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Choir kick off

Jay County Junior/Senior High School held its fall choral concert Sunday afternoon. Pictured above, Ben Heath shows some intensity during the Patriot Edition co-ed show choir's performance. At lower right, Sarah McClain sings her solo during "Fashionista" as part of the all-girl Just Treble performance. At lower left, Danica Myer performs during the junior high performance. The high school choirs used the event to preview their 2024 competition shows.



Animal control contract is OK'd

Humane society will continue providing services to county

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Jay County Humane Society will continue providing animal control services to the county next year.

Jay County Commissioners approved a \$66,325 formal service agreement Monday with the organization, which has been in charge of animal control for the county since January 2021.

County attorney Wes Schemenaur explained a few revisions have been made to the contract since it was addressed at the Sept. 25 meeting.

It stipulates the organization will "respond to all calls for stray, nuisance or abandoned dogs or cats during regular business operating hours," which are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Calls placed outside of those times are considered after hours.

Per the agreement, after-hours calls made by police will be taken for aggressive, abandoned, ill or injured stray dogs or cats. Schemenaur noted the section about after-hours calls has been extended to include definitions of a few of those criteria. Aggressive animals are defined as "animals that have bitten a human being or in imminent danger of biting a human being," and abandoned animals are defined as "a situation where law enforcement has arrested an individual, an individual has suffered from a medical emergency, or an individual has died resulting in a dog or cat being abandoned or unattended."

Schemenaur, who also serves as the Jay County prosecutor, explained he didn't feel comfortable with Jay County Humane Society employees solely enforcing animal ordinances, which had previously been included in the contract.

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Blessings launched

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Dawn Alicea is looking to add some intensity to sports portraits.

She got some help in that quest Saturday night.

Alicea's Blessings Photography took home the top prize and was the fan favorite during the Launch Jay! business pitch competition hosted by Jay County Development Corporation and Jay County Chamber of Commerce at Jay County Junior/Senior High School.

Blessings, a Portland business, will receive \$7,500 for taking first place and another \$1,000 as the fan favorite to be used toward expenses to enhance the business.

Photography business wins pitch competition

"It's kind of like a dream come true," said Alicea. "I've always been really passionate about my photos and I'm very passionate about the community and Jay County. And bringing to them something that is this cool — epic — this style of pho-

tography is really just starting to take off."

Rock Creek Ranch was the runner-up in the competition that involved five local businesses and will receive \$4,000. Beauty Bar took third place and will get \$2,000.

The contestants were judged on their business plans, financial projections and the content and quality of their presentations. The panel included four local judges — Jeff Bailey of FCC (Indiana), Gary Clark of Wheel and Spoke Antique Mall, Tami Vormohr of Farmers State Bank and Kyle Champ of Portland Insurance — and Linda Walczak of Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

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Blessings Photography was the fan favorite as well as the overall winner Saturday during the Launch Jay! business pitch competition in the Jay County Junior/Senior High School auditorium. Pictured is Blessings owner Dawn Alicea (center) with Travis Richards of Jay County Development Corporation and Tabby Sprunger of Jay County Chamber of Commerce.

Deaths

Paul Shaneyfelt, 79, Portland

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 54 degrees Sunday. The low was 36.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the mid 30s with patchy frost after midnight. Expect sunny skies early Wednesday followed by clouds and a chance of rain in the afternoon. The high will be in the lower 60s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals has scheduled a meeting for 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. The agenda includes a special exception use request for a wedding and entertainment venue.

Coming up

Wednesday — Results from Tuesday's FRHS volleyball match at Ansonia.

Thursday — A look at the next new event scheduled at Jay County Fairgrounds.



Launched ...

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Alicea explained during her presentation that she wants to bring dynamic sports photography to her business. The growing concept in photography utilizes various camera lenses, strobe lights, light modifiers and other equipment to create sports portraits. She said she plans to start with sports, but that the style of portrait photography she's pursuing can extend to other activities like band, color guard, show choir, etc. Following her win, Alicea noted that part of her passion

for providing dynamic sports photography in Jay County comes from her time working at both the high school and elementary school levels in Jay Schools. "I love being able to bring that to them," said Alicea, referencing promotional videos of students taking part in dynamic sports photography sessions. "If you watch those videos and you see the excitement on their faces, that's what I want to bring to them." Runner-up Rock Creek Ranch, owned by Heather McAbee, in southern Jay County was seek-

ing funding to purchase an ultrasound machine and equine rescue first aid kit. She is seeking to expand her business to provide rescue and aid for mares and foals in crisis. "I do this for the horses," said McAbee, who also offers artificial insemination for horses and is completing her equine reproductive technician certification. "You will not find a company as dedicated, passionate or invested in their horses as me." Lacy Heinrichs of Beauty Bar, Portland, competed in Launch Jay! in order to purchase a salt booth to add services to her

business. The booths are used to provide skin and lung therapy. "We will be able to offer the community easy access to an alternative treatment for skin and respiratory issues," said Heinrichs. The other contestants Saturday were The Scoop Station ice cream stand and Ryzone's food truck. Business owners who participated in the competition had the opportunity to attend a series of Indiana Small Business Development Center workshops in September in order to prepare for the live pitch competition.

Obituaries

Paul Shaneyfelt, Portland, April 12, 1944-Oct. 6, 2023. Services will be held at a later date. *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

Wednesday 10/11	Thursday 10/12	Friday 10/13	Saturday 10/14	Sunday 10/15
63/48	70/51	66/49	56/46	54/41
Wednesday's forecast shows a 40% chance of rain under mostly sunny skies.	There's a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms on Thursday, when the high may hit 70.	There's a 70% chance of showers Friday. The high may be 66 degrees.	Mostly cloudy on Saturday, when the high may reach around 56 degrees.	Another day of mostly cloudy skies with a high of 54 degrees.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$1.55 billion	50-58-62-63-75-78-79 Cash 5: 14-17-29-32-38 Estimated jackpot: \$285,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 3-3-4 Pick 4: 1-1-5-7 Pick 5: 3-9-1-8-3 Evening Pick 3: 4-9-7 Pick 4: 7-7-9-3 Pick 5: 5-3-7-3-4 Rolling Cash 5: 3-5-23-24-35 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 2-1-1 Daily Four: 1-1-7-0 Evening Daily Three: 0-3-5 Daily Four: 7-8-4-2 Quick Draw: 3-4-15-18-27-30-33-35-38-40-42-44-48-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....5.34 Oct. corn4.74 Wheat5.05	Dec. beans12.54 Wheat4.88
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....5.34 Oct./Nov. corn4.74 Dec. corn4.84	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.59 Nov. corn4.64 Beans12.18 Nov. beans12.28 Wheat5.33
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Today in history

In 1813, composer Giuseppe Verdi was born in Roncole, near Busseto, duchy of Parma, Italy. Considered the leading Italian composer of the 19th century, he is noted for many of his operas including "Aida."
In 1845, the first term started at the United States Naval School at Fort Severn in Annapolis, Maryland. The first cohort included 50 midshipmen learning from seven faculty members, four of whom were naval officers.
In 1846, Triton, the largest satellite of the planet Neptune, was discovered by English astronomer William Lassell.
In 2013, the Jay County High School girls soccer team defeated Delta 2-0 in the sectional semi-

final at Yorktown Sports Park. Gabbie Mann and Catherine Dunn each scored a goal for the Patriots.
In 2018, Jay County Council agreed that the county would pay the bond — \$28,495 annually — for the Jay County Regional Sewer District's sewer systems. Residents had come to council seeking help as they were projected to see their monthly bills clear the \$100 mark beginning in 2019.
In 2022, Carolyn Carducci was announced as the acting director of Arts Place. She took over from Desiree Duell, who resigned as executive director after just over two months. Carducci later was named executive director. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Wednesday 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	1616 N. Franklin St. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council work session, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
Monday 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station,	6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.



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One ... two ...

Referee Kyle Monroe of Portland counts as Blake "Money" Wright attempts to pin Michael Elgin on Saturday during Delaware County Championship Wrestling's Cornfield Carnage event hosted by Jay County Fair Board in the Bubp Building at Jay County Fairgrounds. The event included appearances by former WWE superstars The Godfather, Victoria and Gangrel.

Contract ...

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It now authorizes employees to instead assist in enforcing ordinances, such as providing witness statements or documenting animal conditions. (Police will remain lead investigators on each case and issue tickets as needed.)
The agreement also has a three-month termination clause, which Schemenaur pointed out is the reason the county chose to pay the organization quarterly installments over the course of the year.
"I'm comfortable with it, as it's written," said Schemenaur. "You know, it's going to be a newer situation. We're supposed to be guaranteed space available in their new facility."
Jay County Humane Society took over animal control responsibilities for the city and county in January 2021 following the retirement of Bill and Kathy Fields. (Midwest Pet Refuge also provided animal control services alongside the organization

for a period of time.) The organization has been raising funds for the last few years for a new, larger facility.
Jay County Humane Society's current building on Shadeland Avenue has 12 dog kennels — visitors enter the building and immediately walk through a hallway attached to the kennels, raising concerns about safety — and a small area for cat cages. It sits at just over 1,000 square feet and 576 square feet of exterior kennel space.
The organization purchased the former Fastenal building along Indiana 67 on the western edge of Portland in 2022. Jay County Humane Society raised at least \$1 million and Jay County officials agreed to contribute \$275,000 toward renovating the building priced at about \$1.2 million. (That includes land acquisition, construction and other fees.)
The new building is expected to house at least 40 dogs and 100 or more cats. Members of the

organization have said previously there is additional space if needed, such as wall space to add more cages or room for expansion in the future.
Hopes are for Jay County Humane Society to move into its new facility by the end of the month. However, the new formal agreement with the county doesn't go into effect until Jan. 1.
Members of Jay County Humane Society, including consultant Linda Conn, have told county, city and town officials that more space for animals will be available once the organization has started operating out of its new building.
Per the contract, cities and towns need to approve separate agreements with Jay County Humane Society to be able to utilize its animal control services. Dunkirk has turned down the agreement, instead choosing to continue using its own animal control officer. Schemenaur noted Salamonia, Portland and Redkey have

expressed interest in the humane society's services. Jay County Humane Society will receive \$66,325 in exchange for its animal control services in unincorporated parts of the county. The amount, negotiated down from the humane society's proposed \$68,500, was calculated using a formula developed by the American Veterinary Medical Association. Estimates from census data showed the county has approximately 2,330 cats and 1,457 dogs in rural, unincorporated areas. Their request was determined by the cost to service 10% of those animals at a rate of \$175 each.
Commissioners Chad Aker and Rex Journay, absent commissioner Brian McGalliard, approved the contract.
Also Monday, commissioners approved a \$13,750 quarterly claim from Jay County Humane Society.
For additional commissioners news, see Wednesday's newspaper.

Capsule Reports

Turning accident

A Dunkirk woman turning out of McDonald's parking lot in Portland crashed into a Portland man's vehicle along Meridian Street about 5:27 a.m. Friday.
Kimberly D. Bailey, 46, was driving her 2005 Chevrolet Avalanche at 618 N. Meridian St. and turned north onto Meridian Street. As she entered the street, she struck a northbound

2007 Ford F-150, driven by 33-year-old Jerid A. Conatser of Portland. Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Intersection crash

A Portland woman drove into another Portland woman's car at the intersection of Race and Wayne streets about 4:35 p.m. Friday.
Deborak K. Dallas, 72, Portland,

was driving her 2008 Ford Ranger west on Race Street when she drove through the intersection with Wayne Street. At the same time, 41-year-old Elizabeth R. Bihn of Portland was driving her 2018 Chevrolet Cruze south on Wayne Street. Dallas didn't notice Bihn and hit her vehicle.
Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Felony court news

Strangulation

A Portland man was sentenced to jail for strangulation.
Ryan A. Blount, 51, 1003 W. Water St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with 387 days suspended and given 158 days credit for time served. Blount was charged \$565 in court costs and filing fees and fined \$25. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A mis-

demeanor for domestic battery was dismissed.

Nonsupport

A Richmond man was sentenced to jail for nonsupport of a dependent.
Robert D. Jenkins III, 39, 110 N. 11th St., pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 730 days in Jay County Jail with 180 days suspended and given 80 days credit for time served. Jenkins was ordered to pay \$590 in court

costs and filing fees and pay \$10,718.02 in restitution at the time of his sentencing.

Resisting law

A man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 felony.
David Wonderly, 44, was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail and given 180 days credit for time served. Wonderly was fined \$25 and assessed \$185 in court costs.

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We all have our problems

By Diana DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

As I See It



The project for the day is to haul the rest of the plants in. Most of them are already in their winter homes thanks to the great weather last week. The big aloe and her babies are on the porch swing. I am going to try root pruning the mama plant. It keeps trying to escape. First I have to scrounge up pots for the babies before doing anything drastic.

The night-blooming Cereus are in full bloom. I want to leave them outside as long as possible. The flowers are as stinky as they are beautiful. Unfortunately the rest of the plant is unattractive and has a tendency to reach out and grab anything that gets within its reach.

Every year I buy a few new pots. I have no idea what happens to them. I don't give them away, nor do they end up in the trash. They simply disappear. I have checked all the places where the pots should be but there are no pots to be found.

I swear that my next house will have a dedicated space for all these plants and pots. As I have no intention of moving any time soon, the plants will simply have to fight it out on their own.

Relocating plants is one of the things I do to celebrate the changing of the seasons. Some people decorate for upcoming holidays. Some people go on major cleaning sprees so that their house is ready for any company they are expecting. Me, I grumble about not having a room for the houseplants that had the audacity to grow over the summer.

My sister-in-law just had surgery on her ankle and foot. Her problems are far worse than my pot dilemma. I have noticed that any surgery on that area of the body takes forever to heal. Her doctor told her that the surgery went well and she was to wear a boot to make the recovery easier. Here's hoping that the surgery fixes her problem and that she doesn't have to wear the boot for any longer than necessary.

One of her granddaughters has stated that she doesn't like the boot her grandmother wears. She doesn't

ask her to remove it. She simply lets everyone know that she doesn't like it. The last picture I saw of the child she had an adorable gap-toothed grin and was as cute as ever. She also was wearing a cast on her arm because she broke it. I haven't heard if she dislikes the cast as much as she disapproves of her grandmother's boot.

Both of them have far more problems than my missing pots.

Sometimes we all need to put things in perspective. Once we compare our problems with other people's problems we may realize that we are the lucky ones. I had a broken arm when I was in fourth grade. I tripped over a boy and banged my arm on the reinforced edge of a marble step. I ended up with a cast much like the one adorning the child in the above paragraphs. I remember that it itched like crazy. I do not envy her at all.

The point is that we all have problems. Some are trivial, like what I share with you. Some are serious and are far worse than we imagine. We can never truly know the extent of what goes on in someone else's life.

The only thing I know for sure is that my sister-in-law's granddaughter doesn't like her boot.

Reduce your risk with preventive cancer screenings

By DEB BALZER

Mayo Clinic News Network

Tribune News Service

According to a recent study by the American Cancer Society, cancer is a leading cause of death among those of Hispanic heritage living in the U.S. Hispanic and Latino people are less likely to be diagnosed with lung, colon, breast and prostate cancers than non-Hispanic white men and women.

Doctor Jesse Bracamonte, a Mayo Clinic family medicine physician, says preventive screenings for cancer and other diseases are effective ways to help reduce these burdens.

"Colorectal cancers and breast cancers are on the rise in the Hispanic community. And one of those reasons may be from lack of preventive screening," said Bracamonte.

He said culture, access to care and past experiences contribute. But early screening can prevent future serious health issues.

"Screening tests for diabetes (such as checking a simple blood sugar), for cardiovascular disease to prevent strokes (such as checking on cholesterol and blood pressure), colon cancer screening, breast cancer screening for females, are all available tools," he said.

Talk with your doctor to determine the right preventive screenings and when to begin. For instance:

"Colon cancer screening for both men and women, usually at age 45, is an option, breast cancer screening for women in their 40s such as with mammogram," he said.

Bracamonte recommends having a list of questions for your doctor about what you can do to stay healthy.

"Have that list prepared about what I should get done to keep me healthy in the long term. What behaviors can I do in the long term to stay healthy? Because I think prevention is a key," said Bracamonte.

Family absent from their lives

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have two children and live close to my family. We spend lots of quality time with them, and they are invested in our children's lives, as we are in theirs. The same is not true of my in-laws. The first few years I would FaceTime and call, trying to build a relationship. Eventually, I realized I was the only one making an effort, so I stopped calling, which means there are no more calls.

The first cousin on my husband's side is due to give birth, and my husband wants to skip my nephew's first birthday party for her gender reveal party. My argument is, they have put no effort into our lives or our kids, so why would we miss an event for people who do. His argument is that they don't ask for much and we see them only twice a year, so we should just go. Help! — EASY DECISION IN MINNESOTA

DEAR EASY DECISION: Not only do his relatives not ask for much, but they give absolutely nothing. Rather than argue about this, attend your nephew's first birthday party and tell your husband to go to the gender reveal. Problem solved.

Dear Abby



another would be the Cerebral Palsy Foundation (yourcpf.org). Having the good sense to ask for help isn't a sign of weakness; it's a sign of strength and intelligence.

DEAR ABBY: My friend dresses like a slob. We were on a cruise and went to dine in one of the upscale restaurants on the ship. Because she was wearing jean shorts and an old, faded T-shirt, we were asked to leave. We will be going on another cruise soon, and I'm concerned she will do this again. Any advice for our next cruise so this won't happen? — EMBARRASSED IN ALABAMA

DEAR EMBARRASSED: Before the next cruise, ask your friend what she plans to bring with her. Remind her that you had to leave the upscale restaurant because she wasn't properly dressed, and suggest she bring a dress or skirt and blouse on the next trip "so neither of you will be embarrassed or inconvenienced." Most cruise lines have a dress code that spells out what attire is required. If your friend checks the website of the carrier, she can easily determine what to bring.

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email news@the-cr.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.

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. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

Wednesday

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

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

BRYANT/NEW CORYDON SENIOR CITIZENS — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner. Meat is provided.

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

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the boardroom at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — For caregivers of persons with

Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, the group will meet at 6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Blackford Community Hospital conference room, 410 Pilgrim Boulevard in Hartford City. For more information, call Joni Slentz or Lisa Garrett at (765) 348-1072 or (800) 272-3900.

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.

Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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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Do what's right by Afghan refugees

Las Vegas Review-Journal
Tribune News Service

America's chaotic withdrawal from Afghanistan is one of many blights on the Biden administration's spotty record. The fact that this nation since then has turned its back on Afghans who helped U.S. troops only makes the matter worse.

But there is a remedy for this injustice.

Since the Taliban retook control of Afghanistan more than two years ago, the United States has welcomed more than 80,000 refugees from the country. Some have relocated to Southern Nevada.

But the humanitarian program that allowed them to come

Guest Editorial

here provides only temporary protection and no road to permanent residency. In addition, thousands of Afghans who aided the American war effort remain at risk in their home country, unable to cut through the red tape and flee to the United States. They and their families are targets for retribution from the brutal Taliban.

"Helping these Afghans would

signify to other allies that the U.S. doesn't abandon its friends," Sierra Dawn McClain wrote in the Wall Street Journal this week. "More important, it would help settle the moral debt America incurred with its botched withdrawal."

In July, a bipartisan group of senators reintroduced the Afghan Adjustment Act, which had previously stalled in Congress. It would, The New York Times reports, "allow Afghans who have short-term humanitarian parole status — which typically lasts for two years — to apply for permanent legal status if they submit to additional vetting, including an interview." The original bill ran into road-

blocks, primarily from Republicans, over security concerns involving immigrants who hadn't been adequately screened and the Department of Homeland Security's lack of transparency about the process.

The updated version of the bill addresses those concerns and has earned significant GOP support. Yet Congress remains distracted by various issues, most recently the government shutdown. Meanwhile, the lack of certainty for many refugees currently in the United States makes it impossible for them to set down roots and discourages employers from hiring them.

It's true that, in the aftermath of our withdrawal from

Afghanistan, there were problems with the vetting process and some undesirables took advantage of this. But as Times columnist Farah Stockman noted, the legislation in question is "one of the most promising ways to ensure that evacuees are rigorously vetted. The legislation requires additional screening for those who apply for permanent residency."

The Afghan Adjustment Act offers members of Congress the opportunity to show voters they can come together for an important cause. They should pass the bill this year. We must not turn our backs on those who selflessly and courageously helped this country.

Don't ignore women's pain

By DARA E. PURVIS
Progressive Perspectives
Tribune News Service

In August, abortion advocates in Texas celebrated a significant victory in a lawsuit challenging Texas's ban of the procedure. The Texas law, like nearly all current statewide bans, includes an exception for abortions that are necessary to save the life of the pregnant person or protect them from serious injury. This means that, in theory, a person experiencing a miscarriage or another serious problem with their pregnancy can receive an abortion even if the state in which they live has banned it.

In practice, however, doctors are only willing to perform an abortion if it's clear that the pregnant person is at significant risk. Often, in Texas and elsewhere, they are confused about which practices are legal and which aren't. As a result, women like Amanda Zurawski, the lead plaintiff in the Texas lawsuit, have been denied care, and face serious medical consequences. The judge agreed that the exception written into the Texas abortion ban was too unclear and issued a temporary injunction against it. This ruling, however, was immediately blocked when the attorney general filed an appeal to the state supreme court.

One reason that the exception cannot be reliably applied reaches far beyond the context of abortion: Doctors too often do not believe women who say they are in pain.

One particularly horrifying example is described in a recent podcast series from The New York Times about a nurse working at Yale's fertility center who stole vials of fentanyl, concealing her theft by replacing the fentanyl solution with saline. As a result, dozens of women underwent egg retrieval (an invasive procedure) without any pain medication. Each woman was supposed to receive both fentanyl for pain relief and a sedative to keep them calm. Instead, the women whose fentanyl vials had been stolen received nothing to block the pain.

Multiple women alerted their doctors that the anesthetic was not working. The women used terms like "excruciating," "nightmarish," and "hor-

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rific" to describe their pain and said that it felt like the doctors were "ripping something from the inside of [their] body." When one woman tried multiple times to speak with the doctor who performed the retrieval, he told her that he was "perplexed" by her experience, but "not alarmed."

Assessment of pain is often key to evaluating the health risks of a miscarriage or other problems with a pregnancy. If the doctors and hospital administrators do not trust a woman who says that she is experiencing severe abdominal pain, they are less likely to believe that her health is seriously threatened and thus less likely to approve an abortion. The result will be more women like Zurawski, whose water broke at 18 weeks and was denied an abortion by a Catholic hospital. Days later, she was diagnosed with sepsis, a life-threatening infection caused by her water breaking. She spent three days in the ICU and the disease caused one of her fallopian tubes to be permanently blocked.

These severe health risks are even worse for women who also experience discrimination for other reasons, from women suffering chronic pain who are labeled malingerers and drug-seekers to women of color (especially Black women) whose descriptions of pain are believed even less than white women's.

The Texas Supreme Court justices, as well as any other court hearing similar challenges, should take the experiences of women into account and strike down abortion bans with narrow exceptions that rely on physicians believing women who say they are in pain. And until doctors, legislators and judges take women's pain seriously, women will be forced to suffer in silence.

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Ability to ban is limited

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Efforts to ban books in public schools and public libraries reached an all-time high in 2022 and show few signs of abating for 2023, according to the American Library Association.

The recent movement to remove books appears to be a coordinated campaign taking place at both the state and local levels; it often targets books that address race, gender or both. Some of these efforts have resulted in laws that threaten to jail librarians.

Most Americans oppose removing books from libraries. That may explain why Illinois recently enacted a law that outlaws banning books: If any public library in the state bans materials because of "partisan or doctrinal" disapproval, it will be ineligible for state funds.

Bans — and the banning of bans — have already ended up in the courts. For example, in a lawsuit in Florida, a First Amendment advocacy group, a publisher, parents and authors whose books have been targeted filed suit against the Escambia County School District's removal of 10 books and restriction of 100 others in the school library. They alleged that school officials violated students' First Amendment rights when they removed books that discussed, race, racism and LGBTQ+ people. The case is ongoing.

One or more of these sorts of cases could end up at the Supreme Court — but until then, the lower courts will look to existing precedent, set in a legal ruling that dates back to 1982. In that ruling, the court declared that school personnel have a lot of discretion related to the content of their libraries, but this "discretion may not be exercised in a narrowly partisan or political manner."

My analysis of that 1982 case, Board of Education, Island Trees Union Free School District v. Pico, finds useful information that can help put these book ban lawsuits in context.

The case specifically focused on the school library and was not about

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curriculum in the classroom. A school board on Long Island, New York, wanted certain books removed from the shelves of the junior high and high school libraries because board members believed the books to be, they said, "anti-American, anti-Christian, anti-Semitic, and just plain filthy."

The banned titles originated in a list compiled by a conservative organization that deemed them objectionable.

One student, on behalf of four other students in the school district, filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court. The suit claimed that removing the books from the library infringed upon the students' First Amendment rights to freely access ideas and information.

The school board prevailed in U.S. District Court because the judge found that school boards should have discretion in those matters. But the appeals court overturned that ruling, saying the fact that the school board's reasoning relied in part on external evaluations of the books raised concerns about censorship.

When the case came before the Supreme Court in 1982, the justices agreed to analyze whether the school board's decision to bar certain books from its libraries, based on the books' content, violated the students' rights.

The ruling was divided — five justices affirmed the appeals court's decision in favor of the students, though not all of them agreed on exactly why.

Justice William Brennan Jr. wrote that the First Amendment does limit school officials' authority to remove books from school libraries, because that authority infringes on students' rights to receive ideas and information. Justices Thurgood Marshall

and John Paul Stevens signed on to this opinion, which was not a majority opinion. Two justices wrote concurring decisions, but only one agreed with the trio's overall conclusion that the board had unconstitutionally infringed on students' rights. Justice Harry Blackmun said the government — the school board — could not deny students access to ideas based on political reasons. Justice Byron White agreed with the conclusion, but did not express a view on the First Amendment question.

Four justices dissented. Chief Justice Warren Burger wrote the main dissent, which was joined by Justices Lewis Powell, William Rehnquist and Sandra Day O'Connor. Their opinion focused more on the issue of accessing books than it did on the First Amendment questions the case raised.

Though there was not a clear majority opinion, the case suggests that school boards have broad discretion over library books but do not have unlimited authority to remove books from library shelves.

The justices agreed that a school library is a place where important information is disseminated to learners — and is a unique place for students to engage in inquiry related to their interests and passions. Therefore, they ruled, school officials may remove books only for sound educational reasons or legitimate purposes — such as pervasive vulgarity or lack of educational suitability.

As a result, school personnel are likely limited in their power to restrict books' availability simply because they or other officials disagree with the books' content.

If any of the current cases reach the Supreme Court, the current justices could rule differently, of course. But in the meantime, lower courts hearing book-banning cases will be guided by that precedent.

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Joyce/Dayton on 'best places' list

Indiana Chamber of Commerce has honored a Portland firm as one of the best employers in the state.

The chamber on Friday announced Joyce/Dayton Corp. as one of its Best Places to Work in Manufacturing.

Joyce/Dayton was one of 17 companies named to the list that also includes DD DANNAR of Muncie, High Performance Alloys of Tipton, Nexxt Spine and SMC Corporation of America, both of Noblesville and AMPG of Indianapolis. Top employers were determined through employer reports and employee surveys.

The rankings for the list will be announced at the 2023 Best IN Manufacturing Awards Luncheon on Dec. 13 in Indianapolis.

"Building on our popular Best Places to Work event, we're excited to continue this program to highlight manufacturers that are striving to improve the lives of their team members," said chamber president and CEO Kevin Brinegar in a press release. "These companies embody the traits of a good employer, which starts with valuing and respecting workers."

All companies that participate in the program receive an in-depth evaluation identifying strengths and weaknesses according to their employees.

Joyce/Dayton manufactures screw jacks, actuators and lifting equipment. It opened its Portland facility in the 1970s.

Trick-or-treat set

Jay County Chamber of Commerce will host its Merchant Trick-or-Treat Walk from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Businesses are invited to participate by offering trick-or-treat items at their locations. Those not located in Portland's central business district can set up in the Community Resource Center parking lot, 118 S. Meridian St.

Participating businesses should RSVP by Oct. 25. To register or for more information, email tabby@jaycountycommerce.com or call (260) 726-4481.

Advisor added

Dustin Bantz has joined Edward Jones Financial Advisors at its Farmland office.

Advisors Matt Haney, Kevin Addington and Scott Benter announced his addition to the team. The Farmland branch is located at 103 N. Main St.

"I am really looking forward to working with Matt, Kevin and Scott," said Dustin. "I'll have all the advantages of working with experienced investment professionals while getting to know local investors."

Assistance available

The Eastern Indiana Veterans Resource Fair and Hiring event is scheduled for 1 to 5 p.m. Oct. 19 at First Bank Expo Center, 861 Salisbury Road, Richmond.

The free event will feature vendors for veterans services including employment options and educational information. WorkOne

Business roundup

Region 6 and Eastern Indiana Works are among the organizers of the event.

For more information, email brea@work-one.org or call (765) 238-0007.

Adding to lineup

Formula Boats of Decatur last week announced the launch of its 457 Center Console Sport and 457 Center Console Fish.

The company entered the off-shore center console market last year with the 387 Sport and Fish Center Consoles and has now added the two new boats to its lineup. They will feature a cabin with 6 feet, 6 inches of head room, a full aircraft galley with microwave, refrigerator, sink and counter and cabinet space.

The 457 models are scheduled to debut at the 2024 Miami International Boat Show.

Hours extended

StatCare, Adams Memorial Hospital's urgent care clinic, has announced extended hours.

The facility is now open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Appointments are not necessary. "The extended hours will help families that work later hours and/or have after school activities," said Adams Memorial Hospital manager of acute care services Sheba Davidson in a press release. "The earlier weekend hours will help with coordination of pharmacy hours..."

StatCare is located next to the hospital's emergency room at 1100 Mercer Ave., Decatur. Plans are to move the facility to the north side of Decatur later this year.

MSSL to host

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

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

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

Classes scheduled

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

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

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

Invenergy expanding

Renewable energy firm Inven-

ergy announced Wednesday that it will expand its main office in Chicago.

The expansion will allow the firm, which is planning Skycrest Solar in northwest Jay County, to consolidate all of its Chicago-based employees in a single location.

"As we continue to expand our operations throughout the country and across the globe, we need additional space to accommodate new members of our world class team," said Jim Murphy, Invenergy president and corporate business leader, in a press release. "The expansion of our Chicago headquarters reflects our rapid growth and our ambitious plans for Invenergy's future. We look forward to the many ways our expanded office will support our team as we continue building innovative solutions for a clean energy future."

Reid honored

The American Medical Association recently recognized Reid Health as a Joy in Medicine organization and earned Level 8 recognition in the Digital Health Most Wired program from the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives.

The Joy in Medicine honor goes to healthcare systems that "demonstrate a commitment to preserving the well-being of clinical care team members through proven efforts to combat work-related stress and burnout." The Digital Health Most Wired program recognizes organizations that "exemplify best practices through their adoption, implementation, and use of information technology."

"We are proud to recognize Reid Health's exceptional dedication to digital health excellence," said College of Healthcare Information Management Executives president and CEO Russell P. Branzell in a press release. "Reid's pioneering performance in the industry not only inspires other organizations by example but also provides patients around the world with better care."

Organizations revamped

Delaware Advancement Corporation and the Greater Muncie Chamber of Commerce last week announced that they have reorganized.

The Economic Development Alliance, which had been part of Delaware Advancement Corporation, will now be under the oversight of the chamber. The alliance handles economic development for Muncie and Delaware County.

Delaware Advancement Corporation will keep the Horizon Convention Center, though it will be governed by a "streamlined board" that will focus on the growth of travel and tourism.

Summit is Nov. 1

Indiana Manufacturers Association will hold its inaugural

Indiana Health Care Summit for Manufacturers on Nov. 1 at Ivy Tech Community College Culinary and Conference Center in Indianapolis.

The event is designed to provide attendees with information regarding health care issues that impact Indiana manufacturers. There will be panel discussions about pharmaceutical costs, health care options and insurance, with a best practices panel of manufacturers highlighting their experiences.

Those interested in attending should register at indianamfg.com.

Ardagh to debut

Ardagh Glass Packaging - Europe will make its first appearance at the Convention on Pharmaceutical Ingredients (CPHI), which will be held Oct. 24 through 26 in Barcelona, Spain.

The company will discuss requirements of the pharmaceutical sector and showcase the glass containers it has available.

"We have been supplying the pharmaceutical sector for over 50 years with premium quality glass packaging, which perfectly meets the complex requirements of these vital industries," said Ardagh senior sales manager for pharma and chemical Ingo Erdmann in a press release. "CPHI is the biggest pharma event of the year, and we are excited to exhibit here for the first time among pharmaceutical professionals and innovators."

Ardagh operates glass manufacturing facilities in Dunkirk and Winchester.

Lilly to purchase

Eli Lilly of Indianapolis announced last week that it has reached an agreement to buy POINT, a radiopharmaceutical firm.

POINT has a series of radioligand therapies for the treatment of cancer in development. The therapies "can enable the precise targeting of cancer by linking a radioisotope to a targeting molecule that delivers radiation directly to cancer cells, enabling significant anti-tumor efficacy while limiting the impact to healthy tissue."

"We have seen how well-designed radiopharmaceuticals can demonstrate meaningful results for patients with cancer and rapidly integrate into standards of care, yet the field remains in the early days of the impact it may ultimately deliver," said Jacob Van Naarden, president of Lilly's oncology unit, in a press release.

"We are excited by the potential of this emerging modality and see the acquisition of POINT as the beginning of our investment in developing multiple meaningful radioligand medicines for hard-to-treat cancers..."

Firms hit hard

Renewable energy firms have been hit hard recently,

with stocks being sold off sharply.

Over the last two months, the S&P Global Clean Energy Index that is made up of the 100 largest companies in renewable energy, has dropped by 20.2%, Financial Times reported. That puts the index in position for its worst annual performance in a decade.

Financial Times said the renewable energy sector has been vulnerable to rising interest rates "because many companies agree to long-term contracts, fixing the price at which they will sell energy, before developing their projects."

Principal Asset Management portfolio manager Martin Frandsen told Financial Times that inflation is now taking a toll on those companies that had already locked in prices.

NextEra Energy Partners recently cut its distribution per unit growth rate to a target of 6%, half of what the company had previously expected.

Show is Oct. 18 and 19

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

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

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

Summit is Oct. 25 and 26

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

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

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

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

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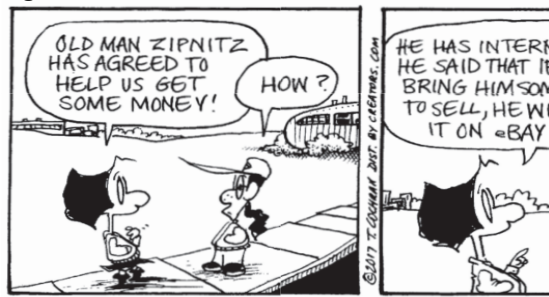
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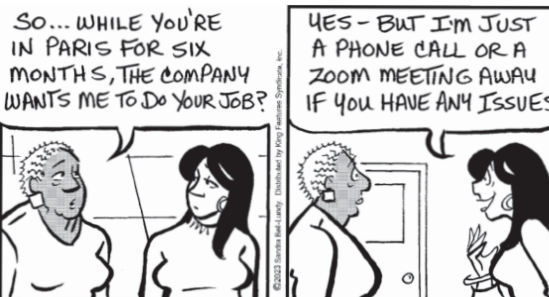
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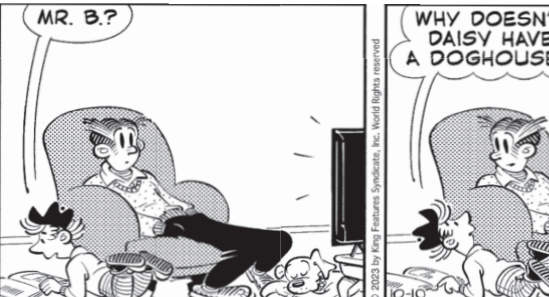
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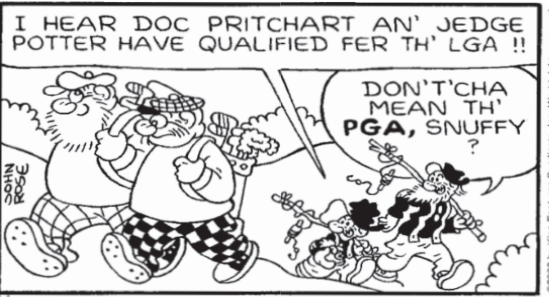
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FRHS volleyball is awarded No. 3 seed

Indians fall to top-ranked Fort Loramie

FORT LORAMIE, Ohio — The Indians didn't play their best match over the weekend, but it didn't matter as they secured a top-three seed.

The Division III No. 8 Fort Recovery High School volleyball team received the No. 3 seed in the OHSAA Division III Northwest 3 sectional tournament Sunday after losing to Division IV No. 1 Fort Loramie 25-13, 25-22, 25-22, 25-13 on Saturday.

In the sectional, the Indians (14-5) took a first-round bye and will play for a sectional championship at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 18 at St. Henry. They will take on the winner of an opening-round match between seventh-seeded Allen East and ninth-seeded Wayne Trace.

Summer Hoying exploded for 19 kills, while the rest of the team contributed 27.

Fort Recovery's Teigan Fortkamp matched Hoying's 19 kills, but the rest of the team brought in 16 combined. Attacking errors killed the Indians, as they had 50 throughout the match.

Fort Recovery played well at the net, totaling 16 blocks. Saige Leuthold led the way with seven assisted blocks, while Paige Guggenbiller was only one behind with six. Karlie Niekamp and Mara Pearson both contributed one as well.

Fort Loramie also played well at the net, blocking 11 attacks in the match. Skyler Albers had the only solo block, while recording five assisted blocks. Hoying and Victoria Mescher both had

four assisted blocks to follow up Albers.

If Fort Recovery wins the sectional championship, it will advance to the district tournament at Kalida. It would face off against the winner of the other sectional in the lower half of the bracket, where No. 3 and second-seeded St. Henry is the favorite ahead of eighth-seeded Van Buren and 10th-seeded Riverdale.

The top half of the bracket includes No. 2 and top seed Coldwater playing 12th-seeded Jefferson in the opening round with the winner to take on 11th-seeded Paulding for a sectional championship. Also, fifth-seeded Bluffton will open against sixth-seeded Ottawa-Glandorf with the winner to play fourth-seeded Parkway for a sectional title.

Seniors lead Tribe

COLDWATER, Ohio — Pacing the Indians was Trevor Heitkamp, who finished third with a time of 16 minutes, 04.54 seconds. Luke Ellerbrock (15:52.56) of Columbus Grove and Owen Scott (15:59.7) of Van Wert were the only athletes to beat Heitkamp.

Also scoring for the boys were Parker Brunswick (55), Reese Diller (93), Evan Evers (133) and Milo Fiely (207).

Natalie Brunswick paced the FRHS girls to cross the finish line seventh with a time of 19:30.38. Liberty Center's MaKayla Meller won the race with 18:36.76.

Other scoring runners for the girls were Ellie Will (23rd), Joelle Kaup (38th), Jenna Hart (59th) and Anna Roessner (61st).

The Tribe's middle school boys team had 281 points to finish 11th out of 16 teams while the girls' 222 points was good for eighth of 13.

Riley Heitkamp and Alex Roessner were the top runners for each team. Heitkamp placed 22nd with 13:29.20 and Roessner placed 36th with 12:25.97.

Also scoring with Heitkamp were Courtney Klenke (45), Kendall Ranly (58), Claire Grube (78) and Yoselin Juarez-Gomes (90).

Joining Roessner was Evan Diller (70th), Gavin Heitkamp (74th), Charlie Stammen (79th) and Chase Fiely (86th).

Wind ...

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Despite the loss, Ruiz was proud of his team's effort.

"This game is nothing to be ashamed of," Ruiz said. "Everybody left it all. Everybody fought. Everybody went for it. Everybody was focused. It's just that somebody has to win and it was them."

It was the final match for seven of the Patriots who will graduate. As the final

buzzer sounded, many had tears in their eyes, and took some extra time before walking off the field for a final time.

Senior defender Brayden Collins reflected after walking off for the final time.

"It's the best season I've ever played and this group played." Collins said.

"Our attitudes were much better than any season I've ever played."

Roundup ...

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Jay County took third and fourth places, with Sam Wiggins and Rockland Beiswanger claiming the spots. The final two scores came from Grady Warvel (seventh) and Carson Westgerdes (15th).

Abby Fifer paced the Jay County girls for second place and a time of 11:48.4. She was nine seconds slower than champion Abby Ramseyer of Bluffton.

Behind Fifer was Jessie Homan, claiming third place. The other three scores came from Ava May (fifth), Brooklyn Byrum (seventh) and Maria Laux (13th).

Spikers place second

MONROE — The Jay County junior high volleyball team took second place in the ACAC tournament at Adams Central on Saturday.

The spikers earned the top spot in pool play because of a tiebreaker with Adams Central, but couldn't pull through in the championship game.

Amelia Heath led the attack with 18 kills and five blocks. Brenna Ruble also totalled double-digit kills with 10, while blocking one ball.

On the back row, with Ruble and Kenady Lyons recording five digs. Gabi Petro and Peyton Schoenlein followed with four and three respectively.

Splitting the responsibility of running the offense were Lyons and Emalyn Homan. Both setters tallied 12 assists.

Jay County aced their opponents 28 times in the tournament. Lyons had eight aces to lead the team, while Heath and Homan both had seven.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

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

TV sports

Tuesday
4:07 p.m. — Major League Baseball play-offs: Houston Astros at Minnesota Twins (FOX)
5:30 p.m. — NHL play-offs: Nashville Preda-

tors at Tampa Bay Lightning (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Coastal Carolina at Appalachian State (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — NHL play-offs: Chicago Blackhawks at Pittsburgh Penguins (ESPN)
8:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball play-offs: Baltimore Orioles at Texas Rangers (FOX)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Denver Nuggets at Phoenix Suns (TNT)
10:30 p.m. — NHL play-offs: Seattle Kraken at Vegas Golden Knights (ESPN)

Wednesday

2:07 p.m. — Major League Baseball play-offs: Houston Astros at Minnesota Twins (FS1)
5:07 p.m. — Major League Baseball play-offs: Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies (TBS)
6 p.m. — College volleyball: Purdue at Indiana (BTN)
7:07 p.m. — Major League Baseball play-offs: Baltimore Orioles at Texas Rangers (FS1)
7:30 p.m. — College football: UTEP at Florida International (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NHL: Chicago Blackhawks at Toronto Maple Leafs (TNT)

8 p.m. — College volleyball: Minnesota at Michigan (BTN)
9 p.m. — WNBA: New York Liberty at Las Vegas Aces (ESPN)
9:07 p.m. — Major League Baseball play-offs: Los Angeles Dodgers at Arizona Diamondbacks (TBS)
10 p.m. — NHL: Colorado Avalanche at Los Angeles Kings (TNT)

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Pennville Town Ordinance Number 2023-
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PARK BOARD

WHEREAS, on February 12, 1983, the Board of the Town of Pennville established The Park Board for the Pennville Town Park by Ordinance 1983-1.

WHEREAS, the Town of Pennville wishes to revoke Ordinance 1983-1 and establish a new Pennville Park Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PENNVILLE, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS: Under the provisions of Indiana Code§ 36-10-3-3, there is now established a Department of Parks and Recreation composed of the Board of Parks and Recreation and such other personnel as the Board shall determine.

The Board of Parks and Recreation shall be composed of four (4) members. Pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-10-3-4(c), the members of the Board shall be appointed by the Town legislative body. Pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-10-3-4.1, the Town hereby waives the requirements that a member of the Board be affiliated with a political party and that not more than two (2) members of the Board be affiliated with the same political party. This waiver is necessary due to the absence of persons who are willing to serve on the town board and who satisfy any or all of the requirements.

Upon establishment of the board, the terms of its members shall be as follows:

One member for a term of one year
One member for a term of two years
One member for a term of three years
One member for a term of four years.

As each term expires, each appointment to the Board shall be for a four (4) year term. All terms expire on the first meeting in January of the Town Board, but an appointee shall continue in office until his/her successor is appointed. If a successor is not appointed by the Town's first meeting in April, the incumbent shall serve another term. If a vacancy occurs, the President of the Board of the Town shall appoint a new member for the remainder of the un-expired term.

At the first regular meeting in each year, the Board shall elect a president and vice-president. The vice-president shall have the authority to act as president of the Board during the absence or disability of the president.

The Board shall have the general power to perform all acts necessary to acquire and develop sites and facilities to conduct such programs as are generally understood to be park and recreation functions, including powers and duties listed in Indiana Code § 36-10-3-10 and 11.

The Board shall prepare and submit an annual budget to the Town. The Board may accept gifts, donations, and subsidies for park and recreation purposes.

All other ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions and intent of this Ordinance are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, and approval, according to the laws of the State of Indiana.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE Council of the Town of Pennville this 3rd day of October, 2023 .

Alicia Corwin, Josh Miller, Brandy Manns
Attested: Krista M. Scholer, Clerk-Treasurer
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Sports

Gone with the wind

Patriots can't hold on as they fall 2-1 in the sectional championship

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

GAS CITY — Soccer is typically played with 11 players on the field. With steady 14-mile-per-hour winds and gusts nearly reaching 30 mph, it felt as if one team had a 12th man on the field to help control possession when playing on the southeast goal.

With the wind going against it in the second half, the Jay County High School boys soccer team couldn't outlast the Mississinewa Indians in the IHSAA Sectional 24 championship on Saturday when they fell 2-1 in overtime.

"I'm sad, angry but realistically we knew it was going to be a tough game," JCHS coach Bobby Ruiz said. "I'm just proud of them. They had a great season. They played a great game today. The proof was that we got extra time. That proves we were just as competitive as them."

The Patriots (11-4-2) were forced to play into the wind in the first seven-minute overtime period. Jay County goalkeeper Kaleb Coppock held his ground throughout the period as the Indians (15-3-1) controlled the ball, taking four shots, three of which were on the goal. Coppock saved the first two, but Mississinewa found some luck on the third.

With time winding down in the overtime period, the Indians were looking for a score before they changed sides of the field. With about 10 seconds left, Mason Reel sent what was meant to be a cross for Seth Yoder from 30 yards out. While in the air, the wind caught the ball and sent it toward the goal. Coppock was able to get his

hands on it, but the wind kept it going into the left half of the goal with 4.4 seconds left.

As the team's changed sides for the final overtime period, Jay County had a chance with the wind to its back. It managed to get two shots, one of them on the goal. With 4:40 remaining, Dylan Marentes sent a ball on the ground through the defense that Micah Sylte had to dive to save.

After that, Mississinewa was able to pin the ball in the right corner near Jay County's goal to prevent it from getting off another shot as the clock ran out.

"He made a great save," Mississinewa coach Jared Reel said. "I thought it was going in and he made the save. He doesn't have a lot of goals scored against him. ... He's been phenomenal."

"Our defense, especially Gabe Carper, Drew Hawk and Bryson Vasquez have been phenomenal all year. They were tested today and they stepped up to the challenge. I'm proud of our entire team."

Sylte gave up only the 15th goal of the season midway through the second half. He sent a ball to the left half of the field that went too far, rolling out of bounds. Alan Ortiz quickly grabbed a new ball to throw in to Marentes, who dribbled to the middle of the field before passing to Levi Muhlenkamp. The junior striker took the ball to his left around a defender to get a clean look at the goal. Sylte came out to disrupt the shot, but Muhlenkamp got the ball past him for the goal 20:52 into the half.



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

JCHS senior Brayden Collins (right) lunges at the ball to disrupt Mississinewa's Karsyn Bougher (left) during the second half of the IHSAA Class 2A Sectional 24 championship on Saturday. The Patriots fell to the host of the tournament 2-1 in overtime.

Mississinewa took five and a half minutes to answer back.

The Indians moved the ball around well to force the defense to rotate, when a winger passed Mason Reel the ball. He took a heavy touch to about the 15-yard line where he took the shot that had just enough power to make it over Coppock's outstretched arms.

In the first half, the Patriots

played with the advantage of having the wind to their backs to help maintain possession of the ball, while fighting the wind in the second half. Jared Reel said playing with the wind in the second half was a part of the Indians' strategy.

"I wanted the second half with the wind at our backs, because I knew that would make a factor in the second half

of tired legs," Jared Reel said. "I thought whoever had the wind at their back last was probably gonna be more successful than if they had to fight it."

It was a physical game — five yellow cards and a red card were handed out — and players from both teams left the field drenched in sweat.

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Jay County football will host No. 6 Kokomo

INDIANAPOLIS — The Patriots will get a home playoff game.

It will be against the highest-ranked team in the sectional.

The Jay County High School football team drew a first-round matchup with the No. 6 Kokomo Wildcats in the IHSAA Class 4A Sectional 20 on Sunday evening.

The Patriots (4-4) will host Kokomo (7-1) at 7 p.m. Oct. 27.

With one week remaining in the regular season, Jay County has a Sagarin Rating of 42.31 — 187th in the state and fifth in the sectional. Kokomo is the top-ranked team in the sectional with a 68.74 Sagarin Rating, 69th in Indiana.

Marion (2-6) will host Frankfort (1-7) in the other opening-round game in the lower half of the bracket, with the winner to take on the Jay County/Kokomo winner in the semifinal round.

The other half of the bracket features No. 8 Mississinewa (8-0) visiting Western (4-4) and Columbia City (5-3) traveling to Huntington North (1-7).

The Patriots are 1-0 against sectional opponents this year with a 14-9 victory over Huntington North.

JCHS has lost five straight sectional openers, with its last victory coming by a 22-21 score over Logansport in 2017. Its last, and only, sectional championship came in 2007.

Spikers finish strong

LIBERTY — The Jay County volleyball team finished the regular season Saturday with three wins and one loss at the Union County Invite to earn second place.

The Patriots earned wins against Seton Catholic (33-31, 25-14), Union County (25-20, 20-15, 15-11) and Alexandria-Monroe (25-8, 25-8) before

Jay County roundup

falling to Adams Central in the championship 25-20, 25-23.

Isabella Denton dominated in the first two matches with 15 and 11 kills en route to 33 total.

Bryn VanVleet led Seton Catholic with 21 kills, but the six-player crew couldn't outlast the depth of the Patriots (15-14).

A strong defensive effort from Mya Kunkler (four blocks) at the net and Brenna Haines (16 digs) and Brenna Bailey (10) on the back row propelled the Patriots past Union County.

Alexandria-Monroe struggled to return serves, as Jay County racked up 11 aces. Haines led the spikers with six while Bailey added three.

The Patriots couldn't find a consistent source of points against Adams Central. Maggie Dillon led with seven kills while Denton added six. Haines was busy on the back line during the match with 20 digs. She ended the tournament with 52.

Sophie Saxman ran the offense, accumulating 80 assists over the four matches.

Boggs leads

BLUFFTON — The Jay County boys cross country team avoided last place in the Allen County Athletic Conference cross country meet at Bluffton High School on Saturday morning.

The Patriots finished with 129 points, beating out Woodlan, which had 137, while Bluffton blew away the field with 41. Adams Central won the girls race by earning 31

points.

Joseph Boggs crossed the finish line first for Jay County. He ran a 17 minute 23.8 seconds for third place, only finishing behind Bluffton's Tyler Godwin (16:43.6) and Levi Johns (17:13.8).

The boys had another top-10 finish from Caleb Garringer, who squeaked into 10th place by five seconds.

The final three scores came from Max Klopfenstien in 27th, Beckett Brandenburg in 53rd and Darren Fischer in 56th.

While Boggs tied his career best, Garringer (17:52.9) and Will Hawbaker (22:49.4, 61st) both set new ones.

The girls competed as individuals at the meet. Alexis Sibray had the best day among the Patriots with an eighth-place finish in 21:57.9. Adam Central's Gabi Landis was just over two minutes faster to earn first place.

Willow Hardy and Paityn Wendel finished within two spots of each other at 31st and 33rd. Courtney Harris ran a career best 25:49.8 to finish 37th.

Jay sweeps ACAC

BLUFFTON — The Jay County Junior High School cross country teams remained undefeated as they swept the ACAC meet Saturday morning at Bluffton High School.

Both teams earned a score of 30 points on the way to the victory. The closest boys competitor was Adams Central with 62 while Southern Wells followed the girls with 54.

Along with the team championships, Raif Beiswanger was the individual ACAC champion for the Patriot boys, winning the race in a time of 10 minutes, 38.1 seconds, nine seconds faster than Alex Alana of Adams Central.

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