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On to the final

Karlie Niekamp (left) of the Fort Recovery High School volleyball team races over to celebrate with Cameron Muhlenkamp after the Indians took down the host Arcanum Trojans 25-17, 25-18, 25-20 in the OHSAA Division VI Southwest 2 district semifinal Wednesday. FRHS will face Miami Valley Christian Academy on Saturday with a trip to the regional on the line. For more on the match, see page 8.

State voting already clears 500,000

By NIKI KELLY Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales said Wednesday there is strong early voter turnout across the state - with more than half a million Hoosiers already casting their ballots. "With Election Day approaching, quickly we're excited to see so many Hoosiers actively participating in the election process," Morales said. "I'm calling on every eligible Hoosier who hasn't voted yet to make their plan to vote and ensure istered voters in Indiana. their voice is heard in

Jay County early voting hours 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday 8 to 3 p.m. Saturday Voting in person early was 1,355,960. The rest were by mail (563,726), fax, email and traveling board.

Early in-person voting

Watson, Monroe running in south district

Candidates share ideas on JCDC, other issues facing county

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review Both candidates want to establish more unity in the community.

Their plans to address the issue differ.

Democrat Blake Watson and Republican Duane Monroe will face off in the race for the Jay County south commissioner district seat Nov. 5.

A 2001 Jay County High School graduate, Watson, 42, received his associate's degree in human services and bachelor's degree in social work from Indiana University East of Richmond. A resident of rural Richland Township, Watson also earned his master's degree in gerontology from University of Indianapolis. He served as curator of Dunkirk Glass Museum for about four years and deputy director of Jay County Visitors and Tourism Bureau for about six years. He has been working for Retter Farms' poultry egg facility in Jefferson Township for the last five years. He's served on various boards, including Indiana University East Alumni Association Board of Directors, IU East Social Work Association Board of Directors, Jay County Visitors and Tourism Bureau Commission, Jay County Chamber of Commerce and Jay County Historical Society. Monroe, 49, graduated from Jay County High School in 1993. The rural Portland resident earned his associate's degree in applied science from Ivy Tech Community College in 2005 and works as a journeyman lineman for Jay County REMC. Monroe served for about 24 years on Jefferson Township Advisory Board and has been on the county's road committee for about a decade. Monroe won the Republican primary for the south district commissioner seat in May, defeating incumbent Brian McGalliard. In the 2020 Republi-can primary, he lost to McGalliard in a three-way race that also included Barb Street. Monroe said he's running for office to make a difference in the community. He pointed to tensions between commissioners and Jay County Development Corporation as one example. "(I'm running to) just build a relationship most-ly," said Monroe. "I feel like it's kind of been broken.' "I just think, in general, everybody working together is the key," he added. Watson said he's running for office to be an advocate for the middle class in Jay County. See District page 2

this important election. before Election Day, it mail, at 158,822. The rest As Hoosiers, we have a responsibility to shape the future of our communities, our state, and our country.'

There are 4,841,433 reg-

at Jay County Courthouse

appears the state will eclipse early voting for 2022

That year, total "absentee" voting reached 713,421. That includes inperson votes cast early, at to allow more voting by With just 11 days left 542,709, and votes cast by mail due to the pandemic.

were by fax, email or traveling board.

In 2020, the total absentee vote was 1,937,200 but that number is higher because rules were eased

is available through Nov. 4. On Election Day, polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. local time.

Hoosiers can check their registration status, find polling locations, and see a sample ballot at IndianaVoters.com.

Voters can also text 'IN' to 45995 to report an issue at a polling site, find information about voting locations/hours, or ask questions about election security.

Turkey strikes in Syria and Iran

Nearly 50 targets hit in retaliatory attacks

By SELCAN HACAOGLU

Bloomberg News Tribune News Service

Turkish airstrikes hit 47 targets in northern Iraq and Syria in retaliation of a deadly attack in the capital that it's blamed on Kurdish militants.

Yerlikaya assailants in Wednesday's attack on state defense three towns near the borfirm Turkish Aerospace der, the people said.

Industries in Ankara were members of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK. Besides the attackers, five people were killed and 22 were wounded in the incident.

Turkish warplanes and drones struck targets in Iraq and Syria overnigh t in an air campaign over an unusually large area. Strikes will likely continue in the near future, officials familiar with the matter said, asking not to be identified because of the sensitivity of the matter.

Targets included dozens of Syrian positions held Interior Minister Ali by the Kurdish YPG, erlikaya said both which Turkey says is ssailants in Wednesday's a PKK affiliate, around

Weather

Jay County had a high tem-perature of 70 degrees Wednesday. The low was 48. Tonight's low will be around 40. Expect mostly sunny skies Saturday with a high in the upper 50s. Sunday's high will be around 60, with lows in the 30s through the weekend. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Coming up

Saturday — Coverage of the JCHS football sectional opener against Bellmont.

Tuesday — Results from Jay County runners at the cross country regional meet.

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



John Brush, 73, Uniondale Details on page 2.

Deaths



Tribune News Service/The Detroit News/Daniel Mears

Tower climb

State Rep. Denise Mentzer and Macomb County executive Mark Hackel rappel down a live burn tower Wednesday at Macomb Community College's Public Service Institute in Clinton Township, Michigan.

Obituaries

John Brush

May 20, 1951-Oct. 19, 2024 John "Jack" Wesley Brush, 73, of Uniondale, Indiana, went to be with the Lord on Oct. 19, 2024, surrounded by the beauty of his

beloved farm. His sudden passing serves as а reminder of life's preciousness and the joy he found in all of God's creation. Born on May 20,



1951, in Hicksville, Brush Ohio, to Lawrence

and Bivere Brush. Jack proudly graduated from Hicksville High School in 1969. He had a deep respect for a job well done, embodying "Jack of all trades" as a badge of honor earned through his relentless work ethic. Jack worked hard to build a life he was proud of.

Jack discovered his passion for horses early on, achieving his dream of owning his own farm

by buying his own land in 1978 with his first wife. Together they had a son, Christopher, and daughter, Lindsay, who joined him on his journey of developing his equine dreams. Jack started training horses as a side job. Over the years, Jack worked in many positions to provide for his family but his passion and joy was always in the horse business. After a downsize at the factory he worked at, he finally decided to chase his dreams and became a full time horse trainer. In 1992, he was able to add an additional twenty-five acres to his farm and he began to build the life he had always dreamed of as he formed Bit by Bit Farms Inc.

His reputation as a gifted trainer spread throughout the community, drawing people in for lessons from miles away. Beginning in his youth, he began training horses in 4-H and would continue on to mentor countless youth, inspiring the next generation of horse lovers. He became a profes-

sional trainer and judge, training many world champions. A walk through his home would show many trophies, buckles, awards, accomplishments and photos showcasing the horses he trained, owned and showed. Jack was a member of many equine associations and clubs, including PtHA, APHA, POA and AWHA, along with many 4-H clubs. With nothing but his name and address, people would turn up from hundreds of miles away to learn from the best. When you saw the big white barn with the green roof, you knew you were at the right place.

Local

Jack first met Dr. Patsy Detamore, the love of his life, in 2002 as he taught her children how to ride and trained their horse. A beautiful friendship developed which evolved to them dating in 2003. They had 21 committed years together, 11 of which were spent as husband and wife. Jack and Patsy continued to build their dreams together to make a Lawrencine Brush.

life they both loved and were proud of. Tending to their garden and his family were chores he was happy to take on. They enjoyed their farm, their children, their grandchildren, their animals and, most importantly, each other.

Jack attended the First Baptist Church in Ossian, Indiana. A good husband, father, grandfather, friend, neighbor and mentor, he was full of knowledge and always willing to lend a hand or advice.

Jack always said he would stop working when he was dead, but those who love him know he is just getting started on his to-do list in heaven. Known for his quick wit, he always had a joke ready, reminding everyone to find joy even amidst life's challenges.

Jack is preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Bivere Brush; brother Mancil Brush; and sisters, Garcille Pieper and

Loving survivors include his wife and soulmate, Dr. Patsy Detamore-Brush; children, Lindsay Brush and Christopher Brush; Patsy's children, Benjamin Detamore, Sharon Detamore, Samuel Detamore and Rachel Detamore; three grandchildren, Nicholas John Brush, Matthew Lawrence Brush and Olivia Grace Brush; step-grandchildren Anthony Detamore, who lived with his grandparents for three years, and his 3 siblings; nieces Kim Carson, Cathleen Quezada and Stephanie Brush; and one nephew, Carl Pieper.

In honor of Jack's wishes, a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Those wishing to make a memorial contribution in Jack's honor may give to the Wells County 4-H association.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren, Indiana.

CR almanac							
Saturday 10/27	Sunday 10/28	Monday 10/29	Tuesday 10/30	Wednesday 10/31			
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60/31	60/36	69/55	78/60	78/60			
Skies will be sunny with a high of 60.	The high will be 60 again under sunny skies.	Expect mostly sunny skies with the high climbing to near 70. The low will be in the mid 50s.	weather with the high	Expect a high of 78 under mostly sunny skies.			

Lotteries

Powerball

2-15-27-29-39 Power Ball: 20 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

Daily Four: 8-7-5-5 Quick Draw: 7-12-13-14-18-29-34-35-41-43-44-49-56-57-58-60-62-63-74-78 Cash 5: 2-12-13-14-27 Estimated jackpot:

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$229 million

Hoosier

Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 8-1-9 Daily Four: 2-0-6-7 Quick Draw: 3-4-12-20-24-28-33-34-50-51-55-56-58-61-71-72-73-74-76-78 Evening Daily Three: 8-8-4

\$238,000 Ohio Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 7-5-0 Pick 4: 4-7-3-0

Pick 5: 8-6-9-1-6

Evening

25 - 37

\$130,000

ADM

Montpelier

Heartland

St. Anthony

Pick 3: 6-6-4

Estimated

Pick 4: 49-2-9-7

Pick 5: 3-4-5-1-5

Rolling Cash: 16-18-20-

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Nov. corn3.77

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Nov. beans9.60

Wheat5.20

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Wheat5.11

jackpot:

for," said Monroe. "I'm going to support it ... they need to have a relationship, they need to work together. It obviously hasn't been working together.

After listening to folks while campaigning, Watson voiced some concerns from others about JCDC's operations, specifically its board of direc-

"I think we need to hit the reset button," he said.

onroe noted recent news

ing into cost-saving efforts for addressing damaged bridges and pointed to those repairs or replacements as a priority.

"If there is money out there, then that's probably what we need to work on first, in my opinion," he said. "And honestly, I feel like that's what the county is for, is to maintain what we have and not try to make something that we don't (have).'

Watson shared plans to make sure police are properly funded and contribute toward community safety and drug addiction rehabilitation initiatives. He shared his support for Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition.

"As county commissioner, I definitely look forward to working with those folks too, you know, to turn the tide of all the issues surrounding addiction in Jay County, and that's a part of moving this whole communi-ty and county forward," he said.

Watson would like to restructure how commissioners appoint representatives to boards, suggesting they advertise open positions to find a candidate and get the community involved. He would also like to propose moving commissioners' meetings to a more convenient time for the public to be able to attend.

Monroe questioned the county's ability to pay for ongoing developments with building infrastructure for housing — an estimated \$25.5 million project — on the county's 68acres on the west edge of Portland.

We can't afford a \$1.1 million bridge," he said. "How can we afford \$25 million?"

He noted there is a need for housing in the community but again VOICEC Jay County Highway Department desire for the county to prioritize maintaining its assets first. Watson talked about a need to bring more residents into Jay County to expand the tax base. He believes most in it."

folks in Jay County want to see the 68 acres developed but pointed to other potential housing projects across the community. Referencing his platform, he advocated for equity regarding additional housing measures.

"We can't just focus on one area in Jay County, there has to be a balance throughout the entire county as far as economic development, includes housing," he said. which

Discussing county council's choice in September to not allocate economic development income tax (EDIT) funding in commissioners' 2025 budget, Monroe expressed support. (Funding will still be available, but must be requested via additional appropriations.)

"I was glad because I would like to be held accountable for my decisions on any kind of money making decisions," Monroe said. "If I got an idea to do something, I would want them to be on board with it anyway."

Monroe wants a chance as a commissioner to give it his best effort.

"Whatever I do, I try to be the best at that task," Monroe said. "With that being said, I'm going to do my best, and I'm a community people type person anyway, so, and I love Jay County. I've lived here my whole life, I don't want to see anything per se change, but I do want to see things change.'

For Watson, his campaign for the seat comes down to bringing a new voice to the table.

"I know there's a lot of people hurting out there financially, and, you know, having issues such as housing, addiction, raising (grandchildren), he said. "I want to bring governance to Jay County that reflects the people's issues and is responsible also on how, you know, I would go about decision-making involving issues surrounding the county and the people

District

Continued from page 1 "I'm running for the single mother, the single father, the factory worker in Jay County, the small family farmer," he said. "I want to be a voice for those folks, you know, a positive voice to move this community forward."

Watson's goals include establishing a better grasp on democracy and equity within the community.

He noted that, if elected, he'll work in a bipartisan fashion with other commissioners, pointing out he would be the minority party in the group.

"To me, democracy in Jay County is on life support," he said. "Checks and balances (are) so important. It's pivotal that we have two healthy parties that are able to be engaged and compete, you know, at the national, county and local level."

Addressing ongoing talks between JCDC and the county, Monroe noted he's supportive of a working relationship moving forward. He added that he believes he was chosen as the Republican candidate partially because of his stance on the issue.

"I'm for JCDC and what it stands

tors and decisions it has made.

Markets

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Today in history

In 1415, King Henry V led the English army to victory over French forces at the Battle of Agincourt during the Hundred Years' War.

In 1940, basketball In 2021, Dunkirk coach Bob Knight was City Council approved born in Massillon, Ohio. He coached Indiana University to national championships in 1976, 1981 lifeguard stations and and 1987 and was grates for the city pool. inducted into the Bas-

ketball Hall of Fame in 1991.

In 1964, the Rolling Stones made their first appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show.

the use of \$84,647.30 in American Rescue Plan Act funds to purchase and install a new liner, —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today

8 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission, Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Monday

3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District Board, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.

5 p.m. — Jay School General Shanks, 414 E. N. Washington St.

Floral Ave., Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners, audito-Community rium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Tuesday

6 p.m. – Redkey Town Council special meeting, park cabin, 50 Mooney St. 7 p.m. – Pennville Town Council public hearing and meeting, Board special meeting, Pennville Town Hall, 105

M about the county's aging timber bridges. (Portions of two county roads are currently closed because of unsafe bridges.) He talked about look-

SERVICES

Friday

Saturday

Mary Help of Christians

Catholic Church, 403 Sharps-

Oct. 29

Waters Funeral Home, 501 W. Washington St., Hartford City.

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Pendleton, John: 2 p.m.,

burg Road, Fort Recovery.

Bechtol, Kimo: 10:30 a.m.,

Antioch Cemetery, Portland.

Stephen, Lonnie: 10 a.m.,

Felony courts **Residential entry** A Tennessee man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to residen-Do you have questions about your tial entry in Jay Superior medications or your disease process? Do you need your blood pressure or blood sugar checked? Trevin W. Miller, 34, 433 Dockery Branch Road, Sevierville, pleaded guilty to residential entry, a Level 6 felony, and admitted to be a habitual offender. He was sentenced to 1,460 days in Indiana Department of Correction FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 2024, 9-11 AM — his sentence was dou-INSIDE THE JOHN JAY CENTER bled because of the habitual offender enhancement BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE JAY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – and given 130 days credit for time served. Miller Ø **Completely FREE!** was assessed \$189 in court Public Health



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Applications may be picked up at the Redkey Town Hall.

Applications must be turned in before October 25, 2024.

Family

Mom kept at distance

DEAR ABBY: I'm the mom of an 18-year-old daughter, "Leia." We have always tried to keep the lines of communication open with our children, and we have what I think is a strong, positive familial bond.

My best friend recently informed me that Leia has an Instagram account that's publicly accessible. I can't find her account when I search, which means she has me blocked. The account was created three years ago when she was a minor. I'm not happy with this. When asked back then, Leia told us repeatedly she didn't have an Instagram account — but I always suspected she did, as most young people her age are engaged in social media.

I would like Leia to unblock me so I can see her beautiful pictures. I'm not a harsh critic or negative person, though Leia often interprets my comments that way. I think she has blocked me because she considers any observations or comments I might make to be parental surveillance. I've told her, repeatedly, that I'm not trying to keep tabs on her.

We have always given our kids what we think is a high level of personal freedom. I just want to see the beautiful images she posts. How do I gently bring this up to her, and ask her to allow me to see her account?



BLOCKED IN NEW YORK

DEAR BLOCKED: I don't advise you to ask your now-adult daughter to unblock you from her social media. You stated that Leia often interprets your comments and observations as critical and invasive, which may be the reason she blocked you in the first place. Because you long to see her "beautiful pictures," ask your good friend to show them to you on her computer or her cellphone. That way your curiosity will be assuaged, and Leia won't feel invaded.

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DEAR ABBY: I was in a relationship with "Marvin" for 30 years, many of them as a married couple. He has many vices — drinking and being abusive were the main issues.

Our divorce was final two months ago. Marvin's behavior was so poor that if I had told anyone, they would have lost respect for him, and he would have most certainly lost his job. So, I kept his secrets at my own expense. If I had shared what was actually going on, Marvin would have faced the consequences. It was isolating and lonely.

I have been hiding this shame for so long that, now that we are divorced, I'm not sure what to tell people. I want to tell the truth about what I experienced, but I don't want it to seem like I am just badmouthing my ex. How can I open up without seeming bitter? - HELD BACK IN WASHINGTON

DEAR HELD BACK: It's time to speak frankly to someone. The office of a licensed therapist would be a good place to start. Your doctor or your health insurance company can refer you to someone qualified.

If you want to ensure that you won't be regarded as a "bitter divorcee," confide in your closest friends. When you do, explain that you know you should have spoken up sooner, but you were afraid that if you did, Marvin would lose his job, which would have had a negative impact on both of you.

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 Dear-Abby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Jay County library hosts spooky events

Jay County Public Library has a few spooky events coming up next week.

Adult horror lovers have the opportunity to enjoy a double feature film and dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the library. Fearful Films Cinema includes a Halloween-themed meal along with showings of "The Creature from the Black Lagoon" and "Dracula" from 1931. Make reservations by calling or visiting the library.

Ghouls are taking over the community room from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday. Visitors to the library may take a self-directed tour through creepy estate rooms. The walk-through experience doesn't include actors or jump scares, but it is recommended for ages 8 and up. Children ages 12 and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Also on Halloween, the library will give out books, bookmarks and candy to trick-or-treaters from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday.

After School Art Club

Another After School Art Club night is coming up in a few weeks.

Jay County Campus of Arts Place will be offering Thanksgiving fabric scrap wreath crafting sessions from 4 to 5 p.m. Nov. 6 for third and fourth graders and from 4 to 5 p.m. Nov. 13 for fifth and sixth graders. Pre-registration is required, and the cost is \$5 to reserve a spot.

Also, the club will offer selfportrait ornament crafting sessions from 4 to 5 p.m. Dec. 4 for third and fourth graders and from 4 to 5 p.m. Dec. 11 for fifth and sixth graders. To learn and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. more, visit Arts Place in Port- Admission is free.

land, call (260) 726-4809 or email visualarts@myartsplace.org.

Museum hosting

Taking

Note

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

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

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

The museum is located at 2021 W. Riverside Ave., Muncie, in the BSU fine arts building.

It is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in space is available. To sub- For more information, more information or to mit an item, news@thecr.com.

Today

RECOVERY PAST SERVICES — Peer Addic- meet at 7 a.m. for breaktion Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County played from 9 a.m. to Drug Prevention Coali- noon each Monday at Jay tion office at 100 N. Community Center. Meridian St., Portland.

289 S. 200 West, Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Mon-Community Calendar as Come early for a meal. email call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAK-FAST OPTIMISTS — Will fast at Richards Restaurant. PING PONG — Will be

EUCHRE — Will be For more information, played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk. TAKE OFF POUNDS MOUS — Will meet at 10 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 ANNA'S HOPE — A faith- CENTER — Free pregbased recovery group for nancy testing with ongoing support during and will meet from 5 to 6:30 after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. lowship Baptist Church, Meridian St., Portland.

day through Friday. For schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walkins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COM-MUNITY 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 ANONY-MOUS — 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.

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

A BETTER LIFE – BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for



call (260) 251-3259.

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYa.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 - BRIall kinds of addictions, p.m. each Sunday at Fel-

Sudoku								
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Thursday's Solution

Level: Advanced

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

11	Thursday's Solution							
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Tuesday

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOV-ERY 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 the east room of Richards Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

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

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

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORN-ING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in 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.

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Opinion

Preserve programs, protect families

By T.G. TURNER

OtherWords

When I was a kid, I had no idea we were low-income. My single mom had a decent job as a regional rail conductor, and she'd sometimes take me to the movies or on vacations.

But she had trouble finding child care — the cost was simply too high, especially because she had to go to work so early in the morning. In the end, my mom had no choice but to take me to work with her.

As a kid, I enjoyed it. It seemed normal and fun to me — until I was the one with bills to pay.

Even working multiple jobs, our household income isn't enough to make ends meet for my four kids and me now. I remember once, when we couldn't pay the electric bill and the lights went out, I told my kids we were "camping in the dark," trying to make it feel like an adventure.

There are millions more like



of affordable housing, and the federal minimum wage isn't enough for a full-time worker to afford a market-rate two-bedroom apartment anywhere in the country.

I've been fortunate to have help buying food for my family through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Though it keeps my kids from going hungry, it's not enough and my children have various disorders that require special diets, which are unaffordable with the modest SNAP benefits we receive.

Housing and health are further us. There's a nationwide shortage barriers to thriving. Due to toxic because shelters wouldn't keep

conditions in our low-quality families together, we had to get a jobs — benefit all of us. These rental apartment, my youngest has lead poisoning and lives with life-threatening seizures — he had his first at just nine months old.

Since then, all my children have been diagnosed with a seizure disorder and asthma conditions that have deeply impacted our day-to-day lives. Managing their health has required constant attention, but it's taught me the importance of being vigilant and resilient in the face of adversity.

Which is good, because we've had no shortage of that.

We were on the waitlist for a safer Section 8 apartment, but the wait became longer and longer. Eventually, I learned that the housing office had made a clerical error in my street address and sent my acceptance letter to the wrong address — and I lost my place on the list.

So we became homeless — and

room in a hotel that didn't have air conditioning and didn't allow cooking. People who've never experienced this kind of hardship don't know the obstacles we face, even as we work hard and try everything in our power to do our best for our kids.

These obstacles are political choices about how we as a nation invest our tax dollars.

Programs like SNAP benefit not only families but also society as a whole. The SNAP program acts as a stabilizer on a wobbly economy during a downturn because it puts money in people's pockets to buy more food, generating income for agriculture industries and creating more jobs. A few years ago, its economic multiplier effect was gauged at producing \$1.54 billion for every \$1 billion invested.

The solutions to poverty such as more robust investment in programs like SNAP, affordable housing, and well-paying for Policy Studies.

are the common sense solutions, the rising tides that lift all boats. Giveaways to the uber-wealthy and corporations don't.

We need to use our voice and our vote — to make sure people who represent the interests of families, children, workers, and a more equitable economy are the ones making decisions about where to put our hardearned tax dollars.

When we all do better, we all do better. Life may throw you curveballs or put mountains in your way. Often, it's out of our control. But making common sense investments in what's best for all of us is something we can control — at the ballot box. Vote.

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It's time to pass a federal shield law

Las Vegas Review-Journal Tribune News Service

Forty-nine states, including Nevada, have enacted some version of a "shield law," preventing the gov-ernment from forcing reporters to reveal their notes or sources. It's well past time that the folks inside the Beltway followed suit.

Shield law protections give life to the First Amendment. If the government can compel reporters, editors and other members of the media to divulge confidential sources or research files, this will effectively discourage whistleblowers and others from coming forward, undermining the ability of the press to hold public officials accountable for questionable or even illegal acts.

Allowing the govern-ment to do an end-run around the Bill of Rights is anathema to a free and healthy democratic republic.

"For the press to be truly free, as the First Amendment guarantees," said Tim Wheeler, who chairs the Society of Environmental Journalists Freedom of Information Task Force, 'iournalists need to be able

Guest **Editorial**

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support from a bipartisan coalition — and time for action is running out on the current Congress.

The Hill reports that Sen. Tom Cotton, an Oklahoma Republican, has helped block the proposal by opposing a unanimous consent vote. He has previously voiced concerns about the PRESS Act leading to "a floodgate of leaks damaging to law enforcement and our nation's security." Other observers believe Sen. Cotton's intransigence is the result of a general animosity toward left-leaning journalists. Neither objection passes muster. The legislation is ideologically neutral, protecting reporters and editors regardless of their politics. As for compromising law enforcement or national security, that's absurd. A greater danger would be to erode the very freedoms that protect American citizens from the perils of government overreach while shielding the state from scrutiny. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, who has supported the bill, should make it a priority as the session winds down, even if that means less time for other Democratic priorities. We trust it will pass overwhelmingly, with Nevada's two senators, Jacky Rosen and Catherine Cortez Masto, on board. Congress has fiddled for long enough on this impor-



Battle remains at our heart

By DAVE ANDERSON The Fulcrum

Tribune News Service

It is useful to think about the presidential election with a framework that emphasizes the old tension between isolationism and interventionism.

In many ways, the Republicans represent the isolationist camp, and the Democrats represent the interventionist camp. Of course, the exact words that are used to label the camps will not be satisfactory to everyone: right vs. left, libertarian vs. progressive, individualist vs. communitarian. Yet the old isolationist/interventionist theme has divided the nation for nearly 250 years. Since its founding, America has struggled with the desire among some to be isolated from the rest of the world and the desire among others to be integrated with the rest of the world. We were, in the early years of the republic, quite isolated from the rest of the world by virtue of our geographic location. The colonists left the Old World to get away from it and were determined, and the revolutionaries among them wanted to create a new kind of country. Both world wars brought into sharp focus our pull toward isolationism because the public did not want to be engaged in European conflicts. We entered World War I in 1917 and World War II in late 1941, and in each case our presidents, Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt, had to work for years to prepare Congress and the people themselves for U.S. involvement in overseas wars. Our tension between isolationism and intervening to make the world safe for democracy is quite evident today, since we struggle over what America should do regarding Russia and Ukraine, Israel and the Palestinians, Iran, China, North Korea and NATO.



which favor free markets, modest

say the least. While conservatives generally are in favor of less intervention in the economy when it comes to providing equal opportunity for all, they tend to be interven-tionist when it comes to various social issues, including their belief that the government should intervene in women's reproductive rights.

The overall tension typically relies

to safeguard the confidentiality of sources whose information helps hold government to account.'

There are few elected officials in our nation's capital who would publicly offer an opposing viewpoint. Yet Congress for decades has been unable to muster the will to pass a shield law, enshrining these vital First Amendment protections at the federal level. That must change.

This year has brought encouraging developments. In July, the House passed the PRESS Act without a dissenting vote. One of the bill's sponsors, Rep. Jamie Raskin, a Democrat from Maryland, explained to Quill, a publication from the Society of Professional Journalists, that the legislation "is an attempt to draw a line around journalists to protect their work and their information from government intrusion and harassment. There are exceptions in the legislation for cases of terrorism and threats of imminent violence and harm, but absent that, the PRESS Act protects journalistic privilege.'

Unfortunately, the measure has since stalled in the tant legislation. The time to Senate despite enjoying act is now.

A second tension is between con-

forms of regulation and minimum forms of redistribution of wealth and income — and versions of a mixed economy and social democracy that rely on major forms of government intervention into the private sector.

Progressives and liberals in the United States, ranging from President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris to Sens. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., and Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., stand for a strong interventionist government regarding both domestic and foreign policy. Conservative politicians ranging from former President Donald Trump to Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark. President Donald Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., favor an America that, though it should defend countries like Israel, should not get too involved in the affairs of most countries and should be minimally interventionist in economic policy as well.

Government, for the conservatives and Trumpians, is not designed to implement major economic or social programs. It is, however, interventionist when it comes to protecting individuals from intrusions by the government, notably regulation of guns and programs that would, in their view, violate the basic gender or sexual identity of a person, especially young people. At its most extreme, some MAGA supporters support a strongman leader who would psychologically and physically force opponents to conform.

The battle between isolationism servative versions of capitalism — and interventionism is confusing to *sional seat in 2016.*

on two different models of citizenship. The isolationist camp favors a view of persons as independent from each other with capacities to be selfdetermining beings. The interventionist camp favors a view of persons as fundamentally social beings, who, though they are capable of being self-determining, must rely on a strong interventionist federal government for the means — ranging from food and housing to information technology and health care — to realize their potential.

The debate will certainly not be solved soon and certainly will continue well beyond this election. It would be helpful if the media brought this historic tension to the fore. Hitting the public, especially in debates, with policy contrasts one after another is useful but also exhausting for citizens. The battle needs to be elevated to a more illuminating level.

However, there is one component of the isolation-vs.-intervention theme that is not debatable: No one should intervene in the rule of law or free and fair elections. Any candidate who suggests otherwise imperils our democratic republic and should not be trusted with our sacred vote.

We all should be partisan about only one thing: democracy.

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Agriculture

Purdue, FDA join in safety study

Study is focused on salmonella prevalence, persistence

By STEVE KOPPES Purdue Ag News

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – Purdue University and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration have embarked on a multiyear study of salmonella prevalence and persistence focused on the cantaloupe-growing region of southwest Indiana. Growers in the region are assisting with the statewide study to extend their decades-long focus on food safety.

The study also includes a farm in central Indiana, four Purdueoperated farms in northwest Indiana's Tippecanoe County, and the Southwest Purdue Ag Center near Vincennes. Researchers are sampling air, soil, water and animal scat while also taking weather data to better understand what environmental conditions may encourage the survival, growth and spread of pathogens. They are even considering the possible role of bee pollination in the process.

In recent years, similar studies have been conducted following outbreaks linked to produce in Arizona, California and Florida and earlier outbreaks traced to the Delmarva Peninsula of Delaware, Maryland and Virginia.



Purdue Ag News/Tom Campbell

Food science student researchers, from left, Amanda Dziedzic, Hannah Conklin and Melissa Suarez cut down a piece of cloth placed near a chicken lot on a local farm. The cloth will be evaluated in the lab to see if airborne Salmonella is coming off the chicken lot.

Indiana's cantaloupe production ranked sixth in U.S. as of 2018, according to the most recently available data collected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. That year, Indiana growers planted 1,800 acres of cantaloupe with a production value of \$8.6 million. "The growers want to partici-

pate in this study because of their commitment to do everything they can to keep their produce as safe as possible," said Amanda Deering, associate professor of fresh food produce safety. Deering leads Purdue's part in the study

Extension food safety educator at the Purdue Extension Food Safety Training Hub near Vincennes. Purdue's Food Entrepreneurship and Manufacturing Institute students are also helping with the research at Purdue's Animal Sciences Research and Education Center, Student Farm and the Throckmorton Purdue Agricultural Center, which includes Meigs Farm.

The new study focuses on how pathogens move in the environment and may contaminate produce before harvest. Contamina-

with Scott Monroe, Purdue tion can also arise during transportation or at the retail outlet. Most people handle several cantaloupes before making their selection, transferring whatever was on their hands to the produce, Deering noted. "Do you ever take the first cantaloupe you touch out of the bin? Probably not," she said.

Indiana cantaloupe growers have a history of tapping the expertise of Deering, Monroe and other specialists from the Safe Produce Indiana team in Purdue Extension, who work closely with the Indiana State Department of

Agriculture and the Indiana Department of Health to address food safety issues in Indiana.

Last year Deering's team tested various cantaloupe sanitizers in her lab with human pathogens. Indiana growers wash their produce in sanitizer before sending it to a packing house. Deering's team found that a combination of sanitizers worked better than what the growers had been using.

'I gave them the data, and they all switched to the new sanitizer treatment," she said. "It's their livelihood, so they take it seriouslv.'

Corn, soy are straining storage capacity

Fast Company Magazine

U.S. farmers are harvesttwo of the ing largest corn and soybean crops in history at the fastest pace in years, straining their physical capabilities and their grain storage capacity.

The massive influx of crops is testing growers who are already grappling with grain prices near four-year lows, stiff competition for global export sales and farm incomes that are down 23% from a record high just two years

Futures are signaling farmers should continue to hold on to grain

harvests and forcing grain combines to keep rolling. handlers in some areas to As a result, farmers harstore corn outside, rather vested 47% of the counthan in storage bins.

try's second biggest corn "It has been fast and crop in history by Oct. 13,

drought limited production.

Jeff O'Connor, who grows corn and soybeans near Kankakee, Illinois, said his employees only had a couple of half-days off to rest in the past month due to rapid harvesting.

"My people and equipment would like a break, he said.

As soy harvesting winds down, farmers are moving on to corn, which typically yields more than three times as much grain per acre than soybeans. At some Midwest elevators, the flow of corn from the fields has been filling up storage, causing long lines of trucks waiting to dump their loads.

ethanol producer POET is ber corn futures were tradstoring corn on the ground, local farmer Caleb Hamer said, adding that he dumped some of his harvest on a pile that looked like it held 1.5 million bushels.

"We are harvesting a crop too fast for our storage infrastructure. That's the biggest thing," said Chad founder Henderson, of Wisconsin-based Prime

Agricultural Consultants. localized storage squeezes are forcing farmers to consider selling some crops for less than it cost to produce first time in 48 years of them. Yet corn futures prices are signaling they should hold the grain for a few months, if possible. neir loads. On the Chicago Board of come along, which is a very In Shell Rock, Iowa, Trade, benchmark Decem- poor plan," Gibbs said.

ing at a roughly 22-cent discount to the May 2025 contract. That means farmers could earn 22 cents a bushel by selling their corn for deferred delivery in May

Still, growers should not store their harvest without booking any sales and risk a deeper market downturn, CoBank economist Tanner Ehmke said.

Chris Gibbs, who grows Quick harvesting and corn and soybeans in Ohio, said he has not made any advance deals to sell his autumn harvests for the farming. "My marketing plan is to keep my head down and wait for an opportunity to

Many Midwestern farmers still have grain left in storage from 2023, after they refused to sell a

in Ashland, Illinois, said of harvesting.

record corn crop due to low weather across the Corn was 67% complete by Oct. prices. Now, dry weather is Belt this autumn sped up 13, the fastest pace since accelerating this year's crop maturity and enabled 2012, when a major

furious," Brent Johnson, a topping the five-year aver-corn and soybean farmer age of 39%, according to U.S. data.

The harvest of the Weeks of warm and dry record-large soybean crop

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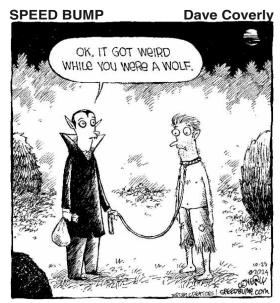
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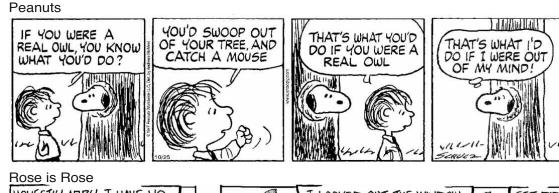
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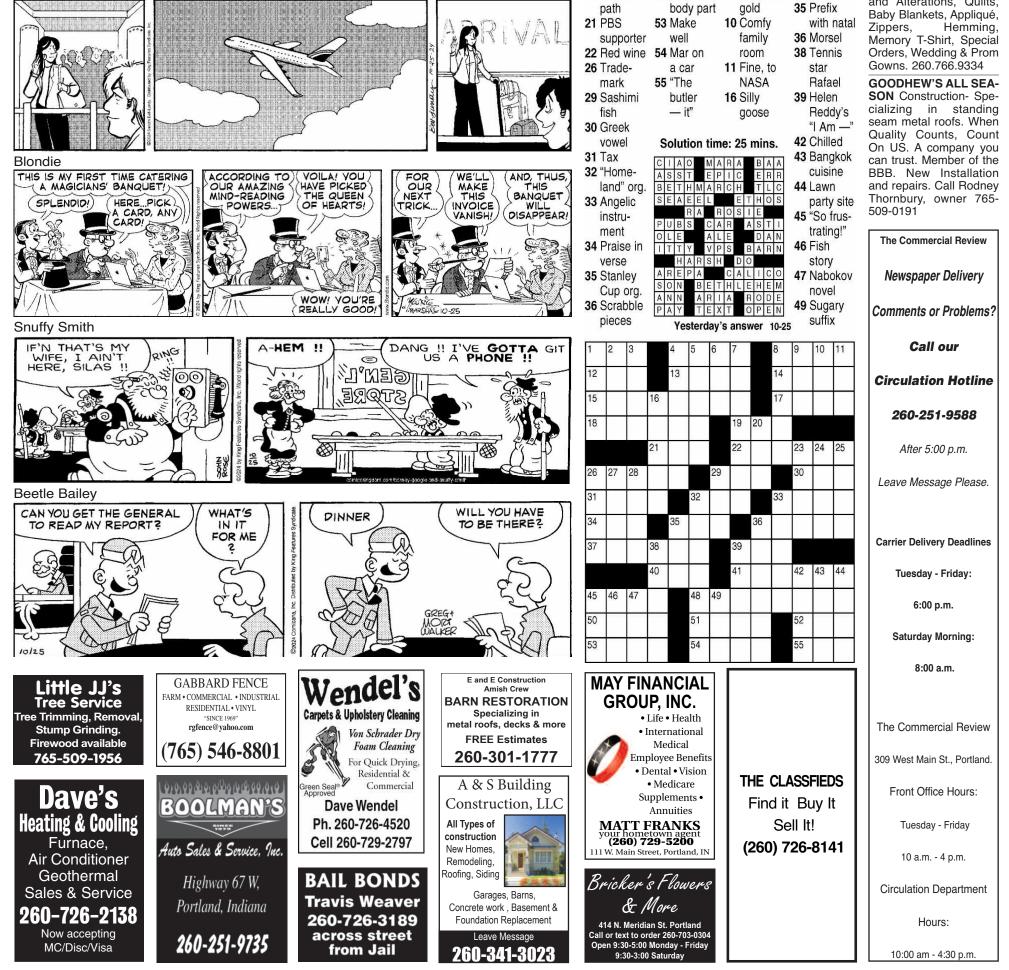




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Between Friends





Bridge By Steve Becker

finesse the ten. This line of play makes it extremely unlikely that the

2. Let's assume that you duck the

diamond queen, and North contin-ues with the six to South's king.

You win with the ace, and the ques tion is whether it is better to use

this one entry to your hand to lead a spade to the queen at trick three or cash the A-K-Q of hearts in the

hope that the opposing hearts are

There is no doubt that, percent-agewise, the better play is to rely on

the spade finesse rather than a 3-3 heart division. In the long run, North will be dealt the king of spades 50% of the time, while the

hearts will divide evenly only 36% of the time, so the spade finesse is

It is only fair to add that in situa-

tions like this, the right play some-times turns out to be wrong, and

slam will fail.

divided 3-3.

clearly superior.

basis. Once you consign four clubs to South and none to North, it fol-lows that North is far more likely to 1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Hearts, and North leads the queen of diamonds. How would you play the hand? West E have more trumps than South. Accordingly, at trick two you should play the ace of hearts, plan-ning to continue with a heart and East

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1. You are You are sure to make the con-tract — even if you lose a trump trick — provided the clubs are divided 2-2 or 3-1, since you can eventually discard your spade loser on dummy's fifth club. The same is true if the clubs are divided 4-0 and North here all four of them since in North has all four of them, since in that case you can overcome his jack with a finesse and thus get home safely

Therefore, the only real danger is that South has the J-9-8-5 of clubs, the wrong play sometimes succeeds. Even so, over the long haul, it is so you should plan the play on that best to go with the odds.

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Topples

Continued from page 8 big match," said AHS coach more three-point runs in the Jacie Holman. "Unfortunately, they just had a lot more energy than we did tonight and I think that was ultimately our downfall. They wanted this game, not that my girls didn't want this game, but we just came out playing flat. Fort Recovery brought the energy and that first set kind of razzled us. It did improve as the sets went on, but that first set did not help us.

FRHS jumped out to a 6-1 lead in the third set before four Indi-

first run over two points in a "We knew it was going to be a row. (The Trojans managed two set, but Fort Recovery matched all of the AHS runs and added an extra stretch of three consecutive points.)

Niekamp and Kennedy Muhlenkamp provided multiple sparks in the third set, each putting down five kills and one block. Kennedy Muhlenkamp's biggest run came as a response to the four-point stretch by the Trojans, as the senior recorded back-to-back kills and added another as part of a 5-1 swing that put FRHS up 11-5. She also an errors gave Arcanum its had the kill for the penultimate

point before an error by Kam- match up really well to them. So ryn Beisner sealed the deal.

Niekamp provided an initial spark with a hard kill, followed by a tip kill for the first two points of the set. Later, with a 15-13 advantage, Niekamp strung together two more kills on a touch and a full swing before blocking a shot with Bridget Homan that acted as a turning point, shifting the momentum in the Indians' favor

"Coming into (the postseason) we knew we had a chance to play them and we were like, 'Yes, we again,'" Arcanum want Niekamp said. "We think we

this week in practice, we've been pushing really hard to prove we've got this. That's what we did, we came out on fire.

"I know what it's like to be the young player out on the court. ... Now Kennedy, Kayla (Heitkamp) and I all feed off each other to help get those sophomores going and they played great."

Niekamp recorded match highs with 10 kills and three blocks. Kennedy Muhlenkamp had nine kills and two blocks while Heitkamp totaled 28 assists, three aces, two kills and Sophomores one block. Cameron Muhlenkamp and Willmann also played key supporting roles with seven kills apiece and three blocks, respectively.

Grace Psczulkoski led the way for Arcanum with seven kills, while Mackenzie Byrne had six.

Standing in the way of the Indians for a regional berth is Miami Valley Christian Academy, champion of the Miami Vallev Conference. FRHS last made the regional in 2020 before losing in the semifinal round to Calvert.

"We get two more days of practice and another game,' Guggenbiller said. "I'm just super proud of them."

Sights

Continued from page 8 But, based on sectional Garringer and times. Thacker are in position to be in contention. They are projected to finish in the upper 20s or lower 30s overall and just outside the top 15 individuals not on the teams that look most likely to qualify. Just a few seconds Saturday could represent the difference between their seasons ending or becoming the first Patriot boys in decades to make the state finals.

In 2023, the first year under the current sectional-regional-state tournament format, the final state qualifier in the boys race from the New Haven regional was Frankton's Hunter Smith (23rd - 16 minutes, 24 seconds). (It was contested at The Plex in Fort Wayne.)

Garringer and Thacker finished back-to-back in the sectional, with the former crossing the line in 16:39.6 and the latter in 16:45.9 for sixth and seventh place.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School's Caleb Garringer (367) races in front of Dash Thacker during the IHSAA sectional meet on Oct 19.

Garringer, who was 126th realistic possibility. in the regional as a freshman a year ago with a time helping your teammates of 17:52.3. He and Thacker out on the course, using have helped each other people,"

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It's been a year of signif- reach the point where the icant improvement for goal of a state berth is a

> "We talked about ... said Wood.

"You're not just passing somebody and letting them go, especially your teammate. If you want to improve and push yourself forward, you can do that even with a competitor. It's like, 'Hey, let's go.' They're just going to push vou faster. If you've got somebody running right beside you, it just pushes it a little bit more.

"I think they're learning to do that on the course a little bit with themselves. They pretty much run shoulder-to-shoulder. They really push each other quite well.

"And it's not like it's super competitive where Dash feels like he has to go beat Caleb. They're just out there competing hard."

Garringer and Thacker are part of an overall youth movement in the program. Six of the 10 Patriots who will compete Saturday are freshmen, including five of the seven on the girls team.

Jay County's girls went from barely being able to

field a full team over the course of the last four seasons to finishing second in the sectional behind Norwell a week after winning the Allen County Athletic Conference championship. The renaissance has come with freshmen Ava May, Abby Fifer, Jessie Homan, Brooklynn Byrum and Lizzy Brunswick joining juniors Alexis Sibray and Paityn Wendel.

"They're pushing us," said Sibray, who finished 112th in the regional meet last season. "We're upperclassmen. They're faster than us. So we have to work way harder to get to where we need to be to be able to help them succeed. ... It's more like they're motivating us to get to where we can be."

The Patriots are projected for a 14th-place finish as they compete in a group that includes No. 2 Concordia and No. 7 Homestead.

May led the girls — it marked the first time this at the sectional by finishing 10th in a career-best time of 20:42.6. Following close behind her, all in career-best times as well, were Homan (13th 20:59.4), Fifer (14th - 21 minutes flat) and Sibray (16th - 21:07.3). Byrum finished in 22:04.5 for 29th place to round out the team score.

Those times are well off the pace it would likely take to earn an individual state berth — the last regional qualifier last season came in at 19:20.5 but the meet is an opportunity for the JCHS youngsters to get a taste of what running at the regional level is like.

"They're young and kind of inexperienced, but man they've come a long way this season with their confidence," said Wood.

Boggs, a junior, is a returning regional qualifier after placing 116th in 2023 at 17:45.4. He claimed the final regional-qualifying spot in Saturday's sectional meet, finishing in 18:09.3 for 34th place.

Sports on tap

Local schedule Todav

TV sports

Jay County - Football sectional opener at Bellmont - 7 p.m.

Fort Recovery Football at Minster – 7 p.m.

Saturday

Jav County - Cross country regional at Hunt ington University – 10:30 a.m. Fort Recovery — Cross country regional at Troy - 10 a.m.; Volleyball district finals vs. Miami Valley Christian Academy at Butler – 6 p.m.

10 p.m. — NBA: Phoenix Suns at Los Angeles Lakers (ESPN) 11 p.m. - College football: Rutgers at USC (FOX)

kees at Los Angeles Dodgers (FOX)

Navy (ABC): Nebraska at Ohio State (FOX): Washington at Indiana (BTN); Oklahoma at Ole Miss (ESPN); Tulane at North Texas (ESPN2)

Baptist Health 200 (FS1) 12:30 p.m. - Premier League: Fulham at

College football: Northwestern 3:30 p.m. at Iowa (BTN); Illinois at Oregon (CBS); Mary-land at Minnesota (FS1); Missouri at Alabama (ABC); BYU at UCF (ESPN); Texas Tech at TCU

Final race

Turkey Trot sign-up open Cooper Farms will be hosting its 17th annua Turkey Trot Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Cooper Farms Turkey Harvesting Plant in St. Henry, Ohio. Participation costs \$15. All proceeds benefit EverHeart Hospice.

The race will begin at 10 a.m. There will be splits at each mile of the 3.1-mile course. There will also be chip timing for participants operated by Speedy Feet.

Water will be provided throughout the race, as well as a to-go turkey meal at the end.

register by visiting can bit.ly/cooperfarmsturkeytrot, or search for "Cooper Farms Turkey Trot 5k" on speedyfeet.com

7:30 p.m. — College basketball exhibition:

8:08 p.m. - MLB World Series: New York Yan-

Toledo at Michigan (ESPN) 8 p.m. — Horse racing: Breeders Crown (FS1)

at Leicester City (USA) 7:30 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at New York 12 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: College football: Louisville at

Everton (NBC)

(FOX)

- College football: Oregon State at Cal (ESPN2) - College football: Florida State at

7 p.m. Miami (ESPN); West Virginia at Arizona (FS1) 7 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at Montreal

Wisconsin (NBC): Michigan State at Michigan (BTN); LSU Texas A&M (ABC) 8 p.m. — College football: Kansas at

Kansas State (ESPN2) 8:08 p.m. - MLB World Series: New York Yankees at Los Angeles Dodgers (FOX)

10 p.m. - NHL: Carolina Hurricanes at Seattle Kraken (CBS)

10:15 p.m. — College football: Cincinnati at Colorado (ESPN)

Local notes

The final race in the Adams County $5\ensuremath{\mathsf{K}}$ Challenge is the Rainbow Lake 5K Run/Walk,

Today 2:30 p.m. — Formula 1: Mexico Grand Prix (ESPN2) 3 p.m. — Premier League: Nottingham Forest

Saturday Premier League: 10 AFC a.m. Bournemouth at Aston Villa (USA) 12 p.m. — College football: Notre Dame at

Canadiens (FDSN Indiana) 7:30 p.m. — College football: Penn State at

will take place on Nov. 26 Preregistration can be adamscounty5kchallenge.com. be

To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@thecr.com.

90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION Located: Bubp Exhibition Hall at the Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 W Votaw St., Portland, IN October 26th, 2024 9:30 A. M. **OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS-COINS-JEWEL-RY-HOUSEHOLD-**TOOLS Dining room table with extra board and 4 chairs; cedar chest; freezer; stove; GOLD & SILVER JEWELRY; 14K men's ring with diamond; 18k ladies ring, several 10K pins; beer steins; McCoy; Fiesta; Fire King: CURRENCY & COINŠ; (26) \$1 silver certificates, 1934A \$5 Silver Certificate; Mercury Dimes, Buffalo Nickels; and others; crocks; Gene Stratton Porter books; Boyd's Bears; Matchbox Cars; old Toys; Toro 5200 snowblower; Ryobi pressure washer and other items not listed. AUCTIONEERS NOTE: This is only a partial listing. Please note that we will be running 2 rings. JON & DONNA OVERMYER, Deceased & JOHN'S FAMILY Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 Travis Theurer AU11200131 Aaron Loy AU11200112 Kayden Khayyata AU12400069



PUBLIC AUCTION Saturday December 7th, 2024 TIME 10:00 A.M. LOCATED: 2119 S US 27 PORTLAND, IN. OPEN HOUSE Sunday Nov. 17th & Sunday Nov. 24th 1-3p.m. or for private showing phone auctioneers. REAL ESTATE 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch home containing 1390 sq. ft. finished living area. Blacktop driveway. GFA with Central air. 19' x 25' attached garage, and an 18' x 24' detached garage. Nicely situated on two lots containing 1.65 acres in a prime location. ANTIQUES-HOUSE-HOLD-LAWN AND GARDEN 12' x 10' portable storage building. Oak pie safe, Kitchen cabinet, (2) Childs rockers, Parlor table, Garden plow, Parry Buggies thermometer, (2) 3 cushion sofas, Kenmore upright freezer, Whee horse 520-H riding mower with 48" cut and snowblower. Craftsman 10" table saw, Porch Swing, 3 hole dog box for pickup truck, Garage and shop tools. Several items not to mention. OWNER: Richard L. Manor Note: Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos. SHAWVER AUCTION-EERING AND REAL

ESTATE AC31800004 AUCTIONEERS Zane Shawver Lic. #AU10500168 260-729-2229 Pete D. Shawver Lic. #AU19700040 260-726-5587

90 SALE CALENDAR PUBLIC AUCTION Saturday November 16th. 2024

TIME 10:00 A.M. LOCATED: 5691 S 600 E (Gas City), Marion, IN LOADER-TRACTORS-**TRUCKS-COMBINES** Case W14 wheel loader with material bucket, Bobcat MT 52 with Kubota diesel and material bucket, Kubota L35 tractor with loader and backhoe, International 1256 tractor with cab, weights, and duals, 1960 Reo Gold Comet Grain truck with 16' bed, International 6 row corn head with cart. FARM EQUIPMENT-MISC. Steiger 9 shank disc

chisel, JD 7000 12 row planter, Great Plains folding drill, International 1190 haybine, New Holland hayliner 68 sq. baler, News idea single axle PTO manure spreader, Cross double chain elevator, Bench with Ammco 1000 break lathe and grinder, Electric golf cart, Large auction, several items not mentioned. OWNER; Max Kirkwood Estate, by Steve Kirkwood Note: Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos. SHAWVER AUCTION-EERING AND REAL ESTATE AC31800004 AUCTIONEERS Zane Shawver Lic. #AU10500168 260-729-2229

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PUBLIC AUCTION Saturday November 23rd, 2024 TIME 10:00 A.M.

90 SALE CALENDAR

LOCATED: 6160 E 100 Ν Portland, IN

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upright freezer, Howard Miller grandfather clock, Barcalounger lift chair (new), Leather loveseat with matching chair

(new), Electric guitar, Line amp., 3pt post hole auger, Roll-away tool box, Portable air compressor.

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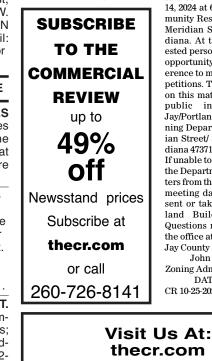
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dinance. A public hearing will be held by said Commission on November 14, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Community Resource Center, 118 S Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana. At that time, all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard in reference to matters set out in the petitions. The petition and file on this matter is available for public inspection at the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department, 118 S Meridian Street/ Ste E, Portland, Indiana 47371.

If unable to attend the meeting, the Department will accept letters from the public prior to the meeting date. Letters may be sent or taken to the Jay/Portland Building Department. Questions may be directed to the office at 260-726-6904. Jay County Plan Commission John Hemmelgarn Zoning Administrator/Director DATE: 10/22/2024 CR 10-25-2024 -HSPAXLP

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Tribe topples Trojans Indians sweep top-seeded Arcanum in district opener

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review

ARCANUM, Ohio — The Trojans took the first two. The Indians stormed back to tie the match up. In the end, the Trojans came away with the win.

That's how the regular season matchup went the Trojans hosted the Indians.

When the Indians made a return visit in the playoffs, there were immediate concerns when the first serve of the match by Grace Fry ricocheted off of Trinity Rammel for the first point. But the Indians took over from there, never giving up more than two consecutive points in the first two sets and getting lifts from their seniors to power the third.

The third-seeded Fort Recovery High School volleyball team swept the No. 1 seeded host Arcanum Trojans 25-17, 25-18, 25-20 in the OHSAA Division VI Southwest 2 District semifinal on Wednesday.

The victory earns the Indians (12-13) a match with the topseeded Miami Valley Christian Academy Lions (20-5) at 8 p.m. on Saturday at Butler in Vandalia, Ohio.

"The atmosphere was amaz-ing today," said FRHS coach Travis Guggenbiller. "My bench, the crowd was fantastic, but my seniors made damn sure that this game was going to be won by us. It's just nice to see that this season.'

Fort Recovery saw the Trojans early in the regular season, dropping the match 25-23, 25-17, 14-25, 16-25, 15-11 on Aug. 31.

The Indians dropped the first point Wednesday, but immediately took control by taking nine of the next 11 points. They scored on three Arcanum (19-4) errors, two Kenna Dues aces off of Trojan libero Cameron Garbig and kills from Karlie Niekamp, Cameron Muh-lenkamp, Bridget Homan and Kennedy Muhlenkamp.

"Our mindset, that was a big difference," Guggenbiller said. one going to stop you. You are in "We came ready to play today. control of your destiny." Those in the second set, but strung and Kennedy Muhlenkamp and We weren't going o let a ball touch the ground. We knew we set." were the better team and were trying to prove something here.



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Kayla Heitkamp, a senior on the Fort Recovery High School volleyball team, takes a rare swing at the ball during the Division VI Southwest 2 district semifinal at Arcanum on Wednesday. The setter had three aces and 28 assists in the sweep.

girls just came with that mind-three points together twice — a third ace from Dues to close first time came on a kills from the set — while never allowing Kennedy Muhlenkamp and Arcanum to more than two con-Brvnn Willmann and a block secutive points in the first or second sets.

Sights set on state

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review During his freshman season, Caleb Garringer's trip to the regional meet was mostly about experience.

He finished right in the middle of the 250-runner field.

This time, he's heading to the meet with the goal of a state berth. And he has some company with Terre Haute hopes as well.

Garringer and Dash Thacker of Jay County High School are within striking distance of the state finals as they lead a group of Patriots who will compete at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the regional cross country meet hosted by New Haven at Huntington University.

"They've put the work in," said Jay County coach Bruce Wood following the sectional races at Taylor University. "I know they both get a little extra miles on top of what we do. That's what happens when you do that — work hard and you get some rewards for it. They're getting down to that statequalifying time range. If they have a great race ... we could see another week out of them."

The entire JCHS girls team will run at the regional meet following its runner-up sectional finish, and Joseph Boggs joins Garringer and Thacker as a regional qualifier for the boys.

The top five teams and top 15 individuals on nonadvancing teams Saturday will move on to the state finals, which will be contested Nov. 2 at LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course in Terre Haute. That's a tall order in a field that will feature 25 teams and another 75 individuals for a field of 250 runners. See Sights page 7

"Our biggest focus today was 'You take care of it. There's no

After the Tribe's initial run, it was able to whittle away at the Trojans, trading points before taking the first set.

from Willmann and Heitkamp to go up 6-4 and the second came

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Ohtani's 50th HR ball sells for \$4.4M By CHUCK SCHILKEN

Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES Shohei Ohtani became the first MLB player to have 50 home runs and 50 stolen bases in a season last month.

The home run ball that gave the Dodgers superstar that distinction has set a record of its own.

Goldin Auctions announced Tuesday night that the coveted collectible sold for \$4.392 million, an amount that far surpasses any sum paid for a baseball. The previous record was \$3.05 million, which was paid in 1999 for Mark McGwire's 70th home run ball from the previous season

The final cost for the Ohtani ball includes the winning bid of \$3.6 million plus an additional 22% buyer's premium.

It remains unknown who will pocket the cash. That's for the courts to decide.

Ohtani hit the milestone home run during the seventh inning of a 20-4 win over the Miami Marlins at LoanDepot Park on Sept. 19. A mad scramble for the historic ball ensued among the fans in the leftcenter field, with a man identified in court documents as Florida resident Christian Zacek emerging with the valuable memen-

Days later, Goldin Auctions announced the ball igation.

would be up for bid starting Sept. 27.

On Sept. 26, Broward County resident Max Matus filed a lawsuit in Florida's 11th Judicial Circuit Court against Zacek, fellow Florida resident Kelvin Ramirez and Goldin Auctions, claiming ownership of the ball and seeking an injunction to prevent the defendants from selling it.

In response to an emergency injunction filed by Matus, a judge ruled that the auction could start as scheduled but the "Defendants will not sell, conceal or transfer the 50/50 Ball pending the Court's ruling on Plaintiffs' Motion." The bidding started at \$500,000.

A second lawsuit was filed in the same court Sept. 27, with Broward County resident Joseph Davidov claiming ownership of the ball. Matus, Ramirez Zacek, and Goldin Auctions were named as defendants.

Earlier this month, Zacek, Matus and Davidov agreed to allow Goldin Auctions to continue with its sale of the item, and then allow the courts to decide which of them will receive the proceeds from the sale. Goldin Auctions and Ramirez were dismissed as defendants in both cases.

According to the agreement, the proceeds of the sale will be deposited into an account pending the lit-

