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### Jackhammer job

Kyle Overla of Portland's water department uses a jackhammer to chip away at a section Votaw Street (Indiana 26/67) just west of Industrial Park Drive. He was working with Rick Schlechty (at left) to find a water valve that was paved over years ago. Crews needed access to the valve in conjunction with a renovation project at Crossroads Financial Federal Credit Union on the north side of the street.

### Redkey fires former marshal

Jack accused of violating personnel policy

**By BAILEY CLINE**  
The Commercial Review  
REDKEY — The former town marshal has been fired. Redkey Town Council decided at a special meeting Monday to terminate officer Chris Jack's employment, effective immediately. Council members' 4-1 decision came after an executive session held to discuss Jack's alleged infractions of the town's personnel policy. Jack was suspended with pay last month and cited with a major infraction for allegedly "committing an act of violence or an act of improper or immoral conduct while employed by the Town." Per the pol-

icy, employees who commit major infractions may be subject to termination. According to Jack's disciplinary action forms and related documents, he allegedly had a heated discussion with a local resident in July at Dollar General in Redkey. The documents say a witness told police that the alleged conflict involved "yelling, finger pointing, and vulgarity" and that threats were made by both parties. Video footage from the incident did not include audio, and an Indiana State Police investigation into the matter was closed. Another disciplinary action form indicated Jack refused to follow the chain of command for reporting attendance. When asked for details about the cause of his termination, Jack alleged council president Brenda Beaty made up reasons to fire him. He said he didn't make threats against the resident, noting that Indiana State Police's investigation was closed. See **Fires** page 2

### Sewer, water rates increasing

Council OKs 3% bumps to go into effect in February

**By RAY COONEY**  
The Commercial Review  
DUNKIRK — Sewer and water rates will go up in February. Dunkirk City Council approved ordinances increasing sewer and water rates by 3%, as they had discussed at meetings over the last two months. The increases push the minimum water rate to \$25.54 per month from the current \$24.80 and the minimum sewer rate to \$17.90 per month from the current \$16.87.

The ordinance regarding sewer rates also increases the fee for handling waste from septic tanks to 9 cents per gallon from the previous 4 cents per gallon. That increase will go into effect immediately. It will be the third consecutive 3% increase for the city on its water and sewer rates. Enacting regular incremental annual increases in order to help build balances for needed water and sewer projects was part of the city's master utility plan. "We've been working on this probably the last five years," said Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins. "We've been doing 2% (or 3%), instead of trying to go five years without and make one big jump. (We're) keeping it to where it's not that much." See **Rates** page 2

### FRLS finishing projects

**By BAILEY CLINE**  
The Commercial Review  
FORT RECOVERY — Fort Recovery Local Schools students return to classes Tuesday. Summer projects at the school buildings are wrapping up in preparation. Superintendent Tony Stahl shared an update during Monday's Fort Recovery School Board meeting about a few projects that are set to be completed before the first day of school. The heating, ventilation and air conditioning project at Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School is mostly complete, with major demolition, installation and electrical work finished. The \$870,000 project completed by Smith-Boughan Mechanical Service Solutions of Lima, Ohio, involved replacing outdated variable air volume control boxes that controlled airflow. Stahl noted a few loose ends in the works, although he pointed out contractors plan to have the system fully operational by the end of the week. "There is going to be some balancing that's going to go on into

New HVAC and intercoms will be ready for the first day of school next week

the school year," he said, noting contractors will visit the school and enter the ceiling in order to measure airflow. A new bell and intercom system has also been installed at the elementary/middle school, similar to the paging system the high school began using last year. (It has a two-way communication system, allowing the main office and classrooms to engage in conversation.) It should be fully functional by next week, Stahl noted. Also, new copiers provided through a 60-month lease with Modern Office Methods will be put in place Thursday. Plans are to train staff on the new equipment Friday. Stahl also updated school board

members about a survey conducted in April and May. The survey drew 113 responses, with the largest demographic of responders being parents with school-aged children. He pointed to generally positive feedback regarding school communications, including 73% of respondents strongly agreeing they are satisfied with the way they are currently receiving messages from the school and 93% of respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing that the school communicates important information in a timely manner. Respondents overall rated the school an average of 4.3 stars out of 5 stars in terms of communication. See **Projects** page 2



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### Court candy

Jasmine Esparza, second runner up in the Miss Jay County pageant, tosses candy to Gas Boom Days parade-goers Saturday. Another festival is scheduled for this weekend, with Glass Days on Saturday in Dunkirk.

Deaths

Nathaniel Wickey, 15 days, Bryant  
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 89 degrees Monday. The low was 73.  
There is a 40% chance of showers tonight with thunderstorms possible. The low will be in the lower 60s. Expect mostly sunny skies Thursday with a high in the lower 80s.  
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Plan Commission will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. The meeting will include discussion of regulations for solar, wind, battery storage and data center facilities.

Coming up

Thursday — Coverage of this week's Portland Park Board meeting.  
Friday — Details from Wednesday's Jay County Council meeting.  
Saturday — Photos from the Fort Recovery football scrimmage against Indian Lake.

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# Rates ...

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He explained that the increases are necessary because the cost of chemicals, water meters and replacing lines have all gone up.

There were no comments during the public hearing on the water and sewer rate increases.

Council members Christy Curts, Dan Watson, Donna Revolt and Randy Murphy approved the increases unanimously. Council president Jesse Bivens was absent.

Council also heard a request for a \$25,000 downtown revitalization loan from Zach Crouch, who owns the building at 326 S. Main St. The location is now known as Glass Capital Commons and has a daycare operating in some of the space. Crouch explained that the goal is to bring several businesses into the former church.

Crouch said about \$53,000 has been invested into rehabilitating the building already.

Council members briefly discussed the loan, which would

have a five-year payback period. City attorney Wes Schemenaur said he will put together a draft agreement for both Crouch and city officials to review.

Robbins also reported that Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation has deeded the former Stewart Brothers building (304 S. Main St.) to Rock Joak LLC, a partnership between Rock Fuqua, Oakland Gaerke and Jesse Walter. The trio made improvements to the building, including new win-

dows, as part of an agreement with the city to take over ownership. The goal is to create apartments upstairs with retail space on the first floor.






He told council that Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation has also taken ownership of the adjacent 303 S. Main St. from Andrew Bishop. The city is in the process of applying for a grant through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs to demolish the structure. Robbins explained that through the

grant, the property would need to be maintained as green space for at least five years.

In other business, council:

- Set residential trick-or-treat hours for 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31. A trunk-or-treat event will be held at the same time at Dunkirk City Park.
- Approved a resolution to transfer \$6,864.56 from the fire protection contract fund to the fire department non-reverting fund.
- OK'd the payment of \$498,919.54 in claims.

CR almanac

Thursday 8/14	Friday 8/15	Saturday 8/16	Sunday 8/17	Monday 8/18
 <b>83/63</b> <small>Thursday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with highs in the low 80s.</small>	 <b>87/65</b> <small>Friday looks to be sunny with highs in the mid to upper 80s.</small>	 <b>90/70</b> <small>Mostly sunny on Saturday when there's a slight chance of rain.</small>	 <b>91/70</b> <small>Hot temperatures on Sunday with highs in the low 90s. Slight chance of showers.</small>	 <b>89/66</b> <small>Mostly sunny on Monday with another slight chance of rain.</small>

Lotteries

**Powerball**  
Monday  
6-16-33-40-62  
Power Ball: 2  
Power Play: 2  
Estimated jackpot: \$526 million

Daily Four: 8-2-6-7  
Quick Draw: 3-4-9-12-13-14-27-28-34-39-49-53-64-68-69-71-74-76-78-79  
Cash 5: 18-21-27-32-40  
Estimated jackpot: \$115,000

**Mega Millions**  
Estimated jackpot: \$182 million

**Ohio**  
Monday  
Midday  
Pick 3: 5-8-5  
Pick 4: 9-6-5-9  
Pick 5: 2-8-3-0-1  
Evening  
Pick 3: 0-7-8  
Pick 4: 2-3-6-5  
Pick 5: 7-8-4-0-9  
Rolling Cash: 6-11-24-29-36  
Estimated jackpot: \$120,000

**Hoosier**  
Monday  
Midday  
Daily Three: 4-5-5  
Daily Four: 0-5-4-1  
Quick Draw: 3-4-5-10-11-12-15-17-18-20-25-27-30-31-37-49-66-68-69-71  
Evening  
Daily Three: 4-6-6

Markets

**Cooper Farms Fort Recovery**  
Corn.....4.04  
Sept. corn .....4.02  
Oct.. corn .....3.90

**POET Biorefining Portland**  
Corn.....4.07  
Sept. corn .....3.97  
Oct. corn .....3.93

**The Andersons Richland Township**  
Corn .....3.87  
Sept. corn .....3.87  
Beans.....9.61

Sept. beans .....9.61  
Wheat ..... 4.88

**ADM Montpelier**  
Corn.....3.92  
Sept. corn .....3.82  
Beans.....9.75  
Sept. beans .....9.70  
Wheat .....4.88

**Heartland St. Anthony**  
Corn.....4.07  
Sept. corn .....3.97  
Beans.....9.71  
Sept. beans .....9.41  
Wheat .....4.58

Today in history

In 1521, Hernan Cortes of Spain captured the city of Tenochtitlan, which is now Mexico City, after having it under siege for 93 days. The victory brought an end to the Aztec empire.

In 1889, William Gray patented the first coin-operated telephone. In 1898, the U.S. Army took control of the port of Manila in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War.

In 1899, movie director Alfred Hitchcock was born in London.

In 1918, Opha May Johnson became the first woman to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps.

In 1926, Cuban leader Fidel Castro was born in

Biran, Cuba. He led his country from 1959 until his death in 2016.

In 1960, Central African Republic gained its independence from France.

In 1972, the Portland Rockets stayed alive in the Eastern Indiana Baseball League tournament as they defeated the Dunkirk Watsons 11-5.

In 1997, “South Park” debuted on Comedy Central.

In 2021, former Jay County resident Levi Long, 22, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound from the previous day in an incident the Allen County coroner ruled a homicide-suicide.

—The CR

Citizen’s calendar

**Today**  
8 a.m. — Upper Wabash River Basin Commission, Wells Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St., Bluffton.  
5 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council joint session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
5:30 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court

St., Portland.  
6:15 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners, Jay County Council and Jay County Country Living Advisory Board joint session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
**Thursday**  
6 p.m. — Jay County Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Projects ...

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He noted areas for improvement or review, such as data showing 62% of respondents strongly agreeing that “having a school website that is easy to use and providing up-to-date, useful information” is important but only 10.6% of respondents strongly agreeing that the “school’s website is an engaging destination that (they) look forward to exploring.”

He shared plans to continue reviewing the data with the district leadership team, with the group to likely share a presentation with school board members on further findings at the end of the school year.

Also Monday, school board members were reminded by Fort Recovery Middle School principal Holly (Gann) Wermert about the middle school’s scheduled pickups for school materials and yearbooks from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday. Open houses for each school are slated from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18. (Fort Recovery High School will host its annual new student and freshmen orientation from

10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday in the high school commons.)

In other business, school board members Sean Kahlig, Mitch Fullenkamp, Greg LeFevre, Nick Wehrkamp and Don Wendel:

- Approved the following: a resolution declaring Fort Recovery Local Schools will not provide career technical education to students enrolled in seventh and eighth grade for the 2025-26 school year; a resolution allowing Fort Recovery High School juniors and seniors to drive themselves to Celina for Tri-Star Career Compact; Stahl as Fort Recovery Local Schools’ representative for the Mercer/Auglaize Benefit Trust; designating the certificates of deposit and bonds as inactive deposits

School open house sessions are set for 3:30 to 7 p.m. Monday

Capsule Reports

**Cafe hit**  
A North Carolina man drove into the side of Jinny's Cafe in Bryant, causing injuries to six patrons about 5:27 p.m. Sunday.  
Harvey L. Fox, 81, Newton, was parking his 2022 Ram 3500 in the lot at 305 N. Hendricks St. (U.S. 27) on the south side of the restaurant when his foot slipped off the brake pedal, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. He told police his foot slid over to the accelerator pedal, causing his truck to crash into the side of the building.  
Those injured inside the restaurant during the incident included Annette Garcia, Geneva, who was transported to

IU Health Jay for back, shoulder and neck pain on her left side. Fred Garcia of Geneva was transported to IU Health Jay for lower back pain. Priscilla Garcia of Portland complained of left knee and ankle pain. Alejandro Alvarado of Geneva complained of right shoulder pain. Juan Espinoza of Geneva complained of lower back pain. (Priscilla Garcia, Alvarado and Espinoza told police they would drive themselves to the hospital.)  
Jerry Sullivan of Portland refused treatment.  
Jinny's Cafe is owned by Brooke Henry.  
Damage was estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

# Fires ...

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“I will be filing (law)suits against her for all this stuff,” he said.

Council member “Watermellon” Jim Phillips made a motion Monday to place Jack on “probation,” which would involve creating a performance improvement plan with 30-day reviews for Jack moving forward. The motion died for lack of a second.

With Phillips dissenting, council members Byron Daugherty, Floyd Life, Jenny Staver and Beaty then voted to terminate Jack.

Alex Heath is currently serving as marshal. He's attending Indiana Law Enforcement Academy through September.

Obituaries

**Nathaniel E.N. Wickey,**  
Bryant, July 24, 2025-Aug. 8, 2025. Services were held Saturday at the Wickey residence.  
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*The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include name, city, birth/death date and services.*

SERVICES

Aug. 30

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# Patch visit prompts hobby

By CHRIS SCHANZ  
The Commercial Review

I think I might need to take up gardening.

But as every parent of a toddler – or multiple children – knows, there’s simply not enough time to take up another hobby.

Thankfully at this point in her young life, Baby Schanz isn’t too picky when it comes to food. She’ll eat just about anything.

When it comes to proteins, chicken, beef and pork are no problem.

She also eats and handles the allergens well. Eggs, fish, shellfish, tree nuts and peanuts are no bother for her body. She does have a slight issue with cow’s milk protein, and we have been told by her allergist that she’ll eventually grow out of it.

She enjoys her vegetables. Peas especially. If we serve her a side of mixed veggies, she’ll pick out the peas one by one and eat them before getting to the rest of her side.

Dairy, especially cheese, is one of her favorite foods. When we serve her a meal that includes cheese it’s often the first thing she reaches for.

I need to be a gardener, though, if my wife and I want to keep up with our daughter’s favorite type of food.

Fruits.  
Blackberries. Blueberries. Raspberries. Bananas. Strawberries. Grapes.

## Parental Ponderings



If her plate has fruit AND cheese on it, she’s reaching for the fruit.

If it’s a fruit, she’ll destroy it.

In large quantities, too. She’s certainly not alone in her love of fruits. I eat at least one banana a day, and blueberries typically three days a week as part of the lunch I take to work.

Because we go through so many blueberries, Chrissy and I took Baby Schanz to a local blueberry patch to pick the fruit. It’s been a yearly tradition since we moved back to Saginaw in 2021.

The first time we went, Chrissy held our daughter while she picked the fruit to put in a bucket. The bucket happened to be within arm’s reach of our daughter, and Chrissy just couldn’t pick the berries fast enough. As soon as she put a handful into the bucket, they disappeared.

Our daughter was getting her fill.

Just this past weekend we went for the second time, and allowed Baby Schanz to walk around so her parents could use both of their hands to pick the berries. Baby Schanz found a new

way to get her fix: pick directly from the bush. Even when we picked her up so she wouldn’t wander, she still grabbed straight from the source and put them into her mouth.

On one occasion, she skipped the part where she used her hand and picked one right off the bunch with her mouth.

She is her father’s daughter.

When we were done, we had about six pounds of berries between my wife’s bucket and mine. There had to be another pound or so in our daughter’s belly.

A morning well spent. Just to fill the dietary needs of our daughter.

Certainly she won’t eat all six pounds because of how often I eat them. She’ll definitely get plenty.

With recent grocery prices rising, especially for produce, if she keeps up the trend of ravishing fruits at the rate she is now I’m not sure we’ll be able to afford to keep replenishing our refrigerator.

Growing our own seems like it might be a viable option to save some money.

So it looks like I’ll have to find time to start gardening.

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*Chris Schanz is a former CR Sports Editor who’s looking for a secret stash of fruits to feed his daughter. Send leads to christopher.schanz@gmail.com.*

# Marriage has been quickly going to pot

DEAR ABBY: My husband is going to be 70 next month. He is in good physical shape but has taken up smoking marijuana every day. He says he is addicted. I have told him how much I hate that he uses dope. He quits for a while and then goes back to it.

We have been married almost 50 years. I would be disappointed filing for divorce, but I am starting to think it’s my only way out of a situation that has become increasingly frustrating. His doctor has told him it probably won’t kill him. Seriously? What’s your advice, Abby? — POTHEAD’S WIFE IN ARIZONA

DEAR WIFE: Unless there are other reasons why you want out of your marriage, perhaps you should lighten up. Some people smoke marijuana to relax or to relieve tension, depression or even boredom. Do you know why your husband does it on a daily basis, and why you are bothered to the point you are considering divorce? Before talking to an attorney, you might benefit from attending a few Nar-Anon meetings to gain some insight. They’re as near as your computer at nar-anon.org.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently bought a new house. I was downsizing because my mother has passed away and my daughter went out of state to college. I invited my best friend and her son over. We have been best friends since junior high, and I love her dearly. I actually bought my new fur-

## Dear Abby



niture with weight considerations as a factor because she and her son weigh about 1,000 pounds combined. As they sat down, my friend joked about having broken other people’s furniture in the past. Then there was an audible “crack” as they sat down on my couch. She just looked at me and made no comment.

Abby, I know friendship is more valuable than a couch, but she wants to bring more of her family over to visit. I simply can’t afford to buy a \$900 couch every few months. Can you please help? — HESITANT HOSTESS

DEAR HOSTESS: Your friend should have offered to pay to have your new sofa repaired or replaced. That she heard the wood crack under the burden of their weight and said nothing speaks volumes to me. In the future, visit her at her home, but refrain from inviting her to visit or bring relatives to your home again.

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*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeane Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*

# Community Calendar

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

## Today

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.

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.

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the boardroom at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

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

## Thursday

SMART RECOVERY — A group for those strug-

gling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

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

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

## Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL MUSEUM — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Friday and Saturday of each month at Webster Depot, 132 W. Railroad St.

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.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, Aug. 15, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

## Saturday

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

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL MUSEUM — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Friday and Saturday of each month at Webster Depot, 132 W. Railroad St.

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

## Sunday

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

# Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

## Tuesday’s Solution

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

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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argued, for her reading my favorite novel, *Ali and Nino*, to be equal to my reading the first *Potter*. I ought to get something extra, I figure, simply because it's not a book I'd ordinarily opt to read.

So I've been weighing my alternatives, good books I've enjoyed in the past year or so that no one else in the family has picked up—particularly short stories by William Trevor, novels by Ha Jin and Jhumpa Lahiri, and poems by Ted Kooser.

Sally, meanwhile, is countering that it needs to be a book for book-trade-off and there should be some equivalence between the two. At the moment, there is no end in sight.

Maybe we'll get it sorted out before the final book in the *Potter* series appears.

to their ever-expanding data centers. The result is an ecosystem in which public research fuels private profit, reinforcing the dominance of tech giants.

Indeed, rather than leveling the playing field, the plan risks entrenching imbalances in access, ownership, possession and control over the data that powers AI.

Furthermore, by ignoring copyright, the plan invites the unchecked scraping of creative and scientific work, which risks normalizing extracting data without attribution and creating a chilling effect on open scholarship. Researchers might ask themselves: Why publish clean and reusable data if it becomes free training material for for-profit companies such as Meta or OpenAI?

During his introductory remarks at a White House AI summit, Trump provided the rationale: “You can’t be expected to have a successful AI program when every single article, book or anything else that you’ve read or studied you’re supposed to pay for.” However, before the recent wave of deregulation, AI companies had begun forming licensing agreements with publishers. For instance, OpenAI’s two-year agreement with The Associated Press signed in 2023 showed that publishers could license high-quality, fact-checked archives for training purposes and also allow their content to be displayed with proper attribution in AI-generated outputs.

Without a doubt, the plan can turbocharge corporate American AI—but likely at the expense of the democratic values the U.S. has long worked to uphold. The document positions AI as a tool of national self-interest and a driver of global divides. While Americans have the right to want to win the AI race, the greater danger is that they might win it on terms that erode the very values the nation has for so long declared to defend.

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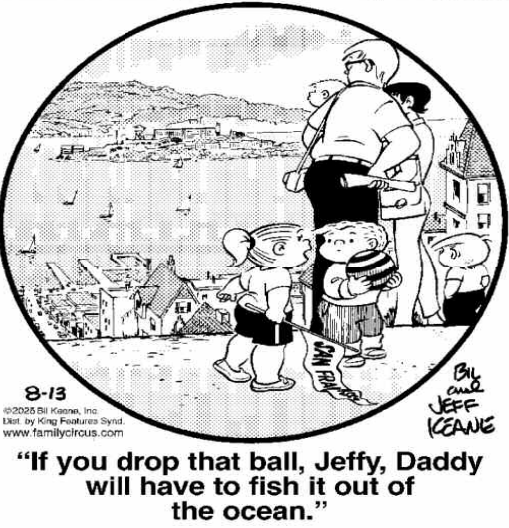
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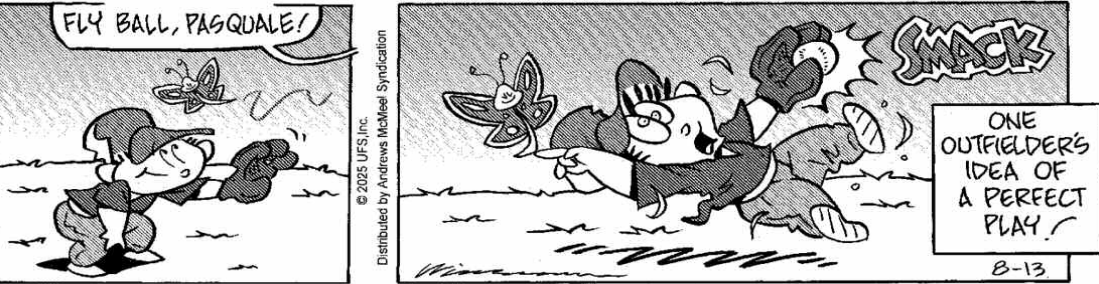
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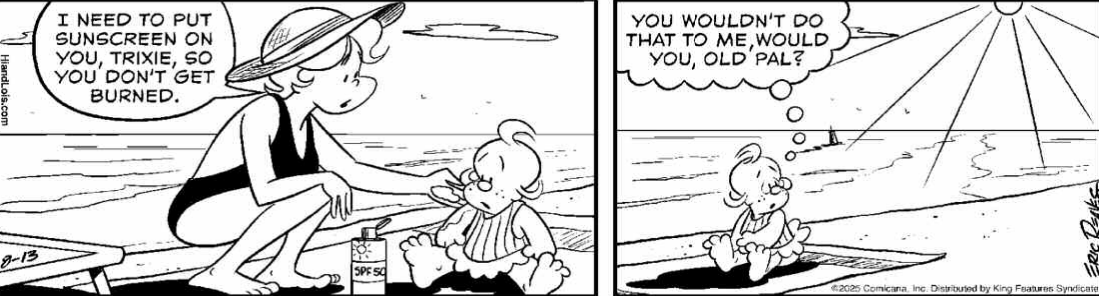
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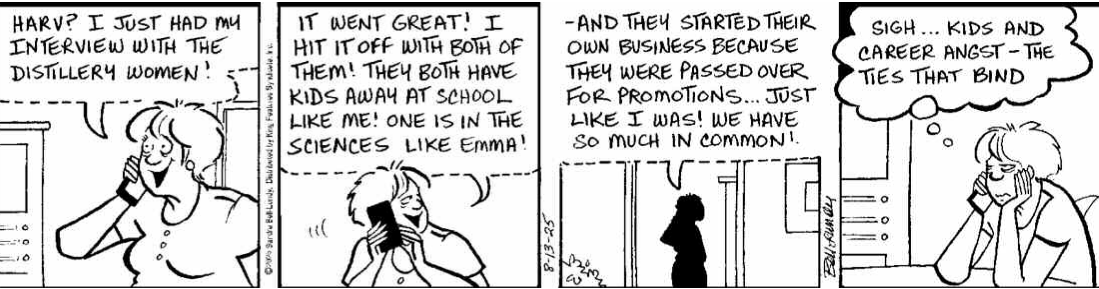
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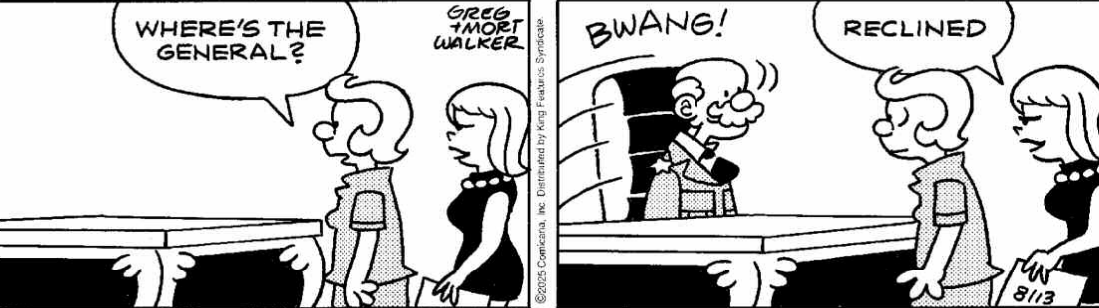
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Isolating a menace

West dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.  
NORTH  
10 5  
A Q 7 4  
A K Q  
Q J 8 2  
WEST  
A Q 9 7 3 2  
K 10 9 6  
4  
A 6  
SOUTH  
6  
8  
J 9 8 3 2  
K 10 9 7 5 4

The bidding:  
West North East South  
1 4 2 4  
4 4 5 4  
Dble Pass Pass Pass  
Dble  
Opening lead — four of diamonds.  
Assume you're South and get to five clubs doubled on the bidding shown. West leads the four of diamonds. How should you proceed?  
When the deal occurred, declarer won the diamond, with the queen and, without giving the matter much thought, led the queen of clubs. West took the queen with the ace and realized that if South had a singleton spade, which seemed likely on the bidding, his only chance to defeat the contract was to put his partner on lead in order

to get a diamond return.  
West therefore led a low spade at trick three, refraining from cashing the ace first (which would have handed South the contract). As West hoped, East won with the king and had no trouble diagnosing the reason for his partner's under-lead of the ace. He returned a diamond at trick four for West to ruff, and declarer went down one.  
South clearly did not give enough consideration to the bidding and the opening lead. West's opening bid and rebid, combined with his double of five clubs, indicated that he had virtually all the missing high cards. It was also practically certain that the opening diamond lead was a singleton.  
With all these clues confronting him, declarer should have concentrated all his efforts on making sure that East could not gain the lead to give his partner a diamond ruff.  
To forestall that possibility, South should have cashed the ace of hearts at trick two and led the queen of hearts at trick three. After East follows low, declarer discards his spade loser on the queen. West wins with the king, but there is no longer any way for him to reach East for a diamond ruff. The only other trick the defenders can score is the ace of clubs, and South winds up making the doubled game.

Tomorrow: A necessary assumption.  
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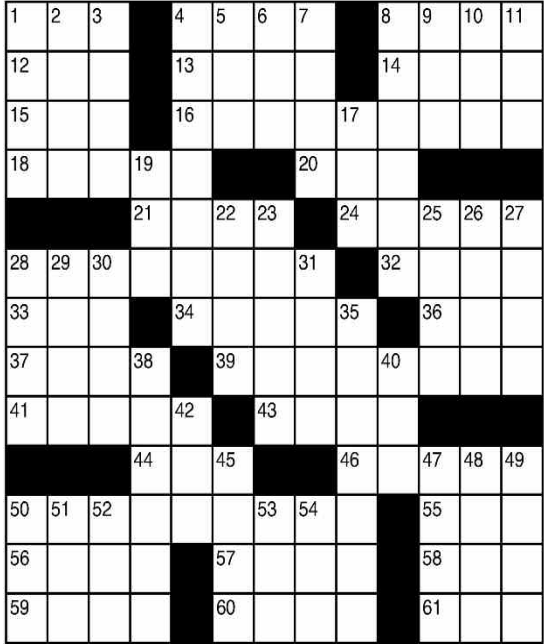
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Emily Franks, Auditor,  
Jay County, Indiana.  
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# Short ...

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Despite the choppy performance, Jay County did have a few bright spots, most notably the play of sophomore Elizabeth Brunswick, who carded a 56 to share match medalist honors with Heritage's Aubrey Stoll.

It's been a rapid ascent for Brunswick, a basketball player by trade who hadn't played a round of golf in her life until Jay County's season opener on Aug. 4.

"I've always been competitive no matter what we're doing," said Brunswick, who ran cross country last fall. "So when I set my mind on something I want to strive to be the best. I've been told I have athletic ability and I thought, 'Why not try this and see what we can do?'"

That inherent athletic ability has been molded into sport-specific skill by Jay County's coaching staff, which Brunswick credited for much of her recent success.

"They push you to be the best you can," Brunswick said. "They tweak your swing to make it be the best. They're very helpful and they encourage you so much."

The admiration Brunswick has for her mentors is reciprocated by their recognition of her potential.

While the desire to play golf flared up in Brunswick's mind when hitting golf balls in her yard before the season,

*'She is literally just a natural athlete. Her body, her strength, her mind. She's an athlete where if she wants to be good ... she'll ask 'what do I need to fix?' and then not only ask it, but she comprehends and then tries to apply.'*

— Carissa Allred, Jay County girls golf coach

the spark that ignited that desire has been smoldering for years. Ever since Allred and Brunswick crossed paths in Allred's eighth grade history class, Allred has had visions of Brunswick on the golf course.

"She is literally just a natural athlete," Allred said. "Her body, her strength, her mind. She's an athlete where if she wants to be good ... she'll ask 'what do I need to fix?' and then not only ask it, but she comprehends and then tries to apply."

Brunswick saved the best for last in her round with a crowning par on the 120-yard, par-3 18th hole. She struck a 9-iron out of the tee box that climbed up and stuck on the front left edge of the elevated green. After leaving a birdie putt around 4 feet short, she calmly drained her third shot to seal the par.

"You could just see the smile," Allred said. "And so I hope that shows her

that she's very capable."

The rest of Jay County's lineup was slightly less successful in Monday's defeat. Junior Erin Aker, the only player from last season's varsity team in the lineup, shot a 59 and was one of just three golfers in the match to break 60. The freshman quartet of Crystal Swartzentruber (62), Alexa Ridenour (64), Reny Lingo (66) and Sophia Reagan (66) rounded out Jay County's lineup, with the totals of Lingo and Reagan not counting toward the team tally.

While the deluge of double pars hampered the host Patriots, Jay County put together several solid holes. All six of Jay County's golfers had at least one bogey or better, highlighted by Reagan matching Brunswick's par on hole 18.

Jay County (0-1, 0-1 ACAC) will aim to bounce back on Thursday, Aug. 14, in a home tri-meet.



The Commercial Review/Ethan Oskroba

Reny Lingo putts on the 18th green during the Jay County High School girls golf team's match against Heritage at Portland Golf Club on Tuesday. Lingo's 66 did not factor into the team total, but she did manage a bogey on hole No. 15.

# Sports on tap

## Local schedule

**Thursday**

Jay County — Girls golf vs. Woodlan – 5 p.m.; Girls soccer scrimmage vs. South Side – 6 p.m.; Volleyball scrimmage vs. Mississinawa – 6 p.m.; Junior high football scrimmage at Fort Recovery – 5 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Girls golf vs. Parkway – 4:30 p.m.; Boys golf at Parkway – 5 p.m.; Volleyball scrimmage at Lincolnview – 5 p.m.; Middle school football scrimmage vs. Jay County – 5 p.m.

**Friday**

Jay County — Football scrimmage at Richmond – 7 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Boys golf at Russia – 10 a.m.; Football scrimmage vs. Indian Lake – 7 p.m.

## TV schedule

**Today**

1 p.m. — Little League baseball: Puerto Rico

vs. Venezuela (ESPN)

3 p.m. — Little League baseball: Nevada vs. Illinois (ESPN)

5 p.m. — Little League baseball: Panama vs. Australia (ESPN)

5:10 p.m. — MLB: Philadelphia Phillies at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)

7 p.m. — Little League baseball: Texas vs. Connecticut (ESPN)

7:10 p.m. — MLB: Atlanta Braves at New York Mets (FS1)

9:30 p.m. — WNBA: New York Liberty at Las Vegas Aces (ESPN)

**Thursday**

5:50 a.m. — NRL rugby: Melbourne Storm at Penrith Panthers (FS1)

1 p.m. — Little League baseball: Tokyo vs. Brno (ESPN)

3 p.m. — Little League baseball: Irmo vs. Braintree (ESPN)

5 p.m. — Little League baseball: Chihuahua

vs. Taipei (ESPN)

7 p.m. — Little League baseball: Uwchlan Township vs. Sioux Falls (ESPN)

8:40 p.m. — MLB: Arizona Diamondbacks at Colorado Rockies (FS1)

## Local notes

**Outing announced**

The Adams Health Network Foundation will host the 12th Annual Golf Classic on Sept. 12 at Wabash Valley Golf Club.

There will be two shotgun starts at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Breakfast, snacks and beverages will be provided, as well as a lunch in between flights.

The event raises funds for healthcare scholarships and local health initiatives in Adams County.

The deadline to register is August 22. To register visit [adamshospital.org/foundation](http://adamshospital.org/foundation). For more information, email [kim.tormbley@adamshhealthnetwork.org](mailto:kim.tormbley@adamshhealthnetwork.org).

**Chamber to host**

Jay County Chamber of Commerce will host its golf outing on Sept. 19 at 9 a.m.

Participation costs \$250 per team with lunch included. A \$20 team muligan golf ball can be purchased as well.

Sponsorships can be purchased as well. A lunch sponsorship will cost \$500, while a gold sponsorship will go for \$450. Hole sponsorships cost \$100 for members and \$150 for non-members.

The deadline to register is Sept. 12. For more info, call (260) 726-4481 or email [amanda@jay-countychamber.com](mailto:amanda@jay-countychamber.com).

**Tickets available**

Jay County Junior-Senior High School is selling super and season tickets.

To purchase tickets, visit the high school's office hours which are between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Regular season tickets for individual varsity events will cost \$7, while admission to JV, freshman or junior high events will be \$6 for adults.

The Patriot Pass, which gets you into all high school and junior high events costs \$115. The Senior Patriot Pass for those 65 and older will be \$70.

Other deals are as follows:

- High School Adult Super tickets - \$90
- Senior Super Tickets - \$55
- Pre-Paid Sports Pass - \$60
- Basketball season pass - \$60
- Football season pass - \$25

**Next race set**

The next race in the Adams County Challenge series is the Adams Memorial/Kekiongna Greenway Gallup at 4:30 p.m. Aug. 23.

The race begins at the Riverside Center in Decatur. Registration forms can be found at [adamscounty5kchallenge.com](http://adamscounty5kchallenge.com).

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Sports

Tribe starts to roll

Support cast helps FR stay undefeated with 172-177 win over Flyers

By ANDREW BALKO  
The Commercial Review

The Indians know that they are bound to get a strong score from Reece LeFevre that often contends for the low of the match.

As the only other returner with varsity experience, Caleb Smith has posted a top-four score through the first three matches and that didn't change in the fourth.

While the top of the lineup has been reliable, it's been the back half consistently putting up the numbers for the Tribe to start the 2025 campaign undefeated.

Luke Fortkamp and Garrett Diller both posted scores in the 40s to help the Fort Recovery High School boys golf team to a 172-177 victory over the Marion Local Flyers at Portland Golf Club on Monday.

"I think the scores are getting better," said FRHS coach Dean Sanders. "It's nice (to pick up the second MAC win). It's always important to get off to a good start, but we've still got a majority of our matches and a lot of tough teams ahead of us."

LeFevre earned match medalist honors by posting a 1-over-par 36. He got off to a slow start, shooting 3-over-par on the first two holes, but followed it up with four pars, a birdie on the 354-yard, par-4 16th hole and an eagle on the 520-yard, par-5 14th.

Marion Local's top score came from Grant Kremer with a 40. The other three scores came from Marcus Schwieterman (46), Ryan Schwieterman (46) and Carter Kuess (48). Dylan Dirksen's round of 47 had to get thrown out after a scorecard error, but it didn't affect the outcome as the Indians (3-0, 2-0 MAC) would have still won by four strokes.

Following LeFevre was Smith with the third-best round of the day at 44 strokes.



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Caleb Smith of the Fort Recovery High School boys golf team tees off on the 14th hole at Portland Golf Club. Smith carded a 44 for the Tribe's second-best score in the 172-177 victory over Marion Local on Monday.

The FRHS senior made par three times, while supplementing it with five bogeys.

While LeFevre has consistently shot in the 30s and Smith has carded three scores in the 40s on the year, the Indians have had different players step up to fill out the final two scores in the 40s. On Tuesday, it was Fortkamp and Diller.

"It's been a different person each and every time, but we have had consistency in the 40s," Sanders said. "It's nice to see that somebody can come through if somebody is struggling that day. They've done a really good job of that. ... We're really developing a group of guys that are starting to see more consistency and it's vital that we have everybody in the 40s at minimum."

Fortkamp stepped up for the Tribe. After not scoring in the first two matches and being swapped out for the win over New Bremen, he posted the third-best score for FRHS with a round of 45.

He put together a solid round with only a blip on his scorecard

when he struggled to chip onto the 11th green. Outside of the double-par on No. 11, he scored two pars and six bogeys. After the tough 11th hole, he bounced right back to finish his round with a par on the 498-yard, par-5 12th hole. His drive got pushed off to the right about 300 yards from the green, but his second shot hit a tree 50 yards ahead of him and bounced further right. He saved the hole by striping his third shot to the center of the fairway 100 yards out from the green. From there, he chipped on and made a 12-foot putt for par.

"It feels really good to come out with that," Fortkamp said. "I've not been playing very good and this round was really good for me. It helps the team a lot because being the five, I'm not supposed to score, but when I do it's good insurance."

Fortkamp wasn't the only Indian to follow up a double-par with a par. Diller struggled to putt on the 13th green, leading to a six on the par-3. His drive on the 14th hole started to make up for it as he sat just off the right edge of the fairway 240 yards out from the green. His second shot put him to the left of the green and chipped to get on in regulation.

He had to putt from 7 1/2 feet away, but left it one foot short, setting up a light tap to make par.

"I just feel more confident with the higher clubs and utility stuff in my hands," Diller said. "It just feels so much better off the club and I know where it's going all the time. ... It's way easier to play those straighter and long (holes)."

Diller kept things rolling, shooting par on the following two holes en route to a career-best 47 that rounded out the team score.

Andrew Rehmert and Hudson McAbee were also on the links for Fort Recovery, but their rounds of 50 didn't impact the final outcome.

Jay comes up short

Progress stalls for JCHS golfers in defeat

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PORTLAND — Jay County High School girls golf was agonizingly close to a victory to open their Allen County Athletic Conference slate on Monday, but suffered a 235-241 defeat at the hands of Heritage on the back nine of Portland Golf Club.

The uneven performance put the brakes on an otherwise promising start to the season for the youthful Jay County squad.

"Today it almost resembled day one of summer, unfortunately," said Jay County coach Carissa Allred. "We did not look like the team that showed up last week at the invitationals."

Jay County faced adversity from the start, as the match took place on the back nine instead of the front nine of its home course because of a scheduling conflict. Jay County typically trains for and plays the front nine, and hadn't practiced on the back nine at all this season.

The lack of experience may have contributed to the team's struggles, as it amassed 25 double pars and had at least one golfer reach double par on every hole.

"We need to start to get (the double pars) out if we want to be competitive," Allred said.

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Erin Aker tees off during the Jay County High School girls golf team's match against Heritage at Portland Golf Club on Tuesday. Aker shot a 59, making her one of just three golfers to break 60 in the event.

Tribe girls take MAC opener

CELINA, Ohio — The Indians' top two golfers didn't have the match they have proven they are capable of when they visited the Flyers, but it didn't matter as it got the job done.

Despite posting its highest score of the season thus far, the Fort Recovery High School girls golf team pulled out a 210-251 victory over the Marion Local Flyers at Mercer County Elks to claim Monday's Midwest Athletic Conference opener.

Olivia Knapke, who previously posted scores of 44 and 47 in nine-hole events, slipped a little to shoot a 51. The score still earned her match medalist honors for the second time this season.

Joining Knapke with a second match-medalist title was Mallory Evers, who also shot a 51.

Georgia Wenning bounced back from a rough showing at the Gary Broering Invite to post the third-best score for Fort Recovery (2-0, 1-0 MAC) at 52.

Evvie Briner carded a 56, which was better than Marion Local's top golfer at 60 strokes, to round out the team score.

Sophomores Layla Armstrong and Cora Pearson both shot 63s that didn't impact the final.