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## Yellen: Biden will 'fight' for aid to Ukraine

*Treasury secretary urges Europe to move forward*

By CHRISTOPHER CONDON and JORGE VALERO

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U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen urged a gathering of European finance chiefs to move ahead with plans for €50 billion (\$52.4 billion) in fresh aid to Ukraine while pledging the White House and a majority in Congress will "fight" to provide new assistance for the embattled Eastern European nation.

"President Biden and I, along with a bipartisan majority of the U.S. Congress and the American people, will fight so that our support is not interrupted and sufficient funding is in place," Yellen said Monday in Luxembourg in a speech to the Eurogroup, a body comprised of euro-area finance ministers.

Yellen's remarks nodded to growing worries on both sides of the Atlantic that efforts to continue offering substantial aid to Ukraine are coming under threat and may depend, in part, on the other's ability to extend its commitments.

"For Congress to be willing to provide the level of support that we are to Ukraine, it's important to know that we are not alone in this," Yellen said during a news conference following her speech.

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# Memorial pies

**Betz family is baking to honor husband, father who died in farm accident**

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Seven years ago, Andrew Betz died in a tractor accident.

His family recently found a way to honor him and give back to the community.

Emmett Betz, 10, and Bennett Betz, 8, started baking pies in June with their mother, Jenn Betz. They've been selling pies through their Facebook page, 2 Guys Pies, to raise money for other families who have experienced a farming-related injury or death.

The trio has sold more than 100 pies so far, helping at least five families in the surrounding area. (Next week, their total will rise to 120.)

Emmett, Bennett and Jenn have set up at several festivals and events, including at the non-profit corner with Love Thy Neighbor Project during the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show on Aug. 25 and the Portland Main Street Fall Festival on Sept. 30.

Currently, 2 Guys Pies offers peanut butter, root beer, cinnamon roll cherry, banana split and birthday cake pies, although they have been experimenting with new types. All profits go toward other families in need.

Jenn had been searching for years for a way the family to honor her husband.

"These guys are complete farm boys, love to dig in the dirt, but they do love to be in the kitchen as well," explained Jenn.

Emmett and Bennett have their own signature pies they take to family gatherings. When they took their pies to a friend's house recently, their friends told



Photo provided

Brothers Bennett and Emmett Betz started baking pies in June in honor of their father Andrew Betz, who died in a tractor accident seven years ago. 2 Guys Pies has sold more than 100 pies so far with the help of their mom Jenn.

them they should start their own business. A friend of Jenn's also suggested they sell the pies and give the proceeds back to farming families.

"We spent a long time praying about it, and we thought, 'Yep, I

think this is where God wants us to go,'" said Jenn.

Emmett and Bennett's friends jokingly said they should name it "2 Guys Pies," and the name stuck.

Jenn, a secretary at Bryant

Wesleyan Church and office manager for Mustard Seed Remodeling, created a Facebook page to start taking orders.

And they've been making pies nearly every week since.

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## Card sharks

Jade Westgerdes, 12, Roman Clamme, 12, Murphy Link, 11, and Fletcher Post, 11, check out a display of sports cards Saturday during the inaugural Jay County Fair Board Cards, Comics, Coins & Collectibles Show in the Bubp Building at Jay County Fairgrounds. The boys spent some time playing a dice-roll game to win cards and Post purchased a Justin Fields football card for one of his buddies. "I know how much you wanted it," he told his friend, a Chicago Bears fan.

## Guard, PRUV reach deal

By CASEY SMITH  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com

A portion of Camp Atterbury will soon be home to a proving and testing ground for new technologies that could be useful to both civilians and the military — largely those involving autonomous vehicles.

Officials announced the new deal during a ceremony on Friday. The 10-year, \$940,000 lease of state-owned land and roadways within Camp Atterbury's north post will allow PRUV "an independent and secure location" to test "next-generation advanced mobility developments."

Indiana National Guard Maj. Gen. Dale Lyles said the advancement of autonomous military vehicles and weapons could help save the lives of soldiers in future conflicts. He noted, for example, that the dangers of first contact with an enemy could be absorbed by robots and Artificial Intelligence.

As part of those autonomous vehicle developments, Lyles predicted that PRUV will eventually use Camp Atterbury's restricted airspace to test

*Portion of Camp Atterbury will be used for testing new autonomous technologies*

how unmanned aerial systems, like drones, could be used to "defeat systems or enhance their systems in the warfight."

"It is imperative that we keep this place busy and we keep it open to ensure the safety of all Americans, and that we prevail against all of our adversaries," said Lyles, Indiana's adjutant general. He further applauded the project as a ground-breaking cooperation between the military and private sector.

"Our relationship with PRUV strengthens our national security strategy, it strengthens our defense sector, it makes America safer. And this partnership is something that will endure for years, and it is something that will preserve the safety of our kids and our grandkids."

Camp Atterbury, located near Edinburgh in south-central Indiana, serves as a major training site for the Indiana National Guard.

Lyles noted that because much of the National Guard's training happens on weekends, "we have this available capacity through the week."

PRUV's initial lease includes 55 acres on the north side of the base on land owned by the state.

The new proving ground will be located on the northern portion of the base and include 10.2 miles of road behind a secure fence line. Military and company officials said it's an ideal spot for secure and confidential research, as well as development and testing of advanced vehicle technologies.

### Deaths

Carolyn Smith, 85, Portland

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### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 52 degrees Sunday. The low was 43.

Tonight's low will be in the lower 40s. Expect mostly sunny skies Wednesday with a high in the mid 60s. There is a 40% chance of rain Wednesday evening.

For an extended forecast, see page 2.

### In review

Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council have scheduled a special meeting for 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, in the auditorium at Jay County Courthouse. Commissioners and council will "interview and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects."

### Coming up

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

Thursday — Preview of the JCHS football team's sectional opener against Kokomo.



# Obituaries

## Carolyn Smith

April 13, 1938-Oct. 13, 2023  
Carolyn Sue Smith, age 85, of Portland passed away on Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, in Willows of New Castle.

She was born in Wells County on April 13, 1938, the daughter of Lloyd and Dorothy (Wilson) Settle. She was married on Jan. 5, 1979, to Robert O. Smith and he passed away on Jan. 22, 1998.

Sue was a graduate of Petroleum High School and a member of American Legion Auxiliary. She retired from Americare after serving for many years as an office manager.

She is survived by three grand-



Smith

children, Cassie Cavanaugh (husband: Joe Kirby), Katelyn Jackson (husband: Kevin) and Aaron Cavanaugh; seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Shirley Short (husband: Milton); a niece, Lori Nelson (husband: Mike); and a nephew, Gary Short (wife: Kelly).

She was preceded in death by a son, David Cavanaugh; a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Cavanaugh; a brother-in-law, Milton Short; and three brothers, Fredrick Settle, Robert Settle and Larry Settle.

Funeral services will be on Friday, Oct. 20, at 10:00 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland, Indiana, with Pastor Wayne Ward presiding. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday, Oct. 19, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Memorials can be made to the choice of the donor.

## Keith Ford

July 12, 1938-Oct. 14, 2023  
Keith Rodney Ford, age 85, went to be with his honey Phyllis Ann Ford, of 62 years, on Oct. 14, 2023, at 5:40 p.m.

Keith was born on July 12, 1938, in Delaware County the son of Howard and Garnet (Hall) Ford.

Keith loved home-cooked meals, especially on the holidays where they were his favorite. Keith enjoyed golfing so much he had his own golf cart to cruise around town in. Keith was a perfect

example of a great father, grandfather and husband and will forever be missed. Keith was a veteran in the United States Air Force where he served overseas during the Korean War and served a year in Japan.

Keith graduated from Muncie Central High School in 1956. Keith worked for Fenters Boneless Beef and retired from Teamsters Hi-way Dispatch after 25 years of service. Keith was proud to show and train Tennessee Walking Horses.

Survivors include:  
One daughter — Krista Scholer, Pennville, Indiana

One granddaughter — Alexa Adair (husband: Mark), Wabash, Indiana

One sister — Judith Ford, Columbia City, Indiana

Several nieces and nephews

Keith's family is thankful for his life and will cherish the wonderful memories.

Services will be scheduled for a later date.

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

Condolences can be sent to his daughter Krista Scholer, P.O. Box 408 Pennville, IN 47369, or granddaughter Alexa Adair, P.O. Box 408, Pennville, IN 47369.

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Ford

# CR almanac

Wednesday 10/18	Thursday 10/19	Friday 10/20	Saturday 10/21	Sunday 10/22
<b>65/50</b>	<b>65/47</b>	<b>58/42</b>	<b>56/37</b>	<b>57/38</b>
Wednesday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a high of 65 degrees during the day.	Showers are likely Thursday with a 60% chance of rain throughout the day.	Friday also has a 60% chance of rain under mostly cloudy skies. The low may be 42.	More rain is possible Saturday. The low at night may dip into the 30s.	Mostly sunny skies are expected on Sunday, with the low sticking in the 30s.

# Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$34 million	46-54-57-61-63-70-77 Cash 5: 2-11-19-27-45 Estimated jackpot: \$408,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$69 million	<b>Ohio</b> Sunday Midday Pick 3: 5-7-6 Pick 4: 8-5-9-9 Pick 5: 4-1-1-6-8 Evening Pick 3: 8-0-9 Pick 4: 6-0-9-0 Pick 5: 5-2-7-4-9 Rolling Cash 5: 9-16-29-33-39 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Sunday Midday Daily Three: 4-5-4 Daily Four: 1-5-0-5 Evening Daily Three: 8-4-7 Daily Four: 5-9-7-9 Quick Draw: 6-8-10-13-14-15-16-22-26-30-31-41-42-	

# Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.90 Oct. corn .....4.80 Wheat .....5.25	Dec. beans .....12.78 Wheat ..... 4.93
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....4.85 Oct./Nov. corn .....4.70 Dec. corn .....4.85	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.57 Nov. corn .....4.72 Beans .....12.44 Nov. beans .....12.68 Wheat .....6.48
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....4.65 Late Oct. corn.....4.75 Beans .....12.36	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.45 Jan. corn .....4.70 Beans .....12.22 Nov. beans .....12.27 Wheat .....4.93

# Today in history

**In 1581**, the first ballet, "Ballet Comique de la Reine," was performed in Paris.

**In 1815**, Napoleon Bonaparte arrived on the island of St. Helena after being exiled.

**In 1783**, Jean-François Pilâtre de Rozier spent four minutes in the air in a balloon created by the Montgolfier brothers, Joseph-Michael and Jacques-Étienne. The act served as the world's first manned balloon flight, with the brothers having previously sent a duck on the ride.

**In 1842**, Karl Marx became the editor-in-chief of Rheinische Zeitung. The German philosopher and socialist later wrote "The Communist Manifesto."

**In 1878**, inventor and businessman Thomas Edison and his investors formed the Edison Electric Light Company.

**In 1951**, the first episode of "I Love Lucy" aired on television. The classic series went on to produce 180 episodes through May 1957.

**In 1959**, the Antarctic Treaty was signed by 12 countries during a conference in Washington, D.C., to preserve the continent for scientific study. The agreement came after six weeks of negotiations.

**In 1989**, Wayne Gretzky of the Canadian hockey team broke the scoring record in the National Hockey League by making 1,851 goals. -- The CR

# Citizen's calendar

<b>Tuesday</b> 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works special meeting, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St., Portland.	Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North.
<b>Wednesday</b> 4 p.m. — Portland	
<b>Thursday</b> 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, Redkey Morgan Park, 200 S. Mooney St.	

# Wagon ride

Jay County Public Library hosted "Fall Into Fun at the Library," on Thursday. The event offered an indoor maze, wagon rides, crafts, free mini pumpkins and the opportunity to "bob" for apples and decorate them in caramel and other sweet treats. Pictured, 9-month-old Augustus Limbert, 4-year-old Haiden Young and 3-year-old Haisley Young cruise around the library parking lot in a wagon.



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# Pies ...

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Emmett, Bennett and Jenn usually prepare pies in the afternoons at their rural Portland home. Their schedule varies depending on when pies are ordered.

Bennett's specialty is a no-bake peanut butter pie, which has a peanut butter filling with crumbled Oreos as a crust, along with melted chocolate and Reese's cups on top.

Emmett's classic recipe is the cinnamon roll cherry flavor, which he's solely in charge of making. It has a lattice crust on top.

"You make the cinnamon roll cherry pie all by yourself, I don't help with that one," said Jennifer to Emmett,

causing him to giggle. "I tried once and did not do a good job."

"Yeah, you burnt it," Bennett said. He and Jennifer laughed.

To order pies, message 2 Guys Pies on Facebook or email jennmyers2003@yahoo.com.

Andrew and Jenn Betz dated for several years. They had been married for only five months before Andrew's death in October 2016. Jenn recalls how others responded in the aftermath.

"We had people reach out to us and help us that did not know us," said Jenn. "I can recognize that it was a blessing, that a lot of people reached out to us," she said.

Jenn noted farmers live a "different lifestyle," spending most of their time in the fields. Folks don't often worry about farmers, she noted, but pointed out it can be dangerous operating heavy machinery.

Farmers at heart, Emmett and Bennett enjoy agricultural life as a hobby. They collect tractors, specifically McCormick Farmalls and other red models, and visit the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show each year. (Bennett won a Maytag Model 30 at the show in August.)

"The boys were born to be farmers," said Jenn. "They have had it in their (blood)."

# Ukraine ...

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Speaking alongside her, Eurogroup President Paschal Donohoe said he and his colleagues "took great heart in the message that Secretary Yellen gave today."

In the U.S., a group of Republican hardliners, many of whom oppose more Ukraine aid, recently deposed House Speaker Kevin McCarthy and pitched the chamber into a disruptive leadership struggle.

Biden is planning to make a formal request for additional foreign aid this week, including for Ukraine and Israel, but it's unclear whether the House can act without a permanent speaker in place.

"We have been united in holding Russia to account for its illegal, unjustifiable and unprovoked war of aggression against

Ukraine," Donohoe said in a statement that preceded the meeting.

Donohoe highlighted that the current geopolitical pressures require transatlantic cooperation.

"We face challenges of a magnitude that no country, no region, can face alone," he said. "Europe and the United States are pillars of the global economy, which makes working together so very important."

European Commission Vice President Valdis Dombrovskis said that it's important that the U.S. provide clarity on Ukraine funding "as soon as possible."

European Union leaders are slated later this month to take up the €50 billion proposal, but resistance to the size of the package has been growing on the bloc's eastern fringe. Hungary recently proposed halving the amount and re-evaluating the plan part way through the three-year disbursement period.

# SERVICES

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

**Friday**  
**Smith**, Carolyn: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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# Card prompted memories from the past

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to the Commercial Review

I was looking through some stuff the other day and found an old Christmas card. It was signed, "Votre ancienne maitresse, Marie."

Suddenly I was a young teenager again. Once a week I would walk over to Marie's big white house after school. We would go over whatever French homework I had. If there was no homework we would practice past or future lessons.

Marie lived with her mom. Mom was a tiny woman and very old. If Marie would offer me a

## As I See It



piece of candy, Mom would ask for a piece. Marie would tell her that she didn't like that kind. Mom would insist. When Mom would finally win, she would take a piece and put it in her mouth. Seconds later she would spit it out because she didn't like it. Marie would shake her head and silently

say to herself, "I told you so."

Sometimes she would offer me a Coke. This came complete with a glass of ice for me to pour the soda into.

I rarely had pop at home. It was considered to be a waste of money. The only time we had pop was when my Uncle Don and Aunt Kitty would visit and they would bring a bottle of sugary liquid for each of us. So being offered a Coke was a real treat.

Marie collected elephants. She had a display case with tiny and not so tiny elephant figurines from all over the world.

To this day, I think of her every time I see an elephant of any size.

After all that, the things I learned from Marie and my high school French teacher have seldom been put to use. The words and phrases I tried so hard to learn have been pushed into the dusty back storage areas of my brain.

Nevertheless, I firmly believe that those pleasant afternoons that I spent with two old ladies were some of the best afternoons of my life. It doesn't matter that they fussed over candy. It doesn't matter that the older

of the two women probably had the beginnings of dementia.

So why do I remember Marie after all these years? I think it was because she was kind. Here were two little old ladies who wanted to make a difference in the world. They chose to do that one young person at a time by offering what they could.

You may say that the older lady didn't do anything. You would be wrong. Maybe she didn't directly help me with my homework but she taught me that all older ladies weren't as unhappy as

my grandmother was. Marie and her mother showed me that people could disagree without raised voices or pushing and shoving.

If the weather was nice I would walk home after the session was over. If it was bad out I would call and someone would come and get me. It was about a mile or so from Marie's house to home. I cherished the chance to be alone.

I was so lucky to have Marie and her mom in my life. I think that teachers, be they in school or not, can never know just how much of a difference they make.

# Boy's bad behavior impacts family dynamic

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are raising our two daughters (6 and 7) alongside my sister and her son (10). My sister and her baby daddy separated before their child's birth because he was physically and emotionally abusive. However, the law allows him to still be in the boy's life.

I love my sister and my nephew, which is why we are raising our families as a village. The problem is, we are seeing similar characteristics in my nephew's behavior toward our daughters. He's manipulative and a little "overly familiar" toward my eldest daughter. She looks up to him, and he uses it to get her to do what he wants.

Now my 7-year-old is emotionally abusing and ostracizing my 6-year-old. I'm torn because my gut tells me to move and get my girls away from my nephew, but he, too, is a child, and I want to continue to support him so he can grow into a decent man. However, I am not willing to sacrifice my girls for his potential. What to do? — CAUTIOUS MOM/AUNTIE

DEAR MOM/AUNTIE: Your

## Dear Abby



children must come before your sister's son. Because your older daughter is now modeling her cousin's misbehavior and acting out against her little sister, it's time to discourage that behavior and limit, if not sever, the contact she has with her cousin before it creates lasting damage. You cannot save everyone. It is your duty to protect your daughters from any negative influence.

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DEAR ABBY: My son and his wife are renting a property from me and my husband at a very reasonable rate in today's not-so-reasonable world. We recently found out they got a cat, even though the lease they signed clearly states no pets are allowed.

My son said we are taking this personally instead of approaching this as landlords. How can we NOT take this personally? He and his new wife have broken our trust. The ironic thing is, if we approached this only as landlords, we would evict them immediately.

What can we say to get them to understand how hurt we are without ruining the relationship? They are expecting a baby soon. We have already gotten the "sorry, not sorry" text. This is tearing us up as parents. — RULES ARE RULES IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR RULES: Tell your son you feel disrespected because he adopted a cat without clearing it with you. Although he may have said he wants you to act like the landlord you are, as a tenant, he is in violation of the terms of the lease he signed.

Whether or not you decide to give him and his wife an exception for their cat and allow them to keep the animal, PLEASE refer him to the

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website (CDC.gov). Precautions must be taken by pregnant cat owners in order to avoid contracting toxoplasmosis, a parasitic infection, which can be passed to a fetus during pregnancy.

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DEAR ABBY: Is there any way to end the "holiday newsletter"? Every Christmas, I get one from a particular family member, which invariably includes a list of their glowing accomplishments, expensive trips, etc., accompanied by lots of photos. Nobody else in our family sends these kinds of letters, and I don't know how they feel about receiving it. Last December, I couldn't even read it because it made me so depressed.

My siblings and I are all in our 60s and 70s and spread out across the U.S. We have diverse lifestyles, incomes, etc. Most of us can't afford the kind of vacations this sibling writes about. Many of us also have personal, painful things going on in our

lives, which we don't really want to discuss.

Is it better to just not read the newsletter? I don't believe this sibling means to be insensitive, and I don't think I could ever bring the subject up for discussion. I just know I'm already dreading December's letter. Please let everyone out there know: no more holiday newsletters. Thank you. — UNWANTED RECAP IN THE WEST

DEAR UNWANTED: Many folks send holiday newsletters because they are an easy way to stay in touch with friends and relatives they don't see or communicate with often. The letters are often polished up — even embellished — because everyone wants to present their best image. Because these communications are often welcomed, I'm hesitant to advise readers not to send them. However, because you find them depressing, either shred them unopened or delete them if they arrive electronically.

# Community Calendar

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

## Tuesday

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

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.

## Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards

Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

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

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

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

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

## Thursday

STITCH AND CHATTER QUILT CLUB — Meets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Jay

Community Center. Show and teal is at 1 p.m. The club is open to all ages and is for anyone who wants to sew. Bring unfinished projects and a sewing machine. For more information, call Nan Weesner (260) 766-9334.

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

EN AVANT CLUB — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

JAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Jay County Public Library. The public is welcome.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

# Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

## Saturday's Solution

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

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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# Goldin's Nobel is a win for us all

**Bloomberg Opinion**  
Tribune News Service

Women have immense potential to make the entire world more prosperous — yet despite decades of progress, that potential is yet to be fully realized. Harvard Professor Claudia Goldin has spent her career illuminating not only the obstacles that women face but also how to overcome them. For these efforts, she is the richly deserving winner of the 2023 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics.

Goldin is a trailblazer on multiple levels. Of the 93 economic laureates since the prize's inception in 1969, she's only the third woman (and the first to be recognized solo, without co-recipients). She was the first tenured female professor in the Harvard economics depart-

## Guest Editorial

ment. And at a time when leading academics focused on building elegant but often deeply flawed mathematical models of the economy, she stuck to the painstaking work of collecting and analyzing empirical data to establish the truth.

After studying the mechanisms of slavery and the cost of the American Civil War, she turned to the topic that would define her career: women and work. By parsing data going as far back as the late 18th Century,

she discovered (among other things) that female labor-force participation doesn't necessarily increase with economic growth, and that education alone won't eliminate the gender pay gap. Thus, other policies are needed to help women and the economy reach their full potential. Depending on a country's situation, these might involve women's expectations, access to contraception, parenting roles or the flexibility of work arrangements.

Goldin's insights have helped guide policymakers' efforts to promote gender equality — which, if achieved, could add more than 50% to the economic output of some countries by expanding the labor force and better allocating human capital, according to one estimate. It

could also boost incomes for both women and men. Yet adoption of even plainly beneficial measures, such as child-care subsidies, remains uneven — notably in the U.S., which last month allowed emergency pandemic-era child-care funding to expire, potentially leaving millions in the lurch.

Aside from her research, Goldin has sought to address a stark disparity in her own field: Women comprise the majority of undergraduate students, but only one in four economics majors. True to form, Goldin's initiative — which entails, for example, targeted information sessions and mentoring — is structured as a controlled experiment, to establish what actually works. Although the results have so far been mixed, it has

boosted women's enrollment in economics in some colleges and provided others with valuable information on how best to proceed.

While Goldin often emphasizes how far women have come, her research also quantifies the struggles that remain. Women still earn less than men for the same work — particularly in high-paying professions such as law and finance, which require long hours and a lot of face time. By responsibly measuring the problem, she helps make further progress possible.

It will take more time for women to achieve true equity in the workplace. But when that happens, they and all who benefit from their contributions will to a crucial extent have Claudia Goldin to thank.

# Hamas and Iran must be stopped

**By JAY AMBROSE**  
Tribune News Service

If it wants to survive, Israel surely must annihilate Hamas, this ever more venomous, maniacal Islamic group of terrorists misruling a next-door neighbor, Gaza. But should Hamas's proud, strong, enabling boss Iran also be a target with the United States participating in its demise as a world hazard on its way to nuclear weaponry? Even with Hamas gone for good, an untethered Iran would still have Hezbollah to boss around and the means of forging new Hamas-style, Palestinian invaders with civilization the final loser.

Yes, it was absolutely horrendous, the Hamas invasion of Israel with thousands of missiles launched as an introduction of massacre intentions. The assault was not for the purpose of combat with largely missing Israeli soldiers as much as for the joyful torture of civilians, including the rape of young women, the killing of children while their parents watched and even cutting off the heads of babies. There was also the taking of hostages. Hamas is now threatening to kill if Israel continues to fight back.

These unexpected, cleverly skilled barbarians killed the most Jews assassinated since the Holocaust after inexplicably being able to cross a border supposed to be uncrossable thanks to U.S.-Israeli coordination. Conducted on an Israeli holy day, the invasion was the first inside Israel since the Yom Kippur War a half century ago and was clearly part of the frequently stated antisemitic dream of killing all 9 million Israelis while acquiring their land. The invaders swept through Israeli towns inflicting horror, pain and death and then taking some survivors to Gaza, people Hamas says it will kill if Israel keeps fighting its way into Gaza.

It might seem ironic, but all of this inhumane outburst seems to have happened in part because of an excellent Donald Trump policy, something worthy of a Nobel Prize. He and his coordinators managed to persuade a number of Arab countries in the Middle East to form peace accords — the Abraham Accords — as virtual allies of Israel while also

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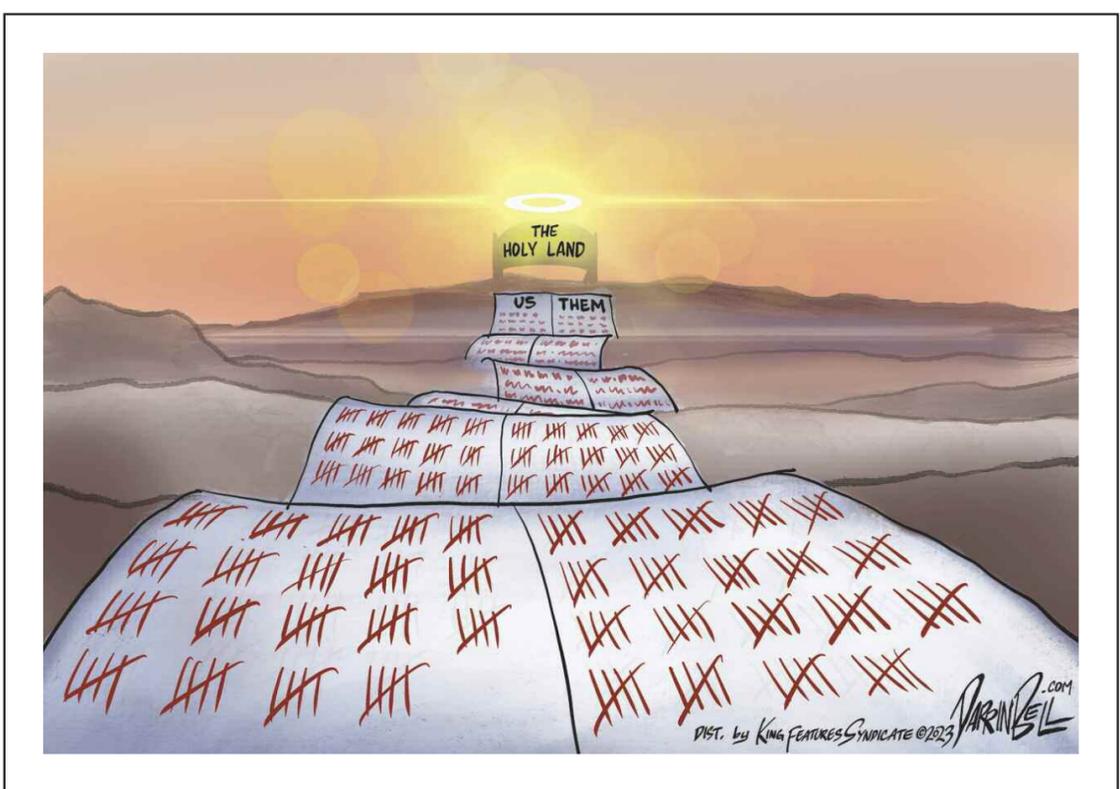
benefitting more from trade. The participants have altered the Middle East balance of power by helping themselves as much as Israel was helped by increased protection and fewer threats. Still, there was the tricky question of what formidable, sizeable, oil-rich Saudi Arabia, a past enemy of Iran, was going to do.

Saudi Arabia worked closely with the United States in oil and military trade under Trump while not caring much for President Joe Biden's doing endless, billions of dollars-worth of favors for Iran. Lately, however, there were hints that Saudi Arabia might join the Abraham Accords. Iran, which went from limping under Trump to racing fast under Biden, has been more than a little upset. It is the major anti-Israel power in the Middle East, very, very close to obtaining nuclear weaponry and would be set back if Saudi Arabia made that move. According to an excellent Wall Street Journal account superior to publicized U.S. intelligence, Iran used money and demands to get Hamas to jump in where it did not particularly want to go.

The war, in fact, does seem to have caused Saudi Arabia to be less likely to make the pro-Israel move, although recent Israeli internal divisiveness, apparently seen by Iran as another advantage, has quickly disappeared.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had upset large portions of the population in wanting to limit supreme court authority, but national unity and enthusiastic support of Netanyahu became the immediate way of things with the Hamas invasion. Biden is standing strongly behind Israel but has given no indication of ceasing his appeasing approach to Iran. He should do as much immediately and definitively.

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# Lawmakers need to earn trust

**By NIKI KELLY**

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Whether it's putting carbon dioxide into the ground or taking water out, these two examples of residents bucking government action have the same thing in common: trust.

Or, actually, a lack of trust. Hoosiers simply don't believe their government anymore. And this isn't exclusive to Indiana — it's part of a nationwide decline in trust.

A Pew Research Center finding shows public faith in the federal government has returned to near-record lows following a modest uptick in 2020 and 2021. Now, fewer than two in 10 Americans say they trust the federal government to do what is right "just about always" (1%) or "most of the time" (15%).

This is among the lowest trust measures in nearly seven decades of polling — last year, 20% said they trusted the government just about always or most of the time.

I couldn't find a solid poll for trust in local government. It is likely better, though not great.

So, when controversial economic development projects come up and governments give them the green light — with tax incentives or statements of grandeur — citizens question them.

But let's be clear: I get tired of residents opposing every little thing: the not-in-my-backyard phenomenon is strong in Indiana.

Residents fight against transitional housing, convenience stores, big box stores, jails and more. And it's usually all about property values, though sometimes it is discriminatory, as well.

But that doesn't mean we should ignore residents who have legitimate questions and concerns about larger, transformational

endeavors that threaten health, environment and resources.

There are two such ongoing Indiana projects that deserve a second look.

The first is the LEAP Lebanon Innovation District. It's a massive high-tech park planned in Boone County, for which the state is using taxpayer dollars to buy up thousands of acres of land. I live in Lebanon — though not anywhere close to the district — and that part was controversial enough. Then word leaked that state officials hope to pipe 100 million gallons of water daily 35 miles from a Lafayette area aquifer to the innovation district. Wabash-reliant residents fear the proposal could jeopardize their water supply. The Indiana Economic Development Corporation hasn't been the most transparent on the project, though they are improving. But a recent study it commissioned on the plan isn't allaying fears.

The second is a carbon sequestration project in Vigo County. Wabash Valley Resources intends to liquify, pipe and inject 1.67 million tons of carbon dioxide annually a mile below the area's surface as part of its plan to produce "green" anhydrous ammonia fertilizer at a former coal gasification plant. But Vigo and Vermillion County residents near the injection sites fear potential consequences like pipe ruptures and water contamination. They're skeptical of the company's intentions — and its use of public incentives.



Niki Kelly

In these two cases, I absolutely get the fear and concerns.

I think the concerns about depleting water resources are fair and shouldn't be cast aside. And can you imagine knowing carbon dioxide would be sloshing through high-pressure pipes by your home or farmland, or stored directly underneath it? That doesn't happen every day, folks.

In the former, the state's study is criticized because it's state-paid by hand-picked consultants. My hope is local officials can fund a second analysis, or maybe experts at Indiana's many higher education institutions can assess the data and results and give their own unbiased opinions. And even if there is enough water, what about Tippecanoe County's ability to use that abundant resource to attract its own growth?

The carbon project is likely beyond mitigation. State and national officials are on board with tens of millions in tax incentives. And honestly, they have accepted the company line pretty easily over the years. The company line might be right, by the way, but it doesn't look good when officials are taking political donations from the company as well.

In the future, I hope lawmakers and economic development leaders can learn some lessons from these projects: be transparent and upfront immediately; listen to the concerns and imagine how you would feel in their place; work with residents to find ways to garner their support.

That's how you gain trust.

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## Ribbon cuttings

Jay County Chamber of Commerce recently held a dual ribbon-cutting ceremony for Scoop Station and Ryzone's, a pair of mobile food stands. Scoop Station, owned by Dylan Franks of Redkey, offers ice cream and other treats while Ryzone's, owned by Ryan Suman of Pennville, offers calzones, pizza and other food items. Both businesses opened this summer.

# Veterans hiring event is Thursday

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

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

### Funeral home hosting

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

The seminars will feature elder law attorney Michael J. Huffman and advance planning specialist Andrea Thornburg. Sessions are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.

### Milestones reached

Leeward Renewable Energy last week announced progress on several projects.

The company, which is developing Rose Gold Solar north of Dunkirk, announced that its Big Plain Solar facility in Madison County, Ohio, just west of Columbus, is now operational. It has a generating capacity of 196 megawatts.

The firm also noted that construction is underway on GSG Wind in Illinois and White Wing Ranch Solar in Arizona. "LRE is thrilled to reach these significant project milestones with Verizon as we continue to develop innovative renewable energy solutions to meet their needs and sustainability goals," said Leeward CEO Jason Allen in a press release. "Today's announcement underscores our unwavering commitment to advancing the energy transition in the U.S. and making a substan-

## Business roundup

tial, positive impact in the communities where we operate."

### Firm recognized

Ardagh Glass Packaging was honored with the Best Sustainability Supplier of the Year Award at Edrington's Supplier Awards. The awards honor Edrington's suppliers for their performance and support throughout the year.

Ardagh, which has glass manufacturing facilities in Dunkirk and Winchester, makes bottles for Edrington's The Macallan single malt Scotch Whisky.

### Closing again

Walmart will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

John Furner, CEO of Walmart, announced last week that the company's stores will be closed Nov. 23 for Thanksgiving. It marks the fourth consecutive year that the stores will be closed for the holiday.

### BSU honored

Ball State University has received the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity for the eighth consecutive year.

The award goes to colleges and universities that "demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion." BSU will be featured in the INSIGHT Into Diversity November/December magazine along with the other 108 institutions to receive the honor.

"Ball State University is a model and leader in inclusive excellence in our state and around the country because of the collective efforts of our campus and our community," said

Charlene Alexander, chief strategy officer at Ball State, in a press release. "Receiving this award for an eighth straight year is validation and a testament to our commitment to inclusive excellence. We are grateful to Insight Into Diversity for its continued recognition."

### Vasos back at helm

The former Dollar General CEO is the new Dollar General CEO.

The company announced Jeff Owen's "separation from the company and resignation" from its board of directors Thursday. Todd Vasos, the former CEO, will return to that role.

"The board has tremendous respect for Jeff and greatly appreciates his many contributions to the Company, especially during his long tenure leading our retail operations," said Michael Calbert, chairman of Dollar General's board of director, in a press release. "However, at this time the Board has determined that a change in leadership is necessary to restore stability and confidence in the Company moving forward."

Vasos currently serves as board president and will remain in that role as well as working as the CEO. He served as CEO from 2015 through 2022.

### CFO on leave

CVS Health executive vice president, chief financial officer and president of health services Shawn Guertin is on a leave of absence for "unforeseen family health reasons."

The company announced his leave along with several other changes last week.

Tom Cowhey, CVS senior vice president of corporate finance, will serve as interim CFO while Mike Pykosz, CEO of Oak Street Health, will be the interim president of health services.

"Our thoughts are with Shawn and his family during

this difficult period," said CVS Health president and CEO Karen S. Lynch in a press release. "The Board and I have every confidence that Tom and Mike will ensure we continue to execute our strategy seamlessly while we give Shawn time to be with his family."

### Hosting conference

Indiana Chamber of Commerce and Air, Waste Management Association Indiana Chapter and Greater Indiana are partnering to host the 2023 Indiana Environmental Conference and Winter Technical Meeting on Dec. 6 and 7 in Indianapolis.

The conference will review recent breakthroughs and advancement in alternative fuel technologies. Jeff Carpenter of the United States Department of Agriculture, Nadia Gkritza of Purdue University, Inez Evans of IndyGo and Daniel O'Connor of Cummins are among the speakers scheduled to present at the conference.

It will also include the Greater Indiana 2023 Awards and Reception.

Registration is available at [indianachamber.com](http://indianachamber.com).

### Speaker scheduled

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

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

Registration for the event is required at [meridianhs.org](http://meridianhs.org). The deadline is Oct. 10.

### Offering check-ups

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

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### Nominations open

Work and Learn Indiana is accepting nominations for its Impact Awards.

Award categories include Work-based Learner (intern) of the Year, Career Development Professional of the Year, Outstanding Employer of the Year, Innovative Program of the Year and Work-based Learning Supervisor of the Year. The deadline for nominations is Nov. 10.

For more information, visit [workandlearnindiana.com/impact-awards](http://workandlearnindiana.com/impact-awards).

### Dungy to speak

Former Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy will be the guest speaker Nov. 14 at the Indiana Chamber of Commerce's annual awards dinner.

Dungy coached the Indianapolis Colts for seven seasons, leading them to a Super Bowl win in 2007. He now works as a football analyst for NBC.

"I couldn't be more excited to have Coach Dungy as our keynote speaker — to have a guest of such high esteem — and the business community will benefit from his wisdom," chamber president Kevin Brinegar said in a press release.

The event at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis will include the presentation of awards including the NextEra Energy Resources Community of the Year.

To register for the event, visit [indianachamber.com/ad](http://indianachamber.com/ad) or call (800) 824-6885.

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North dealer. North-South: vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠K Q 9 3  
 ♥A 7 4  
 ♦6 3  
 ♣A J 7 5

**EAST**  
 ♠7 6  
 ♥K Q 5 2  
 ♦J 10 9 5 4  
 ♣Q 8

**SOUTH**  
 ♠A J 10 5 2  
 ♥8 6 3  
 ♦A Q  
 ♣K 4 2

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

Opening lead—jack of hearts.

Playing a bridge hand is like running an obstacle course — you must keep an eye out for assorted hazards and traps you may encounter along the way. Take this deal where West leads a heart against four spades.

It is often right to duck with this holding, hoping to disrupt enemy communications, but here there is a danger that East will win the trick and switch to a diamond. This could turn out badly if the dia-

mond finesse lost and a later club finesse also failed.

So you take the ace of hearts and draw two rounds of trump, after which it might seem correct to play the king and another club and finesse the jack. This would give you several good chances to make the contract. You would come home a winner if West had the queen and, even if he didn't, if the missing clubs were divided 3-3.

Despite its high promise, this method of play would fail in the actual deal. However, you can improve your chances by handling the clubs in a slightly different way and wind up with ten tricks.

The proper approach is to forgo the club finesse by cashing the ace and king, in that order, and then lead a club toward the jack. This line of play assures the contract not only when West has the queen or when the clubs break 3-3, but also when East has the doubleton queen.

In the actual case, the play of the A-K fells East's doubleton queen and makes the contract. Note also that by adopting this approach, South does not at any point relinquish his chance to fall back on the diamond finesse, if that turns out to be necessary.

Tomorrow: Hobson's choice.  
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 1 Slightly wet  
 5 Conclude  
 8 Gas container  
 12 Draft status  
 13 "O Sole —"  
 14 "The Good Earth" heroine  
 15 Sleepy Hollow rider  
 17 Stallion's mate  
 18 Sample stupor  
 19 Iraqi port city  
 24 "SNL" segment  
 25 Unique work force  
 30 Egg salad — roll (deli order)  
 31 Western lilies  
 32 Wall St. debut  
 33 Buzzing carpenter's tool  
 35 Skewer

**DOWN**  
 16 Notable time  
 20 Splits  
 21 Animated Betty  
 22 — Domini  
 23 Cabbage salad  
 24 Heroic tales  
 26 Bungles  
 27 Use a sponge  
 28 Grand tale  
 29 IRA type  
 31 "No seats" signs  
 34 Goofs  
 35 Madrid matron  
 37 "Humbug!"  
 38 Goya's duchess  
 39 Old stringed instrument  
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## Tribe ...

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Rounding out the girls' score were Anna Roessner in 32nd place and Jenna Hart in 37th.  
The final three scores for the boys came from Reese Diller (33rd), Evan Evers (60th) and Milo Fiely (88th).  
Madison Heitkamp, Nicole

Braun, Aidan Heitkamp and Christian Marchal finished as the final two non-scoring spots for each team.

### Middle School

The Fort Recovery Middle School cross country teams also competed in the MAC Champi-

onship on Saturday at Coldwater. The boys worked a fourth-place finish with 135 points while the girls fell to sixth with 143.

Versailles won both races with a score of 15 for the boys as they swept the top-five spots and 32 for the girls.

Alex Roessner paced the Indi-

ans to finish 10th with a time of 12:08.77. First place went to Max McKibben of Versailles, who took 11:03.95 to cross the finish line.

Also scoring for the Indians were Evan Diller (25th), Charlie Stammen (35th), Gavin Heitkamp (41st) and Andrew Rehmer (48th).

Leading the girls was Riley Heitkamp. She finished in 19th place with a time of 13:43.35. The top time came from Minster's Joanna Topp with 12:25.59.

Other scores came from Courtney Klenke (19th), Clair Grube (41st), Addyson Heitkamp (55th) and Yoselin Juarez-Gomez (56th).

## Fly ...

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They also served well for the Eagles, with Emma Sperry recording a match-high four aces and Klettheimer following with two.

Brenna Haines and Brenna Bailey were asked to do a lot of work on the back row for the Patriots (16-15), especially the latter who was matched up with Emma Sperry in the rotation. Haines led Jay County with 29 digs while Bailey had 21. Joining them on the back row defensively were Maggie Dillon (16), Lani Muhlenkamp (13) and Sophie Saxman (10).

The Patriots dropped the first set after an eight-point run gave Frankton a commanding lead of 15-6 that wouldn't be relinquished.

Jay County refused to give up, making the second set competitive before breaking through in the third. While at times this season the team struggled with passion, effort and belief, that was never a problem as Haines acted as an emotional leader on the floor.

"It was just really important for us to remember all the studying that we did on Frankton before he came here," Haines said. "We had the tools to win and it

was just really important to keep our energy up and just have faith that we could do it.

"I feel like we left everything we had out on the court."

The Patriots had a 22-19 lead in the second set, but couldn't close things out as a pair of hitting errors into the net and two kills from both Klettheimer and Emma Sperry secured the win for the Eagles.

The five seniors fueled the JCHS victory in the third set. Outside of one ace from Bailey, every point was scored by an error by Frankton or a kill from one of the seniors. Bella Denton had the most with five, Saxman added three including the final point of the set on a tip, and an ace, and Haines, Maggie Dillon and Laila Waddell all had one.

Mixing up the offensive approach was key to taking the set.

"They started to get more touches on the ball with their blocks," Waddell said. "So switching it up and looking for that left corner helped when we found some of their weak spots."

Jay County started to run out of steam in the fourth set. It had a strong

start when Maria Hemmelgarn finished two long points with kills, energizing her teammates. The Patriots kept things up to garner a 12-10 lead.

Frankton refused to drop a second set, as it began a 13-2 run that included eight kills and two aces. Nine points from the run came from the Eagles' outside hitters duo.

Despite the large run, the Patriots wouldn't lay down, but rather took three points back before a pair of hitting errors ended the match.

"I fought through, knowing that it could be my last one," said Maggie Dillon, who played through an injury and started to get fatigued after the second set. "I wanted to win it really bad, so I just kept pushing."

Amy Dillon set one goal for her team going into the match.

"I just told them, 'I don't care what the outcome is,'" she said. "I don't care if we win or lose. But we have to walk out of the gym, whether it's today or tonight or next Saturday, being happy with the way we've played the very last game." So I'm very proud of the way that they played today."



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

JCHS senior Brenna Haines digs out a ball during the IHSAA Class 3A Sectional 24 semifinal against Frankton on Saturday. Haines led the Patriots with 29 digs as they fell to Frankton 25-12, 25-23, 22-25, 25-17.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Wednesday**  
Fort Recovery — Volleyball sectional championship vs. Allen East/Wayne Trace at St. Henry — 7:15 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
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)

**Wednesday**  
6 p.m. — College volleyball: Michigan at Michigan State (BTN)  
7:30 p.m. — NHL: Pittsburgh Penguins at Detroit Red Wings (TNT)  
8 p.m. — College volleyball: Ohio State at Wisconsin (BTN)  
8 p.m. — College volleyball: Texas at TCU (ESPN2)

9 p.m. — College football: New Mexico State at UTEP (ESPN2)

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TIME 10:00 A.M.  
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# Sports

## Legs stay strong

*Boggs, Sibray and Garringer qualify to run in Fort Wayne*

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

UPLAND — Joseph Boggs is used to the final mile being a struggle.

He was waiting for his legs to give out.

They did not.

Boggs ran past his target runner, caught the next group of four and passed them down the home stretch to place fourth for Jay County High School in the boys cross country sectional race hosted by Delta on Saturday at Taylor University.

“I was just feeling it,” said Boggs. “I’m so used to my legs dying out, I was like, ‘OK, I’ve got to be cautious.’ And then they just never died, so I was like, ‘All right, got to go.’”

Caleb Garringer, a freshman, joined his teammate in earning a regional berth as did sophomore Alexis Sibray for the Patriots in the girls race. (The top five teams and top 15 individuals on non-advancing teams move on to the regional level.) They will compete Saturday in the race hosted by New Haven at The Plex in Fort Wayne.

Both JCHS teams finished outside of the top 10 in the field of 15. The boys scored 240 points for 11th place and the girls finished with 296 for 12th.

Wapahani won the boys title with 58 points ahead of Bluffton (96), Norwell (138), Belmont (160) and Southern Wells (169). The girls championship went to Adams Central with 59 points followed by Monroe Central (91), Norwell (95), Eastbrook (121) and Wapahani (150).

Boggs has been working on running negative splits — running the latter part of the race faster than the start. While he



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

JCHS sophomore Alexis Sibray (165) runs Saturday morning at the ISHAA Sectional 9 hosted by Delta at Taylor University. Sibray finished with a time of 21 minutes, 20.5 seconds to earn 17th place and a berth to the regional meet in Fort Wayne on Oct. 21.

didn’t do that Saturday, he had plenty of gas left at the end.

The sophomore, who also qualified for the regional last season, controlled his early pace, sitting 15th at the mile mark. He was still 12th at the two-mile but had passed rival Dakota Sprunger of South Adams. Needing a new goal, he targeted a pack of runners in front of them. He caught up to the back of the group and then on the home stretch blew

past Blackford’s Keaton Walker and Darius Osborn, Eastbrook’s Andrew Bryant and Wapahani’s Caleb Aber to earn the No. 2 spot in 17 minutes, 1.8 seconds.

“Coach set the goal to stay with South Adams’ No. 1 guy, which is who I run a lot with,” he said in reference to Sprunger, also a sophomore, of the Starfires. “He was ahead of me. He was running a really good pace and I was trying my best to keep up with him.”

But then Sprunger slipped back.

“Once I got past him, I had to completely change the strategy,” continued Boggs, who was 22 seconds faster than in the 2022 sectional meet. “Thankfully I found this pack that I stuck with all the way ‘til the end and I was able to get by them.”

The three runners ahead of him — champion Nick Cook (16:03.3) of Wapahani, Tyler Godwin (16:28) of Bluffton) and Tyler

Dillon (16:29) of Delta — along with the two directly behind him were all seniors.

While she didn’t climb as far, Sibray ran a similar strategy.

At the mile mark, she was hanging out in about 30th place before fighting up to 20th behind Union City’s Ava Jefferis at the two-mile mark. She was able to pick off a few more runners in the final third of the race and narrowly missed one more as she finished 17th in 21:20.5, just two tenths of a second behind Norwell’s Brooklyn Meyer.

“She was curious to where she was with her split times, looking at us for some feedback,” said Wood. “She was doing great. After the two-mile, I knew she was in a good spot. I was like, ‘Just go take spots.’”

Garringer was around 20th in the boys race at the mile mark, slipped into the mid 20s and then stayed there the rest of the way. His 25th-place finish in 17:48.2 was good for the 11th individual qualifying spot for the regional meet.

Max Klopfenstein finished 62nd in 19:22, Beckett Brandenburg was 80th in 20:27 and Darren Fisher completed the team score in 84th at 21:02.

The No. 2 time for the JCHS girls was 23:50 from Willow Hardy for 53rd place. She was running just ahead of teammates Paityn Wendel (72nd – 25:50), who was battling an injury, and Courtney Harris (73rd – 25:85) for most of the way before pulling away from them in the final mile. Exchange student Tina Japaridize completed the team score as she finished last out of 92 runners in 32:20.

Also running for the Patriot boys were Will Hawbaker (92nd – 22:42) and Lukes Powers (94th – 23:03) in the field of 99.

## Eagles fly by Patriots

*Jay County's energy improves, but not enough to move on in sectional*

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review

NEW CASTLE — The Patriots didn’t have a ton of energy in their sectional-opening win Thursday night.

The energy and effort was there in the semifinal. It just wasn’t enough to lift them past the Eagles.

The Jay County High School volleyball team’s season came to a close Saturday, as they couldn’t overcome the Frankton Eagles in a 25-12, 25-23, 22-25, 25-19 loss in the IHSAA Class 3A Sectional 24 semifinal at New Castle.

“I’m really proud of

them,” JCHS coach Amy Dillon said. “I know we didn’t come out that first set and play very well, which I wish we would have. But we did our homework, and they did what I asked them to do in the last three sets.”

After the Patriots’ 25-12, 25-22, 25-22 win in the opener against Centerville on Thursday, Dillon and her team studied up on Frankton (22-11) to try and create a rotation that would counter its big hitters Holli Klettheimer and Emma Sperry.

At times the rotations worked, resulting in 18 hitting errors from the duo.

While Dillon was pleased with how her team countered the hitters, it just wasn’t enough as Klettheimer tallied 26 kills and Emma Sperry had 22.

“They’re our core,” Frankton coach Beth Sperry said. “In tough matches, you go to them, because they usually take care of the ball and put it away. ... Eventually we got winded and tired, and they figured out our offense and they started digging our main hitters, so we had to move the ball around a little more with our offense.”

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## Tribe runners finish strong at MAC

COLDWATER — In 2022, the girls were runners-up and the boys finished seventh. Trevor Heitkamp was also crowned as the conference champion for the Indians.

In 2023, while Heitkamp fell eight seconds short, the boys were able to improve their conference finish to sixth.

The Fort Recovery High School cross country teams both had strong performances at the Midwest Athletic Conference Championship at Coldwater High School on Saturday as the girls came in second with 95 points and the boys finished sixth with 152.

Versailles won the boys race with a score of 48, while Minster ran away with the girls after claiming five of the top six spots for 17 points.

Natalie Brunswick took the fourth spot in the girls race away from Minster, crossing the finish line at 19 minutes, 30.83 seconds. Margaret Hemmelgarn of Minster earned first place with an 18:45.54.

After finishing first last year, Trevor Heitkamp (16:17.15) fell to second as New Bremen’s Zach Wiedeman surged to first in 16:09.76.

Both Natalie Brunswick and Heitkamp made the MAC First Team, which includes the top-12 finishers from the boys and girls.

Both Parker Brunswick (17:36.14) and Ellie Will (20:37.43) finished in 14th place to earn spots on the MAC Second Team. Joelle Kaup (20:47.86) also made the team with a 19th-place finish.

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