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City, Pickle reach a deal

Estimated start date for Bailey demolition is Nov. 13

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

The city and a local business have reached an agreement to allow the demolition of one of the Portland's dilapidated structures downtown.

Portland Board of Works on Friday approved a partial agreement with Chris Grieshop and Thomas Emerick, the owners of The Greazy Pickle, regarding the demolition of the Bailey Building.

On Oct. 6, the board of works awarded the contract to demolish the structure at 201 through 205 W. Main St. to JAShroyer Group of Muncie at a cost of \$295,000. Eric Welch, attorney for the adjacent restaurant/bar, asked at that time for a meeting with the contractor in order to ensure that a common wall between the two structures would be preserved.

Representatives from the city, The Greazy Pickle and JAShroyer Group have discussed the project since then, with Grieshop and Emerick agreeing to also allow the city to tear down the building at 207 W. Main St. (Owned by Grieshop and Emerick, it is the former home of Schmit Chiropractic and sits between the Bailey Building and The Greazy Pickle.) The additional work does not bring an extra cost, as JAShroyer included it in its original bid for the job.

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Halloween happenings

Today

4 to 7 p.m.

Geneva trick-or-treat

6 to 8 p.m.

Dunkirk trick-or-treat and Trunk-or-Treat at city park

6 to 10 p.m.

Spooktacular Halloween Party and Scary Corn Maze at Jay County Fairgrounds

Sunday

3 p.m.

Fort Recovery parade

4 to 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery trick-or-treat

Tuesday

5 to 7 p.m.

Jay County Chamber of Commerce merchant trick-or-treat

5 to 7 p.m.

Bryant trick-or-treat

5:30 p.m.

Costume contest at Redkey fire department

5:30 to 8 p.m.

Portland trick-or-treat

6 to 7 p.m.

Salamonia trick-or-treat

6 to 8 p.m.

Redkey and Pennville trick-or-treat



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Exception OK'd for wedding venue

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Plans are in the works for a new wedding venue in rural Bryant.

Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals approved a special exception request Thursday for Dawn Runyon to build a wedding and entertainment venue at 7800 N. 125 West. Runyon plans to turn three old barns on the property into a 5,000-square-foot venue for about 150 guests.

"The intent is to maintain the historical integrity of the barns for rustic-themed weddings and gatherings," Runyon said in her letter of intent to the board.

Runyon explained at the meeting she and her husband had two

Runyon plans to renovate barns to maintain rustic feel

options for the land, which is zoned agriculture-residential property. They had discussed reconstructing the barns into a venue or turning them into a confined feeding operation for hogs.

She said they decided on the former, which will allot 3,000 square feet for reception functions and 2,000 square feet for the

kitchen, restrooms, changing rooms and storage. There will also be an outdoor patio and space for 75 vehicles.

Andy and Liz Jones, Berne residents who have property across from the site, expressed concerns about the increased noise, lack of privacy and more traffic and dust on the road.

"We bought our property, tried to turn it into a small getaway," said Andy Jones. "We've worked on it for the last couple years, planted trees, whatever, made it a recreation property for the use of just that, just getting away."

"The main thing is, I don't wanna hear a bass running until ... I think it was 11 o'clock," he continued.

Runyon said she would stay in compliance with any noise ordinances enacted in the rural area, which is located in Jackson Township.

She pointed out currently there is not one, but confirmed she plans for music to go until 10 or 11 p.m.

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Retrospect

Jay County sent seven to sectional finals



The Commercial Review/Mike Snyder

Jay County High School's Amy Klopfenstein competes in the 200-yard individual medley during the preliminary round of the sectional meet on Oct. 28, 1993, at South Adams High School.

Thirty years ago this week, seven individuals made their way into championship races.

The Oct. 29, 1993, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of the preliminary round of the girls swimming sectional at South Adams as the Jay County High School girls swim team earned seven individual championship berths.

Sophomore Lisa Vold led the way for the Patriots as she set a new school record in the 100-yard backstroke to earn the No. 1 seed for the sectional finals in the 100-yard backstroke. She finished in 1 minute, 5.96 seconds, to improve on her own

record and finish more than a second ahead of No. 2 seed Christi Tonak of South Adams.

Vold had led the Patriots in the 1992 sectional meet with a runner-up finish in the event.

She also qualified for the sectional finals with the No. 3 seed in the 100 freestyle.

The top six swimmers in each preliminary event advanced to the sectional finals with the next six making the consolation finals.

Courtney VanSkyock and Nikki Johnston also qualified for championship finals in two events apiece, with the former making it in the

200 freestyle and 500 freestyle while the latter advanced in the 200 individual medley and 100 butterfly. VanSkyock was seeded third for the 500 freestyle.

The other Patriot to make it to a championship final was Sara McKee, a sophomore who picked up the No. 5 seed behind Vold in the 100 backstroke.

Making it to the finals in relays were Amy Klopfenstein, Vold, Johnston and VanSkyock in the 200 medley and 200 freestyle, as well as Jaime Fisher, Jennifer Miller, Shelli Gierhart and McKee in the 400 freestyle.

Deaths

Peggy Gibbs, 86, Redkey
Agustin Duran, 49, rural Bryant
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 73 degrees Friday.
Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a chance of showers in the afternoon, winds gusting to 20 miles per hour and a high in the upper 50s.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

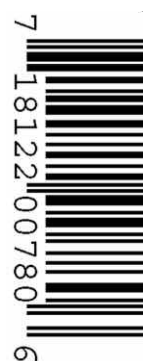
In review

The Jay County Junior/Senior High School drama club's production of "Salem's Daughter" closes tonight with a performance at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door.

Coming up

Tuesday — Preview of the Portland mayor's race in the municipal election.

Wednesday — Coverage of Monday's Portland City Council meeting.



Deal ...

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The agreement also indicates that Emerick and Grieshop will cooperate with the city and its contractor with the project, including closing The Greazy Pickle, 211 W. Main St., when necessary. (Representatives of the restaurant/bar said Friday that the restaurant is already closed on Sundays and Mondays and is willing to close on Tuesdays as well during the demolition process. Shane Shroyer of JAShroyer agreed to work with The Greazy Pickle to allow it to be open as much as possible.)
The city also agreed to contribute up to \$20,000 to secure the remaining east wall of The Greazy Pickle once demolition is complete. That process could be in the form of brick and mortar work or adding a metal "skin" to the building similar

City commits to up to \$20,000 to secure exposed east wall

to the new facade on the north side of the bar/restaurant.
If the anticipated cost exceeds \$20,000, the city and The Greazy Pickle have agreed to further negotiations.
"Nobody is really going to know until we get into it," said city attorney Wes Schemenaur.
The only question from the board of works on the agreement was about its designation as "partial." Schemenaur explained that he sees it as a first step and that there will be a final agreement when the work is complete to indicate that both sides are satisfied.
Board members Mayor John

Boggs, who attended remotely, Jerry Leonhard and Steve McIntosh unanimously approved the partial agreement.
The board also discussed the timeline for the project with Shroyer, who said the state requires notification of 10 business days before work begins. That would put the potential project start date at Nov. 13. (The bid specifications called for demolition to begin within 30 days of the project to be completed and for the work to last no more than 10 days.)
He said the work may be done in stages, including on Sundays, in order to allow The

Greazy Pickle to remain open as much as possible.
Welch also asked about having a structural engineer on site for the demolition. Shroyer said he doesn't think that is necessary for most of the project, but that he would know more once the work begins. Schemenaur and Welch agreed during that meeting that Shroyer could begin work without an engineer on site but will call for one if he encountered any issues.
Shroyer said he feels the project will go well.
"We usually don't get called in until it's already collapsed," said Shroyer.
"That's what we're trying to prevent," said McIntosh.
Schemenaur also passed on a request from Jay County Historical Society to allow someone to go into the Bailey Build-

ing to take pictures before it gets torn down.
"I would not recommend that," said Shroyer.
He did, however, agree to work with Sue Szymczak to try to preserve some of the decorative architecture at the top of the structure.
In other business:
•Approved a pay request of \$849,234.66 for Watson Excavating, which is in the final stages of the Meridian Street storm sewer project. An additional \$133,202.38 was held back in retainage.
•Just prior to the meeting, Boggs reported that he was moving home Friday. He suffered a stroke in early September and after being hospitalized initially has been in a rehabilitation facility for a little over a month.

CR almanac

Sunday 10/29	Monday 10/30	Tuesday 10/31	Wednesday 11/1	Thursday 11/2
52/39	44/25	40/24	42/25	47/30
Rain is expected Sunday, when the low at night will dip into the mid to upper 30s.	Monday has a slight chance of rain. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Halloween could have rain or snow, with temperatures dropping at night to the mid 20s.	Wednesday will have mostly sunny skies with a high of 42 degrees.	Thursday's forecast looks to be mostly sunny with a high of 47 during the day.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 6-7-9 Daily Four: 8-3-1-0 Quick Draw: 2-3-5-6-7-8-9-11-20-21-23-25-36-40-46-49-59-61-71-74	Pick 3: 8-1-8 Pick 4: 4-4-3-7 Pick 5: 0-7-4-9-8 Rolling Cash 5: 3-16-20-22-36 Jackpot: \$100,000
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 5-2-3 Pick 4: 3-4-6-9 Pick 5: 5-6-5-6-4 Evening	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$125 million Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$137 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.86 Nov. corn.....4.76 Wheat5.63	Dec. beans12.95 Wheat5.36
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.81 Nov. corn4.71 Dec. corn4.76	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.55 Nov. corn4.57 Beans12.62 Nov. beans12.64 Wheat5.35
The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.56 Dec. corn4.66 Beans12.55	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.36 Jan. corn4.60 Beans12.42 Nov. beans12.42 Wheat4.91

Today in history

In 1875, Gilbert H. Grosvenor was born in Istanbul. Grosvenor was editor of National Geographic and was credited with transforming it from a small, scholarly publication into a monthly magazine known worldwide.
In 1886, President Grover Cleveland officially dedicated the Statue of Liberty on Bedloe's Island (now known as Liberty Island) in Upper New York Bay.
In 1914, physician and medical researcher Jonas Salk was born in New York City. Salk developed the first safe, effective polio vaccine.
In 1919, Congress passed the Volstead Act that created a system of enforcing the 18th Amendment. Ratified nine months earlier, the amendment prohibited the "manufacture, sale,

or transportation of intoxicating liquors" in the United States.
In 1975, the Jay County High School volleyball team beat host Union City 15-9, 15-5 in the opening round of the volleyball sectional tournament. Lee Hampson led the Patriots with six service points in the second game.
In 2007, Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner became the first woman elected president of Argentina.
In 2020, the fourth-ranked Fort Recovery High School volleyball team knocked off the No. 7 Marion Local Flyers 25-17, 21-25, 25-22, 16-25, 15-7 in the Division IV District championship match at Fort Site Fieldhouse. It marked the Indians' first district championship since 1991.
—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Wednesday 2:30 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners special meeting, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.
Thursday 4 p.m. — Portland	Monday, Nov. 6 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.

Obituaries

Peggy Gibbs

July 28, 1937-Oct. 24, 2023
Peggy Gibbs, age 86, Redkey, died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023, at home following an extended illness.
Born in Dunkirk on July 28, 1937, she grew up in Redkey and attended Redkey High School. She was a homemaker and worked at Kerr Glass (now Ardagh), Dunkirk, for over 10 years before retiring. She was a member of Redkey Community Baptist Church and enjoyed crocheting, word searches, cooking, canning, gardening, flowers, watching birds and being with her family and friends.
Survivors include her husband of 68 years, Allan Gibbs; son Mark Steven Gibbs, Chicago; daughter

Teresa Ann Hartsock, Maxville; sister June Lucas, Redkey; grandchildren Shannon Alford (Tony), Lindsey Patty (Julie), Morgan Bube (Mason), Chance Gibbs (Ashley) and Zachary McIlwain; and great-grandchildren Kole Neal, Ashton Wilt and Cayden Wilt.
She was preceded in death by son Chris Gibbs; infant son Guy Allan Gibbs; daughter Penny Gibbs; granddaughters Christie Gibbs and Jenny Wilt; and parents Chauncey L. and Vera A. (Cochran) Doren.
A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, 2023, at First Community Baptist Church, Red-



key, with visiting hours from 1 until 2 p.m. on Monday at the church.
Condolences and other expressions of sympathy may be given at MeachamFuneralService.com.
Agustin Duran, rural Bryant, March 23, 1974-Oct. 26, 2023. A memorial service will be held at a later date at Bryant Wesleyan Church.
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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.

Venue ...

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John Hemmelgarn, director of Jay/Portland Building and Planning, also confirmed with Runyon the music will be contained inside the building. (She later noted the only time music would be played outside would be during a possible wedding waltz, which would be around 3 p.m.)
The patio is on the west side of the facility, Runyon pointed out, which is in the opposite direction of the Jones' property. Hemmelgarn added there are also trees separating the properties.

"The only thing that I would think you're going to hear is, if the wind is blowing in that direction, and if someone opens the door, you may hear a slight echo," said Runyon.
Andy Jones noted their property is predominately downwind, pointing out they hear vehicles from Indiana 18 regularly. Runyon said she thinks the highway traffic noises they hear will be louder than sounds coming from their venue.
Jones told the board his family uses their property for camping on the weekends, similar to the

hours the wedding venue would be operational. (Runyon later noted she would host events on Saturdays only.)
"You do understand the park that you have, for recreation, isn't necessarily a permitted use in that area also, so they're asking for a special exception for something to enjoy the peace and quiet of that area," said Hemmelgarn.
Andy Jones said he had more plans for the area, and Liz Jones added they may build a house on the property someday.
"But we can't hinge that on 'ifs,' you know, this is in front of us right now, and the board has to decide whether they want to grant that special exception," continued Hemmelgarn. "Kind of like your campgrounds, not necessarily permitted but it's not necessarily something that's technically enforced, so, everybody has a freedom to a certain degree at the property they use ..."
Board members Scott Hilfiker, Angela Paxson and Caleb Hemmelgarn approved the special exception request, with Marla Lutes dissenting and Steve Ford absent.

Felony arrests

Battery
A Portland man was arrested Wednesday for battery against a public safety official.
Andrew J. Bailey, 35, 209 W. 7th St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for the alleged crime, along with a Class A misdemeanor for resisting law enforcement.
He was being held on a \$4,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Capsule Reports

Vehicle towed
An Albany woman's vehicle was towed after she hit a deer along Tyson Road in Portland about 6:10 a.m. Wednesday.
Lisa R. Robbins, 60, was driving her 2008 Chevrolet Cobalt east on the road on her way to East Elementary when a deer ran in front of her car.
She wasn't able to avoid striking the deer with the front driver's side of the vehicle, causing between \$10,000 and \$25,000 in estimated damage.

Discover the story behind the storyteller.

The Ernie Pyle WWII Museum will close **Nov. 12** for the 2023 season. Off-season museum tours can be requested by emailing president@erniepyle.org or calling 765-665-3633.

Explore the history of the famous writer and war correspondent.

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Admission is free.
Friday, Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday 1-4 p.m.

THE ERNIE PYLE WWII MUSEUM
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SERVICES

Saturday

Schwartz, Josephine: 8:30 a.m., Noah A. Schwartz residence, 6274 E. 200 South, Monroe.

Curts, Steven: 3 p.m., Meacham Funeral Service, 648 W. State St., Albany.

Monday

Gibbs, Peggy: 2 p.m., First Community Baptist Church, 341 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

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Open to residents of Jay, Randolph, Blackford, Adams, Wells and Delaware counties in Indiana and Mercer and Darke counties in Ohio. Former area residents who are subscribers to The Commercial Review, The News-Gazette, The News Times or the News and Sun may also enter.

Selected entries will be published in The Graphic Printing Company's annual Christmas Greetings special section. The first-place entry will also receive a \$250 prize.

Original short stories with a Christmas theme or setting should be emailed to news@theccr.com by Dec. 8. Each entry should include the writer's name, complete address and phone number.

Entry Deadline is Dec. 8, 2023.

The 2022 winner
"Christmas Magic"
By Madison Bihn

Museum offers new look into battle

Fort Recovery Museum is hosting a special exhibit.

“St. Clair’s Defeat Revisited: A New View of the Conflict,” will be on display starting next weekend, Saturday, Nov. 4, and Sunday, Nov. 5. The display introduces the complex history of St. Clair’s defeat on Nov. 4, 1791, when the United States army lost a battle

Taking Note

against nine tribal nations. It focuses on background, the battle and Native American strategy, the aftermath of the battle including bro-

ken treaties, removal and boarding schools, and the tribes today.

The exhibit will be on display from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends through January 7. It will also be hosting special presentations at 11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, and Sunday, Nov. 5, from tribal humanities scholars Nekole Allgood and Diane Hunter and Ball State University

archaeologist Christine Thompson.

Spooky show

Tom Cherry’s Old Time Radio Show will feature episodes of “Suspense” and “The Damon Runyon Theater” for its performance at 3 p.m. today at Farmland Community Center.

Audience members are encouraged to come in costume for the Hal-

loween-themed show. There will be a costume contest and candy.

For more information, call (765), 468-7631.

INDOT opportunity

Indiana Department of Transportation is seeking applicants for its Engineering Scholarship Program for undergraduate and graduate students. To be eligible, stu-

dents must be accepted or enrolled full-time in one of Indiana’s accredited civil engineering schools.

Recipients receive financial assistance and job opportunities during summer breaks and after graduation.

For more information, visit to apply, visit indotscholarship.in.gov. The deadline is Dec. 31.

Friend hasn’t delivered promised project

DEAR ABBY: I’m having an issue with my longtime best friend. We no longer live in the same state, but we talk several times a week and try to visit every year. We both love crafting, and two years ago, I started making her a big, beautiful counted cross-stitch and had it custom framed. The project took several months, and she knew I was making it.

She offered — I didn’t ask — to make me a quilt from T-shirts I had collected over the years from various places I had been. So I cut the logos/graphics off the shirts and mailed them to her. She told me it would take her only a week to make the quilt. That was two years ago. It has been a year since I drove six hours each way to deliver my cross-stitch gift to her, and she still hasn’t made the quilt.

I have since moved even farther away. I miss home, and I really want the quilt. I have asked her about it several times. The quilt would mean so much to me, especially now that I’m more than 1,000 miles away, but she keeps making empty promises about finishing it. Meanwhile, she has found the time to create crocheted and cross-stitch items for her extended family and

Dear Abby



remodel her kitchen. I’m so hurt about the whole thing that I’d like to ask her to return the T-shirt pieces to me. At least that way I could hire someone to make me the quilt. Am I being unreasonable? — WAITING IN THE SOUTH

DEAR WAITING: What you are considering is not only reasonable, but also rational. The next time you and your friend chat, tell her you understand what a busy person she is. Explain that you would like her to find the time to return the fabric you sent so you can make other arrangements to have the quilt made. Smile when you say it so your tone will be “warm and friendly.” That way, the friendship can continue if you wish.

DEAR ABBY: At the beginning of the year, I broke up with my boyfriend. I went to a clinic to get tested for STDs,

and everything turned out fine. A few months later, I started dating another guy I’d met last year. Everything was great until I realized he is HIV-positive. When I asked him, he denied it.

When I returned to the clinic to get tested again, I was told I am now HIV-positive. We had been using protection, but stopped. I haven’t told my family yet, but he knows. How can I give my family this news? — LOVED BUT CONFUSED

DEAR LOVED: Before you make any announcements to your family, schedule an appointment with your physician to discuss this diagnosis. You need to be put on antiviral medication as soon as possible. If you are still with this loser, he should be put on medication as well. Not only does his life depend on it, but he could infect many more partners.

Once you have begun the treatment your doctor prescribes, inform your family. Do not be shocked if they want you to put the person who failed to mention he is HIV-positive and then infected you in the rear-view mirror.

DEAR ABBY: I am a man in

my 50s. A few months ago, I had a routine doctor’s appointment, with a new primary care physician. I intended the appointment to be a complete, regular physical. I don’t (thankfully) have any major physical health issues that I know of. But I was always taught it is wise to have periodic physical exams, in case there is a less obvious medical issue, as well as get to know one’s doctor.

I went for the physical exam. I was not asked to undress as I have been with all my previous doctors. The doctor seemed nice, but I found it strange that I wasn’t examined physically. I find it hard to understand how a doctor could properly examine me without me undressing. The doctor should be used to seeing bodies, and I cannot understand why the doctor or staff were reluctant to ask me to undress.

I found this all very confusing. Perhaps there was some miscommunication? I don’t know if this is unusual, temporary or a new normal that I haven’t heard about. Next time, should I be more clear about wanting to be examined thoroughly, or should I change doctors? — COVERED UP IN VIRGINIA

DEAR COVERED UP: Contact the doctor, explain that in the past you have always had a complete physical which involved you disrobing and ask why it didn’t happen during your last visit. If the answer you receive is unsatisfactory, change doctors.

DEAR ABBY: What’s the best way to tell your siblings you think it’s time to stop exchanging Christmas gifts? We’re all in our 60s, and, frankly, I don’t feel they are ever very enthused about what we get them. It just seems like it’s time, anyway. — DONE IN NEW YORK

DEAR DONE: The best way to convey that message would be verbally, so you can explain that you are all long past childhood and feel a cheery Christmas greeting would suffice. And the best time to give them the news would be well before the Christmas holidays.

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.

Today

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.

MISSISSINEWA CHAPTER OF DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION — Will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Jay County Historical Society before traveling to Richmond to visit the Madonna of the Trail statue and also to the Levi Coffin Home and Museum at Fountain City.

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 - BRANNA’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.

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.

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA’S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Friday’s Solution

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

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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We must address domestic violence

The Joplin Globe (Missouri)
Tribune News Service

Thank You, Charles Barkley. You said what needed to be said. You also said it to people who need to hear it. "You can't put your hands on women, man."

October being National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Barkley was right to call out not just the NBA commissioner on national television — and not just the NBA but all men.

For too long, domestic violence has been seen and treated as a "women's issue."

It is not. This is men's issue. Men must take responsibility for, address it, and crack down on it when and where it happens.

Guest Editorial

Not that some men don't have abusive partners, but the majority of the millions of victims are women: 1 in 3 women have been physically abused by an intimate partner; 1 in 5 women have been severely physically abused by an intimate partner.

Millions more women live in fear of their partners.

NBA Hall of Famer Barkley raised the topic with Adam Silver, commissioner of the Nation-

al Basketball Association, on the air on opening night: "I got a serious question for you," Barkley said. "There are a couple of disturbing incidents of domestic violence in the NBA right now. What are we doing to address that?"

"... You can't put your hands on women, man. We should be at the forefront in sports when the men hit women. So what are we as a league going to do about that?"

Silver responded by talking about dealing with domestic violence, and said the National Basketball Players Association has helped put in place a new program to deal with accusations of domestic violence.

"Part of it goes to training of

our players, counseling of our players, to make sure they understand during high-stress situations obviously never resort to violence against anyone."

Silver's response, feeble as it was, at least, indicates the question was authentic, and not scripted.

But let's be honest. This isn't just an NBA problem. Or an NFL problem. Or a sports problem.

It is a national problem, and one that men must own.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 41.8% of Missouri women (and 35.2% of Missouri men) experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner sexual violence and/or intimate partner stalking in their

lifetimes. The numbers also are on the rise.

According to the Missouri Independent, the state ranks in the top 10 for number of women killed by their partners, and domestic violence hotlines take on average 200 calls a day.

Given what we know about most incidents going unreported, the problem is surely worse.

Thank you, Charles Barkley, for asking people in power what they plan to do to address the situation. You have helped put an important issue front and center.

What are the rest of us doing to address it?

It's a question we should be asking others in power. It's a question we should be asking ourselves.

Now the real chaos will start

By **DANIEL BORENSTEIN**
The Mercury News
Tribune News Service

The unprecedented three-week Republican search for a new House speaker ended Wednesday. Now the real chaos begins.

In the end, GOP members unified behind Rep. Mike Johnson, a little-known social conservative who supports a national abortion ban, opposes federal recognition of same-sex marriages and led efforts to overturn the 2020 election results.

It should serve as a stark reminder that much of the nation doesn't share the political values of the Bay Area and most of California. That Donald Trump is now fully in control of the Republican Party. And that any hopes that moderate Republicans and moderate Democrats could somehow unify behind a speaker and work on bipartisan solutions were fantasy.

Johnson, in his first remarks after the vote electing him speaker, promised Republicans would "serve the people of this country. We're going to restore their faith in this Congress."

But it's doubtful he means all the people. It remains to be seen whether he will work with Democrats or without them. Whether he will work with all Republicans or only those who hew to the expanding MAGA wing of the party.

Whether he plans to negotiate with President Joe Biden, a tactic that led to the ouster of Johnson's predecessor, Kevin McCarthy, or work to block compromise.

Johnson emphasized that "the world is on fire, we stand by our ally Israel." But noticeably absent was any mention of Ukraine, for which President Biden is seeking more funding that Johnson has opposed. That fight will be part of the upcoming budget battle as the federal government faces a shutdown Nov. 17, when the short-term deal Biden signed at the end of September expires.

The election of Johnson demonstrates how far right the House has swung. Fearful of primary challenges from the conservative wing, moderate House members, who are receding in numbers, could only stand their ground so long.

The moderates blocked the bid by Rep. Jim Jordan, a Trump loyalist and election-denier, to become speaker. But they ran out of energy to withstand the latest right-wing maneuver. So, in Johnson, they ended up with another Trump loyalist and election-denier.

Daniel Borenstein



It was the culmination of an amazing right-wing power play. In the narrowly divided House three weeks ago, the ultraconservatives, led by Rep. Matt Gaetz of Florida, leveraged just eight GOP votes and Democrats' disdain for McCarthy to oust the sitting speaker.

They then headed off two other Republican nominees for speaker, House Majority Leader Steve Scalise of Louisiana and Minority Whip Tom Emmer of Indiana, never bringing their candidacies to a floor vote.

The speakership battle would have gone on indefinitely unless moderate Republicans were willing to strike a deal with Democrats or acquiesce to the hard conservatives. For most moderates, the former would have been political-primary suicide. So eventually they caved to the latter.

In the end, House Republicans landed on Johnson, who has no experience in top-tier GOP leadership. As a result, a minority of the House, a subset of the narrow Republican majority, has taken control of the lower chamber of Congress. And that Republican majority exists only because of Republican gerrymandering across the country, made possible because the GOP outmaneuvered Democrats in state legislative races.

For Californians, and especially here in the uber-liberal Bay Area, the politics of the Republican-controlled House will feel foreign. Right now, they have a backstop in the razor-thin Democratic control of the Senate and their leader in the White House.

Democrats are fortunate that, at least so far, their 80-year-old president has remained healthy. And they're lucky that the late-Sen. Dianne Feinstein came from a blue state where the governor could appoint her successor.

But as long as Republicans control the House — and Trump-backed conservatives are calling the shots — the Washington standoff will continue. The no-compromise speakership fight might have been just a warmup.

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Borenstein is editorial page editor for The Mercury News and East Bay Times.

WHEN REPUBLICANS RECYCLE...



School lunches should be free

By **SONALI KOHATKAR**
OtherWords

During the pandemic, the government embarked on a beautiful experiment: expanding public programs to stave off poverty. One critical component was ensuring that public school students had free lunches regardless of family income.

During the 2020-2021 school year, 98 percent of all school lunches were free to students. All of a sudden, public schools were allowed to treat the idea of feeding students to be as essential as educating them.

These pandemic-era programs — which also included a monthly Child Tax Credit, a pause in student loan repayments, and expansions of SNAP and Medicaid — not only kept people from falling into deep poverty but actually led to a record reduction in poverty levels.

But as those programs expire, poverty is rising again. And with an end to federally funded free school lunches, kids living in the world's richest nation will go hungry again.

When the temporary free lunch program that fed 50 million students ended in June 2022, participation in school meal programs plummeted and income-based qualifications for free meals resumed. Public school meal debt has ballooned to \$262 million per year, with an estimated 30.4 million students unable to pay for their meals.

Shameful stories abound. For example, Donovan Elementary School in Lebanon, Ohio, announced "Ice Cream Friday," a fun activity that expressly excluded students with debt. "If a student has a negative balance they will not be able to purchase an ice

Sonali Kohatkar



cream even if they bring their \$1," the school said. "Students are only allowed to purchase [one] ice cream and are not permitted to buy an ice cream for a friend."

"Just give the kids ice cream!!!" one person replied to the school on Facebook. "The part that kids can't buy ice cream for their friends is disgusting."

At a district in Philadelphia, sixth through 12th graders in debt will no longer be fed at school. Among the impacted parents is a single mother of three who cannot pay off her kids' \$400 lunch debt. In North Carolina, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District has nearly \$500,000 in unpaid school lunch debts.

Even in school districts where meals are free for low-income families, there is a deep stigma when kids are singled out. There are horror stories of "lunch shaming," such as kids forgoing meals in order to not be outed as too poor to pay out-of-pocket.

Additionally, according to one analysis, many kids "are part of families who earn too much to be considered for free or reduced lunch, but also earn too little to afford regular school meals."

This is outrageous. We ensure taxpayer-funded public classrooms and teacher salaries as well as roads, parks, libraries, firefighters, paramedics, and more. None of these have income or work-based requirements. They're free

at the point of use for everyone.

But we draw the line at school lunches?

Republicans say they would cut federal funding for school lunches altogether, declaring it a priority for 2024. In this dystopian worldview, kids don't have an unconditional right to food. But some Democratic-run states actually learned from the federal government's pandemic experiment.

California's Department of Education this year boasted about being "the first state to implement a statewide Universal Meals Program for school children." Colorado, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, and Vermont have implemented similar programs.

"School lunch debt' is a term so absurd that it shouldn't even exist," declared Senator John Fetterman (D-PA). Fetterman's federal School Lunch Debt Cancellation Act would direct the Department of Agriculture to pay off all school meal debts.

But it isn't enough to pay off the debt once. Modeled on California's approach, Rep. Ilhan Omar's (D-MN) Universal School Meals Program Act would permanently offer free meals for all kids with no income restriction.

I asked my 16-year-old son, who attends a public school in California, how he would respond if kids at his school were required to pay for meals. "That would be pretty dumb," he said. He's right. It's that simple.

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FW man guilty of harassing Banks

By WHITNEY DOWNARD

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A Fort Wayne man on Thursday admitted harassing and intimidating Third District Congressman Jim Banks, with a sentencing hearing set for Nov. 17.

Aaron L. Thompson, born in 1989, pleaded guilty to a Level 6 felony as well as a Class B misdemeanor following repeated threatening calls to Banks' congressional office in April.

In an interview with the United States Capitol Police, Thompson admitted to being intoxicated and calling Banks because he disagreed with his political views. In his messages, Thompson said he owned a gun as

Thompson pleaded guilty to Level 6 felony charge

allowed by the Constitution and told Banks to choose between himself or his daughters, according to the June 2 probable cause filing.

"Here's the choice. Your daughters grow up without their dad or you grow old without your daughters," Thompson allegedly said. "... boom, boom you pick ..."

According to the plea agreement filed Thursday, Allen County prosecutors recommend a sentence of 2 years and 183 days for the felony charge of intimidation and 180 days for the misdemeanor charge of harassment. Both sentences would be suspended in favor of placing Thompson on probation for 2 years and 360 days.

Under probation, Thompson is not allowed to possess or use alcohol and other un-prescribed drugs.

The agreement includes a special probation condition that Thompson shall not contact the Banks family or co-workers, including staff members of the Third Congressional District.

However, the special condition includes a caveat that allows Thompson to write to the congressional office on issues "related to the services provided by the Third Congressional District" and requires he provide a copy of his communication to his probation officer.

A sentencing hearing will

determine the fines and restitution required by the court.

Threats against Congress have increased in recent years, with several — including Banks — reporting threats for their votes on House Speaker.

Banks opted not to run for reelection and will instead run for U.S. Senate, where he has won the Indiana Republican Party's nod as nominee, though the primary election won't be held until May. Banks does face a challenger in that race, who is suing the state over a law he says bars him from appearing on the GOP primary ballot.

The guilty plea agreement doesn't include any mention of a potential Senate position in the no-contact order.

Felony court news

Battery

Three Jay County residents were sentenced to serve time for battery charges.

Jenny L. McCollum, 36, 104 Moody Ave., Portland, pleaded guilty to battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A misdemeanor. She was sentenced in Jay Superior Court to one year in Jay County Jail with 180 days suspended and given 86 days credit for time served. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for domestic battery and a Class B misdemeanor for public intoxication were dismissed.

Michael L. Bechert, 65, 418 E. Center St., Dunkirk, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to domestic battery, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 730 days in Jay County Jail with 724 days suspended and given six days credit for time served. Bechert was charged \$830 in court costs and filing fees.

Ronald A. Hopkins, 62, 140 E. Baker St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to domestic battery resulting in serious bodily injury, a Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to four years in Indiana Department of Correction with 180 days suspended and given two days credit for time served. Hopkins was placed on home detention for 180 days, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention treatment and fee.

Criminal confinement

Two Indiana residents were sentenced to jail for criminal confinement.

Kipp A. Haffner, 20, 902 High St., Anderson, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to criminal confinement, a Level 6 felony, and interference with reporting a crime, a Class A misdemeanor. He was sentenced for the first charge

to two years in Jay County Jail with one year suspended and placed on probation. For the second charge, He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all of her sentence suspended and placed on probation. (He will serve his sentences consecutively.) Haffner was given credit for time served and assessed \$185 in court costs.

Seth M. Jones, 20, 209 S. Main St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to criminal confinement, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 18 months in Jay County Jail with all but 246 days suspended and given 246 days credit for time served. Jones was assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, two Class A misdemeanors for domestic battery and interference with reporting a crime were dismissed.

Common nuisance

A Portland man was sentenced to jail for maintaining a common nuisance.

Noah W. Teeter, 56, 414 W. Race St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 18 months in Jay County Jail with one year suspended and given credit for time served. Teeter was placed on probation and assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 4 felony for dealing in a schedule I controlled substance, a Level 6 felony for dealing marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Drug possession

Several people were sentenced to serve time for drug possession charges.

Kearra M. Byrley, 23, 603 E. Walnut St., Portland, pleaded guilty to

possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced in Jay Superior Court to 545 days in Jay County Jail with 541 days suspended and given four days credit for time served. Byrley was charged \$790 in court costs and filing fees. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for maintaining common nuisances was dismissed.

Bret A. Trissel, 26, 931 West Votaw St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 74 days suspended and given 20 days credit for time served. Trissel was placed on probation for 291 days, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was also ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling. As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Edward J. Grigsby, 45, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced in Jay Superior Court to 1,095 days in Indiana Department of Correction and given 122 days credit for time served. Grigsby was charged \$385 in court costs and filing fees.

Daniel J. Price, 38, 503 N. Pierce St., Ridgeville, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced in Jay Circuit Court to two years in Indiana Department of Correction and given

credit for time served. Price was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, two Class A misdemeanors for driving with a suspended license and possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed. In a separate Jay Circuit Court case, he pleaded guilty to another Level 6 felony charge for possession of methamphetamine and was sentenced to another two years in Indiana Department of Correction and given two days credit for time served. (His sentences will be served consecutively.) Price was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. The court recommended Price for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completing a substance abuse treatment program it would consider modifying his sentence.

Christina R. Morgan, 49, 510 W. High St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony. She was sentenced to four years in Indiana Department of Correction with two year suspended and given credit for time served. Morgan was placed on probation, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for possession of marijuana was dismissed.

Cassandra N. Richman, 36, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 6 felony, and to being a habitual offender.

She was sentenced to two years in Indiana Department of Correction with an additional four years added from the habitual offender enhancement. She was given credit for time served, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. The court recommended Richman for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completing a substance abuse treatment program it would consider modifying her sentence.

Randy W. Morrical, 42, 768 West Seventh St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Morrical was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

Kristie N. Pennington, 36, 111 Interlaken Drive, Berne, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony. She was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Pennington was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

Burglary

A Selma man was sentenced to prison for burglary.

James N. Cassudakis, 37, 1201 N. 650 East, Selma, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to the Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction with 32 months suspended and given credit for time served. Cassudakis was placed on probation and

assessed \$185 in court costs.

Perjury

A Union City woman was sentenced to jail for committing perjury.

KaLa Grady, 32, 360 Essex Court, Union City, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with 455 days suspended and given 90 days credit for time served. Grady was charged \$545 days in court costs and filing fees and fined \$25.

Marijuana

A Georgia woman was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty to possession of marijuana.

Shaquayvia M. Barnes, 21, 410 Randolph Drive, Vidalia, pleaded guilty to the Class B misdemeanor. (As part of her plea agreement, a Level 6 felony charge for theft was dismissed.) She was sentenced to 10 days in Jay County Jail and given 10 days credit for time served.

Barnes was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

Unlawful possession

A Michigan man was sentenced to jail for unlawful possession of a syringe.

Justin M. Elder, 29, 58184 Kirk Lake Road, Vandalia, Michigan, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 270 days in Jay County Jail and given 148 days credit for time served. Elder was assessed \$185 in court costs and fined \$25. As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.



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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU TRY TO EXPEL AN EVIL SPIRIT AND HAVE NO SUCCESS, WHAT DO YOU DO? EXORCISE IN FUTILITY.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals C

Trivial Review
(Answers are printed below, upside down.)
Presidential pondering
1) What three presidents graduated from a military academy?
2) What president's corollary to the Monroe Doctrine allowed for U.S. intervention in Latin America?

10-30 CRYPTOQUIP
DLIUXNI BQVLMO GEVL FP
SDL FEISQGMCL FEIIUIEPLCO
XMC QGUCMBQZK MZL'O
KEGL: MCQMILO' SNSMCQEIO.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHAT MIGHT YOU CALL IT WHEN CAT GHOSTS ARE PRODUCING CONTENTED NOISES? PURR-ANORMAL ACTIVITY.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals G

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!
Solve the code to discover words related to kitchens and baths. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 12 = R)

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to bathrooms.
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kids' corner
A PERSON WHO IS A PHILATELIST COLLECTS AND STUDIES WHICH ITEMS?

Guess Who?
I am a singer born in California on October 25, 1984. I am the daughter of two pastors who discouraged listening to pop music. Despite that, I became a successful pop singer and later an "American Idol" judge.

What's the Difference?
There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?
Picture A and B showing a book with stamps.

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1726: 'GULLIVER'S TRAVELS' BY JONATHAN SWIFT IS PUBLISHED.
1971: PROSPERO BECOMES THE ONLY BRITISH SATELLITE TO BE LAUNCHED BY A BRITISH ROCKET.

New Word COLLECT
to gather similar items

KITCHEN & BATH WORD SEARCH
WORDS: BATHROOM, CLEANLINESS, ESSENTIAL, FAUCET, FIXTURES, GATHER, GRANITE, HUMIDITY, ISLAND, KITCHEN, MAT, MICROWAVE, OVEN, REFRIGERATOR, REMODEL, SHOWER, SINK, TABLE, TILES, TOILET, VANITY.

PEOPLE FACT!
A PERSON WHO IS A PHILATELIST COLLECTS AND STUDIES WHICH ITEMS?

How they SAY that in...
ENGLISH: Stamp
SPANISH: Sello
ITALIAN: Francobollo
FRENCH: Timbre
GERMAN: Briefmarke

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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Try the impossible
South dealer. North-South vulnerable.
NORTH: A K J, K 10, A J 10, A 8 7 5 3
WEST: 9 8 2, J 9, 8 6 3, K Q J 10 9
EAST: 7 6 4 3, Q 7 5, 7 5 4 2, 6 2
SOUTH: Q 10 5, A 8 6 4 3 2, K Q 9, 4
The bidding: South 1 NT, West Pass, North 2 clubs, East Pass.
Opening lead — king of clubs.
There is a play in bridge called the Devil's Coup, and it has to be seen to be believed. Today's deal provides an example.
It might seem that South must go down one at seven hearts. He has an apparently inescapable trump loser, but there is a sequence of plays by which the grand slam can be made.
West leads a club, taken with the ace. The situation looks hopeless to declarer who might well be planning to have a few words with his partner at the conclusion of play but for the moment he proceeds by ruffing a club at trick two.
South then leads a spade to the jack and ruffs another club, on which East discards a spade. After cashing the A-K of spades, South ruffs still another club. East this time discarding a diamond.
Declarer now cashes the K-Q-A of diamonds to produce this ending with dummy on lead:
North: K 10, 8
South: A 8 6
West: J 9, Q
East: Q 7 5
The lead of the eight of clubs from dummy pulverizes East. If he ruffs low, South simply overruffs and scores the last two tricks with the A-K of hearts. If East ruffs with the queen instead, South overruffs with the ace and takes a finesse against West's jack to achieve the same result.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 1 Molt, 5 Hog haven, 8 Diving duck, 12 Sped, 13 Metal source, 14 Embedded spy, 15 Grand tale, 16 Recent recruits, 18 Japanese emperor, 20 Choose, 21 Periodicals, for short, 23 Prefix with natal, 24 Dracula-inspired trick-or-treaters, 28 "Frozen" reindeer, 31 "Patience — virtue", 32 Heroic narratives, 34 Rock's Brian, 35 Tabloid writing.
DOWN 1 Flower part, 2 Pueblo people, 3 Actor Estrada, 4 Sneak away, 5 Baby picture?, 6 Three, in Rome, 7 Ever-green trees, 8 Happy faces, 9 Besides, 10 Power co. supply, 11 Left on a map, 17 Chick's mom, 19 Lectern locale, 22 Musical transition, 24 Big shot, 25 Tempe sch., 26 Kuala Lumpur's land, 27 "Alas ...", 29 Away from WSW, 30 Re-fusals, 33 Pack cargo, 36 Prim partner, 38 Baseball division, 40 "Don't mind — do!", 42 Corp. honcho, 43 Plane-related, 44 Dorm alternative, 46 Always hero, 47 Hindu hero, 48 Eilist, 50 Jug handle.

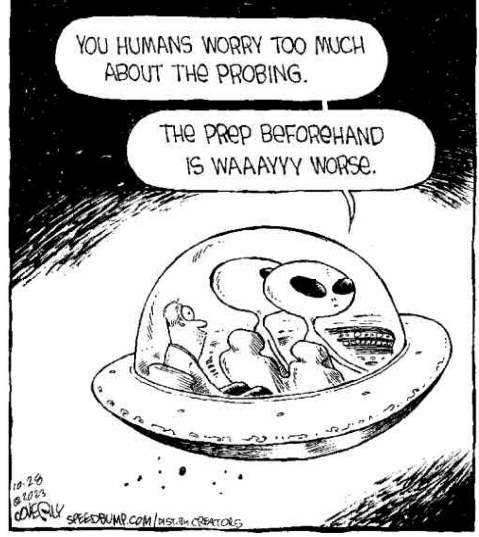
Yesterday's answer 10-28
Grid with numbers 1-57.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand
South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH: Q J 2, A K 9 5 4, 6, 10 9 6 2
WEST: K 10 4 3, 3, 10 7 4 3 2, K 8 7
EAST: 9 6 5, Q 10 7 6 2, 9 5, A J 3
SOUTH: A 8 7, J 8, A K Q J 8, Q 5 4
The bidding: South 1 NT, West Pass, North 2 diamonds, East Pass.
Opening lead — three of spades.
When declarer has a strong suit that has not been disclosed during the bidding, it is usually wise to keep that suit concealed for as long as possible during the play. Today's deal from the 1989 Vanderbilt Teams demonstrates the windfall that can accrue from following this practice.
When Bobby Levin, whose team won the event, held the South hand, the bidding went as shown. North's two-diamond bid was a transfer, promising at least five hearts, after which South wound up in three notrump. West led a low spade, taken by dummy's queen, and Levin played a low heart toward his jack. East rose with the queen and returned a spade, taken by South's ace.
At this point, Levin could count only eight sure tricks — two hearts, four diamonds and the two spades already won. If either red suit could be run, the contract was in the bag. But if both the diamonds and hearts broke badly, the contract would almost surely fail.
Following the principle of keeping the unknown hidden, Levin next led the jack of hearts to dummy's king and cashed the ace. West had to make two discards on these plays, and one of them was a fatal diamond. Levin then ran all five of his diamonds to finish with nine tricks, plus 400.
At the other table, the play to the first three tricks was exactly the same. But here, after declarer took East's spade return with the ace, he tried to run his diamonds first, letting the cat out of the bag. When neither red suit broke, he could not come to more than eight tricks, giving Levin's team a gain of 10 IMPs on the deal.
Tomorrow: Hidden weapon.

Saturday's answer 10-30
Grid with numbers 1-57.

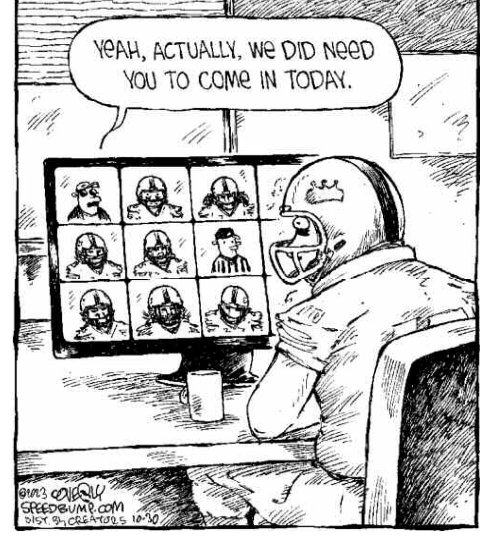
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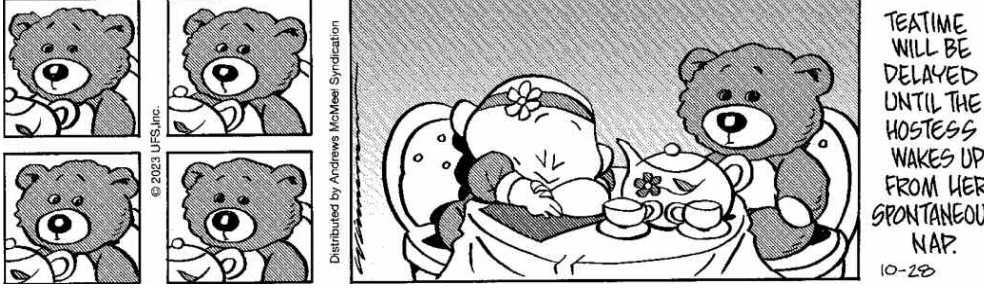
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Rose is Rose



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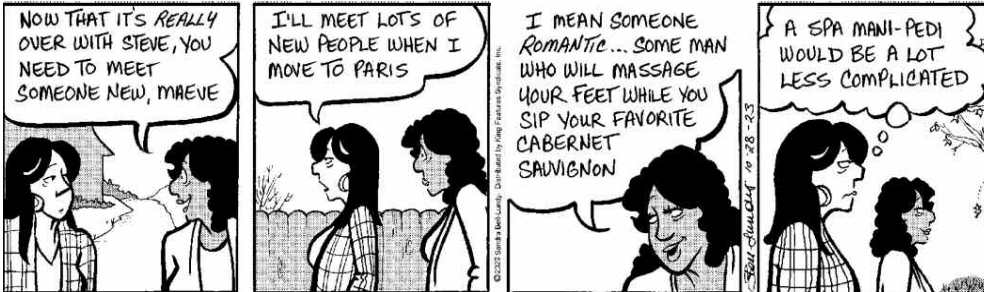
Hi and Lois



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Between Friends



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10:00 A.M./10:30 A.M. (Double Ring)
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MONDAY NOVEMBER 13TH, 2023 TIME 5:00 P.M.
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TIME 10:00 A.M.
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Open House Sunday October 22 from 1-3pm or for private showing phone auctioneers
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2012 GMC 1500 Kodiak pickup truck, 2009 Saturn Sky redline turbo convertible, Ford 4000 gas tractor with 2400 GT hyd. loader, Craftsman GT 3000 23 HP mower 46" cut with snowblower.
HAY - STRAW - SHOP TOOLS
180 Small square bales Alfalfa. 100 bales mixed grass. 25 bales straw. Saddles and bridles.
GUNS - ANTIQUES - MISC
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Located : 7638 N 650 W
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Saturday morning
NOVEMBER 11, 2023
9:30 A.M.
REAL ESTATE
PARCEL #1: 2 Story home with 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, large family room, partial basement, and a 2 car attached garage.
This home has a new gas furnace plus a wood furnace, newer windows, new well, and a metal roof. This parcel has several outbuildings and will contain approximately 4 acres.
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Saturday Morning
October 28th, 2023
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HOUSEHOLD GOODS - OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS
Grandfather clock; 4 drawer dresser with mirror; 2 pc. lighted china cabinet; Fruitwood dining room table with 6 chairs; cedar chest; nail keg; sausage stuffer; Indian dolls; White Mountain wood ice cream freezer; Pfaltz-graff dishes; Longaberger baskets; Hummel plates; McCoy; steins; **POTTERY: 50+ PIECES OF ROSEVILLE; VAN BRIGGLE VASES; WELLER VASES; WELLER BOWL.** McCoy cookie jars; crockery water dispenser; and many other items not listed.
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ZACHARY P. MILLER,
Trustee of the Zachary P. Miller Revocable Trust, Plaintiff,
vs.
STEPHEN MICHAEL GUNTLE,
Defendant.
IN THE JAY SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO. 38D01-2307-MF-000016
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a Decree to me directed by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Jay County, Indiana, in cause no. 38D01-2307-MF-000016, wherein **ZACHARY P. MILLER**, Trustee of the Zachary P. Miller Revocable Trust is Plaintiff and **STEPHEN MICHAEL GUNTLE** is Defendant, rendering a Judgment in favor of Plaintiff in the sum of \$34,236.11, together with interest and costs thereon, ordering me to sell the real estate hereinafter described to make assets for the payment of said Judgment, and having served notice of this sale upon each owner claiming interest in the real estate hereinafter described, pursuant to the provisions of I.C. 32-29-7-3, including publication upon any owner whose whereabouts are unknown, I will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder on the 30th day of November, 2023 at 10:00 AM, at the Office of the Sheriff of Jay County, Indiana, 120 North Court Street, in the City of Portland, Indiana 47371, the real estate described as follows:
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Remington model 41 22 cal. single shot. Thomson Center Scout 50 cal. muzzleloader. BB guns. Large oak hutch. Large oak oval end table. Square oak kitchen table with 6 chairs. Large oak bench. Oak ball on claw organ stool. Mirrored front wardrobe. Hall tree. Kitchen cabinet. Porcelain top cabinet. 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. Photo albums. Cigar box. Adler industrial sewing machine. Button cutter/maker. Singer stylist sewing machine. Sewing machine with cabinet. Rainbow sweeper and shampooer. Wicker stand. Wrought iron patio set with 4 chairs. 2 poly chairs and poly swing. 2 wicker back rockers with matching table. Lifetime picnic table. Lazy Boy recliner. Wing-back chairs. 2 door dresser. 3 cushion sofa. Large lighted curio cabinet.

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2022-23 schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Thursday, Nov. 2	Dual meet	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 4	New Palestine	8:30 a.m.
Saturday, Nov. 11	East Noble	9 a.m.
Thursday, Nov. 16	Columbia City	6 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 18	Northview	9 a.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 28	Centerville	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 7	New Haven	6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9	Lebanon	9 a.m.
Dec. 21 and 22	Findlay	Noon
Saturday, Dec. 30	Regional	TBA
Friday, Jan. 5	Semi-State	4 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 13	State	Noon

Home events in bold
All are tournaments with the exception of the Nov. 2, 16 and 28 matches.

Pictured is the 2023-24 Jay County High School girls wrestling team. Front row from left are Maleah Parsons, Sophie Thomas, Katie Rowles and Tatianna Willis. Back row are Kiley Williams, Lina Lingo, Mallory Winner, Willow Hardy, and Emily Manor. Not pictured are Alexis Hitchfield, Tessa Miller, Haley Ridenour, Allison Tipton and Ellie Wendel.

Hungry ...

Continued from page 10
Lingo made massive improvements from a freshman season that didn't see many wins to her sophomore year when she made it to state with a win over teammate Willow Hardy.

Rowles and Parsons quickly picked up the sport as freshmen.

A big key for the trio to get to state was coming into the season with a sense of hunger and eagerness to get better.

Already this season, assistant coach Chad Chowning has seen that hunger from the girls rather than acting as if they have pressure to make it back.

"I'm sure there's a little pressure, but the girls are hungry for it," Chowning said. "They've got that hunger. Now they've got a taste. It's not the pressure, it's 'I want more.'"

Rowles will likely be slated in the 100 weight

class while Lingo gets the 130 and Parsons will be in 140.

Hardy, a senior, junior Tatianna Willis and sophomore Haley Ridenour are some athletes that Myers thinks have a chance to improve and potentially make it to state.

"They just started to gain more confidence," Myers said. "All of our experienced girls put in a lot of offseason work this offseason. ... I'm just excited to see the fruits of their labor. ..."

"They're coming in on a higher level than they left off last year."

Willis will likely fill the 110-pound weight class, Willow will man the 125 and Ridenour takes care of the 145.

Jay County will have four new wrestlers joining the team. Sophie Thomas will be at the 105-pound weight class, Ellie Wendel at the 120, Tessa Miller takes care of the

170 and Allison Tipton will have to compete with Willow Hardy for the 125 position.

The final spot in the lineup will go to Alexis Hitchfield at 235.

Currently, the 115 position is still open as the team looks for more wrestlers to join.

Ultimately, the Patriots are looking to get back to state and to find more girls travel to Kokomo in January to compete for a top-five team finish at state.

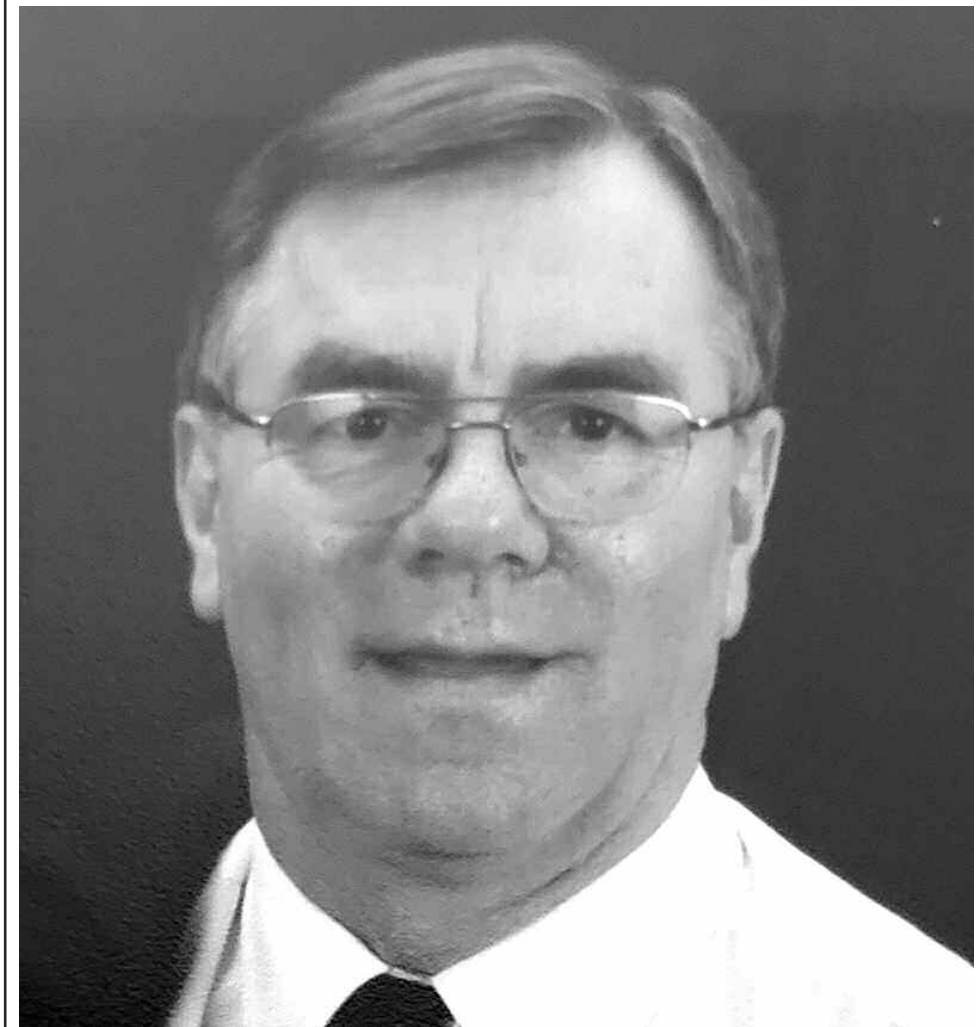
"We just want to keep pushing through placers and keep advancing," Myers said. "We didn't get as many new girls coming out as we hoped. So I know our girls want more, but they have a solid group there and they're spaced out really well. If we line up head to head against most teams, those teams would have a lot of trouble beating us."



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Jay County High School juniors Lina Lingo (left) and Mallory Winner (right) spar off at the beginning of practice Wednesday afternoon. Winner is taking full advantage of her health in the preseason to aim for a third state title and a perfect season, while Lingo is looking to make the state tournament and place after being bounced in the opening round last season.

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NASCAR driver issues statement following arrest

By **BRIAN LINDER**
pennlive.com
Tribune News Service

Chris Hacker, a driver with NASCAR's Craftsman Truck Series and Xfinity Series, can drive again after being arrested and charged with DWI back on Aug. 15 in North Carolina.

NASCAR has lifted his suspension, according to multiple reports.

Hacker put out a statement on X, formerly Twitter, in which he called his arrest and suspension from the sport "a huge learning experience."

"I went from the highest point of my life to the lowest point of my life overnight and made a career-changing decision that no one should ever make," he wrote. "There's no excuse and no one to blame other than myself."

Hacker said in the post that he is "71 days sober."

"I have spent this time taking a hard look at myself and owning up to the pain that I have caused my family, my friends, my sponsors and my fans," he wrote. "I am deeply sorry for having hurt every one of you."

Hacker added that he was "humbled by the love and support" that he received through his suspension.

"I have a long road ahead of me in my recovery journey, and part of that is putting in the effort to mend relationships and earn back your trust," he wrote. "I promise to continue working on myself to be the best version of Chris Hacker I can be. See ya'll in Martinsville!"

Hacker's arrest was reportedly his second for DWI.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Fort Recovery — Cross country regional at Tiffin — 10 a.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Girls basketball scrimmage at Huntington North — 6 p.m.

TV sports

Today
2 a.m. — Golf: Asia Pacific Amateur Championship (ESPN2)
7:30 a.m. — Premier League: Brentford at Chelsea (USA)
10 a.m. — Premier League: Sheffield United at Arsenal (USA)
12 p.m. — College football: South Carolina at Texas A&M (ESPN); Houston at Kansas State (ESPN2); Oklahoma at Kansas (FOX); Indiana at Penn State (CBS); Maryland at Northwestern (BTN); West Virginia at UCF (FS1); Florida State at Wake Forest (ABC)
12 p.m. — Premier League: Newcastle United at Wolverhampton (NBC)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Georgia at Florida (CBS); Pitt at Notre Dame (NBC); BYU at Texas (ABC); Purdue at Nebraska (FS1); Oregon at Utah (FOX); Michigan State at Minnesota (BTN); Duke at Louisville (ESPN)
3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Dead on Tools 250 (USA)
4 p.m. — College football: Tulane at Rice (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — College football: Tennessee at Kentucky (ESPN); Washington State at Stanford (FS1)
7 p.m. — College volleyball: Penn State at Michigan State (BTN)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Colorado at UCLA (ABC); Ohio State at Wisconsin (NBC)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Cleveland Cavaliers (Bally Indiana)

8 p.m. — World Series: Arizona Diamondbacks at Texas Rangers (FOX)
8 p.m. — College football: Cincinnati at Oklahoma State (ESPN2)
9 p.m. — College volleyball: Maryland at Iowa (BTN)
10:30 p.m. — College football: Oregon State at Arizona (ESPN); UNLV at Fresno State (FS1)

Sunday
3:30 a.m. — Golf: Asia Pacific Amateur Championship (ESPN2)
9 a.m. — Premier League: Everton at West Ham United (USA)
10:30 a.m. — Bundesliga soccer: Borussia Dortmund at Eintracht Frankfurt (ESPN2)
12:30 p.m. — College soccer: Penn State at Wisconsin (BTN)
1 p.m. — NFL: Jacksonville Jaguars at Pittsburgh Steelers (CBS); New Orleans Saints at Indianapolis Colts (FOX)
3 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Xfinity 500 (NBC)
3:30 p.m. — College basketball exhibition: Tennessee at Michigan State (BTN)
4 p.m. — NFL: Cleveland Browns at Seattle Seahawks (FOX)
4 p.m. — Formula 1: Mexico Grand Prix (ABC)
4:25 p.m. — NFL: Cincinnati Bengals at San Francisco 49ers (CBS)
5 p.m. — NHRA: NHRA Nevada Nationals (FS1)
5:30 p.m. — Womens international friendly soccer: Colombia at United States (TNT)
6 p.m. — College basketball exhibition: Kansas at Illinois (BTN)
7 p.m. — NHL: Calgary Flames at Edmonton Oilers (TBS)
8:20 p.m. — NFL: Chicago Bears at Los Angeles Chargers (NBC)
10 p.m. — MLS: Sporting Kansas City at St. Louis City (FS1)

Monday
7 p.m. — NBA: Chicago Bulls at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — MLS: Nashville SC at Orlando City (FS1)
8 p.m. — World Series: Arizona Diamondbacks at Texas Rangers (FOX)
8:15 p.m. — NFL: Las Vegas Raiders at Detroit Lions (ABC)
9 p.m. — MLS: FC Dallas at Seattle Sounders (FS1)

Tuesday
7:30 p.m. — College football: Buffalo at Toledo (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: New York Knicks at Cleveland Cavaliers (TNT)
8 p.m. — World Series: Arizona Diamondbacks at Texas Rangers (FOX)
8 p.m. — NHL: Los Angeles Kings at Toronto Maple Leafs (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NBA: San Antonio Spurs at Phoenix Suns (TNT)

Local notes

Turkey Trot sign-up open
Cooper Farms will be hosting its 16th annual Turkey Trot Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Cooper Farms Turkey Harvesting Plant in St. Henry, Ohio. Participation costs \$15. All proceeds benefit EverHart Hospice. The race will begin at 10 a.m. There will be splits at each mile of the 3.1-mile course. There will also be chip timing for participants operated by Speedy Feet. Water will be provided throughout the race, as well as a to-go turkey meal at the end. You can register by visiting bit.ly/cooperfarmsturkeytrot, or registration will open at 9 a.m. at Cooper Farms on the day of the race.
To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@theocr.com.

Hungry for more

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

The Patriots sent seven athletes to the state meet last season. Five more were one win away.

Four of the seven earned medals.

One of them stood atop the podium.

In the 2023-24 season, they are hungry for more.

The Jay County High School girls wrestling team returns just over 70% of its roster after a successful season. This year, the roster is headlined by a strong junior class and a group of sophomores that head coach Eric Myers hopes to see grow.

Loaded roster looks to send even more girls to state

“We have got a solid group of girls and, our junior class is pretty heavy,” Myers said. “We’ve got a really good group of girls.”

“The neat thing is, with the sport — as far as girls go — in its infancy, it’s really fun to see girls come in and have no idea what they’re doing, and then develop

into solid, maybe even state-level wrestlers. So, it’s been really enjoyable for me as a coach to watch those girls be able to do that.”

One wrestler that didn’t require that learning curve is two-time state champion Mallo-ry Winner. The junior is coming off of a season where she only

lost two matches after suffering a broken leg in the offseason.

Despite being a two-time state champion, Winner isn’t taking the preseason for granted, but rather, is making good of her time after being injured at this point last season.

“I know that even on the off days, and other people are working, and I have to put in the work too,” Winner said. “Whatever everybody else is doing, I have to double that, because no matter what, I always have a bull’s eye on my back and everybody’s gonna be coming for me.”

Winner has set two goals for herself for the season. She wants

to repeat as a state champion and go undefeated. Myers expects her to fill out the 155-pound weight class for the Patriots.

The Patriots also return junior state medalists Kiley Williams and Emily Manor. Williams placed fifth at state while Manor finished eighth.

Williams wrestled for the first time last year, breaking onto the scene to earn the regional championship. She will likely fill out the 190 weight class while Manor will take the 135.

Joining them at state were Lina Lingo, Katie Rowles and Maleah Parsons.

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Dirksen is state honorable mention

Abraham Dirksen had a spectacular senior season.

He was undefeated in conference to earn him a spot on the All-Allen County Athletic Conference.

Earlier this year he was named to the All-District Team for District 4.

The awards just keep rolling in for the Jay County No. 1 singles player.

On Friday, Dirksen was named honorable mention all-state by the Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association.

Dirksen was one of 79 players to earn honorable mention from the IHSTCA.

Dirksen made it to the IHSAA individual sectional championship before falling to Alex Sagara — who was named to the second-team all-state — 6-0, 6-0. The senior ended his season with a 20-5 record.

Other players Dirksen played against who were recognized as honorable mentions includes Frankton’s Sam Barr, Madison-Grant’s Luke Gilman and Marion’s Ryan Sebastian.

Dirksen is the first Jay County High School boys tennis player to receive such honors from the IHSTCA.

Two selected

The Midwest Athletic Conference announced all-conference selections Thursday, with two Fort Recovery football players making teams and four more as honorable mentions.

Troy Homan made the first team All-MAC for defense as a cornerback along with Coldwater’s AJ Harlamert. During the season, the senior picked off two passes and made 25 tackles. Two and a half of those were for a loss that totaled 50 yards.

On the offensive side, Reese Guggenbiller made the second-team All-MAC at the wide receiver position along with Trey Heitkamp of Anna and Andrew Pohlman of Marion Local. Guggenbiller led the team with 41 receptions for 576 yards and four touchdowns. He also had two touchdowns on 20 rushing attempts.

Listed as honorable mentions from Fort Recovery are seniors Alex Evers, Conner Kaikala and Owen Knapke, and sophomore Reece Wendel.

Striker sweep

The Jay County boys soccer team had nine players make All-Allen County Athletic Conference teams.

Five Patriots made the first team All-

Local roundup

ACAC. Jay County swept the forward position with Levi Muhlenkamp, Dylan Marentes and Oskar Alart Mateo all making the first team.

Muhlenkamp led the Patriots in goals with 26 while Marentes had 12 and Alart Mateo had four. Marentes earned a team-high 24 assists with Muhlenkamp next with four and Alart Mateo had two. In the four ACAC games, Muhlenkamp had eight goals and Marentes had eight assists.

Other first team selections include defender Brayden Collins and goalie Kaleb Coppock who made it as an at-large.

Players named to the second team include defenders Gavin Young and Alan Ortiz, midfielder Cayden Buckland and forward Hugo Gutierrez.

Super six

Six players from the Jay County girls soccer team were selected to All-Allen County Athletic Conference teams.

Two of the Patriots’ defenders made the first team All-ACAC in Emma Hatzell and Ellie Wendel. Hatzell made the team as the at-large selection.

Also on the first team were forward Morgan DeHoff and midfielder Aixa Lopez. Both players scored double-digit goals on the season with DeHoff finding the net 18 times and Lopez 10. Lopez also lead the Patriots with 318 steals

Jay County had two girls make second team All-ACAC as well. Molly Muhlenkamp made it in as the first midfielder while Jayla Huelskamp was the second forward.

Muhlenkamp worked as the focal point in the midfield for the Patriots, where she tallied 248 steals. She also had eight goals and five assists to finish third in points with 21 behind DeHoff (40) and Lopez (29).

Huelskamp would often bounce back and forth between playing as a forward and defender. She ended the season with a pair of goals and assists while racking up 243 steals.

Muhlenkamp and Hatzell graduate, but Jay County returns the other four.

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