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2024 Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show



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Business was booming Friday at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show in Portland. Folks from different parts of the country as well as local families visited Jay County Fairgrounds, walking or driving golf carts around the grounds to look at antique engines and tractors, peruse items available to purchase or sell their own wares. The show, which started Aug. 21, concludes today.

Pictured above, John Hughes of Texas marks prices on his merchandise with green duct tape Friday morning near Floral Hall.

At left, two 1915 F.E. Myers pumps powered by a 1930 John Deere — the mechanism is owned by Marvin Rees — pour water into a basin Friday afternoon at the fairgrounds.

For more pictures from Friday at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show, see page 5.

Truck struck Meridian project worker

Fort Wayne man was directing traffic at High Street

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

A rural Portland man hit a construction worker with his truck Friday.

Christopher Winget, 26, Fort Wayne, sustained scrapes on his elbows and complained of pain on his left thigh after the accident.

Donald Brown, 73, was driving his 2003 Ford F-150 south on Meridian Street (U.S. 27) in Portland near the intersection with High Street when his vehicle struck Winget, who had been directing traffic around ongoing construction along the curb.

Brown told police he wasn't able to see Winget.

Winget told police he instructed Brown to stop. He thought Brown had seen him when he turned to signal eastbound traffic to begin moving.

Brown's vehicle struck Winget, who was transported to IU Health Jay for further evaluation.

Damage to Brown's vehicle is estimated at less than \$1,000.

More site monitoring approved for Sheller

IDEM did not OK proposal for 'plume two'

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

The city approved additional environmental work for the former Sheller-Globe site.

More will be coming. Portland Board of Works on Friday OK'd a \$12,200 contract with IWM Consulting of Fort Wayne for work at the industrial site on the west side of Bridge Street on Portland's south side.

The contract covers utility clearance, well abandoning and other items regarding "plume one" at the site. It also involves quarterly monitoring for a two-year period.

Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) approved those plans for environmental mitigation.

The state agency, however, did not approve the city's proposal for mitigating "plume two."

IWM will put together a new plan, which will then need to be submitted to IDEM for approval before moving forward.

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Council, marshal spar in meeting

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

REDKEY — Tensions are bubbling between police and council.

Redkey Town Council discussed taking disciplinary measures against town marshal Zach Moser but took no action during a meeting Thursday. It also agreed to move forward with amending its animal ordinance and expressed issues with ongoing gas line work.

Council held an executive session July 29 regarding employee job performance evaluations. Council president Brenda Beaty said Moser "blew a gasket" at Redkey Town Hall and used foul language in front of clerk-treasurer Gloria May and her assistant, Billie Hammond.

Motion to remove Moser died for lack of a second

Regarding his use of foul language, Moser explained his actions stemmed from what he said is a violation of Indiana Data and Communications System protocol. He accused Beaty of stealing the keys to his office. Beaty responded that she did not steal the keys, saying she had permission from Moser — he disagreed — and had planned to make copies of the other office keys.

Beaty also accused Moser of smoking in his police vehicle, which she said would damage police equipment. She showed a picture to those in attendance in which she said Moser could be seen smoking in his police car. Beaty noted Moser has been asked not to smoke in the town's vehicle but has continued to do so. Moser responded, saying he has not been smoking in the car. (He later

admitted that he does vape, although he didn't clarify whether he does so in his police vehicle.)

"Well, since we're going to bring up me, I'm going to bring up you," said Moser, walking to the front of the room and tossing a binder with his department's standard operating procedure on the floor.

Moser has been taking his police vehicle back to his home after work. He's also been driving his children to and from Redkey Elementary School in his police vehicle each day, which has stirred some concerns from council members regarding insurance in the case of an accident.

He argued that having his police vehicle at his

home allows him to respond significantly faster to calls while off duty. He also read aloud town policy, which states: "Redkey Police Department Officers shall not conduct Civilian ride-alongs while on or off duty; Redkey Police Department Officers shall not permit Civilian ride-alongs while on or off duty; Redkey Police Department Officers may allow Civilians ride-along in their Patrol Vehicle: When providing short distance transportation from one point to another."

Moser said he lives 5 miles outside of Redkey, arguing that should be classified as short distance transportation.

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Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 81 degrees Friday. The high will be in the mid 80s today under partly cloudy skies. The low will be in the upper 60s. Expect mostly sunny skies

Sunday with a high in the upper 80s. The high will climb into the lower 90s under mostly sunny skies Monday. See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review

Portland Municipal Airport and the American Legion Riders are hosting their pancake breakfast and fly-in from 6 to 10:30 a.m. today. Flights are being offered for \$20 per person from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also, Goodfolk & O'Tymes Biplane Rides is offering rides in open-air 1929 and 1930 biplanes for \$80 from 9 a.m. until dark.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from the JCHS cross country teams at the Celina Rotary Invitational.

Wednesday — Coverage of next week's Dunkirk City Council meeting.

Thursday — Results from the Jay County volleyball match against Winchester.



Capsule Reports

Intersection accident

A Portland woman complained of leg pain after a New Castle woman failed to yield to oncoming traffic at the intersection of Arch and Meridian streets, causing an accident about 5:40 p.m. Thursday.

Cloey Weesner, 22, Portland, was driving her 2017 Chevrolet Traverse north on Meridian Street and passing through its intersection with Arch Street. A 2014 Volkswagen Golf driven by 20-year-old Breanna S. Shults

drove into her path, causing Weesner's vehicle to strike Shults' car. (Traffic on Arch Street stops at the intersection — traffic on Meridian Street does not stop.)

Shults' vehicle was towed. Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Turning accident

A Portland woman crashed the car she was driving into a Pennville woman's vehicle at the intersection of county road 100

North and U.S. 27 about 9:56 a.m. Thursday.

Cristey E. Adair, 66, was driving a 1991 Buick Regal along county road 100 North. As she turned south at the intersection with U.S. 27, she struck a northbound 2009 Jeep Liberty driven by 25-year-old Anastasia N. Thayer of Pennville.

Adair was cited for driving without a license.

The vehicle she was driving is registered to Gloria Hicks of Geneva, and it was towed.

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Backing crash

A Portland woman backed her car into another Portland woman's vehicle at the intersection of Franklin and Votaw streets in Portland about 7:20 p.m. Thursday.

Genara Martinez, 57, Portland, was driving her 2012 Chevrolet Impala along Franklin Street near its intersection with Votaw Street. Fay K. Bird, 63, Portland,

was driving her 1993 Ford Ranger behind Martinez. Bird told police Martinez began to turn onto Votaw Street but changed course because of oncoming traffic, causing Martinez to back up and crash into Bird's car.

Martinez was cited with driving without a license, failing to carry a certificate of registration and operating a vehicle without financial responsibility. Her vehicle was towed.

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

CR almanac

Sunday 8/25	Monday 8/26	Tuesday 8/27	Wednesday 8/28	Thursday 8/29
86/69	92/70	94/69	91/63	88/65
Sunday's forecast shows mostly cloudy skies, with the high around 86.	More sun is on the horizon for Monday, when the high will be in the 90s.	Sunny skies and hot temperatures are forecasted for Tuesday.	Wednesday's forecast calls for sunny skies with a high in the low 90s.	There's a slight chance of thunderstorms Thursday. Otherwise, mostly sunny.

Lotteries

Hoosier
Midday
Daily Three: 4-5-1
Daily Four: 9-1-1-6
Quick Draw: 1-2-4-6-10-11-12-14-18-23-33-36-38-40-44-57-66-71-72-74

Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$34 million

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$535 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery	Sept. beans9.28 Wheat4.78
Corn.....3.38 Sept. corn3.43 Wheat4.03	ADM Montpelier
POET Biorefining Portland	Corn.....3.39 Sept. corn3.39 Beans.....9.58 Sept. beans9.58 Wheat4.59
Corn.....3.40 Sept. corn3.51 Oct. corn3.46	Heartland St. Anthony
The Andersons Richland Township	Corn.....3.33 Sept. corn3.36 Beans.....9.43 Sept. beans9.23 Wheat4.32
Corn3.43 Sept. corn3.43 Beans.....9.38	

Today in history

In 79, Italy's Mount Vesuvius erupted. The volcano destroyed the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum.

In 1682, William Penn was awarded a deed to the "Three Lower Counties" that now make up Delaware from the Duke of York. The area had been recently acquired by the British from the Dutch.

In 1821, the Treaty of Cordoba gave Mexico its independence from Spain.

In 1857, the failure of the New York branch of the Ohio Life Insurance and Trust Company sparked financial panic.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart took off on a flight from Los Angeles. When she landed a day later in Newark, New Jersey, she became the first woman to complete

a solo nonstop flight across the country.

In 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) became a reality four months after a treaty signing.

In 1972, A fire at a dump owned by Joe Mumby on Jaqua Avenue in Portland caught fire, with thick, black smoke — it was accompanied by a stench — hovering over Portland. It took firefighters more than three hours to douse the fire.

In 2021, the Jay County High School girls golf team shot 230 at Celina Lynx Golf Club to defeat Allen County Athletic Conference rivals Adams Central (236) and South Adams (238). Janae Jacobs paced the Patriots with her round of 54. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.
4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
5:30 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board executive session, Jay County Country Living, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland.
6 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, Jay County Country Living, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland.

6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Tuesday
5 p.m. — Portland Economic Development Income Tax Advisory Committee, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland.

Wednesday
5 p.m. — Jay County Redevelopment Commission, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St.
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Felony arrests

Theft

A rural Salamonina woman was arrested Wednesday for theft. Emily E. Schlosser, 21, 5739 E. 400 South, is

charged in Jay Superior Court with three Level 6 felonies for theft.

She was being held on a \$300 bond in Jay County Jail.

Unlawful possession

A Dunkirk man was arrested Wednesday for unlawful possession of a syringe. Robert O. Patterson, 55,

501 N. Main St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony.

He was released from Jay County Jail on a \$3,000 bond.

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He also pointed to emails from a representative of the town's insurance, which say: "There is nothing that excludes others (from coverage) for riding in the city vehicles. However, there are a few key points that needs to be addressed regarding others riding in city vehicles: 1. The carrier expects that all municipalities follow their SOP's and handbooks ... (and) It could lower your limits of liability that is available to the town if involved in an accident."

Beaty said in the executive session that town attorney John Brooke recommended Moser write up new policies to "have them changed."

"I don't need to change that part, I am following policy," he responded, accusing Beaty of targeting him. "Did you follow policy by talking to the girls like that? Did you follow policy by smoking in the car?" retorted Beaty.

After more discussion, Beaty asked council members for their decision regarding Moser's actions. "Watermelon" Jim Phillips made a motion to relieve Moser of his duties.

Resident and firefighter Mark Leavell then spoke up, referencing a past council meeting.

"Keep in mind, you guys are complaining about his attitude and his language, I sat in this very room and watched you guys up here scream and holler for 30 minutes," he said. "So, whatever's good for one, has to be good for the other."

Chaos quickly ensued, with those in the crowd and council talking at the same time. After more discussion, Beaty asked other council members what they would like to do regarding Moser. They did not second Phillips' motion, and the motion died.

In other business, council discussed concerns about Miller

Pipeline's installation of new gas lines in town.

Utility worker Ted Kolodka explained one of the company's crews in town is installing gas lines on top of wastewater lines and next to water mains. He pointed out this will cause issues with repairs and replacement in the future, suggesting council require the new gas lines to be at least 2 feet away from utility lines.

He and Beaty mentioned other concerns, including:

- Tossing dirt and trash into the town's dump, with Kolodka suggesting a \$75 dumping fee

- Damage to the streets, with Beaty suggesting requiring the company resurface streets that have three or more cuts

Beaty shared hopes for council to meet with Miller Pipeline representatives soon to discuss their concerns.

Council members also agreed to move forward with amending the town's animal ordinance.

Council member Gavin Grady — he has approached council multiple teams in years past asking for chickens to be allowed in town — asked council to amend one word in the ordinance, making it so ordinance states that residents may not keep roosters on their property. He said he believed that would allow residents to keep hens.

Beaty said the town needs to have rules laid out for residents if they are allowed to have chickens. Moser suggested tacking specifics onto the existing animal ordinance.

Beaty suggested tabling the matter until the next meeting. Council then agreed to move forward with the amendment, which Grady agreed to prepare for the next meeting.

In other business, council members Dave Dudelston, Floyd Life, Grady, Phillips and Beaty:

- Approved the following: repairing

SERVICES

Today

Brock, Kenny: 1 p.m., Millard Brown American Legion Post 156, 112 W. Green St., Montpelier.

Monday

Shaneyfelt, Esther: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Scott, Harry: 11 a.m., Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home, 2504 S. Virginia St., Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

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The city completed the sale of the property, 510 S. Bridge St., to Chad Fifer early this year. The sale stipulated that the city would retain responsibility for any existing environmental issues, including plumes one and two.

In other business, the board:

- Hired Portland resident Matt Arnold as a new employee for the street department.

- Approved a CDL repayment agreement for Dean Fogle, who resigned from the street department last week. He owes \$3,383.82 in repayment to the city for his CDL training. He will begin making monthly payments Oct. 1.

- OK'd a water bill adjustment of \$127.62 for 947 W. North St. because of a leak.



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Muncie hosting singing competition

There's a new event slated for this year's Fire Up DWNTWN in Muncie.

A singing competition, DWNTWN IDOL, has been added to this year's lineup for the summer festival Sept. 21. The competition will run from 6 to 8 p.m. on the Ball State University stage at the corner of Walnut and Main streets in Muncie. Competitors may sing in one of three event categories: group performance, soloists 18 years old or younger and soloists 18 years old or older. Winners will be selected from each category, and one will be crowned DWNTWN IDOL by the audience. The overall winner will receive \$500 and a trophy.

Competitors may choose from more than 60,000 songs on KaraFun in karaoke style before Sept. 9. Walk-ups will be welcome as time allows. To sign up, visit downtown-

Taking Note

muncie.org/fireup. To learn more, email Cheryl Crowder at cheryl@downtownmuncie.org.

Water seminar

Let's talk watersheds. Upper Wabash River Basin Commission is hosting a seminar at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Wells County Commerce & Visitors Centre, 211 W. Water St., Bluffton. The event will feature discussion about ground water, aquifers and regional water systems.

Speakers include research geologist Ginger Davis of Indiana University and Jack Wittman, vice

president and principal water resources hydrologist for environmental and water resource consulting firm INTERA.

Open house set

Indiana Department of Natural Resources' Division of Water will host a discussion about the state's water resources from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, at the Emery Lee Building in Alexandria.

The free event will feature DNR representatives sharing information regarding their work in floodplain management, floodplain mapping, water resource assessment and availability, water rights and use, dam and levee safety, watershed stewardship, floodway and lake permits and compliance. Those who attend will have the opportunity to

ask questions of the experts on hand.

For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov.

Festival is Sept. 7

The Swiss Heritage Festival at Swiss Heritage Village in Berne is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7.

The event will include games, building tours, reenactors, artisans, crafts and food vendors. The Hauenstein cider press will be in operation at 1 p.m., and both apple butter and cider will be available.

Swiss Heritage Village is located at 1200 Swissway Road, Berne.

Shows scheduled

Charles W. Brown Planetarium has a variety of shows scheduled for the fall semester.

Shows continue this

weekend and go through December.

Offerings include: Living Worlds — A journey through space and time to discover how life makes earth livable — 5 p.m. today, Aug. 30 and Aug. 31

Summer Skies Live — Learn how to navigate the night sky — 6:30 p.m. today, Aug. 30 and Aug. 31

Kitz the Cat's Super-Moon Adventure — Three cats work together to clean up space junk — 3:30 p.m. today, Aug. 31, and Sept. 14 and 21

Big Astronomy — A journey to three world-class observatories — 5 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 13 and 20, and Saturdays, Sept. 14 and 21

We Are Stars — Explore the secrets of cosmic chemistry — 6:30 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 13 and 20, and Saturdays, Sept. 14 and 21

Leadership event set

Ball State University's Fall 2024 Excellence in Leadership Speaking Series will feature super-acht captain Kelly J. Gordon.

The BSU graduate will speak at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 10 at Pruis Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

"Captain Gordon's journey from Ball State University to the high seas exemplifies the powerful impact of a Ball State education," said Olivia Vecchioli, assistant director for first-year transition and leadership programs in Ball State's Office of Student Life, in a press release. "We are thrilled to welcome her back to inspire our campus community by sharing her insights on leadership, and professional and personal growth."

Pregnant woman's partner backs out of trip

DEAR ABBY: Should I be mad at the father of my unborn child for not coming with me to travel out of the country? My cousin is being married in Mexico. However, my partner, "Gabriel," isn't going because one of his good friends is getting married the same weekend.

We found out only recently that I am pregnant, and by the time my cousin's wedding comes around, I'll be five months along. My family will be going, but they already booked their flights, which are now sold out, so I will have to travel pregnant and alone in Mexico.

The night I found out I was pregnant, Gabriel told me he would go with me, as he didn't want the mother of his unborn child to travel alone to a different

Dear Abby



country. However, as the wedding got closer, he said he no longer wants to go, as it will be expensive and he'd miss his friend's wedding.

Abby, am I wrong for being upset that he doesn't want to come with me? I think I'm more disappointed because I assumed he'd want to be protective in this situation, but it almost feels like he's choosing his friend over us. I know I am biased and my emo-

tions are high, but I really want to be level-headed about this and try to understand. — EXPECTANT TRAVELER IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR TRAVELER: Forgive me if this seems harsh, but what you should understand is your partner is self-centered and more concerned with the good time he will have with his buddy than he is about the soon-to-be mother of his child. This should be an indication of the kind of husband and father he may make if you plan to marry him.

That said, if your doctor says you are OK to travel, your family will be around to keep an eye on you, so you shouldn't be in danger. The independence you demonstrate

now may be necessary in whatever future you have with — or without — your partner.

DEAR ABBY: I can't understand why my mom kept the last name of her ex-husband (my stepfather), who sexually abused me and my sister as children. She knew all about it after I broke down and told her when I was 10. She stayed married to him for years afterward, with my sister and me in the house. Keeping that monster away from me was hell on earth.

Mom now has dementia, and I take good care of her. I made sure I had a good, healthy life and relationships, and also made sure to protect my child from abuse. I'm trying to not be angry, sad and damaged. I don't live

every day thinking about it. Am I too sensitive? — SURVIVOR IN INDIANA

DEAR SURVIVOR: Too sensitive? I don't think so. Considering the circumstances, your feelings are normal. I admire you for stepping up and making sure that your mother is well taken care of in spite of the fact that she didn't do that for you.

As a victim of sexual abuse, you should have received counseling years ago. If that didn't happen, it could benefit you greatly to get some now. A place to find what you need would be RAINN, the national sexual assault hotline, which can be reached online at rainn.org or by calling (toll-free) 800-656-4673.

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.

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 Fel-

lowship 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.

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.

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.

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

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.

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

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

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Elementary Schools
August 26 -30

Monday: Main Entrees: Toasted cheese sandwich, **Alternate Entrees:** Cereal, goldfish & yogurt fun lynch, buffalo popcorn chicken wrap **Sides for all meals:** Tater tots

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Doritos, nacho cheese tortilla chips, seasoned beef taco meat, shredded lettuce, shredded cheddar cheese **Alternate Entrees:** Cereal, goldfish & yogurt fun lynch, buffalo popcorn chicken wrap **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned refried beans

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Chicken nuggets, macaroni & cheese **Alternate Entrees:** Cereal, goldfish & yogurt fun lynch, buffalo popcorn chicken wrap **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned peas

Thursday: Main Entrees: Beef hot dog on whole wheat buns, creamy cheddar cheese cheddar sauce **Alternate Entrees:** Cereal, goldfish & yogurt fun lynch, buffalo popcorn chicken wrap **Sides for all meals:** French fries

Friday: Main Entrees: Classic cheese pizza **Alternate Entrees:** Cereal, goldfish & yogurt fun lynch, buffalo popcorn chicken wrap **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned corn

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Speech helped define Democrats

The Free Press
(Mankato, Minnesota)
Tribune News Service

In the biggest speech of his life, Gov. Tim Walz took to the Chicago stage Wednesday night and delivered a message that showed much more about who he is than offering a deep dive into policy.

And because of that, the speech will likely be a major boost to the campaign.

Walz delivered part standard stump speech and part “pep talk” as he noted, taking another metaphor from his high school coaching days. The teacher and coach spoke to the American people and they were listening. By latest count about

Guest Editorial

20 million people have been tuning into the Democratic National Convention compared to about 14 million for the Republican National Convention.

Walz’s popularity is more and more evident with each appearance, notable for a position that is normally the warm-up band. The governor on Wednesday hit all the key Democratic policy points like reproductive free-

dom, support for families, schools and children through things like free lunch and tax credits for working families.

Fellow Minnesotan Sen. Amy Klobuchar introduced Walz, leaning into such character traits as “coach Walz,” and the “dad in plaid,” National Guard veteran and a working-across-the-aisle congressman. Walz talked about neighborliness and values growing up in a small town.

Americans, even those young people who haven’t thought about voting, have quickly warmed up to their favorite uncle or former teacher.

Former members of his high school football championship

team showed up on stage. His family watched his speech, and as he referenced his family as his reason for being, the cameras turned to his 17-year-old son Gus, who was crying and shouting, “That’s my dad.”

The Walz family has explained that Gus has a non-verbal disorder, ADHD and anxiety disorder. Instead of seeing his condition as a setback, they say they’ve focused on how he can build a successful life.

All of this demonstrates that the Democratic ticket includes a person with lived experiences recognizable by almost every American. Somehow, policy differences on taxes and other things don’t seem as important.

Walz admitted a little trepidation on this big stage, but as his speech rose he began drawing energy and courage from the people in the audience as they cheered wildly.

Gus’s emotional response to his dad went viral on social media and further built the Walz fan base.

Real leaders draw strength from the people they represent and Walz has said his students encouraged him to run for Congress.

It’s hard to fake who you are. And as many who know Walz have said, he is the “real deal.” And that may be the strongest statement the Harris-Walz ticket can make.

Health care should be an election issue

By **SONALI KOLHATKAR**
OtherWords

All it took for Olympian Ariana Ramsey to call herself a “universal free health care advocate” was — unsurprisingly — a taste of free health care.

The bronze-medalist rugby player, who represented the U.S. at the 2024 Paris games, posted Tik Tok videos of herself getting care at the Olympic Village.

“The fact that I’m actually so excited to be getting free dental...!” she said incredulously, unable to finish her sentence. “This is going to be my new fight for action — free health care in America — period.” While in Paris, Ramsey got a pap smear, eye exam, and eyeglasses all free of charge — and said she was “truly amazed” that such a thing was possible.

Ramsey was so impressed she asked the people of France if she could be adopted into their nation so she could continue getting free care. Such a request, even if tongue-in-cheek, by a person representing the U.S. ought to embarrass politicians.

A majority of Americans report feeling dissatisfied with their access to health care. Millions turn to crowdfunding campaigns to ask family, friends, and random strangers to help them pay for unexpected care.

But ahead of the 2024 presidential race, neither of the two major party nominees has offered a pathway for a universal, publicly funded health care system.

Donald Trump has offered little detail on his current health plan, although he’s linked to a group seeking to gut Medicare. His first presidential term was marked by a failed attempt to overturn the Affordable Care Act, a desire to cut Medicaid, and the appointment of Supreme Court justices who overturned the federal right to an abortion.

Needless to say, these changes only make a deeply flawed system worse.

On the other hand, Kamala Harris, who previously co-sponsored Senator Bernie Sanders’s single payer bill in 2019, will reportedly avoid promoting the plan this year. Nor has Harris adopted the more modest idea she endorsed in 2019: a publicly funded health plan that people could opt into, known as the “public option.”

Sonali Kolhatkar



Instead, Harris has chosen to campaign on tinkering around the edges of our complicated patchwork system by lowering a handful of prescription drug prices for Medicare recipients.

While it is an incredible achievement on the part of the Biden-Harris administration to regulate drug prices for the first time in decades, the changes are modest. They’re limited to only 10 drugs this year (with more drugs to be regulated each year) and only apply to people already enrolled in Medicare.

A better step forward would be to expand on the government-provided health care we already have for certain populations: veterans (through the Veterans Affairs system), people over the age of 65 (though Medicare), and very low-income people making poverty-level wages (through Medicaid).

Simply expanding Medicare to all would cover everyone else — and save taxpayers trillions relative to buying for-profit insurance.

Harris still has time to back health care for all, but it will take a massive public push from below. In spite of the enormous amount of pro-corporate propaganda against universal health care, a majority of Americans have historically supported single payer health care. A May 2024 Data for Progress poll found that two-thirds of Americans support expanding Medicare to all.

Ramsey went viral for her endearing enthusiasm over a right that a majority of people in wealthy nations take for granted. “America needs to do better with their healthcare system,” she rightly said. “There’s no reason why an American girl should be so amazed by free health care.”

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Tax system needs balance

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Property tax cuts continue to be a topic in Statehouse circles and among local leaders. Calls to further reduce the growth in property tax collections or reduce property tax collections below current levels, will require a reduction in expenditures or an increase in local income taxes.

It is important to remember that those property tax collections fund salaries for police officers, firefighters, jailers, teachers, prosecutors, public defenders, court employees, local road departments and the operation of government buildings including school buildings.

Starting in 2020, abnormal, temporary market forces created an atypical growth in home values resulting in shifts in who is paying the property tax burden. Home values, increasing faster than the values of other classes of property, paid a larger portion of the property tax liability pie.

Recognizing those changes, the General Assembly with approval of the Gov. Eric Holcomb, took action through an expanded homestead credit and supplemental deduction to decrease the property tax liability of homesteads, shifting some of the property tax burden back to other classes of property. Some actions by the state slowed the growth in property tax collections to the benefit of all property owners through a lower levy increase.

However, I have yet to attend a public meeting where the public is asking for less spending for the services that are funded through property taxes. Is anyone asking for fewer police officers, larger student-teacher ratios or slower responses to 911 calls? With less

property tax collections, those are some of the options.

The most likely replacement revenue if property taxes are cut significantly is the local income tax. Changing the funding of local services to income taxes sounds easy but the local income tax presents its own transparency issues and shifts in tax liability.

In most counties, the county fiscal body, which is the county council, adopts a local income tax rate that every resident of the county pays. However, distribution of revenue from the local income tax is not determined by the adopting body, usually the county council, rather it is distributed by a state mandated formula allowing entities who never vote for a tax increase to receive more tax revenue. This creates a transparency issue.

In the counties where the county council does not have the power to increase the local income tax but the authority rests with a multitude of fiscal bodies of the municipal and county governments, a taxpayer could encounter a scenario where a unit of government which they do not elect can increase their income tax. That is more than a transparency issue, it is a question of taxation without representation. Changes to the local income tax are needed if local units of government are expected to replace property taxes with income taxes.

Also, workers who are employed outside of their county of residence

create government expenditures in their county of employment such as the need for better roads and more public safety; however, the out-of-county workers are not contributing to the funding of government services. A business property owner that attracts employees outside of the county is paying property taxes; however, if the business owner has a reduced property tax burden the residents of the county where the business is located will end up paying higher property taxes or face the potential for a higher local income tax.

The same is true for communities that have secondary homes or rental property. If the owner of rental property or a secondary vacation home receives a property tax cut but does not pay income taxes in the county where the property is located, the residents of the county will most likely pay higher property tax rates or income tax rates.

Previous substantial property tax relief has included the state paying for more services such as school funding and welfare costs. We recognize that the property tax system has flaws but so does the local income tax.

A balance is needed and abandoning the property tax system will not create the perfect system for funding local services. Local units of government recognize the need for balance between property taxes and local income taxes to fund local services and they should be trusted to listen to their voters.

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2024 Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show



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Crowds flooded into Jay County Fairgrounds for the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show on Friday. Pictured clockwise from upper left:

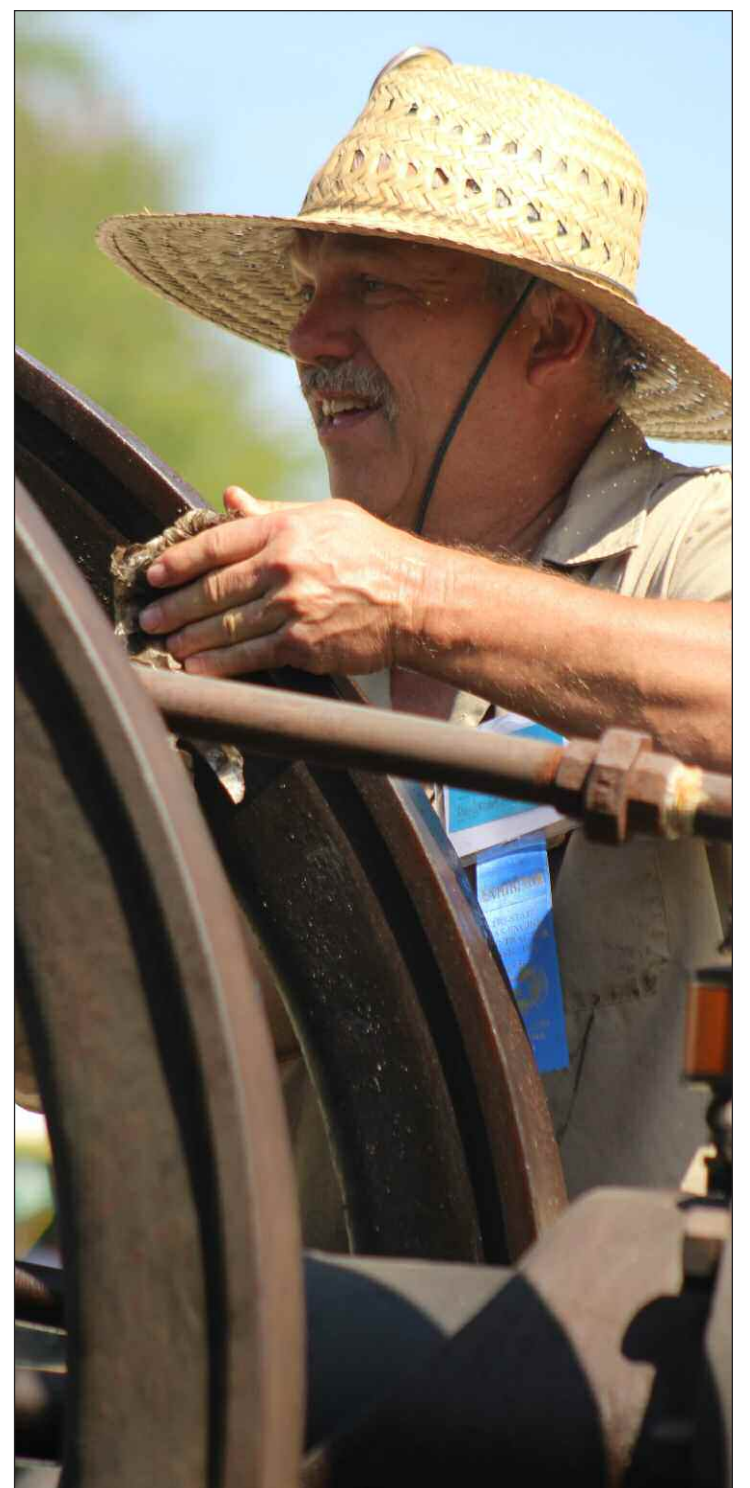
Stuffed toys and dolls ride a Ferris wheel powered by Cloverdale resident Neil McCammack's Foes Junior antique gas engine Friday morning at the fairgrounds.

A spectator records a demonstration Friday afternoon of a 1944 Allison aircraft engine operated by Ted Pinkerton. The 12-cylinder engine was made in Indianapolis.

Batesville resident Steve Schantz prepares a 1915 Reid engine for use Friday afternoon.

A line of antique Ford tractors sit on display Friday afternoon at the fairgrounds.

Jeremy Knapschafer of Bryant works on his 1909 Detroit engine. Knapschafer has attended the show for more than 20 years, and his father, Portland resident Joe Knapschafer, has joined him for the last dozen years.



8-24 CRYPTOQUIP

STJW SXVKL XMC GJKK
CNGKJQJWOXMI IVGT JI "IGZJQ,
IWJKKOXM!" JML "IGJW,
IWCC!"? TXZIC ITXXI.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AFTER I BECAME
STARTLED BY A LOUD CHIRPING INSECT IN
FRANKFURT, I SHOUTED, "GERMANY CRICKET!"
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals C

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to bargain hunting.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(A. 19 23 12 10 Clue: Lowered price event)
(B. 7 6 19 5 13 18 1 24 Clue: Money off)
(C. 7 10 23 12 Clue: Good purchase price)
(D. 5 13 18 25 13 1 Clue: Clip it to save money)

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to bargains.
LUEVA

Guess Who?
I am a singer born in Australia on August 23, 1949. I grew up between Australia and London due to my father's military career. I learned to play guitar at age 13, and achieved rock stardom in the early 1980s with several top 10 hits. I also played a doctor on a popular soap opera for some time.

kids' corner
IT IS BELIEVED THE GREEKS OR ROMANS WERE THE FIRST TO CRAFT THIS IMPORTANT UTENSIL THAT MAKES ENJOYING FOOD EASIER.

FOOD FACT!
IT IS BELIEVED THE GREEKS OR ROMANS WERE THE FIRST TO CRAFT THIS IMPORTANT UTENSIL THAT MAKES ENJOYING FOOD EASIER.

How they SAY that in...
ENGLISH: Invent
SPANISH: Inventar
ITALIAN: Inventare
FRENCH: Inventer
GERMAN: Erfinden

8-26 CRYPTOQUIP

OR HXT QZCF ZV OVCOZV COML
ILZI EZQF XTI TVYFZGZYKH
MNOEH, HXT NGXYZYKH
ETGGOF C OI IXX RZG.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHAT WOULD ONE CALL EXCLAMATIONS SUCH AS "SCRAM, STALLION!" AND "SCAT, STEED!"? HORSE SHOOS.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals Y

Crossword Puzzle
Grid with numbers 1-9.

ACROSS
1. Makes up an idea
5. Measured worth
6. Southeastern state (abbr.)
7. Little samples
9. Fixed
DOWN
1. A person who creates a product or idea
2. Enables
3. Concept or vision
4. Figures out the answer
8. Neither

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY
AUG 23
1839: THE UNITED KINGDOM CAPTURES HONG KONG AS A BASE AS IT PREPARES FOR THE FIRST OPIUM WAR WITH QING CHINA.
1904: THE AUTOMOBILE TIRE CHAIN IS PATENTED.
1966: LUNAR ORBITER 1 TAKES THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPH OF EARTH FROM ORBIT AROUND THE MOON.

New Word
PATENT
exclusive right granted for an invention

WHAT A BARGAIN WORD SEARCH

PRICESNOINVESTSBIGYV
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
35 Neighbor of Tibet
39 Take five
40 Name of wine-house
42 Pivot
43 Smart-phone
44 Fork
46 Takeoff
47 Radio
49 Cry from
51 Recital
52 Salem's state
53 Bigwig
54 Seesaw
DOWN
18 Ref
21 Steak cut
23 Fun partner
25 Tree fluid
27 Cacophony
29 Human-powered taxi
31 Army bigwigs
32 Physics particle
33 Sevilla's nation
34 Press for payment
36 Take an oath
37 Book maker?
38 Enticed
41 Underneath
44 Band-leader
45 Poet
48 Bar
50 The Silver St.
Solution time: 26 mins.

Crossword grid with numbers 1-54.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

An unexpected complication
North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH: ♠Q 10 8 3, ♥K J 3, ♦A 7 2, ♣K J 6
WEST: ♠J 9 7 4, ♥9 8 6 2, ♦K Q J, ♣9 4
EAST: ♠—, ♥A Q 10 7 5 4, ♦8 6 4 3, ♣8 5 2
SOUTH: ♠A K 6 5 2, ♥—, ♦10 9 5, ♣A Q 10 7 3
The bidding: North 1♣, East Pass, South 1♠, West Pass; North 2♣, East Pass, South 4♣, West Pass; North 4♦, East Pass, South 6♣.
Opening lead — king of diamonds. It is easy enough to play a hand well when all the suits break favorably, and all the finesses succeed. The real trick is to do well when you run into an unfavorable distribution and must meet the challenge it poses. Consider this deal where South is in six spades. If the trumps are divided 2-2, he makes seven by drawing two rounds of trump and cashing five club tricks, discarding two diamonds from dummy. Declarer can then ruff two diamonds in dummy.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand
North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH: ♠J 9 5 3 2, ♥4, ♦K J 5, ♣10 7 3 2
WEST: ♠A Q 7, ♥8 5 3 2, ♦10 9, ♣A 8 6 5
EAST: ♠8 6, ♥10 7, ♦Q 8 7 6 4 3, ♣Q 9 4
SOUTH: ♠K 10 4, ♥A K Q J 9 6, ♦A 2, ♣K J
The bidding: North Pass, East Pass, South 2♥, West Pass; North 3♥, East Pass, South 3♠, West Pass.
Opening lead — two of hearts. The 1991 world team championship produced a major surprise when Iceland, not one of the pre-tournament favorites, won the title in a field of 16 star-studded teams. On the way to their victory, the Icelanders ousted the United States and Sweden before defeating Poland headily in a 160-deal final. This deal from the final produced a big gain for the winners. When an Icelandic pair held the North-South cards, they reached four spades as shown. South's two-diamond opening showed a powerful hand, and North's heart responses were attempts to get South to bid spades. After the second attempt, South accepted the transfer and became declarer at four spades. West led a heart to South's jack, and declarer, Thorlakur Jonsson, immediately played the king of trump. West won and returned a low trump to South's ten, after which Jonsson had an easy path to 10 tricks. He ran his hearts until West trumped in, and his only other loser was the ace of clubs. At the other table, the Polish South wound up in four hearts, and West led a diamond. Declarer won with the ace and played four rounds of trump, on which he unaccountably discarded two of dummy's spades. The spade ten was then led to West's queen, and his diamond return was taken by dummy's king. Declarer ruffed dummy's remaining diamond and led the spade king, but because of South's spade discards from dummy, West, Orn Arnthorsson, was able to present declarer with a problem. After taking the spade king with the ace, Arnthorsson exited with a spade to dummy's jack. With dummy now comprised of only the 10-7-3 of clubs, declarer had to lead a club toward his K-J. When he misguessed by playing the king, the defenders scored two club tricks for a one-trick set and a gain of 12 IMPs. Tomorrow: Bad luck is not always fatal.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
43 Neckline shape
44 Notion
46 Stuffy
47 Chum
48 Unspoken feeling
49 Leisurely
50 Yalie
51 Fascinated by
52 Body lotion ingredient
53 Ripken of baseball
54 Sunup
55 Bamboo muncher
56 Ump's call
57 Quick swim
58 Concludes
59 Grassy tract
60 Amtrak express
61 Trumpet
62 Soup cooker
63 Lawyer Clooney
64 Pulls
65 Vegan beverage
66 Forestlike
DOWN
2 Penne
3 Any
4 Chest
5 Sad to say...
6 Pale
7 Recording
8 Jiffy
9 Texter's
10 A billion years
11 Matrimonial memento
12 Balloon filler
21 Ga. neighbor
23 "Great Expectations" lad
25 Big rig
26 Mideast airline
27 Vaccine pioneer
28 Profs' degrees
29 Golfer
30 Asia's Sea
31 Daybreak goddess
32 "Mazel —!"
33 Melancholy
34 "You betchall!"
35 Kathmandu's land
36 Mysterious
37 "Xodus" author
38 Skilled
39 Comestibles
40 Stir-fry vessel
41 Alter
42 Mosquito barrier
43 Evening hrs.

Crossword grid with numbers 1-66.

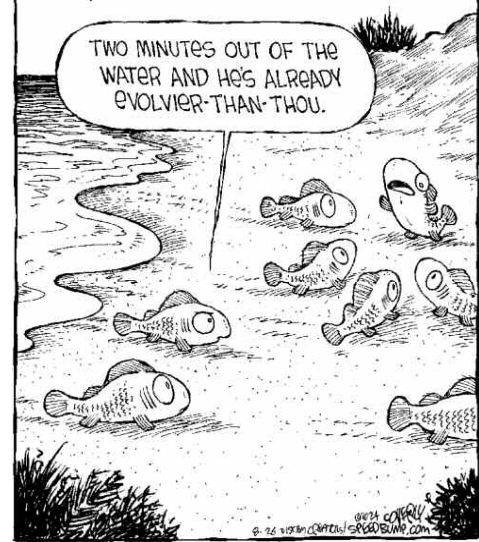
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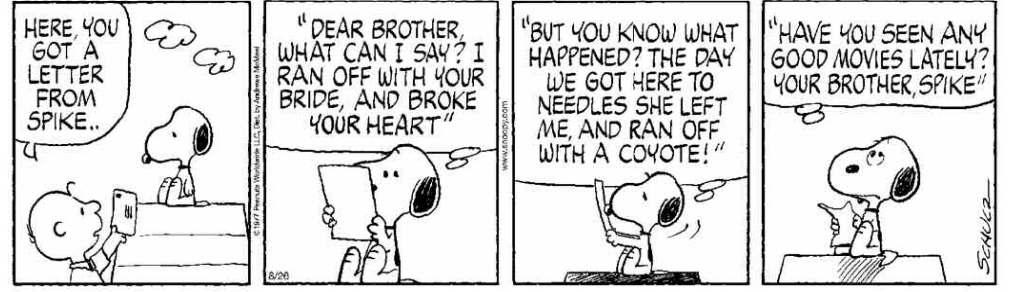
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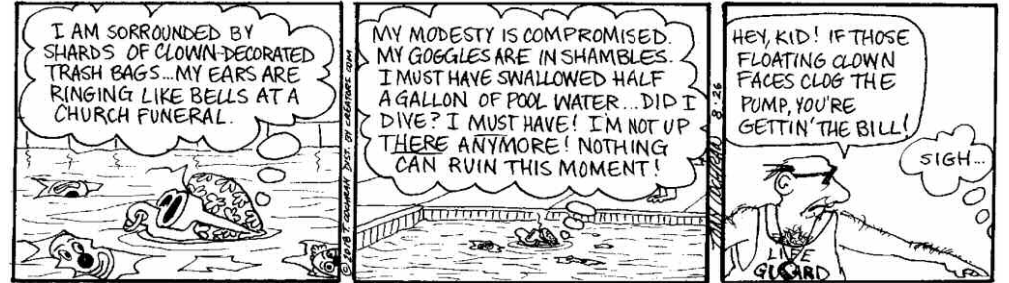
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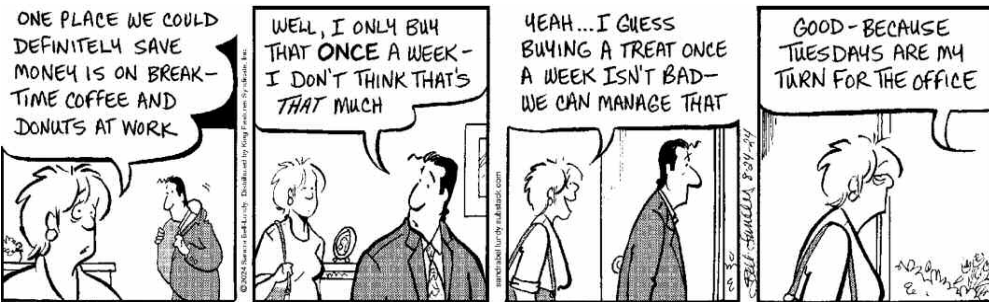
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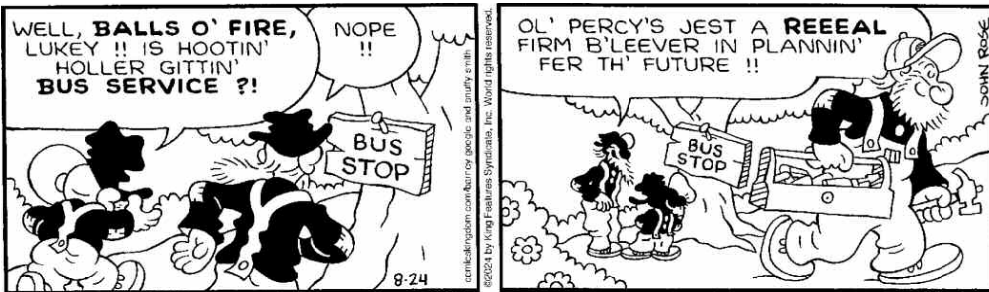
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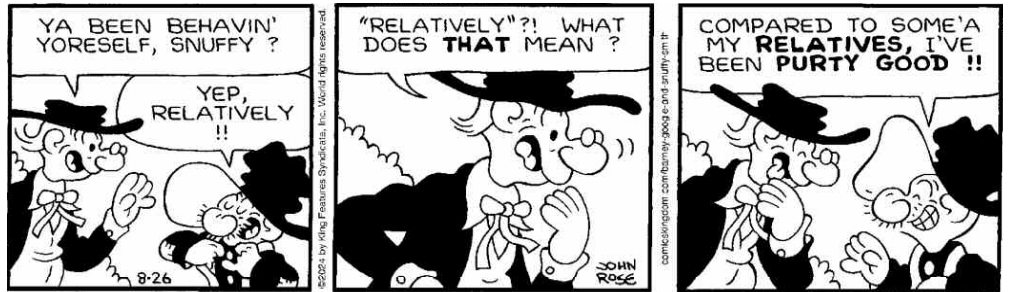
Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



Beetle Bailey



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Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

Laughter

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Keeping possession

Jay dominates possession of the ball in 4-1 win in battle of the Patriots

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review

Nin Way had Jay County's number last season.

Her four goals led Heritage to a pair of one-goal victories.

With an early score Thursday, it seemed Heritage might be fine without their first-team All-Allen County Athletic Conference forward, who is now at Indiana Tech.

The second half, though, belonged to JCHS.

The Jay County High School girls soccer team broke a three-game losing streak to the Heritage Patriots with a 4-1 victory in their first game on the new artificial turf at Harold E. Schutz Memorial Stadium.

In 2023, Jay County's first two games of the season resulted in 1-0 and 3-2 losses to Heritage, with Way scoring all four goals. In 2022, JCHS dropped its sole game to Heritage 4-3 in overtime. (Way scored one goal with two assists, while Libby Cain scored three.)

"Comparing it to our games last year, losing by one goal each time, it felt nice," said JCHS coach Kendra Muhlenkamp. "I think that the girls felt finally rewarded for their efforts in and out of the game."

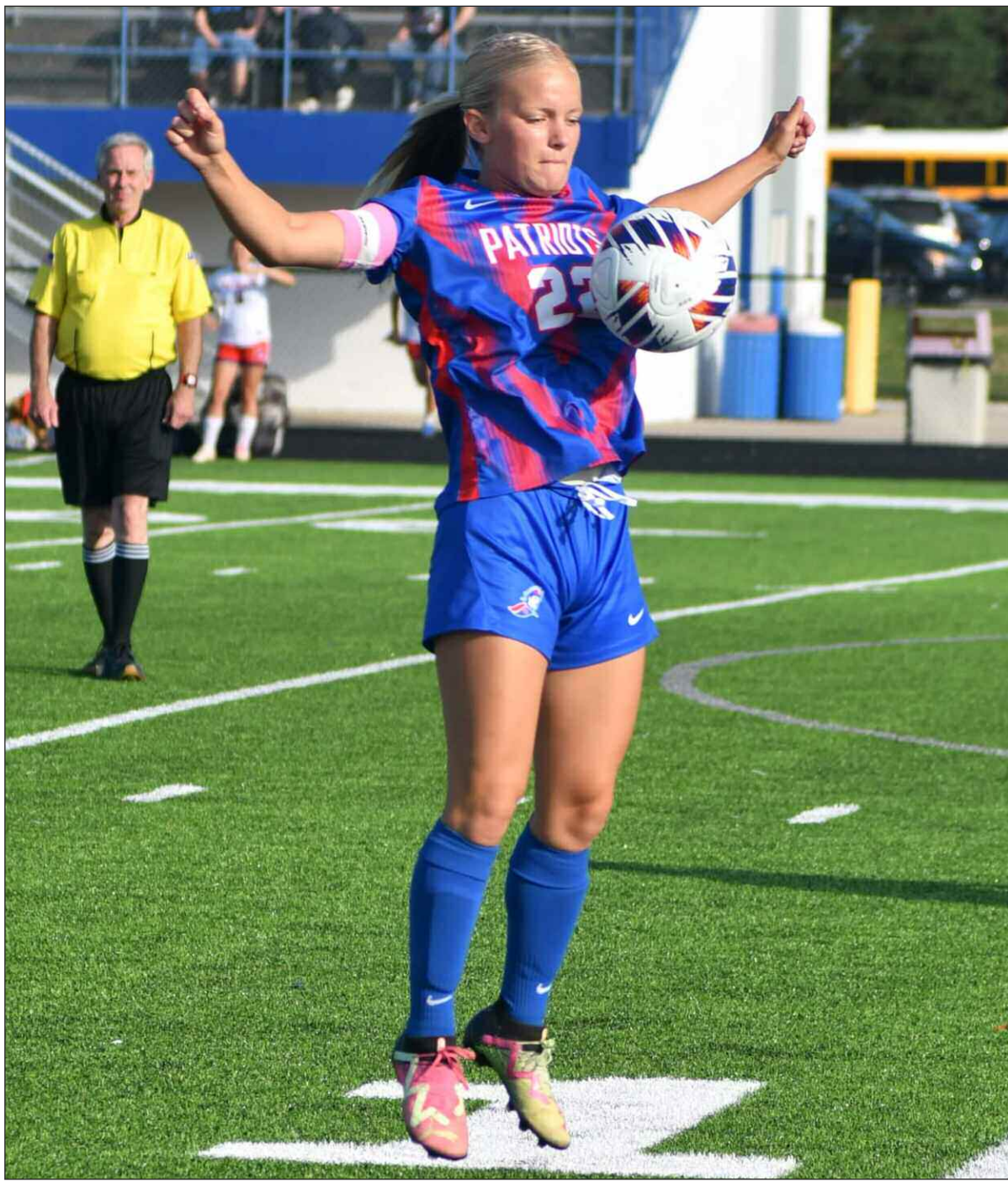
While Way went on her way, Cain is still around for Heritage (0-2, 0-1 ACAC). The senior played a key role early.

Heritage immediately attacked Jay County's defenders, who were unable to clear the ball from their half of the field initially. After a throw-in, Cain passed the ball from the middle of the field to Rosalinda Medina on the right. The junior kicked an arcing shot that just got past the outstretched hands of goalkeeper Maleah Parsons to put Heritage up 1-0 after only 1 minute, 38 seconds.

"They scored on us right away and caught us slacking," Muhlenkamp said. "We can't start a game that way. It gives them the momentum and the confidence."

While the first two minutes implied Heritage would control the game, Jay County (2-0, 1-0 ACAC) quickly took over control.

Once Jay County got the ball it rarely relinquished possession, as Heritage only got the across midfield four times in the remainder of the first half.



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Jay County High School's Jayla Huelskamp controls a ball with her body during the Patriots 4-1 win over Heritage on Thursday. Huelskamp got the Patriots with a game-tying goal.

Jay County took 22 shots in the first half, but struggled to score. Despite controlling possession of the ball, it took 33 minutes for its first score.

Jay County senior Jayla Huelskamp started the scoring play with a shot attempt, but got

stuffed by a Heritage defender. Aixa Lopez followed it up with a shot of her own that goalie Taylynn Mort saved, but Huelskamp continued to crash the goal, giving her the opportunity to put the ball away for the tie with 6:22 remaining.

"I just ran towards the goal," Huelskamp said. "I'd seen the ball and just tried to put a body on it to get it in the net."

"After that goal we knew we could keep up with them and could definitely take the win." Unfortunately for Jay County,

soon after the score, it lost a key defender in Emma Hatzell to an injury. Both Muhlenkamp and Huelskamp cited the injury as something the Patriots rallied around in the second half.

Jay County got more efficient in the second half. After scoring once on 22 shots in the first half, it found the net three times on 11 attempts after the intermission.

"We kept setting the ball from half field to inside 15 yards," Muhlenkamp said. "I explained to the girls that we've got to be patient in the center of the field and get our pass right, or else it becomes too cluttered...."

"Just making them think about why you're going to a space, if you need to fill a space and keeping the ball ahead of us but not being afraid to drop it and slow down a little bit."

It didn't take long for Jay County to turn things around in the second half. Lopez gave JCHS a 2-1 lead after 3:24 after shooting from 15-yards out.

Later, freshman London Lloyd scored her first career goal by beating a 2-on-1 with a drive right and a shot to the left half of the goal with 23:55 remaining.

The final score came from Morgan DeHoff on a shot assisted by Kady Allred with 8:38 remaining.

The defense also held tough despite the loss of Hatzell.

"I was talking to them really good," said Parsons about how the defense locked up Heritage. "At the end, Tessa (Frazee) had a really good kick to save the ball when I wasn't there...."

"It's gone great." Parsons finished the game with six saves, while Frazee had one. Frazee's save came at 1:38, when she had to run toward the goal to kick the ball out after Parson's saved an initial shot.

Junior varsity

Jay County clobbered Heritage in a game that lasted only one half for a 7-0 victory.

Lloyd dominated the offensive action with three goals for JCHS (2-0). Brilyn Wilmore found the net twice, while Allred and Finley Hatzell each scored once. Parsons assisted one of the goals.

Raylin Hummer patrolled the goal, saving three shots.

Indians pick off defending MAC champ Minster

MINSTER, Ohio — The Indians remained perfect in the Midwest Athletic Conference to start the season.

When they traveled to face the defending MAC champion, they found just enough to pick it off and make themselves the favorite.

The Fort Recovery High School girls golf team eked out a 210-212 win over the Minster Wildcats on Thursday at Arrowhead Golf Club.

The victory put the Tribe (6-2, 4-0 MAC) atop the conference standings, while Minster holds the second spot with a 3-1 MAC record.

For the second match in a row, Olivia Knapke earned match medalist honors. Her round of 48 beat Minster's top golfer, Eleanor Sommer, by two strokes and played a key role in the final.

The Wildcats claimed the third-best score as

Local roundup

well, but Emma Will, Eva Kahlig and Mallory Evers all shot 54s to make up the team's final score.

Georgia Wenning's 58 and Evvie Briner's 65 didn't affect the Indians' final.

Tribe rolls

FORT RECOVERY — The Fort Recovery volleyball team dominated the National Trail Blazers for a 25-4, 25-10, 25-16 victory to remain perfect on Thursday.

Kennedy Muhlenkamp and Brynn Willmann had big games for FRHS (3-0).

Offensively, they each put down nine balls for kills. On the defensive side, they both led the

team with two assisted blocks.

The Indians got over 20% of their points from aces. Nevaeh Lennartz led the way with four aces, while Kenna Dues, Kayla Heitkamp and Cameron Muhlenkamp followed with three apiece.

Heitkamp also led the team with 25 assists, while Cameron Muhlenkamp's 10 digs ended as a team-high.

FRHS dominated play, serving the ball 73 times to National Trail's 32.

Eagles attack

MUNCIE — The Jay County volleyball team fell to the Delta Eagles 25-17, 28-26, 25-17 on Thursday.

The Patriots' defense couldn't keep up with Delta's hitters. The Eagles combined for 51 kills — Jay County (1-1) only had 19 — with three girls reaching double digits, led by Addie Phillips with 19. Hallie Schwieterman's

six kills topped the statline for the Patriots. Maria Hemmelgarn and My Kunkler added five and four kills, respectively.

Schwieterman led JCHS with 12 digs and tied Kunkler and Brenna Schmiesing for a pair of assisted blocks.

Paisley Fugiett had 13 of Jay County's 15 assists.

The JV team fell to Delta 25-23, 25-23.

Amelia Heath, Lydia Johnson and Emalyn Homan all tied for a team-high three kills. Ella Rigby assisted the Patriot hitters 13 times.

Carley Trinidad also scored three aces.

Indians fall

Despite shooting its best round of the season, Fort Recovery's boys golf team fell to the Minster Wildcats 152-157 at Portland Golf Club on Thursday.

Minster had the golfers with the two best scores, including Bryce Prenger,

who shot even with par at 35 strokes to claim the match medalist honors.

Reece LeFevre earned a team-low 37 for Fort Recovery (5-2, 3-1 MAC). He made par on every hole other than the 13th and 18th holes — both par-3s he took four strokes on.

Keegan Muhlenkamp had only one extra stroke than LeFevre to give him a 38. The senior had a birdie on the 178-yard, par-4 17th hole, four pars and four bogeys.

Colson Post returned to varsity with a 40 — he had a birdie on the 14th and two pars — and Eli Lennartz rounded out the team score with a 42.

Mason Diller's 44 and Caleb Smith's 46 didn't affect the team final.

Dirksen leads

OSSIAN — Jay County's boys tennis team fell to the Norwell Knights 4-1 on Thursday.

Eli Dirksen claimed the

first individual win for the Patriots (0-5) this year. The senior took the No. 1 singles match against Gavin Reynolds 6-3, 6-2.

The other singles players, Tucker Griffin and Gabe Pinkerton, couldn't repeat Dirksen's success. Griffin dropped the No. 2 contest 6-1, 6-0 to Braylon Trout, while Pinkerton lost to Landon Drive 6-0, 6-4 in the No. 3 singles match.

Both doubles pairs fell as well.

Eddie Archbold and Ayden Quitanille beat Kayden Carpenter and Alex Miller in the No. 1 doubles match 6-0, 6-0.

Blake Kahlig and Carter Wellman couldn't overcome Rylan Heyerly and Ethan Williamson in the No. 2 doubles contest for a 6-2, 6-1 loss.

Carsen Westgerdes and Clark Wellman both went 1-1 in junior varsity singles matches, while Kason Sims and Troy Lee both went 0-2.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today

Jay County — Cross country at Celina Rotary — 9 a.m.

Fort Recovery — Cross country at Bob Schul Invite at Milton Union — 8:15 a.m.; Boys JV golf MAC meet at home — 9 a.m.; Middle school cross country at Bob Schul Invite at Milton Union — 8:15 a.m.; Middle school volleyball at St. Henry — 9 a.m.

Monday

Jay County — Girls golf at Bluffton — 4:30 p.m.; Boys tennis vs. Union City — 5 p.m.; Junior high volleyball vs. Blackford — 5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Girls golf vs. Coldwater — 4:30 p.m.; Boys golf at Coldwater — 4:30 p.m.; JV football at Wayne Trace — 5 p.m.

Tuesday

Jay County — Girls golf vs. South Adams — 4:30 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Winchester — 6 p.m.; Boys soccer vs. New Castle — 6 p.m.; Junior high cross country at Delta — 5 p.m.; Junior high football at Blackford — 5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Middle school volleyball vs. Marion Local — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today

3:30 a.m. — National Rugby League: Dolphins at Melbourne Storm (FS1)

5:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Dutch Grand Prix (ESPN2)

7 a.m. — LPGA Tour: Women's British Open (USA)

12 p.m. — College football: Florida State at Georgia Tech (ESPN)

12 p.m. — LPGA Tour: Women's British Open (NBC)

12:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Arsenal at Aston Villa (USA)

1 p.m. — PGA Tour: BMW Championship (NBC)

1:30 p.m. — Horse Racing: Saratoga Live (FS1)

2:30 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Portland Thorns at Gotham FC (CBS)

3:30 p.m. — College football: McNeese State at Tarleton State (ESPN2)

4 p.m. — College football: Montana State at New Mexico (FS1)

4 p.m. — High School football: St. Thomas Aquinas at Bishop Gorman (ESPN)

4:30 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Angel City at San Diego Wave (CBS)

5 p.m. — Horse Racing: Saratoga Saturday (FOX)

6:45 p.m. — MLS: Seattle Sounders at Minnesota United (FOX)

7 p.m. — College football: North Alabama at SEMO (ESPN)

7:30 p.m. — College football: Florida A&M at Norfolk State (ABC)

8 p.m. — WNBA: Indiana Fever at Minnesota Lynx (Bally Indiana)

8 p.m. — High School football: Chaminade-

Madonna at St. John Bosco (ESPN2)

10 p.m. — UFC fighting (ESPN)

7 a.m. — LPGA Tour: Women's British Open (USA)

12 p.m. — IMSA SportsCar Championship: Michelin GT Challenge (USA)

12 p.m. — UFC fighting (ESPN)

12 p.m. — LPGA Tour: Women's British Open (NBC)

12 p.m. — WNBA: Las Vegas Aces at Chicago Sky (CBS)

1 p.m. — ARCA Menards Series: Milwaukee (FS1)

1 p.m. — High school football: Baylor at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School (ESPN)

1:35 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Pittsburgh Pirates (Bally Indiana)

2:15 p.m. — PGA Tour: BMW Championship (NBC)

3 p.m. — IndyCar: Grand Prix of Portland (USA)

4 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Clean Harbors 175 (FS1)

4 p.m. — AFL: Port Adelaide Power at Fremantle Dockers (FS1)

4:30 p.m. — NFL preseason: Arizona Cardinals at Denver Broncos (CBS)

7:10 p.m. — MLB: Houston Astros at Baltimore Orioles (ESPN)

8 p.m. — NFL preseason: New England Patriots at Washington Commanders (NBC)

10 p.m. — NWSL: North Carolina Courage at OL Reign (ESPN2)

10 a.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN)

6:40 p.m. — MLB: Houston Astros at Philadelphia Phillies (FOX)

6:45 p.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN)

7:45 p.m. — MLB: San Diego Padres at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)

9:40 p.m. — MLB: Tampa Bay Rays at Seattle Mariners (FOX)

10 p.m. — WNBA: New York Liberty at Phoenix Mercury (FOX)

Tuesday

12 p.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN)

6:40 p.m. — MLB: Oakland Athletics at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana); Houston Astros at Philadelphia Phillies (TBS)

7 p.m. — College volleyball: Nebraska at Kentucky (ESPN2)

9 p.m. — College volleyball: Wisconsin at Louisville (ESPN2)

Local notes

Next up

The Adams Memorial/Kekionga Greenway Gallop 5K is the next race in the Adams County Challenge Series.

The race will be held today. It will begin at Riverside Center in Decatur at 4:30 p.m.

The races cost \$25. Registration can be found at 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 or by calling (260) 724-2145 ext. 13062.

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