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CivicLab collaboration

John Jay was selected for three-year incubator program

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

What's next? That's a question John Jay Center for Learning had been working toward answering, including through a strategic planning process within the last year. Through a national effort, the organization will be getting some help with identifying what its future might look like. CivicLab recently selected John Jay Center for Learning to

be part of a three-year incubator program for organizations to "rethink and revitalize their communities by strengthening rural higher education and employment systems." "The John Jay Center for Learning is thrilled to join this national movement and collaborate with fellow rural leaders," said John Jay executive director Rusty Inman in a press release. "This is an incredible opportunity to connect with passionate individuals dedicated to rural

development and education. We're excited to share our experiences, learn from others, and contribute to impactful solutions that address our unique challenges. By coming together, we can drive meaningful change and strengthen our communities. We look forward to fostering new partnerships, exchanging ideas, and working collectively towards our shared goals." CivicLab, a non-profit institute focused on advancing the practice of civic collaboration by cre-

ating tools for community teams, is leading the process with grant funding for the incubator from Ascendium Education Group and ECMC Foundation covering costs that include two three-day in-person meetings per year. Organizational leaders have already gotten together for the first time in Madison, Wisconsin. The next such meeting will be in Fort Myers, Florida, in November. There are also monthly Zoom calls — Inman took part in one

Tuesday — as "Community of Work" meetings in which leaders share what they've done since their last discussion and share data that goes beyond what one might be able to find in the U.S. Census. "We've found peers like us across the country now," said Inman during an interview Wednesday morning. "And it's been great. We've only done one in-person meeting, but it's been great." See Collaboration page 2



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Eagle eye

Chaz Chiafos of Indiana works on the eye of an eagle on Saturday afternoon during the Jay County Chainsaw Carving Invitational and Vendor Fair. Chainsaw artists from Indiana, Kentucky, Iowa, Delaware, Kansas and South Carolina worked Friday, Saturday and Sunday on carvings, which were then sold at auction on Sunday afternoon.

State office received 'powdery' substance

Contests determined non-hazardous; other states also targeted

By LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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Indiana Secretary of State employees on Tuesday reported getting a "suspicious" envelope containing a "powdery substance" — joining election officials in numerous states.

Local, state and federal authorities responded to the State Government Center to secure the immediate area, conduct tests and remove the contaminated mail, according to a news release.

Responding agencies included the Indiana Capital Police, Indiana State Police, State Fire Marshall, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, State and Post Office hazardous materials units, and the Federal Bureau of Investigations. They determined — preliminarily — that the contents in the envelope were non-hazardous, per the release.

"We take every precaution to ensure the safety of our employees and the public. I want to especially thank members of my team; our law enforcement partners and other first responders for their swift and professional response," Secretary of State Diego Morales said. "We are relieved that everyone is safe."

Powdery packages were also delivered this week to election-related offices in at least a dozen states, The Associated Press reported: Connecticut, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Wyoming.

Morales' office said he had made county clerks aware of the situation.

Spokeswoman Lindsey Eaton also noted that, earlier this year, Morales hand-delivered and mailed instructions on spotting and handling suspicious email — plus, doses of Narcan nasal spray — to county clerks' offices throughout the state.

Widespread pager attack hits Lebanon

By NABIH BULOS and LAURA KING
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

BEIRUT — In what appears to be a first-of-its-kind attack, nearly 3,000 people were wounded across Lebanon on Tuesday — including at least nine fatalities — after hundreds of electronic pagers used by Hezbollah members and others suddenly and mysteriously exploded.

Lebanon's state-run National News Agency called it "an unprecedented security incident," with pagers blowing up in Beirut's Hezbollah-dominated southern suburbs and several other areas.

More than 2,750 people were wounded, 180 of them critically, according to Firas Abiad, Lebanon's acting health minister. Most of the injuries were to the face, hands or stomach — near where the pager would be held, Abiad said.

Explosions killed at least nine and left nearly 3,000 wounded

Hezbollah blamed Israel for the attack. "We hold the Israeli enemy fully responsible for this criminal aggression," the group said Tuesday in a statement.

Israeli officials and its military made no comment Tuesday about the exploding pagers. Israel has in the past shown itself capable of mounting sophisticated remote attacks.

Hezbollah said that pagers used by its members, employees and operatives blew up around 3:30 p.m. Beirut time.



Tribune News Service/AFP via Getty Images/Anwar Amro

Lebanese army soldiers stand guard Tuesday in Beirut after explosions hit locations in several Hezbollah strongholds around Lebanon amid ongoing cross-border tensions between Israel and Hezbollah fighters. Hundreds of people were wounded when Hezbollah members' paging devices exploded simultaneously across Lebanon in what a source close to the militant movement said was an "Israeli breach" of its communications.

Deaths

Margaret Wolf, 95, Fort Recovery
Jay Addington, 72, Muncie
Penny Hons, 80, Richmond, Texas
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 84 degrees Tuesday. The low was 50. Tonight's low will be in the upper 50s. Expect mostly sunny skies Friday with a high in the upper 80s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Tickets are on sale for Jay County Civic Theatre's production of "The Play That Goes Wrong." Performances are 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, and Saturday, Sept. 28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29. Tickets are available at bit.ly/JCCTTPT-GW, by calling (260) 726-4809 or by visiting Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

Coming up

Friday — Coverage of this week's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.
Saturday — Results from the JCHS football game against Bluffton.
Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.



Collaboration ...

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John Jay will also receive training, technical assistance and some financial support. It will be assigned a consultant to provide guidance and answer questions through the process.

The organizations are working together to share their challenges and their ideas for breaking through in order to make a positive impact on their communities.

So far, Inman said he was pleased to receive a sort of "proof of concept," as he realized John Jay had undertaken a lot of the strategies that were being discussed at the meeting in Mad-

son. He referenced the organization's SkillsTrac industrial training program, which was developed by visiting with local employers and seeking to meet their needs.

"It was refreshing to say, 'Oh, we were on the right path,'" said Inman. "Now we'll continue on this path, but we'll be able to grow from it, be able to do more, hopefully."

The opportunity to work with CivicLab came from a desire to communicate with organizations that are similar to John Jay. When Inman was able to connect with Columbus Learning Center Management Corporation, offi-

cialians there shared the CivicLab opportunity.

John Jay applied and was one of 10 organizations selected to be part of the three-year incubator process. Other organizations involved in the incubator process are Columbus Learning Center Management Corporation, Tuscarawas Valley Industry Sector Partnership of Ohio, Southeast Ohio Career System Builders, IMPACT Independence of Arkansas, Our Future in UNISON of North Carolina, Berkeley Chamber Educational Outreach of South Carolina, Collaboratory of Florida, Western Montana Care Workforce Collaborative

and Expect More Tehama of California.

Inman noted the challenges for John Jay and organizations like it to change to meet the needs of their communities.

When the idea of John Jay Center for Learning was conceived and brought to fruition more than two decades ago, the focus was on providing local access to college-level courses. Following the coronavirus pandemic, Inman said, many such courses are now available remotely.

So, how do organizations like John Jay pivot to continue to provide value?

That's the question Inman and

the leaders of the other organizations involved will be seeking to answer over the next few years. They're currently discussing target areas including medical instruction, manufacturing training, language courses for the growing Hispanic community and agriculture education.

"We want to make sure we're trying to deliver the right skills to the right people based on the community's needs," said Inman, while acknowledging that goal will be a moving target. "We've got to be able to be fluid enough to say, 'We're going to do this,' whatever 'this' is."

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Friday 9/20	Saturday 9/21	Sunday 9/22	Monday 9/23	Tuesday 9/24
89/61	89/62	83/62	81/59	78/56
Sunny skies are expected Friday. The highs may hit the mid to upper 80s.	Mostly sunny skies are expected Saturday, when the high will be near 89.	Mostly sunny skies on Sunday. There's a slight chance of rain.	Monday also has a chance of rain as well as thunderstorms.	Mostly sunny skies on Tuesday with a chance of showers.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$176 million	Evening Daily Three: 3-1-3 Daily Four: 2-8-2-2 Quick Draw: 4-7-15-19-21-24-26-30-33-37-39-40-45-46-47-67-68-69-72-80
Mega Millions 14-31-48-57-64 Mega Ball: 9 Megaplier: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$47 million	Ohio Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 6-5-0 Pick 4: 2-0-9-2 Pick 5: 8-3-4-6-8 Evening Pick 3: 7-1-1 Pick 4: 3-5-6-6 Pick 5: 3-4-1-7-7 Rolling Cash: 3-16-19-23-30 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Hoosier Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 3-2-5 Daily Four: 7-2-9-2 Quick Draw: 6-7-10-12-14-18-20-27-28-29-30-42-52-53-61-65-68-69-70-75	

Markets

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POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....3.66 Oct. corn3.66 Nov. corn3.91	ADM Montpelier Corn.....3.61 Oct. corn3.63 Beans.....9.61 Oct. beans9.61 Wheat5.03
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Today in history

In 1796, United States president George Washington's Farewell Address was printed in a Philadelphia newspaper. Washington warned the country about entangling in foreign conflicts, calling for neutrality.

In 1970, sitcom "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" appeared on television for the first time. The series starring the actress by the same name followed Moore, an independent working woman. It won multiple awards and nominations, including a Primetime Emmy for

outstanding comedy series in 1977.

In 1994, medical drama "ER" debuted on NBC. The popular show started careers for actors such as George Clooney and Juliana Margulies.

In 1997, Portland native Monna VanSkyock received the "Spirit of Special Olympics" award at Indianapolis Athletic Club. The award was the highest presented for Indiana Special Olympics. She had been active in Special Olympics as a coach for approximately 13 years.

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Citizen's calendar

Today 5:30 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board executive session, senior area, Jay Community Center, 115 E. Water St., Portland. 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.	session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
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.	

Obituaries

Margaret Wolf

Jan. 10, 1929-Sept. 15, 2024
Margaret "Peg" Wolf, 95, of Fort Recovery, Ohio, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024, at Briarwood Village in Coldwater, Ohio.

She was born on Jan. 10, 1929, in St. Henry, Ohio, to the late Anthony and Regina (Stammen) Bernard.

In addition to her parents, Peg was preceded in death by her husband, William Wolf, whom she married on Feb. 26, 1949, and who passed away on July 15, 2012; her son, Bill Wolf Jr.; and her siblings and in-laws, infant twin sister, Mary Margaret, Urban (Lillian) Bernard, Ella Mae (Tony) Gaier, Henry Bruns, Ves Hoying, Wilma (Art) Gels, Ruth (Bob) Seitz, Jim Bernard, Elmer (Mary) Bernard, Bill Ferris, Lou Brunswick, Greg Hausfeld, Judy Wolf and Jo Ann Wolf.



Wolf

Peg is survived by her four daughters, Kathy (Joe) Fennig of Portland, Indiana, Mary Jane (Henry) Faller of Aurora, Illinois, Cindy (Tony) Hoying of Waynesville, Ohio, and Beth (Jay) Frilling of Coldwater; her four sons, John (Kathy) Wolf of Fort Recovery, Chuck (Beck) Wolf of Coldwater, Dave (Ginny) Wolf of Grass Valley, California, and Steve (Megan) Wolf of Cincinnati; her 24 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; her sisters, Flo Ferris of Grove City, Ohio, Ann Brunswick of Coldwater, Joan Hausfeld of St. Mary's, Ohio, and Jane (Walt) Uhlenhake of Beaver creek, Ohio; her brothers-in-law, Larry Wolf of Coldwater and Bob Wolf of Dayton.

Peg was a 1947 graduate of St. Henry High School. She worked for New Idea in Coldwater, where she met the love of her life, Bill.

Peg was a prayerful person who deeply loved Jesus and the Blessed Mother. That love and her faith flowed out not only to her family, but to all those she met. Peg volunteered in many church and community activities throughout the years. She was a member of Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, where she was a part of the Altar Sodality, the church choir and Daughters of Isabella. Peg also taught religion, was a member of the Garden Club,

Compassionate Friends and volunteered as a Cub Scout den mother. She loved music, even to her dying breath.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024, at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Guests may visit on Friday, Sept. 20, 2024, from 3 to 7 p.m. and again on Saturday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home, Fort Recovery. A Daughters of Isabella prayer service will take place at 6:45 p.m. on Friday.

Memorial contributions may be given to EverHeart Hospice, 1350 N. Broadway St., Greenville, OH 45331.

Condolence may be shared with the family by visiting brockman-boeckmanfh.com.

Jay Addington

April 19, 1952-Sept. 13, 2024
Jay Randall "Randy" Addington, 72, of Muncie, Indiana, formerly of Redkey, Indiana, passed away peacefully Sept. 13, 2024, while in the company of family members at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Indiana.



Addington

Randy was born on April 19, 1952, a son of the late Betty J. (Chalk) and J. Wendell Addington. He was a 1970 graduate of Redkey High School and went on to proudly serve his country in the Army National Guard.

Randy was co-owner of Addington Farm Equipment, owner, driver and mechanic for Addington Racing, member of the Gasser's Club, and helped with the family farm in his early years. Randy was a hard working, passionate and stubbornly independent man who was gifted in all things mechanical. He loved antique cars, fishing at his pond, snowmobile trips, going to the Daytona 500 every year, watching Dale Earnhardt, basking in the beauty of a black corvette and going to MCL or for Chinese food with his friends.

He is survived by three children, Jennifer Weddle (Charles), Debi Lane and Jeff Addington; siblings Brian Addington (Pat), Jone Snider (Robin) and Nancy Bach (Lloyd); five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his

parents and an infant sister Connie Jean Addington.

Services are private at the convenience of the family with burial to follow in Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Arrangements are entrusted to MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel.

Penny Hons

Penny Hons was born to Evelyn and Warren Dennis in Bluffton, Indiana, on Aug. 15, 1944.

Penny worked for many years before retiring from the Fort Bend Gardens Apartments and two local funeral homes. While retired, Penny loved to sew and joined a non-profit organization called Angel Gowns. She would tear down wedding gowns and make them into dresses and suits for premature babies that passed away. Penny also sewed many quilts to donate to the local veterans in need. She loved working outside and gardening. She had a big heart and loved everyone. She will be greatly missed.



Hons

Penny is survived by her son Steven and wife Sylvia Teeple of Richmond, Texas, and her son John Teeple of Taylor, Texas; her brother Rick Dennis of Portland, Indiana; four grandchildren, Mathew Teeple of Richmond, Texas, Candi and husband Bobby Crow of Sherman, Texas, Tony Mckenzie of Sherman, Texas, and Alfonz Mckenzie of Sherman, Texas; four great-grandchildren, Alexis Johnson and Tristen of Jackson, Missouri, Mark Johnson Jr. and fiancé Raylee of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Luke Johnson and Leah of Kentucky and Brandon Robinson of Sherman, Texas; and two special great-great grandchildren, Cerina Robinson of Sherman, Texas, and Kenzlynn McKenzie of Denison, Texas; as well as several cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by both of her parents; daughter Betty Jean Patterson; brothers John Dennis and Stanley Dennis; sister Mary Pfeifer and husband Al Hons.

A memorial service will be announced by the family at a later date.

Capsule Reports

Grants awarded

Indiana Legal Services has been awarded \$12.5 million in grants for its operations and sustainability.

The organization that provides free civil legal help to low-income Hoosiers received grants including a \$7.5 million sustainability grant from Lilly Endowment. Other grants that come to a combined total of \$5 million included \$3.1 million from Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for services through Indiana Legal Services' Immigrants' and Language Rights Project, Legal Assistance for Victim-

ized Adults, LGBTQ+ Project, Workers Rights and Protection Project and Domestic Violence Victims Advocacy Project.

Other grants were targeted at preventing veteran homelessness, representing those in recovery from substance use disorder, representing consumers on issues of telephone privacy and other consumer problems and supporting the "Lawyer in the School" program.

Tree hit

A Winchester resident crashed his

car into a tree along county road 400 South, injuring himself about 2:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Thomas W. Zell, 79, was driving his 2021 Ford F-150 on the road near the intersection with county road 325 East when he drove off the south of the road and struck a tree. Zell told police he wasn't feeling well while driving home and didn't remember driving off the road.

Zell complained of lower body pain. His vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

SERVICES

Friday
Schwartz, John: John H. Schwartz residence, 555 E. 300 South, Monroe.
Diller, Daniel: 10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1689 St. Joe Road, Fort Recovery.

Saturday
Wolf, Margaret: 10 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpshurg Road, Fort Recovery.

Service listings provided by
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Portland, Indiana 47371
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20th Annual Jay County Heritage Festival

903 E. Main St. • Portland, IN 47371
Saturday, Sept. 28 & Sunday, Sept. 29
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
SALUTE TO JAY COUNTY YOUTH
Free Admission!

Horse & Wagon Rides, Craft Vendors, Displays, Musicians Demonstrations, Reenactors, Kids' Activities, and More!

FOOD

SATURDAY
Kettle-cooked Ham & Beans

SUNDAY
Kettle-cooked Chili

BOTH DAYS
Foot-long Hot Dogs, Ice Cream, Pie, Caramel Corn, & more!





Photo provided

Lions donates

Portland Lions Club recently donated \$1,700 to Jay County Fair Board to purchase 18 new trees — they are pictured above with Lions Club member Mark Tillman — for the fairgrounds.

Abused sister shares story

Dear Abby



DEAR ABBY: I was physically, emotionally and sexually abused by my oldest brother (six years my senior) from ages 6 to 11. As soon as I could verbalize what was happening, I went to my parents and told them. They believed me, but swept it under the rug and didn't provide any kind of therapy or treatment for either of us.

At 15, I had a mental breakdown. After that, I said, "It's not like I will ever forget what he did to me." My mother finally decided to get me a therapist. Through years of therapy (I'm 25 now) I found healing, grace and forgiveness, but I feel that is for me to know and no one else's business.

Even though my parents know exactly what my brother did, they continue trying to mend our relationship, although I have expressed that I never want to have a relationship with him again.

My brother is now engaged to a woman he's been with for four years. She has met everyone in my family except me. She has never reached out to me, which I find odd. I know my brother hasn't given her the whole truth about what he did to me as a child because he still tries to downplay it.

If I were being married to someone and had met

every member of their family except their only sister, I'd be suspicious and would want to know why. Should I send his fiancée an anonymous letter giving her all the details? — VICTIMIZED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR VICTIMIZED: If you send your brother's fiancée an anonymous letter, she could construe it as "someone," possibly an old girlfriend, trying to break them up. Between you and me, I do think someone should warn her about her fiancée's history. If you are willing to risk doing it, your family is sure to be very upset. However, if you are determined to send that letter, you should have the courage to sign your name.

DEAR ABBY: My mom is getting remarried at the age of 84 to a man who is 83 and has never been married. They got engaged after dating for six months. I think it's unwise, but I want her to be happy, so I will go to the wedding. She asked her best friend

to be her maid of honor, and then asked my brother to be best man because her fiancée didn't have anybody who would do it. I expressed my frustration that she asked him to be best man and not me to be her maid of honor. Now she wants me to be the maid of honor, but I really don't want to do it because I'm not in favor of the marriage.

Looking back, I should've kept my mouth shut about my frustration. Should I do it out of love and respect for Mom, or hold my ground because I really think it's a bad idea? I don't want to be her maid of honor for so many reasons. — INDECISIVE IN INDIANA

DEAR INDECISIVE: You were outspoken regarding your reservations about the wedding, which is likely why your mother asked her best friend to do it. She has now invited you to be her maid of honor because you told her you felt left out.

Whether you support your mother's decision to marry this man or not, the wedding is going to happen. Unless you intend to find yourself increasingly distanced in the months and years to come, accompany your mom to the altar, wish her well and cross your fingers.

Stroke awareness website is now available

The American Stroke Association has introduced a new website — DerrameCerebral.org — tailored to the Hispanic and Latino community.

The website offers games and activities designed to provide education on recognizing the warning signs of a stroke. It also has information about stroke prevention, risk factors, warning signs, treatment and recovery.

"When it comes to a stroke, every second counts," said Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, the American

Taking Note

Heart Association's chief medical officer for prevention, in a press release. "By addressing the specific language needs of many in the Hispanic and Latino community, we are breaking a barrier

that often stood in the way of prompt medical attention. Working with our community to teach them what life after a stroke looks like and how to prevent it, will ultimately lead to a healthier future."

Hosting workshop

Red-Tail Land Conservancy will host a Project Learning Tree workshop from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at Munsee Woods.

Project Learning Tree is an

environmental education program for teachers and anyone who works with students from preschool through 12th grade. The workshop will explore Indiana's forests and introduce ways environmental education can be used in the classroom.

Registration is \$20 and includes a Project Learning Tree guidebook and lunch. To register, visit fortheland.org.

Civil War Days

Hartford City's Civil War Days

is scheduled for Oct. 4 through 6.

The event includes demonstrations and presentations about the Civil War era, specifically 1864. There will be reenactments of battles from the 1864 campaign around Atlanta.

The event will also feature merchants, blacksmiths, weavers, spinners and others.

Admission will be \$5 on Friday, Oct. 4, and \$7 on Oct. 5 and 6. Children 5 and younger are admitted free. For more information, visit hartfordcitycwdays.com.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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 teal 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.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

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

Friday

PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will hold its next meeting at noon, Friday, Sept. 20, at Harmony Café in Portland.

Saturday

LOCAL'S MARKET — Will be held from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday in June through October in the parking lot at Jay Community Center in Portland. For more information, contact Bill Cook.

ALCOHOLICS 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.

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

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



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The Commerical Review

How much connectivity is needed?

By MORTON J. MARCUS

High speed internet is no longer a luxury service.

It has become a necessity for businesses and households. COVID-19 taught us that when workers started connecting online to their jobs, students to their schools, patients to their doctors and shoppers to their stores.

As reported by The Center Square on Aug. 31, 2022 — “Indiana has been awarded \$187 million for broadband infrastructure ... which will provide high-speed internet to more than 50,000 Hoosiers who lack access to adequate service. This round of funding is in addition to previous grants of \$350 million for improving broadband access provided by the American Res-

Eye on the Pie



cue Plan Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.”

Got that? A total of \$537 million to provide high-speed (100 megabits per second) connections to currently underserved Hoosier communities. These funds are administered by OCRA, a.k.a. the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Where should these \$537 million go? The Census Bureau

offers 92 answers to that question. However, we can summarize as follows: the American Community Survey’s 2022 5-year version found 352,156 Indiana households (13.3%) did not have broadband service.

Within the state, Marion County had 50,600 such households, or one of every seven households in the state. Add in Lake, Allen, St. Joseph and Elkhart counties and you have more than a third of all broadband-less Hoosier households. Does that sound like an OCRA program for rural Indiana?

Instead of looking at the number of households without broadband, consider the percentage of households in that situation. Now, we’re talking about LaGrange, Crawford and

Switzerland counties, each with more than a quarter of all their households without broadband.

Where’s the priority? In those counties with the most number of broadband-less households or the greatest percentage (incidence) of being without broadband?

But wait! On Sept. 9 this year, Census, in conjunction with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), produced an experimental set of county data that revealed 750,351 without broadband, more than twice the number reported above.

Where we had just two counties above a third of the county without broadband, now we see 55 counties in that condition.

Yes, these are experimental

results using a broader methodology, seeking, through a variety of federal sources, to get a more complete figure. A cynic might think seeking a higher figure is to satisfy the interests of the NTIA’s clientele in the broadband business?

Does this mean we must double the budget for broadband connectivity? Oh happy day for the contractors — the companies that will do the work — to say nothing of the customers of those internet service providers.

We’ll know the real magnitude and costs of this endeavor better only when the OCRA contractors get into the field.

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‘This can’t be the new normal’

Bangor Daily News
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It seems that for the second time in recent months, a gunman has tried to assassinate former President Donald Trump. Every American should be shocked and appalled. We cannot allow the repetition of these heinous events to numb us to just how evil they are.

Political violence is never acceptable. Americans cannot let deep divisions convince them otherwise. And we cannot let these repeated, horrific attempts on Donald Trump’s life lull us into thinking that this is somehow the norm. We must reject political violence at every turn, including and especially in its worst moments like this. As Republican Sen. Bill Cassidy from Louisiana emphasized Sunday evening, we cannot allow this to become our “new normal.”

Thankfully, Trump was unharmed when Secret Service agents reportedly recognized the threat of a gunman in the bushes at his Florida golf course and shot at the would-be assassin. The alleged gunman fled and was detained later by authorities.

There is much still unknown about the alleged would-be assassin and the situation in general, raising continued questions about Secret Service protocols and capabilities. As ever, people should be careful not to jump to conclusions before more information and answers are available, but some things are already clear.

First, it is clear that the Secret Service must increase its protective capacity as it relates to former President Trump, beyond what has already been increased in the wake of the July assassination attempt. President Joe Biden has said that the Secret Service “needs more help” after this second attempt. Congress and the executive branch need to provide whatever resources needed to ensure Trump is afforded the same level of protection that a sitting president would receive. These two assassination attempts have proven that necessary, and immediately so.

Second, the Secret Service and all other agencies involved need to promptly and fully cooperate with requests for information from the bipartisan panel of U.S. House lawmakers already investigating the first attempt on Trump’s life. Speedy, detailed trans-

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parency is critical for maintaining trust among a fearful and divided public. If authorities want to quell the spread of false information and speculation, they must provide clear and timely answers.

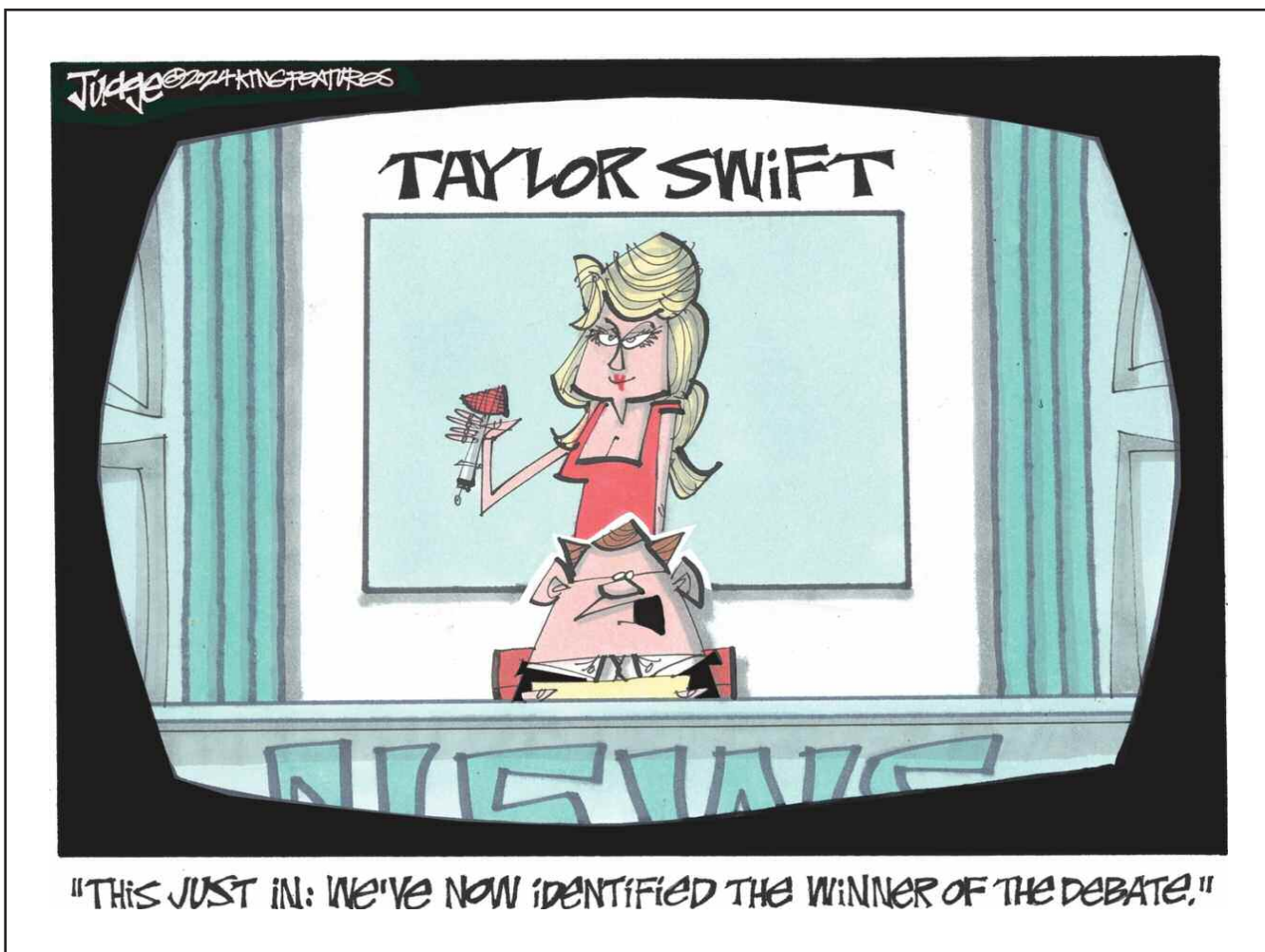
And third, all political leaders need to be especially careful about their rhetoric, with an emphasis on turning the temperature down and avoiding any escalation in violence aimed at politicians or their supporters. We solve political disputes in this country by voting, not with violence. Disagreement is certain in a democracy, but how we disagree matters. We don’t think Trump should be president again, but that is for voters to decide.

Trump and his supporters are right to be angry after another attempt on his life, but taking that anger and turning it into more aggressive and targeting rhetoric doesn’t help the situation.

“He believed the rhetoric of Biden and Harris, and he acted on it,” Trump told Fox News about the alleged gunman in the second assassination attempt. “Their rhetoric is causing me to be shot at, when I am the one who is going to save the country, and they are the ones that are destroying the country — both from the inside and out.”

Yes, Democrats (and everyone across the country, frankly) need to rethink their rhetoric and how it could play out in an already volatile election season. But if Trump believes that their words have the power to unleash violence against him, then he also needs to realize that his words could have the same power. Even after the horrific and unnerving second attempt to assassinate him, Trump too must consider the weight of his words and choose reconciliation over escalation.

We continue to believe that Americans and the politicians hoping to win American votes can highlight differences, even stark differences of national significance, without casting each other as enemies. To borrow from Cassidy again, this can’t be the new normal.



Only one poll really counts

By JOHN KRULL
TheStatehouseFile.com

Destiny Wells’ campaign released the results of a poll a few days ago.

The poll said that Wells, the Democratic candidate for Indiana attorney general, and Jennifer McCormick, the Democrats’ gubernatorial candidate, were within striking distance of their Republican opponents, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita and U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, R-Indiana, respectively.

The survey results found that Wells trailed Rokita, 41% to 44% — and she actually climbed into the lead, 50-42, when those polled were informed about Rokita’s record in office. (He’s been reprimanded by the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission and the Indiana Supreme Court once already and is the subject of two other ethics investigations by the commission.)

The margin in the McCormick-Braun race, the poll said, was even tighter — with Braun up, 41% to 39% while Libertarian Donald Rainwater trails far behind.

Given that the poll had a margin of error of 4%, that means both races are too close to call.

If the poll can be believed, that is. That’s a big “if.”

There are at least two reasons I’m skeptical of these results.

First, this survey greatly resembles a push poll. Push polls are presented as surveys to those being asked for their preferences, but then become a means of advancing a campaign’s or cause’s message.

Push polls can be effective — remarkably effective, in fact — as political tools, but they are less reliable as measures of public opinion.

Second, I’m dubious about polls in general these days.

This is not a reflection on Lake Research Partners, a well-respected pollster, albeit one with decided progressive leanings. I’m sure they

John Krull



worked hard to secure as accurate a sample as possible for Wells, their client, because giving her wildly inaccurate numbers wouldn’t help her or her campaign in any way.

But the fact is that polling now is much more complicated and therefore much more difficult than it was a generation ago.

That is why, again and again, election results have confounded both pollsters and the public. For almost 20 years now, the actual vote has varied — often by large margins — from the polls taken close to election day.

This year, the gap could be even wider than usual.

There are several reasons for this.

One is that the science of sampling has struggled to keep pace with the explosive growth of technology — particularly communications technology. In the days when our telephone conversations took place exclusively through landlines, it was relatively easy to determine samples of demographic groups to arrive at a representative survey.

Now that both people and phones are more mobile, though, this has become harder and harder to do. My grown children both have cell phones with Indiana area codes, but neither has lived in the Hoosier state for years. Pollsters can and do try to correct for this, but doing so takes time, money and increasing levels of skill.

Another factor that pollsters don’t like to talk about is that a growing number of people lie when called as part of a poll. No one can say defini-

tively why this is, but it accounts for the fact that, for example, former President Donald Trump significantly under-pollled in the key battleground states of Michigan and Wisconsin in 2020. For whatever reason, many people surveyed intended to vote for him but didn’t say so.

And then there’s this: Every poll depends upon past turnouts to determine the models for measuring present sentiment. Pollsters look to previous elections to decide how the sample should be determined.

It’s a method that works well in placid times, but not so well when the nation is in a rapidly evolving state of turmoil.

That’s when many new voters without histories of partisan allegiance enter the process — and their entry disrupts the models.

This has happened at least three times in the past 16 years — in 2008 when Barack Obama became president, in 2016 when Trump scored an upset victory and this year, when Vice President Kamala Harris has emerged with surprising, even startling force.

Brand new voters — particularly brand-new enthusiastic voters — make everything hard to predict.

It’s possible the poll Destiny Wells’ campaign conducted is right on the money. It’s also possible that it isn’t within a country mile of being accurate.

The one thing that is definite is that it doesn’t matter all that much.

The only poll that counts for much is the one taken on election day.

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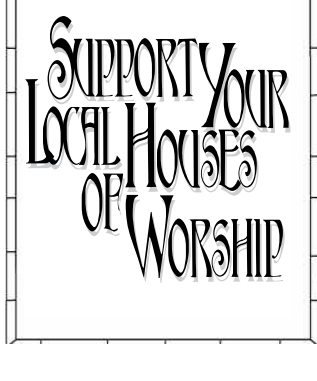
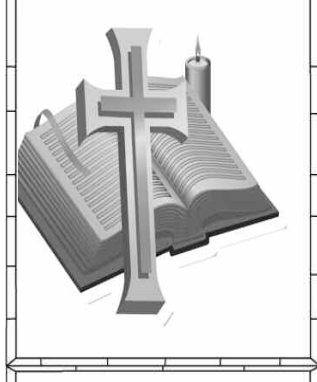
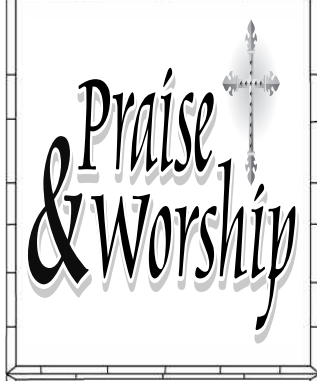
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nanybell@yahoo.com

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Wayne Ward
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Services: 10 a.m.

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190 W. Main St., Pennville
David Davidson
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226 E. Center St., Dunkirk
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(765) 768-6199
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Evangelical Methodist
930 W. Main St., Portland
Steve Arnold
(260) 251-0970
Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

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2875 E. 200 South
Pamela Freeman
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(260) 726-9184
Services: 10:15 a.m.

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(260) 251-5254
Services: 10 a.m.

Family Worship Center
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289 S. 200 West
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pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

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12369 W. 600 South, Dunkirk
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Services: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

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firstpcportland.org

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frnaz@frontier.com

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(304) 617-0101
Services: 9 a.m.

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Robert Thomas
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Services: 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Thursday

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Services: 9:30 a.m.

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225 Decatur St., Geneva
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Gilead Church
County road 650 North, one-quarter mile east of Balbec
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Indiana 1 and Indiana 26
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435 High St., Geneva
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7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant
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Fr. Martin Sandhage
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Fr. Martin Sandhage
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Kingsley Full Gospel
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Rev. Alexander Witt
(419) 375-4153
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4017 W. 200 South
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(260) 251-2406
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nbholiness.com

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Chuck Myers
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415 S. Helen St., Portland
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Services: 4 p.m.
drkayfairchild.com

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5905 S. Como Road
Neil Butcher
(765) 499-7838
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Noble Congregational Christian
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Aaron Huey
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829 S. Indiana 1
Neil Butcher
(765) 760-9085
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Pleasant Hill
9945 N. 800 East, Union City
Bruce Bryan
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mypleasanthillchurch.org

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Services: 10:20 a.m.
Bible School: 6 p.m. Wednesday
portlandcoc.com

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Sunday school: 9 a.m.

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RedkeyFaith.org

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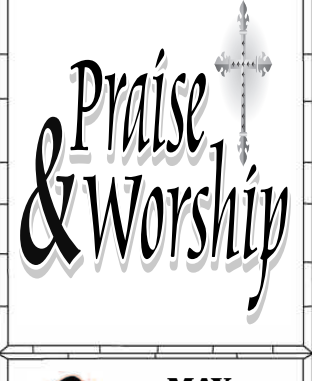
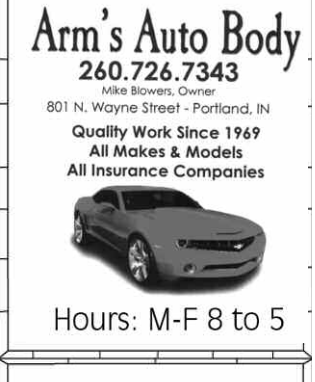
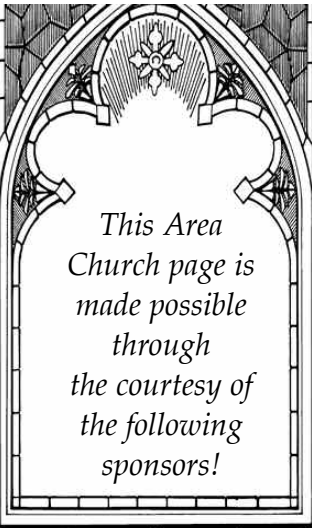
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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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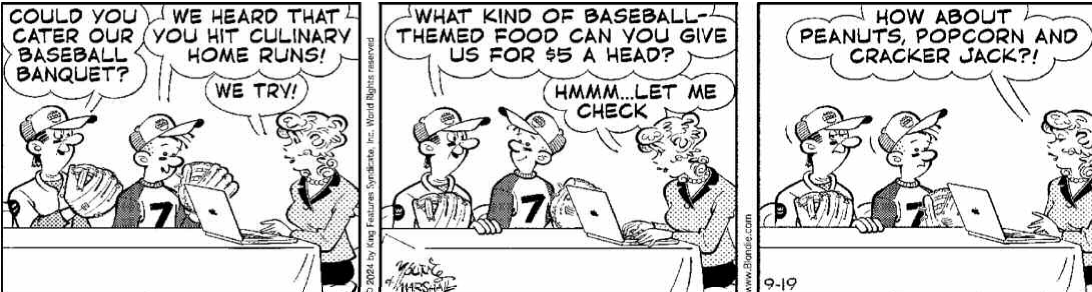
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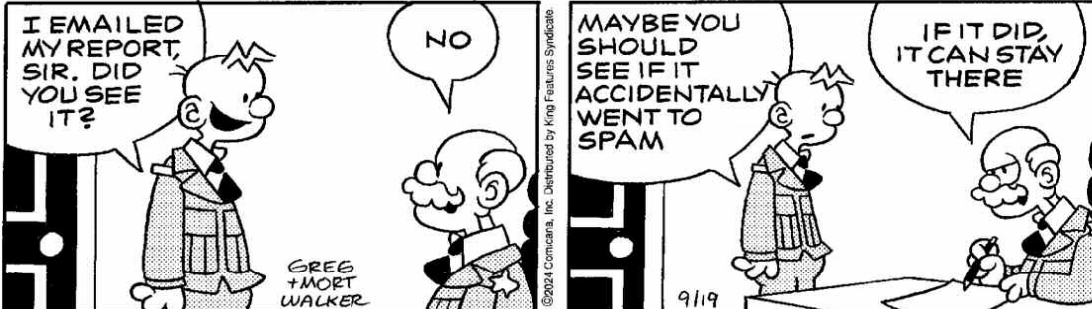
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FRHS setter Kayla Heitkamp sets a ball as Karlie Niekamp slides over during the second set on Tuesday. Heitkamp assisted hitters 25 times in the win over Minster.

Roundup ...

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Paisley Fugiett assisted hitters 34 times.
Kunkler and Hemmelgarn led the defensive effort at the net picking up seven and six blocks, respectively.
The back row had a strong defensive night as well, with Brenna Bailey notching a team-high 30 digs. Elizabeth Barnett added 20 and Jayla Jetmore contributed 15.

Devils come back

RICHMOND — Jay County's boys soccer team couldn't hang on as the Richmond Red Devils came back to win 3-2 on Tuesday.
The Patriots (6-2) jumped on top of Richmond (5-4-1) early with a pair of goals from Levi Muhlenkamp.
Blake Collins found the senior striker 16 minutes into the game to break the tie. Just 11 minutes later, Dylan Marentes assisted Muhlenkamp to go up 2-0.
Muhlenkamp now has 16 goals on

the season, while the rest of the team combined has seven.
The Red Devils put one shot in the back of the net before the intermission to cut the lead in half, before completing the comeback in the second.
Peyton Yowell tallied nine saves in the goal for Jay County.

Dirksen stays hot

MONROE — Jay County's boys tennis team dropped its second ACAC match 3-2 on Tuesday against Adams Central.
Eli Dirksen picked up his 10th consecutive win with a 6-2, 6-1 defeat of the Jets' No. 1 singles player Logan Heiman.
Tucker Griffin also earned a win in the No. 2 singles match. He put down Krew Clark 6-2, 6-2.
Blake Kahlig and Carter Wellman took a highly contested first set 7-6 (9-7). But they couldn't hang on as Adams Central's No. 2 doubles duo took the next two 6-0, 6-1.

Jacob Monroe dropped the No. 3 singles contest to Zach Frank 6-0, 6-1.
Kadyn Carpenter and Alex Miller fell 6-0, 6-3 to Mason Fruechte and Brody Isch in the No. 1 doubles match.

Golfers slip

WARREN — The Jay County girls golf team slipped back above 220 for the first time since Aug. 26 as it took a 209-224 loss to the Southern Wells Raiders on Tuesday at Dogwood Glen Golf Course.
For the first time this season, Bailey Towell led the Patriots (2-10, 1-5 ACAC) by shooting a 50. Brooklynn Bright followed with a 53 as both players lowered their average scores.
Maddy Snow struggled against the Raiders, finishing with a 57, topping her previous season high of 49 (from Aug. 19 and 20).
The final score came from Erin Aker, who had a round of 64. Jaycee Rowles' 67 and Jenna Bricker's 70 didn't affect the final tally.

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Along with the strong offensive performance, the Indians had a strong defensive effort. Niekamp led the front row with a solo block and two assisted blocks (one with Cameron Muhlenkamp and another with Kennedy Muhlenkamp). In the back row, Kennedy Muhlenkamp led with 13 digs. Homan followed with eight, while Kenna Dues dug out six attacks.
"All of our hitters did a nice job today ... and Cameron and Karlie were just having the time of their life out there today," Guggenbiller said.
"Kennedy Muhlenkamp, her defense today was lights out. She was picking up balls all over in that left back position and even Kenna (did well)."
"It all starts on our defensive end, and they were able to get that ball nice to our setter. Our setter did a great job today. I thought she did a phenomenal job of getting that ball to our hitters, where they needed it to be."



Review preview

Friday - 7 p.m.

Jay County Patriots

Portland, 2-2 (1-1 ACAC)
Coach: Grant Zgunda, fourth year (27th overall)
Conference: Allen County
Last week at Adams Central: The Patriots allowed too many big plays to slip through for the Jets in a 39-8 week four loss. Adams Central scored 33 of its points in the first half, while Jay County only managed a safety. The Patriots finally found the end zone in the fourth quarter.
Season leaders: Passing — Sean Bailey — 26-of-50 for 391 yards and nine TDs. Rushing — A.J. Myers — 34 carries for 180 yards and three TDs. Receiving — Grant Wendel — six receptions for 87 yards and one TDs. Defense — Lucas Strait — 27 tackles and blocked punts.



at Bluffton Tigers

Bluffton, 4-0 (2-0 ACAC)
Coach: Brent Kunkel, eighth year
Conference: Allen County
Last week vs. Woodlan: The Tigers scored in all four quarters to stomp Woodlan 33-7. Bluffton's defense only relented in the second quarter to allow a rushing touchdown by Drew Fleek, but it held strong in the second half.
Season leaders: Passing — Axton Beste — 31-of-40 for 443 yards and eight TDs. Rushing — Axton Beste — 38 carries for 327 yards and two TDs. Receiving — Aaron Streveler — eight receptions for 180 yards and four TDs. Defense — Coleson Teeple — three interceptions and a fumble recovery; Griffin Morgan — 25 tackles, nine for a loss.



Last meeting: The Tigers took control early after a Ben Ramseyer interception set Bluffton up to score early. The Tigers found the end zone three times in the first two quarters, before JCHS scored on a 3-yard pass to Rhysin Blowers. The offense stalled in the second half to give the Tigers a 19-7 victory.
Game notes: The Tigers followed up its strong start to the 2023 season with a second consecutive 4-0 start. Prior to 2023, they were last 4-0 in 2012 ... Sophomore Axton Beste has broken out this season to lead Bluffton in passing and rushing, and to a No. 9 ranking in Class 2A ... Bluffton tied up the series at 6-6 with their win over Jay County last year ... Jay County has a 43.14 Sagarin rating, which is 199th overall and 45th in Class 3A. Bluffton's 58.41 rating is 129th overall and 17th in Class 2A ... John Harrell predicts Jay County to lose 28-21, while Cal-preps.com has Bluffton as a 17-point favorite.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys tennis vs. Winchester — 5 p.m.; Boys soccer at Bellmont — 5:30 p.m.; Girls soccer vs. Belmont — 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.
Friday
Jay County — Football at Bluffton — 7 p.m.; Junior high cross country at Selma — 4:45 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Football vs. St. John's — 7 p.m.

TV sports

Today
1:10 p.m. — MLB: Atlanta Braves at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
5 p.m. — ARCA Menards Series: Bristol (FS1)
7:15 p.m. — MLB: Arizona Diamondbacks at Milwaukee Brewers (FOX)
7:30 p.m. — College football: South Alabama at Appalachian State (ESPN)
8 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: UNOH 200 presented by Ohio Logistics (FS1)
8:15 p.m. — NFL: New England Patriots at New York Jets (FOX)
Friday
5:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Singapore Grand Prix (ESPN2)
9 a.m. — Formula 1: Singapore

Grand Prix (ESPN2)
5:20 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Bass Pro Shops Night Race (USA)
6:40 p.m. — MLB: Pittsburgh Pirates at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Stanford at Syracuse (ESPN)
8 p.m. — College football: Illinois at Nebraska (FOX)
10:30 p.m. — Boxing: Jaime Munguia vs. Erik Bazinyan (ESPN)

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.

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He tied for the seventh-best score in the sectional by making par 14 times, bogey twice and only taking double-bogey twice.
Botkins' Ross Dietz ended as the individual sectional medalist with a 7-under-par 64.
Keegan Muhlenkamp

totalled 80 strokes. He had a birdie on the par-3 third.
Eli Lennartz provided the third score of 84, while Caleb Smith rounded things out with 86.
Mason Diller shot a 90 that didn't impact the final.
FRHS still has the MAC Championship on Saturday before the district meet.

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Large lot of ammo.</p> <p>ANTIQUES-FURNITURE-MISC Cedar chest, Shoe shine box, Victor combination safe, Old Radios, Coke Cooler, Wooden Keg, Sofa and coffee table.</p> <p>WOODWORKING-SHOP-MISC 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.</p> <p>OWNERS; DONALD SUTTON ESTATE, HELEN (Toni) SUTTON Note: Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more</p>	<p>photos.</p> <p>SHAWVER AUCTIONEERING AND REAL ESTATE AC31800004 AUCTIONEERS Zane Shawver Lic. #AU10500168 260-729-2229 Pete D. Shawver Lic. #AU19700040 260-726-5587</p> <p>PUBLIC AUCTION 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. Single axel utility trailer, Bullsens 1050 garden tractor, Craftsman roll around tool box, Chainsaw sharpener 8 chain link panels, Dewalt and Craftsman battery powered tools.</p> <p>GUNS Rugar 22cal single 6 pistol, Ruger 9mm with clip, Deutsche-Waften model 1908 military rifle bolt action w/sight, Ammo, knife sets.</p> <p>ANTIQUES-FURNITURE-MISC Sessions mantel clock, Trunk, Child's chair, Setee, Galvanized Tubs, Indiana Glass, & other collectible glassware, Longaberger baskets, Overstuffed chair, Linden wall clock, Glider Swing, Fishing poles & supplies.</p> <p>OWNERS; MAX WINNINGHAM, DECEASED Note: Check Auctionsoft</p>	<p>and AuctionZip for more photos.</p> <p>SHAWVER AUCTIONEERING AND REAL ESTATE AC31800004 AUCTIONEERS Zane Shawver Lic. #AU10500168 260-729-2229 Pete D. Shawver Lic. #AU19700040 260-726-5587</p> <p>PUBLIC AUCTION SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21TH, 2024 TIME 10:00 A. M. LOCATED: 1136 N 550 W PORTLAND, IN VEHICLES-GUNS 1967 Chevrolet Camero (non running), 2018 Chevy Colorado quad cab 4x4 with 32,000 miles, 1987 Chevrolet S10, 1992 Jeep Wrangler, Case NF tractor, Smith & Wesson model 22A Cal. camo with peep sight, Ruger 57 5.78x28 cal. w/clip, Baylor 12 gauge side by side, Large lot of ammo, Reloading equipment, Compound bows and arrows.</p> <p>ANTIQUES-HOUSEHOLD-GARAGE ITEMS Drink Royal Crown Cola Thermometer, Crank telephone, Handmade quilts, Pie Safe, Vintage tricycle, Violin, Banjo, Crocks, 5 gallon milk cans, pull type combine, steel wheel spreader, Wood stoves, Rally rear tine tiller, Go cart frames, Yard roller, Large lot of hardwood lumber-oak and walnut, Collectible coins.</p> <p>OWNER: Darry Rowles Estate-</p>	<p>Lydia Rowles Executor NOTE: Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos.</p> <p>SHAWVER AUCTIONEERING AND REAL ESTATE AC31800004 AUCTIONEERS Zane Shawver Lic. #AU10500168 260-729-2229 Pete D. 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Sports

Making changes



Fort Recovery High School sophomore hitter Cameron Muhlenkamp swings to put down the final kill of the Indians' 25-8, 25-22, 25-12 victory over Minster on Tuesday. Muhlenkamp had 14 kills in the match to help her team net its first Midwest Athletic Conference victory of the year.

Indians break through for first conference victory in sweep of Wildcats

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — The Indians have had an up-and-down start to the season.

They've found some success in the non-conference, but matches in the Midwest Athletic Conference they couldn't break through.

When the Wildcats came to town, the Indians got a chance to exorcise some demons.

The Fort Recovery High School volleyball team came out strong in the first set to establish the tone in a 25-8, 25-22, 25-12 crushing of the Minster Wildcats on Tuesday.

"Anytime you can get a MAC win, it always feels good," said FRHS coach Travis Guggenbiller. "I thought we played well today. So, it's not even just the fact that we won. It was nice to see our girls playing really well, starting with our serve and even

our serve receive at that end of things."

Prior to the win against the Wildcats (5-7, 0-4 MAC), Fort Recovery (7-5, 1-3 MAC) fell to Marion Local in five sets and Parkway in four sets, and got swept by New Bremen.

The Indians decided they had enough of those conference struggles and wasted no time jumping on Minster in the first set by taking the first six points on a pair of kills from Cameron Muhlenkamp and Karlie Niekamp each, an ace from Kayla Heitkamp and one hitting error by Ava Stueve.

Minster interrupted the run with kills from Cadence Bergman and Alyse Lamm and an ace from Brooklyn Osterloh that hit off the tape, but never managed to score consecutive points for the rest of the set.

The set eventually ended on a play that featured Cameron

Muhlenkamp getting on the floor to dig out an attack Keri Heckman sent across the court, before getting up and putting down the ball past the block attempt by Lamm and Anna Kohne.

"You can tell, the way they've been playing, they were ready for a change and the only people that can make that change is themselves," said Guggenbiller. "We keep talking about how we are a really good team, and we've got to keep learning and growth takes time. I just thought that was a great step in the right direction for us, especially with a big game coming up this Thursday (against undefeated Coldwater)."

The second set wasn't as one-sided.

The teams traded points early in the set, leading to seven ties and two lead changes. With things knotted up at 18-18,

Cameron Muhlenkamp provided a momentum-swinging kill off of a block attempt by Heckman and Lamm. A pair of errors and an ace by Brynn Willmann gave FRHS a 22-18 advantage it wouldn't relinquish. Cameron Muhlenkamp again put the Wildcats away with a hard kill.

The sophomore hitter led the Indians with 14 kills in the match. Niekamp followed with eight, Bridget Homan had five, and Heitkamp and Willmann both added three.

Heitamp, the setter, spread the offense around regularly — she had 25 assists — to give MHS different looks. Some of those looks included going to the big swings from Cameron Muhlenkamp, slide kills from Niekamp, Homan in the back row and even adding in some of her own quick tips over the net.

"Cameron's moneyball was working pretty good and Karlie

was hitting well too," Heitkamp said. "So, I was just feeding them, getting them kills. I just try to mix it up. Try to get points when I can, but also give my hitters a good ball to get them a kill."

Things picked back up for the Indians in the third set. Minster managed to tie at 10 points apiece, but another large run got started with a kill by Cameron Muhlenkamp. The hit was the first of 14 consecutive points for FRHS that consisted of two kills by Cameron Muhlenkamp and Niekamp, one Heitkamp kill, three aces from Willmann and five Wildcat errors.

Minster stopped the run at match point with a put down by Lamm. A hitting error from Homan out of the back row added one more Wildcat point, but Cameron Muhlenkamp finished things off from there.

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Indians make cut for district

SIDNEY, Ohio — The regular season isn't over yet. A Midwest Athletic Conference Championship has yet to be clinched by any team.

Yet, the Indians advanced the postseason.

The Fort Recovery High School boys golf team's

score of 327 at the OHSAA Southwest Division III Sectional at Shelby Oaks Golf Club put them eight strokes above the cutline on Tuesday morning to advance them to the district match.

The top four teams advance to the district,

while the top four performers not already on advancing teams make it through as well. The Indians finished fourth to claim the final spot by beating out Lehman Catholic (335). Botkins shot a 310 to claim the sectional crown, while

Russia (318) and Fort Loramie (323) followed.

If Fort Recovery didn't make it through as a team, FRHS junior Reece LeFevre's round of 77 would have claimed the final spot.

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Jets edge spikers

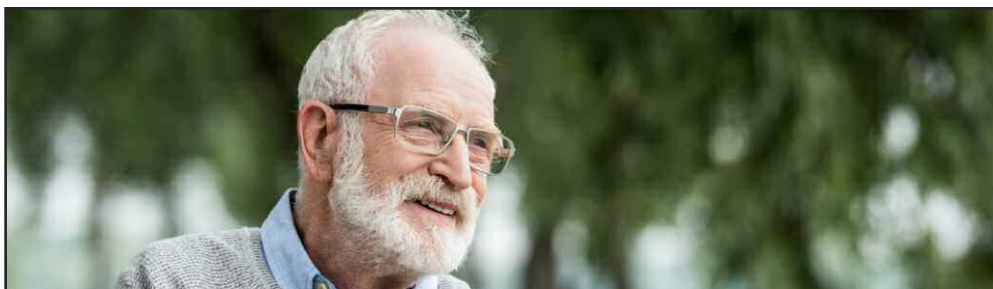
MONROE — The Patriots walked onto the hardwood with a perfect Allen County Athletic Conference record.

The Jets wanted to change that, while the Patriots fought to keep it. The host won the battle.

The Jay County High School volleyball team fell to the Adams Central Jets 25-20, 20-25, 25-19, 31-33, 15-10 on Tuesday.

The Patriots (6-7, 2-1 ACAC) had their offense going, with Maria Hemmelgarn and Hallie Schwieterman both eclipsing double-digit kills with 10. Brenna Schmiesing and Mya Kunkler weren't far behind with eight apiece as well.

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