Doris A. (Gehret) Muhlenkamp**, Fort Recovery, died Wednesday at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. A Mass of Christian Burial is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Paul Catholic Church. **Teresa Rouse**, Hartford City, the mother of a Dunkirk man, Dec. 27, 1942-Oct. 3, 2023. A Mass of Christian Burial is scheduled for noon Wednesday at St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church, 209 S. Spring St., Hartford City. ***** *The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.*

CR almanac

Sunday 10/8	Monday 10/9	Tuesday 10/10	Wednesday 10/11	Thursday 10/12
55/39	57/36	58/38	65/51	70/50
Another cool day Sunday, when the high won't pass 60 degrees.	Mostly sunny skies for Columbus Day, with a high forecasted at 58 degrees.	Tuesday's forecast looks to be mostly sunny, with a high of 58 degrees.	Mostly sunny on Wednesday, when the high will be in the mid 60s.	There's a 50% chance of showers Thursday, when skies will be mostly cloudy.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 4-0-5 Daily Four: 0-9-4-2 Quick Draw: 7-13-14-16-22-24-25-26-27-35-43-44-47-48-61-67-68-69-72-76	Pick 3: 7-0-3 Pick 4: 5-9-3-2 Pick 5: 2-6-3-1-1 Rolling Cash 5: 4-9-14-19-21 Jackpot: \$100,000
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 1-4-3 Pick 4: 7-3-5-4 Pick 5: 4-4-7-2-1 Evening	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$1.4 billion Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$360 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....5.42 Oct. corn5.42 Wheat4.98	Dec. beans12.60 Wheat4.83
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....5.37 Oct. corn5.37 Oct./Nov. corn4.77	Central States Montpelier Corn.....4.92 Oct. corn4.67 Beans12.18 Oct. beans12.60 Wheat4.83
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Today in history

In 1765, the Stamp Act Congress convened in New York City. Its purpose was to form resolutions of "rights and grievances" of the American Colonies.

In 1868, Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, began its first year with 412 students. It was one of the original institutions funded as a result of the Morrill Act of 1862.

In 1931, Desmond Tutu was born in Klerksdorp, South Africa. He became a central figure in drawing attention to the inequities of apartheid in his country and received the Nobel Prize of Peace in 1984.

In 1949, the constitution that governed East Germany, the Soviet occupied zone of the country after World War II, went into effect.

In 1955, Yo-Yo Ma was born in Paris. A musical prodigy, he made his Carnegie Hall debut at age 9. A celebrated cellist, he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2010 and a Kennedy Center honor in 2011.

In 2001, the Afghanistan War began with the United States and Britain bombing Taliban targets in response to the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

In 2008, the Jay County High School girls cross country team won its sixth consecutive Olympic Athletic Conference championship, taking seven of the top 12 places in the meet in Anderson. Sophomore Aly Miller defending her OAC individual title with a win in 20 minutes, 51 seconds, with sisters Kylie and Leah Wellman fourth and fifth, respectively.

In 2021, Portland Plan Commission recommended approval of rezoning request to allow of the construction of a new Clear Choice Chiropractic Office on a portion of the former First Baptist Church property on Charles Street. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3 p.m. — Jay County Redevelopment Commission, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County	Public Library Board, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Regional Sewer District, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. Wednesday 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
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Down ...

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Regarding the former Hunts building, LeeAnn Miller of the adjacent future home of Reclaiming Design, asked that when a bid is awarded the firm involved communicate with her construction team. Miller has been renovating the building to the south and said her contractor, Bruns Construction, indicated a desire to complete roof and masonry work in tandem with the demolition to ensure that the building is safe and water-tight.

Miller also noted that her building's adjoining wall with the former Hunts building is likely soft brick that will need to be made weather-proof. She asked that the city help with the cost of any such work that might be necessary.

Leonhard said he agreed with her sentiment that the city should be finan-

cially involved in that process.

Schemenaur advised the board to wait until the process moves along to take any further action on Miller's request.

In other business, the board:
•Following a question from WPGW's Rob Weaver, received an update on the timeline for the ongoing Meridian Street storm sewer project. Phillips said the underground work on Meridian Street is expected to be complete by the end of next week with paving to follow beginning Oct. 16. Watson Excavating of Redkey will then shift to work on lateral lines that are part of the project. The work is expected to be complete by the end of November.

•Heard Fifer Services owner Chad Fifer, who is in the process of purchasing the former Sheller Globe

south site at 510 S. Bridge St. to put in a saw mill, ask the board of works members review the proposed contract for the sale. He contended that he should not have to take the responsibilities that are being presented in the contract. Schemenaur explained that an initial contract — the city hired environmental law firm Plews Shadley Racher & Braun of Indianapolis to assist — was sent to Fifer's attorney April 7. He said he received proposed amendments to the contract Sept. 12. He said he and Chris Braun of Plews Shadley Racher & Braun are reviewing those proposals and will communicate with Fifer's attorney. He said once there is an agreement that's acceptable it will be presented to the board.

•Approved three changes orders for the Blaine Pike paving and walking path

project totaling \$18,181.41. The changes involve an increase in need for materials via a change made by Indiana Department of Transportation (it is paying for 80% of the project via federal grant funding), a modified manhole near the intersection with Bittersweet Lane and power pole relocations.

•Heard from Blaine Pike resident Tim Sheffer, who visited Monday's city council meeting to raise concerns about the grade of the slope between the street and the paved trail in front of his home. Dan Gibson of engineering firm Beam, Longest and Neff of Indianapolis agreed that the slope is currently too steep but said the issue will be resolved when the project is complete. "We will make this right," he said. Board of works members asked to be updated on the status of the issue.

Awards ...

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He took first and second places for best business/economic coverage and received a third-place award for best news coverage with

no deadline pressure. (Garbacz, who was editor of The News Sun and executive editor for KPC News, left the journalism industry in May and is now a public rela-

tions specialist for Parkview Health in Fort Wayne.)

Awards presented Friday covered the period between April 1, 2022, and March 31, 2023.

Felony court news

Child pornography

A Portland man was sentenced to prison for possession of child pornography. Randall L. Rains, 74, 2251 South Brookview Drive, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to the Level 5 felony. (As part of his plea agreement, three counts of Level 5 felonies for possession of child pornography were dismissed.)

He was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction for three years with 30 months suspended and given one day credit for time served. Rains was placed on probation and assessed \$189 in court costs.

Child solicitation

A Portland man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to child solicitation, a Level 4 felony.

Jonathan I. Coy, 30, 4324 E. 100 North, was sentenced to seven years at Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Coy was fined \$1, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$500 sexual assault victims fee.

Dealing drugs

A man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to dealing methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony.

John D. Watson, 49, was sentenced to six years in Indiana Department of Correction with four and a half years suspended, given credit for time served and placed on probation. Watson was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for dealing marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Domestic battery

Two Jay County residents were sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to domestic battery, both Level 6 felonies. Kienon L. Sutton, 35, 919

East North St., Portland, was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with 361 days suspended and given credit for time served. Sutton was charged \$650 in court costs and filing fees and fined \$25.

Zachary Hartman, 31, 440 North Union St., Pennington, was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with 531 days suspended and given credit for time served. Hartman was charged \$575 in court costs and filing fees and fined \$25. As part of his plea agreement, three charges were dismissed: a Level 6 felony for strangulation, a Class A misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misde-

meanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Paraphernalia

A Portland woman was sentenced to a few days in jail after pleading guilty to possession of paraphernalia.

Christina M. DeVoe, 43, 310 E. Main St., pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the crime, a Class C misdemeanor. She was sentenced to two days in Jay County Jail and given two days credit for time served. DeVoe was fined \$100 and assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine and a Level 6 felony for main-

taining a common nuisance were dismissed.

Illegal driving

A Muncie man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty to operating a vehicle after being a habitual traffic offender, a Level 6 felony.

John T. Mangus, 51, 1200 S. Tennessee Ave., Muncie, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the crime. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail and given four days credit for time served. Mangus was assessed \$185 in court costs and fined \$1. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for possession of marijuana was dismissed.

SERVICES

Monday
Muhlenkamp, Doris: 10:30 a.m., St. Paul Catholic Church, 517 Meiring Road, Fort Recovery.
Shory, William: 3 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Tuesday
Calhoun, Bill: 10 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

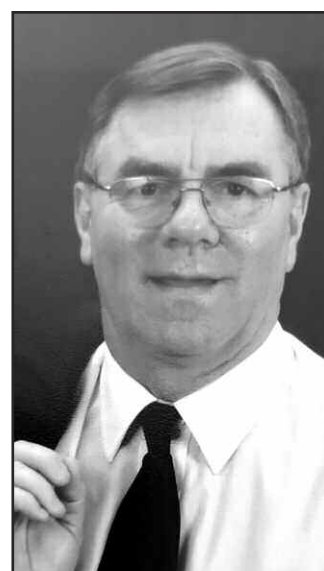
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Parenting plan may impact daughter

By JANN BLACKSTONE
Tribune News Service

Q. My ex-boyfriend and I have been apart for six months. Our daughter is 14 months old. After we broke up, he moved in with a new girlfriend a month later. I worry if that's too soon for our daughter. My daughter is with her dad every other weekend Thursday-Sunday. I have nicely asked this girl to stay away from my daughter, but she ignores me! She acts like her mother. Now my daughter cries when I pick her up because she doesn't know who I am. What's good ex-etiquette?

Ex-Etiquette



kids. Plus, if one of you moves on very quickly, that only adds to the other parent's anxiety. Add grief and jealousy, anger and revenge — all those dreadful emotions that go along with splitting up, and you have a lot to contend with while trying to put on a happy face for a little one.

A. We all understand how tough it is to break up, especially if you have

Unfortunately, the parenting plan you mentioned might be a little

difficult for your daughter at her place of development.

Toddlers experience separation anxiety in the first and second years of life, even in the safety of their own home. You probably have seen this when you walk out of the room. She gets fussy and cries to be soothed. That behavior is quite normal for a child that age.

You've established a primary home — yours — but every other weekend she leaves for four days.

The courts may support this sort of parenting plan, but it really doesn't coincide with what the psychological community suggests in

terms of child development.

One might expect to find extensive research on alternative custody arrangements for very young children, but there is very little to reference. Plus family courts nationwide disagree with the how many nights a toddler should be away from their primary caregiver.

Add that both parents may work outside of the home and additional caregivers are present — all this can make it quite confusing for a little one.

Having said that, I'm sure your child knows you. I suspect that her crying when you pick her up

has very little to do with her father's girlfriend. That's your own insecurity talking.

The best thing you can do at this juncture is look for ways to support all caregivers who offer a nurturing, protective environment so your child feels consistently safe and secure. I know you probably hate to hear that, but since your child must go back and forth, the fact that she is loved and cared for at both homes is in her best interest.

Finally, I have to support you in your concern about introducing new partners too early after a breakup. Introducing someone before you know

where they fit in your life long term is just plain selfish. Kids get attached. You can't just move someone in because it's easier and then move them out because it's not.

When you have children, it's no longer about you. Ex-etiquette for Parents Rule No. 1 continues to be, "Put the children first." That's good ex-etiquette.

Jann Blackstone is the author of "Ex-etiquette for Parents: Good Behavior After Divorce or Separation," and the founder of Bonus Families, bonusfamilies.com. Email her at exetiquette.com at drjann@exetiquette.com.

Relationship with new family starts rough

DEAR ABBY: Right after high school, our son joined the military and left home. We are proud of him and keep in touch mostly by phone because he's stationed across the country. Since he has been away, he met a young lady on a dating website. I met her briefly on a quick visit.

I had concerns about the relationship, and I shared them with my son. She doesn't drive, works only intermittently and displayed no desire to get to know me in the short time we had for my visit. Well, they ended up getting married behind our backs a few months ago.

What's done is done. The only thing I want now is to have some kind of basic relationship with her. I have reached out multiple times, but she won't budge. I love my son and, by extension, her. I don't think I should be punished for bringing up my concerns. She refuses to communicate with me at all. —

Dear Abby



over with his bride. The ball is now in his court.

DEAR ABBY: I need advice about a friend who is constantly downcast and clinically depressed. I have tried praying for her, lifting her up and encouraging her, but to no avail. At this point, I feel like she is determined to stay this way.

Sometimes I have to distance myself for a while because seeing her is exhausting. I have known her for two years, and she's always like this. Who DOESN'T have problems?! This is life. Sometimes we're happy, sometimes we're not.

She takes it personally and starts to question our friendship if I don't call her, check on her or visit. It has become overwhelming for me. I honestly don't have the energy for her. I have my family to be concerned about.

I recently told her that sometimes she can be "a bit much,"

and not to take it personally if I'm not always available. I also said my focus has shifted because my kids have classes and I'm back at work. I really need some advice on what to do about her. — STRAINED FRIENDSHIP IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR STRAINED: You stated that your friend is "clinically depressed." Has she been diagnosed by a medical professional? If the answer to that question is yes, you should be telling her she needs to consult her physician because, after two years, her depression has not improved.

If she HASN'T been formally diagnosed, point her in that direction, which would enable her to gain access to medications and/or therapy that might help her. Do not allow her to guilt you into doing anything that's too much for you because, if you continue, your resentment will only increase.

DEAR ABBY: My bride of two months, whom I love dearly, is very negative every time we try to make a plan. Whether it be traveling or house projects, she puts roadblocks in the way. Nothing gets accomplished, so I let her take the lead, and then nothing happens. She reads her book and does nothing. If I start a project after waiting to see if she's going to do SOMETHING, she wants to throw a monkey wrench in my project. What do I do? — STUCK IN PLACE IN FLORIDA

DEAR STUCK: If you don't want this to be your future, what you "do" is confront your bride before this destroys your marriage. The behavior you describe seems like passive-aggressiveness on her part — and it isn't healthy. Marriage and family therapy to help improve your level of communication would be money well spent.

Community Calendar

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

Saturday

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.

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.

ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing

the alley on the north side of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-8463.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE — BRIGANNA'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.

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

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Portland Fire Department, 1616 N. Franklin St. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after

pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday 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.

REDISCOVERING JOY — The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at R & R Fabrications, 601 E. Washington St., St. Henry, Ohio. For more information, email rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com.

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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October 9-13

Monday: Main Entrees: Doritos nacho cheese tortillas, seasoned beef taco meat, shredded lettuce, shredded cheddar cheese **Alternate Entrees:** Cereal, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, cheddar mozzarella salad, breadstic, **Sides for all meals:** Vegetarian refried beans

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Beef hot dog on whole wheat lunch, cheddar mozzarella salad, breadstick **Sides for all meals:** French fries

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Chicken nuggets, macaroni & cheese **Alternate Entrees:** Cereal, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, cheddar mozzarella salad, breadstick **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned peas

Thursday: Main Entrees: Toasted cheese sandwich **Alternate Entrees:** Cereal, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, cheddar mozzarella salad, breadstick **Sides for all meals:** Campbell's tomato soup

Friday: Main Entrees: Classic cheese pizza **Alternate Entrees:** Cereal, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, cheddar mozzarella salad, breadstick **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned Carrots

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Downtown planters to take hiatus

To the editor:
Since the summer of 2020, Portland Main Street Connect, along with the Portland Redevelopment Commission, installed planters on Meridian Street in downtown Portland.

Through summer, fall and winter, residents have been able to enjoy blooms and greenery that beautify the downtown corridor.

I am writing to inform the community about an unavoidable delay in our continued downtown beautification efforts. The planters that grace our streets, adding vibrancy and character to our downtown area, will remain empty the rest of this year and into 2024. We regret to announce

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that due to current and upcoming road construction, we must postpone filling the planters until the fall of 2024.

The decision to delay this project was not made lightly. The road construction, which aims to enhance the safety and accessibility of our downtown area, is a necessary step toward modernizing our infrastructure. While we

understand the inconvenience this may cause, we believe the long-term benefits will outweigh the short-term disruption.

The construction process involves vital improvements such as resurfacing the road, updated crosswalks and new accessibility features to ensure that our downtown remains accessible to all members of our community. These enhancements will not only contribute to the overall aesthetics but also create a more pedestrian-friendly environment, encouraging foot traffic and supporting local businesses.

We understand the significance of the planters in creating

a welcoming and inviting atmosphere in our downtown area. Rest assured, once the construction is completed, we are committed to filling the planters with an array of seasonal blooms and greenery to revitalize our streets and provide an aesthetically pleasing space for all to enjoy.

During this time, we will be removing the planters and will take this time to do routine maintenance on the planters to reinforce and renew the planters, so when they come back to our streetscape, they will be able to be used for years to come.

In the meantime, we encourage residents to explore the

many other wonderful aspects our downtown area has to offer. From the local shops and eateries, festivals held on downtown streets and in Brick Alley, to the public art installations, there are still numerous reasons to frequent our vibrant community hub.

We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work toward a more accessible and appealing downtown environment for all. Together, we can look forward to a revitalized space that reflects the heart and soul of our community.

Sincerely,
Reda Theurer-Miller
Portland Main Street Connect

Vacancy policy needs a review

By NIKI KELLY
Indiana Capital Chronicle

In recent months we have seen a spate of state lawmakers retiring early and party insiders choosing their successors instead of the full electorate.

This is how Indiana law works, and both Republicans and Democrats have done it regularly. But is it the right state policy?

One in five of Indiana's current representatives and senators were first appointed via a political caucus instead of by the voters.

That means the lawmakers get the advantages of incumbency — name recognition, state-paid mailers and more — without having to win an election. The numbers also bear out that once you are in office it is very rare that incumbents are defeated.

Since the legislative session ended, three lawmakers have resigned.

Randy Frye left the Indiana House in July, citing health issues and the desire to spend more time with family. North Vernon attorney J. Alex Zimmerman was selected to finish Frye's two-year term ending in November 2024.

Chip Perfect resigned from his seat in the Indiana Senate for personal reasons. It came not even a year after he was re-elected to a four-year term. His replacement, Randy Maxwell of Guilford, was sworn in Thursday.

Jon Ford departed the Senate "to pursue new professional endeavors" effective Oct. 16. He also has more than three years left on his term, and his successor will be chosen in a caucus.

And while this piece is about legislative resignations, just yesterday Indiana's Auditor Tera Klutz announced she is leaving with more than three years left in her term for a private sector opportunity. She is the fourth auditor in a row to resign early.

Indiana's original Constitution gave the governor the ability to call for a special election to fill state legislative vacancies. Then in 1972, Hoosier voters approved a constitutional amendment that allowed the General Assembly to set the method for filling vacancies.

And that ultimately led to the caucuses, in which precinct members from a district choose a successor to fill an unexpired term within 30 days.

The Capitol and Washington political blog keeps an ongoing list of members who arrived in the legislature via caucus rather than

Niki Kelly



an election. A 2018 analysis showed that after the caucus process was implemented, there was a 33% increase in vacancies.

But he also found that many of the vacancies were related to legislators assuming other elected offices. For instance, a state House member moving across the building to the Senate. Or a state lawmaker moving to Congress.

Other reasons for leaving run the gamut: new jobs, age, health problems. Sometimes it is used to avoid a scandal becoming public.

Leaving so early after you just ran for election and asked voters to put their faith in you leaves a bad taste in my mouth. It is especially worse in the Senate when four-year terms are filled by appointees.

Deaths sometimes occur, obviously, and a caucus makes more sense in those cases because they are unavoidable. For instance, Sen. Jack Sandlin died unexpectedly on Sept. 20.

So how do other states tackle these vacancies?

It is split down the middle, with 25 states holding special elections. The rest have some sort of appointment, usually by party insiders or the governor.

There would be an additional expense to these elections, but it could be worth it to make sure voters feel invested in their representative or senator. And maybe it would make sitting lawmakers think twice about fulfilling the commitment they made to their constituents.

Perhaps there could be a middle ground such as appointments when later in a term, but a special election if more than half of a term remains.

At this point, trust in the institution of government in general is precarious. And behind-closed-door caucus votes add to the disillusionment. I think state officials should do everything they can to bring the public into the political process — not keep them out.

Kelly has covered the Indiana Statehouse since 1999.

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Food inflation out of Fed's control

By CLAUDIA SAHM
Bloomberg Opinion
Tribune News Service

It's nearly impossible to have a conversation about inflation without mentioning food prices. And no wonder, as they are up 24% since the start of the pandemic and account for one-sixth of the increase in consumer prices overall. After last week's monetary policy meeting, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said the central bank is "aware that high inflation imposes significant hardship... especially for those least able to meet the higher costs of essentials like food, housing, and transportation."

When inflation rates are high, people look to the Fed to bring them back down. But the Fed, even with large increases in interest rates at its disposal, has relatively little influence over the price of necessities such as food because demand is primarily fixed. The remedy for food inflation is a sufficient and reliable supply. Federal and state governments, as well as businesses, have the tools to shore up the food supply chain, not central bankers.

Rising food prices are straining low-income households. According to the Census Bureau, 27% of households with income under \$35,000 report not having enough to eat in the last week. In addition, food accounts for 11% of all spending among households in the bottom quintile of income, which is almost twice the share in the top quintile.

Disruptions in the supply chain are primarily to blame for higher food prices. Some of the causes for the disruptions were novel to the pandemic, such as COVID-19 outbreaks leading to labor shortages and shutdowns at meat packing plants. Others were more common, like the avian flu killing chickens and causing severe egg shortages. Consumers saw the effects at the cash register, with the price of ground beef spiking by 20% early in the pandemic, and the price of eggs shooting up almost 150%.

Claudia Sahn



These increases mostly reversed, but the prices remain higher than four years ago.

The lesson here is that making food processing, like meat packing, more resilient to supply shocks would be a big step toward stabilizing food prices. According to the Department of Agriculture, processing is the largest contributor — 25 cents — to an average dollar in the retail price of food and almost twice the contribution from farm production — 14 cents.

Like many other industries, meatpacking has struggled to bring back workers. In fact, meatpacking employment remains slightly below its pre-pandemic level despite growing rapidly in the five years before the pandemic. Within the first two months of the pandemic, almost 5,000 meatpacking workers were diagnosed with COVID-19. In rural counties in the spring of 2020, cases of COVID-19 were almost 10 times higher in places dependent — 20% or more — on jobs in meatpacking relative to other rural counties dependent on other manufacturing jobs.

The packing plants eventually created safer conditions with masks, social distancing and paid time off for those with COVID-19. The actions were mostly successful, as shutdowns ended and infections at meat-packing plants quickly fell to average levels. Still, a more proactive approach by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration inspectors would have likely helped avert some shutdowns. After all, workers at meat-packing plants have historically had more exposure by a factor of 2.5 standard deviations to disease and illness

than workers in other manufacturing jobs, so making greater oversight by OSHA and preventative efforts by firms permanent would be beneficial.

The food processing industry is highly concentrated. The top 22 beef packing plants account for more than 70% of federally inspected cattle processing. In principle, the lack of redundancies makes the food supply and, thus, retail prices vulnerable to disruptions at these plants, as was proved during the pandemic. Economists Meilin Ma and Layson Lusk at Purdue University examined whether less concentration would make the sector more resilient. They found that spreading meat processing across more plants would lead to more stable output and prices in the face of shutdown risks, but high concentration would lead to more output and lower prices, on average, due to the economies of scale in processing. Even so, a trade-off exists between resiliency and efficiency that antitrust regulation that forces less concentration can't circumvent.

Another option is to increase capacity and the number of plants. One option is to expand the USDA's Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program, part of the American Rescue Plan. The program supports capital investments for food processors to expand or start plant operations, allowing more processors to achieve economies of scale. The program extends to other parts of the food supply chain, including farming, food transportation, and fertilizer manufacturing, all to make the supply of food more resilient and prices more stable.

Looking to the Fed to keep food prices stable is a mistake but neglecting the weaknesses in the food supply chain is an even bigger one.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE KING MADE A PRETTY SURPRISING STATEMENT, SO AN UNDERLING ASKED, "DO YOU REGALLY MEAN THAT?"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals C

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(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

What are the names?

- 1) What is the real name of the street in Las Vegas known as "The Strip"?
2) What 51-year-old Arizona appellate court judge did President Ronald Reagan nominate to the Supreme Court in 1981?

1) Las Vegas Boulevard
2) Sandra Day O'Connor

10-9 CRYPTOQUIP

OQGM NRB YUMK UK DYGUK
VGMDKQ KR U AGVVRO OPKQ
XBM-HUYCGMGH XCPM, NRB
DR RAA RM U KUM DGMK.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: RETRIEVING DOG HAVING CONSIDERABLE EXPERTISE AT DOING SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS: A CHEMISTRY LAB.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals F

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to chiropractic care. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 25 = E)

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to chiropractic care.
KCNE

Guess Who?
I am an actor born in Illinois on October 6, 1976. I trained at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts...

kids' corner
Illustration of a child's desk with a laptop, calculator, and books.

FOOD FACT!
EVEN THOUGH THIS IS CONSIDERED A SNACK FOOD, IT IS HIGH IN FIBER AND RELATIVELY LOW IN CALORIES.

How they SAY that in...
ENGLISH: Pop
SPANISH: Pum
ITALIAN: Scoppio
FRENCH: Bruit
GERMAN: Knall

Math Blocks
Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-10. The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

Get Scrambled
Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.
TBURET GNIPTOP

Did You Know?
ONLY ONE VARIETY OF CORN CAN POP. AND IT IS KNOWN AS ZEA MAYS EVERTA. IT HAS THE ABILITY TO POP ONCE PUT UNDER HEAT AND PRESSURE.

GET THE PICTURE?
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

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1890: YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK IS ESTABLISHED BY THE US CONGRESS.
1908: FORD MODEL T AUTOMOBILES ARE OFFERED FOR SALE AT A PRICE OF \$825.
1971: WALT DISNEY WORLD OPENS NEAR ORLANDO, FLORIDA.

New word
PRESSURE
force applied to an object

CHIROPRACTIC WORD SEARCH
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS
ACTIVATOR, ADJUSTMENT, ARTICULATE, ATLAS, BONES, CERVICAL, CHIROPRACTIC, COCCYX, DIAGNOSIS, DISC, FLEXORS, HANDS, JOINT, LUMBAR, MANIPULATION, MASSAGE, NECK, NERVES, PAINFUL, SACRUM, SPINAL, STIMULATION, SUBLUXATION, VERTEBRAE

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 38 British ref. work
1 Concept
5 Pace
9 Unpaid TV ad
12 Campus digs
13 PTA and NEA, e.g.
14 Consume
15 Perimeter
16 Sty cry
17 Quibble
18 Any time now
19 Earth (Pref.)
20 "500" race
21 Ring decision
23 Fan's cry
25 Japanese robe
28 Votes for
32 Ham it up on stage
33 Exposes
34 "Batman" setting
36 Marsh birds
37 Hubbub

Solution time: 26 mins.
BAG MANE DIBS
USO INON ASIT
CHOWDERS VIBE
DRAW RESIN
ANTES SLOE
LION CHOWDOWN
EGG ALIVE VIE
CHOWLINE LENT
HOPE FIRES
REMIT LEAH
ADAM CHOWMEIN
MISS HUGF ATA
ITSY AMOR DOG

Yesterday's answer 10-7
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
12 13 14
15 16 17
18 19 20
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39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47
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54 55 56

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

A guessing situation
North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH: K 8 7 3, 10 6 2, A 6 3, A 7 4
WEST: Q J 8 5, Q 8 5 4 2, Q 10 6 3
EAST: Q 6 4, A K 9 3, J 10 7, 9 8 2
SOUTH: A J 10 9 5 2, 7 4, K 9, K J 5
The bidding: North 1NT, East Pass, South 3, West 4.
Opening lead — queen of hearts.
Guessing situations arise all the time, but the mark of a fine declarer is that he nearly always guesses correctly. For example, consider the spade combination here. South cannot lose a trick in the suit if the missing spades are divided 2-1, but if they break 3-0, how he fares will depend on whether he cashes the ace or king first.
If he plays the ace and West shows out, he will lose a trump trick to East. If he plays the king and East shows out, he will lose a trump trick to West. If he subsequently loses a club trick, he will finish down one.
South can't be certain how to tackle the spade combination, but he should reason that there is a right way to initiate the suit because of the situation in the club suit.
When the deal was played, East-West began with three rounds of hearts, declarer ruffing the third. South then led a trump to the king, and when West showed out, neutralizing East's queen, the contract was assured. Declarer later lost a club finesse but made four spades.
South's decision to play the spades as he did was not just a lucky guess, because it ensured the contract 100%. If East had shown out when the king was played, which certainly might have happened, South would next have cashed the ace of trump and K-A of diamonds and then ruffed a diamond. A trump lead would then have forced West to win and return a club or concede a ruff-and-discard.
By playing the trumps as he did, declarer was in the happy position where, even if it turned out that he was wrong, he would still be right.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

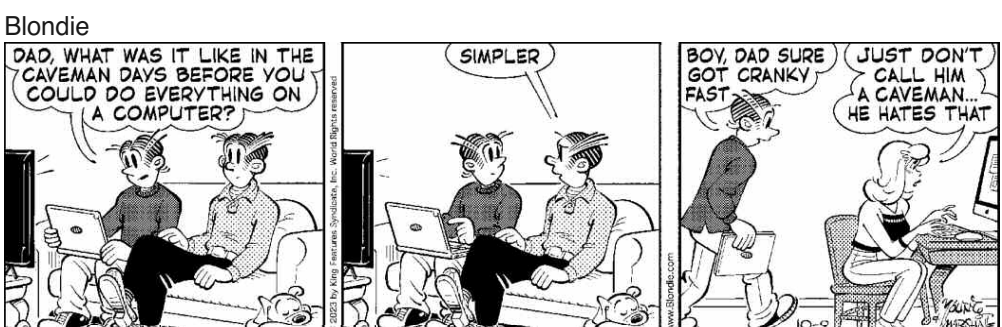
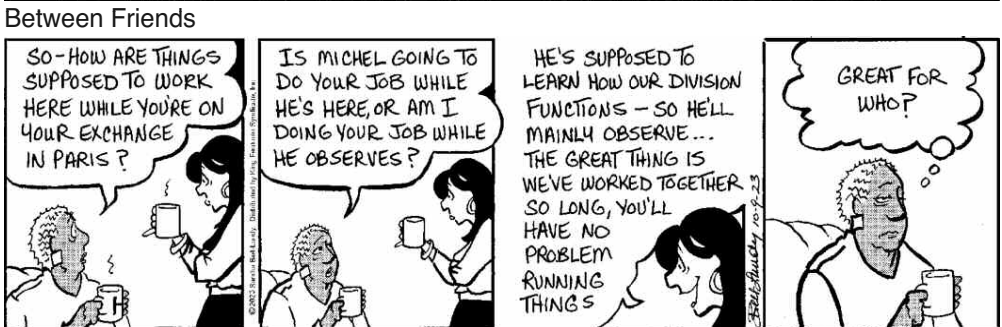
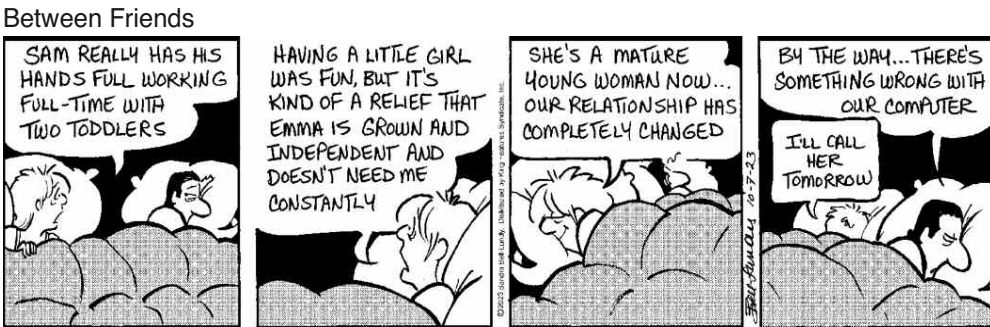
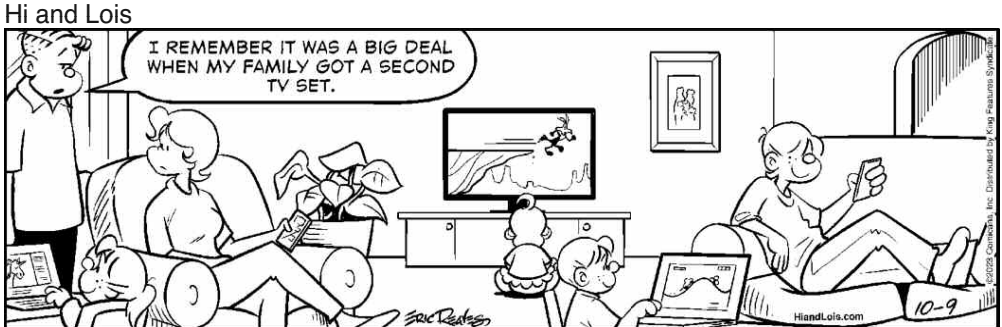
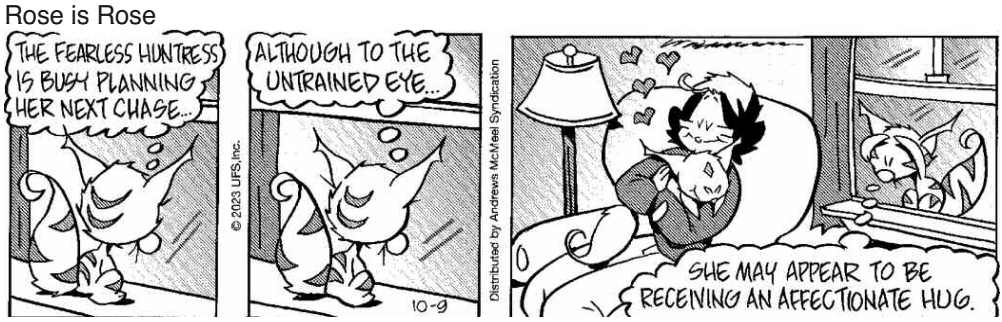
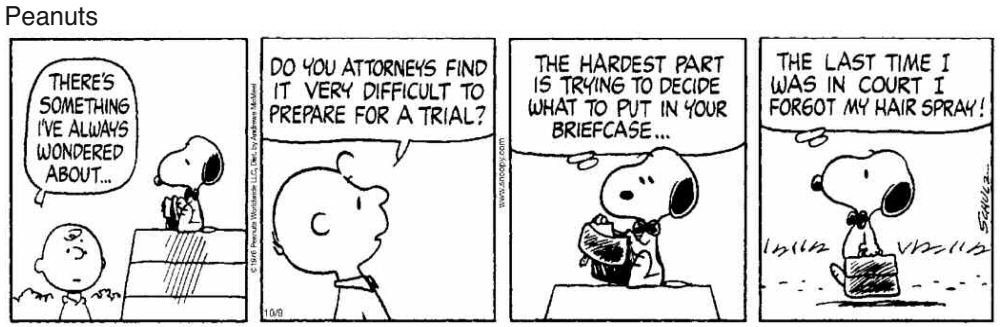
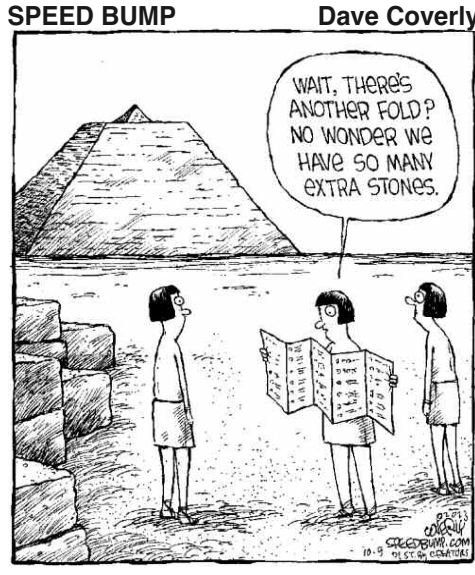
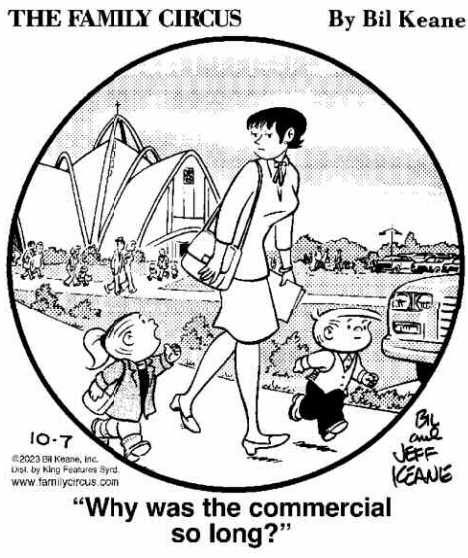
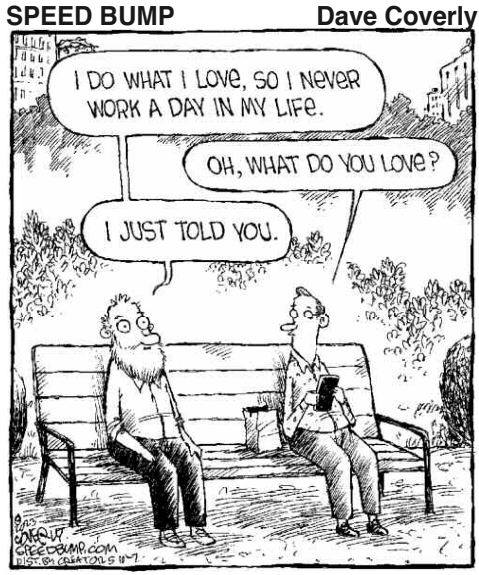
Famous Hand
South dealer. East-West vulnerable.
NORTH: K 8 2, K 7 3, A Q 8, K 8 7 6
WEST: A J 5 3, A J 8 4, 9 4, A J 4
EAST: Q 10 9 7 6 4, 10 6 5 2, 6, Q 10
SOUTH: Q 9, K J 10 7 5 3 2, 9 5 3 2
The bidding: South 1NT, West Pass, North 2, East Pass, South 3, West 4.
Opening lead — ace of spades.
The fur usually flies when Ireland and Great Britain play each other, as they do from time to time. Consider this deal from their match during the 1972 World Bridge Olympiad.
The Irish team had done poorly in the early rounds of the tournament, standing 28th among the 39 countries entered in the event. But they finished with a remarkable splurge, winning 13 matches in a row to wind up a respectable 12th in the field.
Tomorrow: Enhancing the odds.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 36 Stan's buddy
1 Bean curd
5 Have a bug
8 Car door damage
12 "M*A*S*H" star
14 Writer Wiesel
15 Margarita spirits
16 Barn roof topper
17 Mexican Mrs.
18 Chop-house orders
20 Pinnacles
23 Tech news website
24 De-posed
25 Chiefs
28 Right angle
29 Coconut providers
30 Nosh
32 Predict
34 Sleek, in car lingo
35 United — Emirates

Solution time: 21 mins.
IDEA GAIT PSA
DORM ORGS EAT
EDGE OINK NIT
SOON GEO INDY
TKO RAH
KIMONO ELECTS
EMOTE BARES
GOTHAM HERONS
ADO OED
JOLT RMN T WIT
UMP HOOK HOSE
SAG ISEE ARID
TRAMEND TESS

Saturday's answer 10-9
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Located : 101 S Broad Street, Dunkirk IN
OCTOBER 14, 2023
10:00 A.M.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS-OLD & COLLECTORS ITEM-TOOLS
Amana washer & dryer; 5 pc. bedroom suit; LG flatscreen TV; 3 cushion sofa; recliner; chest type freezer; Frigidaire refrigerator; Pyrex; Temptations dishes; Shawnee bowl; rooster figurines; Fire Flyter safe; Schumacher 40 amp charger/starter; air compressor; wheelbarrow; yard tools; camp chairs; and many other items not listed.
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LOCATED: 3386 North US 27 Portland, IN
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GUNS-ANTIQUES-MISC
20 Gauge double barrel shotgun, 22 Cal & 410 ammo, 2 short pot belly stoves, Miniature gas pumps, Yamaha, Urban guitars.
LARGE AUCTION: SEVERAL ITEMS NOT

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V.
CHRISTOPHER HUNT
310 N. Meridian St.
Redkey, IN 47373
(Defendant)

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Jay County High School senior Abraham Dirksen connects on a shot during the individual boys tennis sectional championship match Thursday at YMCA of Muncie. Dirksen, who racked up a 20-5 record this year, fell 6-0, 6-0 to Alex Sagarra, a Westfield exchange student from Switzerland.

Dirksen drops sectional final

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

MUNCIE — Thirty-seven members of the Dirksen family were together Thursday night. But it wasn't a family reunion. They came to support one of their own.

Members of the Dirksen family gathered at YMCA of Muncie to support Abraham Dirksen of Jay County High School as he played in the IHSAA boys tennis individual sectional tournament championship. Dirksen played against Alex Sagarra, an exchange student from Switzerland attending Westfield, losing 6-0, 6-0.

The match was originally supposed to be played at Noblesville High School, but was relocated to the indoor courts at YMCA of Muncie because of inclement weather.

Dirksen was outmatched against Sagarra, who only allowed Dirksen to reach game point once.

Senior's season ends in individual championship match

"I couldn't have done much about that," said Dirksen, a senior. "He could put them where he wanted them."

Sagarra started strong, not giving up a single point to Dirksen in the first game. Dirksen gradually improved throughout the set, earning one extra point each game until the fourth when he got the closest to beating his opponent.

They traded off points to begin the game. When Dirksen was behind 40-30, he scored back-to-back points on a volley that only nicked off of Sagarra's racket and a forehand that

Sagarra sent wide left to earn game point.

A trio of hitting errors by Dirksen on a pair of forehands and a volley that he swung hard on into the net gave Sagarra the game.

He would lose the fifth and sixth games, scoring one point in each.

"I thought in the first set he was a little shellshocked," JCHS coach Donald Gillespie said. "As the match went on, I thought he gained a little bit and understood what he needed to do. Abe represented Jay County the best he could repre-

sent and the best any of us could represent."

In the second set, Dirksen made it to deuce twice, but couldn't find an advantage to pull away.

Sagarra dominated at the net, securing a point almost every time he crept up and started volleying.

"My goal was to get a good approaching shot," Sagarra said. "It's easier to follow up to the net if you have a good approaching shot. Then, if I have the chance to make an offensive volley, I'll try to hit it into the other half of the court where he's not."

With that strategy, Sagarra was able to get the ball past Dirksen or would force a hitting error.

The match ended with a sweep in the final game. For the first point, Dirksen hit his forehand too far to the left. On the second, Sagarra hit a volley that was out of Dirksen's

reach. Dirksen hit a backhand that flew long and out of the court to give Sagarra match point.

The final point came on another volley. Sagarra set Dirksen up on the right half of the court. Dirksen returned with a backhand so that he was facing the right half. Sagarra then hit a strong volley to the left half of the court. Dirksen turned and stepped to the ball but wasn't able to return it.

Playing at No. 1 singles all season, Dirksen racked up a record of 20-5 and had won four tournament matches before falling to Sagarra.

The senior was a four-year letter winner for the tennis team. He was able to reflect on having so many family members come out for his final high school match.

"It was special," Dirksen said. "I didn't think that many would come, but I'm glad to see they came out to support me."

No. 8 Fort Recovery sweeps 'Cats

FORT RECOVERY — All the Indians can do at this point is try to win matches.

A 25-21, 25-19, 25-23 win Thursday for the Division III No. 8 Fort Recovery High School volleyball team over the Midwest Athletic Conference rival Minster Wildcats, keeps it within striking distance of a share of the MAC title.

The Indians (14-4, 5-2 MAC) currently sit fourth in the conference, while New Bremen, Coldwater and St. Henry all have one MAC loss. Fort Recovery will close its season at New Bremen on Oct. 12 to potentially give the Cardinals their second loss, but will need Coldwater and St. Henry each to drop a match as well in order to have a chance at sharing the MAC crown. The Indians last took the conference title in 1989.

Points came for a variety of

Volleyball roundup

players, but Teigan Fortkamp led the way with 11 kills. Mara Pearson was next with eight.

The three middle hitters (Paige Guggenbiller, Karlie Niekamp and Saige Leuthold) and Kennedy Muhlenkamp all added four kills.

The Indians had seven aces compared to eight service errors. Cali Wendel had a strong day behind the service line with four aces, while Kayla Heitkamp added two. Pearson had the other ace.

A majority of the 28 assists were split by Muhlenkamp (14

and Heitkamp (12) while Wendel picked up two.

Minster (11-8, 3-4 MAC) gave away 14 points on hitting errors while combining for a .171 hitting percentage.

Defensively, the Indians were unable to record any blocks, but totaled 25 digs, the largest contribution coming from Wendel with 10.

Low on kills

NEW CASTLE — The Jay County volleyball team suffered a 25-13, 25-14, 25-22 loss Thursday to the sectional rival New Castle Trojans.

The Patriots (12-13) never got into an offensive rhythm. No one broke five kills as Bella Denton, Sophie Saxman and Hallie Schwieterman all had four. Behind them, Maggie Dillon and Mya Kunkler added three each.

Along with leading in kills, Saxman ran the offense, assisting on 15 kills.

Brenna Haines played well defensively, recording 26 digs. At the net, Kunkler had the sole block for Jay County.

Haines led the Patriots behind the line with six service points. Dillon had four, three of which were aces.

The Patriots will return to New Castle on Oct. 12 for the sectional opener against Centerville. The earliest they could see New Castle (24-8) in the tournament would be the championship the night of Oct. 14.

Patriots pull out win

NEW CASTLE — The Jay County junior varsity volleyball ended its season with a strong offensive showing Thursday as it took down the

New Castle Trojans 25-14, 20-25, 15-10.

The Patriots finished with an eight-game winning streak that started on Sept. 12 against Adams Central.

Elizabeth Barnett did a little bit of everything for Jay County (14-3). She led the team in both service points with 14 and aces with six. She added 12 digs and four kills to her line as well.

While Barnett led in service points and aces, Maria Hemmelgarn topped the team in kills. She totaled eight, with Hallie Schwieterman close behind with six.

Ella Rigby and Paisley Fugitt ran the offense, combining for 19 assists.

Protecting the net was Kendel Rowles. She blocked two attacks. On the back row, Carley Trinidad led the way with 14 digs.

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Turnover ...

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On the drive after the fumble return, Jay County was held to a three-and-out, losing 4 yards on a sack and a rush.

The third drive of the half started off promising, but came to a screeching halt. Bailey looked to throw the first play of the half, eventually scrambling for 29 yards after not finding a receiver to throw to. The second play featured a 6-yard gain from Wenk to reach the 8-yard line.

A bad snap on the third play ended the drive short when Bailey couldn't land on the ball, forfeiting the possession within 10 yards of a score.

The Bulldogs took advantage of the mistake, marching 82 yards downfield in six plays to score. The drive was capped off by a 37-yard pass from Devin Craig to Logan White.

Jay County turned the ball over one more time in the fourth quarter, but all it did was help the clock run down before they could make a comeback.

In the second quarter, the Patriots were 2 yards away from the red zone with just under a minute left when Myers fumbled the ball, ending the potential scoring drive.

On the flip side, the one score Jay County had came off of a Lapel turnover.

Near midfield, Miller was handed the ball, attempting to split the line to rush up the field when Carter Barton made contact, jarring the ball



Aiden Phillips (33) of the Jay County High School football team gets a hold of the jersey of Lapel quarterback Devin Craig during the Patriots' 28-7 loss on Friday. Phillips sacked Craig for a loss of 17 yards on the play.

loose. Benson Ward recovered the fumble at the Patriots' 47.

A steady diet of short runs and trick play on which Myers tossed the ball to Bailey for 12 yards helped the Patriots march

down so Bailey could rush for a 1-yard touchdown.

While Zgunda wasn't impressed with how the offense played, he didn't knock its effort or the performance of the defense.

They held the Bulldogs to 80 yards on the ground while giving up 216 in the air.

"Defensively we played well, especially against the run," Zgunda said. "Offensively, it's not for a

lack of effort. We played hard, we hit, we're physical, we do all the things we just had too many miscues and that's on me.

"We just continued to, for this game, kill ourselves with mistakes."

Box score

Jay County Patriots (4-4)
at Lapel Bulldogs (4-4)

Jay Co.	0	7	0	0	—	7
Lapel	7	7	7	7	—	28

First Quarter

L — Jack Miller 3 run (Cole Miller kick), 9:04.

Second Quarter

JC — Sean Bailey 1 run (A.J. Myers kick), 10:31.
L — Nick Witte 9 pass from Devin Craig (Miller kick), 4:24.

Third Quarter

L — Isaiah Priest 40 fumble return (Miller kick), 11:03.

Fourth Quarter

L — Logan White 37 pass from Craig (Miller kick), 11:15.

Team Statistics

	JC	L
Rushes - yds	37-62	26-80
Comp-Att-Int	3-11-0	22-30-0
Passing yds	47	216
Total Plays	48	56
Total Offense	109	296
Punt ret - yds	0-0	1-10
Kickoff ret - yds	2-21	2-25
Sacks - yds lost	6-39	3-24
Punts - yds	4-108	2-57
Ints - yds	0-0	0-0
Fumbles - lost	5-4	1-1
Penalties - yds	4-25	3-17

Individual Statistics

Rushing — Jay County — A. J. Myers 20-75, Sean Bailey 9-0, Bryce Wenk 8-(5), Justin DeHoff 1-(13). Lapel — Jack Miller 19-68, Rylie Hudson 2-36, Isaiah Priest 1-1, Nick Witte 1-(1), Devin Craig 3-(24).
Passing — Jay County — Sean Bailey 2-10-0 35, A. J. Myers 1-1-0 12. Lapel — Devin Craig 22-30-0 216.
Receiving — Jay County — Bryce Wenk 2-35, Sean Bailey 1-12. Lapel — Logan White 4-95, Nick Witte 9-81, Rylie Hudson 7-28, Landon White 1-12.

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FRHS ...

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Parkway clawed back to within 16-14 at halftime — Alex Gaerke has a 26-yard field goal for the Tribe — but the visitors were able to pull away late. Homan ran in a 7-yard touchdown to open the fourth quarter and Reece Wendel gave FRHS some insurance points with a 10-yard TD run with 48 seconds remaining.

Wendel had a big game to lead the Indians to their first win of the season, racking up 133 yards on 21 rushing attempts. Homan added 81 yards and

Hartnagel had 58 as the Tribe racked up 275 on the ground.

Homan also completed seven passes, five of which went to Guggenbiller for 87 yards.

Logan Green's eight carries for 76 yards led Parkway while Fletcher Smith contributed 66 yards on 11 attempts. Smith was only 4-of-8 passing but averaged 30 yards per completion.

Hartnagel's six tackles were the team high for Fort Recovery. Austin Steinbrunner and Reece Wendel added four apiece.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Monday
Jay County — Volleyball at Union City — 9 a.m.; Cross country at ACAC tournament at Bluffton — 11 a.m.; Boys soccer sectional championship at Mississinewa — 2 p.m.; Junior high volleyball at ACAC invitational at Adams Central — 9 a.m.; Junior high cross country at ACAC meet at Bluffton — 10 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Cross country at Lions meet at Coldwater — 9 a.m.; Volleyball vs. Fort Loramie — 10 a.m.; JV football vs. Fort Loramie — 10 a.m.; Middle school cross country at Lions meet at Coldwater — 9 a.m.
Blackford — Boys soccer sectional championship at Mississinewa — 2 p.m.; Girls soccer sectional championship at Wabash — 7 p.m.

Monday
Jay County — JV football vs. Lapel — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Volleyball at Ansonia — 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Fort Recovery — Volleyball at New Knoxville — 5:30 p.m.; Middle School volleyball vs. New Bremen — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
7:30 a.m. — Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur at Luton Town (USA)
9 a.m. — Qatar Grand Prix (ESPN2)
10 a.m. — Premier League: Brentford at Manchester United (USA)
12 p.m. — College football: Oklahoma at Texas (ABC); Maryland at Ohio State (FOX); LSU at Missouri (ESPN)
12 p.m. — College soccer: Indiana at Penn State (BTN)
12:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Bank of America ROVAL 400 (USA)
3 p.m. — College football: Howard at Northwestern (BTN)
3 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Drive For The Cure 250 (NBC)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Virginia Tech at Florida State (ABC); Alabama at Texas A&M (CBS); Syracuse at North Carolina (ESPN)
4 p.m. — College football: UCF at Kansas (FOX)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Michigan at Minnesota (NBC); Notre Dame at Louisville (ABC)
8 p.m. — College football: Fresno State at Wyoming (FOX); Texas Tech at Baylor (ESPN2)
10:30 p.m. — College football: Arizona at USC (ESPN)

Sunday
9 a.m. — Premier League: Newcastle United at West Ham United (USA)
1 p.m. — NFL: Tennessee Titans at Indianapolis Colts (CBS); Carolina Panthers at Detroit Lions (FOX)
1 p.m. — Qatar Grand Prix (ESPN)
2 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Bank of America ROVAL 400 (NBC)
3 p.m. — WNBA: New York Liberty at Las Vegas Aces (ABC)
4 p.m. — NFL: Cincinnati Bengals at Arizona Cardinals (FOX)
4:25 p.m. — NFL: Kansas City Chiefs at Minnesota Vikings (CBS)
6 p.m. — NBA preseason: Philadelphia 76ers at Boston Celtics (ESPN)
8:20 p.m. — NFL: Dallas Cowboys at San Francisco 49ers (NBC)

Monday
6:07 p.m. — Major League Baseball playoffs: National League Division Series — Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves (TBS)
8:15 p.m. — NFL football: Green Bay Packers at Las Vegas Raiders (ABC,ESPN)
9:07 p.m. — Major League Baseball playoffs: National League Division Series — Arizona Diamondbacks at Los Angeles Dodgers (TBS)

Tuesday
4:07 p.m. — Major League Baseball playoffs: Houston Astros at Minnesota Twins (FOX)
5:30 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Nashville Predators at Tampa Bay Lightning (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Coastal Carolina at Appalachian State (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Chicago Blackhawks at Pittsburgh Penguins (ESPN)
8:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball playoffs: Baltimore Orioles at Texas Rangers (FOX)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Denver Nuggets at Phoenix Suns (TNT)
10:30 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Seattle Kraken at Vegas Golden Knights (ESPN)

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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Sports

Turnover trouble

By **ANDREW BALKO**

The Commercial Review
LAPEL — Through the first seven weeks of the season, the Patriots turned the ball over four times.

They doubled their season total in week eight.

Five fumbles led to four turnovers for the Jay County High School football team, as the Patriots' offense couldn't get going against the Lapel Bulldogs in a 28-7 loss Friday night.

The Patriots (4-4) had some momentum to begin the second half.

Down 14-7, Jay County had the ball at its 36-yard line after Lapel (4-4) opened the half with an onside kick. The first play of the half was a run for A.J. Myers, who was stopped a yard behind the line of scrimmage. On play No. 2, Jay County switched things up with a handoff to Bryce Wenk.

He made it up to the 40-yard line where defensive back Rylie Hudson met him. As Hudson brought Wenk to the ground, he yanked the ball loose, allowing the Bulldogs' Isaiah Priest to scoop it up and run it to the house to put Lapel up 21-7.

"That's huge, especially when you're kicking off to start the half," Lapel coach Tim Miller said. "I think that got some momentum going for us."

The Patriots never



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Jay County's Lucas Strait (left) comes in to help Bryce Wenk (14) take down Lapel freshman Jack Miller in Friday night's 28-7 loss.

quite recovered, as they couldn't spark their offense. They coughed the ball up three times on fumbles in the second half, while only garner-

ing a net 10 yards in the half. Sean Bailey was unable to connect with any of his teammates, going 0-for-4 after half-time.

"We turned the ball over, had missed assignments, we had miscues — things we haven't done all year," JCHS coach Grant Zgunda said. "It was just

an execution thing. ... Offensively it was just a bad night. I don't know how else you'd describe it."

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FRHS breaks through for its first W

Tribe never trailed in 29-14 victory over Parkway

ROCKFORD, Ohio — Keep the playoff hopes alive.

The Indians still have a chance.

After an 0-7 start to the season, the Fort Recovery High School football team broke through Friday with a 29-14 victory over the host Parkway Panthers.

The win at least gives the Tribe chance at a top-16 spot in the region and a playoff berth. It will visit Anna (3-5) Friday before hosting St. Henry (2-6) on Oct. 20 to close the regular season.

Fort Recovery (1-7, 1-5 Midwest Athletic Conference) never trailed against the Panthers (2-6, 1-5 MAC) as it got on the board midway through the opening period on an Ethan Hartnagel 3-yard touchdown run. Troy Homan added a 26-yard touchdown pass to Reece Guggenbiller for a 13-0 advantage.

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