

# Board gets primer on SEA1

**By RAY COONEY**  
The Commercial Review

State legislation passed this year is going to impact tax funding for local government units in the coming years.

What has been missing is a clear picture of the depth and breadth of that impact.

Jay School Corporation now has a better idea of what to expect.

Jay School Board heard a presentation from Brent Habegger of financial consulting firm Baker Tilly on Monday about the expected impact of Senate Enrolled Act 1, with superintendent Jeremy Gulley saying he expects difficult decisions are ahead.

The board also gave business

*Gulley warns that difficult decisions may be ahead following changes to state tax policy*

- Overall homestead tax deductions will increase over the next five years.
  - Homestead tax credits will increase beginning in 2026.
  - Property tax deductions and credits will increase over the next five years for agricultural land.
  - The business personal property minimum for taxes will increase to \$2 million in 2027, up from \$80,000.
  - Local income tax distributions to schools will end in 2028.
- “A lot of moving parts with the new legislative impacts from 2025,” said Habegger.
- He advised the board to expect minimal increases in

money for the education fund, and that any new revenue for the operations fund could be offset by tax credits and sunset taxes. He said the loss of local income tax distributions will cost the school corporation more than \$500,000 annually.

Habegger added that new per-student funding will likely not keep up with inflation. He noted that curricular materials, which were previously funded separately, have now been rolled into the per-student funding.

He recommended developing short-, medium- and long-term plans for addressing the projected fiscal changes.

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## Excited Evelyn

Evelyn Vargas, 6, Portland, grabs a headband from the Youth Service Bureau table Thursday during the Back-to-School Bash at Jay County Public Library. The first full day for teachers in Jay School Corporation is today, with students returning to their classrooms on Thursday.

## Funds OK'd for AP concert series

*Council approves \$15,000 for events at Hudson park*

**By RAY COONEY**  
The Commercial Review

PORTLAND — There will be plenty of activity in Portland and beyond over the next few weeks.

Portland City Council on Monday heard updates on several upcoming events and approved funding to help keep one of them going.

Arts Place executive director Carolyn Carducci requested at least \$15,000 in funding for the 2025 summer concert series. She noted that the opening concert featuring First 2 Eleven drew more than 300 attendees — despite falling on the same night as Game 7 of the NBA Finals featuring the Indiana Pacers — while the Fleetwood Mac performance drew more than 900.

Council members asked questions about funding — The Portland Foundation has granted \$7,500 to the series in recent years — as well as about food trucks and other event logistics.

Council members Kent McClung, Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Dave Golden, Mike Aker and Ashley Hilfiker voted to approve the \$15,000 request. (Ron May was absent.)

The final concert of the 2025 series will feature 1980s and '90s cover band Brother Believe Me at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14.

Mayor Jeff Westlake reminded residents about the upcoming Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show, which is scheduled for Aug. 20 through 23 at Jay County Fairgrounds. He also noted the increased golf cart traffic the event typically brings. Other events during that time frame include:

- A quilt show Aug. 21 and 22 at Asbury United Methodist Church

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## India scrambles to contain fallout

*Trump has threatened 25% tariff on exports*

**By RUCHI BHATIA, SHRUTI SRIVASTAVA and SWATI GUPTA**  
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India's government is scrambling to contain the economic fallout from President Donald Trump's threatened tariff action, which has left officials in New Delhi reeling on how to respond.

Trump's latest tirade caught officials in India's capital off guard. The president's language — calling India's economy “dead,” its tariff barriers “obnoxious” and saying India is indifferent to the plight of Ukrainians — has been very atypical and akin to a verbal slap in the face, an official in New Delhi said, asking not to be identi-

fied as the discussions are private. Officials have no template to deal with these kinds of public assaults, the person said, adding that the latest turn of events has put a strain on India's relationship with the U.S.

India's government is now bracing for tariffs of 25% or more on exports to the U.S. and is seeking to limit the possible economic damage. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry is discussing ways to help exporters who would be hardest hit, such as in the gems and jewelry and textile sectors. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been urging Indians to buy local goods to offset any slump in global demand. And officials say they will continue to seek back-channel talks to help ease the tensions.

Trump has ramped up his fight against India, threatening to impose tariffs “substantially” higher than 25% on the nation's exports to the U.S. to penalize it for buying oil from Russia. Trump's aides say energy purchases by countries like India and China are helping to keep Russia's economy afloat as its leader Vladimir Putin wages war with Ukraine.

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## Flute finale

Emmy Crouch of the Jay County High School Marching Patriots plays Friday afternoon during the Indiana State Fair. JCHS took fourth place in the preliminaries and held that position in the finals, finishing behind Anderson, Muncie Central and Kokomo. The band placed fourth overall for percussion and earned its highest mark of third place from one of the music ensemble judges.

Deaths

Mitchell Brenner, 63, Muncie  
Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature was 80 degrees Monday in Jay County. The low was 60.  
Expect a low in the mid 60s tonight. Skies will be mostly sunny Thursday with a high in the mid 80s.  
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Kathy Lawrence of Encompass will share a presentation on seniors and their mental health during John Jay Center for Learning's Senior Lunch and Learn Series Aug. 7. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. with the presentation to follow. Reservations are \$5. The event is intended for seniors 55 years old and older.

Coming up

Thursday — Results from the JCHS girls golfers in the Belmont Invitational.  
  
Friday — Coverage of the FRHS girls golf team at the Gary Broering Invite.  
  
Saturday — Details from Thursday's Portland Board of Works meeting.

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# Swimmers fulfill ‘bucket list’ event

**By JOEL BISSELL**  
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MACKINAW CITY, MI — While most people experience the Mackinac Bridge from behind a steering wheel, 266 determined swimmers from 28 states chose a more challenging perspective on July 26, completing a grueling 4.5-mile swim across the Straits of Mackinac.

The fourth annual Mackinac Bridge Swim, considered one of the most challenging organized swims in the Great Lakes region, began just after sunrise on July 26.

Participants departed from the Colonial Michilimackinac Visitor’s Center on the southeast side of the iconic bridge.



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An aerial image of the Mackinac Bridge Swim in Mackinaw City, Michigan, on July 26. Two hundred sixty-six swimmers took on the 4.5-mile swim for charity across the Straits of Mackinac.

Unlike typical competitive events, the Mackinac Bridge Swim isn’t timed by organizers. Instead, finishers receive unique handmade medals crafted from the steel of the Mack-

inac Bridge, most made by Hansen himself. Safety was paramount throughout the event. Participants were required to wear wetsuits, swim buoys and assigned

caps. To qualify, swimmers had to demonstrate a 40-minute mile swim time, either recorded by GPS or timed by a lifeguard.

The swimmers were supported by volunteer teams in personal boats and kayaks as they made their way from south to north, staying within 100 yards of the bridge’s east side.

The United States Coast Guard shadowed the participants and closed the shipping lane beneath the bridge to all freight and recreational traffic. First responders from both St. Ignace and Mackinaw City stood ready to provide emergency support.

This was the first time the Straits shipping lane was closed for the event, which Hansen said nearly “took an act of Congress.” The shipping lane is vital for cargo vessels on the Great Lakes and is rarely if ever closed he said, barring an emergency.

While some swimmers needed assistance during the journey (either being pulled onto a boat or taking breaks before continuing), every swimmer reached the “I did it line” at Bridge View Park on the northwest side of the bridge in St. Ignace by 11 a.m., with the fastest completing the crossing in 90 minutes.

Among the successful participants was 81-year-old John Walker of Wisconsin, who completed the full 4.5-mile journey across the Straits.

Hansen, who has completed the swim multiple times himself, greeted the final swimmer as they came ashore in St. Ignace. During the after-party, which featured a meal prepared by first responders, Hansen received a proclamation from Mackinaw City and was named an honorary fire chief by the departments.

The event has personal significance for Hansen. The first time he swam across the divide between Michigan’s Upper and Lower Peninsulas, he was the last person to arrive in St. Ignace, reaching the finish line as organizers were breaking it down.

This year’s swim raised \$100,000 for local emergency services — a significant increase from last year’s \$56,000. Hansen presented checks of \$50,000 to each department during the post-swim celebration.

The Mackinac Bridge spans approximately 5 miles connecting Michigan’s Upper and Lower Peninsulas, with two 552-foot tall towers and a span of 7,400 feet.

## Man stuck between soulmate, wife

DEAR ABBY: I’ve been happily married for 31 years. I love my wife, but we are now more like roommates or friends than the lovers we were initially. We are also not soulmates. We both agree that few couples are.

But I MET my soulmate three years ago. The initial chemistry was amazing, and we have been “dating” ever since. I put “dating” in quotes because nothing physical has happened, not even holding hands. But we have intense primal eye contact and amazing discussions. We can talk for hours, well past when it is time to leave. I have never experienced a friendship like this. I know it is not infatuation or a midlife crisis. The chemistry is there. I have never cheated on my wife, and I don’t want to. It’s not who I am. I don’t want to hurt anyone. But something has to give.

The ethical answer, of course, is to maintain the status quo, but I’m not convinced that maximizes happiness for all parties, and certainly not for me. At 60, I know I will feel intense regret if I let my soulmate go, and likewise if I leave my wife. I live with the torture of this dilemma every day. Do you have any insight? — PERPLEXED IN PENNSYLVANIA

Dear Abby



DEAR PERPLEXED: I am sorry you didn’t mention whether your “soulmate” is also married, or how she feels about you. How does your wife feel about the fact that you are having these intense, hourslong conversations with another woman? Does she even know?

You stated that you are happily married and love your wife. A logical way to figure out what you want for your future would be to ask your wife to join you in consulting a licensed marriage and family therapist to help you figure out how (and whether) you can rekindle what originally brought you two together.

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DEAR ABBY: Our 40-year-old son has become a full-fledged narcissist

and blames us (his sister, her husband, my husband and me) for a family schism that has gone on for two years. He tells lies about us and keeps us from our granddaughter. Any attempt to contact him has been met with venomous, foul-mouthed texts in return.

Our son went through a nasty divorce and horrible custody proceeding, but we did our best to support him financially and emotionally during that time. He is now supposedly happily remarried, but he continues to deny us access to his daughter. We are heartbroken. This is not the way we raised him. Any suggestions? — BAFFLED IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR BAFFLED: You stated that your son is “supposedly happily remarried.” Could his new wife have had something to do with this schism? Unless your son had a psychotic break after his divorce and, in his delusions, thinks you, your husband, his sister and her husband are to blame for everything going wrong, SOMETHING has definitely changed. Family counseling might help to heal the breach, but only if he agrees there is a need for it.

## Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@thecr.com](mailto:news@thecr.com).

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

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon

on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

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

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who’s lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur

& Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

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

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

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

land. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

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

## Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

### Tuesday’s Solution

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

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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# Column sparked reader response

*Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Aug. 3, 2005. This piece followed one we ran a few weeks earlier. It provided some insight from our readers about a mystery Jack was attempting to track.*

**By JACK RONALD**  
The Commercial Review

You never know what's going to prompt a response from readers.

Sometimes you write a piece expecting significant feedback and instead hear the sound of crickets chirping in the distance.

Other times, the phone starts ringing.

A couple of weeks ago, I wrote a column about trying to locate a long-abandoned angling road that used to run northwest across eastern Jay County from the Ohio line.

Even before I'd received my own paper at home I was getting comments on it.

Over the course of about 10 days, I heard from Marvin Starr and Ron Lingo, both of

## Back in the Saddle



whom live in the area the old road once cut through. I talked with Darrell Borders, pastor of the Westchester United Methodist Church and maybe the unofficial mayor of Westchester, who flew over the route with Gary Gibson, looking for traces of the road.

Crop coverage, of course, made that next to impossible. And Darrell remembered being told by Madonna Miller, a longtime expert on Indiana and Jay County history, that what was left of the road was most easily visible in winter after a light snow.

By e-mail, I heard from John Young, who also has a copy of the 1876 atlas map, and from

former Jay County resident Mike Votaw, whose parents farmed in Noble Township when he was a child.

Votaw told me the woods at the east end of his parents' property ran at an angle where the old road would have been.

"When farming this area, the ground was very compact and difficult to plow just adjacent to the angled woods," he said via email. "As kids we also found many arrow heads along the same stretch of land."

Both of those points make sense.

It was at one time a corduroy road and had originally been an Indian trail.

Janice Stucky of Jay County Historical Society told me it used to be known as the Huntington Trail.

But of all the responses, the one that stood out most was from Fern G. Thomas Schmieman of Nampa, Idaho.

She wrote to say she was born in Jay County in 1923 on the family farm which was

right along the old road. She moved from the county in 1941.

"My great-grandparents moved to the United States from Alsace and on May 20, 1837 they purchased 360 acres of land in Jay County," she said. "This was approximately twenty-five years before the Homestead Act. The family oral history stated one dollar per acre was paid for it. It was bordered on the north by what was later referred to as the Westchester Road. A church, known during my childhood as the Westchester Evangelical United Brethren Church, stood on the northwest corner of the original farmland. Directly across the road to the west was the red brick one-room Westchester School."

About 1850, the family (originally Stoltz, but later changing the spelling to Stolz) built a large house on the farm, facing the angling road. That house, on property now owned by Jeff Smith, has long since collapsed as has the barn.

For many years, the farm was

owned by Max Thomas, Fern Schmieman's brother. He died in March 2004.

"When I was a child," Mrs. Schmieman wrote, "the men in my family would always have to lift the plows and disks while doing farm work that necessitated crossing the old angling road. Nothing would penetrate the hardness of that road!"

"I learned, with my brother's help, to drive a Model T on that road. It had a nice slope going in a northwesterly fashion in front of the house and Max would park the car atop the rise and allow me to drive down towards Bear Creek. That is also where he would tell me to curl up in a tire and he would send me off down the hill. (Ah, to be that trusting again!)"

Mrs. Schmieman hasn't been back to Jay County in about 50 years, saying it would be too emotionally difficult to revisit the old homestead.

But she added, "That place will always be met with fondness in my heart."

# Public can turn back the measles

**The Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)**  
Tribune News Service

It would have been unimaginable even 10 years ago for medical facilities such as those in Union Medical Group in Terre Haute, Indiana, to alert the public that they would begin screening their patients for measles.

Yet that is what occurred recently when UMG announced a measles screening program at its facilities because of the resurgence of the disease throughout the United States.

No less than 25 years ago, measles — a highly contagious airborne virus that can infect people of any age and put them at risk for even more serious illness — had been declared eliminated in the U.S. The country had achieved that status because of the widely embraced immunization efforts of recent decades.

But in the past 10 years, the virus has made an astonishing comeback, largely because of decreased immunization and the rise of vaccine skepticism in some segments of society.

Incidents of measles infections began increasing in southwestern states last year but quickly spread. As of this week, the Centers for Disease Control has reported more than 1,000 cases have been confirmed and many more are suspected across the country. As many as 40 states have reported cases as of this week.

Indiana, Illinois and surrounding states are among those. Initially, confirmed cases were reported in Allen County in the northeastern section of Indiana, where Fort Wayne is the county seat. Soon after, Putnam County between Terre Haute and Indianapolis had a confirmed case. One by one, other counties such as Hamilton and Steuben were seeing suspected cases.

Measles is still a required vaccine for attending schools. But compliance has begun to

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slip, and that opens the door for more widespread cases to reappear.

Immunizations and public health programs built around them have been a highly effective tool for reducing once dangerous outbreaks of measles and other diseases.

Hopefully, this resurgence of measles will spark a new wave of vaccine compliance.

There will be obstacles, of course, including the rise of vaccine hesitancy and resistance in institutions such as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, where noted vaccine skeptic Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is President Trump's appointed secretary.

Kennedy hasn't withdrawn support for the measles vaccine, but his leadership through the resurgence has been weak and confusing. He has made a number of unsupported claims about the virus, and has pushed federal agencies to more closely examine treatments and preventions that medical professionals widely debunk.

It's a perilous situation and the medical community must continue to push back.

The public must also stay vigilant and maintain its support for and participation in public health programs that emphasize various vaccines such as the one that prevents measles. While unfounded conspiracies surrounding immunization will always be around, people must embrace common sense and ignore claims that have no basis in science or medicine.

Vaccines are a miracle of modern medicine and have led to a healthier society over the past 70-plus years.

That's a fact that can't be disputed and should be roundly embraced.



# Cutting counseling is a mistake

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For generations, owning a home has been one of the most effective ways for American families to build wealth, stability and long-term opportunity. But for far too many families, especially those who are Black and Latine, this opportunity remains out of reach.

Sustainable homeownership means giving people the tools and support they need to make informed decisions for long-term success. That's what housing counseling does. Usually working at nonprofit organizations, trained counselors certified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) help individuals and families navigate every stage of the housing journey, from renting to buying to holding on to their homes during hard times.

The advice of these counselors is unbiased, typically free and grounded in the best interests of families and communities. They help clients build budgets, improve credit, understand down-payment assistance programs and avoid scams. When crises like illness or job loss strike, housing counselors are often the ones helping families avoid foreclosure.

This work has significant reach. HUD data shows that from October 2023 to September 2024, more than 4,600 HUD-certified counselors assisted more than 850,000 households. In Illinois alone, 193 HUD-certified counselors assisted more than 34,000 households. More than 2,000 families purchased their first home, and approximately 800 families avoided mortgage default or foreclosure, stabilizing not only these families but entire neighborhoods.

But the budget proposed by the House of Representatives eliminates funding for HUD's Housing Counseling Program from the nation's budget for fiscal year 2026.

## David Young



This is not just a routine cut. It's a reversal of decades of bipartisan support for sustainable homeownership and housing stability. The Senate could restore housing counseling funding in its budget proposal, which would then need to be negotiated with the House of Representatives.

At Housing Action Illinois, a HUD-approved intermediary, my work involves supporting a network of 35 housing counseling agencies across the Midwest and beyond. I see up-close how the numbers translate into real, life-changing stories.

An agency in our network recently helped Yara, a single mother in Central Illinois who was overwhelmed by the homebuying process. It connected her with Tessa, a housing counselor who helped her walk through the process of building credit and preparing for home ownership. With Tessa's guidance, Yara secured down payment assistance and became a first-time homeowner.

Then there's China, who came to a Missouri-based counselor with a low credit score. Over two years, she followed a personalized plan to pay off student loans and raise her credit, eventually qualifying for a mortgage. After closing on her new home this past winter, she returned for post-purchase counseling to stay on track.

I also think of Elliot, a single father of four who spent five years working with a housing counselor in Wisconsin. With support and perseverance, he went on a remarkable journey from homelessness to homeownership by rebuilding his credit, growing

his savings and qualifying for a Habitat for Humanity home.

As housing becomes harder to find amid growing economic uncertainty, housing counseling becomes even more of a lifeline. That's why it's alarming that these budget proposals zero out funding for HUD's Housing Counseling Program. Eliminating this support turns away from decades of federal policy that has embraced homeownership as a core national goal.

For nearly 60 years, housing counselors have helped families buy and keep homes — in big cities, small towns and rural communities alike. This work has been especially important during tough times, such as the foreclosure crisis and again during the COVID-19 pandemic, when housing counselors were on the front lines, meeting with clients and contacting banks and servicers to help homeowners to keep their homes.

We need housing counseling just as much now. High interest rates, low inventory and rising costs have created steep barriers for first-time buyers, especially those without family wealth or insider knowledge of the market.

If the administration truly believes in making homeownership more accessible, it must back that belief with action. That means fully funding HUD's Housing Counseling Program, not abandoning it. Sustainable homeownership doesn't just change one family's future. It stabilizes neighborhoods, grows local economies and builds intergenerational opportunity. What we need is the political will and investment to keep housing counseling robust.

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Helpful Patriots

Jay County Junior-Senior High School's cheerleaders jumped in to help roll up and haul the mats following Saturday's competition at the Indiana State Fair. Pictured, from left, Leah Steed, Journey Reynolds, Aubree Hunley, Lilly Stephen and Bailey Muhlenkamp of the junior high squad work together to start rolling up a mat.

Scrambles ...

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The U.S. president has given Putin until Aug. 8 to reach a truce in the conflict.  
Modi's government is so far holding its ground, saying it's being unreasonably targeted by the U.S. for its ties to Russia — its biggest supplier of oil and military equipment. Officials have signaled they won't instruct refiners to halt Russian crude purchases, while Modi has urged Indians to buy more local goods to bolster Asia's third-largest economy.  
For months trade officials had been negotiating with the Trump administration on a deal that both sides had been signaling was close to being finalized, with a tariff rate possibly below 20%. The U.S. president's tone appeared to change last month, when he threatened India with

higher duties alongside others in the BRICS bloc of nations for what he said was the group's anti-U.S. stance. He then followed up several days later with warnings about financial penalties on countries like India for buying oil from Russia.  
India has been buying Russian crude at a rate of about 1.7 million barrels a day so far this year, all of it from seaborne imports, while China has purchased an average of about 2 million barrels, comprising both seaborne imports as well as oil that's transported via an inland pipeline.  
To offset the tariff hikes, officials in New Delhi are now considering expediting an export promotion plan, first outlined in the February budget, which set aside 22.5 billion rupees (\$256 million) to support exporters.

The budgeted amount may be increased to help businesses offset potential losses resulting from greater competition with regional rivals, who have secured lower tariff rates of around 15%-20%, a person familiar with the matter said.  
The discussions are still ongoing and the government hasn't made any decision on what kind of support it will provide, the person said.  
India's Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Ministry of Finance didn't immediately respond to emails seeking further information.  
New Delhi is also weighing easing some dairy market access rules for the U.S. in order to placate Trump, officials familiar with the matter said. The government is discussing whether it can allow limited

imports of some dairy products, such as cheese not made in India and condensed milk with clear labeling of the animal feed used in manufacturing, they said.  
India maintains tariffs of as high as 60% on dairy products to protect its local industry and enforces strict rules to ensure imported dairy products aren't from cattle fed animal-based in order to adhere to religious sensitivities. Any easing of restrictions in the dairy sector would represent a significant concession by India, which didn't grant the UK any similar market access in a recently concluded free trade agreement.  
Economists estimate that a 25% tariff could cut India's gross domestic product growth by 0.3 percentage point. Pranjul Bhandari, chief India econo-

mist at HSBC Holdings Plc., said an additional penalty would curb growth further, resulting in lower capital inflows and investment. An internal assessment by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry shows that a 25% tariff would impact about 10% of India's exports in July to September.  
Modi's rivals have criticized his previously friendly ties with Trump and called him out for his silence on the U.S. leader's comments.  
"We are receiving threats - that there will be more than 25% tariffs and we are being told that we should not buy oil from Russia. This friendship has turned out to be expensive," Jairam Ramesh, a senior leader in the main opposition Indian National Congress, told reporters Tuesday.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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**Yesterday's answer 8-6**

Felony court news

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Spencer R. Niece, 28, 7925 North U.S. 27, Ridgeville, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony. As part of his plea agreement, his charge was lessened to a Class A misdemeanor. A Class B misdemeanor for visiting a common nuisance was also dismissed. Niece was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but eight days suspended and given eight days credit for time served. Niece was fined \$1, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was placed on probation for one year and ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling.

**Cocaine**  
A rural Portland resident was sentenced to home detention for possession of cocaine.  
Preston R. Keen, 29, 5938 W. 800 South, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to the Level 5 felony. Keen was sentenced to four years in Indiana Department of Corrections, with his sen-

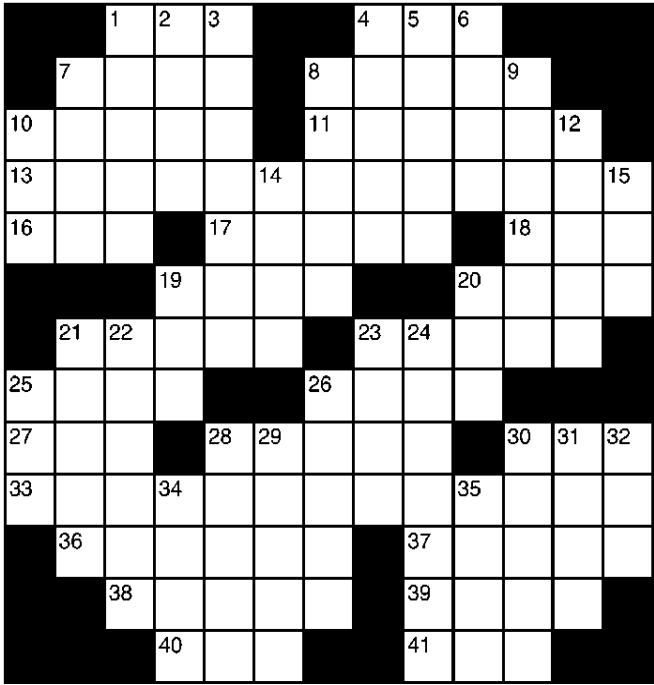
tence to be served on home detention. He was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 5 felony for possession of a narcotic drug, two Level 6 felonies for unlawful possession of a syringe and battery against a public safety official, and a Class A misdemeanor for resisting law enforcement.

**Battery**  
Three Jay County residents were sentenced to serve time for battery charges.  
Shelby E. Smith, 32, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to domestic battery, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 2.5 years in Jay County Jail with all but eight days suspended and placed on probation. Smith was given credit for time served, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention fee. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for residential entry was dismissed.  
Also, Smith pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court

to battery on a public safety official, a Level 5 felony. She was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Smith was assessed \$189 in court costs.  
Thaddaeus D. Thornburg, 30, 310 North Camden St., Ridgeville, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to domestic battery, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 545 days in Indiana Department of Correction and given 92 days credit for time served. Thornburg was fined \$1, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention and treatment fee.  
Travis J.L. Callahan, 31, 190 E. Maple St. P.O. Box 353, Pennville, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to domestic battery, a Class A misdemeanor. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 182 days suspended and given 156 days credit for time served. Callahan was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention and treatment fee. He was also placed on pro-

bation for 183 days. As part of his plea agreement, his charge was lessened from a Level 6 felony.  
**Theft**  
A man was sentenced to four years in prison for theft.  
Jason L. Newman Jr., 50, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony. He also admitted he is a habitual offender.  
Newman was sentenced to one year in Indiana Department of Correction with his sentence enhanced by an additional 1,095 days. He was fined \$25 and ordered to pay \$1,055 in restitution to the benefit of Donald Jones.

**Resisting law**  
An Indianapolis man was sentenced to jail for resisting law enforcement.  
Rilick Derinord, 45, 9060 E. 39th Place, Indianapolis, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but two days suspended and given two days credit for time served. Derinord was fined \$1, assessed \$189.50 in court costs and placed on probation for one year.



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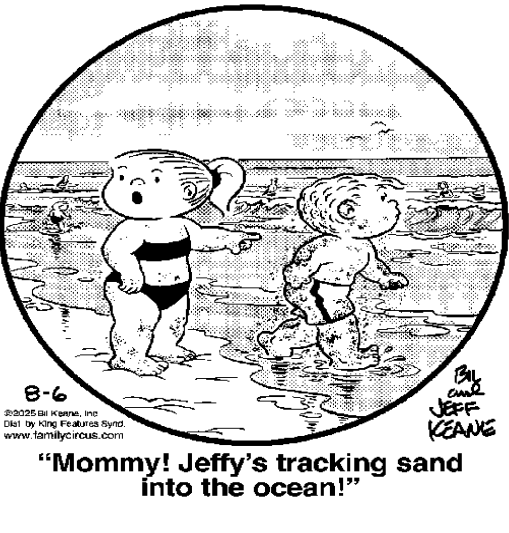
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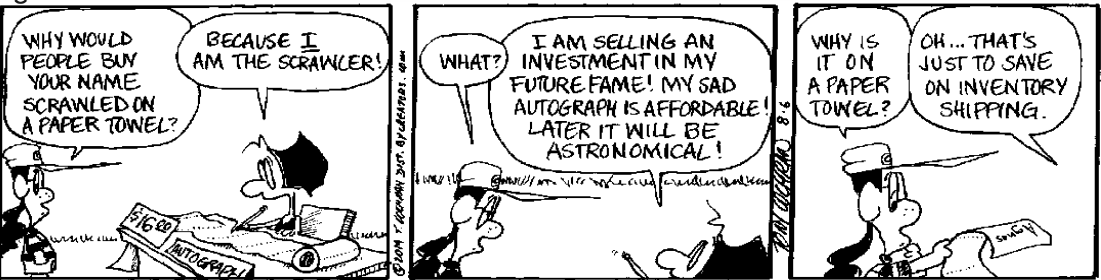
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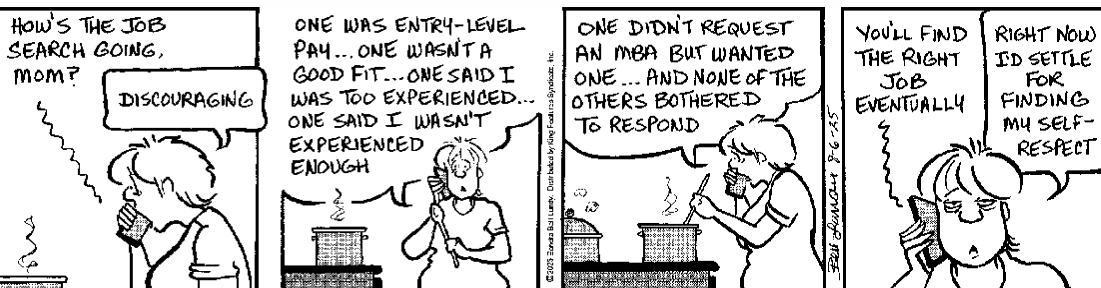
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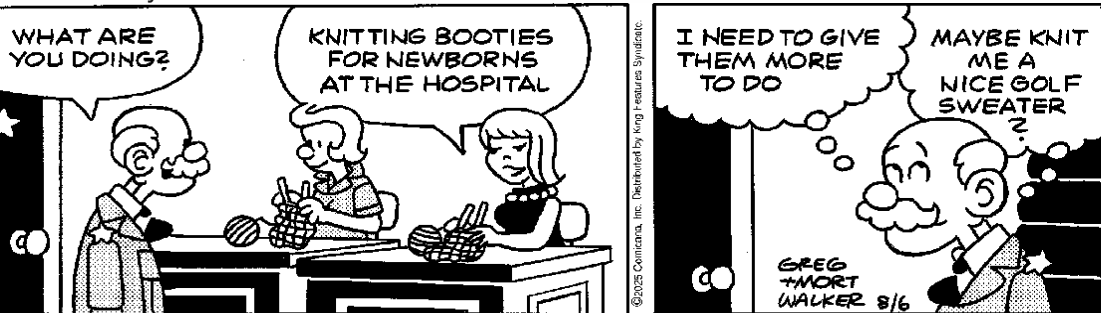
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AUGUST 8, 2025  
4:30 P.M.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Two for the price of one

East dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ A 8 3  
♥ A Q J  
♦ A Q J 3 2  
♣ K 7  
**WEST**  
♠ Q 5  
♥ 10 9 7 4  
♦ 8 7 4  
♣ Q 10 6 3  
**EAST**  
♠ 10 9 6 2  
♥ 8 5 3 2  
♦ 10 6  
♣ 9 5 4  
**SOUTH**  
♠ K J 7 4  
♥ K 6  
♦ K 9 5  
♠ A J 8 2

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 1 NT Pass 7 NT  
Opening lead — ten of hearts.  
Let's say you reach seven notrump as shown and West leads the ten of hearts. You have 36 high-card points in the combined hands, plus a running five-card suit, but you still have only 12 top tricks.  
You can pick up a 13th trick if you can win a finesse in either black suit. The trouble is, you don't know which finesse to take, and if you pick the wrong one, you won't get a

chance to try the other.  
This situation — where you seem to have to guess which of two finesses to take but don't need to try both — is fairly common, but in some cases, you can significantly improve your chances by testing one of the options in safety while keeping the other option in reserve.  
In today's deal, for example, if South attempts a finesse in either clubs or spades, the grand slam fails. But since he does not intend to take both finesses, he can give himself an extra chance by first cashing the A-K in one of the suits, hoping to drop the doubleton queen. All South has to do is decide which suit to try.  
This is not really a difficult choice. Since the opponents hold seven clubs and only six spades between them, the queen of spades is obviously more likely to be doubleton than the queen of clubs.  
Accordingly, after winning the first heart and cashing five diamonds, on which you discard a club and a spade, you play the A-K of spades. When West's queen falls, you have your 13th trick, and there is no need to chance the club finesse at all.

Tomorrow: Magic act.  
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Today's Cryptquip Clue: V equals F

90 SALE CALENDAR	90 SALE CALENDAR	90 SALE CALENDAR	130 MISC. FOR SALE	130 MISC. FOR SALE	200 FOR RENT	200 FOR RENT
<p><b>PUBLIC AUCTION</b> Located: The corner of Main and Race Streets, Ridgeville Indiana (just west 1 block from Pak A Sak) Saturday Morning AUGUST 16, 2025 9:30 A.M. ANTIQUES - OLD &amp; COLLECTORS ITEMS Railroad crossing Cross-buck signs with post, lights and bell. Coca Cola Bat Wing store cooler; 1929 Easy Copper wash machine (electric with natural gas hook up); soap box derby car; 3 wheel bicycle with box on back (used in Richmond IN factory); Star Wars Millennium Falcon Spaceship; metal bolt bin; CAST IRON: 30 gallon pot with handle and stand, ; SIGNS: Heinekin Beer, Pepsi, Coca Cola, Stroh's, Seagrams, Sinclair, Harley Davidson, Corvette, and Budweiser Select to name a few; CROCKS &amp; STONEWARE: Boy Scout items; ball cards; Match Box cars and case; Radio Flyer tricycle; CONCRETE: donkeys, frogs on bench, kissing dutchman, and Doberman to name a few; and many other items not listed. TOOLS - MISCELLANEOUS 80 lbs psi air compressor (originally from phone company); Makita</p>	<p>Driver drill; Makita charger; B &amp; D jig saw; Power Pro 300 amp auto jumper; 1946 Ford flat head engine parts; fish cleaning table; wood burning stoves; 2 wheel cart; fishing poles; lawn chairs; and many other items not listed. TERRY RITTENHOUSE Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 Travis Theurer AU11200131 Aaron Loy AU11200112 Kaden Khayyaya AU12400069 <b>PUBLIC AUCTION</b> THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 4th, 2025 TIME 4:30 P.M. LOCATED: 506 N George St. Ridgeville, IN GUN -GUN SUPPLIES-AMMO Taurus 357 Mag 6 Shot Revolver (3 Screw). 45 Cal ACP Pistol. H &amp; R Sportsman 22 Cal 9 Shot Revolver. Ammo Reloader. Tumbler. Reloading Supplies. Large Lot of Lead. Large Lot of Gun Supplies. TRAILER-TILLERS-SHOP EQUIPMENT 5' X 8' Single Axel Utility Trailer. Stihl Mini Tiller. Craftsman Rear tine Tiller. Dewalt Power Miter Saw. Delta Bandsaw. . Router w/ Stand. Roller Stand. Double Arbor Buffer. Fishing Poles and Supplies. . Consew Industrial</p>	<p>Sewing Machine. Sentry Small Safe. ANTIQUES-HOUSEHOLD-MISC Toys and Miniatures. Primitive Tools. Cross Cut Saws. Banjo. Marlboro Sign. Marlboro Top Ornate Sofa Table w/ End Tables and Coffee Tables.Laser Printer. 2 and 4 Drawer Filing Cabinets. Large Lot of Hardware. OWNER: Friends Firearms by Flora Friend. Note: Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos. SHAWVER AUCTIONEERING AND REAL ESTATE AC31800004 AUCTIONEERS Zane Shawver Lic. #AU10500168 260-729-2229 Pete D. Shawver Lic. #AU19700040 260-726-5587</p>	<p><b>FOR SALE</b> Hay and Straw call 260-249-8458 <b>SCRATCH PADS ARE BACK</b> various bundles sizes and XL pads. \$1.25 plus tax. Pick up at The Commercial Review Tuesday thru Friday 10am to 4pm. <b>PAPER END ROLLS FOR SALE</b> Various sizes and prices. Call The Commercial Review at 260-726-8141 for more information. <b>ALUMINUM SHEETS</b> 23"x30",.007 thick. Clean and shiny on one side..35 cents each or four for \$1.40, plus tax. The Commercial Review, 309 W Main,</p>	<p>Portland 260-726-8141. <b>190 FARMERS' COLUMN</b> <b>AG RENTAL</b> Spreaders: BBI, Artsway Vertical. New Holland 228 skid loaders w/full cab, heat/ac. Fort Recovery 419-852-0309</p>	<p><b>TJ EXPRESS SERVICE, LLC</b> in Dunkirk, IN has 14,400 square feet of commercial storage space available for rent. Monday-Friday from 6:00AM-6:00PM. Feel free to call our office at 260-766-4331 or email customerservice@tjx-pservice.com <b>LEASE SPACE</b> available, Coldwater, OH. Manufacturing, warehousing, assembly, distribution, offices, inside and outdoor storage. Easy access to major highways and railroad</p>	<p>access with loading docks and overhead cranes available. Contact Sycamore Group, 419-678-5318, www.sycamorespace.com <b>230 AUTOS, TRUCKS</b> <b>WE PAY CASH</b> for junk autos. We pick up at your location. 1-765-546-2642 or 1-765-857-1071. Slocum's Salvage</p>
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(D) an amount prescribed by the county auditor that equals the sum of:  
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(2) any other costs incurred by the county that are directly attributable to the tax sale; and  
(E) any unpaid costs due under IC 6-1.1-24-2(c) from a prior tax sale.  
No property listed below shall be sold if, at any time before the sale, the Total Amount for Judgment is paid in full. If the real property is sold in the tax sale, the amount required to redeem such property will be 110% of the minimum bid for which the tract or real property was offered at the time of sale, if redeemed not more than six (6) months after the date of sale, or 115% of the minimum bid for which the tract or real property was offered at the time of sale, if redeemed

more than six (6) months after the date of sale, plus the amount by which the purchase price exceeds the minimum bid on the real property plus five percent (5%) per annum interest on the amount by which the purchase price exceeds the minimum bid on the property. All taxes and special assessments upon the property paid by the purchaser subsequent to the sale, plus five percent (5%) per annum interest on those taxes and special assessments, will also be required to be paid to redeem such property. In addition, IC 6-1.1-25-2 (e) states the total amount required for redemption may include the following costs incurred and paid by the purchaser or the purchaser's assignee or the county before redemption: (1) The attorney's fees and cost of giving notice under IC 6-1.1-25-4.5; (2) The costs of title search or examining and update the abstract of title for the tract or item of real property. The period of redemption shall expire on Monday, September 14, 2026 for certificates sold in the tax sale. For certificates struck to the county, the period of redemption may expire Monday, January 12, 2026. If the tract or item of real property is sold for an amount more than the minimum bid and the property is not redeemed, the owner of record of the property who is divested of ownership at the time the tax deed is issued may have a right to the tax sale surplus. The Auditor and Treasurer specifically reserve the right to withhold from the sale any parcel which has been listed in error, or which otherwise becomes ineligible for sale either prior to 09/12/2025 or during the duration of the sale. This notice of real property tax sale, and the tax sale itself are undertaken and will be conducted pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the State of Indiana which regulate the sale of land for delinquent taxes, pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-24-1 et seq. The County does not warrant the accuracy of the street address or common description of the property, and a misstatement in the key number or street address does not invalidate an otherwise valid sale. Minimum bid amounts are prescribed by law and are subject to change prior to the auction date. Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-3(e), property descriptions may be omitted for properties appearing on the certified list in consecutive years. A complete property list may be obtained at [www.sriservices.com](http://www.sriservices.com) or in an alternative form upon request. Registration For Bidding On The Tax Sale: If you are interested in bidding on the tax sale for an Indiana county, you may register online at <https://sriservices.com/>. This registration is good for all counties that SRI services. You need to register only once for all counties. Make sure to bring the completed form with you to each sale. This will speed up the registration process for you the morning of the sale. If you do not have access to a computer with internet service you may register the morning of the sale. Please arrive the morning of the tax sale at least 30 minutes before the beginning time to be assured

you will receive your bid number before the start of the sale.

Please bring your registration form and W9 form with you the morning of the tax sale. You will be able to print these forms from the registration web site.

Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-5.1 a business entity that seeks to register to bid at the Jay County Tax Sale must provide a Certificate of Existence or Foreign Registration Statement in accordance with IC 5-23 from the Secretary of State to the Jay County Treasurer.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true list of lots and land returned delinquent for the nonpayment of taxes and special assessments for the time periods set forth, also subsequent delinquent taxes, current taxes and costs due thereon and the same are chargeable with the amount of tax, etc., with which they are charged, on said list.  
Given under my hand and seal this  
6th day of August, 2025.  
Emily Franks, Auditor, Jay County, Indiana.  
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# Laying foundation

## Young Patriots get their feet wet at the South Adams Invite

**By ANDREW BALKO**  
The Commercial Review

GENEVA — The Patriots graduated their top golfer from last season. Two more won't play this year after not coming out for the team or healing from offseason surgery.

With just one returner in the lineup along with three freshmen and a first-year golfer, the season opener was more about laying groundwork to build upon throughout the season.

Jay County High School's girls golf team opened the 2025 season Monday morning at the South Adams Invite at Wabash Valley Golf Course by finishing ninth with 484 strokes.

A pair of Allen County Athletic Conference foes took the top two spots as Bluffton finished first with a 369, while Adams Central was the only other team to break 400 at 398 strokes.

Frankton (402) and Belmont (409) took the third and fourth spots before another pair of ACAC teams, Southern Wells (433) and South Adams (434) followed. Canterbury broke up the ACAC teams with 449 strokes for seventh place.

Heritage claimed eighth with 475 before Jay County's 484-stroke eighth-place finish. The Patriots did manage to finish above Bishop Luers, which shot a 503.



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Elizabeth Brunswick of the Jay County High School girls golf team watches her ball sail off the tee of the 15th hole at Wabash Valley Golf Course on Monday during the season opening South Adams Invite. Brunswick bogeyed the 110-yard, par-3 en route to a round of 125 that rounded out the Patriots team score of 484 that took ninth place.

With how young the Patriots are, JCHS coach Carissa Allred put a lot of focus on preparing her golfers mentally for any potential situation, even if the execution wasn't perfect.

"Over the summer we worked really hard at golf etiquette and the rules to get them prepared," Allred said. "Today honestly, they were prepared for every single obstacle that was thrown their way, whether it was hitting onto a cart path, hitting into the water, or out of bounds or into a tree, they overall knew what to do, when to do it and how to do it. And I'm very thankful for that."

Erin Aker, the lone returner, and Alexa Ridenour led the Patriots with rounds of 119 strokes. (They finished 41 strokes behind Ellie Gatton of Norwell, who earned match medalist honors.)

Aker's best stretch came near the start of the round – she teed off on hole No. 10 – as she carded back-to-back bogeys on the 377-yard, par-5 11th hole and the 85-yard, par-3 12th hole. She also added seven double-bogeys to her score.

Aker significantly improved her score from last season, when she shot a 133 at the South Adams Invite. In 2024, she followed up the opening tournament with a 131 before lowering it to a 119 at the ACAC tournament and 105 at the sectional.

"It pleases me 100%, because what it does is it shows the girls that with practice during the offseason time, they can maintain if not improve where they left off last season," Allred said.

Ridenour had a couple of highlights during her round, including being the only Patriot to make it over the water on the 18th hole.

Allred and Ridenour both pointed out the sixth hole as a good learning opportunity from her varsity debut. The freshmen's first shot on the 303-yard, par-4 wound up on a cart path with about 10 low-lying trees in front of her. Luckily, Allred was there to help her through the situation. While the freshman still ended up with a double-par on the hole, she punched out of the early jam flawlessly.

"I just told myself 'I can do it,'" Ridenour said about the punchout. "'But if I don't there's always a second chance.' ... It's all your mindset. It's just how you approach the situation."

Ridenour's other highlight came on the 14th hole, when her short game came through to help her make par on the 350-yard, par-5.

She wasn't the only Patriot to make par as fellow freshman Crystal Swartzentruber hit the suggested mark on the 255-yard, par-4 first hole and the 12th and Elizabeth Brunswick matched Swartzentruber with three strokes on hole No. 12.

"Some of my new players shot pars on hole and when they read their score off to me, it was very pleasant to hear that," Allred said. "It's, hopefully for them, a self-esteem booster."

Swartzentruber provided Jay County's third score with a 121, while Brunswick rounded out the team score at 125. Freshman Reny Lingo shot a 132 that didn't affect the final.

The Patriots didn't get much time to reflect as they turned right around to play in the Belmont Invite on Tuesday, but Allred is looking to have the girls work on the short game in the coming weeks.

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## FR girls golf opens with win

ARCANUM, Ohio — The Tribe tripped up early against the Patriots in 2024 before putting together one of the strongest seasons in program history.

In 2025, they got off on a much better foot.

The Fort Recovery High School girls golf team beat the Tri-Village Patriots 201-222 at Beechwood Golf Course to open the season on Monday.

Fort Recovery's returning leader, Olivia Knapke, also had a strong start to the season as her round of 44 earned her match medalist honors. Tri-Village Reagan Brewer posted a 46 to lead the Patriots.

The other three returning members of the 2024 varsity squad filled in the rest of the score for the Indians (1-0). Georgia Wenning carded a 51 out of the No. 4 position, while Mallory Evers trailed by just one stroke. Evvie Briner's 54 brought the Tribe up to the final of 201.

Sophomores Layla Armstrong and Emily Boeckman also competed, but their scores of 65 and 66, respectively, didn't crack the top five to affect the final.

### FRHS Roundup

**LeFevre leads**

ARCANUM, Ohio — Reece LeFevre shot an even 36 to lead Fort Recovery's boys golf team to a 171-202 victory over Tri-Village in Monday's season opener at Beechwood Golf Course.

LeFevre slipped up on the 13th and 14th holes with a double-bogey and a bogey, but birdies on the 11th, 15th and 18th kept him even as he claimed the match medalist title.

Tri-Village's Brecken Gray posted the Patriots' top score of 43, which Caleb Smith beat by one stroke. The junior Indian finished with one birdie, two pars, five bogeys and one double-bogey.

Freshman Andrew Rehmer followed with a 46, while Carter Fortkamp carded a 47 to round out the team score. Luke Fortkamp and Garrett Diller didn't finish far behind as they shot 48 and 49 respectively, despite their scores not affecting the final.

## Sports on tap

Local schedule	(ESPN)
<b>Today</b> Fort Recovery — Girls golf at Gary Broering Invite — 8:30 a.m.	2:20 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Chicago Cubs (FDSN Indiana) 4 p.m. — Athletes Unlimited Softball: Team Ocasio vs. Team Corrick (ESPN2) 7 p.m. — Athletes Unlimited Softball: Team Lorenz vs. Team Kilfoyl (ESPN2)
<b>Thursday</b> Fort Recovery — Boys golf vs. New Bremen — 3 p.m.; Volleyball scrimmage at Memorial — 5 p.m.	<b>Thursday</b> 1 p.m. — Little League World Series (ESPN2) 6:40 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Pittsburgh Pirates (FDSN Indiana)
<b>TV schedule</b> <b>Today</b> 11 a.m. — Little League World Series	