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## Getting Golden



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Randy Davis, a longtime pastor, veteran and founder of recovery nonprofit organization A Better Life – Brianna’s Hope, has earned the Golden Hoosier award. He’ll visit Indiana Statehouse next week to be recognized for his service to the community. Pictured above, Davis stands in front of a map pinpointing locations of Brianna’s Hope support groups throughout Indiana.

### Retired pastor, A Better Life founder Davis to receive state lifetime service award next week

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

Randy Davis is in his golden era.

Davis, a longtime Jay County pastor and founder of A Better Life – Brianna’s Hope, will be honored with the Golden Hoosier award Sept. 24 at the Indiana Statehouse.

According to Indiana Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch’s website, the Golden Hoosier Award acknowledges and recognizes outstanding seniors for their lifetime of service to their communities.

Davis is the second Jay County resident in the last two years to be honored with the state

award, which is the highest honor given to a senior citizen by the state for helping fellow residents and bettering their communities. Carol Smith — she started the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Asbury United Methodist 34 years ago — earned the Golden Hoosier title in 2022.

“I’m extremely excited and humbled,” said Davis. “I’m trying to grasp the words ... it’s recognition of my passion of people, my life. I have always been a people-person — it’s not an award that you can truly seek, thus it’s an honor to be recognized (as) someone who cares

about their community and the people that live in it.”

Davis’ contributions to the community include his time in ministry — he worked as a pastor for 35 years before “retiring,” although he continues to fill in as needed at various churches in the community — and launching local nonprofit organization A Better Life – Brianna’s Hope in 2014. The organization started as a faith-based addiction support group and has grown in the last decade to encompass 25 counties in Indiana and four counties in Ohio. (As of Monday, Davis was coordinating efforts to launch a new group in Dunre-

ith, just southwest of New Castle.)

On behalf of Brianna’s Hope, Davis joined other recovery organizations at Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., last week. An event coordinated by the national nonprofit Voices for Non-Opioid Choices, recovery groups lobbied and met with legislators to share their stories.

“That was a special opportunity, it wasn’t anything I ever dreamed of,” Davis said.

Nearly three years ago, Davis launched “Faith In Your Recovery,” a podcast focused on “all things recovery.”

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## Project to get federal loan \$

*WVR would be the first producer in Corn Belt*

By NIKI KELLY

Indiana Capital Chronicle  
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The U.S. Department of Energy announced Monday that it has made a conditional commitment for a loan guarantee of up to \$1.559 billion to Wabash Valley Resources, LLC for a West Terre Haute fertilizer development.

“The project will have the potential to be the world’s first, carbon-negative ammonia production facility — underscoring the Biden-Harris Administration’s continued commitment to ensuring the United States leads the world in clean energy manufacturing,” a DOE news release said.

Wabash Valley Resources (WVR) would be the first domestic producer located in the Corn Belt to produce low-carbon ammonia for local farmers and co-ops in the region.

WVR intends to pipe and inject 1.67 million tons of carbon dioxide annually a mile below the earth’s surface as part of its plan to produce “low-carbon-intensity” anhydrous ammonia fertilizer at a former coal gasification plant in Vigo County. Its permit allows it to build wells in Vermillion and Vigo counties.

Dan Williams, WVR’s chief operating officer, said, “This close to a decade-long development phase has been made possible through the dedicated efforts of the Department of Energy, the building trades unions, and our strategic partners. WVR is thrilled to be at the forefront of a new industrial era that harmonizes environmental, social, and economic benefits, and we cannot thank our partners enough.”

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## Trump is safe following 2nd assassination attempt

By JOHN T. BENNETT  
CQ-Roll Call  
Tribune News Service

Former President Donald Trump was safe Sunday after a gunman targeted him while he golfed in south Florida, according to law enforcement officials, in what the FBI said appeared to be a second assassination attempt in three months.

The Trump campaign and Secret Service said the former president and Republican presidential nominee was unharmed following the incident at Trump International Golf Club in West Palm Beach. A Secret Service agent patrolling the sprawling course ahead of the hole Trump had just finished spotted a rifle “sticking out of a fence line” and

### Suspect had rifle along fence line at Florida golf course

engaged the suspect, a Palm Beach law enforcement official said Sunday afternoon. The suspect fled before being detained on I-95 in a neighboring county.

Law enforcement officials who briefed reporters late Sunday afternoon did not reveal the suspect’s identity, but one Palm Beach County official referred to him as “a guy.” They said agents recovered an AK-47 rifle with a scope, two backpacks that included ceramic tiles and a

GoPro camera in the woods “near the property line.” The GoPro was attached to the fence, a picture released by the FBI showed.

Trump was “one or two holes behind” where the gunman had set up along the championship-level course, which spans over 7,000 yards, Palm Beach Sheriff Ric Bradshaw said. The GOP nominee was “probably between [300] and 500 yards” away from the would-be shooter, he added.



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### Cruise-in grin

Macy Miller of Scooter’s grins while handing out a cup of lemonade during the Jay County Cancer Society Cruise-In on Saturday at Jay County Fairgrounds. Cancer survivors drove through receiving items from the cancer society as well as various local businesses, churches and other organizations.

#### Deaths

**Irene Timmerman**, 97,  
Fort Recovery  
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#### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 88 degrees Sunday. The low was 61.

Tonight’s low will be in the upper 50s. Expect partly cloudy skies Wednesday with a high in the lower 80s. Highs are expected to remain in the 80s through the weekend.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

#### In review

Jay County Public Library will host Fall into Crafting for Kids from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Preschool and elementary school-aged children will get to make keychains and jewelry. Registration is requested by visiting the library at 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

#### Coming up

**Wednesday** — Coverage of this week’s Jay School Board meeting.

**Thursday** — Results from the JCHS boys soccer game against Richmond.

**Friday** — Coverage of this week’s Portland Board of Aviation meeting.



# Obituaries

## Irene Timmerman

Sept. 1, 1927-Sept. 15, 2024

Irene B. (Gruss) Timmerman, 97, of Fort Recovery, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024, at the Gardens at St. Henry.

She was born on Sept. 1, 1927, in St. Anthony, to the late Isidore and Mary (Gearke) Gruss.

In addition to her parents, Irene was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald E. "Jerry" Timmerman, whom she married on June 10, 1950, and who passed away on Nov. 9, 2013; her children, Edward Timmerman, Patricia Stammen, Tony Timmerman,

Kevin Timmerman and infant daughter Mary Timmerman; her daughter-in-law, Jeanette Timmerman; her son-in-law, Ken Flory; her grandsons, Craig and Joshua; her great-grandson, Sawyer; and her siblings and their spouses, Victor (Rose) Gruss, Lavern (Ruth) Gruss, Don Gruss, Rita (Edger) Eyink and Vincent Gruss.

Irene is survived by her children, Thelma (Bob) Parks of



Timmerman

Greenville, Ohio, Sue Flory of Union City, Indiana, Mark (Dixie) Timmerman of Fort Recovery, Lois (Steve) Vogel of Fort Recovery, Sally (Don) Siegrist of Coldwater, Ohio, Dave (Lisa) Timmerman of Fort Recovery, Joyce (Tom) Fullenkamp of Fort Recovery and Roger Timmerman of Fort Recovery; her daughters-in-law, Ginny Pugh of Fort Recovery and Lucy Homan of Coldwater; her son-in-law, Ken Stammen of Fort Recovery; her 29 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; her sisters-in-law, Frances

Gruss of Florida and Mary Ann Gruss of Coldwater; and her in-law, Jerry Laux of St. Anthony, Ohio.

Irene spent a majority of her life as a homemaker, raising and supporting her family. She worked for Celina Insurance Group before she got married and then for Sunny Side Farms in Fort Recovery for many years packing eggs. She was a member of Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, the church's Altar Sodality, and the Fort Recovery American Legion Auxiliary Post 345.

A Mass of Christian Burial

will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024, at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Guests may visit with Irene's family on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024, from 2 to 7 p.m. and again on Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. at Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home, Fort Recovery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Center of Neurological Development, P.O. Box 117, Burkettsville, OH 45310.

Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting [brockmanboeckmanfh.com](http://brockmanboeckmanfh.com).

## CR almanac

Wednesday 9/18	Thursday 9/19	Friday 9/20	Saturday 9/21	Sunday 9/22
<b>83/58</b>	<b>82/57</b>	<b>86/59</b>	<b>87/60</b>	<b>86/57</b>
Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for Wednesday, when the high will be around 83 degrees.	Thursday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high in the low 80s.	Sunny skies are expected Friday. The highs may hit the mid to upper 80s.	Another day of sun is expected Saturday, when the high will be near 87.	Mostly sunny skies on Sunday. The low at night may dip to 57.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$165 million	52-54-59-63-64-77-78 Cash 5: 17-23-24-35-37 Estimated jackpot: \$558,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$31 million	<b>Ohio</b> Sunday Midday Pick 3: 5-2-2 Pick 4: 2-0-9-3 Pick 5: 0-7-4-9-5 Evening Pick 3: 5-5-2 Pick 4: 7-2-3-7 Pick 5: 7-3-8-2-1 Rolling Cash 5: 6-13-18-32-35 Estimated jackpot: \$340,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Sunday Midday Daily Three: 7-1-6 Daily Four: 0-8-1-1 Evening Daily Three: 0-6-9 Daily Four: 8-1-8-7 Quick Draw: 2-6-11-12-15-17-19-26-29-31-38-46-48	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....3.59 Oct. corn .....3.62 Wheat .....4.52	Oct. beans .....9.55 Wheat ..... 5.27
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....3.65 Oct. corn .....3.65 Dec. corn .....3.90	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....3.58 Oct. corn .....3.62 Beans.....9.56 Oct. beans .....9.56 Wheat .....5.07
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....3.62 Oct. corn .....3.62 Beans.....9.55	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....3.45 Oct. corn .....3.45 Beans.....9.33 Jan. beans .....9.72 Wheat .....4.97

## Today in history

In 1787, the final draft of the Constitution was signed by members of the Constitutional Convention. Its details had been secretly debated for four months. The Constitution would replace the Articles of Confederation.

In 1849, Harriet Tubman escaped from the plantation where she was enslaved. She would later help other escaped slaves to freedom via the Underground Railroad.

In 1862, Union and Confederate armies clashed at the Battle of Antietam at the Miller farm cornfield in Maryland. It was the bloodiest day in American history, with more than 23,000 killed, wounded or missing in action. Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee

started his retreat across the Potomac River the next day.

In 2003, Portland Board of Aviation agreed to move forward with a \$350,000 improvement plan that included extending the taxiway, adding a rotary beacon and installing lighted ground signs.

In 2011, the first Occupy Wall Street protest was held.

In 2021, Quinn Faulkner thwarted any hope of a Bluffton comeback as the Jay County High School senior broke up a pass on fourth down and then ran for a 38-yard score. His big plays on both sides of the ball capped a 40-27 Patriot football victory.

—The CR

## Citizen's calendar

**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.

**Monday**  
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.

6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.

7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

## Loan ...

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The \$1.559 billion would be part of a total investment of \$2.4 billion that WVR would secure for the project through private investment.

But the project hasn't come without criticism. Residents have mobilized against it, citing potential consequences like pipe ruptures and water contamination. Many have been skeptical of the company's intentions and its use of public incentives.

Citizens Action Coalition Execu-

tive Director Kerwin Olson called the announcement "incredibly disappointing," adding that DOE's Loan Program Office "is putting the American taxpayer on the hook for this exceptionally dangerous and risky project."

"Thanks to officials on both sides of the aisle at the State and Federal level, this proposed project is the poster-child of shifting the economic and environmental risks onto the back of the public to enrich the few at the expense of the many," Olson said

in a statement to the Capital Chronicle.

"The impacted community would be exposed to significant threats to their environment, their health and safety, and especially their water," he continued, noting violations by an Illinois sequestration facility. "... There is simply nothing clean about this proposed project. From cradle to grave, this project will increase toxic emissions, CO2 emissions, and is a false solution to climate change. (It's) an economic and ecological disaster."

## Golden ...

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Listeners have tuned in from across the world to hear addiction and recovery stories.

The podcast fits in with Davis' initial calling — he studied broadcasting at Ball State University in the late 1960s. The show has featured those from all walks of life. Davis recently interviewed 11 inmates at Jay County Jail as a part of the podcast's Jailhouse Recovery, which is intended to share the voices of those who are incarcerated in relation to drug use. Davis plans to interview more individuals at the jail in November.

His efforts have been recognized at the state level in other divisions recently as well. He was inducted into Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame in November for his military service achievements and community contributions. Davis served about 18 months in the U.S. Army starting in 1970, undergoing training before working in Frankfurt, Germany, as a finance specialist and assistant to the non-commissioned officer in charge.

In the 2010s, Davis raised around \$250,000 to give McDonald's gift cards to veterans across the state as a part of a veteran advocacy project. (The effort earned him the nickname "McRandy.")

Among other community activities, Davis has also been involved with substitute teaching, coaching middle school sports and announcing high school sports events.

Brianna's Hope administrative assistant Gina Raines nominated Davis for LifeStream Services' Golden Hoosier award earlier this year. Davis was named a recipient of the organization's award in July, and LifeStream Services president and CEO Jennifer Hamilton then nominated Davis for the Golden Hoosier award at the state level.

In her nomination letter, Raines pointed to Davis' contributions as a pastor and veteran and as a leader for Brianna's Hope.

"Randy's exceptional

dedication to serving others, his profound impact on our community, and his unwavering commitment to uplifting individuals in need make him an outstanding candidate for this prestigious recognition," said Raines in her letter.

Davis will attend a reception with Hamilton and guests Sept. 24 at the Indiana Statehouse where he will be recognized for his efforts.

"It couldn't have been done without the support and involvement and encouragement of so many people in the community and beyond," he said. "I've had all kinds of cheerleaders and supporters that have just helped make a major difference."

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## SERVICES

Tuesday

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

Thursday

Timmerman, Irene: 10:30 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpshurg Road, Fort Recovery.

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# Former principal left lasting impact

By JAMES FULKS  
The Commercial Review

At our Jay County High School Class of 1984 40th class reunion held Sept. 7, Bob Anderson was invited as a guest of honor.

He was unable to attend, but sent a warm and inspirational message to be read aloud to our class.

I should have mentioned this observation to our class at the reunion, but I'll share it here with all of The Commercial Review's readers, simply because Bob has touched practically all of our lives

**Fulks  
Mayhem**



over many years. For the last 35-plus years, I have continued to perform military honor guard ceremonies for funerals of veterans. This entails folding and presenting the U.S. casket flags to dependents or widows

and, of course, officiating over the firing of rifles of the honor guard.

In this capacity, I've easily attended well over 150 funerals.

For a lot of years, I would run into Bob at the evening viewings prior to the day of the actual funeral.

We got to be pretty good acquaintances.

For those who are unfamiliar, Bob was the principal of Redkey High School almost 20 years before Jay County High School opened in 1975.

Then, after we graduated in 1984, I returned to the school for Veterans Day ceremonies and he was still at Jay County High School well into the 1990s.

That's an amazing span of years.

He and I would sit in the lobby of the local area funeral homes and talk during the viewing hours.

Bob knows virtually every person who went through our Redkey and Jay County schools for decades. We would be interrupted constantly by

people coming up to him to see if he remembered them.

And he almost always did, and would relate a memory of them that sometimes even they didn't remember.

I last saw him as the guest of honor at a Redkey High School class reunion about four years ago. He's still witty and alert, but the years are catching up with him.

Bob is absolutely a treasure of information and a truly magnificent human being.

My hours sitting with him and seeing how no one has a bad thing to say about him, and how practically everyone just remembers him with warmth, love and, most importantly, respect is a true testament to an honorable man of impeccable character.

All of us were more fortunate than we will ever fully realize to have such a man of his caliber as a role model in our youth.

Bob, it's been the honor of my life to have known you and call you a friend.

# Active lifestyle makes for difficult dating scene

DEAR ABBY: I'm a mature male who had a weight problem years ago. When I turned 50, I was diagnosed with metabolic syndrome, hypertension and diabetes. I took my doctor's advice about diet and 150 minutes of exercise a week. Fast-forward to today, and I have lost almost half my body weight and am now in good shape.

My problem now is finding women near or around my age who have the same dedication to exercise and fitness. It is nearly impossible to find a partner who shares the same values. I have tried dating sites, and almost always get catfished. I go on dates, but if I'm not physically attracted to someone, things don't get out of the "friend zone."

I feel physical attraction drives a good part of a healthy relationship. I value having friends, but finding someone who can run, bike, kayak, etc., is, to me, vital to a successful relationship. Should I settle to have someone to spend time with, or keep the faith and hope I find a woman I'm attracted to? I've had little luck finding a compatible partner: Am I too picky, given that a lot of people don't or won't take care of them-

**Dear Abby**



selves? — DISCOURAGED IN MEMPHIS

**DEAR DISCOURAGED:** Physical attraction is important, but what attracts us to others varies from person to person. You don't have to be lonely. Because physical fitness is so important in your life in addition to chemistry, continue to look online. If you do, you will find there is more than one dating site geared to folks who are interested in health and fitness. I wish you luck.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a senior lady who still works at a great job and who is generally very happy with my life. My husband is a clergyman, but we have our own apartment, so my adult daughter lives in the church rectory with her three children and partner. My

husband has stated his intention to retire next year — well deserved.

Naturally, my daughter will have to find a new place to live. She has suggested that I sell my apartment and go in with her and her brood on a two-family home. I love her and the grandkids, but my mortgage is paid off, and I don't want to do this. I seriously doubt she has any savings to contribute to a down payment or any of the other myriad costs of paying for or maintaining a house. How can I respond without hurting her too much? — BAD IDEA IN NEW YORK

**DEAR BAD IDEA:** Your adult daughter has been very fortunate to have parents who have provided shelter for her, her partner and her brood. You didn't mention whether she and her partner have jobs. (I wish you had.) If they do, they could pool their earnings and be able to pay rent to a landlord.

Ask your daughter how she intends to contribute to the arrangement she is suggesting, and be honest about your feelings. It isn't hurtful to stand up for yourself. You

don't have to be harsh, but do communicate that what she has in mind wouldn't work for you.

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DEAR ABBY: I met a young man on Facebook. He is a philanthropist, and we have been talking for more than six months. He's kind and sweet, and he tells me he loves me. He works around the world as an interior designer and will be returning to the States in a couple of weeks.

The problem is, I'm 30 years older than he is. He has seen photos of me and thinks I am beautiful and a good woman. I am stressed about meeting him because he wants a life together, even though I have shared all of my health issues. Please help me. I have tried to end it because of the age difference, but he gets very upset, and so we go on. I do care about him. What should I do? — WAFLING IN GEORGIA

**DEAR WAFLING:** Tread very carefully! Although you have communicated over the last six months, he may not "quite" be the person he has presented himself to be. Make no commitments until you have actually met him in per-

son. Hold on to your skepticism and do not give him money for ANY reason, because things that seem too good to be true often are.

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DEAR ABBY: My brother lost his wife of 30-plus years to COVID. Because we live several states apart and I have significant chronic health issues of my own, I haven't been able to spend as much time with him as I would like.

I call often just to check in, but wish I could do more to help him through his sorrow. The first anniversary of her death is approaching, and I'm uncertain how to handle it. Any advice is deeply appreciated. — CHECKING IN THE EAST

**DEAR CHECKING:** Because your health issues prevent you from traveling to see your brother, why not invite him to come for a visit? That way, you could be supportive, and he could have a therapeutic change of scene. If that's not possible, the next best thing would be to video chat with him, which would enable you to meet face-to-face from time to time.

# Community Calendar

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

**Today**

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

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

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

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

**Wednesday**

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB** — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the

east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

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

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

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

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

**A BETTER LIFE - BRIGANNA'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**

**STITCH AND CHATTER QUILT CLUB** — Meets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center. Show and tea is at 1 p.m. The club is open to all ages and is for anyone who wants to sew. Bring unfinished projects and a sewing machine. For more information, call Nan Weesner (260) 766-9334.

**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.

**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.

**EN AVANT CLUB** — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

**ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP** — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

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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.

# Daughter: Name removal was petty

To the editor:

On July 11, 2022, The Commercial Review's front page story was about Robert Lyons and my father, Tom Zimmerman.

Both were honored for their years of service on the Jay County Fair Board. Prior to the announcement, I was aware that it was going to happen. Dad's name was eventually added to the maintenance barn.

Dad took it upon himself to secure a used awning from a local business and added it to the barn. He's always taken much pride in the appearance of the grounds and buildings on the fairground property.

He and my mom didn't serve on the fair board for 35 years for any accolades. Dad was president of the Jay County Fair Board for 19 years; I believe their longest serving president. In 2014, he was inducted into the Indiana Association of Fairs (INAF) Hall of Fame. He also

## Letters to the Editor

served as the INAF president in 2010.

Dad and my Grandpa, Lowell Zimmerman, did the restoration and electrical work inside of Floral Hall in 1982. Dad was instrumental in driving many improvements at the fairgrounds, including restrooms, a roof over the grandstand and a paved midway, just to name a few. As president, he managed the finances and always tried to make smart decisions, choices that would allow for the grounds and events to continue to grow and flourish. On Sundays after church, we used to drive through the fairgrounds just to make sure that everything was

in order. Prior to cell phones, if I needed my dad for something, I could most often find him at the fairgrounds.

I'm not writing this to brag. I am extremely proud of my dad! He is modest and didn't work tirelessly for attention. He did it as a service to his community. Thirty-five years, thousands of hours of hard work at the fairgrounds, improving the grounds. He once stated that it was worth the pride that it brought to the community and seeing people smile. Though he is no longer a member of the fair board, he continues upkeep at the fairgrounds because of the current board's lack of consistency.

I learned this past weekend that his name was removed from the maintenance barn. The July front page of The Commercial Review stated "the board voted to honor them by making their names permanent fixtures on the grounds because of their

years of dedication ..." referring to my dad and Bob Lyons.

I personally contacted fair board members Aaron Loy and Trent Paxson inquiring why dad's name was removed.

Several days after initially submitting this letter, I received a response from Aaron Loy. He stated that my dad spoke "negatively" and "extremely poorly" about the fair board and that "he was given multiple warnings" regarding his comments. He also stated "Tom was spreading misinformation to the commissioners about the fair board and it's doings."

Freedom of speech is the right to express opinions and ideas without fear of censorship, retaliation or legal action. Common sense leads me to believe that my dad expressed opinions others disagreed with and therefore the Jay County Fair Board retaliated. After 35 years as an active and success-

ful fair board member, I believe dad might know a thing or two.

I'm betting if I were to drive through the fairgrounds, no other former board members' names have been removed from the position of honor that they were given.

Frankly, it doesn't matter if dad's name is on the maintenance barn. What I don't understand is how you can honor someone and thank them for their many years of service and then change your mind. Dad's name on the barn, in his opinion, only helped people know where to find him.

In addition, most people know the level of his servitude. His years of service made the tasks of the current board members so much easier.

Despite the blatant disrespect you've shown my dad, he continues to care about the appearance of the fairgrounds, but it is out of his hands now and it shows. Petty.  
Lea Ann McClung  
Connersville

## Do not give up on people

By JUSTICE B. HILL

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CLEVELAND, Ohio — I don't know when will be the next time I'll bump into Andre.

"Been a rough past month," he texted a short while ago. "I was unfortunately laid off from my company, lost my grandma and had to move out of the city all within three weeks."

I wish I'd been able to console him over his losses. I'm sure, however, he's surviving this rocky stretch of life. I hope I've shown him he can lean on me in times like these. I don't want to lose touch.

To me, a onetime journalism professor, 'Dre stands for what somebody who believes in himself can accomplish, and he also serves to remind me not to give up on people.

I did that at one point with him.

He and I now reminisce about it, sharing groans and laughs about his sophomore year in one of my classes. 'Dre was a "frat boy," two words that tend to carry an unflattering connotation.

In some respects, the cliché fit. Cool, as in chill, he put so little effort into assignments that I pulled him aside and suggested he drop my class. 'Dre had too many points to make up to pass, particularly with his lax habits.

Sitting in my office, he told me, "I'm not dropping."

Somewhere between that conversation and our next lecture, 'Dre did an about-face.

He displayed enough promise and determination that I decided to pass him; I figured he'd never take a second class from me. I misjudged him.

For the next semester, his name appeared on my course roster. Seeing it took me aback.

On the first day, I asked 'Dre to see me afterward. He met me again in my office, where I told him I was shocked to see him. He smiled. 'Dre knew he tried to slide the first time. He blamed himself, not me. He said he enjoyed learning from me.

I didn't know what to make of him. Yet, I was

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happy to hear a student accept blame for his struggles.

'Dre wouldn't struggle a second time.

He was the star of my Feature Writing class. He participated in discussions; he asked pertinent questions and proved genuinely committed to becoming a cleverer writer. Of my 18 students, he produced the finest work — a story about a venerable Court Street diner in Athens, Ohio, that was closing.

He wove literary color into his story, and the voices of the soon-to-be jobless resonated with anybody who read his story, which I did with a discerning eye.

By Finals Week, 'Dre had heard I planned to quit, so this course would be his last with me. The news saddened him. He spotted me Uptown one day and came to talk. He also handed me a card.

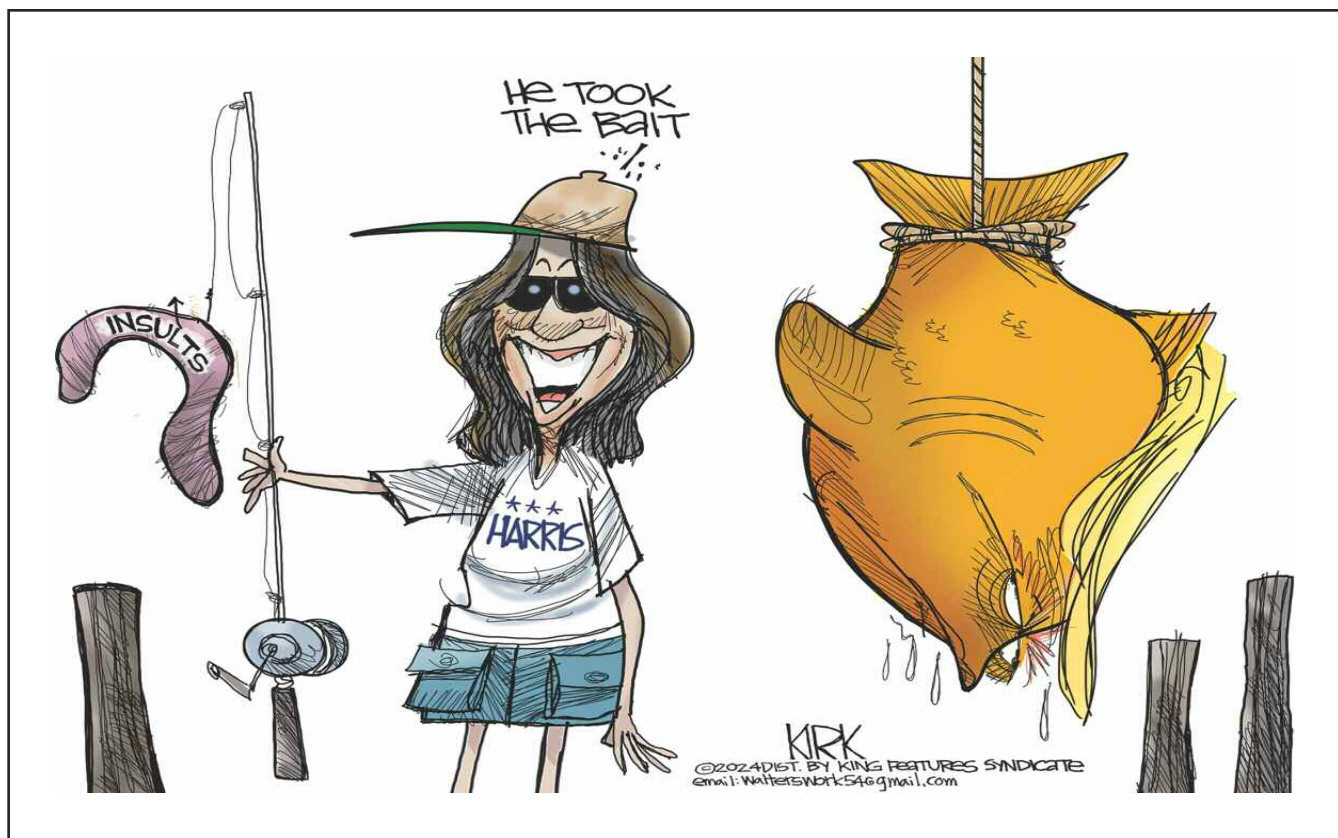
I'll skip the personal message 'Dre wrote. I will say students like him made my time as an educator fulfilling.

Recalling the night he and I dined at Indian Flame Restaurant on Euclid Avenue, I'm sad that it might not happen again.

Now 26, he's got enormous success awaiting him elsewhere. I won't be around to see most of it. But I'll do whatever I can to let the man know the high regard I hold for him.

For 'Dre did what I'd wished his peers had done: He never quit on himself.

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*Hill grew up and still lives in the Glenville neighborhood. He wrote and edited for several newspapers in his more than 25 years in daily journalism before settling into teaching at Ohio University. He quit May 15, 2019, to write and globetrot. He's doing both.*



## Lugar is a symbol, beacon

By JOHN KRULL

TheStatehouseFile.com

They gather on a gorgeous late summer day to recall a man who embodied all they believed in and a moment in time when his virtues could shape history.

The crowd gathered for the unveiling of a statue honoring the late U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Indiana, contains many people of prominence.

A former vice president of the United States. A former U.S. secretary of state. Former U.S. senators. Mayors of Indianapolis, current and past. Dignitaries from other walks of life.

Republicans.

Democrats.

Independents.

They came together to pay tribute to Lugar, the leader who, as mayor, transformed Indianapolis from a sleepy backwater into a regional powerhouse and who, as senator, made the world a safer place by preventing nuclear weapons from falling into the hands of terrorists and renegade nations.

The tributes focus on Lugar's sagacity and statesmanship, his keen ability to see possibilities to which others were blind and to unravel knots that seemed unyielding to anyone's touch but his. They talk of his talent for bringing people together, then keeping them at the table until they all had solved a problem.

The tone of their remarks is wistful, part elegy, part rebuke.

Unspoken but unmistakable is an undertone of mystification — of wondering how we got from Lugar's era to this snarling, snappish current one.

How we moved so quickly from a time when a man of Lugar's unflinching and unfailing civility and courtesy could serve as a — and often "the" — moral leader of the GOP to a period in which the dominant figure in the party to which Lugar devoted his life cozies up to murderous dicta-

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tors and autocrats and vilifies his fellow citizens.

The question, unposed but ever-present, hovers over the proceedings, like a ghost that can find no peace.

Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice comes closest to addressing the mystery in her elegant and eloquent address.

She says Lugar was so effective because he was "trusted." That's because he was "trustworthy."

This is true, but it only goes halfway toward explaining Lugar's rare gift for getting things done.

Lugar not only was trusted and trustworthy, but he also had the capacity to trust others, even those with whom he disagreed. A man of reserved demeanor, his seemingly placid exterior concealed an eye and mind that missed little.

He read people the way scholars read books, knowing how he could build the rapport necessary to form partnerships that could make history happen.

Former U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Georgia, worked with Lugar to pry weapons of mass destruction out of the hands of recalcitrant Russian hands after the Cold War ended. At the time, Russia was on the edge of economic collapse, so the prospect of selling nukes to rogue nations to generate needed cash was attractive to Russian leaders at the time — and the notion of surrendering them, on whatever terms, to the Americans with whom they'd been jousting for decades was not.

Lugar and Nunn negotiated

through those tensions to work magic. Their work reducing nuclear proliferation saved lives and should have won them a Nobel Peace Prize.

Their partnership worked not just because Nunn trusted Lugar, but because Lugar had the wisdom and judgment to trust Nunn.

Nor was this an isolated incident.

Former U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly, D-Indiana, once told me of how Lugar mentored him when Donnelly was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. There was no partisan political benefit for Lugar in helping a rising star in the other party, but, once again, Lugar had read the man before him and recognized Donnelly as a kindred spirit.

Once in the U.S. Senate, occupying the seat Lugar held for 36 years, Donnelly did a better job of approximating his mentor's traits of civility and bipartisanship than many of Lugar's fellow Republicans did.

At the ceremony's end, Lugar's widow and sons unveil the statue of the senator.

It is a fair likeness of the man, unprepossessing but forthright, a depiction of a leader who accomplished great things not through lofty rhetoric and flashy gestures but by working hard and knowing more than the next guy.

People cluster around the metal sculpture, many of them people inspired to pursue careers in public service by Lugar's example.

They see the senator's statue as a symbol of what we have lost.

And maybe, just maybe, a beacon by which we can steer our way back.

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# ServSafe scheduled for next week

ServSafe training is held at John Jay Center for Learning in Portland.

The next session is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24.

Additional sessions are set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays Oct. 29 and Nov. 26.

The certification course is open to all food service employees and emphasizes safe food- and beverage-handling practices to minimize the risk of food-borne illnesses.

For more information, or to register, call (260) 729-5525.

## Doctor joins

Dr. Brittney Vogel has joined the Mercer Health Medical Group staff at its Celina Pro location.

Vogel will provide medical care for patients of all ages.

"I am passionate about working together with my patients to determine their health goals and then figuring out how to get there," Vogel said in a press release. "I am excited for the opportunity to provide care to the Mercer County community."

## INDOT hiring

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## Business roundup

Transportation will host winter seasonal hiring events this month.

The hiring events will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24. Applicants must have a commercial driver's license in order to be considered for employment.

Hiring events include one at the INDOT office at 17105 S. Brookville Road, Indianapolis.

## Job fairs set

The United States Postal Service will host job fairs across the state this month.

Post office personnel will be available to provide information and answer questions about positions. (Applications are accepted online only at [usps.com/careers](https://usps.com/careers).) The area job fairs, all of which are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, are as follows:

- Portland — 119 S. Meridian St.

- Dunkirk — 123 W. Commerce St.

- Lynn — 116 S. Main St.
- Decatur — 213 Court St.

- Bluffton — 205 S. Main St.

- Ossian — 106 S. Ogden St.

## IU Health sells

IU Health last week announced the sale of its health insurance business to Elevance Health.

Through its plans, IU Health provides Medicare Advantage plans to 19,000 individuals in 36 counties, Fierce Healthcare reported. It also has 12,000 fully insured through its commercial plan.

"Acquiring IU Health Plans reflects our dedication to elevating quality and expanding our product offerings," said Dave Mull, Medicare market president of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Indiana, in a press release. "This strategic step aligns with our health equity goals, providing comprehensive access to high-quality care and timely interventions."

Elevance Health is the parent company of more

than a dozen state Blue Cross Blue Shield plans.

Jay School Corporation employees were insured through IU Health for two years before the school board decided last month to switch to Physicians Health Plan.

## Lilly expanding

Eli Lilly and Company on Thursday announced plans for a \$1 billion expansion of its manufacturing location in Limerick, Ireland.

The new facility will be used to increase production of biologic active ingredients. The Indianapolis-based company also unveiled its new \$800 million facility expansion in Kinsale, Ireland.

"These investments will boost the production of some of our medicines, helping millions of people with diabetes, obesity and Alzheimer's disease live the healthiest lives possible," said Edgardo Hernandez, executive vice president and president of Lilly Manufacturing Operations, in a press release. "We won't stop there — these state-of-the-art facilities will also be equipped to support our

promising pipeline molecules of the future."

## Bottle introduced

Ardagh Glass Packaging — North America recently introduced a new 500-milliliter bottle in clear glass to its portfolio.

The new bottle will initially be available in limited quantities.

"Ardagh Glass Packaging continues to evolve its portfolio of American-made glass bottles on the BOB site to meet the demand of craft brewers and beverage producers," said Rashmi Markan, Ardagh vice president for beer and beverage, in a press release. "The new 500ml Celebration bottles in flint complement a wide variety of beverage brands who are interested in larger-format bottles, offering brand differentiation with a trusted, sustainable glass bottle that fully protects the flavor of their beverage."

## Partnering

Dollar General has announced a partnership with World Central Kitchen in support of the response to Hurricane Francine.

The partnership started Thursday, a day after Hurricane Francine made landfall. World Central Kitchen deployed the Dollar General-supported Rapid Response Field Kitchen, which can provide up to 3,000 hot meals and 1,500 per day for communities that are difficult to reach.

"With more than 20,000 stores in communities across the country, Dollar General is committed to being there for our neighbors, especially in times of crisis," said Denine Torr, Dollar General's vice president of corporate social responsibility and philanthropy, in a press release. "We are honored to partner with WCK to deliver nourishing meals to provide hope in our hometowns when they may need it most. We hope today's activation makes a positive difference for our Louisiana neighbors and others WCK will serve in the future."

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# Officials urged not to let politics interfere

By GRANT SCHWAB  
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Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — A collection of major business groups urged top Biden administration officials last week not to let "political pressure" influence decisions on a proposed acquisition of U.S. Steel by Japanese company Nippon Steel.

They did so in a letter sent to Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen and other members of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, commonly known as CFIUS.

"CFIUS should never become a tool for political posturing and should not morph into industrial policy masquerading as national security," the groups wrote.

The message underscores concern in the business community that presidential politics — especially in swing state Pennsylvania — could torpedo a deal that U.S. Steel believes is essential for its ability to survive and compete in the modern steel industry. High-level Democrats and Republicans alike, however, have opposed the move as they try to win over crucial blue-collar workers ahead of a November general election that could be decided by a few thousand votes in key places.

The United Steelworkers union, notably, has opposed the deal. So have the biggest names in the 2024 fracas: Democratic President Joe Biden, Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris



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U.S. Steel Gary Works in 2023. Major business groups last week urged the Biden administration to not let "political pressure" influence decisions regarding the proposed sale of U.S. Steel to Nippon Steel of Japan.

and Republican nominee Donald Trump.

CFIUS, which includes the leaders of several cabinet agencies, is responsible for evaluating the national security implications of deals like the U.S. Steel-Nippon Steel proposal. It issues a recommendation to the president, who then has the ability to block deals from moving forward.

The Washington Post recently reported that Biden was preparing to do just that.

Two of the top automotive lobbying groups signed on to the letter, indicating the auto industry's support for the deal. Those groups are the Alliance for Automotive Innovation, the leading voice for major U.S. automakers in Washington, D.C., and Autos Drive America, which represents the U.S. operations of international motor vehicle manufacturers.

Many have speculated that blocking the Nippon Steel deal

could result in Cleveland Cliffs, another major American steel business, purchasing U.S. Steel. The Alliance wrote letters to the White House and members of Congress over the past year warning against that.

It said in both letters: "A consolidation of the two companies would also place 65 to 90 percent of steel used in vehicles under the control of a single company."

The Alliance added in the White House letter that such a

consolidation could "lead to anti-competitive pricing of materials used by steel-reliant manufacturers like the auto industry, drive up the cost of both steel and e-steel, and ultimately increase the cost of finished vehicles (including EVs) for American consumers."

Other groups who signed the Wednesday letter include the Global Business Alliance, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, National Foreign Trade Council, United States Council for International Business, and Keidanren (Japan Business Federation).

"It is critical that CFIUS remain solely focused on defending U.S. national security while championing economic openness," the groups wrote. "That was the standard set when Congress codified CFIUS in the 1980s. That was the standard reaffirmed when Congress made reforms in the mid-2000s, and that was the standard with which (the Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act of 2018) was passed by Congress."

They added: "(A) critical factor for why the United States is able to attract such a high level of investment from international companies is our country's commitment to the rule of law and the predictability and stability of our regulatory framework."

"We urge you to maintain this standard and ensure political interference does not diminish America's investment climate."

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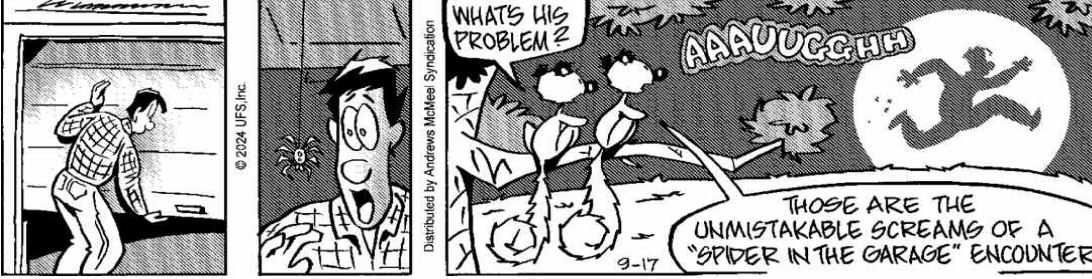
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South dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH: ♠K 2, ♥K, ♦J 8 5, ♣K 10 9 8 5 4 2. WEST: ♠10 7, ♥10 9 8 3 2, ♦Q 9 6, ♣Q 6 3. EAST: ♠J 6 5 4, ♥A Q 7 6 5, ♦2, ♣A J 7. SOUTH: ♠A Q 9 8 3, ♥J 4, ♦A K 10 7 4 3. The bidding: South 1♠, West Pass, North 2♣, East Pass, South 2♠, West Pass, North 3♣, East Pass, South 3♠, West Pass, North 4♠, East Pass. Opening lead — ten of hearts. A player is dealt a 6-5 distribution in about one deal out of 70, and in many cases the question is how best to describe this distribution to partner. When the six-card suit is lower in rank than the five-card suit, it is often possible to depict the 6-5 distribution accurately. In the bidding shown, South's three-spade bid is the key to identifying his 6-5 distribution. When South bids two spades, North assumes his partner has only four spades. But when South next bids three spades, this assumption becomes invalid. Since South would not rebid an unsupported four-card suit, North should conclude that his partner has five spades. The next step is for North to ask himself why South opened one diamond rather than one spade. Because South would have opened one spade with 5-5 distribution, it follows that his opening diamond bid must be based on longer diamonds than spades, and from this North infers that South has 6-5 distribution. Proper play makes five diamonds even though the diamonds and spades both break unfavorably. East wins the heart lead and returns a trump. South takes the ace, ruffs a heart in dummy, cashes the K-A of spades and ruffs a spade with dummy's jack to guard against a 4-2 spade division. This leaves the defense with no recourse, and sooner or later South loses a trump trick to West's queen to make five diamonds, losing only a heart and a trump. Note that South does not draw any trumps until after he has ruffed both a heart and a spade in dummy. He follows the general rule in suit contracts of not drawing trump at once if there is a good reason not to do so.

Peanuts



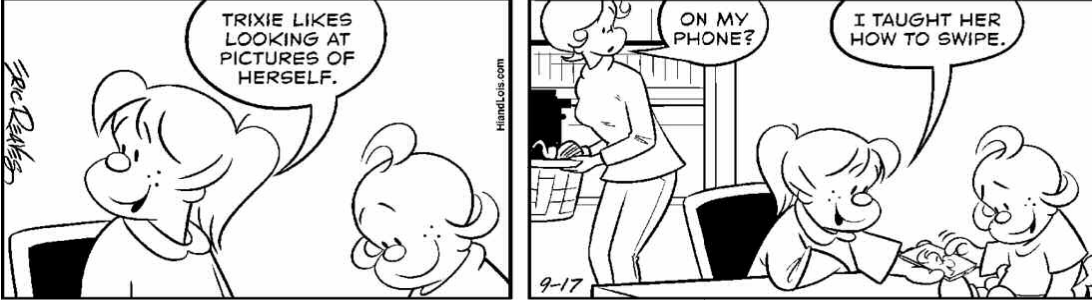
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Between Friends



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FLJU QALBGEAX PBP ULA XJEINM JMP LJPPNGH JSIBAX PSBQA FLAM CBTUBMT J FJS? CBXL UJMHX. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF THOSE COUPLE OF BARNYARD BIRDS WANT TO TAKE A ROAD TRIP, WILL THEY RENT A CHICKEN COUPE? Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals G

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer. ACROSS: 1 Stew veggies, 5 NBC weekend show, 8 Landed chain, 12 Hotel, 13 Grazing land, 14 Electronics giant, 15 Competitions for pugs and boxers, 17 — rock, 18 Pinnacle, 19 Fear-some fly, 21 Deliberately lost, 24 Cygnet's parent, 25 Rapunzel's glory, 26 Flaunts, 30 Sprite, 31 Chicago NFL team, 32 Roman 1002, 33 Un-prepared. DOWN: 2 Tools with teeth, 21 Lt. Kojak, 22 50%, 23 Jazz phrase, 24 Stock unit, 26 Erne land, 28 Dossier, 29 Occupy, 31 Pesters, 34 Sealing ring, 35 Roam, 37 Part of MPH, 38 "I dropped the cake!", 39 Old radio knob, 40 Within (Pref.), 41 Lacking slack, 44 Can. neighbor, 45 Decorate Easter eggs, 46 Mouths (Lat.), 47 Solidify.

Solution time: 22 mins. YESTERDAY'S ANSWER: 1-11: ABE, 12-14: GIANTS, 15-17: OUTLARDER, 18-20: VEGGIE, 21-23: TICE, 24-26: OREGO, 27-29: LUKAS, 30-32: SHIA, 33-35: PIQUED, 36-38: LOU, 39-41: ETA, 42-44: DAD, 45-47: STROS.

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# Chiefs manifest last-second 26-25 win over Bengals

By **JESSE NEWELL**

The Kansas City Star  
Tribune News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Add “fourth-and-16” to Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes’ highlight-reel list of magical fourth-quarter comebacks.

With Kansas City facing fourth-

and-long late in the game trailing by two, Mahomes rolled left to extend the play before tossing a deep throw to receiver Rashee Rice; that pass drew an interference penalty on Cincinnati Bengals’ Daijahn Anthony, who went over Rice’s back too early.

The 29-yard markoff preceded Harrison Butker ending things,

as the Kansas City kicker put through a 51-yard field goal on the game’s final play in the Chiefs’ 26-25 home victory over their rivals on Sunday.

The Bengals took a 16-10 lead into half after a mistake-filled first 30 minutes for the Chiefs.

Early on, Kansas City drove the ball effectively while taking

advantage of a beleaguered Cincinnati defensive line that also lost D-tackle BJ Hill to a hamstring injury.

The Chiefs’ efficiency, however, didn’t result in many points. Kansas City stalled at the 1-yard line on its first possession, with coach Andy Reid electing for a chip-shot field goal.

Mahomes also tossed an interception to Akeem Davis-Gaither; and later, rookie fullback Carson Steele fumbled on an inside run that the Bengals’ Germaine Pratt recovered.

Meanwhile, Cincinnati thrived offensively by repeatedly throwing to tight ends while targeting Kansas City’s linebackers.

## JCHS ...

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### Wilmore powers

Brylin Wilmore pulled off the first hat trick of her career to power a 9-0 Jay County girls soccer win over South Adams to stay perfect in Allen County Athletic Conference play.

Wilmore’s first goal came with just 3 minutes, 54 seconds remaining in the first half on a free kick from 15 yards out.

Her second came on an assist from Rylin Hummer at 23:10 in the second half. Less than two minutes later, Wilmore found the net off an assist by Morgan DeHoff.

Two more Patriot players scored a pair of goals. DeHoff

scored twice in the second half, while London Llyod added one in each half, including the goal that ended the game.

Other girls to score for Jay County (6-3, 4-0 ACAC) were Aixa Lopez and Finley Hatzell.

Hummer had three assists in the game, while DeHoff, Kady Allred and Jayla Huelskamp all had one.

Goalkeeper Maleah Parsons only had to make three saves and didn’t allow a goal.

### Spikers get one

NOBLESVILLE — The Jay County volleyball team finished 1-3 at a tournament hosted by Noblesville on Saturday.

The Patriots opened the tournament up with a 25-12, 25-15 loss to sectional rival New Castle.

Western Boone picked off Jay County next with a 25-14, 25-18 defeat. Hallie Schwieterman led the Patriots (6-6) with four kills in the match.

Despite a stronger offensive performance that included four kills from Schwieterman and Mya Kunkler, as well as four aces by Brenna Bailey, JCHS also fell to Lawrence North in two sets.

Jay County broke through in its fourth match of the day to beat Shelbyville 25-19, 25-19. Middle blocker Maria Hemmel-

garn got going in the match with eight kills and two blocks.

### Golf avoids last

DECATUR — The Jay County girls golf team finished sixth in the ACAC tournament at Cross Creek Golf Course on Saturday.

Its score of 448 strokes just beat out Heritage (458) for the bottom spot in the conference. Bluffton claimed the win with a 391.

Maddy Snow provided the top score for Jay County with a round of 103. She made par twice and bogey seven times en route to a 13th best score to make the second team All-ACAC.

## FRHS ...

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Maddie Heitkamp finished in 23:39.8 to score 275th, while Nicole Braun scored for the first time in her career. She placed 346th by running a 25:50.2.

### Fort finishes ninth

CELINA, Ohio — The Fort Recovery boys golf team shot a 342 to finish 9th out of 20 teams at the Nate Niekamp Invitational on Saturday at

Mercer County Elks Golf Club.

Minster walked away with the win after shooting 318.

Reece LeFevre led the Indians with a 75, which also put him fourth out of all golfers. He had a

40 on the front nine with a birdie on hole No. 1, three pars and four bogeys. He cut that number down to 35 (one under par) on the back

half. He had three birdies over a four hole stretch, all of which were par-4s.

Keegan Muhlenkamp had the next best score for FRHS, shooting an 85. He made par 10 times in the round.

Eli Lennartz and Riley Grieshop rounded out the team score with rounds of 90 and 92, respectively.

Mason Diller’s 99 didn’t affect the team final.

## Growing ...

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The pairs constantly traded points with each other. Jay County’s largest lead was 5-3 after a volley from Wellmann couldn’t be returned. The Leevers managed to turn things around for their own two-point lead after a double fault by Monroe put them up 9-7.

The Patriots got one more point on an errant forehand before the match ended with a volley that couldn’t be returned by Monroe for a

6-4, 4-6, 10-8 Elwood victory.

Eli Dirksen dominated both No. 1 singles matches for JCHS, beating the Starfires’ Kade Sprunger 6-2, 6-1 before taking down Liam Cannon 6-1, 6-0. Dirksen’s eighth straight win gives him the best record of the Patriots at 8-4.

“Eli is Eli,” Gillespie said. “He cruised today. ... The big thing with Eli is he has to be focused and get it over with. Don’t even let the other guy think about winning.”

The second point during the match with South Adams came from the No. 2 doubles pair of Monroe and Blake Kahlig. They took down Isaiah Conrad and Ben Dubach 6-3, 6-4.

“Overall, I’m happy,” Gillespie said. “Basically where I thought we’d be probably mid-year. I’ve got some winnable matches coming up, but we’re gonna have to play. We’re very inexperienced still. We’re growing but we only have two weeks left of the season.”

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
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.

**Thursday**  
Jay County — Boys tennis vs. Winchester — 5 p.m.; Boys soccer at Bellmont — 5:30 p.m.; Girls soccer vs. Bellmont — 6 p.m.; Junior high football vs. Monroe Central — 5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Girls golf vs. Fort Loramie —

4:30 p.m.; Volleyball at Coldwater — 5:30 p.m.; Middle school volleyball vs. Coldwater — 5 p.m.; Middle school football at St. John’s — 6 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
1 a.m. — MMA: Professional Fighters League (ESPN2)  
6 p.m. — College soccer: Ohio State at Penn State (BTN)  
6:40 p.m. — MLB: Atlanta Braves at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)  
7 p.m. — College volleyball: Florida State at Florida (ESPN)  
8 p.m. — College volleyball: Marquette at Wisconsin (ESPN)

**Wednesday**  
6:40 p.m. — MLB: Atlanta Braves at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)

7 p.m. — College volleyball: Louisville at Kentucky (ESPN)

8 p.m. — College volleyball: Stanford at Nebraska (BTN)

8:15 p.m. — MLS: Charlotte FC at Orlando City (FS1)

9 p.m. — College volleyball: Texas at Baylor (ESPN)

10:30 p.m. — MLS: Austin at Los Angeles FC (FS1)

### Local notes

**JC Tumbling hosting**  
JC Tumbling and gymnastics will host an open gym on Saturday, Sept. 21. The event will start at 9 a.m. and last two hours. Admission costs \$10 and all proceeds go to the JC Flipsters competitive gymnastics team.

### 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.

### Turkey Trot sign-up open

Cooper Farms will be hosting its 17th annual Turkey Trot Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Cooper Farms Turkey Harvesting Plant in St. Henry, Ohio.

Participation costs \$15. All proceeds benefit EverHear Hospice.

The race will begin at 10 a.m. There will be splits at each mile of the 3.1-mile course. There will also be chip timing for participants operated by Speedy Feet.

Water will be provided throughout the race, as well as a to-go turkey meal at the end.

You can register by visiting [bit.ly/cooperfarmsturkeytrot](http://bit.ly/cooperfarmsturkeytrot), or search for “Cooper Farms Turkey Trot 5k” on speedy-feet.com.

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GUNS Ruger security six 357mag revolver, Savage hex barrel 22cal.pump, Parker Brothers 12ga side by side with rabbit ears. Large lot of ammo. ANTIQUES-FURNITURE-MISC Cedar chest, Shoe shine box, Victor combination safe, Old Radios, Coke	Cooler, Wooden Keg, Sofa and coffee table. <b>WOODWORKING-SHOP-MISC</b> Grizzly 10" table saw, Grizzly router, Powermatic 12" planer, roll away tool box, Utility carts and cabinets, V bottom aluminum boat and trailer, Fishing Poles and supplies, Several items not mentioned. OWNERS; DONALD SUTTON ESTATE, HELEN (Toni) SUTTON Note: Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos. <b>SHAWVER AUCTIONEERING AND REAL ESTATE</b> AC31800004 AUCTIONEERS Zane Shawver Lic. #AU10500168 260-729-2229 Pete D. Shawver Lic. #AU19700040 260-726-5587 <b>PUBLIC AUCTION</b> Saturday September 28th, 2024 TIME 10:00 A.M. LOCATED: 1854 W SR 28, RIDGEVILLE, IN. MOWERS-TRAILER-SHOP TOOLS Grasshopper 725K with 1453 Hours, JD 345 riding mower with 54" cut. 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FRHS boys golf has sectional match today, see Sports on tap

# Sports

## Still growing

### JCHS sees development at No. 1 doubles in split of Patriot Invitational

By ANDREW BALKO  
The Commercial Review

The Patriots came into the season without much experience, particularly at the doubles positions.

The more Kady Carpenter and Alex Miller have played together, the more comfortable they've become with the format and the more successful they've been.

No. 1 doubles duo Carpenter and Miller have steadily progressed for the Jay County High School boys tennis team, even notching a point for them as part of a 4-1 win over the Elwood Panthers on Saturday during the Patriot Invitational.

Before the victory over Elwood, the Patriots fell to South Adams 3-2 in a non-conference matchup.

"I thought overall, I've seen a lot of improvement, especially from No. 1 dubs," said JCHS coach Donald Gillespie. "They won two at the beginning of the week then they got beat by a good Bluffton team. I'll give the kids credit, they played well against Bluffton, I was not ashamed of that at all and those guys were all conference last year so, there's a huge difference."

"Today I saw us grow up a little bit more. They are growing as a team."

The freshmen dropped their first four matches before they broke through Sept. 9 against Muncie Central. They followed it up with a win against Randolph Southern before falling to Bluffton. On Saturday, Carpenter and Miller opened the invite with a 7-5, 6-3 defeat at the hands of Gabe and Ian Neuenschwander. They then



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Jay County High School senior Gabe Pinkerton runs up to hit a forehand on Saturday. He took the No. 3 singles match 6-0, 6-3 over Elwood's Drake Quesada.

secured a 6-0, 3-6, 10-5 victory over Anthony Pan and Kai Wilkey to put the Patriots (4-8) up 2-0 in the match.

Jay's duo cruised through the first set with the final point

of the sixth game coming on a backhand by Miller after deuce was forced two times.

"We were being aggressive, charging the net," Miller said. "(Carpenter) had a couple

great net shots that they could not get back to and we put them away in that first set."

They fell behind quickly in the second set 4-1, but picked two more games up before

eventually falling 6-3. In between sets, Gillespie met them at the fence, telling them to pick the pace back up and be more aggressive like they were in the first set. That strategy worked out, taking the first seven points of the 10-point tiebreaker including two shots by Carpenter that put the Elwood duo in bad positions to return the ball.

The Panthers then claimed five of the next six points in an effort to mount a comeback. After one of the Elwood players sent a ball out long, Miller turned to Carpenter to urge his teammate on with, "Come on, let's get out of here."

Miller ended the match on the next point with a volley he placed between Pan and Wilkey.

"We weren't really as aggressive in that second set," Carpenter said. "We didn't play the net as well as we did in the first set. Once we went back to what we were doing before, we had some success."

Tucker Griffin preceded the No.1 doubles victory by making quick work of Jackson Gordon 6-1, 6-1 in the No. 2 singles contest. (Griffin fell to South Adams' Cole Hyman 7-5, 6-3 earlier in the day.)

As Jacob Monroe and Carter Wellmann entered their own 10-point tiebreaker for the No. 2 doubles contest, Gabe Pinkerton secured the win for Jay County with a 6-0, 6-3 defeat of Drake Quesada at the No. 3 singles position.

Monroe and Wellmann's tiebreaker with Kalin and Kolin Leever ended up a lot closer.

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## Diller runner-up at Troy Twilight

TROY, Ohio — Reese Diller set his season best time in the first meet of the season all the way back on Aug. 20.

He demolished that time, and worked his way up to second place to carry the Indians.

Diller smashed his career best time by just under a minute to lead the Fort Recovery High School boys cross country team to a 18th-place finish out of the 32-team field at the Troy Twilight on Saturday.

The boys ended with 505 points to tie Shawnee for 18th. Wyoming won the race with the low of 55.

The girls finished with 677 to place 26th. Mason's 125 points took the top spot.

Diller dropped 53.94 seconds off of his career best time to cross the finish line in 17 minutes, 24 seconds flat. Wyoming's Evan

### FRHS roundup

Robinson beat him out for the top spot by 2.4 seconds.

Evan Evers added the second FRHS score, finishing 106th in 19:38.2.

Russell Hart also set a career best at 19:56.1 for 133rd.

The final two scores came from Evan Diller (166th - 20:23.6) and Milo Filey (261st - 21:35).

Joelle Kaup paced the girls to finish 36th in a career-best 20:11.7.

Anna Roessner (22:07.4) and Riley Heitkamp (22:08.9) finished near each other, with the former claiming 165th and the latter placing 169th.

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## Patriots dominate Randolph Southern Invitational

Every score mattered for the Patriots over the weekend.

The Jay County High School girls cross country team snuck away with a narrow victory at the Randolph Southern Invitational, beating the next three teams by three points or less.

The girls team tallied 64 points, while New Castle and Monroe Central trailed by only two and Wapahani finished with 67.

The boys team ended as the runner-up with 75 points, only falling to Wapahani's 33.

For the first time since junior high, Abby Fifer led the girls with a time of 21 minutes, 45.19 seconds to take eighth.

Three more freshmen followed as Brooklynn Byrum (22:10.94) finished 13th, Jessie Homan (22:27.47) claimed 16th and Ava May (22:53.99) ended in 21st.

Alexis Sibray (23:03) added the fifth score with a 23rd-place finish, while Natalie Carreno and Lizzie Brunswick took away key points from other teams.

Caleb Garringer and Dash Thacker paced the boys with times of 17:29.56 and 17:45.71 to finish in fourth and fifth place, respectively.

Joseph Boggs added a 10th-place finish after 18:40.81.

Max Klopfenstein (19:21.01) and Dougie Cox (19:24.41) rounded out the score with placements of 27th and 29th.

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