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The Jay County High School Marching Patriots saxophone section dances Friday morning during their preliminary Indiana State Fair Band Day performance in Indianapolis. The band went on to a fifth-place finish, scoring 86.788 points. It trailed Muncie Central, Anderson, Kokomo and Richmond.

JCHS Marching Patriots push past summer rivals, top Centerville, United to finish in top 5 at state fair

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

INDIANAPOLIS — Centerville's Blue Regiment and Montgomery County United had been battling the Marching Patriots all summer. Jay County had finished just ahead of and just behind both rivals at contests this year.

In the final and biggest contest, the Marching Patriots delivered. Jay County High School scored 86.788 points, more than a full point ahead of its closest competitors this summer, to place fifth Friday during the Indiana State Fair Band Day competition. Heading into the day,

the Marching Patriots looked to be in a battle for fifth, sixth and seventh, but they were able to put some space between themselves and Centerville (85.7) and Montgomery County United (85.2). (JCHS and Centerville finished tied last year, with the Marching Patriots winning the

tiebreaker for third place.) Muncie Central totaled 93.05 points to reclaim the state fair championship from two-time defending champion Kokomo. The Spirit of Sound, which earned caption awards for music, visuals and general effect in Class AAA,

won every contest it entered this summer. Anderson scored 91.488 to edge Kokomo (91.225) for second place. Richmond was fourth with 89.838. Frankton Lapel (81.913) was eighth, with Western Boone (79.9) and Winchester (79.325) rounding out the top 10. See 007 page 5

Project cost came down

Change order drops cost by \$315,563

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

A project that saw costs skyrocket from the time it was proposed to when construction began ended up coming in under the contracted amount.

Portland Board of Works on Thursday approved a change order to decrease the total amount of its contract with Watson Excavating for the Meridian Street storm sewer projected by more than \$300,000.

Watson handled the 2023 project that involved installing about 2,000 feet of new sewer line below Meridian Street from just north of Arch Street to the Salamonie River. Most of the catch basins in that area of Meridian Street were connected to the new line, with the intention of taking pressure off of the Millers Branch line that had repeatedly backed up and led to flooding over the previous decade-plus.

When initially proposed in March 2021, the estimate for the project was \$1.3 million. With construction costs increasing, Watson's low bid in June 2022 was \$2.42 million. After a change in pavement specifications from Indiana Department of Transportation and with engineering costs included, the total jumped to \$3.13 million.

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New congress formed

By TRACY WILKINSON
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — A group of U.S. lawmakers is meeting this week with Latin American counterparts to form a new multinational congress to tackle thorny cross-border issues such as climate change and migration throughout the Western Hemisphere.

Organizers say the newly formed Panamerican Congress will differ from the European Union Parliament because it won't make laws for the region. Nor, they say, is it to be seen as an alternative to the Organization of American States, the largest regional body that is often criticized for supposedly being dominated by Washington.

Instead organizers hope the new body will create a fresh forum to brainstorm ideas and come up with policies to address persistent regional problems.

"Instead of the old model of the United States trying to dominate Latin America, we should be working with Latin America to survive climate change and address joint economic needs," among other

Multinational body meets today, addresses climate change, migration

issues, Rep. Greg Casar (D-Texas) said in an interview. "We need new models to replace the Monroe Doctrine," he added, referring to the 19th century U.S. policy that discouraged European interference in Latin America but was also used at times to assert U.S. dominance over the hemisphere.

In addition to the United States, seven other countries from around the hemisphere will be represented at the gathering in the Colombian capital of Bogota. Casar is one of three Democratic U.S. Congress members — along with the chief of staff for a fourth — forming the delegation from here.

Besides Colombia, the other nations participating are Brazil, Canada, Chile, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico. Most are led by progressive governments, and their representatives at

the congress are primarily from left-leaning political parties.

The three-day meeting begins today. Host country Colombia, governed by the first leftist president in its history, Gustavo Petro, will open the congress with Foreign Minister Luis Gilberto Murillo.

It is being organized from Washington by the Center for Economic and Policy Research, a progressive think tank, which invited a limited group of Democratic lawmakers who are focused on Latin America.

"The challenges plaguing our hemisphere — democratic backsliding, climate crisis, deep poverty, political violence, family displacement — are too urgent, too significant for any one nation to address alone," Rep. Delia Ramirez of Illinois, another member of the U.S. delegation, said in a statement.



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Cheering on to state

Jay County High School cheerleaders, pictured above, and Jay County junior high cheerleaders performed their state fair preview shows Friday evening at East Jay Elementary School. Both Jay County squads compete today at Indiana State Fair's cheerleading competition, with junior high set to go on at 9:30 a.m. and the high school at 11:10 a.m. at Hoosier Lottery grandstand.

Deaths

Margaret Patterson, 94, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 82 degrees Friday. Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high in the mid 80s. At night, the low may dip to 64 degrees.

Sunday's weather looks to be sunny, with highs in the upper 80s. Sunny skies and hot temperatures are also expected Monday. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of Fort Recovery Village Council's meeting Monday.

Thursday — Coverage of Portland Park Board's meeting Tuesday.

Friday — Pictures from Jay County Schools' first day returning to the classroom.



Down ...

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However, the change order approved Thursday was for a decrease of \$315,562.79, bringing the final projected total to \$2.79 million.

Also Thursday, board of works members Jerry Leonhard, Steve McIntosh and Mayor Jeff Westlake agreed to pay the full amount — \$59,023 — to repair the east wall of The Greazy Pickle following the city's demolition of the adjacent structure.

In late 2023, the city hired JAShroyer Group to demolish the former Bailey Building (201 through 205 W. Main St.). They also reached an agreement with Chris Grieshop and Thomas Emerick, owners of The Greazy Pickle, to tear down the building at 207 W. Main St. (It was the former home of Schmit Chiropractic.) As part of the agreement, the city had committed to contributing up to \$20,000 to repair the exposed east wall of the bar

and restaurant after the demolition was complete.

The board briefly discussed whether to stick to that \$20,000 total or to consider paying the full amount. Welch noted that the original agreement set the \$20,000 mark with the understanding that The Greazy Pickle could approach the city for additional funding based on the cost of the repairs.

Leonhard expressed his feeling that the board had set a precedent last month when it agreed to pay the full amount — \$49,809 — to repair the north wall at 206 N.

Meridian St. following a similar demolition of adjacent structures.

The board then voted unanimously to award the project to Top Shelf Care of Fort Recovery at \$59,023. (A quote from Dalton's Concrete Construction came in at \$57,983, but the board chose to go with Top Shelf because of its familiarity with the building — it handled a previous facade project for The Greazy Pickle — and the scope of the work.) Funding for the work will require approval from Portland City Council.

Board of Works members also

approved a change order for the Blaine Pike paving and multi-use path project. It will include adjusting several cub ramps.

Clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips explained that project specifications from engineering firm Beam, Longest and Neff were not correct, leading to the need for the change order. The city will pay the additional \$12,902.18 up front, with 80% to be reimbursed by INDOT. It will need to file a claim against Beam, Longest and Neff in order to attempt to recoup the remaining 20%.

The board also noted that

some drains related to the project did not meet required standards. Those were a construction issue and will be replaced at no additional charge to the city.

In other business, the board: •OK'd an application for Community Crossings grant funding through Indiana Department of Transportation for \$1.09 million in paving. The city is applying for the grant to pave sections of Wayside Place, Jaqua and Western avenues, Shank, Ship, Franklin, Seventh, North, First, Garfield, Munson, Hayes, Charles, Williams, Maple and Mangold streets, Silvers Lane and Tyson Road. Grant applications were due Wednesday. The grant will require a 25% match from the city if approved.

•Approved a one-year extension to the city's contract with Jay County Humane Society for animal control services. There is a 3% (\$1,275) increase for 2025.

Board of works agrees to pay for repairs to wall of The Greazy Pickle

CR almanac

Sunday 8/4	Monday 8/5	Tuesday 8/6	Wednesday 8/7	Thursday 8/8
86/66	87/69	85/61	78/58	78/58
Sunday's forecast shows sunny skies with a high around 86 degrees.	Monday's weather looks like sunny skies and hot temperatures.	There's a slight chance of thunderstorms. Otherwise, mostly sunny.	Wednesday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with the high in the upper 70s.	Mostly sunny skies are expected Thursday, when the high will be around 78 degrees.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 3-0-6 Daily Four: 7-1-9-8 Quick Draw: 4-5-14-17-28-33-39-44-51-56-58-61-65-66-67-71-74-78-79-80	Pick 3: 4-7-3 Pick 4: 6-4-1-8 Pick 5: 4-1-5-8-0
Ohio Midday	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$171 million
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$358 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....3.72 Sept. corn3.75 Wheat4.67	Sept. beans9.82 Wheat4.89
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....3.73 Sept. corn3.71 Oct. corn3.73	ADM Montpelier Corn.....3.58 Sept. corn.....3.56 Beans10.62 Sept. beans10.27 Wheat4.96
The Andersons Richland Township Corn3.67 Sept. corn3.67 Beans10.57	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....3.67 Sept. corn3.68 Beans10.22 Sept. beans9.67 Wheat4.69

Today in history

In 1492, explorer Christopher Columbus began his first trans-Atlantic voyage in search of a westward route to India, leaving Palos, Spain, with his three ships — the Niña, the Pinta and the Santa Maria.

In 1972, Jay County prosecutor Ardee Helm Jr. filed a lawsuit against Jay County Council, asking Jay Circuit Court to mandate council provide \$720 per year for office space for his department. He contended that his single-rom office in Jay County Courthouse was inadequate.

In 1998, Jay School Board hired William Jones as the new Jay County High School principal during a special meeting. Jones had served as principal at New Palestine since 1983.

In 2015, Jay School Board hired Chris Krieg as the new Jay County High School boys basketball coach. He replaced Craig Teagle, who resigned in July to take the same position at Huntington North.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.	cil, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.	Tuesday 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St.
5:30 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, executive session, 119 E. 200 North, Portland.	5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
6 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, 119 E. 200 North, Portland.	7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.
7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council,	7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.

Obituaries

Margaret Patterson

April 19, 1930-July 31, 2024

Margaret Rosa Marie Patterson, age 94, of Portland passed away on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at her residence. She was born in Jay County on April 19, 1930, the daughter of Ralph and Emily (Weyant) Messner. She was married to Herbert Patterson, and he preceded her in death. Margaret worked for USDA for thirty-two years and was member of Women's Auxiliary of American Legion Post 211 and Mt. Zion Church UMC.

Surviving are three sons George Patterson (wife Rita) of Portland, Mark Patterson (wife Penny) of

Port Charlotte, Florida, and John Patterson of Grovetown, Georgia, one daughter Sandra Luginbill (husband Craig) of Bloomington, Indiana, two brothers Ralph Messner of Kentucky and Arthur Messner of Melbourne, Florida, 12 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Herb, two brothers Chester and Edward Messner and a sister Betty Wilcox.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 12, 2024, in the



Patterson

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Darrell Borders presiding. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to Mt. Zion Church UMC. Online condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

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.

Buttigieg touts EV, jobs

By **LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ**
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, a South Bend native, said the nation has entered a "manufacturing renaissance" in Kokomo on Friday. He also touted job creation under President Joe Biden as part of a Midwest tour promoting Biden's "Investing in America" platform.

"You know, there's been a lot of talk that came to this region ... over the years, but nobody in my lifetime has followed through, from Washington, the way that this administration has," Buttigieg said.

He eschewed the region's "Rust Belt" title, calling it a "Battery Belt" thanks to recent investments.

"The focus on American manufacturing, American-made products and Amer-

ican workers has characterized this administration — and delivered big results," he said.

Buttigieg said the U.S. has added almost 800,000 manufacturing jobs under Biden's administration, after experiencing a net loss under former President Donald Trump.

A 2020 story from Politico detailed tens of thousands of manufacturing jobs that disappeared under the Trump administration, due in part to a combination of anti-trade policies and COVID-19 closures.

Buttigieg spoke from Ivy Tech Community College's Kokomo campus, which he lauded for "cultivating" workers' skills. He earlier toured Stellantis and Samsung facilities in the area, including a new electric vehicle (EV) battery manufacturing facility.

Capsule Reports

Lost control

Damage is estimated at more than \$100,000 after a Mexico resident swerved to avoid hitting a deer, causing an accident along county road 200 South about 2:14 p.m. Thursday.

Ricardo A. Duarte, 47, Juarez, Chihuahua, was driving a 2020 Freightliner Cascadia west on the road when a deer ran in front of him. He swerved to avoid hitting the animal, causing him to go off the north side of the road and into a ditch. The Cascadia rolled on its top.

Duarte complained of shoulder pain. The vehicle he was driving is registered to Arredondo Logistics of El Paso, Texas.

Left road

A Winchester woman was arrested after she

drove off Como Road and into a ditch about 2:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Chelsie B. Spencer, 32, was driving her 2011 Kia Soul south when she left the road near county road 700 South and went into a ditch on the west side of the road. Spencer told police she swerved to avoid a deer, causing her to go off the road. She was trapped in the vehicle when police arrived.

According to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report, Spencer smelled of alcohol. She was administered preliminary breath test and chemical breath tests, and she was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class B misdemeanor. She was being held on a \$1,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

SERVICES

Saturday
Domingue-Wutz, Summer: 3 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Aug. 12
Patterson, Margaret: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Applications open for Lilly scholarship

Applications for one of the state's most prestigious scholarships are now open.

The Portland Foundation announced Thursday that the application for the 2025 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship is available now.

The scholarship provides students with full tuition to any college or university in Indiana along with \$900 per year for books and other equipment. One such scholarship will be awarded in Jay County.

To be eligible for the

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scholarship, a student must be a Jay County resident who is a member of the 2025 graduating class, accepted to a full-time college for fall 2025 and have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a four-point scale.

Applications are available at portlandfounda-

tion.org. The deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3.

For more information, contact Jessica Cook at (260) 726-4260.

EMT training

EMT training will be available in Jay County beginning next month.

Registration is open for an EMT training course that will begin Thursday, Sept. 5, at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

Courses are scheduled from 6 to 10 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays from Sept. 5 through April 15, 2025. The registration fee

of \$750 includes textbooks and other course materials, testing, scheduling software, an exam session and a clinical uniform shirt.

To register, visit forms.gle/eXj8uNtiulanCETL8.

For more information, contact jmfeland@jay-coems.org or call (260) 726-2311.

Offering program

A new program to help develop technology skills is offered for east central Indiana residents.

East Central Indiana

Regional Planning District recently announced a partnership with Northstar for the Digital Literacy Program.

The program, which is free through the end of the year, provides lessons on computer basics including email usage, operating systems and software including Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint and Google Docs. There are also modules regarding social media, distance learning and managing your digital footprint.

To access the Digital Literacy Program for free,

visit bit.ly/JayCoDLP and click "sign up as a learner."

To perform

Crowder will perform in concert at Ball State University's Emens Auditorium on Friday, Sept. 20.

The GRAMMY-nominated contemporary Christian musician is known for his blend of folk, rock and electronic elements. He has had four No. 1 radio singles.

Tickets are available at the Emens box office, by calling (765) 285-1539 or at ticketmaster.com.

Sister goes silent after request is refused

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been pet owners for 30 years. Our last beloved dog passed away six months ago. We are in our late 50s and still work full time. We agreed we would not get any more animals because we would like to travel without worry for a change.

My sister has a big old dog that is good-natured and well-mannered, and she's hinting for me to keep him so she can go to stay in her son's condo in Florida that allows no pets. Her dog may be well-mannered, but he drools and shakes his head and all that flies all over my house and furniture. Yuck! I recommended a friend of mine to her who would take good care of him.

After our last pooch died, we cleaned our house, bought new

Dear Abby



silence? I don't feel I deserve the punishment I'm receiving. — IN THE DOGHOUSE IN TENNESSEE

DEAR DOGHOUSE: What you do now is stick to your guns and refuse to knuckle under to your sister's emotional blackmail. She should have accepted your refusal to be the answer to her big, jowly, drooly problem with grace.

You have been a responsible pet owner. You were kind to recommend someone who would take good care of your sister's furry family member, and you have the RIGHT to enjoy your freedom now.

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DEAR ABBY: For more than seven years, my partner and I have been in a romantic rela-

tionship. In the past, our connection was full of affection. We would hold hands, kiss and hug in public.

However, over the past year, his affection has diminished. While I trust that he still loves me, I suspect he no longer finds me attractive.

I have spoken to him about it and explained the effect this is having on my self-esteem, and that I cry myself to sleep. He attributes his lack of passion to exhaustion, despite having plenty of energy for other activities. He's 67; I'm 53. I don't know what to do because he refuses to seek counseling. Please help. — ROMANTIC LADY IN TEXAS

DEAR LADY: Because your partner refuses to seek counseling doesn't mean that you couldn't benefit

from it. His diminished interest in affection, and everything that goes with it, is not necessarily a reflection on you.

Some males in his age bracket experience a similar lack of interest in sex. However, when they see the effect it may have on their partner, they consult a specialist to ask if anything can be done about it. Your partner's doctor could refer him to someone, but only if he's willing to ask.

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips.

Contact Dear Abby at Dear-Abby.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

LOCAL'S MARKET — Will be held from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday in June through October in the parking lot at Jay Community Center in Portland. For more information, contact Bill Cook.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-8463.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open

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

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

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, 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.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

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

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

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.

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.

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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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Harris must address border crisis

The Dallas Morning News
Tribune News Service

Vice President Kamala Harris has a golden opportunity to demonstrate she is ready to govern from the middle by frankly addressing her role in the Biden administration's ineffective immigration policies. She should seize the moment before it slips away.

In the whirlwind week when she became the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, Harris failed to significantly speak to border issues, let alone reveal what her policies might be and how they may be different from President Joe Biden's.

Her public comments have centered more generally on her base and on preserving abortion rights, an issue that has played

Guest Editorial

well with Democrats and moderates amid conservative overreach throughout the country.

Because Harris didn't have to debate immigration concerns with any primary opponents, she hasn't been pressed to defend her record after Biden appointed her in 2021 to examine the root causes of the surge in migration from Central America.

Meanwhile, Republican leaders from former President Donald Trump to Gov. Greg Abbott

have been relentless in their criticism of Harris, repeatedly referring to her as Biden's failed "border czar." In a recent editorial, we adopted similar language, calling Harris the "immigration czar," a term the Biden administration didn't use despite giving her major strategic oversight.

Harris might not have been a "czar," and we regret adopting what has become unhelpful partisan language. But there is no question she had a key role centered on one of the administration's most serious policy weaknesses.

She shouldn't wait for a debate with Trump to answer the criticism about her work. She should soon signal, strongly and directly, that even as the number of

illegal crossings has fallen in the last few months, she understands that border security remains a serious problem, especially for Texas, and one that can't be ignored.

Harris missed a good chance to do just that on Thursday when she was in Houston and shared her vision for the future in addressing the American Federation of Teachers union. Why not make the easy trip from there to the border to announce renewed support for sweeping immigration reform and to show she understands that most Americans want a secure border?

Last year we examined the root causes of migration in our series *The Unraveling of Latin America*, something that went

much deeper than Harris' 20-page strategic report on the same subject. We know that the U.S. approach to answering the immigration crisis must strike the right balance between border security measures and smart diplomacy with our southern neighbors. We'd like to hear more from Harris on how she'd do that. We would also like to see her acknowledge that the kind of hands off approach to border security Democrats have too often embraced is not acceptable.

Harris must not shrink from the onslaught of criticism about the border. She must rise to it and demonstrate that she shares the nation's concern about illegal immigration, toning down the GOP rhetoric and offering solutions with bipartisan appeal.

Leaders should look like America

By DEDRICK ASANTE-MUHAMMAD
OtherWords

Senators shape the national policy decisions that affect us all. The Senate is also a frequent stepping stone for major party presidential candidates — including both Barack Obama and this year's presumptive Democratic nominee, Kamala Harris.

This reality reinforces the critical need for diversity within Senate staff, as these positions often serve as the breeding ground for future leaders who can make profound impacts on the national stage.

I lead the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, America's Black think tank. We recognize that Black voices matter — and that the lack of representation in key political staffing positions is a crucial aspect of our struggle for genuine democratic representation.

For years, the Joint Center has analyzed and advocated for equitable representation of people of color, particularly African Americans, in congressional staffing roles. Our newest report on Senate office diversity arrives shortly after Congress dissolved the House Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

Our findings underscore the gravity of the issue: While people of color constitute 41.1 percent of the U.S. population, they account for only 22.0 percent of pathway staff in the Senate. "Pathway staff" are mid-level staffers who can earn the opportunity to move into more senior leadership positions.

African Americans, who make up 13.6 percent of the population, represent a mere 5.9 percent of Senate pathway staff. Similarly, Latinos, who are 19.1 percent of the U.S. population, only constitute 6.3 percent of Senate pathway staff.

The disparity is even starker when comparing top staff positions. In 2023, African Americans represented just 2.1 percent of Senate top staff, while Latinos accounted for 5.8 percent of these roles.

These figures illustrate the significant underrepresentation of people of color in influential staff positions, with Latinos being the most underrepresented in Senate pathway staffing and African Americans the most underrepresented in top staff roles.

We also found that sena-

Dedrick Asante-Muhammad



tors of color, and younger senators, employ pathway staff that more accurately reflect the nation's racial and ethnic diversity compared to their white counterparts.

America's four Black senators employ 20.6 percent of the Black pathway staff, for example. And senators under 60 have the highest percentage of pathway staff of color at 29 percent, compared to about 17 percent for Senators aged 60-69 and around 20 percent for Senators aged 70 and above.

The data is clear: there's an urgent need for more diversity in Senate staff.

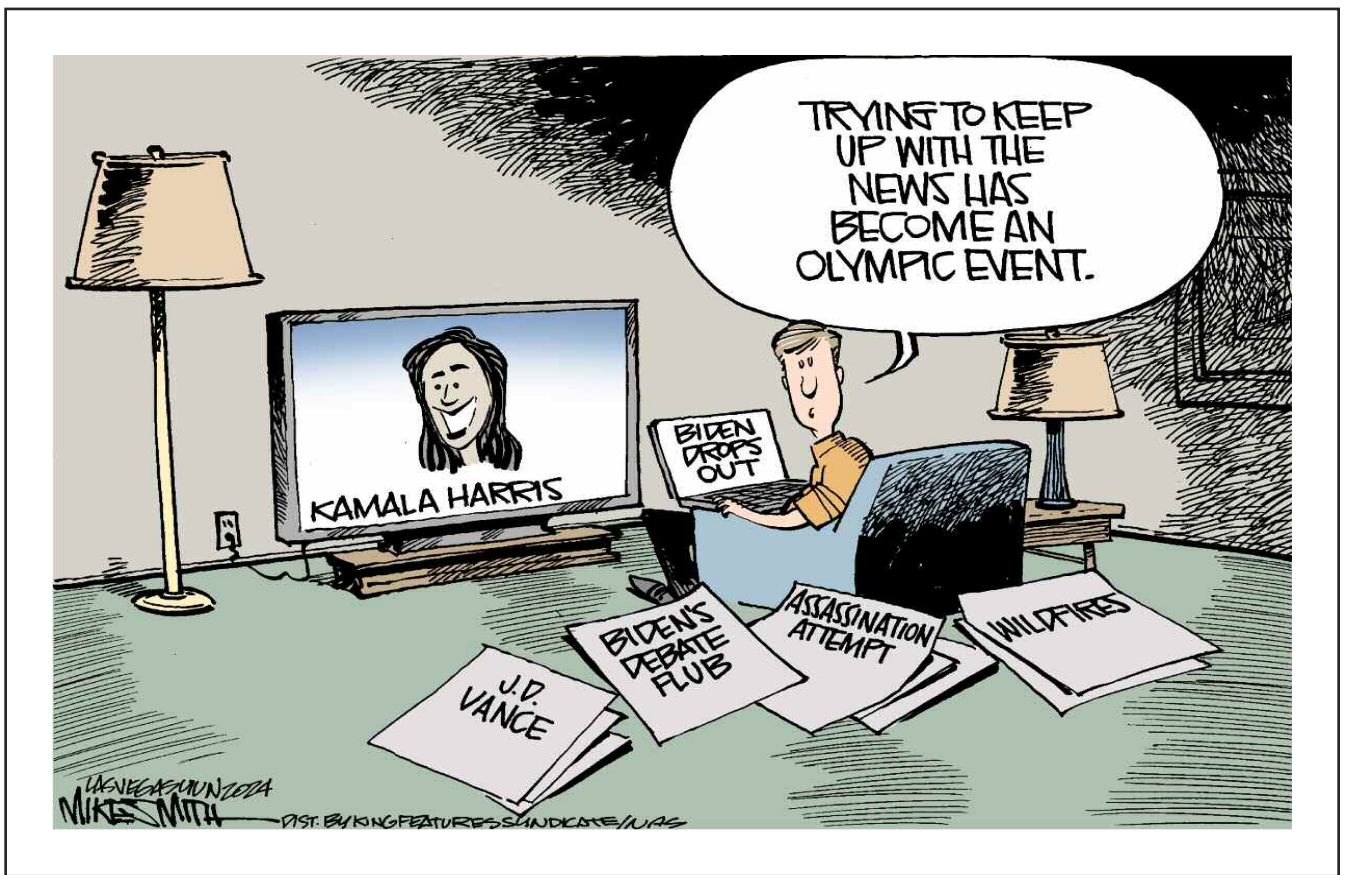
The representation of Blacks and Latinos in key political staffing positions is essential for crafting policies that are inclusive and reflective of the nation's diverse population. Ending the underrepresentation of economically marginalized communities of color is fundamental to the functioning of a true democracy.

At the Joint Center, we're committed to collaborating with members of Congress, advocacy groups, and nonprofit organizations to address this facet of racial inequality — a challenge that should no longer persist in 21st-century America. The closure of the House Office on Diversity and Inclusion is a setback, but it only strengthens our resolve to keep fighting for the inclusion that's vital to our democracy's health and legitimacy.

We need to ensure all voices are heard and represented in the halls of Congress. Given the profound influence senators wield, the diversity of their staff is paramount to ensuring that the nation's leadership truly reflects its people and truly serves all of its people.

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Americans hunger for local news

By BRIER DUDLEY
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A new survey makes the case for saving the local news industry, finding that most Americans want robust coverage of local civic issues but it's getting harder to find.

This is ominous with elections approaching. But it should also be encouraging to local news outlets and those working to sustain them.

A strong majority of Americans, 70%, are interested in news about local politics, Pew Research Center found.

About the same share, 66%, look to local news outlets for local political news.

But only a quarter told Pew they are satisfied with the quality of government and politics news they get, and more than half said it's not easy to find information they need to make voting decisions in local elections.

This isn't surprising if you've been reading this column or following the news about the local journalism crisis.

More than half of U.S. counties no longer have any substantial local news coverage, because so many local papers have failed or cut back, so it's going to be harder to find out what's going on locally.

Even where papers remain, coverage is diminished because newspaper newsrooms, which produce most local coverage, lost two-thirds of their journalists over the last two decades. No wonder surveys find people are less satisfied with the local news report.

The Pew report, done in partnership with the Knight Foundation, also found more interest in presidential elections than local elections, 81% to 70%.

Again that's not surprising, given that the survey was done in January of a presidential election year. With less local journalism, Americans' news diet is heavier on national and partisan politics.

While many local outlets are still doing great work, with fewer journalists there's less time to do ground-

Brier Dudley



breaking work. Fewer publishers are investing in investigations and opinion writing, and there's more emphasis on lighter fare to snag the fleeting attention of web skimmers. That all affects the quality and availability of local civic news.

That's why the industry needs help stabilizing its business models and replenishing newsrooms. Americans want this, the survey finds, and it's needed for the health of their communities and democracy.

Pew found that Americans who feel more attached to their community are more interested in local policy and election news.

Among those who feel very or somewhat attached to their community, 91% and 81%, respectively, are interested in news about local laws and policies.

Among those who don't feel very connected, only 68% care about local policies and only 53% care about local elections.

I see a virtuous circle that needs to be restored.

Among those who feel attached to their local community, 81% get local government news from local outlets, Pew found. And 27% of them paid or donated to a local news source.

Among those who feel "somewhat attached," 71% got local news and 16% paid for it. Among those who don't feel attached, 51% got local news from local outlets and only 8% paid.

Pew, in response to my questions, was more circumspect.

"We do know Americans who feel a strong sense of attachment to their community are more likely to engage with local news — however, it's not obvious whether, e.g., consuming news from a local newspaper influences your sense of attachment to

the community, or whether you're more likely to turn to a local newspaper because you already feel attached to their community," it replied. "For example, 66% of those who say they are very attached to their community say local news outlets are extremely or very important to the well-being of their local community, compared with 46% of those who are somewhat attached and 31% of those who are not very or not at all attached to their community."

The study doesn't specify which respondents had robust local news outlets in their communities.

Perhaps Pew should correlate respondents' location with the news desert mapping work done by Northwestern University's Medill School.

The America's Newspapers trade group is doing its own study to learn more about how people feel about local news and their trust in it.

"From what we're seeing from our research that's underway now ... Americans do tend to trust their local newspapers but there does remain some skepticism with media in general," said Dean Ridings, the group's CEO.

As for Pew's finding that many are having trouble finding decent local coverage, Ridings said that needs deeper examination.

"Is it that they're not knowing where to search or is it in their community, their newspaper has cut back?" he said. "That's a hard one to peel back."

More research may clarify these questions but there is a simple answer to the broader issues raised: Save and grow the local news ecosystem.

Robust local journalism fosters civic engagement and community connection, which builds interest in local news.

The survey affirms that most Americans, Republicans and Democrats alike, hunger for decent coverage of core news topics.

If they can figure out who is running to represent them, they should ask candidates what they'll do to help support and revive the local-news industry.

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2024 Indiana State Fair Band Day



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Roesch was thrilled with his group's effort throughout the day.

He noted that marching band shows often open with an "in-your-face" moment to light up the crowd. For Jay County this year, it's instead a long build through Caleb Garringer's "haunting and mysterious" melophone solo and the background music supporting it.

Once the Marching Patriots got to their impact moment of their preliminary performance, though, Roesch knew they were on their game.

"When they finally get to chart six for us and they turn to the front and they've got that big crescendo and that huge release, that for us as a staff on the front sideline is when we can kind of gauge, 'Well, how's this show going to go?'" he said. "We got to that point and they just turned around and let loose. It was really good, really good."

Another sparkling moment for JCHS in both of its runs Friday was the explosion of sound in "Skyfall."

Roesch said the song is so well-known that the opportunity for the big impact can be easily lost. It has to be approached properly.

"You have to set those moments up by being disciplined and staying kind of soft," he said. "Otherwise, you kind of telegraph that, 'Hey it's gonna get loud here in a second.'"

"So when they do that shaping underneath the soloist and Joseph just does an incredible job of leading us up and taking the energy and building that tension for us, when they finally get the chance to let loose with it, it's something to be standing that close to them and feeling that energy coming through. Knowing that's what they're standing to the top of the stands, it's pretty awesome."

There had been questions about the status of Band Day

throughout the week, with the weather forecast looking ominous.

Skies were overcast from the start of the competition at 9 a.m. Friday. Clouds looked ready to drop rain at any moment. (They never did.) And areas of the track were goopy from rain Thursday evening.

The message, though, for the Patriots was to handle the things that were in their control during their nine minutes on the track in front of the Indiana State Fair grandstand.

In Roesch's assessment, they did just that.

"I could not be prouder of them," the director said. "They went out there, they executed the best that they have all season long musically and visually. The guard had a great run on things today. The drum line was just smokin'. The winds were making some beautiful music out there, some great impact moments. We're thrilled."



The Jay County High School Marching Patriots followed up their 2023 third-place finish at the Indiana State Fair with another top-five effort Friday. Pictured, clockwise from upper left:

Marching Patriots director Chuck Roesch gives some instructions to his band while warming up prior to their preliminary performance Friday morning.

Sousaphone player Ben Shrack performs during the "Skyfall" portion of Jay County's James Bond-themed show.

Trenton Franks and Keira Corwin of the front ensemble warm up ahead of the preliminary round Friday.

Ava Franks plays the clarinet for the Marching Patriots on what was, in places, a sloppy track in front of the grandstand at the Indiana State Fair.

JCHS color guard member Madi Schweigel waits to catch her rifle.

Emilie Garringer, Jay County's assistant director, hauls an armful of flags off of the track following the Marching Patriots' morning performance.

8-3 CRYPTOQUIP

PV Y IGYV GV LCPBD GS SND
LDS D JQB QAWDS IGFZ YAW
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE SOME COFFEE SHOP EMPLOYEES WERE TELLING FUNNY STORIES, THERE WAS A LOT OF BREW-HA-HA.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals W

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to fairs and carnivals. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 14 = A)

WORD SCRAMBLE
R R S I E F
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to a fair.

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SPANISH: Juego
ITALIAN: Gioco
FRENCH: Jeu
GERMAN: Spiel

8-5 CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF A LOAF OF WHITE OR RYE WERE PUT UNDER LOCK AND KEY, WHAT WOULD IT BE? BREAD IN CAPTIVITY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals P

Board Game Word Find
Find the hidden words in the puzzle. BOARD COMPETE FUN GAME, INSTRUCTIONS KIDS MOVES PIECES, PLAYERS SCORE TRIVIA WINNER

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Unscramble the words to determine the phrase. LYAP HTE MEAG

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

A squeeze from Down Under

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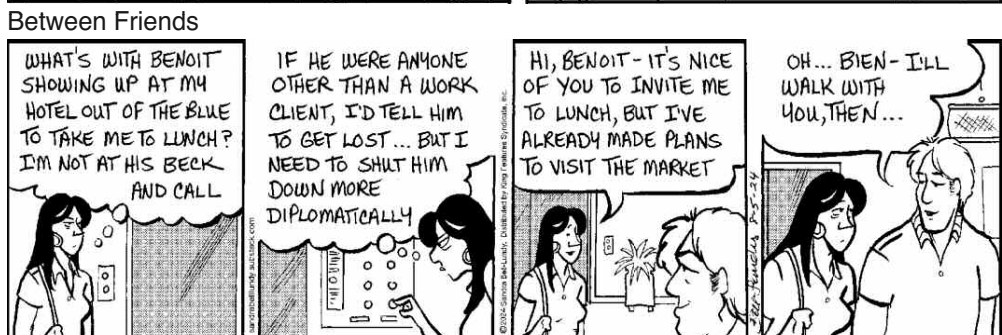
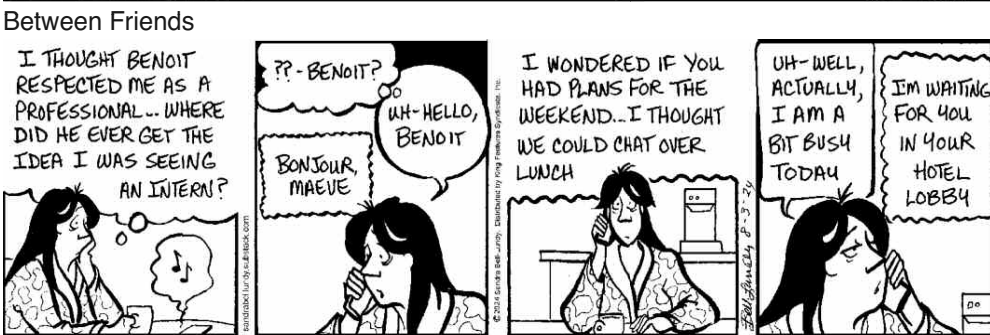
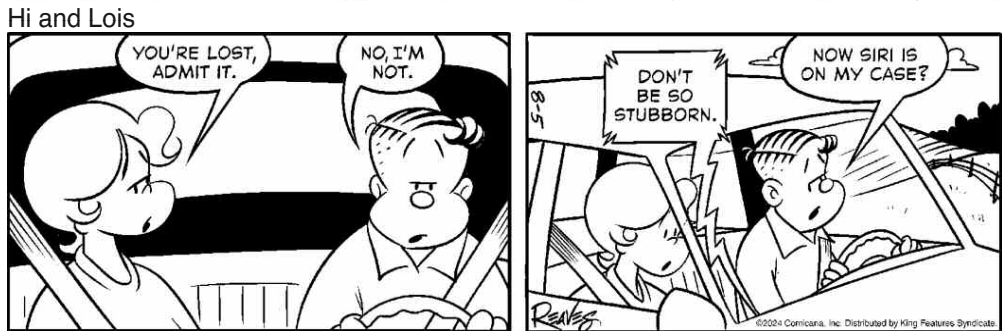
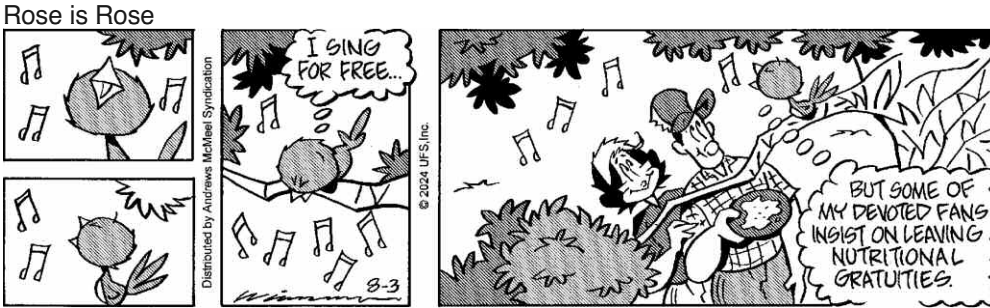
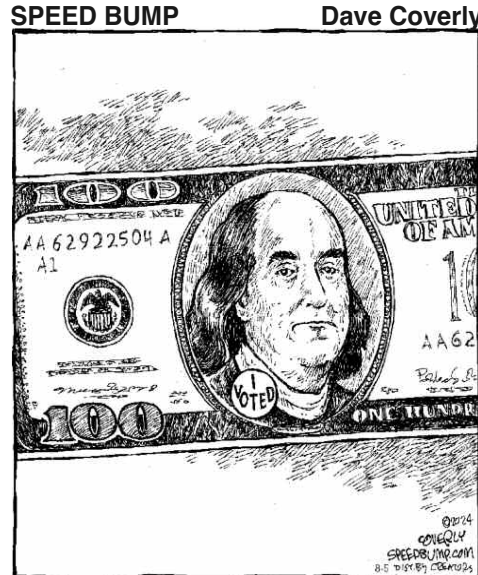
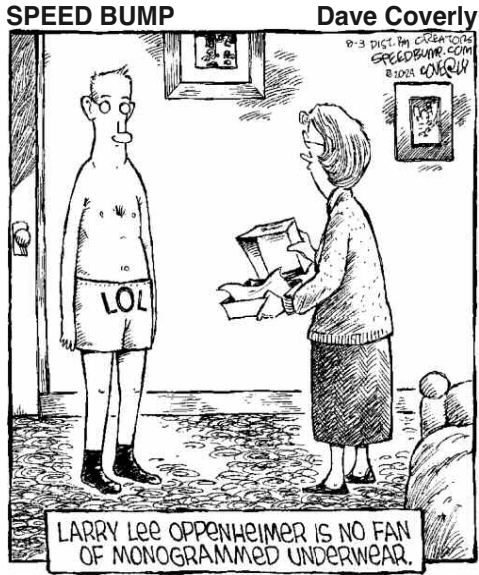
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2024 Fort Recovery girls golf preview



Pictured is the 2024 Fort Recovery High School girls golf team. Pictured front row from left are Cora Pearson, Layla Armstrong, Georgia Wenning, Rylee Bubp, Macy Kaffenberger, Kyra Brunswick and Emily Boeckman. Back row are Coach Jeff Vaughn, Brooklyn Wycuff, Mallory Evers, Eva Kahlig, Olivia Knapke, Liza Knapke, Evvian Briner, Ella Schoen and Emma Will.

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2023 season

The Indians got off to a slow start in 2023, their first five dual-matches of the season before beating St. John's to start a six-match winning streak. Fort Recovery lost head coach Joe Bruns to a battle with cancer during their winning streak and put up its best score of the season to that point of 211 strokes to beat Jay County and Winchester. The season ended in the sectional when it placed seventh with 470 strokes, 44 short of a regional berth.

Projected lineup

Olivia Knapke
Emma Will
Eva Kahlig
Rylee Bubp
Georgia Wenning
Mallory Evers
Evvian Briner
Cora Pearson

Top returners

Olivia Knapke
53 strokes/nine holes

Emma Will
57.6 strokes/nine holes

Eva Kahlig
57.8 strokes/nines holes

Key departures

Brynn Stammen
57.4 strokes/nine holes

Marissa Schoen
58.2 strokes/nine holes

Ella Westgerdes
58.2 strokes/nines holes

Coach Jeff Vaughn says

"Our goal this year is to get better each match and we're looking for some consistency. Last year I thought we had two or three players that were consistent, we could never find that fourth, fifth and sixth. This year I feel like we have a pretty experienced team. I feel like we have a good core. ... The goal is to win the MAC, advance in the sectional and have fun in the process.

Matches to watch

Tuesday, Aug. 6, at Union City Classic

The Union City Classic is the first time during the season when the Indians will play 18 holes and the first taste of the format they will have in the sectional.

Thursday, Aug. 22, at Minster

Minster won the Midwest Athletic Conference last season after going 8-0 and winning the conference tournament. This is the Indians' chance to show if they have a chance at their first MAC title.

Thursday, Sept. 12, at St. Henry

St. Henry finished one spot above Fort Recovery in the MAC and will be the last conference dual-match of the season, so it could play a vital role in conference standings.

Saturday, Sept. 21, at MAC Championships

The MAC tournament plays a big part in the conference final standings as each team gets awarded two points for each team they finish ahead of.

Girls golf

Date	Opponent	Time
Monday, Aug. 5	Tri-Village	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 6	Union City Classic	12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 7	Gary Broering invite	9 a.m.
Monday, Aug. 12	Marion Local	9 a.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 13	Wabash Invite	5 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 15	Parkway	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 19	New Bremen	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 22	Minster	4 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 26	Coldwater	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 3	Jay County/Win.	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 5	Versailles	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 9	St. John's	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 12	St. Henry	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 19	Fort Loramie	4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 21	MAC Championships	8:30 a.m.
Home matches (at Portland Golf Club) in bold		

Fast facts

- The last Indian golfer to make it past the sectional was Jalyn Bruns, who finished fourth in the 2021 state tournament with a 156.
- Fort Recovery returns four girls who received All-Midwest Athletic Conference recognition. Olivia Knapke made the second team All-MAC and Eva Kahlig, Ella Schoen and Emma Will were honorable mentions.
- This will be Jeff Vaughn's second season at the helm after taking over for the late Joe Bruns.
- Ella Schoen is recovering from a finger injury that has a chance to keep the 2023 All-MAC honorable mention out for the season. Last year, Schoen put up the best score in the sectional for Fort Recovery with 106 strokes.
- Fort Recovery has seven newcomers who have never played competitively before this season.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Monday
Jay County — Girls golf at South Adams Invite — 9 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls golf at Tri-Village — 9 a.m.; JV boys golf at Parkway — 5 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Girls golf at Belmont — 8 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys golf at Mercer County Meet — 8 a.m.; Girls golf at Union City Classic — 12:30 p.m.

TV sports

Today
3 a.m. — Olympic beach volleyball (USA)
3:30 a.m. — Olympic rowing (USA)

5 a.m. — Olympic swimming (USA)
5 a.m. — Mixed Olympic coverage (NBC)
5:30 a.m. — AFL: Sydney Swans at Port Adelaide Power (FS1)
7:15 a.m. — Olympic women's field hockey: South Africa vs. USA (USA)
7:30 a.m. — Olympic table tennis (USA)
9:30 a.m. — Olympic canoe slalom (USA)
10:20 a.m. — Olympic gymnastics (NBC)
10:30 a.m. — Olympic water polo: USA vs. Montenegro (USA)
11:15 a.m. — Olympic basketball: USA vs. Puerto Rico (NBC)
12 p.m. — Horse racing: Saratoga Live (FS1)
12 p.m. — UFC fighting (ESPN2)
1 p.m. — Olympic track and field

(NBC)
2:20 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs (Bally Indiana)
3 p.m. — Horse racing: Saratoga Saturday (FOX)
3 p.m. — UFC fighting (ESPN)
5 p.m. — Athletes Unlimited softball: purple vs. Orange (ESPN2)
5:30 p.m. — Club friendlies soccer: Chelsea vs. Manchester City (ESPN)
7 p.m. — Banana Ball World Tour baseball (ESPN2)
7:15 p.m. — MLB: San Francisco Giants at Cincinnati Reds (FOX)
7:30 p.m. — Club friendlies soccer: Liverpool vs. Manchester United (ESPN)
9 p.m. — ARCA Menards Series: Elko (FS1)
10 p.m. — USL Championship: Pittsburgh Riverhounds at Sacramento Republic (ESPN2)

Sunday
4 a.m. — Olympic track and field (USA)
7 a.m. — Olympic volleyball: USA vs. France (NBC)
7 a.m. — Olympic Archery (USA)
7:30 a.m. — Olympic table tennis (USA)
9 a.m. — Olympic gymnastics (NBC)
9:30 a.m. — Olympic canoe slalom (USA)
10:15 a.m. — Olympic Beach volleyball (USA)
11:15 a.m. — Olympic basketball: USA vs. Germany (USA)
1 p.m. — Olympic track and field (USA)
3 p.m. — Big3 basketball (CBS)
4 p.m. — Major League Rugby: Seattle Seawolves at New England Free Jacks (FOX)
7:10 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals

at Chicago Cubs (ESPN)
2:20 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs (Bally Indiana)
10:30 p.m. — Leagues Cup soccer: Necaxa vs. Seattle Sounders (FS1)

Monday
2 a.m. — Olympic triathlon (USA)
3 a.m. — Olympic beach volleyball (USA)
4 a.m. — Olympic track and field (USA)
7 a.m. — Olympic beach volleyball (USA)
9 a.m. — Olympic shooting (USA)
10:15 a.m. — Olympic canoe slalom (USA)
12:30 a.m. — Olympic water polo: USA Croatia (USA)
1 p.m. — Olympic track and field (NBC)
6:40 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Miami Marlins (Bally Indiana)

9 p.m. — Leagues Cup soccer: Sporting Kansas City at Toluca (FS1)

Tuesday
4 a.m. — Olympic track and field (USA)
7 a.m. — Olympic sport climbing (USA)
1:35 p.m. — Olympic track and field (NBC)
2:15 p.m. — Olympic beach volleyball (USA)
4 p.m. — Little League softball World Series (ESPN2)
6:40 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Miami Marlins (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — Club friendlies soccer: Chelsea vs. Real Madrid (ESPN2)
7:20 p.m. — MLB: Milwaukee Brewers at Atlanta Braves (TBS)
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Sports

2024 Jay County girls golf preview



Pictured is the 2024 Jay County High School girls golf team. From left are assistant coach Marvin Buckner, Brooklynn Bright, Emily Aker, Maddy Snow, Bailey Towell and coach Carissa Allred. Not pictured is Jenna Bricker.

Fast facts

•The Patriots' top returning golfer, Maddy Snow, earned match medalist five times in 2023, made the First Team All-Allen County Athletic Conference and was seven strokes away from a regional berth.

•This will be Carissa Allred's first year as Jay County's head coach and the first year back since her tenure as an assistant under Butch Gray.

•Bailey Towell is the only incoming golfer with competitive experience prior to this season. As an eighth grader, she averaged 42 strokes in six-hole matches and shot a 48 in the lone nine-hole match.

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Projected lineup

Maddy Snow
Brooklynn Bright
Bailey Towell
Emily Aker
Jenna Bricker

Top returners

Maddy Snow
48.9 strokes/nine holes

Brooklynn Bright
61.2 strokes/nine holes

Matches to watch

Monday, Aug. 5, in South Adams Invite

The South Adams Invite is the first time during the season when the Patriots will play 18 holes and the first taste of the format they will have in the sectional.

Thursday, Sept. 5, at Muncie Central

In the past, Jay County hasn't played at Crestview Golf Course until the sectional, but the addition of the Bearcats on the schedule gives it a chance before they hit the playoffs.

Saturday, Sept. 14, at ACAC Tournament

The Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament directly correlates to conference accolades based off of performance. It also provides one final tune up in an 18-hole match before the sectional later in the month.

Girls golf

Date	Opponent	Time
Monday, Aug. 5	South Adams Invite	9 a.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 6	Bellmont	8 a.m.
Monday, Aug. 12	Quad-meet at Heritage	5 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 15	Woodlan	5 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 19	Anderson	5 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 20	Adams Central	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 26	Tri-meet at Bluffton	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 27	South Adams	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 3	Ft. Rec./Winchester	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 5	Muncie Central	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 9	Monroe Central	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 10	Wes-Del/Yorktown	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 12	Delta	5 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 14	ACAC Tournament	2 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 17	Southern Wells	4:30 p.m.

Home matches (at Portland Golf Club) in bold

2023 season

The Patriots struggled with numbers and consistency in last season, stumbling into a 2-10 record. By the end of the season, Jay County couldn't field a full team resulted in the ACAC Tournament, a dual match against Southern Wells and the sectional ending in no contests, while Maddy Snow, Brooklynn Bright and Whitney McInire competed as individuals. The only wins Jay County picked up came against Monroe Central and Adams Central on back-to-back days in late August. While the Patriots didn't qualify as a team, Snow and Bright finished out strong with their best performances of the season in 18-hole matches.

Coach Carissa Allred says

"I was really nervous entering this year as the head coach, because our numbers have been low in the past to where we actually haven't had an official full team. ... I was able to get some older students willing to enter the program who have never golfed before, but I have seen huge improvements over the summer. So my main goal for this year is to just continue to increase the number of golfers that are a part of the program. If we don't have numbers, we won't have a full team and we're not competitive."

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Mike Trout out for the year with knee injury

By LAUREN CAMPBELL
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Tribune News Service

A frustrating season for the Angels took another blow on Thursday when Los Angeles general manager Perry Minasian announced Mike Trout will miss the remainder of the 2024 campaign.

The Angels star tore his meniscus in April and needed surgery to repair it. He began a rehab assignment last week and was removed after one at-bat. Trout seemed optimistic that he'd get back into the Triple-A lineup soon, but Minasian was non-committal to his star outfielder returning when he spoke to reporters after Tuesday's MLB trade deadline.

Shortly after the news came out, Trout took to social media to share a message to Angels fans.

Since my initial surgery on May 3rd to repair my meniscus, my rehabilitation proved longer and more difficult than anticipated. After months of hard work, I was devastated yesterday when an MRI

showed a tear in my meniscus require surgery again — ending my hopes of returning this season.

Playing and competing is a huge part of my life. This is equally as heartbreaking and frustrating for me as it is for you, the fans. I understand that I may have disappointed many, but believe me, I will do everything I can to come back even stronger.

I will continue to help my team and teammates from the dugout as we press forward into the second half of the season.

Thank you for your support.

Trout is no stranger to injuries. In 2017 he suffered a torn thumb ligament, a calf strain in 2021, back inflammation in 2022 and a broken hamate in 2023. The back inflammation was diagnosed as costovertebral dysfunction, which will likely stay with Trout for the remainder of his career.

At the time of his meniscus injury, Trout was batting .220 with 10 home runs and 14 RBI.

U.S. women's fencing upsets Italy for gold

By DAVID WHARTON
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

PARIS — It was Lauren Scruggs' job to anchor the U.S. team, to score a few more points, but she was struggling. Glancing off to the side, she could see her teammates watching, worried.

Man, she thought, I don't want to be that person.

The person who lets a big lead slip away. The person who blows her country's first chance at gold in a team fencing event.

"Yeah, I was super stressed," Scruggs said. "It would suck to lose that way, you know?"

The first-time Olympian dug a little deeper, scored a few more touches and made history at the 2024 Paris Games. Not only did she secure the title in women's team foil, she also helped teammate Lee Kiefer earn a record third career gold, most ever for an American fencer.

To accomplish all that, the U.S. squad had to defeat top-ranked Italy in the final. The same Italy that kept them off the podium in Tokyo three years ago.

"I felt like we were so much more prepared," Kiefer said. "We were a lot more calm."

The Italians brought a team stacked with Martina Favaretto, Arianna Errigo and Alice Volpi, all in the top five of the world rankings. Errigo said: "We wanted to come here with the dream of winning gold."

But the U.S. women have been growing stronger and stronger

on the international scene. Going into the final few days of fencing in Paris, they have already won a national record four medals and two golds.

Top-ranked Kiefer and fourth-ranked Scruggs are a big part of that ascendance, finishing one-two in the individual foil event here. Veteran Jacqueline Dubrovich joined them to begin the team match and helped the Americans get off to a fast start.

At a key point in the match — which consists of nine rounds of three minutes each, first to 45 touches wins — Maia Weintraub replaced Dubrovich and provided two strong rounds.

The final round pitted Scruggs against Errigo, who forged a late run, cutting the U.S. lead from eight points to three.

"Potentially she got a little bit nervous," coach Ralf Bissdorf said of Scruggs. Gesturing from the sideline, he tried "calming her down a little bit."

Scruggs put it this way: "I think I came in with a little too much heat, not a lot of thinking."

With the Italian fans cheering and chanting, she could have panicked. But Scruggs has always considered herself a fighter and used the pressure to help get focused.

With a little more patience, she found her rhythm and created more chances to attack. That led to three consecutive touches and a 45-39 victory.

In the heat of the moment, she was not that person.

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