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Council votes again to hire utility worker

Former marshal approved for role

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

REDKEY — Council decided to re-vote on hiring a second utility worker.

The outcome was the same.

Redkey Town Council voted again to hire Todd Miller as a utility worker during its meeting Thursday.

Council members voted on the decision Sept. 12 at a special meeting, with “Watermellon” Jim Phillips and Brenda Beaty in favor and Floyd Life in disagreement. Clerk-treasurer Gloria May also tossed in a vote in favor of the measure. (Per Indiana Code, “the clerk-treasurer is an ex officio member for the purpose of casting the deciding vote to break a tie.”) Council members Gavin Grady and Dave Dudelston were absent.

Beaty reached out to The Commercial Review on Sept. 14. After looking at procedure regarding quorum for town councils, she said council would need to revisit the decision at its next meeting Thursday.

Town officials have been looking to fill utility roles for months following longtime town employee Randy Young’s resignation. Ted Kolodka has been handling utility operations since June 20. Council agreed in July to

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

Kolodka explained Thursday the town needs another utility worker. He noted Bill Tressler also does work for the town but talked about a need for more help and divvying out responsibilities. He advocated for hiring Miller.

“We do need somebody who has (the) background. He’s a person who already has experience from water treatment ... he knows utility work, he knows Redkey. It’s really a match that’s kind of like dropped out of heaven,” said Kolodka. Miller previously served as Redkey town marshal for seven years. Prior to his time at the department, he served as a park ranger at Tennessee State Parks for six years and had a water distribution license through the state.

Miller resigned as town marshal in May 2022, leaving the town with no officers at its police department at that time. He left Redkey Police Department to pursue a position with Jay County Probation Office, serving in the role for about two years.

Beaty noted the town has sought applications for the position for months and received two. The other applicant, Matt Gore, intended to seek weekend work only.

Phillips, Beaty and Life voted Thursday in favor of hiring Miller. Council members Gavin Grady and Dave Dudelston were not present for the vote.

Also Thursday, Dudelston — he was present for the first 24 minutes of the meeting — asked police officer Jon Cave about a conversation between himself and Beaty earlier this week outside Redkey Elementary School.

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In for a fight

Emery Barton of the Jay County High School cheerleading squad performs during the fight song prior to the Patriots’ football game at Bluffton on Friday. For coverage of the game, see page 10.

Indiana 1 and 67 set to close for projects

Work is expected to be done by end of October

Sections of two state highways will close in Jay County.

A stretch of Indiana 67 will open in an adjacent county.

Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announced plans to close Indiana 67 east of Bryant and Indiana 1 near Balbec for infrastructure replacements.

Indiana 67 will be closed between U.S. 27 and county road 450 East beginning on or after Monday. Crews will be replacing a “small structure,” with work expected to be complete by the end of October.

The official detour for the closure utilizes U.S. 27, Indiana 218 and Ohio 49.

Indiana 1 was scheduled to be closed as early as Friday between Indiana 18 and county road 650 North. Workers will be replacing a pipe.

The project is expected to be complete by mid-October.

The official detour during the closure will use Indiana 18, U.S. 27, Indiana 67 and Indiana 26.

INDOT also announced that Indiana 67 between Black Mills Road and the Indiana 28/Indiana 67 split, near Delaware County road 425 East, will open with the completion of a bridge replacement project. (The site is just southwest of Muncie Draggway.)

As a result, temporary stop signs will be removed at the intersection of Indiana 28 and Old Granville Road in Albany. Traditional traffic patterns will resume.

Commissioners get different perspective

By BAILEY CLINE

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Commissioners have a decision to make regarding health insurance.

They heard a new perspective Friday.

Jay County Commissioners spoke with Jessica Clayton of insurance broker OneDigital and learned about the impact of a potential shift to a partially self-funded plan.

Commissioners heard a case for switching to partially self-funding health insurance from Understand, Service and Innovate (USI) Insurance in August. Representatives of the company told commissioners they gathered data from the county’s current health insurance provider, Physicians Health Plan, between 2020 and now. Their analysis indicated the county has overspent about \$780,000 for insurance and told commissioners that clients who switch to their care save on average about \$180,000 annually.

The program would have a

Consultant recommends against shifting county to a self-funded insurance plan

loss cap of \$1.5 million to the county, according to representatives. They asked commissioners to sign an agreement for USI Insurance to become a broker to the county for a partially self-funded program through Physicians Health Plan, with the agreement to become effective within 10 days of approval.

When asked by commissioners why Physicians Health Plan hasn’t offered such a plan to the county, USI Insurance representatives said the health insurance agency has no financial incentive to change to such a plan.

On Friday, Clayton told commissioners Chad Aker and Rex Journey, absent Brian McGal-

liard, groups such as USI Insurance aren’t looking at a long-term perspective regarding factors for determining a viable plan. She noted the current year’s claims had been at a 72% loss ratio as of earlier this year. As of now, though, that figure has jumped to 106%.

She pointed to the number of claims outweighing the county’s premiums in past years. The county’s 12-year average loss ratio sits at 125%, while the last three years’ average loss ratio is 152%.

“When someone from the outside comes in and says, ‘oh, you guys have got to be crazy, you guys should’ve been self-funded ... you’re losing, you know, hundreds of thousands

of dollars?’ (That is) inaccurate. Not factual,” she said.

She said her company is not against self-funding plans, but rather focuses on offering those as an option when it makes sense to do so.

“We looked at this (for Jay County), we explored this, and it did not make sense,” she said.

The county is currently fully insured through Physicians Health Plan with broker OneDigital. Its renewal date is set for at earliest the end of October.

Clayton noted she could look into a partially self-funded option for the county and could get preliminary prices for that plan by the end of next week. She suggested holding another

special meeting with commissioners to hash out the details.

Commissioners president Chad Aker asked what the county can do to get premium costs down for employees.

“That’s the biggest thing, we hear across the board, we can’t keep employees because our insurance is too high,” said Aker. “Is the answer self-funding? Is it fully insured? I mean, we’re just at a loss here.”

Clayton noted the county’s premiums for employees currently sit in the middle of the national average cost. She pointed to changes in recent years to the county’s plan.

“It’s not a quick fix,” she said.

Aker also expressed frustration with hearing two opposing viewpoints from both insurance brokers and noted his lack of experience in the insurance field.

County auditor Emily Franks said she believes seeing data from the renewal offer in coming months should be helpful in the decision.

Deaths

Linda Arnold, 76, Portland
Michael Hammer, 49, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County’s high temperature hit 90 degrees Friday. Skies will be partly cloudy today with a high in the upper 80s. Tonight’s low will be in the lower 60s. There is a 40% chance of rain Sunday with partly cloudy skies and a high in the lower 80s.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Indiana Military Vehicle Preservation Association’s Military Vehicle Show and Swap Meet continues from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at Jay County Fairgrounds. There will also be a military vehicle parade through downtown Portland at 10 a.m. today.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from the JCHS girls golf team at the sectional tournament.

Wednesday — Coverage of next week’s Dunkirk City Council meeting.

Thursday — Results from the Jay County girls soccer game against Delta.



Council ...

Continued from page 1
Cave said he was handling traffic duty until Moser arrived. He noted Moser picks up his children from the school and takes them home.
While they waited for Moser that day, Cave let the children get into his police vehicle.
Cave said the discussion that followed with Beaty was heated.
Beaty said she told Cave he wasn't allowed to have civilians in his vehicle and denied "screaming" at Cave. (Moser has argued in recent meetings that town policy allows civilians in vehicles, specifically in

cases when providing short-distance transportation.)
Beaty advocated for moving to the next order of business, and Dudelston demanded Beaty apologize. She refused, telling Dudelston he was "out of line." He subsequently left the meeting. A few members of the crowd followed, with some criticizing the council and its members before walking out of the building.
Also Thursday, council agreed to terminate its animal control contract with Jay County Humane Society.
Council member Floyd Life and former council members Chance Retter, Erik Hammers

and Gary Gardner approved the \$7,500 contract in December for animal control in 2024.
Council president Brenda Beaty said Redkey officials have called Jay County Humane Society to pick up animals several times and it has not done so, instead referring calls to town marshal Zach Moser.
She noted the town has not paid for the service yet this year.
The agreement included a 90-day out clause, which means the contract would be up in December.
Council also reviewed the 2025 budget, which is estimated at \$791,822, an approximately

\$283,000 increase from the current year. (Federal American Rescue Plan Act funding contributes to \$157,836 of that amount.) May noted she created the budget with help from consulting agency Local Government Services — the company has been providing assistance to the clerk's office since April — and told council members they should plan for a special meeting to discuss the budget before their regularly scheduled Oct. 17 meeting.
Also, council agreed to hire attorney Maura Hoff as the town's legal counsel. Beaty noted former attorney John Brooke — he was hired in May

— recently resigned from the role. Plans are for Hoff to attend council's next meeting.
In other business, Life, Phillips and Beaty, absent Dudelston and Gavin Grady:
• Heard a backup pumper on one of Redkey Fire Department's firetrucks barely passed its annual test. Firefighter Mark Leavell noted the department will be seeking grants to replace the pumper or make other engine repairs.
• OK'd renewing membership with Jay County Chamber of Commerce.
• Tabled a maintenance agreement with Perry ProTech.

CR almanac

Sunday 9/22	Monday 9/23	Tuesday 9/24	Wednesday 9/25	Thursday 9/26
85/63	77/60	75/56	74/53	74/52
Mostly cloudy skies on Sunday. There's a slight chance of rain.	There's a 70% chance of thunderstorms Monday, when the high will be around 77 degrees.	Mostly cloudy skies on Tuesday with a chance of showers.	There's a chance of rain Wednesday when the high will be around 74 degrees.	Mostly sunny skies on Friday with a chance of rain. At night, the low may hit 52.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 6-9-5 Daily Four: 0-7-1-4 Quick Draw: 5-9-12-13-16-17-19-22-27-29-30-34-38-39-42-50-56-65-76-78	Pick 3: 6-6-2 Pick 4: 8-1-5-3 Pick 5: 9-3-1-1-1
Ohio Midday	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$195 million
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$47 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....3.49 Sept. corn3.54 Wheat4.44	Oct. beans9.64 Wheat5.19
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....3.57 Oct./Nov. corn3.57 Dec. corn3.82	ADM Montpelier Corn.....3.53 Oct. corn3.53 Beans9.65 Oct. beans9.65 Wheat4.98
The Andersons Richland Township Corn3.52 Oct. corn3.52 Beans9.64	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....3.37 Oct. corn3.37 Beans9.42 Oct. beans9.80 Wheat4.89

Today in history

In 1500, Holy Roman Emperor Charles V was born in Ghent, Flanders (now Belgium). He reigned during the rise of Protestantism and struggled to hold his empire together as pressure from the Ottomans and the French challenged his authority.
In 1972, the Portland Junior High School eighth grade football team clobbered Adams Central 34-0 in its season opener.
In 1981, Belize gained its independence from the United Kingdom.
In 1982, NFL players started a strike that lasted 57 days.
In 1989, the U.S. Senate confirmed Gen. Colin Powell as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
In 2004, Green Day released its album "American Idiot." It went on to win the Grammy Award for best rock album and has been adapted into a rock opera.
In 2012, the Jay County High School football team had a game delayed for the second time in three weeks. The Patriots played just 12 minutes, 40 seconds, against the Connersville Spartans, falling behind 13-0. They would rally when the game was completed the next day, only to come up short in a 19-14 defeat.
In 2017, Redkey Town Council approved the town's \$534,577 budget for 2018 on first reading. It was up about 8% from the previous year.
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Citizen's calendar

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.
5 p.m. — Portland Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) Advisory Committee, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland.
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. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
Wednesday
4 p.m. — Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District, USDA Service Center, 1331 W. Votaw St., Portland.
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.
6 p.m. — Jay County Council public hearing, auditorium, court-community center, 115 E. Water St., Portland.

Obituaries

Linda Arnold

Sept. 18, 1948-Sept. 20, 2024
Linda Arnold, age 76, a resident of Portland, passed away Friday, Sept. 20, 2024, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.
Linda was born Sept. 18, 1948, in Portland the daughter of John and Alta (Sockerider) Slusser. Linda graduated from Portland High School in 1966. She was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church in Portland where she was very active with Kingdom Kids.
Survivors include:
Brother — Mike Slusser (wife: Marsha), Portland, Indiana

She was preceded in death by a son, Steed Arnold; and a daughter, Dawnetta Arnold.
Visitation will be held Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland, Indiana. Burial will follow at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Gardens of Memory in Marion, Indiana.
Memorials may be directed to Fel-



lowship Baptist Church, Kingdom Kids or Teen Ministry.
Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.
Michael Hammer, Portland, Nov. 6, 1974-Sept. 17, 2024. No services are scheduled at this time.
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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

Felony court news

Failed to return
A man was sentenced to jail for failing to return to lawful detention.
Brandon C. Kauffman, 31, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail. Kauffman was assessed \$189 in court costs.
Identity deception
A Dunkirk man was sentenced to jail in Jay Superior Court for identity deception.
Steven G. Robbins, 29, 134 Mt Auburn Ave., pleaded guilty to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 270 days in Jay County Jail and given 214 days credit for time served. He was fined \$25 and assessed \$189 in court costs.
As part of his plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.
Theft
A Muncie woman was sentenced to jail for theft.
Jessica H.S. Beall, 45, 1

West Cedarwood Drive, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to theft, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 90 days in Jay County Jail and given 45 days credit for time served. She was fined \$25 and assessed \$189 in court costs.
As part of her plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for theft and a Class A misdemeanor for theft were both dismissed.
Narcotics
A Portland woman was sentenced to prison for dealing narcotics.
Ashley J. McAbee, 37, 3246 S. 200 West, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 5 felony. She was sentenced to four years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served.
McAbee was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

Capsule Reports

Rider hit
A Portland man was injured after riding his bicycle in front of oncoming traffic, causing an accident Friday afternoon.
Julio C. Suazo, 33, sustained a scrape on his shoulder from the crash.
Robert L. Osterfeld, 70, Celina, Ohio, was driving his 2017 Honda Pilot east on Water Street near its intersection with Morton Street in Portland about 2:14 p.m. Friday. He told Portland police a cyclist, Suazo, rode into his path. Osterfeld didn't

have enough time to stop before his car struck Suazo's bicycle.
Suazo declined treatment at the scene, later taking himself to IU Health Jay for evaluation.
Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Waitlist 'barely treading water'

By WHITNEY DOWNARD
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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Two committees tasked with studying and addressing issues related to aging met Thursday, concluding that Medicaid waitlist progress was "barely treading water" and dissecting ongoing provider issues with the transition to managed care.
Membership and content of the two committees overlap, though each spent significant time discussing topics unique to their statutory mission. The Commission on Aging reviewed efforts to better integrate mental health and behavioral health services into programming for senior Hoosiers. On the other hand, CHOICE — or Community and Home Options to Institutional Care for the Elderly and Disabled — heard about several efforts to expand housing options through the Indiana House and Community Development Authority.
But the two topics taking the most time was the state's transition to managed care, overseen by Managed Care Entities (MCEs) or insurers, and an update on the waitlist for Medicaid services for both the Pathways for Aging Waiver as well as the Health and Wellness Waiver. The latter is designed to provide services for disabled Hoosiers while the former serves Hoosiers aged 60 and older.

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SERVICES

Today

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

Tuesday

Arnold, Linda: 11 a.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland.

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Sorority birthday

Eta Chi Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority met at Firehouse BBQ and Blues in Dunkirk for the 76th birthday party of Eta Chi chapter Sept. 17. Pictured above at the end were (front row) Kathleen Inman, Reva Childers, Marlene Clevenger, Stephani Faulkner, Rose Morgan and Connie Retter, and (back row) Marsha Eglan, Sari Van Nulan, Kris Cook, Julie Terrell and Renee Blumenhorst.

Grandmother openly favors boy over girl

Dear Abby



DEAR ABBY: I'm a single mother of two children, an 8-year-old daughter and a 9-year-old son. My daughter's father is involved; my son's father is not. I was diagnosed with pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) when my daughter was born and given two weeks to live. My condition has markedly improved, and I am on the best treatment there is for it.

To safeguard my son in case something happens to me, my parents and I did a third-parent adoption. With this new law, I was able to add my parents to my son's birth certificate without giving up my parental rights, and I remain the sole custodial parent. He stays with my parents three evenings a week.

The problem is, my mother blatantly favors my son over my daughter. Last year, she planned a Disney cruise for only herself, my son and me. I understand life is not 100% fair, but her favoritism goes beyond just tickets and trips. It's everything from gifts and attention to tone of voice and how many pictures are on the wall. Everyone around us sees it, especially my daughter. Please advise. — UNEQUAL IN OREGON

DEAR UNEQUAL: I'LL BET your daughter notices it! The person who can put a stop to it is you. Consult the attorney who helped you with the custody arrangement and explain that what has been happening is not healthy for either of your children. After you find out what your options are, including possibly changing the custody agreement, confront your mother about her blatant favoritism. And be glad that your daughter's father is as responsible as he seems to be.

DEAR ABBY: I used to hang out with my friend "Brian" and his girlfriend, "Jenny." We all

lived together and would spend almost every weekend together. They broke up and went their separate ways 14 years ago. Jenny is single, and Brian has a steady girlfriend now. I still talk to them both, but not often.

Jenny messaged me recently on social media. We shared some photos and talked about the past and present. She said she has her own place and is doing well. I suggested that maybe I'd stop by one night after work. She said she'd like that and sent me her phone number to set up the date and time.

My question is: Should I visit her, and what if something sexual happens? (Trust me, I wouldn't rule it out.) Should I ask Brian for his permission? Are Jenny and I heartless for wanting to meet up? — PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE FRIEND

DEAR FRIEND: Because you are uneasy about crossing some kind of boundary if you visit Jenny and there is chemistry, contact Brian and say, "Hey, guess what. I reconnected with Jenny and she invited me over. Do you have any objection to that?" I cannot see how, 14 years after their romance ended, he would have an objection. Then visit Jenny, and que sera, sera.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Screen for prostate cancer

Mayo Clinic News Network
Tribune News Service

The prostate is a small gland in males that aids in reproduction. Prostate cancer is one of the most common types of cancer, and when it's detected early, often by a simple blood test, it has the best chance for successful treatment.

"Prostate cancer is incredibly common, probably going to be diagnosed in about 300,000 men this year in the United States," says doctor Oliver Sartor, a Mayo Clinic medical oncologist.

Dr. Sartor, whose practice is focused on prostate cancer, stresses the importance of screening for the disease with a prostate-specific antigen test, or PSA.

"I think the No. 1 issue of being diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer is not getting a PSA," he says.

It's a blood test that's analyzed for prostate-specific antigen, a substance naturally produced by your prostate. If a high amount of PSA is found in your bloodstream, it could indicate prostate infection,

inflammation, enlargement or cancer.

"I think generally starting at age 50 is a very reasonable number to start getting a PSA. But if you are African American or have a significant family history of prostate cancer or have a genetic alteration that might predispose to prostate cancer, then you should probably get one even earlier," says Sartor.

If the PSA detects an abnormality, further tests, such as ultrasound, MRI or a biopsy, may be recommended to determine if you have prostate cancer.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

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

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

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

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

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon

each Monday at Jay Community Center.

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

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

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

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For

more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

Tuesday

COMPASSIONATE 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.

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

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

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

5	6	4	1	7	9	8	3	2
8	2	9	3	5	6	4	7	1
3	7	1	8	4	2	5	9	6
7	9	5	4	1	3	6	2	8
6	1	3	2	8	7	9	4	5
2	4	8	9	6	5	7	1	3
9	8	6	7	2	1	3	5	4
1	5	7	6	3	4	2	8	9
4	3	2	5	9	8	1	6	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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September 23-27

Monday: Main Entrees: Chicken nuggets, macaroni & cheese
Alternate Entrees: Buffalo popcorn chicken wrap, cereal, goldfish & yogurt fun lunch **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned peas

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Online safety act is worth passing

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

Whether it's TikTok or Instagram or Snapchat or some yet-to-be-released app sure to enrapture its users, it's pretty clear — to us, at least — that too many young people are now spending too much of their time falling all the way down shallow-yet-deep online rabbit holes designed by profit-hungry companies to draw them in.

You don't have to subscribe wholesale to the research presented in Jon Haidt's bestseller "The Anxious Generation" to be worried that the rapacious use of new technology, while conditioning kids to seek approval from friends and strangers alike, has thrown impressionable young minds out of balance, and that correc-

Guest Editorial

tive measures are long overdue.

A Gallup survey of nearly 1,500 adolescents last year said the average teen is on the big seven social media platforms for nearly five hours per day. The clinical term for that amount of time is one helluva lot.

We supported the Kids Online Safety Act before it passed the U.S. Senate in late July, and we support it now as it struggles to get over the hurdle in the House. It would create a "duty of care" for online platforms to protect

minors, requiring them to take steps to "prevent and mitigate" harms ranging from bullying to the promotion of suicide, eating disorders and more.

The platforms would have to give children more control over their personal information — and for minors, disable or limit some of the features that make their products especially addictive, like video autoplay or platform rewards. When users are vulnerable young people, settings would by default be less exploitative — lest kids, with their parents, choose to override them.

As with any complicated legislation that touches on the First Amendment, which provides robust protection for almost all types of expression, we have reservations. There is the possibility that a very well-intentioned bill could, if it becomes law, wind

up arbitrarily preventing youngsters from accessing important information. There's a risk that platforms will be so worried about their legal liability for enforcing the new standard that they'll enforce their rules too rigidly.

It's all worth following carefully, and recalibrating if and when problems surface. But given how profoundly social media apps have changed American childhood, and widespread evidence that boys and girls especially are struggling in this perilous new landscape, it would be irresponsible for government not to take some strong steps soon.

Fortunately, the scrutiny and impending legislation already seems to be prompting folks in Silicon Valley's C suites to be developing and implementing some new safety features, like car

companies deploying antilock brakes or collision avoidance systems. This week it was Instagram, which is owned by Meta (also the parent company of Facebook), rolling out "teen accounts" to give parents more control — limiting the time their offspring spend on the site, what content they see, who can find them via search, and the like. Parents can also see who their youngsters are messaging.

"Messenger Kids," a kid-friendly Facebook person-to-person chat app, came out way back in 2017 with some of the same features — albeit aimed at little kids.

Parents need to exercise more control, to be sure. But given how ubiquitous these platforms are, given how easy it is for youngsters to find workarounds, there's a role for government, too. Pass the bill.

We must address teen vaping crisis

By TAB BERG
The Sacramento Bee
Tribune News Service

As a parent of two teenage daughters and a former San Juan Unified School District citizen advisory member, I believe our greatest responsibility is to create a safe and supportive environment where our students can thrive academically, physically and mentally. However, in recent years, the rise of vaping among high school and middle school students has threatened this very goal.

It's a national issue that deserves a state and national response.

Like many parents, I've watched with increasing concern as flavored vaping devices become more prevalent in our schools. The 2023 California Youth Tobacco Survey revealed that more than 20% of California high school students have used tobacco products, with vaping being the most common at 18% (far surpassing cigarette smoking at 5%). Among those who use tobacco, a significant majority opt for flavored products, with 89.1% of vape users choosing flavored varieties.

Even more troubling? High school students report that obtaining vapes is relatively easy: nearly 49.9% purchase them from local stores, and 67.3% access them online.

Despite efforts to educate students about the dangers, many still don't fully grasp the risks associated with e-cigarette use. The U.S. Surgeon General has issued serious warnings about the health hazards of vaping, which include harm to the heart and lungs and negative effects on brain functions related to attention, learning and impulse control. Additionally, students who vape are at an increased risk of developing addictions to other harmful substances, potentially leading to a range of other serious issues.

The impact of vaping on academic performance is another serious concern. According to a 2021 study, students who used e-cigarettes were more likely to miss assignments, skip classes and report lower grade point averages compared to peers who do not vape. This correlation between vaping and academic

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decline should serve as a wake-up call to all of us.

It's not just about protecting our students' health, it's about ensuring they have the best possible opportunity to succeed in their education and beyond.

While parents, teachers and schools are doing everything in their power to steer students away from harmful behaviors, we cannot tackle this issue alone. Our state lawmakers and local officials have made advances enacting measures to ban flavored tobacco. But we also need real enforcement. It's simply a top-down approach solving this epidemic.

The Food and Drug Administration must step up and take decisive action to remove these dangerous products from the marketplace by tightening regulations, enforcing existing laws more rigorously and taking legal action against companies that continue to target our youth with their toxic products.

This is a united demand from bipartisan congressional leaders: Earlier this summer, members of both parties on the Senate Judiciary Committee voiced their frustration and concern while grilling FDA officials about their ability to keep up with the rapidly expanding vaping industry and their deceptive marketing strategies.

Our children's future depends on the actions we take today. As leaders in our community, we cannot afford to let another generation fall prey to the vaping epidemic. It's a matter of national public health to ban these products and act swiftly and decisively to protect our children's health and well-being. Together, we can ensure that our schools remain safe, healthy environments where every student has the opportunity to learn and grow without the looming threat of addiction.

Berg writes on politics, education policy and communications, and is a broadcast commentator for several Sacramento news stations.



"YOU THINK THAT'S SNEAKY, WAIT'LL YOU SEE WHAT WE DO WITH PAGERS."

The truth has been elusive

By JOHN KRULL
TheStatehouseFile.com

Ever since former President Donald Trump used his platform before an audience of nearly 70 million people to spread false tales about immigrants eating cats and dogs, life in Springfield, Ohio, hasn't been the same.

There have not been any credible tales of Haitian immigrants in the Midwestern city killing and consuming pets.

But hospitals and schools in the area have been disrupted by bomb threats and other scares generated by people alarmed by Trump's fantasy stories. The city itself seems to be living under near siege conditions.

All because the former and perhaps future president of the United States decided to tell a few lies in an attempt to rally his troops.

He did this even though Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine and Springfield Mayor Rob Rue — both Republicans — said it wasn't true. Trump and his running mate, U.S. Sen. J.D. Vance, R-Ohio, continued to fib about this, stirring up unstable people in the process, even after the city manager told a Vance staffer there was no truth to the rumors — and the Springfield woman whose complaint about her missing pet started the racist folk tale recanted her story.

She said the cat had returned home.

And she apologized to her Haitian neighbors for maligning them unjustly and unfairly.

She's apparently a Trump supporter, but she seems to have a greater understanding of personal responsibility than her leader does.

Also, a greater devotion to telling the truth.

At this point, it isn't a surprise that Donald Trump and J.D. Vance treat the truth as if it were toilet paper. They both are men whose ambition extends all the way to amorality. They

John Krull



seem not to care who they hurt as long as they get what they want.

But their actions are particularly disturbing at this time and in this context.

A few days after Trump trumpeted the "they're-eating-our-pets" lie during the presidential debate, a man allegedly attempted to assassinate the former president at a golf course in Florida. The man was arrested in a hurry and no one, fortunately, was injured in the incident.

This was the second attempt on Trump's life in as many months.

Both times Trump blamed Democrats — particularly President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris — for the assassination attempts. Trump said they had stirred up ugly emotions by telling people that he planned to be a dictator and would not respect the U.S. Constitution if elected again.

In fact, what Biden and Harris — as well as others — have done is quote Trump's own words. The former president has said he plans to be a dictator on day one of a second Trump presidency and has called for suspending the Constitution.

In other words, they've told the truth about what he's said.

It's possible that has provoked some unstable people, but the fact is that both of the accused assassins had registered as Republicans and thus weren't likely to be looking for guidance from Democratic politicians on anything.

Not that this matters to Trump, who clings to grievances — just or

not, real or not — the way connoisseurs savor fine wines.

In both assassination attempts, Trump's life was saved by the actions of his U.S. Secret Service detail. The threats to the former president's life have prompted many of his political rivals, including Biden and Harris, to demand that the size of Trump's protection detail be increased.

So, going forward, Trump will be safer.

The schoolchildren and hospital patients in Springfield do not have Secret Service protection. In fact, the police and fire departments in that beleaguered city have been stretched to the breaking point while coping with the former president's prevarications.

Trump and Vance now want to campaign in Springfield, presumably to tell still more lies about the city, its cats, its dogs and some good Haitian people who just moved there in pursuit of what we used to call the American Dream.

Ohio's governor and Springfield's mayor — again, they're both Republicans — have asked them not to come, saying such a visit could break the back of the city's services.

Thus far, Trump and Vance seem inclined not to listen.

The Republican candidates for president and vice president say they care about the welfare of the good people of Springfield, Ohio.

There's little evidence to suggest that's true.

Or that they even know what the truth is.

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—Thomas Jefferson

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9-21 CRYPTOQUIP

ZSYJ QETSJ LM Y WKEJYLM
RYQM UCI JSM LCBH CU
ZIEJERTW YLCKJ IICYWJMB
AYAYC WMWBW? ASCAC-XEJ.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: COMEDY FILM
FEATURING TWO SIBLINGS WHO ARE CRAZY
ABOUT ADULT BEVERAGES: "THE BOOZE
BROTHERS."
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals G

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to sewing.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 24 = T)

A. 17 26 26 14 6 26
Clue: Sharp instrument

B. 24 22 11 26 18 14
Clue: String or floss

C. 12 24 9 24 13 22
Clue: Make, mend or join together

D. 18 24 24 18 13 22
Clue: Fasten or join

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to sewing.

NBBOSIB

Answers: A. needle B. thread C. stitch D. attach

GUESS WHO?

I am an actor born in Washington, DC on September 20, 1976. I studied at The School of Moscow Art Theater, and I also played professional baseball in Russia. I was a character on "The Walking Dead," and later took justice into my own hands on a popular Marvel series.

Answer: Jon Bernthal

kids' corner

SPORTS FACT:

This sport is the leading cause of eye injuries in children.

Answer: Basketball

9-23 CRYPTOQUIP

VWME BJCUC ZRRZNYXIM IJ
QIJFUWJCR'Q CXET, OMJOCM
RZNWI FXCC IWMR XYIZBZFZXC
QVMTMEMYQ.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHAT MIGHT BE A
SUITABLE NAME FOR THE BODY OF WRITINGS
ABOUT ROASTED CACAO SEEDS? CHOCO-LIT.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals P

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. A thing a person does
4. Connective tissue
5. Grabs and stops a person
7. Competitive activities

DOWN
1. Sports participants
2. Aggressive person
3. Someone who is young
6. Extra time in a game (abbr.)

THIS DAY IN HISTORY
SEPTEMBER 21

1958: Salvador Lutteroth establishes Mexican professional wrestling.
1964: Malta gains independence from the United Kingdom.
2001: "America, A Tribute to Heroes" is broadcast by more than 35 television channels, raising more than \$200 million for 9-11 attack victims.

GET SEWING WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

ANCHOR
APPLIQUE
BASTE
BIAS
BOBBIN
BODICE
BUTTONHOLE
CASING
DART
FACING
FOLD
GRAIN
HEM
LENGTH
MACHINE
NOTCH
PATTERN
PINS
PLEAT
SEAM
SELVEDGE
STITCHING
TACK
TENSION

NEW WORD

PENALTY

a disadvantage imposed on a team for breaking a rule

Answer: Down
1. Athletes 2. Thug 3. Youth 6. OT
Down
1. Activity 4. Ligation 5. Tackles 7. Sports

How they say that in...

English: Run
Spanish: Correr
Italian: Correre
French: Courir
German: Laufen

Did You Know?

Protective equipment and padding helps to reduce the risk of injury when athletes play football.

Get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Safety goggles

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Union foes
6 Joe of "The Irishman"
11 Aerobic workout, briefly
12 Road reversals
14 Lost the beard
15 Cowboy's rope
16 Remit
17 Lounges
19 Compass dir.
20 "East of Eden"
22 Yoga pad
23 Hammer part
24 Grand-mas, affectionately
26 Hot sauce
28 Dennings of "2 Broke Girls"
30 "The Crow" actress Ling

31 Microsoft Office feature
35 Locales
39 During Conk on the head
40 Building mgr.
42 Suffix with press
43 Braid of hair
44 — Magnon
46 Fix a shoe
47 Head rest
49 Dine at a cafe
51 Winter weasel
52 Weavers' machines

13 Short-hand pro
18 Long. crosser
21 Unclothed
22 Two-somes
25 Used a chair
27 Sheepish remark
29 Dosage units
31 French composer
32 Jennifer Lopez hit song
33 Deceives
34 Frilly wrap
36 Greek geometry master
37 Cooks' garments
38 Vermont ski resort
41 Hamelin musician
44 Horner's prize
45 Lose energy
48 Tic-tac-toe win
50 Run after K

DOWN
1 African desert
2 Coloring stick
3 Adj. modifier
4 Actress Jessica
5 Sin city
6 Beer can opener
7 Greek vowels
8 California's Big —
9 Decisive moments
10 Shortly
11 Senate broadcaster
12 Tic-tac-toe loser
13 Italian wine
14 "That feels good!"
15 Grouch
16 Western resort lake
17 Olympic gold medalist in figure skating
18 Flightless bird
19 A gazillion years
20 Fish story
21 Olympic gold medalist in swimming
22 Muppet eagle
23 Petty peeve
24 Valhalla VIP
25 Ivy in Philly
26 Zone
27 Furnace
28 "Carmen" solo star
29 Russell
30 Ballot marks
31 Mahal
32 Dine
33 Mover's vehicle
34 "Toy Story" studio
35 Expense
36 Hairdo
37 Farmer, at times
38 Online crafts seller
39 Wander about
40 Ms. Thurman
41 ISP pioneer
42 Authorizes

Solution time: 26 mins.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER 9-21

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

It's more than just plain luck

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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

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

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

SOUTH
♠ A K Q
♥ A J 10 9 6 3 2
♦ A 9 5

The bidding:
South West North East
2♣* Pass 2 NT Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
5♠ Pass 6♣ Pass
7♥

*strong, artificial.
Opening lead — diamond queen.
Assume you're in seven hearts and West leads a diamond. When dummy appears, your first reaction might be that the outcome depends entirely on finding the missing spades divided 3-3. You might therefore draw trump, play the A-K-Q of spades and hope to discard your club loser on dummy's fourth spade.
But you know from experience that the spades are unlikely to split 3-3. In fact, there's only a 36% chance of them being evenly divided. So, you start looking for another approach that might add to your chances.
A very plausible additional possibility is to play for a squeeze, and you can do this without giving up the chance of a 3-3 spade split. But, to achieve the squeeze, you must time your plays carefully. Here's what you do:
Trump the diamond lead, play a heart to the queen, trump another diamond, play a heart to the king and trump a third diamond. The purpose of the two extra diamond ruffs is to try to saddle one player in this case West with the burden of guarding against dummy's last diamond.
You then play another trump and cash the A-K-Q of spades, producing this position:
North
♠ 8
♥ 9
♦ K 4
♣ —
West
♠ J
♥ Q 8 6
♦ —
♣ —
South
♠ 10
♥ A 9 5
♦ —
♣ —
Now you play your last trump. West must keep his diamond, so he discards a club, whereupon you discard dummy's diamond. East, who has to keep the jack of spades, must also discard a club. You then win the last three tricks with the K-A-9 of clubs. That's all there is to it!

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A J 8 7 3
♥ J 4
♦ K J 8 3
♣ K 5

WEST
♠ 5 4
♥ A 9 7 5 2
♦ 9 6 5 4
♣ 6 3

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

SOUTH
♠ K 10
♥ K 6
♦ A Q 10 7
♣ A Q 9 8 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass
2♦ Pass 4 NT Pass
5♦ Pass 6 NT Pass

Opening lead — four of diamonds.
This gen was played by the legendary Alvin Roth in the national men's pairs championship many years ago. The slam is not easy to make even with all four hands exposed, but Roth managed the task without this advantage.
He won the diamond lead with dummy's jack and played a low spade to the ten. When the finesse succeeded, Roth cashed the king of spades and A-K-Q of diamonds.
East, in the meantime, was forced to discard three hearts, since he could not spare a spade or a club.
Reading the situation perfectly, Roth next led a low heart from dummy. He could have cashed the ace of spades instead to see whether the suit was divided 3-3, but he felt strongly that it was not. On the heart lead, East had to play the queen, and South's king lost to West's ace, establishing dummy's jack.
By this time, the original situation had changed radically. Roth, who had begun with only nine top tricks, was now up to 11. The 12th trick followed soon after, because this was the position:
North
♠ A J 8
♥ J
♦ K 5
♣ —
West
♥ 9 7 5 2
♣ 6 3
South
♥ 6
♣ A Q 9 8 2
East
♠ Q 9
♣ J 10 7 4
West returned a club, won by the king. When the jack of hearts was next cashed, East was squeezed. He could not spare a spade or a club, and whichever he chose, Roth had the rest of the tricks.

Tomorrow: A lack of finesse.
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Lyricist Gershwin
4 Play segment
7 Fall (over)
11 Cologne scent
13 Altar in the sky
14 Mine, in Marseille
15 Pocket bread
16 Taunting laugh
17 Melody
18 Tizzies
20 — Raton
22 Author Fleming
24 Mother of Minos
28 Duncan Hines product
32 Duck down
33 Hurler Hershiser
34 Hanoi holiday
36 Prime-time hour
37 Buenos —
39 African grassland
41 Bed-ridden

43 Mouth part
44 Grand tale
46 Recess
50 Avocado dip, for short
53 Tic-tac-toe loser
55 Horn sound
56 Out of control
57 Request
58 Alliances
59 Tony-winning
60 ACLU concerns
61 Cook tempura

2 Botch up
3 Sparkling Italian wine
4 "That feels good!"
5 Grouch
6 Western resort lake
7 Olympic gold medalist in figure skating
8 Flightless bird
9 A gazillion years
10 Fish story
12 Olympic gold medalist in swimming
19 Muppet eagle

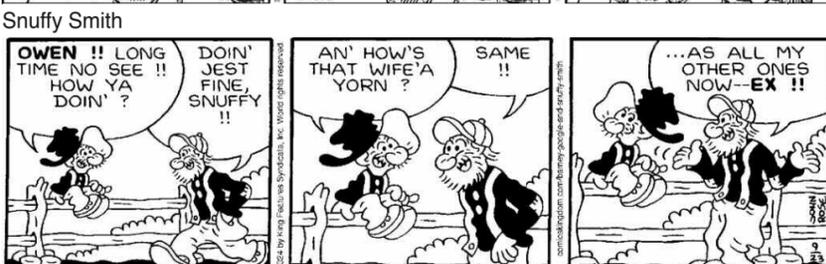
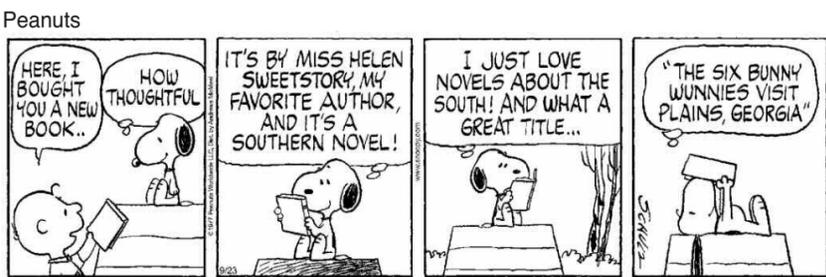
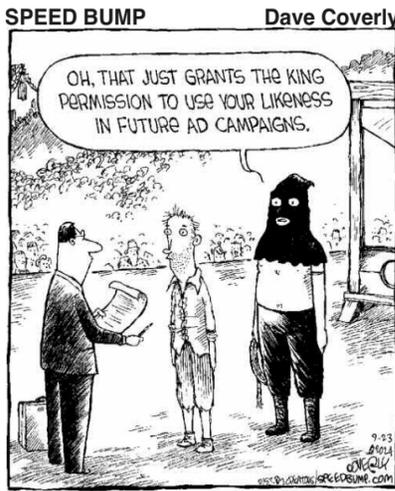
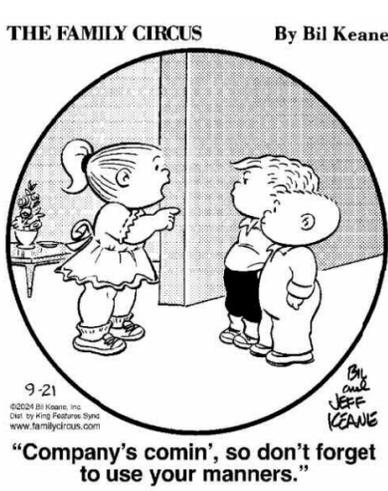
21 Pool stick
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24 Valhalla VIP
25 Ivy in Philly
26 Zone
27 Furnace
28 "Carmen" solo star
29 Russell
30 Ballot marks
31 Mahal
32 Dine
33 Mover's vehicle
42 "Toy Story" studio
45 Expense
47 Hairdo
48 Farmer, at times
49 Online crafts seller
50 Wander about
51 Ms. Thurman
52 ISP pioneer
54 Authorizes

Solution time: 21 mins.

SATURDAY'S ANSWER 9-23

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
11 12 13
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47 48 49 50
51 52
53 54

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
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GUNS
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Sectional supremacy



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Alex Miller, a freshman doubles player on the Jay County High School boys tennis team, stretches to reach a well-placed shot from the Winchester No. 1 doubles team on Thursday. Miller and Kady Carpenter fell to the Golden Falcons' Foster Kratoska and Aiden Menedenhall 6-3, 2-6, 6-2, but the Patriots still managed a 3-2 win in the match.

Patriots take down Winchester 3-2 to sweep sectional opponents in regular season

By **ANDREW BALKO**

The Commercial Review

The Patriots have now seen all three potential sectional opponents.

First they took down the Indians 4-1, only dropping the No. 1 doubles contest to a power pair.

When they traveled to face the Rebels, a tiebreaker kept the hopes of a sweep alive, but the super-tiebreaker resulted in a No. 2 singles loss for the Patriots to repeat the 4-1 mark.

Finally, against the Golden Falcons, the Patriots had to work for it, but they escaped with a third win.

The Jay County High School boys tennis team won a pair of close matches to beat the Winchester Golden Falcons 3-2 on Thursday to finish the regular-season sweep of the Sectional 53 opponents.

"I was glad we could win on senior night," said JCHS coach Donald Gillespie. "We pulled it out tonight. It wasn't easy."

"We've got next week, which is a really good week for us. We've got five matches with varied competition ... so great competition for where I need these kids to be. They can learn some, they can win some and they can get beat some. And that's alright as long as we're getting better."

Eli Dirksen never gave Jayden Beeson much of a shot in the No. 1 singles match. The Jay County (6-9) senior jumped out early, winning the first game in just four points.

It ultimately took Dirksen 40 minutes to dismantle the Winchester (9-7) junior 6-0, 6-1 to pick up his 11th consecutive win of the season.

The other two Patriot points came with more contestation.

Blake Kahlig and Carter Well-

man dropped the first three games of the No. 2 doubles match to Rogan Auker and Gabe Overton before taking the next six.

Following up the first-set comeback, they traded games with the Winchester duo to meet at 6-6, forcing a tiebreaker. Similar to how the JCHS seniors traded games in with Auker and Overton in the second set, the pairs traded points in the tiebreaker. A Wellman forehand that wound up in the net gave the Golden Falcons match point at 6-5, but they let it slip away.

Kahlig and Wellman took the final three points with an Overton forehand that went wide left, a Kahlig ace and a return by Kahlig that Overton tried to volley in defense but it flew directly right off of his racket.

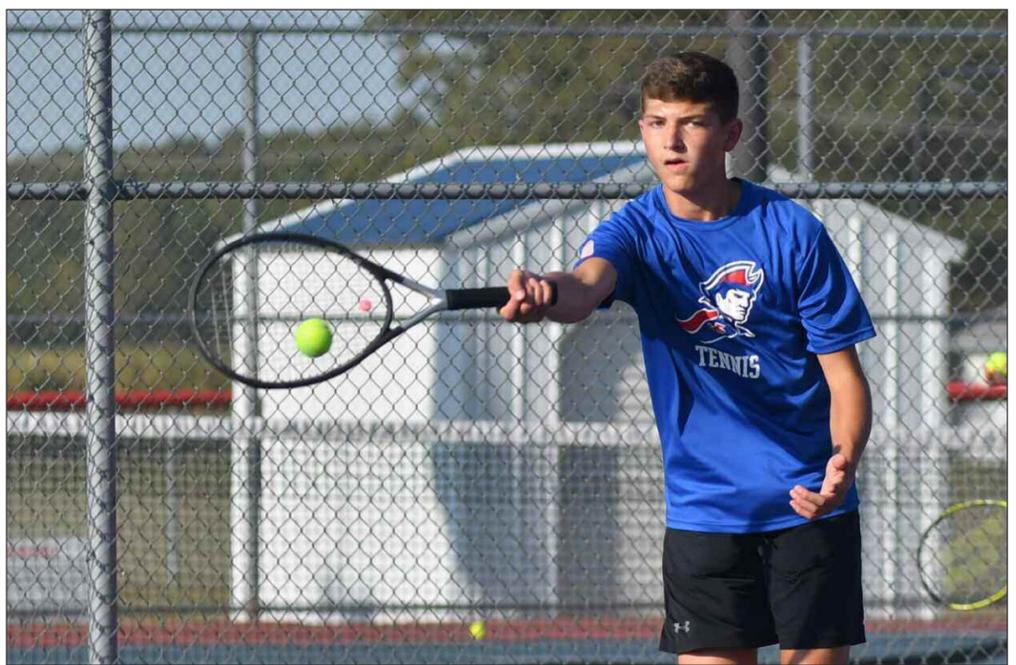
"They should be confident a little bit," Gillespie said. "I wanted them to win tonight, I wanted them to win in two sets. I've got one new one - Carter - and Blake is first (year) on varsity. So, winning helps."

With a 2-1 lead - Cooper Hummel claimed a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Tucker Griffin in the No.2 singles match - and the No. 1 doubles getting down early in the third set, Gillespie needed to look to No. 3 singles player Gabe Pinkerton for the third point.

The JCHS senior edged out Jacob Rheinhart 7-5 in the first set, which included multiple games that swayed back-and-forth with multiple deuces.

Pinkerton worked a 5-2 advantage in the second set, but Rheinhart crept his way back into the match.

In the eighth game, Rheinhart managed to get Pinkerton to send three forehands into the net. The WCHS sophomore took the ninth as well with a forehand that



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Blake Kahlig of Jay County swings his forehand during the No. 2 doubles match Thursday against Winchester. Seniors Kahlig and Carter Wellman took down Rogan Auker and Gabe Overton 6-3, 7-6 (8-6) to secure the second point for JCHS.

bounced out of Pinkerton's reach, a whiff by Pinkerton and two forehands into the net.

Fatigue eventually caught up to Rheinhart, who had three double faults in the 10th game to help secure the 7-5, 6-4 victory for Pinkerton.

"It was really tiring, especially that first set, but we got the win and that's what matters," Pinkerton said. "I just stayed mentally in the match, not worrying about everything else. Going one point at a time and keeping my cool. If I hit a shot

out, 'Hey, I've got others to make it up.'

"Really, winning that first set gave me a lot of cushion. Then getting up 3-0 really gave me the cushion to to be like 'Hey, if I hit a shot out, I'm OK.'"

The match ended with Foster Kratoska and Aiden Mendenhall claiming the No. 1 doubles contest over Kady Carpenter and Alex Miller 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

While Jay County's win over Winchester completed the regular season sweep of the sectional opponents, the Patriots don't plan

on taking the next two weeks lightly, as they prepare to face off with the Randolph County schools a second time in early October.

"I think you're going to see five close matches in sectional, if we get to play them," Gillespie said. "We may not, Union City beat them the other night 3-2. This is my fourth year going into sectional, I would think it's wide open. Normally you could say they're the team to beat or they are, but I don't think anybody's saying it."

Muhlenkamp leads Jay boys to 2-1 victory

DECATUR — The Patriots suffered their first loss at the hands of Heritage not too long ago.

Then they dropped their first road game to the Richmond Devils.

Making the trip north to face the Braves, the Patriots began to right the ship.

After dropping two of the last three games, the Jay County High School boys soccer team took down the Belmont Braves 2-1 on Thursday.

Both scores came from Jay County's leading scorer Levi Muhlenkamp.

The first goal came in the first half on an assist from Emmitt Reynolds. Later in the half, Bell-

Local roundup

mont's Evan Sovine found Jack Johnson to tie the game up at 1-1.

Muhlenkamp broke the tie in the final minute of the game with a header out of the reach of Xavier Palacios. Alan Ortiz sent a cross ball to assist Muhlenkamp's score.

The senior has 18 of the 25 goals this season for Jay County (7-2).

Peyton Yowell picked up the win, making five saves in the game.

12 straight for FR

The Fort Recovery girls golf team finished the regular season Thursday with its 12th consecutive win by topping Fort Loramie 185-202 at Portland Golf Club.

Olivia Knapke set a new career best, shooting a 42 to earn match medalist honors. The FRHS junior has medaled in seven of the Indians' 13 matches, including the last three.

The score of 185 tied the team low for Fort Recovery (13-2) this season. It previously hit that mark on Aug. 26 against Coldwater.

Evvie Briner produced the second best score out of the sixth position with a 46.

Georgia Wenning added a 48, while Emma Will rounded out the team score at 49.

Mallory Evers' 53 and Eva Kahligs' 56 didn't impact the final score.

Cavaliers smother

COLDWATER, Ohio — The Fort Recovery volleyball team hung around in the first set, but fell to the Division VI No. 1 Coldwater Cavaliers 25-20, 25-14, 25-16 on Thursday.

Bridget Homan and Karlie Niekamp led the offensive effort for Fort Recovery (7-6, 1-4 Midwest Athletic Conference) with six kills apiece. Conversely, Spencer Etzler and Morgan Blasingame led the

Cavalier (14-0, 5-0 MAC) offense with 17 and 16 kills, respectively.

The Indians also got five kills from Kennedy Muhlenkamp, four from Cameron Muhlenkamp and three from Brynn Willmann.

Niekamp and Willmann led the defensive effort at the net with two blocks each, while Homan and Kayla Heitkamp each had one.

Kennedy Muhlenkamp and Willmann recorded the only aces for FRHS.

Kenna Dues' 14 digs was the most on the team, while Heitkamp led with 16 assists.

Patriots shut out

The Jay County girls

soccer team fell to the Belmont Braves 5-0 on Thursday.

Four players scored goals for Belmont (8-2-1), while Gwen Laurent found the back of the net twice. Laurent also had two assists.

Other scores came from Oni Krueckeberg, Grace Ruble and Maggie Wilson. Kaitlyn Barton added an assist.

Jay County (6-4) only managed two shots on the goal, both of which were saved by Emily Barton.

The Patriots next face the Woodlan Warriors today with a perfect 4-0 Allen County Athletic Conference record on the line.



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Benson Ward, a senior at Jay County, pulls down the ball for a 32-yard reception in the second quarter on Friday night. Ward led the Patriots with 77 receiving yards in the 34-25 loss.

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“Our efforts is always there,” said JCHS coach Grant Zgunda. “We’re getting better. They’re a good football team and we had some plays we needed to make to win it and we didn’t do it.”

“We’ll continue to get better, I have no doubt about it.”
Jay County (2-3, 1-2 Allen County Athletic Conference) entered the fourth quarter down 20-18 to the Tigers (5-0, 3-0 ACAC). After one incomplete pass, Jay County punted the ball away to give Bluffton a chance to extend its lead. It took the Tigers seven plays to move the ball 43 yards to get a 1st-and-goal.

The Patriot defense gave up a 4-yard screen pass to Craig before making a stand. A false start, a run that resulted in a loss of three years and an incomplete had Bluffton at fourth-and-goal on the 12-yard line.

BHS wasn’t to be denied, as Beste found a wide open Aaron Strevler on a corner route.

With Abram Gehrett hitting the PAT, Jay County needed two scores to take the lead.

Cue a Patriot drive that had Bailey lead his team 76 yards in less than three minutes for the score.

“That’s the most magical drive I’ve ever been a part of in my four years here,” Bailey said. “It was amazing. ... We wanted it. We wanted to get back into it. But at the end of the day, they scored more than us.”

Following the TD, Bluffton jumped on the inside kick at its 45-yard line. Strait sacked Beste and more pressure forced the sophomore to throw the ball away, facing third-and-13 as the momentum started to swing two Jay County.

Beste and Craig quelled that swing with the 58-yard TD.

“This group’s just so mentally tough,” said Bluffton coach Brent Kunkel. “Whatever was thrown at them, I thought they did a good job of responding. ...

“Credit to our kids. Bend don’t break. I don’t know how we would have responded had they taken the lead. We haven’t been down yet this year in any game. For us to keep the lead gave our kids confidence and if they punched one in there, who knows. A completely different game.”

Jay County had the only score of the third quarter as Wendel returned a punt for a 70-yard touchdown and the defense held up the Tigers.

The teams traded touchdowns in the first quarter as a strong ground attack led to a Bluffton score on the first drive of the game and JCHS responded with Bailey hitting Benson Ward for a 45-yard TD pass.

The Patriots scored once in the second quarter after Bailey again found Ward for 32 yards and followed with a six-yard pass to Garrett Bennett for the TD with 45.5 seconds left.

Bluffton found the end zone twice in the period, including a 63-yard drive in the final 45.5 seconds. The Tigers needed a near-perfect drive to make it into the end zone, using all three timeouts, spiking the ball and getting a 5-for-7 passing effort from Beste.

While the Patriots’ faces reflected the sting of narrowly missing the opportunity to upset a ranked opponent in the conference, they did find positives from the out-

Box score

Jay County Patriots
(2-3, 1-2 ACAC)
vs. Class 2A No. 9
Bluffton Tigers (5-0, 3-0 ACAC)

Jay Co.	6	6	6	7	—25
Bluffton	6	14	0	14	—34

First Quarter

B — Cooper Craig 1 run (kick failed), 8:04.
JC — Benson Ward 45 pass from Sean Bailey (kick failed), 5:10.

Second Quarter

B — Axton Beste 1 run (Abram Gehrett kick) 8:37.
JC — Garrett Bennett 6 pass from Bailey (2-point fail), 45.5.
B — Aaron Strevler 11 pass from Beste (Gehrett kick), 0:00.

Third Quarter

JC — Grant Wendel 70 punt return (2-point fail), 8:59.

Fourth Quarter

B — Strevler 12 pass from Beste (Gehrett kick) 6:08.
JC — Bailey 2 run (A.J. Myers kick), 3:11.
B — Craig 58 pass from Beste (Gehrett kick), 2:06.

Team Statistics

	JC	B
Rushes - yds	24-96	37-141
Comp-Att-Int	9-20-0	15-21-0
Passing yds	134	197
Total Plays	44	58
Total Offense	230	338
Punt ret - yds	2-101	1-8
Kickoff ret - yds	4-74	3-41
Ints - yds	0-0	0-0
Fumbles - lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties - yds	4-25	6-27
Sacks - yds	4-14	1-2

Individual Statistics

Rushing — Jay County — Sean Bailey 14-64, A.J. Myers 8-21, Garrett Bennett 2-11. Bluffton — Cooper Craig 19-102, Axton Beste 18-39.
Passing — Jay County — Jay County — Sean Bailey 9-20-0 134. Bluffton — Axton Beste 15-21-0 197.
Receiving — Jay County — Benson Ward 2-77, Ben Crouch 2-20, Brady Jetmore 2-17, Grant Wendel 2-14, Garrett Bennett 1-6. Bluffton — Cooper Craig 3-84, Treyton Bustos 5-50, Aaron Strevler 5-48, Elijah Bertsch 1-13 Coleson Teeple 1-2.

come that they will look to build on moving forward.

“There’s a lot of positives,” Zgunda said. “I thought there was a lot of bright spots and I feel bad for our kids. We’ve got a lot of football to play and we need to get back after it next week.”

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls golf sectional at Crestview Golf Course — 9 a.m.; Cross country at Yorktown Jim Leffler Invite — 10 a.m.; Boys soccer at Woodlan — 10 a.m.; Girls soccer at Woodlan — 12 p.m.; Junior high tennis vs. Hagerstown — 10 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys golf at MAC Championships at Mercer County Elks — 8:30 a.m.; Girls golf at MAC Championships at Stillwater Valley Golf Club — 8:30 a.m.; Cross country at Tour de Sewer — 9 a.m.; Middle school cross country at Tour de Sewer — 9 a.m.

Monday
Jay County — Boys tennis at Bellmont — 5 p.m.; Volleyball at Blackford — 6 p.m.; Boys soccer at Heritage — 6 p.m.; JV football vs. Bluffton — 6 p.m.; Junior high cross country at Delta — 5 p.m.; Junior high volleyball at Blackford — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys golf at Botkins — 4 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Wapakoneta — 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Boys tennis vs. Muncie Central — 5 p.m.; Girls soccer vs. Delta — 6 p.m.; Volleyball vs. South Adams — 6 p.m.; Junior high cross country vs. Muncie Southside — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high football vs. South Adams — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high volleyball vs. South Adams — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high football at Bluffton — 6:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Middle school volleyball at New Knoxville — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
5:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Singapore Grand Prix (ESPN2)
7:30 a.m. — Premier League: Chelsea at West Ham United (USA)
9 a.m. — Formula 1: Singapore Grand Prix (ESPN2)
10 a.m. — Premier League: AFC Bournemouth at Liverpool (USA)
12 p.m. — College football: Florida at Mississippi State (ESPN); N.C. State at Clemson (ABC); Houston at Cincinnati (FS1); Kansas at West Virginia (ESPN2); Charlotte at Indiana (BTN); Marshall at Ohio State (FOX)
12:30 p.m. — Premier League: Manchester United at Crystal Palace (NBC)
1:10 p.m. — MLB: Pittsburgh Pirates at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
3:30 p.m. — College football: USC at Michigan (CBS); Miami (OH) at Notre Dame (NBC); Georgia Tech at Louisville (ESPN2); Arizona State at Texas Tech (FS1); Kent State at Penn State (BTN); Arkansas at Auburn (ESPN); UCLA at LSU (ABC)
4 p.m. — College football: Utah at Oklahoma State (FOX)
5 p.m. — College football: TCU at SMU (ABC)
7 p.m. — College football: Miami at South Florida (ESPN); Cal at Florida State (ESPN2); Northwestern at Washington (FS1)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Tennessee at Oklahoma (ABC); Iowa at Minnesota (NBC)
7:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Bass Pro Shops Night Race (USA)
8 p.m. — College football: Baylor at Colorado (FOX)
8 p.m. — College volleyball: Texas A&M at Wisconsin (BTN)
9:45 p.m. — College football: Portland State at Boise State (FS1)
10:30 p.m. — College football: Kansas State at BYU (ESPN)
10:30 p.m. — College volleyball: Kentucky at Stanford (ESPN2)

Sunday
8 a.m. — Formula 1: Singapore Grand Prix (ESPN)
9 a.m. — Premier League: Nottingham Forest at Brighton & Hove Albion (USA)

11:30 a.m. — Premier League: Arsenal at Manchester City (USA)
12:30 p.m. — College volleyball: Nebraska at Louisville (ABC)
1 p.m. — NFL: Chicago Bears at Indianapolis Colts (CBS); Green Bay Packers at Tennessee Titans (FOX)
1 p.m. — WNBA: Atlanta Dream at New York Liberty (ESPN)
1 p.m. — NWSL: Utah Royals at Gotham FC (ESPN2)
1:10 p.m. — MLB: Pittsburgh Pirates at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
3 p.m. — NHRA: Carolina Nationals (FS1)
3 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: Louisville City at Detroit City (ESPN2)
3 p.m. — WNBA: Indiana Fever at Connecticut Sun (ABC)
4:25 p.m. — NFL: Baltimore Ravens at Dallas Cowboys (FOX)
5 p.m. — WNBA: Phoenix Mercury at Minnesota Lynx (ESPN)
6:15 p.m. — MLS: D.C. United at Philadelphia Union (FS1)
7:15 p.m. — MLB: Philadelphia Phillies at New York Mets (ESPN)
8:20 p.m. — NFL: Kansas City Chiefs at Atlanta Falcons (NBC)
10 p.m. — WNBA: Seattle Storm at Las Vegas Aces (ESPN)

Monday
7:30 p.m. — NFL: Jacksonville Jaguars at Buffalo Bills (ESPN)
8:15 p.m. — NFL: Washington Commanders at Cincinnati Bengals (ABC)

Tuesday
6:40 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Cleveland Guardians (Bally Indiana)
7:05 p.m. — MLB: Baltimore Orioles at New York Yankees (TBS)
7:30 p.m. — WNBA: Atlanta Dream at New York Liberty (ESPN)
9:30 p.m. — WNBA: Seattle Storm at Las Vegas Aces (ESPN)
10:10 p.m. — MLB: San Diego Padres at Los Angeles Dodgers (TBS)

Local notes

JC Tumbling hosting
JC Tumbling and gymnastics will host an open gym today. 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.

Grand opening set

The Jay County Clubhouse will host a grand opening from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5.

The new sports facility is located at 822 S. 500 West, Portland. The event will include games, door prizes, raffles, food and refreshments.

The Clubhouse will be offered discounts on premier memberships as well.

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Jay County High School junior Joaquin Johnson and another Patriot defender wrap up Bluffton running back Cooper Craig during the Patriots' 34-25 loss to the ninth-ranked team in Class 2A on Friday. Craig finished the game with 102 rushing yards and 84 receiving yards.

Long touchdown pass on third down ends Jay County's bid to upset No. 9 Bluffton Tigers

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

BLUFFTON — The Patriots had their backs against the wall.

Down two scores with the ball on their own 24-yard line and 6:08 remaining, they needed to move quickly to give themselves a chance.

Sean Bailey fired off passes to his receiving corps, with quarterback keepers mixed in.

An 11-yard pass to Ben Crouch, 17 yards to Brady Jetmore, 14 to Grant Wendel and 32 rushing yards from Bailey got the Patriots to the goal line in no time before the senior quarterback ran the final 2 yards.

The Tigers needed to run out the final 3 minutes, 11 seconds, while the Patriots wanted a three-and-out. A sack of Axton Beste by Lucas Strait and an incompletion had the Patriot faithful on their feet for third-and-13.

With Beste throwing a screen pass to running back Cooper



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Jay County High School's Grant Wendel finds open field to complete a 70-yard punt return for a touchdown on Friday at Bluffton. Wendel had the only TD for either team in the third quarter, before the Tigers managed to pull away with two in the fourth.

Craig, the Patriots just needed to stop the sophomore before the 45-yard line. But he had a pair of blockers and a lot of open field.

With the right sideline

cleared out for him, Craig took the ball 58 yards to run the Patriots off the field.

The Jay County High School football team traded shots with the Class 2A No. 9 Bluffton

Tigers on Friday night, but came up short after a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns as the Tigers stayed undefeated with a 34-25 victory.

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Boggs powers SJ over Indians

FRHS scored first but couldn't keep up with Jays

FORT RECOVERY — For the second week in a row, Ethan Hartnagel got the Indians on the board first.

And for the second week in a row, they were in a deep hole by the time they found the end zone again.

The St. John's Blue Jays scored 27 consecutive points Friday as they handed the Fort Recovery High School football team a 27-14 defeat.

The possibilities looked good for the Indians (1-4, 0-3 Midwest Athletic Conference) in the early going as they took the ball to start the game, drove the field and scored on a 1-yard Hartnagel run. (He also scored on a 1-yard run to close the opening drive in the previous week's 48-14 loss to St. Henry.) But FRHS wouldn't see the end zone again until midway through the third quarter while the Blue Jays (2-3, 1-2 MAC) took the lead at halftime and then scored twice in the span of 11 seconds in the third quarter to put the game away.

St. John's was up 13-6 at the half and got a 44-yard TD run from Drew Boggs — his third of the game — at the 10:11 mark of the third quarter. The Indians fumbled the ensuing kickoff with Austin Shafer making the recovery and taking it to the end zone for another touchdown and a 21-point lead.

Boggs was lethal to Fort Recovery, averaging more than 10 yards per carry. His 44-yard scoring run in the third quarter matched one of the same length in the first and he also had a 12-yarder in the second as he rushed nine times for 118 yards. He also went 9-of-12 through the air for 104 yards.

Riley Mueller added 46 yards on 14 attempts for the Blue Jays, and Tyler Lindeman caught three passes for 30 yards.

Reece Wendel, who got the second Fort Recovery TD on a 24-yard run in the third quarter, again handled the bulk of the offense for the Indians with 162 rushing yards on 23 carries and three completions for 25 yards. Caden Grisez, Breaker Jutte and Hartnagel each caught a pass for FRHS, which turned the ball over twice in the loss.

Hartnagel and Wendel also led the defense with nine and eight tackles, respectively. Josh Evers followed with seven.

FRHS will be back on the road Friday when it visits New Bremen (3-2, 1-2 MAC). The Cardinals are coming off of a 48-7 loss to Division VII No. 1 Marion Local.

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