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Schoolhouse project

READI, wind farm and ARPA funded work

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Though it hasn't been used for its original purpose in more than seven decades, the former schoolhouse remains the hub of Salamononia.

Town council meetings are held there.

It has hosted community gatherings such as Thanksgiving dinners.

It is available for rent for wedding receptions, graduation parties and other events.

"It's used for everything, from births to funerals," said Salamononia clerk-treasurer Connie Southworth.

At more than a century old, though, it needed some help.

Thanks to a variety of funding sources, the town of 148 residents in southeast Jay County completed projects this year to help keep Salamononia Schoolhouse Community Center stable and accessible into the future.

"This is the only thing we have in Salamononia to remember it by," said Don Shauer, a long time town board member. "It's of historical value to everybody that knows about it."

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Salamonia's Schoolhouse Community Center got a new ramp and tuck pointing thanks to federal, state and local funding. The building has stood since 1911 and serves as the hub for the smallest municipality in Jay County.

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Republicans agree to nominate Jordan

By MARY ELLEN MCINTIRE

CQ-Roll Call
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — House Judiciary Chairman Jim Jordan became Republicans' nominee for speaker Friday, winning a secret ballot election against Georgia Rep. Austin Scott, a last-minute entrant into the race.

The 124-81 vote came after Jordan, a founder of the House Freedom Caucus who became an ally of former Speaker Kevin McCarthy in recent years, lost an internal House Republican conference vote to Majority Leader Steve Scalise of Louisiana earlier this week.

Scalise withdrew his name late

Thursday because several Republicans wouldn't support him as the nominee, depriving him of enough votes to be elected by a majority of the full House. Jordan, R-Ohio, announced Friday morning he would again seek the party's nomination.

It wasn't immediately clear when Republicans would bring Jordan's nomination to the floor for a vote, but at least one lawmaker said it could slip until after the weekend. Some GOP lawmakers have left town amid the protracted battle to succeed McCarthy, R-Calif., and some members cited attendance concerns Friday given the House's narrow party split.

Now, Jordan faces the same challenge Scalise did: whether he can earn the support of 217 Republicans needed to win a floor vote. It's not clear whether he'll be able to do so, especially with raw feelings throughout the conference after another chaotic week.

Jordan's victory Friday was just a little larger than Scalise's 113-99 win on Wednesday, which portends trouble on the floor for the Ohioan just it did for Scalise.

"I'm concerned that we had a bunch of Jordan supporters that refused to help out Steve yesterday after Steve rightfully won. It's not right. It's a violation of our rules. And when you reward

bad behavior, you get more of it. So I struggle with that," said Nebraska GOP Rep. Don Bacon, who didn't say if he would support Jordan before the vote on Friday.

Some of Scalise's vocal supporters were also still smarting from his withdrawal on Friday. One Scalise ally, Florida Rep. Vern Buchanan, said he didn't believe Jordan could get to 217 votes and that a quick turnaround to considering his bid was unfair to any challengers.

"I like Jim, but I just think that Steve got a raw deal," Buchanan said. "I think he's worked hard, he's earned it and I think if (Jordan) would've given him a little

bit more support — that really changed my mind a little bit on Jim Jordan."

Still, Jordan's backers projected confidence he could lock down the conference's support.

And in a potential move to show broader support among different factions of the GOP, Reps. Dusty Johnson of South Dakota, the Main Street Caucus chair; Kevin Hern of Oklahoma, leader of the conservative Republican Study Committee; and Nicole Malliotakis of New York were set to give nominating speeches for Jordan before Friday's vote, according to a source familiar with the plans.

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An apple a day ...

Modified bobbing for apples was one of the activities Thursday as Jay County Public Library hosted Fall Into Fun at the Library. The event also offered an indoor maze, wagon rides, crafts, free mini pumpkins and the opportunity to decorate the apples in caramel and other sweet treats. Pictured at right, Josie Lyons, 4, snags an apple before dressing it up in candy. At left, Nation Kiwanuka, 5, takes a bite out of his caramel apple.



Deaths

Paul Saunders, 69, Redkey
Jerry Lofton Jr., 64, Dunkirk
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 73 degrees Friday. Rain is expected today with a high in the lower 60s. Tonight's low will be in the mid 40s with more rain and winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. Sunday will be windy with a high in the mid 50s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The inaugural Jay County Fair Board Cards, Comics, Coins & Collectibles Show is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in the Bubp Building at Jay County Fairgrounds. Admission is free.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from the JCHS volleyball team in the sectional tournament.

Wednesday — Coverage of next week's Jay School Board meeting.



Retrospect

Housing project hit temporary roadblock

Twenty-five years ago this week, there was a hiccup with a planned housing project.

The Oct. 13, 1998, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about a roadblock in the planned construction of a housing subdivision off of the east side of Blaine Pike on the south side of Portland.

A public hearing had been scheduled on the project — it called for 33 new homes — but could not be held because residents who were supposed to be notified had not been contacted. (By law, all

property owners within 500 feet of the proposed subdivision needed to be notified in person or by certified mail by the developer.)

Because property owners had not been notified, the meeting was rescheduled for the following month. But local officials and developer Biggs Inc. indicated they did not expect the delay to be an issue.

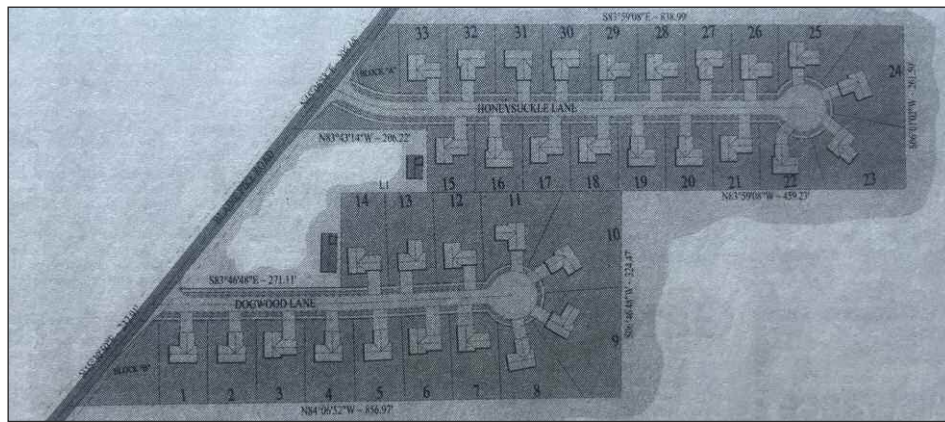
Corey Williams of Bonar Group, Fort Wayne, which was the city's consultant for the project, said he would make the notifications.

Bidding for the infrastructure improvements was still planned for December 1998, with permitting to follow in early 1999. A \$500,000 Community Focus Fund grant from Indiana Department of Commerce was being used to pay for the infrastructure.

Ralph Biggs of Biggs Inc. said he was hopeful construction could begin that spring.

"We can't actually build any new homes in there until they get some curbs and such started," he said.

He explained that the majority of the homes in



Bonar Group

This plat drawing shows a 33-home subdivision that was in the planning stages in late 1998. The streets that were constructed became Honeysuckle Lane and Dogwood Lane.

the subdivision would be between 1,100 and 1,300 square feet plus a two-car garage. The terms of the state grant called for homes to be listed

between \$75,000 and \$92,000.

Several Portland Plan Commission members had expressed concerns about surface water

drainage, but Williams noted that separate sanitary and storm sewer systems would be installed in order to address that issue.

CR almanac

Table with 5 columns: Sunday 10/15, Monday 10/16, Tuesday 10/17, Wednesday 10/18, Thursday 10/19. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday, Daily Three: 9-3-7, Daily Four: 1-4-3-7, Quick Draw: 6-9-13-20-25-29-41-42-43-44-46-48-53-61-62-68-70-71-75-77. Ohio Midday, Pick 3: 1-7-8, Pick 4: 5-1-9-1, Pick 5: 0-3-0-2-1, Evening. Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$20 million. Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$48 million.

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....5.23, Oct. corn4.88, Wheat5.06. ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.63, Oct. corn4.68, Beans12.37, Nov. beans12.47, Wheat5.39. Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.78, Nov. corn4.63, Beans12.13, Jan. Beans.....12.21, Wheat4.90.

Today in history

In 1066, during the Battle of Hastings, the invading army of William, duke of Normandy, defeated King Harold II of England. In 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. won the Nobel Prize for Peace. In 1926, "Winnie-the-Pooh" was published. In 1947, American Air Force test pilot Chuck Yeager became the first person to break the sound barrier, flying an experimental aircraft at Mach 1.07 at an altitude of 45,000 feet.

Citizen's calendar

Monday 5 p.m. — Jay School Board executive session, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council work session, village hall, 201 S. Main St. 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. Tuesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works special meeting, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Schoolhouse ...

Continued from page 1 The schoolhouse, built in 1911 adjacent to its predecessor that was constructed in 1887, had some clear maintenance needs.

It was in need of a new Americans with Disabilities Act accessible ramp. The one that was installed when the town added on to the building with ADA accessible restrooms in 2006 had been problematic for years. Running parallel to the south side of the building and then making a 90-degree turn to the south, it was difficult to maneuver and not quite as wide as it needed to be.

The interior walls of the building were also bubbling because of water leaking through the brick.

The town was able to address those two issues this year.

A new ramp that angles from the east side of the restrooms to the walkway leading to the main entrance — it has no turns — is in place. It was funded in large part by funding from the first round of the state's Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI). (Currently, proposals for READI 2.0 are in the planning stages.)

The East Central Region — Jay, Randolph, Blackford, Grant, Henry, Wayne,

Delaware and Fayette — received \$15 million that went to 19 projects. The Salamonina Schoolhouse Community Center got \$9,000 for the ramp, with the remaining cost covered by money passed on to the town from economic development payments for wind farm projects.

"This grant has felt like a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Shauver. "We wouldn't have been able to make these repairs without it."

"READI investments have been instrumental to fill gaps for projects that have a profound impact on communities throughout the East Central region," said Trevor Friedeberg, president and CEO of the East Central Indiana Regional Partnership in a press release. "The Salamonina Schoolhouse READI project is a shining example of how communities of all sizes have been able to realize the positive impact of the program. We are very proud of this project and the work being done by the residents of Salamonina to lift up their community."

Salamonia addressed the water issue with some tuck-pointing work paid for with federal coronavirus relief funds through the American Rescue Plan Act.

Shauver speaks proudly

about the history of the schoolhouse, which served first through eighth grade students from 1911 through 1950. He shares stories about how the students would wash up for lunch — there was no indoor plumbing — and play tetherball during recess. (The original pole is still in place.)

After it was closed as a school, for a time the building was used as storage for the town's firetruck. Now restored as a community center, it can hold up to about 75 and is rented out almost every week.

Future improvement plans call for fixing the plaster inside where damage is visible from moisture leaking in and refurbishing the windows, which are original to the building. It's all part of the mission to preserve this history of the town.

"I think it's our responsibility to preserve it and carry it on to the next generation," said Southworth, thanking all those who helped make the most recent renovations possible. "I would hate to imagine not having at least this central meeting place in this town. We would have nothing."

"I think the building itself is very important to the Town of Salamonina."

Nominate ...

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Scott, a last-minute addition who announced he would run for speaker only hours before the vote on Friday, had also said he would vote against Jordan for speaker.

"If we're going to be the majority party we need to act like it," Scott told reporters. "I care more about the conference and us doing our job than I care about who the speaker is."

"When I woke up this morning I had no intentions of doing this," he added, noting that he hadn't whipped his bid. "But I believe if we as Republicans are going to be the majority, we have to do the right things the right way and we're not doing that right now."

Republicans met earlier Friday to consider potential rule changes, but two proposals were rejected and two others weren't officially offered.

Capsule Reports

Failed to stop

A Portland man failed to stop at the intersection of Race and Pleasant streets in Portland, causing an accident about 4:42 p.m. Wednesday.

Javier Gomez, 23, was driving a 2006 Hyundai Sonata west on Race Street when he failed to stop at the intersection with Pleasant Street, according to a report from Jay County Sheriff's Office. (Traffic on Race Street stops at the intersection.) Gomez continued west, hitting a southbound 2017 Ford Explorer driven by 25-year-old Carly Grieshop of Portland. Both vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000. Gomez was cited with infractions for failing to stop at a stop sign and for driving without a license.

Intersection crash

A Portland teen drove in front of oncoming traffic at the intersection of Indiana 1 and county road 400 South, causing a three-car accident about 6:57 a.m. Monday.

Ryan B. Griffin, 16, was stopped along county road 400 South facing west. At

the same time, a 2015 Jeep Cherokee driven by 79-year-old Cecil C. Green of Dunkirk was going south on Indiana 1. Griffin continued into the intersection, driving in front of Green's vehicle. Green wasn't able to avoid hitting Griffin's car, causing Griffin to crash into a 2016 Ford Fusion driven by 33-year-old Ashley N. Burress of Hartford City stopped on the other side of the intersection along county road 400 South.

Obituaries

Paul S. Saunders, Redkey, July 1, 1954-Oct. 12, 2023. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Portland Church of Christ, 1217 W. Votaw St., Portland.

Jerry Lofton Jr., Dunkirk, Nov. 12, 1958-Oct. 11, 2023. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

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.

SERVICES

Monday

Hough, Tom: 11 a.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

Lofton, Jerry: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Tuesday

Saunders, Paul: Portland Church of Christ, 1217 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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Is pregnancy causing the problem?

By JANN BLACKSTONE
Tribune News Service

Q. My husband's two kids go back and forth between their mother and our homes. At first she was very cooperative. We were even sort of friends, but for some reason she has recently become short tempered, horrible actually, and I hesitate to compare notes like I should. I'm eight months pregnant and I don't need the stress. What's good ex-etiquette?

A. Hmmm ... hopefully you will once again trust me to read between the lines, but this is what I suspect is happening — and one of those psychological sticky points that few want to openly admit.

Ex-Etiquette



That fact that you are having a child soon has changed the pecking order. You are now officially peers.

Many former partners have confided that no matter what went on between the exes, the one thing they had that set them apart from their ex's current partner was that she was the mother of his children. You being pregnant, she no

longer holds that exclusive title and within that context she may be having trouble adjusting. You have to look at the history, but if her attitude changed about the time your pregnancy began to show, there's your answer. And, the more the kids come home talking about how excited they are that they are going to have a new brother or sister, or that the new baby will be the ultimate bond between their family members, the more irked about the situation she may become. Not that she wants anything to really change, she probably likes you if you were

friendly in the past. It's just something she has to get used to.

If you put yourself in her shoes (Good ex-etiquette for parents rule #7) her children's excitement about something so far removed from her can be disconcerting. Many parents have trouble realizing their children actually have a life at the other home. Their life is put on hold when the children leave and go to the other home, so obviously that's how the children must feel. It's not. Their life goes on. Add the kids constantly talking about a new sibling brings the problem home — literally. So she tends

to get a little crabby when she has to interact with you.

Time will heal this — especially since you were once cordial, which points to the fact that she actively attempts to co-parent in the best interest of the kids. I encourage you to initiate a tactful conversation that discusses how she sees your child fitting in her children's lives. Her support and willingness to include your child in her children's activities will greatly contribute to an easy transition for everyone. And, another important consideration - make sure she knows you respect her as the exist-

ing children's mother and that her importance as their mother will not be diminished by the addition to your family. Sounds crazy? When the kids go back and forth, if there's a big event at one house, the other house is affected. How you handle those big events determines how well adjusted the kids are. That's good ex-etiquette.

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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.

Rekindled flame begins flickering again

DEAR ABBY: I was married for 20 years. We met when I was 13. Our relationship continued through high school and college. We later married and had three children. I held down a full-time job while taking care of a large house, running the children to practices, helping with homework, etc.

Our marriage fell apart, and we divorced seven years ago. We always attended our children's events together and stayed connected as each child left the nest and our oldest got married. We both dated others during this time, and I met someone I loved more than anyone I had ever loved before. But that relationship fell apart due to his infidelity.

Two years ago, my ex-husband and I began our relationship anew. We went to counseling and everything was going

Dear Abby



well. We bought a house together and are living under one roof with our youngest son. The issue is, we have fallen back into the same old pattern. My husband is rude to me and our son. He's also annoying, and repeats the same conversations over and over. I no longer have any physical attraction to him.

At this point in my life (I am in my 50s), I don't want to go back out in the dating world, but I miss the companionship and attention I found doing so. Our youngest son is a senior

this year and will be going to college. I still own a house (currently on the market), and I could return to it, but because he put my name on the new house, it would be a hassle to balance both. I'm not happy, but I don't know what to do. — STRUCK OUT TWICE

DEAR STRUCK OUT: If your partner's repetitiveness is new behavior, get him to his doctor for a thorough physical and neurological examination, because there may be something happening with his health. If that's not the case, you two may need more relationship counseling to bring you back to the place you were when you reunited.

If counseling fails to achieve the desired result, you will then have to decide what's more important to you — staying in a loveless

relationship or gambling on living a different life and possibly being alone. (I know what I would do.) But if you are more afraid of being alone than living the rest of your life with someone who verbally abuses you and your son, this is a decision you must make for yourself.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a friend I grew close to a few years ago. After she moved an hour away, we saw each other only occasionally. I have come to realize that I'm no longer interested in the friendship. She focuses mostly on herself, and I no longer enjoy her company. I started communicating less and less often with her in an effort to let the relationship fade away, hoping the distance would allow for a more natural break. It has

been a few years since I have communicated with her, but she continues to email, text and contact me on social media. I have not responded. Should I have handled this differently? I didn't formally say goodbye, largely because I didn't know what to say to end it. Please help. — AT A LOSS FOR WORDS IN ILLINOIS

DEAR AT A LOSS: Because such a long time has elapsed since you were close, I don't think any "announcements" are necessary. If her messages and posts annoy you, simply block them.

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

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.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each 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.

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.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

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.

Tuesday

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

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Jay County Public Library community

room. For more information, call Deb Tipton at (260) 729-2806 or Elasha Lennartz at (765) 729-4567.

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

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.

GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER OF PSI IOTA XI — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the Disabled American Veterans building. For more information, call Jane E. Switzer at (260) 726-2626.

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.

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Schools
October 15-21

Monday: Main Entrees: Classic Chicken Sandwich, **Alternate Entrees:** Muffin, Yogurt & Cheese Fun Lunch, Popcorn Chicken Salad Bake, Breadstick, **Sides for all meals:** Smile Potatoes

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Pepperoni Pizza Pasta Base, Garlic Breadstick, **Alternate Entrees:** Muffin, Yogurt & Cheese Fun Lunch, Popcorn Chicken Salad Bake, Garlic Breadstick, **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned Zucchini

Wednesday: FALL BREAK

Thursday: FALL BREAK

Friday: FALL BREAK

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Pope invites Catholics to speak up

Star Tribune
Tribune News Service

One doesn't have to be Roman Catholic to appreciate the challenges facing Pope Francis or the courage he has shown in meeting them. Now the church is beginning a three-week synod in Rome, where participants will tackle such questions as the role of women in church governance, celibacy of the clergy and the church's stance toward the LGBTQ community.

Among some Catholic leaders, just to raise such topics threatens a departure from treasured orthodox — even schism. In the months leading up to the synod, Francis has urged Catholic leaders not to fear the discussion. And he has repeatedly expressed his view that a Christian life demands "concrete actions."

Roman Catholic doctrine is none of the Star Tribune Edito-

Guest Editorial

rial Board's business. A church's freedom to practice religion is as fundamental as a newspaper's freedom to practice journalism — and both of those rights reside in the protections afforded by the First Amendment. Yet the Catholic Church and affiliated agencies exert a considerable influence — around the world, across the United States and here in Minnesota — in ways that transcend doctrine.

About 1 in 5 Minnesotans identifies as Catholic, but many more are directly touched by the church's work. A child in central

Minnesota need not be Catholic to benefit from the help of Catholic Charities of St. Cloud. A woman in the Twin Cities need not be Catholic to feel the effects of the church's efforts to curb abortions. The unsuccessful 2012 campaign to pass a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage in Minnesota was promulgated by the Rev. John Nienstedt, then the archbishop of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Clearly, non-Catholics have an interest and a stake in how the Catholic Church regards women and how it treats members of the LGBTQ community. It's significant that the synod will include the voices of women as full participants in its deliberations about the life of the church. At previous such meetings, voting membership was limited to men. Now, out of about 365 voting members, 54 are women. That's

not quite 15%, but it is infinitely more than zero.

What's more, Francis has indicated a possible willingness to consider allowing Catholic clergy to bless same-sex unions. He stops well short of referring to such unions as marriages, and he does not go so far as to suggest that such unions could be performed by priests or celebrated in churches. But he has opened the door a crack, and even that much change is enough to arouse the ire of some church leaders.

A five-member group of conservative retired cardinals has warned that the faithful might fall prey to "confusion, error and discouragement" on several issues to be discussed at the synod, such as opening the priesthood to women. The cardinals challenged the pope to reaffirm traditional church teach-

ing, citing Pope John Paul II's assertion that the church had "no authority" to ordain women as priests.

Francis declined to contradict John Paul, now regarded as a saint, but allowed that the ordination of women "can be a subject of study." (In Minnesota, the Pew Research Center has found that Catholic women outnumber Catholic men, 53% to 47%.) But that simple assertion that study is needed may border on heresy in the eyes of some.

In his reply to the cardinals, Francis wrote that it is part of the church's mission to ensure that "all the People of God ... make their voice heard." Cautiously, he added that "with these very questions you manifest your need to participate, to freely express your opinion and to collaborate" — just as he intends the synod to do.

Private schools should open books

By KERI MIKSZA
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Maybe you saw the yard signs this summer? Across the state, a private organization — the Institute for Quality Education — put money toward promoting the dollar amount a child can receive from the state of Indiana to help pay for private school.

It's around \$6,000 this school year, per the yard signs. In 2023-24, almost all Hoosier children qualify for a private school voucher if they can find a private school that will accept them.

A program that was founded on the premise of providing opportunities for low-income and minority families has grown significantly since it was first challenged in court in 2012, one year after state legislators passed legislation establishing it. Yet while the program has expanded to include almost all families, the same problems persist: little accountability for taxpayers and few protections for families.

As the state sends millions more tax dollars to private schools this year — an estimated \$500 million, more than 35 times the initial cost to taxpayers in the 2011-12 school year — taxpayers still have no idea how these voucher dollars are being used by the schools that receive them. Is the money going into the classroom to help students? Unsure. Is the school financially distressed? Who knows.

There are no state-required audits as there are for public schools. There are no public school board meetings in which to ask questions.

Families' rights and protections are fewer in private schools compared to public schools. Being able to pay tuition doesn't mean your child will be allowed to enroll, or once enrolled, allowed to stay, even in a school affiliated with your own church. Every one of the 320 (and growing...the state money is too good to pass up) private schools receiving state tax dollars via vouchers can turn away or tell a child to leave at any time, for most any reason.

In addition, vouchers require parents to sign contracts with the school. The terms of those contracts are one-sided. If you

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pull your child out, or if the school pushes your child out, you can still be on the hook to pay for the rest of the month, semester or year. Schools can even garnish families' wages. There are collection cases filed for private school tuition in Indiana, often targeting hourly workers in low-paying jobs. This is the side of "school choice" that isn't positive and uplifting, and it isn't told.

Why doesn't Indiana clearly convey the rights forfeited — for instance, in a letter mailed home — when parents choose to accept a voucher to leave the public school system for a privately managed school?

Many schools are receiving hefty amounts of state support. For instance, Cardinal Ritter High School in Indianapolis received \$3.3 million in 2022-23 alone; Heritage Christian school received \$3.7 million. Concordia Lutheran in Allen County received \$2.6 million, while Faith Christian in Tippecanoe County received \$3.1 million.

This is a lot of money, and when it leaves the public school system it enters a black box.

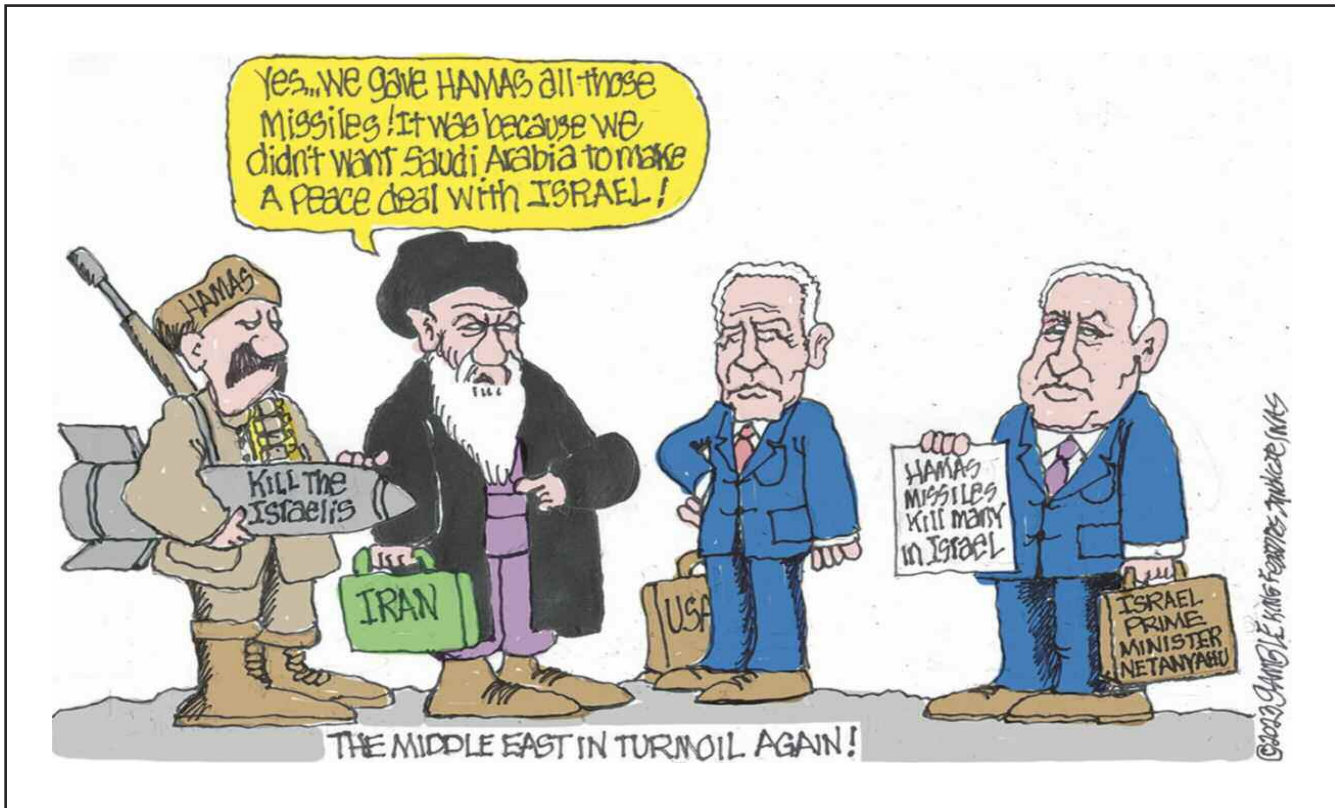
Like public schools, private schools are receiving state funds, and Indiana's taxpayers deserve to know how that money is spent. Like public schools, voucher-receiving private schools should be audited by the State Board of Accounts.

Legislators should take this common-sense step. Most private schools accepting vouchers are faith-based, but Indiana's attitude toward their use of state dollars shouldn't be.

It's past time for schools receiving vouchers to open their books.

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Election officials are essential

By MARK Z. BARABAK
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Election denialism is a losing cause.

Studies of the vote in 2022 put the penalty at anywhere from 2% to 7%, depending on the office.

In other words, Republicans who spread the Big Lie about massive fraud and a stolen 2020 election received significantly less support — in races for secretary of state, governor and Congress — than Republicans who refused to traffic in such nuttiness.

Way to go, discerning voters! Liars like Kari Lake, who lost a bid for Arizona governor by parroting former President Donald Trump's falsehoods and hopes now to flimflam her way to a Senate seat, are only the most visible threat to our system of democracy.

New research by a political reform group, Issue One, has given us something else to worry about: a troubling exodus of local election officials — those on the front lines fighting for truth, justice and the American way.

In 11 Western states, including California, roughly 40% of the chief local elections officials are new to the job since 2020, the study found.

In four states — Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah — the turnover exceeds 50%.

Why does that matter? "It takes a long time to learn how to do what we do," said Ryan Ronco, the elections chief in Placer County and head of the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials. Ronco has spent 30 years in the county clerk's office; 10 of his 15 staffers are new.

Running a safe and aboveboard election is not simply a matter of turning on the lights at polling places, or sliding a letter opener through an envelope when mail-in ballots arrive.

It requires, among myriad responsibilities, learning how to operate specialized voting machines, combating cybersecurity threats and, increasingly, venturing out in public

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— to town hall meetings, election seminars and other venues — to explain how election operations work.

"Ensuring elections are accessible, secure and accurate requires trained, dedicated, knowledgeable people," the Issue One report stated. "When local election officials leave these critical positions, the costs to institutional knowledge and running elections are real. Losing experienced people costs us in countless ways."

That's for sure. If preserving and protecting the integrity of our election system doesn't move you, then consider the departure of experienced election professionals from a coldly calculated dollars-and-cents perspective. There's a price to pay for all that turnover, which requires training a new staffer each time a more experienced election worker departs.

Earlier reports had warned of an exodus of election officials as the menace from election conspiracy-mongers grew. The latest study suggests it's now happening — particularly in battleground states where election officials have been targeted by harassment and death threats.

(There are thousands of chief election officials in the United States. Issue One limited its research to 11 Western states because that's what the nonprofit organization could afford and the region includes two states likely to be quite competitive in 2024, Arizona and Nevada.)

It's not hard to imagine a downward spiral where less experienced workers goof up an election, causing further doubts about the results and resulting in even more threats of violence, which causes yet another mass exit of election workers.

But there are some encouraging signs.

In California, legislators passed a bill to extend the law protecting election officials from harassment and interference to cover staff members, temporary employees and poll workers. Gov. Gavin Newsom signed the legislation Sunday.

At the federal level, prosecutors have stepped up cases against those threatening or harassing election officials.

"But we believe more needs to be done to keep them safe," said Cory Combs, a spokesman for Issue One. He said the group would like to see Congress pass "anti-doxing legislation" that would "help election officials keep sensitive personal information" — like their home address — "from public disclosure."

The group also seeks increased federal funding to improve election security, replace outdated machines and technology, and recruit and train election workers.

Ronco, the Placer County elections chief, has a somewhat optimistic view.

Having been through previous contentious campaigns — including 2004, when those on the left were bleating afterward about a supposedly stolen election — he's hopeful the current threats of danger won't become a permanent part of our politics.

"I can't promise these times will pass," Ronco said. "But I try to remind people we do have these cycles."

Let's hope the madness subsides, like a bad fever dream, with the resounding repudiation, once and forever more, of Trump and his devious imitators.

In the meantime, let's push lawmakers in Congress and around the country to do all they can to protect the workers who constitute the paper-thin line keeping our elections system alive and well.

The country depends on it.

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10-14 CRYPTOQUIP

KQ TNS VWFNXW HCLKDT JKB
GBBJKIGOKNDH QVNF TNSV
HLNB'H KDXWDONVT, TNS'VW
ISOOKDR TNSV RJNHHWH.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: LARGE MASS IN OUTER SPACE FORMED FROM THINGS SUCH AS POTATOES, PASTA AND RICE: CARB NEBULA.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals P

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Band leaders

- Who rules the Huns alongside his brother Bleda from 434 to 445?
- Buddy Holly's backup group The Crickets inspired the name of what band?

Answers: (1) Attila (2) The Beatles

10-16 CRYPTOQUIP

XRNO QCANCPK AZPN DRN
JWLQD JBOUDWCOWOT NURC
URZASNL, W'P QZK DRZD XZQ
Z LNQCBOPWOT QBUUNQQ.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU REMOVE SHINY LIP APPLICATIONS FROM YOUR SHOP'S INVENTORY, YOU'RE CUTTING YOUR GLOSSES.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals S

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to animal safety. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 21 = A)

A. 21 23 2 11 21 9
Clue: Pet or wild

B. 3 21 16 7 18 24
Clue: Caution

C. 19 25 11 21 23 7
Clue: Tender and compassionate

D. 16 14 3 18 7 15
Clue: Care for temporarily

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to animal care.

SRUEEC

Answers: Rescue

Guess Who?

I am a race car driver born in North Carolina on October 10, 1974. I followed my legendary father into the racing business, but made a name for myself by winning the Daytona 500 twice in my career. I remain one of the most popular drivers of all time.

Answer: Dale Earnhardt, Jr.

kids' corner

HEALTH FACT:

THIS TYPE OF CRUST HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THOSE WHO MUST GO GLUTEN-FREE TO EAT PIZZA.

Answer: Cauliflower

Creative Coloring

Celebrate dining on pizza. Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

OCT 8

- 1956: THE NEW YORK YANKEES' DON LARSEN PITCHES THE ONLY PERFECT GAME IN A WORLD SERIES TO DATE.
- 1967: CHE GUEVARA AND HIS MEN ARE CAPTURED IN BOLIVIA.
- 1982: AFTER ITS LONDON PREMIERE, 'CATS' OPENS ON BROADWAY AND RUNS FOR NEARLY 18 YEARS.

New Word

CONSUME
eat, drink or ingest food or drink

ANIMAL WELFARE WORD SEARCH

T D C I T G U H R Y L P A T G U W R D D
C E W L N N G H C U Y N G N I T S E T V
O C L E N O I S S A P M O C H V F T V R
M L L N I U O V S G A Y T W A I E S L C
M A F A R N F W Y V E V O C O H C O S L
U W A M E S H V V O V N C O C P L F E L
N S R U S H A N S U E I E T U P E T D A
I O E H P E I G M C N M F T G T A I L E
T D V M O L B E C A O D D A I R C A U O
Y C S E N T W O T O I I R B C C M O P O
Y G R T S E W I R S W M E N U I F M M P
W T I H I R O G E I N F C A E N Y G V Y E
M R O I B N I A H B M H H A E M F G M C H
A V L C L F S O N O I S S E R G A R L T
C F D S E E A N V E T E R I N A R I A N P
B L O G D R S Y B M O O C E I R A W M P
C P Y E D A P U S R O I V A H E B H G Y
B E L I T C E T O R P S I C L E O L V H
M L N R N I S T H G I R S Y D U M F R
F G M O O H D L D M G N I N I A R T D G

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- AGRESSION
- ANIMAL
- BEHAVIOR
- COMMUNITY
- COMPASSION
- CRATE
- DECLAW
- DISEASED
- ETHICS
- FOSTER
- GENETIC
- GROOM
- HOARDING
- HUMANE
- OUTCOME
- PROTECT
- RESPONSIBLE
- RIGHTS
- SHELTER
- TESTING
- TRAINING
- VACCINATION
- VETERINARIAN
- WELFARE

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Slice
SPANISH: Rebanada
ITALIAN: Fetta
FRENCH: Tranche
GERMAN: Stück

Did You Know?

PEPPERONI IS THE MOST POPULAR PIZZA TOPPING ACROSS THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Pizza cutter wheel

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- 1 "Help!" down
- 4 Some August babies
- 8 Tall and thin
- 12 New Deal agcy.
- 13 "There oughta be —!"
- 14 North African port
- 15 Goal
- 16 Locale
- 17 Tragic
- 18 Maintains order
- 21 Recline
- 22 Can metal
- 23 Concur
- 26 Be a good party guest
- 27 Bikini half
- 30 De-posed
- 31 Nemesis
- 32 "RuPaul's — Race"
- 33 Smart-phone download
- 34 Dynamic

DOWN

- 1 Love letter
- 2 May-berry tyke
- 3 "Ditto"
- 4 Collie of film
- 5 Select group
- 6 Vow
- 7 Hon
- 8 Gray-green color
- 9 Met
- 10 DEA agent
- 11 Elbow counter-part
- 19 Begged
- 20 Photos, slangily
- 23 In the manner of
- 24 Opening
- 25 Shred
- 26 Cattle call
- 27 Buddy
- 28 "Way cool!"
- 29 Census stat
- 31 Electrical panel
- 32 Zwei follower
- 34 Physi-cian's nick-name
- 35 Sevilla's nation
- 36 Gives tempo-rarily
- 37 Say
- 38 Seethe
- 39 Notion
- 40 Electric measure
- 41 On deck
- 42 Alike (Fr.)
- 43 Nursery bed
- 44 Goofs

Solution time: 26 mins.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Never say die

North dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 10
♥ K 9 7 3
♦ Q 8 6
♣ A Q 5

EAST
♠ 8 5
♥ 10 6 5
♦ A 10 5 3
♣ J 6 3 2

SOUTH
♠ J 9 7 6 4
♥ A 4 2
♦ J 2
♣ K 7

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

Opening lead — ten of clubs.
Even the best players occasionally get to bad contracts — usually because of overbidding. When this occurs, declarer should not spend his time trying to allocate blame but should do all he can to try to make the contract. Here is a case of this sort.
North opened one notrump, and South, not playing transfers, responded three spades. But after

North raised to four spades. South decided to bid a slam, a distinct overbid. There was almost no chance that 12 high-card points opposite 15 to 17 would produce enough tricks to make a slam.
West led a club — lucky break No.1 — and South then had to put all his expertise to work to make the slam despite his two diamond losers. He won the club with the king, played the A-Q of spades and then cashed the A-Q of clubs, taking care to discard a heart from his hand instead of one of his diamond losers.
The rest of the play was easy enough. South cashed the A-K of hearts and ruffed the seven of hearts. When the suit divided 3-3 — lucky break No.2 — dummy's nine of hearts became a trick. A trump to the ten then allowed South to discard a diamond on the nine of hearts, and the slam was home.
Maybe it's true that crime does not pay, but the fact is that in bridge it sometimes does. And while it's easy to condemn South for his optimistic bidding, it's hard to say he was wrong when the result proved he was right.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- 1 Binge
- 4 Greek leader?
- 9 Nursery cry
- 12 Top card
- 13 Reacts to yeast
- 14 In the style of
- 15 Dairy aisle purchase
- 17 Texter's "Enough!"
- 18 Blackbird
- 19 One-dimensional
- 21 "Who cares?"
- 24 — about (circa)
- 25 Ecol. watchdog
- 26 Matching pair
- 28 Flexible green toy
- 31 Jazz phrase
- 33 — Moines
- 35 Logical
- 36 Confuse
- 38 Obama-care initialism
- 40 Actor McKellen

DOWN

- 1 Mouth part
- 2 German cry
- 3 Earth (Pref.)
- 4 Sports venues
- 5 Like some editions
- 6 "— Love You" (Beatles hit)
- 7 "Greetings!"
- 8 Making inquiries
- 9 Major pipe
- 10 Mater lead-in
- 11 Locks
- 16 — -di-dah
- 20 We, to Pierre
- 21 Belgrade resident
- 22 May-berry tyke
- 23 Break-fast-making convenience
- 27 Herbal brew
- 29 — B'rith
- 30 Longings
- 32 Baby horse
- 34 De-frauded
- 37 Stomach sounds
- 39 Refer (to)
- 42 Laundry woe
- 44 Small batteries
- 45 Utah city
- 46 Arrived
- 50 Roman 16
- 51 "Sixth sense"
- 52 Guitar's kin
- 53 Old space station

Solution time: 21 mins.

Yesterday's answer 10-14

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 5
♥ 9 3
♦ Q J 10 8 6
♣ Q J 9 2

EAST
♠ Q J 8 7
♥ K J
♦ A K
♣ K 10 8 7 6

SOUTH
♠ A 10 9 6 3
♥ A Q 10 7 5 4
♦ 3
♣ 3

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 1 ♠ 2 ♠
Pass 2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 ♠
Pass 3 NT Pass 4 ♠

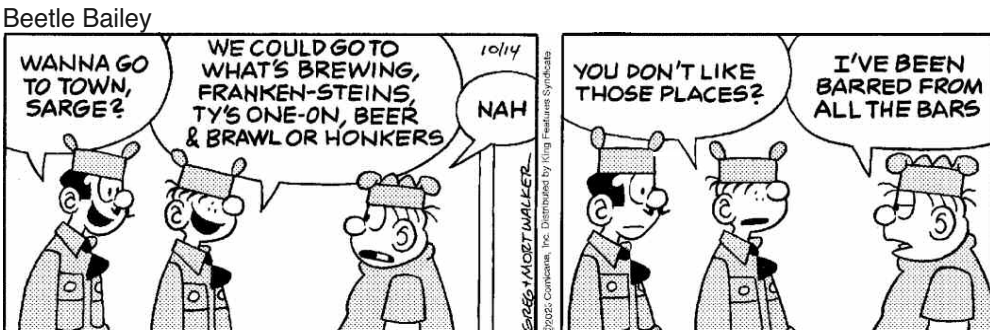
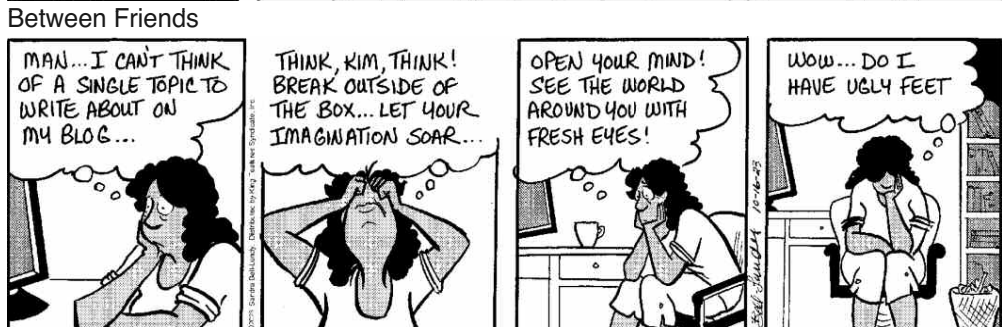
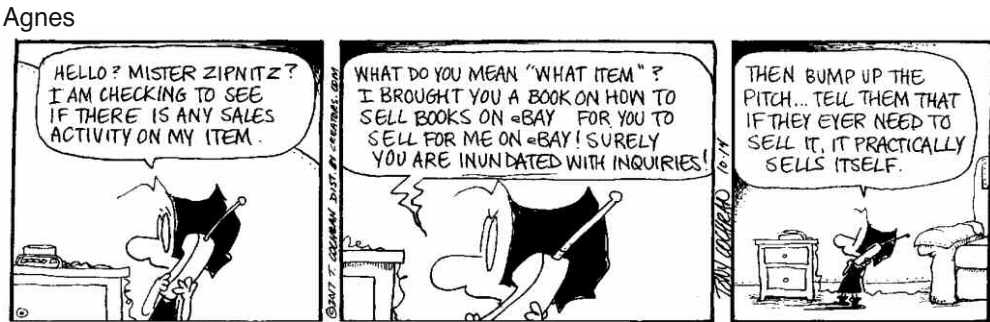
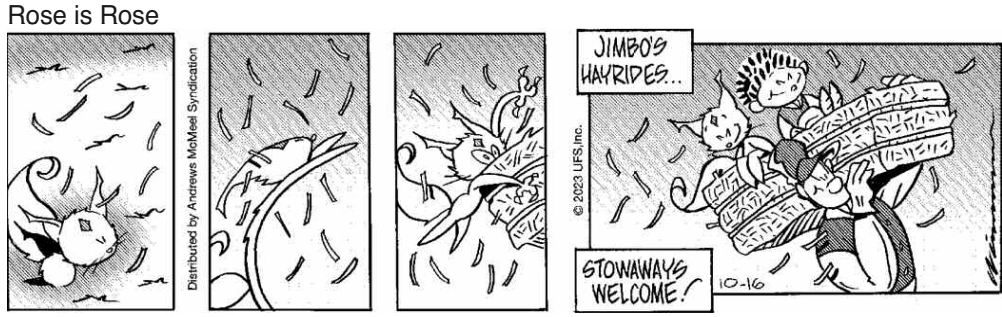
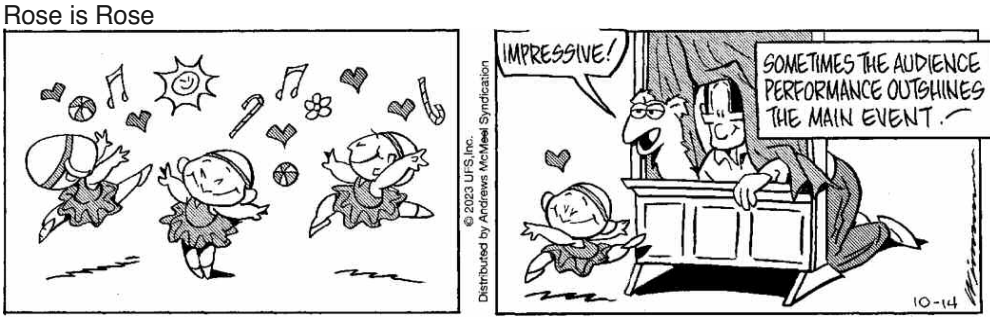
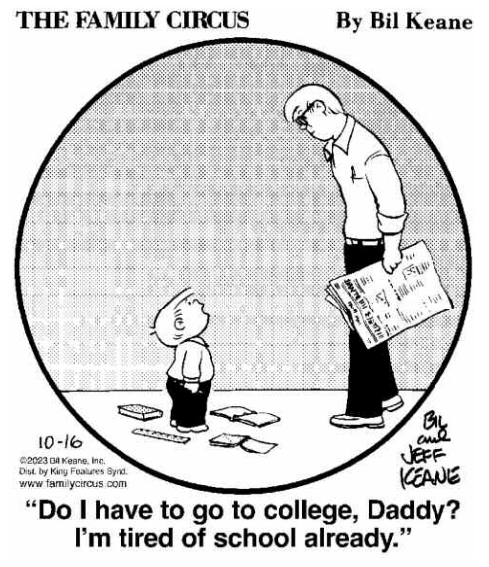
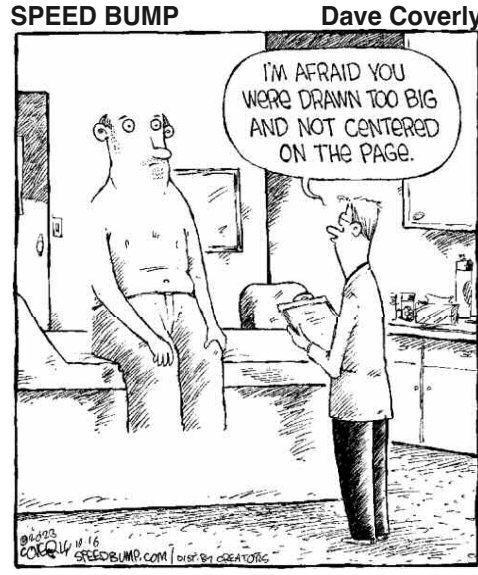
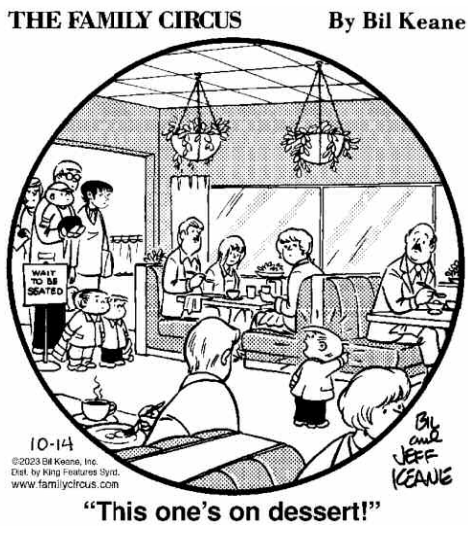
Opening lead — two of hearts.
The play of most hands follows a predictable course, since the participants usually do exactly what would reasonably be expected of them. But every once in a while, a player performs a feat that is far beyond the normal expectancy, and it is always a pleasure to report such an occurrence.
This deal occurred in a match between Holland and Great Britain, the Dutch pair arriving at four

hearts on the bidding shown. Aware that declarer had indicated length in both majors by his bidding, West (Jonathan Cansino) found by far the best opening lead of a trump.
Declarer won East's king with the ace, cashed the K-A of spades and ruffed a spade with dummy's nine as Cansino discarded a club. South then played the queen of diamonds from dummy, won by East with the king to produce this position:
North ♠ J 10 8 6 ♣ Q J 9 2
West ♥ 8 6 ♦ 9 7 5 4 ♣ A 5
East ♠ Q ♥ J ♦ A ♣ K 10 8 7 6
South ♠ 10 9 ♥ Q 10 7 5 4 ♣ 3

East cashed his queen of spades at this point, and on the trick Cansino discarded his ace of clubs! This brilliant play left declarer without recourse. When East next cashed the king of clubs — the defenders' third trick — and then continued with a club, Cansino's eight of hearts became the setting trick, regardless of whether South ruffed high or low. Cansino had done him in with a veritable master stroke.

Tomorrow: The best method of play.
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Saturday's answer 10-16



We Deliver

Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

Laughter

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Public Notice

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IN D/B/A PAK A SAK #02
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250 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

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COUNTY OF JAY, SS:
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IN THE JAY
SUPERIOR COURT.
Small Claims Division
Cause Number:
38001-2307-EV-000024
(Plaintiff)
v.
CHRISTOPHER HUNT
310 N. Meridian St.
Redkey, IN 47373
(Defendant)

TO: CHRISTOPHER HUNT
CHRISTOPHER HUNT is notified that a WRIT OF POSSESSION AND ORDER GRANTING AUTHORITY OVER PERSONAL PROPERTY was issued by the Jay Superior Court, Jay County Courthouse, 120 N. Court St., #11, Portland, IN 47371. The Order states Plaintiff shall store a vehicle belonging to CHRISTOPHER HUNT for a period of 90 days, or until December 10, 2023, at Massey's Towing, located at 4521 IN- 1, Redkey IN 47373. After this term, Plaintiff shall sell the vehicle.

Plaintiff is represented by Gina M. Eisenhut, 105 N. Main St., Bluffton, IN 46714. CHRISTOPHER HUNT must claim the vehicle by December 10, 2023, or it shall become property of Plaintiff. CHRISTOPHER HUNT shall appear at the Jay Superior Court, in person or by counsel, for a damages hearing on November 13, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

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(Deceased)
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Notice is hereby given that Janna Maitlen was appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of John Stewart Rines, deceased, on the 21st day of September, 2023, who died on the 18th day of August, 2023. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
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LOCATED: 7259 W CR 200 N, Pennville Indiana Monday

NOVEMBER 13, 2023

5:00 P.M.

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Located in the Bup Exhibition Hall at the Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 E Votaw Street, Portland Indiana on Saturday Morning

OCTOBER 21, 2023

9:30 A.M.

MODERN HOUSEHOLD GOODS – OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS

Frigidaire front load washer & dryer; Amana side by side refrigerator; Frigidaire upright freezer; Black & Decker microwave; Oak 4 stack bookcase; curved glass china cabinet; Oak counter from Redkey Hardware store; lighted glass door china cabinet; dresser with mirror and handkerchief boxes; settee; drop leaf table; office chair; 5 drawer dresser; 9 drawer dresser with mirror; Victorian Style settee and chair; dresser with mirror; table top showcase; Walnut drop leaf table; Diamondback 1100R exercise bike; Lazy Boy leather recliner; Smith Bros. 3 cushion sofa; (2) Smith Bros. occasional chairs; decorative cedar chest; entertainment center; 2 pc. kitchen cabinet; dining room table with 6 chairs; Jenny Lind type bed; (2) bar stools on rollers; drop leaf lamp table; (2) twin beds; sofa table; computer desk; Shark Navigator sweeper; baby bed; 2 drawer filing cabinet; metal full size bed; library table; Gene Stratton Porter books; oil cans; spice tins; crock churns; #2 crown water jug; cast iron stove; amber jars; lightning rod balls; cream cans; vintage toys; games; 4' metal Justin Shafer sign; (4) – 50' fire hoses; quilting rack; wood planes; Coke ice picks; baking dishes; Vitamix; Cuisinart coffee maker; Corelle set of dishes; skillets; Vera Bradley bags; small kitchen appliances; flatware; utensils; Fostoria; pitcher & bowl set; ceramic giraffe; picnic basket; lamps; Style House "Embassy" 12 place set of china; bells; Royal Sutherland cups; copper pitcher and cups; Goebel figurines; parlor lamp; pitcher and bowl; 65" plywood cutout Santa Claus; Royal Dolls, NIB; 12 place setting of china; doll stands; collector plate display stands; 10" Cloisonne lamp; Fenton; Longaberger tie ons; Longaberger pewter ornaments; Elvis collector plates and doll; mirror; linens; nativity sets; Christmas decorations; file cabinet; Bissell sweeper; steins; metal storage cabinets; fan; swing; roller skates; sausage stuffer; cookbooks; colanders; skillets; cookware; pictures; Mar-Glen small vases; magazine holders; VHS tapes; ceramic houses; ice cream maker; metal storage cabinets; and many other items not listed.

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Jay advances to semifinal

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

NEW CASTLE — It wasn't a great start. The Patriots came out flat footed.

The slow start led to a quick 4-1 deficit before coach Amy Dillon called a timeout.

After the timeout, the Jay County High School volleyball team came out with more life to take the set and beat the Centerville Bulldogs 25-12, 25-22, 25-22 in the IHSAA Class 3A Sectional 24 opener Thursday at New Castle High School.

With the win, Jay County (16-14) will face off against the Frankton Eagles at 12:30 p.m. today at New Castle in the sectional semifinal.

Centerville (12-16) secured the first point on a ball Mya Kunkler sent too long. The second was a kill by Makenna Hartman.

Jay County got its first point on a hitting error by Chloe Goodman before surrendering two more points on a service error by Brenna Haines and an Ellie Cox ace that dropped in front of Haines and Lainey Muhlenkamp.

By that point, Dillon had seen enough, calling her first timeout.

"We've started off the last few games like that in the hole," Dillon said. "I just asked them, 'Do you want to win? If you want to win, deserve to win. Don't just win because you're the better team. Win because you deserve it.'"

"We had a talk in one



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Brenna Bailey, a defensive specialist for the Jay County High School volleyball team, digs a ball out of the back row during the Patriots' 25-12, 25-22, 25-22 win over Centerville in the sectional opener Thursday at New Castle. Bailey had two aces and seven service points in a strong performance behind the service line.

timeout where I said, 'Not everybody gets to wake up on Saturday morning and put their jerseys back on, so you need to be thankful that you're probably gonna get to do that, and you need to earn it.'"

The pep talk was exactly what the Patriots needed.

After the slow start, they finished with a 24-8 run,

including two runs of six straight points. The run was powered by 12 kills — Kunkler and Bella Denton had the most with three apiece — two blocks, one ace and eight hitting errors by the Bulldogs.

Sophie Saxman was able to spread the ball around as 10 Patriots recorded kills. Whenever Jay Coun-

ty needed a point, she found herself going back to Kunkler and Denton, who both finished with nine kills.

"I trust all of my hitters," Saxman said. "I know wherever I set it's going to be fine. ... If (Denton and Kunkler) get a block up, nobody is going to be able to hit past them.

If they hit a ball down no one is going to block it."

Along with running the offense, she had three kills. She had a kill on an attack from a hitter's approach and two more on quick little dumps when she faked a set.

Saxman also recognized the lack of energy from the team, as they were playing in the cavernous gym.

"When we come out and assume that we can beat a team, the energy is a little bit flat," Saxman said. "We came out a little bit rough but I think the energy is going to be a lot better on Saturday."

As Jay County started to extend its bench, Hartman fought to keep the Bulldogs in the match. In the second set she was responsible for seven points, and another four in the third. She finished with 12 kills and an ace, while hitting 20%.

Hartman's primary position is listed as a right-side hitter, but she was forced to fill in as the outside-hitter in place of Brooklyn O'Neil who recently tore a ligament in her foot.

While Hartman put together a strong effort, it wasn't enough for the inexperienced team to overcome the Patriots.

"I thought we played decently," Centerville coach Jim Basler said. "We had one player who had sectional experience. I have nothing but JV players except for Chloe (Goodman). So, I've had a very, very young team with a lot

of girls with little varsity experience except for this year, so it's a learning experience for them."

A bright spot in the Patriots' performance was their serving. They were able to keep Centerville out of system the entire night by serving short balls that would threaten to land for aces without the back row crashing in and even diving to the floor.

Brenna Bailey and Muhlenkamp both had a pair of aces and seven service points while Denton led with eight service points.

"(Muhlenkamp) and Bella (Denton) are great placement servers," Dillon said. "I told the girls 'we're going to serve short until they can't pass it and we need to be ready for an overpass because they are going to be coming forward to pass that ball.'"

While Jay County walked away with the win, Dillon is going to look for her team to pick things up in the semifinal to give them a chance to make it to the championship Saturday evening against the winner of the other semifinal match between Delta and the host Trojans.

"I wish we would have played a little bit better tonight," Dillon said. "Saturday morning could have a different outcome, and we want to enjoy a win. I'm not sure that I felt like we really enjoyed that win."

"I think we have a lot of work to do (Friday) night before Saturday morning."

Fort Recovery falls to the No. 2 Cardinals

NEW BREMEN, Ohio — The Midwest Athletic Conference can be an absolute gauntlet.

Five of the 10 member schools are ranked in the Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association's poll.

The Indians ran into another one of those teams Thursday.

The offense of the Division IV No. 2 New Bremen Cardinals was too much for the Division III No.

10 Fort Recovery High School volleyball team as it dropped its final match of the regular season 25-16, 25-18, 25-19.

The Cardinals (18-4, 8-1 MAC) finished with 40 kills in the match, nearly doubling the Indians' 21 kills. Olivia Heitkamp had 18, nearly outpacing Fort Recovery (16-6, 6-3) all by herself.

Teigan Fortkamp led the Indians' attack with six kills. Paige

Guggenbiller was the only other attacker to have five or more kills.

Fort Recovery had a solid day serving the ball, recording seven aces. Fortkamp had three while four other Indians added one apiece.

Kennedy Muhlenkamp and Mara Pearson led the defensive effort at the net with two blocks each. Karlie Neikamp also had a block.

The defense struggled to slow down New Bremen's attack, only digging balls out 26 times. In comparison, the Cardinals dug the ball out 67 times. Cali Wendel had a team-high eight digs for FRHS.

Kayla Heitkamp and Muhlenkamp split time as the team's setter. Heitkamp had nine assists while Muhlenkamp had eight.

The Indians finished fourth in

the MAC. All three losses came to the three teams that tied for first place — Coldwater, New Bremen and St. Henry.

Fort Recovery will get a week off before it plays the winner of an opening-round sectional match between seventh-seeded Allen East and ninth-seeded Wayne Trace in the sectional championship Oct. 18 at St. Henry.

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GUNS - ANTIQUES - MISC Remington model 41 22 cal. single shot. Thomson Center Scout 50 cal. muzzleloader. 5 gallon and 2 gallon crock jugs. Barn pulleys. Steamer trunk. Settee. 2 miniature porcelain dolls (over 150 years old). Porcelain Kewpie doll. 1956 Rempel doll. Copper horse. LARGE AUCTION: SEVERAL ITEMS NOT MENTIONED OWNERS: Roy and Dorothy Stewart. SHAWVER AUCTIONEERING AND REAL ESTATE AC31800004 Zane Shawver Lic. #AU10500168 260-729-2229 Pete D. Shawver Lic. #AU19700040 260-726-5587 Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos.</p>	<p>PUBLIC AUCTION SATURDAY OCTOBER 21ST, 2023 TIME 10:00 A. M. LOCATED: 3386 North US 27 Portland, IN COLLECTOR CARS-VEHICLES-TRACTORS-TRAILERS 1929 Ford model A-older restoration, 1955 Ford F100 pickup-auto trans, 1971 Chevy Monte Carlo 350, 1972 Chevrolet El Camino, 1932 Ford Roadster project car-semi complete, 7,000 lb car trailer, Ford 1510 FWA tractor with turf tires, 9N Ford tractor. 7 foot grader blade. 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Justin DeHoff, a senior and Jay County High School's leading receiver, finds some room to run during the first half Friday. DeHoff caught four passes from quarterback Sean Bailey for 65 yards, but JCHS fell 28-6 to Heritage.

Heavy ...

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The seventh was a 17-yard sack of Kobe Meyer, but Jay County was called for pass interference on the next play.

Three more runs gave the visitors third-and-7 from the 10-yard line. Meyer found no one open as he dropped back to pass, so he scrambled to his right. It looked as if he was going to run, but he pulled up when he saw Eli Tigulis alone in the back of the end zone. The pair connected on the pass for touchdown and Meyer added a 2-point conversion run.

"I just went to the offensive staff and said, 'Hey, we're going into heavy and we're just going to pound it out,'" explained Heritage coach Casey Kolkman, adding that he was upset his team's offense in the first half. "Addressing the team, it was like, 'We're going to get in heavy and we're going to go down the field.

Box score	
Jay County Patriots (4-5, 2-4 ACAC)	vs. Heritage Patriots (8-1, 5-1 ACAC)
Heritage 13 0 8 7 — 28	Jay Co. 0 0 0 6 — 6
First Quarter	
H — Kobe Meyer 1 run (Caleb Abbott kick), 7:03.	
H — Braden Walter 65 pass from Meyer (kicked failed), 2:04	
Second Quarter	
no scoring	
Third Quarter	
H — Eli Tigulis 10 pass from Meyer (Meyer run), 5:10.	
Fourth Quarter	
JC — Wenk 25 run (pass failed), 7:52	
H — Ibrahim Williams 21 pass from Meyer (Abbott kick), 6:49.	
Team Statistics	
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Rushes - yds	32-170 46-173
Comp-Att-Int	6-11-0 8-13-0
Passing yds	124 90
Total Plays	32 46
Total Offense	294 173
Punt ret - yds	1-10 0-0
Kickoff ret - yds	2-29 4-42
Sacks - yds lost	1-17 1-3
Punts - yds	4-118 3-128
Ints - yds	0-0 0-0
Fumbles - lost	1-0 2-1
Penalties - yds	4-40 4-40
Individual Statistics	
Rushing — Heritage — Kobe Meyer 13-58, Caleb Abbott 8-55, Nolan Hoskins 6-33, CJay Barnett 5-24, Jay County — Bryce Wenk 10-46, A.J. Myers 7-18, Sean Bailey 11-12, Leighton Brown 4-5, Austin Schoenlein 1-2.	
Passing — Heritage — Kobe Meyer 6-11-0 124, Jay County — Sean Bailey 8-13-0 90.	
Receiving — Heritage — Ibrahim Williams 3-48, Braden Walter 1-65, Zeke Litchfield 1-8, Preston Fields 1-3, Jay County — Justin DeHoff 4-65, Rhysin Blowers 2-12, Garrett Bennett 1-14, Benson Ward 1-(-1).	

We're going to swallow the football and just get a score and go up 20 with a handful of minutes left in the third."

It was a rough night for Jay County even before

the whistle blew as the home team was called for delay of game prior to the opening kickoff.

Still, the host Patriots got the ball first and earned a first down on a

Sean Bailey pass to Justin DeHoff. Bailey tried to hit a deep pass down the left side on the next play, but it fell incomplete. JCHS coach Grant Zgunda was then flagged for an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty for stepping onto the field as he argued for a pass interference call.

The result was a first-and-25 for Jay County, which ended up punting. The home team finished the first half with just 29 yards of total offense and lost leading rusher A.J. Myers to a leg injury in the second quarter. (Myers spent the rainy third quarter under a blue and white umbrella, unable to return to the game.)

"They're good, first of all," said Zgunda in reference to the Heritage defense. "We went from first-and-10 to (first-and-25) ... And then obviously A.J. getting hurt was a big factor later in the half hurt."

"They're a good football

team. We knew it was going to be a struggle," he added, saying his goal was to mix up play calling in an effort to keep the defense off balance. "They're too good up front to just keep hammering away at them."

Jay County had an opportunity to respond in the third quarter when DeHoff caught a 46-yard pass despite having a defender draped over him. His catch took the ball to the 3-yard line, but the drive stalled as Bailey slipped while trying a quarterback sneak on third-and-goal from the 1 and then slipped again on the slick surface as he faked up the middle and attempted to run around the left end for what looked like it would have been a wide-open score.

The host Patriots finally got their only touchdown on a 25-yard run by Bryce Wenk — he picked up 46 yards on 10 carries filling in for Myers — at the 7:52

mark of the fourth quarter. But by then it was too late, and Meyer (124 yards passing, 55 yards rushing) eventually took a knee to run out the final minute-plus.

"Things got a little rough tonight offensively," said Zgunda. "We struggled. We're going to have to figure it out and hope to get some people healthy and go from there."

The loss capped a difficult end to the season for Jay County (4-5, 2-4 ACAC), which won its first three games before dropping five of its final six to fall short of its first winning regular season since finishing 6-3 in 2016. It closed with consecutive losses to South Adams, Lapel and Heritage.

JCHS will open sectional play at home Friday against Class 4A No. 5 Kokomo, which is 7-2 after dropping its regular-season finale 34-21 to Lafayette Jefferson.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Cross country sectional at Taylor University — 10:30 a.m.; Potential volleyball semifinal & championship at New Castle — 12:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; JV football at Heritage — 10 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Cross country at MAC meet at Coldwater — 9 a.m.; Middle School cross country at MAC meet at Coldwater — 9 a.m.

TV sports

Today
Saturday
12 p.m. — College football: Michigan State at Rutgers (BTN); Georgia Southern at James Madison (ESPN2); Georgia at Vanderbilt (CBS); Indiana at Michigan (FOX); Iowa State at Cincinnati (FS1); Syracuse at Florida State (ABC)

3 p.m. — Friendly International soccer: Germany at United States (TNT)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Oregon at Washington (ABC); BYU at TCU (ESPN); Texas A&M at Tennessee (CBS); Illinois at Maryland (NBC); Kansas at Oklahoma State (FS1); UMass at Penn State (BTN); Florida Atlantic at South Florida (ESPN2)
3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Also Uniforms 302 (USA)
4 p.m. — College football: Iowa at Wisconsin (FOX)

6:07 p.m. — Major League Baseball playoffs: Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies (TBS)

6:30 p.m. — IMSA SportsCar Championship: Motul Petit Le Mans (USA)

7 p.m. — College football: Kansas State at Texas Tech (FS1); Auburn at LSU (ESPN)

7:30 p.m. — College football: USC at Notre Dame (NBC); Miami at North Carolina (ABC)

8 p.m. — College football: UCLA at Oregon State (FOX)
8 p.m. — NHL: Seattle Kraken at St. Louis Blues (Bally Indiana)
9:45 p.m. — College football: Boise State at Colorado State (FS1)
10:30 p.m. — College football: Montana at Idaho (ESPN2)
10:30 p.m. — Top Rank Boxing: Vincenzo Guaitieri vs. Janibek Ailmkhanuly (ESPN)

Sunday
1 p.m. — NFL: Indianapolis Colts at Jacksonville Jaguars (CBS); Minnesota Vikings at Chicago Bears (FOX)
2:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: South Point 400 (NBC)
3 p.m. — Womens college basketball: DePaul at Iowa (BTN)
3 p.m. — High school basketball: Blue Knights at Storm Hoopers (ESPN)
3 p.m. — NHRA: Texas NHRA Fall Nationals (FS1)

4:05 p.m. — NFL: New England Patriots at Las Vegas Raiders (CBS)

4:25 p.m. — NFL: Detroit Lions at Tampa Bay Buccaneers (FOX)

5 p.m. — High school basketball: GEICO Top Flight Invite (ESPN2)

7 p.m. — NBA preseason: Milwaukee Bucks at Los Angeles Lakers (ESPN)
8:15 p.m. — MLB playoffs: Texas Rangers at Houston Astros (FOX)
8:20 p.m. — NFL: New York Giants at Buffalo Bills (CBS)

9:30 p.m. — NBA preseason: Golden State Warriors at Sacramento Kings (ESPN)

Monday
4:37 p.m. — MLB playoffs: Texas Rangers at Houston Astros (FOX)

8:07 p.m. — MLB playoffs: Arizona Diamondbacks at Philadelphia Phillies (TBS)
8:15 p.m. — NFL: Dallas Cowboys at Los Angeles Chargers (ABC)

7 p.m. — NBA preseason: Atlanta Hawks at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)

Tuesday
2:45 p.m. — Euro Qualification: Italy at England (FS1)

6 p.m. — College soccer: Penn State at Rutgers (BTN)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Southern Mississippi at South Alabama (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NHL: Tampa Bay Lightning at Buffalo Sabers (ESPN)

8 p.m. — Women college hockey: St. Cloud State at Minnesota (BTN)

8:07 p.m. — MLB playoffs: Arizona Diamondbacks at Philadelphia Phillies (TBS)

8:30 p.m. — Friendly International: Ghana at United States (TNT)

10 p.m. — NHL: Colorado Avalanche at Seattle Kraken (ESPN)
10:30 p.m. — NBA preseason: Denver Nuggets at Los Angeles Clippers (ESPN2)

Local notes
Turkey Trot sign-up open
Cooper Farms will be hosting its 16th annual Turkey Trot on Nov. 4 at the Cooper Farms Turkey Harvesting Plant in St. Henry, Ohio. Participation costs \$15. 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

Heritage goes heavy

Visitors went to running game for 12-play, 61-yard drive that put them in firm control against Jay early in the second half

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

There was virtually no success to be had for Jay County on offense in the first half Friday night.

Even so, it trailed just 13-0 at halftime.

But Heritage, frustrated with having not been able to cash in on a few more first-half opportunities, came out ready in the third quarter.

In the annual battle of the Allen County Athletic Conference's Patriots, Heritage's 12-play, 61-yard drive that lasted nearly seven minutes to open the second half put it in firm control as it handed Jay County High School's football team a 28-6 defeat.

"We just couldn't get a stop," said JCHS coach Grant Zgunda of the opening drive of the second half that put the visitors up 21-0. "They're good. Unfortunately we couldn't get some scores, otherwise we could have made it really interesting. We had some opportunities. ... We didn't make enough plays. They're good."

Leading 13-0, Heritage (8-1, 5-1 ACAC) methodically moved the ball down the field to start the second half, handing the ball to Caleb Abbott on five of the first six plays.

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Jay County High School senior offensive lineman Ryne Goldsworthy keeps a hand on Charlie Riddle of Heritage as quarterback Shawn Bailey rolls to the opposite side of the field during the first half Friday night. A 28-6 loss for JCHS kept it from its first winning regular season since 2016 as it dropped five of its last six games following a 3-0 start.

FRHS unable to keep pace with Rockets

ANNA, Ohio — The Indians were clicking on offense.

They gained 396 total yards, scored four touchdowns and got big games from Troy Homan and Reece Guggenbiller.

It just wasn't enough to stop the Rockets from taking off.

After picking up its first win a week ago, the Fort Recovery High School football team fell to the Anna Rockets 35-25 Friday night.

The Rockets (4-5, 3-4 Midwest Athletic Conference) faced first-and-20 with less than 1:40 left in the first half. Alex Shappie wasn't bothered by the time, leading Anna down the field. Shappie passed for 47 yards on the drive before capping it off with an 11-

yard rush to put Anna up 21-12 with only 35 seconds left in the half.

The Rockets carried the momentum into the second half when they received the ball first and took six plays to extend their lead to 28-12.

A third consecutive touchdown near the start of the fourth

quarter put the game out of reach for the Indians (1-8, 1-6 MAC) as they could only manage two scores before time expired.

Reece Guggenbiller exploded for nine catches and 148 yards to lead all receivers. He also scored a touchdown with 45 seconds remaining in the game.

Troy Homan threw the touch-

down to Guggenbiller as well as one to Caden Grisez in the second quarter and running in one of his own in the fourth. He finished with 200 yards in the air and 68 on the ground.

Reece Wendel scored the first touchdown for the Tribe with 9:48 remaining in the second quarter.

Anna running back Zach Osborn was the only player to score two touchdowns. His first was a 4-yard carry late in the first quarter while the other went for 6 yards in the third. He also was responsible for Anna's score in the fourth when he threw a 15-yard pass to Trey Heitkamp.

The Rockets' first score was a five-yard pass from Shappie to Clay Cummins at 4:29 in the first.

According to unofficial data from JoeEitel.com, the Indians have been mathematically eliminated from playoff contention. They will close the regular season at home Friday against St. Henry.

Unofficial rankings show Indians eliminated from playoff contention

Dirksen and Sims earn IHSTCA honors

The fall sports season is winding down. That means postseason awards have started to roll out.

Two Jay County High School seniors of the Patriots boys tennis team recently received honors from the Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association.

No. 1 singles player Abraham Dirksen was named to the All-District Team for District 4, which includes teams from Jay, Blackford, Grant, Madison, Delaware, Randolph, Hancock, Henry,

Shelby and Fayette counties.

The honor recognizes the top 12 singles players and top six doubles teams in the district.

From the Patriots' No. 1 doubles team, Gage Sims was recognized by the IHSTCA for his work in the classroom by being named to the 2023 Boys' Individual Academic All-State Team. The honor is based on GPA, ACT and SAT scores.

Sims was one of 109 individuals across the state to earn the honor.

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