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## Farley gets a 7-year sentence

*Portland man pleaded guilty to criminal confinement*

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

A Portland man will serve time in prison for confining a woman without her consent.

Life T. Farley, 20, 118 W. 2nd St., was sentenced Wednesday in Jay Circuit Court to seven years in Indiana Department of Correction for confining his former partner and the mother of his children in February.

Farley pleaded guilty in July to criminal confinement with moderate bodily injury, a Level 4 felony. His charge was reduced from a Level 3 felony for criminal confinement resulting in serious bodily injury.

He had also been facing a Level 1 felony for rape when compelled by force or imminent threat of force resulting in serious bodily injury — it carries a 20 to 40-year sentence — a Level 5 felony for domestic battery resulting in serious bodily injury and a Level 6 felony for domestic battery committed in the presence of a child younger than 16 years old, all of which were dismissed as a part of his plea agreement.

According to information originally filed in connection with the case, Farley confined the woman on or about Feb. 9. He also, according to court documents, allegedly had sexual intercourse with her and punched, slapped and kicked her.

The woman had been in a relationship with Farley for about four years. She explained in court Wednesday that she has been impacted on all levels — physically, mentally, emotionally, financially and more — as a result of Farley's actions.

"I was broken down as a person," she said.

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# Partial collapse



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The front brick portion of the building at the southeast corner of High and Union streets in Redkey partially collapsed Thursday evening. Pictured above, Ryan Sutton, stepson to property owner Glynn Barber, clears debris from the sidewalk on the north side of the building Friday afternoon.

## Section of brick wall fell Thursday

By BAILEY CLINE  
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The front portion of a building in downtown Redkey partially collapsed Thursday.

Plans are in place to investigate whether the structure can be restored or must be demolished.

The northern brick portion of the building at the southeast corner of Union and High streets collapsed during rainy weather about 8 p.m. Thursday.

No one was injured.

Property owner Glynn Barber said he believes the damage

resulted from a rusted steel beam hidden behind the bricks that failed to support the front portion, leading to bricks and other debris spilling onto the sidewalk and street.

"That's a bummer," said Barber. "It was kind of a shame, but we knew we were going to have to do some demolition ... we just didn't know the building was that (much) in disarray."

Glynn and Kellie Barber of Redkey purchased the property just over a year ago. The building has changed hands at least three times since 2017, accord-

ing to Geographic Information System data. At one time, it served as Redkey Liquor Store.

The Barbers have been renovating a few different properties in Redkey — one of them includes the house at 517 N. Meridian St. on the northwest corner of the intersection of Indiana 1 (Meridian Street) and Indiana 67 (Vine Street) — and planned to do work next on the building at the intersection of High and Union streets. Glynn Barber hoped to turn it into an educational facility or museum for Redkey.

"We're hoping we can salvage it," he said, noting its restoration will largely depend on the cost.

As for now, the main priority is safety.

Barber cleared debris from the streets Thursday after the collapse. Redkey Town Council president Brenda Beaty and her husband, John, put up barricades, traffic barrels and caution tape to block off the building from pedestrians shortly after the partial collapse Thursday.

See **Collapse** page 5

## Cell tower gets approval

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

Another cell tower is going up in southwestern Jay County.

Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals approved a special use request and variance request Thursday from Pyramid Network Services to install a tower just northeast of Paradise Point Campground.

John Marcelletti, project manager with Pyramid Network Services of East Syracuse, New York, explained his company has been contracted by Verizon Wireless to coordinate building a new tower in Jefferson Township. APC Towers of Raleigh, North Carolina, will be constructing a 250-foot steel tower with a 5-foot lightning rod at EJB Farms' county road 550 South property. The tower will be located on farm ground just north of a small wooded area, away from the road.

"Verizon determined that the area has a significant service gap that's caused by insufficient infrastructure," he said.

Although Verizon would look to add its services to an existing

tower, Marcelletti said there are none available in the area, with the nearest about 3 miles west near Redkey. Referencing a propagation map, he later pointed out the tower in Redkey and a tower near Portland are at capacity, leading to slow reception for some users. (There's another tower south along county road 850 North near Ridgeville.)

"You may be near a tower, but you may not have the best reception because the tower isn't giving enough juice off," he explained. "So, if they add the tower, they can reduce the capacity of those towers ... to help extend the coverage throughout."

Answering a question from board member Scott Hilfiker,

Marcelletti explained connections are divided among towers as needed.

He noted the tower's height was approved by the Federal Aviation Administration. It will be lit at the top per federal guidelines, which dictate any tower taller than 200 feet must have lighting.

The tower is also being designed to accommodate three additional wireless carriers.

Addressing other questions from the board, Marcelletti explained the process for constructing a new service tower generally takes a few years. He initially reached out to EJB Farms about a year ago.

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The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

## Back at it

Bill Back of Dunkirk signals Friday night during the scrimmage between South Adams and host Winchester. Regular-season football in Indiana kicks off next weekend. For photos from the Jay County High School scrimmage against Richmond, see page 10.

## Verizon will add structure northeast of Paradise Point

### Deaths

**Cindy Lu Piper**, 72, Celina, Ohio  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 82 degrees Friday.

Skies will be partly cloudy today with a high in the lower 80s and winds gusting to 25 miles per hour. There is a chance of showers Sunday with a high in the upper 70s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Events this weekend include the Hank Ruff and the Hellbenders concert — tickets are \$20 — at 7 p.m. today at Hudson Family Park and Dunkirk's Glass Days festival. Activities at Glass Days include a Cinderella Queen of Glass celebration at noon, a car show at 2 p.m. and Cook and Belle in concert at 5 p.m.

### Coming up

**Tuesday** — Photos from the Glass Days festival in Dunkirk.

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

**Thursday** — Results from the JCHS boys soccer team's season opener.



# Sentence ...

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The woman said their children, as well as Farley's three nieces and nephew, were also in the house when he allegedly struck her in the face.  
She added that their 2-year-old son now has night terrors.  
"I just feel that is unfair that my children have to live through a situation like that," she said, adding that it has made the children see Farley in a different light.  
She said she worries for women who get into relationships with Farley in the future, and she asked Jay Circuit Court

Judge Brian Hutchison to give the maximum sentence — 12 years for a Level 4 felony.  
County attorney Wes Schemenaur pointed to the hardships the woman and her children have gone through as a result of the crime, and he requested a 10-year sentence with a small portion of the sentence suspended.  
A no-contact order between the woman and Farley was issued Feb. 29. The woman requested another order be issued Wednesday, saying she believes Farley will attempt to retaliate against her.  
Public defender Brandon Mur-

phy noted Farley, who previously worked at FCC in Portland, has no prior arrests or convictions. He pointed to Farley's age as another mitigating factor. Murphy also said most of the hardships placed on the woman and their children were caused after the incident because of the criminal justice system.  
Farley asked if it could be arranged in the no-contact order for him to speak with his children. He also apologized for the effect his actions had on his children.  
Hutchison said Farley's age is a mitigating factor, explaining

that his "brain is not fully mature" yet, as well as his lack of a criminal record. He commended him for maintaining employment.  
However, Hutchison noted, "domestic abusers reoffend all the time," and pointed to the lasting impact on Farley's children and their mother.  
Three years of Farley's seven-year sentence were suspended. Farley was placed on probation and given credit for time served since Feb. 16. He was also assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence fee.

# Obituaries

**Cindy Lu (Davidson) Piper**, Celina, Ohio, a Jay County native, Aug. 2, 1952-Aug. 14, 2024. Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Grand Lake United Methodist Church — St. Paul's Campus, 119 E. Fulton St., Celina.

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

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

# Capsule Reports

**Lost control**  
A Portland woman lost control of the van she was driving on U.S. 27, causing her to leave the road and damage property about 1:32 p.m. Wednesday.

Uquilder Lopez, 20, was driving a 2015 Chevrolet Express south on the highway. As she approached a curve, the vehicle left the west side of the road. She overcorrected, causing the vehicle to go across the road and leave the east side of it. She drove through a ditch, striking a utility pole support wire and two large stuffed decorative horses.

Lopez was cited for driving without a valid license. The vehicle she was driving — it's registered to Reynaldo Jimenez Luna of Portland — was towed.

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000. The utility pole is registered to American Electric Power, and the horses are owned by Bob Burkey.

# CR almanac

Sunday 8/18	Monday 8/19	Tuesday 8/20	Wednesday 8/21	Thursday 8/22
<b>77/62</b>	<b>76/52</b>	<b>74/51</b>	<b>75/52</b>	<b>78/55</b>
Sunday's forecast shows a 40% chance of thunderstorms. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for Monday, when the high will be 76.	Sunny skies are on the horizon for Tuesday, when the high will be around 74.	Wednesday's forecast shows sunny skies with a high in the mid to upper 70s.	Sunny skies are on the horizon for Thursday, when the high will be 78.

# Lotteries

**Hoosier**  
Midday  
Daily Three: 6-4-2  
Daily Four: 5-5-6-5  
Quick Draw: 1-2-4-9-14-16-17-24-27-35-38-42-44-46-48-53-58-71-74-75

**Powerball**  
Estimated jackpot: \$35 million

**Mega Millions**  
Estimated jackpot: \$464 million

**Ohio**  
Midday

# Markets

**Cooper Farms Fort Recovery**  
Corn.....3.47  
Sept. corn .....3.56  
Wheat .....4.53

**POET Biorefining Portland**  
Corn.....3.50  
Sept. corn .....3.53  
Oct. corn .....3.57

**The Andersons Richland Township**  
Corn .....3.51  
Sept. corn .....3.51  
Beans .....9.47

Sept. beans .....9.12  
Wheat .....4.80

**ADM Montpelier**  
Corn.....3.42  
Sept. corn .....3.42  
Beans .....9.52  
Sept. beans .....9.47  
Wheat .....4.87

**Heartland St. Anthony**  
Corn.....3.46  
Oct. corn .....3.48  
Beans .....9.27  
Oct. beans .....9.07  
Wheat .....4.60

# Today in history

In 1790, the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island, presented a congratulatory address to President George Washington during his visit to the city. According to the Library of Congress, Washington's response was the "first presidential affirmation of the free and equal status of Jewish-American citizens."  
In 1807, Clermont, the first practical steamboat, had its maiden voyage. It was designed by American engineer Robert Fulton.  
In 1933, Lou Gehrig of the New York Yankees played his 1,308th consecutive game. His record for consecutive games played stood for more than 60 years.  
In 1943, actor Robert De Niro was born in New York City. De Niro's first film was Brian De Palma's "The Wedding Party" and he went on to star in movies including "The Godfather, Part II," "Taxi Driver," "Goodfel-

las" and "Raging Bull," for which he won the Academy Award for best actor.  
In 1945, Indonesia declared its independence from the Netherlands. Sukarno, who made the declaration, became the country's first president in 1949.  
In 1999, an earthquake hit Izmit, Turkey, killing more than 17,000 and leaving about 500,000 homeless.  
In 2008, American Michael Phelps was part of the winning U.S. 4x100-meter medley relay team in Beijing, becoming the first athlete to win eighth medals in a single Olympics.  
In 2021, the Jay County High School boys tennis team won its home opener 4-1 over Alexandria-Monroe. Picking up wins were singles players Crosby Heniser, Abraham Dirksen and Simon Dirksen, and the doubles team of brothers Gavin and Sam Myers.  
—The CR

# Citizen's calendar

**Monday**  
5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.  
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.  
6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 50 S. Morgan Drive, Redkey.  
7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

**Wednesday**  
2 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, municipal airport, 661 W. 100 North.

**Thursday**  
6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 50 S. Morgan Drive, Redkey.

# Commission offers advice

By **LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ**  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com  
The bipartisan commission charged with assuaging the state's attorney shortage recommended funding legal practice startups and a regulatory "sandbox" agency — among other budgetary and legislative suggestions — in an interim report released Thursday.  
It comes ahead of the Legislature's brainstorm-filled interim committee meetings and its January budget-writing session.  
More than half the state's 92 counties are considered "legal deserts," defined as under one lawyer per 1,000 residents, according to the American Bar Association.

"This puts at risk access to justice for Hoosiers everywhere," Appeals Court Judge Nancy Vaidik and Indiana Supreme Court Chief Administrative Officer Justin Forkner wrote of the shortage.  
The duo, which chaired the Commission on Indiana's Legal Future, called the crisis "a challenge entirely of our profession's own making."

"Therefore, (it is) one we are fully capable of correcting so long as we rise to the occasion together," they wrote. "Stemming the tide will require bold and thoughtful innovation."  
The Indiana Supreme Court created the commission in April and gave it an August deadline for suggestions involving financial asks or legal changes. That's because lawmakers are preparing to enter the biennial budget session.

The group put forth five "priority" funding recommendations.  
At the top of its list was a stipend for legal practice startups, for use on expenses like rent, utilities, insurance, legal research services, databases, case

management software and billing software.

Those costs are most burdensome in the startup phase because the attorney is still building clientele, per the commission. It also noted that new, small firms can't benefit from economies of scale.

"A modest stipend to those lawyers, particularly newer lawyers, would alleviate some of those overhead stressors and incentivize lawyers to practice in areas of high legal need," the commission wrote.

It next suggested funding scholarships for incoming law students who've committed to practicing as public prosecutors or defenders, similar to an existing program for Hoosier teachers.

The county-funded gigs typically pay poorly, so the scholarships could help law students lower their post-graduation debt loads and keep them in public interest work, the commission wrote.

It included a draft proposal for the scholarships.  
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# Approval ...

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Pati McLaughlin of Jay/Portland Building and Planning noted Jay County's zoning ordinance states any structure 100 feet or taller, other than a wind tur-

bine, requires a variance request.

None of the neighboring property owners attended the meeting Thursday. Marcelletti said the Nixons, who own property surrounding EJB Farms, have voiced support for the project. Jay/Portland Building and Planning director John Hemmelgarn said he spoke to Mike Timmerman, who lives near the planned location, and he told the board Timmerman was comfortable with it.

"He said, 'There's no problem with a tower, we need better signal out here,'" said Hemmelgarn.

Board members Marla Lutes, Steve Ford, Kaleb Hemmelgarn, Angela Paxson and Hilfiker approved the special use request and variance request.

Also on Thursday, McLaughlin informed board members about plans to host another meeting in September, saying she would let them know the exact date soon.

## SERVICES

**Saturday**  
**Ford**, Terri: 11 a.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland.  
**Fennig**, William: 11 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland.

**Monday**  
**Piper**, Cindy Lu: 11 a.m., Grand Lake United Methodist Church — St. Paul's Campus, 119 E. Fulton St., Celina, Ohio.

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## Memorial scholarship

The Portland Foundation and IU Health Jay recently awarded the Sharon Tobe Memorial Nursing Scholarship. Pictured above, from left, are IU Health Jay chief operating officer and chief nursing officer Christina Schemenaur, scholarship recipients Olivia Lange and Sydney Schwieterman, and Tobe's daughter, Melissa Sudhoff. Not pictured is scholarship recipient Britney Klenke.

# Mother resists making friends

Dear Abby



DEAR ABBY: My mother, who is 69, recently moved close to where my wife and I live to be near us as she ages. On the whole, this has been great for all of us. Mom is in good health and still very active. She walks every day and takes care of her house and garden. We see her often.

The problem is, she is very resistant to meeting new people or going out without us. She says she will never find friends as good as the ones she left behind, so it's not worth trying. We encouraged her to join the senior center, which she did, but she quit after a month, saying the people there are "too old."

I took her to church, but after the second Sunday, she announced she's not going back. My wife tried to get her to join a club or volunteer at our kids' school, but Mom said she doesn't like to be on a schedule. Several neighbors invited her over, but she always makes excuses to decline. I think they have stopped asking.

Because she's independent, this isn't a big deal now. But I'm worried that if she doesn't get to know people while she's still active, we'll be her only source of support as she ages.

You often ask if older parents are experiencing a change of personality caused by old age or dementia, and I don't think this is the case here. Mom's always been shy. Now she's shy and stubborn. What are my options? — LOOKING OUT FOR MOM IN CHICAGO

DEAR LOOKING OUT: Among my first thoughts is that your mother isn't the independent person you described, and she's setting herself up to be completely dependent upon you and your wife for social interaction. It isn't healthy for ANY of you.

Before she isolates herself further than she already has,

sit her down and tell her directly that you do not want this to happen and that she MUST make more of an effort to interact with others. While relationships are not interchangeable, she once had a social life, and she will again IF she makes an effort.

If her shyness prevents her from easily conversing with strangers, suggest that she volunteer at an animal shelter. That way she will be out of the house, interacting with others and not solely dependent on you.

DEAR ABBY: My friend "Sally" has been dating this guy for 10 years. Their relationship has been rocky from the beginning, and he doesn't seem to want to commit. He acts like he doesn't want to even BE with her, spending time only when it's convenient for him. He has put Sally through a lot. He was involved with this other woman. He said it was because she knew some things about him and was holding it against him and he couldn't tell my friend. I think he's a narcissist. What advice can you give her? — ASKING FOR A FRIEND

DEAR ASKING: Knowing that the most unwanted advice is that which is unasked for, I would wait until the next time Sally complains about the treatment this man has given her for the last 10 years. Then I would suggest that she talk with a licensed mental health professional about how to rebuild her self-esteem.

## Marriage licenses

Christina Franks, 48, Portland, and Matthew A. Morgan, 51, Portland  
Matthew E. Sherman, 44, Dunkirk, and Angelica D.L. Weaver, 47, Dunkirk  
Denae C. Anderson, 22, Pennington, and Bailey N. Driskell, 22, Sidney, Ohio  
Gauge E. Bailey, 21, Portland,

Chalista J. Conn, 21, Portland  
Thomas D. Martin, 27, Bryant, and Kimberly N. Shrum, 26, Bryant  
Sydney C. Nixon, 20, Dunkirk, and Angellica M. Reynard, 27, Dunkirk  
Ryan K. Sage, 39, Portland, and Cassandra M. Vela, 39, Portland

Ciara E. Bailey, 23, Portland, and Jacob D. Conley, 22, Portland  
Ashleigh N. Garrison, 36, Portland, and Travis B. Towell, 37, Portland  
John W. Cole Jr., 43, Portland, and Chastidy A. Russell, 49, Portland  
Eric L. Caldwell, 33, and Mia M. Stolz, 30, both of Portland

## 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.  
**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 - 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.  
**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.  
**JAY RETIRED TEACHERS** — Will meet at noon Monday, Aug. 19, at

Richards Restaurant in Portland.  
**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.  
**JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS** — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.  
**BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE** — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.  
**FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY** — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.  
**A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE** — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call (765) 283-2107.

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

Level: Advanced

**Friday's Solution**

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

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**For Jay County Elementary Schools August 19-23, 2024**

**Monday: Main Entrees:** Baked mozzarella cheese sticks  
**Alternate Entrees:** Hot smokey ham & cheese sandwich, turkey cobb salad, croutons, **Sides for all meals:** Baked shoestring fries

**Tuesday: Main Entrees:** Soft bean whole grain tacos, shredded lettuce, shredded cheddar cheese, salsa  
**Alternate Entrees:** Hot smokey ham & cheese sandwich, turkey cobb salad, croutons, **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned black beans

**Wednesday: Main Entrees:** Waffle flavored chicken chunks  
**Alternate Entrees:** Hot smokey ham & cheese sandwich, turkey cobb salad, croutons, **Sides for all meals:** Herb roasted potatoes

**Thursday: Main Entrees:** Classic pepperoni pizza **Alternate Entrees:** Hot smokey ham & cheese sandwich, turkey cobb salad, croutons, **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned carrots

**Friday: No lunch Served: Tractor & Engine show**

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# It's time to acknowledge violation

We are calling, again, on Jay County Commissioners to acknowledge their error.

On July 31, the Indiana's Public Access Counselor issued an advisory opinion in relation to a formal complaint filed by The Commercial Review against the commissioners. It was the belief of this newspaper that the commissioners violated Indiana's Open Door Law by discussing the county's proposed contract with Jay County Development Corporation during an "administrative meeting" on May 2.

The newspaper laid out the reasons for that assertion in its complaint. Provided with a copy of the complaint by the public access counselor's office, com-

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missioners had the opportunity to respond.

The public access counselor, who is appointed by the governor and as part of his job "provides advice and assistance concerning Indiana's public access laws," then weighed the complaint, the response and state law.

In the conclusion of his advisory opinion, Indiana Public

Access Counselor Luke Britt said: "It is the opinion of this office that discussions or negotiations of unexecuted contracts is not appropriate for an administrative function meeting."

Upon receipt of the public access counselor's opinion, The Commercial Review reached out to both Jay County Commissioners' president and the county attorney. They did not return calls requesting comment. That is their right.

We hoped, however, that at their next meeting they would finally acknowledge their error, apologize and make a commitment to conducting the public's business in public.

They did not, just as they

chose not to acknowledge the misstep when pushed by this newspaper to do so three months ago.

We've been asked by some members of the public if we will file a lawsuit against commissioners regarding the May 2 meeting. We have no plans to do so. (It would make sense to file a lawsuit if there were documents or other public information being withheld. That is not the case in this situation.) The maximum fine is \$100.

The purpose of the public access counselor's office is not punishment. The goal, rather, is compliance.

That was our goal in filing the formal complaint as well. We

wanted an official opinion confirming that the commissioners were, in fact, in violation of state law. Having received that official opinion, we now want to make sure it does not happen again.

An important part of that process is commissioners acknowledging their error and making a commitment moving forward.

To be clear, the commissioners don't owe an apology to the newspaper. They owe one to you, the voters and the taxpayers, for violating Indiana's Open Door Law.

They violated the public's trust. It's beyond time to make amends. — R.C.

## U.S. needs a 'robin hood tax'

By SUSAN HARLEY  
OtherWords

This year's presidential race has unfolded like a made-for-TV drama, with twists and turns aplenty. But no matter who wins the White House or Congress, a giant tax fight awaits them next year — when a number of the 2017 tax cuts for the rich and businesses expire.

Part of that fight will be about closing loopholes the very wealthy use to pay lower tax rates than teachers or custodians. But let's not forget the Wall Street high rollers who gamble in our markets, putting everyone's investments at risk.

One proposal that could make waves is a Wall Street tax — also called financial transaction tax, or FTT — on stock, bond, and derivative trades. Think of it as a small sales tax for Wall Street trades, like the taxes the rest of us pay when we buy shampoo or shoes.

My organization, Public Citizen, was one of over a hundred that signed a recent letter to Congress calling for meaningful tax reform that fairly generates more revenue and creates more inclusive economic growth.

And I'm here to say an FTT would check all of those boxes and more.

Just a 0.1% tax — that's 10 cents on every \$100 of stocks, bonds, and derivatives trades — would generate an estimated \$752 billion over 10 years. That would be more than enough to cover free universal preschool, free community college, and national paid family and medical leave — combined.

In addition to a boon for revenue, an FTT would also be a win for tax fairness, since the bulk of it would be paid by the very wealthy, who own and trade the vast majority of stocks.

FTTs are a tried and true solution that many other nations have used to generate significant revenues from the very wealthy and put them into public programs for all — which is why the FTT is often called the "Robin Hood tax." It could do the same thing in the United States, reinvesting those revenues into creating a more level playing field.

Another benefit? An FTT would tame high-frequency trading, where computer programs ping-pong trades in the blink of an eye, which allows them to get in front of slower moving traders and eke out a miniscule profit on

Susan Harley



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each trade. Because of the volume of trading these firms engage in, all of those tiny profits stack up to huge paydays.

These high-frequency trading algorithms tend to follow each other, somewhat like lemmings throwing themselves off a cliff. That can wreak havoc in the market, as it did during the 2010 Flash Crash when \$1 trillion was lost in the U.S. markets in a matter of minutes.

Even a tiny tax on all those trades would make that computer-driven, high-frequency trading less desirable — which would make our markets safer.

Given that it's a win-win idea, many prominent voices favor taxing Wall Street trades. Former Treasury Department officials like Robert Rubin, Antonio Weiss, Kim Clausing, and Natasha Sarin support taxing financial transactions. Jared Bernstein, who chairs the U.S. Council of Economic Advisers, also supports FTTs.

With these financial all-stars backing the proposal — and even some conservative voices weighing in in favor of taxing Wall Street trades — FTTs deserve their time in center stage during the upcoming 2025 tax fight.

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## How would policies be funded?

By LZ GRANDERSON  
Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

Vice President Kamala Harris' campaign plans to shift its economic message this week from breadth to depth, articulating some of the policies we could expect from a Harris administration. We've had a preview already: Stops in Philadelphia and Detroit not only introduced Gov. Tim Walz as her running mate but also reiterated Harris' commitment to such red-meat progressive favorites as paid family leave.

Now it's time to explain some details such as how the administration would get her plans through Congress and how her policies would be paid for.

Running the country isn't cheap. That's why it's been nearly a century since a president actually lowered the national debt — Calvin Coolidge. Saving the middle class would be even more expensive than more of the same. History showed us that: Pushing through the New Deal, Franklin D. Roosevelt grew the national debt by more than 1,000%.

Even preventing disaster can be expensive, much less aiming for progress. As former President Donald Trump and President Joe Biden tried to navigate the country through the pandemic and the historic global inflation that ensued, the final quarter of 2021 saw the U.S. saddled with a debt-to-GDP ratio of nearly 140%. And yet we also remain the strongest economy in the world.

Here's one certainty: The next Democratic president will have ambitious, expensive plans.

Here's another: No matter what Harris says, conservatives will find fault with it.

Not surprising, of course, considering they prefer austerity for those in need and abundance for the rich. While those with abundance enjoyed record profits and flew to space, the

LZ Granderson



poor were left to fend for themselves with multiple jobs or the picket line.

It's little wonder that the central economic message of Harris' campaign so far — getting ahead as opposed to just getting by — has been so well received. But the honeymoon phase is going to draw to an end soon.

The work of selling the idea of a Harris administration will succeed or fail depending on what the vice president says about the economy. She needs a message that doesn't reject the current administration, and she also needs to present a vision for the future that is distinct from Biden's, a vision that she and Walz will represent.

Senators such as Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren have long talked about making the ultra wealthy and corporations pay their fair share. The problem is that without a significant majority in Congress to provide the votes, it's just talk.

For achievements such as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Biden was able to lean on the relationships and expertise he built in his 36 years in the Senate. Having served only four years in that chamber, Harris obviously doesn't have the same resources to pull from. In fact, in the moments after Biden announced he was no longer seeking reelection, some Democrats in Congress lobbied for an open convention to pick a nominee. That push was short-lived but highlights that Harris' relationship with the body is more complex than Biden's.

Some members of Harris' party may be slow to use their political capital to push for controversial policies. Biden has run into this himself, despite those decades-long friendships. Some of his most progressive policies — such as investing in people as part of the infrastructure bill — were derailed by Democrats from more moderate parts of the country.

Congress can block a president from fulfilling key campaign promises. The infrastructure bill made it across the finish line, but the John Lewis Voting Rights Act did not. Harris knows all too well how hard it can be to get senators to line up behind the administration — think Joe Manchin and Kyrsten Sinema. As vice president, she has been required to cast tie-breaking votes in the Senate 33 times, more often than any other vice president in history.

Harris has spent the past three weeks throwing out chunks of red meat to a base in desperate need of sustenance. She has money. And she has the full attention of her opponent, who is so shook that this weekend he claimed AI had generated the images of 15,000 people flocking to support Harris in Detroit.

The images weren't faked. The enthusiasm is real. I was there, as were several union members who roared each time Harris talked about helping the middle class. Pricey initiatives such as affordable child care were particularly popular. They always are. Getting the votes, paying for it ... those are the reasons they haven't come to pass.

Can Harris get the congressional support she needs to enact the progressive policies she is promising? The answer to that question begins and ends with how she intends to cover the costs.

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# Sixty-four qualify for Indiana State Fair

Sixty-four projects from the Jay County Fair qualified to advance to the state fair level. Results from the Jay County 4-H projects, which were on display in the Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall during the fair, are as follows:

## Achievement

Grand champion: Ty Paxson  
Reserve grand champion: Madi Paxson

## Aquatic science

Grand champion: Claire Skirvin

## Arts and Crafts

General  
Beginner  
Champion: Nixon Haque (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Natalie Goldman  
Blue ribbon: Aria Barnett, Emily Bricker, Nixon Haque, Sennen Haque, Emree Lee

Intermediate  
Champion: Ayva Pitman (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Brenna Rowles (state fair)  
Blue ribbon: Hadleigh Durham, Folton Parr, Asher Swaffer

Advanced  
Champion: William Hawbaker (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Makinsey Murphy  
Blue ribbon: Ty Paxson

Grand champion: Ayva Pitman  
Reserve grand champion: William Hawbaker

## ATV safety education

Grand champion: Owen Hudson (state fair)  
Reserve grand champion: Cade Muhlenkamp

## Beekeeping

Poster/display  
Champion: Jonathan Haque (state fair)

Single honey product  
Champion: Kinze Homan (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Khloe Homan (state fair)  
Blue ribbon: Tyler Morehous (state fair)

Two honey products  
Red ribbon: Piper Wagner (state fair)

Grand champion: Kinze Homan  
Reserve grand champion: Jonathan Haque

## Cake decorating

Beginner  
Champion: Kazlynn Morehous (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Riley Clifton  
Blue ribbon: Alyssa Schwieterman  
Red ribbon: Aria Barnett, Emma Malyska

Intermediate  
Champion: Abby Fifer  
Reserve champion: Gillian Keller  
Red ribbon: Payson Rickard

Advanced  
Champion: Madi Paxson (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Austin Schoenlein

Grand champion: Madi Paxson  
Reserve champion: Abby Fifer

## Cat poster or display

Grand champion: Senne Haque (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Makinsey Murphy (state fair)

## Computer

Grand champion: David Keen (state fair)

## Construction and architectural replica

Beginner  
Champion: Kyler Morehous  
Reserve champion: Kazlynn Morehous  
Blue ribbon: Bennett Betz, Emmett Betz, Sophia Calvary, Rylen Carpenter, Benton Langenkamp, Owen Muhlenkamp, Piper Wagner, Jonas Westfall

Intermediate  
Champion: Andrew Suman  
Reserve champion: Folton Parr  
Blue ribbon: Henry Dirksen, Mavrick Reier, Alivya Schwieterman, Asher Swaffer, Alexis Tipton, Allie Westfall

Advanced  
Champion: Ty Paxson (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Dustin Muhlenkamp

Grand champion: Ty Paxson  
Reserve grand champion: Andrew Suman

## Creative writing

Beginner  
Champion: Nixon Haque (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Isaac Keen

Advanced  
Champion: Alison McGraw (state fair)

Grand champion: Alison McGraw  
Reserve grand champion: Nixon Haque

## Dog poster or display

Beginner  
Champion: Jackie Tipton (state fair)

Intermediate  
Champion: Bailey Muhlenkamp (state fair)

Advanced  
Champion: Allison Tipton (state fair)

Grand champion: Allison Tipton  
Reserve grand champion: Bailey Muhlenkamp

## Electric

Level 1  
Champion: Wyatt Alley (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Braxton Armstrong  
Blue ribbon: Emily Bricker, Caleb Grile, Kent Siegrist, Piper Wagner

Level 2  
Champion: Bailey Muhlenkamp (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Jacob Bricker  
Blue ribbon: Cole Steed

Level 3  
Champion: Adriane Theurer (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Jonathan Haque

Level 4  
Champion: Tyler Armstrong (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Aubrie Weitzel  
Blue ribbon: Grant Clifton

Advanced  
Champion: Ty Paxson (state fair)

## Fine arts

Beginner  
Champion: Abbie Rowles  
Blue ribbon: Emily Bricker, Emree Lee

Intermediate  
Champion: Madeline Benirschke  
Reserve champion: Abby Fifer  
Blue ribbon: Elizabeth Calvary, Hadleigh Durham,

Ava May, Bailey Muhlenkamp

Advanced  
Champion: Madi Paxson (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Alison McGraw (state fair)  
Blue ribbon: Ty Paxson

Grand champion: Madi Paxson  
Reserve champion: Alison McGraw

## Floriculture

Level A  
Champion: Claire Skirvin (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Piper Wagner (state fair)  
Blue ribbon: Elizabeth Miller

Level B  
Champion: Gabi Miller (state fair)  
Blue ribbon: Ayva Pitman

Level D  
Champion: Makinsey Murphy

Grand champion: Claire Skirvin  
Reserve grand champion: Piper Wagner

## Health

Grand champion: Alison McGraw

## Model craft

Grand champion: Madeline Hudson

## Needle craft

Grand champion: Gabi Miller

## Photography

Beginner  
Color prints  
Champion: Allie Rowles (state fair)

Color salon print  
Champion: Ryan Grile (state fair)

Intermediate  
Black and white print  
Champion: Ava May  
Reserve champion: Leah Steed

Color prints  
Champion: Claire Skirvin (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Ayva Pitman (state fair)  
Blue ribbon: Elizabeth Calvary, Kinze Homan, Trinity Marcum, Leah Steed, Andrew Suman

Black and white salon print  
Champion: Mavrick Reier

Color salon print  
Champion: Kent Siegrist (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Mavrick Reier  
Blue ribbon: Elizabeth Calvary

Advanced  
Color prints  
Champion: Alison McGraw  
Reserve champion: Brianna Faller  
Blue ribbon: Jaycee Hall, Makinsey Murphy

Black and white salon print  
Champion: Karyssa Denney (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Madi-son Reier  
Blue ribbon: Brianna Faller, Megan Faller, Alison McGraw, Makinsey Murphy, Madi Paxson

Advanced  
Color prints  
Champion: Alison McGraw  
Reserve champion: Brianna Faller, Megan Faller, Alison McGraw, Madi Paxson, Adria Roessner

Color salon print  
Champion: Makinsey Murphy (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Brenna Siegrist  
Blue ribbon: Erin Aker, Karyssa Denney, Brianna Faller, Megan Faller, Alison McGraw, Madi Paxson, Adria Roessner

Grand champion: Karyssa Denney  
Reserve grand champion: Claire Skirvin

## Poultry poster or display

Grand champion: Claire Skirvin  
Reserve grand champion: Cade Muhlenkamp

## Sewing construction

Non-wearable  
Blue ribbon: Aria Barnett, Brenna Rowles

Wearable  
Grad 4  
Champion: Riley Clifton (state fair)

Grade 5  
Champion: Veronica Dirksen (state fair)

Grade 6  
Champion: Aubrie Weitzel (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Ayva Pitman

Informal  
Champion: Courtney Harris (state fair)

Dress up  
Champion: Evelyn Carter (state fair)

Grand champions:  
Aubrie Weitzel, Evelyn Carter  
Reserve grand champions:  
Veronica Dirksen, Courtney Harris

## Shooting sports education

Beginner  
Champion: Danielle Somers (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Allie Rowles  
Blue ribbon: Abbie Rowles, Kasen Rowles, Drake Somers

Intermediate  
Champion: Gracie Rowles (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Nicholas Somers  
Blue ribbon: Camden Buckland

Advanced  
Champion: Cayden Buckland (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Ty Paxson  
Blue ribbon: Madi Paxson

## Soil and water science

Beginner  
Champion: Jonathan Haque (state fair)

Intermediate  
Champion: Cody Jacobs (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Andrew Suman  
Blue ribbon: Caleb Sibray

Advanced  
Champion: Alexis Sibray (state fair)

Grand champion: Cody Jacobs  
Reserve grand champion: Alexis Sibray

## Sport fishing

Intermediate  
Champion: Andrew Suman (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Natalie May

Advanced  
Champion: Danielle May (state fair)  
Blue ribbon: Clark Wellman

Grand champion: Danielle May (state fair)  
Reserve grand champion: Andrew Suman (state fair)

## Veterinary science

Beginner  
Champion: Ivy Alt (state fair)

Intermediate  
Champion: Kelsey Muhlenkamp (state fair)

Grand champion: Ivy Alt (state fair)  
Reserve grand champion: Kelsey Muhlenkamp (state fair)

## Weather and climate science

Grand champion: Alison McGraw (state fair)

## Wildlife

Beginner  
Champion: Owen Hudson

Intermediate  
Champion: Andrew Suman (state fair)  
Red ribbon: Skye Kennedy

## Woodworking

Level A  
Champion: Bryce Richard (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Alley Wyatt  
Blue ribbon: Rylen Carpenter, Jaycee Hall

Level B  
Champion: Ethan Fifer (state fair)  
Reserve champion: Logan Fifer

Blue ribbon: Grant Clifton, Bailey Muhlenkamp

Level C  
Champion: Cody Jacobs (state fair)

Grand champion: Ethan Fifer  
Reserve grand champion: Logan Fifer

## Aquatic Science

Grand champion: Claire Skirvin

## Gift wrapping

Grand champion: Jordyn Hutzler (state fair)

## Recycling our environment

Grand champion: Kenzie Clayton

## Scrapbooking

Grand champion: Elizabeth Miller

## Collections

Beginner  
Champion: Kyler Morehous  
Reserve champion: Danielle Somers  
Blue ribbon: Bennett Betz, Drake Somers, Hadley Younts

Intermediate  
Champion: Jayme Harker  
Reserve champion: Camden Buckland  
Blue ribbon: Nicholas Somers

Advanced  
Champion: Cayden Buckland  
Reserve champion: Dominic Steveson

Grand champion: Cayden Buckland  
Reserve grand champion: Jayme Harker

## Crops

Hay and forages  
Division 1  
Champion: Benton Langenkamp  
Reserve champion: Kyler Morehous  
Blue ribbon: Khloe Homan, Kinze Homan

Division 2  
Champion: Allie Westfall  
Reserve champion: Dustin Muhlenkamp  
Blue ribbon: Ty Paxson

Grand champion: Allie Westfall  
Reserve grand champion: Benton Langenkamp

Soybeans  
Grand champion: Dustin Muhlenkamp

## Lego

Beginner  
Champion: Reece Brockman  
Reserve champion: Draven Current  
Blue ribbon: Caleb Grile, Khloe Homan, Alexa Jones, Carter May, Cade Muhlenkamp, Piper Wagner, Jonas Westfall

Intermediate  
Champion: Asher Swaffer

Reserve champion: Jayme Harker  
Blue ribbon: Skye Kennedy, Ava May

Advanced  
Champion: Ty Paxson

Grand champion: Ty Paxson  
Reserve grand champion: Reece Brockman

## Reading

Grand champion: Ava May

## Small animal

Grand champion: Gracie Rowles  
Reserve grand champion: Claire Skirvin

## Welding

Junior  
Champion: Jay Carter  
Reserve champion: Benton Langenkamp  
Blue ribbon: Logan Fifer, Kyler Morehous

Senior  
Champion: Kevin Dues  
Reserve champion: Isaac Roessner  
Blue ribbon: Evelyn Carter, Rose Carter, Keegan Cavanaugh, McKayla Jones, Kent Siegrist, Cole Steed

Grand champion: Kevin Dues  
Reserve grand champion: Isaac Roessner

## Achievement

Grand champion: Ty Paxson  
Reserve grand champion: Madi Paxson

## Horse and pony poster

Grand champion: McKayla Jones

## Herb

Basil  
Champion: Gabi Miller  
Blue ribbon: Claire Skirvin

Sage  
Blue ribbon: Piper Wagner

## Potato

Champion: Kyler Morehous

## Single vegetable

Beans  
White ribbon: Gabi Miller

Kohlrabi  
Champion: Kazlynn Morehous

Peas  
Blue ribbon: Gabi Miller

Peppers (bell)  
Champion: Alexa Jones

Peppers (banana)  
Blue ribbon: Gabi Miller

Grand champion: Alexa Jones  
Reserve grand champion: Kazlynn Morehous

## Tomato plate

Red ribbon: Gabi Miller

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She confirmed Friday the town's attorney, John Brooke, will send a letter to Barber outlining the town's expectations for the building moving forward. "All these buildings really need some TLC, and if you don't keep up on them, this is what you get," said Beatty. "It's just a sad situation to see all of our structures that were once so beautiful in town (in this state)," she added. Town marshal Zach Moser pointed to Redkey's unsafe building ordinance, which mirrors Indiana state law. Whether Barber is cited with an ordinance violation depends on what happens to the building in the next few weeks, he added.

Barber's stepson, Ryan Sutton, cleared debris from the sidewalks around the structure Friday. "Our big thing now is getting the building safe so nobody gets hurt," said Barber. He plans to begin additional cleaning next week, with portions of the west and north side of the building that are not structurally sound expected to be taken down. Barber also plans to have a structural engineer evaluate the structure and determine if it's able to be restored. If not, it will be demolished. "(We're) hoping we can save it for the community, because the building is such a staple," he said.



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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT MIGHT ONE CALL A POLICE OFFICER WHO IS MAINTAINING ORDER IN AN ICE RINK? A SKATE TROOPER.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals G

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Implement inquiries

- 1) What tractor company founder was born in Rutland, Vermont?
2) In addition to the U.S., what tractor brand was produced in Cork, Ireland, and Dagenham, England?

(2) John Deere

8-19 CRYPTOQUIP

NU WBM DYZNIL CWMLP
DCRRYVYK WM DYCJ PMLYWDNVA
JYCZZG UIVVG, DMB LNADW

WDYG JYPRMVK? "DY DY!"
Saturday's Cryptoquip: AS THE HOUR CAME WHEN THE BOXING MATCH WAS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN, I EXCLAIMED, "IT'S A BOUT TIME!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals H

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to business. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 18 = T)

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to business.
TBUSEGD

Guess Who?
I am an actor born in New York on August 17, 1943. I started acting in school at the age of 10. My first movie roll came at age 20. I became a legendary actor, winning two Academy Awards. I'm known for my frequent collaborations with director Martin Scorsese.

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Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.

WORLD FACT
THIS POPULAR SPORT PLAYED WITH A BALL AND CLUBS IS BELIEVED TO HAVE ORIGINATED IN ST. ANDREWS, SCOTLAND IN 1552.

How they SAY that in...
ENGLISH: Ball
SPANISH: Pelota
ITALIAN: Palla
FRENCH: Balle
GERMAN: Ball

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Double Word Puzzle
Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY
1492: CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ARRIVES IN THE CANARY ISLANDS ON HIS FIRST VOYAGE TO THE NEW WORLD.

New Word
PAR
the number of strokes a skilled golfer should need to complete a hole

DOWN TO BIZ WORD SEARCH
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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Triumph of mind over matter
North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.
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North East South West
Pass Pass 1 Pass
3 Pass 4 NT Pass
5 Pass 6
Opening lead — queen of spades.
One important trait of a good declarer is the ability to adapt to new developments as they occur.
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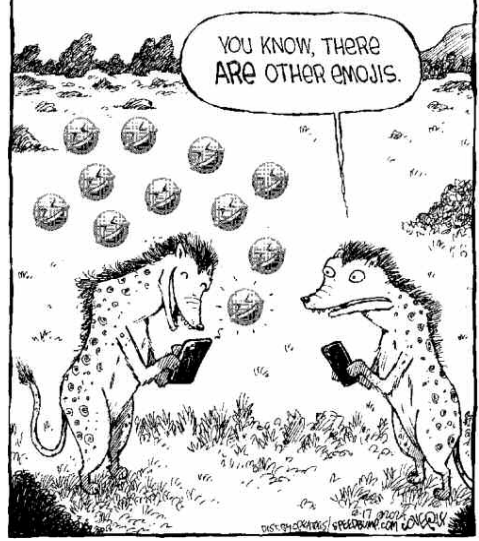
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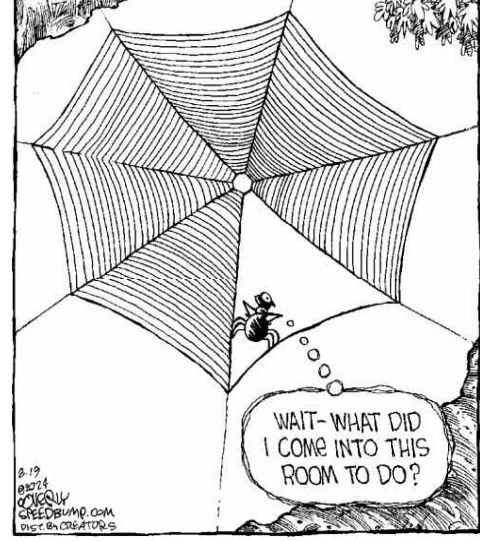
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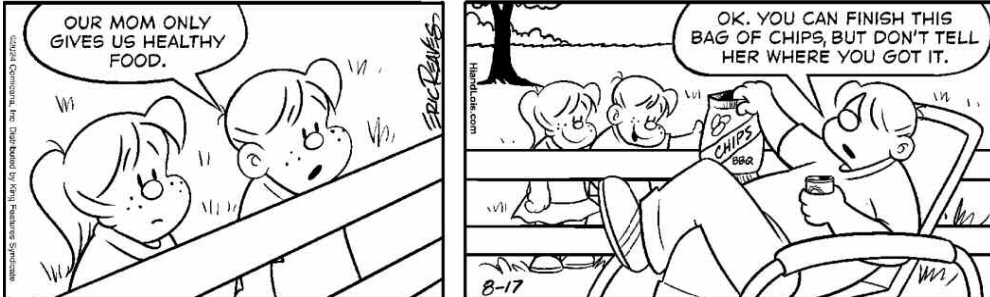
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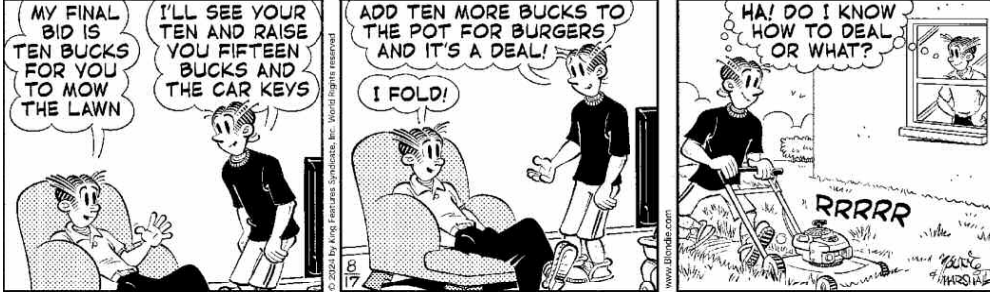
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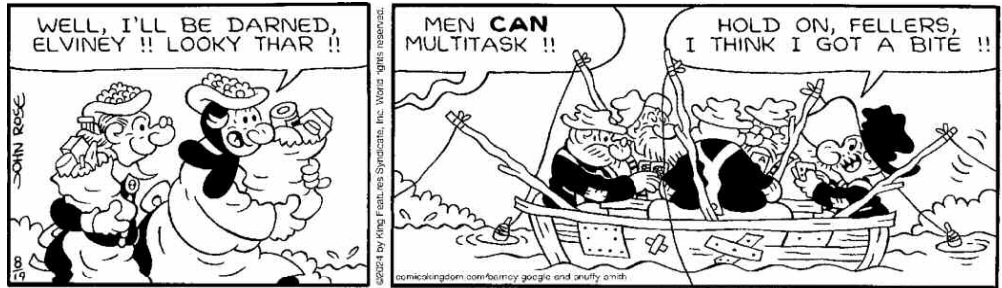
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# College Football Playoff committee tweaks protocol

By CHIP TOWERS

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution  
Tribune News Service

ATHENS, Ga. — The College Football Playoff management committee is doing what it can to make sure conference championship games remain relevant.

That group met in Texas this week for the first time in advance of the 2024 season and immediately set about tweaking its formula for the expanded 12-team format that will be instituted this season. Automatic qualifier spots will be reserved

## Committee wants conference championship games to remain relevant in 12-team playoff

for the “five highest-ranked conference champions.”

Previously, four spots were reserved for “conference champions” without further designation.

The change was initiated in an effort to “emphasize the importance of winning that

(conference) title,” according to CFP spokesman Brett Daniels.

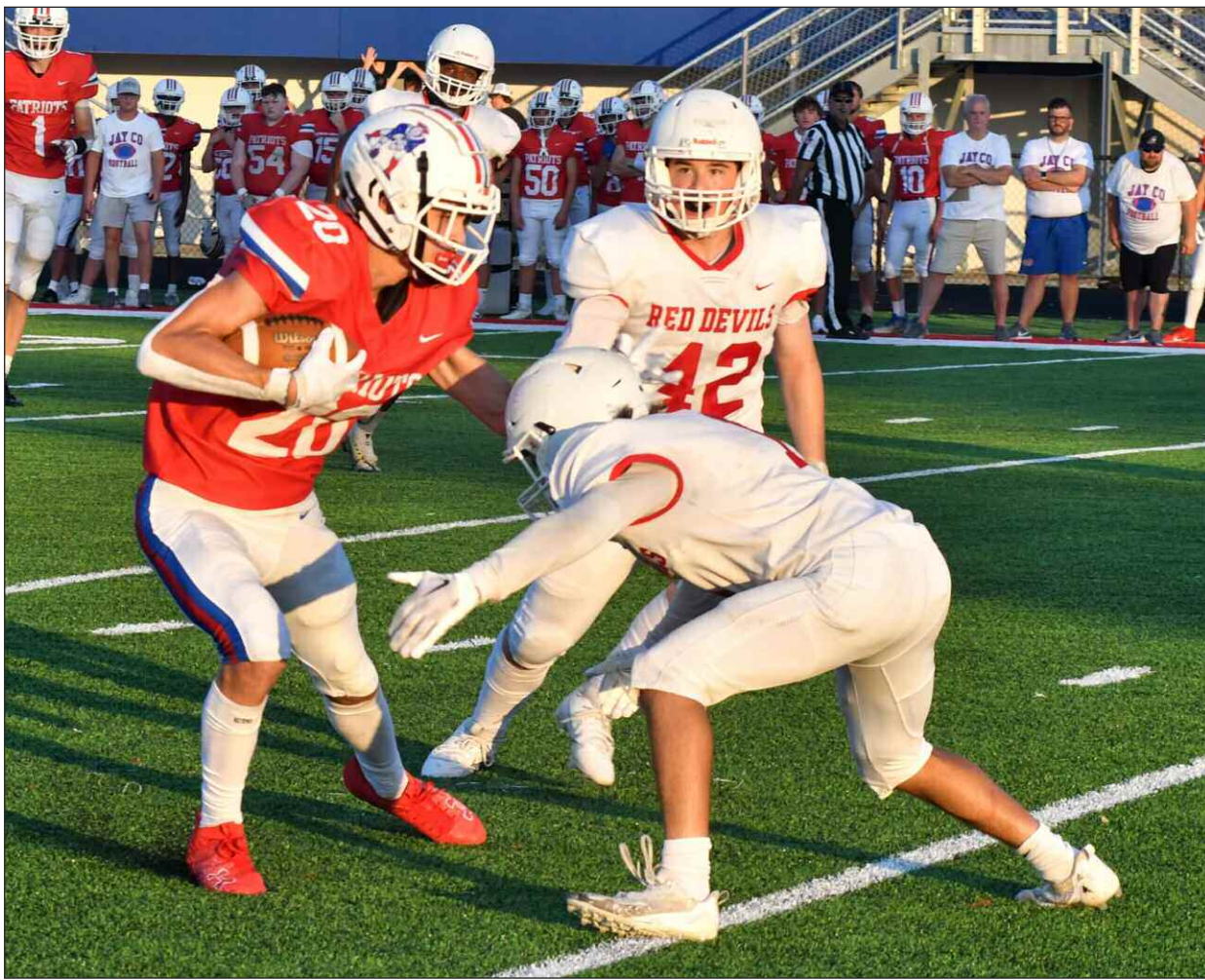
“Because that recognition is now embedded into the process, it was decided to remove the conference champion designation as a selection criterion when serving as a tiebreaker between comparable teams.”

The Georgia Bulldogs hope to be in the mix when the first CFP selection committees first rankings of the year are revealed Nov. 5. Winners of the 2021 and 2022 CFP championships, the Bulldogs open the 2024 season ranked No. 1 in both the Associated Press’s media poll and the coaches’ poll conducted by USA Today. Georgia also opened the 2023 season ranked first in both polls, but missed the four-team playoff after suffering its only loss of the year to Alabama in the SEC championship game.

The CFP’s final Top 25 rankings that will determine the 12-team playoff will be announced Dec. 8, the day after all the conference champions are concluded. The CFP Championship game will be hosted by and played at Mercedes-Benz Stadium on Jan. 20.

The selection committee this week approved the release dates of weekly rankings, all of which will be broadcast on ESPN.

They are: 7-8 p.m. Nov. 5, 9-9:30 p.m. Nov. 12; 7-8 p.m. Nov. 19; 8-9 p.m. Nov. 26; 7-7:30 p.m. Dec. 3; and noon-4 p.m. Dec. 8.



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## First reception

Jay County High School senior Benson Ward braces for impact after completing a catch in Friday’s scrimmage against Richmond. Ward is the leading receiver returning for the Patriots. He went for 212 yards on 13 receptions for four touchdowns last year.

## Richardson ...

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“I was like, ‘Alright, throw the ball to him.’ And, you know, it worked.”

An incompletion intended for Alec Pierce followed before the next big play came from the Cardinals’ defense.

Pierce beat the coverage deep into the end zone, and Richardson delivered a very catchable ball, but Arizona interfered and drew a drive-boosting flag.

That put the ball at the 7-yard line, and Richardson sprinted into the end zone on the next snap to cap another impressive late-practice drive.

Throughout the summer, Richardson has performed better in full-team situations than in one-on-one and seven-on-seven drills.

The closer practice is to simulating game situations, the more the quarterback seems to shine.

He completed 65.6% of his passes (82-of-125) during the 12 practices at Grand Park Sports Campus with nine passing touchdowns, five rushing touchdowns and three interceptions.

“I guess I can say it’s a little bit more realistic,” Richardson said of his full-team success. “I got guys trying to tackle me in

the pocket. I got linebackers that gotta respect the run from time to time.

“So I guess just having realistic reps, that makes me feel a little better, but I’m still working as a passer.”

A light rain started during warm-ups, but heavier rainfall began as the teams went into one-on-one passing drills.

Richardson tore through the early sessions, throwing touchdown passes to Pittman, Mitchell and rookie wide receiver Anthony Gould on his first three attempts.

But, as the setting moved to 11-on-11 for the first time, the weather began to play havoc with the offense.

Pittman couldn’t pull in the first pass attempt, and Richardson fumbled the next two shotgun snaps. After an incompletion over the middle to Pierce Richardson pulled a glove onto his throwing hand between drills.

The early results in the next seven-on-seven period were encouraging — including a pair of touchdown passes to Pierce — before the scoring drive capped his practice.

“I didn’t want to take (the glove) off, man,” Richardson said. “It definitely went up a little bit once I got this magical thing on my hand.”

## ESPN fires Griffin III, Ponder

By DAVID MATTHEWS

New York Daily News  
Tribune News Service

ESPN has reportedly fired football analyst Robert Griffin III and “Sunday NFL Countdown” host Samantha Ponder in a stunning shakeup designed to cut significant costs.

Both on-air personalities had been earning over seven figures and were still under contract with the network when they were informed of the decision Thursday morning.

ESPN’s parent company, Walt Disney, is said to have made the cuts before the conclusion of the current financial quarter at the end of September.

The cuts do not appear to have affected any other on-air talent.

Ponder only hosted the network’s flagship NFL preview show during football season and was off the rest of the year. She replaced Chris Berman as host in 2017.

Griffin had previously been demoted

from “Monday Night Countdown” when the network hired retired Eagles star Jason Kelce in April. He also worked as an in-booth analyst during college football broadcasts and appeared on studio NFL panels.

Griffin, a former NFL quarterback and Heisman winner, seemed to cryptically refer to the news earlier on Thursday before posting a clip from the comedy film “Friday” in which John Witherspoon asks Ice Cube how he was fired from his job on his day off.

His wife, Grete Griffin, also responded to the news on social media.

“When a window closes, a door will open,” she posted on X.

It’s unclear when either Griffin or Ponder will be free to pursue broadcast jobs on rival networks. The new NFL season kicks off Sept. 5.

ESPN has tightened its belt several times in recent years. Jeff Van Gundy, Suzy Kolber and Jalen Rose were fired by the network last June.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Boys tennis at Trojan Kickoff Duals — 9 a.m.; Cross Country at Warsaw — 9 a.m.  
Fort Recovery — Volleyball at Russia — 10 a.m.

**Monday**  
Jay County — Girls golf at Anderson — 5 p.m.; Boys tennis vs. Madison-Grant — 5 p.m.; Girls soccer at Richmond — 6 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Girls golf vs. New Bremen — 4:30 p.m.; Boys golf at New Bremen — 4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Jay County — Girls golf vs. Adams Central — 4:30 p.m.; Boys tennis at Alexandria-Monroe — 5 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Madison-Grant — 6 p.m.; Boys soccer vs. Muncie Central — 6 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Volleyball (including freshmen) at St. Marys Memorial — 5:30 p.m.; Cross Country at Mercer County Invite at Marion Township Park — 5 p.m.; Middle school volleyball vs. Versailles — 5 p.m.; Middle school cross country at Mercer County Invite at Marion Township Park — 5 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
**Saturday**  
7:30 a.m. — Premier League: Liverpool at Ipswich Town (USA)  
10 a.m. — Premier League: Wolverhampton Wanderers at Arsenal (USA)  
12 p.m. — NFL preseason: Atlanta Falcons at Baltimore Ravens (ABC)  
12:30 p.m. — Premier League: Aston Villa at West Ham United (NBC)  
1 p.m. — PGA Tour: FedEx St. Jude Championship (NBC)  
1 p.m. — Horse racing: Saratoga Live (FS1)  
1:20 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: FireKeepers Casino 400 (USA)  
3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Cabo Wabo 250 (USA)  
3:30 p.m. — Premier League: Barcelona at Valencia (USA)  
4 p.m. — NFL preseason: Detroit

Lions at Kansas City Chiefs (FOX)  
4 p.m. — WNBA: New York Liberty at Las Vegas Aces (CBS)  
6:15 p.m. — IndyCar: Bommarito Automotive Group 500 (USA)  
6:40 p.m. — MLB: Kansas City Royals at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)  
7 p.m. — NFL preseason: Washington Commanders at Miami Dolphins (CBS); Buffalo Bills at Pittsburgh Steelers (ABC); Seattle Seahawks at Tennessee Titans (NBC)  
7:15 p.m. — MLB: Cleveland Guardians at Milwaukee Brewers (FOX)  
8 p.m. — UFC fighting (ESPN)  
10 p.m. — NFL preseason: Dallas Cowboys at Las Vegas Raiders (FOX)

**Sunday**  
9 a.m. — Premier League: Crystal Palace at Brentford (USA)  
11:30 a.m. — Premier League: Manchester City at Chelsea (NBC)  
12 p.m. — PGA Tour: FedEx St. Jude Championship (NBC)  
1 p.m. — Athletes Unlimited softball: Team Purple vs. Team Blue (ESPN2)  
1:40 p.m. — MLB: Kansas City Royals at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)  
2:15 p.m. — ARCA Menards Series: Illinois (FS1)  
2:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: FireKeepers Casino 400 (USA)  
3 p.m. — BIG3 basketball (CBS)  
3:30 p.m. — WNBA: Seattle Storm at Indiana Fever (ABC)  
7:10 p.m. — MLB: New York Yankees at Detroit Tigers (ESPN)  
8 p.m. — NFL preseason: New Orleans Saints at San Francisco 49ers (FOX)

**Monday**  
11 a.m. — U.S. Open tennis (ESPN2)  
3 p.m. — Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur at Leicester City (USA)  
7:07 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Toronto Blue Jays (Bally Indiana)  
9:40 p.m. — MLB: Minnesota Twins at San Diego Padres (FS1)

**Tuesday**  
11 a.m. — U.S. Open tennis (ESPN2)  
7 p.m. — WNBA: Dallas Wings at New York Liberty (FOX)

7:07 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Toronto Blue Jays (Bally Indiana)

### Local notes

**Next up**  
The Adams Memorial/Keckionga Greenway Gallop 5K is the next race in the Adams County Challenge Series.  
The race will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24. It will begin at Riverside Center in Decatur at 4:30 p.m.  
The races cost \$25. Registration can be found at [adamscounty5kchallenge.com](http://adamscounty5kchallenge.com).  
For more information contact Linda Morris at (260) 724-2604.

**Season tickets for sale**  
Jay County High School began selling season tickets Monday, July 22. Tickets can be purchased during office hours from 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
The Patriot Pass and Senior Patriot Pass (for those 65-and-older) cover all high school and junior high events. The former costs \$105 while the latter is \$60.  
For just high school events, High School Adult Super Tickets (\$80) and Senior Super Tickets for those 65-and-older (\$45) are available. Junior High Super Tickets are available for \$60.  
Also available are a Pre-Paid Sports Pass, good for 12 games at \$50, boys basketball season passes for \$50 and football season passes for \$25.

**Classic set**  
The 11th Annual Adams Health Foundation Golf Classic is set to be held on Sept. 13 at Wabash Valley Golf Club.  
Teams of four can participate for \$400, with tee times at either 7:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.  
Included are an 18-hole round of golf, a best, non-alcoholic beverages, a cooler bag and lunch.  
All proceeds go to school healthcare scholarships and community health. For more information, contact Kim Trombley by emailing [kim.trombley@adamshealthnetwork.org](mailto:kim.trombley@adamshealthnetwork.org) or by calling (260) 724-2145 ext. 13062.

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# Sports

## LeFevre powers Indians to win over Panthers

The Indians wanted to take a perfect Midwest Athletic Conference record into their match against Minster on Aug. 22.

They took care of the Marion Local Flyers without any problems, and their win against the Panthers put them one step closer.

The Fort Recovery High School boys golf team took down the Parkway Panthers 161-172 Thursday at Portland Golf Club.

Reece LeFevre led the way for the Indians (4-1, 2-0 MAC) with a 2-over-par 37. The junior made par six times in the match and birdied the 520-yard, par-5 14th hole.

Parkway's top score of 41 came from both Eli Schumm and Rylan Lyons.

Eli Lennartz had the second-best score of the match with a 40. He chipped in on the 14th for a birdie and earned a second on the 348-yard, par-4 10th hole.

The final two scores came from Keegan Muhlenkamp and Drew Backs, as both finished with 42 strokes. Both golfers made par three times and Muhlenkamp added a birdie on the 12th hole, a 498-yard, par-5.

Mason Diller's 43 and Caleb Smith's 44 didn't impact the final.

FRHS will face New Bremen on Monday before hosting the reigning MAC champions.

### Snow leads

NEW HAVEN — Jay County's girls golf team came up eight strokes short of the Woodlan

### Local roundup

Warriors, as they fell 212-220 at Whispering Creek Golf Club on Thursday.

Maddy Snow's 46 earned her match medalist honors. A birdie on the 15th ended up as the highlight of her round, supported by a par on the 11th and four bogeys.

Woodlan's Paige Wylie finished just one stroke short of Snow to lead the Warriors with a 47.

Brooklynn Bright contributed the second-best score of the day for Jay County (1-1, 1-1 Allen County Athletic Conference) with a 52. Bright's round included four bogeys on holes No. 11, 14, 15 and 16.

Erin Aker earned a new career best of 58 and made her second bogey of the season on the 11th.

Bailey Towell had a rough day, rounding out the team score with a 64.

Jaycee Rowels' round of 66 did not affect the final score.

### Tribe stays perfect

CELINA, Ohio — The Fort Recovery girls golf team stayed perfect in Midwest Athletic Conference play Thursday, taking down the Parkway Panthers 215-242.



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Fort Recovery High School senior Keegan Muhlenkamp chips out from under a tree on the 15th hole at Portland Golf Club on Thursday. Muhlenkamp shot a 42 as the Indians took down Parkway 161-172.

Fort Recovery's scores dipped a bit after a hot stretch, as all five golfers finished above 50, but with Parkway only having one girl shoot better than 65 — Shay Boroff had a 42 to earn match medalist honors — the Indians (4-2, 2-0 MAC) weren't in risk of their first MAC loss.

Emma Will produced the Indians' best score for the third time this season. Her round of 51 ended as the second-best score of the match.

Georgia Wenning continued to play well out of the No. 5 spot, shooting a 53.

Wenning has scored for the

Indians in every match this season. Mallory Evers ended right behind the junior with 54 strokes.

The final score came from Olivia Knapke with a 57.

Scores of 59 and 63 from Eva Kahlig and Evvie Briner didn't play into the final score.



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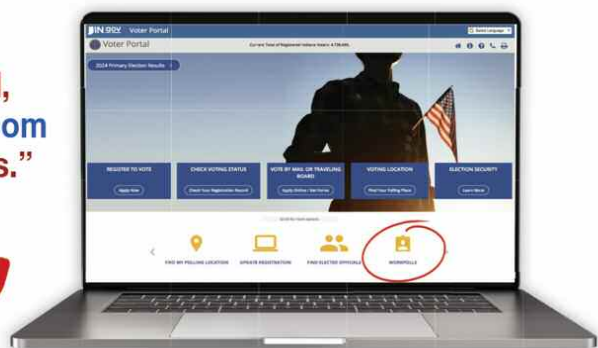
### On the move

Garrett Bennett of the Jay County High School football team fights to stay in bounds and upright while a pair of Richmond defenders try to take him down during Friday's scrimmage. The Patriots have six days before the 2024 season opens up at Blackford on Friday.



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## Richardson again finishes practice strong

By **GEORGE BREMER**  
The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)  
Tribune News Service

WESTFIELD — The Grand Park portion of training camp came to a wet conclusion Thursday under torrential rainfall.

But Indianapolis Colts quarterback Anthony Richardson made sure the fans went home happy for the second straight practice.

Richardson capped a two-minute drill against the Arizona Cardinals' first-team defense with a 7-yard touchdown run, punctuating the score by spinning the ball in the end zone as the crowd roared its approval.

The first-team offense ended Wednesday's practice with a six-play, 75-yard touchdown drive — emphasizing the 22-year-old's success with tempo.

"I think that's one of his strengths — when we play fast," Colts head coach Shane Steichen said. "Whether it's two-minute drill or on-ball stuff, he handles that really well."

Thursday's drive lasted five plays — including a defensive penalty — and cov-

ered roughly 75 yards in what felt like an instant.

Richardson opened the drive with a 10-yard completion to veteran wide receiver Michael Pittman Jr. before completing a throw over the middle to rookie Adonai Mitchell that covered nearly 30 yards.

That was the play that stood out to Steichen.

"To hit that bender down the middle to AD right there in that two-minute drive was huge," Steichen said. "That was a big chunk play that we needed in that situation."

It was the result of some traits Richardson has grown with in his second season — improvisation and full comfort with the offensive scheme.

"Necessarily, I'm supposed to work to the boundary (in that two-minute situation) because it's easier, easier to throw, and then the timing on the clock," he said. "You want to make sure you can get enough space so you can get out of bounds. I just looked to the left and I seen AD in the slot, and I just seen a bunch of green grass."

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