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## Project continues

Construction crews work on the east side of Meridian Street (U.S. 27) at its intersection with Washington Street in Portland on Thursday morning. The work is part of an ongoing Indiana Department of Transportation project that involves paving U.S. 27 through the city, upgrading sidewalk ramps and installing new traffic signals. Work is expected to continue into November.

## Jay Co. ballot issue found

*Error effected balloting for state representatives*

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

There was an error on ballots in Jay County that allowed voters to cast a choice in a race in which they were not eligible to vote.

Jay County Clerk Jon Eads in an email Thursday morning notified local media of a ballot problem involving the District 33 and District 79 state representative positions. The issue was discovered Oct. 11.

Both state representative districts were on all Jay County ballots. District 79 should have only been available for voting in the Penn, Jackson, Bearcreek and Wabash precincts, with District 33 available only to voters in the Wayne 1, Wayne 2, Wayne 3, Wayne 4, Wayne 7, Madison, Pike, Noble, Jefferson, Redkey, Dunkirk 1, Dunkirk 3, Green and Knox precincts. (District 79 covers the northern third of Jay County as well as all of Adams and Wells counties while District 33 covers the southern two-thirds of Jay County as well as all of Blackford and Randolph counties and part of Delaware and Henry counties.)

"It's not that somebody couldn't vote for somebody, it's just that they were able to vote for somebody extra," said Eads in a phone interview Thursday morning. Incumbent Republican J.D. Prescott and Democrat John Bartlett are running in District 33. Incumbent Republican Matt Lehman is uncontested in District 79.

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## New hangar at airport proposed

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

Another new hangar may be added to Portland Municipal Airport.

Tim Homan of Lakefield CNC visited Portland Board of Aviation on Wednesday to share his desire to construct a new hangar at the facility.

Homan, a resident of Celina, Ohio, originally visited the aviation board in November 2021 to express interest in building a hangar but said Wednesday

### *Celina business owner plans to pursue project*

at that time he was not ready to move forward with the project. He said Lakefield CNC has continued to grow, which led him to visit Portland's airport within

the last month to raise the issue again. He met with aviation board president Faron Parr and airport manager Hal Tavzel.

"I was just really

impressed that you guys really have your stuff together," said Homan, referencing the airport layout plan that details sites for potential future hangar construction. "It really made me think this is what I want to do."

He said of the sites available he is most interested in a spot to the west of the airport parking lot and fuel farm.

Asked what size hangar he would like to build, Homan said at least 80 feet

by 80 feet. (That would be the same size as the new corporate hangar Tavzel's Sonrise Aviation put in this year.)

Homan said he will be back to visit the aviation board when he has plans for a hangar completed, perhaps as early as next month.

"We'd be glad to have you over here," said Parr. "That's what we try to encourage ... I'm glad that you're considering us."

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## Suit filed to remove amendment from ballot

By ROMY ELLENBOGEN  
Tampa Bay Times  
Tribune News Service

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A group of anti-abortion advocates are trying to force Florida's abortion amendment off the ballot this November or void any votes cast for it, citing a report from the administration of Gov. Ron DeSantis that said there was "widespread" fraud in the petition gathering for the effort.

A lawsuit filed Wednesday in the 9th Judicial Circuit argues that the sponsors behind Amendment 4 failed to meet the required signature threshold to get on the ballot when that alleged fraud is considered. The anti-abortion plaintiffs are being represented by former Florida Supreme Court Justice Alan Lawson.

Amendment 4 proposes protecting abortion access until viability, about 24 weeks of pregnancy, and would undo the state's ban on most abortions after six weeks of pregnancy. DeSantis has vowed to defeat the initiative.

To get the amendment on the

### *Documents argue sponsors failed to meet signature threshold*

ballot, the sponsor group Floridians Protecting Freedom gathered nearly a million verified signatures from people across the state, about 100,000 signatures above the baseline qualifying requirement. The Department of State certified the amendment to appear on the ballot early this year.

But last week, the department released a report after reviewing petitions that local supervisors had already deemed valid, an unprecedented move, according to elections supervisors. In the report, the state's Office of Election Crimes & Security argued that 16.4% of the petitions should have never been validated.

Using that number, the lawsuit argues that the amendment only

got 833,521 valid petitions statewide, falling short of the 891,523 requirement.

The Yes on 4 campaign has denied any wrongdoing, and has previously said the state's report is "nothing more than dishonest distractions and desperate attempts to silence voters." It said the report is part of a larger attempt by the state to defeat the amendment.

A deadline in state law to challenge the validity of amendment signatures has long since passed, and the state did not make any challenge during that period. Hundreds of thousands of voters across the state have already voted using mail ballots, which have been printed to include the Amendment 4 question.

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People attend the Our Bodies Our Lives: A Rally for Reproductive Freedom at the Bayfront Amphitheater on Sept. 14 in Miami. The rally was held to advocate for the passage of Amendment 4, which will be on the state of Florida's November ballot, giving women a constitutional right to abortion in the state.

### Deaths

**Kimo Bechtol**, 44, Fort Recovery  
**Roy Sneed**, 85, Dunkirk  
**Philip Gray**, 72, Portland  
**David Bell**, 73, Montpelier  
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### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 54 degrees Wednesday. The low was 32.  
Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the upper 30s. Expect sunny skies Saturday with highs climbing into the lower 70s. Highs will be in the 70s through at least Wednesday.  
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday across from Pennville Fire Station and 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot at 220 Lincoln St., Portland.

### Coming up

**Saturday** — Results from the JCHS football game against Heritage.  
**Tuesday** — Coverage of the cross country and volleyball sectionals.  
**Wednesday** — Details from next week's Portland City Council meeting.





# Obituaries

## Kimo Bechtol

Kimo K. Bechtol, 44, Fort Recovery, died Sunday. Arrangements are pending at Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home, Fort Recovery.

## Roy Sneed

Dec. 15, 1938-Oct. 15, 2024  
Roy Sneed, 85, of Dunkirk, passed away on Oct. 15, 2024, at Indiana University Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.



Sneed

Born on Dec. 15, 1938, in Glasgow, Kentucky, he was the son of the late Eddie Lee Sneed and Lizzie Merle Sneed. Roy proudly served in the United States Army and earned a master's degree in education. Roy was known for his love of golf, fishing and crossword puzzles. He was an avid reader and a true history buff, always eager

to learn and share his knowledge. He is survived by his loving wife, Claudia; his children, Weldon (Anita) Hines, Joe Hines, Angela (Marc) Isenburg and Terry Robinette; as well as his grandchildren, Joey Hines, Jessica (Cody) Runkle, Kade (Joni) Poore, Zac (Cheyenne) Dousa, Michael Dousa, Cassie Hines, Wendy (Benji) Thorsell, Ashley Robinette, James Robinette, Tiffany (Erya) Sioda and Cole Robinette. He also leaves behind great-grandchildren Clayton Runkle, Gage Hines, Declan Runkle, Finley Poore, Tucker Poore, Remington Dousa, Lakeland Dousa, Maverick Dousa, Finn Thorsell, Vincent Thorsell and Quinzel Thorsell; and a soon-to-arrive great-grandchild. He is also survived by brothers-in-law David Chenoweth, Guy (Sondra) Carter, John (Rita) Carter, Charles Carter and Joe Carter; and several nieces and nephews. Roy was preceded in death by

his parents; his sister Shirley Chenoweth; and his grandson Kyle Robinette. His legacy will live on in the hearts of those who loved him. The family will receive friends on Monday, Oct. 21, 2024, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Garden View Funeral Home, 10501 N. Indiana 3, Muncie, Indiana. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024, at noon, with one hour of visitation prior to the service. Condolences can be made at Garden View and Gardens of Memory.

## Philip Gray

Oct. 6, 1952-Oct. 15, 2024  
Philip Gray, age 72, a resident of Portland, passed away on Oct. 15, 2024, at Core Nursing and Rehabilitation in Bedford, Indiana. Philip was born on Oct. 6, 1952, in Portland, Indiana, the son of Frank and Mary (Turner) Gray. Philip graduated from Natrona County High School in Casper, Wyoming, and Grand Canyon University. Philip retired from FCC in Portland in 2017. He was a member of Bryant Wesleyan Church in Bryant. Philip married Mary Kathryn Ellenberger on Feb. 16, 1989, she passed away on Nov. 10, 2017. Survivors include: Stepson — Tyler Reidt (Cassandra), Portland Two stepdaughters — Amy Reidt, Portland, and Ann Knapp (Ryan), Redkey Two sisters — Jamie Prior, Queen Creek, Arizona, and Melinda Gray (Kim Gabbard), Portland, Indiana Eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren Visitation will be held Monday, Oct. 21, 2024, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Williamson-Spencer and



Gray

Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow the visitation at 11 a.m. Burial will be held at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton, Indiana. Memorials may be directed to the Jay County Humane Society in Portland. Condolences may be expressed williamsonspencer.com.

**David Ray Bell**, Montpelier, a former Pennville resident, Feb. 16, 1951-Oct. 15, 2024. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

*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

Saturday 10/19	Sunday 10/20	Monday 10/21	Tuesday 10/22	Wednesday 10/23
71/40 Saturday's forecast shows clear and sunny skies. The low at night may be around 41 degrees.	73/42 Another day of sun is expected Sunday. At night, cool temperatures.	75/46 Monday looks to be sunny with a high in the mid 70s.	74/50 There's a slight chance of rain Tuesday. Otherwise, mostly sunny.	74/43 Mostly sunny skies on Wednesday, when the high will be around 74.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> 4-30-39-44-60 Power Ball: 11 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$437 million	Daily Four: 8-6-8-9 Quick Draw: 1-7-9-19-23-26-27-28-32-34-42-43-44-45-51-54-55-61-65-79 Cash 5: 2-12-13-14-27 Estimated jackpot: \$238,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$185 million	<b>Ohio</b> Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 5-8-3 Pick 4: 0-4-8-9 Pick 5: 2-1-0-8-9 Evening Pick 3: 6-0-2 Pick 4: 4-9-6-2 Pick 5: 7-5-9-2-2 Rolling Cash: 4-8-18-23-34 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 7-4-2 Daily Four: 0-8-6-5 Quick Draw: 9-17-18-19-23-24-27-29-41-44-45-49-51-56-57-59-71-74-76-79 Evening Daily Three: 3-6-3	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....3.53 Dec. corn.....3.85 Wheat.....4.86	Dec. beans.....9.64 Wheat.....5.35
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....3.55 Dec. corn.....3.85 Jan. corn.....4.05	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....3.53 Nov. corn.....3.55 Beans.....9.25 Nov. beans.....9.33 Wheat.....5.22
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....3.55 Nov. corn.....3.55 Beans.....9.17	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....3.40 Nov. corn.....3.45 Beans.....9.13 Nov. beans.....9.23 Wheat.....5.06

## Today in history

In 1931, Al Capone, a Chicago mafia boss, was convicted of federal income tax evasion. He served 11 years in prison for the crime.  
In 2004, Redkey clerk-treasurer Brenda Adkins and town council president Violet Erlenbush reported that town council member Brenda Collett had moved out of the town and would be resigning from her role.  
In 2021, Jay School Board approved its 2022 budget at \$35.5 million, which was down about 2.5% from the previous year.  
—The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Monday</b> 4 p.m. — Jay School Board executive session, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, Jay County Country Living, 1194 E. 200 South, Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.	6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
<b>Tuesday</b> 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council special meeting, park cabin, 50 Mooney St.	
<b>Wednesday</b> 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.	

# Ballot ...

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Eads said Portland resident John Colden, a former state representative himself, noticed the issue while voting Oct. 11 and asked for Eads to be called. Since the problem was discovered, Eads said he has been in contact with co-director of the Indiana Election Division Brad King regarding how to address the problem correctly. MicroVote, which provides the county's voting machines, was called in over the weekend and fixed the problem. All ballots cast beginning Monday have been correct. Letters have been sent to all voters who cast ballots on or before

Oct. 11 offering them the opportunity to recast their vote. (Eads said about 600 ballots — about 500 in person and 100 by mail — had been cast prior to the problem being discovered.) In the letter, Eads says "your current ballot is absolutely countable as is and will be processed as normal on election day should you choose not to recast your vote." He said Thursday morning it is his understanding that all votes, including those for seats in which a voter should not have been able to cast a ballot, will be counted. The Commercial Review raised the question of fairness given that

counting those ballots as cast could result in voters ineligible to vote in the District 33 race potentially impacting the outcome. "I'm in the process of clarifying that with Brad King at the election division right now," said Eads. Shortly after noon Thursday, Eads confirmed the following via email: "Unless a voter on or before October 11th recasts that vote, the vote casted will be counted as is, and no changes made. If ballot is recast the previous ballot will be voided and not counted. "... this was confirmed from the Election Division."

# Airport ...

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Also Monday, board members Clyde Bray, John Ferguson and Parr, absent Caleb Lutes, approved the purchase and installation of a new electrical vault box from Appalachian Foothills Contracting of Lexington, Kentucky, at a cost of \$16,239.23. The company had the low quote by more than \$6,000. (It also handled the lighting work for the airport's runway extension project that was completed in 2022.) There was an electrical issue with the vault recently that affected lights and resulted in the runway being shut down for several nights. Copersmith of Portland was able to fix the issue, but

Tavzel recommended getting the equipment replaced to avoid potential longer runway shutdowns. (He noted that there can be a four-month lead time or longer for the vault boxes.) The board also approved a \$70,282.15 contract with HSC Pavement Maintenance of Indianapolis for sealing cracks in the original runway and taxiway at the airport. The work is planned for 2025. In other business, the board: •Heard from Portland clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips that T-hangar rental agreements for 2025 have been sent to tenants. The board agreed last month to increase

monthly rent to \$100 from the current \$95. •Approved an amendment to a T-hangar rental agreement with Brian Albers to allow him to have a fuel tank for motor gas for his plane at the airport. The contract requires Albers to provide proof of insurance. •Heard a lease has been signed with adjacent property owner Richard Schafer for storage space for airport equipment effective Oct. 1 through March 31 at a rate of \$1,500 per quarter. •Learned the following from Tavzel: —He attended the first day of the Aviation Indiana annual conference Tuesday in Terre Haute. Butler, Fairman & Seufert engineer Jason Clearwaters, who works with the airport, planned to be in attendance throughout the three-day event. —The transition to a wireless connection to the airport's automated weather observing system (AWOS) is complete. The system, which had experienced frequent issues over the last several years, is now working properly as required by the Federal Aviation Administration. —The airport sold 6,652 gallons of fuel in September for \$30,704.18. That's down from 8,000 gallons in September 2023. •Approved payment of \$26,141.01 in claims.

# Felony court news

**Child molesting**  
A Portland man was sentenced in two separate Jay County cases for child molesting. Dominick A. Huffman, 23, 515 1/2 North Meridian St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to child molesting, a Level 3 felony. He was sentenced to nine years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Huffman was ordered to pay a \$500 sexual assault victims assistance fee and assessed \$189 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 5 felony for child exploitation and a Level 5 felony for possession of child pornography were dismissed. In a separate case Jay Circuit Court, Huffman also pleaded guilty to child molesting, a Level 3 felony.

He was sentenced to nine years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Huffman was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$500 sexual assault victims assistance fee. As part of his plea agreement, other charges for child molesting, a Level 4 felony, and two counts of child exploitation, both Level 5 felonies, were dismissed. **Drunk driving**  
A Muncie woman was sentenced to jail for drunk driving. Sierra D. Teal, 26, 308 N. Holland St., Muncie, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person with a passenger younger than 18, a Level 6 felony. She was

sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 90 days suspended and given 90 days credit for time served. She was ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of her sentencing for substance abuse counseling and placed on probation for 275 days. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend her license for 180s retroactive to May 10, 2021. Teal was assessed \$189.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug and alcohol countermeasures fee. As part of her plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 6 felony for operating a vehicle with a schedule I or schedule II controlled substance and a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana.

# Suit ...

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The lawsuit says a long list of county elections officials "failed to conduct a sufficient review before verifying Amendment 4's petition forms and signatures." Along with reaching at least 891,523 valid petitions statewide, the campaign also needed to get a required number of valid signatures in at least half of Florida's counties. The lawsuit argues that the amendment sponsors failed to do that if the fraud reported by the state is factored in. The state's review of validated petition signatures has prompted outcry from critics.

## SERVICES

<b>Saturday</b> <b>Bell</b> , David: 2 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.
<b>Monday</b> <b>Gray</b> , Philip: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Sneed</b> , Roy: noon, Garden View Funeral Home, 10501 N. Indiana 3, Muncie.
Service listings provided by <b>PROGRESSIVE DEL TORO OFFICE PRODUCTS</b> 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com

## Redkey

**Police Department**  
is accepting applications for full-time Deputy Marshal.

- Must have high school diploma or GED.
- Would like experience.

Applications may be picked up at the Redkey Town Hall.

Applications must be turned in before October 25, 2024.



## Limberlost hosting events in coming weeks

Limberlost State Historic Site is hosting a wine and paint event at the end of the month.

Wine'd Down is slated for 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 25 at the visitor center, 335 S. Main St., Geneva.

Attendees will be offered local wines while they listen to soft music and learn painting techniques from an area artist. Painting supplies are included. Pre-registration is requested by Oct. 22. The cost is \$22.50 for Indiana State Museum mem-

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bers and \$30 for non-members.

Also coming up at the Limberlost is a presentation about Indiana's underground railroad and its president, Levi Coffin. Indiana State Museum central regional director

and underground railroad expert Joanna Hahn will share stories from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Nov. 8. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Pre-registration is requested by Nov. 5.

### Shows scheduled

Charles W. Brown Planetarium has a variety of shows scheduled for the fall semester.

Shows continue through December.

Upcoming offerings include:

Halloween: Celestial

Origins — The history of Halloween and the locations of celestial figures on the holiday — 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, and Saturday, Oct. 19

Saturn & Beyond — Explore the features of Saturn — 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19

Earth, Moon and Sun — Learn the basics of fusion and solar energy — 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19

Astronomy SLAM! — Ball State students use planetarium visuals to present in the most cre-

ative way they can while competing — 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2

The Universe Update — Hear updates about the James Webb Space Telescope — 6:30 p.m. Fridays, Nov. 8 and 15, and Saturdays, Nov. 9 and 16

Birth of Planet Earth — Learn about Earth's origins — 5 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 9 and 16

### Homestead solutions

Learn how to manage pests in the backyard at an upcoming presentation.

The next session in the Homestead Solution Series at John Jay Center for Learning in Portland, slated for 6 p.m. Thursday, tackles how to deal with wildlife invading your property. Jonathan Ferris will share tips for preventing nuisances and what to do if you encounter them.

The event is a collaboration between John Jay Center for Learning and Purdue Extension Office of Jay County. To reserve a spot, call the extension office at (260) 726-4707.

## Husband chooses to make music with another gal

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I used to play in a band together. He played guitar, and I sang. He now has another female singer in his band, and I can hardly contain my feelings. In the beginning, he was invited into an existing band she was already in, and he accepted. But then, that band broke up and reformed, and he kept the girl in it. He knows how badly I have wanted to sing again. I tried endlessly to resurrect us as a duo or a starter band, but getting him to work with me was like pulling teeth.

I was a singer in my own right before him and since, but he has never been honest with me about why he doesn't want me to perform with him again. This has affected my confidence so much I have virtually given up singing. It kills me that I've relinquished my artistic identity over this. The thing is, he's just a local player — this is not the big time. He had his heyday years ago, and she's just average. They don't have a following or crowds lining up

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to see them.

I have tried to be supportive because he needed the confidence. But I'm like two people — the supportive wife and the manipulative green-eyed monster. To add insult to injury, she's made clear that she doesn't like me by unfriending me on social media. She named the band after herself, and posts provocative pictures of herself in the band all over the internet. I hate feeling like this. I don't like who I am. Do you have any advice? — JEALOUS IN PENNSYLVANIA

**DEAR JEALOUS:** Although the band was your husband's in the beginning, at the end of your letter you state that the vocalist has named the band after herself — which leads me to

believe the band is now hers and he is her employee. The fact that this new band isn't doing particularly well may mean that it won't last much longer. You had a singing career before you met your husband. It may be time to consider resurrecting it and reclaiming your own artistic identity.

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DEAR ABBY: Our daughter was widowed a number of years ago. She's now getting married for the second time. She and her fiancé are financially stable. They both have good jobs and are financing the wedding themselves. They have plenty of furniture and other household items.

My question is, what can we give them as a wedding present, or how can we help them? Would it be appropriate to offer to pay for the wedding cake and champagne for the reception? Any other suggestions would be appreciated. — PARENTS OF THE BRIDE

**DEAR PARENTS:** Why not propose your idea and ask if

your daughter has any other ideas about how you can be helpful. Because she and her fiancé have good jobs and are financing the wedding themselves, consider offering to buy them something for their new home, such as an appliance, or to contribute toward their honeymoon.

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DEAR ABBY: I enjoy my job and have good compensation and benefits. I am lucky to work for a progressive, flexible company. However, the atmosphere in our office is very isolating. My boss is kind and supportive, but overall, I don't feel much support or kindness from my co-workers. Most of them are in their 30s and from upper-middle-class backgrounds. I am not, and I'm in my early 60s.

People in my workplace are very cliquish. They do not invite me into their activities or interactions. If I make a comment, I'm often ignored. I have tried hard to be friendly but don't get much response. I can look people in the eye and

smile, yet most won't say hello unless I do first. This is very depressing. I need advice. — OVERLOOKED IN OREGON

**DEAR OVERLOOKED:** Because the reception you receive from your co-workers is unwelcoming (to say the least), my first suggestion would be that you concentrate more on the positive aspects of your employment — namely the salary and benefits — and less about making friends. Decide how many more years you want to work and ride it out until you plan to retire. My second is simply to seek employment elsewhere if the isolation becomes too much for you, and explain the reason for your departure to your boss during your exit interview.

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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

**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.

**DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY** — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

**CINCINNATUS LEAGUE** — Will hold its next meeting at noon Friday, Oct. 18, at Harmony Café in Portland.

### 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.

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

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

### Sunday

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

### Monday

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

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

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

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

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

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

**PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB** — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each

month at Richards Restaurant.

**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.

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

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

**A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE** — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk.

## Sudoku

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	8	4	3	5		9		

Level: Advanced

### Thursday's Solution

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# Combat torrent of misinformation

By **NIKI KELLY**  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
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Refute tweets. Point out fake photos. Add context. Push back on outright lies.

All in the day of a journalist trying to correct online misinformation. Sometimes it's so prevalent I could spend an entire day trying to rectify mistakes and not get anything else done.

And I am so, so tired.

I would much rather our team dig into real issues — like resources for poor Hoosiers, why some kids can't read, property tax growth, education funding and how we are spending state economic development dollars.

The last 10 days have put me over the edge as I have watched misinformation — and its manipulative cousin, disinformation — about the Hurricane Helene aftermath spread like wildfire.

I can't count the number of people peddling falsehoods, including that those devastated by the storms would receive only

**Niki Kelly**



\$750 and that the Federal Emergency Management Agency didn't have enough money because it had spent it on housing immigrants instead.

CNN explained what really happened: Congress appropriated \$650 million in the 2024 fiscal year to fund a program that helps state and local governments house migrants — and instructed US Customs and Border Protection to transfer that \$650 million to FEMA to administer the program. But this \$650 million pot is entirely distinct from FEMA's disaster relief funds.

And the \$750 is just the immediate payment to help people with critical needs such as food, diapers and shelter. Survivors

can apply for additional assistance, including for home repair assistance in the tens of thousands. Still, the lie has been promoted by conservative politicians using the disaster to attack the Biden Administration.

But it's not just about hurricanes. U.S. Sen. Mike Braun released an ad attacking opponent Jennifer McCormick for her liberal policies. Much of the ad was fair game, until his team digitally altered signs held by Hoosiers at a McCormick rally to say, "No gas stoves!"

McCormick has never said she wants to ban gas stoves, and after backlash Braun removed the alteration from the ad.

Democrats also peddle falsehoods. One such example is President Biden repeatedly saying inflation was at 9% when he took over in 2021 from Donald Trump. It was at 1.4%.

In doing research on the topic of misinformation, I found a study saying both Democrats and Republicans are more likely to permit the spreading of misinformation when it articulates

a "deeper truth" that captures their grievances.

"The study illustrates how both Democrats and Republicans shift their standards to suit their interests. It seems that we all do it," said Zuckerman Sivan, an MIT professor of strategy and entrepreneurship.

For their research, the co-authors recruited American voters to complete six online surveys. Participants were shown statements made by both Republican and Democrat politicians, along with a disclaimer indicating that a third-party fact-checking organization had verified the statement as non-factual.

Voters were then asked whether they thought the statement was based on objective evidence or subjective impressions, whether they thought the overarching statement was true, and whether it was more important for the statement to be based on objective evidence or to send the right message about American priorities.

The researchers produced two key findings:

• Voters cared more about "moral truth" when they were evaluating a politician they liked.

• Voters relied more on strict factuality when evaluating a politician they didn't like.

Both of these findings were slightly stronger for Republican voters, though they also applied to Democrats.

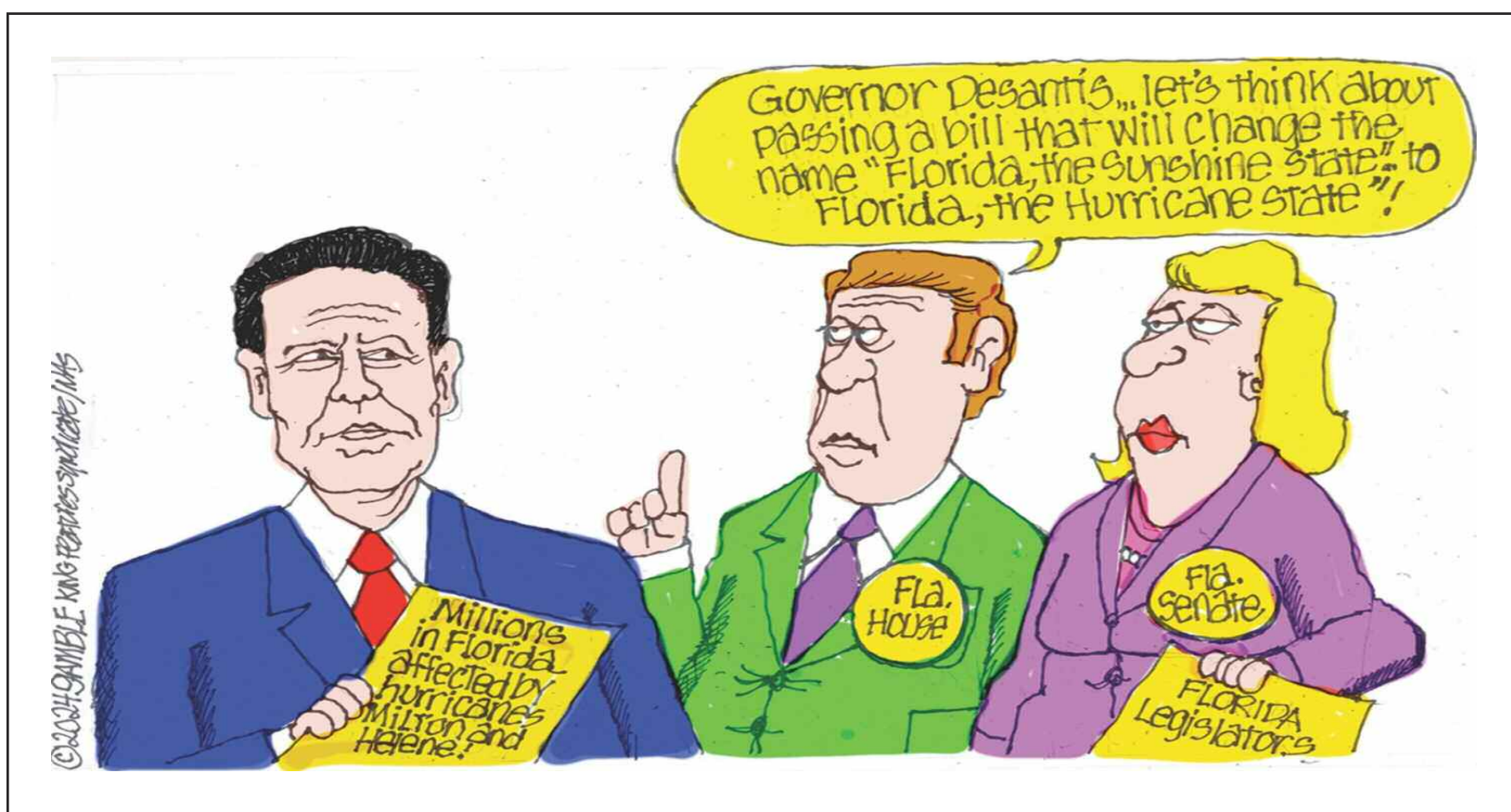
So, as these final weeks unfold in the new world of fake photos and misinformation, please read stories from all sides of an issue before coming to an opinion. Look into the sources of data or photos before you share them. Be skeptical and curious.

Journalists often joke that if your mother tells you something you should "trust, but verify" it. And that should apply to all voters as we prepare to cast our ballots.

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# Address youth mental health challenges

By **TAMI SILVERMAN**

A large share of Indiana's youth grapple with serious mental health challenges.

Nearly half of high school students report experiencing depression, and what were already alarming rates of youth suicide attempts have increased. Behind these numbers are teens struggling in silence, families searching for support and a lack of the resources to meet their critical needs. As mental health concerns reach new levels, it's clear we must act now to protect the future of our children. What is at stake is more than their mental well-being, but their ability to thrive in a world that increasingly feels overwhelming.

For young people, good mental health is critical for developing coping skills, building relationships, and navigating stress. Unfortunately, many Indiana youth face significant mental health challenges that, left unaddressed, may lead to long-term emotional and physical health issues. In addition to depression and suicidal thoughts and attempts, prolonged poor mental health is linked to increased risks for conditions such as heart disease, stroke and diabetes, making access to early intervention and consistent support crucial for long-term wellness.

## Health trends

Recent findings from the 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) reveal the widespread nature of mental health struggles among Indiana high school students. Nearly half (47%) of students reported experiencing

**Tami Silverman**



depression in the past year, a figure nearly identical to the 46.9% reported in 2021. Additionally, one-third of Indiana high school students reported experiencing poor mental health "most of the time or always," an increase from a rate of 30.7% in 2021.

More alarming is the increase in suicidal ideation and behavior. In 2023, nearly 1 in 4 Indiana high school students (23.6%) reported having made a plan to commit suicide, and more than 1 in 6 (15.7%) reported having attempted suicide, marking a rise from the previous year.

## Disparities

Mental health challenges among Indiana youth are not experienced equally across all demographic groups. The 2023 YRBS found that female students are twice as likely to report poor mental health compared to their male peers, a trend also observed in previous years. This gender disparity is concerning, as it points to the unique mental health pressures faced by young women, pressures that are often compounded by societal expectations and experiences of discrimination.

LGBTQ+ students also face disproportionately higher rates

of mental health challenges, suicidal thoughts, and suicide attempts compared to their heterosexual counterparts.

## Barriers to access

One of the biggest challenges to improving youth mental health in Indiana is the persistence of barriers to accessing care. The 2024 Mental Health America (MHA) report found that 2 in 3 (66.4%) Indiana youth who experienced major depression did not receive necessary treatment, an increase of 10.8 percentage points from the previous year.

In 2023, Indiana had one mental health provider for every 500 residents, a modest improvement from the ratio of 530:1 in 2022, but still far behind the national average of 320:1.

These challenges also impact parents and caregivers. The National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH) found that 27.6% of Indiana parents reported difficulty accessing mental health care for their children in 2022, a rate higher than the national average of 24%.

## How to help

Schools and community groups in Indiana have an essential role to play in improving youth mental health access and outcomes. Prioritizing mental health training and capacity-building within these organizations can turn them into key partners in supporting young people's mental health and well-being.

One effective strategy is training staff to recognize the signs of mental health issues, trauma,

and stress in young people. Programs like Youth Mental Health First Aid, offered by the National Council for Mental Wellbeing, equip educators and youth workers with skills needed to identify mental health concerns early on. Another promising approach is implementing peer mentorship programs, where older or more experienced youth mentor younger peers. These programs provide a supportive structure for youth and positive outcomes for both mentors and mentees.

Promoting mental health literacy is another essential step. Youth-serving organizations can incorporate mental health education into their programming, teaching young people how to manage stress, practice self-care and recognize the early signs of mental health issues.

## Internal policies

In addition to training and education, youth-serving organizations should develop clear internal policies to ensure mental health is prioritized. These policies should include access to mental health services, response plans for crises, and protections against bullying, discrimination, and violence. National guidelines, such as those from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), provide a strong foundation for developing these policies.

Collaboration with families and caregivers is also critical. Youth-serving organizations should actively connect families with mental health resources in Indiana, such as the services offered by the Indiana Depart-

ment of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA). These resources include Child Mental Health Wraparound Services and access to crisis hotlines like the 988 Lifeline.

## Finding glimmers

Amid these mental health challenges, a concept known as "glimmers" offers a hopeful perspective. Glimmers are small moments of joy, safety or connection that activate the parasympathetic nervous system, promoting calm and well-being. For young people dealing with stress, anxiety or depression, recognizing and embracing glimmers can provide brief but meaningful respite from distressing thoughts or feelings.

These glimmers serve as the opposite of triggers — while triggers provoke negative emotional responses, glimmers can help individuals feel grounded and connected. Addressing the mental health challenges faced by Indiana's youth requires a coordinated effort from schools, community organizations, families and policymakers. By increasing access to care, promoting mental health literacy, and ensuring that support systems are in place, we can create an environment in which all young people have the opportunity to thrive. Together, we can build a future where every young person in Indiana receives the mental health care and support they need to lead healthy, successful, and fulfilling lives.

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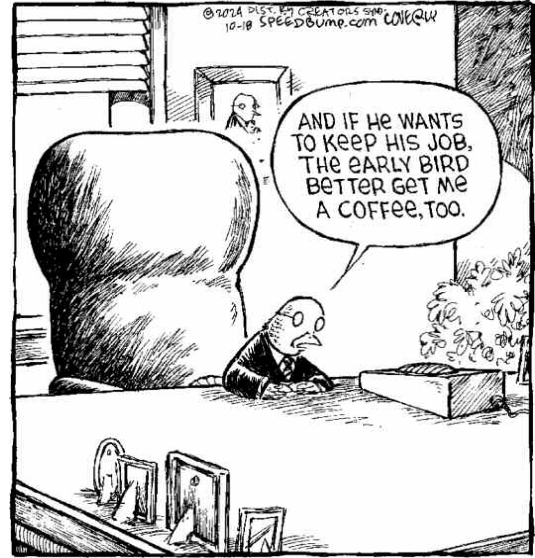
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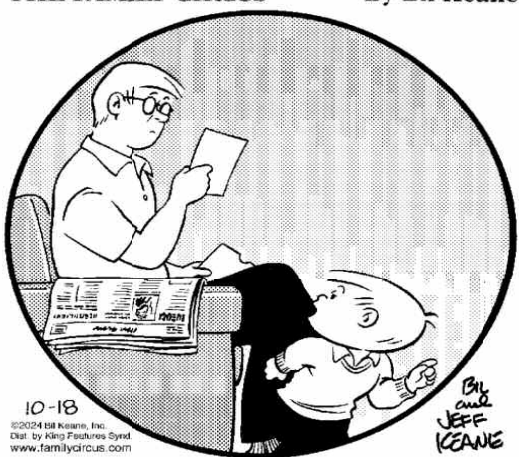
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Brynn Willmann, a sophomore at Fort Recovery, blocks a shot by Yellow Springs' Molly Flanigan during the Indians' 25-11, 25-11, 25-12 sweep on Wednesday. Willmann blocked one of her two shots and had two of her three kills in the first set to help take control of the match against eighth-seeded Yellow Springs.

## Bullying ...

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"We knew they weren't going to be as strong of a team, so we just had to attack at our level," Kennedy Muhlenkamp said. "We feel like we did that today."

The Indians also notched 11 aces in the match. Heitkamp and Kenna Dues led with three each. Two of Dues' aces came during the first set, as Fort Recovery strung together four points to start and pull away. Heitkamp also had two serves find the floor during a key stretch that saw the Indians' lead grow from 19-8 to 24-8 in the third set.

"We've been putting about 25% of our practices into serving lately, because I've been telling the girls, 'If you can take control of the serve and then the serve receive, you're going to win a lot of games this year. It starts right there,'" Guggenbiller said. "I thought they did exactly

*'We're definitely going to use this game as motivation for the next game. We just need to bring the same energy.'*

—FRHS senior Kennedy Muhlenkamp

what (we) needed and they hit the zones that I wanted."

In all three sets, FRHS found a way to string at least seven points together early to take control.

The first set featured eight straight points to build a 15-4 advantage on three various Yellow Springs errors, a Willmann block, a Homan ace and kills from Willmann, Cameron Muhlenkamp and Kennedy Muhlenkamp.

In the second set, the Indians scored eight consecutive times with an ace from Dues, two kills from Kennedy Muhlenkamp and Willmann

and a trio of Bulldog hitting errors to go up 11-2.

The Indians only strung seven kills three more YSHS errors, an ace by Cameron Muhlenkamp and kills from Homan, Niekamp and Kennedy Muhlenkamp to take control at 10-1.

FRHS will look to capture the momentum from Wednesday night as it takes on the 10-12 Panthers in the sectional final Saturday morning.

"We're definitely going to use this game as motivation for the next game," Kennedy Muhlenkamp said. "We just need to bring the same energy."

## Roundup ...

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Ashton Castillo got honored with the top defensive spot on the list. Castillo often marked the opposing team's leading scorer to help protect First-Team goalie Peyton Yowell. The junior goalkeeper notched 110 saves to earn 14 wins on the season, while Castillo and Aryan Montes each had one goal-line save.

Offensively, Levi Muhlenkamp took the top forward spot. The senior found the net 35 times and broke the record for career goals at 82.

Dylan Marentes claimed the top midfielder spot. Marentes scored nine goals and assisted his teammates 19 times. Montes followed as the No. 2 midfielder with two goals and three assists.

Jay County took the top two midfielder spots on the second team as well. Cayden Buckland earned

the first spot and Alan Ortiz was honored with the second.

Blake Collins and Emmitt Reynolds took the first and second forward spots on the second team as well.

### Ten honored

Ten of the Jay County girls soccer team's players received recognition from the ACAC on Wednesday morning.

Four players made the

First Team All-ACAC. Morgan DeHoff led the team offensively with 14 goals and nine assists to earn the top forward position. Out of the midfield, Aixa Lopez scored 13 times and assisted on eight goals for the top spot.

Making 137 saves during the season, Maleah Parsons was named as the First Team's goalkeeper. Also on the defensive side of the ball, Tessa Frazee

made the First Team as the No. 2 defender.

JCHS swept the top spot of each position on the Second Team, with Ariel Beiswenger as the defender, Jayla Huelskamp as the midfielder and London Lloyd as the forward. Raylin Hummer and Jenna Dues also made the second team as the third forward and at-large, respectively.

Raylah Newton was named as an honorable mention.

### Named academic

The Jay County High School boys tennis team received honors as an Academic Team All-State by the Indiana Tennis Coaches Association on Wednesday.

The award is given to teams that have cumulative grade point averages above 3.6 of varsity players, ignoring freshmen.

The Patriots finished with a cumulative GPA of 3.74 to earn the honor.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Football at Heritage — 7 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Football vs. Anna — 7 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Jay County — Volleyball sectional semifinal vs. Connersville at New Castle — 11 a.m.; Cross country sectional at — 10:30 a.m.  
Fort Recovery — Cross Country at district meet at Cedarville University — 10 a.m.; Volleyball sectional final vs. Twin Valley South at Arcanum — 10 a.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
1:30 p.m. — Formula 1: United States Grand Prix (ESPN2)  
5:08 p.m. — MLB NLCS: Los Angeles Dodgers at New York Mets (FS1)

5:30 p.m. — Formula 1: United States Grand Prix (ESPN2)  
6:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Ambetter Health 302 (USA)  
7 p.m. — College football: Florida State at Duke (ESPN2)  
8 p.m. — College football: Oregon at Purdue (FOX)  
8 p.m. — WNBA: New York Liberty at Minnesota Lynx (ESPN)  
8:08 p.m. — MLB ALCS: New York Yankees at Cleveland Guardians (TBS)  
10:15 p.m. — College football: Oklahoma State at BYU (ESPN)  
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**Saturday**  
7:30 a.m. — Premier League soccer: West Ham United at Tottenham Hotspur (USA)  
10 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Brighton & Hove Albion at New Castle United (USA)

12 p.m. — College football: Miami at Louisville (ABC); Nebraska at Indiana (FOX); Wisconsin at Northwestern (BTN); UCLA at Rutgers (FS1); Auburn at Missouri (ESPN); East Carolina at Army (ESPN2)  
12:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Arsenal at AFC Bournemouth (NBC)  
1 p.m. — College football: Villanova at Maine (FOX)  
1 p.m. — NWSL soccer: San Diego Wave at Kansas City Current (CBS)  
3:30 p.m. — College football: Notre Dame at Georgia Tech (ESPN); Alabama at Tennessee (ABC); Michigan at Illinois (CBS)  
4 p.m. — College football: USC at Maryland (FS1); Baylor at Texas Tech (ESPN2); Colorado at Arizona (FOX); Montana State at Portland State (NBC)

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7 p.m. — College football: LSU at Arkansas (ESPN)

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8 p.m. — College football: South Dakota State at North Dakota State (ESPN2)  
8:08 p.m. — MLB ALCS: New York Yankees at Cleveland Guardians (TBS)  
10 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: Colorado Springs at Monterey Bay (CBS)  
10:30 p.m. — College football: TCU at Utah (ESPN)

### Local notes

**Final race**  
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# Bullying the Bulldogs

## Tribe volleyball rolls to sweep of Yellow Springs in sectional opener

By **ANDREW BALKO**  
The Commercial Review

ARCANUM, Ohio — The Indians elected to not take a bye, but rather play an opening round game.

Strong serving, good defense and a balanced attack helped them roll through the Bulldogs. Next, they will look to take the momentum from the opening win into the match with the Panthers.

The third-seeded Fort Recovery High School volleyball team took control early in the OHSAA Division VI Southwest 2 Sectional opener for a 25-11, 25-11, 25-12 sweep of the No. 8 seed Yellow Springs Bulldogs on Wednesday.

The victory earned the Indians (10-13) the opportunity to face the seventh-seeded Twin Valley South Panthers in Saturday's sectional final at 10 a.m. hosted by Arcanum.

"It's always nice getting that first tournament win," said FRHS coach Travis Guggenbiller. "We chose not to have the bye just to get that start right away. Our girls just need that confidence and knowing they can do good in the tournament. So, I'm proud of us today. I thought it was a good win for us."

The win comes after a rough stretch for Fort Recovery, as it dropped seven of the final eight regular season matches. Outside of surrendering the first two points on a pair of errors to the Bulldogs (9-13), the Indians took immediate control and never looked back.

Of the 34 points the Tribe gave up, only 11 came from Yellow Springs kills, two aces and a block. The other 20 points (58.8%) came from errors on the Indians.

"I think maybe we weren't putting enough mustard on the ball," said YSHS coach Phil Renfro. "I think a lot of times, if you're not hitting the ball hard enough it makes it easier to defend. Anytime we got a decent swing on it, they kinda struggled to keep it in front of the three-meter line. ... But, their defense is strong and they knew where the ball was going a lot of times. ... Kudos to their front row. They do a lot of good action out of the middle. I think that's their strong suit."

As part of the defensive effort



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Fort Recovery High School sophomore attacks the ball that hits off the tape during the Indians 25-11, 25-11, 25-12 win over Yellow Springs in the OHSAA Division VI Southwest 2 Sectional opener on Wednesday at Arcanum. Muhlenkamp tied her sister Kennedy Muhlenkamp for a match-high nine kills.

at the net, the Indians blocked three shots. Brynn Willmann led with two, while Kayla Heitkamp and Karlie Niekamp each had an assisted block.

Supporting a strong defensive effort, the Indians got a balanced

offensive attack. Setter Heitkamp effectively distributed the ball around during the match, helping four players get six or more kills.

"She's just smart with her decision making," Guggenbiller said.

"Those things can go unnoticed and aren't always on the stats."

"She's always telling us exactly what to do, where to hit, everything," Kennedy Muhlenkamp said.

The senior, along with her sis-

ter Cameron Muhlenkamp, led FRHS with nine kills. Bridget Homan and Niekamp followed with six apiece. Heitkamp put four balls away herself and Willmann added three kills.

See **Bullying** page 7

## Nine Patriots receive All-ACAC honors

Eleven soccer players take the pitch at the start of a game.

Nine of those players that don the red, blue and white for the Patriots were found worthy of all-conference honors.

The Jay County High School boys soccer team had five players named to the All-Allen County Athletic Conference First Team on Wednesday

### Jay County roundup

morning and four more made the Second Team.

The Patriots (14-2) swept the top spot in each position on the first team and the goalkeeper.

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