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Three-peat high five

Jay County High School seniors Gabe Pinkerton (left) and Tucker Griffin high five following the Patriots' 3-2 victory over Union City to claim their third consecutive sectional championship on Thursday. For more on Jay County's sectional victory, see page 10.

City OKs JCDC deal

Board of works also hires part-time firefighters

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

A contract between The City of Portland and Jay County Development Corporation has been approved.

Portland Board of Works approved an agreement with the organization during its meeting Thursday.

JCDC's board of directors unanimously approved the contract at its meeting Tuesday.

JCDC executive director Travis Richards visited Portland City Council in September to discuss funding from the city. Portland has given the organization \$50,000 for the last few years.

City attorney Wes Schemenaur recommended Portland and JCDC have a contract in place before any funds are dispersed, explaining his reading of state statute is that a contract is required. Portland City Council members unanimously approved the funding contingent on a

contract at the status quo, meaning no requests for changes to board membership or new definitions of duties that have been requested by Jay County Commissioners in their separate contract negotiations.

Richards shared a previous version of an agreement dating back to 2012 with the city, and Schemenaur made minor updates to the version before it was approved by JCDC.

According to Richards on Thursday, changes from the old agreement include: adjusting the date of the contract, which runs from Oct. 3 to Dec. 31, 2025, with a \$50,000 payment for the current year and another \$50,000 payment in 2025; making the 60-day termination clause into a 30-day termination clause should either party decide to terminate the agreement; adding Schemenaur's office as a copied recipient of all formal notices; and requiring JCDC to report semiannually to the city on its work, progress and updates.

Board member Jerry Leonhard noted he had not yet read the contract and took a few minutes to review the document. He then made a motion to approve it, and he and Mayor Jeff Westlake, absent Steve McIntosh, voted in favor.

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Debate commission seeks questions

By CASEY SMITH

Indiana Capital Chronicle
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Two of Indiana's U.S. Senate hopefuls will face off in a debate later this month, although the third candidate — Republican

Congressman Jim Banks — is not expected to participate.

The Indiana Debate Commission will host a U.S. Senate debate from 7 to 8 p.m. Oct. 29, one week before the Nov. 5 general election.

Democrat Valerie McCray and Libertarian Andy Horning accepted the invitation to debate, IDC officials said. Along with Banks, the trio are vying to succeed Republican U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, who is

seeking Indiana's gubernatorial seat.

Banks' campaign sent a statement in August to the ICC saying "Congressman Banks is focused on representing north-east Indiana in Congress,

spending time with his family, and running a statewide campaign to be the next conservative U.S. Senator for Indiana. He will entertain debate options as we get closer to Election Day."

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Israel continues bombing

By HENRY MEYER,
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Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

Israel carried out huge bombing raids in the suburbs of Beirut alongside ground attacks in southern Lebanon, while Iran said it would support a conditional cease-fire in the conflicts involving its allied groups Hezbollah and Hamas.

The airstrikes in the southern outskirts of the Lebanese capital targeted the potential successor of Hezbollah's assassinated leader Hassan Nasrallah and other figures, the New York Times and other U.S. media reported, citing Israeli officials. It was not known if Hashem Safieddine died in the bombardment, which residents said shook buildings in the city.

Israel has stepped up a campaign to eliminate threats from Iran-backed Hezbollah after almost a year of trading cross-border rocket fire, killing much of its top leadership and sending troops into southern Lebanon for the first time since a 2006 war. The Israel Defense Forces said Friday it's killed 250 Hezbollah militants since Monday, and troops recovered rocket launchers, explosives and other weapons while clearing the area just north of the border.

Two Israeli soldiers were killed while fighting in north-

Iran says it would support a conditional cease-fire

ern Israel, the IDF said. Israeli public broadcaster KAN said they were hit by a drone attack from Iraq.

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi traveled to Beirut on Friday and met with Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati. He said has discussed a cease-fire with both Lebanese officials and other countries in the region, according to comments shown on Iranian state TV. Araghchi added that any truce would have to be agreeable to Hezbollah and Hamas and take effect alongside a cease-fire in Gaza.

The U.S. and others have been pushing Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to agree to a truce in both the Palestinian territory and Lebanon without success. Hezbollah has made a cease-fire conditional on something similar in Gaza, and Hamas hasn't indicated a willingness to agree to terms.

Araghchi's trip to the Lebanese capital came three days after Iran fired 200 ballistic missiles at Israel in retaliation

for the attacks on Hezbollah and the killing of a Hamas leader in July, and Netanyahu has vowed to respond. That's raised fears of major tit-for-tat attacks that could trigger a region-wide war and drag in the U.S., Israel's main ally.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei — leading Friday prayers in Tehran for the first time since January 2020 — told a huge crowd the Islamic Republic will strike again if necessary, having so far delivered the "minimum punishment" possible to Israel. He urged Arab and Muslim countries to unite against what he described as a common enemy.

"We'll neither hesitate nor rush in fulfilling our duties," Khamenei said.

Oil headed for its strongest weekly increase in more than a year on fears that Israel may decide to strike Iranian petroleum facilities, after President Joe Biden said the U.S. was discussing whether to support such a move.

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Reading to Rusty

Kennedy Newell, 10, reads to Rusty during the Paws and Pages event Thursday evening at Jay County Public Library. Certified therapy dogs visited the library, allowing children to read to them and play with them.

Deaths

Donna Shaner-Pfeifer, 52,
Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 79 degrees Friday. Today's forecast shows sunny skies with a high temperature in the upper 70s. Sunday looks to be sunny with the high jumping to the low 80s. See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review

Jay County Development Corporation and Jay County Chamber of Commerce's Launch Jay! business pitch competition starts at 6 p.m. tonight in the auditorium at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

Coming up

Tuesday — Coverage of the Launch Jay! business pitch competition.

Wednesday — Details about next week's Portland City Council meeting.

Thursday — Coverage of next week's Jay County Commissioners special meeting.



Bombing ...

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 Israeli assets have been hit, with the shekel down 2.5% against the dollar this week, one of the worst performers globally.
 Netanyahu is under pressure at home to carry out a bigger counter-strike against Iran than in April. Then, Israel caused limited damage at an Iranian military facility in revenge for Tehran firing 300 missiles and drones, almost all of which were intercepted.
 The outcome was similar on Tuesday, though Iran gave less warning and more missiles breached Israel's air defenses. One person was killed in the West

Bank, and Israeli media reported that several air bases were hit. The IDF confirmed Friday that missiles struck one air base, Nevatim, but said no real damage was done.
 Israel said its actions in Lebanon — more than 1,500 people have been killed in airstrikes in recent weeks and around one million have been displaced, according to Lebanese officials — are necessary to end a year of cross-border rocket attacks by Hezbollah. Those, carried out in solidarity with Hamas, have forced tens of thousands of Israelis to flee their homes in the north of the country.

Lebanon said 37 more people were killed by strikes on Thursday and more than 150 were wounded. As well as Beirut, Israeli jets struck south Lebanon, the Bekaa Valley in the north-east and the Mount Lebanon region in the north, the Lebanese health ministry said.
 Israel struck the main crossing between Syria and Lebanon, which cut off the route completely, according to the Lebanese state-run National News Agency. Tens of thousands of people have fled to Syria, which Israel accuses of allowing the smuggling of weapons to Hezbollah. The IDF meanwhile ordered the evacua-

tion of more than 30 settlements in southern Lebanon.
 The Group of Seven nations called for "restraint" among the warring sides and warned about an "uncontrollable escalation in the Middle East."
 Truce talks between Hamas and Israel have stalled, but fighting has eased with the Palestinian group suffering dire losses. That's allowed Israel to focus more on the north and Hezbollah.
 The U.S. considers both Hezbollah and Hamas as terrorist groups. The fighting in Gaza has spilled over into the West Bank, where control is split between Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

Obituaries

Donna Shaner-Pfeifer, Portland, Feb. 19, 1972-Sept. 30, 2024. No services are scheduled.

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 10/6	Monday 10/7	Tuesday 10/8	Wednesday 10/9	Thursday 10/11
81/44	68/41	68/40	69/41	71/45
Sunny skies are expected Sunday, with wind gusts reaching up to 25 mph.	Monday's forecast shows sunny skies with the low at night dipping into the 40s.	Sunny skies are on the horizon for Tuesday, when the low may hit 40 at night.	More sun is in the forecast for Wednesday, when the high will be around 69.	Thursday's weather looks to be sunny as well, with cool temperatures at night.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 6-0-0 Daily Four: 3-5-7-4 Quick Draw: 4-12-15-18-20-21-25-26-27-33-37-45-53-58-63-64-69-72-77-79	Pick 3: 7-7-6 Pick 4: 5-1-0-4 Pick 5: 1-0-6-5-9
Ohio Midday	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$295 million Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$108 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....3.75 Dec. corn4.05 Wheat4.90	Oct. beans10.31 Wheat5.40
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....3.70 Dec. corn4.05 Jan. corn4.27	ADM Montpelier Corn.....3.74 Nov. corn3.76 Beans9.87 Nov. beans9.95 Wheat5.29
The Andersons Richland Township Corn3.70 Nov. corn3.70 Beans9.84	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....3.60 Nov. corn3.70 Beans9.68 Nov. beans9.83 Wheat5.10

Today in history

In 1813, Indian forces under the leadership of Tecumseh and the British army defeated U.S. troops in the Battle of the Thames — it took place in what is now Ontario, Canada — during the War of 1812.
In 1829, Chester A. Arthur was born in North Fairfield, Vermont. He was elected vice president of the United States in 1880 and became the 21st president following the assassination of President James A. Garfield.
In 1877, Chief Joseph, leader of the Nez Percé, surrendered in the Bears Paws Mountains in Montana. He had previously negotiated in order to allow his people to stay on their land, but a change in policy left them to fight for their land. By the time he surrendered more than 200 Nez Percé had died.
In 1902, McDonald's founder Ray Kroc was born in Chicago, Illinois.
In 1970, the Public Broadcasting System launched. Among its most famous shows were "Sesame Street" and "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood." Made up of public TV stations across the U.S., it provides cultural, educational and scientific programming.
In 1972, the Portland High School cross country team placed fourth out of nine teams at the Limberlost Invitational. Greg Harrod led the Panthers with a fourth-place finish.
In 2021, the Jay County High School girls soccer team dominated New Castle 7-0 in the opening round of the Class 2A Sectional 24 tournament at Hamilton Heights. The Patriots would defeat Delta in the semifinal before falling to the host Huskies in the championship game.
 —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 6 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, senior area, Jay Community Center, 115 E. Water St., Portland. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St., Fort Recovery.	Tuesday 2 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. Wednesday 7 a.m. — Jay County Board of Health, health department, 504 W. Arch St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
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Deal ...

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 Also Thursday, the board of works approved a notice of termination with Community Development Institute, which has served as operator of Portland Head Start, 406 E. Arch St., since August 2022. Westlake explained grant holders for the service have changed. Effective Oct. 31, Community Development Institute of Denver, Colorado, will no longer administer the Head Start program. Clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips noted the program in Portland will continue but will operate under a new grant administrator, adding that she and Westlake planned to have a meeting with the group Friday to discuss details.
 The board of works also OK'd hiring seven part-time firefighters — Bryan McIver, Mark Leavell, Nolan Crump, Matt Darby, Jordan Tinkham, Sammy Thomas-Stewart and Angel Perez. Assistant fire chief Dustine Hilfiker explained the department had eight open slots on their part-time roster and that the applicants completed interviews, physical agility assessments and a written exam. Westlake and Leonhard expressed an interest to meet the new part-time firefighters soon.

In other business, board of works approved:
 •The following pay requests: \$40,000 — \$4,000 of that amount will be retained — from James S. Jackson Company of Bluffton for the wet weather pump station and \$117,690.92 from Scodeller Construction of Wixom, Michigan, for sealing cracks in streets throughout Portland. (The sealing project is mainly funded through an Indiana Department of Transportation grant, with Portland contributing a \$29,422.73 match.)
 •A revised \$13,319.89 change order for the Blaine Pike paving and multi-use path project. Phillips explained the order, originally approved by board of works in August, had an error from the engineering firm Beam, Longest and Neff, leading to a \$417.71 increase from the original price. The city will pay the full amount up front, with 80% to be reimbursed by INDOT. She reminded board of works about plans to file a claim against Beam, Longest and Neff — she told board members in August the firm's original project specifications were not correct — in order to attempt to recoup the remaining 20%.

•A \$11,511 change order for James S. Jackson Company for the wet weather pump station project at Portland Wastewater Treatment Plant. Phillips explained plans now call for incorporating three 500-kilowatt diesel generators instead of one 1500-kilowatt generator.
 Also, Board of works members:
 •Heard about property damage on the lot where the former Hunt's building once sat, 208 and 210 N. Meridian St. Street department superintendent Marr Shauver noted the contractor working on the side of the remaining building left ruts in the ground. (Phillips said the contractor has offered to repair the damage once the ground dries.) Shauver asked the board of works to consider what the town should do with the lot now that it is empty and offered the street department's services.
 •Learned bulletproof windows are being installed around Portland City Hall offices
 •Heard a request from Rob Weaver of WPGW Radio, who asked Shauver if the street department would install a new sidewalk next to the lot formerly occupied by the Bailey building, near the Greazy Pickle.

Questions ...

Voters are invited to send in questions ahead of the debate, by Oct. 17, according to an IDC news release. They can do so on the commission's website, indianadebatecommission.com, using the "Ask Your Question" link at the top of the homepage.
 Hoosiers whose questions are selected also may be offered the opportunity to ask their questions on pre-taped video to be broadcast during the hour-long debate, according to the IDC. Candidates do not receive the questions in advance from the commission, however.
 The debate will stream live on the commission's website. Local

television stations may additionally air the feed.
 Viewers should check their local listing closer to debate night, the IDC advised.
 Commission member Laura Merrifield Wilson, a political science professor at the University of Indianapolis, will moderate.
 "The U.S. Senate race has received little attention statewide, leaving many voters eager to learn more about the candidates on their ballot and the positions they hold," said Elizabeth Bennion, a political scientist and long-time debate organizer who agreed to lead the Commission in June 2024, in a statement.

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Felony arrests

Strangulation
 A Dunkirk man was arrested Friday for strangulation and other charges.
 Taylor M. Farmer, 32, 351 Lincoln Ave., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for strangulation and a Class A misdemeanor for domestic battery.
 He was being held on a \$4,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

SERVICES

Saturday
Paxson, Joyce: 6 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Sunday
Horsman, John: 2 p.m., Shrine of Remembrance America the Beautiful Chapel, 1730 E. Fountain Blvd., Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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23rd Annual Jay County Tox Away Day
Sponsored by the Jay County Solid Waste Management District

Saturday, October 12, 2024
 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 Jay County High School Parking Lot – West of Softball Fields

WHERE

From the garage:

- Oil Based Paints
- Stains & Varnishes
- Paint Strippers/Thinners
- Adhesives
- Waste/unknowns (bring info of past use)
- Fuels/Gasoline/Kerosene*
- Automotive Liquids
- Oils & Oil Filters
- Car Wax/Polishes
- Solvents
- Other Toxic Solids
- Aerosols
- Car/Other Batteries
- Asbestos
- Tires (See prices below)**

Household batteries accepted

****Limits/Prices/Dollar Amounts For Tires**

- Car/Light Truck Tires: Four free, \$2.00 per tire after first four
- Truck Tires: Four free, \$5.00 per tire after first four
- Tires on rims will be an additional \$2.00 per rim.
- Tractor Tires: Any tire over 54 inches will be \$75.00. Tires over 54 inches may be quartered and will then count as one truck tire.

WHERE

From the house:

- Computers & All Accessories
- Fluorescent Tubes, Batteries
- PCB Ballasts
- Acids & Bases
- Microwaves
- TVs: **\$20.00 PER TELEVISION**
- *CFL Bulbs—should be wrapped in paper and put in a sealed plastic bag**

From the yard:

- Pesticides/Herbicides*
- Fertilizers
- Propane Tanks
- Pool Chemicals

***Limits on flammable liquids/pesticides/herbicides: up to 100 pounds are free, \$1 for each added pound.**

Appliances:

- Refrigerators/Freezers
- Air Conditioners
- Dehumidifiers
- Stoves
- Washer/Dryers
- Water Heaters
- Dishwashers

We will be accepting old medicines and sharps. Please bring old medicine in the ORIGINAL CONTAINER with medicine name still legible if possible. Place sharps in a sturdy container with a secure lid

Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition & Jay County Sheriff Dept. will be collecting all medicine

Tox Away Day is for Jay County residents only! If you plan to bring a large volume of items, please contact the district office by September 30th so arrangements can be made.

'Beyond the Battlefield' returns this month

Fort Recovery State Museum is highlighting tribal nations in a two-day event again this year.

"Beyond the Battlefield and St. Clair's Defeat: Connecting with Tribal Nations Today" returns Oct. 19 and Oct. 20 at the museum. The event highlights Eastern Shawnee, Miami, Ottawa and Wyandotte history and culture, allowing visitors the opportunity to experience Native American cultures from tribes whose ancestors were victorious in St. Clair's Defeat in 1791.

Tribal citizens will have booths set up along the

Taking Note

walking trail behind the museum from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 19 and 20. The museum will also be open free of charge.

Other scheduled activities each day at the museum include:

- Presentations from Tribal citizens and battlefield tours at 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.
- Children's story time

from a Tribal interpreter from 1 to 1:45 p.m.

Museum hosting

The David Owsley Museum of Art at Ball State University is showcasing The Art of Elizabeth Catlett from the Collection of Samella Lewis through Dec. 20.

Lewis was a professor emerita of art history at Scripps College in Claremont, California. He was a student under Catlett, a sculptor and printmaker recognized as one of the most significant African American artists in the 20th century, in the 1940s.

"Elizabeth Catlett was my friend and my mentor in art," wrote Lewis. "She is the reason that I began to see and think creatively. When I first met Elizabeth in 1941, my attempts at making art were strictly based on visual concepts of the European models. Upon my graduation from high school, it was my good fortune to receive a scholarship to study at Dillard University, where Elizabeth was the art professor. I shall always remember her as being my mentor who was responsible for my life in art."

The museum is located

at 2021 W. Riverside Ave., Muncie, in the BSU fine arts building.

It is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free.

Walker elected

A Jay County native was recently elected to the Board of Governors of the American Classical League.

Jeremy Walker, a 1988 graduate of Jay County High School, was elected to a four-year term on the board for the American Classical League, which

celebrates, supports, and advances the teaching and learning of the Greek and Latin languages, literatures, and cultures, and their timeless relevance. The American Classical League also serves as the professional association for teachers of Greek and Latin at the K-12 levels as well as those at the collegiate level.

Walker previously served as state chair for Indiana Junior Classical League for 16 years and as public relations and membership chair for National Junior Classical League for 10 years.

Self-proclaimed 'best friend' acts like an enemy

DEAR ABBY: My "best friend," as he has labeled our relationship, moved in with me eight months ago. He claims to have no romantic feelings for me. Despite this, he sleeps in my bed next to me and kisses me. (He claims to be asleep when he does it and says he doesn't remember it happening.) He encourages us to be sexually intimate and texts me daily "I miss you" messages when I leave town to visit my mom.

He says he doesn't want to be with me because "he doesn't see me that way." He also talks to another girl. He claims they're also just friends and have only a platonic connection, but I've seen kissy emojis, miss you texts and nude photos they've exchanged.

I feel used and asked him to leave, but he refused to acknowledge my request. When I asked him why he lives with me, he said it's because I am a better alternative to sleeping on his mom's couch

Dear Abby



next to her dog. I cannot express how painful it was to hear that.

At this point, he owes me \$1,000 in unpaid rent, and I'm over feeling like I fell in love with someone who doesn't have the capacity to love even himself. How do I get this guy out of my house and out of my heart so I no longer feel like a live-in maid, concubine, bank account, chef and personal assistant in exchange for the privilege of being mistreated? — USED IN GEORGIA

DEAR USED: How do you get this poor excuse for a man out of your heart? From the tone of your letter, you are already more than halfway there. Turn off the

money spigot, quit cooking and washing his clothes for him, and when he climbs into your bed, kick him out of it and tell him if he wants sex, to get it from his other "friend." It would be money well spent for you to consult an attorney about his refusal to leave your dwelling, because it may take a formal eviction.

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DEAR ABBY: My sister recently got engaged. I'm ecstatic for her. Her fiance is amazing. We have always been close, and I'm going to be her maid of honor. The problem is, since they've been dating, and especially now that they're getting married, I've been jealous. I feel like a little green monster when I see them together.

It's not about her fiance — it's that I can't help wishing I had someone, too. It feels like a punch in the gut when they're being couple-y and I'm third-wheeling. I hate fighting these feelings when I'm truly happy

for them both. But I feel jealous and then guilty for feeling this way and I'm sick of it tainting my genuine happiness. What should I do? — DON'T LIKE THIS FEELING

DEAR DON'T: I respect your willingness to own up to your feelings. None of us is proud of feeling jealous, but most of us have experienced a twinge at one time or another. (This may be why it is included in the list of seven deadly sins.) Be glad your sister has found her soulmate, and PLEASE have faith that you will meet yours as well. It may not happen today or tomorrow, but one day when you least expect it, you will turn around, and he will be there.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a widower aged 72, and I'm wondering if it would be inappropriate to contact an old girlfriend from my college days. Yes, it has been more than 50 years, and she is married with grown children.

I'm just wondering what your position is on this.

It would be nice to talk and catch up on our lives, etc. She lives 400 miles from where I do, but I would like to speak with her and talk about our lives. Since we both are in our early 70s, there's obviously not a lot of time left. — CATCHING UP IN GEORGIA

DEAR CATCHING UP: My position is don't dip your hook in the water unless you plan to keep whatever you catch. Your old girlfriend is a married woman with a family. If your motive is to simply sing a chorus of "Auld Lang Syne," go ahead and reach out. If you are lonely and there is ANYTHING more to it, then don't.

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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

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

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

ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side

of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-8463.

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

Sunday

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

Monday

JAY COUNTY HOSPITAL RETIREES — Will host a carry-in lunch for hospital retirees and for-

mer employees from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 7 in the community room at Jay County Public Library. Attendees are asked to bring their favorite dish to share and beverages. Contact Sharon Taylor at (765) 578-0357 with questions. No reservations needed.

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.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

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.

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

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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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.

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October 7-11

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Alternate Entrees: Mozzarella and Pepperoni Panini, Pizza Sauce, PB&J and Cheese Fun Lunch **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned Refried Beans

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Remember to practice fire safety

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Oct. 6 through 12, is Fire Prevention Week and we would be remiss if we didn't take this opportunity to thank our local firefighters for all that they do to keep us safe.

We would also like to remind our readers of the importance of being fire safe.

Since 1922, the National Fire Protection Association has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week, which is

Guest Editorial

typically observed the week of Oct. 9 in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began Oct. 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 10,000 home-

less, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

This year's FPW campaign theme, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!" strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

Roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms and more than one-third (38%) of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms

are present. The risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms.

Here are some key tips.

—Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway) and on each level (including the basement) of a home;

—It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms so that when one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.

—Test smoke alarms at least

once a month by pushing the test button;

—Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or step responding when tested;

—Make sure smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities;

—A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire;

NFPA also reminds everyone to create a home fire escape plan, choose an outside meeting place and practice home fire drills.

All of our families deserve paid leave

By TONY IOVIENO
OtherWords

Millions of working American families are facing a crisis: how to care for loved ones.

We all need to give or get care at some point in our lives, but all too often this can be incredibly burdensome or even impossible. Too many Americans simply cannot afford their own care or are unable to take time off work for the birth of a child, a loved one falling ill, or an aging parent.

Most of us have no access to any sort of paid leave, and few employers provide leave to employees. This leaves more than 1 in 5 Americans, or 53 million people, working as unpaid family caregivers and providing more than \$600 billion in unpaid care annually.

My family is among the millions who struggle with this every day.

A few months ago, my life changed in an instant. My brother Dave, his wife Katie, and their child Mikey were involved in a terrible car accident. We lost my brother that night, and Katie was severely injured, but thankfully Mikey survived unscathed.

And as if that weren't enough, we discovered that Katie was pregnant. She'd planned to surprise our family with the news the next week. Instead, we were left grieving the loss of a husband, a father, and a brother, while trying to support a family that was suddenly in crisis.

Our family came together as best we could. Katie and Mikey needed care, and we all needed time to process our grief. But time wasn't something we had the luxury of affording.

Why? Because work beckoned.

Like many Americans, most of my family doesn't have paid leave in the event of an emergency. In fact, I'm the only one in my family with access to a paid leave program. My mother-in-law had to take unpaid leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act to care for Katie.

Imagine going weeks, even months, without a paycheck while trying to care for your family. Most people can't afford that.

The rest of my family — farmers, preschool teachers, nursing assistants, small business owners — also don't have paid leave. These are the same people we applauded and called "essential" during the pandemic. But we don't treat them as essential when it comes to supporting them through life's hardest moments. Where is their paid leave?

I'm sad that we lost Dave, but I'm also angry that

Tony Iovieno



Only a small minority of workers receive dedicated paid family leave through their jobs. Most aren't so fortunate.

when tragedy hits, our policies make life harder for families. I'm angry that for most of us, going back to work is a necessity, not a choice.

This is a policy failure. There is no federal rule that provides paid family leave or sick days for all workers. Only a small minority of workers receive dedicated paid family leave through their jobs. Most aren't so fortunate. Millions of workers don't even have a single paid sick day.

That's why we need paid family leave for all.

Imagine a world where every family has the time to care for each other in moments of crisis. Where a parent doesn't have to choose between being there for their child and keeping a roof over their head. Where we treat each other with the dignity and respect we all deserve.

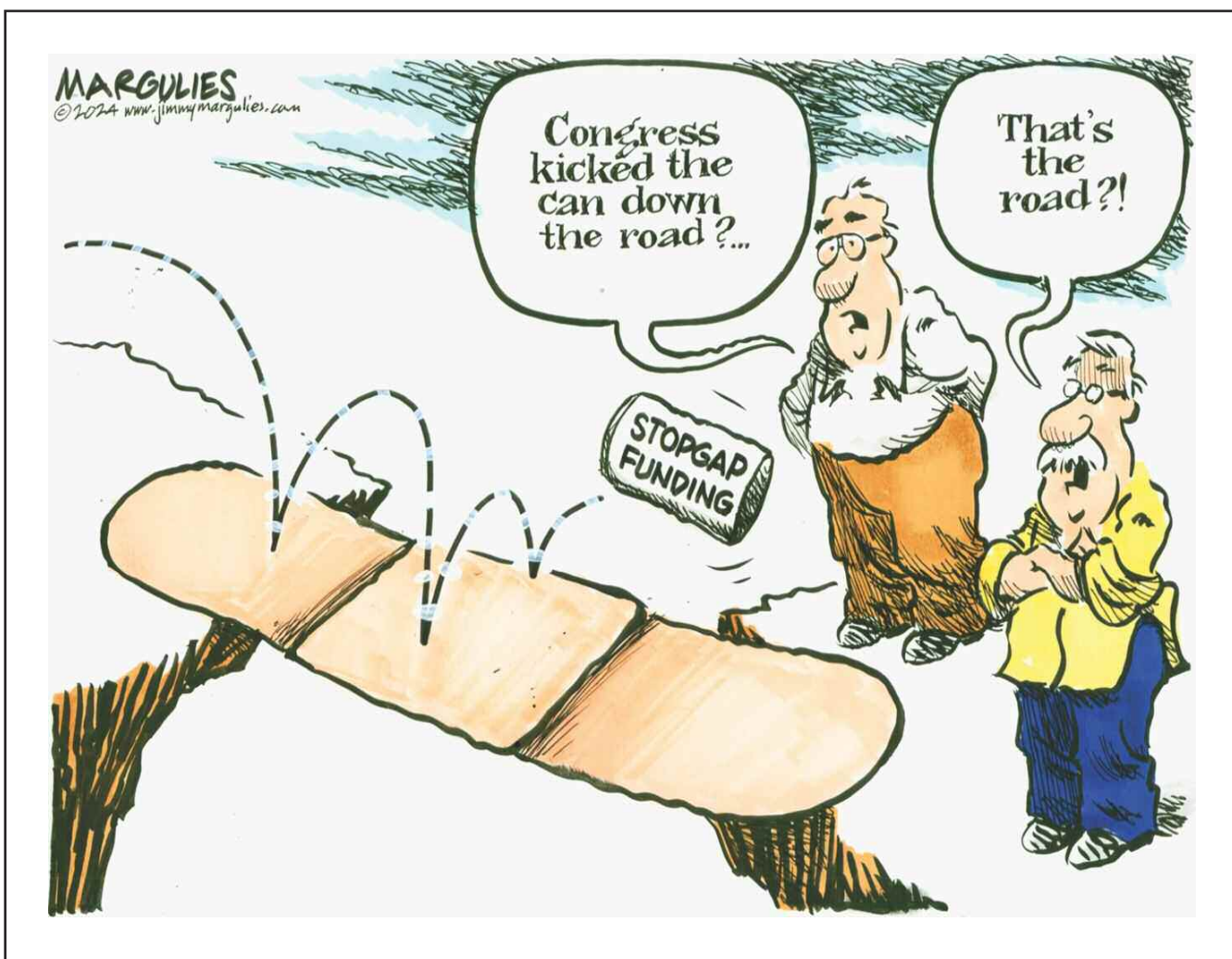
This isn't just about my family. This is about all of our families. It's about the kind of country we want to live in. A country where reality is acknowledged, care is valued, families are supported, and where no one faces tragedy alone. No wonder paid leave has massive support from voters across party lines.

It's time we ask every politician running for office if they support paid family leave. And if they don't, we need to hold them accountable.

And then in 2025, let's pass paid leave for all. For Dave. For Katie. For Mikey. And for every family like mine that's faced a moment of crisis.

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Debate tone was refreshing

By JOHN KRULL
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The only thing that could have made the vice-presidential debate more of an exercise in time travel would have been to have Marty McFly moderate it.

The slightly more than 90 minutes that the two candidates for the second highest office in America — Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, a Democrat, and the junior U.S. senator from Ohio, Republican J.D. Vance — shared the stage were like an echo from an earlier era.

The two men refrained from insulting each other. They expressed gratitude and sympathy for each other's service and positions. They disagreed on important policy questions, but did so respectfully, even courteously.

In other words, this debate was nothing like the national debates we've seen over the past eight years.

That made it refreshing. Neither man did damage to his running mate or his party. They both seemed to understand what they were supposed to do — avoid game-altering mistakes and advance their respective presidential candidate's message — and they both did it.

Of the two, Vance was by far the more polished performer. He seemed, even when he was on the defensive, to be comfortable on the stage — and he often argued former President Donald Trump's case far more effectively than Trump himself has this election year.

Walz was nowhere near as smooth.

His opening answer, in fact, almost had a deer-caught-in-the-headlights feel. It was a jittery almost incoherent mess.

But the Minnesota governor settled down after and demonstrated that he could be an effective counterpuncher. He did what the Democrats' presidential candidate, Vice President Kamala Har-

ris, likely wanted him to do — focusing all night long on Donald Trump's lapses of leadership and conscience.

Both candidates had their stumbles. In addition to his slow start, Walz flailed while attempting to answer a question about the Chinese uprising at Tiananmen Square. He previously said that he had been in Hong Kong and China when the tumult occurred, but newspaper reports have demonstrated that was not the case.

On the debate stage, though, he babbled about everything but China, Tiananmen Square or where he was 35 years ago when the fierce protests took place.

Only when the moderators followed up did Walz own up that he "misspoke" about his experience.

(For the life of me, I don't know why it's so hard for politicians to say, "I screwed up," apologize for the error and then move on. It's difficult for either a reporter or an opponent to press the point after that.)

Vance's moments of weakness were more substantive.

He tried to sidestep the issue of abortion and reproductive health care by saying that the answer was to provide families and children with more support.

Walz saw his opening and took it. He pointed out that nothing has prevented Republicans from adopting such supports for children and families — and that allowing women to make their own reproductive decisions wouldn't stop Republicans from enacting such programs, either.

John Krull



Vance wriggled in response, but the damage was less than it had been when Trump debated Harris. Then, the former president delivered an account of his ever-shifting position on abortion that would have pleased a chameleon.

Vance's greatest moment of exposure came near the end, when he was questioned about the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection and whether he would accept the voters' verdict if he and Trump were defeated at the polls next month.

He tried to make Harris somehow the issue, asserting without regard for fact or logic that she censored Republicans. He also argued that Democrats had objected to the 2016 election results, thus equating demanding recounts and using the courts to explore election irregularities with summoning a mob to Washington, D.C. and urging it to storm the capitol and try to hang the vice president of the United States.

(For the record, no one would have had a problem with Donald Trump's actions four years ago if he'd just taken his case to court.)

Going into the debate, Vance probably had the most to prove. He got off to the worst start for a vice-presidential candidate in history, but he did much to redeem himself in his time on stage. He came across as knowledgeable, reasonable and even likable.

Walz had more to lose — and, with his starting jitters, it appeared he might do just that. But he survived both that moment and the night.

And America? Well, it got a pleasing reminder of what politics once was.

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10-5 CRYPTOQUIP

ZH B PEWIC OBTBFCI ABP EAC
YWJZLC BIICPE PWOCWTC
LBMFAE PAWYJZHEZTF, ZP EABE
ICEBZJ-ZBEZWT?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BOTH OF THOSE SCOTTIES ARE CHEERFUL AT THE MOMENT, BUT THAT ONE THERE IS THE MERRIER TERRIER.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals G

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to fall. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 15=L)

A. 15 14 8 14 9 10
Clue: Another name for "fall"

B. 13 19 15 4 19 3
Clue: Parts of trees

C. 20 2 13 2 11 23 14 13
Clue: Vivid

D. 20 1 24 13 13
Clue: Feels cool

Answers: A. autumn B. leaves C. colorful D. chill

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to fall.

ARONEG

Answer: Orange

GUESS WHO?

I am an actor born in New York on October 3, 2004. I began acting when I was six years old, and my acting teacher advised I pursue it professionally. I made my big screen debut in a Steven Spielberg film in 2015, but my role in a popular Netflix series about a group of kids really made me a household name.

Answer: Noah Schnapp



World FACT:

Despite its name, this German festival begins near the end of September.

Answer: Oktoberfest

How they say that in...

English: Tent (circus)
Spanish: Carpa
Italian: Tendone
German: Zirkuszelt

10-7 CRYPTOQUIP

JE L FTVAHTOX DLOMCM L
GOUC LRTOAZ TE HXTHCXZK
FLRLUC, VTOYF KTO DLYY
ZGLZ L XLJA TE ZCXXTX?
Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF A STORE MANAGER HAS THE POLICE ARREST SOMEONE CAUGHT SHOPLIFTING, IS THAT RETAIL-IATION?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals H

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20. The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

	10		23
7		3	19
	11	15	32
21	30	23	

Solution:

5	11	9
6	6	4
5	0	8

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

OCTOBER 3

1789: George Washington proclaims Thursday, November 26, 1789 a Thanksgiving day.

1919: Cincinnati Reds Pitcher Adolfo Luque becomes the first Latin American player to appear in a World Series.

1985: The shuttle Atlantis makes its maiden flight.

NEW WORD FESTIVE

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FALL SEASON WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

APPLES, AUTUMNAL, CHESTNUT, CHILLY, COOLER, CORN, CORNUCOPIA, COZY, CRISP, EQUINOX, FALL, FIREPLACE, FOGGY, FOLIAGE, GOURD, HARVEST, HARVESTING, HAY, LEAF, OCTOBER, PUMPKIN, RAKE, SCARECROW, SWEATER

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

TSAUUAKRRE NAD SSAEGAUS

Answer: Sauerkraut and sausages

Did You Know?

Bavarian pretzels are typically enjoyed at Oktoberfest celebrations, in addition to other traditional German foods.

Get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Oktoberfest hall

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Biting remark
5 Stamina
9 Uber alter-native
12 Sheltered
13 Tomb-stone
14 Docs' org.
15 Inventor's inspira-tion
16 Battleship color
17 Filch
18 Bath powder
19 Jungfrau, e.g.
20 Nashville venue
21 Derby, e.g.
23 Shriner of tennis
25 Pampas horseman
28 Saws
32 The Gem State
33 Chicago airport
34 Ventures

DOWN

36 Entreaty
37 WWW access
38 Beirut's land (Abbr.)
39 Swerve
42 Buck-eyes' sch.
44 Author Hunter
48 Vintage
49 Buggy, in Bristol
50 Suffix for million
51 Bankroll
52 Diminu-tive suffix
53 Driver with a handle
54 Devious

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterday's answer 10-5

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Far from hopeless

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 9 8 7 5 3
♥ 10 4
♦ Q J
♣ A 6 2

WEST
♠ 6
♥ J 7 2
♦ A K 7 3
♣ K Q 10 9 8

EAST
♠ 4
♥ Q 9 5 3
♦ 10 9 8 6 5 4 2
♣ 3

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 10 2
♥ A K 8 6
♦ —
♣ J 7 5 4

The bidding:
South 1♠ West 2♣ North 4♣ East Pass

Opening lead: king of diamonds. Whenever declarer finds himself in what appears to be a hopeless contract, he should try to visualize some lie of the opposing cards that might allow the contract to be made. Sometimes the possibility might be extremely remote, but if it offers the only chance, declarer should plan his play on that basis. To do otherwise would amount to giving up.

Consider this deal where it seems that South must lose two club tricks at six spades and go down one. However, South has an excellent chance for the slam if he plays his cards correctly. West's two-club overcall should guide him to the winning method of play. Declarer ruffs the diamond lead and cashes the ace of trump. When both opponents follow suit, South knows that East started with a singleton spade and, in view of West's two-club bid, with either one club or none. It follows that East must have lots of hearts and diamonds — and, more especially, that East almost certainly has more hearts than West. If this probability pans out, the slam is ice-cold. So, South cashes the A-K of hearts and ruffs a heart, then cashes dummy's ace of clubs and ruffs the queen of diamonds. The stage is now set for the key play. South leads the eight of hearts and, when West shows out, discards a club from dummy! East wins with the queen and is forced to return a diamond. This allows declarer to ruff in his hand as he discards dummy's last club, and the slam comes rolling home.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 8 6
♥ 9
♦ A K J 10 8
♣ 10 5 2

WEST
♠ J 9
♥ A 10 5 4 3 2
♦ 3
♣ J 9 7 6

EAST
♠ 7 5 3
♥ K J 8 7
♦ Q 9 6 5 2
♣ A

SOUTH
♠ K 10 4 2
♥ Q 6
♦ 7 4
♣ K Q 8 4 3

The bidding:
East Pass South Pass West Pass North 1♦
Pass 1♠ Pass 3♠
Pass 4♠

Opening lead — diamond three. It has been said that all's fair in love and war, and to a large extent, the same is true of bridge. Take this deal played in the 1972 world championship in a match between France and Italy. When the French held the North-South cards, the bidding went as shown, and West (Giorgio Belladonna) led the three of diamonds. If you look at all four hands, it is obvious that declarer can score at least 10 tricks. All he must do is draw three rounds of trump and lead a club from dummy. Come what may, he makes the contract, losing at most three tricks. But the French declarer went down two — and how this occurred is a wonderful example of how one can sometimes accomplish by chicanery what cannot be accomplished by normal play. Declarer won the diamond with dummy's ace and played the ace of spades, on which Belladonna dropped the jack! This might not have been the most brilliant false-card in the history of the game, but it had an electric effect upon declarer. Convinced by the fall of the jack that the trumps were divided 4-1 and that the hand would become very awkward to play if he continued drawing trump, declarer shifted his attention to clubs by leading a low one from dummy at trick three. At this point, the roof collapsed. East (Walter Avarelli) won the club with the ace and returned a diamond, which Belladonna ruffed. Belladonna returned a club, which Avarelli ruffed, and a heart return by Avarelli to his partner's ace was followed by another club ruff. East-West thus took five tricks in succession to put the seemingly certain contract down two.

Tomorrow: Slow and steady wins the race.
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Hee-haw
5 Thanks-giving dessert
8 Sulk
12 Poly-nesian island
14 Atop
15 — implant (hearing device)
16 Vetimiglia of "This is Us"
17 Muffin type
18 Maligns in print
20 Mogul
23 Bart's sister
24 Prior nights
25 Peeper covers
28 Asian holiday
29 Celia Cruz's genre
30 Klutz
32 Joel Grey musical

DOWN

19 "La — Bonita"
20 After-tax amount
21 With (Fr.)
22 Alpha follower
23 Olympic track star
25 April celebration
26 Barbie, e.g.
27 Feed the piggy bank
29 "Ditto"
31 Repair
33 Observe
34 Events
36 "Dirty Jobs" host Mike
37 Works the soil
38 Thus
39 Make well
40 Ivy in Philly
43 Hitter's stat
44 — Claire, Wis.
45 Noshed
46 Scarlet

Solution time: 21 mins.

Saturday's answer 10-7

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
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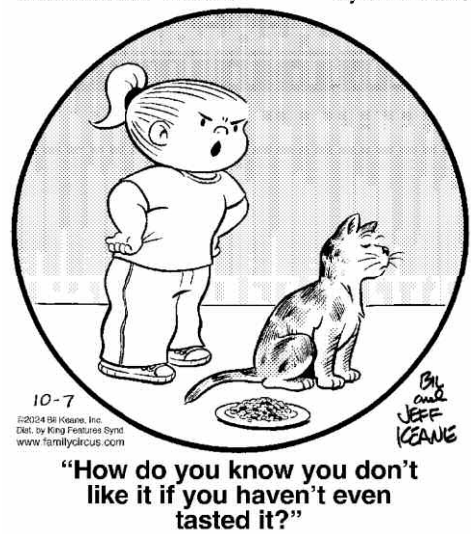
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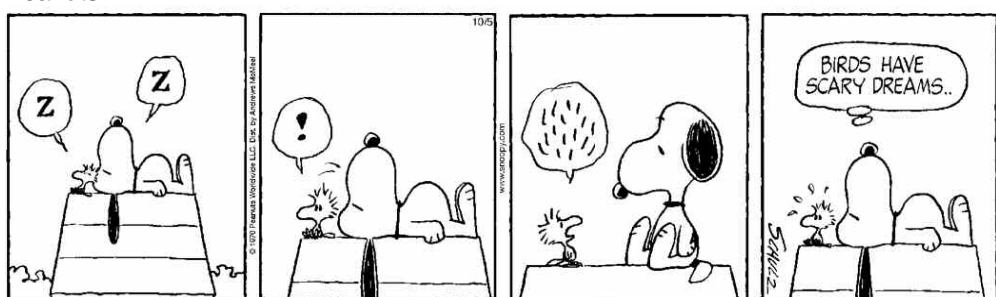
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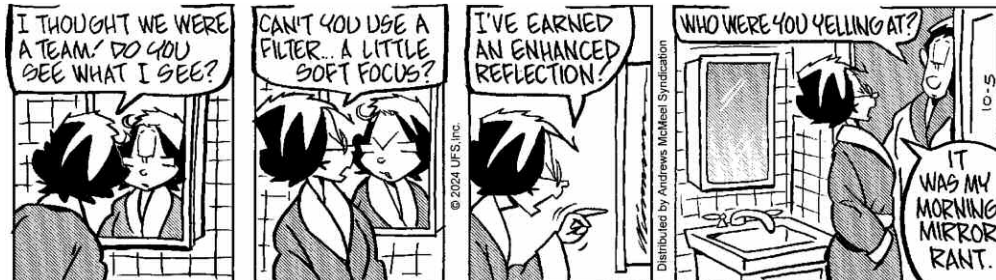
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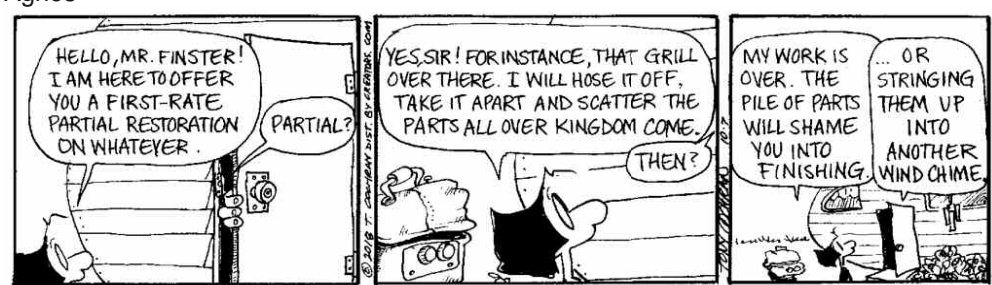
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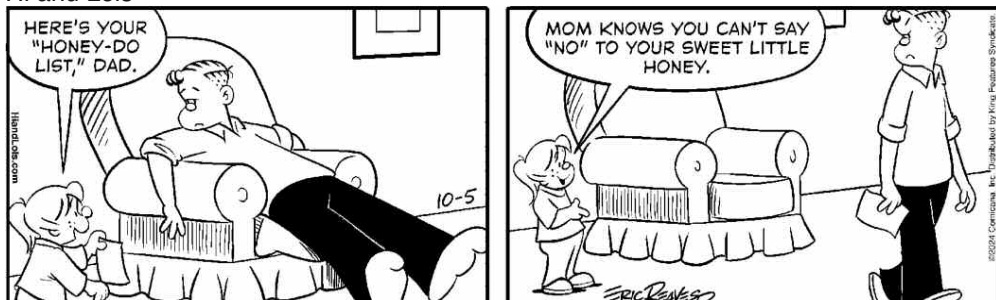
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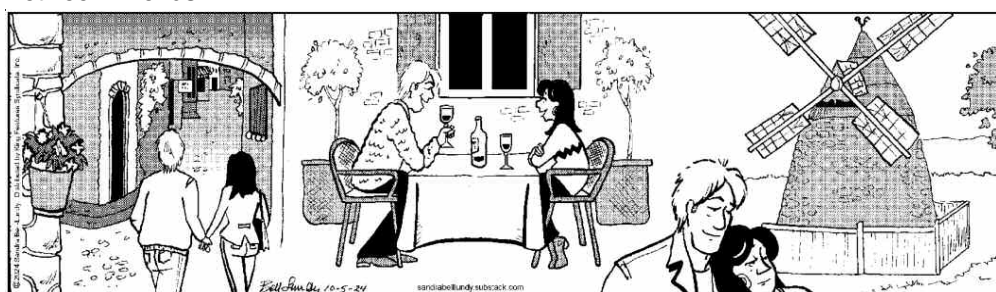
Hi and Lois



Hi and Lois



Between Friends



Between Friends



Blondie



Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey

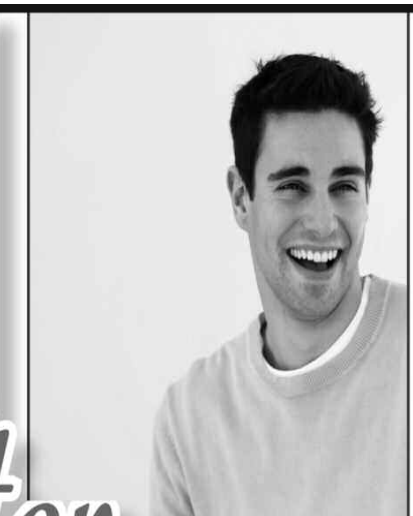


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90 SALE CALENDAR
PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: 2400 N 400 E Winchester, IN
Saturday Morning
October 12th, 2024
10:00 A.M.
REAL ESTATE
3 bedroom, 2 bath, ranch style home 1232 sq. ft of living area and 2 car attached garage.
Home has gas forced air furnace with central air, gas fireplace and a large rear composite deck with gazebo. 2 outbuildings. Property includes 20 acres with 2 acres tillable, a pond and woods.
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250 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Jay Circuit Court of Jay County, Indiana, in Cause No. 38C01-2405-MF-000008 wherein CrossCountry Mortgage, LLC was Plaintiff, and Joel R. Posner was the Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on October 24, 2024 at the hour of 10:00 Am. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at the Jay County Courthouse at 120 N Court Street, Portland, IN 47371 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indiana.

A part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 24 North, Range 13 East, more accurately described as follows:
Beginning at a 5/8 inch rebar marking the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section32, Township 24 North, Range 13 East, thence South 02 degrees 33 minutes 14 seconds West (assumed bearing) on the East line of said quarter section 400.19 feet to a 5/8 inch re bar; thence North 89 degrees 12 minutes 52 seconds West parallel with the North line of said quarter section 435.12 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar; thence North 02 degrees 33 minutes 14 seconds East parallel to the East line of said quarter section 400.19 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar on the North line of said quarter section; thence south 89 degrees 12 minutes 52 seconds east 435.12 feet to the point of beginning, containing 4.00 acres, more or less.

Commonly known address: 4559 West 400 North. Portland, IN 47371

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
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Manley Deas Kochalski LLC
P.O. Box 165028
Columbus OH 43216-5028
Telephone: 614-220-5611
Attorney for Plaintiff
Larry R. Newton,
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90 SALE CALENDAR

TOOLS
2020 Chevrolet Silverado LT Z71- 4x4 Crew Cab Truck. Truck is in immaculate condition; 2000 Chevrolet SL; Simplicity 27hp Citation KT Zero turn lawn mower; Craftsman 10" table saw; tap & die set; Dewalt 12v 20 v chargers; DEWALT BATTERY TOOLS; Polaris front blade; and other items not listed.
VENDING MACHINE-PADDLE BOAT-HOUSE-HOLD GOODS-OLD ITEMS
Vending machine (cans); Playmate paddle boat; (2) ping pong tables; Maytag washer & dryer; Haler chest freezer; cedar chest; (2) Fire King Tulip bowls; Faberware; Pepsi clock; Coke sign; buggy seat; wagon wheels; milk cans; and other items not listed.
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250 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

STATE OF INDIANA IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF JAY, SS:
CAUSE NUMBER: 38C01-2308-JC-000040
IN THE MATTER OF:
JDR - DOB 7/24/2016
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Whereabouts unknown
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to Any Unknown Alleged Fathers, whose whereabouts are unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed its Verified Petition Alleging the child to be in Need of Services, in accordance with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court. YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the JUDGE of the Jay Circuit Court, 120 N. Court Street, Portland, IN 47371 - 260-726-4044 for a(n) Review Hearing on 1/31/2025 at 8:30 AM.
At said hearing, the Court will consider the Petition and evidence 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 DISPOSITIONAL HEARING will be held in which the Court will consider (1) Alternatives for the care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; (2) The necessity, nature, and extent of your participation in the program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; and (3) Your financial responsibility for any services provided for the parent, guardian or custodian of the child including child support.
YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, an adjudication on said petition, judgment by default may be entered against you, or the court may proceed in your absence, without further notice.
Jon Eads, Clerk
Yvonne Spillers, 30144-02
Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services
1314 N. Meridian Street Suite 100
Portland, IN 47371
CR 9-21,28,10-5-2024 -HSPAXLP

Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE OF GENERAL (OR SPECIAL) ELECTION
The voters of JAY County are notified by the county election board in accordance with Indiana Code 3-10-2-2 that a general (or special) election will be held in the county on November 5, 2024, with the polls open from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., prevailing local time.
In accordance with the list of candidates and the public questions certified to me by the Slate of Indiana or this county's election board, and the certificates of candidate selection filed in the office of the circuit court clerk of this county (or the Lake or Porter County election director, the following offices and public questions or judicial retention questions, if applicable, will be on the general (or special) election ballot:
OFFICES TO BE FILLED BY VOTERS
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS FOR US PRESIDENT & VP.
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8, 9
US SENATOR
GOVERNOR & LT GOVERNOR INDIANA
ATTORNEY GENERAL INDIANA
US REPRESENTATIVE. 3
STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 033
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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, JAY
COUNTY TREASURER, JAY
COUNTY CORONER, JAY
COUNTY SURVEYOR, JAY
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, JAY
COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER, JAY
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, JAY SCHOOL CORP
PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS
The text of public questions submitted to voters, if applicable, are as follows
Public Question #1
Shall the Constitution of the State of Indiana be amended to remove the state superintendent of public instruction from the list of officers who shall discharge the powers and duties of the governor if the office of the governor and lieutenant governor are both vacant?
JUDICIAL RETENTION QUESTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS
The text of judicial retention questions submitted to voters, if applicable are as follows:
Retention of Justice of the Derek Read Moller be retained in office?
Retention of Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana Loretta H. Rush be retained in office?
Retention of Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana Shall Justice Mark S. Massa be retained in office?
Court of Appeals Judicial Retention - Fourth District Shall Judge Rudolph Reginald Pyle III be retained in office?
IN-PERSON ABSENTEE OR "EARLY" VOTING INFORMATION
The dates, times and locations of in-person voting at the circuit court clerk's office and, if applicable, at satellite offices are as follows:
JAY COUNTY COURTHOUSE AUDITORIUM
120 N COURT STREET
PORTLAND, IN 47371
Open Tuesday 10/08/2024 until Friday 10/11/2024 8:30AM to 4:30PM
Open Monday 10/14/2024 until Friday 10/18/2024 8:30AM to 4:30PM
Open Monday 10/21/2024 until Friday 10/25/2024 8:30AM to 4:30PM
Open Saturday 10/26/2024 until Saturday 10/26/2024 8:30AM to 3:00PM
Open Monday 10/28/2024 until Friday 11/1/2024 8:30AM to 4:30PM
Open Saturday 11/02/2024 until Saturday 11/02/2024 8:30AM to 3:00PM
Open Monday 11/04/2024 until Monday 11/04/2024 8:30AM to 12:00PM
DATED, THIS 27th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.
Jon Eads
Circuit Court Clerk (or Lake or Porter County Election Director)
CR 10-5-2024 -HSPAXLP

90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: Bulp Exhibition Hall at the Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 W Votaw St., Portland, IN
October 5th, 2024
9:30 A. M.
ANTIQUÉ - 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.
AL HUSTON, DECEASED
By JANET HUSTON

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260 PUBLIC AUCTION

PUBLIC AUCTION

LOCATED: 715 E Main St. Portland Indiana
SATURDAY OCTOBER 12TH, 2024
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.
660 E Water St. 2 Bedroom home containing 936 sq ft finished living area. Central air. 20'x24' detached garage.
Open House Sept 29th 1-3pm or for private showing phone auctioneers. Great opportunity to purchase well maintained properties! Both properties will be offered at 715 E Main St.
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. Cooy 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.
OWNER: Donald Sutton Estate, Helen (Toni) Sutton
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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.
OWNERS; DONALD SUTTON ESTATE, HELEN (Toni) SUTTON
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PUBLIC AUCTION
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 2024
TIME 5:00 P. M.
LOCATED: Westlawn Business Center, 234 W Pearl St., Dunkirk, IN LAND
170 Acres located in Richland and Jefferson Townships, Jay County, IN. To be offered in 5 tracts or in any combination thereof.
Tract 1: 36.6 Acres with 32.5 tillable located in Section 1, Richland Township, Jay County Indiana, with frontage on County Roads 400 S and 800 W.
Tract 2: 44 Acres all tillable in Section 6, Jefferson Township, Jay County Indiana with frontage on County Roads 400 S, 800 W, 350 S.
Tract 3: 36 Acres wooded in Section 6, Jefferson Township, Jay County Indiana with frontage on County Roads 400 S.
Tract 5: 28.5 Acres wooded in Section 6, Jefferson Township, Jay County Indiana with frontage on County Road 400 S.
OWNER: MYRNA COOK ESTATE.
LeeAnn Hedges Combs, Trust Officer.
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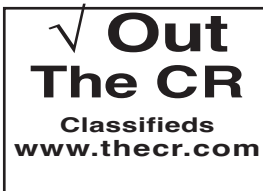
PUBLIC AUCTION

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19th, 2024
TIME 10:00 A.M.
LOCATED: 714 S VINE ST
PORTLAND, IN.
OPEN HOUSE Sunday Oct. 6th 1-3p.m. or for private showing phone auctioneers.
REAL ESTATE
2 bedroom home containing 896 sq. ft. finished living area. GFA with Central air . Attached 1 car garage. Newer roof, siding, windows. Alley access as well as on-street parking.
ANTIQUES-APPLIANCES-MISC
Oak child's rocker, Bench with cast iron ends, School desk, Washboards, Old pap bottles, Indiana glass and other collectibles glassware, Willow tree figurines, Whirlpool refrigerator, (New) police scanner, (New) KERO Heat kerosene heater, Treadmill, elliptical, and exercise bike. Yard and garden tools.
OWNERS; SANDRA DRUMM, DECEASED.
By Lisa Bonifas and Amy Stephenson
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Patriots end season with mercy rule victory

The Patriots don't know who they'll be facing in the sectional semifinal, but they will be riding a four game win streak.

The Jay County High School girls soccer team closed the regular season with a 9-0 domination of the Muncie Central Bearcats on Thursday.

Six players scored goals for the Patriots (11-5), with Morgan DeHoff leading the way. The senior recorded her first hat trick of the season, while playing in her final game on the turf at Harold E. Schultz Stadium. DeHoff found the net twice in the first 16 minutes and secured her third goal with a header off of an Aixa Lopez corner kick three minutes into the second half.

Local roundup

DeHoff also assisted Krishna Flores — who also assisted a London Lloyd score in the first half — on the game-ending goal with 12 minutes, 13 seconds, remaining.

Along with her assist, Lopez found the net twice, once in each half.

Ariel Beiswanger got the opportunity to set away from

the back line and play some offense and it resulted in her first career goal at the 21:46 mark in the second half.

Jenna Dues added the final score from the first half. Goalkeeper Maleah Parsons only needed to make four saves to keep the game clean.

Spikers struggle

VERSAILLES, Ohio — The Fort Recovery volleyball team dropped its fifth match in a row in a 23-25, 25-19, 25-11, 25-15 defeat at the hands of the Versailles Tigers on Thursday.

Despite taking the first set, the Indians (8-11, 1-6 Midwest Athletic Conference) couldn't keep up with the offense of

Kiley May (16 kills) and Sarah Stammen (13). They also gave up nine aces when Taylor Wagner served the ball as Versailles (10-8, 4-3 MAC) notched 18 in total.

Cameron Muhlenkamp and Karlie Niekamp led the offensive effort with eight kills apiece.

Karlie Niekamp and Bridget Homan led the defensive effort at the net with four and three kills, respectively. In the back row, Kenna Dues dug out the ball 12 times, while Kennedy Muhlenkamp did so 11 times.

Jay falls

MONROEVILLE — Jay County's volleyball team closed out Allen County Athletic Confer-

ence play with a 25-9, 25-21, 24-26, 25-20 loss to the Heritage Patriots on Thursday.

The loss slipped Jay County (10-10, 4-2 ACAC) to third in the conference. (It can tie for runner-up if Adams Central loses to Southern Wells on Oct. 10.)

Hallie Schwieterman tied her career high in kills by putting down the ball 19 times. Mya Kunkler followed Schwieterman's effort with 11 kills.

Paisley Fugiett totalled 30 assists to guide the offense. She also had a team-high three aces.

Maria Hemmelgarn blocked four attacks to defend the net, while Fugiett (14 digs) and Brenna Bailey (11) kept the ball off the ground from the back line.

Streak ...

Continued from page 10

Hoggatt and Thornburg started the year as Union City's No. 1 doubles duo, but in the effort to take the sectional title away from Jay County, it switched them out, bumping Mills down to No. 3 singles, moving Anthony Wyatt from singles to No. 1 doubles along with Luis Nieto and moving Livingston to the doubles as well.

Despite playing against the former No. 1 singles player, Pinkerton came out strong in the No. 3 contest. The first-year varsity senior cruised to a 6-1 win in the first set and got out to a 4-2 lead in the second.

"I played confident," Pinkerton said. "I knew this guy used to play No. 1. That didn't mean anything. "Just keeping that thought of, 'Hey this is there No. 1. Is this it? Come on, I've got this.' Just keep hyping myself up the whole time."

Mills claimed the seventh game of the set to pull within one game, before Pinkerton re-established control.

The JCHS senior focused on playing safe and just getting the ball over the net and onto the court to secure the win. He almost let that slip in the ninth game as he opened with a forehand that Mills

attempted to volley but failed followed by his own forehand going long and two doubles faults to fall behind 40-15. Two strong serves led to Mills returning the ball long to even things up at deuce.

Another pair of deep balls from Mills clinched Jay County its second point.

In the seconds following the final point, Pinkerton stared absently at the net as he processed the victory. When walking to shake Mills' hand at the net, he looked back to check in on Carpenter and Miller's match, knowing it would be the deciding factor.

Seeing the freshmen start approaching the net at the same time as him elicited a shout from the senior.

"As we switched over, I was like looking over there," Pinkerton said. "They were up but I don't know by how much. They're going to win — they better win — because I know my match counts and their match counts. We have to win both of these."

"I just shook his hand and was kind of thinking nothing. But then I looked over, I'm like, 'Wait they won. We won!'"

Carpenter and Miller beat Nieto and Wyatt 6-3, 6-

3 nearly simultaneously as Pinkerton downed Mills. Gillespie said that their complimentary play style — Carpenter with a strong forehand and Miller with a good net game and backhand — helped lift them to victory.

The duo, along with Dirksen, won both sectional matches, keeping their individual postseason hopes alive as well. Winchester's Foster Kratoska and Aiden Mendenhall also qualified for the individual sectional as the Golden Falcons fell to the Indians 3-2 on Wednesday.

The Patriots will have a tall task ahead of them, as

they will take on the winner of either the Delta, Elwood or Noblesville sectional at Noblesville on Oct. 8.

"Realistically, it's going to be hard," Gillespie said, noting the Noblesville regional will produce a ranked opponent and the strength of Delta. "Part of that's in our mind. You know the kids, 'Oh, we play Delta.' I've got to get them over that and get through that. When I started this job four years ago, my goal was not sectionals. It was to get a regional."

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Strait hauled in his second interception of the night on South Adams' third drive of the quarter, and a 30-yard pass from Sean Bailey to Benson Ward got the ball rolling for JCHS. With less than a minute left in the half, Jay County made their way to the 10-yard line.

Bailey initially got taken down two yards behind the line of scrimmage before he found Grant Wendel to reach the five. The senior again got stopped before the line and then his pass to Ben Crouch fell incomplete, giving the Starfires the ball back with 19 seconds flat.

"That was enormous, because it could have easily been 14-14," said South Adams coach Grant Moser. "That was a big force obviously going into the half."

"It was fourth down and I got them in the huddle, I said 'Listen, how big is it if we get a stop and then in the second half we get the ball back?' ... All night long, I think they got a lot of yardage, but we did a great job of bending, not breaking."

South Adams did go on to score on the opening drive of the second half on a 12-yard quarterback keeper by Lehman.

Jay County again pushed the red zone as a pair of SAHS penalties and a pair of big passes to Carter Fugiett and Wendel got the Patriots to the 10-yard line. The drive ended there as on third-and-nine, Bailey's throw wound up in the arms of Litwiller, who brought the ball from the end zone to the Jay County 34.

A pair of Will Patterson rushes picked up 25 yards before Lehman found him-



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Isaac Dues, a senior at Jay County, flips over a pair of defenders on a 5-yard rush to open the game Friday. Jay County had 81 more yards on 36 more plays, but South Adams found the end zone three more times for a 34-14 victory.

self scoring a second time on a 9-yard carry.

The Patriots finally broke an 87 minute, 14 second-long scoring drought — they hadn't scored since the fourth quarter of week five's loss to Bluffton — with a 1-yard carry by Myers to start the fourth quarter.

To close out the game, the Starfires scored on a 3-yard rush by Wes Summersett, and Bailey lunged two yards for his own quarterback-keeper touchdown. JCHS ended with 343 yards, led by Bailey with 221 through the air and 48 on the ground. South Adams only totaled 262 yards for

their five scores, with Lehman providing 119 passing yards and 50 rushing.

Jay County will get a non-conference opponent next as Lapel comes to Portland on Oct. 11 before wrapping the season up against Heritage. Zgunda will look for his team to clean up some of the mistakes to get

headed in the right direction for the sectional game to follow.

"We can compete with both of those teams if we go out and make plays that we didn't make tonight," Zgunda said. "We've just got to keep getting better. ... Right now our focus is, we're not going to win the

Box score

Jay County Patriots (2-5, 1-4 ACAC)
vs. South Adams Starfires (3-4, 1-3 ACAC)

So. Adams 7 7 14 7 — 34
Jay Co. 0 0 0 14 — 14

First Quarter
SA — Dillan Ramirez 5 run (Jackson Garcia kick), 1:40.

Second Quarter
SA — Derek McKean 79 pass from Tytus Lehman (Garcia kick) 9:33.

Third Quarter
SA — Lehman 12 run (Garcia kick), 9:25.
SA — Lehman 11 run (Garcia kick), 3:07.

Fourth Quarter
JC — A.J. Myers 1 run (Myers kick) 11:56.
SA — Wes Summersett 3 run (Garcia kick), 5:18.
JC — Sean Bailey 2 run (Myers kick) 5:9.

Team Statistics	JC	SA
Rushes - yds	43-122	26-143
Comp-Att-Int	16-30-1	7-11-2
Passing yds	221	119
Total Plays	73	37
Total Offense	343	262
Punt ret - yds	0-0	1-1
Kickoff ret - yds	4-84	3-74
Ints - yds	2-0	1-66
Fumbles - lost	4-1	2-1
Penalties - yds	11-71	9-70
Sacks - yds	2-6	2-9

Individual Statistics
Rushing — Jay County — A.J. Myers 19-69, Sean Bailey 18-48, Vasin Ridgeway 1-5, Isaac Dues 4-2, Wyatt Foster 1(-2). South Adams — Will Patterson 9-89, Tytus Lehman 12-50, Dillan Ramirez 3-11, Wes Summersett 2-4.
Passing — Jay County — Sean Bailey 16-30-1 221. South Adams — Tytus Lehman 7-11-2 119.
Receiving — Jay County — Benson Ward 5-91, Carter Fugiett 3-56, Grant Wendel 3-30, Brady Jetmore 2-29, Ben Crouch 2-17, Joaquin Johnson 1(-2). South Adams — Derek McKean 1-79, Caiden Neuenschwander 1-17, Jax Wanner 3-12, Wes Summersett 2-11.

Muhlenkamp ...

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After five first-half goals, Muhlenkamp was staring down the record.

About 10 minutes into the second half, Jay County had a corner kick. The Patriots' leader in assists, Dylan Marentes, took the kick, sending it over to Muhlenkamp for the score.

"He just had a beautiful kick over to the back post," Muh-

lenkamp said of Marentes' pass. "I was able to catch a knee on it and then it lightly hit the goalie's hand and then it was able to roll in. ..."

"It was just a remarkable moment. I was just extremely happy. Everybody was happy for me. Everybody's telling me 'Good job. Congrats.' Everybody was just surrounding me. It was just a surreal moment, that's for sure."

Marentes assisted four of Muhlenkamp's seven goals, while Aryan Montes added another assist as well.

Muhlenkamp paid back Marentes with his own assist. The other two Jay County goals came as the result of two own-goals by the Lions' defense.

With the record broken, the Patriots can shift 100% of their focus to the postseason, as they prepare to take on the winner

of Delta and Yorkotnw on Oct. 9 in the IHSAA Class 2A Sectional 23 semifinal hosted by Eastbrook at 5:30 p.m.

A victory in the semifinal would earn Jay County its third consecutive trip to the championship game and give them the opportunity to reclaim the crown for the first time since 2022 after falling to Mississinewa 2-1 in 2023.

"In my opinion, the biggest

thing we have to do is stay mentally strong and prepared," Muhlenkamp said. "The first time we played Delta, they got into our heads a little bit and that pulled us down, but we were lucky enough to pull out the win. We've just got to make sure we don't let anybody get into our heads, stay mentally strong and prepared."

"I feel very confident if we can do that."

Jump ...

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Fort Recovery, meanwhile, managed just 33 yards on offense as it slipped to 1-6 overall and 0-4 in the MAC. Caden Grisez completed two passes — one each to Luke Lochtefeld and Gavin Evers — for 10 yards. Reece Wendel netted nine yards on his 11 rushing attempts.

Troy Post made 10 tackles to lead the Tribe. Braylon Rammel and Brodie Hart each had seven.

The Indians return to Barrenbrugge Athletic Park for homecoming next weekend against the Parkway Panthers, who are also 1-6 overall and 0-4 in the MAC.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Cross Country at Winchester Invitational — 9 a.m.; Volleyball at Patriot Invitational — 9:30 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Cross Country at Lions Meet at Coldwater — 9 a.m.; Volleyball at Fort Loramie — 10 a.m.; Middle school cross country at Lions meet at Coldwater — 9 a.m.

Monday
Jay County — Volleyball vs. Daleville — 6 p.m.; JV football at South Adams — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — JV football (including freshmen) vs. Parkway — 5 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Junior high football at Woodlan — 6 p.m.; Junior high football at Adams Central — 6:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Volleyball at St. John's — 5:30 p.m.; Middle school volleyball at St. Henry — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
3 a.m. — Asia Pacific Amateur Championship golf (ESPN2)
7:30 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Liverpool at Crystal Palace (USA)
12 p.m. — College football: Missouri at Texas A&M (ABC); Navy at Air Force (CBS); SMU at Louisville (ESPN); Pitt at North Carolina (ESPN2); UCLA at Penn State (FOX); Purdue at Wisconsin (BTN)
12:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: NASCAR Xfinity Series Race at Talladega (USA)
12:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Newcastle United (NBC)
1:08 p.m. — MLB Division series: Detroit Tigers at Cleveland Guardians (TBS)
1:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: YellaWood 500 (USA)
3 p.m. — College football: Weber State at Montana (CBS)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Auburn at Olegia (ABC); Iowa at Ohio State (CBS); Ole Miss at South Carolina (ESPN); Indiana at Northwestern (BTN)
4 p.m. — College football: West Virginia at Oklahoma State (ESPN2); Rutgers at Nebraska (FS1)
4 p.m. — Horse racing: Breeders' Cup Challenge Series (NBC)

4:08 p.m. — MLB Divisional series: New York Mets at Philadelphia Phillies (FOX)
6:38 p.m. — MLB Division series: Kansas City Royals at New York Yankees (TBS)
7 p.m. — College football: Clemson at Florida State (ESPN)
7 p.m. — NHL: Florida Panthers at Los Angeles Kings (CBS)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Tennessee at Arkansas (ABC); Michigan at Washington (NBC); USC at Minnesota (BTN); Baylor at Iowa State (FOX)
8 p.m. — College football: Kansas at Arizona State (ESPN2)
8:38 p.m. — MLB Division series: San Diego Padres at Los Angeles Dodgers (FS1)
10:30 p.m. — College football: Miami at Cal (ESPN)
11:30 p.m. — College football: Texas Tech at Arizona (FOX)

Tuesday
3 a.m. — Asia Pacific Amateur Championship golf (ESPN2)
9 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Manchester United at Aston Villa (USA)
9:30 a.m. — Horse Racing: Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (FS1)
11:30 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Tottenham Hotspur at Brighton & Hove Albion (USA)
1 p.m. — NFL: Indianapolis Colts at Jacksonville Jaguars (CBS); Carolina Panthers at Chicago Bears (FOX)
1 p.m. — College volleyball: Texas at Florida (ESPN)
2 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: YellaWood 500 (NBC)
4:08 p.m. — MLB Divisional series: New York Mets at Philadelphia Phillies (FS1)
4:25 p.m. — NFL: Green Bay Packers at Los Angeles Rams (CBS)
5 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Washington Spirit at Orlando Pride (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — NBA Preseason: Milwaukee Bucks at Detroit Pistons (ESPN)
8:03 p.m. — MLB Divisional series: San Diego Padres at Los Angeles Dodgers (FS1)
8:20 p.m. — NFL: Dallas Cowboys at Pittsburgh Steelers (NBC)

Monday
4:08 p.m. — MLB Divisional series: Detroit Tigers at Cleveland Guardians (TBS)
7:38 p.m. — MLB Divisional series: Kansas City Royals at New York Yankees (TBS)
8 p.m. — College soccer: Washington at Ohio State (BTN)
8:15 p.m. — NFL: New Orleans Saints at Kansas City Chiefs (ESPN)

Tuesday
2 p.m. — MLB Divisional series: Philadelphia Phillies at New York Mets (FOX); Los Angeles Dodgers at San Diego Padres (FS1)
4:30 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at Seattle Kraken (ESPN)
7 p.m. — NHL: Boston Bruins at Florida Panthers (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NHL: Chicago Blackhawks at Utah Hockey Club (ESPN)

Local notes
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.

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'Missed opportunities'

Patriots let chances slip away in 20-point loss to South Adams

By **ANDREW BALKO**

The Commercial Review

The Patriots forced three first-half turnovers, the final of which led to a drive to the red zone. With a 1st-and-goal at the 10-yard line, the Starfires made their stand to keep the Patriots scoreless before the intermission.

When the teams got back on the gridiron in the third, the Patriots couldn't do the same on the Starfires' opening drive.

However, they bounced back quickly to make it back in the red zone with enough time to make a comeback. Just as the Patriots thought they had a chance to turn the tide, Gavin Litwiller swooped in to take the ball away in the end zone.

The Patriots lost another opportunity. The Starfires immediately took advantage.

Despite gaining an extra 81 yards and running 36 more offensive plays, the Jay County High School football team couldn't take advantage of its opportunities on Friday night, falling to the South Adams Starfires 34-14.

"Missed opportunities," said JCHS coach Grant Zgunda in response to overall thoughts on the game. "We just had missed opportunities. We had untimely penalties, some drops, you know, and it just kind of accumulated. It just seemed like it happened at inopportune times. ...

"It seemed like it was 7-

0 there for a while and we had opportunities. Like I said, we just missed those opportunities to keep the game close. So, it just got away from us."

The first missed opportunity Zgunda brought up involved the 11-play opening drive for Jay County (2-5, 1-4 Allen County Athletic Conference). The Patriots went to the ground to try and grind things out against South Adams (3-4, 1-3 ACAC), knowing they were aggressive and could be enticed offsid.

After moving 31 yards downfield, JCHS faced fourth-and-5 on the 36-yard line. A.J. Myers got the ball but came up three yards short for a turnover on downs.

They got another opportunity one minute later, when Aiden Phillips recovered a fumble by SAHS quarterback Tytus Lehman. That opportunity got wasted on Jay County's own fumble that Ethan Schwartz recovered. Six plays later, South Adams crossed the end zone on a 5-yard run by Dillan Ramirez.

JCHS came up empty on the next drive, punting the ball away just for Lehman to find Derek McKean for a 79-yard TD pass two plays later.

The Patriots couldn't get going on the next two possessions and were forced to punt the ball away. In between the two drives, Lucas Strait picked off Lehman, but a fumble and a delay of game held Jay County back.

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Jay County High School's Brady Jetmore prepares to catch a 19-yard pass from Sean Bailey during Friday night's 34-14 loss to South Adams. Jetmore reeled in 29 of the 221 passing yards from Bailey.

Flyers jump on top of FRHS

MARIA STEIN, OHIO — The home team entered Friday night as a three-time defending state champion.

It had won 56 in a row. The Indians were in no position to stop the run of dominance.

Fort Recovery High School's football team faced a 28-point deficit at the end of the first quarter Friday night and went on to a 62-0 loss to the Division VII No. 1 Marion Local Flyers.

Justin Knouff led the potent attack for Marion Local (7-0, 5-0 Midwest Athletic Conference) as he completed all eight of his passing attempts. They went for 187 yards and touchdowns of 20 yards to Kamden Eifert and 44 yards to Griffin Bruns in the first quarter and 24 yards to Victor Hoelscher in the second quarter.

The Flyers, whose last loss came eventual state champion New Bremen in the 2020 regional final, used a wide-ranging rushing attack with Ethan Heitkamp putting the first points on the board with a 1-yard run just 2:45 into the game. Drew Lause had TDs on half of his four carries while totaling 40 yards and Derek Knapke reached the end zone on an 8-yard run as he ran seven times for 49 yards. Eifert ran in for a 24-yard TD, and Landyne Minton scored on a 10-yard run. (Marion Local's last loss to a non-conference opponent came on Sept. 6, 2019 to Bishop Watterson of Columbus.)

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Muhlenkamp breaks former coach's record for career goals

By **ANDREW BALKO**

The Commercial Review

ANDERSON — In 2021, Brad Horn coached Levi Muhlenkamp.

Three years later, Muhlenkamp erased Horn's name and penciled in his own. And with the Patriots' sights set on a second sectional championship in three seasons, he will have a chance to add to that record.

Muhlenkamp scored 7 goals in a 10-1 victory over the Liberty Christian Lions on Thursday to break the Jay County High School boys soccer team's record for career goals.

While it's Muhlenkamp's name that will be recorded in the books, he immediately gave out recognition to the help his teammates.

"It means a lot, it really does," said Muhlenkamp. "I feel like it's not just my award. It's a team award, just because I'm not the only one doing it. I'm counting on people like Dylan (Marentes) for example. He gets the ball to me every chance he gets and without him, I know for a fact I wouldn't be here doing this today. ... It's all because of my teammates, coaches, family. Without (any) of them, I wouldn't be where I am today, that's for sure."

Muhlenkamp entered the game with 74 goals in his career. He trailed Horn's record of 80 by six scores, a mark he hit on Tuesday at Blackford.

He didn't waste time cutting that number down, as he got the Patriots (12-2) off to a hot start with three goals in the first five minutes of the game against the Lions (2-10).

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Sectional streak sustained

Patriots netters claim third straight sectional title

By **ANDREW BALKO**

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Coming into the season, there were a lot of question marks surrounding the Patriots.

Coach Donald Gillespie had confidence in Eli Dirksen, and didn't know what else he was going to have outside of him.

He had two seniors who never previously made the varsity squad, two freshmen, one of which hadn't picked up a racket competitively prior to the first day of practice, another senior that hasn't played since junior high and another senior who picked up the sport brand new.

The inexperienced squad trailed the Indians 2-1.

Kolton Mills' return went long, giving Gabe Pinkerton the No. 3 singles match to pull even. Immediately, Pinkerton turned around to see where No. 1 doubles duo Kadyr Carpenter and Alex Miller were at. As he saw the freshman walking toward the net to shake their opponents hands, he belted out a "Let's go!"

From there, the party started for the Patriots.

The host Jay County High School boys tennis team pulled off a 3-2 victory over the Union City Indians to claim the IHSAA Sectional 53 title for the third straight season.

"I'm very proud of these young men," said JCHS coach Donald Gillespie. "I'm very excited for Jay County, because, when you return one player and people said

'No way' (they win a sectional). My old (players) back there; (Sam) Myers, (Abraham) Dirksen, they said 'There's no way.' They said last year they would bet against me."

While the two recent Jay County graduates didn't have faith in the 2024 lineup, Eli Dirksen, Abraham's cousin, set getting his third sectional title as his No. 1 goal of the season.

The lone returner did his job, quickly putting down Brennan Hoggatt 6-1, 6-1 in the No. 1 singles contest for his 15th consecutive win of the season. He nearly took the second set in the minimum number of games, but dropped the sixth. He bounced back with a dominant victory in the seventh that featured a hard backhand into Hoggatt's racket, an error and a double fault by the UCHS senior and one final hard volley from Dirksen.

"I had a lot of confidence going into it with the streak," Dirksen said. "I went into it like I do any other match. ... This really makes me proud of what I've been able to accomplish."

Nearly 15 minutes after Dirksen took down Hoggatt, the Patriots (9-10) lost a pair of points to swing the match in Union City's favor. Blake Kahlig and Carter Wellman let the No. 2 doubles match slip away 6-3, 6-2 to Levi Clark and Keegan Livingston, while Tucker Griffin couldn't overcome Jacob Thornborn in a 6-4, 6-2 loss.

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Jay County High School freshman Kadyr Carpenter serves a ball during the Sectional Championship game on Thursday. Carpenter and Alex Miller won the No. 1 doubles match to help claim JCHS' third straight title.