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Recovery court

Fort Recovery High School will celebrate homecoming Friday, with the crowning of the king and queen prior to the Indians' football game against the Parkway Panthers. (The ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m.) This year's homecoming theme is disco. Pictured, front row from left, are queen candidates Emma Will, Kayla Heitkamp, Anna Roessner and Bailie Muhlenkamp. Back row are king candidates Gavin Evers, Mason Diller, Caden Grisez and Gabe Knapke.

Easement approved at Cooper load-out

Company to expand with multiple bins, dump out

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Cooper Farms' expansion continues.

The village agreed to a related step in the process Monday.

Fort Recovery Village Council authorized village administrator Randy Diller to execute an encroachment easement with Cooper Farms for its feed load-out area along Railroad Street.

Cooper Farms is planning to expand its east mill, where the feed load-out area is located. Fort Recovery Zoning Board approved a variance request Sept. 11 for the expansion project, which calls for an additional three grain bins and a grain dump building on the west side of the property.

The feed load-out area, which has been on the property for decades, encroaches on the right-of-way on Railroad Street. It has encroached on the right-of-way since it was constructed.

"That's where they built it, and it's obviously a big part of that operation," said Diller.

With the expansion project in the works, he explained, discussion circled around to the village granting an encroachment easement. The easement would allow Cooper Farms to continue to utilize the feed load-out area as it is currently but would not allow for additions to the structure or change in use. It also gives the village more indemnity in terms of liability.

Diller noted the village has granted encroachment easements in the past for residents' garages or other buildings that encroach on street rights-of-way.

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DCS times show improvement

By DEMARION NEWELL
TheStatehouseFile.com

In Indiana, the time it takes to reunite children with their families or find them permanent homes has reached its lowest level since 2018.

That information came from a meeting of the Interim Study Committee on Courts and the Judiciary held Thursday.

The meeting focused on the time of permanency for children. Permanency for a child who has been separated from their family because of abuse or neglect, means a safe, stable and secure home and family, according to the Department of Child Services.

Interim committee receives updates on foster care processes

That could be through reunification, adoption or legal guardianship.

The median time to permanency has gone from 611 days in 2023 to 564 days in the first three quarters of this federal fiscal year.

That improvement comes after

DCS faced class action lawsuits in 2019 and 2023 alleging that the agency didn't keep children safe while in foster care.

"We do believe we are seeing a positive trajectory in the right direction," said Leslie Dunn, deputy director of the Children

and Families Division at the Indiana Office of Court Services.

Dunn said DCS was open to change and came up with a much more streamlined adoption process. She said she believes it is absolutely making a difference in the times it takes for a kid to be reunited with their family or adopted.

The median time to permanency through adoption has decreased by 15%, dropping from 1,110 days to 947 days in the first three-quarters of 2024, according to Dunn.

"Again, a movement in the right direction," Dunn said.

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Milton surges to Cat 4

By RICHARD TRIBOU
Orlando Sentinel
Tribune News Service

ORLANDO, Fla. — Hurricane Milton began its turn toward Florida on Tuesday still a powerful Category 4 hurricane with a forecast landfall near Tampa Bay and projected path that will cut through Central Florida, according to the National Hurricane Center.

"Stronger vertical shear is expected to set in about 24 hours, but even if this causes some weakening, it will not be enough to keep Milton from being an extremely dangerous hurricane when it reaches shore," said NHC Warning Coordination Meteorologist Robbie Berg.

The powerful hurricane surged Monday into a monster Category 5 storm with 180 mph winds in the Gulf of Mexico, but lost some steam overnight as it moved over the waters just north of Mexico's Yucatan peninsula.

As of 11 a.m. Tuesday, the National Hurricane Center said

Landfall expected late tonight or early Thursday morning

Milton had maximum-sustained winds at 150 mph located 520 miles southwest of Tampa moving east-northeast at 9 mph north of the Yucatan peninsula.

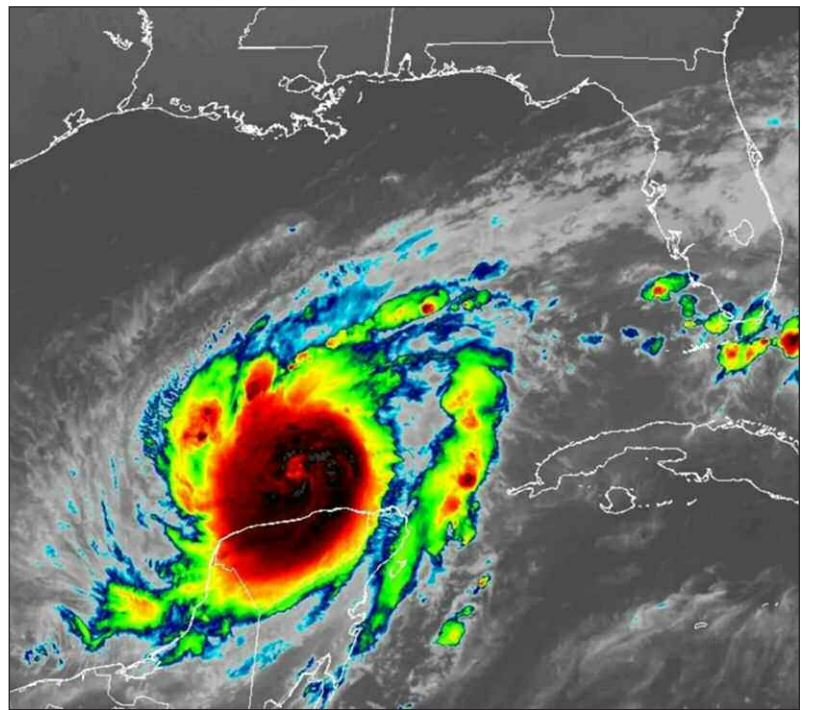
The latest forecast track ranges from Cape Coral in southwest Florida's Gulf Coast north up to near Homosassa Springs, but the consensus path remains targeted south of Tampa Bay with landfall late Wednesday or after midnight Thursday still a major Category 3 hurricane with 125 mph winds and 155 mph gusts.

"Milton has the potential to be one of the most destructive hurricanes on record for west-central Florida," said NHC senior hurricane specialist John Cangialosi.

The forecast track has it passing south of Lakeland and Kissimmee as a Category 2 hurricane with 100 mph sustained winds and 120 mph gusts before heading toward Cape Canaveral never losing hurricane status as it crosses the state into the Atlantic.

Its hurricane-force winds only extend out 30 miles, but tropical-storm-force winds have begun to expand, now out 105 miles, the result of an eyewall replacement cycle.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

This infrared satellite image shows Hurricane Milton on Tuesday. Hurricane Milton began its turn toward Florida on Tuesday still a powerful Category 4 hurricane with a forecast landfall near Tampa Bay and projected path that will cut through Central Florida.

Deaths

Jeanne Gegenheimer, 78, Las Vegas
Lewis Shultz, 57, Metamora
M. Charlene Whitenack, 91, rural Ridgeville
Janice Hurts, 68, rural Bryant
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 68 degrees Monday. The low was 43.
Tonight's low will be around 40. Expect sunny skies Thursday with a high in the upper 60s. The high is expected to climb into the 70s again Friday.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Commissioners will meet in a special session at 2 p.m. Friday in the law library at the courthouse, 120 N. Court St., to discuss health insurance.

Coming up

Thursday — Results from the JCHS boys tennis regional semifinal.
Friday — Coverage of this week's Jay County Council meeting.
Saturday — Results from the JCHS football game against Lapel.





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Clubhouse opens

Jay County Baseball Club held a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house Saturday for The Clubhouse, its new indoor training facility for outdoor sports. The facility at 822 S. 500 West, Portland, is open, with memberships available.

Obituaries

Jeanne Gegenheimer, Las Vegas, died Saturday at her home. Private burial will be held at Green Park Cemetery in Portland.

Janice "Jan" Hurst, rural Bryant, Dec. 9, 1955-Oct. 5, 2024. Services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

M. Charlene Whitenack, rural Ridgeville, June 13, 1933-Oct. 4, 2024. Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Lawndale Cemetery, east of Ridgeville.

Lewis Shultz, Metamora, June 14, 1967-Sept. 27, 2024. Visitation will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Thursday 10/10	Friday 10/11	Saturday 10/12	Sunday 10/13	Monday 10/14
69/42	77/53	76/52	73/42	61/33
Thursday's forecast shows sunny skies and cool temperatures at night.	More sun is expected Friday, when the low at night may hit the low 50s.	Saturday looks to be warm and sunny with a high of 76 degrees.	There's a slight chance of rain on Sunday under mostly sunny skies.	Columbus Day looks to be sunny. At night, the low will dip into the low 30s.

Capsule Reports

Intersection crash

A Ridgeville woman drove into the path of oncoming traffic at the intersection of county roads 250 West and 800 South, causing a crash about 9:30 a.m. Monday.

Janet S. Rines, 77, was driving her 2019 Ford Fusion north on county road 250 West as she approached the intersection with county road 800 South. She told police she drove into the path of an eastbound 2013 Honda CR-V driven by 41-year-old Brian D. Morrison of Muncie.

Rines sustained a lower leg injury, and her passenger, 6-year-old Shaylee Rines, complained of pain in her lower body. Morrison complained of pain all over his

body, and his 9-year-old passenger, Lucy J. Morrison, complained of lower arm pain.

Damage is estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000. Both vehicles were towed.

Lost control

Two Bryant residents were injured after their horse and buggy went off county road 650 North and into a ditch about 6:55 p.m. Wednesday.

Jacob M. Wengerd, 20, was driving the buggy with his sisters, 15-year-old Rebecca Wengerd and 15-year-old Rachel Wengerd.

Wengerd told police they were riding east on the road when they passed in front of a fenced-in pas-

ture on the south side of the road with other horses in it.

He said his horse became spooked and dashed to the north side of the road and into a ditch, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report.

Rachel Wengerd jumped out of the buggy before it went into the ditch, and Rebecca Wengerd was thrown from the buggy. Rachel Wengerd complained of wrist pain and Rebecca Wengerd complained of pain in her neck, right leg and left side of her face.

Jacob Wengerd was administered a blood alcohol and drug test with results pending.

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Lotteries

Powerball
Monday
18-30-31-52-63
Power Ball: 22
Power Play: 2
Estimated jackpot: \$336 million

Daily Four: 5-6-6-0
Quick Draw: 5-23-26-27-30-44-47-48-49-56-58-61-63-64-65-67-72-73-76-80
Cash 5: 4-17-35-41-45
Estimated jackpot: \$120,000

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$129 million

Ohio
Monday
Midday
Pick 3: 1-0-3
Pick 4: 1-2-5-6
Pick 5: 3-0-9-1-5
Evening
Pick 3: 6-1-5
Pick 4: 3-1-2-1
Pick 5: 8-6-7-8-1
Rolling Cash: 11-15-16-26-29
Estimated jackpot: \$544,000

Hoosier
Monday
Midday
Daily Three: 6-2-3
Daily Four: 7-8-4-0
Quick Draw: 3-5-6-10-22-23-24-26-3-34-36-46-47-61-63-66-68-73-78-79
Evening
Daily Three: 7-9-4

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery
Corn.....3.70
Dec. corn.....4.00
Wheat4.92

Dec. beans10.07
Wheat 5.42

POET Biorefining Portland
Corn.....3.65
Dec. corn.....4.00
Jan. corn.....4.22

ADM Montpelier
Corn.....3.70
Oct. corn3.72
Beans.....9.59
Oct. beans9.71
Wheat5.31

The Andersons Richland Township
Corn3.65
Nov. corn.....3.65
Beans9.42

Heartland St. Anthony
Corn.....3.55
Nov. corn3.65
Beans9.43
Nov. beans9.58
Wheat5.12

Today in history

In 2012, education activist Malala Yousafzai, 15, was shot in the head while boarding a school bus in Pakistan. She survived the attack and became a leading voice for education of girls, receiving a Nobel Peace Prize at age 17 with Kailash Satyarthi. — The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today
7 a.m. — Jay County Board of Health, health department, 504 W. Arch St., Portland.
6 p.m. — Jay County Council, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Friday
2 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners, law library, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Council ...

Continued from page 1
Also Monday, council amended the village's wage ordinance to add a street maintenance trainee job to the street department. Fort Recovery native Derek Wendel will start in the position Oct. 21.

"We're happy to have him," said Diller.

Wendel will work alongside street superintendent Jerry Guggenbiller and street maintenance employee Brandon Weyerick in the coming months prior to Guggenbiller's retirement in February. Hopes are to transition Weyerick — he's been working for the department since 2021, having worked for the police department for 14 years prior — into Guggenbiller's job and Wendel into Weyerick's position.

In other business, council:

•Approved the following: a \$421,830.30 pay request from Caldwell Tanks for ongoing work on constructing the vil-

lage's second water tower, which should be completed in July; and a \$16,527.10 pay request from Capital Electric for finishing installation of the new traffic signal at the intersection of Elm and Butler streets, with Diller explaining the total cost of the project came in at \$1,411.74 less than originally estimated.

•Discussed the village's street light agreement with Miami Valley Lighting, which is set to expire at the end of the year. The company would like to renew for an additional five-year term with price increases. Diller noted plans to meet with the company Wednesday to hash out details for a new contract.

•Were reminded Fort Recovery Car Classics will host a cruise-in from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday along the brick portion of Wayne Street.

•Heard the new brush chipper for the street department has been delivered and is in service.

DCS ...

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Eric Miller, director of the Indiana Department of Child Services, said his top two goals during his time as a director are improving child safety and reducing time to permanency.

Miller thinks they've made some progress in those efforts; however, he's not satisfied with the current level of improvement.

"When a FCM [Family Case Manager] leaves the agency, a new caseworker assigned to the case is less familiar with the specifics and starts over the relationships with the previous FCM created with all of the parties involved," Miller said.

SERVICES

Saturday

Faller, Michael: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Monday

Whitenack, Charlene: 11 a.m., Lawndale Cemetery, rural Ridgeville.

Hurst, Janice: 7 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Spanish classes offered

John Jay Center for Learning is offering conversational Spanish classes starting next week.

Classes will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday evenings starting Oct. 15 and run through Nov. 19 on the second floor of the learning center, 101 N. Meridian St., Portland. Maggie Cardenas will lead the class, which is being offered in partnership with Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition and Community Affairs and Spanish Assistance (CASA) de Portland.

Registration costs \$85. To learn more, contact (260) 729-5525 or email info@johnjay-center.com.

Pumpkin painting

It's not too late to paint a pumpkin at Fort Recovery Public Library.

Registration is open for children to sign up for painting sessions Saturday at the library. The cost is \$2 per pumpkin for the general public and free for Fort Recovery Friends of the Library members. All materials are provided.

To learn more, call (419) 375-2869 or visit fortrecoverylibrary.org.

Added to archive

Indiana Arts Commission

Taking Note

announced recently it has partnered with the Indiana State Library to add 28 poets to the State of Indiana's poetry archive — INverse.

"Celebrating and preserving the work of Indiana poets is a very worthy project and the Indiana State Library is honored to participate in this collaboration," said Jake Spear, state librarian, in a press release.

"The Indiana Arts Commission appreciates the partnership with the Indiana State Library, which allows us to preserve and showcase the work of Hoosier poets," said Miah Michaelsen, IAC executive director. "The poets highlighted in the INverse Poetry Archive demonstrate the creative talent at work in Indiana."

The archive is available at bit.ly/INverse.

Masquerade ball

Tickets are on sale for a new event at Jay County Fairgrounds this year.

Peer Addiction Support Team (PAST) Recovery Services is organizing a masquerade ball from 6 to 11 p.m. Nov. 2 at the Bubp building, 806 E. Votaw St., Portland. There will be dinner, dancing, a silent auction and recovery spotlights. The event will serve as a charity fundraiser for assisting individuals in their recovery.

Tickets are \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. They're available at Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition.

Statehouse internships

Applications are open for interns with Indiana House Republicans for the 2025 legislative session.

The Indiana House of Representatives offers a spring semester internship at the statehouse in Indianapolis during the session, which starts in January and concludes in April. House interns earn \$900 biweekly and work full-time through the week. Internships are open to college students and recent graduates. Students may apply for a \$3,000 scholarship to use toward school expenses.

Applications are available online at indianahouserepublicans.com/internship and are due by Oct. 31.

Teen keeps bedroom door closed for visits

DEAR ABBY: My 18-year-old stepdaughter has decided to date another female. She has dated boys in the past, but that's not the issue. We have nothing against the LGBTQ community. (My husband's brother is gay.) My issue is, should my stepdaughter spend time with her girlfriend in her bedroom with the door closed?

If this were a boy, my husband would certainly have an issue with it — fear of sexual activity leading to getting pregnant. We are both old school about that but have embraced her new relationship. But we definitely don't want our house to be the hook-up point. It makes us uncomfortable. How should we handle this? — OPEN DOOR IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR OPEN DOOR: Handle this the same way you would if you were writing about the young woman having a boyfriend. Tell her you are uncomfortable with sexual activity going on in your home and prefer that if she entertains her girlfriend in her bedroom, she must leave the door open.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I recently moved to a smaller town from a big city to be closer to our new grandbaby. This town is populated with a large number of older single

Dear Abby



women and, since day one, they have been drawn in droves to my husband, who is a very good-looking older man.

These women behave as if I am not even there. They move very close to us while we are shopping and flirt with him. I have had to physically insert myself between one of them and my husband on several occasions.

Not only is this annoying while it's happening, but I'm having a hard time making friends. More than one female friend has developed an unhealthy crush on him, so I no longer trust other women. What do I do? — JUST THE WIFE IN VERMONT

DEAR WIFE: You are going to have to decide to what degree you trust your husband not to stray, and concentrate your efforts on making friends with other COUPLES. It would also be nice if your husband could remind these women that he's married and that you're right there.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

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

BRYANT/NEW CORYDON SENIOR CITIZENS — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner. Meat is provided.

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

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

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its reg-

ular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the boardroom at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

PORTLAND EAGLES — Will meet at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Eagles' lodge, 320 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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

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

Thursday

SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Cen-

ter, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST 211 — Will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at 211 W. Walnut St., Portland. All Auxiliary members are welcome.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Monday

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

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

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at noon the second Monday of each month at Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

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. Walk-ins accepted.

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Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

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Community weekend offered a lot

Editor's note: This column is being re-printed from Oct. 7, 2004. It made sense to re-run this piece because the same message was true of last weekend — so much to do in the community, from the Heritage Festival to Main Street USA to Launch Jay! to Hot Cakes for Cool Kids to the open house for The Clubhouse. Unfortunately, I missed it all because I've been fighting a virus (not COVID, thankfully) for the past week-plus. But for the hand-wringers, there were, again, no excuses.

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

Professional hand-wringers love to decry the loss of community in America.

They should have been around this weekend.

Anyone willing to get off the sofa could have enjoyed an abundant amount of Americana, from the Main Street U.S.A. Festival in Dunkirk to a "Krooze-In" in Portland, to an engine show at the Limberlost Cabin in Geneva.

For our part, it was hard to

Back in the Saddle



keep up with the opportunities available.

And it's hard to imagine anyone believing that small town spirit is in danger after the past few days.

I'd worked Friday night, backing up Ray Cooney on sports while the Patriots played in Lafayette, so I was a little slow to get going on Saturday.

Still, we had time to make it to the Jay County Historical Society's Heritage Festival at the museum at the end of East Main Street in Portland.

It was a delightfully low-key affair. We wandered through museum exhibits, extremely impressed by the progress made

in terms of professionalism and comprehensiveness in the past few years.

When I was about 14, my family was camping in Michigan when I first encountered a local history museum. I was impressed and wondered why Jay County didn't have something comparable. These days, I'm not wondering any more. The historical society's collection tops what I saw years ago and would be the envy of peers across the U.S.

I was particularly pleased to see that the historical society is playing an archival role, gathering up collections of documents so they won't be lost to future generations. Twenty years ago you would have had to scramble to research local high school yearbooks, for example.

Today, the museum is building the definitive collection.

Outside at the festival, we kidded with old friends Ron Cole and Charlie Tague, took a county history quiz, heard Fred Myers brag about how good the ham and

beans were, and listened while Jim Waechter, playing the role of a pioneer trapper, told some kids about the area's history.

All in all, a great time. That night we had a tough choice: A "krooze-in" or Gilbert and Sullivan.

Since we'd "kroozed" a couple of times already this year, we opted to take in "The Pirates of Penzance" at Arts Place.

No offense to my "kroozer" friends, but I think we made a good choice. The vintage cars will gather again on Main Street (I hope), but it's hard to imagine getting such a great local cast together for "Pirates."

The "Pirates" production could have been done in hundreds of communities across America. But I'm willing to bet that it couldn't have been done so well.

The works of Gilbert and Sullivan — fast-paced and often silly — require a tremendous amount of rehearsal and professionalism. It's one thing to attempt a performance.

It's quite another to pull it off with aplomb, grace, and genuine wit.

Sitting in the audience on Saturday night, I was struck not only by the ambition of the production but by how completely that ambition was fulfilled.

No tapes. No piano-only accompaniment. But a seven-person pit orchestra with everything from strings to brass.

Not just a few accomplished performers, but an entire cast that knew what they were up to and knew how to deliver.

It was, in short, a great weekend.

If you failed to take advantage of it, if you failed to take in the Heritage Festival or the engine show gathering at Geneva or the "krooze-in" or the Main Street Festival in Dunkirk or Gilbert and Sullivan at Arts Place, that's your loss.

You're the folks the hand-wringers wring their hands about.

Owens owes an explanation

Bloomberg Opinion
Tribune News Service

New York City Mayor Eric Adams insists he's innocent of the bribery and campaign-finance charges that federal prosecutors brought against him last month. As a citizen, he has a right to make his case in court. As an elected official, he has an obligation to convince the public he's still worthy of their trust. He's not off to a good start.

As news of the indictment broke, Adams tried to dismiss the case by peddling a baseless conspiracy theory: that his criticism of the Biden administration's handling of the southern border had made him "a target." After the Justice Department released the indictment, he held a defiant news conference that was more like a rally with his most loyal supporters. "This is all part of the process," he said at a later event, after appearing in court. "My attorney will handle it."

A poll released Friday suggests that's not going to cut it. A staggering 69% of New Yorkers, including 71% of Democrats, say the mayor should resign. If he's going to remain in office, as he says he will, he needs to offer a plausible explanation of his conduct.

Prosecutors say Adams, beginning when he was Brooklyn borough president, accepted free air travel and luxury accommodations from the government of Turkey — and did favors in return. Well, only one favor: The entirety of the bribery charge appears to be based on an allegation that Adams pressured the city fire department to allow a new Turkish consulate building to open without first passing an inspection.

It's fair to ask: Have ethical standards in government risen so high that such a small request would warrant a sprawling federal bribery prosecution? New York City has a centuries-long history of political corruption, and in the annals of its quid pro quos, this one hardly seems like the most con-

Guest Editorial

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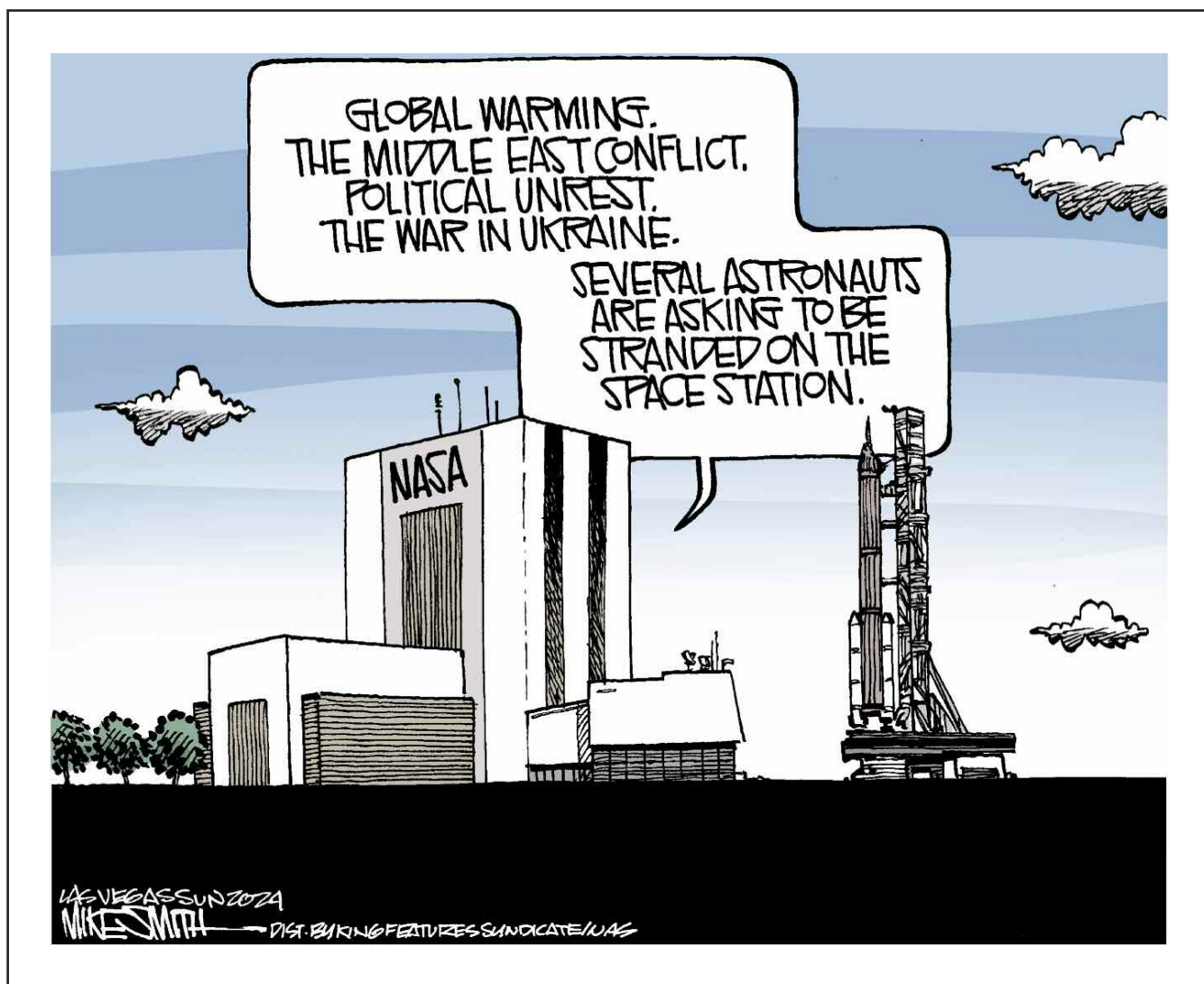
sequential. (Somewhere, Boss Tweed is laughing.)

Even so, the accusation that Adams accepted lavish freebies is a serious matter. If, as prosecutors allege, the mayor received more than \$100,000 in benefits — or even a fraction of that amount — he should commit to paying back anything he obtained improperly.

If Adams acknowledges lapses in judgment and accepts accountability for them — he can maintain his innocence and still do so — he could well survive in the court of public opinion. But if he digs in and doubles down on his conspiracy theory, voters will likely conclude that he's no longer worthy of their trust.

Even more seriously, prosecutors allege that Adams engaged in schemes to solicit and disguise illegal foreign campaign contributions and submit them for public matching funds, defrauding taxpayers. Again, if there's an innocent explanation, the public needs to hear it.

If the feds leaped to the wrong conclusions, as Adams claims, he shouldn't wait for his day in court to explain himself. Citizens deserve a full and honest accounting from the mayor.



There aren't enough resources

By ANNABELLE ORTIZ
OtherWords

Do you know who experiences homelessness in the United States? Often, it's hard-working parents who give back to their communities — maybe people just like you.

I worked with people experiencing homelessness and helped women who were survivors of domestic violence. Then I experienced domestic violence myself and lost my own home. After that, I knew first-hand what it was like.

I'm a woman of faith and married an elder from my church. It came as a terrible shock when I suffered a severe injury from violence at his hands and had to take my children from a previous relationship and flee our home.

There weren't safe openings in the shelters where my children and I could be together, so I sent them to be with their father while I tried to survive homelessness and get back on my feet.

I applied to my state's crime victims compensation fund to help secure housing and reunite with my children, but this process took over two years. In the meantime, I had major surgery whose complications resulted in permanent disability and left me unable to sustain meaningful employment.

I was disabled, separated from my children, homeless, and in shock. Life wasn't supposed to be this way.

When my victim's compensation

Annabelle Ortiz



funds finally came through, I got my children and relocated us to another state where we would be safe. I was accepted into a leadership institute and began cooking meals for those in need. I started my own ministry. The leadership program even used my story to train social workers.

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) helped us through the hard times. With prayer and a modest safety net, I was back on track.

Then COVID-19 hit. The homeless shelter I cooked for closed down due to insufficient funds. SSDI mistakenly halted my payments due to a clerical error that would take months to sort out. My rent skyrocketed overnight. I quickly fell behind on rent and ended up back on the street.

Here's what I've learned from the people I've ministered to — and my own bad luck: There are precious few services that help prevent homelessness. The obstacles to assistance when we need it are many. You must be destitute to

receive help, and as soon as you begin to get back on your feet, that critical assistance can be pulled away.

Further, it's more expensive to have assistance programs kick in after the tsunami and toss us a sponge for cleanup. We need to prevent the storm from happening in the first place. We aren't homeless due to desire. Grave things have happened to us, most of them beyond our control.

If we are ill, we need health care. If our partners are abusing us or our children, we need assistance safely relocating. If our rent skyrockets, we need rental assistance and a Renters Tax Credit. If there isn't enough affordable housing, we need to build it.

If we're disabled or lose work, we need reliable and sufficient disability and unemployment insurance. And if our children are hungry, we need help putting food on the table.

None of this is as expensive as the huge tax breaks politicians give the wealthy or the over one trillion dollars a year spent largely to increase the profits of the defense industry. These are questions of priorities.

Ask yourself, if what happened to me happened to you or your loved one, what would you want?

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SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

How to be a good detective

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

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

EAST
♠ —
♥ 10 8 5 4 2
♦ J 10 8 6
♣ J 8 5 3

SOUTH
♠ A 6 3
♥ A Q 7
♦ A Q 9 4
♣ K Q 9

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 2 NT Pass 6 NT
Opening lead — queen of spades.

It goes without saying that if you could see all 52 cards, you would make more tricks in the long run than if you saw only 26 cards. Nevertheless, the fact is that in the great majority of hands — if you pay close attention to your knitting — you can do just as well without all the cards exposed.

Consider this deal where South must score four diamond tricks to make six notrump. This is easy enough if declarer sees all four hands. He cashes the king and con-

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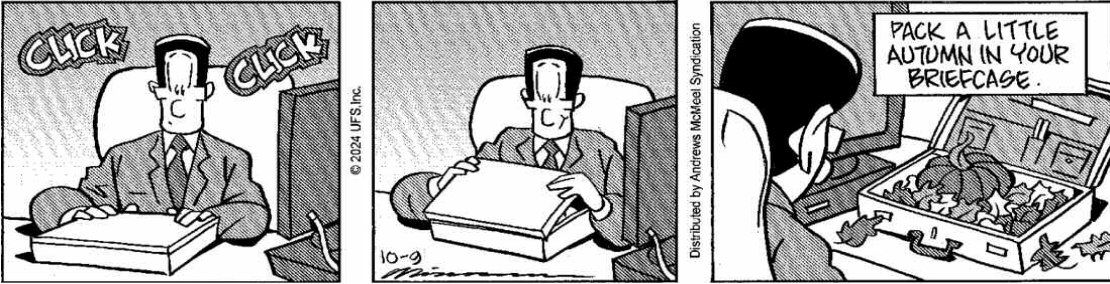
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continues with a diamond, immediately or eventually scoring a trick with the nine regardless of how East defends.

But if declarer sees only the North-South hands, how can he be expected to play the diamonds in this abnormal fashion? The answer is that he can bring off the coup if he is a good card detective.

West leads the queen of spades, and South wins with the ace as East shows out, discarding a heart. Declarer has 11 tricks in plain view and sees that his only source of a 12th trick lies in diamonds. If the missing diamonds are divided 3-2, there is no problem, but if they are not, he may go down.

To find out how he stands, declarer — who already knows that West started with seven spades — cashes the A-K-Q of hearts and A-K-Q of clubs, learning in the process that West started with exactly two hearts and either three or four clubs. This means that West started with at most one diamond.

Declarer therefore plays the king of diamonds and leads another diamond. If East plays the eight, South finesses the nine to bring in the slam. If East plays the ten, South wins with the queen, returns to dummy with a spade and leads another diamond to trap East's J-8.

Tomorrow: Score one for the defense.
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10-9 CRYPTOQUIP

POBAC KZFY OETIB SHLN
OM HFZMHF FZGAK JNZSHMU
PZIK FOLJ LKOGAKJHMU O
FKZJJSOBY: "LOTTV KZOC."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN PEOPLE RESPOND TO SITUATIONS BY BEING CRUEL BEASTS, I WOULD SAY THEY'RE OGRE-REACTING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals G

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Bashful | 1 Persian leader |
| 4 Fictional Forrest | 2 Spanish greeting |
| 8 Wallet stuffers | 3 Bigfoot's kin |
| 12 Weed whacker | 4 Great ape |
| 13 Crunchy cookie | 5 Swiss canton |
| 14 — the crack of dawn | 6 Gents |
| 15 PC key | 7 Comic strip |
| 16 Feels right | 8 Protruding navels |
| 18 Part of Hispaniola | 9 "Fresh Air" aier |
| 20 Gigi's "yes" | 10 — Claire, Wis. |
| 21 Stately trees | 11 Holy Fr. |
| 24 Sire | 12 Second-stringer |
| 28 1994 Schwarzenegger film | 13 Golf prop |
| 32 Stuff like that | 14 Calf-length |
| 33 Still, in verse | 15 Wax-coated cheese |
| 34 Juan's farewell | 16 Delta's one-time rival |
| 36 "— you sleeping?" | 17 Hit hard |
| 37 "The Kite Runner" boy | 18 Roswell sighting |
| 39 For real? | 19 Fan's shout |
| | 20 FDR project |

Solution time: 23 mins.



Yesterday's answer 10-9



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Israel vows a response

By HENRY MEYER, DAN WILLIAMS and ALISA ODENHEIMER

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Israel's defense minister is set to travel to Washington as the country vowed what one leader called a "significant response" to an Iranian missile attack a week ago and stepped up its military operation against Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Yoav Gallant will discuss "ongoing Middle East security developments" with U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin on Wednesday, the Pentagon said. As well as considering a riposte to Tehran, Israel is engaged in an ever-broader conflict with Iran-backed Hezbollah, reinforcing its ground troops and maritime forces on Tuesday.

U.S. President Joe Biden has urged Israel not to attack Iran's nuclear program or oil infrastructure, amid concerns either move could trigger a wider war that drags in Washington, pushes up energy prices and hurts the global economy.

The U.S. and its allies have been coordinating communications to convince Israel to focus instead on military targets, according to people familiar with the matter.



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Israeli Minister of Defense Yoav Gallant (center) visits the site where a reported strike from Lebanon fell in Majdal Shams village in the Israeli-annexed Golan area on July 28. Israel's military said Hezbollah fired the rocket from Lebanon, hitting a football pitch in the Druze town of Majdal Shams and killing the youngsters, who were between 10 and 20 years old. Another 18 youths were wounded in the attack, said the emergency services.

Hitting energy infrastructure would be unacceptable for some, they said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "In Israel, discussions are still taking place at the highest levels regarding the outline of the response — but it will be significant, and it will come," Amir Ohana, speaker of the Knesset, Israeli's parliament, told visiting lawmakers

from European countries Tuesday. "Our good friend the United States also understands that a response is inevitable. We must protect our citizens." The comments reaffirmed the stance of Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has said Iran made "a big mistake" with its salvo and will "pay for it." The barrage of 200 ballistic missiles caused little damage, with one fatality in the West Bank, but millions of Israelis were forced into shelters and some air bases were hit.

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Surges ...

Continued from page 1 "Milton's wind field is expected to expand as it approaches Florida. In fact, the official forecast shows the hurricane and tropical-storm-force winds roughly doubling in size by the time it makes landfall," Berg said. "Therefore, damaging winds, life-threatening storm surge, and heavy rainfall will extend well outside the forecast cone."

In Florida, a hurricane warning is in effect for the west coast from Bonita Beach north to the mouth of the Suwannee River including Tampa Bay and on the east coast from the Indian River/St. Lucie county line north to Ponte Vedra Beach.

Inland hurricane warnings are in place for parts of the southern Florida peninsula including Central Florida's Brevard, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, Sumter and Volusia counties.

Hurricane watches are in place for the Dry Tortugas, Lake Okeechobee, the Gulf coast from Chokoloskee to south of Bonita Beach.

A storm surge warning is in effect for the Gulf coast from Flamingo north to the Suwannee including Charlotte Harbor and Tampa Bay and on Florida's east coast from the Port Canaveral north to the mouth of the St. Mary's River including the St. Johns River.

A tropical storm warning is in effect for all of the Florida Keys, Dry Tortugas, Florida Bay, Lake

Okeechobee, the Gulf coast from Flamingo to south of Bonita Beach and from north of the mouth of the Suwannee River to Indian Pass, and on the Florida east coast south of the St. Lucie/Indian River county line south to Flamingo and north of Ponte Vedra Beach north to the mouth of the St. Mary's River.

Tornadoes could become a threat across the state beginning late Tuesday and into Wednesday, the NHC warned.

Updated storm surge predictions now call for 10-15 feet from the Anclote River north of Tampa south down to Englewood including Tampa Bay in the core projected landfall area.

"We're talking about storm surge values higher than the ceiling," said Florida Division of Emergency Management Director Kevin Guthrie. "Please. If you're in the Tampa Bay area, you need to evacuate. If they have called for your evacuation order, I beg you, I implore you, to evacuate. Drowning deaths due to storm surge are 100% preventable if you leave."

Evacuations on much of Florida's west coast barrier islands have already begun.

"We had situations where people died of drowning in Hurricane Ian. Had they just gone across the bridge from Estero Bay, Sanibel Island and so on, just across the bridge to the first available shelter that had capacity, they'd still be alive today," he said.

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Lot numbered Twenty-two and Twenty-three (22-23) in Current's South side Addition to the town of Redkey, Indiana. Commonly known as: 328 E Grandview Ave, Redkey, IN 47373

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: David S Wilhelm aka David Wilhelm In addition, to the above-named defendants being served by this summons, there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. An answer or other appropriate response in writing to the Complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney with the Clerk of the Court for Jay County at Jay County Clerk 120 North Court Street #2 Portland, IN 47371 on or before the 15th day of November, 2024. (the same being thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so, a judgment may be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded. Phillip A. Norman, P.C. /s/ Benjamin Pliskie #30407-45 Attorney for Plaintiff Phillip A. Norman, P.C. 2110 Calumet Avenue Valparaiso, IN 46383 Telephone: 219-462-5104 24-00731 Attest: /s/ Jon Eads Clerk, Jay Superior Court.

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The highs and the lows

Patriots win five-set, back-and-forth battle with Broncos

By WILL CASH

The Commercial Review
PORTLAND — Jay County's volleyball season could be compared to a roller coaster, filled with both the greatest highs and the lowest lows.

They win one and then lose. They win two and then drop two more, not seemingly being able to find any sort of consistency.

In the five-set thriller, Jay County and Daleville were locked in a back-and-forth battle before the Patriots finally came out victorious in the final set, beating the Broncos 22-25, 25-19, 25-18, 13-25, 15-13 on Monday.

With the match tied 2-2, it all came down to a decisive fifth set, which, true to form, was a roller coaster for Jay County.

Jay County found itself down 8-3 midway through the final set but came roaring back with another dominant set from Schwieterman and Mya Kunkler. The set ended with a familiar sight — a Schwieterman kill to end the match, which capped off a hard-fought victory for Jay County.

"We've kind of been this team all season," said Jay County coach Amy Dillon. "Like we either all show up at once or we don't show up at once. And it's just been a struggle to get them to find that. I just kept telling them like we got to quit playing individually. We're not playing as a unit, and we just got to start playing together."

Jay County (11-10, 4-2 Allen County) came out the gate firing on all cylinders, coming out with a 17-10 lead in set number one, forcing Daleville (20-5, 7-1 Mid-Eastern Conference) coach Gayle Hicks to call a timeout. The Broncos, however, clawed their way back, led by a flurry of kills from Trishell Johnson and capitalizing on



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Jay County High School junior setter Paisley Fugiett digs out a ball during the Patriots' 22-25, 25-19, 25-18, 13-25, 15-13 victory over Daleville on Monday.

Jay County's errors to win the set, 25-22.

Set number two started out about the same as the end of set one, seeing Daleville take an early 7-2 lead. This time it was Jay County that called the timeout. The Patriots then responded, climbing

all the way back to tie it 14-14 about midway through the set. Daleville then collapsed, committing six errors, allowing Jay County to comfortably win the set 25-19.

The Patriots carried their momentum into set three, leading the set from

start to finish. Hallie Schwieterman shined, recording both of her two aces and two of her 13 kills in the three, ending the set with an assertive strike to seal a Patriot advantage.

Set four was a completely different story.

Daleville came out in the fourth set looking like a completely different team, jumping out to a 20-8 lead and never looking back, ending the set with an authoritative kill from Johnson, winning the set 25-13.

"I don't mean this in

any bad way, but I felt we were the better team," said Dillon. "We have a lot more girls on our team that are big hitters. They really had one that was a big hitter. I honestly still didn't feel like we played our best. I just feel like we were still kind of playing a little bit in survival mode, but we were the better team, so we were winning."

Daleville was missing its other star outside hitter, Madelyn Rees, due to injury. Rees is a big part of the Broncos attack plan, as she ranks 10th in Indiana 1A volleyball with 316 total kills for the season.

Despite missing Rees, Daleville put up a heck of a fight against 3A Jay County. Led by Trish Johnson, who had an out of worldly performance for the Broncos with 39 kills on the night.

Johnson, Daleville's other star outside hitter, is ranked ninth in 1A volleyball with 318 kills, shined brightly despite the tough loss. "She's great," said Hicks. "She's a senior and we rely on her. With our other outside hitter (Rees) out, we relied on her more than usual, and she stepped up and did her thing."

Jay County, which has won five of its last eight matches, will wrap up the regular season on Thursday against the New Castle Trojans and are hoping to just get off the roller coaster.

"We've been so up and down," said Dillon. "I'm really hoping we can learn to work together as a unit and fix and tweak little things. We are not really a young team, but knowledge-wise, we're young, so we make mistakes due to the lack of player experience some of these kids have had. So, hopefully we can fix that in the next couple of weeks."

Levi Muhlenkamp up for Indiana Athlete of the Week

Levi Muhlenkamp has received some recognition over the past seven days.

He has the potential to get some more if Patriot fans around the county take action and vote.

Muhlenkamp, a Jay County High School boys soccer player, is up for the MaxPreps Indiana High School Athlete of the Week Award.

Over the past week, Muhlenkamp broke the school record for career goals and before tonight's sectional semifinal game against Delta, sits at 81 scores.

He scored 13 times this past week, putting up six goals against Blackford and seven at Liberty Christian. His sixth goal at Liberty Christian tied Brad Horns' record and the seventh gave him the lone record. He also had an assist against Liberty Christian.

His 34-goal season sits third among players in the state of Indiana, behind Eli Falkenberg of Carroll (42) and Landon Dobbs of Henryville (35).

The MaxPreps Indiana

Local roundup

Athlete of the Week is determined based on fan votes. To vote visit t.maxpreps.com/4gYrvG4. Fans can vote as many times as they want until noon on Monday.

Muhlenkamp is one of nine athletes nominated for the award.

- Others include:
- Maverick Geske — Brebeuf Jesuit football
 - Taylor Clark — Brebeuf Jesuit football
 - Siri Fullop — North Posey volleyball
 - Felipe Bazan — West Central football
 - Samir Del Rio — Boone Grove football
 - Braydon Loudermilk — South Knox boys soccer

Dirksen honored

The Allen County Athletic Conference announced the end of year awards for boys tennis on Friday.

Eli Dirksen was the sole Jay County High School player to be honored, earning the top singles spot on the first team All-ACAC.

The No. 1 singles player swept his ACAC opponents in 2024. Not including a non-conference match with South Adams, the JCHS senior only gave up 10 total games between the No. 1 singles foes.

Joining him on the first team All-ACAC are Nolan Lambert of Bluffton and Kade Sprunger of South Adams.

Bluffton's Ben Maggard and Cody Lantz took the top spot for doubles teams, while South Adams' Gabe and Ian Neuenschwander rounded out the first team.

Second team singles are Anthony Hartman of Bluffton and Cole Sprunger of SAHS. Kade Abbott and Dane Schlagenhauf of Bluffton received second team doubles honors.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys soccer sectional semifinal vs. Delta at Eastbrook — 5:30 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County — Girls soccer sectional semifinal vs. Delta or New Castle at Mississinewa — 6 p.m.; Volleyball vs. New Castle — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Volleyball (including freshmen) vs. St. Henry — 5:30 p.m.; Middle school football at Parkway — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
3:08 p.m. — MLB Divisional series: Cleveland Guardians at Detroit Tigers (TBS)
5:08 p.m. — MLB Divisional series: Philadelphia Phillies at New York Mets (FS1)
7:08 p.m. — MLB Divisional series: New York Yankees at Kansas City Royals (TBS)

7:30 p.m. — College football: New Mexico State at Jacksonville state (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NHL: New York Rangers at Pittsburgh Penguins (TNT)
9 p.m. — College volleyball: USC at Oregon (BTN)
9:08 p.m. — MLB Divisional series: Los Angeles Dodgers at San Diego Padres (FS1)
10 p.m. — NHL: Colorado Avalanche at Vegas Golden Knights (TNT)
11 p.m. — College volleyball: UCLA at Washington (BTN)
10:30 p.m. — NBA preseason: Golden State Warriors (ESPN)

Thursday
6:08 p.m. — MLB Divisional series: Cleveland Guardians at Detroit Tigers (TNT)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Coastal Carolina at James Madison (ESPN2)
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8:15 p.m. — NFL: San Francisco 49ers at Seattle Seahawks (FOX)

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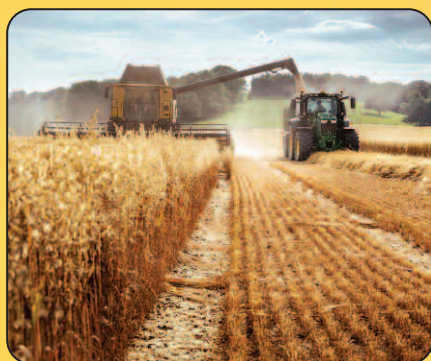
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1-4, 5-7 and 8-10. The winner's pictures will be displayed in the newspaper on October 31, 2024.



If you would like a chance to have your colored picture in the newspaper, fill out the entry form and bring/send in your picture to the address listed on the form. Don't forget to read the SAFETY TIPS, and have a safe and happy Halloween, KIDS!



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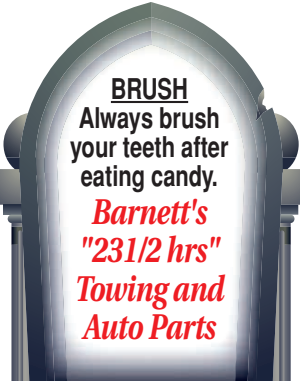
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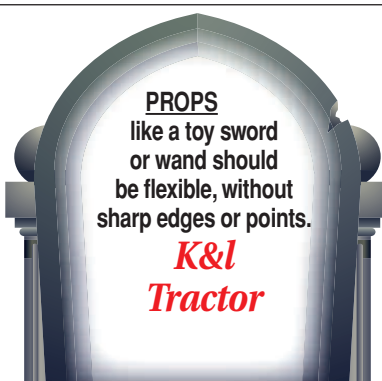
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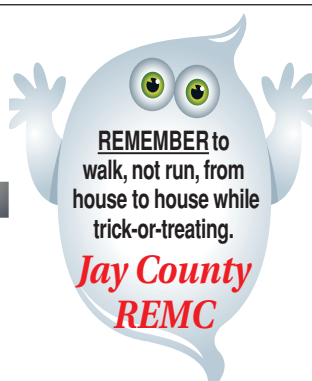
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