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Focused on finances

Budget comparison

The chart below shows the City of Portland's proposed 2025 proposed budget compared to this year's budget. Listed are the major funds, as well as the budget totals. Amounts are expressed in millions.

	2024	2025	increase
General	\$4.42	\$4.77	7.9%
Highway	\$1.13	\$1.39	23%
Insurance surplus	\$1.3	\$1.3	no change
Park and recreation	\$0.509	\$0.569	11.8%
Total	\$9.59	\$10.61	10.6%

There were no comments from the public during the city's public hearing on the budget Tuesday. Council is scheduled to consider the budget for adoption during its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7.

The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

The salary ordinance passed.

Salary

ordinance

approved;

budget

hearing was held

The budget hearing saw no comment.

And a former mayor offered some advice on city finances.

Portland City Council focused mostly on financial issues during its meeting Monday.

There was no public comment on the 2025 budget, which is proposed at \$10.61 million. That's up by 10.6% over the 2024 budget of \$9.59 million.

\$4.77 million in the general fund, up from \$4.42 million; \$1.39 million in the motor vehicle highway fund, up from \$1.31 million; \$1.3 million in the insurance surplus non-reverting fund (unchanged); and \$569,420 in the park and recreation fund, up from \$509,000.

Council is scheduled to vote on adoption of the 2025 budget at its Oct. 7 meeting.

the proposed increase job performance. for the mayor.

member Ron May said deserves a raise.

Golden responded that voted in favor. Also Monday, council the raise under consid-

The ordinance As he had at the pre- includes 6% raises for all vious meeting, council city employees, 8% raises for superintendents, he does not believe the clerk-treasurer and Mayor Jeff Westlake the mayor, and \$100 per year longevity pay "You knew what it capped at 20 years — was paid coming in and I then approved by a 6-1 honestly don't think vote with May dissentyou're deserving of that ing. Kent McClung, Matt raise right now," said Goldsworthy, Mike Aker, Michele Brewster, Ash-Council member Dave ley Hilfiker and Golden have disbursements that

Former 2025 eration is for the posi- mayor Randy Geesaman changes, cash reserves Force. salary ordinance after a tion and is not a refer- also spoke to council will decline.

The budget calls for few comments about endum on the mayor's Monday, saying he sees potential red flags in the financial report that was presented by accounting and consulting firm Baker Tilly of Indianapolis on Aug. 14. (Geesaman lost to Westlake in the 2023 general election.)

> portions of the Baker Tilly report, including that nine of Portland's 12 major operating funds exceed receipts for 2024. two-term He noted that without

He encouraged council members to informed about proposals that are expected to come up in the state legislature this year, including property tax relief and the elimination of income tax.

'What are they doing Geesaman referenced and how is that going to affect us?" he asked. He also noted that State Sen. Travis Holdman, who represents Jay County, is leading the General Assembly's State and Local Tax Review Task

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Village to buy a new police vehicle

Department's 2015 Charger has had mechanical problems

By BAILEY CLINE The Commercial Review

Village police are getting a new cruiser.

Fort Recovery Village Council amended appropriations and approved transfers during a special meeting Tuesday, allowing for the purchase of a 2025 Dodge Durango Pursuit and a brush chipper.

Both purchases had already been budgeted for earlier this year.

Fort Recovery Police Chief Jared Laux explained Tuesday the village's 2015 Dodge Charger has had various mechanical issues recently and had to be towed.

"It's a matter of time until (the engine) probably just completely just shuts down," Laux said. "You guys have heard the ticking, the misfire, and I mean just everything under the sun with that vehicle unfortunately.'

He shared plans to purchase the vehicle from Sarchione Automotive Group for \$45,029. It should be delivered within the next couple weeks.

Outfitting the vehicle with police equipment is estimated to take another \$15,000 or more. Laux is looking into utilizing KE Rose of Huber Heights or StateWide Ford of Van Wert for the service.

See Village page 2

U.S. unseals charges against Hamas

By CHRIS STROHM

Bloomberg News

Tribune News Service The U.S. Justice Department announced Tuesday that it had charged six senior leaders of Hamas with terrorism and conspiracy to kill Americans, days after six hostages including an Israeli-U.S. citizen were slain in the Gaza Strip.

The charges against Hamas leaders Yahya Sinwar and other top Hamas operatives were filed in February and include counts linked to Hamas' Oct. 7 assault on Israel as well as a string of other attacks over more than a decade. In a statement, Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Hamas leaders had financed and directed a decades-long campaign to murder Americans and endanger U.S. national security.

"The charges unsealed today are just one part of our effort to target every aspect of Hamas' operations," Garland said. "These actions will not be our last. The Justice Department has a long memory.'

of Hersh Goldberg-Polin, the 23-year-old Israeli-American who was captured in the Oct.

Counts filed in February were linked to Oct. 7 attack and others over decade-plus

He said the department was investigating Goldberg-Polin's killing as an act of terrorism.

The Justice Department didn't say why it waited until Tuesday to unseal the charges. As the American presidential election campaign has heated up, Republicans have accused President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic nominee, of not doing enough to secure the hostages' release or support Israeli forces' campaign against Hamas.

The Biden administration has worked for months to forge Garland cited the death a cease-fire accord that would end the fighting in the Gaza Strip and lead to the release of the hostages. Israel and Hamas 7 attack and who was killed have so far failed to agree on a with five other hostages over proposal put forward by

the weekend, in his statement. the U.S., Qatar and Egypt. On Tuesday, White spokesman John Kirby said "the killing over the weekend just underscores the sense of urgency that we have to have."

Hamas is designated a terrorist group by the U.S. and the European Union. The Oct. 7 attack killed some 1,200 people, including about 40 Ameri-

Among those charged was Ismail Haniyeh, the Hamas leader who was killed in a bomb blast in Iran in July, an attack that Iran blamed on Israel. Israel has so far declined to take responsibility for Haniyeh's death, though the killing has sparked fears that Iran, and its allies Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas might retaliate and plunge the region into fresh conflict.



Tribune News Service/Getty Images/Gil Cohen-Magen

Mourners gather by the grave of killed U.S.-Israeli hostage Hersh Goldberg-Polin, whose body was recovered with five other hostages in Gaza, during the funeral Monday at Givat Shaul cemetery in Jerusalem amid the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinian militant group Hamas. The six were among 251 hostages seized during Hamas's Oct. 7 attack that triggered the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas.

Deaths

Dorothy Burgess, 87, Port-

Max Parr, 59, Alexandria Mary Schwartz, 74, Berne Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 75 degrees Tuesday. The low was 46.

Tonight's low will be in the mid 60s. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday morning with rain showers expected in the afternoon and a high in the

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Public Library will host Friend-ly Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6. Anyone can visit to sign up to become a friend of the library and learn about upcoming events and how to get involved.

Coming up

Friday — Coverage of this week's Jay County Council budget hearing.

Saturday — Results from the JCHS football game against Southern Wells.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.



Obituaries

Dorothy Burgess

Jan. 14, 1937-Sept. 3, 2024 Dorothy J. Burgess, age 87, of Portland passed away on Tues-

day, Sept. 3, 2024, Persimmon Ridge Healthcare in Portland.

She was born in Portland on Jan. 1937, the daughter of David W. and Net-Mildred tie



(Ervin) Walker. She was married on June 16, 1954, to Willord "Bill" Burgess and he passed away on April 15, 1994. Dorothy retired from Franklin Electric, was a Portland High School graduate and enjoyed crocheting and embroidering.

Surviving is one son, Terry Burgess of Portland; two daughters, Carla Burgess (husband: Greg Guntle) of Brownsburg and Ginger Shawver (compan- lis following a very brief illness.

Saturday

9/7

ion: Ed May) of Portland; one brother, Perry Walker (wife: Connie) of Portland; one sister, Doris Zimmerman (husband: Tom) of Portland; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, David Dale Walker.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Sept. 7, at 11 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with burial to follow in the Stahl Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m.

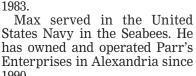
In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Jay County Cancer Society.

Condolences may expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Max Parr

Aug. 8, 1965-Sept. 1, 2024 Max A. Parr, 59, Alexandria, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 1, 2024, at Community Heart and Vascular Hospital in Indianapo-

Max was born on Aug. 8, 1965, in Bluffton, Indiana, to Gerald Max and Norma Jean (Stanley) Peterson. He was a graduate of Jay County High School, Class of



Parr

Max enjoyed working in his garage, motorcycling, go-karting and four-wheeling. Basically, if it had an engine, Max was interested. A high point in Max's life was getting to race with his son in the ATV Motocross National racing circuit all across the country.

Alexandria has lost not only a skilled craftsman, but also a

and family have been the benefactors of his caring, kindness and generosity. Max's genuine giving nature will continue to those who benefitted from his being an organ donor.

Survivors:

Son — Thomas Max Parr and wife Michala Parr of Alexan-

granddaughters Meredyth and Madilyn Parr

His mother — Jean Peterson John) of Dunkirk and Fort Myers, Florida

Three sisters — Rodgers (Denny) and Donetta McIlwain, all of Dunkirk, and Susan Todd (Joe) of Fort Myers,

Several nieces and nephews He was preceded in death by his father in 1998.

Services honoring Max's life and legacy will take place at 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 6, 2024, in the Owens Funeral Home, 412 N. friend of the community. Max Harrison St., Alexandria. Mike was a giver, and many friends Owens will officiate. Cremation

will follow the services. A public viewing will take place at the Owens Funeral Home on Friday from noon to 3 p.m. prior to the service.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Look Twice, Save a Life, c/o Bikersinc., 1761 N. Sherman Drive, Suite F, Indi-

anapolis, IN 46218.

Mary J. Schwartz, rural Berne, a relative of Geneva residents, May 10, 1949-Sept. 3, 2024. Services will be at 9 a.m. Friday at the Schwartz residence, 5711 S. 600 East, Berne.

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

time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary serv-

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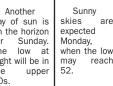












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Lotteries

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$93 million

Mega Millions

12-41-43-52-55 Mega Ball: 9 Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$740 million

Hoosier

Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 4-8-9 Daily Four: 8-5-4-5 Quick Draw: 7-11-12-15-17-26-28-31-33-39-42-43-62-64-65-67-71-74-77-78 \$230,000

Daily Three: 5-1-8 Daily Four: 9-5-2-1 Quick Draw: 7-13-15-19-22-25-28-29-37-39-53-57-63-66-67-70-72-73-78-80

Ohio Tuesday

Evening

Midday Pick 3: 8-4-6 Pick 4: 8-0-2-6 Pick 5: 8-2-2-6-7 **Evening** Pick 3: 8-3-4 Pick 4: 9-4-7-3 Pick 5: 6-1-2-1-8 Rolling Cash: 5-11-23-

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Today in history

Council approved \$77,000 nomic for a U.S. Army Corps of income tax funds the Engineers study to learn next morning toward the solutions to the city's study.) Also, at the same chronic flooding prob- meeting, council acceptlems. It planned to draw ed streets and parks back on its portion if Jay department superintend-County Commissioners ent Ryan Myers' resignamade a financial contri-tion. bution. (Commissioners

In 2017, Portland City committed \$30,000 in ecodevelopment

— The CR

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Citizen's calendar

Today

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.

Monday

Commissioners, audito- 131 S. Main St.

rium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.

5 p.m. — Portland City Council special meeting, Fifer Properties, 510 S. Bridge St., Portland.

6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. **Monday** 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City 9 a.m. — Jay County Council, city building,

Village To decommission the Charger essentially to remove all police

equipment so that it is able to be used for non-police purposes — is estimated to cost \$880. Laux talked about the potential to recycle some equipment by moving it from the Charger to the

"Well, from my standpoint, I think that Chief Laux has done a lot of homework on this, so I trust that he has gotten us to the best buy that he can, and it sounds like we need to retire that other (vehicle) sooner than later," said council member Cliff Wendel.

Council members made a \$65,000 appropriation for the vehicle pur-

They also made a \$45,000 appropriation for purchasing a new brush chipper — it's priced at \$44,316 — from Vermeer of Findlay, Ohio. The village's current brush chipper has hit its stride, village administrator Randy Diller has noted in past council meetings.

In other business, council members Erik Fiely, Luke Knapke, Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson, Al Post and Wendel heard the village will be hosting an informational meeting for property owners along the planned Butler Street reconstruction area from 6 to 7 p.m. Sept. 16, with the village's regular meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m.

Ohio Public Works Commission awarded Fort Recovery approximately \$499,000 earlier this year through the Small Government Program grant for reconstruction of Butler Street between Fort Site and Main streets. The project, estimated at \$1.53 million, includes a new aggregate base and asphalt designed to handle daily truck traffic, as well as new and improved curbs and sidewalks, a new water main pipe, new service taps at adjoining properties, including a tap for fire protection at Fort Recovery Morvilius Opera House, and a new traffic signal, pedestrian crossing equipment and fixtures at the intersection of Butler and Wayne streets. Hopes are the project will be completed by July 2025.

Finances

Continued from page 1 Geesaman asked council members to look at the city's finances through a long-term lens and consider revenue options such as increasing the local option income tax (LOIT).

Clerk-treasurer Phillips later noted that while the city has dipped into reserves in some funds this year, many of those funds had shown growth in the previous years.

ly not as grim as what I thought it sounded like," she said.

She noted various onetime projects, including the Blaine Pike paving and multi-use path, Meridian Street sewer and downtown building demolitions.

"But yes, we do need to be very mindful on what we're spending," Phillips added.

Hilfiker and Westlake also sparred again over city ordinances, with Hilfiker saying he's hopeful that with the payroll ordinance passed council and the mayor can work together. She asked the mayor, "Why do you keep directing city employees to not follow the ordinance?"

Specifically regarding trash, she questioned how the city can justify charging some residents, who "Some of those are in the are following the rules, a red (this year), but it's real- fee to pick up large items while others have their paying. She also mentioned a situation regarding city workers mowing a property without having followed proper procedure to notify the owner. She cautioned against possible lawsuits.

just wants trash picked up and properties cleaned up. There was also a back-

and-forth regarding the planned hiring of a code enforcement officer. Golden said it would be nice to find common ground, asking if the officer would follow procedure that is in place or be subject to the mayor's orders.

In other business, coun-

·Heard updates on several projects after questions from Golden:

Blaine Pike –The needs a few curb ramps to be adjusted and the process to work through the system for a change order regarding specifications that were not correct.

-Westlake said paving on the Meridian Street (U.S. Westlake, as he has at 27) project is expected to and Engine Show held last previous meetings, said he start on the south side of

23. He added that the project may go beyond its originally scheduled end date of —The installation of

the city on Monday, Sept.

livestreaming equipment has been delayed as Dynamic Business Solutions is waiting for microphones to be delivered.

—Fiberoptic being installed by Utilities One are for Brightspeed, which is expanding service in the area.

•Approved a \$9,000 contribution to the Children's items picked up without multi-use path project still Advocacy Center, which responds to child sex abuse cases. It works with child welfare and the law enforcement system in a united response.

·Heard McClung thanked all those involved in the Tri-State Antique Tractor month.

Capsule Reports

Lost control

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000 after a Portland man drove off the side of county road 500 South to avoid an accident about 4:44 p.m. Friday.

Tyler D. Manor, 19, was driving a 2011 GMC Sierra east on the road near county road 200 West. He told police he was forced off the road by a westbound semi passing another vehicle. Manor drove off the south side of the road and hit a parked dump truck.

Turning crash

A Dunkirk woman crashed her car into the back of a vehicle a Red- \$2,500 and \$5,000. The vehicle Terry

key woman was driving at the intersection of county roads 400 South and 700 West about 9:37 a.m. Sunday.

Brittany C. Franklin, 33, was driving her 2017 Dodge Durango west on county road 400 South behind a 1994 Chevrolet S-10 Blazer driven by 41-year-old Lisa M. Terry of Redkey. Terry told police she slowed down to turn north onto county road 700 West and Franklin crashed into her. Franklin told police Terry stopped in the road before turning. Franklin tried to stop but couldn't avoid the collision.

was driving is registered to Manager VMF of Indianapolis.

Passing accident

Two Dunkirk men had their trailers collide along county road 600 South about 9:02 p.m. Friday.

Christopher J. Hudson, 31, was driving his 2003 Chevrolet Silverado west on the road. Stevie L. Garrett, 70, was driving his 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer east on the road. As they passed each other, the wheels on their trailers collided, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report.

Garrett's trailer was towed. Dam-Damage is estimated between age is estimated between \$2,500 and

Felony arrests

Domestic battery

A Portland man was arrested Monday domestic battery.

Gregory A. Cash, 58, 7461 W. Division Road, was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony.

He was being held in Jay County Jail on a \$10,000

Drug possession

session of methamphetamine.

Robert J. Balle, 51, 623 1/2 E Votaw St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony.

He was being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County

Probation violation

A Geneva man was arrested Tuesday for violating his probation. A Portland man was Nicholas J. Gerber, 24, arrested Monday for pos-

months suspended. A petition alleging he violated the conditions of his probation was filed in court Aug. 13.

Gerber was released on a \$10,000 from Jay County

425 N. Railroad St., pleaded

guilty in Jay Circuit Court

to child solicitation, a

Level 5 felony. He was sen-

tenced to four years in

Indiana Department of

Correction with all but 16

SERVICES Today

Friday Schwartz, Mary: 9 a.m., Schwartz residence, 5711 S. 600

East, Berne.

Burgess, Dorothy: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Felony court news

Obstruction

A Portland man was sentenced to prison for obstruction of justice. Nathan Ross, 42, pleaded guilty in Jay \$189 in court costs.

Circuit Court to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to six months in Indiana Department of Correction and assessed

Affolder, Ray: 5 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St.,

Geneva.

Saturday

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50th anniversary



Claudia and Richard Jones - 2024

Richard and Claudia Jones

The Joneses recently celebrated 50 years of

Claudia Baughman and Richard Jones wed July 27, 1974, at Asbury United Methodist Church in Portland.

Richard Jones retired from Jay School Corporation, and Claudia Jones retired from Jay County

The rural Portland couple have lived in Jay County for 70 years. Their children are John and Carla Tangeman of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, and Kevin and Dana McCabe of Huntersville, North Carolina. They also have five grandchildren.

Richard and Claudia Jones planned to celebrate with a 10-day cruise of northern Europe with friends and a week in Panama City Beach, Florida, with family.



Claudia and Richard Jones - 1974

Mother-in-law's late apology gets no response

DEAR ABBY: My son-in-law and I had words five years ago. Two years ago, I wrote him a letter of apology and told him it was always "family first." My confirmed daughter received the letter.

They recently had their fourth child. We haven't seen their first since he was 2 or the second since she was born, and we've seen the third only once. I don't know how to repair this situation. My daughter and I chat only when her husband is not around. She's a police officer, and I don't want to cause her any stress that could affect her on the job. He has blocked me on social media as well as my phone calls. What can I do? - SORRY MOTHER-IN-LAW IN THE EAST

DEAR SORRY: That must have been some argument you had with your son-inlaw. What took you three years to apologize? If he no longer wants anything to do with you, no one can force right thing by giving up and puthim, but that doesn't mean ting myself first? — STRUGyou shouldn't be able to see GLING IN CALIFORNIA

Dear Abby



the children when he's not around. If you haven't already suggested this to your daughter, give it a try.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 37-year-old woman with a very supportive husband. I love him dearly, but I have some concerns. We have no children although we tried for years. Then I found out I have PCOS (polycystic ovary syndrome). I can still have a child, but now, because of my age, a bad back and a bad knee, I have kind of given up. My husband and I are overweight, though I am trying to lose weight. It's hard. I also suffer from depression. Am I doing the

DEAR STRUGGLING: It is thoughts? — TURNING POINT have expressed my discomfort important to put yourself Before deciding first. whether to bring a child into yourself back in shape physically and emotionally. Once that's done, you will be in a better position to decide whether you are equal to the responsibilities of motherhood.

DEAR ABBY: I have known "Mona" for 25 years and thought we were friends. She bought some patio furniture from me but still owes me \$100. When I tried to contact her about it, she blocked me. I wanted to post this on Facebook without saying her name, but I'm taking the high road.

We've never had arguments, and I don't understand her behavior. Mona is the one always saying, "I love you" and "I'm praying for you," and then she pulls this? She has lied to me in the past, but I never called her on it because it didn't matter to me. What are your intimate around me in public. I Los Angeles, CA 90069.

IN MICHIGAN

DEAR TURNING POINT: When you first realized that this world, you need to get Mona was lying to you, you SHOULD have called her on it and revised your opinion of her. Mona appears to be not only a hypocrite but also a user. Be glad the lesson you have learned has cost you only \$100 because it could have cost you more. As to my thoughts, I think you should stay far away from Mona and find friends who understand that friendship is reciprocal.

> DEAR ABBY: Recently, my best friend, "Stuart," found a new partner of the same gender. I'm happy he found someone with whom he has a deep connection and I admire his confidence in coming out. However, it has taken a toll on our friendship. When Stuart and I hang out, he brings his partner along. I usually wouldn't mind

and asked him to maintain some decorum and relationship boundaries, but he continues to act inappropriately.

I don't want to lose my friendship with him, but if he chooses his partner over me every single time, I see no other option. What should I do? — UNCOMFORTABLE IN PENN-**SYLVANIA**

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: What do you mean by "intimate"? Are you describing handholding? Hugging? A quick peck on the cheek or lips? Or passionate embraces and expressions of affection usually confined to the bedroom? If it's the latter, express your discomfort to Stuart again, or see them only in a less public setting.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline having more people along, but Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at Stuart and his partner are often Dear Abby.com or P.O. Box 69440,

Community Calendar

mit an item, email information, call Brenda p.m. news@thecr.com.

Today

SMART RECOVERY focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

CELEBRATE RECOV-ERY — A 12-step Christian CLUB — Will meet the recovery program meets first Thursday of the at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. month at Portland Lions

Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-

FORGET-ME-NOT — A A group for those strug- support group for parents, gling with addiction that friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) Nikki 964-6075 or Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

LIONS PORTLAND each Thursday at A Sec- Civic Center, 307 W. 100

Notices will appear in ond Chance At Life Min- North. The meal will be Community Calendar as istries, 228 S. Meridian St. served at 6:30 p.m. and the space is available. To sub- in Portland. For more meeting will begin at 7

DIINKIRK HISTORI-CAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

RECOVERY PAST SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County **Drug Prevention Coalition** office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will hold its next meeting at noon Friday, Sept. 6, at Harmony Café in Portland.

Saturday

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 ANONY-

MOUS — 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-

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

of the building.)

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Navy veteran asks about character

Honor. Commitment. Courage. Those three words were the core principles of the United States Navy, of which I served in for 21.5 years.

Honor is not only standing up for but doing the right thing always. It's not only telling the truth but living the truth, admitting when you have done wrong. You don't lie.

Commitment is about staying

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completing the mission, saving your ship and shipmates. You don't quit when things get tough. You don't leave others true to God, family and country, high and dry. You don't leave

Courage is about having inner strength to face the enemy. It's that strength that is needed to share and live the truth, doing that which is not only required but that which is right. Following the bombing of my ship, the USS Cole (DDG-67), there have been incidences of individuals claiming to have been on board the Cole when it was bombed. We in the military call this

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Those three words — honor, commitment and courage — all add up to say one thing about a person, and that one thing is

character. I'm an American. I'm an American military veteran and I just have to ask, how's your character?

Cliff Moser Portland

Debate will force candidates to answer

New York Daily News Tribune News Service

For a week now, Donald Trump has been facing heat over his appearance at Arlington National Cemetery — the final resting place of hundreds of thousands of service members, including from recent conflicts — during a wreath-laying for troops killed in an attack during the botched Afghanistan withdrawal three years ago, a low point of the Biden administration.

The crux of the issue comes down to reports that Trump's staff disregarded requests not to film political content at the solemn site and got into an altercation with an Arlington official. The campaign's response has been all over the place. There was no need for Trump to bring his own video cameras to the cemetery and now Vice President Kamala Harris has entered the debate,

jabbing at Trump. But the much bigger debate — about every-thing — is happening in Philadelphia, on ABC News on Sept. 10. The last presidential debate, on June 27, was hugely consequential as Joe Biden's performance halting forced him out of the race, replacing him as the Democratic nominee with Harris.

There's also no certainty that Harris and Trump will have a second faceoff. Time is running short. The make and torate than Harris, who Commonune commences early voting been in the spotlight conless than a week after the Philly debate.

seventh such general election debate (three in 2016 against Hillary Clinton, two during 2020 against Biden and the Biden debate this June), and only Harris' first. She also failed to alter the agreed-to rules to only turn on the microphones during a candidate's allotted time. That didn't fly and the microphones being muted will stay unchanged. Harris thought that Trump would be unable to control his outbursts and it could aid her cause.

While Harris will not have the articulation problems Biden encountered, this debate stands to be the fulcrum of the them each the chance to election for her campaign. She did well with her convention and her running mate Tim Walz is working out fine. She even successfully fielded some questions from CNN last week. The there are going no more debate (and a possible second debate) is the missing component.

Trump is by far more president.

Guest **Editorial**

It's important to hold both the cautious Harris and the bombastic **Trump** to account, to give them each the chance to respond to things they would rather not talk about like the Afghan withdrawal meltdown for her and the Arlington commotion for him.

well known to the elecbeen a background presstantly since he rode that escalator into the base-This will be Trump's ment of Trump Tower nine years ago.

While Harris has to introduce herself to voters, it would be nice if ABC can get Trump to focus on the questions with actual precision or some grounding in reality, instead of his usual distractions and obfuscations. The debate might be an opportunity not to let him get away with it as he usually does in his raucous rallies. Last time out, his debate showing didn't really because Biden lost the night, big

It's important to hold both the cautious Harris and the bombastic Trump to account, to give respond to things they would rather not talk about, like the Afghan withdrawal meltdown for her and the Arlington commotion for him.

Unlike the last debate, swapping out of candidates. One of these contenders will be the next

By ROBIN ABCARIAN Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

Trump did something breathtakingly cynical, certainly immoral and probably illegal the other day.

the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery, a resting place for many who honorably served their country, to make a campaign

break state for both cam- like all VPs, has mostly ton to commemorate the third wealth of Pennsylvania, ence, while Trump has American service members by a American withdrawal tion, invited him.

I have no doubt that's true. But even the grieving families of fallen soldiers do not have a right to

trash Arlington's protocols. The Army, which oversees the cemetery, forbids any sort of political activities on the grounds. It is, as the Trump campaign was informed, against federal law and Defense Department policy. The Washington Post reported that Pentagon officials were "deeply concerned" that Trump would turn the visit into a campaign stop but also wanted to accommodate him.

cial tried to enforce the rules against outside cameras in Section 60, the area devoted chiefly to solkilled in Iraq Afghanistan. Two Trump staffers physically pushed her out of the

The official declined to press charges because she feared retaliation from Trump supporters, according to an Army statement. Trump spokesman Steven Cheung promptly slimed her as "clearly suffering from a mental health

Trump had smiled broadly and



Former President Donald

In other words, it was Monday. Trump used an appearance on

Trump was ostensibly at Arlinganniversary of the killing of 13 suicide bomber during the chaotic Afghanistan. He said the soldiers' family members, some of whom disparaged President Joe Biden at the Republican National Conven-

During the visit, a cemetery offiway, according to news reports.

episode.'

given a jarring thumbs-up as he stood at the grave of Marine Staff Sgt. Darin Taylor Hoover, one of those killed in the bombing. He

wasn't there just to pay his

respects; he was there to exploit

the tragedy that occurred at Kabul

airport's Abbey Gate in 2021 by

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blaming it on Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, who has soared in recent polls. The frenzied withdrawal and terrible loss of life occurred on Biden's watch — as did the abandonment of at least 78,000 Afghans who worked for the U.S.

government and continue to live

there precariously. Nonetheless, Trump crassly ignores his own role in the debacle. A deal he himself struck with the Taliban locked the United States into a withdrawal timeline. Military intelligence was profoundly mistaken about the Afghan government's ability to defend Kabul, which fell to the Taliban with lightning speed. There is enough blame to go around.

I called a dear friend whose parents are buried at Arlington. Her father was a Marine colonel and a veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam. At his funeral, he was given a 21-gun salute, and his procession included a riderless horse, empty boots in the stirrups facing backward to symbolize a final look back at his troops and his loved ones.

"My father was a conservative guy, but he would have thought Trump was a pig," my friend told me. "He believed in honor, and if you are buried at Arlington, it is an honor. It is not something that should be ... (messed) with.'

Trump has a history of demeanthis country's commander in chief.

ing with honorable traditions. As president, he turned the White House into his personal political prop, using it as a backdrop for the launch of his failed 2020 reelection campaign.

Poor Ohio Sen. JD Vance, whose awkwardness on the campaign trail has turned him into a memeworthy punch line. He has once again been put in the sorry position of trying to mop up after his running mate.

At a campaign rally in Wisconsin on Wednesday, an indignant Vance excoriated the media.

"You're acting like Donald Trump filmed a TV commercial at a grave site," said Vance, a Marine veteran. "He was there providing emotional support to a lot of brave Americans who lost loved ones they never should have lost, and there happened to be a camera there, and someone gave them permission to have that camera there."

As they say on social media, who's gonna tell him?

That very day, the Trump campaign released a video showing the former president at Arlington, laying flowers at a grave and posing for photos with the Gold Star fami-

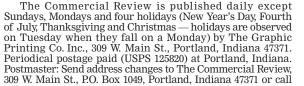
In a voice-over, Trump says, "We didn't lose one person in 18 months," self-regarding and entirely bogus claim he's been making for the last few years. As Reuters reported in May 2022, if Trump was referring to the time period in which he negotiated the withdrawal agreement, 15 American troops suffered what the Defense Department called "hostile deaths" in Afghanistan. If he was referring to the last 18 months of his presidency, 12 members of the military died in Afghanistan.

None of this is likely to dissuade Trump's passionate supporters. But let's hope his creepy stunt will persuade the last undecided voters that he is truly, deeply unfit to be

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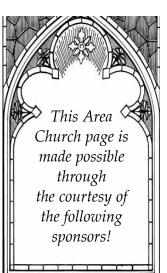
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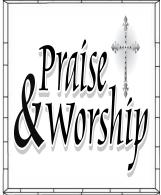


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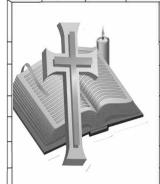
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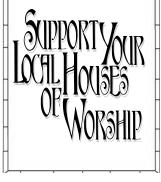


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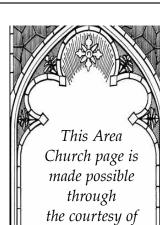
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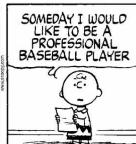
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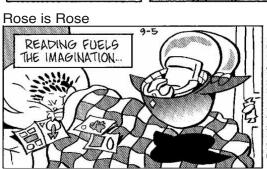
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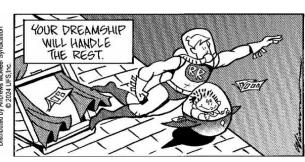






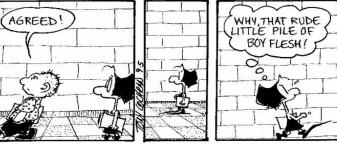






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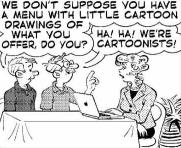








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West with the ace, but that was the last trick for the defense. Since West had no more diamonds. South was North East 4 ♠ – two of hearts. Pass

able to discard his second diamond loser on the queen of clubs to make You might think that when the best players in the world gather his game.

At the second table, the play foleach year to participate in the world championship, they might perform miracles that would dazzle and lowed similar lines, and the Italian South also made four spades.

Both Wests botched the defense when declarer first led a club toward dummy. To defeat the contract, West had to rise with the ace and shift to the king of diamonds. A difficult play, no doubt, but far from impossible.

Furthermore, not only was there a

defensive slip at both tables, but the bidding also left something to be desired: Three notrump was icecold against any lie of the cards!

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

9-5 **CRYPTOQUIP**

Opening lead -

astound the average bridge player.

But, alas, this is not always the

case. It turns out that experts are human too, and they make mis-takes like anyone else. For an exam-

ple of how they sometimes miss the mark, consider this deal from the

1979 world championship match between Italy and the United States.

At both tables, South opened with a weak two-spade bid that

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AFTER THAT MAN COATED HIMSELF IN SHELLAC FROM HEAD TO TOE, HE DECLARED "I'M FINISHED!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals G

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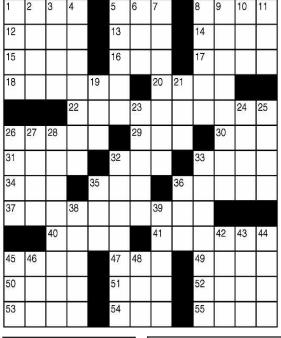
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In the third, they conting girls soccer team took down of home games. ued their dominance of the the South Adams Starfires 4-1 on Tuesday night to season, Jayla Huelskamp striker, Morgan DeHoff, ered the second half with a to the net with 3:15 left.

Jay County also beat Her-Jay County High School's same score of 4-1 in a pair utes, 35 seconds, into the

For the third time this

goal against the Starfires (0itage and Woodlan by the 4-1, 0-1 ACAC) came 7 min- 2-0 lead at the intermission. at 7:42.

contest.

After missing the game

Patriots (4-1, 3-0 ACAC). Her year with 5:56 remaining in and by assisting Jenna the first half to give JCHS a Dues to wrap up the scoring

Goalkeeper Maleah Paragainst Woodlan with an sons made three saves, only Jay County's leading illness, Aixa Lopez pow- letting the ball slip through

Serving

The Patriots immediately put the pressure on Fort Recovery (4-2) in set No. 1 by scoring the first five points on two kills and a block by Mya Kunkler, an Elizabeth Barnett kill and an attack error by Kayla Heitkamp.

After a timeout, the teams traded four points with two kills from Willmann, an error by the sophomore and a tip kill by the Patriots' Paisley Fugiett. A net violation on JCHS cut the Indian's deficit to 7-3 and gave the serve to Dues.

Her first two serves resulted in aces before a pair of kills by Kennedy Muhlenkamp and errors by Hallie Schwieterman and Maria Hemmelgarn. Dues notched three more aces, broken up by a Karlie Niekamp kill to make it an 11-point run for Fort Recovery, giving it a 13-7 advan-

myself, knowing I have to take it one serve at a time and hopefully not miss," said Dues, who finished with seven aces and a match-high 21 digs. "It's always



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Jay County's Maria Hemmelgarn (12) and Brenna Schmiesing (9) rise up for a block attempt on Kennedy Muhlenkamp of Fort Recovery.

important to win the first ball (contact). ...

"It was really big to come back "I just tried to stay confident in and take the lead of that set. We started believing in ourselves that we were going to win this one and had the first set."

> Dues also served up a six-point run in the third set that included

two aces. The Indians dominated the service line with 12 aces to Jay County's four.

The Indians scored 12 of the final 19 points to take the first set. Jay County started to figure things out in the second set, never trailing by more than four points and even going on its own 9-1 run

score hit 20 points, but couldn't finish the set. The lineup change Dillon made

in the third set had Brenna Schmiesing manning the middle and Hemmelgarn working as an opposite hitter to allow Schwieterman to focus on just being an outside hitter.

Guggenbiller also made an adjustment to his lineup prior to the match to get sophomore Bridget Homan more involved in the offense. The result netted Homan a match-high 10 kills.

Overall, the Indians had a balanced attack, as Homan's offense was supplemented by six kills apiece from Cameron Muhlenkamp, Niekamp and Willmann and five from Kennedy Muhlenkamp.

Schmiesing and Hemmelgarn led JCHS with seven each.

'Kudos to my setter,'' Guggenbiller said of Heitkamp, who had 30 assists. "My setter did a great job just mixing up the court and pulled the block a lot. There was

to gain a 13-9 lead. JCHS also had many times we were on a one-onthe lead three times after the one block, especially on the right side, before we had a hole that we could put it through."

> He also mentioned that the communication from middle blockers Niekamp and Willmann and an emphasis on high contact from the hitters played a key role in the offensive success.

> Despite being down by two sets and trailing 22-14, Jay County managed one final push in the third set to pull within two points.

The six-point run came as the result of a wakeup call from Dillon after a lineup check, something she hopes won't have to happen again.

'I'll be honest, they kind of surprised me a bit there at the end," Dillon said. "When we got the lineup check, I got on them and said 'You're not mentally in the game if we need to have a lineup check at the varsity level.'

"That's what I told them in the first set too. You've got to play with a calm mind and we were not calm in the first set.'

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Jay County — Girls golf at Muncie Central -4:30 p.m.; Girls soccer at Norwell - 5 p.m.; Boys tennis at Marion – 5:30 p.m.; Boys soccer vs. Norwell – 6 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Wapahani – 6 p.m.; Junior high cross country at Driver - 5 p.m.; Junior high volleyball vs. Driver - 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Girls golf vs. Versailles – 4:30 p.m.; Boys golf at Versailles - 4:30 p.m.; Volley ball vs. Parkway (including freshman) - 5:30 p.m.; Middle school football at Coldwater - 5 p.m.; Middle school volleyball at South Adams - 5 p.m.

Friday

Jay County — Football vs. Southern Wells - 7 Fort Recovery — Football vs. Coldwater - 7

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(USA) 11:30 a.m. — Paralympic swimming (USA) 1 p.m. — Paralympic track and field (USA) 1:10 p.m. — MLB: Houston Astros at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)

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Kansas City Chiefs (NBC)

Friday

10 a.m. — Paralympic wheelchair basketball 12 p.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open 3 p.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open

p.m. — College football: BYU at SMU (ESPN2); Western Illinois at Indiana (BTN) 7:10 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at New York Mets (Bally Indiana)

9 p.m. — College football: Duke at Northwest-

Local notes

Final races The first of the final three races of the

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Tribe tops JCHS, WCHS

ior put up the best scores of their careers.

Neither effort was enough to claim match medalist honors. However, the Indians found a way to walk away with a pair of victories.

Fort Recovery High School's girls golf team won a three-team clash against the Jay County Patriots and Winchester Golden Falcons on Tuesday at Portland Golf Club.

The Indians got three scores in the 40s to power a score of 190, beating Winchester (198) by eight strokes. Despite shooting their best score of the year, the Patriots lagged behind with 216 for a pair of

Emma Will of Fort Recovery (9-2) and Bailey Towell each shot their career bests in the match.

Will's round was highlighted by a birdie on the 113-yard, par-3 second hole. She supplemented the birdie with four pars to finish with a 42.

time in her career, putting up a 49. A par on hole No. 3 and four bogeys fueled the freshman's best score.

Winchester's Alyssa Cole earned match medalist honors with a 5-over-par final.

A Patriot freshman and an Indian sen- 40. Will had the Indians' top score, while Maddy Snow's 46 ended as the best for Jay County (1-5). Snow had two pars and three bogeys.

> Mallory Evers also had a career day for FRHS, topping her previous best by one stroke to finish with a 45. The No. 4 golfer made par twice, and bogey five times, while only having two holes that slipped away from her.

> Olivia Knapke tied Towell and Winchester's Becca Overleese with 49 strokes for the fourth-best score of the match.

> The final score for the Indians came from Georgia Wenning with a 54.

> Ella Schoen returned to the links for the first time this season after being an All-Midwest Athletic Conference honorable mention last year and suffering a finger injury in the offseason. Her score of 58, along with a 56 from Eva Kahlig, did not impact the Indians' final.

For the first time this season, Erin Aker provided the third-best score for Towell broke the 50 mark for the first Jay County, shooting a 59, one stroke off of her career best. The final score came from Brooklynn Bright with a 62.

Rounds of 66 from Javcee Rowels and Jenna Bricker did not affect the team's



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School freshman Bailey Towell places her ball while reading her line at Portland Golf Club on Tuesday. Towell shot a career best 49, but JCHS couldn't manage a win against Fort Recovery or Winchester.

Serving up a loss



Kennedy Muhlenkamp (left) and Kenna Dues dig out a ball during the Indians' 25-14, 28-26 25-20 win over Jay County on Tuesday. Dues dominated the match with seven aces and 21 digs, while Muhlenkamp supported with five kills and two blocks.

Indians dominate service line in sweep of Patriots

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review FORT RECOVERY — The Patriots

got the drop on the Indians, forcing an early timeout.

Despite a pair of spaced out kills by Brynn Willmann the Patriots kept control, but once Kenna Dues stepped up to the service line the Indians found their groove.

An 11-point run not only gave the Indians the lead, but also the confidence and momentum they needed to take the rest of the match as well.

The Fort Recovery High School volleyball team dominated the service line and had a balanced attack to take down the Jay County Patriots 25-14, 28-26, 25-20 on Tuesday.

"We've had two tough five-set losses and I was actually a little nervous coming into today because I watched some film on Jay County and knew they were tall, lengthy and young like us," said FRHS coach Travis Guggenbiller. "I knew it was going to be a battle, so I'm very proud of the way our team adjusted and adapted to handle that pressure."

While the Patriots didn't pull out the win, there were some positives to build on, especially considering the level of their opponent.

5-14, 28-26, 25-20 on Tuesday. "It's coming," said JCHS coach ball. The Indians' defense of home Amy Dillon. "(We need to) keep

court also snapped a two-match playing teams like that. I think that's part of it. We haven't really seen a team of this caliber — Delta

was pretty close. "We almost need to play a set to see it and figure that out. I think we figured that out in the third set and then in the third set, I decided to play with where I thought everyone

was playing the best." Jay County will get another big test today as it hosts Class 2A No. 1 Wapahani. Dillon noted keys for that match include getting setter Paisley Fugiett to the net and squared up, being in defensive position and eliminating tipping the

See **Serving** page 7



Review preview



Jay County

Coach: Grant Zgunda, 4th year (27th overall) Conference: Allen County

Last week at Huntington North: The Patriots ended up taking a 20-0 loss after lightning suspended the game late in the third quarter. An interception and a pair of big plays from Carson Bell and Neil McMartin fueled the Trojans, while mistakes stymied the Patriots offense.

Season leaders: Passing — Sean Bailey – 10-of-23 passing for 176 yards and two touchdowns. Rushing A.J. Myers – 16 carries for 71 yards and one TD. Receiving — Benson Ward – two receptions for 55 yards and one touchdown. Defense — Lucas Strait -18 tackles, one blocked punt and recovery.

VS.

Southern Wells Raiders



Poneto, 0-2 (0-0) Coach: Blake Barker, 1st year **Conterence:** Allen County

Last week at Madison-Grant: The Raiders got dominated in a 56-point shut out against the Argylles on Aug. 30. Southern Wells ended with -15 yards of offense as Robby Freimuth passed for eight yards, but the four players with rushing attempts combined

Season leaders: Passing — Robby Freimuth – 2-of-10 passing for 79 yards and three interceptions. Rushing — Robby Freimuth – 27 carries for 28 yards and one touchdown. Receiving — Joshua Albach three receptions for 41 yards. Defense — Levi Blake - 7 tackles.

Last meeting: The Patriots exploded for 23 points in the third quarter after its 43-12 beating of the Raiders to earn the first 3-0 start since 1985. JCHS found success in the passing game as Sean Bailey threw for 242 yards and three touchdowns. Justin DeHoff led the receiving core with 141 yards, a TD and a pick-six. Both of the SWHS scores came on the ground, including a 90-yard rush by Tucker Worster.

Game notes: This is the 11th meeting all time between Jay County and Southern Wells. Jay County has a 7-3 edge in the series ... The Patriots have built a three-game winning streak against Southern Wells, with the last loss coming in 2019 ... Jay County has a 50.58 Sagarin rating, which is 185th overall and 40th in Class 3A. Southern Wells' 19.86 rating is 303rd overall and 56th in Class 1A ... John Harrell predicts Jay County to win, 42-7, while Calpreps.com lists the Patriots as 42-point favorites.

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