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Students to return Monday

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Junior high and high school students will return to school Monday.

Jay School Corporation early Friday afternoon announced that Jay County Junior-Senior High School will return to in-person learning Monday after a week away from the building that was damaged in the Sunday evening tornado.

"We look forward to getting them back," said Jay Schools superintendent Jeremy Gullely. "I think they're ready to be back."

Junior-senior high will reopen for classes following Sunday's tornado

"Kids learn best in a school," he added. "Remote learning, for a week, has been, well, very helpful. Otherwise we would have had nothing. We have kept kids engaged live with their teacher."

But, he added, parents prefer their kids to be in a traditional learning environment.

"They want their kids in school, seeing real people, interacting with kids for social sup-

port, mental support," Gullely said. "It's just healthier all the way around to be among their peers and with human interaction. And that's why we want to get them back, and we are."

Additional information about the return to school, including the altered bus drop-off pattern as clean-up crews continue to occupy some of the east parking lot, were to be shared with parents via email.

All Jay Schools were closed Monday, with kindergarten through sixth graders returning to regular sessions Tuesday. Junior-senior high students had an e-learning day Tuesday and were on remote learning Wednesday through Friday.

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Patriot royalty

Jay County High School crowned Morgan DeHoff and Dylan Marentes as its homecoming queen and king during halftime of Friday night's football game against the Woodlan Warriors. Both are soccer players for the Patriots. (DeHoff was also announced earlier in the day as a finalist for the Lilly Foundation Community Scholarship along with fellow homecoming court members Coryn Blalock and Maddy Snow, as well as Aubrey Millspaugh and Ella Stockton.) For more on the football game, see page 10.



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Brenner receives 20-year sentence

Dunkirk man pleaded guilty in connection with OD death

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

A Dunkirk man will spend two decades in prison for dealing narcotics.

Cody A. Brenner, 33, 317 E. North St., was sentenced Friday to 20 years in Indiana Department of Corrections.

Brenner pleaded guilty Aug. 20 to a Level 2 felony for dealing narcotics. He had been charged with a Level 1 felony in connection with the death of 26-year-old Zachary Long of Dunkirk on Sept. 11.

A 14-year-old boy, identified as M.N. in court documents, found Long's body. An autopsy indicated Long died from fentanyl exposure. A toxicology report showed he had a blood alcohol level of 0.087%, as well as ethanol, fentanyl and norfentanyl in his body.

According to court documents, Brenner admitted during an interview with police that he dealt heroin to M.N., and he admitted to purchasing \$60 worth of heroin Sept. 10, which he split and sold half to M.N.

Brenner admitted to selling M.N. a bag of heroin and fentanyl near Broad Street in Dunkirk.

M.N. told police he purchased the fentanyl from Brenner on Sept. 10. He let Long "snort a line," and after the heroin, Long crushed and snorted a Xanax, according to court documents. M.N. left Long's house afterward. M.N. also overdosed that night, but emergency personnel revived him.

Long's parents, Chris Long and Nicole McCoy, pushed for Brenner to receive the maximum sentence.

Chris Long told the court he will not get to see his son reach life milestones, such as getting married or having children.

"The one thing you don't do is put a timer on those things," said Chris Long. "I didn't get to check all those things off the list."

"My baby boy was gone," McCoy said, appearing via video call. "I didn't get to say goodbye."

Julie Hale, Brenner's aunt, asked the court to consider a lesser sentence.

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Early learning facility nears opening

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

The public got its first look at the new early learning center.

It will open in October. Westminster Preschool Portland at the Jay County Early Learning Center had its ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday afternoon and was open for five hours to tour the facility.

"Today I am filled with a lot of gratitude as this Jay County Early Learning Center project comes to completion," said executive director Doug Inman of The Portland Foundation, which led the effort to renovate the former Judge Haynes Elementary School on Portland's west side.

The opening date has not yet been determined, pending final state inspections.

The ribbon-cutting marked the culmination of a project more than two years in the making after The Portland Foundation



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Westminster Preschool at Jay County Early Learning Center was open to the public for the first time during an open house Thursday afternoon. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the new facility that will open next month in the former Judge Haynes Elementary School on the west side of Portland.

The foundation wanted to secure the building for a possible early learning facility after planning through the Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) VII initiative again identified a "lack of high-

quality learning opportunities" as a challenge for Jay County.

Construction on the Judge Haynes building that Jay School Corporation closed in 2018 as part of a consolidation process began late last fall. It included the demolition of the west wing of the structure — it had sustained extensive water damage — and a new roof for the remaining building. The renovation also involved new plumbing with restrooms installed in all toddler and preschool classrooms, LED lighting, new flooring, paint and new playground equipment.

Westminster Preschools of Marion entered into a five-year contract to operate the facility last year.

The \$4.3 million project included \$1.3 million from The Portland Foundation, the largest investment in its history.

"I want to thank every

donor to The Portland Foundation since 1951," said Inman. "We have taken those gifts and carried on its mission on a day-to-day basis to enhance the quality of life in this community."

The foundation had committed to investing up to \$4 million but secured significant grant funding to help defray the cost along the way. Grants included \$1.5 million in partnership with United Way of Jay County from Indiana United Ways, \$500,000 from Early Learning Indiana, \$291,000 from the first round of Indiana Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) and \$50,000 from the Ball Brothers Foundation of Muncie. Westminster also secured a \$684,000 grant from the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration.

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Deaths

Donna Olvey, 95, Redkey
Samuel Schwartz, 59,
rural Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County got about a quarter of an inch of rain Friday and was under a wind advisory most of the day. The high temperature was 70.

Today's forecast calls for cloudy skies with a 70% chance of rain, particularly in the afternoon.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Town of Pennville will be flushing fire hydrants beginning Monday. Residents should be aware that they may experience discolored water while hydrants are being flushed.

Coming up

Tuesday — Photos from this weekend's Jay County Historical Society Heritage Festival.

Wednesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay School Board meeting.

Thursday — Results from the JCHS girls soccer game against Blackford.



Obituaries

Donna Olvey

April 21, 1929-Sept. 24, 2024
Donna Janet Olvey, 95, of Redkey, Indiana, entered Heaven's gates on Sept. 24, 2024, exactly one year to the day of her husband's passing. She arrived in Heaven just in time to join her husband and their daughter, Debbie, as they celebrated Debbie's birthday the very next day. What a party that must have been!
Donna was born on April 21, 1929, in Hartford City, Indiana. She was the daughter of Ennis "Scoot" and Edith (Jones) Maxwell. Donna attended Blackford High School until she was removed to care for her younger siblings as her mother became

very ill. She carried the "caregiver gift" throughout her life.
Donna was a great mother to Debbie, who developed muscular dystrophy at a young age. She cared for Debbie until her passing at the age of 20. During the last years of Donna's life, she cared for her husband Jim, whom she shared 76 beautiful years with.
In her younger years, Donna was a very talented roller skater. While being held by her ankles and twirled around, she would light a wooden match on the floor while holding it in her mouth.



Olvey

Donna started the Redkey Gamma Nu Sorority years ago. She worked at the Redkey bakery, owned the Redkey coffee shop and later worked at her daughter's flower shop, Reni's Heaven Scent, where she always added what she called her "special touch." Donna loved to cook and feed people and was known to many as "Momma Donna."
She is survived by her daughter, Reni Lawhead (Kevin); daughters at heart Perliita Fridde, Esther Hollowell, Robin Barfield and Jeannie Towne; two grandchildren, Nathan Lawhead and Rene Snow; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.
Donna was preceded in death by her parents; husband James

William "Jim" Olvey; daughter Debbie D. Olvey; two brothers, Bud and Butch Maxwell; and three sisters, Tillie Clevenger, Clara Young and Sue Herman.
Friends are invited to call Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024, from noon to 1 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. with Pastor Craig Cotherman officiating. Burial will be held in Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey, Indiana.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to "A Better Life Brianna's Hope" to help those battling addiction and one very close to Grandma's heart.
A special thank you to Nurse Trina, Pastor Phil and everyone at Heart to Heart Hospice for

their compassion and care during her final days.
Arrangements are entrusted to MJS Mortuaries.
Samuel M. Schwartz, rural Portland, Dec. 10, 1964-Sept. 25, 2024. Services will be at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Samuel M. Schwartz residence, 4131 E. 500 North, Portland.
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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

Sunday 9/29	Monday 9/30	Tuesday 10/1	Wednesday 10/2	Thursday 10/3
73/61	74/60	77/46	66/43	71/46
Shows are likely with a high of 73 degrees. About a quarter of an inch of rain is expected.	The high will be 74 degrees under partly cloudy skies. There is a 40% chance of showers.	Skies will be mostly sunny with a high of 77. There is a 20% chance of showers in the afternoon.	Expect sunny skies with a high of 66.	The high will be 71 under sunny skies.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 0-3-7 Daily Four: 2-7-7-6 Quick Draw: 1-5-7-8-12-23-25-29-10-36-41-43-48-55-59-61-65-70-74-79	Pick 3: 9-9-2 Pick 4: 5-5-0-6 Pick 5: 7-1-0-2-2
Ohio Midday	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$423 million
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$77 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....3.66 Oct. corn3.68 Wheat4.55	Oct. beans10.11 Wheat5.30
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....3.68 Oct./Nov. corn3.68 Dec. corn3.98	ADM Montpelier Corn.....3.70 Oct. corn3.70 Beans10.15 Oct. beans10.15 Wheat5.20
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Today in history

In 351, Roman Emperor Constantius II defeated Magnentius in the Battle of Mursa.
In 1542, explorers from Spain became the first Europeans to reach southern California as they arrived in San Diego Bay.
In 1920, a grand jury indicted eight Chicago White Sox players on charges that they had thrown the 1919 World Series because of a bribe. The Black Sox Scandal resulted in those players, including "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, being banned from baseball.
In 1968, "Hey Jude" by The Beatles went to No. 1, where it would remain for nine weeks.
In 1972, several businesses, including Silvers ace W & S Realty Company, Parkview Addition, Inc., Seaco Homes and Silvers Finer Homes were listed as business interests in a bankruptcy filing by former Portland resident William L. Silvers of Muncie.
In 2008, SpaceX launched Falcon 1 to become to first privately owned company to send a liquid-fueled rocket into orbit.
In 2021, Fort Recovery High School senior Jalyn Bruns hit a hole-in-one on the 16th hole at Celina Lynx Golf Club as she shot an even-par 72 to win the OHSAA Division II sectional tournament.
In 2022, the Jay County High School boys tennis team avenged a regular-season loss to defeat defending champion Union City 4-1 in the sectional semifinal.
—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday 5:30 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board executive session, Jay County Community Center senior area, 115 E. Water St., Portland. 6:30 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, Jay County Community Center senior area, 115 E. Water St., Portland.	tion, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.
Tuesday 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corpora-	Wednesday 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council public hearing and meeting, Pennville Town Hall, 105 N. Washington St.

Return ...

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The key factor for being able to return to the building was getting the heating, ventilation and cooling (HVAC) system up and running. Air handling units were displaced atop the junior high portion of the structure during the tornado. The system throughout the building was affected.
Gulley said Friday afternoon the system is functioning properly.
"It's going to take a few days to get the humidity drawn out of the air," said Gulley.
He noted that the school corporation hired an HVAC specialist — Abe Boggs — within the last couple of years.
"And that's turned out to be a good thing," he added.
Boggs will continue to monitor the systems this weekend.
Gulley also reported that officials from Indiana Department of Homeland Security and the State Fire Marshal's Office visited the school to ensure its safety. The school's fire detection and suppression systems are functioning.
"We got the thumbs up," said Gulley.
Junior-senior high administrators and staff have worked this week to develop a plan for how to house students and teachers who previously had classes in the junior high area of the building. (That section and the IMC have been sealed off from the rest of the facility.)
Principal Chad Dodd explained Friday afternoon that administrators worked to find classroom space for 17 teachers who were displaced. That includes splitting the choir room and rifle range into two classrooms each by using accordion-style dividers, shifting some classes to other available space (agriculture to the greenhouse, for example), co-teacher and utilizing rooms where teachers are on prep periods.
Dodd noted the goal of making sure students were in classrooms being instructed by their teachers.
"I work with a great

Emergency measure signed

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review
An emergency has been declared.
Jay County Commissioners during an emergency meeting Thursday afternoon approved a resolution declaring a state of emergency in Jay County following the Sunday evening tornado.
Amy Blakely of Jay County Emergency Management Agency presented the resolution to commissioners, explaining that it is a step in potentially receiving state and/or federal assistance with the clean-up and recovery from the storm.
She said the agency's damage assessment is complete, with 88 structures impacted by the tornado.
Of those, the bulk — 71 — were in the "affected" category. Out of 74 residential properties, three sustained major damage and 11 had minor damage. Out of 14 commercial buildings, one had major damage and two had minor damage.
Blakely noted that those numbers do not include Jay County Junior-Senior High School, where there was significant damage.
Commissioners Chad Aker and Brian McGalliard, absent Rex Journeay, approved the emergency declaration. They also approved lifting the county-wide burn ban that had been in place for nearly two weeks.
Blakely also told commissioners there has been a request that the county highway department assist with removing debris from trees in the Sheffer Acres neighborhood south of the junior-senior high school. She noted that any governmental agencies working on storm clean-up should track employee hours, fuel and equipment used for potential reimbursement.
The storm came through just before 8 p.m. Sunday, with one tornado forming briefly in a cornfield before a second stronger tornado developed near Joan Drive in Sheffer Acres. It "quickly gained intensity as it tracked east northeast," according to a press release from the National Weather Service, with winds reaching 110 miles per hour. (It was rated an EF-1 on the Enhanced Fujita Scale.) It traveled 2.74 miles, damaging the junior high area and IMC (library) of the junior-senior high, ripping most of the roof off of the home at 2041 Indiana 67 and continuing east. It reached a maximum width of 75 yards, mostly resulting in damage to trees as it moved into Portland before causing significant damage to the second floor of the American Legion post at 211 W. Walnut St.
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.
A recovery meeting has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday at Portland Fire Department.

group of people," he said. "Our admin team, man, they got after it."
"It took a lot of people to get this done," he added, thanking all staff members who have been involved. "It took a lot of hours. ... It's a major lift. It's just a lot of great people doing a lot of good work."
Gulley said the plan looks good. He also emphasized that there should be patience in the process.
"In this first week back, I told the school, 'Just get through day one. And take your time,'" he said.
He also noted that the school will hold a tornado drill and a fire drill on the first day back to ensure that students who are in new locations know where to go if such a situation occurs.
Looking at the long term, Gulley said he is awaiting written approval to bring in mobile classrooms.
"In the first five days since this tornado hit on Sunday evening it's been day-to-day," he said. "Now what I'd like to be in is a week-to-week. And then eventually a month-to-month."
"Our end goal is to have the junior high and IMC back to us August 2025," he added.
An EF-1 tornado on the Enhanced Fujita Scale — it had winds up to 110 miles per hour — hit the southeast corner of the school at 7:47 p.m. Sunday. It caused damage to the roof and HVAC system at the school, ripped most of the roof off of a house on the opposite side of Indiana 67 and took the roof off of the second level of the American Legion Post at 211 W. Walnut St., Portland. A damage assessment showed 88 structures impacted, with four of those sustaining major damage. (See related story.)
Weather conditions continued to affect school activities Friday, as the homecoming parade was canceled because of high winds in the forecast. (Gusts of up to 45 miles per hour were expected with consistent winds at 20 miles per hour.) Student activities after the homecoming football game that were planned to be held outdoors were moved into the school's auxiliary gym.

Opening ...

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Inman also thanked Portland Rotary Club, Rotary District 6560 and Joyce Eldridge for their contributions to the project, as well as architectural firm Barton Coe Vilamaa and general contractor Muhlenkamp Building Corporation.
The Portland Foundation's board president Jeremy Gulley, who is also superintendent of Jay School Corporation, in turn thanked Inman for his work on the effort to provide early learning opportunities in Jay County.
"It takes resolve, it takes vision, it takes character," Gulley said. "He's spent over a quarter century running our local community foundation. ... It's amazing seeing this day."
Westminster, which launched in 1970, operates multiple facilities in Grant County where it serves chil-

dren ages birth through 12. It is a Level 4 — the highest — on the Family and Social Services Administration's Paths to Quality rating system. To reach Level 4, a facility must provide for the health and safety of children, provide learning environments, have planned curriculum and be nationally accredited.
Dani Svantner, executive director of Westminster Preschools, shared her gratitude for the opportunity to provide early childhood education in Jay County.
"Thank you for trusting us," she said. "Thank you to the community for trusting us too. It's not something we are not taking lightly and we promise to be good stewards."
She noted that there are already 23 children signed up to attend on the first day the facility opens.

"It brings me so much joy right now," Svantner added. "I can't wait to see it filled ..."
Westminster Preschool Portland at the Jay County Early Learning Center will be able to serve up to 150 children ages newborn through 5 with two classrooms for infants, five for toddlers and four for preschoolers. It will be open from 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with an after-school program available.
Westminster Preschools accepts Child Care Development Fund and On My Way Pre-K vouchers. (Details about qualifying for those vouchers are available online at in.gov/fssa.)
Those interested in registering their children can do so via a form on the Westminster Preschools Portland page on Facebook.

Sentence ...

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She pointed to his past as a volunteer for their church and food pantry.
"His heart is huge," she said. "He has a big, warm heart, he will help people."
Brenner spoke quietly while addressing the courtroom Friday. He gave his "full condolences" to Long's family.

Jay County chief public defender Brandon Murphy asked for Brenner to receive a 20-year sentence with 10 years suspended.
Jay County chief deputy prosecutor Zech Landers pointed to Brenner's criminal history, which includes past guilty pleas to felony drug charges.
Brenner's plea agreement called for his sentence not to exceed 22

years. In Indiana, a Level 2 felony has a sentence range between 10 to 30 years, with an advisory sentence of 17 years.
Jay Circuit Court judge Brian Hutchison said the aggravating circumstances in Brenner's case "far outweigh" the mitigating circumstances, and he sentenced Brenner to 20 years in Indiana Department of Correction.



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Church donates

Asbury United Methodist Church recently donated to East Jay Elementary School in honor of Lee Newman, who was principal at what was then East Jay Middle School for 13 years and was vice chair of the church council at the time of his death in November. The church provided school supplies and \$1,000 to reduce school lunch debt. The church raised funds via a fish fry last month. Pictured, from left, are Brad Glentzer, Pastor Joe Boggs and Newman's wife Sharon, East Jay principal Erica Tomano and students Adrionna Justice, Tasha Campbell, Sabastian Herriford, Keenan Osterholt and Remington Humphrey.

Man is content with lack of commitment

DEAR ABBY: I have been talking to a man for a little more than a year. Things are wonderful between us, but he doesn't seem to want to make a commitment. It's not that I feel he's using me for sex, because he shows me off to his friends, we go out together and he texts or calls daily.

He's kind, and I don't have a single bad thing to say about him. BUT, when I bring up going further, he runs in the opposite direction. He clams up and I can barely get a word out of him. How can things be so great, yet he is so unsure about wanting me to be his official girlfriend?

We act like each other's significant other without having the title. We have taken numerous vacations together and he trusts me to watch his house when he's out of town. I feel confused, and as much as I hate to admit it, I'm

hurt. I know he cares for me, but at what point is it time for me to move on? — COMMITTED IN MISSOURI

DEAR COMMITTED: Your question is a valid one. You have been seeing someone for a little more than a year who has made it obvious that he wants to keep his options open. Because he refuses to discuss the issue, you need to decide how much more time you think is practical to invest in a relationship that may go



Dear Abby

nowhere. After that, set a deadline and be prepared to move on.

You appear to want different things. I cannot make such a personal decision for you; this is something you will have to decide for yourself.

DEAR ABBY: You have printed letters from readers asking what to do with old love letters (either before they die or when they are found after a death). Let me share my story.

One evening, shortly after our mother passed, my siblings and I were going through some of her belongings and came across correspondence between her and our stepfather, written before they were married. My sister and I began putting them in chronological order and took turns reading them aloud. The content was

spicy (their behavior was somewhat frisky!).

Our brother covered his ears, claiming his mom would never behave that way! My sister and I, on the other hand, were laughing and delighted to learn about these intimate and romantic details of the early days of their relationship. My (adult) daughter's eyes were bulging, but I reminded her that Grandma was her age once, as was I!

My advice is to treasure these precious memories and preserve them for your children and grandchildren. As for us, we have scanned the letters into our family's digital archive so they will be available for future generations. — JUST WANTED TO SHARE

DEAR JUST: Thank you for sharing. Not all people are comfortable thinking about their parents as sexual beings.

If your mother was as "frisky" as the letters revealed, I hope you have labeled them "X-rated" so they won't shock more members of your family.

DEAR ABBY: Please give me a tactful way of explaining to my son and daughter-in-law that their "born again" religious pressure makes me uncomfortable, and I'm not interested in changing my views in any way? — CONTENT IN THE EAST

DEAR CONTENT: Thank your sweet son and daughter-in-law for their concern and state that you are comfortable with your spirituality JUST AS IT IS. Then ask them to please not bring this up again because, when they do, it makes you uncomfortable.

Community Calendar

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

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

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

Monday
PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will

meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

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

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

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appoint-

ment, call (260) 726-8636. 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.

JAY COUNTY DEMOCRATS — Will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30 at party headquarters, 221 S. Meridian St., Portland.

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.

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal

starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

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

Wednesday
WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend.

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.

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne.

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Elementary Schools
Sept. 30 - Oct. 4, 2024

Monday: Main Entrees: Classic chicken sandwich **Alternate Entrees:** Cheesy Italian pull apart, marinara sauce, cheddar/mozzarella salad, croutons **Sides for all meals:** smile potatoes

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Mini chicken corn dogs **Alternate Entrees:** Cheesy Italian pull apart, marinara sauce, cheddar/mozzarella salad, croutons **Sides for all meals:** Steamed broccoli and carrots medley

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Whole grain french taco sticks **Alternate Entrees:** Cheesy Italian pull apart, marinara sauce, cheddar/mozzarella salad, croutons **Sides for all meals:** Hash brown patty

Thursday: Main Entrees: Mashed potato & chicken bowl **Alternate Entrees:** Cheesy Italian pull apart, marinara sauce, cheddar/mozzarella salad, croutons **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned corn

Friday: Main Entrees: Classic pepperoni pizza **Alternate Entrees:** Cheesy Italian pull apart, marinara sauce, cheddar/mozzarella salad, croutons **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned peas and carrots

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War is not likely to achieve peace

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Israel is pursuing a strategy of what it calls "de-escalation through escalation" as it ramps up attacks on the Iran-backed terrorist organization Hezbollah in Lebanon. This is a risky strategy, and one that we sadly expect will make peace less likely in a region that desperately needs it.

To state the hopefully obvious, we are not military strategists. It certainly is much easier to debate the impacts and strategic imperatives of a conflict from a safe distance than it is to actually live and lead through that con-

Guest Editorial

flict. We won't pretend otherwise.

Neither, however, should Israeli officials pretend that escalating the sprawling conflicts around them will somehow resolve those conflicts. Attempting to de-escalate through escalation is not only counterintuitive at its core, it seems to us, it also runs counter to the immediate and long-term safety of Israelis.

The world has witnessed how escalation in Gaza has failed to secure the release of hostages, with tragic outcomes for innocent Israelis and Palestinians.

Negotiation has secured the release of far more Israeli hostages held by Hamas than military action has, and it is past time that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his Cabinet recognize and act on this reality. The hostages and their families deserve nothing less.

What's more, by killing thousands of innocent Palestinian and Lebanese civilians in pursuit of Hamas and Hezbollah terrorists, Israel is giving those groups what they want: a weakening of Israel's standing in the world, and a new wave of radicalized fighters. From our perspective, Israel is not made safer when it helps perpetuate another generation of hatred and violence, even if done in the name of self-defense.

Yes, these are groups that want to destroy Israel. And, yes, they

locate their operations and munitions within civilian populations by design, ruthlessly placing their own organizational goals ahead of the safety of those they claim to represent. Those realities, however, do not require Israel to take the bait — with disastrous consequences for the innocent people caught in the crossfire.

So as Israel continues to ramp up its air attacks on Hezbollah, and as Israeli leaders deny orchestrating the sophisticated exploding pager attacks that they surely carried out, the U.S. must continue to urge caution at every possible turn. Diplomacy remains the best path to securing the release of remaining hostages and allowing those displaced to return to their homes. It is also the only course toward the long-dormant but needed two-state solution that would

benefit both Palestinians and Israelis.

"One of the key messages was that we want to keep a path open to a diplomatic resolution and therefore don't want the Israelis to take steps that will close such a path," a U.S. official told Axios.

The Biden administration must do everything it can to advance this message with our Israeli allies. Bombs and exploding pagers might draw applause from hardliners in Netanyahu's Cabinet and some U.S. politicians, but they are likely to be an impediment to long-term resolution. Rather than developing new ways to kill people, leaders should be pursuing new ways to bring hostages home and secure a peace between enemies. The situation demands innovative diplomacy, not innovative destruction. It is not easy, but it remains necessary.

Reevaluate ethics of extreme wealth

By JUSTICE B. HILL
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CLEVELAND, Ohio — The stock market hit all-time highs in the past year, so I know those who invested heavily on Wall Street are getting richer and richer. I don't begrudge their prosperity. I'm certain they've earned it.

Yet, how big a fortune is too big?

Are the wealthiest among us too preoccupied with accumulating dollars that they've forgotten they can't spend every cent?

The nine richest Americans have a combined worth of over \$1 trillion. Blink, and the richest of those nine might have \$500 billion alone soon.

I'm certain he won't do much civic good with most of it, but couldn't his money do considerable good now if he put half of it into the hands of people who wouldn't just sit on it?

When is enough, enough?

I've thought about that question since a friend shared a story that John Bogle, the late founder of Vanguard, once told about novelist Kurt Vonnegut. Bogle's story should make everybody think about what is enough:

At a party given by a billionaire on Shelter Island, Kurt Vonnegut informs his pal, Joseph Heller, that their host, a hedge fund manager, had made more money in a single day than Heller had earned from his wildly popular novel Catch-22 over its whole history. Heller responds, "Yes, but I have something he will never have ... enough.

Enough. I was stunned by the simple eloquence of the word — stunned for two reasons; first, because I have been given so much in my own life and, two, because Joseph Heller couldn't have been more accurate.

Our appetite for wealth goes unsated. We gorge on more, more, more like a hog at a feeding trough. They eat to their fill and then eat more, more, more.

A man worth \$1 billion will have enough money to last him his lifetime and his children's lifetimes. A \$1 billion worth is generational wealth, so

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is \$500 million. Couldn't some of those millions help others?

The United States has more than 800 millionaires. Most of them white; most of them men. They use their wealth to pry open doors that are closed to most of us; they use their wealth to reward those whose influence they seek.

Their America contrasts starkly with my America, which wouldn't bother me much at all if the uber-rich weren't so ruthless in using the money they do have to earn a greater and greater advantage.

When is enough, enough?

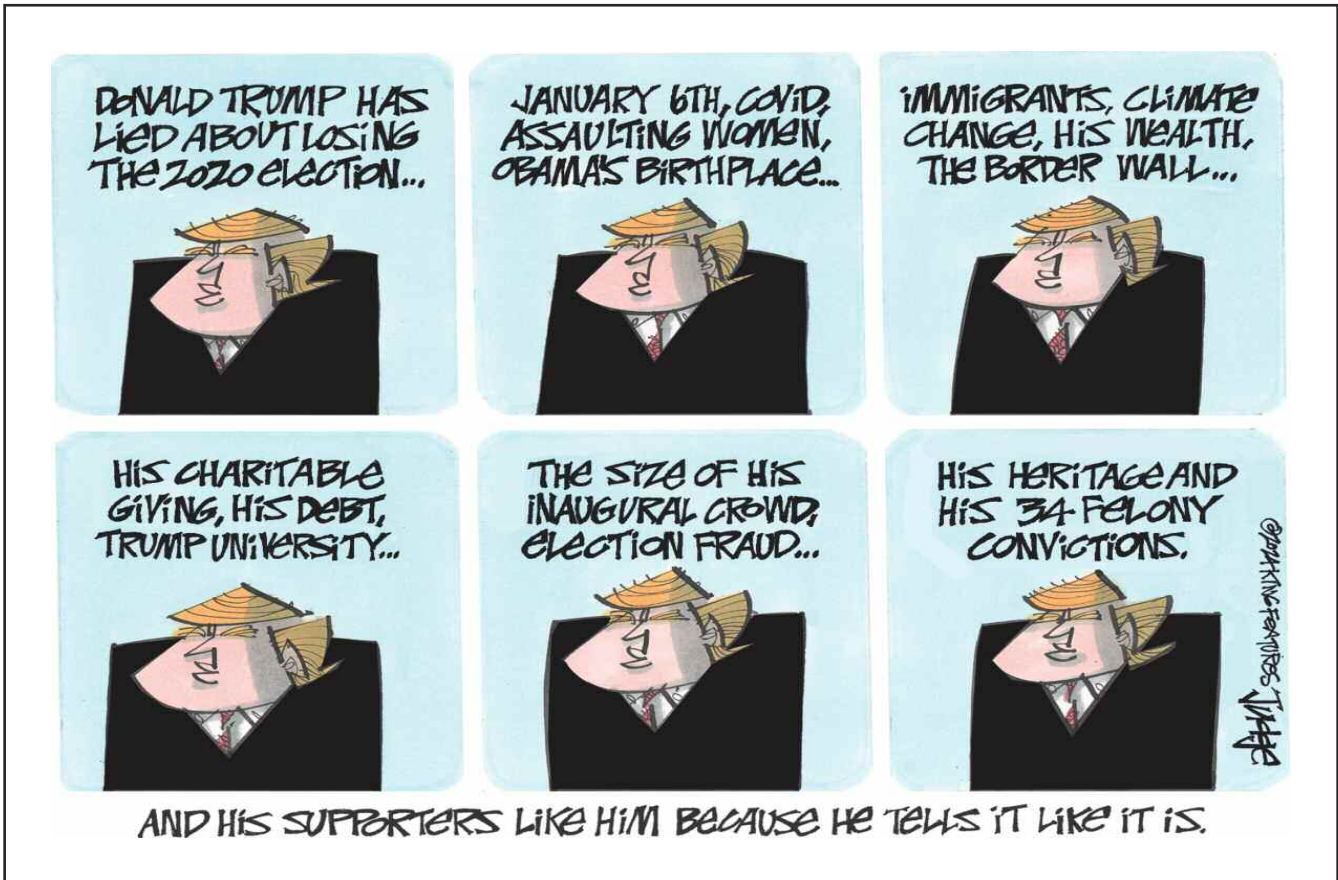
Right now. It's enough because the lowest people on the socioeconomic rung can't keep pace with inflation; it's enough because those same people don't have access to deals that might fatten their portfolios; it's enough when the poor have similar aspirations as the rich.

That's the real American dream, isn't it? I realize extraordinary wealth comes with its problems, but I'd live with those problems if I sat on \$1 billion. I don't need \$1 billion, however, to feel like I'm satisfied with life.

Like Heller, I have enough — more than enough. I don't have a Catch-22 in my prose. I'm all right with that, too. What I do have is happiness and genuine friendships, which a bestseller can't buy.

Now, I wouldn't turn down wealth like this. Who would? But if the choice is between that and sharing it with others, I'd pick sharing.

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



Show your appreciation

By JOHN KRULL
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When I was a boy, libraries were my cathedral, books my sanctuary. I come from a family that saw reading as something more—much more—than a pastime. It was a launch pad, an escape hatch, a ladder out of a deep hole — pick your metaphor.

My grandfather on my mother's side was the first member of his family to attend and graduate from college. He became a small-town schoolteacher and principal.

On pleasant evenings, he and the young minister of his church would get together to discuss a book they'd both read. More likely, they'd argue, genially, respectfully, about it, because the minister was a New Deal Democrat and my grandfather was a dyed-in-the-wool Republican.

Nearly 20 years after my grandfather's death, the minister married my wife and me. He told me at one point about how much he enjoyed those debates with my grandfather about books, how much those long-ago evening discussions meant to him.

My father was the first member of his family to graduate from college. The son of a day laborer of immigrant stock, Dad wasn't as bookish as my grandfather or my mother.

But my father read nonetheless, devouring the sports section of the newspaper every day.

My mother, herself a schoolteacher, taught me the rudiments of reading before I went to kindergarten.

When I started attending school, I discovered the library there. I began taking out as many books as the school librarian would allow.

As we got to know each other, she pointed me toward books I would like. It was years before I figured out that she was directing me toward more challenging work, stretching and expanding my young mind.

Back then, I just thought she was a nice lady who knew a lot about books.

John Krull



Obviously, she knew a thing or two about young boys with curious minds, as well.

Before long, I began to haunt the public library, too. The librarian there soon knew me by name. Noting my interest in biographies, she, too, began to push me toward more demanding material. When my reading interests expanded, so did her recommendations.

My family was of modest means. We had a few stray volumes, but no real book collection of our own.

So, the library was a lifeline.

The message — never explicit, but real nonetheless — my parents sent was that, if I wanted to make anything of myself, I needed to learn more than others did.

That message backfired when, during my junior high and high school years, I took to reading books that interested me while I was in classes that didn't. I'd sit in the back of the room with a tome wedged between my lap and desk, turning the pages surreptitiously and glancing up every now and then to try to fool the teacher into thinking I was paying attention.

That rarely worked. But I also rarely got into any genuine trouble.

Most teachers didn't want to discourage a student — any student — from reading.

For years, I thought it was the books alone that taught me and helped me build what's been a satisfying career.

Lately, though, I've come to realize

that the other people who valued books and reading — my parents, the librarians, the teachers — made an enormous difference, too.

They all knew that I was reading omnivorously and therefore indiscriminately. They also knew this meant that, from time to time, I would encounter ideas that were troubling, even offensive.

But they understood something important — namely, that a mind or, for that matter, a values structure can only hone itself by encountering notions that challenge it.

We've just started Banned Books Week.

Normally, we're encouraged to show our commitment to free expression by reading a banned book. That's fine, but this year we should do more.

There are people in this country now — including Indiana's Republican candidate for lieutenant governor — who want to restrict access to books and ideas. They think their judgment is superior to that of the librarians, the teachers and the readers themselves.

That's left our librarians and teachers under siege.

So, this year, in addition to reading a banned book, find a way to let a librarian or teacher know you value what they do.

Make a donation. Send a thank-you note.

Or just give them a pat on the back. You'll be glad you did.

There are young minds out there counting on these people.

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—Thomas Jefferson

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9-28 CRYPTOQUIP

BMNDIDKDBU PBNYMPBA ECYG
IRM CWDXD SO IRRGC
CEKW BC XYBKWYC BSG

RMBSOYC: B IMEDN KBSBU.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A CROSS-SPECIES
DOG COMES FROM SUPERIOR STOCK, I THINK
IT'S UNDOUBTEDLY A HIGHBRED HYBRID.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals F

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

In the movies

1) What actor played the roles of Colonel Kurtz,
Fletcher Christian and Vito Corleone?

2) Don Simpson produced "Top Gun" and
"Days of Thunder" along with what other producer?

(1) Marlon Brando
(2) Jerry Bruckheimer

9-30 CRYPTOQUIP

VRAH D RDNNAIRADF LI D
WIADX VRTXA JBAB NLEOTHW
TILHK, VRDX BRLJMF KLJ EDMM
XRDX? BRDIODBN.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: ARTIFICIAL WATERWAY
USED FOR SHIPPING FOODS SUCH AS PEACHES
AND ORANGES: A FRUIT CANAL.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals H

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to cats.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 14 = E)

A. 21 14 16 12
Clue: Sound a cat makes

B. 6 22 19 19
Clue: Cat's vibration

C. 12 26 23 2 11 14 19 2
Clue: Sensory hairs

D. 6 16 22 7 5 14
Clue: Jump on suddenly

Answers: A. meow B. purr C. whiskers D. pounce

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to cats.

WLSAC

Answer: Claws

kids' corner

What's the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B.

A

B

Answers: 1. Bread on board turned 2. More pasta in upper left corner 3. Missing pasta dove tortillas 4. Pasta replaced other grain in bottom bowl

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

SEPTEMBER 26

1954: The ocean liner RMS Queen Mary is launched.

1950: United Nations troops recapture Seoul from North Korean forces.

1969: Abbey Road, the last recorded album by The Beatles, is released.

NEW WORD

FIBER

dietary material containing substances such as cellulose

FELINE FUN WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

- ABYSSINIAN
- AMERICAN BOBTAIL
- AMERICAN CURL
- BALINESE
- BIRMAN
- BOMBAY
- CHARTREUX
- DEVON REX
- EGYPTIAN MAU
- JAPANESE BOBTAIL
- MAINE COON
- MUNCHKIN
- NORWEGIAN FOREST
- PERSIAN
- RAGAMUFFIN
- RUSSIAN BLUE
- SCOTTISH FOLD
- SIAMESE
- SIBERIAN
- SPHYNX
- TOYGER
- TURKISH ANGORA

Food FACT!

Consuming these foods helps a person stay full, maintain a healthy weight, and have a healthy digestive system.

Answer: Whole grains

How they say that in...

English: Grain
Spanish: Grano
Italian: Cereali
French: Céréales
German: Getreide

Did You Know?

Most people should aim to eat between 25 and 30 grams of fiber each day from a variety of sources.

Answer: Wheat

Get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Wheat

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Fund aid gp.
6 "Don't delay!" contraction
12 Melodious
13 Long recliner
14 Evening repast
15 "Heck!"
16 Campus bigwig
17 Letter extras (Abbr.)
19 Curved letter
20 Sparkling Italian wine
22 De-bussy's "La —"
24 Lawyers' org.
27 Bangkok language
29 Staffer
32 Politician's pre-election route
35 Eventful periods
36 Cathedral area

DOWN

12 Toss in
18 — Falls (Abbr.)
21 Depot
23 Corn spike
24 Super serve
25 Rail
26 Non-professionals
28 Patent seeker
30 Use a shovel
31 "Strange Magic" gp.
33 Chi follower
34 Sawbuck
39 French legislature
41 Formal decrees
42 Latvia's capital
43 Ice and Bronze
45 Pro-scribes
47 Meander
48 Writer
49 Bando of baseball
51 Soul, to Sartre
53 Chopper

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterday's answer 9-28

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Death of a monarch

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ Q 10
♥ 10 9 8 4
♦ A K Q
♣ 9 6 5 3

EAST

♠ 8 7 6 5 4 2
♥ —
♦ J 6 5 3
♣ 7 4 2

SOUTH

♠ A J
♥ A K J 7 6 3
♦ 10 9 4
♣ A K

The bidding:

West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 1♥
Pass 3♥ Pass 4♣
Pass 4♦ Pass 6♣

Opening lead: queen of clubs.

All bridge players at times experience a good-luck streak where everything goes right. However, there are also times when everything goes wrong. It is during these unlucky streaks that the mettle of a player is tested. Unfortunately, some players spend so much time feeling sorry for themselves that they make no effort to overcome their bad luck.

For example, consider what happened to South in this deal. He was in six hearts and would have been home free had the trumps divided 2-1, or even 3-0 with East holding the three trumps. Furthermore, even if West had all the missing trumps, South still had a spade finesse in reserve. All these chances combined made him a huge favorite to make the slam.

He won the queen-of-clubs lead with the ace and got his first bad news when he cashed the ace of trump and East showed out. Having suffered a few similar misfortunes in the recent past, South had expected this development. And when, shortly afterward, he attempted the spade finesse and the queen lost to the king, he was down one, bemoaning his continuing bad luck.

However, South would have made the slam had he concentrated on the task at hand instead of allowing himself to wallow in his earlier misfortunes. After learning about the trump situation, he should have considered the possibility of an elimination play.

This could have been done by cashing the king of trump and king of clubs, followed by a diamond to the queen and a club ruff. The A-K of diamonds, another club ruff and a trump lead would then have put West on lead in a hopeless position. With only spades remaining in his hand, he would have been forced to lead one and thereby present South with his 12th trick.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Champagne brand
5 Cookie holder
8 Activist
12 Thomas — Edison
13 Arles season
14 Squared
15 Film spool
16 Fastest rate
18 In dream-land
20 After-dinner drink
21 Mix up
23 Swiss peak
24 Schedule opening
28 Hour-glass fill
31 Obama health law, for short
32 Mountain air?
34 Briny expanse
35 Chums

DOWN

2 Spanish cheers
3 Daring
4 Author
5 Modern aviator
6 From — Z
7 Gym count
8 Wards off
9 Highway crossing
10 Crystal gazer
11 Tennis champ
17 — Na Na
19 Online craft shop
22 Wild West show
24 Indent key
25 Post-op area
26 Renaissance part-song
27 "Locksley Hall" poet
29 PBS funder
30 "Parent-hood" actor
33 Bonkers
36 Absorbs, as a spill
38 Tourist's car
40 "Don't — stranger!"
42 Dance move
43 "Apollo 13" org.
44 Faux pas
46 Cote cooer
47 Tend texts
48 Scepters
50 College URL ender

Solution time: 21 mins.

Saturday's answer 9-30

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49
50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A 10 9 7
♥ Q 10 9 8 4 2
♦ Q
♣ K 3

EAST

♠ 8 7 6 3 2
♥ 7 6 5
♦ 9 6 2
♣ 8 6

SOUTH

♠ K 5 4
♥ J
♦ A 8 3
♣ A J 10 9 7 4

The bidding:

South West North East
1♣ 1♦ 2♥ 1♥
3♣ Pass 3♥ Pass
3 NT

Opening lead — ?

It would be much easier to play perfectly if you could see all four hands. As it is, though, you get to see only 13 cards during the bidding period, and only 26 cards during the play period. Despite this limitation, however, a player can achieve perfection more often than one would expect.

Consider this deal played in the Canada-New Zealand match at the 1978 world championship. When New Zealand sat North-South, the bidding went as shown.

Looking at all four hands, it can be seen that West's most effective opening lead against three notrump is the king of diamonds! If he leads any other diamond, South will make at least three notrump by establishing his clubs.

Furthermore, even if West finds the king-of-diamonds lead, South can counter by winning the king with the ace, leading the jack of clubs and playing low from dummy after West follows low. Nine tricks are there for the taking if you can see around corners.

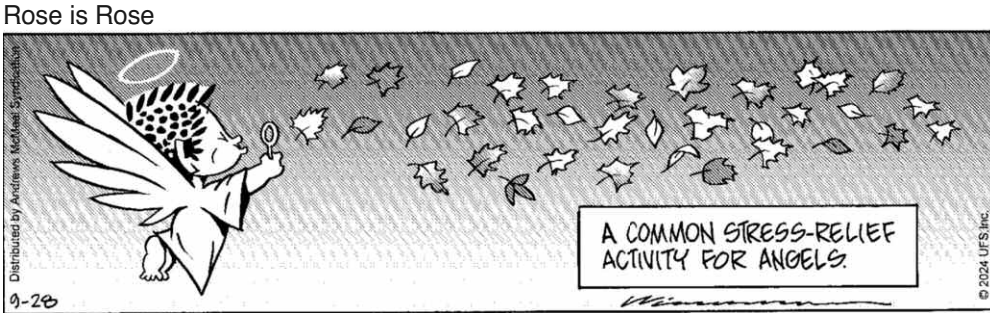
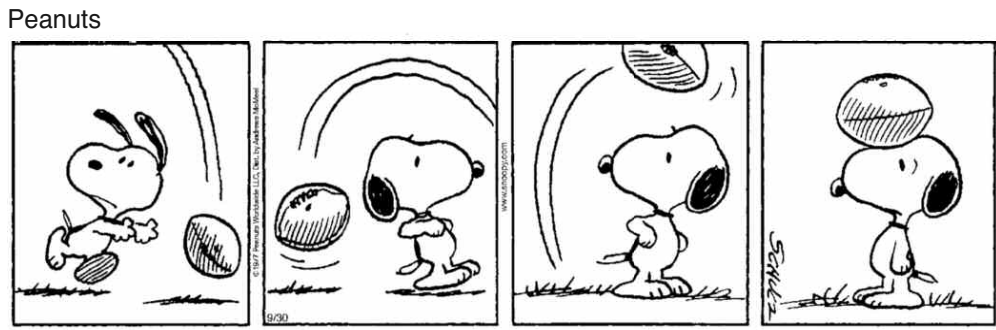
What actually happened, you ask? Well, the fact is that West, Joe Silver, did lead the king of diamonds and wound up defeating the contract four tricks! He reasoned that if declarer had the A-Q of diamonds, his king lead would do no harm, while if declarer had the ace without the queen, the king lead might catch the singleton queen in either the dummy or his partner's hand.

As noted, South could still have made the contract by guessing which way to take the club finesse. But in practice, after taking the third diamond with the ace, South led the jack of clubs and went up with the king after West followed low. He then returned a club, finessed the nine and finished with only five tricks.

Obviously, only one player at the table was wearing X-ray glasses!

Tomorrow: Baiting the trap.
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Laughter

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west side of the road, Penn
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zoning request is contingent on
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approval from the BZA.
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at 6:00 pm at the Community Re-
source Center, 118 S. Meridian
Street, Portland, Indiana. At
that time, all interested persons
will be given the opportunity to
be heard in reference to mat-
ters set out in the petitions. The
petition and file on this matter
is available for public inspec-
tion at the Jay/Portland Build-
ing & Planning Department, 118
S Meridian Street/Ste E, Port-
land, Indiana 47371.
If unable to attend the meeting,
the Department will accept let-
ters from the public prior to the
meeting date. Letters may be
sent or taken to the Jay/Port-
land Building Department.
Questions may be directed to
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Jay County Board of Zoning
Appeals
John Hemmelgarn
Zoning Administrator Director
Date: 9/20/24
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IN THE MATTER OF:
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A CHILD ALLEGED TO BE A CHILD IN NEED OF
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& NOTICE OF CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES HEARING
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partment of Child Services has filed its Verified Petition
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with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been
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MANDED to appear before the Judge of the Jay Circuit Court,
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Review Hearing on 1/31/2025 at 8:30 AM.
At said hearing, the Court will consider the Petition and evi-
dence thereon and will render its decision as to whether the
above named minor child is child in need of services and
shall enter adjudication accordingly. Your failure to appear
after lawful notice will be deemed as your default and waiver
to be present at said hearing.
UPON ENTRY OF SAID ADJUDICATION, A DISPO-
SITIONAL HEARING will be held in which the Court will con-
sider (1) Alternatives for the care, treatment, or
rehabilitation for the child; (2) The necessity, nature, and ex-
tent of your participation in the program of care, treatment,
or rehabilitation for the child; and (3) Your financial respon-
sibility for any services provided for the parent, guardian or
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YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an at-
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260 PUBLIC AUCTION

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Located in the Bubp Exhibition Hall at the Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland
Indiana on Saturday Morning

OCTOBER 5, 2024
9:30 A.M.

ANTIQUES – OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS

Oak 4 stack bookcase; curved glass china cabinet; (2) small buckboard wagons (NICE); Pie safes; Oak table & chairs; Walnut corner cabinet; Oak corner cabinet; brass bed; china cabinets; Grandmother clock; primitive cabinets; secretary; rockers; Sony TV; wicker; beds; Marbles #5 hatchet; Winchester hatchet; Marbles knife, knife with sheath, and pocket knife; Case pocket knives; Elgin pocket watches; 15 jewel pocket watch; Mobil Gas toy gas station; Oak wall telephone; BLUE DECORATIVE STONEWARE: #5 Bee Sting jug, #3 G Heiser Buffalo NY, Edmands & Co #3 flower, #4 Bee Sting, #2 flower, #3 Bee Sting, (2) AP Donagho, #4 Bee Sting and Jas. Benjamin Cincinnati; #2 Red Wing crock; assorted crockery items; graniteware; Fredrick Remington Indian Horse statue; Decatur Indiana Foundry pieces; quilt rack; lighted Coca Cola clock; horse weather vane arrow; anvil cutters; coo coo clock; Decatur IN steam whistle; FENTON; Mosaic vase, Ivy vase, double handled vase, Cranberry bowl, Fairy Lamp, Cranberry baskets, purse, cruets, perfume bottles and vases; sugar shakers; several beaded purses; brass school bell; Cranberry pickle caster; Joe St Clair "Rose" paperweight; Ed & Joe St Clair paperweights; Wave Crest covered dish; mantle clock; china mantle clock; BANKS: lion, house, horse, rooster and building; hand drill; TOYS: Structo Construction semi trailer and steam shovel, Gibbs mail carrier horse and trailer, Tonka Jeepster Runabout #2460 (in box), cast iron circus wagon/horse, cast iron carriage/horse, tin wind up horse & wagon, tin wind up air ship, 1800's wood soldier, Buddy L dump trucks, Marx typewriter, Marx Motor Market truck, Hubley toy pistol (in box) and other toys not listed. Wapak flat irons; steam whistle; brass nozzle; plumb bob; large steam whistle; arrows; brass sleigh bells; brass grain probe; glass weather vane inserts; Bob Marquardt sign; walking sticks; brass frog door stop; wagons; quilts; pictures; school desk; bird dogs and quail print; Thomas Kinkade picture; Treva Lehman painting; Indian painting; COINS: Franklin Half Dollars; JEWELRY: 14k necklace, 14K ladies ring, 10K ladies ring, 14K ladies ring and 10K ladies ring; crockery pitchers; RED RIDING HOOD: tea pot, pitcher, cannister set and covered dish; Decatur Oil Co rain gauges; Decatur area advertising thermometers and calendars; Dept 56 Snow Village; trunk; several pieces of Flo Blue; biscuit jars; large cast iron plant stand; Nippon; MCM black wall hanging; Limoges; Longaberger baskets; Watermelon Glass; Art Glass, some signed; Italian porcelain; Crystal; Boy Scout pack back; lawn furniture; chairs; and other items not listed.

GUNS - TOOLS

Stevens 22 caliber pocket rifle; Stevens 32 caliber pocket rifle; Stevens A & T 22 caliber pistol; Stevens A & T 22 caliber Stevens-Conlin pistol; Stevens 32 caliber pocket rifle; Stevens 22 caliber pocket rifle; Stevens A & T 22 caliber pocket rifle; Stevens .22 LR "Little Scout" rifle; Stevens .32 caliber "Ladies Model" rifle; Stevens 22 caliber pocket rifle; Stevens 22 caliber pocket rifle; Stevens 32 caliber pocket rifle; Stevens 22 caliber "Maynard Jr" rifle; Remington-Beals 32 caliber rifle; Stevens .22 LR Tip Up rifle; Stevens .25 caliber Tip Up rifle; Stevens .22 caliber Tip Up rifle; Marlin-Ballard 22 caliber rifle; Stevens A & T 32 caliber rifle; Stevens A & T 25 caliber rifle; Mass Arms Maynard Model 1873 22 caliber rifle; Ranger "101.6" 12 gauge double barrel shotgun; T Davidson Cincinnati muzzle loader; Tower 1862 muzzleloader; Daisy "Buck Rogers" 25th Century pistol; 16 gauge shotgun; .22 automatic pistol; BB gun; Husqvarna 345 gas chain saw; Tecumseh 3.8 hp gas edger; Mantis hedge trimmer; gas string trimmer; pressure washer; gas blower; B&D electric blower; Bostitch finish air nailer; B&D belt sander; 6" digital caliper; tree trimmer; bench grinder; bolt cutters; router bits; allen wrenches; roto zip; drill bits; post hole digger; B & D weed eater; multi purpose test kit; concrete tools; Craftsman sockets (standard, metric, deep well); angle grinder; driver bits; indexes; nuts; screws; hardware; gas cans; saw horses; staple guns; caulking guns; tin snips; 3/16 fiberglass wire feeding kit; propane tank; wheelbarrow; life jackets; hunting and fishing supplies; hitch; helmets; fish net; dog box and wire cage; radial arm saw; metal man door; metal ramps; fence panels; chicken waterers; fuel cans; pup tent; clay pigeon thrower mounted on tire rim; California dusters; buckets; and other items not listed.
AUCTIONEERS NOTE: This auction offers a nice variety of exceptional antiques, collectors items and guns along with tools and other items. Please note we will be running 2 rings a portion of the day. Guns will sell at approximately 1:00 p.m. Preview will be held on Friday October 4th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Doors will open day of auction at 8:00 a.m.

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CR 9-28-2024

Momentum stolen



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

New Knoxville's Brynn Egbert directs a tip to the right as the Fort Recovery High School volleyball team's front row players — Bridget Homan (25), Karlie Niekamp (10) and Kennedy Muhlenkamp (11) — meet her at the net on Thursday. Egbert led all hitters with 18 kills as her Rangers handed FRHS 25-23, 25-19, 25-22 loss.

Rangers come back in first and third sets to sweep Fort Recovery

By **ANDREW BALKO**

The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — The Indians came out of the gate strong.

With the exception of an Avery Albers kill, they took eight of the first nine points.

They kept that lead for most of the match, but with an 18-11 advantage, the Rangers started to take over.

After the New Knoxville Rangers came back from a seven-point deficit to take the first set, the Fort Recovery High

School couldn't capture enough momentum to win a set, falling 25-23, 25-19, 25-22 on Thursday.

"(I'm) frustrated," said FRHS coach Travis Guggenbiller. "I really wanted that game to make sure things are going in the right direction. I think it would have been a good moral boost for the team, but we can also take it and learn from it."

Fort Recovery (8-7, 1-5 Midwest Athletic Conference) looked as if it would make quick work of the Rangers (6-9, 2-4 MAC) running to an 8-1 lead.

During the stretch, the Indians scored on a pair of Kennedy Muhlenkamp kills, a kill from Bridget Homan and Cameron Muhlenkamp, a Karlie Niekamp block, a Cameron Muhlenkamp ace and two NKHS hitting errors.

Fort Recovery had its largest lead at 15-7 after a Cameron Muhlenkamp kill (she led her team with 12). Seven points later, things started to turn. A double hit by Kennedy Muhlenkamp started a 14-5 run in favor of New Knoxville, includ-

ing five kills by Brynn Egbert — she led all hitters with 18 kills — and two from Albers (15 kills).

"It was not a very strong start," said NKHS coach Madison Hoehne. "It's very easy for players to just kind of move on to the next set and wash that one away. So the fact that we were able to fight through that challenge and adversity we saw in the beginning of the set, and then come back and win it, I think that really set the tone for us."

The second set went back and forth until Kayla Heitkamp sent a serve into the net, followed by an Addison Albers ace and a block by Egbert and Keira Wellman gave the Rangers enough of an edge to control the set.

The teams also traded points in the fourth before FRHS got four straight on a block from Brynn Willman and Kennedy Muhlenkamp, two Cameron Muhlenkamp kills and an attack that sailed long off the hand of Egbert.

See **Stolen** page 9

90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: Bubp Exhibition Hall at the Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 W Votaw St., Portland, IN
October 5th, 2024
9:30 A. M.
ANTIQU - OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS (2) small buckboard wagons (NICE); Pie safes: Walnut corner cabinet; Grandmother Clock; Elgin pocket watches; **BLUE DECORATIVE STONEWARE**; assorted crockery items; Decatur Indiana foundry pieces; **FENTON**; **BANKS**; **TOYS**; 1800's wood soldier; tin wind up horse & wagon, and other toys not listed.
Coins; Jewelry.
GUNS-TOOLS
Stevens 22 caliber pocket rifle; Stevens A&T 22 caliber pistol. 12 gauge double barrel shotgun; Mantis hedge trimmer; Bostitch finish air nailer; concrete tools; hunting 7 fishing supplies; and other items not listed.
AUCTIONEERS NOTE: Preview will be held Friday Oct. 4th from 4pm to 6pm. Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. day of auction. Guns will sell approximately 1pm.
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90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION
SATURDAY OCTOBER 12TH, 2024
TIME 10:00 A.M.
LOCATED: 715 E MAIN ST
PORTLAND, IN.
OPEN HOUSE SEPT. 29TH 1-3PM. Both properties will be offered at 715 E Main St.
REAL ESTATE
715 E Main St.-3 Bedroom, 1.5 bathroom bungalow containing 1984 sq ft finished living area. Central air, Det. garage w/heated shop. Move in condition.
660 E Water St.-2 Bedroom home containing 936 sq ft finished living area, Central air 20" x 24" detached garage.
GUNS
Ruger security six 357mag revolver, Savage hex barrel 22cal.pump, Parker Brothers 12ga side by side with rabbit ears. Large lot of ammo.
ANTIQUES-FURNITURE-MISC
Cedar chest, Shoe shine box, Victor combination safe, Old Radios, Coke Cooler, Wooden Keg, Sofa and coffee table.
WOODWORKING-SHOP-MISC
Grizzly 10" table saw, Grizzly router, Powermatic 12" planer, roll away tool box, Utility carts and cabinets, V bottom aluminum boat and trailer, Fishing Poles and supplies, Several items not mentioned.
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90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION
Saturday September 28th, 2024
TIME 10:00 A.M.
LOCATED: 1854 W SR 28,
RIDGEVILLE, IN.
MOWERS-TRAILER-SHOP TOOLS
Grasshopper 725K with 1453 Hours, JD 345 riding mower with 54" cut. Single axel utility trailer, Bullens 1050 garden tractor, Craftsman roll around tool box, Chainsaw sharpener
8 chain link panels, Dewalt and Craftsman battery powered tools.
GUNS
Rugar 22cal single 6 pistol, Rugar 9mm with clip, Deutsche-Waften model 1908 military rifle bolt action w/sight, Ammo, knife sets.
ANTIQUES-FURNITURE-MISC
Sessions mantel clock, Trunk, Child's chair, Setee, Galvanized Tubs, Indiana glass, & other collectible glassware, Longaberger baskets, Overstuffed chair, Linden wall clock, Glider Swing, Fishing poles & supplies.
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10:00 A.M.
REAL ESTATE

715 E Main St. 3 Bedroom 1.5 bathroom bungalow containing 1984 sq ft finished living area. Central air. Det. garage w/ heated shop. Cement driveway. Updated kitchen. Move in condition.
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GUNS

Ruger security six 357mag revolver. Savage hex barrel 22cal pump. Remington 22cal with scope. Mossberg 22cal model 151-MB bolt action. Stevens model 16A 22cal bolt. Parker Brothers 12ga side by side with rabbit ears. High Standard 22cal revolver. 38 special 6 shot revolver. Czech X-54 pistol w/ clip. H&K-Topper model 88 410. Stevens 22cal single shot. 12ga side by side with rabbit ears. 12ga single shot. Stevens model 1240 12ga single shot. Hopkins & Allen 12ga single shot. Mossberg model 185K 20ga bolt action. Coeoy 12ga single shot. Belgium 12ga side by side with rabbit ears. Pumpmaster 760 pellet gun. Daisy red rider BB gun. Crossman 130 pellet gun. Cummins pellet gun. JC Higgins gun cleaning kit. Large lot of ammo. Knives. Binoculars.

ANTIQUES - FURNITURE - MISC

Cedar chest. Shoe shine box. Victor combination safe. Wooden rocking chair. Old radios. Cowbell. Old bottles. Wizard Johnson and Sears boat engines. Coke cooler. Victrola. Old thermometer. Oak high back bed full sized complete. Oak vanity w/ mirror. Old books. Screw jacks. Wooden keg. Bamboo 3 cushion couch. Sofa and coffee table. Lighted curio cabinet. Entertainment center. Dresser w/ mirror. Log tongs.

WOODWORKING - SHOP - MISC

Grizzly 10" table saw. Grizzly router. True Drill drill press. Powermatic 12" planer. Dewalt and Craftsman scroll saws. Craftsman radial arm saw. Buffalo 14" metal band saw. Buffalo flat and disc grinder. Homecraft band saw. Stihl cut off saw. Sears grinder/buffer. Roll away tool box. Utility carts and cabinets. Four horsepower portable air compressor. Central Machinery 10" table saw. Central Machinery dust collector. Chicago power miter saw. Shop vac. Bar and C clamps. Shop mate. Large lot of battery and power tools. Lincoln 225 welder. Pancake air compressor. Chains and binders. LP heater. V bottom aluminum boat and trailer. John boat. Aluminum ramps. Small picnic table. Large lot of hardware of all kinds. Fishing poles and supplies. Lanterns. Coleman camp stove. Several items not mentioned.

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Block ...

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Jay County only made it into positive rushing yardage on A.J. Myers' 9-yard run on the final play of the game.

Woodlan, meanwhile, was able to move the ball on the ground. The visitors, who attempted just two passes, got 162 yards from Drew Fleek alone.

The Warriors were up 14-0 early in the fourth quarter when they ran a counter play to the right side of the line with Fleek as the ball carrier. He broke through and then outran Grant Wendel and Carter Fugiett to the end zone for an 82-yard score that all but locked up the victory.

"Kind of a little bit of a breakout game for Drew," said first-year Woodlan coach Brock Rohrbacher. (Fleek had 245 yards over his team's first five games.) "He's been looking for one of these and it happened for him tonight."

Jake Ley added another 41 yards on eight carries and Ashtin Jacquay had 37 yards on two attempts. Shaiden Snyder had a 51-yard scoring run on the opening drive of the game that was called back because of a holding penalty.

After neither team made much progress on its first two possessions, Woodlan got some traction on a Jacquay 35-yard run that gave his team a first-and-goal opportunity. They were in the end zone two plays later on a 4-yard run by Fleek.

Jay County held the ball for the first seven and a half minutes of the third quarter but stalled out on a fourth-down fumble at the



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Ben Crouch of Jay County holds onto the ball as Woodlan's Cooper Smith drags him to the turf Friday after Crouch snagged a pass from Sean Bailey for an 18-yard gain. The senior caught three passes in all for 49 yards.

27-yard line, with the Warriors returning the ball to the end zone only to have the return called back because of another penalty. Still, they put points on the board, driving 57 yards in five plays capped by a 12-yard Ley counter run.

"The guys did a super job, great job tonight," said Rohrbacher. "I'm proud of them."

"The kids were physical. We played assignment football. Running backs did a

good job of holding onto the football in very tough conditions. It was a well-played game in all three phases."

Zgunda lamented negative plays and penalties.

The Patriots reached the Woodlan 27-yard line on their first drive, only to have consecutive runs that went for negative-6 yards.

They got some good fortune when Benson Ward hauled in a tipped pass that had been intended for

Aiden Phillips to get them to the 24-yard line on the opening drive of the third quarter. The next two plays went backwards.

They made it to the 24-yard line on their next drive. But then came a shovel pass for negative yards, a holding penalty, an incompleteness, another run for a loss and a sack.

"It was the same thing last week. ... We have opportunities," said Zgunda. "Even tonight there

Box score				
Jay County Patriots (2-4, 1-3 ACAC) vs. Woodlan Warriors (3-3, 2-2 ACAC)				
Woodlan	0	7	7	7 — 21
Jay Co.	0	0	0	0 — 0
First Quarter No scoring				
Second Quarter W — Drew Fleek 4 run (Evan Koch kick), 10:05.				
Third Quarter W — Jake Ley 12 run (Koch kick), 1:17.				
Fourth Quarter W — Fleek 82 run (Koch kick), 9:00.				
Team Statistics				
	W	JC		
Rushes - yds	36-277	29-1		
Comp-Att-Int	0-2-0	7-17-0		
Passing yds	0	90		
Total Plays	38	46		
Total Offense	277	91		
Sacks - yds	1-9	6-52		
Individual Statistics				
Rushing — Woodlan — Drew Fleek 15-162, Jake Ley 8-41, Ashtin Jacquay 2-37, Ty Louden 4-22, Shaiden Snyder 6-10, Carter Fleek 1-5. Jay County — A.J. Myers 11-20, Garrett Bennett 2-(6), Sean Bailey 16-(13).				
Passing — Woodlan — Ty Louden 0-2-0. Jay County — Sean Bailey 7-17-0 90.				
Receiving — Jay County — Ben Crouch 3-49, Benson Ward 2-23, Isaac Dues 1-20, Grant Wendel 1-(2).				

FRHS ...

Continued from page 8
The Cardinals punched FRHS early, as they only needed three plays to score. Rogan Muether — he finished the game with a team-high 99 rushing yards — ripped off a 56-yard carry to score 1 minute, 24 seconds, into the game.

The Indians answered right back with a touchdown of their own on the next drive.

After 12-plays ran, 61-yards covered and 6:11-long drive, Reece Wendel crossed the plane of the end zone on a 1-yard rush for the score. Wendel led the Fort Recovery offense with 124 rushing yards, but couldn't pound the ball in for the 2-point attempt.

New Bremen entered the intermission with a 14-6 lead after Gavin Dickie completed a 57-yard TD pass to Grant Dickie with 30 seconds remaining.

FRHS found the end zone a second time at the 1:21 mark in the third quarter when Caden Grisez found Gavin Evers for a 5-yard TD pass.

Again, Wendel was stopped short of the goal on the 2-point attempt.

While both of the Indians' 2-point attempts came up short, the Cardinals secured the extra points with kicks from Aidan Eastham.

The Indians remain winless in the MAC and will have to face No. 1 Marion Local on Friday before a matchup with Parkway, another team still searching for a MAC victory.

Stolen ...

Continued from page 8
New Knoxville deleted the 18-14 disadvantage, taking eight of the next nine points before finishing off the set and the match with a sweep.

Guggenbiller said he felt his team's struggles at the service line was the root of the problem in the match. Cameron Muhlenkamp recorded the only ace for the Indians, while the team ended with six service errors. Comparatively, the Rangers dropped in 10 aces and had six service errors.

"My No. 1 frustration of tonight's game is our serving," Guggenbiller said. "The zones that I gave, I don't know if we hit it 20% of the time. ... We were too safe on our serves tonight. So, that's an area we're going to have to work on."

"You have to take the risk to take these

stronger teams out. ... It starts with the serve. If their middles are in the game, then your serve isn't strong enough."

The conservative serving ended up messing with the Indians' attack, as the Rangers' middle blockers managed to affect more shots.

New Knoxville only ended with four blocks that resulted in points (Egbert led with one solo and two assisted blocks), but sent more back that forced the Indians out of system.

"When they started to block us, we started to lose faith with what we should do with the ball," Guggenbiller said. "We just were not making the typical game changes that I would like to see. We still have to get stronger at those in game adjustments. ... Just take it game-by-game and we'll learn from it."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys tennis at Eastern Hancock — 9 a.m.; Volleyball at ACAC Tournament at Heritage — 9 a.m.; Boys soccer vs. Connersville — 10 a.m.; Cross country at New Haven Classic — 10:30 a.m.; Girls soccer at Heritage — 2 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Volleyball at Lady Knight Invite — 9 a.m.; Middle school volleyball at Mississinawa Valley — 10 a.m.

Monday
Fort Recovery — Boys golf district at Pipestone Golf Club — 8:30 a.m.; Middle school volleyball vs. Arcanum — 5 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Boys soccer at Blackford — 5 p.m.; Girls soccer vs. Blackford — 6 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Southern Wells — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Middle school volleyball vs. Versailles — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
12:30 a.m. — AFL: Brisbane Lions at Sydney Swans (FS1)
7:30 a.m. — Premier League: Manchester City at Newcastle United (USA)
10 a.m. — Premier League: West Ham United at Brentford (USA)
12 p.m. — College football: Kentucky at Ole Miss (ABC); Maryland at Indiana (BTN); Navy at UAB (ESPN2); Minnesota at Michigan (FOX); BYU at Baylor (FS1)
12 p.m. — PGA Tour: Presidents Cup (NBC)
12:30 p.m. — Premier League: Liverpool at Wolverhampton Wanderers (USA)
1 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Gotham FC at Kansas City Current (CBS)
2:20 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Chicago Cubs (Bally Indiana)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Fresno State at UNLV (FS1); Arkansas at Texas A&M (ESPN); Colorado at UCF (ABC); Oklahoma at Auburn (ABC)
4 p.m. — College football: North Carolina at Duke (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — College football: Stanford at Clemson (ESPN); Iowa State at Houston (FS1)

7:15 p.m. — MLB: Baltimore Orioles at Minnesota Twins (FOX)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Georgia at Alabama (ABC); Illinois at Penn State (NBC)
8 p.m. — College football: Montana at Eastern Washington (CBS); Cincinnati at Texas Tech (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — College football: Washington State at Boise State (FS1)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Arizona at Utah (ESPN)
11 p.m. — College football: Oregon at UCLA (FOX)

Sunday
9 a.m. — Premier League: Aston Villa at Ipswich Town (USA)
11:30 a.m. — Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur at Manchester United (USA)
1 p.m. — NFL: Pittsburgh Steelers at Indianapolis Colts (CBS); Los Angeles Rams at Chicago Bears (FOX)
1:30 p.m. — PGA Tour: Presidents Cup (NBC)
3 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Hollywood Casino 400 (USA)
3 p.m. — NHRA: Midwest Nationals (FS1)
3 p.m. — WNBA: Las Vegas Aces at New York Liberty (ABC)
3:20 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Chicago Cubs (Bally Indiana)
4:25 p.m. — NFL: Kansas City Chiefs at Los Angeles Chargers (CBS)
8:20 p.m. — NFL: Buffalo Bills at Baltimore Ravens (NBC)
8:30 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: Sacramento Republic at New Mexico United (ESPN2)
8:30 p.m. — WNBA: Connecticut Sun at Minnesota Lynx (ESPN)

Monday
3 p.m. — Premier League: Southampton at AFC Bournemouth (USA)
7:30 p.m. — NFL: Tennessee Titans at Miami Dolphins (ESPN)
8:15 p.m. — NFL: Seattle Seahawks at Detroit Lions (ABC)

Tuesday
7 p.m. — NHL preseason: New Jersey Devils at New York Rangers (ABC)
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Sports

FRHS two points short

No. 5 New Bremen completes PATs to beat Indians 14-12

NEW BREMEN, Ohio — After dropping the last four games, the Indians had to hit the road to face a ranked opponent.

They nearly matched the Cardinals, scoring two touchdowns and gaining 43 more yards of offense. But a pair of failed 2-point attempts kept the Indians from breaking through.

The Division VII No. 5 New Bremen Cardinals escaped with a 14-12 win over Fort Recovery High School's football team on Friday night.

Fort Recovery (1-5, 0-4 Midwest Athletic Conference) had the ball for more than 75% of the game, running a total of 65 plays for 220 yards. While the Indians' offense ate up the clock, New Bremen (4-2, 2-2 MAC) moved down field quickly when it had the ball, totalling 177 yards on only 35 plays.

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'We didn't block'

Warriors dominate Jay at the line

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Football, at its core, is a game won and lost in the trenches.

The team that controls the line of scrimmage has the advantage.

On the Patriots' homecoming night, it was advantage Warriors.

Jay County High School's football team gave up six sacks, had a net total of 1 rushing yard and gave up 277 yards on the ground Friday in a 21-0 loss to visiting Woodlan.

Grant Zgunda was initially at a loss for words.

"I don't have any ... I don't know. We, uh ... yeah ... There's not a lot to say," said the JCHS coach following the rainy, windy defeat that dropped his team to 2-4 overall and 1-3 in the Allen County Athletic Conference. "We're missing some guys that we had last year. They graduated and we're still trying to figure it out.

"We thought we were on the right track. Last week we played pretty well, and for whatever reason tonight, tonight was, um ...

"I wish I could tell you they came out in something crazy. But it wasn't. They didn't blitz. It was literally we just did not; we didn't block. I'm not just talking about the line. I'm just saying we didn't block. And I can't explain it."

Eleven of the Patriots' 29 rushing attempts went for negative yards. Six of those were sacks of quarterback Sean Bailey, who often found himself under pressure a split second after he received the shotgun snap. Those sacks totaled 52 negative yards.

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Woodlan High School's Emerson Spieth drags down Jay County quarterback Sean Bailey during the second half of the Patriots' 21-0 homecoming loss. The Warriors sacked Bailey six times and had seven other tackles for a loss.

Jay girls soccer picks off Yorktown

YORKTOWN — The Patriots squared off with a sectional opponent on Tuesday, but fell 2-0 as the Delta Eagles dominated the second half.

When they got another crack at a potential sectional opponent, they didn't let the opportunity slip.

Jay County High School's girls soccer team got a big game from goalkeeper Maleah Parsons on Thursday to take down the Yorktown Tigers 2-1.

The junior keeper made 18 saves, only letting a ball break through the plane of the goal with 6:31 remaining in the game.

By that point, the Patriots (8-5) had already scored twice.

Aixa Lopez got Jay County on the board 18 minutes, 46 seconds, into the game with a freekick

Jay County roundup

from 38 yards away from the goal.

In the second half, a Tessa Frazee free kick from midfield got batted around by both teams before Morgan DeHoff put it in the net at 28:43.

The victory came just two days after the 2-0 loss to Delta. JCHS will learn on Sunday who they will face in the sectional tournament.

Pats repeat loss

For the second time this season, the Jay County boys tennis team fell to

the South Adams Starfires 3-2 on Thursday.

The Patriots previously fell to South Adams on Sept. 14 by the same score.

Eli Dirksen stayed hot at the No. 1 singles position, earning his 13th consecutive victory by beating Kade Sprunger 6-2, 6-1.

Blake Kahlig and Carter Wellman picked up the other point in the No. 2 doubles match. They took down Isaiah Conrad and Ben Dubach 3-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Tucker Griffin made a push at the end of the No. 2 singles contest, but ultimately fell 6-3, 7-5 to undefeated Cole Hyman.

Gabe Pinkerton dropped the No. 3 singles match 6-2, 6-0 to Kane Sturwald.

Gabe and Ian Neuen-schwander got the better of Kady Carpenter and Alex Miller for a 6-1, 6-2 win in the No. 1 doubles contest.

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