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Expansion in Dunkirk



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Firehouse BBQ and Blues opened its second location in Dunkirk in July. It's been so-far, so-good for owners Dustin Garvin and Nick Arbogast, who bought the original location in Richmond late last summer. "The outpouring from the community has been extremely supportive," Garvin said. "It's just awesome."

BBQ restaurant opened 2nd site in July

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — New business owners Nick Arbogast and Dustin Garvin were looking to expand.

The Glass Capital of Indiana wasn't on their radar.

They were looking more directly to the west of their existing restaurant's location in Richmond.

But when they got connected with Dunkirk businessman Rock Fuqua and made a few visits, they changed direction.

"We just fell in love with the community," said Garvin.

Firehouse BBQ and Blues opened its second location in Dunkirk in July, expanding from the restaurant Arbogast

and Garvin bought in Richmond less than a year earlier.

So far, so good. "The outpouring from the community has been extremely supportive," Garvin said. "It's just awesome."

Garvin has been smoking meat since he was a teenager. He recalls going with his father and grandfather to a celebration of life that included a hog roast.

"I just thought it was so cool spinning the spit," he said. "I just loved the flavor. At that everything slowed down and people just talked, ran around and had fun. Kids were playing wiffle ball.

"I think ever since then, that was my favorite style of cooking."

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Photo provided

The Mojo — pulled pork with sweet BBQ sauce, topped with macaroni and cheese on Texas toast — is one of the most popular sandwiches at Firehouse BBQ and Blues.

Ukraine floats India summit

By ANDRA TIMU, MILDA SEPUTYTE and ANDREA PALASCIANO

Bloomberg News

Tribune News Service

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has proposed holding a summit in India aimed at ending the war with Russia, according to people familiar with the matter.

The proposal was put to Narendra Modi during the Indian prime minister's visit to Ukraine last week, the people said, asking not to be identified discussing private talks.

Zelenskyy aims to hold a second leaders meeting before the U.S. presidential election in November as a follow-up to a summit in June, which sought to win support from nations of the Global South for Kyiv in its 2 1/2 year war with Russia.

A gathering in India, which has been wary of the Ukrainian initiative because it so far excludes Russia, would be viewed as progress in Kyiv. Modi, who during his Aug. 23 visit signaled his backing for Ukrainian sovereignty within its internationally recognized borders, has yet to agree to host a meeting, the people said.

India's prime minister has signaled his willingness to play a "constructive role" in a peace process, though it's "too early to comment on specific modalities and pathways at this stage," Randhir Jaiswal, a spokesman for India's Ministry of External Affairs said in response to a query.

The diplomatic effort has taken on new urgency as Russian forces gain ground in Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region and Ukraine's military made a surprise incursion into Russia's Kursk region this month. With both sides on the offensive, a diplomatic resolution to the full-blown conflict that began with Russia's invasion in February 2022 remains a distant prospect.

A Zelenskyy spokesman, Serhiy Nykyforov, said Ukraine is weighing holding the follow-up summit in a country of the Global South, including India "in particular."

States use program to keep drug costs down

By SHALINA CHATLANI

Stateline

stateline.org

In their ongoing quest to lower prescription drug prices, some states are forcing drugmakers to continue to sell cheaper medications to thousands of pharmacies through a federal drug-discount program.

Under the 32-year-old 340B program, pharmaceutical companies that participate in Medicaid must sell outpatient drugs at discounted prices to clinics, community health centers and hospitals that primarily serve low-income patients. The idea is that providers will use the money they save — between 20% and 50% off the normal price — to expand their services.

But many such facilities don't have in-house pharmacies, so in 2010 the federal government

Laws require drugmakers to participate in Medicaid

expanded the 340B program to allow many more outside pharmacies — so-called contract pharmacies — to dispense the drugs to eligible patients on behalf of health centers and hospitals. Among the top four pharmacy chains (Walmart, CVS, Rite Aid and Walgreens), 71% of locations participate in the 340B program, according to a recent study by the University of Minnesota School of Public Health.

Drugmakers contend that the 340B program has grown far

beyond its original intent, and that some hospitals are pocketing the savings instead of investing the money in more services. Some research supports that contention.

In 2020, seven major pharmaceutical manufacturers announced that they would restrict or halt 340B drug sales to contract pharmacies, since those sales aren't required under federal law. As of last September, 25 drugmakers had imposed such restrictions, according to 340B

Health, an advocacy group that represents more than 1,500 public and private nonprofit hospitals and health systems.

"We as an industry continue to provide those discounts, but we're concerned that there's no evidence patients are seeing any improved access or that they're seeing lower costs," said Nicole Longo, deputy vice president for public affairs at Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, a trade group representing drugmakers.

States are pushing back. This year, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri and West Virginia have enacted laws requiring drugmakers that participate in Medicaid to sell discounted drugs to contract pharmacies. In 2021, Arkansas became the first state with such a law, and Louisiana followed in

2023. Other states, including New York, have considered similar bills this year.

"It's very hard to maintain services and keep a hospital open. So, when 340B came into play, it was very helpful," West Virginia Republican state Sen. Tom Takubo, the sponsor of the legislation in his state, told Stateline.

"They just unilaterally stopped delivering medications to those peripheral pharmacies," Takubo said. "And so, we passed a bill that said you can't do that. You gotta deliver out there. And if you don't do it, we're gonna fine you."

One thing is certain: The 2010 expansion of the 340B program to many more contract pharmacies has dramatically expanded access to the discounted drugs.

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Deaths

Georganna Ferguson, 78, Portland
Joseph Nuckols, 87, rural Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 93 degrees Friday.
Expect scattered showers and thunderstorms today with a high in the upper 70s. Tonight's low will be 60.
Skies will be sunny Sunday and Monday.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

There will be no newspaper Tuesday following the Labor Day holiday on Monday. We will resume our regular publishing schedule Wednesday.

Coming up

Wednesday — Results from the JCHS soccer games against Woodlan.
Thursday — Coverage of next week's Portland City Council meeting.
Friday — Coverage of the Jay County Council budget review session.



Obituaries

Georganna Ferguson

June 9, 1946-Aug. 27, 2024

Georganna Ferguson, age 78, of Portland passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2024, in IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.



Ferguson

She was born in Portland on June 9, 1946, the daughter of Ralph and Dollie (Keen) Pogue. She was married on Aug. 6, 1965, to John Ferguson who survives.

Georganna was retired in 2004 from Jay School Corporation where she was a secretary. She was a 1964 Portland High School graduate, attended the Church

of the Brethren and was a member of Delta Theta Tau Sorority. She enjoyed making scrapbooks for her grandkids, cooking, making care packages for the family and spending time with her family.

Surviving are her husband John; four sons, John Ferguson of Portland, David Ferguson (wife: Brenda) of Portland, Ted Ferguson of Portland and Tom Ferguson (wife: Sherry) of Parker City; one brother, Everett "Butch" Pogue; two sisters, Valerie Shepherd (husband: Gerald) and Virginia Clem; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Gregory Pogue; and a sister, Pam Rowles.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, Sept. 3, at 7 p.m. in the

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Bill Keen presiding. Visitation will be Tuesday from 2 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in the Green Park Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the choice of the donor or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Joseph Nuckols

June 15, 1937-Aug. 29, 2024

Joseph Mack Nuckols, age 87, of rural Portland passed away at his residence on Thursday Aug. 29, 2024.

He was born in Jay County on June 15, 1937, the son of Herbert Caylor Nuckols and Alma (Bricker) Nuckols. He was married on Dec. 2, 1956, to Beverly

Fields who survives.

Mack was a life-long farmer. He enjoyed restoring old tractors.

Surviving are his wife Beverly; two daughters, Sheila Johnson of Auburn and Annette Wall (husband: David) of Ridgeville; one sister, Judy Moore of Portland; four grandchildren, Jordan Wall, Susan Johnson, Chelsi Haney (husband: Weston) and Sarah Johnson; and one great-grandson Levi Haney.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, George, Bud, Larry and Herb Nuckols; and two sisters, Donna Fry and Wanda Miller.

Funeral services will be



Nuckols

Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 5 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Jonathan Edwards presiding. Burial will be in the Green Park Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from 2 to 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the choice of the donor.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

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

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

CR almanac

Sunday 9/1	Monday 9/2	Tuesday 9/3	Wednesday 9/4	Thursday 9/5
82/52	75/49	78/53	85/60	85/61
Sunny skies are on the horizon for Sunday, when the high will be around 82.	Labor Day looks to be sunny. Temperatures will be more moderate, around 75.	Mostly sunny skies, when the high will be in the upper 70s.	Sunny skies are on the horizon for Wednesday, when the high will be around 85 degrees.	Thursday looks to be mostly sunny with highs in the mid 80s.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 8-1-1 Daily Four: 5-3-9-3 Quick Draw: 1-2-4-6-9-10-13-17-20-25-37-39-41-42-44-48-52-68-69-73	Pick 3: 6-9-1 Pick 4: 8-9-4-3 Pick 5: 0-0-2-4-9
Ohio Midday	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$69 million
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$627 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....3.48 Sept. corn3.48 Wheat4.27	Sept. beans9.55 Wheat5.02
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....3.50 Sept. corn3.61 Oct. corn3.56	ADM Montpelier Corn.....3.47 Sept. corn3.47 Beans.....9.65 Sept. beans9.65 Wheat4.81
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Today in history

In 1864, the Confederate evacuation of Atlanta began during the Civil War. It was precipitated by the approach of Union troops led by William Tecumseh Sherman.

In 1897, Thomas Edison received a patent for the kinetograph camera, which was an ancestor of the motion picture film projector.

In 1945, Irish singer and songwriter Van Morrison was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland. His first hit song in the United States was "Brown Eyed Girl" and he was inducted into The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1993.

In 1999, the Dixie Chicks' fifth album, "Fly," was released. It won the Grammy for Best Country Album.

In 2006, Norwegian police recovered the painting "The Scream" by Edvard Munch. It had been stolen two years earlier.

In 2012, the Fort Recovery High School volleyball team finished as runners-up at the St. Marys Invitational.

In 2016, Dilma Rousseff, president of Brazil, was impeached and removed from office after the country's Senate found her guilty of using state bank funds to cover up a budget deficit prior to her 2014 re-election.

In 2021, though every set was close, the Fort Recovery High School volleyball team swept host Jay County 25-21, 26-24, 25-21.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.	Thursday 4 p.m. — Jay School Corporation and Jay Classroom Teachers' Association public hearing, General Shanks, 414 Floral Ave., Portland. 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
Wednesday 5:30 p.m. — Jay County Council budget review, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	

Expansion ...

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Arbogast, a father of three, and Garvin, a father of two, got to know each other through coaching their sons' baseball teams. They had been looking for a business opportunity together.

Both knew Tom Broyles — he was Arbogast's chief at Richmond Fire Department and Garvin was acquainted with him through family — who had opened Firehouse in 2011. So, when Broyles was ready to move on from the business, Arbogast and Garvin jumped at the chance.

They bought Firehouse in Richmond late last summer and then began looking to expand, with a goal of getting to five locations within 10 years. They bought the site of their Dunkirk location — 126 E. Commerce St. — early this year.

The menu features BBQ

fare, including beef brisket, pulled pork and smoked chicken. The Mojo sandwich features pulled pork with sweet BBQ sauce, topped with macaroni and cheese on Texas toast.

Pizzas — the Triple Pig is covered with pulled pork, smoked sausage and banana peppers — were among the most popular items at the new Dunkirk site in its first month, Garvin said. His personal favorite side dish is the scalloped cabbage, and he added that the top dessert is always the peanut butter pie. (He's also excited about a new "dirt pudding" dessert that is in the works.)

Arbogast and Garvin are regularly smoking meat at one site or the other. Brisket stays on the smoker for at least 14 hours and then rests for at least two, preferably three or four

They exclusively use hickory smoke.

"It's just the time and the care that we put into it," said Garvin, who worked in automotive service for about 15 years before stepping away to be full-time with the restaurants. "First, we buy the highest quality beef we can. It's delivered twice a week ... We like to let our meat stand out. We don't over-season it. It's a very slow, long smoke."

Firehouse is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

In addition to food and drink, it also features music on Friday and Saturday nights.

"We really like to get as many local artists as we can," said Garvin. "All types of bands, anywhere from cover bands for AC/DC, hair bands, '80s,

'90s. We have a gentleman who sings Elvis (Presley). Blues. A lot of country. ... We just try to capture as much diversity in that realm as we can."

The Richmond restaurant also caught the eye of "America's Best Restaurants." The show — americasbestrestaurants.com — has made dozens of visits to Indiana, including featuring Dairy Dream of Albany and Amazing Joe's Grill of Muncie.

Firehouse is expected to make its appearance in November.

Plans are still in place to continue growth with new locations, but, for now, the focus is in Dunkirk.

"We're trying to get through the opening of here first," said Garvin. "We just want to make sure this place is ran just as efficiently ... and the consistency is equal to Richmond."

Costs ...

Continued from page 1
The number of retail pharmacies participating in the program grew from 789 in 2009 to 25,775 in 2022, according to a study published last year in JAMA Health Forum.

Patient spending on 340B discounted drugs also has increased significantly, from \$6.6 billion in 2010 to \$43.9 billion in 2021, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

Karen Mulligan, a research assistant professor at the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California, said there are valid arguments on both sides of the

debate. The point of the 340B program is not to subsidize drugs for low-income patients, she said. Rather, it is to funnel financial support to struggling community health centers and rural hospitals.

The federal government began allowing those entities to use contract pharmacies because many of them did not have pharmacies in-house, Mulligan said. But she pointed out that the expansion of the 340B program also has brought in some hospitals that "make plenty of money without 340B." And because the 340B reporting requirements for hospitals are lax, she said, it's not

clear that they are using the money they save to improve patient care.

The challenge, Mulligan said, is that efforts to rein in the program likely would harm all providers — those that need the savings to serve low-income patients and those that don't.

"The program's intention is not what the program looks like today, and that's why you have so many different people on different sides," Mulligan told Stateline.

Some critics of the 340B program claim the discounts end up flowing to hospitals located in wealthier neighborhoods.

Capsule Reports

Dog hit
A Dunkirk woman's vehicle struck a dog along county road 400 South about 10:18 p.m. Thursday.

Karla D. Munday, 56, was driving her 2019 Chevrolet Equinox east on the road just west of county road 100 West when a dog ran

into her path. She wasn't able to avoid hitting the animal, causing between \$2,500 and \$5,000 in estimated damage.

Felony arrests

Strangulation

A Fort Recovery man was arrested Thursday for strangulation.

Joseph L. Steed, 18, 821 Pierce Road, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for the alleged crime and a Level 6 felony for domestic battery.

He was being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

Probation violation

A Redkey man was arrested Wednesday for violating his probation.

Gary L. Hines, 46, 527 S. George St., pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to strangulation, a Level 6 felony.

He was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with 176 days credit and 369 days suspended. A petition alleging he violated the conditions of his probation was filed in court Aug. 28.

Hines was also preliminarily charged Wednesday with a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine.

He was being held without bond in Jay County Jail.

SERVICES

Saturday
Garringer, Roberta: 3 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

Tuesday
Ferguson, Georganna: 7 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Wednesday
Nuckols, Joseph: Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Firefighter celebrates 105th birthday



Sal Pizarro/Bay Area News Group/Tribune News Service

Retired San Jose fire captain Sam Seibert gets ready to blow out the candles on his cake at a 105th birthday celebration held at the San Jose Fire Museum on Aug. 27.

By SAL PIZARRO

The Mercury News
Tribune News Service
SAN JOSE, Calif. — It's always a joy to visit the downtown San Jose Fire Museum, but being there for retired Fire Capt. Sam Seibert's birthday celebration was really something special.

Seibert turned 105 on Monday, and he was the guest of honor at a party at the Market Street fire-house-turned-museum on Tuesday. He sat upon a throne, was serenaded by retired firefighter Jim True and blew out the three candles on his chocolate birthday cake. (Had there been 105, it might have set off some alarms.)

Seibert acknowledged that few people have lived to his age and enjoyed the life that he has, especially working as a firefighter and helping to create the San

Seibert helped create San Jose Fire Museum

Jose Fire Museum, which has many items he contributed and includes a gallery in its lobby devoted to him.

"This fire department is very special to everyone who is in this building," he said. "Most people came here because they want to see me kick the bucket, but I'm not going for another week or two," he joked. "It's a pleasure to be in this organization."

John McMillan, another retired firefighter who is president of the museum, said, "We are so lucky to have Sam in our life. He told me and some other friends his goal was 105.

But I predict right now we can start planning for 110." Seibert may already be the oldest living firefighter in the United States, following the death in June of New Jersey native Victor Dransfield at age 110.

McMillan said Seibert looks better than he has in years and chalked that up in part to the people who look after him. But some of Seibert's secrets to longevity were revealed at the party: He recommends not sitting around too much and says drinking too much water will rust your pipes.

"He drinks beer and soda," McMillan said with a laugh.

Husband's hoarding serves as a reminder

DEAR ABBY: My sister and I grew up with our father after our parents divorced. He was a hoarder. Years later, when he finally had to move out, it took three moving trucks to empty the two-bedroom house. You can imagine what that was like. I am very triggered by clutter. I appreciate an organized home with space to breathe.

My husband of 10 years understands this, theoretically. For a long time, he was on board with a more austere setup. But recently we've become more comfortable financially, and he has started collecting things. First, it was comic books; then a pile of vinyl records showed up. More recently, a set of art supplies seems to always be spilling over the counters and tables. He

Dear Abby



says his acquisitions are well within what is normal.

I know my background makes me overly sensitive about cleaning, but it's really hard, and I'm stressed out every time I come home to piles of random objects and must move his stuff before I can make dinner. We don't have space for a "man cave." I am in counseling, which helps, but not enough. How can we reach a reasonable compromise when I know I might not be rea-

sonable? — TRIGGERED IN ARKANSAS

DEAR TRIGGERED: An alternative to throwing away your marriage along with the clutter might be to consider hiring a professional organizer to assist your husband in organizing his comic books, vinyl record collection and art supplies so they are less obtrusive. Other couples have done this successfully when blending two households, and it could be the answer for you.

DEAR ABBY: I'm the grandmother of three wonderful kids. I'm very involved in all of their activities and present at all important events. I have been since Day 1. My grandchildren's

other grandparents are mostly absent, partly because of distance and also for personal reasons.

When these other grandparents show up to events or offer gifts or support of any kind, it's made out to be a huge deal, whereas my presence is taken for granted. I'm never thanked for driving the kids to and from school and sports, taking them out for day trips or being there for practically everything. My kids fall all over the absent grandparents every time they decide to show up for anything.

Am I overly sensitive? Will the kids someday appreciate my presence, even though it doesn't seem special now? — READY TO GIVE UP

DEAR READY: I under-

stand your feelings. However, while I am not sure about your children, I am positive that your grandchildren will remember all the effort you have made and continue to make on their behalf. This includes the countless events you have shared with them. Regardless of how showy the gifts from the other grandparents may be, they can't compare to the close connection your grandchildren share with you.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email news@thecr.com.

Today

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.

GOODYEAR FAMILY REUNION — Begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at Greek's Pizzeria in Portland. Please remind other family members.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Tuesday

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a

loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne.

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Elementary Schools
September 2-6

Monday: No School Labor Day

Tuesday: Main Entree: Classic chicken sandwich

Alternate Entrees: Cheesy Italian pull apart, cheddar/mozzarella salad, croutons

Side for all meals: Smile potatoes

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Mini chicken corn dogs

Alternate Entrees: Cheesy Italian pull apart, cheddar/mozzarella salad, croutons

Side for all meals: Steamed carrots & broccoli medley

Thursday: Main Entrees: Whole grain french toast sticks

Alternate Entrees: Cheesy Italian pull apart, cheddar/mozzarella salad, croutons

Side for all meals: Hash brown potatoes

Friday: Main Entrees: Classic pepperoni pizza

Alternate Entrees: Cheesy Italian pull apart, cheddar/mozzarella salad, croutons

Side for all meals: Seasoned peas and carrots

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PRESIDENT STEVE VORE

Reader mourns Abbey Gate 13

To the editor:
Today, as I raise my American flag this morning to remember the "Abbey Gate 13," my thoughts go to their sacrifice and all the other service members over the ages who have given their lives in defense of this country.

It also brings to mind the question as to why all the illegal immigrants have abandoned their fellow citizens to enjoy the amenities and comforts that the United States provides, often at no expense to them.

I contend they should have stayed home, rallied their comrades and displaced the oppressive, tyrannical governments that contribute to their persecution and misery.

What gives them the right to stand on the graves of American heroes that have paid the ultimate price to allow legitimate citizens to have the freedom we enjoy today?

Letters to the Editor

Maybe they can lean on their heroes to free themselves from the chains that binds them. Stand up to those that make their lives miserable and instead of fleeing their country for the safe, comfortable confines of the USA, return to their native lands and join the struggle to reform their homeland.

William "Nick" Miller
Portland
PS — As I finish this letter, tears come to my eyes while I watch the wreath laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery with former President Donald Trump and the relatives of the Abbey Gate 13. What a shame.



Dental care should be easier

By DAN RODRICKS
Baltimore Sun
Tribune News Service

The young man could not have been more than 25, tall and thin, even a little gaunt. When he smiled, he was all cheekbones and chin, with only two or three crooked teeth left in his mouth. It was startling to see a fellow so young and so deprived.

We met on a day in June, along a branch of the Potomac River. He was a pleasant guy, eager as a farm boy to go fishing, but his near toothlessness made him seem much older than his years.

Cue Sen. Bernie Sanders, independent of Vermont:

"Far too many Americans, especially in rural areas, do not have access to a dentist, which forces them to either travel long distances or go without the care they need. Very few dentists accept Medicaid (for low-income patients), preventing the most vulnerable people in America from getting the dental procedures they need."

That's what Sanders had to say in May when he filed legislation to expand government-funded dental coverage for seniors, veterans and low-income families. The Comprehensive Dental Reform Act of 2024 would also increase the number of dentists and dental hygienists, filling a particularly big need in rural areas.

More than anyone in the Senate, Sanders points out inconvenient truths. Like the late Rep. Elijah Cummings of Baltimore, a champion of oral health who pushed Maryland to expand dental coverage for the disadvantaged, Sanders wants the federal government to do more through Medicaid, Medicare, the Affordable Care Act and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The nation has a dental crisis, he says, and brings data to the claim:

"Nearly 70 million adults and nearly eight million children have no dental insurance and many of those who do have dental insurance find that coverage to be totally inadequate. ... One out of five seniors in our country are missing all of their natural teeth. Over 40% of children in America have tooth decay by the time they reach kindergarten."

Research and surveys by Kaiser Family Foundation show that half of U.S. adults have difficulty paying for health care and, in recent years, 60% of Americans said they put off

Dan Rodricks



getting the services they need. Dental care, Kaiser reported, is the service most likely to be delayed due to costs.

Sanders again: "The situation has become so absurd, that each and every year hundreds of thousands of Americans travel to countries like Mexico, Costa Rica, India, Thailand and Hungary where it is much less expensive to get the dental care they need even after paying for round-trip airfare and hotel stays."

In Maryland, some people wait until they hear about a free dental clinic.

There's a big one scheduled for Friday, Sept. 13, and Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center in Salisbury. It's called the Eastern Shore Mission of Mercy, and when it was last held, in 2019, more than 1,100 men and women showed up for help with their teeth.

This year's event will be the first large one since the pandemic — smaller missions are held around the state at different times — and organizers expect more than 100 dentists, hygienists and dental assistants to volunteer.

"It's very rewarding, but it's also very exhausting because there is so much need," says Dr. Celeste Ziara, the president-elect of the Maryland State Dental Association who has been volunteering for the missions for several years. "About four or five hours into it, you're exhausted, but you keep going because the line never stops."

The doors open each day at 7 a.m. for hundreds of adults who either have no insurance or have no provider willing to take patients on Medicaid.

Each patient goes through a medical assessment and dental triage, including an X-ray, before being escorted to one of the rented dental chairs on the floor of the civic center. Some people just need a cavity filled or a tooth extracted. Others have a whole mouthful of problems, but can only have one issue, the most urgent, treated at the mission. Usually that's all there is time for.

Research and surveys by Kaiser Family Foundation show that half of U.S. adults have difficulty paying for health care ...

"Sometimes patients will come in and say, 'This front tooth is broken, it really bothers me, I don't like the way it looks,'" says Judy Forse, a hygienist based in Salisbury. "But they might have a bombed-out tooth with an active infection. They're worried about that front tooth when in actuality we should be concerned about the tooth that's infected."

Forse expects each day of the clinic to run nonstop for 10 to 12 hours. She says she could use more volunteers to work in shifts so that fewer patients are turned away.

"Many of them will get there very early in the morning, and they are waiting all day long to get a tooth extracted," says Forse. "The goal is to make sure they don't have any type of infection in their mouth, anything that could send them to the hospital. That's the priority."

It's humbling, Forse says, to see so many people in need, but hugely rewarding to see so many grateful for dental care they thought was out of reach.

I'm of two minds about this — appreciative that dental professionals in our state are willing to stage a free clinic for those in need, but also bothered that dental care must come to some like this. To quote Sanders one more time: "Dental care is health care and health care must be considered a human right, not a privilege."

Alliance is weird, but it might work

By CYNTHIA M. ALLEN
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Tribune News Service

In an election cycle that can only be described as stranger than fiction, things have just gotten impossibly weirder.

Longtime Democrat-turned-independent candidate for president Robert F. Kennedy Jr. dropped out of the race and endorsed none other than Donald Trump.

The move wasn't totally unexpected; both campaigns have been hinting at it for days.

Trump's running mate, Sen. J.D. Vance, said that communication between the campaigns has been ongoing, and last week, it culminated in one of the strangest political marriages we've seen in some time.

In a weird way, though, it's a very American-looking union.

Aside from being a member of one of the most famous political dynasties in American history, Kennedy is far from a ne'er-do-well or grifter.

He made a name for himself as a prominent environmental activist and attorney, working as a senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, an organization known for being a thorn in the side of the Environmental Protection Agency during Republican administrations.

He was even named one of Time magazine's "Heroes for the Planet" — not a credential that would render him a GOP darling.

But his assertions that common childhood vaccines are dangerous, his skepticism of government in general and his outspoken opinions on the COVID vaccine in particular attracted support from government cynics on the right.

Indeed, his campaign platform is an amalgam of both left- and right-leaning policies: strength on the border, dovish foreign policy, populist economics, and support for the Second Amendment, abortion rights and legalizing marijuana.

It's almost as if he threw conservative and progressive policy positions into the air and picked up the ones that landed at his feet.

While Kennedy and his

Cynthia M. Allen



running mate, Silicon Valley attorney and entrepreneur Nicole Shanahan, have deep roots in the Democratic Party (Shanahan donated \$25,000 to the Biden campaign in 2020), it seems things have changed.

Kennedy's platform is predicated on challenging what he deems a corrupted two-party system; he intended for his ticket to attract the growing number of voters who find themselves politically homeless.

Early polling showed that his candidacy would siphon away enough support from Joe Biden to give Trump the edge in the election.

Now that Kamala Harris is the new "joyful" Democratic nominee, that edge may be less certain.

But it's probably not nonexistent.

Homeless voters will need to go somewhere, and if the two divergent campaigns pool their resources and work together they could build enough voter support over the next three months to secure a Trump-Kennedy conservative-populist-progressive victory, if you will.

In a weird way, you could say Kennedy's endorsement of Trump is how politics should be done.

Parliamentary democracies (of which America is not one, but arguably should be) rely on alliances between otherwise divergent parties to secure victories.

At least on issues that send voters to the polls, the Venn diagram of Trump and Kennedy supporters is promising.

And while political parties like to talk about unity and compromise when it suits them (consider Harris' nomination acceptance speech), it's rarely done in reality because politicians once in office tend to primarily serve their bases.

In this way, we could be entering new territory in modern American politics.

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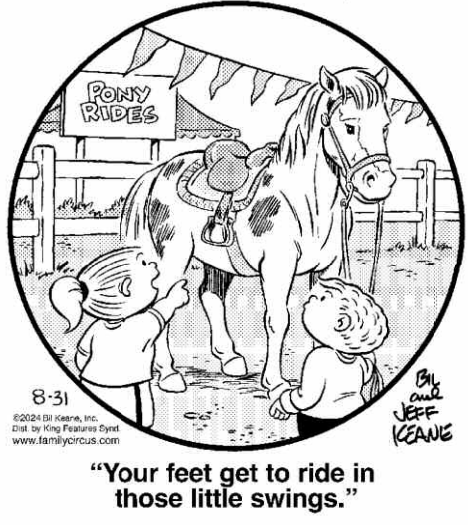
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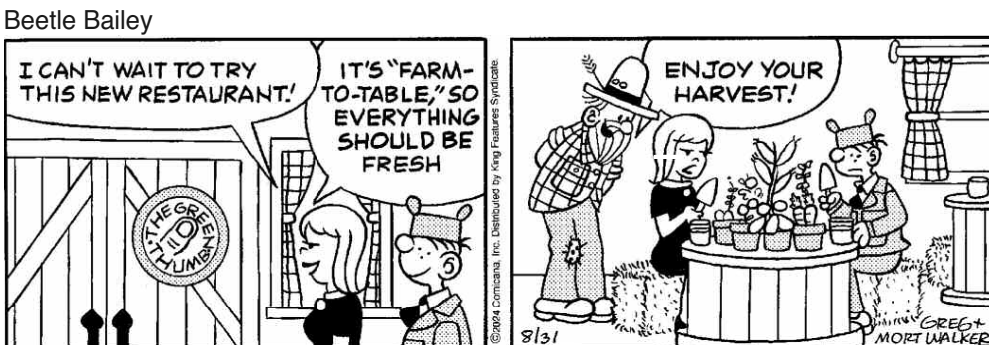
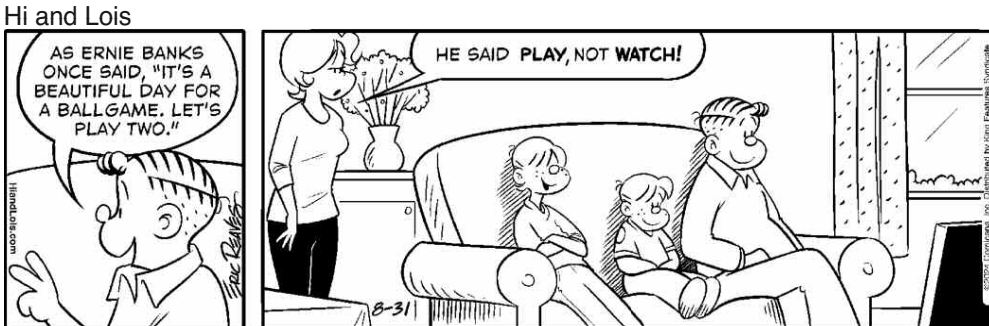
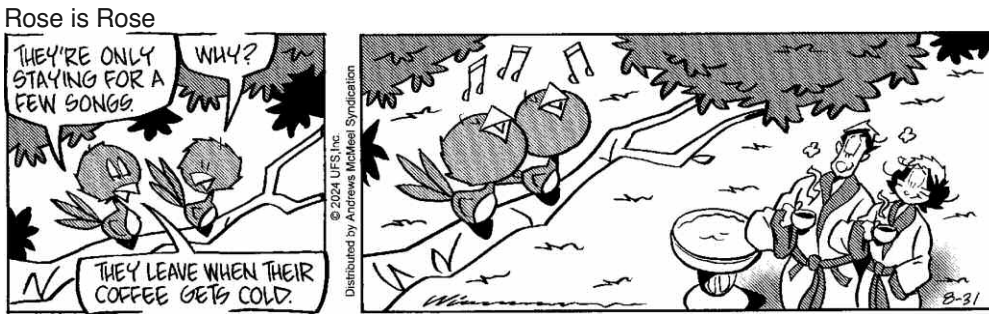
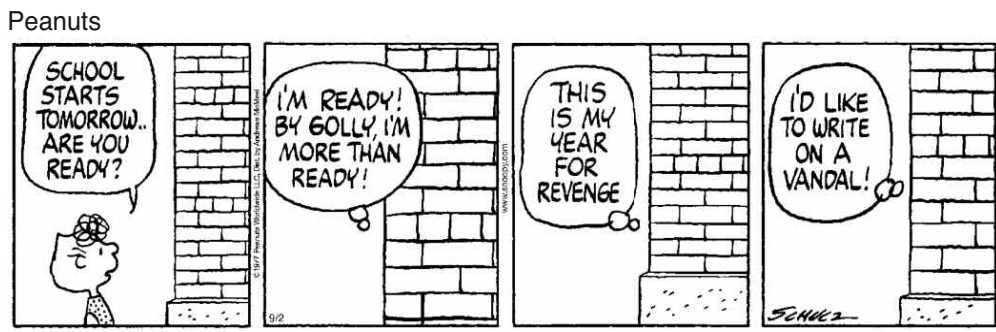
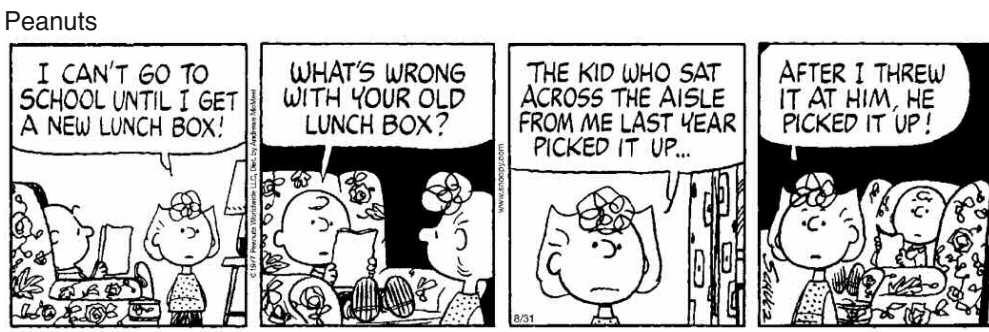
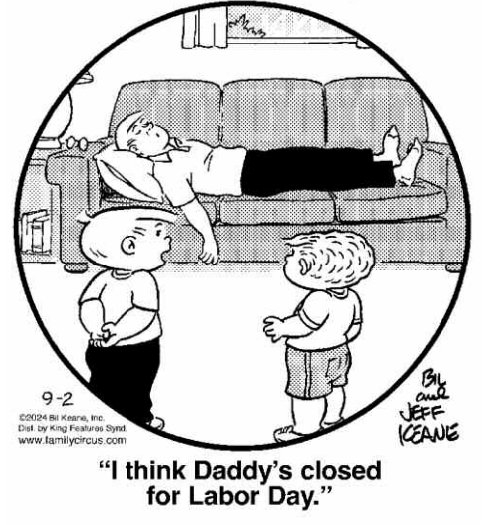
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38-12-05-403-001.000-027
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Action Requested: To build and
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Exception Use approval from
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Ohio for Approval of an Increase in Gas Rates; 23-895-GA-ALT, In the
Matter of the Application of The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Do-
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GA-AAM, In the Matter of the Application of 23-894-GA-AIR et al -
5 -The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio for
Approval to Change Accounting Methods; and 23-897-GA-ATA, In the
Matter of the Application of The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Do-
minion Energy Ohio for Approval of Tariff Revisions.
In its applications, The East Ohio Gas Company requests approval
of an increase in gas distribution rates and an alternative rate
plan. In its rate case, Columbia requests a rate increase of
\$218,204,085, an increase of 25.53 percent over current revenues.
After its review of Columbia's application and records, the Staff of
the Commission recommends a revenue decrease in the range of
\$251,252,625 to \$225,150,474, which represents a decrease of be-
tween 27.46 percent and 24.61 percent over current revenues. The
East Ohio Gas Company's application for alternative rate plans
seeks to implement the following elements: the continuation of the
capital expenditure program rider for an additional five-year term;
the continuation of the infrastructure replacement rider for an ad-
ditional seven years; and the continuation of other riders related to,
among other things, uncollectible expenses and infrastructure de-
velopment. These local hearings are scheduled to provide an op-
portunity for interested members of the public to testify in these
proceedings. The local hearings will be held as follows:
a. September 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at Frank J. Lausche State Office
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b. September 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at Akron-Summit Public Li-
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c. September 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at Lima Senior High School Au-
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The evidentiary hearing in these proceedings will be called on
September 3, 2024, at the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room
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(14) It is, therefore,
(15) ORDERED, That local public hearings in these proceedings be
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(16) ORDERED, That EOG publish notice of the hearings as set forth
in Paragraph 13. It is, further,
(17) ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon each
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PK lifts Jay

Muhlenkamp scores in final minute for 4-3 win over Delta

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

With the clock ticking toward the one-minute mark, Emmitt Reynolds and Drayton Swanson clashed.

Swanson was trying to send the ball for a final Eagle push. Reynolds desperately wanted to keep it on his offensive end.

Reynolds won the battle, then sent the ball to the guy who had already found the net twice.

Levi Muhlenkamp's ensuing attack proved the difference, as his penalty kick goal with 53.5 seconds remaining lifted the Jay County High School boys soccer team to a 4-3 victory over visiting Delta.

"Stressful, to say the least," said JCHS coach Rodney Reynolds. "Very competitive. I feel that no matter what, we stayed in the game. ... We kept pressure, we kept pressure. It was just a matter of time, and then the penalty came."

The score had been tied for 26 minutes — Delta tallied all of its goals in the early moments of each half, with the Patriots then responding — when the Swanson was looking to send the ball up the field for a last-minute run at the goal.

Reynolds wouldn't let him.

The sophomore left wing fought Swanson for the ball, eventually taking it away and tapping it forward for Muhlenkamp.

"I saw the ball coming and I was like, 'I've got to get it to him somehow,'" said Reynolds. "So I did a slide, made the take and got up and through ball. And it worked perfectly."

Already with two goals to his name, Muhlenkamp went on a solo attack. He pushed toward the left post with Delta's Waylen Stewart alongside him and Hudson Ewing hustling in to help.

The pair of Eagles managed to corral Muhlenkamp, but Stewart took out his legs just outside of the blue turf of the JCHS end zone. He was called for a foul, which occurred inside the 18-yard box and resulted in a penalty kick.

Muhlenkamp had no problem netting the game-winner for a hat trick, sending his shot high and to the left corner where goalkeeper Elijah Bell had no chance to stop it.

"I want it," said Muhlenkamp. "I love those kind of moments."

He referenced a situation during his freshman year when he was part of a penalty kick shootout against ACAC rival Heritage.

"I missed it," he said. "I knew I'm not going to let something like that happen again and I proved that today."

Delta earned a corner kick and a throw-in during the final 45 seconds, but the Patriots were able to clear both. Goalie Peyton Yowell made a dive to stop the ball in front of Jed Vanator and halt a final Eagles try, then punted the ball high in the air to run off the final five seconds.

The win kept JCHS perfect at 3-0 and marked its second victory over a sectional rival.

"Huge win, huge win," said Reynolds, whose team also beat sectional foe New Castle 3-0. "Last year we lost to them 3-2 at Delta. Great, great environment to come and host at Jay County with our fans behind us. We really scrap on our field. We don't want to lose on our field, and that's big."

The teams traded the advantage over the course of the evening, with Vanator finding the net first in the opening minutes. Muhlenkamp's first goal tied the score at 30:51 and Dylan Marentes gave Jay County the lead on a



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School's Emmitt Reynolds controls a ball during the Patriots' 4-3 victory over Delta on Thursday. Reynolds passed the game-winning assist to Levi Muhlenkamp with less than a minute left.

shot that deflected off Bell and in midway through the first half.

Delta again was ready at the start of the second half, with Carson Hall chipping a shot in following a throw-in from Sam Stokes. That goal came just 1:39 after the intermission, and Maddox Huffman scored less than a minute and a half later when he took a pass from Hall, outran the defense and beat Yowell for a 3-2 lead.

Muhlenkamp evened the score at the 27:09 mark when he took a long pass from Marentes and fired a shot. The ball deflected off of Bell and caromed high in the air. As it came back down and bounced, its spin propelled it into the net.

"It's disappointing," said Delta coach Tony Pierce, whose team was coming off of a 2-1 loss Tuesday to Mt. Vernon. "We just got out-worked a

lot of the game today. They came out, Jay County did, really intent to win this game and physical. And it took us until early in the second half to match that. A couple of unfortunate breaks and we let a couple of goals in.

"We've got a young team. They let a lot of stuff get in their heads today. We didn't do a good job of responding after they scored goals."

Patriots take down Indians in home meet

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review

A pair of returners won the races, but both teams are seeing some of their freshmen start to catch their strides.

The host Patriots walked away with a pair of victories, while the Indians walked away happy with the improvements to their race plans and strategies.

The Jay County High School cross country team hosted the Fort Recovery Indians, taking down its neighbor to the east in both races.

The Jay County boys ran away for a 16-45 victory, while the girls only topped the Indians 27-30.

"I felt like our boys were going to win," said JCHS coach Bruce Wood. "The girls was going to be a challenge. We wanted to let their fastest runner go ahead and go out. Then we have three runners that kind of run together and we were hoping they could take out the two or three spot. It turned out that they got one and two and we got three-four-five, so that worked out pretty well for our score."

"Our goal was to win both meets. Fort Recovery is a good program, so we've kind of been building program mode, so it's good for both our boys and girls to get the win."

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Fort Recovery High School's Evan Evers (left) and Jay County's Cooper Glentzer (48) start sprinting to the finish in a fight for seventh place.

Invite to look forward to today, — the Patriot runners have the weekend off from competing — the Indians took a different approach to the only dual meet on their schedule

"It's hot and we have a meet on Saturday, so we went into today to use it as a work out and they executed that," said FRHS

coach Christy Diller. "We were working on them going out hard and then finishing hard. Then we were having them do surges at different points in the race to practice changing gears because that's something we're not great at. We also worked on pack running."

Joelle Kaup led the girls

race from the starting shot until she crossed the finish line 22 minutes, 11.54 seconds later. The second-place spot was up for grabs most of the race.

During the first 400 meters, Anna Roessner kept pace with Kaup with freshman Riley Heitkamp in tow. Just a short distance behind, Patriot

freshmen Brooklynn Byrum and Jessie Homan competed with Maddie Heitkamp for fourth.

About 200 meters into the second mile, Kaup developed a true lead, while Byrum and Homan overtook for the second spot. Fifer trailed by 30 feet with Riley Heitkamp an equal distance behind her. Two-thirds of the way through the second mile, the four ended up in a pack with the sole FRHS runner leading.

The eventual finish to the race had Heitkamp in second (22:42.29), Byrum in third (22:56.89), Fifer in fourth (23:00.50) and Homan in sixth (23:02.34).

"I was just focusing on my breathing, my steps and strides (during the final mile)," Heitkamp said.

Other scores for Jay County came from Ava May in seventh (23:52.44) and Alexis Sibray (24:12.83), while Lizzy Brunswick (25:50.30) and Paityn Wendel (25:53.12) took points away from Fort Recovery in 10th and 11th.

The Indians' scores came from Roessner in sixth (23:42.69), Maddie Heitkamp in ninth (24:31.59) and Kendall Ranly in 13th (27:36.93).

Jay County had a stronger hold in the boys race. Outside of the first 400 meters, where Reese

Diller held the top spot, the Patriots held the first four positions with Caleb Garringer, Dash Thacker, Joseph Boggs, Max Klopfenstein and later Dougie Cox. Outside of some minor changes, the runners held their positions that were established in the first mile.

The Patriots swept the top four spots with Garringer (18:26.29), Thacker (18:37.84), Boggs (19:14.47) — who ran in his first race of the season after missing the first two with an illness — and Cox (20:10.60). With only two teams at the meet, Thacker was able to see Garringer's position for most of the meet, providing a little extra kick for the freshman.

"It was great because at practice, I'm usually trying to pace myself with him," Thacker said. "We really push each other and build off each other."

The final JCHS score came from Klopfenstein in sixth (21:03.46), while eighth and ninth place finishes from Cooper Glentzer (21:40.76) and Beckett Brandenburg (22:09.91) took points away from Fort Recovery.

Scores for the Indians came from Reese Diller in fifth (20:34.46), Evan Evers in seventh (21:40.08), Milo Fiely in 12th (24:08.85), Russell Hart in 13th (24:08.96) and Evan Diller in 15th (24:53.48).

Patriots take down Bearcats in four sets

MUNCIE — The Patriots suffered their first loss to a team from Delaware county on Aug. 22.

With another opportunity against a team from the county, they took advantage.

The Jay County High School volleyball team dropped the first set before taking down the Muncie Central Bearcats 22-26, 25-15, 25-13, 25-16 on Thursday.

JCHS setter Paisley Fugiett had a strong day for the Patriots (3-1). She led the team in assists (30), digs (14) and aces (three), while also adding a pair of kills.

Of her 30 assists, 18 went to fellow sophomore Hallie

Local roundup

Schweiterman, who led the match with 19 kills.

Following Schwieterman, Mya Kunkler had 11 kills. Kunkler also had one solo block and an assisted block, trailing only Maria Hemmelgarn with one solo block and three assisted blocks.

Tribe shoots low

After letting two matches slip away, the Fort Recov-

ery boys golf team got back in the win column by taking down the New Knoxville Ranger 163-203 Thursday at Portland Golf Club.

Eli Lennartz led the way with a round of 38, earning him match medalist honors. The senior had six pars and three bogeys for the Indians (6-3, 4-2 Midwest Athletic Conference).

New Knoxville's best score came from John Gabel, who shot a 45, matching Fort Recovery's fifth-best score.

Keegan Muhlenkamp put up the next best score of 40 strokes. Muhlenkamp also never shot worse than a bogey, as he strung four

pars in a row surrounded by five bogeys.

Reece LeFevre added a 42 with a birdie on the 520-yard, par-5 14th hole, while Caleb Smith rounded out the score with a 43.

Scores of 45 and 51 from Mason Diller and Colson Post didn't affect the final.

Girls fall

COLDWATER, Ohio — The Jay County girls soccer team suffered its first loss 3-0 to the Coldwater Cavaliers on Thursday.

Goalie Maleah Grieshop had a busy first half, saving 10 shots to only allow one to sneak through to the net. The Patriots (2-1) only managed seven shots on the

goal with two from Morgan DeHoff and Jayla Huelkamp.

JCHS took nine shots at the net in the second half but couldn't get past Coldwater's Sydney Grieshop.

Parsons saved three of the five second-half shots.

The Patriots won the junior varsity match 1-0. Aix Lopez scored the lone goal, while Raylin Hummer made two saves in the goal.

Indians defeated

The Fort Recovery volleyball team took the Marion Local Flyers to five sets on Thursday, but ultimately fell 25-19, 10-25, 25-20, 23-25, 15-6.

Cameron Muhlenkamp

led the attack with 13 kills for Fort Recovery (3-1, 0-1 Midwest Athletic Conference). Kennedy Muhlenkamp and Brynn Willmann followed with eight and seven kills, respectively as the Indians totaled 38.

Despite nearly five Indians with double-digit digs, the Tribe's defense faltered as the Flyers managed 58 kills. Kenna Dues led the Indians with 16 kills, while Bridget Homan added 15, Cameron Muhlenkamp had 11 and Kayla Heitkamp and Kenney Muhlenkamp both had nine.

Dues also led FRHS with six aces, while Heitkamp had 30 assists.

Costly ...

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It managed to get a first down, but facing third-and-13, quarterback Sean Bailey threw pass intended for Brady Jetmore that got picked off by New Castle's Ryan Cupp. Six plays later, Caleb Clapp rushed for 5 yards and the first touchdown of the game at the 6:22 mark.

On the opening play of the second drive for Jay County (1-1), the Patriots got called for holding, allowing the Trojans to force them three-and-out.

New Castle's other touchdowns came in the second quarter as the result of a couple of big plays. The first was a 44-yard pass from Carson Bell to Neil McMartin to move the ball to the 7-yard line. Two plays later, Bell tossed the ball to Cade Logston for a 6-yard touchdown at 8:03.

Two drives later, facing second-and-16, Bell found McMartin again on a quick pass in the open field, allowing the junior to take the ball 75 yards to the end zone with 1:10 remaining in the half.

The Patriots managed stops on the three drives the Trojans didn't rip off major plays.

Jay County couldn't find a similar big play to help them break through. Despite five first downs on eight drives, the Patriots never found the end zone.

"Anytime we got a play like that where we got something going we either got a penalty, had a turnover, dropped a pass," Zgunda said. "We had to capitalize on those opportunities when you get them. We didn't and they did."

The closest they got was in the third quarter. The eight-play drive featured seven run to gain 24 yards and put them on the Trojan's 6-yard line. On the final rush, A.J. Myers fumbled the ball five yards from the end zone and New Castle recovered.

The game first got sus-



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Benson Ward of the Jay County football team jumps up to try and receive a pass during the Patriots' 20-0 loss in three quarters Friday. The Patriots only had eight passing yards on 11 attempts.

ended because of lighting at 9:01 p.m. New Castle had the ball on its own 20-yard line facing fourth-and-5 with 2:31 remaining in the game.

After more than an hour and a half of waiting and with the radar still showing a lot of storm activity moving in, at 10:40 p.m., the game

Box score	
Jay County Patriots (1-1) vs. New Castle Trojans (1-1)	
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First Quarter	
NC — Caleb Clapp 5 run (Leonre Walker kick), 6:22.	
Second Quarter	
NC — Cade Logston 6 pass from Carson Bell (2-point fail) 8:03.	
NC — Neil McMartin 75 pass from Bell (Walker kick) 1:10.	
Third Quarter	
Did not finish	
Fourth Quarter	
Did not finish	
Team Statistics	
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Rushes - yds	27-54 12-36
Comp-Att-Int	2-11-1 11-17-0
Passing yds	8 200
Total Plays	38 29
Total Offense	62 236
Kickoff ret - yds	3-42 1-9
Ints - yds	1-0 0-0
Fumbles - lost	1-1 0-0
Penalties - yds	6-50 9-85
Sacks - yds	1-9 4-30
Individual Statistics	
Rushing — Jay County — A.J. Myers 10-31, Benson Ward 1-12, Sean Bailey 12-11, Leighton Brown 4-0, New Castle — Caleb Clapp 7-39, Tylin Thrine 3-7, Carson Bell 2-(-10).	
Passing — Jay County — Sean Bailey 2-11-1 8, New Castle — Bell 11-17-0 200.	
Receiving — Jay County — Benson Ward 1-11, Grant Wendel 1-(-3), New Castle — Neil McMartin 2-119, Cade Logston 3-46, Tylin Thrine 4-24, Braylen Bennett 2-11.	

was postponed to today with a restart time of 6 p.m. Following the announcement of the new time, coaches and athletic directors from both schools met on the field to discuss the situation further.

At 10:59 p.m., The Commercial Review got a phone call from Jay County athletics director Alex Griffin informing the paper of the Patriots' concession.

The junior varsity game will go on at 10 a.m. today and the varsity's next game will be Friday when they host the Southern Wells Raiders for the Allen County Athletic Conference opener.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys soccer vs. Woodlan — 10 a.m.; Girls soccer vs. Woodlan — 12 p.m.; JV football at New Castle — 10 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Cross country at Treaty City Invite at Greenville City Park — 9:45 a.m.; Volleyball at Arcanum — 10 a.m.; Middle school cross country Treaty City at Greenville City Park — 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Girls golf vs. Winchester/Fort Recovery — 4:30 p.m.; Girls soccer at South Adams — 5 p.m.; Volleyball at Fort Recovery — 6 p.m.; Junior high football vs. Bluffton — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high volleyball vs. Northside — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls golf vs. Jay County/Winchester — 4:30 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Jay County — 6 p.m.; Middle school volleyball at Parkway — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
6:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Italian Grand Prix (ESPN2)
7:30 a.m. — Premier League: Brighton & Hove Albion at Arsenal (USA)
10 a.m. — Formula 1: Italian Grand Prix (ESPN2)
10 a.m. — Premier League: AFC Bournemouth at Everton (USA)
11 a.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN2)
12 p.m. — College football: Clemson at Georgia (ABC); Virginia Tech at Vanderbilt (ESPN); Indiana State at Purdue (BTN); UConn at Maryland (FS1); Penn State at West Virginia (FOX)
12:30 p.m. — Premier League: Manchester City at West Ham United (NBC)
1 p.m. — PGA Tour: TOUR Championship (NBC)
1 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at New York Yankees (Bally Indiana)
1:20 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Cook Out Southern 500 (USA)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Colorado State at Texas (ESPN); Miami at Florida (ABC); North Dakota at Iowa State (FS1); FIU at Indiana (BTN); UTEP at Nebraska (FOX); Akron at Ohio State (CBS)
3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Sport Clips Haircuts VFW Help A Hero 200 (USA)
6 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: New Mexico United at Oakland Roots (FOX)
6:45 p.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — College football: Western Kentucky at Alabama (ESPN); UNLV at Houston (FS1)
7:15 p.m. — MLB: Milwaukee Brewers at Cincinnati Reds (FOX)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Notre Dame at Texas A&M (ABC); Fresno State at Michigan (NBC); UCLA at Hawaii (CBS); Idaho at Oregon (BTN)
10:30 p.m. — College football: New Mexico at Arizona (ESPN); Wyoming at Arizona State (FS1); Weber State at Washington (BTN)

Sunday
8:30 a.m. — Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur at Newcastle United (USA)
8:30 a.m. — ARCA Menards Series: DuQuoin (FS1)
9 a.m. — Formula 1: Italian Grand Prix (ESPN)
11 a.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN)
12 p.m. — Paralympic swimming (NBC)
12 p.m. — PGA Tour: TOUR Championship (NBC)

12:30 p.m. — College volleyball: Texas at Wisconsin (FOX)
2 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Kansas City Current at North Carolina Courage (CBS)
2:50 p.m. — IndyCar: Milwaukee Mile 2 (USA)
3 p.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open (ABC)
3 p.m. — College FCS football: North Carolina Central at Alabama State (ESPN)
4 p.m. — NHRA: Funny Car NHRA All-Star Callout (FOX)
5 p.m. — PGA Tour: TOUR Championship (NBC)
5 p.m. — Horse Racing: Saratoga Live (FS1)
5:30 p.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN2)
6 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Cook Out Southern 500 (USA)
7:10 p.m. — MLB: Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — College football: USC at LSU (ABC)

Monday
7:45 a.m. — Paralympic basketball: Japan vs. USA (ABC)
11 a.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN)
11:30 a.m. — Paralympic swimming (USA)
12 p.m. — NHRA: U.S. Nationals (FOX)
4:10 p.m. — MLB: Houston Astros at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
7 a.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Boston College at Florida State (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — College volleyball: Minnesota at Texas (FS1)

Tuesday
12 p.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN)
7 p.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN)
7:40 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Milwaukee Brewers (Bally Indiana)
8 p.m. — College volleyball: Illinois at Illinois State (ESPN)

Local notes

Final races
The first of the final three races of the Adams County 5K Challenge is the Catch York Breath While You Dash for Diabetes on Sept. 14.
The race will start at Adams Memorial Hospital at 1100 Mercer Avenue, Decatur. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will cost \$25, with the race starting at 9 a.m.
The Callithumpian Canter will follow on Sunday, Oct. 4. Preregistration is \$20 and can be done at adamscounty5kchallenge.com.
The race will begin with a \$10 fun run at 1:30 p.m. before the 5K at 2 p.m.

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Sports

Costly mistakes



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Jay County High School's Carter Fugiett tackles New Castle's Cade Logston on a 2-point attempt in the second quarter on Friday night. While the Patriots stopped the 2-point play, they couldn't stop the Trojans from getting three touchdowns before play was stopped for lightning and the Patriots conceded.

Turnovers and penalties hurt Jay County in game called early because of inclement weather

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

After 33 minutes, 29 seconds, Mother Nature got the better of the Patriots and the Trojans.

Just under two hours later, the Trojans walked away as the victors.

After waiting for 1 hour, 58

minutes, and trailing by three scores, the Patriots decided to concede the game.

Multiple lightning delays kept the Jay County High School football team from restarting its game with the New Castle Trojans on Friday night before the Patriots decided to take the loss.

New Castle (1-1) built a 20-0 lead before the lightning delay at 2:31 on the clock in the third quarter.

"We just made too many mistakes, starting from the first play of the game," said JCHS coach Grant Zgunda in an interview prior to the decision to for-

feit. "We just made too many mistakes and it cost us."

That first mistake came on the kickoff, when the ball rolled to the Jay County 1-yard line, leaving the home team to try to traverse nearly the entire length of the field.

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Passing, turnovers doom the Indians

URBANA, Ohio — On their home field in their season opener, the Indians were able to run their way past a non-conference rival.

On the road in week two, they were punished by their opponent's aerial attack and a couple of turnovers.

Fort Recovery High School's football team gave up 258 passing yards and a pair of touchdowns on turnovers Friday night as they struggled to a 43-6 loss to the Urbana Hill-climbers.

The Indians (1-1), who were coming off of a win over Wayne Trace, were down by just seven at the end of the first quarter before Grady Lantz hit Brayden Cain for a 47-yard scoring pass 2:18 into the second. It was the first of their three TD connections.

But before the passing game was able to strike again, Urbana (2-0) got in the end zone twice on turnovers. The first came when Cain intercepted an Ethan Hartnagel pass and returned it 35 yards for a touchdown with 2:55 left in the first half. Just 1:12 later, Julian Davis blocked a Hartnagel punt and D'Marcus Bean recovered the ball and took it for a TD and a 29-0 lead heading into halftime.

Lantz and Cain put the game away, connecting on touchdown passes of 68 and 58 yards in the third quarter. Their four passing connections resulted in 206 yards and three touchdowns. (Lantz was an efficient 9-of-11 for 258 yards.)

Fort Recovery got its only points midway through the final period when Hartnagel crossed the goal line on a 1-yard run.

The Indians gained just 163 total yards, 134 of which came in the running game. Reece Wendel ran 18 times for 77 yards, and Hartnagel carried eight times for 42 yards.

Caden Grisez and Wendel each completed two passes, with Gavin Evers recording the longest reception of 16 yards.

Reece Wendel and Coby Schmitz were the defensive leaders for Fort Recovery with four tackles apiece.

Life won't get any easier for the Tribe next week as it opens Midwest Athletic Conference play by hosting perennial powerhouse Coldwater (2-0). The Cavaliers beat Clinton-Massie 31-15 Friday night after topping Valley View 38-0 in their season opener.

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McDaniel gets contract extension

By **DAVID FURONES**
South Florida Sun-Sentinel
Tribune News Service

The Miami Dolphins have stamped their approval of coach Mike McDaniel for the long haul.

The Dolphins and their coach of the past two seasons agreed to a contract extension that will keep him leading Miami through the 2028 season,

according to a league source Friday morning.

McDaniel's original four-year deal had him signed through the 2025 season, so it's essentially three years added to his contract.

The Dolphins hired McDaniel in 2022 and have revamped their offense under the former San Francisco 49ers offensive coordinator in his first two years in Miami.

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REQUIREMENTS

- High School diploma or equivalent.
- Possession of or ability to obtain TB skin testing certification and CPR/AED certifications.
- Possession of or ability to obtain Notary Public License and National Incident Management (NIMS) Certifications.
- Ability to serve the public with diplomacy and respect, including occasional encounters with difficult persons.
- Ability to problem solve and collaborate as a team player.
- Ability to operate standard office equipment.
- Ability to travel off-site (active Indiana driver's license).

Hours

- 35 hours weekly (Monday 8:30 am - 7:00 pm, Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Friday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm).
- Occasional evening and weekend hours as needed for department operations and out of town meetings.
- Follows the Jay County government office holiday schedule.

All interested applicants can submit their resume to the Jay County Health Department at:

504 W. Arch St., Portland, IN 47371

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Applications will be accepted until September 20, 2024