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## Dunkirk council takes action on chlorides

*Ordinance imposes limits; officials say fines won't be first resort*

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — New regulations for chlorides entering the city's wastewater system are in place.

Dunkirk City Council on Monday approved an ordinance that sets the limit for chlorides at 221 milligrams per liter.

Council members discussed the proposed ordinance at their Oct. 9 meeting, at that time deciding to table it to allow more review.

City attorney Wes Schemenaur presented the ordinance that sets the limit at 221 milligrams per liter again Monday. There is currently no limit imposed by city ordinance.

Schemenaur noted that another section of the ordinance that would have decreased the limit for grease, fats and oils to 25 milligrams per liter, down from the current 100, was removed at the request of wastewater superintendent Steven Gillette.

The ordinance also sets up a fine schedule.

Lisa McIntire, assistant superintendent of the city's wastewater treatment department, explained that the city has been regularly over its limit of 340 milligrams per liter of chlorides coming into the plant, leading to Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) pushing for the issue to be addressed by ordinance.

Dunkirk city officials discussed the proposed ordinance with plant manager Aaron Wine and vice president of environmental compliance Richard Tomicek of Ardagh — the city's largest water user — as they had at their last meeting. Ardagh had sent an email to Mayor Jack Robbins regarding the proposal and he had forwarded it to council members.

See **Chlorides** page 5

# Two tornadoes



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A construction worker drags debris at Jay County Junior-Senior High School amid cleanup efforts Tuesday morning following the Sunday evening tornado that caused extensive damage to the junior high and IMC (library) area of the building. Jay School Corporation superintendent said this morning that cleaning and restoration firm Servpro has about 50 employees on site working on putting a tarp over the roof, removing water and other liquids from inside and cleaning.

## National Weather Service confirmed EF-1, EF-U; junior-senior high school will be closed all week

By RAY COONEY and BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Two tornadoes have been confirmed.

The stronger of the pair caused damage that will have the junior-senior high school closed for the rest of this week.

The National Weather Service on Monday confirmed that there were two tornadoes Sunday evening in Jay County, one of which left a hole in the roof of Jay County Junior-Senior High School before continuing on its nearly 3-mile path that ended shortly after hitting the American Legion post in Portland.

On Monday afternoon, Jay School Corporation announced

that the junior-senior high would remain closed for the rest of the week. (All Jay Schools were closed Monday.)

All kindergarten through grade six schools, including preschools at the General Shanks and West Jay buildings, returned to in-person classes Tuesday. The junior-senior high was on e-learning Tuesday, followed by remote learning Wednesday through Friday.

A text alert sent out at 7:57 p.m. Sunday indicated that a tornado touched down "outside of Portland."

By Monday evening, the National Weather Service determined that there were two tornadoes.

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Anthony Campofiore hands a metal panel down the side of The American Legion Post 211 to Larry Fifer on Tuesday morning. The All Weather Heating and Air Conditioning employees checked out damage on top of the roof to the building, which has been covered in plastic tarp since the tornado struck Sunday night. As of Tuesday morning, The American Legion did not have electricity but hoped to have it restored by the end of the day.



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# Clean-up after courthouse leak is ongoing

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Efforts to make repairs at Jay County Courthouse after a water leak are ongoing.

Jay County Commissioners approved a contract Monday with Hays + Sons Complete Restoration of Muncie for repairing water damage in Jay County Recorder's Office and Jay County Prosecutor's Office.

Jay County Recorder's Office employees walked into their office on the second floor of the courthouse Sept. 4 to discover water gushing out of a partially collapsed ceiling. Water also seeped into Jay County Prosecutor's Office on the first floor. Officials believe the source of the water was a deteriorated sink drain pipe in Jay Circuit Court's

## Water caused damage to recorder's, prosecutor's offices

office on the third floor.

Commissioners president Chad Aker explained the company was authorized on an emergency basis to begin remediation and repairs Sept. 4. Hays + Sons Complete Restoration offered a contract with no final amount. County auditor Emily Franks noted the company is still drying out the recorder's and prosecutor's offices.

"It's been taking a lot longer due to the materials, plasterwork and everything," she explained.

Jay County prosecutor Wes Schemenaur — he also serves as county attorney — advocated for commissioners to approve the contract. Schemenaur suggested liability insurance may cover the majority of the cost. Franks later pointed out the deductible is \$50,000.

Schemenaur noted prosecutor's office chief deputy Zech Landers' office was damaged. Landers has been working out of a different space since the incident. Some flooring, trim, baseboard, plaster and ceiling will likely need to be replaced, he added. A couple computer monitors may also have been damaged beyond repair.

"We're full of fans and dehumidifiers," he said. "That back room where (investigator Curt Compton's) office is at is pretty well shot ... and what's left of the floor is pretty warped."

Jay County Recorder's Office has been blocked off since the incident, with recorder's office employees working out of the former commissioners' room on the second floor. Although the

office is still providing recording services, Schemenaur noted it's unable to offer title searches and other services because it does not have access to all of its books.

Along with water damage to the ceiling, walls and floor, at least one table in the recorder's room has been ruined, according to county recorder Melanie Upp. A large scanning machine may have also been damaged from the standing water.

Officials won't be able to fully investigate the damage or cause of the leak until Hays + Sons is finished with its work. The courthouse's drains are approximately 105 years old, according to courthouse superintendent Bruce Sutton.

See **Clean-up** page 2

### Deaths

Stephen Prescott, 56, rural Portland  
David Hudson, 64, rural Portland  
Patty Newton, 86, Portland  
Kathy King, 82, Montpelier  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

The temperature ranged between 62 and 72 degrees Monday in Jay County. There was a trace of rain.

Tonight's low will be in the upper 50s. Expect partly cloudy skies Thursday with a high in the upper 70s and a 20% chance of rain.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Jay County Fair sponsorship intern Kaden Khayyata will host two sponsorship open houses to provide information about ways to partner with the fair during the off-season. They are scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday and noon Monday. For more information, call the fair office at (260) 726-9616.

### Coming up

**Thursday** — Results from Tuesday's JCHS girls soccer game against Delta.

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

**Saturday** — Photos from Jay County High School's homecoming activities.





# Obituaries

## Stephen Prescott

Sept. 9, 1968-Sept. 22, 2024  
Stephen K. Prescott, age 56, of rural Portland passed away on Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024, at his residence.

He was born in Portland on Sept. 9, 1968, the son of Roger and Linda (Oswalt) Prescott. He was married on April 21, 1990, to Jane Noe who survives.

Steve had worked as a funeral director at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home for 38 years, manager of Jay County Monuments, co-owner of Mrs. P's Kitchen

and had Prescott Cattle Company with his two sons. He was a 1986 Jay County High School graduate where he played football, baseball and wrestled, graduate of Mid America Mortuary School and a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Jay Lodge #87, Scottish Rite and Shrine. He also had been a member of Jayland Trotting Association and was a 4-H board member.



Prescott

Surviving is his wife Jane; two sons, Colton Prescott and Hunter Prescott, both of Winchester; his mother Linda Prescott of Portland; brother Bob Prescott (wife: Laura) of Peru; sister Rogina Prescott (companion: Gene Steveson); Lewe his dog; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held Friday, Sept. 27, at 10 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Randy Smith presiding. Burial will be in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m.

Memorials can be made to Jayland Trotting Association or Randolph Central FFA. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

**David Hudson**, rural Portland, Jan. 16, 1960-Sept. 20, 2024. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

**Patty Lou Newton**, Portland, Jan. 1, 1938-Sept. 22, 2024. No services are scheduled at this time.

**Kathy King**, Harrison Township, Montpelier, a New Mount Pleasant native, May 18, 1942-Sept. 21,

2024. Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

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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.*

## CR almanac

Thursday 9/26	Friday 9/27	Saturday 9/28	Sunday 9/29	Monday 9/30
<b>79/61</b>	<b>78/59</b>	<b>79/59</b>	<b>77/59</b>	<b>74/58</b>
Thursday has a slight chance of showers with a cool 5 to 10 mph wind.	Friday's forecast shows a chance of rain under mostly cloudy skies.	Another chance of rain. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low of 59.	There's a chance of rain on Sunday under mostly cloudy skies.	Mostly cloudy skies with a chance of thunderstorms.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Monday 15-21-25-37-45 Power Ball: 19 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$223 million	Daily Four: 1-6-4-6 Quick Draw: 2-12-13-15-21-31-32-35-37-45-49-50-51-52-57-59-62-70-74-77 Cash 5: 4-11-20-27-33 Estimated jackpot: \$781,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$62 million	<b>Ohio</b> Monday Midday Pick 3: 0-9-8 Pick 4: 6-0-6-6 Pick 5: 9-7-3-8-4 Evening Pick 3: 5-4-0 Pick 4: 2-9-5-2 Pick 5: 6-8-1-8-0 Rolling Cash: 12-21-28-30-35 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Monday Midday Daily Three: 8-7-8 Daily Four: 8-6-7-7 Quick Draw: 1-5-13-14-16-17-34-38-39-43-44-45-47-58-62-65-66-77-78-79 Evening Daily Three: 7-2-9	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....3.60 Oct. corn .....3.67 Wheat .....4.52	Oct. beans .....9.95 Wheat ..... 5.27
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....3.67 Oct./Nov. corn .....3.67 Dec. corn .....3.92	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....3.64 Oct. corn .....3.64 Beans.....9.95 Oct. beans .....9.95 Wheat .....5.07
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....3.62 Oct. corn .....3.62 Beans .....9.95	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....3.47 Oct. corn .....3.47 Beans.....9.72 Jan. beans .....10.11 Wheat .....4.97

## Today in history

In 1890, Sequoia National Park was formally established by United States Congress. Situated in California, it's known for its giant sequoia trees, which are the largest trees in the world and can reach up to 3,400 years old.

In 1897, William Faulkner was born in New Albany, Mississippi. The novelist wrote stories set in fictional Yoknapatawpha County, based on his home, Lafayette County.

In 1926, Henry Ford announced employees at Ford Motor Company would begin an 8-hour, 5-day work week. The choice later became an industry standard.

In 1929, broadcast journalist Barbara Walters was born in Boston, Massachusetts.

In 1957, efforts to end racial segregation came to light when nine Black students began attending the previously all-white Central High school in Little Rock, Arkansas.

In 1962, Sonny Liston knocked out Floyd Patterson in the first round of the world heavyweight boxing match in Chicago.

In 1992, NASA launched the Mars Observer probe into outer space. Although its goal was to study Mars, a year later all communications with the device were lost.

— The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Today</b> 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, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	<b>Monday</b> 5:30 p.m. — Jay County Living Advisory Board executive session, Jay County Community Center senior area, 115 E. Water St., Portland. 6:30 p.m. — Jay County Living Advisory Board, Jay County Community Center senior area, 115 E. Water St., Portland.
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## Along the trail

Jameson Burrough, 7, of Dunkirk tries his hand with archery alongside his mom Stephanie on Saturday morning during the Walk in the Park. The event led by West Jay Optimist Club highlighted the new walking trail at Dunkirk City Park. Optimist members set up stations along the trail with various giveaways and activities.

## Capsule Reports

### Elliott elected

Indiana State treasurer Daniel Elliott was elected Monday as the next secretary-treasurer of the National Association of State Treasurers.

"I would like to congratulate Treasurer Elliott on his election as

Secretary-Treasurer of the National Association of State Treasurers," said National Association of State Treasurers president Shaun Snyder in a press release. "As a member of the Board of Directors, he has demonstrated a commitment to public service and responsible public

financial management. We are grateful for his continued service to the association on behalf of Indiana."

Elliott, a Republican, was elected in 2022. He previously served as a member of Morgan County Economic Development Corporation.

## Clean-up ...

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Re-lining work has been completed for some of those pipes in recent years to extend their lifespans.

Also Monday, commissioners formally signed an ordinance declaring a burn ban in Jay County until further notice. Aker noted fire chiefs from Jay County fire departments met and determined the dry weather conditions warranted a burn ban. Jay County Sheriff's Office alert system sent out notice of the ban at 3:36 p.m. Sept. 13. Aker pointed out as of Monday morning the ban was still in effect.

In other business, commissioners:

- Tabled decision on a contract with Waste Management for trash services at Jay County Jail. The company — it acquired customers from previous service provider, Crown City Logistics — has offered a three-year contract with an automatic renewal at \$132.50 per month. The county's previous contract with Crown City Logistics expires in October. Waste Management offered a month-to-month service for the jail until a new contract is signed.
- OK'd Jay County Highway Department to utilize a 5.75% interest loan with The Farmers State Bank of Portland for purchase of a Case front end loader.
- Were informed county road 700 West has been closed between county roads 200 and 300 South because of an unsafe bridge. Highway superintendent Bob Howell noted the bridge was inspected by a consultant, who recommended closing the road permanently for the time being. Aker pointed out the timber bridge is rotted and will likely need to be totally rebuilt, which he said may take a few years.
- Heard it would cost \$5,238 to install a solar-charged flashing "stop ahead" sign at county road 650 South, just west of U.S. 27. Residents have requested the measure be implemented at the intersection. Commissioners pointed to other additional signage at the intersection, with Howell noting the department has approximately \$8,000 left in its budget for signs and has had several signs stolen this year.
- Appointed Amy Hawbaker to Jay County Public Library Board and Courtney Bivens to Dunkirk Library Board.
- OK'd combining parcels for a few landowners, including Margaret Ralph, for annual ditch assessments per recommendation from county surveyor Brad Daniels.
- Heard Jay Emergency Medical Services' financial breakdown for August from director Gary Barnett. The department had \$123,768.39 in expenses and \$108,159.19 in income for August.
- OK'd scrapping a 2008 Ford pick-up truck after learning there were no offers for purchasing it from Jay County Highway Department.
- Were reminded commissioners will meet at 5 p.m. Oct. 14 and Oct. 28 as a result of early voting taking place in Jay County Courthouse auditorium during the day.

## SERVICES

### Today

**King, Kathy:** 1 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

**Hiday, Harry:** 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

### Thursday

**Neumayr, Kay:** 10 a.m., St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 407 Perry St., Attica.

**Clack, Sandy:** 5 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

### Saturday

**Bartlett, Michael:** noon, Bartlett Pond, 550 N. 1025 West, Pennville.

### Monday

**Hudson, David:** 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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## Constitution display

Mississinewa Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently installed a display at Jay County Public Library celebrating the signing of the United States Constitution, which was signed Sept. 17, 1787. Pictured above are Mississinewa Chapter Regent Kathy Selman and Sue Sommers.

# Man threatened by best friend's new partner

DEAR ABBY: I'm a gay man who is best friends with "Carl," a man who is straight. We are everything you'd expect of a normal friendship. On a surface level, there is no difference. He goes well out of his way to make me feel welcomed and accepted, and I appreciate it.

Recently, Carl found a significant other. I'm happy for him, because he deserves it. The problem is, I am jealous. I know without a shadow of a doubt

### Dear Abby



that my relationship with Carl will never be anything more than platonic. I think I know why this bothers me so much — Carl is nice, smart and attractive, and we get along — yet

someone other than me is with him.

Abby, the thing is, I never wanted to be with him before. (My darkest secret: I recently stole one of his shirts because I wanted part of him with me.) Now I feel like I betrayed our friendship, and I am a thief. I have so many mixed emotions. How should I handle our friendship going forward? — LOST IN ARKANSAS

**DEAR LOST:** Your feelings under these circumstances

are not unusual. You are afraid that because a third person has been put in the mix, your special relationship with Carl will be lost or diminished. It doesn't have to be that way. You were always friends, and you can continue to be. However, you may have to branch out and build new relationships, which will not only fill any empty time, but may also lead to you finding a special someone of your own. If you do not feel better after

branching out, and there's an LGBTQ center near you, please consider talking to a counselor there to help you through this. If there isn't one, search online for emotional support.

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*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.*

## Community Calendar

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

### Today

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

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

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

**EUCHRE CLUB** — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

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

**PORTLAND EAGLES** — Will meet at 6 p.m., on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month

at the Eagles' lodge, 320 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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

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

### Thursday

**LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES** — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenant-landlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

**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.

**MISSISSINEWA CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** — Will meet at the Jay County Historical Society at 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 26. Any questions, please call Kathy Selman at (260) 251-1694 or Sue Sommers at (260) 726-2678.

### 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.

### 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.

### Sunday

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

### Monday

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

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

each Monday at Jay Community Center.

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

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

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

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

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

### Tuesday

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

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

Level: Intermediate

### Tuesday's Solution

3	6	9	1	2	5	7	8	4
1	8	7	4	6	9	2	5	3
2	4	5	3	8	7	1	9	6
8	9	2	6	3	1	4	7	5
4	7	1	9	5	8	6	3	2
6	5	3	7	4	2	8	1	9
7	1	4	2	9	3	5	6	8
9	2	8	5	1	6	3	4	7
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The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

## 20th Annual Jay County Heritage Festival

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# Corvette club was not a good fit

*Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Sept. 23, 2004. Jack had many stories that revolved around road trips, as part of The Great American Race, driving to a family cabin in New Hampshire and making his way to and from Bloomington to visit Sally. An encounter on a particular trip had him wondering about a dream car: Have you ever wanted a Corvette?*

By JACK RONALD  
The News and Sun

The vanity plates caught my eye. "AWHSUM" said one, with dubious spelling. "QCKNFUN" said the plate on the car in front of "AWHSUM." Then I noticed they were both Corvettes. And only then did I notice that they were the last in a string of six 'Vettes ahead of us.

## Back in the Saddle



It was Sunday at mid-day, and we were heading west out of Bloomington on Ind. 46 after a delightful freshmen parents' weekend visit with Sally at Indiana University. The sky was cloudless blue, and the day couldn't have been more perfect for a drive the long way home. We moved away from the bustle of Bloomington toward the winding roads and hillsides of Brown County. Leaf-peeping season is still on the horizon, but the Hoosier

landscape was lovely just the same. It was perfect roadster weather, and the six 'Vettes in front of us were tooling along the highway like a scene from a car commercial. "Those guys are having a ball," I said, moving through the curves in the family Dodge. "Did you ever want to own one of those?" asked my wife. It was an interesting question. She didn't mention anything about being able to afford a Corvette. There was no mention of practicality. Things like cargo space and gas mileage weren't brought up. Instead, it was all a matter of "want." I felt the steering wheel under my hands as we moved through another curve and thought about it.

Like any red-blooded American guy, I've found myself lusting after more than one automobile over the years. Usually more practical concerns and little things like price tags have scared me off. I'd had a little Avenger at one point, which was essentially a Mitsubishi Eclipse with a different label, but had traded it in about the time Sally was getting her driver's license. At one time or another, I've pictured myself behind the wheel of a dozen different cars, most of them impractical and exotic. Cobras, Jaguars, Porsches, vintage MGs, and more mundane Detroit products have all had a place on my wish list at one time or another. There are times that I've even checked the prices on reproductions of the old Auburn boat-tail speedster.

But a Corvette was another story. There's something about a 'Vette that either fits with your personality or doesn't. It's not so much a car as it is a personal statement. It says who you are, what you're about, and what you value. It speaks — simultaneously — of youth and the passage of youth into middle age. It's one of those cars where ownership isn't just ownership, it's membership in a fraternity of owners. "Well," said my wife. "Nope," I said. "It's so low to the ground I don't think my knees would be able to handle getting in and out of the thing." With thoughts that practical, I probably wouldn't have been admitted to the fraternity anyway.

# We must protect political candidates

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It shouldn't take another attempt on Donald Trump's life to convince the Secret Service its strategy for protecting the former president is inadequate.

A second apparent try at assassinating the former president came Sunday, when a man with a high-powered rifle and scope set up on the perimeter of the Florida course where Trump was playing golf and remained in place for 12 hours waiting for his apparent target.

An agent working a few holes ahead of Trump's golfing group spotted a gun barrel jutting from the shrubbery and fired into the gunman's hiding place. After a short chase, suspect Ryan Routh, who has a disturbing anti-Trump social media profile, was arrested.

Luck and good police work led to a better outcome than the first assassination attempt on July 13 at an outdoor Trump rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, where shooter Thomas Crooks was able to climb onto a roof with a rifle and fire off several shots before he was killed by the security detail. The president was struck in the ear and a firefighter attending the rally was killed.

The Biden administration responded with a promise of beefed-up security for Trump, as it did again after Sunday's attempt. Obviously, whatever steps were taken did not close the gap in the protective shield around Trump. It is essential that happens now.

While the Secret Service says Trump is getting maximum protection, Sheriff Ric Bradshaw of Palm Beach County said in a briefing after the arrest the level of security for Trump as a candidate was less than it was while he was president.

The competing claims aside, the fact is Routh was able to get into shooting position near where he expected to encounter the president and stay there for hours. Questions must be answered about how the area was swept and how Routh knew where Trump would be on a day the former president's schedule was not made public. Frankly, Trump could aid his own security by foregoing outdoor rallies in harder-to-secure venues, and

## Guest Editorial

**Federal authorities have known for months of a credible plot by Iran to assassinate American officials. That alone should have toughened the protective shield around Trump.**

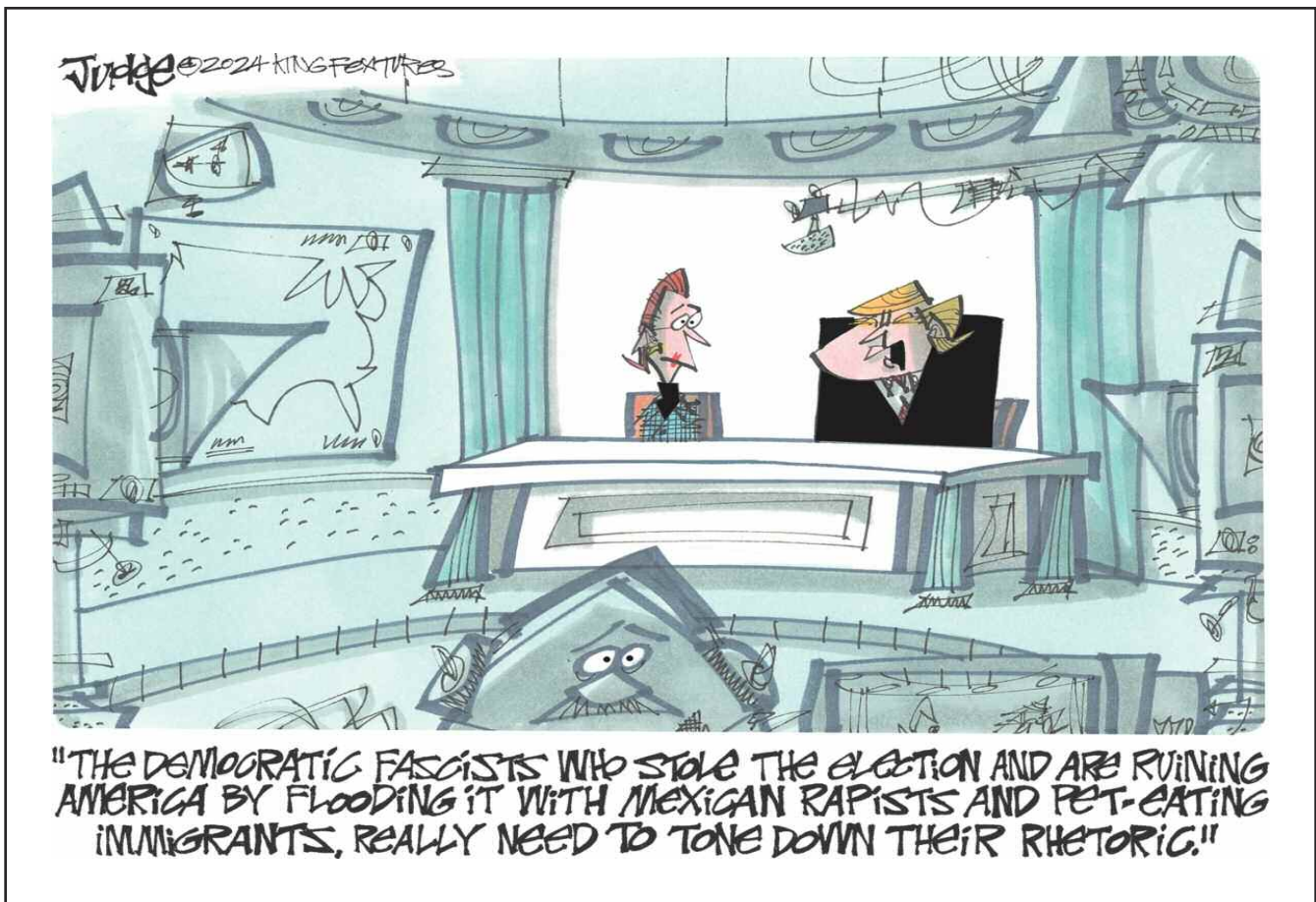
perhaps take a break from the golf course until after the election.

He shouldn't have to do that, but the reality is there are people out there who want to kill him. He could make it much more difficult for them by making himself a smaller target.

Trump's running mate, Sen. JD Vance, warned during a Tuesday appearance in Michigan a successful assassination of a presidential candidate this fall would "destroy the social fabric of this country." Sadly, he's right. Federal authorities have known for months of a credible plot by Iran to assassinate American officials. That alone should have toughened the protective shield around Trump.

Full protection should also now be extended to Vance, Vice President Kamala Harris and her running mate Tim Walz. All should be assumed to be at high risk. Preventing an assassin's bullet from altering the course of this presidential campaign, and thus, American history is a must-not-fail mission for the Secret Service and other security agencies.

This is one time when the marching order should spend whatever it takes to get the job done.



# Address allegations through support

By LEONCE JEAN-BAPTISTE  
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By now, the unsubstantiated rumors of Haitians eating pets in Springfield, Ohio have been completely debunked. However, the animosity and hate towards Haitians has only heightened. Indianapolis and other communities in Indiana have also seen a large influx of Haitian immigrants in the last few years. The reality is — that Haitians come to places like Springfield, Indianapolis and Evansville because of the availability of jobs — period.

These times, however, are particularly dangerous as right-wing groups are weaponizing such dog-whistle lies to reignite racism that has been suppressed in mainstream America for the past few decades. All week long, I've been fielding calls about Haitian community centers receiving bomb threats from community leaders who are rightfully afraid for the safety of the Haitian people and theirs. Prominent Haitians in Ohio and elsewhere have been victims of swatting and other threats.

So, what can be done when those so much power repeat such despicable lies? With the advent of social media where unverifiable news move at such an exponential pace, the only viable option for leaders in the Haitian community is to set the record straight by providing new perspectives.

So, what really took place? Both Indiana and Ohio were economically depressed and devastated by COVID-19. The labor shortage in the Midwest, especially in the manufacturing sector, called for extraordinary business measures. Employers throughout the Midwest states, unable to fill regular orders, resorted to employing those willing and able to work back-breaking jobs, odd shifts, and overtime, often running the gamut of 60-70 hours a week — when needed.

It turned out that the group valuing hard work the most — since good

wages and stable work have eluded them for most of their lives — were Haitians.

So, this rapid relocation of Haitians to the Midwest has been transformative for both Haitians and the manufacturing sector in the Midwest. During these past four years, Haitians have worked ungodly number of hours to help close manufacturing production gaps, while Midwest employers fulfilled orders, added new shift and kept labor costs low — a win-win situation. According to the Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell, on the aggregate, the US economy has largely benefited from adding immigrants to its workforce. As a result, the tradeoff is that social costs have also risen, and inflation has lingered, creating angst and anxieties among the average American — further fueled and exploited by the extreme right rhetoric.

It is obvious that hospitals, local police departments, and school districts are in need of more employees with Haitian Creole proficiencies to accommodate the population increase. In Indiana, where I live, many such prominent organizations have reached out to local Haitian organizations to learn about the community they serve. These efforts have led to significant initiatives. Collaborations between city officials, the Indianapolis Mayor's Office, and numerous healthcare organizations, including prominent research universities, have led to coalition addressing maternal, infant, and mental health, as well as jobs and housing challenges. Hoosier efforts

Leonce Jean-Baptiste



From my humble opinion, these efforts could be replicated in other communities with burgeoning Haitian populations throughout the US. The model here is to have local Haitian leaders help major organizations and city officials navigate the deep cultural, social chasm that might exist between Ohioans, Hoosiers, and Haitians. Established Haitian organizations can play a powerful role and serve as a bridge, informing and guiding the best use of local resources, providing culturally appropriate recommendations by assisting in cultural competency and advocacy.

What gives me comfort is knowing that most Americans do care! Americans have always been known to lend a hand to those in need. Our organization received help from many strangers, all Hosiers; especially when Haiti suffered from the most devastating earthquake in 2010. So, what I'm essentially suggesting is that — if it feels broken to you, here are a few tips on what you can do:

Patronize a local Haitian business such as a restaurant or a Haitian bakery. Buy Haitian products online you like. Offer a space of worship to local Haitians who don't have their own church building. Attend events organized by local Haitian organizations to learn about their culture and way of life. Be an ally and donate to your local Haitian organization, so they can continue to support programs that help Haitian families integrate into the community.

By taking these steps, you can empower Haitians trying to make a difference in their community, while uplifting your own community.

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# Tornadoes ...

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The second, stronger, tornado was rated an EF-1 on the Enhanced Fujita Scale, with winds reaching 110 miles per hour. It started near the intersection of county road 75 South and Joan Drive and “quickly gained intensity as it tracked east northeast,” according to a press release from the National Weather Service.

The storm resulted in significant damage to the roof over the junior high area and IMC (library) of the junior-senior high, ripped most of the roof off of the home of Kyle Love at 2041 Indiana 67 and took out the bulk of the upper level of American Legion Post 211.

The tornado reached a maximum width of 75 yards, traveling 2.74 miles on a path through the field and wooded area on the south side of Tyson Road, then along Tyson Road and Water Street in Portland and angling slightly north to Walnut Street before dissipating about a block east of Meridian Street.

The first tornado was weaker and traveled less than 2 tenths of a mile in a cornfield just southeast of where the stronger tornado began. It was rated EF-U, indicating that wind speeds could not be determined because of a lack of damage and other evidence.

Jay School Corporation superintendent Jeremy Gulley said Tuesday morning that the goal is

## Potential Monday return to classes hinges on status of HVAC system

to return junior-senior high students to in-person learning Monday. The ability to do so, however, is dependent on getting the heating, ventilation and cooling (HVAC) system back up and running.

The system was hit hard Sunday night, with air handling units pushed out of place and the housing of one unit ending up on the school's front lawn. Fluids from the system drained inside the building.

“When one part of a system goes down, it causes everything else to fail,” Gulley said.

Jay County Emergency Management Agency director Samantha Rhodehamel was not available for comment before press time.

According to a release posted to Jay County EMA's Facebook page about 11 a.m. Tuesday, the department was continuing to process damage assessments and submissions.

“Jay County Emergency Management Agency is working with state officials specializing in public and individual assistance at Indiana Department of Home-

land Security to determine next steps for the city and county,” the press release says.

The clean-up effort was underway in earnest Tuesday at the junior-senior high, with about 50 employees from Servpro on site along with semi trailers and mobile generators. (The company specializes in clean-up and restoration following events such as floods, fires and tornadoes.) The work includes putting a tarp over the damaged area of the roof, sealing broken doors and windows, drying out and vacuuming liquids, and general cleaning. Gulley said he expects those efforts to continue through the rest of the week.

The public is asked to stay away from the south and east parking lots as crews continue clean-up work.

Insurance adjusters have also been on site.

“This is significant damage, as we all know,” he said.

Jay Schools administrators are working on plans to bring students back. They involve utilizing any available space in the building to house students and

teachers whose classrooms will not be available because of the tornado damage. Unused classrooms will be the first option — that includes classrooms that have teachers on their prep periods — followed by open spaces such as the gym and its balconies, the commons, the auxiliary gym and the pool hallway and adjacent breezeway.

For the longer term, Gulley has inquired with insurance adjusters about the possibility of bringing in temporary mobile classrooms.

“That is the common practice for schools that are hit by tornadoes,” he said, noting that mobile classrooms were used at what was then East Jay Middle School when the 1923 portion of the building was torn down.

Gulley said parents should expect to receive an email Thursday afternoon with additional details about the school corporation's plans.

In addition to school staff working on plans for returning to in-person classes at the junior-senior high, Gulley said there may be a need for additional help.

He planned to put out a call for volunteers on the school corporation's Facebook page. Such volunteers could be utilized to help move furniture and other items if and when such needs arise.

The American Legion post, 211 W. Walnut St., Portland, still didn't have electricity as of Tuesday morning. Hopes were for power to be restored by the end of the day.

Its exposed roof areas have been covered since Monday morning with plastic tarp to protect against rain.

Members of The American Legion said an assessor would be visiting the building at 1 p.m. Tuesday, after which point they planned to begin cleanup efforts inside.

The City of Portland asked residents to place tree debris near curbs or alleys for the street department to remove it. Tree debris for residents outside of Portland can be taken from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Thursday at a drop-off location on county road 100 East, just south of Jay County Highway Department.

Indiana Department of Homeland Security has created a hotline for residents of Jay County to report damage from Sunday's storms at in211.communityos.org or (866) 211-9966.

Report agricultural damage to the Jay County Purdue Extension Office at (260) 726-4707.

# Chlorides ...

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Tomicek said again Monday that the company is working on the issue and asked that the city consider bumping up the limit in the ordinance.

Robbins responded that the city has been trying to get the issue addressed for a year and has seen the chloride numbers from Ardagh go up rather than down. He asked Gillette where those numbers have fallen, with the superintendent responding that they average in the 600 to 700 milligram range and have been as high as 1,300. (Wine pointed out that the city's 340 milligram limit is an overall concentration rather than a cumulative total.)

Schemenaur pointed out that fines — the ordinance allows up to \$1,000 per day for an administrative fine, no more than \$2,500 total for the first violation and up to \$7,500 per day for subsequent violations — are not intended to be the first step. He said there are other options, including a “consent order” that would detail the ways in which Ardagh is working on addressing the issue and set up a timeline for that process.

The mayor and wastewater department staff agreed that they would prefer fines to be a last resort.

“We're not here to put anybody out of business,” said Robbins. “We're not here to see how much money we can get off of you. That's not our purpose.”

Wine explained that the company has been waiting for several months for 13 new water softeners to be delivered. He asked that the city consider a limit in the 300 to 325 range.

Gillette noted that the 221 milligram limit in the ordinance was reached in consultation with IDEM. He and others expressed concern that if the city does not take some action, the result will be fines from the state agency.

“It's the end,” said McIntire. “We are at the end of them waiting.”

Council member Dan Watson, who served one term as mayor, said he feels both the chloride issue and the oil issue need to be addressed. He said Ardagh plans need to be in writing to allow for accountability.

“I think we need to level out the playing field here and make sure everybody is trying their best,” said Robbins.

Council members Jesse Bivens, Christy Curts, Randy Murphy, Donna Revolt and Watson unanimously approved the ordinance, which goes into effect immediately.

Wine and Tomicek said their staff will be in contact with the city this week in order to set up meetings

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—Jack Robbins, Dunkirk mayor

to address the chloride issue.

Also Monday, Robbins informed council that there is \$50 million available for safety initiatives via an Indiana Department of Transportation program. He said he'd like to pursue grant funding for new lighted truck route signs through the city, signs near West Jay Elementary School and Dunkirk City Park, and a light at the fire station and Jay Emergency Medical Service base on county road 400 South.

The grants are on a 90/10 matching basis.

Council approved the grant application, which will be handled by Jay County Development Corporation. The deadline is Oct. 11.

In other business, council members:

- Received an updated version of the proposed 2025 budget. It is scheduled for a public hearing Oct. 14 followed by a vote on adoption Oct. 28.

- Heard from Bivens that the city will be flushing fire hydrants during the week of Oct. 7 through 11.

- Learned from Robbins that installation of equipment for recording and livestreaming meetings will begin soon. (The council had already approved \$26,550 for the equipment and installation and will be half of that total to get the job started.) Livestreaming and recording of meetings will be required by state law beginning July 1.

- Heard from Revolt that a new cornhole court was installed near the enclosed shelter house at Dunkirk City Park. Parks staff is also in the process of winterizing Dunkirk City Pool.

- Approved the following: purchase and installation of a new bearing at the wastewater treatment plant; payment of claims totaling \$233,154.63; and cancellation of warrants totaling \$83.15.

- Heard from Robbins that the annual turkey drop in the city will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, in the MJS Mortuaries parking lot across from Pizza King.

# HEALTHCARE

## Risk factors for AFib



A healthy heart is vital to a long life. Aging individuals recognize that link, and many take steps to protect their heart health, which may include changing their diets or exercising with greater frequency.

Recognizing certain threats to heart health is another important step individuals of all ages can take as they seek to live long, healthy lives. One such threat is atrial fibrillation, which is often referred to as "AFib." Johns Hopkins medicine notes AFib is a type of abnormal heartbeat caused by extremely fast and irregular beats from the upper chambers of the heart. Johns Hopkins notes a person with AFib may have a heart that beats more than 400 times per minute, which is caused by faulty electrical signals that make the atria (the two upper chambers of the heart) contract much faster than normal.

The American Heart Association reports that AFib increases the risk of heart-related death and stroke. But individuals may be curious about their risk for AFib. Though some of the risks for AFib, such as family history, may be beyond an individual's control, others can be managed with the goal of reducing the likelihood of developing the con-

dition. The AHA notes that people who have one or more of the following conditions are typically at higher risk for AFib.

- **Age: Age is a significant risk factor for AFib.** Johns Hopkins notes that adults older than 50 are at elevated risk for AFib. In addition, the AHA reports that medical researchers suspect the number of AFib cases will rise considerably in the coming years as people are living longer. Recognition of age as a significant risk factor for AFib might compel more individuals to take additional risk factors for the condition more seriously.

- **High blood pressure:** The AHA reports that longstanding, uncontrolled high blood pressure can increase a person's risk for AFib. This link between AFib and high blood pressure underscores the need for annual health examinations, which often uncover the condition known as "the silent killer" due to the fact that it does not necessarily produce noticeable symptoms.

- **Existing heart conditions: Heart valve problems;** hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, which is marked by a thickening of the walls of the heart chamber; acute coronary syndrome, an umbrella term used

to refer to conditions in which blood supplies to the heart are suddenly blocked; and a history of heart attack are just some of the heart conditions that increase a person's risk for AFib. Anyone with a personal or family history of these and other heart conditions is urged to discuss AFib with their physicians.

- **Alcohol consumption:** Binge drinking increases risk for AFib, according to the AHA. The organization defines binge drinking as five drinks in two hours for men and four drinks in two hours for women. If individuals want to consume alcohol, Johns Hopkins emphasizes the need for moderate consumption, which is defined as one drink or less per day for women or two drinks or fewer per day for men.

- **Activity levels:** Though physical activity is an essential component of a healthy lifestyle, the AHA notes that AFib is common in athletes. The condition can be triggered by a rapid heart rate known as a supraventricular tachycardia, which can be a byproduct of exercise.

AFib can pose a serious threat to individuals from all walks of life. Recognition of that threat and how to reduce AFib risk can be part of anyone's long-term health regimen.

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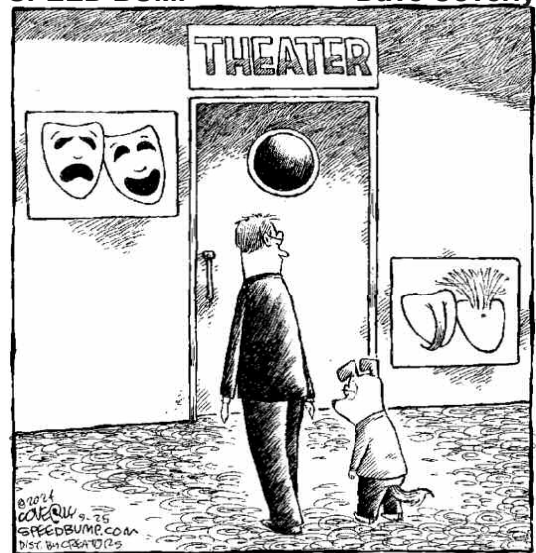
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The rationale of good defense

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

- NORTH: K J 10 8, K 9 7 5, K 10 6, J 4
WEST: 7 6 4, J 3, Q 5 2, K Q 9 8 5
EAST: 3, Q 6 2, J 9 8 4 3, 7 6 3 2
SOUTH: A Q 9 5 2, A 10 8 4, A 7, A 10

The bidding: North Pass, East Pass, South 3 Pass, West 6 Pass

Opening lead - king of clubs. Most hands can be played to best advantage by following generally accepted principles. This applies to both the declarer and the defenders. But all general rules have exceptions, and the skilled cardplayer is ever on the lookout for them. Take this case where the violation of an almost sacred defensive principle is necessary to defeat the contract. South is in six spades, and West leads the king of clubs. Declarer sees that unless he is exceptionally lucky, he is headed for defeat, since he has a certain club loser and a very likely heart loser. The best chance of making the contract seems to lie in eliminating the minor suits from both hands. So South wins the ace of clubs, draws trump, cashes the A-K of diamonds and ruffs the ten. He then leads the ten of clubs. West takes the queen but must now find the right return to defeat the contract. Fortunately, he has learned enough about declarer's hand to find the winning play. West knows that South started with exactly five spades and two diamonds and also, by inference, two clubs (with the jack in dummy, declarer would not have led the ten unless it was his only remaining club). West can therefore place declarer with four hearts. He likewise knows, from the bidding, that South has the ace of hearts. He does not know, but must assume, that declarer does not have the heart queen. Otherwise, there is no hope of stopping the slam. So, having credited East with the queen of hearts, West returns the nine of clubs. He is well-aware that this play gives declarer a ruff-and-discard - something that is virtually taboo for the defenders, but which in this case does not help declarer and so defeats the slam. Note that if West leads the jack of hearts instead, in order to avoid yielding the ruff-and-discard, declarer makes the contract by winning with dummy's king and finessing against East for the queen.

Tomorrow: A word about probabilities

9-25 CRYPTOQUIP

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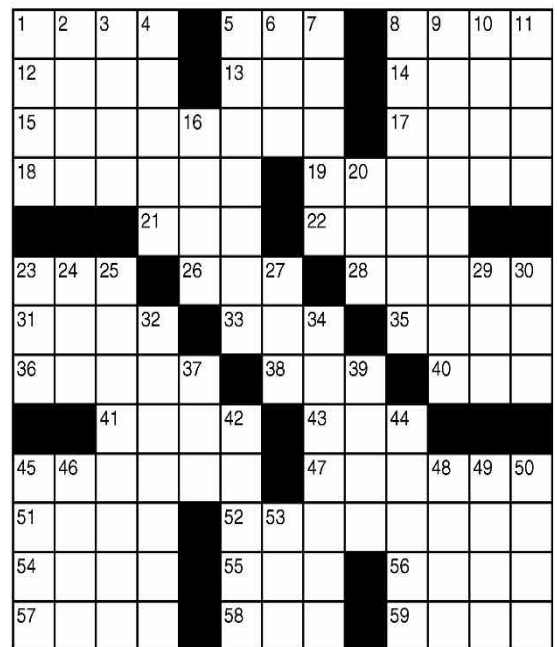
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DOWN: 11 Vend, 16 Rip, 20 Madrid, 23 TV, 24 Coffee, 25 "Live and learn", 27 Brief drop, 29 Expert, 30 Cowboy, 32 Hurtles, 34 Sushi, 37 LBJ's, 39 Loading, 42 Fall, 44 Property, 45 "Hold on ...", 46 - Domin, 48 Pesky, 49 Spanish, 50 Clear the, 53 Garden

Solution time: 23 mins.



Yesterday's answer 9-25



Peanuts



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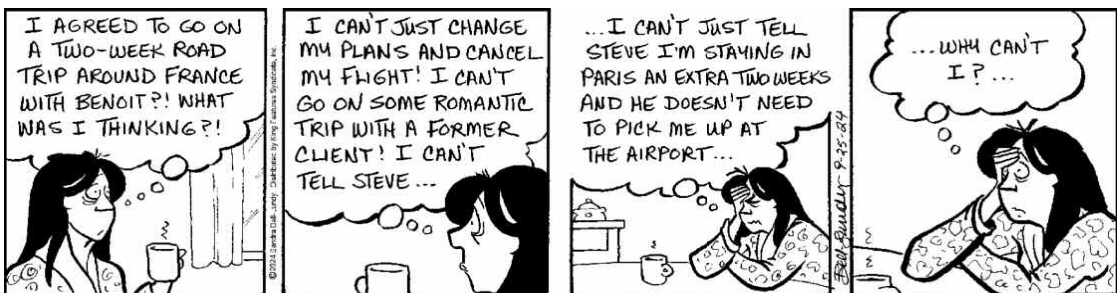
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# Fort Recovery spikers sweep Wapakoneta

Getting relief from a tough Midwest Athletic Conference schedule, the Indians got back into the win column.

The Fort Recovery High School volleyball team took down Wapakoneta 26-24, 25-19, 25-13 on Monday.

The Indians (8-6) put up a strong defensive effort at the net with eight total blocks. Karlie Niekamp had two solo blocks and two assisted blocks, while

Brynn Willmann had one solo block and three assisted to lead the way. Cameron Muhlenkamp added two assisted blocks, while Kennedy Muhlenkamp, Kayla Heitkamp and Bridget Homan all had one assisted block.

Cameron Muhlenkamp led the attack with 10 kills. Kennedy Muhlenkamp, Homan and Niekamp followed with eight, seven and six kills, respectively.

Kayla Heitkamp tallied 28 assists, while five more Indians added a total of eight.

Kennedy Muhlenkamp (15), Cameron Muhlenkamp (13) and Kenna Dues (10) all broke double-digit digs to support the defensive effort.

FRHS aced Wapakoneta (6-10) eight times, with Heitkamp and Kennedy Muhlenkamp both adding three and Dues putting out two.

## Tribe drops final

SIDNEY, Ohio — The Fort Recovery boys golf team fell in its final dual-match of the season 153-167 against the Botkins Trojans on Monday at Shelby Oaks Golf Club.

Reece LeFevre led the way for Fort Recovery (8-8) with a 2-over-par 38, powered by one birdie, five pars and three bogeys.

Botkins' Ross Dietz earned the

match medalist honors with a 3-under-par 33.

Mason Diller shot a career best 42 to add the second score for the Indians. He made par on the first, second, fourth and ninth holes.

Keegan Muhlenkamp added a round of 43, while Eli Lennartz and Caleb Smith rounded out the team scores with 44s.

Colson Post's 48 strokes didn't play into the Indians' team score.

# Sports on tap

## Local schedule

**Today**  
Fort Recovery — Girls golf sectional at Stillwater Valley Golf Club — 9 a.m.

**Thursday, September 26**  
Jay County — Boys tennis vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.; Girls soccer at Yorktown — 6 p.m.; Junior high cross country at Wes-Dei — 5 p.m.; Junior high volleyball at Union City — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high football at Richmond — 6 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Volleyball vs. New Knoxville — 5:30 p.m.; Middle school football vs. New Bremen — 5 p.m.; Middle school volleyball at Marion Local — 5 p.m.

## TV sports

**Today**  
6:40 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Cleveland Guardians (Bally Indiana)  
7 p.m. — College volleyball: Penn State at Purdue (BTN)  
7:30 p.m. — WNBA: Indiana Fever at Connecticut Sun (ESPN)  
9 p.m. — College volleyball: Wisconsin at Minnesota (BTN)  
9:30 p.m. — WNBA: Phoenix Mercury at Minnesota Lynx (ESPN)  
**Thursday**  
3:10 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Colorado Rockies (Bally Indiana)  
6 p.m. — College volleyball: Iowa at

Rutgers (BTN)  
7:30 p.m. — College football: Army at Temple (ESPN)

## Local notes

**Outing announced**  
The Rocket Rally for 18 holes golf tournament is set for Sept. 29 at Portland Golf Club with a 10 a.m. start time.  
The tournament still has space for up to six more teams. It costs \$240 per team that includes green fees and cart rental.  
There will also be a fellowship meal at the Greazy Pickle at 3 p.m. following the outing.  
Hole sponsorships are also

available with a minimum of \$100 for the spot.  
The Rockets are also collecting items for a Facebook Auction and raffle prizes for the golf outing. Items need to be donated by Sept. 20 so that the auction can go live on Sept. 23.

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

**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.

**Final races**  
The second-to-last race in the Adams County 5K Challenge is the Callithumpian Center on Oct. 8.  
A fun run will start at 1:30 p.m., with the 5K to follow at 2 p.m. at the River Greenway.  
Preregistration is \$20 for the 5K and \$10 for the fun run until Sept. 23. Admission will be raised to \$25 and \$15 after Sept. 23.  
Preregistration can be done at adamscounty5kchallenge.com.

The final race of the season, the Rainbow Lake 5K Run/Walk, will take place on Nov. 26.

**Turkey Trot sign-up open**  
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**ORDINANCE #2024-11 ORDINANCE MODIFYING LOCAL INCOME TAX RATES JAY COUNTY**

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Jay County that a need now exists to modify the local income tax rates imposed in the following way:

Allocation Rate Category	Existing LIT Rate	Proposed LIT Rate
Certified Shares (IC 6-3.6-6)	1.25%	1.25%
Public Safety (IC 6-3.6-6)	20%	30%
Economic Development (IC 6-3.6-6)	25%	25%
Property Tax Relief Rate (IC 6-3.6-5)	60%	60%
Emergency Medical Service (IC 6-3.6-6-2.8)	15%	15%

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All Property Tax Allocation Categories	%	%

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Allocation Rate Category	Existing LIT Rate	Proposed LIT Rate
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After the public hearing, the Jay County Council may take action on the proposed ordinance. There is no remonstrance opportunity on any action taken on the proposed ordinance. The public hearing identified above is the taxpayer's opportunity to express concerns and ask questions on the proposed ordinance.  
Dated this September day of 25, 2024.  
Jay County Council  
CR/NS 9-25-2024-HSPAXLP



# Sports

## Boys soccer claims ACAC title over Heritage

MONROEVILLE — Jay County was forced to share the Allen County Athletic Conference title in 2023.

In 2024, Jay County made sure it claimed the sole title.

The Jay County High School boys soccer team avenge an early-season loss and claimed the outright ACAC title with a 3-1 victory over the Heritage Patriots on Monday.

Jay County (9-2, 3-1 ACAC) let a Heritage (4-4-2, 1-2 ACAC) goal slip past early in the game, but took complete control afterwards.

JCHS got its first goal 8 minutes, 36 seconds, remaining in the first half when Alan Ortiz

### Local roundup

found freshman Jaxon DeHoff for the score.

Just under 10 minutes into the second half, Jay County took the lead as Levi Muhlenkamp found Blake Collins on a cross near the Heritage goal.

Thirteen minutes later, Dylan Marentes scored on an assist from Raif Beiswanger to take a 3-1 lead that would remain the final 17:49.

In the goal, Peyton Yowell made eight saves to support the offensive effort.

### Doubles power win

DECATUR — The Jay County boys tennis team got a big win from its No. 1 doubles team to lift the Patriots over the Bellmont Braves 3-2 on Monday.

Kadyn Carpenter and Alex Miller have needed three sets to determine three of the last four matches. After edging out the first set and falling behind 5-1 to James Miller and Kaden Ramsey in the second, they forced an early ending with a tiebreaker. Carpenter and Miller came out on top for a 7-5, 7-6 (7-3) victory for the win.

Eli Dirksen and Tucker Griffin had an easier time pulling off victories at the No. 1 and 2 singles positions.

Dirksen gave up three games, but defeated Hayden Huss 6-2, 6-1, while Griffin swept Kasy Teeter 6-0, 6-0.

Blake Kahlig and Carter Wellman took a tough loss in a three-hour long No. 2 doubles match to Raiden Knittle and Ben Mendoza 4-6, 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (8-6).

Gabe Pinkerton fell to Bellmont's Larry Knous 6-1, 6-2 in the No. 3 singles match.

### Jay sweeps

BLACKFORD — The Jay County volleyball team completed a 25-7, 25-21, 25-10 sweep over

the Blackford Bruins on Monday.

Hallie Schwieterman led the offense with 11 kills. Jay County's middle blockers added 22 as well. Maria Hemmelgarn led with nine kills, Brenna Schmiesing put down eight and Mya Kunkler totaled five.

Setter Paisley Fugiett assisted attackers 27 times in the match. She also set the tone at the net with a team-high three blocks.

Hemmelgarn, Schmiesing and Kunkler all followed with two blocks, while Heavyn Willoughby had one.

Brenna Bailey and Elizabeth Barnett led the defensive effort in the back row with 12 and 11 digs, respectively.



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### Bright spot

Jay County High School's Brooklynn Bright hits her driver during the IHSAA girls golf sectional at Crestview on Saturday. Bright finished with a season-low 107 in 18-hole matches in the tournament.



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