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## Voters will make choices Tuesday

**Monroe, Watson running for Jay County Commissioner**

By RAY COONEY

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Voters will have their final opportunity to go to the polls Tuesday.

Jay County voters will make a choice for Jay County Commissioner as well as weighing in on races for president, Indiana governor and U.S. and state representatives.

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday for Election Day. Early voting is still available from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and from 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday in the auditorium at Jay County Courthouse.

The only contested race at the county level is for the south district Jay County Commissioner seat. Democrat Blake Watson is taking on Republican Duane Monroe for the seat. (Monroe defeated incumbent Brian McGalliard in the GOP primary.)

Local voters have more opportunities to make choices in national and state races, including for president at the top of the ballot. That race features former president Republican Donald Trump, vice president Democrat Kamala Harris, Libertarian Chase Oliver and Robert F. Kennedy Jr. of the We The People party. (Kennedy pulled out of the race but his name remains on the ballot in Indiana.)

Other races at the federal level include Democrat Valerie McCray, Libertarian Andrew Horning and Republican Jim Banks for U.S. Senate and Republican Marlin Stutzman, Libertarian Jarrad Lancaster and Democrat Kiley Adolph for U.S. Representative in the 3rd District, which represents northeast Indiana including Jay County.

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## Here's Waldo

Eight-year-old Eli Edmundson provides a little assistance with answering the big question — “Where’s Waldo?” — as he points to himself visiting the Jay County Chamber of Commerce table during Thursday’s merchant trick-or-treat in Portland. Businesses and organizations gathered in the Jay Community Center and East Jay Elementary School parking lots for the event, which was moved from its traditional downtown location because of the ongoing construction on Meridian Street (U.S. 27).



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## Average teacher pay tops \$60,000

By CASEY SMITH  
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As Republican state lawmakers applauded a new report showing that, for the first time, Indiana’s average annual teacher pay exceeded \$60,000, Democratic leaders continue to push for a state salary minimum that would ensure all educators make at least that much from day one.

The average teacher salary in Indiana during the last school year was recorded at \$60,557 — up from \$58,531 the year prior — according to the

**Salaries range from \$40,000 to \$110,000**

2023-24 state teacher compensation report by the Indiana Education Employment Relations Board (IEERB). Before that, average annual salaries were \$56,609 in 2021-2022 and \$ 53,991 in 2020-21. The lowest teacher

salary reported was \$40,000 — the current state-mandated minimum. The highest was \$110,000. Teacher pay is ultimately set by local school districts.

Nearly all — 98% — of Hoosier school districts gave teachers a raise last

year, benefitting about 92% of educators statewide, the report indicated.

The IEERB reported that about 32,000 full-time Hoosier teachers earned above the 2023-2023 statewide average, while roughly 31,300 educators still earned below that margin. The report cited 63,462 full-time teachers employed during the academic year.

Sen. Jeff Raatz, R-Richmond, who chairs the senate education committee, lauded the new salary report in a weekly email to

constituents, as did multi-ple other members of his caucus.

He additionally pointed to a 2023 law he sponsored that ensures at least 62% of schools’ state tuition support is used for teacher salaries and benefits.

Raatz emphasized, too, that in 2021, Indiana lawmakers included a provision in the previous state budget that barred schools from reducing the total amount budgeted for teacher salaries, with limited exceptions.

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## N. Korea commits to Russia

By HENRY MEYER  
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North Korea’s foreign minister promised to stick with Russia until “victory” during talks with her Russian counterpart in Moscow, as Western concerns escalate over defense cooperation that includes Pyongyang sending thousands of troops to help in the war against Ukraine.

“North Korea assures Russia that it will always be with the Russian comrades until the day of victory,” Choe Son Hui said on Friday as she met Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov.

Lavrov greeted his counterpart in the city’s Yaroslavsky railway station ahead of talks in a building used by the Foreign Ministry for such meetings. He said there was “close” cooperation between the two countries’ militaries and intelligence services, while Choe hailed ties she said were moving to a new level.

Russia on Thursday declined to comment on whether it’s providing missile technology

**Foreign minister promises to provide support until ‘victory’**

to North Korea in return for military assistance. The isolated Communist state hours earlier had fired an intercontinental ballistic missile that flew longer than any previous one tested by Kim Jong Un’s regime, adding to the tensions over its dispatch of troops to Russia.

Last week, President Vladimir Putin avoided answering when asked whether North Korea has sent soldiers to Russia, though he pointed to a mutual-defense clause between the two nations as part of a strategic partnership agreement.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the cooperation between Pyongyang and Moscow should not “frighten or

concern” anyone, the state-run Tass news service reported. “It is the sovereign right of both North Korea and Russia to foster relations,” Peskov told reporters on a conference call Thursday.

The U.S. and South Korea say Pyongyang is dispatching around 10,000 troops to aid Russia. Officials in Washington said Thursday that about 8,000 have been deployed to Russia’s Kursk region, where Ukrainian forces occupy part of the border territory.

U.S. President Joe Biden said Ukraine should strike North Korean forces if they enter the country to fight.

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## Treble tunes

Jay County High School sophomore Kaylyn Clark reacts while performing with Just Treble during Sunday’s fall choral concert. Just Treble’s “Madeline” themed show includes “Butterfly,” “Astonishing” and “Life is a Dance Floor.”

### Deaths

**Charles Hofstetter**, 64, rural Geneva  
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### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 55 degrees Friday.

Today’s forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high in the lower 60s. Expect partly cloudy skies Sunday with a high in the upper 60s and a 50% chance for rain.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

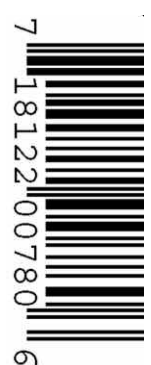
Fort Recovery Historical Society and Project Recovery are hosting the One of a Kind Auction from 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday in the auditorium at Fort Recovery Elementary-Middle School. This year’s theme is “Americana.” Tickets are \$10 and are available at Fort Recovery Historical Society and Project Recovery.

### Coming up

**Tuesday** — Jay County wrestler is already one of school’s best. Column.

**Wednesday** — Coverage of next week’s Portland City Council meeting.

**Thursday** — Results from elections, including for Jay County Commissioner.



# Voters ...

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Senate candidates are seeking the seat being vacated by governor candidate Mike Braun while those for representative are vying for the seat being vacated by Banks. (Stutzman held the seat prior to making a run for senator in 2016.)

For governor of Indiana, former state superintendent of public instruction Democrat Jennifer McCormick and Libertarian Donald Rainwater are running in addition to Braun.

Other state races include:  
•State representative (District 33) — Incumbent Republican J.D. Prescott versus Democrat John Bartlett

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6 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
on Election Day**

•Attorney general — Democrat Destiny Wells against Republican Todd Rokita  
Voters will also decide on the retention of Indiana Supreme Court Justices Loretta Rush, Mark Massa and Derek Molter

and Fourth District Court of Appeals Judge Rudolph Pyle III. And they will answer the following question regarding the ratification of an amendment to the state constitution: Shall the Constitution of the State of Indiana be amended to remove the state superintendent of public instruction from the list of officeholders who shall discharge the powers and duties of the governor if the office of the governor and lieutenant governor are both vacant?  
Uncontested in Tuesday's election for county-level positions are Republicans Doug Horn for north district commissioner;

incumbent Brian Hutchison for Jay Circuit Court Judge; Jonelle Foreman for treasurer; Brad Daniels for surveyor; incumbent Matt Minnich along with Michael Brewster and Bryan Alexander for three county council seats; Brayden Fields for coroner; and Missy Elliott for Jay Circuit Court clerk.  
State Rep. Matt Lehman (R-Berne) is uncontested to retain his seat in District 79, which includes the northern third of Jay County.  
Also uncontested are Jon Eads (District 1), Aaron Clark (District 4) and Chad Towell (District 6) for Jay School Board.

# Obituaries

**Charles "Chuck" K. Hofstetter**, rural Geneva, Sept. 2, 1960-Oct. 31, 2024. Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva.

*The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.*

# CR almanac

Sunday 11/3	Monday 11/4	Tuesday 11/5	Wednesday 11/6	Thursday 11/7
<b>69/59</b>	<b>73/62</b>	<b>76/56</b>	<b>64/47</b>	<b>60/41</b>
Wind gusts may reach up to 25 mph on Sunday under mostly cloudy skies.	Monday's forecast shows a 40% chance of rain under mostly cloudy skies.	Mostly cloudy skies on Tuesday, when there's a 70% chance of showers.	There's a 60% chance of showers on Wednesday under mostly sunny skies.	Mostly sunny skies on Thursday, with temperatures dipping to the 40s at night.

# Lotteries

<b>Hoosier Middy</b> Daily Three: 5-2-0 Daily Four: 2-4-5-4 Quick Draw: 1-3-4-5-8-10-15-18-22-25-27-31-42-43-45-48-49-55-56-78	Pick 4: 2-1-8-3 Pick 5: 5-9-1-7-3
<b>Ohio Middy</b> Pick 3: 3-8-2	<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$54 million
	<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$281 million

# Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.05 Dec. corn .....4.15 Wheat .....4.19	Dec. beans .....9.69 Wheat .....5.18
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....4.09 Dec. corn .....4.14 Jan. corn .....4.24	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.04 Dec. corn .....4.05 Beans .....9.60 Dec. beans .....9.63 Wheat .....5.13
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....4.08 Dec. corn .....4.05 Beans .....9.59	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.00 Dec. corn .....4.10 Beans .....9.41 Dec. beans .....9.47 Wheat .....5.03

# Today in history

**In 1862**, First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln sent a letter to her husband, President Abraham Lincoln, advising him about pushback regarding the cautious nature of Gen. George B. McClellan. The general was removed from his command three days later.  
**In 1972**, a Blackford County Circuit Court jury convicted Dr. Richard L. Stump, operator of the Redkey Clinic, on a charge of illegal possession of narcotics. Stump faced two to 10 years in prison. He also had other charges still pending.  
**In 1976**, Jimmy Carter was elected as the 39th president of the United States. Carter, a Democrat, would lose his reelection bid to Ronald Reagan four years later but has become revered for his humanitarian work post-presidency.  
**In 2000**, the first crew to reside on the International Space Station arrived and the craft.  
**In 2021**, Portland Park Board members Brian Ison and Shauna Runkle reviewed a draft of the city's five-year park plan. They were unable to vote as they were the only board members in attendance, leaving them one member short of a quorum.

—The CR

# Citizen's calendar

<b>Monday</b> 5 p.m. — Portland Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) Advisory Committee, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	4:30 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.
<b>Tuesday</b> 9 a.m. — Portland Facade Committee, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St. 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation executive session, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St.	<b>Wednesday</b> 9 a.m. — Jay County Public Library Board, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.
	<b>Thursday</b> 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St.

# Program doubles in size

**By CASEY SMITH**  
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A record number of Hoosier students have joined Indiana's 21st Century Scholars program, more than doubling enrollment for the 2027 and 2028 cohorts, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education announced Thursday.

More than 90,000 students have joined the program — a statewide grant program that funds lower income student attendance at two- and four-year schools — after a 2023 law allowed qualifying students to be automatically enrolled.

"This legislative change has allowed us to realize

the ideals of the 21st Century Scholars Program even more fully — the promise that if your family is low income but you work hard at school, you can attain a debt-free college education and secure a better life for yourself and your family," said Rep. Earl Harris, D-East Chicago, who authored the automatic enrollment legislation.

In the 2028 cohort, more than 50,000 students were initially enrolled, according to CHE. Nearly 46,000 students have additionally enrolled in the 2027 cohort.

State officials said enrollment ranged from 16,000 to 19,000 students

per cohort in years prior. The scholarship fund, created in 1990, covers full tuition and fees at Indiana colleges and universities for low-income students, who enroll in the 8th grade. Lawmakers will have to fund the scholarships in future budgets.

Students who are income-eligible for the National School Lunch Program are automatically enrolled in 21st Century Scholars. They must still meet subsequent requirements but can opt out at any time.

Scholars had an 81% graduation rate in 2021, compared to 30% of their non-scholar, low-income peers, CHE noted. More

than 50,000 collegiate degrees have been earned by recipients since the program's inception.

"As the 2027 and 2028 program cohorts move toward high school graduation and college enrollment, I can't wait to see what these students do in their careers and in our state," Harris' statement continued. "The success of 21st Century Scholars shows us that closing the achievement gap for low-income and minority students is possible if the state and state legislature are willing to get it done. I look forward to working on more bipartisan, commonsense education solutions for our state."

# Pay ...

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Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb and other top state GOP officials have repeatedly said they intend to make teacher pay competitive with surrounding states and get Indiana's average teacher salary up to \$60,000. The same increase was recommended by the governor's 2020 Next Level Teacher Compensation Commission.

Democratic lawmakers have made numerous unsuccessful attempts in recent years to pass definitive teacher pay boost legislation. The party's gubernatorial candidate, Jennifer McCormick, specifically said in her platform that she will fight for a minimum base salary of \$60,000 for all Hoosier teachers, and adjustments for veteran teachers' salaries "to reflect their non-educator peers."

An education plan released by her GOP competitor, Mike Braun, called for raises to Hoosier teachers' base salaries, and "guaranteed" professional benefits like new parent leave, as well as improved health insurance options. Braun's campaign has not indicated a specific teacher pay

minimum, however, nor does it detail how much the proposal would cost overall.

The IEEERB has issued its Collective Bargaining Report each year since 2013. All Hoosier school corporations and employers that bargain with an exclusive representative organization are required to complete the survey.

In the latest analysis, 304 entities submitted data for the latest analysis; 289 were traditional public schools, nine were special education cooperatives, and six were career centers.

Total salary costs for all teachers across Indiana totaled more than \$3.8 billion. At least 287 school corporations use federal grants and 52 use property tax referendums to support teacher salaries.

The total compensation for all teachers — which accounts for salaries, benefits, stipends and other supplemental pay — surpassed \$5 billion. Including benefits, the average teacher compensation in Indiana is nearly \$80,000, per the IEEERB numbers.

Indiana's newest teachers —

those with just one year of experience — averaged \$48,129 per year. Average pay increased with more years spent in the classroom:

- five years of experience: \$52,268
- 10 years of experience: \$56,993
- 15 years of experience: \$62,810
- 20 years of experience: \$70,235
- 25 years of experience: \$75,215
- 30 or more years of experience: \$78,613

During the last school year, the average Indiana teacher had 13 years of experience.

Nearly 3,600 new-to-teaching hires were also brought into school during 2023-24, according to the report.

Separately, 4,464 full-time teachers who already had classroom experience were hired by districts across the state. Another 1,149 teachers retired.

About as many teachers are being retained. According to the IEEERB survey data, 55,971 teachers were retained in 2023-24 from the previous year. That's compared to 55,227, the year before.

# Commits ...

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The arrival of North Koreans on the battlefield in Ukraine would mark an escalation of the conflict that's already the largest in Europe since World War II. It may prompt South Korea to offer more direct support to Kyiv including lethal weapons, something it has resisted so far.

The deployment from Pyongyang includes elite special forces who are undergoing training in

Russia's far east, according to South Korean intelligence documents. The Kremlin is providing the North Koreans with fake identity documents to make them appear to be Russians, the intelligence service said.

It calculated that Pyongyang has sent Russia approximately 8 million rounds of North Korean-made 122mm and 152mm shells since August last year.

## God's Tent All Are Welcome!

*When God journeyed with his people in the wilderness, his presence among them was in a tent of meeting. In John's Gospel, we are told that Jesus, the Word of God, came and pitched his tent among us. Now we invite you to God's Tent, a new place to learn about God's great love for all people.*

**Our next meeting in God's Tent will take place  
Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 pm  
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
218 E High St, Portland IN  
(in the yard behind the parsonage)**

We will hear stories from the Bible, sing and pray together, participate in a hands-on activity, and share a snack. This is an event for all ages, especially kids! Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. If the weather isn't cooperating, we'll move indoors.

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Future meetings will be at various outdoor locations around our community.

**See you in God's Tent!**  
Questions? Call Pastor Robin at 419-852-6499

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## Optimists installed

Portland Evening Optimist Club recently installed new officers and board members for the 2024-25 year. Pictured above, from left, are board member Jane Jobe, club foundation representative Leland Le Master, treasurer Judy Le Master, first vice president Mike Leonhard, secretary Pat Gibson, board member Krystal Bell, board member Bill Bracy, president elect Cheryl Ruiz, president Bobby Ruiz, board member Mike Aker and past president Linda Aker. Not pictured is second vice president Sherry Vore.

# Relationship with daughter has disintegrated

DEAR ABBY: My daughter was diagnosed with a disease. Soon after, she decided to marry a man she'd met. I'm not fond of the guy, and I find it difficult to have a relationship with him. They moved to another state, and I asked that she not bring him to this house. However, every chance she gets, she brings him, and he acts as if this is his house. Right now, I'm in counseling to help me find a solution to this issue.

My daughter is also in counseling and claims it is partially due to me. She'll be having surgery soon, and I have decided not to stay in their home because I'd feel like a hypocrite. I have decided to stay in a hotel and come to their home only to help her. Am I wrong for handling the situation

Dear Abby



this way? I don't want to upset my daughter, and I'm sorry our relationship has become so complicated. She is a person who has to control everything. Having a conversation with her is out of the question because it leads to a shouting match and a great deal of disrespect on her part. I tend to shut down and withdraw. What should I do? — CAUTIOUS IN TEXAS

DEAR CAUTIOUS: I'm

pleased to know that you are in counseling. Please discuss with your counselor how to be gracious to your son-in-law when your daughter brings him along when she visits you. (She may have little choice.) For the sake of your sanity, keep those visits short.

Your idea of staying in a hotel when you go to help your daughter after surgery is a logical one. It will give you quiet time to recover from the pressure of caring for her as well as your exposure to her husband. There should be no need for a shouting match; it is important that your daughter's recovery be as stress-free as possible.

As to her being controlling, it may be time to ask yourself

where that tendency may have come from.

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DEAR ABBY: A close person in my life complains about money yet spends money on frivolous things. They have rooms full of decorations, dishes, plants, flowers and lanterns, and have done extensive planting in their garden, which, to some, is a waste of money. They buy groceries they don't eat, and then complain about throwing food away.

An example: They bought Oreos, which they hate, so now the cookies sit in the cupboard. At some point, it will become "someone's" fault, but maybe not the correct person's. I guess they're only happy when they are alone, buying decorations? — NOT MANAGING IN THE EAST

DEAR NOT MANAGING: People shop (and sometimes overshop) for many reasons, including boredom, depression and compulsive behavior. If the person you are writing about is spending their own money, I see no reason why you should be writing to me. However, if it is your money, perhaps the "close person" needs to be put on a budget.

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DEAR READERS: Time flies! Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday for most folks. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour at bedtime tonight. While you're at it, be sure to put fresh batteries in your carbon monoxide and smoke detectors. — LOVE, ABBY

## Community Calendar

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

### Today

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

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

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.

### 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.

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

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.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-

9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

### Tuesday

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

A BETTER LIFE — BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

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

## Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

### Friday's Solution

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

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

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**WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?**

**For Jay County Elementary Schools November 4-8**

**Monday: Main Entrees:** Chicken tenders **Alternate Entrees:** Mozzarella and pepperoni panini, pizza sauce, PB&J and cheese fun lunch **Sides for all meals:** French fries

**Tuesday: Main Entrees:** Beef nachos **Alternate Entrees:** Mozzarella and pepperoni panini, pizza sauce, PB&J and cheese fun lunch **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned refried beans

**Wednesday: Main Entrees:** Pepperoni pizza pasta bake, garlic breadstick **Alternate Entrees:** Mozzarella and pepperoni panini, pizza sauce, PB&J and cheese fun lunch **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned mixed capri vegetables

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# Politics offers its tricks and treats

By NIKI KELLY

Indiana Capital Chronicle  
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I have been admiring the Halloween decorations in people's yards and the costumes Hoosiers are posting on socials. I guess I missed the dressing-up gene, but I did love trick-or-treating when I was young.

My family and I live in a rural area and we don't get any kids ringing the bell. So, I thought I'd come up with my own trick or treat this year — election style.

Trick or treat!

## Trick

Indiana had an open U.S. Senate seat and it was decided before it really began. That's a bit of sorcery for sure. Third District Republican Congressman Jim Banks jumped in the race for Braun's open seat early and never looked back. His close relationship with Club for Growth resulted in a devastating hit against former GOP governor Mitch Daniels, who decided to pass up a primary bid. And Indiana's two-primary rule knocked another candidate off the ballot. So, Banks has been on cruise control. He's been up double digits in every poll taken this year and even skipped the one statewide debate held for this race.

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## Treat

A substantive governor's race has been a welcome surprise. Both major-party campaigns have put out proposals on a host of topics, from property taxes and marijuana to education and health care. I applaud them for not taking the easy way out with

red meat to both their bases. Property taxes, for instance, are complicated and initiatives are hard to explain to voters. Same with health care costs and education. All three candidates have been open and available to talk about issues, participated in multiple debates and largely stayed above the fray.

## Trick

U.S. Sen. Mike Braun had the biggest trick this year when he put out an ad that had been photoshopped, and without the required legal disclaimer. Even after he added the disclaimer it became clear the ad was problematic. It changed the signs supporters were holding at opponent Jennifer McCormick's rally from "McCormick" to "No Gas Stoves" signs. The Braun campaign later pivoted again, to the original signs — but the ad ran for weeks, saying McCormick wanted to ban gas stoves when she had said no such thing.

## Treat

An engaged electorate. On one hand, seeing reports of long lines while early voting is frustrating. Some counties apparently didn't plan properly by increasing the number of polling locations and machines. But I'll take long lines over no lines. That means voters are engaged and want to make their voice heard. Now, venomous rhetoric from voters is sometimes too much. But they are doing their civic duty, and I thank them.

## Trick

Micah Beckwith pulled off a first when he defeated the GOP nominee's choice for his running mate at the summer state convention. Instead of safe Rep. Julie McGuire, the more conservative-leaning delegates selected self-proclaimed Christian nationalist Beckwith as the nominee for lieutenant governor. He had been campaigning for the position for a year. After

his shocking win, a well-known GOP lawyer sent a memo saying Beckwith could be a vulnerability for Braun. And as that race has tightened, he's repeatedly become a distraction for the Braun campaign.

## And one last treat

Gov. Eric Holcomb dressed up as Abraham Lincoln last night for Halloween and it was pretty perfect. He is definitely tall enough to pull off the former president. First Lady Janet Holcomb joined in as Indiana Fever star Caitlin Clark. The theme this year was characters representing historic figures that represent Indiana.

Kelly, editor-in-chief of Indiana Capital Chronicle, has covered the Indiana Statehouse since 1999.

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# Local control has helped after storm

Tampa Bay Times

Tribune News Service

Terrible as they are, hurricanes are a part of living in Florida, and learning from every storm makes residents better prepared for next time. That's certainly the case in the wake of hurricanes Helene and Milton, which sparked welcome guidance from the state Department of Education that affirmed the value of local school control.

Helene made landfall Sept. 26 in Florida's Big Bend area, and less than two weeks later, Milton crashed ashore at Siesta Key in Sarasota County. Four days before Milton hit Florida's Gulf Coast, school districts across the state began canceling classes. That's a smart (if routine) drill that emergency planners designed to keep families together, cars off the road and the school buildings available as emergency shelters.

Yet the back-to-back storms kept students from returning for a week and a half. It was the longest period that weather had closed Tampa Bay area schools since at least hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne came through in 2004, as the Times' Jeffrey S. Solochek reported.

The question now: How to recover lost instructional time? School closures during the COVID-19 pandemic sparked an academic slide that educators rightly want to avoid in our seasonal exposure to hurricanes. The debate is not whether students should make up lost time — but how. And the education department is helping by allowing Florida's individual school districts to recoup the time as they see fit.

The state acted responsibly by making one thing clear: It would not waive the statutory requirement that students get a minimum of 900 hours, or 180 days, of instruction for the academic year. Florida's class time mandate sits on the low end nationally, already; Alabama, Louisiana and North Carolina, for example, require more than 1,000 hours a year. Making up the time is critical to preventing a backslide and for making Florida schools competitive with other states.

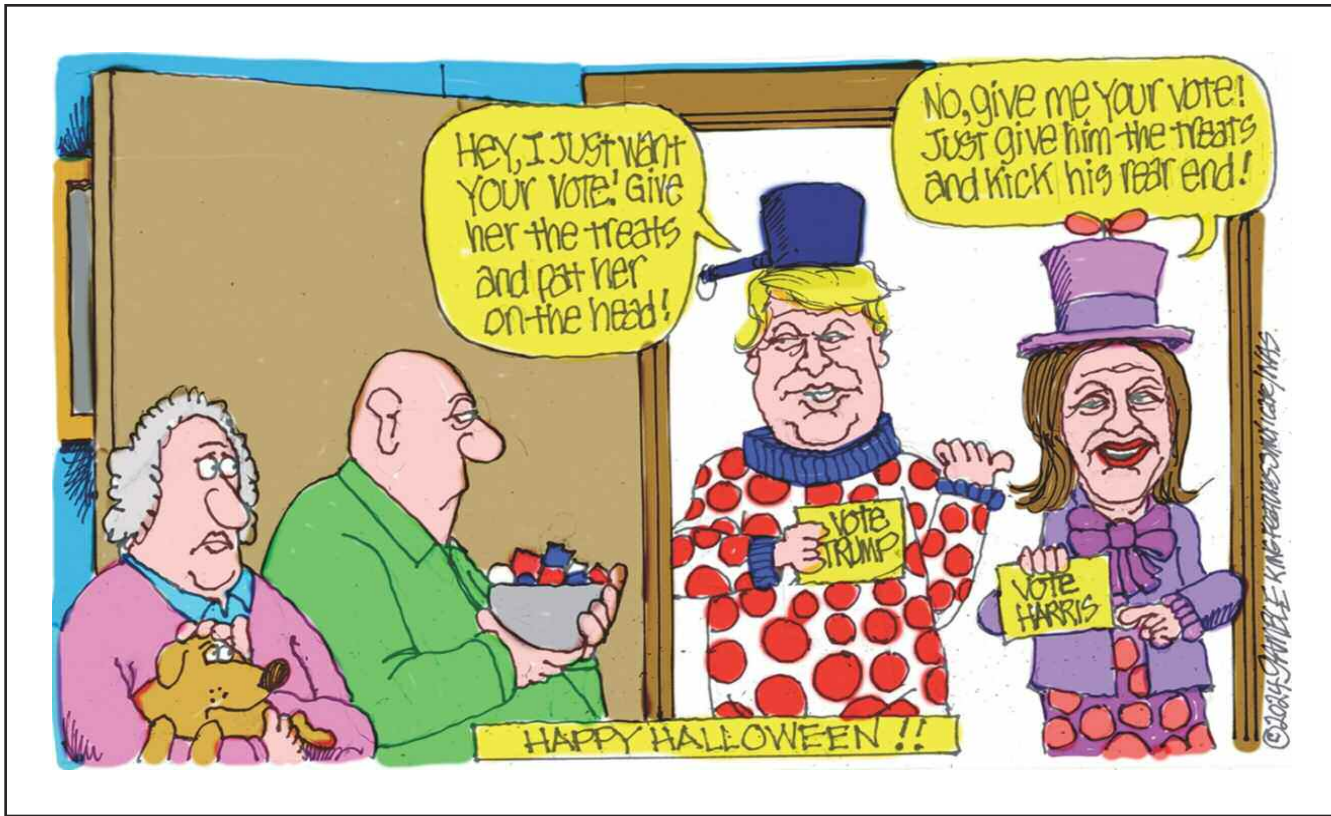
## Guest Editorial

Between hurricanes Helene and Milton, many Tampa Bay students missed an average of about 50 hours of learning, or about 5% of the entire school year. That's about half the amount of instructional time that constitutes chronic absenteeism and a risk factor for students in meeting grade level expectations.

While parents and teachers accept that their calendars will change, educators and families are trying to strike a balance to make up time without unduly disrupting people's calendars. Districts that missed fewer days, such as Palm Beach and Martin counties on the east coast, opted to keep their calendars intact and take advantage of extra time already built into their schedules. Pinellas chose to waive first semester final exams as part of its make-up plan, returning a full week of time for lessons rather than testing. Sarasota County eliminated all early release days, added three student days to the calendar and included an additional minute daily per course period for three of its high schools.

Adding a few minutes here and there doesn't seem as valuable as scheduling additional days, when students are fresh and not focusing on the clock. But the experience from the pandemic showed that school districts are creative in finding ways to make the learning process work. Counties can learn from each other's strategy about what works and what doesn't, and build on these contingencies from one storm season to another.

What's important now in the immediate school year is that the state is giving school districts the space to find solutions. Tallahassee has a bad record of preempting local control. The state's latitude is a welcome change that should be more readily granted to local authorities.



# It's time to eliminate albatross

By JOSEPH J. ELLIS

Los Angeles Times

Tribune News Service

In 2016 and 2020 Donald Trump lost the popular election by several million votes. But in 2016 he won in the Electoral College with slim majorities in several toss-up states. That is the only way he can win the looming election, a contest all the polls show is too close to call. Once again, it is entirely possible that we will elect a president whom a majority of American voters reject.

The rest of the world finds this arrangement incomprehensible. Although the process varies in the details elsewhere, heads of government tend to be chosen by direct vote or by the party that wins the most votes in a parliamentary election.

So the question becomes, how did the American founders, justifiably famous for their political wisdom, burden us with the strange contraption called the Electoral College?

The answer lies in the historical record of the debates at the Constitutional Convention during the summer months of 1787. As we travel back in time, there are a few features on the historical landscape unique to post-revolutionary America that will strike us as strange.

One is the ghost of Britain's King George III. The debate over executive power, as recorded in contemporaneous journals, letters and articles, is difficult to follow, like watching a soccer match played with three balls and no referees. The one conviction the delegates could all agree on was that the president must not be a monarch who stood above the law. (The recent Supreme Court decision, *Trump v. United States*, flagrantly defied that core conviction.)

The second strange-to-us feature, even more disturbing to our current political presumptions, is a deep suspicion of democracy. Throughout the American founding the word "democracy" was an epithet, and

Joseph J. Ellis



remained so until the Jacksonian era. The watchword during the founding era was "republic," from the Latin "res publica" meaning "public things." The public interest, for Madison, Jefferson, Washington and the others, was the long-term interest of the people, something the founders thought the bulk of voting Americans (white male landowners) would seldom comprehend because of their limited horizons and susceptibility to conspiracy theories, misinformation and demagogues. (Sound familiar?)

When the question of how to elect a president arrived on the agenda in August 1787, suggestions included election by the Senate, by state Legislatures and finally by popular vote in all the states. Multiple critics objected to the latter option on the grounds that popular opinion was notoriously unreliable.

These raw and misguided opinions needed to be filtered through more informed and educated minds. James Madison stepped forward to coin the term "filtration" and then "Electoral College" to describe state legislators capable of comprehending the long-term public interest, and, if necessary, over-ruling the popular vote in the states. Alexander Hamilton endorsed this "filtration" approach in *Federalist 68*.

Filtering the presidential choice through electors was not designed to enhance the political power of the Southern, pro-slavery states, but that in fact is what it did. During the debate over how to count population for representation in the House, the delegates passed the three-fifths

clause, basing representation on "the number of whites and three-fifths of the blacks." The political advantage the three-fifths clause gave to Southern states in presidential elections was the main reason that Thomas Jefferson was referred to as "the Negro president" after his narrow victory in the election of 1800.

The ironies of the Electoral College abound. The founders did not foresee the emergence of political parties and their winner-take-all slates of electors, which make a mockery of all presumptions of virtuous choosing by a select few. What's left is indeed a filtration of the popular vote, but one that has morphed into a device whereby the minority defeats the majority.

As a result, the very outcome the founders most feared, namely election of a demagogue by a gullible cult of true-believers, has been made possible because of the Electoral College, which was originally designed to avoid precisely that outcome.

Over the past century no feature of the Constitution has generated more criticism and cries for reform than the Electoral College. All have failed, largely because it would require a constitutional amendment, which the founders made politically difficult to pass, requiring a two-thirds vote in both branches of Congress and a three-fourths vote in the states. Too many legislators, not to mention state voters, would opt to retain their power rather than endorse U.S. democracy.

So we are stuck with our electoral albatross. Perhaps the danger posed by a Trump presidency will generate the energy needed for long overdue constitutional reform. If I have them right, a majority of the founders are up there cheering us on to that very end. The first item on their list of fixes would surely be killing the albatross.

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**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** WHEN THE  
BANDLEADER'S TWIN GIRLS WERE BORN, WHAT  
DID HE NAME THEM? ANNA ONE, ANNA TWO.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals H

### Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

#### Cities of scale

1) Indianapolis, Fort Wayne and Evansville are  
Indiana's largest cities. What three are next?

2) What is Ohio's fourth-largest city  
after Columbus, Cleveland and Cincinnati?

(1) Fishers, South Bend and Carmel  
(2) Toledo

## 11-4 CRYPTOQUIP

A X T B F X T G V Z Z N A L H  
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H X Z D F T R, "H F Z S Z V E ' C C X Z Z F!"  
**Saturday's Cryptoquip:** THAT UNDERWATER  
WARSHIP IS PAINTED A BRIGHT LIGHT-GREEN  
COLOR. YOU MIGHT SAY IT'S SUB-LIME.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals G

### CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to popcorn.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 24 = E)

**A. 13 24 14 2 24 4**  
Clue: Small center

**B. 21 9 5 14 17 20 1 16 24**  
Clue: Kitchen appliance

**C. 10 17 4 7 24 2**  
Clue: Yellow in color

**D. 3 25 5 13 24 23**  
Clue: Container

### WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to popcorn.

TURETB

Answers: Butter

### kids' corner

### Maze Craze

Find your way through the maze.

START FINISH

### THIS DAY IN HISTORY

OCTOBER 28

306: Maxentius is proclaimed Roman emperor.

1726: The novel "Gulliver's Travels" by Jonathan Swift is published.

1990: Georgia holds its only free election under Soviet rule.

### POPCORN WORD SEARCH

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

**WORDS**

BOWL BUTTER CARMEL CARNIVAL COMBINATION CONCESSION ENJOY EXPLODE FAIR FIBER INFLATE KERNELS MAIZE MICROWAVE MOVIE POPCORN POPPER SALTY SEASONING SNACK SODA TASTY THEATER UNPOPPED

### Health FACT!

True or False? Eating a vegetarian diet can provide health benefits and aid in the prevention and treatment of certain diseases.

Answer: True

### Did You Know?

Vegetarian diets are naturally low in saturated fat and cholesterol and high in fiber, which may help prevent heart disease.

### NEW WORD

LEGUME

fruit of plants in the pea family

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS** 38 "Uh-huh" 1 Pitch in 5 Chest muscles, briefly 9 Lass 12 Mine, to Henri 13 Needing a massage 14 "Born in the —" 15 Test tube 16 Molt 17 Tatter 18 Designer Gucci 19 Plant seeds 20 Dines 21 FDR project 23 Select, with "for" 25 Tiny village 28 Mal de mer 32 Iberian nation 33 Golf great Sam 34 Shoe part 36 Will subject 37 Haw's partner

**DOWN** 1 "— dare-devil 2 Pianist 3 Laundry unit 4 Gas stove 5 Volks-wagen model 6 Canyon come-back 7 Mull over 8 Pink Floyd's Barrett 9 Mentor 10 Now, in a memo 11 Trails

**20 Air show location 22 Event 24 Old hat 25 White House monogram 26 Mil. address 27 "Sheesh!" 29 Salty expanse 30 Chow down 31 Citric beverage 35 Realm 36 Shoelace hole 39 Smack a baseball 40 Fuzzy fruit 41 Thing 43 Stable diet 45 Star in Lyra 46 Virgil or Wyatt 47 "— Gotta Have It" 49 Bit of eye cream**

**Solution time: 26 mins.**

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FARCE FETA  
OBIE GRANDDAD  
ABE KEIRA IPO  
LASTCALL PSST  
HURL WIPES  
SHEEP OREO  
CONS REVERSAL  
OLDE EVES AMO  
TAOS DART LAX

**Yesterday's answer 11-2**

## Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

### Two for the price of one

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 10 3  
♥ Q J 8 5  
♦ K 6 4 2  
♣ Q 10 7

**WEST**  
♠ Q 9 8 6 5  
♥ 9 6 4 2  
♦ 3  
♣ 8 5 3

**EAST**  
♠ K 4 2  
♥ A 7  
♦ Q 10 9 8 5  
♣ A 6 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ A J 7  
♥ K 10 3  
♦ A J 7  
♣ K J 9 2

The bidding:  
East 1♦ South 1NT West Pass North 2NT  
Pass 3NT  
Opening lead — six of spades.

A gambit, in chess, consists of deliberately sacrificing a piece in order to gain a long-term advantage. Bridge has its gambits also. Declarer sometimes deliberately sacrifices a trick in order to increase his chance of making the contract.

South neglected to meet that challenge in this deal. West led a spade against three notrump. Declarer played low from dummy and won

East's king with the ace, assuring a second spade trick for his side. When South next led a club, East took his ace and returned a spade. West very properly allowed dummy's ten of spades to win, after which declarer had to go down one. West scored three spade tricks, and East scored his two aces.

Declarer would have made the contract had he ducked East's king of spades at trick one and then played his jack, losing to the queen, on the spade continuation at trick two. This would have cost him a spade trick, but the trick he lost would have come back with interest since he would have lost only two spades and two aces, but no more.

Given the bidding and opening lead, declarer should conclude that East, for his opening bid, has the two missing aces, and also that West's spade lead is likely to have come from a five-card suit.

Once declarer reaches this conclusion, it follows that the opportunity to make two spade tricks ranks second in importance to the opportunity to make the contract. Refusing to take East's king of spades with the ace might seem self-injurious, but it is clearly the right play to make under the circumstances.

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## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS** 1 Attempt 5 Smart-phone download 8 Actor Kinnear 12 "Wonka" star Chalamet 14 Car 15 Heart-rending 16 Goose egg 17 Gloomy guy 18 Used a car service 20 Type of wheat 23 Amorphous sci-fi villain 24 Skin opening 25 Church officials 28 "Hulk" director Lee 29 Disco queen Summer 30 Yucatan "Bravo!" 32 Epicure

**34 Courts** 35 Maui souvenirs 36 Over-indulge 37 B vitamin 40 Pantheon member 41 Cruise stop 42 Self-important 47 Queen dowager of Jordan 48 Made tidy 49 Small bills 50 Plaything 51 Body pics

**DOWN** 1 NASCAR sponsor 2 Uncle, to Pedro 3 Parisian pal 4 Word game with dice 5 Cries of discovery 6 Stock holder 7 Peevish 8 Garden pavilion 9 Contribute person 10 To be, in Tours 11 Suitable 13 Threaded fastener 19 — Raton, Fla. 20 Hotel amenity 21 Ping-pong 22 Thus 23 "Seinfeld" character Elaine 25 Pre-vailing 26 Lunch hour 27 Trudge 29 Zwei follower 31 Jargon suffix 33 Stomach woes 34 Thingie 36 Italy's silhouette 37 Boy, in Barcelona 38 "The heat —!" 39 Lotion additive 40 Battleship color 43 Old Oldsmobile 44 Comedian Gasteyer 45 Mosquito barrier 46 Pro Bowl stats

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

HELP PECS GAL  
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SPAIN SNEAD  
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SKIT POE IVES  
WIT DIAL LEAH  
AWE ARTE OGRE  
TIM BEST TAPPS

**Saturday's answer 11-4**

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## Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

### Famous Hand

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K J 6 2  
♥ J 6 5 4  
♦ 6  
♣ A J 8 7

**WEST**  
♠ A 4 3  
♥ 8 7 3  
♦ J 9 7  
♣ K 10 9 4

**EAST**  
♠ 10 9 7 5  
♥ 2  
♦ A K 10 5 3  
♣ Q 5 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ Q 8  
♥ A K Q 10 9  
♦ Q 8 4 2  
♣ 6 2

Contract: Four Hearts.

An American team composed of George Rapee, John R. Crawford, Sam Stayman, Howard Schenken and B. Jay Becker, the former editor of this column, journeyed to Naples in 1951 to play the Italian team in the world championship. The U.S. team won by 10,000 points.

Frederico Rosa of Italy wrote an account of the match for the European Bridge Review, a portion of which is presented here with all of its continental flavor retained. It features a hand on which the American team gained 720 points.

Said Rosa: "I witnessed many mistakes by the American during the tournament. On many boards they pressed the bidding level beyond the possible. They were apt to overrate their technique, hoping for miracles in the play. But I must state that I have been unable to find a single board among the 320 where their defensive play was not exact, not to say perfect. This is an example of beautiful defense.

"At both tables South was in four hearts. Stayman easily made the contract after Pietro Forquet led the seven of diamonds. At the other table, however, Becker (West) led a trump.

"[Mario] Franco won in the closed hand and led a spade to dummy's jack. A low spade to the queen was taken by the ace and a trump returned. Franco again won in the closed hand and led a club to dummy's ace.

"South's club loser disappeared on the king of spades and a low diamond was led from dummy. Crawford coolly played low and it is not surprising that Franco contented himself with the eight. Many of us would have done the same. This trick of Crawford's enabled West to win with the nine, and since Becker had another trump to lead, declarer had to lose two more tricks in diamonds.

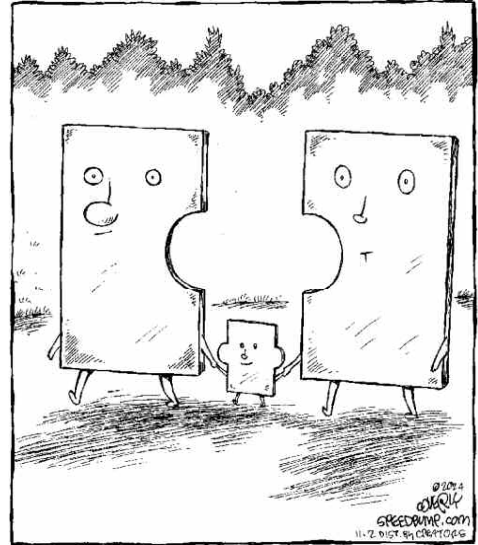
"Franco should not be blamed for not putting up the queen of diamonds, but the Americans deserve all the praise for their skillful and audacious defense."

Tomorrow: Two for the price of one.

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**SPEED BUMP** Dave Coverly



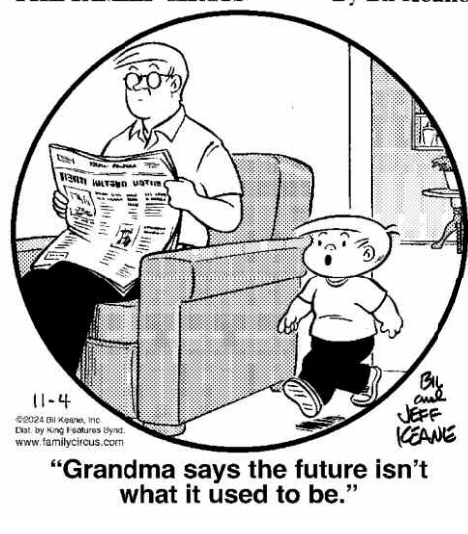
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**90 SALE CALENDAR**

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Located: 7758 E SR 67,  
Bryant, IN  
Saturday Morning  
November 2nd, 2024  
10:00 A. M.  
**HOUSEHOLD GOODS-  
OLD ITEMS**  
GE upright freezer; (2)  
Lazy Boy recliners;  
1950;s china cabinet;  
patio table with chairs;  
storage trunks; wine  
chiller old sideboard;  
wagon wheel table;  
cedar chest; small table  
with glass feet; printer  
table; Budweiser mirrors;  
Wagner & Griswold cast  
iron skillet; Landman  
collapsible camper;and  
many other items not  
listed.  
**MULE-TRAILER-TOOLS**  
Kawasaki 550 gas mule  
with dump bed; 12' x 6'  
trailer with ramp; JD  
aireator; (3) 20" old barn  
beams; electric power  
washer; metal racks;  
yard roller; 10 pieces  
OSB; pegboard; hitch  
with sway bar; and other  
items not listed.  
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AU11200131  
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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 pri-  
vate showing phone  
auctioneers.  
**REAL ESTATE**  
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath  
brick ranch home con-  
taining 1390 sq. ft. fin-  
ished living area. Black-  
top 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 stor-  
age building. Oak pie  
safe, Kitchen cabinet, (2)  
Childs rockers, Parlor  
table, Garden plow,  
Parry Buggies ther-  
mometer, (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.

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Wall, mantle, & came  
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**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Saturday November  
16th, 2024  
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LOCATED: 5691 S 600  
E (Gas City), Marion, IN  
**LOADER-TRACTORS-  
TRUCKS-COMBINES**  
Case W14 wheel loader  
with material bucket,  
Bobcat MT 52 with Kub-  
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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, Inter-  
national 6 row corn head  
with cart.  
**FARM EQUIPMENT-  
MISC.**  
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chisel, JD 7000 12 row  
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folding drill, International  
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axle PTO manure  
spreader, Cross double  
chain elevator, Bench  
with Ammco 1000 break  
lathe and grinder, Elec-  
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**OWNER: Max Kirkwood  
Estate, by Steve Kirk-  
wood**  
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Wednesday, November  
6th, 2024  
6:00 pm  
Location: 3233 E 1000  
S Geneva, IN

This charming ranch  
home sits on 1.5 acres  
with over 1400 sq. ft., 3  
bedrooms, & 2 baths.  
Open concept kitchen,  
dining, & living area. It  
has a 2 year old central  
air and furnace. 40x80  
pole barn with electric  
and an insulated room  
with loft storage above it.  
Appliances are staying.  
Owner: Greg Mitchey  
For complete sale bill  
see auctionzip.com or  
mizlehman.com  
Miz Lehman  
Realtors/Auctioneers,  
AU63001588  
Berne, IN  
260-589-2903

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Located: Woman's Build-  
ing Jay County Fair-  
grounds, 806 E. Votaw  
St. Portland, IN  
Saturday Morning  
November 9th, 2024  
9:30 A.M.  
**HOUSEHOLD GOODS -  
OLD & COLLECTORS  
ITEMS**  
Samsung refrigerator,  
like new, GE Profile  
washer & dryer, like  
new; Oak 5 place gun  
shelf (decorative & nice);  
Lane cedar chest; Hull  
basket, McCoy; Portland  
forge anvils; wood  
sleigh; Star Wars fig-  
urines and play-set;  
Boyd's bears; LARGE  
ASSORTMENT OF  
HULL OVEN PROOF;  
Coke glasses; Farmall  
sign; Elgin clock; Cast  
iron pot; and many other  
items not listed.  
**GUNS-TRAILER-BOAT-  
TOOLS**  
Ruger model 10-.22 long  
rifle with Simmons  
scope; Ithaca Model 37-

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Lefever trap gun; Jen-  
nings #7006 Special  
Crossbow with Tasco  
scope; 8' x 12' trailer, no  
title; 12' V bottom boat;  
Toro Power Lite electric  
start 16" snowblower;  
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# Tribe's trip terminated



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Fort Recovery High School's Kennedy Muhlenkamp (front) and Karlie Niekamp block an attack by Anna's Makenna Pettus during the regional opener on Thursday at Northmont. Fort Recovery made its fourth appearance at the regional level, but couldn't make it back to the final after falling 25-19, 25-18, 22-25, 25-22 to the Rockets.

## Anna ends FRHS postseason run in four sets in regional semifinal

By ANDREW BALKO  
The Commercial Review

CLAYTON, Ohio — The Indians haven't met much resistance through the playoffs.

Over their previous four matches, opponents only reached 20 points once and never claimed a single set.

The Rockets provided a different kind of challenge.

With a quicker offense than what the Tribe had seen to that point in the postseason, the Rockets jumped out to an early lead.

By the time the Indians got caught up, they already trailed by two sets and couldn't complete the comeback.

The Fort Recovery High School volleyball team took the third set from the Anna Rockets, but ultimately fell to 25-19, 25-18, 22-25, 25-22 in the OHSAA Division VI Regional 24 semifinal hosted by Northmont on Thursday.

With the win, Anna (17-7) moves on to face No. 1 Coldwater on Saturday to battle for the regional title.

While the Rockets advanced, Fort Recovery's season came to an end after making its fourth ever regional appearance.

"The girls did not give up today," said FRHS coach Travis Guggenbiller. "I love the energy they had. I'm proud of the fans and the student section we had today, they were never once quiet and believed in us the whole time. It's disappointing but I'm proud of these girls."

Guggenbiller mentioned on Monday that the speed of Anna's offense could provide a challenge to his team. That proved true in the first set as the Rockets' setter Izzy Jenkins looked for outside hitter Liz Staudter as early as possible to claim the first three of five straight points to start the match. After the 5-0 run, the Indians cut the deficit to three points on two occasions (8-5, 12-9), but Staudter made her way back to the outside position to help Anna go on another 5-0 run to take full control of the set.

Staudter gave Fort Recovery

(13-14) trouble all night, finishing with 34 kills, just nine shy of the Indians as a team. The senior had 10 kills in the first set, eight in the second, nine in the third and seven in the fourth.

Ava Reed and Ashley Gehret followed Staudter's lead with nine and seven kills, respectively. "Oh it's so fast," said Indian senior Kennedy Muhlenkamp about Anna's offense. After the first two sets the rotation got switched to put her in the back row more often to try and slow the Rockets down. "It's so hard to read that sometimes you just have to make a choice. Sometimes you're wrong, most of the time you're wrong, but you just have to keep making a choice."

Kennedy Muhlenkamp notched a team-high 27 digs, followed by Kenna Dues with 19, Kayla Heitkamp at 14 and Bridget Homan with 11.

After going back and forth in the second set, Anna claimed 10 of the final 13 points to put the Indians' backs against the wall.

Rather than folding, Fort Recovery came into the third set with a fervor, taking the first five points to jump out to an 8-2 advantage. FRHS got points on a pair of Rocket errors, two Heitkamp aces, a block by Karlie Niekamp and Cameron Muhlenkamp and kills by both as well as Homan.

AHS fought back to take a 15-14 lead before a Staudter service error and a run from Homan that included two kills and a block put the Indians back in front and in position to claim the set.

"So they responded well to our defense," said AHS coach Kelli Zumberger. "Eventually they were setting up different offense and setting different tempos. I think for us just trying to catch up made us struggle a little bit."

The teams went back and forth in the final set trading small runs. After going up 13-12, FRHS committed four consecutive errors that gave the Rockets a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

Cameron Muhlenkamp finished with a team-high 16 kills to power Fort Recovery's offense. Heitkamp added four kills, four aces and 34, while Homan had eight kills, two blocks and two aces to support the effort.

"It took us about three sets before we could get used to (Anna's speed)," Guggenbiller said. "I wish we could have played the first two sets how we played sets three and four. It's unfortunate we didn't, but we learned and grew a lot today and I'm proud of them."

While the Indians won't get a shot at a rematch with Midwest Athletic Conference foe Coldwater, they were able to hold their heads high knowing they were just the fourth volleyball team representing Fort Recovery at the regional level.

"It was all just surreal," Kennedy Muhlenkamp said. "The stands are so huge and our town - everybody's here. There was a huge student section and it was just amazing to play."

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In total, the Patriots managed 81 yards of offense on 21 carries and 4-of-13 passing. They moved the ball 68 yards on the final drive. Quarterback Sean Bailey found Rhysin Blowers twice for 27 yards, while A.J. Myers, Bailey and Isaac Dues ran the ball 41 yards, including Dues 6-yard rush for the score.

Bishop Luers often blitzed Bailey, sacking him twice, tackling him for a loss five times for 23 yards and forcing him to throw the ball away multiple times.

"It's a whole team effort," said BLHS coach Kyle Lindsay. "We've got size, we've got speed on the defensive side of the ball. It's hard to just dial in on one or two guys up front. We do have quite a few blitz packages. We probably didn't get into half of them tonight because our defense wasn't on the field very much."

"But (Bailey) is a tough kid. He's one of the more athletic, dual-threat quarterbacks that we've seen this year. So for our defense to come out and take care of business wasn't surprising, but to do it the way we did was a good night."

While Zgunda was pleased with how his defense made the Knights work to earn their points — only six plays went for more than 15 yards — it couldn't slow down the scoring in the second half. The defending Class 2A state champions found the end zone twice in the third quarter on a 2-yard rush by backup quarterback Devin Patterson and a 29-yard carry by Hogue. Patterson connected with Evan Wilkens for a 20-yard TD in the fourth as well.



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JCHS junior Carter Fugiett catches the football during the sectional semifinal loss to the Knights on Friday. Fugiett's 4-yard reception was one of only four made by the Patriots in the 41-8 defeat.

The Patriots will graduate 13 players from the roster, including key offensive players in Bailey, Myers and receiver Benson Ward, as well as a pair of defensive leaders in Lucas Strait and Dues.

"They're huge," Zgunda said. "They just go compete. They're competitors and flat out hate to lose and that's what's been so tough about having some games that could have went our way

but didn't. We didn't come out and have any games that were embarrassing in any way, and even this game. Our kids played hard and that's all you can ask for."

### Box score

Jay County Patriots (3-8) vs. Bishop Luers Knights (7-4)				
IHSAA Class 3A Sectional 28 semifinal				
Bis. Luers	7	14	14	6 — 41
Jay Co.	0	0	0	8 — 8
<b>First Quarter</b>				
BL — Jacob Felger 1 run (Angel Rojas kick), 7:59.				
<b>Second Quarter</b>				
BL — DaMeon Hogue 6 run (Rojas kick) 5:40.				
BL — Felger 7 run (Rojas kick), 47.9.				
<b>Third Quarter</b>				
BL — Devin Patterson 2 run (Rojas kick), 6:18.				
BL — Hogue 29 run (Rojas kick), 4:37.				
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>				
BL — Evan Wilkens 20 pass from Patterson (kick fail), 6:08.				
JC — Isaac Dues 6 run (Sean Bailey 2-point), 1:07.				

Team Statistics		
	JC	BL
Rushes - yds	21-45	33-200
Comp-Att-Int	4-13-0	10-13-0
Passing yds	36	137
Total Plays	34	46
Total Offense	81	331
Punt ret - yds	0-0	4-66
Kickoff ret - yds	7-49	0-0
Fumbles - lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties - yds	3-15	6-60
Sacks - yds	1-5	2-17

Individual Statistics		
<b>Rushing</b> — Jay County —A.J. Myers 10-37, Isaac Dues 1-6, Leighton Brown 1-4, Sean Bailey 8(-2). Bishop Luers — DaMeon Hogue 8-99, Jacob Felger 10-61, Daryea Williams 9-33, Danie Arnold 1-5, Devin Patterson 2-4, Brandon Gaither 1-0, Jayce White 2(-2).		
<b>Passing</b> — Jay County —Sean Bailey 4-13-0 36, Bishop Luers — Jayce White 8-11-0 91, Devin Patterson 2-2-0 46.		
<b>Receiving</b> — Jay County — Rhysin Blowers 2-27, Benson Ward 1-5, Carter Fugiett 1-4. Bishop Luers — Evan Wilkens 3-64, McKale Woodson 3-31, Daniel Kelly 1-26, Jaston White 1-7, DaMeon Hogue 1-3, Anthony Antonuccio 1-3.		

## Williamson, Ingram lead N.O. past Pacers

By CHRISTIAN CLARK  
The Times-Picayune | The New Orleans Advocate  
Tribune News Service

Since Willie Green took the New Orleans Pelicans coaching job more than three years ago, he has been dealt a seemingly never-ending string of injuries.

Zion Williamson didn't play at all in Green's first season as the team's coach, the result of a broken right foot.

This season, which is Green's fourth in New Orleans, the team is already missing four of its top six players. Dejounte Murray, CJ McCollum, Trey Murphy and Herb Jones are all sidelined.

"That's there," Green said about the Pelicans' injury misfortune. "But I don't stay there. I don't stay there long. Life is too good. I'm so grateful for the opportunity to lead."

Green's injury-depleted Pelicans were back at home after a four-game road trip, and while the early minutes against the Indiana Pacers were ugly, New Orleans found a spark on its way to a 125-118 win Friday.

Zion Williamson and Brandon Ingram combined to score 60 points, and the Pelicans got important contributions from multiple inexperienced players

as they snapped a three-game losing streak and improved to 3-3 overall.

The Pelicans entered Friday's game as the NBA's 27th-rated offense. Surprisingly, scoring wasn't a problem against the Pacers.

Williamson looked much more comfortable compared to Wednesday's game, when he shot 5 of 20 from the field in a loss to the Golden State Warriors. He scored 34 points, grabbed six rebounds and handed out 10 assists.

Williamson and Ingram both played complete games.

At the 4:26 mark of the fourth quarter,

Ingram fed Williamson a bounce pass, which set the Pelicans power forward up for a dunk. That gave the Pelicans a seven-point lead.

Ingram notched 26 points, six rebounds and seven assists.

In the second half, Williamson and Ingram received support from second-year guard Jordan Hawkins and Brandon Boston, a wing on a two-way contract. Hawkins and Boston both made 3s in the final minute of the third quarter.

Hawkins fought through lower back soreness en route to 23 points. His layup with 1:25 remaining gave the

Pelicans a four-point lead.

Rookie center Yves Missi converted another shot at the basket with 51.6 seconds to go, which grew New Orleans' lead to six points.

The Pelicans had five players in double figures and set a new season high in scoring, slightly eclipsing the 123 points they put up on the Chicago Bulls on opening night.

The Pelicans have won the two games they've played at Smoothie King Center this season. They're next in action Sunday against the Atlanta Hawks.

## Flyers ...

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Knouff connected on 12 of the 14 passes he tried, with Hoelscher hauling in nine of them for 175 yards and three TDs. Landyne Minton led a multi-faceted running game with 82 yards and two TDs on eight carries while Hess scored three times.

Caden Grisez tossed for 24 yards for Fort Recovery, completing two of his three attempts. Isaac Roessner caught one pass for 23 yards.

Braylon Rammel ran seven times for 10 yards.

Breaker Jutte led the Indians with 13 tackles, including one for a loss. Isaac Roessner and Reece Wendel added eight tackles apiece.

Friday's game left Fort Recovery at 2-9 on the season, including the pair of losses to Marion Local by a combined 130-0.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Tuesday**  
Jay County — Girls basketball scrimmage vs. Hunting-ton North — 6 p.m.

**Thursday**  
Jay County — Girls wrestling at North Miami — 6:30 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball scrimmage vs. Lincolnview — 6 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
8:30 a.m. — Premier League: Arsenal at Newcastle United (USA)  
10 a.m. — Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix (ESPN2)  
11 a.m. — Premier League: Everton at Southampton (USA)  
12 p.m. — College football: Air Force at Army (CBS); Duke at Miami (ABC); Ole Miss (ESPN); Minnesota at Illinois (FS1); Ohio State at Penn State (FOX); Northwestern at Purdue (BTN); Memphis at UTSA (ESPN2)  
12:50 p.m. — Figure Skating: Free Dance (NBC)  
1:30 p.m. — Premier League: Crystal Palace at Wolver-hampton Wanderers (NBC)  
3 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Xfinity 500 (NBC)  
3:30 p.m. — College football: Florida at Georgia (ABC); Oregon at Michigan (CBS); Texas Tech at Iowa State (ESPN); Kansas State at Houston (FOX); UCLA at Nebraska (BTN); Arizona at UCF (FS1)  
3:30 p.m. — Horse racing: Breeders Cup (NBC)  
4 p.m. — College football: Navy at Rice (ESPN2)  
5 p.m. — College football: Montana at Cal Poly (CBS)  
6 p.m. — Horse racing: Breeders Cup (USA)

7 p.m. — College football: Arizona State at Oklahoma State (FS1)  
7 p.m. — NHL: Toronto Maple Leafs at St. Louis Blues (FDSN Indiana)  
7:30 p.m. — College football: Louisville at Clemson (ESPN); Texas A&M (ABC); Wisconsin at Iowa (NBC); USA at Washington (BTN); TCU at Baylor (ESPN2)  
11 p.m. — College volleyball: UCLA at Oregon (BTN)

**Sunday**  
8 a.m. — Track and field: 2024 TCS New York City Marathon (ESPN2)  
9 a.m. — Premier League: Aston Villa at Tottenham Hotspur (USA)  
11:30 a.m. — Premier League: Chelsea at Manchester United (USA)  
1 p.m. — NFL: Dallas Cowboys at Atlanta Falcons (FOX)  
1 p.m. — College volleyball: Stanford at Florida State (ESPN)  
1 p.m. — College soccer: Ohio State at Maryland (BTN)  
2 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Xfinity 500 (NBC)  
3 p.m. — College soccer: Washington at UCLA (BTN)  
3 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Kansas City Current at Chicago Red Stars (ESPN)  
4 p.m. — NFL: Chicago Bears at Arizona Cardinals (CBS)  
4:25 p.m. — NFL: Detroit Lions at Green Bay Packers (FOX)  
5 p.m. — NHRA: Nevada Nationals (FS1)  
5:30 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Racing Louisville at San Diego Wave (ESPN)  
8:20 p.m. — NFL: Indianapolis Colts at Minnesota Vikings (NBC)

**Monday**  
12 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Ole Miss at USC (ESPN)  
2:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Louisville at UCLA (ESPN2)  
3 p.m. — Premier league: Brentford at Fulham (USA)  
6 p.m. — College basketball: Texas A&M-CC at Purdue (BTN)  
6:45 p.m. — College basketball: Missouri State at Butler (FS1)  
7:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Michigan at South Carolina (TNT)  
8 p.m. — College basketball: Cleveland State at Michigan (BTN)  
8:15 p.m. — NFL: Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Kansas City Chiefs (ABC)  
9:45 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Dallas Mavericks (FDSN Indiana)  
10 p.m. — College basketball: Texas at Ohio State (TNT); Chattanooga at USC (BTN)  
10:30 p.m. — College basketball: Rider at UCLA (FS1)  
11:30 p.m. — College basketball: Baylor at Gonzaga (ESPN2)

**Tuesday**  
7:30 p.m. — College football: Bowling Green at Central Michigan (ESPN2)  
8 p.m. — College football: Miami (OH) at Ball State (ESPN)  
8 p.m. — NHL: Tampa Bay Lightning at St. Louis Blues (FDSN Indiana)  
10 p.m. — College basketball: UC Davis at Washington (BTN)  
10 p.m. — College volleyball: Nebraska at Oregon (BTN)

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# Sports

## Patriots shut down



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Jay County High School's Joaquin Johnson and Lucas Strait (13) come together to tackle DaMeon Hogue of Bishop Luers in the sectional semifinal on Friday night. The Patriots saw their season come to a close with a 41-8 loss as they struggled to handle the Knights' speed.

### Bishop Luers' defense held Jay County's offense at bay in 33-point sectional semifinal defeat

By **ANDREW BALKO**  
The Commercial Review

The Patriots picked up their first postseason win in seven years on the final Friday of October. Moving into November, they knew they would need to be perfect to have a shot at taking down the Knights.

As the first half was coming to a close, they remained within striking distance before a 43-yard punt return set up a last minute score.

The Jay County High School football team's season came to an end at the hands of the Bishop Luers Knights 41-8 in the IHSAA Class 3A Sec-

tioned 28 semifinal game on Friday night.

With the victory, Bishop Luers (7-4) will host No. 2 Mississinewa in the sectional championship on Nov. 8.

"I've seen Luers do a lot worse than that to teams," said JCHS coach Grant Zgunda. "We hung right in there for (nearly) a half. ... (We) played hard the whole game and that doesn't always happen when you're in a game like that when you're down that way."

The Jay County (3-8) defense did what it could to force BLHS to make plays and earn its points in the first half.

The Knights scored on

the first drive after a 14-yard pass from Jayce White to McKale Woodson, a 16-yard rush by Jacob Felger and a 36-yard carry by DaMeon Hogue to get the ball to the 7-yard line. Felger had a pair of runs to punch the ball in.

The Patriots managed a stop on the second drive, but Bishop Luers got the ball on the Jay County 41-yard line to start its third drive. A series of seven runs and one pass ended with Hogue carrying the ball 6 yards for the second score of the game with 5:40 remaining in the half.

JCHS stood the

Knights up on their fourth drive and got the ball back with two minutes remaining in the half. A quick three-and-out had the Patriots punting the ball with less than a minute remaining.

Bishop Luers took advantage as Daveon Surry returned the ball 43 yards to get to the 7-yard line — the Patriots finished the drive on the 18 — to set up Felger for his second TD and to go up 21-0 with 47.9 seconds remaining.

"Twenty-one points is a lot for us to overcome against these guys," Zgunda said. "When it was 14-0 with 50 seconds left in the half I'm like,

'Alright, if we can just get to halftime, you can come out get a big play, you're one score then anything can happen.'

"That punt return, you can't do that when it's 14-0 nothing at half against Luers. It's going to be hard enough for us to score a touchdown against those guys because they are really good, let alone three."

The Knights' defense gave Jay County fits the entire night, only allowing one first down the entire first half — it came on a roughing the kicker call — and two on the final drive of the game.

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## Flyers end the Indians' season for good

MARIA STEIN, Ohio — The Indians were supposed to be at home Friday night.

They finished the regular season outside of the top 16 required to advance to the playoffs in the regional computer rankings. But when other teams passed on playing the best small-school football program in the state, they accepted the opportunity.

For the second time in five weeks, they suffered a bludgeoning at the hands of Marion Local.

Fort Recovery High School's football season came to a second, and this time final, end Friday night as the Tribe fell 68-0 to the host Division VII No. 1 Flyers.

Marion Local (11-0) advances to play in the regional quarterfinal against ninth-seeded Tri-Village (9-2), which clobbered eighth-seeded Waynesfield-Goshen 43-7 in its tournament opener.

FRHS, which got the playoff berth after Lockland, Cedarville and North Miami all passed, trailed the three-time defending state champions by just seven after the opening period.

By halftime, the game was a blowout.

Marion Local (11-0) scored six second-quarter touchdowns, including three in a span of just 1:09, to open an insurmountable lead on the Indians. It was already up 21-0 when Justin Knouff tossed for a 13-yard touchdown pass to Victor Hoelscher at the 5:02 mark of the second quarter. The Flyers got the ball back on the ensuing kickoff to allow Knouff and Hoelscher to connect again, this time for a 30-yard TD. After a Fort Recovery fumble, Parker Hess ran in for a 9-yard TD.

The home team added another score in the final minute of the first half, tallied two TDs in the third quarter and tacked on another six points in the fourth for the final margin.

The Indians were out-gained by 400 yards, with Marion Local running for 229 and passing for 206.

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