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Five injured in bus collision

By RAY COONEY
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Five students were injured Friday morning in a collision involving a school bus.

A Jay School Corporation bus traveling north on Indiana 1 in Redkey was struck in the rear by a Waste Management trash truck, resulting in five injured students including one who was transported by ambulance to IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

According to an Indiana State Police press release late Friday, the bus driven by Greg E. Rittenhouse, 65, Portland, was stopped northbound on Indiana 1 at its intersection with Boyce Street. It was loading students and had its stop arm extended with lights flashing.

The Waste Management truck, driven by Mark A Dulworth, 23, Middletown, was trav-

Seventh grader was transported to IU Health Ball for treatment

eling northbound and struck the rear of the bus.

Jay Schools superintendent Jeremy Gulley said one student, a seventh grader, was transported to IU Health Ball for treatment of injuries and was in stable condition. He said the injuries involved cuts and an arm injury.

Jay School Corporation assistant superintendent Trent Paxon traveled to the hospital and was in contact with the student and their parents.

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Jay School Corporation

A Jay School Corporation bus was struck Friday morning on Indiana 1 in Redkey. Five students were injured in the collision, with one transported by ambulance to IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.



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Steinbrunner smash

JT Steinbrunner, 6, takes a whack at a vehicle during Holy Cross Family of Parishes' tailgate Friday prior to the football game at Barrenbrugge Athletic Park in Fort Recovery. The tailgate featured music, games food trucks, a raffle and a car smash fundraiser.

Upgrade project is now underway

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Upgrades at Portland's wastewater treatment plant are underway.

Portland Board of Works heard updates and discussed aspects of the wastewater treatment plant project that includes the construction of a wet weather pump station and an equalization basin.

Jeff Hersha of Fort Wayne's Jones and Henry Engineers told the board that James S. Jackson Company of Bluffton has started work on the \$13.73 million wet weather pump station at the facility. He noted that Jutte Excavating has held off on starting the \$4.57 million equalization basin for logistical reasons.

He added that he is hopeful both projects will go well.

"I am very happy with the contractors that you have selected," said Hersha. "I've worked with both of them in the past ... So I'm very optimistic. There are problems in every project, but ... in the past they have been good to work with toward resolution."

Hersha added that the project will involve the space currently occupied by the former Jay County Humane Society building. (The humane society still houses some dogs there.) He asked for and received permission from the board of works to work with the humane society and others on getting the remaining animals moved from the facility.

He noted options such as working with contractors and businesses to get services and equipment donated to the humane society — it is a non-profit organization — to help facilitate the move. He also said his firm might consider sponsoring an "adopt a dog" day.

Once the animals are removed, the building will be demolished as part of the wastewater treatment plant upgrades.

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Accused shooter appears in court

By JESSICA SCHLADEBECK
New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

Colt Gray, the 14-year-old gunman accused of killing four people at his Georgia high school, appeared in court for the first time on Friday to face murder charges, less than 24 hours after the arrest of his father, who faces up to 180 years in prison for his alleged role in the massacre.

Gray, sporting a prison uniform with his dyed-blond hair tucked behind his ears, spoke little during his arraignment at the Barrow County Courthouse. He quietly acknowledged each of Judge Currie Mingledorff's ques-

Father also faces up to 180 years in prison

tions, whispering only "yes, sir," before his lawyer declined to request bond and he was escorted from the courtroom in shackles.

Mingledorff noted that the teen's crimes are typically punishable by death, but that because he is a juvenile, the max-

imum penalty he will face is life without parole.

His next hearing was set for Dec. 4.

Gray, armed with AR-style rifle, opened fire Wednesday morning inside classrooms at Apalachee High School in the

suburb of Winder, some 50 miles outside Atlanta, police said. Local authorities were alerted to the violence through new technology on the teacher's identification badges: a small button that, when pushed, notifies law enforcement to a potential active situation.

Barrow County Sheriff Jud Smith said first responders were on the scene within minutes of receiving the alert, but that it was a school resource officer who initially confronted Gray. The teen immediately surrendered, the sheriff added, and he was taken into custody without further incident.

Deaths

Paul Weaver, 89, Portland
Darrell Burgess, 91, Geneva
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 70 degrees Friday. There were scattered rain showers.

Skies will be mostly cloudy today with the high topping out in the mid 60s. Expect the low to dip into the upper 30s tonight.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Pennville Volunteer Fire Department will host a ham and beans dinner from noon to 4 p.m. today at the fire station, 105 N. Washington St.

Hopefest Health Fair is scheduled for 2 to 7:30 p.m. today at Jay County Junior-Senior High School. The free event will include a concert scheduled for 5 p.m.

Coming up

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

Wednesday — Results from the JCHS girls golf match against Monroe Central.

Thursday — Coverage of next week's Portland Park Board meeting.



Obituaries

Paul Weaver

Sept. 13, 1934-Sept. 5, 2024
Paul "Jake" Weaver, age 89, a resident of Portland, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2024, at his home.

Jake was born Sept. 13, 1934, in Wapakoneta, Ohio, the son of William and Mussta (Lyons) Weaver.

Jake graduated from Poling High School in 1954.

Jake served in the U.S. Navy Reserve and worked for Sheller Globe for 20 years, Joyce Dayton and owned and operated

Concrete Corner. He was a member of the Portland American Legion, Blackford Circling Squares and the Limberlost Squares, and was 4-H dog leader.

Jake married Wilma "Jeanne" Davidson on Sept. 30, 1955.

Survivors include: His wife — Wilma Weaver, Portland, Indiana
Children — Gary Weaver



Weaver

(wife: Mary), Bryant, Indiana, Tim Weaver, Portland, Indiana, Becky Steveson (husband: Rick), Portland, Indiana, and Todd Weaver (wife: Wendy), Portland, Indiana

Sister — Shirley Blowers, Berne, Indiana
Special niece and nephew — Cindy Timmons-Carter and Steve Whitenack

Seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren

Visitation will be held Monday from noon to 5 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Pen-

rod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow the visitation at 5 p.m. at the funeral home. Military rites will follow the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Gravel Hill Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to the Jay County Humane Society.

Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

Darrell L. Burgess, Geneva, Sept. 5, 1933-Sept. 5, 2024.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva.

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 9/8	Monday 9/9	Tuesday 9/10	Wednesday 9/11	Thursday 9/12
71/46	80/51	85/55	89/57	90/60
Another day of sun is on the horizon for Sunday. The low at night will be in the upper 40s.	Sunny skies are expected Monday, when the low may reach 51.	Tuesday's forecast shows sunny skies with a high in the mid 80s.	Wednesday's outlook seems to be sunny with a high in the upper 80s.	Sunny skies and hot temperatures, with a high near 90 degrees.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 8-6-6 Daily Four: 8-3-7-4 Quick Draw: 2-10-14-17-18-23-24-25-26-38-42-43-46-47-50-51-53-54-58-77	Pick 3: 3-1-9 Pick 4: 5-9-0-7 Pick 5: 4-6-7-3-9
Ohio Midday	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$112 million
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$740 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....3.51 Sept. corn3.55 Wheat4.42	Sept. beans9.60 Wheat5.17
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....3.61 Oct./Nov. corn3.61 Dec. corn3.86	ADM Montpelier Corn.....3.52 Sept. corn3.58 Beans.....9.58 Sept. beans9.58 Wheat4.97
The Andersons Richland Township Corn3.51 Sept. corn3.53 Beans9.60	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....3.41 Oct. corn3.41 Beans9.50 Oct. beans9.35

Today in history

In 1191, at the Battle of Arsuf, the Muslim army of Saladin attacked the Crusaders of Richard I, delaying his march to Jerusalem.

In 1533, Queen Elizabeth I was born in Greenwich near London. She served as queen from 1558 to 1603.

In 1630, Trimountaine, Massachusetts was renamed Boston.

In 1901, the Boxer Rebellion, an attempt to drive all foreigners out of China, came to an end.

In 1972, Jay School Board established policies regarding student rights, discipline and expulsion. Among the rules were a prohibition of student smoking "during and immediately before or immediately after school hours."

In 1977, the Panama Canal Treaty and Neutrality Treaty was signed by President Jimmy Carter and Panamanian Chief of Government Omar Torrijos.

In 1979, cable sports network ESPN debuted.

In 1980, the Emmy Awards were held without all but one of the nominated performers who boycotted the event because of a Screen Actors Guild strike.

In 2021, Portland City Council heard no comments during its public hearing on its 2022 budget that was proposed at \$8.3 million. It marked a 25.2% increase from the previous year, with the bulk of that jump coming for the purchase of a new ladder truck for the fire department. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, 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. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.	Park Board, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.
Tuesday 5:30 p.m. — Portland	Wednesday 1 p.m. — Jay County Sheriff's Merit Board, training room, sheriff's office, 224 W. Water St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Injured ...

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The other students who were injured were treated at the scene and released to their parents.

"I'm just relieved that it wasn't more serious," said Gullely. "It always concerns me that folks as they drive are attentive to school buses."

Students — those on the bus were seventh through 12th graders

— who were not injured were either released to parents or transported to school on another bus.

Redkey Elementary School principal Rex Pinkerton, Jay County Junior-Senior High School assistant principal James Myers, transportation director Mitch Corwin, school resource officer Cody Jessee and Jay School Board member Jason Phillips were

among those who responded to the scene.

"I do believe that school administrators and transportation employees performed very well to take care of the kids," said Gullely.

The collision caused significant damage to the driver's side rear corner of the bus and the passenger side front corner of the Waste Management truck.

Felony arrests

Intimidation

A Pennville man was arrested Thursday for intimidation.

Christopher A. Bessen, 34, 110 E. South St., was charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6

felony for the alleged crime.

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

Probation violation

A Muncie man was

arrested Friday for allegedly violating his probation.

Brandin M. Herniak, 30, 3115 S. Hackey St., pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. (His charge was lessened

from a Level 5 felony.) Herniak was sentenced to two years in Jay County Jail and placed on probation for 400 days.

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

Upgrade ...

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Board of works members Jerry Leonhard, Steve McIntosh and Mayor Jeff Westlake also approved a pay request of \$21,500 from James S. Jackson for the wet weather pump station.

In other business related to the wastewater department, the board also approved the purchase of two pumps — one for the wastewater treatment plant's main lift for

\$50,425.94 from Xylem Water Solutions of Indianapolis and \$6,254 for a pump for the Boundary Pike lift station from American Pump Repair of New Palestine.

Wastewater superintendent Brad Dues noted that the new pump for the main lift will be able to be used in the new facility when it is completed.

The board also approved the purchase of two used vehicles — a 2019

and a 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe from Chicago Motors — for the police department at a total cost of \$47,790. Police Chief Dustin Mock explained that two vehicles were destroyed — one in a collision during a pursuit and the other when a tree fell on it.

The insurance settlement on the vehicles came to \$55,892, which will be used to purchase and equip the new vehicles.

Capsule Reports

Commission updated

Portland Plan Commission received clarification during a brief meeting Thursday.

Consultant Ed Curtin of CWC Latitudes explained that the Portland Downtown Economic Development Plan approved by the plan commission in May includes the creation of a residential tax increment financing (TIF) district around the Hood Building, home of The Graphic Printing Company. He noted that the creation of the TIF was in the document but was not specifically discussed during the May meeting. He said he wanted to make sure plan commission members were aware of that portion of the plan before moving forward.

Following a question from plan commission member Randy Geesaman, Curtin noted that the Hood Building is part of the city's existing conventional TIF district. The economic development plan would create a new residential TIF district.

John Hemmelgarn, director of Jay/Portland Building and Planning, asked about plans for the building. Curtin said the redevelopment commission will seek proposals, but that the idea is to keep the first floor commercial and develop the top three floors as apartments.

The Portland Downtown Economic Development Plan will now move to Portland City Council for approval before returning to the redevelopment commission for a confirmatory resolution.

Naming proposed

State Rep. J.D. Prescott (R-Union City) has proposed renaming the Indiana 67 bridge over the Salamonie River near Jay County Junior-Senior High School after Lance Cpl. Andrew Whitacre of Jay County. Whitacre was killed

while serving in the Marines in Afghanistan in 2008. He was a 2005 Jay County High School graduate.

Prescott made the proposal to the Interim Study Committee on Roads and Transportation.

"As we honor the life and sacrifice of Lance Cpl. Andrew Whitacre, we are reminded of the profound courage and dedication he displayed while protecting our nation," Prescott said in a press release. "Naming this bridge in his honor would be a tribute to him and ensure that his legacy will continue to inspire future generations."

If approved by the committee, Prescott will file a formal resolution to be considered by the Indiana General Assembly during its 2025 legislative session.

SERVICES

Today

Stevens, Leonard: 10:30 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

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

Monday

Burgess, Darrell: 11 a.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

Weaver, Paul: 5 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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New members

Portland Evening Optimist Club recently inducted three new members. Pictured above are member sponsor Bobby Ruiz with new members Susan Bailey, Kim Tobe and Mike Tobe and member sponsor Linda Aker.

Prevent infection this school year

Mayo Clinic News Network
Tribune News Service

As students head off to college, close quarters in new spaces could put them at risk for contagious illnesses, including bacterial meningitis. Dr. Tina Ardon, a Mayo Clinic family medicine physician, explains the common ways meningitis spreads and the best way to prevent an infection.

Meningitis is a condition that inflames the membranes around the brain and spinal cord. While there are several forms of meningitis, an infection caused by bacteria is considered the most severe form, and may lead to seizures, vision loss or death if not treated quickly.

"Meningitis often presents with symptoms such as fever, a stiff neck, headache, maybe even mental status changes,

and sometimes even a very distinct rash on the skin," said Ardon.

Bacterial meningitis, also known as meningitis B, can spread by sneezing or kissing, and sharing straws or drinks, among other ways. Dr. Ardon says college students are a group at higher risk for contracting meningitis due to their living conditions.

"They're in a dormitory, in residence halls, spending a lot of time together in close quarters," Ardon said.

Preventing meningitis starts with two rounds of booster shots: one around 11 or 12 years old, and another at 16.

"At college age, we have the opportunity to potentially boost the dose if it's been some time and also offer another vaccine that protects against meningitis B," Ardon said.

Handsy brother-in-law creates a rift in the family

DEAR ABBY: My sister's fiancé, "Logan," always seemed very flirtatious with me. I told her she needed to control her future husband. After they were married, the same gestures and innuendos kept happening, and I reminded my sister about it. Logan did and said inappropriate things right in front of her. Once she even commented, "Geez, you married the wrong sister!"

The night of my father's funeral dinner, everyone was getting tipsy. (I don't drink.) Twice, in front of his wife and our sister-in-law, Logan pulled me tightly close into his hips. I told him to stop. He said, "OK, you are in enough trouble."

Later, while I was in the

Dear Abby



kitchen, in front of my uncle and brother, Logan pulled me into his chest. I pulled away and he came after me. I told him to stay away. Tension was already high between my sister and me. After dinner, when everyone was leaving, Logan came and tapped on my windshield, pointed at me and said, "You, you, you."

That evening, I sent him a text, saying, "Perhaps you DID

choose the wrong sister." Of course, he showed it to my sister. Now there's a huge rift in the family, and I'M the "bad guy." And although the hands-on game took place in front of everyone, nobody saw anything during Dad's funeral dinner because everyone was drunk. Someday, the truth will reveal itself. For now, I must eat crow. Any advice, Abby? — PUNISHED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR PUNISHED: Your mistake was in not shouting "NO!" the first time Logan assaulted you. Avoid any family gathering that includes alcohol. Avoid Logan and your sister as often as possible. Enroll in a self-defense class so that if anyone puts

their hands on you, you can defend yourself. And last, if Logan catches you alone, tell him that if it happens again, you will report him to the police for assault — because that is what he has been doing to you.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband of 42 years passed away a year and a half ago. He was a talented singer. Five months before he died, while he was still well enough to sing, two young ladies came to our home with a keyboard and microphones and recorded him singing worship songs. This was supposed to be so that his grandsons, who would be very young when he passed, would be able to hear

him in the future. These young women were considered close family friends for many years.

They have now cut all ties with me and won't respond to any of my requests for the recording. I am hurt beyond words because we loved them like family. One of them just released an album of worship songs. She had tried for several years to get my husband to work on it with her. What should I do? — SINGING A SAD SONG

DEAR SINGING: What you should do now is consult an attorney and share what happened. At the very least, you should get the recording and, if they have profited financially from it, a portion of the money.

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.

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.) For more information, call (260) 726-8463.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE — BRIGANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal.

For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

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

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

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

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

PREGNANCY CARE

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

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

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

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

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Elementary Schools
September 9-13

Monday: Main Entrees: Chicken tenders Alternate Entrees: Hot smokey ham & cheese sandwich, PB&J and cheese fun lunch Sides for all meals: French fries

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Beef nachos Alternate Entrees: Hot smokey ham & cheese sandwich, PB&J and cheese fun lunch Sides for all meals: Seasoned refried beans

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Classic cheeseburger in bun Alternate Entrees: Hot smokey ham & cheese sandwich, PB&J and cheese fun lunch Sides for all meals: BBQ baked beans

Thursday: Main Entrees: Whole grain waffles, turkey sausage link, syrup Alternate Entrees: Hot smokey ham & cheese sandwich, PB&J and cheese fun lunch Sides for all meals: Tater tots

Friday: Main Entrees: Classic cheese pizza Alternate Entrees: Hot smokey ham & cheese sandwich, PB&J and cheese fun lunch Sides for all meals: Savory green beans

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Learn about candidates for office

In the last several weeks, The Graphic Printing Company's staff has covered various political events involving both Republicans and Democrats.

We have listened to speeches and round tables. We have watched politicians and hopefuls — local, state and federal — chat with area residents. And there is more to come.

Through all of those events, we're reminded of one important fact: You need to vote.

Who should you vote for?

That's a question for each individual to answer on their own.

Editorial

Though, we do have some advice on how to make those decisions:

•If you have the chance to do so, go and meet a candidate in person. This is easier for your local candidates, but the last month has also offered area residents opportunities to listen to and

meet candidates for the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives and governor of Indiana. Take advantage of these opportunities.

•Decide what issues are most important to you. (We'd suggest looking at the issues that can most directly impact the quality of your life and the lives of your friends and neighbors, but everyone has their own criteria.) Maybe your key concern is the economy. Maybe it's immigration. Maybe it's the quality of your roads. Everyone has different priorities. Know yours.

•Look at records and experience. What have the candidates done? What is their background? There may be differences in what they say at campaign events and how they have voted on issues in the past.

•Read. Read your newspaper. Read both news and opinion pieces. Read a variety of them. Visit candidate websites. Read them too.

•Ask questions. If you're unsure or unclear about a candidate's stance or how they would go about enacting one policy or another, ask. Some

politicians have talking points without much detail about how they would get something done. Be willing to probe for details. They are where the substance lies.

There is about a month left until early voting begins. If you haven't done any of the above, there's still time.

Get out there and learn about the candidates.

Voting is of the utmost importance. Even more important is making sure to educate yourself about the candidates before you cast your ballot. — R.C.

Advice: Don't break your pelvis

By MELINDA HENNEBERGER

The Kansas City Star
Tribune News Service

Here's my advice: Don't fall and fracture your pelvis, OK?

If you ignore this ancient wisdom, though, as I did recently, you may get the chance to see the sun come up every morning from your hospital bed. And as after any accident that could have been even worse, you will be glad to get to see it, from there or anywhere.

Of course, we don't have to wait for calamity to appreciate all of the small moments that only add up to everything. But this unexpected detour has enhanced my gratitude for lots of things, including the nurses and techs who not only keep patients alive but also do so much of the physical lifting and you've-got-this encouragement that make recovery possible.

The last two times I was in the hospital, after I was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2002 and then again in 2003, when our kids were little, I for a long time told almost no one. It was lonely going through the initial round of treatment mostly on my own in D.C., while my family was back in Rome, where we'd been living. But I'm the one who insisted that they go back right after my surgery because school was in session. And in retrospect, I wish I had let more friends in to help me. In trying to do so much stiff upper lip, I was not a very good member of my own care team.

In the more than 20 years since then, I've at least learned enough not to make that same mistake again.

I've always believed there is truth in that quote attributed to Ram Dass, that "we're all just walking each other home."

So why all of the — embarrassment, is it? — about the human condition?

Just in the last month, I've lost one friend I didn't know was sick until very near the end of his life, and another who minimized her medical distress so effectively, even to herself, that she didn't call 911. Sometimes, those who are the first to help others are the last to see or say that they need it.

Someone with whom I have corresponded quite a bit announced on social media recently that he's been recovering from a serious medical event for years, and is only telling

Melinda Henneberger



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us about it now that he's fine, or close to it.

I understand, of course. When you're already at low ebb, reaching out can be exhausting, and we have to respect those who decide to say only a little to only a few. People have their reasons for keeping their injuries and illnesses to themselves. Because they are their reasons, not ours, meaning that we don't get a vote.

But this time, I am making a different decision for myself, and I'm telling you because I think you deserve to know where I went.

After a week, I was transferred to an acute inpatient rehab unit in the same hospital, where I'm getting three hours a day of physical therapy. The next couple of weeks here are not going to be anyone's idea of summer camp.

I was supposed to be in a different health care facility right now, with my 91-year-old mom who needs help with just about everything. Suddenly, it's me who fits that description, and my daughter who rose up and was so fierce on my behalf the other day after a physical therapist said some things that she should not have.

So it looks like I am where I'm supposed to be. See you here again soon.



Celebrate program and look to future

By SARAH WADDLE

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This past August marked the 89th anniversary of Social Security and it's a good time to reflect on its profound impact on American society since its creation in 1935. Signed into law during the Great Depression, Social Security emerged as a foundation of hope and stability for millions of Americans facing economic uncertainty. Today, over 65 million Americans receive the money they've earned over a lifetime of hard work.

Economic security

Social Security was born out of a commitment to provide a measure of income security for citizens who, through no fault of their own, found themselves without income as they aged or fell on hard times. The original idea was simple yet groundbreaking: workers contribute a portion of their earnings during their working years, and in return, they receive guaranteed income upon retirement.

This system has not only endured but has expanded over the decades. What started as strictly a retirement program now includes disability benefits and survivor benefits for families of deceased workers. The program now also has automatic cost-of-living adjustments to help millions of older Americans keep pace with inflation. These changes have ensured that Social Security meets the evolving needs of American society.

Hoosier lives

The impact of Social Security cannot be overstated. For millions of retirees, it provides reliable income that allows them to live with dignity and independence as they age.

Here in Indiana, more than one in five Indiana residents— 1,382,024 people— receive Social Security benefits. These payments inject more than \$24.3 billion into the state's economy every year. Additionally, it lifted 304,000 Hoosiers 65

Sarah Waddle



or older out of poverty from 2018 through 2020.

Your money, your future

It's because of the program's importance that AARP Indiana recently hosted "Your Money, Your Future: Social Security and Retirement Across All Generations."

This virtual event brought together a panel of experts who provided insights on advocacy, civics, and retirement savings. New York Times bestselling author John Green also joined to express his optimism about tackling the challenges facing Social Security and how Hoosiers can raise their voice to their leaders about the issues that matter to them the most.

Challenges Ahead

Social Security is paid for by dedicated payroll taxes and the interest on those contributions that have built up in the Security Trust Funds. Before 2021, Social Security collected more in taxes and interest than it paid out, so it built up reserves to support the retirement of the "Baby Boomer" generation. Today those reserves are used to supplement incoming payroll tax income, but the trust funds will face a shortfall in 2035 according to current estimates.

The shortfall is primarily caused by lower birth rates (meaning fewer workers paying in) and a growing population of retirees. By 2035, Social Security is still projected to be able to pay 80% of benefits, but a cut of 20% — an average of over \$4,000 a year — would hurt both individuals and communities.

Before the trust funds run out of money, Congress can decide to cover the shortfall by raising taxes, cut-

ting benefits or coming up with additional funding sources.

Looking Ahead

Through decades of economic upheaval and social change, Social Security has remained a steadfast source of income for millions of Americans, representing our nation's commitment to ensuring economic security.

Looking ahead, it is incumbent upon us to protect and save Social Security for both current and future generations. This will require thoughtful policies that preserve its core principles of fairness and sustainability while addressing the challenges of a rapidly changing world.

But Social Security shouldn't stand alone when it comes to helping Hoosiers secure their financial future. The average Social Security retirement benefit is only about \$1,600 a month, which means most people will need additional resources.

It's why Indiana needs to look at policies that will make it easier for workers to save and allow them to build their own economic security.

About 43% of Indiana private sector workers ages 18 to 64 in 2020 were employed by businesses that do not offer any type of retirement plan. That 43% includes workers at all levels of earnings, education, and backgrounds. All of them would benefit from the ability to use payroll deduction to save for retirement.

So, let's encourage our leaders to reaffirm the commitment to Social Security as well as recognize the profound impact that giving Hoosiers options to boost their retirement savings will have on their lives and the lives of their families.

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—Thomas Jefferson

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: YOU'RE TELLING ME YOU DON'T COMPLETELY LOVE THE OPERA "OTELLO" OR "RIGOLETTO"? THE VERDI IDEA!
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals P

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

We be jammin'

1) What singer, rapper and songwriter's birth name is Jason Bradley DeFord?
2) The top six countries for jam exports are all in Europe. What is the top non-European country?

1) Jelly Roll 2) India

9-9 CRYPTOQUIP

QE UBKQYQWHL RBA QA ZGGBIL
ZUB OUWSHNQAY LZKDI LAZNTL
RZSB EUWR OWDZDWBL, ZUB

D MBI NMQO RWATL?
Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHAT IS IT CALLED WHEN PEOPLE WORK ON THEIR MEDITATIVE MANTRA-CHANTING SKILLS? OM IMPROVEMENT.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals G

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to healthy aging. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 2 = I)

A. 22 19 9 9 23 19 24 24
Clue: Well-being

B. 17 18 16 2 7 2 16 11
Clue: Doing something

C. 18 13 8 23 2 16 2 13 23
Clue: Mental action

D. 19 20 17 4
Clue: Medical test

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to healthy aging.

NIESROS

Answer: Seniors

GUESS WHO?

I am an actor born in Pennsylvania on September 5, 1951. I am the youngest of seven children. I worked as a TV camera operator for a local public television station before becoming a well-known comedic and dramatic actor. I'll soon be reprising a role of a ghost whose name you don't want to say three times.

Answer: Michael Keaton



Book FACT:

With 38.4 million catalogued books, this is the largest library in the United States.

Answer: Library of Congress

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20. The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

5		17	22
	9	3	27
7		10	18
27	10	30	

Solution:

01	1	4
6	6	51
41	0	5

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

SEPTEMBER 4

1888: The Pearl Street Station in NYC becomes the first power plant to supply electricity to paying customers.

1972: Mark Spitz sets a record by winning a seventh medal at a single Olympic Games.

1998: Google is founded by Larry Page and Sergey Brin.

HEALTHY AGING WORD SEARCH

R S X W X D D T L N M O B B A C T I O N
M A S W B Y O A Y F B F D A D N I M L T
P F Y E O M E F P T E X E X O T Y U A P
Y R P C N W P X M I I G E M B W R U C D
C Y R R V L T O A G O L V A D C O X I O
D I E S A Y L P Y M F N I M R B M V S C
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O A I N Y E E X F A G W R D I S A C U I
E T O A P W T X L U V N P E E O I I A U
G C N S L Y C U I A F O O O N B S N N U
D Y F T E C G P W B R V I L H O S E I S
E Y D P H H V M U D I R A D R G B G N L
A W L A R P C O E B Y L U E R V B I A N
F D G N A B Y A M D O U I F N A O P O W
P I C O G N I T I V E D C T E U C A N F
N W B D U W H A S V D I Y F Y R V A H P
H E A L T H F G E R B T H G I S E Y E A

- ### WORDS
- ACHES
 - ACTION
 - AGING
 - BODY
 - BONE
 - CARDIOVASCULAR
 - COGNITIVE
 - DOCTOR
 - EXAMINATION
 - EYESIGHT
 - FLEXIBILITY
 - HEALTH
 - LONGEVITY
 - MEMORY
 - MIND
 - MOBILITY
 - PAINS
 - PHYSICAL
 - PREVENTION
 - PROACTIVE
 - REFERRAL
 - STAMINA
 - VACCINE
 - WELLNESS

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

RTUN ETH GEP A

Answer: Turn the page

NEW WORD CATALOG

A complete list of items in some systematic order

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Persian leader

5 Naked

9 '60s chic

12 Pueblo people

13 Re-grettably

14 Previ-ously

15 Fashion's Cassini

16 Calendar squares

17 Patient's need, briefly

18 Cleanse

19 Work unit

20 Onion relative

21 Food additive

23 Popular card game

25 Olympic sport

28 Like Enya's music

32 Skirt style

33 "Gimme five!"

34 Nike rival

36 Mistakes in print

DOWN

22 Sly one

24 Prefix with surgeon

25 Sheep-ish

26 Vintage

27 Noon, on a clock

29 One-time link

30 Under-stood

31 Clean air org.

35 Arm's-length pic

36 Kindle down-loads

39 "Toodle-oo!"

40 Wax-coated cheese

41 Avian abode

43 Gaelic

45 Layered cookie

46 Yemen neighbor

47 June honorees

49 Calculate a sum

Solution time: 26 mins.

A	L	P	G	I	G	S	B	R	E	D	
L	O	A	E	D	I	T	I	O	T	A	
B	U	S	H	N	E	L	L	C	L	A	N
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G	L	A	D	W	E	L	L	A	C	T	E
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S	A	G	A	S	S	A	C	S			
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E	L	A	N	S	E	T	S	E	L	O	

Yesterday's answer 9-7

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Safeguarding a slam

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 10 3 2
♥ 7 5
♦ Q 6 2
♣ J 8 6 5 3

EAST
♠ —
♥ Q J 9 8 6 4
♦ K 9 7 5 4
♣ 10 7

SOUTH
♠ A K Q J 9 8
♥ A K 10 3
♦ A
♣ A K

The bidding:
South West North East
2♣* Pass 2♦** Pass
2♠ Pass 3♣ Pass
3♥ Pass 3♠ Pass
6♠

*strong, artificial **negative

Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

This deal from a knockout team event illustrates the benefits of adopting a guarded approach when a high-level contract is at stake.

When the deal was played at the first table, South reached six spades as shown. He won the opening diamond lead, cashed the ace of spades and then played the A-K of hearts, planning to ruff both of his losing hearts in dummy.

Unfortunately, West trumped the king of hearts, after which South could not avoid going down one. When he later tried to ruff the three of hearts in dummy, West trumped with the spade six, forcing dummy's ten. This left West with the seven of spades and dummy with the three, so declarer had no way to dispose of the losing ten of hearts.

At the second table, South also arrived at six spades, and again the opening lead was a diamond. But here declarer took a more cautious approach and made the slam as a result.

After winning the diamond and playing the ace of trump, he also cashed the ace of hearts. But instead of playing the king next, he led a low heart! His circumspection was rewarded when West showed out, and East won the trick with the eight. Whatever East returned, declarer could not be prevented from ruffing his remaining heart loser with dummy's ten of spades, after which he could draw trump and claim the rest of the tricks.

It is true that the line of play adopted by the second South might have cost him an overtrick on many deals. But when a vulnerable slam is at stake, the question of an overtrick has no place in declarer's deliberations.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Part of Q.E.D.

5 Kilmer of "The Doors"

8 Heap

12 Throbbing headache

14 During

15 One of eight

16 Abel's brother

17 Billy — Williams

18 Nixon daughter

20 iTunes down-loads

23 Role in "Evita"

24 Clarified butter

25 Church readers

28 Airport screening org.

29 Doles (out)

30 Ages and ages

32 Narcotics

34 Grocery

DOWN

2 Docu-mentarian

37 Papal envoy

41 Buckeye state

42 Prom corsage, say

47 Big knife

48 Ship-building facility

49 Writer Silverstein

50 HBO rival

51 Deli loaves

1 Moody music

19 "Phooey!"

20 Boot camp

21 Really, really

22 Tide type

23 Ballet leaps

25 Disap-point-ments

26 Caboose

27 Type

29 Hawaiian island

31 Ultimate

33 "Fine by me"

34 Joan of Arc, for one

36 Relaxed

37 British big shots

38 "Oops!"

39 Cleo-patra's river

40 DVR brand

43 Fan's cry

44 Non-clerical

45 Before

46 QBs' goals

Solution time: 21 mins.

S	H	A	H	B	A	R	E	M	O	D	
H	O	P	I	A	L	A	S	A	G	O	
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Saturday's answer 9-9

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Famous Hand

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 9 7 3
♥ K Q 9 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 10

EAST
♠ 10 8 6
♥ —
♦ 10 5 4 3
♣ 7 6 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ 5
♥ A 4 3
♦ A J 8 6 2
♣ K J 9 8

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ Pass 1♥ Dble 1♠ Pass
2♠ Pass 2♦ Pass 1NT Pass
3♠ Pass 3♦ Pass 3♥ Pass

Opening lead — king of spades.

There's a play in bridge you won't find in any of the textbooks. It's called the Alcatraz Coup, and the reason it's omitted is that the play amounts to cheating.

The Alcatraz Coup, as might be surmised, originated in Alcatraz. Who invented it is in dispute, but its many practitioners include some of the most distinguished members of the rogues' gallery.

The first use of the play occurred in this deal. West led the spade king and shifted to a heart, ruffed by

East. East returned a club to partner's ace and got another heart ruff, securing the fourth trick for the defense. East then led a spade, ruffed by South.

Declarer played a diamond to the king and a diamond back. East following suit with the ten. South was now at the critical point of the play. Only one diamond, the queen, was missing, and the question was whether to finesse or play the ace.

South analyzed the situation thoroughly. He reasoned that East's original distribution was either 5-0-4-4 or 4-0-5-4. If East started with five diamonds, finessing the jack was essential; but if East began with only four diamonds, going up with the ace would be the winning play.

South eventually came up with a unique solution. On East's ten of diamonds he played the ace of hearts! West did not even look at South's card and mechanically followed with the queen of diamonds.

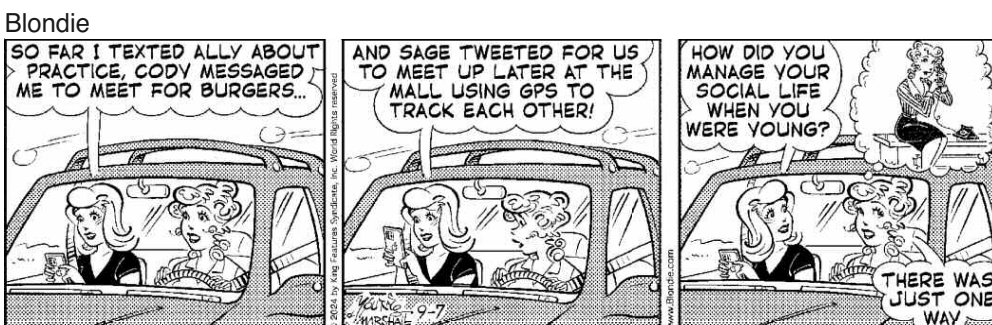
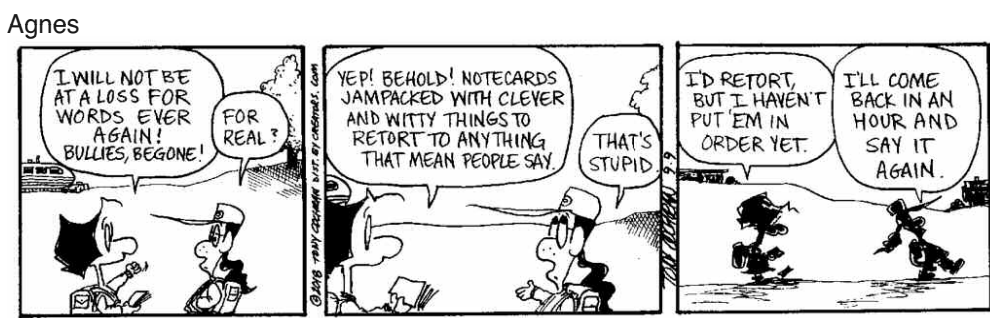
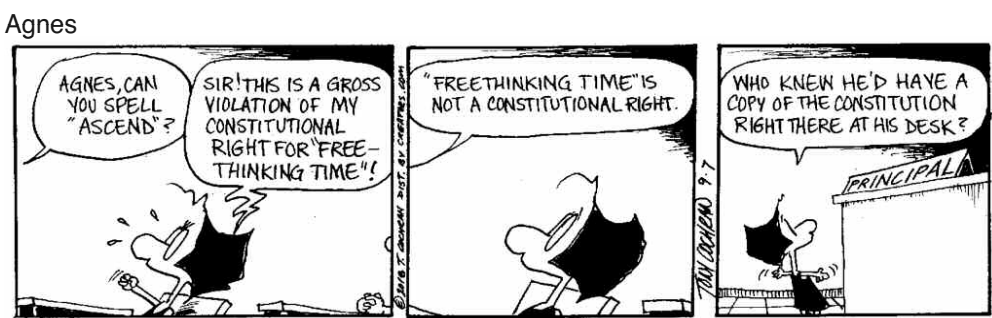
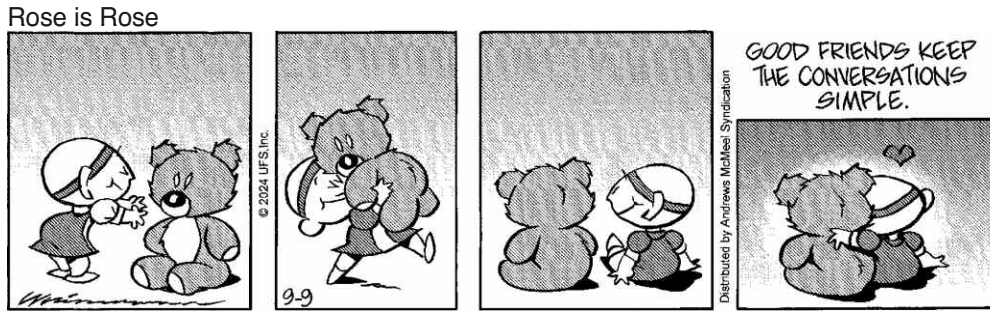
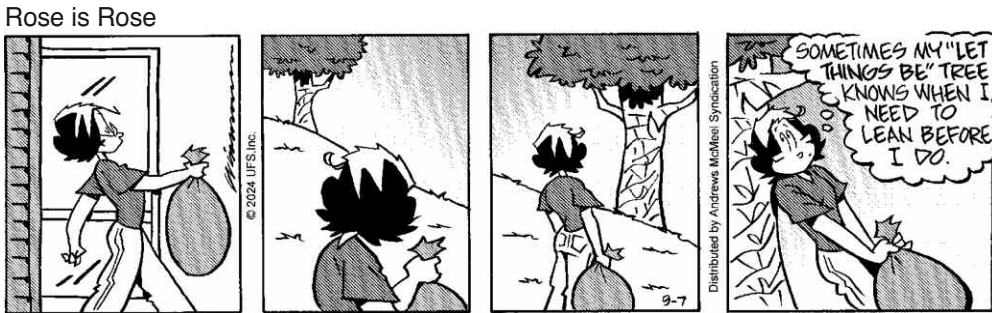
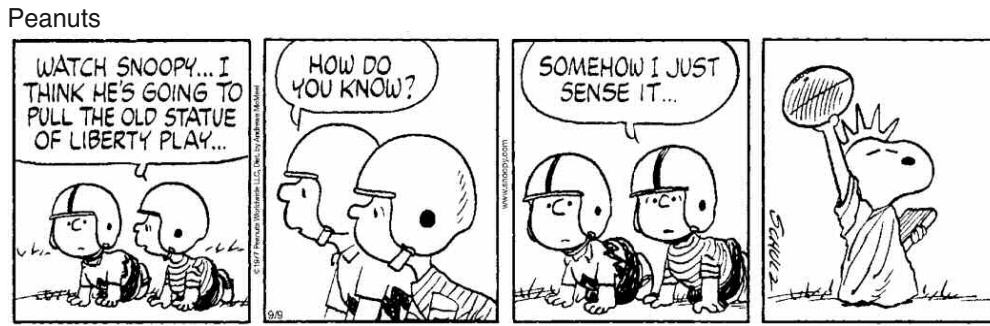
South thereupon corrected his deliberate revoke by substituting the diamond ace for the heart ace and so made the contract.

Of course, players who practice such shenanigans eventually get ostracized, and it was no different for South, who was sentenced to a period of solitary confinement — away from the bridge table — by his peers.

Tomorrow: The battle for trump control

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90 SALE CALENDAR

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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled local public hearings in Case Nos. 23-894-GA-AIR, In the Matter of the Application of The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy 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 Dominion Energy Ohio for Approval of Alternative Rate Plan; 23-896-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 Dominion 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 between 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 additional seven years; and the continuation of other riders related to, among other things, uncollectible expenses and infrastructure development. These local hearings are scheduled to provide an opportunity 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 Building, 615 W. Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113
b. September 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at Akron-Summit Public Library, 60 S. High Street, Akron, Ohio 44326
c. September 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at Lima Senior High School Auditorium, 1 Spartan Way, Lima, Ohio 45801
The evidentiary hearing in these proceedings will be called on September 3, 2024, at the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room 11-A, 11th Floor, 180 23-894-GA-AIR et al - 6 - East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, at 10:00 a.m.; and continued to a date that will be determined at an August 20, 2024, prehearing conference. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793, by calling the Commission's hotline at 1-800-686-7826, or by visiting the Commission's website at http://www.puco.ohio.gov. The hearing impaired can reach the Commission by dialing 7-1-1 (Ohio Relay Service).
(14) It is, therefore,
(15) ORDERED, That local public hearings in these proceedings be held as set forth in Paragraph 12. It is, further,
(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 party of record.
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO
/s/ Clint R. White
By: Clint R. White
Administrative Law Judge
JSA/dmh

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No. 1 sweeps Patriots

Jay County spikers defeated by top-ranked Raiders

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

The Patriots hung right with one of the best teams in the state in the third set.

They trailed just once in the first 42 points before the visitors made a late run to end the match.

Their coach felt they were capable of much more.

A chance to win the third set slipped away from the Jay County High School volleyball team Thursday night in a 25-17, 25-21, 25-22 loss to the Class 2A No. 1 Wapahani Raiders.

"I'm not extremely pleased with my team," said JCHS coach Amy Dillon. "I think that we could have competed a lot better than we did. And I think we did what we always do. ... We came in thinking, 'It's Wapahani. They beat Delta. Delta beat us.' I really think that we could have at least taken a set or two off of them, at least competed better."

Maria Hemmelgarn caught fire for the Patriots (3-3) in the third set — Dillon changed the lineup to move Lani Muhlenkamp to libero and use Carley Trinidad on defense — recording three early kills en route to an 8-4 lead. Jay County was ahead until the Raiders (10-1) took a 14-13 advantage.

Another 4-1 run, including kills from Hemmelgarn and Elizabeth Barnett, put the Patriots up again. Wapahani fought back to tie the match at 19 and 20, then slipped behind 21-20 on a service error.

Hemmelgarn, who already had six kills in the set, went on the attack in hopes of pushing her team to within three points of victory. But Raider senior AnnMarie Gibson hopped up in front of her and delivered a block, and Jay County was unable to get the ball back over the net.

"She's one of our best blockers, usually leads in the confer-



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School's Brenna Bailey passes a ball over her shoulder during the 25-17, 25-21, 25-22 loss to Class 2A No.1 Wapahani on Thursday. Bailey had nine digs and one assist in the match.

ence," said WHS coach Valorie Wells. "We really need her to be strong in the front row."

Gibson (three blocks, two aces, eight kills) then recorded an ace as she sparked a four-point run that put Wapahani in command. Tatum Dudley finished the match on a kill that glanced off of Barnett's arm as she finished with nine kills, one behind teammates Sophia Beeson and Kami Rivers.

Emily Luce and Beeson had 16 and 15 digs, respectively, for the Raiders, and Megan Luce totaled 19 assists.

"I thought first set we looked really good but then kind of just let off the gas a little bit," said Wells, whose team's only loss came in three sets Tuesday

to Class 4A No. 3 Yorktown. "But I'm glad we finished strong because we were down in that third set. They really pushed through and finished. I was proud that they did that."

While Wells was happy with the way her team finished, Dillon was especially distressed with the way Jay County started the match.

The Patriots committed three errors and allowed an ace as Wapahani opened with a 9-4 lead. It was a pattern that continued, as Dillon said she counted 17 errors as her team dropped the first set 25-17. (The final point came on a service error. And all three JCHS services errors in the opening set were on first serve attempts.)

"Lots and lots of errors — errors that we just handed to them," said Dillon, whose team has now dropped back-to-back matches to slip to .500. "Communication errors. Dig errors because we weren't getting in position, and in the net. Tipping balls out of bounds."

The strong final set pushed Hemmelgarn to a team-high 10 kills. She also matched Brenna Schmiesing with a pair of blocks.

"Maria is just coming along so well," said Dillon. "That girl works really hard. She comes in and she soaks it all in and she's just doing a really good job at picking up on everything."

Mya Kunkler, who had a

strong second set, followed Hemmelgarn with eight kills. Schmiesing added six.

Paisley Fugiett totaled 23 assists and two aces. Kayla Jetmore came up with a team-high 11 digs, and Barnett followed with 10.

Junior varsity

Jay County held off the Raiders in a tight second set for a 25-8, 25-23 sweep.

Chloe Byrum finished with a dozen service points, including three aces, for the Patriots. Lydia Johnson and Amelia Heath had five kills apiece, with Ella Rigby totaling 19 assists.

Carley Trinidad had a team-high nine digs.

Muhlenkamp nets third straight hat trick

Another day, another hat trick for Levi Muhlenkamp and another win for the Patriots.

Muhlenkamp netted his third straight hat trick of the season to propel the Jay County High School boys soccer team to a 4-2 victory over the Norwell Knights on Thursday.

Muhlenkamp's first goal broke a 1-1 tie with 27 minutes, 42 seconds remaining in the half. Muhlenkamp scored the goal on a header, assisted by Alan Ortiz on a throw-in.

Dylan Marentes assisted Muhlenkamp's next goal, which doubled the Jay County (5-0) lead to 3-1 at 24:30.

His final goal came with 17:42 remaining in the half as Aryan Montes delivered the ball to the striker. Muhlenkamp now has 11 goals on the young season to average 2.2 goals per game.

Norwell got on top early with a goal in the first five minutes before Blake Collins tied things up at 35:12 with a drive down the right side.

The Knights (4-4) scored the final goal of the game early in the sec-

Jay County roundup

ond half, but goalkeeper Peyton Yowell locked down the net for the rest of the game for the win. He ended with 13 saves.

Can't slow Knights

OSSIAN — The Jay County girls soccer team fell to the Norwell Knights in a 4-1 loss on Thursday.

The lone goal for the Patriots (4-2) came from Brilyn Wilmore with 9 minutes, 25 seconds, left in the first half. The freshman was assisted by classmate Raylin Hummer for the score.

Norwell (3-3) scored three goals in the first half and one in the second.

Grace Mann led the way for the Knights by finding the net three times and adding an assist on a goal scored by Aubrey Meyer.

Norwell (4-4) scored the final goal of the game early in the sec-

JCHS goalkeeper Maleah Parsons saved four shots in the game.

The junior varsity teams finished in a 0-0 tie.

Jay loses

MARION — The Jay County boys tennis team returned to action Thursday in a 4-1 loss to the Marion Giants.

Eli Dirksen picked up the only win, beating Adam Lord 6-1, 6-2 in the No. 1 singles match.

The doubles teams played close matches for Jay County (1-6). Kayden Carpenter and Alex Miller fell to Albie Tucker and Jake Wood in the No. 1 doubles contest 7-5, 6-4.

Blake Kahlig and Carter Wellman took the No. 2 doubles loss 6-1, 7-5 to Chemin Hofman and Nick Smith.

Marion's Noah Elliot got the better of Gabe Pinkerton in the No. 3 singles match for a 6-4, 6-1 win, while Tucker Griffin fell in the No. 2 doubles contest 6-2, 6-0 to Meeate Patel.

The Patriots won all four junior varsity matches.

Tribe still undefeated

The Indians have put themselves in position to win the Midwest Athletic Conference.

With two matches left, they control their own destiny.

The Fort Recovery High School girls golf team beat the Versailles Tigers 196-212 at Portland Golf Club on Thursday to remain undefeated in MAC play with only two matches remaining.

Olivia Knapke shot the best round for the Indians, finishing with 45 strokes. She was eight strokes behind match medalist Ella Porter.

Mallory Evers stayed hot to break 50 for the third match in a row. She ended with a 47.

Emma Will added a 51, while Eva Kahlig tied her season-best score of 53 to wrap up the scoring.

Rounds of 54 and 57 from Georgia Wenning and Evvie Briner didn't affect the final.

The Indians' 6-0 MAC record (10-2 overall) has them one match ahead of Minster (5-1) and 1.5 matches in front of St. Henry (5-2). Fort Recovery has seventh-place St. John's coming to town next before they travel to

FRHS roundup

take on St. Henry for the chance of an outright MAC title.

Tribe struggles

BRADFORD, Ohio — The Fort Recovery boys golf team shot its highest score of the season in a 181-188 loss to the Versailles Tigers on Thursday at Stillwater Valley Golf Club.

Eli Lennartz, Caleb Smith and Mason Diller all tied for the best score for FRHS (6-4, 4-3 MAC) as they each shot 46. The trio combined for eight pars and nine bogeys.

Diller also added a birdie on the par-4, 15th hole. This was the first match where Diller's score contributed to the final without a tiebreaker.

Versailles' Brandon Wagner earned match medalist honors with a 41.

Reece LeFevre added the final Tribe score with a 50. The junior only made par twice as

he shot for bogey four times.

Rounds of 51 from Riley Grieshop and 57 from Keegan Muhlenkamp didn't impact the final score.

Parkway prevails

FORT RECOVERY — The Parkway Panthers defeated the Fort Recovery volleyball team 25-16, 25-21, 23-25, 25-15 on Thursday.

An aggressive attack from the Panthers (8-1, 2-0 MAC) left the Indians (4-3, 0-2 MAC) behind as Parkway led in kills 58-38 and aces 11-2.

The Indians' defense at the net was a bright spot, as FRHS tallied nine blocks. Brynn Willmann led the way with five assisted blocks, followed by Kayla Heitkamp and Karlie Niekamp with three apiece and then Kennedy Muhlenkamp, Cameron Muhlenkamp and Bridget Homan each sending two back.

Cameron Muhlenkamp and Homan led the attack at the net with 14 and 13 kills, respectively. Heitkamp assisted on 29 attacks.

Cameron Muhlenkamp also led the Indians in digs with 21.

Fades ...

Continued from page 10
Aided by another JCHS penalty on a pass interference call against Carter Fugiett, the Raiders still only came up with two first downs and 31 yards before having to punt the ball away.

In all, the Patriots' defense smothered Southern Wells, giving up 43 total offensive yards and four first downs, while only allowing the Raiders onto the Jay County half of the field once. (The Raiders started the final drive of the half on the Patriots' 34-yard line after a 33-yard kick off return by Levi Blake.)

"We all knew we had to go in and shut down the run and I think we did a really good job of that today," said Patriot linebacker Garrett Bennett. "We really keyed this week on sticking to our fundamentals and our responsibilities. We did a great job of that and really nailed it home."

The Jay County offense supplemented its defensive dominance by scoring on six of its nine drives. The three times it failed to reach the end zone were the opening drive fumble, another fumble by Bailey during the first drive of the second quarter and the final drive when it let the clock run out.

Myers scored the first two touchdowns on the ground in the first quarter.

After the Bailey fumble, the



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Jay County's A.J. Myers stiff arms Leeland Goodnight of Southern Wells during the first half Friday.

defense forced a three-and-out that led to a 60-yard punt return that Grant Wendel brought to the house for the third score of the game.

"We knew before anything happened that it was going to be a short high kick," Wendel said. "I saw it go up, looked down, (saw) no one within 15 yards, caught it and took it. Man, I don't know. I was just running for my life."

"It was just awesome and exciting is really all it was. That made everything else exciting the whole entire night."

The next three TDs came via pass from Bailey, each to a different receiver. The first found Fugiett for a 22-yard touchdown with 1:12 remaining in the first half.

A quick three-and-out for the Raiders to start the third quarter set up an eventual 25-yard pass to Wendel for the next touchdown.

On the first play of the next drive, Brady Jetmore picked off Leeland Goodnight to get the ball back. A 10-yard rush by Myers was followed by a 21-yard TD pass to Wendel.

The Patriots had seven different receivers catch a ball, with every one going for 14 yards or more. Bailey finished 9-of-12 passing with three touchdowns and 175 yards.

The final score came at 9:19 in the fourth as Leighton Brown drove the ball 40 yards downfield on six attempts, capping the drive with a 1-yard rush.

Box score

Jay County Patriots (2-1, 1-0 ACAC)
vs. Southern Wells (0-3, 0-1 ACAC)

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First Quarter

JC — A.J. Myers 29 run (kick failed), 8:47.
JC — Myers 10 run (Sean Bailey run), 5:47.

Second Quarter

JC — Grant Wendel 60 punt return (Myers kick) 6:37.
JC — Carter Fugiett 22 pass from Bailey (Myers kick) 1:12.

Third Quarter

JC — Wendel 25 pass from Bailey (kick blocked), 8:21.
JC — Garrett Bennett 21 pass from Bailey (2-point fail), 7:10.

Fourth Quarter

JC — Leighton Brown 1 run (Myers kick), 9:19.

Team Statistics

	JC	SW
Rushes - yds	24-164	24(-)7
Comp-Att-Int	9-13-0	5-11-1
Passing yds	175	50
Total Plays	37	35
Total Offense	339	43
Punt ret - yds	1-60	0-0
Kickoff ret - yds	0-0	7-64
Ints - yds	1-3	0-0
Fumbles - lost	3-2	3-1
Penalties - yds	9-90	3-10
Sacks - yds	3-12	0-0

Individual Statistics

Rushing — Jay County — Leighton Brown 12-68, A.J. Myers 6-59, Wyatt Foster 4-28, Sean Bailey 2-9. Southern Wells — Bryson Williams 6-15, Levi Blake 1-1, Levon Goodnight 1-1, Lyric Maddox 1(-)2, Robby Freimuth 6(-)11, Leeland Goodnight 7(-)11.
Passing — Jay County — Sean Bailey 9-12-0 175, Nick Snow 0-1-0. Southern Wells — Robby Freimuth 4-7-0 43, Leeland Goodnight 1-4-1 7.
Receiving — Jay County — Garrett Bennett 2-43, Carter Fugiett 2-39, Grant Wendel 1-25, Isaac Dues 1-19, Aiden Phillips 1-18, Benson Ward 1-17, A.J. Myers 1-14. Southern Wells — Levi Blake 4-28, Joshua Aulbach 1-25.

Balanced ...

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Cody Depweg added a 1-yard TD run in the first quarter.

The Indians were able to get on the board on a 3-yard run by Reece Wendel with 4:15 remaining in the third quarter. But Coldwater (3-0, 1-0 MAC) added two more touchdowns in the final period for its 47-point margin of victory.

While Elander's two receptions both went for touchdowns, Caleb Schroer was Blickberger's most frequent target. He caught four passes for 50 yards while Mason Welch, Cadin Obringer and Taylor each had one reception.

The Cavaliers used eight ball carriers, none of whom had more than six carries. Blickberger led the group with 44 yards on four attempts, and Pottkotter had 41 yards on six tries.

While Coldwater was able to move the ball in both facets, the Indians were limited to 124 total yards. Most of those came from Wendel on the ground as he carried 16 times for 104 yards and the lone Tribe score.

Wendel also led the Fort Recovery defense with nine tackles.

The Indians will head on the road next weekend to visit St. Henry, which is 1-2 after suffering a 41-9 loss Friday to Division VII No. 1 Marion Local (3-0).

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Junior high tennis vs. Bluffton/Randolph Southern — 10 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Cross country at Brookville Invite — 9 a.m.; Volleyball at Tri-Village — 9 a.m.; Middle school cross country at Brookville — 9 a.m.; Middle school volleyball vs. Botkins — 9 a.m.

Monday
Jay County — Girls golf at Monroe Central — 4:30 p.m.; Boys tennis at Muncie Central — 5 p.m.; Boys soccer vs. Heritage — 6 p.m.; JV football at Delta — 6 p.m.; Junior high cross country vs. Belmont — 5 p.m.; Junior high volleyball vs. Monroe Central — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls golf vs. St. John's — 4:30 p.m.; Boys golf at St. John's — 4:30 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Celina — 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Girls golf vs. Wes-Del/Yorktown — 4:30 p.m.; Boys tennis at Randolph Southern — 5 p.m.; Girls soccer vs. Wapahani — 6 p.m.; Volleyball at Bluffton — 6 p.m.; Cross country vs. Union City/Winchester — 6:30 p.m.; Junior high football at Adams Central — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high volleyball at Bluffton — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high cross country vs. Union City/Winchester — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys golf at Allen East — 4:30 p.m.; Middle school volleyball vs. New Bremen — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
1:20 a.m. — AFL: Greater Western Sydney Giants at Sydney Swans (FS1)
9 a.m. — UEFA Nations League soccer: North Macedonia at Faroe Islands (FS1)
11 a.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series:

Focused Health 250 (USA)
12 p.m. — College football: Arkansas at Oklahoma State (ABC); Texas at Michigan (FOX); Pitt at Cincinnati (ESPN2); Kansas State at Tulane (ESPN); Bowling Green at Penn State (BTN)
12 p.m. — UEFA Nations League soccer: England at Republic of Ireland (FS1)
12:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Quaker State 400 (USA)
12:30 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Portland Thorns Washington Spirit (CBS)
1 p.m. — Paralympic track and field (NBC)
3 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Focused Health 250 (USA)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Cal at Auburn (ESPN2); South Carolina at Kentucky (ABC); Baylor at Utah (FOX); Tennessee State at North Dakota State (ABC); South Dakota at Wisconsin (FS1); Michigan State at Maryland (BTN); Northern Illi-

nois at Notre Dame (NBC)
4 p.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN)
4 p.m. — Pro Motocross Championship: Charlotte (NBC)
4 p.m. — International friendly soccer: Canada at United States (TBS)
4:10 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at New York Mets (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — College football: South Florida at Alabama (ESPN); Virginia at Wake Forest (ESPN2); Kansas at Illinois (FS1)
7:15 p.m. — MLB: Chicago White Sox at Boston Red Sox (FOX)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Tennessee at N.C. State (ABC); Colorado at Nebraska (NBC); Western Michigan at Ohio State (BTN)
10 p.m. — College football: Texas Tech at Washington State (FOX)
10:15 p.m. — College football: Liberty at New Mexico State (ESPN2)

10:30 p.m. — College football: Mississippi State at Arizona State (ESPN)
11 p.m. — College football: Utah State at USC (BTN)

Sunday

12 p.m. — UEFA Nations League soccer: Serbia at Denmark (FS1)
1 p.m. — NFL: Houston Texans at Indianapolis Colts (CBS); Tennessee Titans at Chicago Bears (FOX)
1 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Houston Dash at Gotham FC (ESPN)
1:40 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at New York Mets (Bally Indiana)
2 p.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open (ABC)
2:45 p.m. — UEFA Nations League soccer: Scotland at Portugal (FS1)
3 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Quaker State 400 (USA)
4 p.m. — WNBA: Las Vegas Aces at

New York Liberty (ESPN)
4:05 p.m. — NFL: Denver Broncos at Seattle Seahawks (CBS)
4:25 p.m. — NFL: Dallas Cowboys at Cleveland Browns (FOX)
7:10 p.m. — MLB: Arizona Diamondbacks at Houston Astros (ESPN)
8:20 p.m. — NFL: Los Angeles Rams at Detroit Lions (NBC)

Monday
6:40 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Atlanta Braves (Bally Indiana)
7:40 p.m. — MLB: Los Angeles Angels at Minnesota Twins (FS1)
8:20 p.m. — NFL: New York Jets at San Francisco 49ers (ABC)

Tuesday
7:45 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)

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Illusion fades

Jay County quickly reversed early turnover and rolled to a shutout victory over the Raiders in Friday's conference opener

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

Things started off well for the Patriots, as the first three plays resulted in 41 yards and a pair of first downs.

Things looked like they were about to take a sharp turn in favor of the Raiders as the fourth play resulted in the Patriots fumbling the ball twice and turning it over on the second.

That was an illusion. On the next play, the Raiders gave the ball away with a fumble of their own to keep the Patriots in good field position and, after an initial score, it was all downhill for the visitors.

Jay County High School's football team took early control and dominated both sides of the ball against the Southern Wells Raiders for a 47-0 victory in the Allen County Athletic Conference opener for both teams Friday.

"I thought for the most part we played well and we played hard," said JCHS coach Grant Zgunda. "Coaches always do this but, we have a very tough stretch coming up — I feel like we have a chance to be competitive in every single one of them — but one thing we can't have are the penalties. So, we got to clean those up. That's our main focus this week and we've got to get better every week."



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Jay County High School senior Sean Bailey (4) slings a pass while Leighton Brown (9) and Alejandro Ruiz (68) block for him. Bailey led the JCHS offense with 175 passing yards and three touchdowns in its 47-0 beating of Southern Wells on Friday.

One of the Patriots' start. Another flag got thrown on the following immediately following the fumble by Southern Wells (0-3, 0-1 ACAC), as they got called for a false

play, pulling back a 20-yard pass from Sean Bailey to Isaac Dues, to make it only a gain of 9 yards.

Despite the setbacks from the fumble and two penalties, Jay County (2-1, 1-0 ACAC) got on the board early after a pair of rushes by A.J. Myers

that totaled 36 yards. Myers' PAT attempt sailed wide right, giving JCHS only a 6-0 lead with 8 minutes, 47 seconds, remaining.

After the Patriot defense forced the first-play fumble, it allowed the Raiders to get their biggest drive of the day. See **Fades** page 9

Balanced blowout

FORT RECOVERY — The Cavaliers were balanced.

The scoreboard was lopsided.

Coldwater High School, ranked No. 1 in the Max-preps Division VI football rankings, ran and passed for 189 yards each Friday night in handing the Fort Recovery Indians a 55-8 defeat.

Fort Recovery (1-2, 0-1 Midwest Athletic Conference) allowed 41 first-half points, including three Baylen Blickberger touchdown passes and two Miles Pottkotter scoring runs.

Indians give up 189 yards passing, rushing in loss to top-ranked Coldwater

Blickberger, who finished 9-of-12 for 189 yards, connected with Ethan Elander on a 36-yard TD pass in the first quarter. He closed the first half with touchdown tosses to Brax-

ton Taylor (20 yards) and Elander (70 yards).

Pottkotter's two first-half TDs came on a 3-yard run in the first quarter and a 1-yarder in the second.

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Brodie Hart of Fort Recovery High School gets wrapped up by Derek Dues (23) while returning a kick Friday night during the Indians' 55-8 loss to Division VI No. 1 Coldwater. The loss dropped FRHS to 1-2.

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