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Series finale

Ohio cover band Brother Believe Me closed out Arts Place’s Hudson Family Park Amphitheater Concert Series with a variety of tunes from the 1980s to today on Thursday night. Other concerts in this year’s series featured cover band First 2 Eleven and Fleetwood Mac tribute band Fleetwood Macked.

Plan OK’d for radios

Council and commissioners agree to move forward with \$6.7 million project

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

The county will be getting a new radio system. Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council agreed Wednesday to move forward with a \$6.7 million proposal from Motorola Solutions to shift to the statewide public safety system, install a new radio tower and provide other radio equipment county wide. Jay County Commissioners agreed to start contract negotiations with Motorola on July 30. Ritter Strategic Services facilitated a radio study on Jay County’s equipment in 2024, suggesting the county join the Integrated Public Safety Commission’s radio system and upgrade its equipment. The company also facilitated the request for proposals process over the last few months. “What I can say to those of you that have not been following this or (are) not aware is that your communication systems, on the law enforcement side especially, is at a critical state,” explained Ritter Strategic Services co-founder Barry Ritter. The proposal shared Wednesday includes installation of a new radio tower at Jay County Sheriff’s Office in Portland, approximately 161 portable radios and 178 mobile (in-car) radios, pagers, five-year warranties on portable and mobile radios and 15 years of maintenance, among other items. Proposed upgrades should give Jay County emergency responders 95% radio coverage across the county, according to a Motorola area sales representative. Currently, the county is utilizing the former Indiana State Police Post tower in Redkey for radio signals. An additional tower in Portland should help to significantly boost service, the representative noted. The portable radios are equipped with Long-Term Evolution (LTE). Once they

are delivered, the representative said users should immediately notice a difference from current coverage, even prior to the Portland tower’s construction. Ritter noted the proposal covers the cost of equipment needed for Jay County fire departments, utility departments, emergency medical service bases, Jay County Emergency Management Agency, Jay County Health Department, Jay County Highway Department and Jay County law enforcement. Staying on outdated systems, he added, will not be an option for departments. The next decision county officials need to tackle with municipalities is whether the county will foot the entire bill for new equipment or if other departments will pay a portion of the cost. Council member Michael Brewster, who is also a police officer for the City of Portland, said he doesn’t believe the county should pay for the entire project, although he recognized some municipalities may not be able to afford upgrades. Council member Cindy Bracy agreed, saying that Salamonina Fire Department cannot afford it. Council member Bryan Alexander questioned whether costs have been shared with Jay municipalities. (He noted communities are beginning the budgeting process for 2026.) Costs have not been shared with departments yet, Ritter said. Cost estimates are being developed for each agency, he explained, and those figures should be complete within the next week. Brewster pointed out Ritter Strategic Service’s request for council and commissioners Wednesday was to make a decision on whether to move forward with final negotiations with Motorola, not to determine specific financial amounts. “I’ve talked to several department heads, and as a city policeman, I understand this has been needed for years,” said Brewster. “It’s been needed as far (back) as I can remember.” Commissioners Doug Horn, Chad Aker and Duane Monroe and council members Matt Minnich, Faron Parr, and Alexander, Bracy and Brewster agreed to move forward with the project. Council members Harold Towell and Randy May voted in opposition.

Putin, Trump summit ‘productive’

By MICHAEL WILNER  
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ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Three hours of negotiations with Vladimir Putin over Russia’s war in Ukraine were “extremely productive,” but only Kyiv can decide whether a deal toward a ceasefire is possible, President Donald Trump said Friday, capping a historic summit with the Russian leader. At a news conference at a U.S. air base in Alaska, the two men alluded to agreements made, but offered no details and took no questions. “We didn’t get there,” Trump said. “I believe we had a very productive meeting. There were many, many points that we agreed on,” Trump said, adding: “There’s no deal until there’s a deal. I will call up

NATO in a little while. I will call up various people.” “It’s ultimately up to them,” he added. Standing alongside Trump, Putin warned Europe not to “torpedo the nascent progress” of “the agreement that we’ve reached.” “We’re convinced that, in order to make the settlement last in the long term, we have to eliminate all the primary roots, the primary causes of the conflict,” Putin said. “Naturally, the security of Ukraine should be ensured as well.” The talks were the first high-level negotiations in Russia’s years-long military campaign, a war of conquest that has resulted in Europe’s bloodiest conflict since World War II.

Solar, wind changes floated

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

Solar and wind farm ordinance amendments are in the works. Jay County Plan Commission heard suggestions to change fees, setbacks and other details in the county’s solar and wind farm ordinances Thursday. Jay County Building and Planning director John Hemmelgarn and assistant director Pati McLaughlin shared draft copies of suggested changes to the ordinances. Those suggestions include: •Requiring construction start dates and completion dates for projects to be included in development plans •Increasing filing fees from \$20,000 to \$50,000

- Requiring a \$1,000 filing fee for revisions to development plans
- Increasing permit fees from \$1,750 per megawatt to \$2,500 per megawatt
- Requiring emergency safety and fire safety plans to be approved by Jay County Emergency Management Agency and local fire departments, respectively

Other suggestions related to increasing setbacks. Proposed amendments would include an option for participating and non-participating landowners to waive the setback distance in writing. “This gives non-participating people a little more say in this,” said Hemmelgarn. See Changes page 2

Plan commission considers increasing fees and setbacks



Tribune News Service/The Detroit News/Katy Kildee

Cruisin’ along

Car enthusiasts cruise up and down Woodward Avenue on Thursday, two days ahead of the official start to the 2025 Woodward Dream Cruise, in Royal Oak, Michigan.

Weather

The high temperature hit 89 degrees Friday in Jay County. The low was 64. Highs will be in the upper 80s this weekend with heat index values in the upper 90s. Expect mostly sunny skies today and partly cloudy skies Sunday. Monday’s high will be around 90 under mostly sunny skies. There is a 40% chance of rain Monday night. Tuesday’s high will be in the upper 80s and there is a 50% chance of rain. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Balbec Days is scheduled for today and Sunday at the Balbec house, north of Pennville. vendors will be available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. There will be live music with Little Sister from 5 to 8 p.m. today and a silent auction and raffle winner announcement at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Coming up

**Tuesday** — Photos from Saturday’s Glass Days festival in Dunkirk.  
**Wednesday** — Details from next week’s Jay School Board meeting.  
**Thursday** — Results from the JCHS girls soccer season opener against Richmond.





# Indiana AG seeks to vacate injunction

**By LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ**  
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Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita’s office wants to vacate a 12-year-old injunction on an abortion provider state funding ban — risking Planned Parenthood’s participation in Indiana’s Medicaid program.

“That injunction’s legal foundation has entirely eroded,” the

office wrote in a brief last month, more than 11 years after the most recent filing in a long-dormant lawsuit with the reproductive health care group.

It cited a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision, handed down the month prior; that Medicaid patients don’t have the right to sue to see their doctor of choice.

The ruling allows South Car-

olina to exclude clinics that also provide abortions from its Medicaid program, pending permission from a lower court. Indiana could draw on that new precedent.

But Planned Parenthood’s Great Northwest, Hawai’i, Alaska, Indiana, and Kentucky chapter warns that health care access is in jeopardy.

“Indiana’s extreme abortion






restrictions have created a dangerous environment for patients and providers,” affiliate CEO Rebecca Gibron said in a statement to the Capital Chronicle.

“Now, targeted attacks against Planned Parenthood threaten to rip away basic health care from thousands of people who already have nowhere else to turn.”

The organization provides birth control, cancer screenings,

human immunodeficiency virus testing and prevention, sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment, vaccinations and wellness exams.

“Other safety-net providers cannot absorb all of the patients that Planned Parenthood sees,” Gibron added. “When you target us, you target the critical health care that keeps communities healthy.”

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Sunday 8/17	Monday 8/18	Tuesday 8/19	Wednesday 8/20	Thursday 8/21
 <b>87/67</b> Mostly sunny skies are expected Sunday when the high will be around 87 degrees.	 <b>88/71</b> Monday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a high around 88.	 <b>88/67</b> There's a 50% chance of rain on Tuesday when the high will be 88.	 <b>78/62</b> Wednesday looks to be mostly sunny with a chance of rain.	 <b>79/59</b> Thursday's weather shows mostly sunny skies with a high around 79 degrees.

Lotteries	
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 9-5-8 Daily Four: 0-0-1-0 Quick Draw: 5-8-12-14-18-20-25-30-38-43-49-51-54-56-58-59-64-67-73-75	Pick 3: 7-8-1 Pick 4: 7-5-6-3 Pick 5: 1-5-5-5-8
<b>Ohio</b> Midday	<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$565 million
	<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$198 million

Markets	
<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.06 Sept. corn.....4.04 Oct. corn .....3.90	Sept. beans .....10.18 Wheat .....4.82
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....4.19 Sept. corn .....4.19 Oct. corn .....4.04	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....3.91 Sept. corn .....3.83 Beans .....10.16 Sept. beans .....10.12 Wheat .....4.81
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....3.89 Sept. corn .....3.89 Beans .....10.18	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....3.99 Sept. corn .....3.99 Beans .....10.08 Sept. beans .....9.83 Wheat .....4.52

Today in history	
<p>In 1858, Britain’s Queen Victoria sent the first transatlantic telegraph message to President James Buchanan. It read “Europe and America are united by telegraphic communication. Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, goodwill to men.”</p> <p>In 1896, George Carmack discovered gold at Bonanza Creek in Klondike, Yukon, Canada. In 1898, Edwin Prescott was awarded the patent for the “loopthe-loop” roller coaster. The first was installed at Coney Island, New York.</p> <p>In 1954, Sports Illustrated released its first issue. Milwaukee Braves third baseman Eddie Mathews was the first athlete featured on the cover.</p> <p>In 1958, Madonna was born in Bay City, Michigan. The singer and actress broke out as a superstar in the 1980s with hits including “Like a Prayer.” She also performed in movies, including “A League of Their Own.”</p> <p>In 1960, Cyprus became an independent nation.</p> <p>In 1977, singer Elvis Presley died of a heart attack at age 42. In 1996, Leonel Fernandez Reyna became the youngest</p>	<p>president of the Dominican Republic when he was sworn in at the age of 42.</p> <p>In 2003, Jay County High School junior varsity cheerleaders won the Indiana State Fair cheerleading championship. It was the second consecutive title for most of the squad after having won the junior high championship for East Jay Middle School the previous year.</p> <p>In 2021, Portland City Council approved a rezoning request from U.S. Aggregates for 108 acres of land situated between Tyson Road and county road 75 South, east of county road 200 West. The company had been pushing for the rezoning for about six months in order to allow it to expand its quarry operation.</p> <p>In 2022, Portland Board of Works officially awarded a contract for the city’s Meridian Street storm sewer project to Watson Excavating of Redkey. The board had selected Watson, the low bidder, in June but had to wait for federal coronavirus relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to be released before moving forward on the \$2.42 project.</p> <p>—The CR</p>

Citizen’s calendar	
<b>Monday</b> 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, vil-	lage hall, 201 S. Main St. <b>Wednesday</b> 4 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners special session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North.

## Changes ...

Continued from page 1

“All four of (the Jay County solar) projects, I’ve got people coming to me and saying, ‘I’m getting boxed in, and I have no control of it. This is not why I moved out into the country.’”

There were also suggestions to change the setback requirements from buildings, which currently measure from the edge of equipment to the structure, to instead measure from property lines.

Per the building and planning department’s draft, setbacks for solar farms would be increased to 250 feet from participating and non-participating landowners’ property lines. (That would include all types of properties, such as residential dwellings, churches, schools, businesses or public buildings, areas zoned as commercial or rural residential and nature preserves, parks and or recreational use properties. Currently there are different setback distances depending on the type of property.) Setbacks for wind farms, per the draft, would be 1,500 feet from participating and non-participating landowners’ property lines.

The proposed changes for solar and wind farms would also stipulate 1,500-foot setbacks from the corporate limits of Bryant, Pennville, Redkey and Salamonina, a half-mile setback from Dunkirk’s corporate limits and a 2-mile setback from Portland’s corporate limits.

Plan commission member Scott Hilfiker noted setbacks were originally wider and changed shortly before the ordinances were approved. Plan commission member Casey Wagner questioned whether there were setback requirements between two solar projects, with Hemmelgarn noting he’s not seen that in other ordinances but said they would look into it.

Plan commission and Jay County Commissioners president Chad Aker voiced support for the increased solar farm setbacks.

“It does give to participating, non-participating landowners, it gives them a little bit of choice in there if they want those a little bit closer, I do like that,” he said. “And we’re not spacing this out so far back to kill a project.”

Plan commission member Steve Ford questioned the increased setbacks for solar farms, pointing to concerns about maintaining the distance between the property line and fencing.

“Two hundred fifty feet’s a long way,” he said. “I don’t think the other, the 25-foot, that wasn’t enough. I understand that. But 250 feet, I automatically think in terms of mowing it ...”

Another change would be to remove narratives regarding road use and decommission agreements, with McLaughlin explaining the new language would solely require proof of both agreements to be signed between the county and project applicant.

Discussion also briefly touched on requirements for vegetation and buffer areas and whether to remove them or require companies to keep up with vegetation maintenance.

McLaughlin talked about a solar farm project in Randolph County, explaining the company has a “good neighbor” policy, allowing adjoining landowners to have a say in what vegetation is planted around the farm. She suggested that practice could become a potential requirement in Jay County’s ordinance.

Hemmelgarn asked commission members review the draft and return to the discussion at the next meeting, in which they plan to propose ordi-

nance drafts for carbon sequestration, battery storage and data centers.

In other business, plan commission members Brad Daniels, Steve McIntosh, Ford, Hilfiker, Aker and Wagner, absent Michelle Penrod, Todd Skirvin and Jeanne Houchins, also talked about carbon sequestration requirements.

Hemmelgarn suggested 1,000-foot setbacks from wellheads or pipelines to residences. He expressed safety concerns in the event of a leak or disaster, with Adam Homan of POET Bioprocessing noting a firm has been hired to create a dispersion model.

“So, what’s a catastrophic failure look like?” Homan explained. “And what’s the model, what’s that plume look like, what’s that area affected?”

“Every wellhead, every site, is going to have a different look of what that dispersion could look like, if ... a truck barrels through and takes the wellhead out or something like that, versus a small leak,” he continued. “So, that model would, I think, answer a lot of the questions on what that setback looks like, what’s the impacted region.”

Plan commission also discussed potential requirements for battery storage facilities, such as differentiating between utility-scale and commercial-scale projects. Aker suggested 250-foot setbacks, with adjoining landowners to have the option to waive those setbacks in writing.

Mark Trumbauer of NextEra Energy shared information about projects in other areas, such as the company’s goal to keep the noise to a maximum of 55 decibels from nearby structures. Regarding safety requirements, Trumbauer noted battery storage facilities typically house a fire suppression system, which is stipulated through the National Fire Protection Agency.

## Capsule Reports

**Left road**

A Redkey woman was ejected from her vehicle after it left Como Road and rolled several times about noon Wednesday.

Angelina G. Clairday, 19, was driving her 2021 Toyota Prius V south on the road near county road 900 South when her car abruptly veered east into a ditch, according to a Jay County Sheriff’s Office report. Witness Donnie Smith — he was driving on the road at the time of the crash — told police Clairday appeared to have a mechanical issue with steering her car.

The vehicle rolled several times before stopping on its passenger side. Clairday was thrown from the vehicle and located in a field just south of her car.

She sustained injuries all over her body and was transported to Reid Hospital in Richmond.

Her car was towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

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# Seventy six donated blood Tuesday

Seventy six donors gave blood Tuesday at Jay Community Center in Portland.

Donors to the American Red Cross blood drive included Darwin Johnson, Joyce Koenig, Michael Schmidt, Dave Garringer, Jill Hemmelgarn, Larry Coby, Joyce Eldridge, Loris Bousman, Carla Pogue, Billy Sipe, Michael Timmerman, Mark Tillman, Kay Westgerdes, Herbert Westgerdes and Timothy Danielson.

Also Kevin Keller, Denise Glentzer, Freeda Osenbaugh, Sharon Tay-

lor, Jack Freeman, Christina Hart, Carol Kennedy, Jodi McKee, Cheryl Gibson, Michael Weitzel, Rita Reynolds, Sharon Schoenlein, Martin Flynn, Andrea Paxson, Dennis Negele, Nicole Butler, Emily Wiggins, Sarah Rines, Doris Muh-

lenkamp, Madonna Bruggeman, Cindy Morris and Heather Ison.

Also Joann Roessner, Eric Rogers, Tim Morris, Gary McMillan, Stephen Fennig, Elizabeth Schoenlein, Ernest Schoenlein, Joseph Reinhard, Douglas Watson, Paula Barron, Cameron Paxson, Charlene Theurer, Ruthann Brockman, Melissa Osterholt, Victoria Daniels, Patricia Homan, Samuel Grubb, Tammy Krieg and Mark Krieg, Kimbra Schmitz and Duane Monroe.

Also Sue May, Philip Laux, Barbara Myers, Nic-

hole Parks, Braulio Ruiz Macias, Jane Childs, Barry Weaver, Robert Coats, Kathleen Wood, Sarah Jellison, Ana Minnich, Molly Twigg, Denise Culy, William Childers, Joseph Goodhew, Douglas Cash, Billy Bailey and Sean Carpenter.

# Woman wishes to acknowledge kindness

DEAR ABBY: Four months ago, my 15-year-old oldest child was killed in a car accident. It has been really hard. My husband and I are doing our best to take care of our younger children and put our lives back together.

One thing I don't know what to do about is all the mail I have received from my estranged relatives. None of them came for the service, but aunts, uncles, cousins and even my dad's ex-wife wrote cards and condolence letters. It's all paper mail because I have an unlisted phone number and private email address and don't use social media so they can't follow me. There are good reasons why we haven't been in touch.

I do not have the energy to

Dear Abby



restart these relationships, especially not now, but I also feel the letters were sent with kind intent and ignoring them would be cold. Is there a way to acknowledge the (minimal) support without opening Pandora's box? I guess I want to discharge the social obligation of replying so I can be polite without losing the healthy distance I've been able to establish. — DISTANT IN ALASKA

DEAR DISTANT: Please

accept my deepest sympathy for the tragic and untimely loss of your child. Because you feel socially obligated to acknowledge the condolences your family sent, consider buying (or having printed) standard cards that say, "The family of (blank) acknowledge with gratitude your kind expression of sympathy." It would be a warm and gracious touch to add, if possible, a few handwritten words to each one. Because you can't send love, they need only be, "We hope you and your family are well," and sign your name.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a retired Marine who married my supervisor's daughter. I'll call her "Zoe." He and I were good

friends. Zoe and I divorced in 1997. During the marriage, I found out that he was not her real father. It was a family secret that accidentally got out.

Zoe and I had a daughter, "Ellie." When I discovered when she was 13 that she wasn't mine, I was furious. I eventually accepted Ellie as my own because I was the only father she had ever known, and it wouldn't change anything.

Now, years later, I have remarried and raised two stepsons as my own. Ellie has three kids. Sometimes, I want to tell her the truth, and other times, I just want to leave all this alone. What should I really do? — HISTORY REPEATS IN ALABAMA

DEAR H.R.: You are a car-

ing, responsible man. I will assume that you and Ellie have a warm, ongoing relationship.

Your daughter deserves to know that while you have always loved her, you are not her biological father. Does anyone know who he may be? This is important information she might want to have in case there are health problems that run in bio-dad's family that could be passed down to her children.

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

# Community Calendar

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

## Today

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 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](http://museumofthesoldier.com).

## Sunday

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

## Monday

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

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon

each Monday at Jay Community Center.

JAY RETIRED TEACHERS — Will meet at noon Monday, Aug. 18, at Richards Restaurant in Portland. All retired school employees — including those who didn't work in Jay County — are invited to attend. The group allows retired teachers to reconnect with former colleagues, listen to entertainment and hear about what's happening in the state.

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

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

THE LIFE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy, as well as help with the needs of the family. The center is located at 1209 S. Shank St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury Unit-

ed Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR SUICIDE GRIEF — Meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month. The support group serves to help individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. To register, contact Stephanie Patterson at (260) 251-3259.

## Tuesday

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

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

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

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

## Wednesday

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.

## Thursday

STITCH AND CHAT-

TER QUILT CLUB — Meets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center. Show and tell is at 1 p.m. The club is open to all ages and is for anyone who wants to sew. Bring unfinished projects and a sewing machine. For more information, call Nan Weesner (260) 766-9334.

## SMART RECOVERY

— A group for those struggling 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.

  
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# Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

## Friday's Solution

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# Child support services are available

To the editor:  
Jay County prosecutor Wesley A. Schemenaur is joining prosecutors, the Indiana Department of Child Services/Child Support Bureau and child support services agencies throughout the country to recognize August as Child Support Awareness Month.  
Prosecutor Wesley A. Schemenaur wants to increase awareness about existing child support services provided by our office. These services are vital to custodial parents and guardians providing for children. Our child support staff can help with determining

## Letters to the Editor

paternity, establishing and modifying child support and medical support/health insurance orders, calculating past due child support, locating parents, collecting and disbursing child support and providing other related services essential to the well-being of Indiana's children.

As your county prosecutor, I take the issue of children's well-being seriously and believe that consistent child support payments can help custodial families achieve economic stability.  
This full range of prosecutor-provided services is available to all Indiana parents and guardians free of charge.  
Financial support of Indiana's children is crucial to their well-being and their ability to thrive during the critical years of childhood. My office stands ready to continue to ensure parents provide financial security for their children.

This education and awareness campaign is designed to help families become more aware of the services that we provide and to utilize them.  
The Indiana child support program, carried out locally by the county prosecutors, serves more than 200,000 families statewide. Last year Indiana's county prosecutors, county clerks and the Indiana Child Support Bureau collected and distributed more than \$498 million to Indiana families.  
For more information about child support services, visit our website at [jaycountyprosecutor.com](http://jaycountyprosecutor.com), call the Jay County

Prosecutor's Child Support office at (260) 726- 6981 or the Child Support Bureau's KIDSLINE at (800) 840-8757 or (317) 233-5437. Parents can enroll in child support services free of charge in person at the prosecutor's office or online at [csb-webapps.dcs.in.gov/IVDENrollmentFormSite](http://csb-webapps.dcs.in.gov/IVDENrollmentFormSite).  
Contact information for every county prosecutor's child support office and general information about child support is available at [childsupport.in.gov/county](http://childsupport.in.gov/county).  
Wesley A. Schemenaur  
Jay County Prosecuting Attorney

## Targeting vaccine research risks us all

By GARRETT BRAND

OtherWords

There are few things more important than our homes. Alongside providing our shelter, homes are where we make memories with friends and family — where bonds are formed and strengthened.

Unfortunately, the right to a home in America is under threat. Rents have skyrocketed, homelessness is rising, and home ownership is increasingly unattainable for most Americans.

There are multiple causes, but one culprit stands out: classic Wall Street greed. Massive private equity corporations and hedge funds are buying up homes by the thousands — houses, apartment buildings, and mobile home parks alike — and then jacking up rents.

This trend accelerated after the 2008 financial crisis, when investment firms snatched up homes in foreclosure and began renting them to the growing number of people locked out of ownership.

The result? An epidemic of corporate slumlords.

According to a recent study, nearly a fifth of all homes sold in the first quarter of 2024 were purchased by investment firms — including over a quarter of low-priced homes that might have been affordable to working people.

With their vast wealth, these companies are able to easily outbid real people, often paying a premium to buy properties before they even hit the market. This reduces supply — and encourages developers to sell at higher prices that only Wall Street can afford. Once a firm owns a property, they rent it out at an inflated, algorithm-fixed price, further driving up costs for working people.

Take Blackstone. The trillion dollar private equity giant owns over 300,000 U.S. residential units, making it the largest corporate landlord in the world. The company has hiked rents in its properties by as much as 64 percent over just two years. While Blackstone's tenants often can't make rent, CEO Stephen Schwarzman now enjoys a net worth north of \$50 billion.

I've seen the impacts of Wall Street's assault on our homes firsthand.

According to a Georgia State study, my hometown of Atlanta has the highest concentration of Wall Street-owned single family homes in the country. In the past 15 years, mega-

Garrett Brand



corporations have purchased over 70,000 homes in Atlanta, accounting for over 30 percent of all single family rental properties in the city. In some districts, as much as 99.6 percent of the market is owned by corporate investors!

As a result, longtime residents have been pushed out, housing costs have soared, and inequality has multiplied. For me and many of my friends, the idea of owning a home in the city we grew up in feels less realistic every day — an unfortunate truth across countless towns and cities in America.

As a fundamental need, housing should be a right for all people and families — not an investment commodity for the ultra-rich. In the short term, rent control and increased tenant protections could ease people's pain in this corporate-controlled housing market.

In the longer term, there's an alternative that would allow us all to have the homes we deserve: social housing.

Social housing refers to housing developed by non-corporate entities like non-profits or local, state, or federal governments. Social housing is permanently and truly affordable, controlled democratically by its community, and never resold for profit. There are a variety of models, but they all share one key component: they exist outside the for-profit housing market.

Cities and states can take the lead in developing their own social housing, like what's happening in Seattle after a citizen-driven referendum. There, a tax on rich corporations will fund a city-owned social housing developer — a great model for cities across the country.

Housing should be a source of safety and joy for everyone — not yet another source of profit for the ultra wealthy. By rejecting corporate home ownership and supporting social housing, we can build a world where that's the case.

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## They were broken, but strong

By JOHN KRULL

TheStatehouseFile.com

BOISE, Idaho — We sit and talk about our fathers.

And other mysteries of life.  
My cousin Melissa and I came to Idaho to visit Julie and Susan, the cousins who were almost lost to us. We came to restore a connection and to fill in missing pieces — to try to put together a puzzle that has shaped all our lives.

Almost a century ago, a day laborer and his wife, a farmer's daughter, became parents to three little boys. They lived in an isolated part of Minnesota as the Great Depression took hold and then deepened.

The first born of the boys was Ray, Melissa's father. My father, Ed, came next. Julie's and Susan's father, Don, was the youngest.

Not long after Don was born, something happened with our grandmother. It was scary enough that, a little more than a month after Don was born, she was committed to an institution. She lived in institutions for the last 45 years of her life, until, authorities say, she walked off the grounds of the last one, never to be seen again.

The Depression made for tough years for America — and particularly hard ones in the farm belt. Unemployment in Minnesota climbed as high as 40%.

My grandfather was fortunate enough to have a job. With his wife institutionalized, though, he had no one to care for his three little boys, the oldest of whom was 3 at the time.

Minnesota law wouldn't allow him to divorce my grandmother and marry again — the typical solution then for widowers with children — for seven years. He also could not afford to hire a nanny.

So, he settled on desperate solutions. He placed Ray and my father

John Krull



in an orphanage, where they remained for several years.

And he allowed a friendly childless couple to become foster parents to Don.

That anguished period and the choices it required shaped lives, including all of ours. Ray and Ed emerged from the orphanage with a wariness embedded in their makeup, an emotional guardedness that was welded to their very cores. They maintained a protective distance, even with those closest to them, including wives and children.

Don grew up differently. His foster parents doted on him. Fretful that my grandfather might try to reclaim him at some point, they moved often because they did not want to yield the boy they came to see as their son.

Julie and Susan say their father was a sensitive man, one who shed tears unashamedly when something moved him. Melissa and I can count on one hand the number of times we saw our fathers cry and still have fingers left over.

All three brothers had natural athletic abilities.

When he was young, Ray could throw a football a country mile and had a grip that could crumble stone. My father mastered any sport that required eye-hand coordination, becoming a world-class horseshoe pitcher and a wizard at both pool and bowling, even though he didn't care much for either game.

Don was a crackerjack baseball

player with a legitimate shot at turning pro before the Korean War altered his plans. He enlisted in the Air Force ahead of being drafted so that he could have some control over how he served.

It was the military that brought the three brothers together again.

Ray and my father both served in the waning days of World War II. Ray figured he could use service records to find their missing brother.

It worked.  
Ray, Ed and Don stayed in touch for the rest of their lives.

But their connection always seemed a fragile thing, haunted perhaps by the moments that separated them.

All three brothers married and fathered children. If they were still alive — Don died 10 years ago, Ray and Dad two years ago — they all would have great-grandchildren to dote upon.

Melissa and I, along with our siblings, have spent long hours puzzling over our fathers' childhood years, trying to determine how they became, to use Hemingway's memorable phrase, "strong at the broken places."

We learn that Julie and Susan did the same thing. They, too, have wondered about that time that altered their dad's destiny — and theirs.

So, we sit on Julie's patio as the night settles and discuss the long-ago choices that drove us apart and the family bonds that tie us together.

We talk about our fathers. And other mysteries of life.

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8-16 CRYPTOQUIP

WQ VAZGHCIWI VQ E LRWTI  
AGHG IECCGM MVAZ QHVT  
QEYJGH YV CVZ, AVSRM YJEY  
LG EWHCIWI JGWHCIWI?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: REPTILE OF THE CRETACEOUS PERIOD THAT WAS KNOWN FOR ITS REALLY FOUL ODOR: TYRANNOSAURUS REEKS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals H

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to the family fun. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 4 = A)

A. 6 4 8 4 19 10 7 25  
Clue: Getaway

B. 24 16 7 11 19 24  
Clue: Athletics

C. 17 18 24 20 18 17  
Clue: Showcases art

D. 4 13 6 20 25 19 18 11 20  
Clue: Thrilling activity

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to family fun.

CHAEB

Answer: Beach

GUESS WHO?

I am a model born in England on August 12, 1992. Through the years I have served as the face of Burberry, Chanel, Moschino, Stella McCartney, and more. My career also has included various acting gigs, including a recent role on an Amazon television series.

Answer: Cara Delevingne



World FACT:

Thailand, the United States and the United Kingdom often appear on lists that say they have a lot of this.

Answer: Traffic

How they say that in...

English: Traffic  
Spanish: Tráfico  
Italian: Traffico  
French: Circulation  
German: Verkehr

8-18 CRYPTOQUIP

UYZKCV, JWK CZ XKLLDC JWT  
LOXDF O QOZ TMM KC O  
UTPDQZ MKNP TM LWD

DKVWLKDF: MDYYKF PDJNDY.  
Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF OWNERSHIP OF A BLIMP WERE PASSED DOWN FROM FATHER TO SON, WOULD THAT BE AIRSHIP HEIRSHIP?  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals G

Creative Coloring

Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.

ALWAYS Look both ways before crossing the street.

Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

SREIT 1 2 3 4  
AFTS 5 6  
NRUTK 7 8 9  
RCSA 10

4 1 7 10 9 2 8 1 3 6 5 5 2 10

Answer: Stuck in traffic

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

AUG 12

1851: Isaac Singer is granted a patent for his sewing machine.  
1914: The United Kingdom and the British Empire declare war on Austria-Hungary.  
1981: The IBM Personal Computer is released.

NEW WORD

CONGESTION

a state of crowding or accumulation

FAMILY FUN WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS: ADVENTURE, BARBECUE, BIRTHDAY, BOARD GAMES, CAMPING, CELEBRATION, DANCE, GAME, HIKING, LAUGHTER, LOVE, MEMORIES, MOVIE, PARK, PICNIC, PLAY, PUZZLE, ROAD TRIP, SEASIDE, SWIMMING, TOGETHER, VACATION

Did You Know?

Traffic officers enforce traffic laws and help manage the flow of traffic.

Get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Traffic cone

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 36 Candy-heart word 37 Bit of wit 38 Dojo offerings 45 Showy flower 46 Castle 47 Verse by Pablo Neruda 48 Half quart 49 Zilch 50 Dugout item 51 Fifth Avenue store 52 Requests 53 Early hrs. 2 Guthrie of folk 3 Twelve months 4 Bellyflop aftermath 5 Royal crown 6 Author Bagnold 7 Puzzle 8 Specter 9 Chemists' rooms 10 Buffalo's lake 11 Squeezes (out) 19 Cleanse 20 Succor 23 Attila, notably 24 "Caught ya!" 25 Filch 26 Drenched 27 "A pox upon thee!" 28 "A Chorus Line" song 29 Prohibit 31 Small Greek restaurant 32 Weaponry 34 Ump's yell 35 Seismic events 36 Endures 37 Drop heavily 38 — Bay (Manhattan area) 39 La Scala solo 40 Hockey venue 41 Dove calls 42 Japanese noodles 43 Wax-coated cheese 44 Gels

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterday's answer 8-16

Crossword grid for 8-16

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Sheer artistry

North dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH  
♠ K 8 7  
♥ A 9 6  
♦ A 8 3  
♣ Q J 9 4

EAST  
♠ Q J 10 4  
♥ K 2  
♦ 9 6  
♣ 10 7 6 5 2

WEST  
♠ 6 3 2  
♥ 8 5 4  
♦ 7 4 2  
♣ A K 8 3

SOUTH  
♠ A 9 5  
♥ Q J 10 7 3  
♦ K Q J 10 5  
♣ —

The bidding:  
North 1 ♣ Pass  
East 1 NT Pass  
South 3 ♦ Pass  
West 4 ♥ Pass  
Opening lead — king of clubs.

Luck evens out in the long run, so if you want to be a winner at bridge, you have to play better than those you play with.

Let's say you're in six hearts and West leads the king of clubs, which you ruff. You play the queen of trump and finesse, but East wins with the king and returns the queen of spades.

It looks as though you must lose a spade trick and go down one, but if you put your gray cells to work, the way to avoid the spade loser emerges.

So, you win East's spade return with dummy's king, ruff a club with the ten, re-enter dummy with a low trump to the nine and ruff another club with the jack.

This runs you out of trumps in your hand, since you've ruffed clubs three times and led trumps twice, but that's precisely what you've been trying to do.

You now cross to dummy with a diamond and draw West's last trump with the ace, discarding a spade from your hand. Your K-Q-J-10 of diamonds and ace of spades then win the last five tricks, and the slam is home as your spade loser vanishes into thin air.

To come to 12 tricks, you scored five trump tricks instead of only the four you seemed to have after the trump finesse failed. It might seem odd that to make the slam you must discard your spade loser on one of dummy's trumps, but that's the way things usually go in a dummy-reversal hand.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH  
♠ A 10 7 4 3  
♥ 10 9 6 2  
♦ 6 5  
♣ K Q

EAST  
♠ Q 2  
♥ A Q 8 4 3 2  
♦ A Q 8 4 3 2  
♣ J 9 8 6 4

WEST  
♠ J 9 6  
♥ Q J 5 4  
♦ J 9 7  
♣ 10 7 5

EAST  
♠ Q 2  
♥ A Q 8 4 3 2  
♦ A Q 8 4 3 2  
♣ J 9 8 6 4

SOUTH  
♠ K 8 5  
♥ A K 8 7 3  
♦ K 10  
♣ A 3 2

The bidding:  
West Pass  
North Pass  
East 4 ♦  
South 4 ♥  
Opening lead — seven of diamonds.

This deal occurred in a match between the United States and Australia at the 1979 world championship. The American East at the first table opened four diamonds, over which the Australian South (Andrew Reiner) bid four hearts.

East won the opening diamond lead with the ace and returned a diamond to South's king. The contract appeared easy to make, but when declarer played the ace of trump and East showed out, Reiner realized he had a tough assignment on his hands.

Undaunted, he cashed the K-Q of clubs, king of spades, ace of clubs and ace of spades, then exited with a spade to West's jack, producing this position:

West did as well as he could by returning the jack of diamonds. But Reiner ruffed in his hand with the three and exited with the seven of trump to endplay West and bring in the contract.

At the second table, the U.S. South also got to four hearts, and the play to the first three tricks was identical. But here, after playing the ace of hearts, declarer cashed the king of clubs, overtook the queen of clubs with the ace, ruffed a club in dummy, led the ten of trump and followed low.

West won with the jack and returned the nine of spades. Declarer covered with dummy's ten, won East's queen with the king, led the eight of spades and finessed, thus also making the contract. So the deal proved to be a washout and also proved that there's more than one way to skin a cat.

Tomorrow: Comparing right with wrong.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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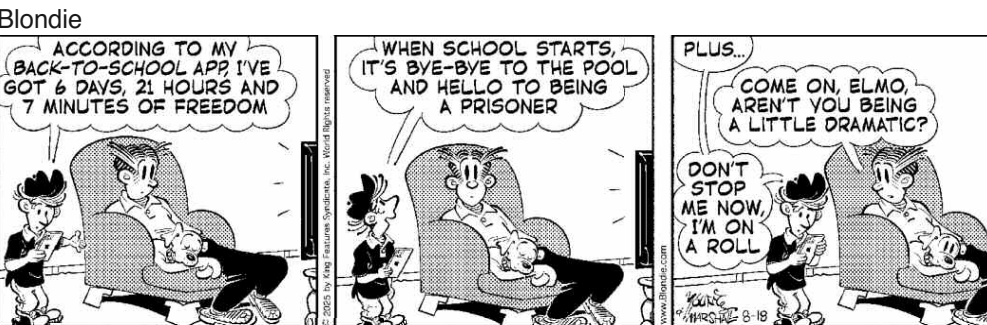
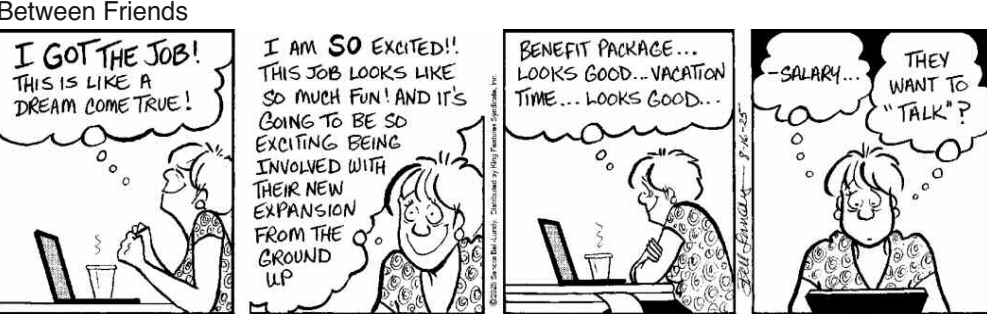
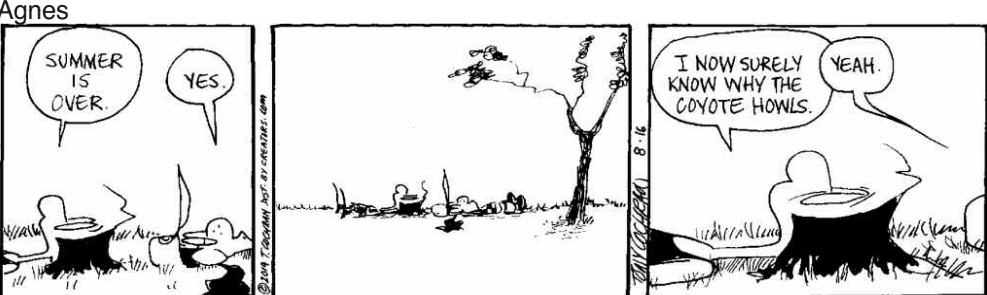
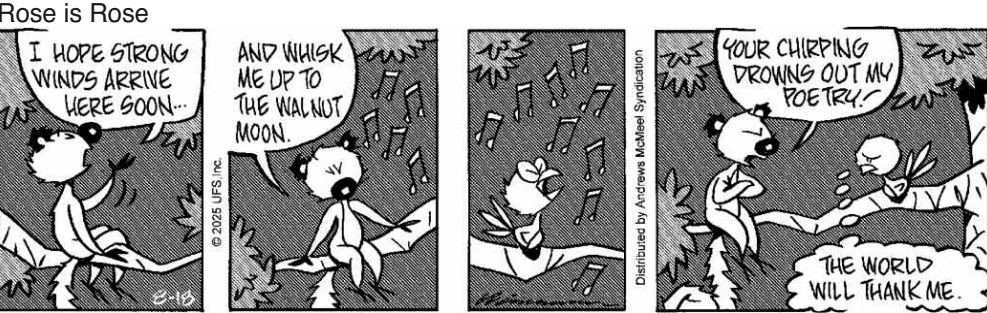
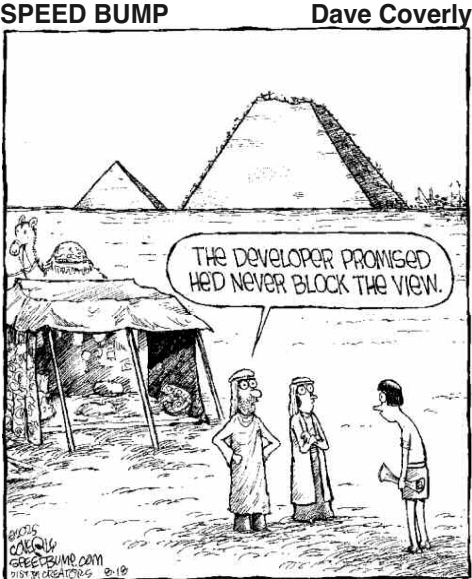
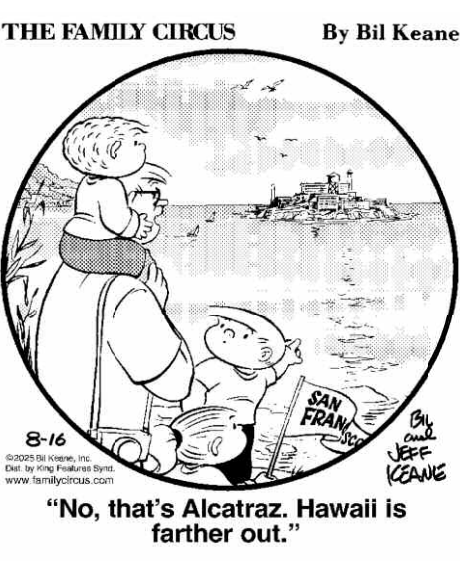
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Solution time: 21 mins.

Saturday's answer 8-18

Crossword grid for 8-18





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*Laughter*

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bathroom, and enclosed  
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is connected via an  
enclosed area to a 2 car  
garage with approximate-  
ly 895 square feet and  
includes a pull down stair-  
way accessing attic stor-  
age. Property also offers  
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overhead doors,  
enclosed shop/office  
area, concrete floor, and  
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the home on Tyson  
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90 SALE CALENDAR

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Erin Aker had 52 as Jay split with Woodlan, Norwell, see roundup below

Jay cross country and boys tennis open season today, see Sports on tap

# Four in the 40s

Fort Recovery’s scorers all break 50 strokes in defeat of Parkway

**By ANDREW BALKO**  
The Commercial Review

The Indians crossed the 200-stroke mark in their third dual match of the season.

They followed it up with an even better score as they flirted with the 180s to beat a Midwest Athletic Conference opponent.

The top four players shot scores in the 40s to lead the Fort Recovery High School girls golf team to a 191-257 victory over the Parkway Panthers at Portland Golf Club on Thursday morning.

This was the Tribe’s best score this season as it came in eight strokes lower than the 199 it shot on Tuesday. It was also only six strokes short of the Indians’ best team score from last season.

“I think this morning they just seemed comfortable,” said FRHS coach Jeff Vaughn. “They were playing in threesomes and it went quick. I don’t know, I prefer morning play and I think maybe that’s part of it but they had it clicking today and all six of them had decent scores.”

Olivia Knapke and Evvie Briner led the way for the Tribe as they both carded 47s to share match medalist honors.

Knapke started her round a little slow as she double-bogeyed the first and third holes. She split them with a par on the 113-yard, par-3 second hole. Her tee shot bounced just off the green but stayed close enough for her to chip to within two feet of the hole and putt for par.

She followed with a pair of bogeys on No. 4 and 5 before hitting the highlight of her day on the 401-yard, par-5 sixth hole.

“I was kind of struggling with my drives today, but I hit a good drive so I was excited about that,” Knapke said. “I hit it left and was behind a tree kind of, so I punched it out but got pretty close (to the green). Jeff told me before, ‘You can’t go over the pin.’ So I chipped it nice and light. It almost went in, but it was a little too hard and bounced off the flag. Then I two putted it from there.”

Briner’s strong stretch came in the beginning of her round. She also started off with a dou-



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ble-bogey on No. 1 before ripping off a pair of bogeys.

Her sole par of the match came on the 290-yard, par-4 fourth. After hitting her tee shot she said she had a “perfect draw” to get it to travel with the dog leg only 105 yards from the green. She hit her wedge and put the ball seven feet beyond the pin, but her birdie putt broke early before falling in. She finished off with a 5-foot putt for par.

Briner’s score of 47 was one stroke off her career best and

the lowest she’s posted of the season so far.

Georgia Wenning also posted her best score of the season and broke 50 for the first time this year as well.

The senior had only one major blip on her scorecard as he suffered through a triple-bogey on the third hole. Beyond that, she had a trio of double-bogeys on hole No. 1, 5 and 9 to split up five bogeys.

“It felt really good,” said Wenning, who also was one stroke off from her career-best. “My driver

was actually going straight today, so that really helped.”

Mallory Evers provided the other score for Fort Recovery (4-0, 2-0 MAC) with a 48. She started her round hot, shooting four of her five bogeys on the first four holes.

All four of the Indians’ scores beat Parkway’s top golfer, Morgan Louch, who shot a 50.

While their scores didn’t impact the final, Cora Pearson and Macy Kaffenberger had career days out of the No. 5 and 6 positions.

Fort Recovery High School senior Evvie Briner tees off on the par-5 sixth hole at Portland Golf Club Thursday morning. Briner tied Olivia Knapke for the match medalist title with a 47 in the 191-257 defeat of the Parkway Panthers.

# Aker leads Patriots to first win of year

Erin Aker snuck her score into the lower 50s twice last season, but the Patriots couldn’t overcome a pair of strong teams.

This time, Aker’s score made all the difference.

The Jay County High School girls golf team picked up its first win on Thursday at Portland Golf Club as Aker shot one stroke over her career

## Golf roundup

best to push the Patriots past Woodlan 224-250.

While Jay County (1-2, 1-1 Allen County Athletic Conference) took down the

Warriors, it fell to Norwell in the same match 191-224.

Aker shot a 52 with pars on the third, sixth and eighth holes and had a bogey on the fourth. Aker beat all of Woodlan’s golfers, but Norwell’s Ellie Gatten earned match medalist with a 40.

Alex Ridenour carded the second-best score for JCHS at 56. She had two bogeys in her round.

Elizabeth Brunswick finished one stroke behind with a 57, while Crystal Swartzentruber and Reny Lingo filled out the team score as each shot a 59.

Sophia Raegan shot a 67 that didn’t impact the outcome.

**Fort falls**  
CELINA, Ohio — The Fort Recovery boys golf

team lost its first match of the season to the Parkway Panthers by just one stroke on Thursday at Celina Lynx Golf Course 177-178.

Reece LeFevre earned match medalist by shooting a 42. He made four pars and four bogeys.

Luke Fortkamp followed with a 43, matching Parkway’s Eli Schumm and Rylan Lyons.

Fortkamp also had four pars and four bogeys.

Garrett Diller carded the third-best score at 45, a new career best, while Andrew Rehmart rounded out the final score for the Indians (4-1, 2-1 Midwest Athletic Conference) with a 50.

Caleb Smith shot a 50 and Will Westgerdes had a round of 58, neither of which impacted the final score.

## Getting ready

First year Fort Recovery High School football coach Wes Wenning talks to his players Friday night during their scrimmage against Indian Lake at Barrenbrugge Athletic Park. The Indians will open their season at home Friday, Aug. 22, against Ponitz Career Tech.



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# Sports on tap

## Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Cross Country at Warsaw  
Tiger Invite — 9 a.m.; Boys tennis at Trojan Kickoff Duals at New Castle — 9 a.m.

**Monday**  
Jay County — Girls golf vs. Anderson — 5 p.m.; Boys tennis at Madison-Grant — 5 p.m.; Girls soccer vs. Richmond — 5:30 p.m.; JV girls soccer vs. Richmond — 7 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Boys golf at Fairlawn — 3 p.m.; Freshman volleyball at St. Henry — 6 p.m.;

**Tuesday**  
Jay County — Girls golf at Adams Central — 4:30 p.m.; Boys soccer at Muncie Central — 5 p.m.; Boys tennis vs. Alexandria-Monroe — 5 p.m.; Volleyball at Madison-Grant — 6 p.m.; JV boys soccer at Muncie Central — 7 p.m.

## TV schedule

**Today**  
5:35 a.m. — AFL: Collingwood Magpies at Adelaide Crows (FS1)  
7:30 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Aston Villa at Newcastle United (USA)  
9 a.m. — MotoGP: Austria Grand Prix (FS1)  
10 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Brighton & Hove Albion at Fulham (USA)  
11 a.m. — LIV Golf Indianapolis (FS1)  
12 p.m. — LIV Golf Indianapolis (FOX)  
12:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Wolverhampton Wanderers at Manchester City (NBC)

1 p.m. — PGA Tour: BMW Championship (NBC)  
1 p.m. — Little League World Series (ESPN)  
1:30 p.m. — La Liga soccer: Mallorca at FC Barcelona (USA)  
2 p.m. — WNBA: New York Liberty at Minnesota Lynx (CBS)  
2:20 p.m. — MLB: Pittsburgh Pirates at Chicago Cubs (FS1)  
4 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Kansas City Current at Orlando Pride (CBS)  
6 p.m. — Horse racing: Saratoga Live (FS1)  
6:30 p.m. — MLB: Milwaukee Brewers at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)  
7 p.m. — NFL preseason: Baltimore Ravens at Dallas Cowboys (FOX); Los Angeles Chargers at Los Angeles Rams (CBS); New York Jets at New York Giants (ABC)  
7:15 p.m. — MLB: Detroit Tigers at Minnesota Twins (FOX)  
7:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Cook Out 400 (USA)

8:30 p.m. — MLS: Minnesota United at Seattle Sounders (FS1)  
9 p.m. — USL Championship cup: Tampa Bay Rowdies at Phoenix Rising (ESPN2)  
11 p.m. — USL Championship cups: Sacramento Republic at Oakland Roots (FOX)

**Sunday**  
8 a.m. — MotoGP: Austria Grand Prix (FS1)  
9 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Chelsea at Crystal Palace (USA)  
10 a.m. — LIV Golf Indianapolis (FS1)  
11:30 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Manchester United at Arsenal FC (NBC)  
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1 p.m. — WNBA: Indiana Fever at Connecticut Sun (FDSN Indiana)  
2 p.m. — ARCA Menards Series: Illinois State Fairgrounds (FS1)  
3 p.m. — NHRA: Lucas Oil Nationals (FOX)  
3 p.m. — BIG3 basketball: Celebrity Game (CBS)  
3:30 p.m. — WNBA: Los Angeles Sparks at Washington Mystics (ESPN); Dallas Wings at Las Vegas Aces (ABC)  
3:30 p.m. — La Liga soccer: Espanyol at Atletico Madrid (ESPN2)  
4 p.m. — Horse racing: Saratoga Live (FS1)  
4 p.m. — BIG3 basketball: LA Riots at Triplets (CBS)  
5 p.m. — BIG3 basketball: Power at Miami 305 (CBS)  
6 p.m. — WNBA: Phoenix Mercury at Seattle Storm (ABC)  
7:10 p.m. — MLB: Seattle Mariners at New York Mets (ESPN)

8 p.m. — NFL preseason: Buffalo Bills at Chicago Bears (FOX)

**Monday**  
11 a.m. — U.S. Open tennis (ESPN2)  
1 p.m. — Little League World Series (ESPN)  
3 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Leeds United at Everton (USA)  
8 p.m. — NFL preseason: Cincinnati Bengals at Washington Commanders (ESPN)  
9:38 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Los Angeles Angels (FDSN Indiana)

**Tuesday**  
11 a.m. — U.S. Open tennis (ESPN2)  
6:40 p.m. — MLB: Houston Astros at Detroit Tigers (TBS)  
8 p.m. — WNBA: Seattle Storm at Chicago Sky (ABC)  
9:38 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Los Angeles Angels (FDSN Indiana)