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## Liverpool encore

E. S. Hider, portraying Paul McCartney, sings “Hey Jude” as an encore at the conclusion of Thursday’s Liverpool Lads concert as part of Arts Place’s Hudson Family Park Amphitheater Concert Series. The Beatles tribute band was the third this summer for the series, which will conclude with Sounds of Summer: A Beach Boys Tribute at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12.

## Plane crash leaves at least 61 dead

*Incident in Sao Paulo, Brazil, left no survivors*

**dpa**  
Tribune News Service  
RIO DE JANEIRO — There are no survivors following the crash of a plane with 61 people on board in the Brazilian state of Sao Paulo, the city of Vinhedo near the crash site informed dpa on Friday.

According to the airline VoePass, there were 57 passengers and four crew members on the aircraft.

President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva asked those attending an event in the south of the country to observe a minute of silence. “A very sad piece of news. My deepest condolences go out to the families and friends of the victims,” Lula shared on the platform X.

Citing authorities in Vinhedo, the online news site G1 reported that the plane crashed in a residential area near a house where residents were present. However, no one on the ground was injured, G1 reported.

A local resident who made a video of the burning plane on a property told the TV channel UOL: “I have never heard such a loud bang in my life.”

The fire brigade stated that rescue teams are on site. Hospitals in Vinhedo were on high alert. In addition to the fire brigade, the civil defense department and police were also deployed, G1 reported.

## Banks unresponsive to invitation

By **WHITNEY DOWNARD**  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Sitting Congressman Jim Banks hasn’t yet accepted an invitation to debate from the Indiana Debate Commission, though both Democrat Valerie McCray and Libertarian Andrew Horning have indicated their willingness.

“Congressman Banks is focused on representing northeast Indiana in Congress, spending time with his family, and running a statewide campaign to be the next conservative U.S. Senator for Indiana. He will entertain debate options as we get closer to Election Day,” a cam-

### *McCray and Horning are both willing to have debate*

paign spokesperson told the Indiana Capital Chronicle.

Banks represents the state’s 3rd Congressional District, centered around Fort Wayne — a seat he has held since 2017. The Indiana Debate Commission said both

McCray and Horning agreed to debate options in early July.

Banks hasn’t yet responded to the commission, said President Elizabeth Bennion, a political science professor at Indiana University-South Bend.

“We remain hopeful that Representative Banks will join current U.S. Senators Mike Braun and Todd Young — and past senators Joe Donnelly, Evan Bayh, and Dan Coats — in accepting the Commission’s invitation to participate in the IDC’s statewide political debates,” Bennion said in an email. “Since the Commission’s founding in 2008, 100% of the balloted candidates running for U.S. Senate and governor have participated in IDC-sponsored debates which are broadcast live and shared freely with media outlets statewide.”

See **Invitation** page 2

## First day, first grade

First grader Kyri Hall steps out of her family’s vehicle Thursday morning at East Elementary School in Portland. Students at Jay School Corporation returned to the classroom Thursday.



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

## Campaigns targeted

### *Microsoft says hacking group tied to Iran breached email accounts*

By **CHARLES GORRIVAN**  
Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

A hacking group linked to the Iranian government tried to breach the email accounts of presidential campaign staffers as part of a wider effort to gather intelligence ahead of the U.S. election, Microsoft Corp. said Friday.

Attackers connected to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps in June used a compromised email address from a former political adviser to try phishing another high-ranking presidential campaign official, according to findings from Microsoft’s Threat Analysis Cen-

ter. That group, which Microsoft calls Mint Sandstorm, also unsuccessfully attempted to log in to the account of a former presidential candidate. The report didn’t identify the individual targets by name.

Other Iranian groups are using artificial intelligence technology to publish content online insulting former president Donald Trump and create inflammatory posts about controversial issues such as gender reassignment surgery, according to the report.

Microsoft researchers also said that Iranian groups that have historically tried to undermine trust in the electoral system have since March been preparing to launch influence operations. Using websites with fabricated and plagiarized content, supposed media operations launched by Iranian groups also have sought to amplify polarizing political messaging about topics such as presidential candidates and Israel’s war against Hamas, researchers found.

“Iran’s cyber capabilities are defensive and proportionate to the threats it faces,” Ali Karimi Magham, a spokesperson for Iran’s mission to the United Nations in New York, said in an emailed statement.

### Deaths

**Marceil Alig**, 93, Berne  
**Bobby Vaughn**, 72, Dunkirk  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 81 degrees Friday.

Skies will be mostly sunny today with a high in the lower 70s. The forecast for Sunday and Monday shows similar conditions. Lows will be in the 50s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

The Gas Boom Days festival in Redkey runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in downtown Redkey. It includes a variety of activities, including the parade at 11 a.m. today and a concert with Cook and Bell at 4 p.m. today. Sunday’s events include illusionist Jim Barron performing at noon and 2 p.m.

### Coming up

**Tuesday** — Coverage of Monday’s Jay County Commissioners meeting.

**Wednesday** — Results from the JCHS girls golf match at Heritage.

**Thursday** — Coverage of Tuesday’s Jay County Development Corporation meeting.





# Obituaries

## Marceil Alig

Marceil M. Alig, 93, Berne, died Friday at Swiss Village. Funeral arrangements are pending at Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home, Fort Recovery.

## Bobby Vaughn

April 7, 1952-Aug. 6, 2024  
Bobby Edward Vaughn, 72, of Dunkirk, Indiana, joined his Lord and Savior in glory on Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2024, while in the company of family members at his residence.

Bobby was born in Monterey, Tennessee, on April 7, 1952, a son of the late Osia Aldora (Sisco) and Charlie Vinson Vaughn.



He was a graduate of the American School of Chicago and the loving husband of Lovada O. "Penny" (Ooten) Vaughn who he happily married on Dec. 17, 1983. He was formerly employed by St. Gobain Containers in Dunkirk,

Indiana, and a member of Kingsley Full Gospel Church where he enjoyed playing drums and serving others. He also enjoyed gardening, operating his ham radio and riding his motorcycle.

Bobby is survived by his wife Penny Vaughn; a daughter, Alisha Dahart (Ethan); two sisters, Barbara Jean Foy (Larry) and Wanda Gail Vaughn; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and church family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers,

Frankie, Junior and Terry Lee Vaughn; and one sister, Louise Vaughn.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2024, from noon to 2 p.m. at Kingsley Full Gospel Church, 4030 S. 700 East, Dunkirk, IN, 47336. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. with Brother Mike Donathan officiating. Burial will be held in Dunkirk IOOF Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kingsley Full Gospel Church or the Jay County Cancer Society.

A special thank you to Jodi

and Teresa for the continued support and loving care for Bobby and family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries.

*The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.*

*There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.*

CR almanac				
Sunday 8/11	Monday 8/12	Tuesday 8/13	Wednesday 8/14	Thursday 8/15
<b>76/55</b>	<b>75/58</b>	<b>79/59</b>	<b>81/61</b>	<b>80/64</b>
More sun is expected Sunday, with the high sited in the low to mid 70s.	Another day of sun is on the horizon for Monday.	Tuesday looks to be mostly sunny with a high again in the mid to upper 70s.	Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for Wednesday, when the high will be 80.	Thursday's forecast shows a chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Lotteries	
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 8-9-6 Daily Four: 3-9-0-5 Quick Draw: 2-10-17-23-32-34-37-39-40-42-44-48-52-61-66-67-69-71-74-80	Pick 3: 1-3-4 Pick 4: 9-7-6-3 Pick 5: 8-6-7-4-4 <b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$201 million <b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$405 million
<b>Ohio</b> Midday	

Markets	
<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....3.60 Sept. corn .....3.65 Wheat .....4.66	Sept. beans .....9.58 Wheat .....4.93
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....3.60 Sept. corn .....3.60 Oct. corn .....3.60	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....3.48 Sept. corn .....3.46 Beans .....10.30 Sept. beans .....10.02 Wheat .....4.99
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....3.57 Sept. corn .....3.57 Beans .....10.18	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....3.57 Oct. corn .....3.60 Beans .....9.98 Oct. beans .....9.43 Wheat .....4.73

Today in history	
<b>In 1792</b> , King Louis XVI and his wife Marie-Antoinette were imprisoned during the French Revolution.	<b>In 1972</b> , Anna Wile was named acting administrator for Jay County Hospital. Wile, who was director of nursing for the hospital, was selected to fill in after administrator Warren Phemister suffered a heart attack.
<b>In 1821</b> , Missouri entered the Union as the 24th state. The first petition for statehood had been presented in January 1818. The Missouri Compromise of 1820 led to it being admitted as a slave state while Maine was admitted as a free state.	<b>In 1997</b> , the last British troops left Hong Kong, turning the island over to China after 156 years of British rule.
<b>In 1846</b> , the Smithsonian Institution was founded in Washington, D.C. Congress had been bequeathed funds from English scientist James Smithson.	<b>In 2003</b> , Yuri Malenchenko became the first person to get married while in space. He was on the International Space Station while his bride, Ekaterina Dmitrieva, was in Texas.
<b>In 1914</b> , France declared war on Austria-Hungary during World War I.	<b>In 2021</b> , Scout Clean Energy held an open house in the Farmer's Building at Jay County Fairgrounds to offer the public the opportunity to review plans and ask questions about its Sky Chief Solar project.
<b>In 1954</b> , a groundbreaking ceremony for the St. Lawrence Seaway was held in Massena, New York.	—The CR

Citizen's calendar	
<b>Monday</b> 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Local Schools,	community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Fort Recovery Park Board, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
<b>Tuesday</b> 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St.	

**Hosted meeting**  
Portland Municipal Airport hosted the Aviation Indiana quarterly meeting Thursday with dozens of aviation officials from around the state gathering at the facility.

Photo provided

## Invitation ...

Continued from page 1

The three gubernatorial candidates — Republican and sitting U.S. Senator Mike Braun, Democrat Jennifer McCormick and Libertarian Donald Rainwater — have agreed to an Oct. 24th debate. However, that gubernatorial debate seemed to be briefly be in doubt following a highly criticized primary debate.

Banks, Horning and McCray are running to fill Braun's vacated seat.

Horning disparaged Banks' lack of response in a July 31 press release, saying that, "(it) has become the tendency for \$u\$piciously well-funded candidates to avoid public questioning."

"Elections are not supposed to be controlled by candidates. Elections are not even about candidates. They're about voters, and their right and duty to fire bad, corrupt politicians with weapons of peaceful revolution — votes," Horning said.

Horning said that the country was at a pivot moment, "close to societal meltdown, global economic collapse, and maybe even a nuclear WWII ..." putting the blame squarely on the backs of incumbent politicians.

"All because of our incumbent politicians, parties, and the puppet masters who own and operate them. They should not be beyond tough questions, and none of us

should be denied our options," Horning said. "Any candidate who won't show up for the job interviews, shouldn't get the job."

McCray didn't respond to requests for comment.

A 2022 debate for U.S. Senate spent much of its one hour attacking incumbent U.S. Sen. Todd Young, who fended off attacks from Democrat Thomas McDermott Jr. and Libertarian James Sceniak.

Despite the headwinds, Young easily won reelection.

Notably, Congress had one of the least productive years on record, passing just 78 bills into law compared to the hundreds passed in prior sessions. As of Wednesday, the governing body planned to spend just 35 more days working before the end of the year.

Banks is part of the slim Republican House majority and previously campaigned to be the House Majority Whip, narrowly losing on a 115-106 vote.

Banks' congressional duties will take him to Washington D.C. for a three-week session in September before members are expected to take a break until Election Day in November. Another "lame duck" session will occur following the election before a new Congress convenes in January.

## SERVICES

**Today**  
**DeHoff**, Mark: 11 a.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland.  
**Pfeifer**, Pamela: 11 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

**Monday**  
**Patterson**, Margaret: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.  
**McLaughlin**, Barbara: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

**Tuesday**  
**Vaughn**, Bobby: 2 p.m., Kingsley Full Gospel Church, 4030 S. 700 East, Dunkirk.

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## Capsule Reports

**Funding approved**  
Portland Redevelopment Commission unanimously approved \$30,000 for projects involving planters in the downtown area.

About \$10,000 of the funding will go toward fixing, restoring and resealing the planters, which were removed to make way for the various downtown street and sewer projects. The other funding will go toward plantings for the next several years.

**Parking accident**  
Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000 after a Portland woman backed into another vehicle at Jay County Fairgrounds about 9:35 p.m. Saturday.

Brandi L. Bailey, 27, Portland, was driving her 2007 GMC Yukon out of the fairgrounds at 806 E. Votaw St. when she hit a parked 2023 Chevrolet Malibu.

The Malibu is registered to Seila Lloyd of Portland.

## JANITORIAL POSITION

Taking applications for janitorial position for the Redkey Park Cabin.  
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# 'Learning hubs' created for children

By MICHAEL CUGLIETTA

Orlando Sentinel  
Tribune News Service  
ORLANDO, Fla. — A St. Cloud, Florida, laundromat in a busy shopping center offers customers the usual commercial dryers and washing machines but also a case of children's books in hope that parents with kids in tow might occupy them with story time instead of screen time.

The bookcase was set up by the Early Learning Coalition of Osceola County and is one of 12 "learning hubs" it installed in locations frequented by families with young children. Other locations include a hospital and a church.

The goal is to offer books and educational toys to young children who might otherwise be looking at phones or tablets or just getting bored. The coalition hopes the hubs, paid for by \$650,000 in federal grants, will help boost early literacy skills and mean more Osceola children are ready for kindergarten.

At 1 Clean Laundry, the hub includes a kiddie-sized bench and a bookcase where children can grab titles like "Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?,"



Tribune News Service/Orlando Sentinel/Willie J. Allen Jr.

Esteban Hernandez, Adonis Michel and Elijah Smith get an early chance to play with Learning Hub toys and books, during the summer camp class at Still We Rise Excellence Academy at Solid Rock Community Church of God in Kissimmee, Florida, on Tuesday, July 23.

"It's a Big World Little Pig" and "Fluffy Saves Christmas."

"If you think about a space like a laundromat, where you're there for probably an hour and a half, if there are things for you to do with your child that help with their literacy development, that's just a tremendous opportunity,"

said Sue Gaon, vice president of Lakeshore Learning Materials, where the coalition purchased most of the hub supplies.

Laundromat owner Edward Ellis said the hub has been getting steady use since it was installed about three months ago. And it is not always the parents guiding the reading.

"I've also had bilingual children teaching their parents English from the books, which is pretty neat," Ellis said.

Children can take the books home if they want, as the hub project includes money to replace titles during the next three years.

At Solid Rock Community Church in Kissimmee,

the new "learning hub" — the coalition's largest — includes eight rooms in a large building on the church's grounds.

It will open Sunday, but last week children attending the church's vacation Bible school were given the chance to check out one of the playrooms, which offered a puppet theater and an assortment of costumes, including a police officer's uniform, a doctor's scrubs and a West African dashiki.

There is also a room with a toy kitchen and a reading room, among others.

Pastor Tiffany Jeffers said the congregation draws about 700 people to Sunday services, including about 150 kids. The church provides childcare but now volunteers can offer more educational activities to the children.

"I wish this was around when I was a young parent," Jeffers said. "I could've sent my kids over to the learning hub and have them not just be babysat, but really engage with toys and activities."

The rooms will be open to the public after school and on weekends, Jeffers said. And the church plans to host exercise, cooking and

other classes to attract families whose children would then be invited to use the hub.

"We thought they were a fantastic partner to engage with because they have one of the largest African-American audiences in the entire Kissimmee area," said Joel Rivera, a consultant who served as project director for the hubs.

The project wants to reach that community as it traditionally has fewer "options for learning opportunities," he said.

The coalition is also stocking each hub with a children's book set in Osceola County, an effort to connect children to what they're reading. The books include images of palm trees, alligators and a theme park off in the distance.

"It's pretty much them walking around their town and exploring what their town has," Rivera said.

The coalition plans to open five more hubs in 2025.

"We need to continue to drive into those places where children and families just are naturally," said Amanda Kelkenberg, CEO of the Early Learning Coalition.

# Unstable relative reappears amid father's illness

DEAR ABBY: My aunt frequently cuts people out of her life for perceived slights — small, large and imagined. A few years ago, she got into a fight with my dad (her brother). Somehow, the rest of my family got cut out, too. Guilt by association, I guess.

She has done it to me so many times that I decided this last time would be it. I no longer

Dear Abby



or apology), only to be mysteriously cut off again.

Unfortunately, my dad is in ill health. He and his sister have recently made contact, but it is only surface conversation. When he passes, how do I let her know about his death without inviting her back into my life? No one in our family wants her at the funeral. Thanks for your wisdom. — UNSURE IN THE WEST

DEAR UNSURE: Tell your aunt about her brother's death and let her decide if she wishes to attend the funeral. If she comes, be cordial. The woman is obviously troubled, but she should be allowed to pay her last respects if she wishes. Permitting her to do this does not need to change anything between the two of

you. Remember, funerals exist to comfort the living, and that includes your aunt.

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.

## Monday

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.

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.

## Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'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.

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.

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at noon the second Monday of each month at Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St, Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of

each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at

(260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

REDISCOVERING JOY — The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at R & R Fabrications, 601 E. Washington St., St. Henry, Ohio. For more information, email rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com.

## 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.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk.

# Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

## Friday's Solution

7	3	5	9	6	8	1	2	4
1	6	8	5	4	2	9	7	3
9	4	2	1	7	3	8	6	5
2	7	3	8	5	4	6	9	1
4	8	9	3	1	6	7	5	2
6	5	1	2	9	7	4	3	8
5	1	6	4	2	9	3	8	7
8	2	7	6	3	1	5	4	9
3	9	4	7	8	5	2	1	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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**August 12-16**

**Monday: Main Entrees:** Chicken tenders  
**Alternate Entrees:** Roll, ham, cheese & fruit fun lunch, pizza roll up **Sides for all meals:** French fries

**Tuesday: Main Entrees:** Beef nachos  
**Alternate Entrees:** Roll, ham, cheese & fruit fun lunch, pizza roll up  
**Sides for all meals:** Refried beans

**Wednesday: Main Entrees:** Cassic cheeseburger in bun  
**Alternate Entrees:** Roll, ham, cheese & fruit fun lunch, pizza roll up  
**Sides for all meals:** BBQ baked beans

**Thursday: Main Entrees:** Whole grain waffles, turkey sausage link, syrup  
**Alternate Entrees:** Roll, ham, cheese & fruit fun lunch, pizza roll up  
**Sides for all meals:** Tater tots

**Friday: Main Entrees:** Classic cheese pizza  
**Alternate Entrees:** Roll, ham, cheese & fruit fun lunch, pizza roll up **Sides for all meals:** Savory green beans

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# Walz, welcome to the big leagues

Chicago Tribune  
Tribune News Service

Given the time constraints, Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris conducted a cautious and orderly process as she vetted her various options for vice president. It was pretty clear by Monday that Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz was going to get her nod over Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro, but we were impressed that what is now known as the Harris-Walz campaign avoided leaks. It was a skilled rollout of a man who is well liked by the Democratic Party's attentive progressive base but who is little known to most Americans.

## Guest Editorial

Indeed, according to an NPR/PBS News/Marist Poll released Tuesday and conducted over the last few days, more than 70% of Americans have no opinion of the 60-year-old Walz, either favorable or unfavorable.

That's a high number, given the focus on the race.

And we'll wager that had we

gone out on the streets of Chicago a month ago, relatively few Chicagoans would even have heard of the 41st governor of Minnesota, a West Point, Nebraska-born graduate of Chadron State College in Chadron, Nebraska; a former member of the U.S. House of Representatives who served for 24 years in the Army National Guard; and an educator who once taught geography and coached football at Mankato West High School in Mankato, Minnesota.

West Point, Nebraska, for the record, has a famous name and a population of 3,459.

As fellow Midwesterners, we

congratulate Walz and his family on his ascendancy to this candidacy and note the distinctive nature of that achievement: it is far from easy for the child of a school administrator and community activist in small-town Nebraska to achieve such heights and his biography suggests he did it the hard way, on his own.

Whatever your political views, this year's two vice presidential candidates, the other being JD Vance of Middletown, Ohio, shine a spotlight of those who spent their formative years in bedrock Midwest communities, became undergraduates at public uni-

versities and served their country in the military.

Now Walz has to introduce himself and explain his positions to Americans even as his Republican rivals try to fill that gap first. We look forward to writing more about him.

We're also waiting for the person at the top of the Democratic ticket this fall, Vice President Kamala Harris, to find some time to answer some independent reporters' questions on matters of substance. And we are calling for all candidates to arrange the debates that are so important to Americans learning about those who aspire to the nation's highest offices.

## Many are feeling subscription fatigue

By CHISOM OKORAFOR  
OtherWords

As a cost-of-living crisis looms over Americans, one rapidly growing business model explains where some of our disposable income is disappearing: subscriptions.

These days, everything from movies to food to dating apps are offering — or in some cases, demanding — a monthly subscription. There are even subscription services to manage and cancel other subscription services, like Rocket Money Premium. According to Forbes, the subscription economy is set to reach \$1.5 trillion in 2025.

In the digital era, companies use subscription models to lock consumers into perpetually renting content they previously could own — and now they're raising the rent.

Many people underestimate how much of their paycheck gets eaten by subscriptions. According to one 2022 study, consumers assumed they paid around \$86 a month. The actual average was \$219. Perhaps that's because companies count on people forgetting to cancel their subscriptions once they're finished with the service, unaware it continues to chip away at their paychecks.

The problem is only getting worse.

Many streaming services, such as Spotify, Paramount+, and Disney+, are hiking prices after cornering the market, leaving users with little recourse but to pay the higher price. As with groceries, housing, and other artificially inflated prices, this sort of corporate profiteering is a major reason why corporate profits have soared while the average consumer is being squeezed tighter and tighter.

Companies are also significantly encroaching on users' freedoms and privacy to protect their subscription profits.

For example, to crack down on password sharing, companies are tracking your IP address to restrict access to the platform outside certain locations. So if you wanted to loan your Netflix account to a friend outside of your household, or even just a child going off to college — practices that were free for years — you'll have to pony up now.

Finally, what happens if these platforms — where people build entire personalized digital libraries — disappear entirely?

My largest Spotify playlist has almost 450 songs on it, constructed carefully from the time I was in middle school. If

Chisom Okorafor



something happened to Spotify, the loss would be incalculable — the equivalent of the burning of the Library of Alexandria for me and 44 million other Americans that subscribe to Spotify Premium.

We've heard a lot about young people's anxieties over whether or not they'll ever be able to own a home. But we don't hear as much about the attack on other forms of ownership as well. The switch from physical media to digital can be characterized as a massive push by corporations to switch consumers from owning content to renting it.

Now that we're realizing just how much we signed away in the switch to streaming, can we claw back some of those privileges?

The government is taking some steps to protect us. The Biden administration's Federal Trade Commission has proposed a rule that would make it as easy to cancel a subscription as it is to start one. Under "click to cancel," if you sign up for something online, you should also be able to cancel easily online — not have to call an 800 number and wait on hold.

Meanwhile, you still have other options. For example, many public libraries now offer free or low-cost alternatives to streaming services. Many people don't know just how much their local public libraries have to offer, but you may be able to find not only free ebooks but also free streaming music and movies.

Big corporations have gained so much power over what we consume and how. If they keep using that power to extract more and more money from us, we'll blow straight past "subscription fatigue" right into subscription anger.

I'm with the boomers on this one. If consumer protections won't kick in to protect us from corporate greed, count on internet piracy to come roaring back.

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## Do not ignore young voters

By MICKY HORSTMAN  
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After President Joe Biden's decision to drop out of the race, I'm reaffirming my prediction that despite primary turnout, it's wrong to write off young voters.

While Chicago saw low turnout during its uncompetitive Democratic primary, young people will vote when there's something to show up for. Now we're seeing that come to life. If recent social media activity is any indication, Generation Z will turn out to vote in November. Candidates can shore up support by using their social media platforms to appeal to Gen Z's policy preferences.

Vice President Kamala Harris has garnered countless views by leaning into singer Charli XCX's endorsement and adopting a digital presence mirroring the flippant attitude of the album of the summer, Charli XCX's "brat." She has also seen herself become a meme thanks to her "You think you just fell out of a coconut tree?" comment.

At the Republican National Committee, former President Donald Trump recruited a group of celebrities, including Amber Rose and Jason Aldean, aimed at appealing to younger, conservative voters. Trump's gotten millions of views on podcasts with celebrities and athletes.

Both candidates are making strong plays for younger audiences while avoiding cringey mistakes of past campaigns. They won't make Hillary Clinton's mistake with "Pokemon Go to the polls," but to win votes, they must amplify their policy positions.

So, what do young voters care about? It's not just couches and coconuts.

Harvard University's Youth Poll indicates the majority of young voters aren't as radical as news and even social media portray — nor are they as ideologically rigid. When evaluating matchups between randomized issues, they found young voters actually prioritized inflation, housing, jobs, health care and women's reproductive rights ahead

Micky Horstman



of what the media portray young people caring about most: the Israel-Hamas war, student debt and climate change.

And Vox reported young voters were disgruntled with the Biden administration for ignoring their top economic concern: lower prices.

With young voters paying attention, here are the policy positions the candidates and parties must focus on to earn the next generation's votes.

### Housing affordability

In 2022, nearly 60% of Gen Zers were unduly burdened by housing costs, as reported by Axios, spending more than 30% of their income on rent or mortgage payments. Since May 2021, rents increased 24% in the Chicago area, according to Crain's Chicago Business, leaving an increasing number of young adults struggling.

The best way to reduce housing costs is by building more housing. Candidates can encourage cities to rezone for alternative housing options such as granny flats and multifamily units — just as Chicago is pushing right now — and to ease restrictions on commercial-only zoning. To reduce home and building prices, they can also cut government approval times that add cost and reduce regulations such as parking minimums and aesthetic requirements.

### Tuition costs, good jobs

College was advertised to many Gen Zers as the only way to secure a high-paying job. The high cost of college tuition was supposed to be offset by higher earnings, but job openings and market salaries haven't kept pace with inflation.

Candidates can advocate for non-

traditional forms of education, expanding opportunities for two-year programs, apprenticeships and trade schools, which can lead to life-long, high-paying jobs. Additionally, they should consider legislation that removes degree and occupational licensing requirements for jobs such as hair braider, cosmetologist and burglar alarm installer.

As of 2023, the average Gen Z borrower had an outstanding student loan balance of nearly \$25,000, Bankrate reported. Candidates should lobby to extend the student loan forgiveness benefit past 2025, which empowers businesses to pay off \$5,250 in loans, tax-free.

### Public transportation

High car and maintenance prices have left young people driving less. Candidates could support young people's futures by investing in proven, reliable, safe public transportation options. Amtrak recently opened a line from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Chicago. It turned a profit in less than two weeks.

Historically, the major political parties have dismissed young people's concerns, but there are 41 million eligible young voters in this election, representing one-fifth of the electorate. More than half are expected to vote. Politicians can't afford to ignore them.

Gen Z grew up online amid high-stakes elections, making them uniquely engaged and politically active. The first election in which Gen Z was old enough to account for the entire 18-to-24-year-old voting bloc was the 2022 midterm, and nearly 30% cast a ballot. This was an unprecedented participation rate for a first midterm and significantly higher than past generations — including millennials, Gen X and boomers — cast at that age.

This November, the winner of the election might be the candidate who best communicates about the issues that matter to Gen Z and young voters.

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Wyatt Alley (left) and Jax McClain (right) showed the grand champion gilt and grand champion barrow, respectively, during the Jay County 4-H swine show on July 8.

# McClain, Alley lead the way at swine show

One McClain handed off the grand champion banner to the next.

Jax McClain showed the grand champion barrow July 8 during the Jay County 4-H swine show. He earned the banner a year after his brother Max.

Wyatt Alley had the grand champion gilt.

Ivan Brunswick earned the reserve grand champion barrow banner while Elizabeth Brunswick showed the reserve grand champion gilt.

Max McClain took the intermediate showmanship title. Tyler Armstrong won for advanced showmanship, Caleb Dollar was first for senior showmanship and Braxton Armstrong led the way in junior showmanship.

The Herdsman Award went to Caleb Dollar.

Other results were as follows:

- Gilts**  
Berkshire  
1. Ivan Brunswick  
2. Wyatt Twigg  
3. Natalie May  
4. Gabe Pinkerton  
5. Jacob Weitzel

6. Danielle May  
7. Boston Lyons

- Chester White**  
1. Tyler Armstrong  
2. Madi Paxson

- Duroc Class 1**  
1. Wyatt Alley  
2. Gabe Pinkerton  
3. Koda Johnson  
4. Jackson Bonifas  
5. Hunter Zimmerman  
6. Carson Westgerdes

- Class 2**  
1. Max McClain  
2. Gage Sims  
3. Bailey Towell  
4. Keegan Cavanaugh  
5. Elizabeth Brunswick  
6. Kyler Morehous

- Champion:** Wyatt Alley  
**Reserve champion:** Max McClain

- Hampshire**  
1. Braxton Armstrong  
2. Madi Paxson  
3. Caleb Dollar  
4. Jackson Westgerdes  
5. Bryce Clevenger

- Hereford**  
1. Braxton Armstrong  
2. Ayva Pitman

- Poland**  
1. Easton Johnson  
2. Wyatt Twigg  
3. Gabe Pinkerton  
4. Kenady Lyons  
5. Kenady Lyons

- Spots**  
1. Wyatt Alley  
2. Madi Paxson  
3. Tyler Armstrong  
4. Kamzy Johnson  
5. Emmett Betz  
6. Bennett Betz  
7. Brooklyn Zimmerman

- Tamworth**  
1. Tyler Armstrong  
2. Caleb Dollar

- Yorkshire**  
1. Gracie Wilburn  
2. Brantley Towell  
3. Ivan Brunswick

- Crossbred Class 1**  
1. Madi Paxson  
2. Tyler Armstrong  
3. Carley Buckland  
4. Brady Jetmore  
5. Madi Paxson  
6. Braxton Bell  
7. Cole Clevenger  
8. Londyn Lyons

- Class 2**  
1. Elizabeth Brunswick  
2. Jax McClain

3. Max McClain  
4. Caleb Dollar  
5. Levi Russell  
6. Grant Linville  
7. Austin Schoenlein

- Champion:** Elizabeth Brunswick  
**Reserve champion:** Jax McClain

- Barrows**  
1. Elizabeth Brunswick  
2. Jaylee Twigg  
3. Bailey Towell  
4. Gabe Pinkerton  
5. Austin Schoenlein  
6. Kenady Lyons  
7. Jacob Weitzel  
8. Kyler Morehous

- Chester White**  
1. Bailey Towell  
2. Gage Penrod

- Duroc**  
1. Max McClain  
2. Tyler Armstrong  
3. Whitney McIntire  
4. Caleb Dollar  
5. Whitney McIntire  
6. Kazlynn Morehous  
7. Gabe Pinkerton  
8. Gabe Pinkerton

- Hampshire**  
1. Braxton Armstrong  
2. Grant Clifton

3. Kazlynn Morehous  
4. Riley Clifton  
5. Levi Garringer

- Hereford**  
1. Kayla Jetmore  
2. Caleb Dollar  
3. Grant Linville  
4. Levi Russell  
5. Austin Schoenlein

- Landrace**  
1. Levi Garringer

- Poland**  
1. Koda Johnson  
2. Brooklyn Zimmerman  
3. Jaylee Twigg  
4. Boston Lyons

- Spots**  
1. Tyler Armstrong  
2. Wyatt Alley  
3. Kamzy Johnson  
4. Gage Sims  
5. Gracie Wilburn  
6. Riley Clifton  
7. Hunter Zimmerman

- Tamworth**  
1. Ayva Pitman  
2. Braxton Armstrong  
3. Caleb Dollar  
4. Carson Westgerdes

- Yorkshire**  
1. Ivan Brunswick

2. Brantley Towell  
3. Braxton Bell  
4. Grant Clifton

- Crossbred Class 1**  
1. Ivan Brunswick  
2. Brady Jetmore  
3. Braxton Armstrong  
4. Kayla Jetmore  
5. Easton Johnson  
6. Hunter Scholle  
7. Hunter Scholle

- Class 2**  
1. Jade Westgerdes  
2. Gage Penrod  
3. Riley Clifton  
4. Ayva Pitman  
5. Madi Paxson  
6. Grant Clifton  
7. Carley Buckland  
8. Braxton Bell

- Class 3**  
1. Jax McClain  
2. Ainsley Bonifas  
3. Carley Buckland  
4. Gracie Wilburn  
5. Levin Russell  
6. Gillian Keller  
7. Paityn Chapman  
8. Londyn Lyons

- Champion:** Jax McClain  
**Reserve champion:** Ivan Brunswick



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Carter May (left) and Jordyn Hutzler (right) showed the grand champion dairy beef feeder and grand champion dairy beef steer, respectively, during the Jay County 4-H dairy beef show on July 8 at the Jay County Fair.

# May, Hutzler set the tone in dairy beef show

Some new names topped the dairy beef show this year.

Carter May showed the grand champion dairy beef feeder July 8 during the 4-H dairy beef show at the Jay County Fair while Jordyn Hutzler had the grand champion dairy beef steer.

A Dues — Sam twice and Max once — had won for dairy beef feeder in each of the previous three years.

A pair of Dirksens took the reserve champion banners — Veronica for dairy beef feeder and Eli for dairy beef steer.

Veronica Dirksen went on to win for junior showmanship. Molly Muh-

lenkamp won for senior and advanced showmanship while Emily Nieport was the champion for beginner showmanship.

Other results from the show were as follows:

- Dairy beef feeder Light weight**  
**Class 1**  
1. Adalyn Broering  
2. Jordyn Hutzler  
3. Phillip Muhlenkamp  
4. Daxtin Zimmerman  
5. Daxtin Zimmerman

- Class 2**  
1. Benton Langenkamp  
2. Alyvia Muhlenkamp  
3. Jade Westgerdes  
4. Leah Steed  
5. Cole Steed

- Class 3**  
1. Benton Langenkamp

2. Isaac Homan  
3. Jordyn Hutzler  
4. Emily Nieport  
5. Cole Steed  
6. Jade Westgerdes

- Champion:** Benton Langenkamp  
**Reserve champion:** Alyvia Muhlenkamp

- Medium weight Class 4**  
1. Reece Brockman  
2. Eli Dirksen  
3. Kinley LaMontagne  
4. Phillip Muhlenkamp  
5. Henry Dirksen  
6. Kinley LaMontagne

- Class 5**  
1. Molly Muhlenkamp  
2. Carson Broering  
3. Camden Buckland

4. Charlotte Muhlenkamp  
5. Camden Buckland

- Class 6**  
1. Owen Muhlenkamp  
2. Maria Hemmelgarn  
3. Charlotte Muhlenkamp  
4. Halle Homan  
5. Emily Nieport

- Class 7**  
1. Veronica Dirksen  
2. Gabe Muhlenkamp  
3. Isaac Homan  
4. Cade Muhlenkamp  
5. William Muhlenkamp  
6. Bailey Muhlenkamp  
7. Job Dirksen

- Champion:** Veronica Dirksen  
**Reserve champion:** Reece Brockman

- Heavy weight Class 8**  
1. Max Dues  
2. Joseph Hemmelgarn  
3. Max Dues  
4. Leah Steed  
5. Halle Homan  
6. William Muhlenkamp

- Class 9**  
1. Cade Muhlenkamp  
2. Sam Dues  
3. Carter May  
4. Reece Brockman  
5. Sam Dues

- Heavy eight**  
1. Carter May  
2. Paul Dirksen  
3. Raif Beiswanger  
4. Kelsey Muhlenkamp  
5. Rockland Beiswanger

- Champion:** Carter May  
**Reserve champion:** Cade Muhlenkamp

- Steer Light weight**  
1. Jordyn Hutzler  
2. Alyvia Muhlenkamp  
3. Isaac Homan  
4. Gabi Miller  
5. Maria Hemmelgarn

- Medium weight**  
1. Benton Langenkamp  
2. Jordyn Hutzler  
3. Camden Buckland, Owen Muhlenkamp, Molly Muhlenkamp

- Heavy weight**  
1. Eli Dirksen  
2. Henry Dirksen  
3. Camden Buckland  
4. Isaac Homan  
5. Benton Langenkamp

- Champion:** Eli Dirksen  
**Reserve champion:** Henry Dirksen



# Paxson, Langenkamp show grand champs

On July 9 at the Jay County 4-H dairy goat show, Ty Paxson showed the overall grand champion dairy wether while Benton Langenkamp had the overall grand champion dairy doe. Aubree McClure showed the grand champion mother-daughter.

Langenkamp's senior doe picked up the overall grand champion title over Levi Russell's grand champion junior doe. He had a big day overall, also earning grand champion milk production and winning the speed milking competition. He also had the reserve grand champion mother-daughter.

Levi Willmann won for senior showmanship and then went on to take the advanced showmanship title to represent the dairy goat barn in the supreme showmanship competition. Other top showmen were Allie Westfall (intermediate) and Maria Heitkamp (beginner and junior).

Ava May showed the grand champion for rate of gain.

Other results were as follows:

**Does**  
Grade junior kids  
1. Cole Clevenger

**Registered intermediate kids**  
1. Chloe Byrum  
2. Aubree McClure  
3. Chloe Byrum



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Benton Langenkamp (left) showed the grand champion dairy doe on July 9 at the Jay County 4-H dairy goat show. Ty Paxson (right) showed the grand champion dairy wether.

**Senior kids Grade**  
1. Allie Westfall  
2. Kennedy Huftel

**Registered**  
1. Ava May  
2. Benton Langenkamp  
3. Ava May  
4. Aubree McClure  
5. Aubree McClure  
6. Levi Russell  
7. Makinsey Murphy  
8. Makinsey Murphy

**Champion:** Ava May  
**Reserve champion:** Benton Langenkamp

**Dry yearling Grade**  
1. Kennedy Huftel

2. Jonas Westfall  
3. Ramzey Huftel

**Registered dry yearling**  
1. Levi Russell  
2. Benton Langenkamp  
3. Chloe Byrum  
4. Ava May  
5. Benton Langenkamp  
6. Aubree McClure  
7. Levi Russell  
8. Ruby Redmond

**Champion:** Levi Russell  
**Reserve champion:** Benton Langenkamp

**Milking yearling Grade**  
1. Alexis Tipton

**Registered**  
1. Aubree McClure

**Champion:** Aubree McClure  
**Reserve champion:** Alexis Tipton

**2-to-4-year-old does Grade**  
1. Ramzey Huftel

**Registered**  
1. Benton Langenkamp  
2. Chloe Byrum  
3. Levi Willman  
4. Benton Langenkamp  
5. Aubree McClure  
6. Ruby Redmond

**Champion:** Benton Langenkamp

**Reserve champion:** Chloe Byrum

**4 and older does Grade**  
1. Ramzey Huftel

**Registered**  
1. Aubree McClure

**Champion:** Ramzey Huftel  
**Reserve champion:** Aubree McClure

**Grand champion:** Benton Langenkamp  
**Reserve grand champion:** Chloe Byrum

**Mother-daughter**  
1. Aubree McClure  
2. Benton Langenkamp  
3. Aubree McClure  
4. Ramzey Huftel

**Wethers Light weight**  
1. Allie Westfall  
2. Ava May  
3. Maria Heitkamp  
4. Maria Heitkamp  
5. Bryce Clevenger

**Heavy weight**  
1. Ty Paxson  
2. Madi Paxson  
3. Easton Siegrist  
4. Evan Siegrist  
5. Benton Langenkamp  
6. Ava May



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Levi Garringer (right) showed the grand champion market doe and market wether July 9 during the Jay County 4-H meat goat show. Easton Siegrist (left) had the grand champion boer doe.

## Siegrist and Garringer lead meat goats

Easton Siegrist and Levi Garringer each took home a couple of top awards.

Siegrist showed the grand champion overall breeding doe July 9 from the Jay County 4-H meat goat show. He was also the champion intermediate showman.

Garringer had two grand champions — overall wether and market doe. Anna Fisher showed the grand champion buck while Drake Somers had the grand champion mother-daughter.

Ella Stockton won for advanced showmanship and went on to represent the meat goat barn in the supreme showmanship competition. Other showmanship champions were Levi Willmann (senior), and Braxton Bell (beginner and junior).

Elijah Stockton had the champion rate of gain market doe while Drew Lingo showed the champion rate of gain wether.

Showing reserve grand champions were Ella Stockton (overall breeding), Danielle Somers (mother-daughter), Rylieann Clark (buck), Andrew Muhlenkamp (market doe) and Braxton Bell (overall wether).

Additional results were as follows:

**Doe Junior**  
Zero to 3 months  
1. Evan Siegrist

**3 to 6 months**  
1. Easton Siegrist  
2. Ella Stockton  
3. Jenna Bricker  
4. Anna Fisher

**9 to 12 months**  
1. Wyatt Twigg  
  
**Champion:** Easton Siegrist  
**Reserve champion:** Ella Stockton

**Yearling 12 to 16 months**  
1. Drew Lingo  
2. Drew Lingo

**16 to 20 months**  
1. Easton Siegrist  
2. Lauren Fisher  
3. Freddie Lingo  
4. Easton Siegrist

**Champion:** Easton Siegrist  
**Reserve champion:** Lauren Fisher



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Anna Fisher showed the grand champion Buck on July 9 during the Jay County 4-H meat goat show.

**Senior 24 to 36 months**  
1. Freddie Lingo  
2. Emalynn Clark  
3. Alex Huntsman  
4. Nicholas Somers  
5. Danielle Somers  
6. Drake Somers

**36-plus months**  
1. Ella Stockton  
2. Wyatt Twigg

**Champion:** Ella Stockton  
**Reserve champion:** Wyatt Twigg

**Buck Class 1**  
1. Benjamin Fisher  
2. Cameron Clark  
3. Brooklynn Byrum

**Class 2**  
1. Anna Fisher  
2. Rylieann Clark  
3. Madison Clark  
4. Emalynn Clark  
5. Gillian Keller  
6. Elijah Stockton  
7. Jenna Bricker  
8. Caleb Dollar

**Market does Light weight**  
1. Maisey Keller  
2. Drew Lingo  
3. Isabelle Byrum

4. Nicholas Somers  
5. Camden Buckland

**Medium weight**  
1. Levi Garringer  
2. Andrew Muhlenkamp  
3. Stan Muhlenkamp  
4. Parker Huntsman  
5. Madison Clark  
6. Levi Willman

**Heavy weight**  
1. Freddie Lingo  
2. Elly Byrum  
3. Elijah Stockton  
4. Cole Clevenger  
5. Ella Stockton

**Wethers Light weight**  
1. Brooklynn Byrum  
2. Cienna Muhlenkamp  
3. Lauren Fisher  
4. Cayden Buckland  
5. Gillian Keller  
6. Isaac Dues  
7. Danielle Somers  
8. Drake Somers  
9. Anna Fisher  
10. Benjamin Fisher  
11. Maisey Keller

**Medium weight**  
1. Andrew Muhlenkamp  
2. Drew Lingo  
3. Lina Lingo  
4. Cole Clevenger  
5. Emersyn Theurer  
6. Isabelle Byrum  
7. Aubree McClure  
8. Caden Muhlenkamp  
9. Bryce Clevenger  
10. Elly Byrum

**Heavy weight Class 1**  
1. Braxton Bell  
2. Freddie Lingo  
3. Parker Huntsman  
4. Stanly Muhlenkamp  
5. Alex Huntsman  
6. Alexander Miller  
7. Levi Willmann  
8. Caleb Sibray

**Class 2**  
1. Levi Garringer  
2. Max McClain  
3. Madi Paxson  
4. Cameron Clark  
5. Rylieann Clark  
6. Brooklynn Byrum  
7. Elijah Stockton

**Champion:** Levi Garringer  
**Reserve champion:** Braxton Bell

## Hemmelgarn, Sims show top pygmy goats

Tuck Hemmelgarn repeated. The two other banners were up for grabs after twin 10-year members departed.

Hemmelgarn showed the grand champion pygmy wether for the second year in a row July 9 during the Jay County 4-H pygmy goat show at the Jay County Fair.

Gage Sims had the top pygmy doe while Aubree McClure showed the grand champion pygmy buck.

Twins Melana and Kaylee Zimmerman had combined to earn top pygmy doe honors in each of the last two years.

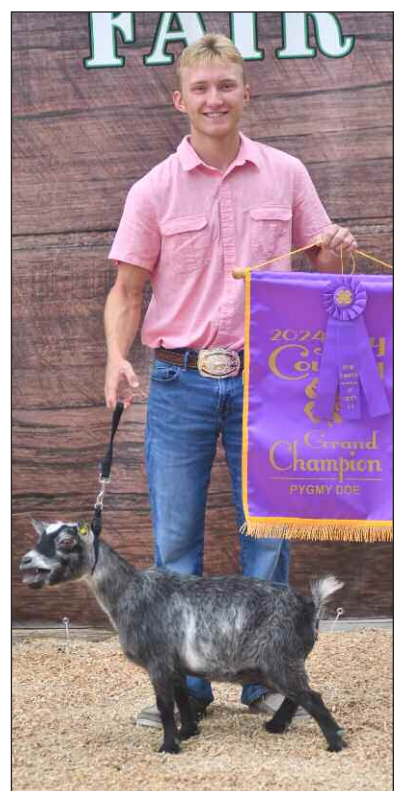
In addition to his grand champion banner, Sims also won the senior and advanced showmanship titles and went on to represent pygmy goats in the small animal supreme showmanship competition.

Other results were as follows:

**Doe Junior**  
1. Gage Sims  
2. Aubree McClure  
3. Aubree McClure  
4. Chloe Muhlenkamp

**Yearling**  
1. Aubree McClure  
2. Gage Sims  
3. Aubree McClure  
4. Finn Hemmelgarn  
5. Tuck Hemmelgarn

**Senior**  
1. Gage Sims



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2. Aubree McClure  
3. Aubree McClure  
4. Aubree McClure  
5. Bailey Muhlenkamp  
6. Kennedy Huftel

**Buck**  
1. Aubree McClure

**Wether**  
1. Aubree McClure  
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Gage Sims (above) showed the grand champion pygmy doe July 9 during the Jay County 4-H pygmy goat show. Tuck Hemmelgarn (left) showed the grand champion pygmy wether.







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# Sports

## Lennartz leads linksmen

FRHS senior shoots 40 as Indians pick up first win in match play

By **ANDREW BALKO**  
The Commercial Review

The Indians had some hiccups on day No. 2.

There were some missed putts, hero shots that didn't work out and other course management slip ups.

Despite the mistakes, they made it out with a victory and will look to continue finding ways to win while cleaning things up.

After a dominant season opener at the Mercer County Invite on Tuesday, Fort Recovery High School's boys golf team cruised to a 171-208 victory over the Mississinawa Valley Blackhawks despite some miscues on Thursday morning at Portland Golf Club.

"I'm always proud of the guys," FRHS coach Dean Sanders said. "They do a great job and are always working hard out there. They give every ounce on every hole and every shot."

"We took a few more penalty strokes than what we needed to obviously, so we need to work on course management. Also, I know a couple of guys were having trouble with putting. So, it looks though the short game and course management are a couple of things we really need to work on out here at Portland."

One Indian 2ho didn't have some of those struggles was match medalist Eli Lennartz.

The senior finished with a 5-over-par 40 by staying consistent throughout the match with five pars, three bogeys and one double-bogey. Lennartz edged out Mississinawa Valley's Jackson Beamblossom for medalist honors by one stroke.

Lennartz took an approach of playing safely in the match, with two examples being the 354-yard, par-4 16th hole and the 344-yard, par-4 17th. On hole No. 16, Lennartz decided to aim for a shorter drive to land short of the creek 150 yards away from the hole. On



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Fort Recovery High School senior Eli Lennartz watches his ball lip around the edge of the 12th hole Thursday at Portland Golf Club in a 171-208 victory over Mississinawa Valley. Lennartz earned match medalist honors by shooting a 40.

the 17th, he played off to the left, closer to hole No. 2, to avoid the water hazard while still giving himself a look at the green.

"I've just kind of learned over the years that you don't really need that (hero shot)," Lennartz said. "You can just

lay up and have a better shot at the green and that's what I've developed over time."

Both cases worked out in Lennartz's favor. He managed to par the 17th and just narrowly missed on the 16th.

After his drive on the 16th, Lennartz's second shot put

him on the hill just to the right of the green. A chip put him about 8 feet away, but his putt rested on the edge of the cup, forcing him to tap it for a bogey.

"I had some good par saves while putting," Lennartz said. "Those ones (that don't fall

are tough, mainly because you always think about them on the next hole."

Fort Recovery (1-0) also got a nice lift out of Riley Grieshop from the No. 5 position. The senior shot a 43 for the fourth-best round of the match and to score for the first time in his varsity career.

Grieshop, who Sanders praised for being one of his more consistent golfers, nearly shot a round of "bogey ball" but finished one stroke better as he also had one birdie and one double-bogey.

His birdie came on the 298-yard, par-5 12th hole when he made the green in regulation and one-putted.

He also one-putted on hole No. 18 to shoot for bogey after his drive ended long out of bounds forcing a drop.

"It feels pretty good, but I'm surprised because I didn't think I'd do that good," Grieshop said. "Usually I'm not that good on the greens but before the match, I was out on the practice green putting and I guess that helped a lot."

Reece LeFevre had the No. 3 score of the match, contributing 42 strokes towards the Indians' final. A strong drive and even better second shot helped set him up for a birdie on hole No. 14, a 520-yard, par-5.

Caleb Smith and Colson Post shot 46 to round out the Tribe's final. Post's best hole was a birdie on the 12th while Smith's par on No. 13 was his highlight.

Keegan Muhlenkamp had an off round, finishing with a 47. It marked the first time the senior didn't contribute to the team score since Sept. 7, 2023.

"I don't worry about the guys, because they are excellent golfers," Sanders said. "Today was a difficult day for them. Obviously there were some bad breaks and course management issues. ... I don't doubt they'll bounce back and do just fine in upcoming matches."

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

#### Monday

Jay County — Girls golf at Heritage — 5 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Girls golf vs. Marion Local — 9 a.m.; Boys golf at Marion Local — 3:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday

Jay County — Junior high football scrimmage vs. Fort Recovery — 5 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Boys golf vs. Tri-Village — 4 p.m.; Girls golf at South Adams — 5 p.m.; Middle school football scrimmage vs. Jay County — 5 p.m.; Middle school volleyball scrimmage a home — 6 p.m.

### TV sports

#### Today

2 a.m. — Olympic track & field (USA)  
2:35 a.m. — AFL: Geelong Cats at Fremantle Dockers (FS1)

7 a.m. — Olympic volleyball: France vs. Poland (NBC)  
9:35 a.m. — Olympic water polo (NBC)

12 p.m. — NFL preseason: Washington Commanders vs. New York Jets (CBS)

1 p.m. — NFL preseason: Chicago Bears vs. Buffalo Bills (FOX)  
1 p.m. — Horse racing: Saratoga Live (FS1)

3 p.m. — Olympic beach volleyball (USA)

4 p.m. — NFL preseason: Las Vegas Raiders vs. Minnesota Vikings (CBS)

4:10 p.m. — MLB: Houston Astros at Boston Red Sox (FS1)

5 p.m. — UFC fighting (ESPN)  
7 p.m. — NFL preseason: San Francisco 49ers vs. Tennessee Titans (ABC); Seattle Seahawks vs. Los Angeles Chargers (CBS)

7:10 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Milwaukee Brewers (Bally Indiana); Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox

(FOX)  
7:30 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Clean Harbors 250 (FS1)

9 p.m. — USL Championships: Sacramento Republic at Louisville City (ESPN2)

10 p.m. — Boxing: Luis Alberto Lopez vs. Angelo Leo (ESPN)

#### Sunday

2 a.m. — Olympic track and field (USA)

4:30 a.m. — Olympic water polo (USA)

7 a.m. — Olympic women's volleyball: Italy vs. USA (USA)

1 p.m. — BIG3 basketball (NBC)  
1 p.m. — Horse Racing: Saratoga Live (FS1)

2:10 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Milwaukee Brewers (Bally Indiana)  
3 p.m. — Olympic closing ceremony (NBC)  
3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Wyndham Championships (CBS)

4:30 p.m. — NFL preseason: Dallas Cowboys vs. Los Angeles Rams (FOX)

6 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Cook Out 400 (USA)

7:10 p.m. — MLB: New York Mets at Seattle Mariners (ESPN2)

#### Monday

6:40 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)

7 p.m. — MMA: Contender Series (ESPN2)

7:10 p.m. — MLB: Texas Rangers at Boston Red Sox (ESPN)

#### Tuesday

6:40 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)

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