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GPC wins 36 state awards

INDIANAPOLIS — The Graphic Printing Company earned 36 awards at the Hoosier State Press Association Foundation Journalism Conference and Awards Luncheon on Friday at Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport, including 14 for its flagship publication The Commercial Review.

The CR has earned at least five awards in the Hoosier State Press Association contest every year since 2011.

The company won another 14 awards for The News-Gazette (Winchester) and eight for The News Times (Hartford City), both in Division I (non-dailies with a circulation of 1,500 or fewer), in its first year of ownership of those publications. According to the Hoosier State Press Association, it marked the first time either of those newspapers had won awards in more than a decade.

The awards for The CR came

The CR earned 14 honors from Hoosier State Press Association

in Division III, which is for daily newspapers with a circulation of 6,000 or fewer. The contest period covered April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024.

Ray Cooney, president, editor and publisher of The Commercial Review, earned eight awards for The Commercial Review as part of his 20 overall.

He took first place for best multiple picture group for his photos from the 2023 Jay County Fair.

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The Commercial Review

The Graphic Printing Company won 36 awards Friday at the Hoosier State Press Association Foundation Journalism Conference and Awards Luncheon, including 10 first-place honors (pictured). Fourteen of those awards were for its work published in The Commercial Review.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Summer drummin'

Eric Wernke plays the drums Thursday night as part of the Sounds of Summer: A Beach Boys Tribute Band's concert to close out Arts Place's Hudson Family Park Amphitheater series. The four members of the southern Indiana-based band have known each other since elementary school. Wernke works as a high school math teacher in his home town of North Vernon.

Emerick charged in death of in-law

Langenkamp died following ATV crash in May

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

A Pennville resident has been charged with drunk driving resulting in death.

Terry D. Emerick, 49, 401 E. Pleasant St., was charged in Jay Superior Court in July with two Level 4 felonies for causing death when operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and causing death when operating a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol level of 0.08% or more.

His actions allegedly led to the death of his father-in-law, 68-year-old Robert H. Langenkamp Jr. of rural Portland.

According to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report, Emerick was driving a 2018 Polaris Ranger east on Division Road just west of county road 200 East about 10:06 p.m. May 4. Langenkamp, a passenger in the vehicle Emerick was driving, instructed him to turn north onto county road 200 East as he approached the intersection.

Emerick tried to make the turn at an unsafe speed, the report says, causing Langenkamp to fall out of the vehicle. He appeared to have hit the road and rolled onto the side of it, falling unconscious.

Langenkamp sustained a head injury from the accident and was flown to a hospital in Fort Wayne, where he later died.

According to an affidavit for probable cause filed in connection with the case, Emerick smelled of alcohol, slurred his speech and had bloodshot eyes. Alcoholic beverage containers were also visible at the scene.

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Redkey hires Miller as utility worker

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

REDKEY — Todd Miller is returning to work for the town in a different capacity.

Redkey Town Council hired Miller, who previously served as town marshal for seven years, as a utility worker at a special meeting Thursday.

Town officials have been looking to fill utility roles since longtime town employee Randy Young resigned July 11.

Ted Kolodka has been handling utility operations since June 20, when council hired him as a utility worker after Young took medical leave. Council agreed in July to hire Mike Car-

Former town marshal will fill various roles

lin as a second utility worker, but Carlin later refused the offer.

Council president Brenda Beaty noted one other individual, Matthew Gore, applied for the job. She pointed out Gore

works in Randolph County and intended to seek weekend work instead of a full-time position. As for Miller, Beaty advocated for hiring him as a utility worker.

"We've looked over his application and find him to be a great candidate for the position," said Beaty.

Council members Jim Phillips and Beaty voted in favor of hiring Miller, with Floyd Life dissenting and Dave Dudelston and Gavin Grady absent. Clerk-treasurer Gloria May voted in favor of hiring Miller as well. (Per Indiana Code 36-5-2-8, "the clerk-treasurer is an ex officio member for the purpose of casting

the deciding vote to break a tie.")

Miller served as a park ranger at Tennessee State Parks for six years and had a water distribution license through the state. His other work history includes being a high school criminal justice teacher for four years, an officer and later chief at Dunkirk Police Department for about five years and as a teacher at a state prison in Tennessee.

Miller resigned as town marshal in May 2022, leaving the town with no officers at its police department at that time. (Then-deputy marshal Tim Fishbaugh resigned the month prior.)

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Weather

Jay County's high temperature was 86 degrees Friday.

The forecast calls for mostly sunny skies today with highs in the upper 80s. The low will be in the upper 50s.

Expect a high in the upper

80s again Sunday under sunny skies, followed by mostly sunny skies Monday with a high in the mid 80s. Lows will be in the 50s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Jay County Chainsaw Carving Invitational runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at Jay County Fairgrounds. There is also a cards, coins, comics and collectibles show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the Jay County Cancer Society Survivor Cruise-in runs from 4 to 6 p.m. with the carnival from 5 to 7 p.m.

Coming up

Tuesday — Photos from this weekend's activities at Jay County Fairgrounds.

Wednesday — Coverage of Monday's Portland City Council meeting.

Thursday — Results from the JCHS boys soccer game at Richmond.



Awards ...

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His other first-place award for The Commercial Review was for best sports action photo for a shot of a member of the Indiana Pacers Power Pack dunk team performing prior to a Jay County High School boys basketball game.

Cooney earned three second-place awards — best editorial writer, best headline writer and best general news photo. His third-place honors were for best sports feature photo, best feature photo and best multiple picture group.

Sports reporter Andrew Balko took home three awards in his first year on staff. He earned a second-place honor for best sports feature photo and third place for best short feature story and best sports event coverage.

Reporter Bailey Cline picked up third-place awards for best general news photo and best portrait.

The Commercial Review's staff was also awarded second place for best website.

The News-Gazette's awards were highlighted by first place

for best news coverage under deadline pressure for its reporting on the March 14 tornado that caused extensive damage in Winchester and Selma.

The Graphic Printing Company's awards in Division I also included sweeps of the best sports event coverage and best feature photo categories. For best sports event coverage, Cooney took first for The News-Gazette, Balko second for The News-Gazette and Cooney third for The News Times. For best feature photo, Cooney took first and second places for The

News-Gazette and Cline picked up third place for The News Times.

Other Division I awards for The Graphic Printing Company were as follows:

The News-Gazette
First — Cooney for best profile feature and best sports feature photo; and former sports editor Rick Reed for best sports news/feature coverage

Second — Reed and Cooney for best news coverage under deadline pressure; and Cooney for best short feature story

Third — Staff for best web-

site; Cooney for best sports feature photo and best multiple picture group; and Reed for best sports news/feature coverage

The News Times
First — Cline for best short feature story and best general news photo

Second — Cooney for best news coverage with no deadline pressure; Cline, Balko and Cooney for best multiple picture group; and staff for best website

Third — Cooney for best sports action photo

CR almanac

Sunday 9/15	Monday 9/16	Tuesday 9/17	Wednesday 9/18	Thursday 9/19
89/58	87/58	85/58	83/59	84/58
Sunday's forecast shows sunny skies with temperatures in the upper 80s.	Monday looks to be sunny with a high of 87. The low may hit 58.	Tuesday looks to be sunny, with the low at night dipping to 58.	Another day of mostly sunny skies on Wednesday, when the high may be 83.	Thursday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a high of 84.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 0-3-0 Daily Four: 4-6-5-0 Quick Draw: 6-9-16-20-21-25-27-28-32-38-40-41-47-52-53-68-70-72-74-75	Pick 3: 5-2-9 Pick 4: 1-4-2-0 Pick 5: 8-1-8-7-6
Ohio Midday	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$152 million
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....3.57 Sept. corn3.62 Wheat4.70	Sept. beans9.58 Wheat5.45
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....3.68 Oct./Nov. corn3.68 Dec. corn3.93	ADM Montpelier Corn.....3.61 Sept. corn3.65 Beans.....9.59 Sept. beans9.59 Wheat4.24
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Today in history

In 1638, 31-year-old clergyman John Harvard of Charlestown, Massachusetts, died. He left his library and half of his estate to a local college, which adopted the name Harvard College.

In 1741, George Frideric Handel finished his "Messiah" after working on it non-stop for 23 days.

In 1752, Great Britain adopted the Gregorian calendar, which moved the date ahead 11 days.

In 1847, U.S. forces led by Gen. Winfield Scott captured Mexico City. The event ended the military phase of the Mexican-American War.

In 1901, Theodore Roosevelt was sworn in as president following the death of William McKinley, who had been shot eight days earlier.

In 1972, Jack's Sur-

plus City of Portland was robbed of an undetermined amount of cash. Store manager Clarence Theurer discovered the burglary, through which those involved apparently entered the store by climbing a ladder to the roof, removing a piece of plywood that was covering a hole for an air conditioner and lowering themselves in by rope. Evidence showed they tried to drill the safe open before knocking its hinges off.

In 2020, Lydia Keihn and Lindy Wood both finished in the top 10 to lead the Jay County High School girls cross country team to a third-place finish in the Monroe Central Invitational. Keihn, a sophomore, was the runner-up in 21 minutes, 23.1 seconds, while Wood, a junior, was seventh in 22:12.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, 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. Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, municipal airport, 661 W. 100 North. Thursday 6 p.m. — Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 50 Mooney St.
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Charged ...

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Emerick failed field sobriety tests. He was administered a blood test, which indicated he had a blood alcohol level of 0.238%.

Jay County Superior Court judge Gail Dues recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend his license July 22. Emerick has pretrial conference set in court for 1 p.m. Oct. 1.

In Indiana Code, a Level 4 felony sentence ranges from two to 12 years, with an advisory sentence of six years.
Emerick was preliminarily charged May 5

with operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing serious bodily injury, a Level 6 felony. He was later released from Jay County Jail on a \$3,000 bond.

Hires ...

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He pointed to the high turnover in the police department when he resigned, sharing criticism of council regarding its expectations of officers as well as officers' working conditions and pay. He cited multiple reasons for leaving in his resignation letter, specifically the department's lack of a take-home vehicle policy at that time, no over-

time pay or a retirement fund, and high-costing family plan insurance.

Miller also left Redkey Police Department to pursue a position with Jay County Probation Office, serving in the role for about two years.

He applied for an officer position at Redkey Police Department in July of this year, but he was not selected for the job.

Miller's employment is subject to drug testing and a background check. He'll likely begin the process Monday. Plans are for Miller to train and work alongside Kolodka to manage the town's utilities.

"(It's) a different opportunity outside of law enforcement," said Miller, noting his relatives in town and his hopes in filling the need for a second utility worker.

Felony court news

Unlawful possession

Three people were sentenced to jail for unlawful possession of a syringe.

Spencer E. McCombs, 33, 155 Orange Ave., Dunkirk, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 910 days in Jay County Jail with all but 22 days suspended and given 22 days

credit for time served. McCombs was fined \$25, assessed \$189 in court costs and placed on probation for 888 days.

Jason M. Bost, 26, 309 N. Pershing Drive, Muncie, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 54

days suspended and given 54 days credit for time served. Bost was fined \$1, assessed \$189 in court costs and placed on probation for 311 days. He was also ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling. As part of his plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for possession of

paraphernalia was dismissed.

Bradley A. Gonzalez, 41, 2108 East Indiana Ave., Muncie, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail and given credit for time served. Gonzalez was fined \$1 and assessed \$189 in court costs.

Felony arrests

Drug possession

A Muncie man was arrested Friday for drug possession.

Jacob J. Westlake, 33, 3012 E. Royerton Road, is charged in Jay Superior Court with two Level 6 felonies for possession of a narcotic drug and unlawful possession of a syringe.

He was being held in Jay County Jail.

Strangulation

Two Indiana men were arrested Thursday for strangulation.

Armando Gallegos-Vargas, 21, 118 E. Elder St., Portland, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony.

He was being held in Jay County Jail on a \$4,000 bond.

Antonio S. Moore, 44, 327 Thistlewood Drive, Greenwood, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for strangulation and a Level 6 felony for domestic battery. He was being held in jail on a \$4,500 bond.

Capsule Reports

Friday fires

Two fires damaged property Friday in Jay County.

Salamonia and Portland fire departments responded to a grass fire at 5543 S. 500 East, Portland, about 1:55 p.m. Friday. A structure — it was destroyed — caught on fire and spread to the surrounding grassy areas. The flames also damaged a few trailers.

According to Geographic Information System data, the property is owned by Nick and Holly Brunswick. Portland Fire Department put out the fire and returned from the scene about 3:30 p.m. Friday.

Also, emergency personnel received a call about a shed on fire at 1303 S. Meridian St., Portland, about 1:20 p.m. Friday. Portland Fire Department extinguished the flames on the shed — it was owned by Matt Schooler — in about half an hour. Schooler's adjacent garage also sustained some fire damage to its siding.

Intersection crash

Two people were injured after an Ohio woman failed to yield to oncoming traffic, causing a collision at the intersection of Indiana 67 and Como Road about 9:22 a.m. Thursday.

Chelsy L. Paris, 31, New Madison, Ohio, was driving her 2018 Dodge Durango northwest on Como Road when she drove into the intersection with Indiana 67. Paris drove into the path of a southbound 2008 Buick LaCrosse driven by 70-year-old Deborah L. McFarland of Portland.

McFarland couldn't stop before crashing into Paris.

McFarland sustained a head injury and was transported to IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie. Paris complained of arm pain and was also transported to IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

Paris was administered a blood alcohol and drug test with results pending. She was cited for failing to yield the right-of-way.

Both of their vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

Drunk driving

A Portland man was arrested Thursday after he crashed the vehicle he was driving at the intersection of Hayes and First

streets in Portland about 6 p.m. Thursday.

Police found 31-year-old Darwin Mendez in a 2008 Chevrolet Cobalt, which was parked upward on a guide wire attached to a utility pole, according to a Portland police report.

Mendez was given a preliminary breath test and alcohol blood test with results pending.

He was arrested Thursday and preliminarily charged with two Class C misdemeanors for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and operating a vehicle without obtaining a license. Mendez was being held on a \$1,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

The vehicle he was driving — it's registered to Queider Hernandez of Port-

land — was towed, with damage estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Lost control

A Portland man drove his moped into a ditch to avoid hitting a vehicle in front of him along county road 800 South about 10 a.m. Friday.

Theodore A. Davis, 47, told police he was driving his 2024 Zhongxing ZXGS-50C west on the road when he noticed an oncoming vehicle in his lane. Davis drove into a ditch along the north side of the road to avoid a collision. He lost control of his moped and fell off it, sustaining an injury on his arm.

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

SERVICES

Today
Huey, Regina: 11 a.m.,
Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

Monday
Ramseyer, Janet: 5 p.m.,
Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Tuesday
Clubs, Rhonda: 6 p.m.,
Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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New harp

Shoemaker Charitable Trust recently donated a studio harp and two practice harps to Blackford County Arts Center. Pictured above with the studio harp are student Emma Owlett and Arts Place MusicWorks faculty chair and harp instructor Kathryn Fenstermacher. In related news, American Harp Society is offering scholarships for those interested in learning to play the harp at either Blackford County Arts Center or Jay County Campus of Arts Place.

Bride worries over nephew

Dear Abby



DEAR ABBY: My nephew-to-be has just turned 14. He has older parents (his mom was 42 when he was born) and is so socially inept that we fear for his future. His mom is more than a helicopter parent — she still orders his food for him at restaurants. My son is 15 and very different — he's mature, has a job, takes honor classes and is an outgoing joy to be around. I know all children are not the same, and I try not to compare them, because, frankly, there is no comparison.

My fiancé and I are worried about the boy's future if he's never out from under his mother's wing. His grandparents are worried as well. Problem is, my fiancé's sister is beyond controlling, and everyone is scared of her, so no one wants to make any suggestions because she dismisses them straight away.

I think it would be great to send my nephew-to-be to a summer camp for kids like him. He needs to gain confidence so he can do basic things, like order his own food at restaurants. I'm not a member of this family yet, and I have zero desire to tell someone else how to parent their child. Do you have any construc-

tive ideas to give to my fiancé's sister to help? We're afraid he'll end up a shut-in in their basement, as he's unable to do anything or think for himself. — FUTURE AUNTIE IN IOWA

DEAR AUNTIE: You are not yet a family member, and even after you and your fiancé are married, you won't be a blood relative. Because the mother is dismissive, perhaps your fiancé and his parents should discuss these concerns together with her. Her overprotectiveness may stem from the fact that it took her so long to conceive a child that she's having trouble letting go. It could also be that the boy is developmentally slow. If, after your wedding, you and your husband could invite his nephew along on some outings with you and your son, he might gain from the exposure.

DEAR ABBY: I was in a

dysfunctional marriage for more than a decade. Finally, my cheating ex-wife divorced me. In retrospect, it was, hands down, the best thing that ever happened to me. Now, two decades later, I still get angry over the mistreatment I endured. We have an adult child together, so I must see my ex from time to time for life events for our son.

I feel angry and resentful when I know we will have face-to-face interaction. We have clashed at times during these events. So, how do I move forward? I want to no longer carry these resentments, as they don't serve me. People say, "Let it go," and I want to, but I don't know how. Can you give me a map to Let-it-Go Land? — SICK OF THE FEELING

DEAR SICK: The first step in overcoming a problem is recognizing that you have one. Congratulations on having taken that important first step. Your second step would be to find a licensed psychotherapist and discuss the anger and resentment you feel when you have to see your ex-wife. Your doctor or health insurance company can help you find someone who is qualified.

Marriage licenses

Maranda M. Boyd, 28, Portland, and Joshua D. Ganger, 36, Portland
Anginette C. Dearing, 53, Dunkirk, and James M. Doughty, 58, Dunkirk
Dallas J. Negele, 22, Portland, and Austin M. Twigg, 20, Portland

Christopher A. Landon, 21, Portland, and Abigail L. Huey, 21, Pennville
Christian S. Coblenz, 23, Portland, and Sarah N. Hilty, 19, Portland
Jason A. Bemis, 29, Dunkirk, and Brianna J. Haney, 25, Anderson

Dennis N. Emery, 47, Portland, and Jennifer K. Richman, 43, Portland
Evan A. Chapman, 23, Dunkirk, and Heather R. Moles, 22, Dunkirk
Ronise Aristilde, 27, Union City, Ohio, and Charmile Derinord, 37, Union City, Ohio

Maria A. Dirksen, 21, Bryant, and Derek A. Wendel, 22, Fort Recovery, Ohio
Derek H. Tom, 34, Dunkirk, and Caroline R. Rouse, 32, Dunkirk
Maxwell P. Moser, 24, Portland, and Calli Stigleman, 22, Redkey

Matthew J. Franks, 24, Portland, and Amanda J. Hilty, 25, Bryant
Emma R. James, 22, Bryant, and Bradley P. Muhlenkamp, 23, Bryant
Sarah J. Newton, 28, Portland, and Brian S. Miles, 34, Portland

Community Calendar

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

Today

LOCAL'S MARKET — Will be held from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday in June through October in the parking lot at Jay Community Center in Portland. For more information, contact Bill Cook.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30

p.m. each Sunday at 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.
EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.
TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome.

For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

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

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

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

Tuesday

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tues-

day in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

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

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

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Elementary Schools

September 16 - 20

Monday: Main Entrees: Baked Mozzarella Cheese Sticks, Marinara Sauce, **Alternate Entrees:** Mozzarella and Pepperoni Panini, Pizza Sauce, Turkey Cobb Salad, Croutons **Sides for all meals:** Baked Shoestring Fries

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Soft Beef Whole Grain Tacos, Shredded Lettuce, Shredded Cheddar Cheese, Salsa **Alternate Entrees:** Mozzarella and Pepperoni Panini, Pizza Sauce, Turkey Cobb Salad, Croutons **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned Black Beans

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Cheesy Baked Pasta, Garlic Breadstick **Alternate Entrees:** Mozzarella and Pepperoni Panini, Pizza Sauce, Turkey Cobb Salad, Croutons **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned Mixed Capri Vegetables

Thursday: Main Entrees: Waffle Flavored Chicken Chunks **Alternate Entrees:** Mozzarella and Pepperoni Panini, Pizza Sauce, Turkey Cobb Salad, Croutons **Sides for all meals:** Herb Roasted Potatoes

Friday: Main Entrees: Classic Pepperoni Pizza **Alternate Entrees:** Mozzarella and Pepperoni Panini, Pizza Sauce, Turkey Cobb Salad, Croutons **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned Carrots

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We must all uphold Constitution

Enid News & Eagle (Oklahoma)

Tribune News Service

Constitution Week will be celebrated Tuesday, Sept. 17, through Sept. 23.

In the pantheon of historic American documents, the U.S. Constitution is probably not as celebrated as the Declaration of Independence nor cited as much as the Constitution's first 10 amendments, but it's very good for reflection. It's especially interesting, considering our current political divides, to think about

Guest Editorial

the political climate of the time and how those times led to the drafting of the Constitution.

A confederation of colonies has declared independence, renamed its union as the United States,

fought and won independence but its founders feared it might not hold together without uniting federal laws.

It's made obvious in the preamble: "... in Order to form a more perfect Union ..."

It was about adhesion and the idea that if any nation was going to survive, it had to have guiding principles that every resident would have to abide by.

According to the national society of the Daughters of the Amer-

ican Revolution, its aims during Constitution Week are to "emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution, inform people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life and encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787."

Judges, lawmakers, police officers and new citizens all swear an oath to support and defend

the Constitution. It may not always seem that way, and sometimes people might have to be reminded of that oath, but all of us are duty bound to uphold the Constitution.

The Public Library of Enid and Garfield County is hosting a display from the local Daughters of the American Revolution that will culminate with a special presentation Friday.

We appreciate the work they've put into it and hope people will be able to stop by and check it out.

Do a mitzvah to honor Hersh

By CINDY SHER

Chicago Tribune
Tribune News Service

We called him Hersh. Even those of us who'd never met him.

Hersh Goldberg-Polin, the Israeli American with family ties to Chicago, was like a member of our family. He was our son, our grandson, our brother.

It's hard to distill the horror of Hamas' Oct. 7 attacks into something — someone — relatable. But for us, especially in the Chicago Jewish community, Hersh was it. He represented every one of the 1,200 innocent people murdered that day, every one of those 251 hostages stolen from the prime of their lives — and from their loved ones.

For those of us who had never met Hersh, we grew to know and love him while he languished in captivity. We learned who he was through his fierce and beautiful mother, Rachel, who came to symbolize the agony and resolve of the parents of the hostages.

Hersh was kind, courteous and vibrant. He loved soccer. He had wanderlust, having backpacked across Europe not long before Oct. 7. He had made the seemingly innocuous decision to celebrate his 23rd birthday with peace-loving friends at a music festival in southern Israel last fall.

Hersh had so much joy left to experience, so much impact left to stamp on the world, and so many more people to love and be loved by.

Over 11 months, we held our breaths — praying that one day we'd be scrolling mindlessly through our phones and stumble across the news that "Hersh was alive."

We prayed that Hersh, miraculously, had escaped evil, that he had fled the darkness, literally and figuratively. That he'd been handed over to the Red Cross and would soon be admitted to a local Israeli hospital just for the sake of observation and protocol, but that he was in good health, despite what he'd endured for 11 months.

We prayed that Hersh — like so many of us are doing this week — would one day get to escort his kids to their first day of school.

We prayed that Rachel's dream for her son's future would come true: that Hersh would live a happy life with his new bionic arm and that one day he'd become a grandfather.

We prayed that she and the other hostage families would cease needing to

Cindy Sher



We grieve for the thousands of others who have lost their lives in the horrors of this war. We grieve for all of them; any of them could have been our sibling, our grandchild, our child.

mark each passing day of their waking nightmare — the number of days their loved ones remained in captivity — on a piece of tape affixed to their chest.

Because Hersh — and every one of the hostages — would be home.

But our prayers have been shattered. Instead, we grieve for Hersh, and we grieve for Alexander, Almog, Carmel, Eden and Ori, the five other innocent people whose bodies the Israeli military recovered over the weekend.

We grieve for the thousands of others who have lost their lives in the horrors of this war.

We grieve for all of them; any of them could have been our sibling, our grandchild, our child.

At Hersh's funeral, his father, Jon Polin, said this to his only son: "The 23 years of life we had with you were a blessing. We will now work to make your legacy a blessing."

I challenge you to make the legacy of Hersh and every other beautiful soul stolen on Oct. 7 and beyond a blessing by doing what we Jews call a mitzvah — a "kind deed" — for someone else this week.

Only then can we shed light on this abyss of darkness.

As we say in the Jewish tradition, may each of their memories be a blessing.

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Sher is executive editor of Jewish Chicago: The JUF Magazine.



Ruth is romance, and much more

By PAUL PRATHER

Lexington Herald-Leader
Tribune News Service

I'm afraid there's no way to write this column without sounding like a nerd of the first order.

But let's face it. I am, alas, a nerd of the first order.

Specifically, I'm a Bible nerd. If possible, that's even less sexy than Trekkies or people who dress up like manga characters.

I find the Bible endlessly fascinating. The longer I've read it, the more profound it's become. My favorite part of being a pastor isn't preaching, or even going to potluck dinners (which I definitely love). It's leading Bible studies.

Here's why the Bible brings me such joy.

Right now, I've got a Sunday morning Bible class going. We're slowly making our way through the Old Testament, Genesis to Malachi. By "slowly" I mean we've been engaged in this study for a year and just made it to Ruth, which is only the eighth of the Old Testament's 39 books.

If you haven't read Ruth recently, or ever, you should. It's a classic romance.

Or, I should say, it's a romance among other things.

That's what intrigues me about the Bible, Old Testament and New. Nothing is ever just one thing. It works on a straightforward level, but it's also full of allusions to other biblical passages and buried meanings and, well, there's no end to it. Or if there is an end, I haven't found it yet. The past, present and future intertwine one another. Layers upon layers. Wheels within wheels.

The book of Ruth seems a simple tale. During a famine in Israel, a husband, a wife and their two sons flee to neighboring Moab. The sons marry Moabite women.

Tragedy strikes. The father dies. Then both sons die. That leaves the three women as widows with no means of support.

Because her daughters-in-law are young, Naomi, the mother, urges them to go back to their own families and to find new husbands. Naomi says she'll return to Israel.

Paul Prather



The women weep together. One daughter-in-law finally agrees to go back to her family.

But the second daughter-in-law, Ruth, refuses. She vows to stick with Naomi. Thus two widows, one old and one young, one an Israelite and one a Moabite, set off for Israel to see what will befall them.

When they eventually arrive in Bethlehem, where Naomi is from, the famine is over and farmers are harvesting crops. Ruth goes to the fields to see if she can find leftover grain for them to eat.

She comes to a field owned by a wealthy man named Boaz.

Boaz sees Ruth searching for grain, and is moved with compassion. He warns his field hands not to mistreat her. He gives Ruth water and food. He orders the gleaners to discard sheaves of grain on purpose so she'll have plenty.

You can easily what happens next. Boaz is older than Ruth, but they fall in love. They marry. Boaz not only provides for Ruth, but for Naomi. Ruth and Boaz have a son, Obed.

As I said, a romance. Except there's so much more to it. Way more than I can include here.

Several books earlier, in Deuteronomy, God has laid down a defining law the nation of Israel must obey if its people want to be blessed: they're to always provide for strangers, widows and orphans:

"When you reap your harvest in your field and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow, in order that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands."

But by the time we get to the book

of Judges — the book that precedes Ruth — Israel has fallen into all manner of disobedience and disarray. The suggestion is that it's not particularly compassionate anymore.

Except maybe for a few tender-hearted holdouts such as an old farmer like Boaz.

Upon seeing Ruth — an alien and a widow — Boaz does exactly what God commanded. He shows mercy.

The result is a profound love between Boaz and Ruth. And the birth of their son, Obed.

But that's not the end, either. Because Obed later has a son. His name is Jesse. And Jesse eventually has a son. His name is David.

Yeah, that David, the greatest king in Israel's history.

For Christians, the story doesn't even end there, with Ruth and Boaz' great-grandson. It gets better yet.

Some 28 generations after King David, according to Matthew's New Testament genealogy, Jesus is born — in Bethlehem — of this direct ancestral line from Ruth and Boaz.

When you put together biblical pieces such as these, you see a way bigger picture emerge. As an outcome of Ruth and Boaz's comparatively modest acts of goodness — showing loyalty to an elderly mother-in-law, providing for a foreign widow — the Israelites receive not only a transformative king, but from the Christian perspective, the world receives its Messiah.

Ruth and Boaz don't know it, but they've saved the world. Without Ruth and Boaz, there's no Obed. Without Obed, no David. Without David, no Jesus. Through the righteousness and romance of Ruth and Boaz, God manifests his own undying love for all humanity.

And like them, when we show some small act of love, mercy or generosity, we also may initiate a cycle of deliverance that ripples for generations.

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—Thomas Jefferson

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9-14 CRYPTOQUIP

JNK JTC BNA BGQWHCN
IHBHXAY'C QAV SAUB ITL
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A MILITARY COMMANDER RUSHED FORWARD SWIFTLY IN COMBAT, WHAT WAS HE? THE SURGING GENERAL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals H

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to yoga. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 3 = 1)

A. 12 3 26 9 3 7 13
Clue: Elongate the body

B. 21 20 12 9
Clue: Stand in position

C. 12 3 11 4 19 20
Clue: Artistic or athletic space

D. 19 25 12 3 26 11 7 3
Clue: Teach

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to yoga.

EMATNAS

Answers: A. stretch B. pose C. studio D. instruct

GUESS WHO?

I am a talk show host born in New York on September 19, 1974. I studied Communications at The College of Saint Rose in Albany. I am known for my impressions, and I became a household name when I joined the cast of "Saturday Night Live." I started hosting late night TV in 2009.

Answer: Jimmy Fallon



Pet FACT:

This device is placed around a dog's body instead of just the neck, which can make walking more comfortable.

Answer: Harness

How they say that in...

English: Bark
Spanish: Ladrar
Italian: Abbaiare
French: Aboyer
German: Bellen

9-16 CRYPTOQUIP

XW QFYRT VYNCOT YW LKUHKBKUA
LXUAR ZKHQ QY QKGT K UYKA
QUXC, ZXOO QFTB UTHQ K
VFXVGTH VYNCT?

Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHY WAS THE TURKISH CITIZEN'S RED FELT CAP ALWAYS CROOKED? HE COULDN'T KEEP A STRAIGHT FEZ.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals C



Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

EWONR 1
TEP
DPTOA 3 4
CAER
I L V M Y G 1 2 3 4

Answer: I Love My Dog

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

SEPTEMBER 12

1609: Henry Hudson begins his exploration of the river that would one day bear his name.

1945: German forces rescue Benito Mussolini from house arrest.

1984: Dwight Gooden of the New York Mets sets the rookie record for strikeouts.

NEW WORD

HEEL

a command for a dog to have him walk close behind you

ENJOY YOGA WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

ASANA
BANDHA
BODY
BREATH
CENTER
CHAKRA
CHATURANGA
CORE
ENERGY
FUNDAMENTALS
HATHA
MANTRA
MIND
MUDRA
NAMASTE
POSE
POSTURE
PRANA
SACRUM
STRENGTH
STRETCH
STYLE
UJJAYI
YOGA

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Springy dance
4 Men-only
8 Experts
12 French pal
13 Garage job
14 Barbie, e.g.
15 Dallas hoopster, briefly
16 "Swan Song" author
17 Jacob's brother
18 Up-staging on stage
21 Ecol. watchdog
22 Caviar
23 Flamboyant
26 Up to
27 Lawyers' gp.
30 Help a crook
31 Lobbying gp.
32 Dutch cheese
33 Group of seals

34 Granola grain
35 "Wellcome to Maui!"
36 Piercing tool
37 NYC airport
38 Crookery
45 Guesser's words
46 Decays
47 Expected
48 Garden intruder
49 Hosp. scans
50 Away from WSW
51 Rx amount
52 Prefix meaning "all"

53 Request
DOWN

1 Toast toppings
2 Apple variety
3 Donate
4 Somnolent
5 Oklahoma city
6 Slightly
7 Not brand-name
8 "Skyfall" singer
9 Mozart's "— fan tutte"
10 Flair
11 Punch meaning
19 Sala-mander

20 "You've got mail" co.
23 Maple tree product
24 "Veep" ailer
25 British ref. work
26 Make lace
27 Ruckus
28 "Humbug!"
29 "I — Rock"
31 Sicily's capital
32 Israeli carrier
34 Barn bird
35 Tennis great
Andre
36 Home
37 Allow entry
38 Columnist
Maureen
39 Sweet sandwich
40 Employs
41 Campus digs
42 Notion
43 Cloister residents
44 Nerd's kin

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterday's answer 9-14

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Eliminating the luck factor

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 10 5 2
♥ 10 9 6 4
♦ Q 7 2
♣ 8 3

WEST
♠ A 9 8 7 3
♥ 7
♦ A J 9
♣ Q J 10 6

EAST
♠ J 6
♥ 5 2
♦ 10 8 5 3
♣ A 9 7 4 2

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

The bidding:
West 1♣ Pass
North Pass
East 4♥
South 3♥

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

A play that offers declarer a good chance for the contract is obviously not as good a play as one that makes certain of the contract. Whenever the element of luck can be eliminated, declarer should do everything possible to eliminate it.

Consider this case where West leads a club against four hearts. (South's three-heart bid in the balancing seat showed a powerful hand.) After East wins with the ace and returns a low club to declarer's king, how should South continue? His apparent losers are a club, two diamonds and a spade.

The actual declarer drew trump

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer. East-West vulnerable.

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

WEST
♠ J 10 4
♥ 10 2
♦ K 10 5 4 2
♣ K 10 9

EAST
♠ K 5 2
♥ Q 9 5 4
♦ 9 7 6
♣ Q 7 4

SOUTH
♠ 9 8 3
♥ A K 7 6
♦ A Q J
♣ J 8 6

The bidding:
North 1♣ Pass
East 1♥ Pass
South 3NT
West 3NT

Opening lead — four of diamonds.

The year was 1966, the place was Amsterdam, and B. Jay Becker, the former editor of this column, was playing in the Dorothy Hays Championship with Dorothy Chapman. They reached three notrump as shown, and West (Victor Goldberg of Scotland) was on lead. He turned to Hayden and asked, in a broad Scottish accent, "Did ye open woon clobber, lassie?" She replied that she had opened one heart, not one club, and Goldberg thereupon led a diamond.

Hayden won with the queen, making a mental note that East almost certainly had the queen of hearts! She did not think Goldberg would have forgotten which suit she had bid if he held an honor card in the suit.

At trick two, she led the spade eight and let it ride. East won with the king and returned a diamond, the jack losing to the king. Hayden won the diamond return, played the spade nine to the queen and led the jack of hearts, confident that East had the queen.

When East covered the jack with the queen, Hayden ducked! She won East's low-heart continuation with the king, and after West produced the ten, declarer unblocked the eight from dummy. Diagnosing the situation perfectly, Hayden then led a spade to the ace, returned the heart three, finessed the seven and so made three notrump.

In effect, Hayden played the hand as though she had seen through the backs of the cards. She took the deep spade finesse at trick two and also handled the hearts perfectly to make three notrump. Call it women's intuition or anything else you like, but it all started with Goldberg's innocent question about which suit she had opened the bidding with.

Tomorrow: First things first.
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Task
4 Bridge call
9 Talk on and on
12 Rushmore prez
13 Opposite of day, in Berlin
14 Tic-tac-toe win
15 Major leap forward
17 — roll (winning)
18 "Shoo!"
19 Pantry
21 — burger
24 Pampers rival
25 "Rocks"
26 Patient's need, for short
28 "Unhand me!"
31 Sandwich treat
33 Bottom line
35 Botch up
36 Haas of "Witness"
38 Short do
40 Winter bug

41 Actor LaBeouf
43 Snow formations
45 Aroused, as
47 Where Lux. is
48 Actor Ferrigno
49 Big-name visitor on a show
54 JFK info
55 Delight
56 Sch. URL ender
57 June honoree
58 Houston ball club, briefly
59 River blocker

DOWN

1 Binge
2 Japanese sash
3 Arthur of "Maude"
4 Sense
5 Summery shades
6 Performance
7 Beach souvenir
8 Minnesota's capital
9 "Great idea!"
10 Top-notch
11 Piglet's pop
16 Eggy quaff
20 KOA patron
21 Old stringed instrument
22 Off-white
23 Best Buy's tech support team
27 Young lion
29 Coated with gold
30 Burden
32 Honolulu's isle
34 Gallo Winery setting
37 All-out attacks
39 Big bullies
42 Grown-up
44 Tax-collecting org.
45 Begged
46 Teeny bit
50 Corn serving
51 Media mogul
Turner
52 Oklahomacity
53 Mojito ingredient

Solution time: 21 mins.

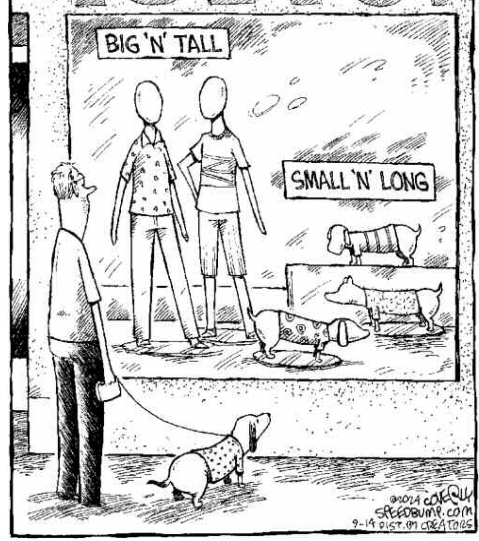
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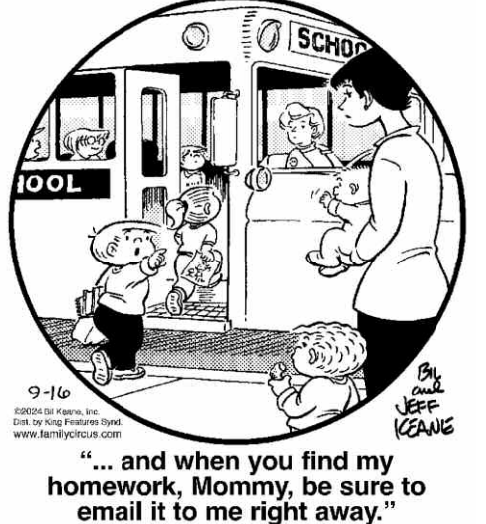
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Peanuts



Peanuts



Rose is Rose



Rose is Rose



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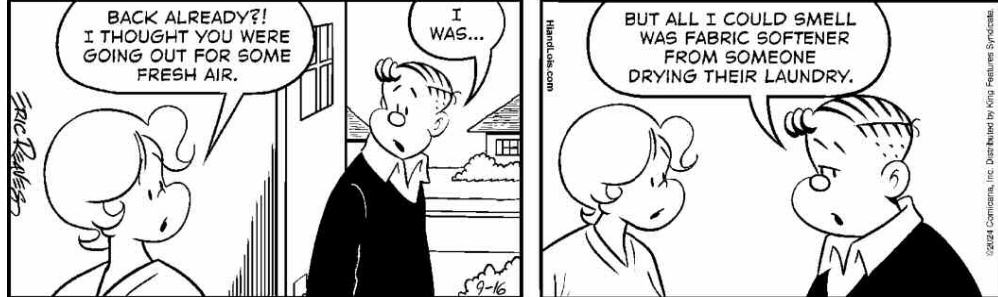
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Hi and Lois



Hi and Lois



Between Friends



Between Friends



Blondie



Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



Beetle Bailey



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Achieving perfection

Fort Recovery girls golf team finishes 8-0 in MAC matches for first time in program history

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review

CELINA, Ohio — When Joe Bruns and Jeff Vaughn revived the Indians girls golf program in 2013, they were just trying to get a consistent program.

Eleven years later, the Indians finished perfect in the Midwest Athletic Conference for the first time ever.

With a one-point lead over the Wildcats and only the MAC tournament standing in their way, they are gunning for the title.

The Fort Recovery High School girls golf team escaped with a 205-213 victory over St. Henry on Thursday at Mercer County Elks Golf Club to complete the first perfect season in MAC play in program history.

"I know for sure we haven't (had a perfect MAC record before)," said FRHS coach Jeff Vaughn. "I don't even know if we've ever had a season where we've had (less) than three losses.

"How'd we do it? I mean, the girls did it. I mean the good thing is, the girls picked each other up when we didn't play so well, like tonight, Georgia (Wenning) comes in, shoots 53 and made up for the two ahead of her. That's been the difference this year. When we talked, we needed consistency and that's what we've gotten so far."

Wennings' round of 53 ended as the third-best score for Fort Recovery (12-2, 8-0) beating out the No. 3 and 4 positions. Despite golfing out of the fifth position, the junior has contributed a score in 10-of-12 matches.

Wenning made par on the 310-yard, par-4 14th hole and added three bogeys, including the 16th, to get to the finish. She started the 135-yard, par-3 with a drive that left her just left of the green, 40 feet away from the hole. Her chip ran a little long, but she still was in range to two-putt for bogey.

Fellow FRHS junior Olivia Knapke fueled the victory for the Indians with a 46. The score earned her match medalist honors for the sixth time this year, beating St. Henry's top golfer Lillian Rockwell by five strokes.

"I'm feeling good," Knapke said. "I think we did our best. We definitely had a little bit of nerves coming into here, because we had our record to work for and earn with this being our last MAC match.

"So, definitely we were a little bit nervous, but we



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Fort Recovery High School's Evvie Briner chips onto the 15th hole at Mercer County Elks Golf Club on Thursday. FRHS took down St. Henry 205-212 to finish MAC play with a perfect 8-0 record for the first time in program history.

still pulled it off. I think we did a really good job and I'm really proud of all of us."

Many of the Fort Recovery golfers noted during the match how the greens were playing much faster and had more break than at their home course of Portland Golf Club. Knapke dealt with this problem on the 300-yard, par-4 11th hole.

Knapke's trip to the green wasn't the smoothest as her drive flew right into the rough and her second shot put her in a sand trap. Her chip out came up too fast, rolling off the back edge of the green. Another strong chip got her on, but

over to the front edge. A good putt put her within a foot before she finished with a double-bogey.

After the struggle on the 11th, the Indians' No. 1 golfer started to pick things up with a bogey on the 12th. A 155-yard drive and a good second shot got her within two feet of the green on the par-4. Knapke's chip ran one inch left of the hole and seven feet long to allow another two-putt for par.

By the 14th hole, the junior got things rolling with a bogey and two pars on the 15th and 16th. She also had bogeys on the 10th and 18th to help her score.

"We are not used to the fast greens at all," Knapke

said. "The slopes, the hole placement and everything, we just had to adjust. That was definitely a little bit hard, but we did it and did good."

Emma Will provided the second-best score for FRHS by shooting a 52. The senior opened with a par on the 10th and added bogeys on the 12th, 14th and 16th.

Despite dipping back into the 50s for the first time since Aug. 22, Mallory Evers put together the fourth score with a round of 54. Evers got over some early struggles to shoot back-to-back bogeys on the 14th and 15th, while adding a par on hole No. 17.

Rounds of 57 and 58

from Eva Kahlig and Evvie Briner did not play into the final.

With the win, the Indians hold the top spot in the MAC, right in front of the Minster Wildcats who finished 7-1 — their only loss a 210-212 against FRHS. One point ahead of the reigning MAC champions, destiny is in the Indians' hands to claim their first MAC title in school history on Sept. 21 at Stillwater Valley Golf Club in Bradford, Ohio. A first-place finish guarantees an outright-championship, while a second-place finish to Minster creates a share. Dropping lower could potentially let the

crown slip away all together to the likes of Minster or third-place St. Henry.

"We've just got to go in and play relaxed," Vaughn said. "It's just another golf match and they can't get too hyped up and be nervous. We've got to just go play ..."

"I'm ecstatic. I know Joe (Bruns) is looking down, he's happy as hell. Who'd have ever thought when we started this like 11 years ago we'd be doing this? I knew we had potential but we just needed some consistency. So it's an awesome feeling and if we can in a MAC championship, that's huge for the program."

Jay County boys soccer picks off Yorktown

The Patriots recently took a tough blow from Heritage for their first loss of the season.

It didn't take long to bounce back, as they found success against a sectional opponent.

The Jay County High School boys soccer got back in the win column by beating the Yorktown Tigers 3-2 on Thursday.

After an early goal by the Tigers (3-4-1) sophomore Emmitt Reynolds got Jay County on the board on Levi Muhlenkamp's first assist of the year to keep the game tied seven minutes in.

They claimed the lead two minutes later when Dylan Marentes found Blake Collins for the score.

JCHS hurt its cause with an own-goal early in the second half, but its strikers made up for it as Reynolds found Muhlenkamp for fourth time this season. Muhlenkamp leads Jay County with 14 of its 21 goals.

Peyton Yowell manned the goal after a night off against Heritage, saving eight shots.

Perfect in ACAC

The Jay County volleyball team continued its strong start

Local roundup

in Allen County Athletic Conference play with a 18-25, 25-14, 20-25, 25-12, 15-11 victory over the reigning champion Woodlan Warriors on Thursday.

The middle blockers dominated the offense for Jay County (5-3, 2-0 ACAC), totalling 33 kills. Maria Hemmelgarn led all hitters with 17 kills, while Brenna Schmiesing added 10 and Mya Kunkler totaled six. Outside hitter Hallie Schwieterman put 11 balls down for the Patriots.

Paisley Fugiett assisted attackers 38 times. Schmiesing led the defensive effort at the net with four blocks. Kunkler sent back three shots, while Hemmelgarn and Schwieterman added two.

The back row had a strong defensive presence as well. Kayla Jetmore led the bunch with 21 digs, while Brenna Bailey and Elizabeth Barnett fol-

lowed with 18 and 11, respectively.

Slide continues

The Fort Recovery boys golf team continued to slip as it dropped the final MAC match of the season 161-164 to St. Henry on Thursday.

Keegan Muhlenkamp bounced back from a tough day on Tuesday to shoot a team-low 38. He trailed match medalist Jack Buschur by just one stroke.

Muhlenkamp never shot worse than a bogey, making par seven times and bogey three. Reece LeFevre followed with a 40, fueled by six pars in the match on the 10th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 17th and 18th.

Eli Lennartz made par three times and bogey five en route to a 42. Caleb Smith and Riley Grieshop rounded out the team score with rounds of 44.

Mason Diller's 50 didn't affect the final.

Netters lose

Jay County's boys tennis team opened ACAC play with a 4-1 loss on Thursday to the reigning champion Bluffton Tigers.

Eli Dirksen pulled off the only

victory for Jay County (3-7, 0-1 ACAC) by beating Nolan Lambert 6-2, 6-2 in the No. 1 singles match.

The next closest match came from the No. 3 singles position as Gabe Pinkerton fell to Bluffton's Jacob Ribich 6-4, 6-2.

Both doubles pairs — Kayden Carpenter and Alex Miller at No. 1 and Jacob Monroe and Carter Wellmann at No. 2 — lost their matches 6-2, 6-1.

Tucker Griffin fell in the No. 2 singles match 6-1, 6-1 to Anthony Hartman.

Carson Westgerdes claimed the only junior varsity win in seven matches with an 8-4 triumph.

Struggles in MAC

NEW BREMEN, Ohio — Fort Recovery's volleyball team is still looking for its first MAC win after losing to the Division VI No. 4 New Bremen Cardinals 25-13, 25-17, 25-17 on Thursday.

The Indians (6-4, 0-3 MAC) never got their offense going, as the attacking leader, Cameron Muhlenkamp, only had six kills. Karlie Niekamp followed with four, while Kennedy Muhlenkamp and Brynn Willmann each had two.

Without many kills, Kayla Heitkamp only tallied 12 assists.

FRHS only found two aces in the match, those coming from Kennedy Muhlenkamp and Bridget Homan.

Niekamp's two blocks lead the Indians, while Kennedy Muhlenkamp had the most digs with four.

New Bremen (9-1, 2-1 MAC) helped out the Indians with 16 hitting errors and nine service errors.

JC shut out

CONVERSE — The Oak Hill Golden Eagles held the Jay County girls soccer team scoreless in a 2-0 defeat on Thursday.

While Jay County (5-3, 3-0 ACAC) has dominated in conference play, the loss to Oak Hill (8-0-1) slips it under .500 in non-conference games.

While two goals slipped through, Maleah Parsons managed to save 18 shots, a new career-high for one game. She previously stopped 14 scoring attempts on Aug. 29 in a 3-0 loss at Coldwater.

JCHS will get a chance to bounce back today with a game against South Adams.

49ers RB is ruled out for Sunday

By JERRY MCDONALD
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SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Christian McCaffrey was ruled out of the Minnesota game Friday and could be headed for injured reserve.

McCaffrey was not on the field with teammates during a brief media window at the start of Friday's practice.

Coach Kyle Shanahan declared McCaffrey out of the game and reversed his position earlier in the week regarding a stint on injured reserve that would mean an absence of at least four games. McCaffrey is dealing with Achilles tendinitis.

"It's something we're considering," Shanahan said. "Yesterday was his worst day. He had the most pain."

General manager John Lynch said on his weekly radio appearance on KNBR-680 that all options will be considered. McCaffrey was a game day scratch in Monday night's 32-19 win over the New York Jets.

The 49ers (1-0) visit the Minnesota Vikings (1-0) Sunday.

McCaffrey has a calf strain, but the bigger issue is an accompanying case of Achilles tendinitis that can fluctuate daily and usually requires rest as part of the treatment.

"If that's the right thing, that's what we'll do," Lynch said. "First, we'll see how he's doing today after getting a good work session in yesterday, see how he responds. All options, Kyle has said, are on the table. We're going to do what's right for Christian, what's right for our team."

Shanahan, who previously spoke to the local media Wednesday, said injured reserve wasn't yet a possibility.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Cross country at Randolph Southern Invite — 9 a.m.; Volleyball at Noblesville — 9 a.m.; Boys tennis in Patriot Invitational — 10 a.m.; Girls soccer vs. South Adams — 10 a.m.; Girls golf at ACAC tournament — 11:30 p.m.; Junior high volleyball at Woodlan — 10 a.m.

Fort Recovery — Boys golf at Nate Niekamp Invite — 9 a.m.; Cross country at Troy Twilight — 6:30 p.m.; JV football vs. St. Henry — 10 a.m.; Middle school volleyball at Ansonia — 10 a.m.; Middle school cross country at Troy Twilight — 6:30 p.m.

Monday
Jay County — Boys tennis at Blackford — 5 p.m.; JV football vs. Adams Central — 6 p.m.; Junior high volleyball vs. Muncie Southside — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Volleyball vs. Crestview — 5:30 p.m.; Middle school volleyball vs. Celina — 5 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Girls golf at Southern Wells — 4:30 p.m.; Boys tennis at Adams Central — 5 p.m.; Boys soccer at Richmond — 5:30 p.m.; Volleyball at Adams Central — 6 p.m.; Junior high volleyball at Adams Central — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high football at Southern Wells — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys golf sectional at Shelby Oaks — 8:30 a.m.; Volleyball vs. Minster (including freshmen) — 5:30 p.m.; Middle school volleyball at Minster — 5 p.m.

TV sports
Today
4:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Azerbaijan Grand Prix (ESPN2)
7:30 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Manchester United at Southampton (USA)
10 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Leicester City at Crystal Palace (USA)
12 p.m. — College football: Alabama at Wisconsin (FOX); LSU at South Carolina (ABC); Memphis at Florida State (ESPN); North Texas at Texas Tech (FS1); Oklahoma State at Tulsa (ESPN2); Arkansas State at Michigan (BTN)
12:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Everton at Aston Villa (NBC)
3 p.m. — LPGA Tour: Solheim Cup (NBC)
1 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Go Bowling at The Glen (USA)
3 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Mission 200 at The Glen (USA)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Texas A&M at Florida (ABC); Tulane at Oklahoma (ESPN); Notre Dame at Purdue (CBS); West Virginia at Pitt (ESPN2); Oregon at Oregon State (FOX); Nevada at Minnesota (BTN)
4 p.m. — College football: Troy at Iowa (FS1)
5:30 p.m. — College football: North Dakota State at East Tennessee State (ABC)
7 p.m. — College football: UTSA at

Box score

Jay County Patriots (2-2, 1-1 ACAC)
at Adams Central Jets (3-1, 1-0 ACAC)

Jay Co. 0 2 0 6 — 8
Adms Cen. 13 20 6 0 — 39

First Quarter
AC — Matt Heiser 7 run (kick failed), 6:43.
AC — Braylend Reber 64 pass from Jamison Roach (Aaron Hirschy kick good), 1:58.

Second Quarter
AC — Heiser 50 run (Hirschy two-point) 11:03.
JC — Lucas Strait 36 blocked punt to Cameron Fravel safety, 4:55.
AC — Roach 26 run (kick fail) 2:14.
AC — Heiser 3 run (two-point fail) 0:10.

Third Quarter
AC — Hirschy 24 run (kick fail), 11:39.

Fourth Quarter
JC — Isaac Dues 2 pass from Sean Bailey (two-point fail), 8:47.

Team Statistics		
	JC	AC
Rushes - yds	31-124	27-212
Comp-Att-Int	7-15-1	3-8-0
Passing yds	40	107
Total Plays	46	35
Total Offense	164	319
Punt ret - yds	1-(-2)	1-1
Kickoff ret - yds	8-123	2-64
Ints - yds	0-0	1-18
Fumbles - lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties - yds	3-23	6-35
Sacks - yds	1-12	1-6

Individual Statistics
Rushing — Jay County — Sean Bailey 10-55, A.J. Myers 12-50, Garrett Bennett 2-11, Benson Ward 1-6, Leighton Brown 5-3, Grant Wendel 1-(-1). Adams Central — Matt Heiser 13-126, Aaron Hirschy 5-56, Jamison Roach 3-15, Drew Kaehr 1-7, Joey Everett 2-6, Thomas Laughlin 1-4, Vance Miller 1-1, Reece Hammond 1-(-3).
Passing — Jay County — Bailey 7-15-1 40. Adams Central — Roach 3-8-0 107.
Receiving — Jay County — Wendel 3-19, Ward 1-11, Rhysin Blowers 2-8, Isaac Dues 1-2. Adams Central — Braylend Reber 3-107.



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Grant Wendel of Jay County starts to stiff arm Adams Central's Reece Hammond after catching the first ball of the game for the Patriots. Wendel finished with a team-high 19 receiving yards on three catches.

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Two more times in the second quarter, the Patriots nearly got some momentum to swing on their side before Adams Central put an end to it. Following the Heiser touchdown, Benson Ward had a 37-yard kickoff return to put JCHS on the Jets' half of the field.

Five rushing attempts by A.J. Myers and an offside call added another 22 yards, but the Jets' defense came in to shut things down. The drive ended with a

turnover on downs when the only open option for Sean Bailey was Grant Wendel, who was 5 yards short the sticks.

The Patriots almost recaptured the momentum again with a defensive three-and-out. On the punt attempt, Strait got a hand on the ball — it's the second time he's blocked a punt this season — leading to a safety. The Jets responded by stopping Jay County on the next three drives and managing two more scores in the half. (They came on a 26-yard

keep by Roach and a 3-yard run by Heiser.)

"Our kids do a really good job of being able to right the ship when they need to," Mosser said. "They have a pretty quick memory, which is good. They don't hold onto things and they do a pretty good job of getting out of it."

The Jets' final score came on a 24-yard rush by Aaron Hirschy early in the third after a fumble by Myers.

Heiser led the Jets with 126 yards on 13 attempts. Roach and

Reber connected three times for 107 yards.

On the other side, Bailey led Jay County with 55 yards on 10 carries, followed by Myers with 13 rushes for 50 yards. Bailey also passed for 40 yards, going 8-of-15. Mosser was impressed by the senior quarterback's fight and for keeping Jay County in the game early.

"He always fights to the end of the game," Zgunda said. "I think we've got other guys that do that as well. We just need to get better."

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Sports

Flying aces

Jets have all the answers against JC

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review
MONROE — The Jets had all of the answers. Two quick passes to Grant Wendel on the Patriots opening drive? The Jets began to lock the screen passes down. A Lucas Strait sack pushes them back 12 yards? Matt Heiser ripped off a 50-yard rush for a touchdown.

Strait blocks a punt for the second time this season, forcing the Jets to fall on it for a safety? They forced a three-and-out for great field position leading to a two-play drive for a touchdown.

Any time the Patriots started to find some momentum, the Jets made sure to snuff it out.

The 2021, '22 and '23 Class 1A state runners-up Adams Central Jets, which finished 15th in voting for the Class 2A AP poll this week, controlled the game on both sides of the ball to defeat the Jay County High School football team 39-8 on Friday.

"It was not good," said JCHS coach Grant Zgunda. "I'll take the blame for it and we'll move on. We've got to do better than that."

Jay County (2-2, 1-1 Allen County Athletic Conference) entered Friday, having only given up 72 rushing yards on the season, with the longest run being a 12-yard dash by Blackford's Brady Banister.

Yet, the reigning ACAC champion established from the start that it would be able to move the ball on the ground. Adams Central's opening drive lasted 12 plays, 11 of them running to total 62 yards. A 17-yard rush by Heiser on which he nearly hurdled a pair of defenders ended up as the longest play of the drive that he capped off with a 7-yard TD.

"They really had a hard time stopping our run game," said the Jets coach Michael Mosser. "That's



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Jay County High School's Benson Ward goes up to try and catch a ball with Adams Central's Carson Schnitz draped over him in coverage. The Patriots fell to the Jets 39-8 on Friday.

really what opened up the passing game and that's what kind of sealed the deal."

The opening drive ended as Adams Cen-

tral's longest of the contest, as they managed to score on seven or fewer plays or went three-and-out on every other drive.

The next two drives for the Jets (3-1, 1-0 ACAC) ended with massive plays. With less than three minutes remaining in the first quarter, a pair of runs gained 12 yards for ACHS to set up a pass-

ing play, on which Jamison Roach connected with Braylend Reber for a 64-yard TD down the right side at 1:58.

During the third drive, Jay County got a 12-yard sack from Strait to start and turn the tide in its favor. Facing third-and-15 at the 50-yard line, Heiser got the ball and made his way to the end zone after

breaking a tackle near the 25 to kill the momentum.

"We couldn't give up the big play coming into tonight and we gave up all kinds of big plays," Zgunda said. "We didn't match their physicality at all. It was a no contest and they absolutely beat us up."

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SHHS is too much for the Indians

FR gives up 411 total yards in defeat to MAC rival

ST. HENRY, Ohio — Less than four minutes into the game, the Indians struck first against their Ohio 119 rivals.

By the time they found the end zone again, the home team had poured on 34 points.

Fort Recovery High School's football team was unable to do much to slow down host St. Henry on Friday, giving up more than 400 yards of offense in a 48-14 defeat.

The Indians (1-3, 0-2 Midwest Athletic Conference) took the opening kickoff, marched 65 yards in eight plays and scored on a 1-yard Ethan Hartnagel run. Caden Grisez's run gave them an early 8-0 lead.

FRHS didn't see the end zone again until beyond the midpoint of the third quarter.

St. Henry, meanwhile, tallied 27 points in the final 14 minutes of the first half, including two Charlie Werling touchdowns and two Michael Gonzalez field goals (37 and 42 yards).

Jack Huelsman's 6-yard TD pass to Carter Laguire on the opening drive of the second half pushed the home team to a 34-8 lead.

The Indians finally broke the St. Henry scoring blitz on a 41-yard pass from Reece Wendel to Gavin Evers with 4:41 left in the third quarter, but the damage had been done.

St. Henry (2-2, 1-1 MAC), which added two fourth-quarter touchdowns for the final margin, racked up 411 yards of total offense.

Huelsman was 16-of-25 for 240 yards passing as he also connected with Laguire on a 45-yard TD pass in the second quarter. Werling picked up 15 yards on 103 rushing attempts and scored three times.

Fort Recovery was limited to 209 yards, with Reece Wendel accounting for 112 of those on his 22 rushing attempts. He completed the only two passes he attempted — both to Evers — for 46 yards.

Wendel also paced the defense with 11 tackles, including a sack. Brodie Hart followed with seven tackles, and Josh Evers and Grisez each had an interception.

The Indians will be back at home Friday to take on St. John's (1-3, 0-2 MAC).

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