

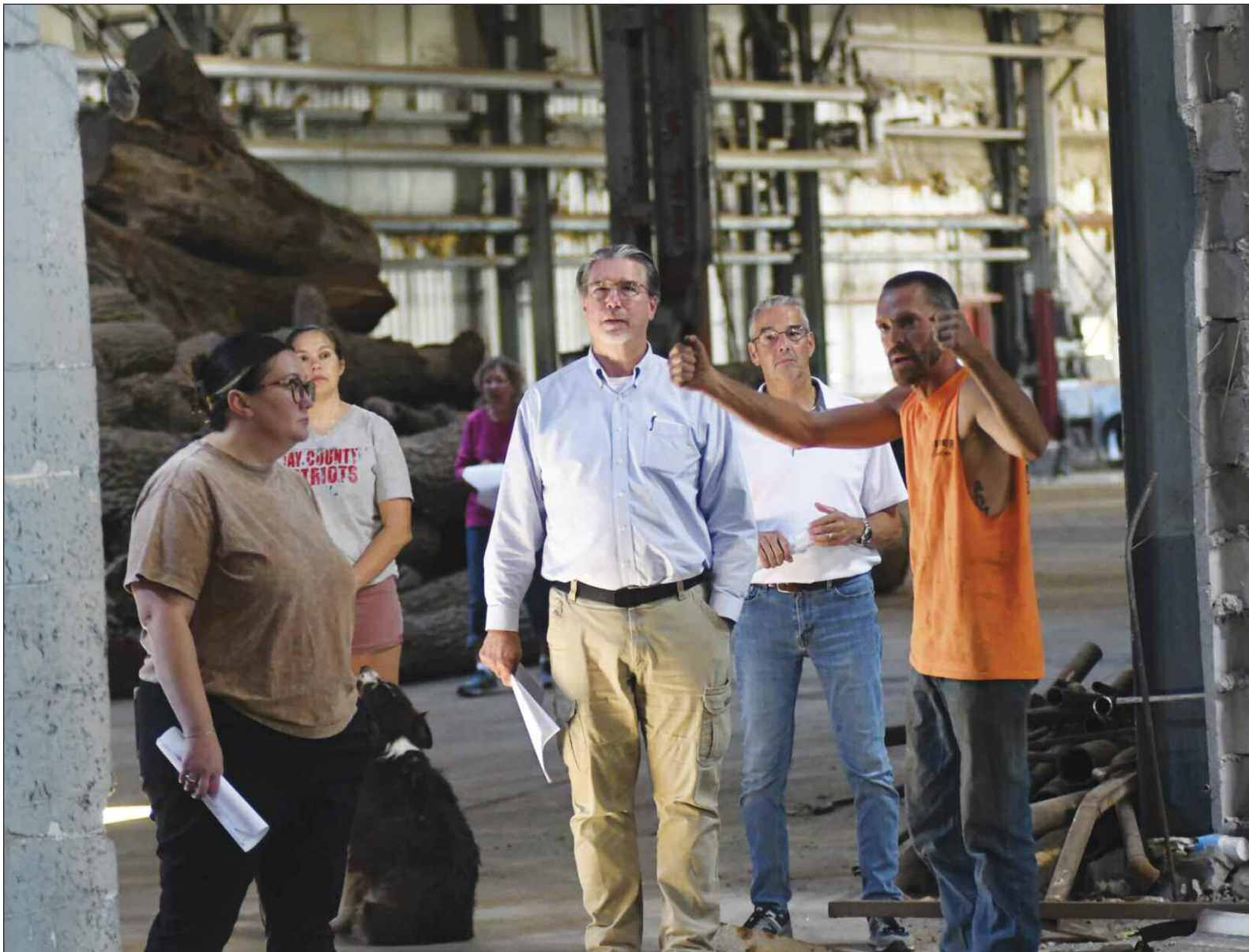
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## Sheller tour



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Chad Fifer (right) of Fifer Services explains to city council members, including, from left, Ashley Hilfiker, Kent McClung and Dave Golden, some of the work his company has done to improve the former Sheller-Globe south building since he purchased it from the city. Fifer hopes to utilize the north portion of the main structure as a sawmill and rent the other sections of the building and the outdoor space to other businesses and industries.

### Council members take a look at property owned by Chad Fifer ahead of deciding on EDIT loan request

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Chad Fifer is seeking assistance to continue improving the former Sheller-Globe south property.

Portland City Council members had the opportunity Monday to take a look at the improvements he has made so far.

During a special meeting Monday at the former Sheller-Globe south site, 510 S. Bridge St., Fifer explained what he has done

since purchasing the property from the city and what his plans are for the future.

Fifer, the owner of Fifer Services, explained to council members Kent McClung, Dave Golden, Matt Goldsworthy, Ashley Hilfiker and Mike Aker that his plans for the property call for converting the north portion of the main structure into a sawmill.

He hopes to rent the south portion of the main structure, as

well as another building, to other businesses. He also plans to work with TLS By Design, a furniture business in the former Sheller-Globe north site, to supply wood.

Fifer noted that the most pressing needs for the section that will house his sawmill are new walls — the existing walls have been removed — and insulation as well as electrical work.

He hopes to complete improvements to the south por-

tion of the structure in 20,000-foot segments — it totals about 60,000 square feet — over five or six years.

Council members complimented Fifer's efforts thus far, which include cleaning out the interior of the structures.

"Your sweat equity is huge here," said McClung, the council president. "This building was not in this shape, has not been in this shape for decades."

See **Tour** page 2

## Dunkirk council tables ordinance

*Ardagh asks for time to adjust to proposed new limits*

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — City council will wait two weeks before taking action on a proposed ordinance change being pushed by Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

Dunkirk City Council on Monday tabled the ordinance, which would set new limits for grease and chloride discharge and increase fines for users who exceed those limits.

City attorney Wes Schemenaur presented the ordinance, saying the proposed changes are coming from Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). It would set a new limit for grease, fats and oils at 25 milligrams per liter, down from the current 100. The fee for treatment of anything over the limit would be \$2 per milligram per liter, up from the current \$1.

A limit of 221 milligrams per liter would be set for chlorides. (There is currently no limit.)

Lisa McIntire, assistant superintendent of the city's wastewater treatment department, explained that the city has a limit of 340 milligrams per liter of chlorides coming into the plant. It has been in violation of that limit, leading to IDEM pushing for the issue to be addressed by ordinance.

Ardagh plant manager Aaron Wine and vice president of environmental compliance Richard Tomicek asked for time to make adjustments at its Dunkirk glass manufacturing facility. They indicated that it will take time to make adjustments to get under the new limits.

See **Tables** page 2

## No funding for JCDC

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Jay County Development Corporation didn't receive funding from the county Monday.

A motion from Jay County Commissioner Rex Journey to give \$140,000 to JCDC for its budget died for lack of a second.

During the commissioners' meeting Monday, JCDC executive director Travis Richards presented his board's responses to the commissioners' "points" shared in May regarding a potential contract between the two entities.

Richards read from a list, starting with a call to decrease board membership.

Commissioners asked JCDC's board to reduce its voting membership count to nine or 11, consisting of mayors or town council presidents from Portland and Dunkirk, one county commissioner, one county council representative and representatives from Bryant, Redkey, Pennville and Salamonina. The board could have additional non-voting members.

Richards said the board unani-

### Motion dies on the floor; McGalliard recommends waiting until January

mously does not support reducing its board membership.

"The overriding basis of this position is rooted in the founding purpose of JCDC to form a countywide coalition of leadership and representation from all corners and sectors of Jay County," said Richards. "The purpose of this approach to JCDC's design was to maintain continuity of strategy and leadership beyond election cycles to inform the county's mission and decision-making process. To make the request to alterations in size and membership violates one of the major purposes of the formation of JCDC."

Addressing the points at its

Aug. 26 meeting, JCDC's board agreed to: return unused funds from completed projects back to the county, with the understanding that the money is for projects and not operational funds; approve a new lease agreement with Portland for its office at Community Resource Center, which was done at the same meeting; meet monthly or as needed; require the executive director to set yearly goals and report to commissioners quarterly in person and via email as needed; coordinate better communications between the community coordinator and JCDC executive director.

See **JCDC** page 5



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## Students rally

Hundreds of students and judiciary workers march Sunday in front of the Senate of the Republic to protest against the judicial reform proposed by the Mexican government in Mexico City. Mexico's outgoing President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador warned the Supreme Court against blocking his controversial judicial reforms, saying it would be a "flagrant violation" of the constitution.

### Deaths

Betty Wilson, 85, Ridgeville  
Sandra Shreeve, 63, Portland  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 77 degrees Monday. The low was 45.  
Tonight's low will be in the mid 50s. Expect mostly sunny skies Thursday with a high in the upper 80s. Highs will stay in the 80s through at least Monday.  
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Redkey Town Council will hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday in the park cabin.

### Coming up

**Thursday** — Results from the Jay County cross country meet.

**Friday** — Coverage of this week's Jay County Council meeting.

**Saturday** — Results from the JCHS football game at Adams Central.





# Obituaries

## Betty Wilson

Aug. 19, 1939-Sept. 8, 2024  
Betty Mae Wilson, age 85, of Ridgeville passed away on Sunday evening, Sept. 8, 2024, at IU Health Jay in Portland.

She was born in Randolph County on Aug. 19, 1939, to Merritt and Marjorie O. (Thomas) Fields. She graduated from Gov. I.P. Gray High School in 1957. She married Lloyd L. Wilson in 1957 and he passed away in 2000. Betty was retired from Randolph Cen-

tral School Corporation as a bus driver for 31 years.

Surviving is a daughter, Lisa M. Davis (husband: Jeff) of Albany; a son, Lloyd L. Wilson II (special friend: Beckie Schafer) of Ridgeville; four grandchildren, Dusty Bowlan of Ridgeville, Kortney Bowlan (wife: Sandy) of Dunkirk, Cody Bowlan of Albany and Shane



Wilson

Bowlan of Albany; three great-grandchildren, Coltin Bowlan, Kanaan Bowlan and Kathryn Bowlan; three sisters, Beverly Nuckols (Mack), Berniece Upp (Bill) and Bonnie Jones (Kenneth); and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents; sister Barbara Dull; brothers Brian Eugene Fields and Duane Fields; son-in-law Gary Vore; daughter-in-law Jana Wilson; and brother-in-law Mack Nuckols.

Funeral services will be Friday, Sept. 13, 2024, at 1 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Sharon Taylor presiding. Burial will follow in the Weimer Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Memorials can be made to Jay Randolph Developmental Services.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

**Sandra "Sandy" Shreeve**, Portland, Aug. 17, 1961-Sept. 8, 2024.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

*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

Thursday 9/12	Friday 9/13	Saturday 9/14	Sunday 9/15	Monday 9/16
<b>87/62</b>	<b>80/62</b>	<b>82/63</b>	<b>82/62</b>	<b>82/57</b>
Thursday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a high in the mid to upper 80s.	There's a slight chance of showers Friday, when the high will be in the low 80s.	Another chance of showers Saturday, when the low may hit the low 60s.	There's a chance of rain Sunday. Otherwise, mostly sunny.	Monday has a chance of showers. Otherwise, partly sunny with a high near 82.

## Lotteries

**Powerball**  
Monday  
1-16-21-47-60  
Power Ball: 5  
Power Play: 3  
Estimated jackpot: \$134 million

Daily Four: 2-0-9-2  
Quick Draw: 2-3-4-5-20-25-28-30-31-33-39-40-46-52-54-55-61-63-73-78  
Cash 5: 5-6-8-16-21  
Estimated jackpot: \$425,000

**Mega Millions**  
Estimated jackpot: \$800 million

**Hoosier**  
Monday  
Midday  
Daily Three: 0-5-7  
Daily Four: 0-1-3-8  
Quick Draw: 2-17-20-27-28-33-35-37-41-46-54-57-62-63-64-67-68-70-71-74  
Evening  
Daily Three: 1-2-5

**Ohio**  
Monday  
Midday  
Pick 3: 0-0-5  
Pick 4: 9-7-5-2  
Pick 5: 3-0-6-3-9  
Evening  
Pick 3: 3-0-2  
Pick 4: 9-8-1-4  
Pick 5: 1-6-4-3-7  
Rolling Cash: 3-7-9-23-37  
Estimated jackpot: \$140,000

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b>	Sept. beans .....9.55 Wheat ..... 5.23
Corn.....3.51 Sept. corn .....3.55 Wheat .....4.49	<b>ADM Montpelier</b>
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b>	Corn.....3.51 Sept. corn .....3.57 Beans.....9.52 Sept. beans .....9.52 Wheat .....5.03
Corn.....3.60 Oct./Nov. corn .....3.60 Dec. corn .....3.85	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b>
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b>	Corn.....3.41 Oct. corn .....3.41 Beans.....9.29 Oct. beans .....9.67 Wheat .....4.94
Corn .....3.57 Sept. corn .....3.57 Beans .....9.55	

## Today in history

In 1941, construction started on the Pentagon in Virginia. The building serves as the United States Department of Defense headquarters.

In 1967, "The Carol Burnett Show" debuted on CBS. The comedy show became a regular program each Saturday night for years, lasting 11 seasons.

In 2008, a fire broke out in the Channel Tunnel connecting England and France, leading officials to close the "Chunnel" until the following year.

In 2011, an American

Airlines Boeing 767 crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. A second plane crashed into the south tower less than 20 minutes later, and another plane crashed into the west side of the Pentagon military headquarters in Washington, D.C. A fourth plane — the passengers fought the hijackers to gain control — crashed into a field in Pennsylvania. The infamous attack by terrorist group Al-Qaeda led to the war on terrorism.

— The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Today</b> 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.	5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
<b>Thursday</b> 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council special meeting, park cabin, 50 Mooney St.	
<b>Monday</b> 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	<b>Sept. 18</b> 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, municipal airport, 661 W. 100 North.

# Tables ...

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"We're doing a whole bunch of work to make the systems better right now, but it's going to be difficult for us, day one when you turn those amendments on, we're not going to comply until we can evaluate the situation," said Tomicek.

He said the use of salt — it leads to the chloride discharge — has already been reduced by about 400 pounds per day.

Steven Gillette, wastewater department superintendent, said the city has been in communication with Ardagh for about the past year and a half in an effort to get the issue under control.

"We're at the point now with IDEM where we don't have any choice," he said. "They're going to start slapping us with fines."

Mayor Jack Robbins

and council members expressed a desire to continue to work with Ardagh to get the issue under control.

Wine noted that more than half of the facility will be shut down in early October as part of an upgrade project.

Dan Watson suggested tabling the ordinance for two weeks to allow council members to review it. (He said he did not receive a copy before the meeting.) Council members Jesse Bivens, Christy Curts, Donna Revolt, Randy Murphy and Watson voted unanimously to table the issue, though McIntire offered a note of caution.

"They're wanting it in our ordinance," she said of IDEM. "It's not if we want it. They want it."

Bivens asked Ardagh representatives to stay in

touch with Gillette and McIntire regarding the progress of reducing discharge.

Council members Jesse Bivens, Christy Curts, Dan Watson, Donna Revolt and Randy Murphy approved the 2025 salary ordinance based on numbers they settled on at their last meeting, with the exception of a change for firefighters.

The council agreed to 5% raises for street, water and wastewater employees, police department staff, clerk's office employees, park employees council members and the mayor, a 9% increase for the clerk-treasurer and 10% raises for the street, water and wastewater department superintendents, the pool manager and the city attorney.

The update for firefight-

ers Monday set their pay at an hourly rate for 2025. The department was shifted to salary following a federal change to overtime exempt rules that went into effect on July 1. Clerk-treasurer Kara Lowe explained that she and fire chief Robert Fields had determined it will be more cost-effective to shift back to hourly rates when the overtime exempt threshold increases again on Jan. 1.

In other business, council

•Approved a \$1,650 contract with Marcum Maintenance and Remodeling for work on the office at Dunkirk City Pool.

•Agreed to provide a \$550 sponsorship for Secret Families Christmas Charity of Jay County.

•OK'd payment of claims totaling \$192,724.61.

# Sheller ...

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Fifer has also cleaned up the exterior property, specifically on the west side of the building and connecting to Seventh Street to the south. He has removed fencing, trees and brush from the area and hopes to be able to rent that space as well. (He has installed a retaining wall to maximize space.)

Fifer is seeking a \$309,372 economic development income tax (EDIT) loan from the city — he's requesting that it be made 75% forgivable — to assist with improvements to the property. He estimates that will be about 24% of the \$1.31-million first phase of his plans for the property. (The bulk of that cost

has come from cleaning up the property that sat vacant for decades.)

The city's EDIT advisory committee recently reviewed his request, but held off on a recommendation to allow members to tour the facility. The EDIT advisory committee will meet again to vote on a recommendation on the request, which will then move to city council for final approval.

Thinking out loud about the EDIT loan request, McClung noted that this is not the first time the city has attempted to sell the structure for business development. None of the previous efforts have seen the kind of progress Fifer has

made thus far.

"So to finally get momentum going here ... what's it worth?" McClung said.

"You've taken on a lot that's sat empty for decades," he added. "The amount of work you've done ... I have no doubt that this is going to get done. ..."

The city agreed in September 2022 to sell the property to Fifer for \$50,000. The sale did not close until early this year as the city continued to work through environmental issues. (The city has agreed to follow through on mitigating any known environmental issues but will not be responsible for anything that comes up in the future.)

# Capsule Reports

## Lost control

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after a Portland teen lost control of the vehicle he was driving along Treaty Line Road, causing an accident about 11:20 p.m. Friday.

James A. Lautzenheiser Jr., 14, was driving a 2011 Ford Explorer at a high rate of speed northeast on

the road just east of county road 400 East when the car lost traction with the road. The vehicle went into a ditch on the southeast side of the road and into a tree before spinning 180 degrees.

Lautzenheiser's passenger, 15-year-old James H. Pritchard of Portland, complained of head pain.

The vehicle is registered

to Gary D. Clark of Portland, and it was towed.

## Sign hit

A Portland man crashed into a stop sign at the intersection of Meridian and Penn streets in Portland about 3:14 p.m. Thursday.

Larry Nelson, 45, was driving his 2019 Chevrolet Camaro east on Penn Street. He told police a 2019

Ford Fusion, driven by 60-year-old Jackie Alig of Portland, was driving west in his lane and about to crash into him. Nelson told police he swerved out of the way and struck a stop sign.

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Alig was cited with an infraction for driving on the wrong side of the road.

# Felony court news

## Dealing drugs

Two people were sentenced to prison for dealing drugs.

Nicole R. Stone, 33, pleaded guilty to dealing methamphetamine, a Level 3 felony.

Her charge was lessened from a Level 2 felony. She was sentenced to 12 years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Stone was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to

pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. She was recommended for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completion of a substance abuse treatment program the court would consider modifying her sentence. As a part of her plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 4 felony for dealing a narcotic drug, a Level 5 felony for neglect of a dependent, a

Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Cody A. Brenner, 33, 317 E. North St., Dunkirk, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to dealing in a narcotic drug, a Level 5 felony.

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## Wendelin benefit

Wendelin Sports Club recently hosted a poker run to benefit the Center for Neurological Development in Burkettsville, Ohio. A total of 93 people supported the center, drawing in approximately \$31,311 for the benefit.



Photo provided

## Woman's unorthodox romance has consequence

DEAR ABBY: A close male friend, "Will," ended our friendship without warning. I didn't know he had such strong feelings about my current arrangement. I have been dating a married man, "Bart," whose wife suggested he get himself a girlfriend if he wanted sex/intimacy/companionship. She also told him she would "never want to sleep with him again." It has been 10 years since they were last intimate or even shared a bed. They don't live together; Bart lives in his guest house. They share a son, which is why he doesn't want to leave.

As a parent, I understand. It's why I stayed in my own marriage for so long. The circumstances are less than ideal

Dear Abby



and something I never thought I'd be a part of, but I haven't felt this wonderful in years. My ex-husband and I were never this compatible. When I'm with Bart, it's magical, and I believe it's mutual.

For this choice of mine, Will has severed our friendship. He did it via text. I'd told him about it two weeks earlier, and he advised me to be careful. He called Bart and me "cheaters," but it's not exactly like that.

I'm deeply hurt over this loss. I want to know if Will is in the wrong or if I am. — NO CHEATER IN ARIZONA

**DEAR NO CHEATER: Does who is "right or wrong" matter at this point? Your friend Will does not approve of your affair with Bart because of his marital status and has chosen to distance himself. That's his privilege. You made an adult decision to engage in this relationship, and it has cost you a friend. Live your life, but don't be shocked if others also feel the way Will does.**

DEAR ABBY: I've been dating a wonderful guy for the last six months. Our relationship is great, but he has an ex who is

much younger than us (a 16-year age gap). He started seeing her while she was pregnant by someone else. He stayed with her until the baby was 3, but, given the circumstances, he continues to get the baby for weekends, etc. He is not on the birth certificate, but the baby knows only him as her dad.

My problem is the ex. She constantly calls or texts him for money or to say she bought things for the little girl. She has called him to come over to hang out, and, most recently, asked him to co-sign for a new car for her.

I'm not OK with the lack of boundaries, and I have said so. He hears me and has told her several times to back off, but she doesn't listen. It's causing

arguments between us. The child isn't his actual child, but that fact obviously isn't changing anything. Should I walk away? — THIRD WHEEL IN THE EAST

**DEAR THIRD WHEEL: Your boyfriend is clearly attached to the little girl. You can't change that, nor should you try. That said, he is still with you in spite of the fact that his ex may be trying to get him (and his financial support) back. Whether you should grit your teeth and tolerate it isn't something I can answer. Your boyfriend can, however, and whether you should walk away is a question you should be asking him.**

## Community Calendar

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

### Today

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

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

**BRYANT/NEW CORYDON SENIOR CITIZENS** — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner. Meat is provided.

**PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB** — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for

Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

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

**JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE** — Holds its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the boardroom at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

**PORTLAND EAGLES** — Will meet at 6 p.m., on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Eagles' lodge, 320 N. Meridian St., Portland.

**AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP** — New Beginnings, a support group for

friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

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

### Thursday

**SMART RECOVERY** — A group for those struggling with addiction that 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.

**PIKE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS** — Will meet at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at Pizza Hut in Portland.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday 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.

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST 211** — Will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at 211 W. Walnut St., Portland. All Auxiliary members are welcome.

**INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP** — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

**JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB** — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

### Friday

**PAST RECOVERY 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) 251-3259.

## Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

### Tuesday's Solution

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

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

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# Teacher shared stewardship lesson

*Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Sept. 9, 2004. Jack wrote of the greatness of a generation. I would argue there was greatness in that next generation, the individuals in the room remembering Catherine Meeker and her peers. There is the potential for greatness in each generation, just waiting to be inspired.*

By JACK RONALD  
The Commercial Review

What was it about that generation? What made them so special?

Mary Meeker and I were standing in the kitchen of her parents' house in Portland. A few hours earlier, her mother, Catherine, had been laid to rest at Green Park Cemetery. About a year and a half ago, her father — the inimitable, colorful,

## Back in the Saddle



sometimes outrageous J. Gordon Meeker — was buried as well.

I've long believed that you're not really a grown-up until both your parents are gone. No matter how old you are, you wake up to a different day after their passing.

And when you are dealing with such rich personalities as Catherine and J. Gordon, the void left behind is enormous.

Inevitably, the talk in the

kitchen turned to our parents' generation, the one dubbed by Tom Brokaw as the greatest of them all.

What, Mary wondered aloud, made that generation so different?

The privations of the Great Depression, the challenge of World War II, the thrust of America onto the world's center stage, and the can-do confidence that came with victory at the war's end were all cited in that kitchen conversation. And those were probably the best answers anyone can come up with.

But then Mary asked a different question: What was it about those particular people that translated post-World War II confidence of the 1950s into so many good things in the com-

munity? The Portland Foundation, the United Way of Jay County, Jay-Randolph Developmental Services, and on and on.

Not every community was so fortunate. After all, the Portland Foundation was only the second one established in the state of Indiana; only the Indianapolis Foundation pre-dates it.

My answer surprised her. "Angie Wilson," I said.

It was more than a guess than a theory.

But Miss Wilson had been a teacher in Jay County and at what was then Ball State Teachers College.

My father passed through her Portland classroom. So, I believe, did Lee G. Hall, John J. Jaqua Sr., J. Gordon Meeker, Mary (Easterday) Young, W.

Haynes Starbuck, and probably a dozen other figures who shaped and re-shaped this community with their lives and their leadership.

Miss Wilson, my father told me, was the sort of teacher who would interrupt her lessons to alert her students to a new bird out the window, interrupting the textbook so she could teach directly from nature.

Her greatest lesson was one of the simplest: Stewardship.

Her students learned the importance of leaving the world a better place than you found it.

And on a sunny afternoon of reminiscences, the generation which followed was both proud and humbled by how well the lesson had been learned by those who went before us.

# Democrats have flipped fuel stance

Boston Herald  
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The Biden-Harris administration is many things, but steadfast on policy isn't one of them.

When President Joe Biden ran in 2020, he caved to the Bernie Bros and let Sen. Bernie Sanders "Unity Task Force" influence his climate change agenda. Fossil fuels bad, pipelines must go, and green was the order of the day.

Vice President Kamala Harris was on board, until she stepped into the Democratic presidential nominee spotlight and realized she had swing states to win. Hence her about-face on fracking, (a method of extracting oil and gas from rocks by injecting a blend of water, sand and chemicals). She said this in 2019: "There's no question I'm in favor of banning fracking," according to The Hill.

But that was before Harris had to duke it out with Donald Trump for swing states. And Pennsylvania, a state in which fracking is a hot topic, is one such election prize.

How does she explain her big switch?

"What I have seen is that we can grow and we can increase a thriving clean energy economy without banning fracking," Harris said in a CNN interview.

If clean energy and oil production can exist side by side, then why all the fuss about pipelines and exports? Well, that policy is "evolving" too.

On Tuesday, the Biden administration granted a gas export terminal the authority to ship fuel abroad after a court blocked its efforts to delay such permissions.

Biden and Co. announced earlier this year that it would pause new approvals for liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports, but that pause was halted in court in July, The Hill reported.

The gas comes from the U.S. It will be transported to Mexico and later to other countries.

The pause on the gas shipment was a win for progressives, and the reversal is not being taken well.

"The Department of Energy's decision to approve the New Fortress LNG Terminal is deeply concerning," said Allie Rosenbluth, U.S. program manager at advocacy group Oil Change Interna-

## Guest Editorial

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tional, in a written statement.

"By doing so, it has broken its own commitment to pause LNG export authorizations — a commitment made out of recognition that its current guidance doesn't adequately consider the risks LNG exports pose to the climate, environment, and public health and safety," Rosenbluth said.

The move does recognize, however, that Harris can't be seen as a lone flip-flopping wolf. If fracking is suddenly part of a clean energy future, then Biden must bolster that stance with a nod to exports.

It's a risky move. Will this alienate progressive voters? Or can Harris count on the furor over abortion rights to provide enough wind for her sails?

A big question for voters, especially those who view Harris's "new" policies with approval is this: can she be trusted to stay the course should she win on Election Day? Will her newfound enthusiasm for fracking and cheaper oil and gas evaporate once Pennsylvania has decided? And will the return of gas exports continue, or be relegated to the "fossil fuels bad" pile after Inauguration Day?

Cynics have long said that voters shouldn't take politicians at their word. In this election, however, the "word" changes as rapidly as New England weather.



# Policy is lacking collaboration

By MELANIE WRIGHT  
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Indiana has long struggled to identify authentic education issues and seek problem-solving initiatives that define and assist in these measures. For two decades, we have been pulled between public, charter and private vouchers that has left educational policy falling flat. This philosophical disagreement has so escalated, that it drowns out the necessary ability to truly explore the needs in our school systems. We must get this right, do what is best for students and advance our profession, by having dedicated discussions where stakeholders' voices are regularly heard and heeded.

Each year, the General Assembly enters into session after the New Year at which time, bills may be filed to address any number of issues. In education policy, ideas are lumped together into legislation titled "Education Matters" or "Various Education Matters" and often contain unrelated issues that should not be placed together in a bill due to controversy or not being related within the educational environment.

A few examples include, but are certainly not limited to the following: expanding pre-K availability while expanding K-12 voucher access, assessment flexibility with the US Department of Education and contract for adjunct educators and high school diploma requirements and teacher compensation. Separating these ideas would have a profound difference on education bills as each one would be evaluated according to individual merit and feasibility.

Voucher expansion, adjunct educators and teacher compensation have been controversial topics that are often tucked within other bills. Discussing and voting on these

## Melanie Wright



measures as stand-alone bills would increase transparency, while alleviating the ability of legislators to have cover on contentious issues if embedded within another solid bill.

Meaningful dialogue with education experts: superintendents, administrators and educators is essential to identifying issues that should be addressed in schools. Fewer debates and forums occur during the election process. Once elected officials are established, they are hesitant to meet with educators due to contentious bill policy. Bills tend to be passed in Indiana before input is sought. When the Indiana State Board of Education attempts to implement policy, stakeholders testify with concerns. By no longer having an elected Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Department of Education struggles to find neutrality while navigating proposed legislation and what will truly benefit our students.

The Science of Reading was recently passed as a method to ensure that Indiana students could be kept on grade level. After a drastic and last-minute strategy, it was set to roll out this past summer. Without input from stakeholders, the various course offerings were put into place. Many educators had to readjust summer plans to acquire the training, some needed to complete the training for financial and/or licensure opportunities and some were so frustrated by this that they opted

to wait and see if it would change, as education policy does so often.

Simple conversations within House and Senate districts could have prevented such turmoil. Instead, schools are once again greeted with the implementation of new laws, but very little guidance on how to achieve such.

The change in the high school diploma requirements is yet another example of the backward approach to leadership. After requirements were rolled out, many stakeholders actively testified for the State Board of Education, explaining the very concerning ways we would not meet the needs of our students.

Students should rightfully expect to attend a four-year high school and be eligible to attend a state university. Again, many changes occurred because educators brought real concerns to the table and have subsequently caused another draft of the proposed changes to occur.

Basic communication skills are missing between our legislators and constituents.

When we focus on these skills, we will be better apt to define educational issues and decide on strategies to implement solutions. If we want a model of excellence and a future that is attainable for students, we must be willing to have these difficult conversations before legislation is passed. How we are implementing education policy in Indiana is not efficient. We must do better for our students!

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Jay County High School sophomore Erin Aker chips onto the eighth green at Hickory Hills Golf Club on Monday's 195-202 loss to Monroe Central. Aker shot a career-best 51, shaving off seven strokes.

## Felony arrests

**Domestic battery** \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail. Two people were arrested over the weekend for domestic battery. Gregory A. Cash, 58, 7633 W. Division Road, was arrested Friday. Cash is charged in Jay Circuit Court with a Level 5 felony for domestic battery. He was released on a \$10,000 bond from Jay County Jail.

## Felony courts

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He was sentenced to five years in Indiana Department of Correction with two years suspended and given credit for time served. Brenner was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was recommended for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completion of a substance abuse treatment program the court would consider modifying his sentence. Brenner's charge was lessened from a Level 4 felony. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for possession of a narcotic drug and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

**Common nuisance** Two Jay County residents were sentenced to serve time for maintaining a common nuisance. Cody A. Barker, 35, 706 S. Mooney St., Redkey, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail and given two days credit for time served. Cochran was fined \$25 and assessed \$189 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

## Lows ...

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"I've been spending three to four hours on the range the day before to work on anything I need to improve on," Towell said. "A lot of repeating hits and fixing things." Towell only had three holes, where she shot worse than a bogey. Her best stretch came between holes No. 3-7. She made bogey four times, spaced out only by a par on the 230-yard, par-4 No. 6 hole. Her drive left the ball 25 yards short of the green, but a chip landed her where a bunker normally would be. Her second chip put her on the green

12 feet away from the cup, but a good put broke right to fall in for par. Maddy Snow tied Towell at 48 strokes, the best score for Jay County (1-7). Snow had a slow start to the round, but finished strong with bogeys on the ninth and first hole before finishing with two pars on the second and third. Monroe Central senior Maleigh Ervin ran away with match medalist honors as she shot a 42 to propel her team to victory. The final score for the Patriots came from Brooklynn Bright with a 55. The sophomore's best stretch

included two bogeys on holes No. 7 and 8 and a par on the ninth. A career-best 64 strokes from Jaycee Rowles didn't impact the final tally. Now that the Patriots have proved they can graze the low 200s, Allred is hoping they will strive for that moving forward. "I think once the girls see that score, it's a mental game," Allred said. "Now they see it and know they can achieve it. Even though, we may have lost, by far this is the best match and I hope that their mental attitude will get them to do it tomorrow."

## JCDC ...

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Richards said the following points have been resolved: amending bylaws to reflect any new changes, which he said are not required by the current proposal; JCDC leading the manufacturing sector and the community coordinator to lead the business section, saying they will work together as needed to serve sectors; divulging confidential information obtained by the executive director to a council and commissioner representative as needed for potential projects, with Richards saying JCDC will discuss infrastructure requirements as needed; the JCDC executive director explaining once annually the benefit package that the executive director and assistant director receive, with Richards explaining JCDC will continue to provide monthly financial reports and answer related questions. He said the board did not address the point declaring the JCDC executive director to be the head local economic development official for the county with the community coordinator as the assistant, saying the assistant position is not a defined role and not required. Commissioners president Chad Aker noted a major point for commissioners is reducing the board's number of members. He said in the past decade, JCDC has been given more than \$2 million in county dollars, and he argued it hasn't proposed signifi-

cant economic development projects or adequately addressed economic development needs. "I'm getting constantly bombarded from people wondering, 'What are they doing? What are they doing?'" he said. "We continue to decline in income ... population." Aker said commissioners reached out to East Central Indiana Regional Planning District to address making a change and wanted the group to work with JCDC. He accused the board of being "standoffish" to the idea of working with East Central Indiana Regional Planning District as a team. He also said JCDC board members don't have a financial stake in county decisions and accused board members of attacking opposing viewpoints at their meetings, with Richards later refuting both comments. Commissioner Brian McGalliard said "it has been a fight" with JCDC to make change happen. Journay shared a different perspective. "We have made it very difficult to work with JCDC in the fact of what we've done here in the last three years and continue to make it difficult to work with them, who will then work with us," he said. "I don't see that as progress." McGalliard pointed to a decision made last week by Jay County Council to allocate no specific funding in the local income tax

economic development portion of the county's 2025 budget. (Commissioners will need to approach the council in 2025 to request additional appropriations.) He also referenced comments made by JCDC board member Josh Atkinson in August suggesting JCDC wait until January to address a potential contract with the new group of commissioners. (McGalliard and Journay's terms are up in December.) "I'm fine with that," said McGalliard. "If the new commissioners want to continue down the same path we've been going for the last 20, 30 years, that's on them, not me." He recommended JCDC wait to approach commissioners in January for funding. Commissioners, board president Angela Paxson and Richards went back and forth in discussion for a few minutes. Aker confirmed to Richards he wouldn't move forward with a contract or funding for JCDC until the board agrees to a reduction in its membership. Journay made a motion to approve \$140,000 for JCDC's budget for the current year. His motion died on the floor. Aker then recommended JCDC's board meet again and reconsider "option number one." "And if we don't?" asked Richards. McGalliard noted the county will have two new commissioners in January. In other business Monday,

commissioners OK'd dispersing the remaining inventory from volunteer emergency unit Rescue 19. Plans are to offer the equipment to Jay County fire departments. Commissioners have been discussing disbanding Rescue 19, noting a lack of participation in recent years. County attorney Wes Schemenaur said commissioners will likely need to repeal the ordinance that established Rescue 19. (The volunteer service has been in existence since 1965, according to retired founding member Jim Bruner.) Schemenaur said he would prepare the document for commissioners. Also, commissioners approved a request from highway superintendent Bob Howell to purchase and install a fuel management system on the department's gas and diesel tanks. Estimated at \$19,869 to install with an additional \$900 subscription cost annually, the system should help to track fuel usage and eliminate fuel loss. (The system had originally been considered when officials installed new above-ground tanks at the highway department in past years but was cut to save money.) In other business, commissioners: •Held a public hearing for and approved raising tax rates to \$3.50 an acre and \$35 a plot for the following watersheds: Brooks Creek, AB Butcher, Fiskus, Lowell Grissell, Ross and

Days Creek, J Thornburg and WS Manor. A few residents with properties in the area shared concerns about the increasing rate, with surveyor Brad Daniels explaining the watersheds are in deficit spending. •Approved the following: paying \$184,900 — it's subject to approval from Jay County Council — out of the 2025 budget for outfitting a chassis and adding a new asphalt distributor tank to the vehicle be used for road resurfacing by Jay County Highway Department; a quarterly claim from Lifestream Services; a \$20,000 grant application from Jay County Emergency Management Agency for the Indiana Department of Homeland Security's Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant; adding additional employees as authorized users on Jay County Purdue Extension Office's credit card. •OK'd Jay County Highway Department to trade in a 2016 Dodge and purchase a 2024 Ford pickup truck from Hunter Ford of Marion for \$37,845. •Agreed to seek three-year farming leases for three rural properties owned by the county and inform Chris Muhlenkamp that the county will not be renewing its farming lease for its 68 acres on the western edge of Portland. (Commissioners are waiting to hear back on whether the county will receive additional funding to go toward a housing project on the land.)

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The best line of play is to win the club king with the ace, ruff a club, lead a trump to the king and ruff another club. When West discards a spade on the third round of clubs, it puts an end to your hope of the clubs dividing 4-3. Undaunted, you play a diamond to the queen and ruff another club. You then lead a diamond to the ace, and when everyone follows suit, the slam suddenly becomes ice-cold!

You ruff dummy's last club with your jack of trump, then overtake your remaining trump, the queen, with the ace. You finish by discarding the jack of spades on the trump and cash the K-J of diamonds to score 12 tricks.

In a sense, the outcome is contradictory. The hearts and clubs both broke unfavorably, and yet you made the slam. Usually, when you run into bad luck, you wind up with a bad result, not a good one.

The explanation for this oddity is that by ruffing four clubs in your hand, you were able to score seven trump tricks instead of only six. Since you started with 11 tricks — six hearts, four diamonds and one club — the extra trump trick you manufactured was all you needed to bring in the slam.

The bidding: North 1♣, East Pass, South 1♥, West 1♠. North 3♥, East Pass, South 4NT, West Pass. North 5♠, East Pass, South 6♥.

Opening lead — King of clubs. How would you go about trying to make six hearts on this deal after West's king-of-clubs lead? The slam is easy enough to make if the trumps are divided 2-2, or if you get lucky and wangle a 12th trick out of the K-J of spades. But, granting all these possibilities, is there anything else you can do to help your cause?

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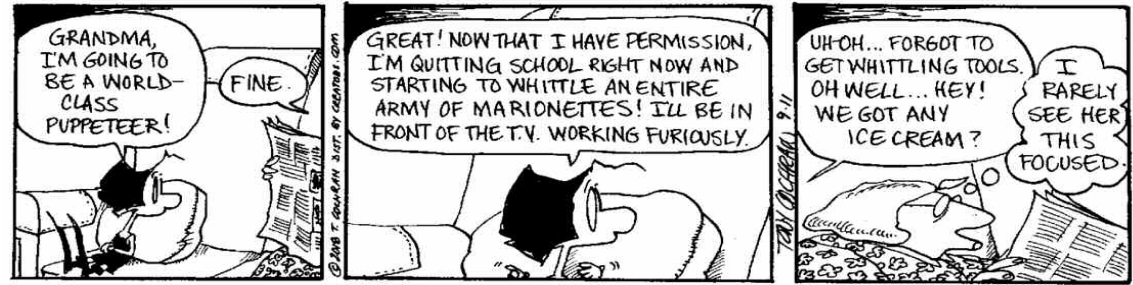
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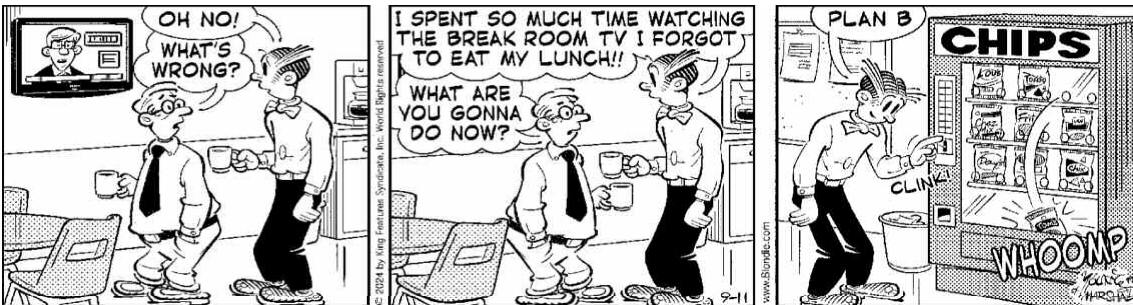
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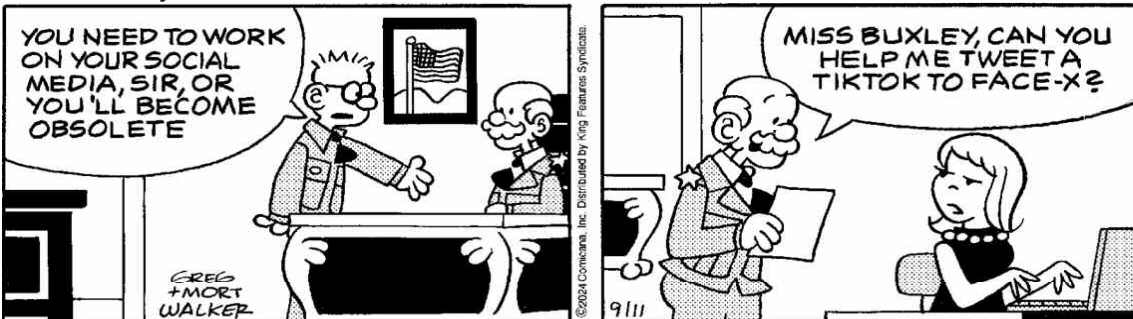
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## Sports on tap

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Jay County — Jay County girls golf vs. South Adams — 4:30 p.m.

**Thursday**  
Jay County — Girls golf vs. Delta — 5 p.m.; Boys tennis vs. Bluffton — 5 p.m.; Boys soccer vs. Yorktown — 6 p.m.; Girls soccer at Oak Hill — 6 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Woodlan — 6 p.m.; Junior high cross country at Woodlan — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high volleyball at R.J. Bassett — 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Girls golf at St. Henry — 4:30 p.m.; Boys golf vs. St. Henry — 4:30 p.m.; Volleyball (including freshmen) at New Bremen — 5:30 p.m.;

Volleyball Middle school football vs. St. Henry — 5 p.m.

**Friday**  
Jay County — Football at Adams Central — 7 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Football at St. Henry — 7 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
7 p.m. — College volleyball: Florida at Georgia Tech (ESPN2)  
7:45 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)  
9 p.m. — College volleyball: Pitt at USC (BTN); Houston at Texas (ESPN2)

9:40 p.m. — MLB: San Diego Padres at Seattle Mariners (FS1)

**Thursday**  
1:15 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)  
7:15 p.m. — MLB: Tampa Bay Rays at Cleveland Guardians (FOX)  
7:30 p.m. — College football: Arizona State at Texas State (ESPN)

### Local notes

**Outing announced**  
The Rocket Rally for 18 holes golf tournament is set for Sept. 29 at Portland Golf Club with a 10 a.m. start time.  
The tournament still has space for

up to six more teams. It costs \$240 per team that includes green fees and cart rental.

There will also be a fellowship meal at the Greazy Pickle at 3 p.m. following the outing.

Hole sponsorships are also available with a minimum of \$100 for the spot.

The Rockets are also collecting items for a Facebook Auction and raffle prizes for the golf outing. Items need to be donated by Sept. 20 so that the auction can go live on Sept. 23.

To sign up a team, inquire about a hole sponsorship or donate an item, contact coach Randy Miller by calling (260) 703-2003 or Sam Murdock by calling (260) 251-5514.

### Final races

The first of the final three races of the Adams County 5K Challenge is the Catch York Breath While You Dash for Diabetes on Sept. 14.

The race will start at Adams Memorial Hospital at 1100 Mercer Avenue, Decatur. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will cost \$25, with the race starting at 9 a.m.

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NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO: The Unknown heirs devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of John D Rector, and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the estate of John D. Rector and The Unknown heirs devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Carolyn A. Rector, and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the estate of Carolyn A. Rector:

BE IT KNOWN, that Nationstar Mortgage LLC, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, Nicholas M. Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Jay Circuit Court its Complaint against Defendants The Unknown heirs devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of John D Rector, and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the estate of John D. Rector and The Unknown heirs devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Carolyn A. Rector, and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the estate of Carolyn A. Rector, and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the estate of Carolyn A. Rector, upon diligent inquiry are unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Jay County, State of Indiana, to wit:

Lot Number Twenty-five (25) in South Portland, now a part of the City of Portland, Jay County, Indiana, commonly known as 703 South Meridian Street, Portland, IN 47371. NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendants are hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against them and that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendants for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated Clerk, Jay Circuit Court  
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Jay County girls golf hosts South Adams today, see Sports on tap

Knapke earns match medalist for fifth time in 2024, see story below

# Sports

## Hitting new lows

*Towell, Aker, Patriots shoot season bests in loss to Monroe Central*

By **ANDREW BALKO**  
The Commercial Review

**PARKER CITY** — The Patriots had averaged over 225 strokes per nine holes coming into their sixth match.

A pair of career bests helped the Patriots smash their low score of the season.

Yet still, it wasn't enough to take down the Golden Bears.

Bailey Towell and Erin Aker both shot the best rounds of their career, but the Jay County High School girls golf team couldn't overcome the Monroe

Central Golden Bears, as the host topped the Patriots 195-202 at Hickory Hills Golf Course on Monday.

"I feel really good (about our score)," said JCHS coach Carissa Allred. "I was kind of worried coming in after a weekend where we didn't have any practice or any play time. We have a really busy week with matches Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and ACAC on Saturday, so I am extremely excited about our 202 score today."

The Patriots' previous low

score came in their most recent match against Fort Recovery and Winchester on Sept. 3, when they shot a 216. Their new score slashed 14 strokes off that score.

A big source of that cut came from Aker, the sophomore in the No. 4 position. Previously, Aker's lowest score was a 58 that she shot twice, first at Woodlan then against Adams Central. She shaved seven strokes off that number for a round of 51.

"At practice we've been working on some technique and her

form," Allred said. "Today, at the beginning, her form started to slip a little bit. I reminded her (on hole No. 5) of what we were working on and from there, she was hitting it straight and hitting it far and in the air."

"This is easily her best score by (seven) strokes. So her score today is going to be the big contributing factor to our 202 for sure."

One hole that benefited from the improvements with her drivers and irons was the 120-yard, par-3 eighth hole. Off the

tee, her first shot landed her just short of the fringe. A chip got her within 10 feet of the hole before a pair of putts got the ball in for bogey.

Aker also made a pair of pars on the third hole, a 280-yard, par-4 and the ninth, a 278-yard, par-4.

The No. 2 JCHS golfer, Towell also set a new career mark. The freshman's previous best score of 49 strokes came in the Sept. 3 match, before she lowered down to 48 on Monday.

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## Tribe clinches first share of MAC golf title

The Indians have never won a Midwest Athletic Conference title before.

Their match on Monday guaranteed that will change this year.

The Fort Recovery High School girls golf team took down the St. John's Bluejays 191-213 at Portland Golf Club to secure at least a share of the MAC title with the Minster Wildcats.

Olivia Knapke tied her career best and earned match medalist honors for the fifth time this year by shooting a 43.

Mallory Evers followed with the second-best score of 47 strokes.

Evvie Briner put up a 49 out of the sixth position for the Indians (11-2, 7-0 MAC). Briner tied St. John's leader, Faith Cross.

Emma Will and Georgia Wenning both provided the final score of 52 strokes.

Eva Kahlig's 54 didn't affect the final.

The junior varsity team also won 218-246. Ella Schoen blew the competition away with a 46.

### Doubles dominate

**MUNCIE** — The Jay County boys tennis team picked up its second win of the year as it took down the Muncie Central Bearcats 4-1 on Monday.

Both doubles teams gave up a total of 5 games. Alex Miller and Kaden Carpenter claimed the No. 1 doubles match 6-2, 6-3 over Matt Ryer and James Sue. Meanwhile, the No. 2 doubles contest was claimed 6-3, 6-2 by Blake Kahlig and Jacob Monroe over Alex Navarro-Cortez and Elijah Phillips.

Eli Dirksen cruised to his fourth win of the year at the No. 1 singles position. He defeated Treyson Michelini 6-1, 6-2.

Both the No. 2 and 3 singles matches came down to a tie breaker.

Tucker Griffin pulled out a 2-6, 7-6 (7-4), 10-7 victory over Caleb Byrn in the No. 2 singles contest, while Gabe Pinkerton fell 4-6, 7-6 (7-4), 10-4.

### Spikers roll

**FORT RECOVERY** — Fort Recovery's volleyball team took down the Celina Bulldogs 16-25, 25-18, 25-16, 25-18 on Monday on a big day from Karlie Niekamp.

The senior notched 14 kills in the match to lead the Indians (6-3). She also had a team-high three blocks.

Cameron Muhlenkamp also managed double-digit kills with 11 put downs. She topped her team with 19 digs as well. Her older sister, Kennedy Muhlenkamp, finished with nine kills and 13 digs.

### Local roundup

Despite only four aces — two from Cameron Muhlenkamp and Bridget Homan — FRHS has a strong day at the service line, getting 83-of-86 attempts in the court. Kayla Heitkamp and Kenna Dues led the way with 18 serves each without committing an error.

Heitkamp assisted the Indians hitters 30 times. She also added nine digs and three kills.

### First loss

The Jay County boys soccer team suffered its first loss on Monday when Allen County Athletic Conference foe Heritage took over for a 5-2 win.

Levi Muhlenkamp scored both goals for the Patriots (5-1, 1-1 ACAC). The initial score came in the first half when the senior striker got a through ball from Aryan Montes to tie the game at 1-1.

Muhlenkamp managed to score in the second half on a penalty kick in the 22nd minute.

Heritage (3-2-1, 1-0 ACAC) struck early with the first goal of the match and bounced back from Muhlenkamp's first score for two more before the intermission. It also netted the final two goals.

Sai Po La led Heritage with three goals and an assist, while Twa Rit found the net twice.

In his first full game in the goal, Raif Beiswanger made 10 saves, while allowing the five balls past.

### Tribe tumbles

**DELPHOS, Ohio** — The Fort Recovery boys golf team fell 163-173 to the St. John's Bluejays at Delphos Country Club on Monday.

Reece LeFevre led the way with a 38 for the Indians (6-5, 4-4 MAC), tying St. John's Tyce McClain for match medalist honors. LeFevre never shot worse than a bogey and made par six times.

Keegan Muhlenkamp followed with a 41 in a round powered by a birdie, two pars and five bogeys. Caleb Smith added 44 strokes that included four pars, while Mason Diller rounded out the team score with a 50.

Eli Lennartz and Colson Post both shot 52s that didn't affect the final. Despite being the first match Lennartz didn't score in for the 2024 season, he matched Muhlenkamp with a birdie on the par-3 second hole.

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