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## Court orders memo must be released

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Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Justice Department must release a 2019 memo advising then-Attorney General Bill Barr on how to handle the conclusion of the Mueller investigation and the department's decision not to charge Donald Trump, a federal appeals court ruled.

The 3-0 decision Friday, by a panel of judges of the appeals court in Washington, upholds a lower court that ordered the department to make the March 2019 document public after finding that DOJ lawyers failed to accurately describe it from the start.

The district judge had found that the memo was about the kind of public statement Barr should make over special counsel Robert Mueller's findings and not — as she said she had been led to believe — whether the Justice Department was seriously considering whether to bring charges against Trump.

The memo to Barr came at the end of Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and whether Trump had tried to meddle with the probe. Mueller's team declined to make a recommendation about whether to charge Trump, and Barr said the evidence was "not sufficient" to prosecute.

The Justice Department had opposed releasing the full Office of Legal Counsel's memo to Barr in response to a public records request from watchdog group Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW).

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## To the sky



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Jay County Sheriff's Office recently started using drones to assist with traffic accidents, weather damage and missing citizens. The drones are equipped with cameras to take high resolution photos and video. One of the drones, the the Mavic 2 Enterprise pictured above taking flight in the sheriff's office parking lot, has additional features, including thermal imaging, a spotlight and speaker.

## New drones at Jay County Sheriff's Office will help find missing citizens, assess damage

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

Jay County Sheriff's Office has extended its reach to the sky.

Drones have recently been added to the department's tool kit for investigating traffic accidents, surveying weather damage and locating lost residents.

The sheriff's office purchased a fleet of three DJI drones — two standard Mavic 2 drones and one Mavic 2 Enterprise — in November. It received them about four months ago and has used them about 10 times so far. The sheriff's office is currently the only law enforcement

agency in Jay County equipped with the devices.

"It's something I've been wanting for a long time for the department," said Sheriff Dwane Ford.

Jay County Sheriff's Office paid for the drones using commissary funds. The standard drones cost \$799 each, with the Enterprise model priced at \$7,696 including its various attachments.

"The biggest reason why we wanted these drones in the first place is we've had quite a few different people missing in the last few years," explained Derek Bogenschutz, who is one of

three officers tasked with operating the mechanisms.

The Mavic 2 Enterprise's thermal camera can efficiently recognize bodies by their temperature in fields or other large areas, such as at Loblolly Marsh Nature Preserve. The process cuts down on time and manpower needed in searches.

The Enterprise model's speaker makes it easy to communicate with runaway suspects or lost citizens before police arrive to their location. Its spotlight also helps with searches at night.

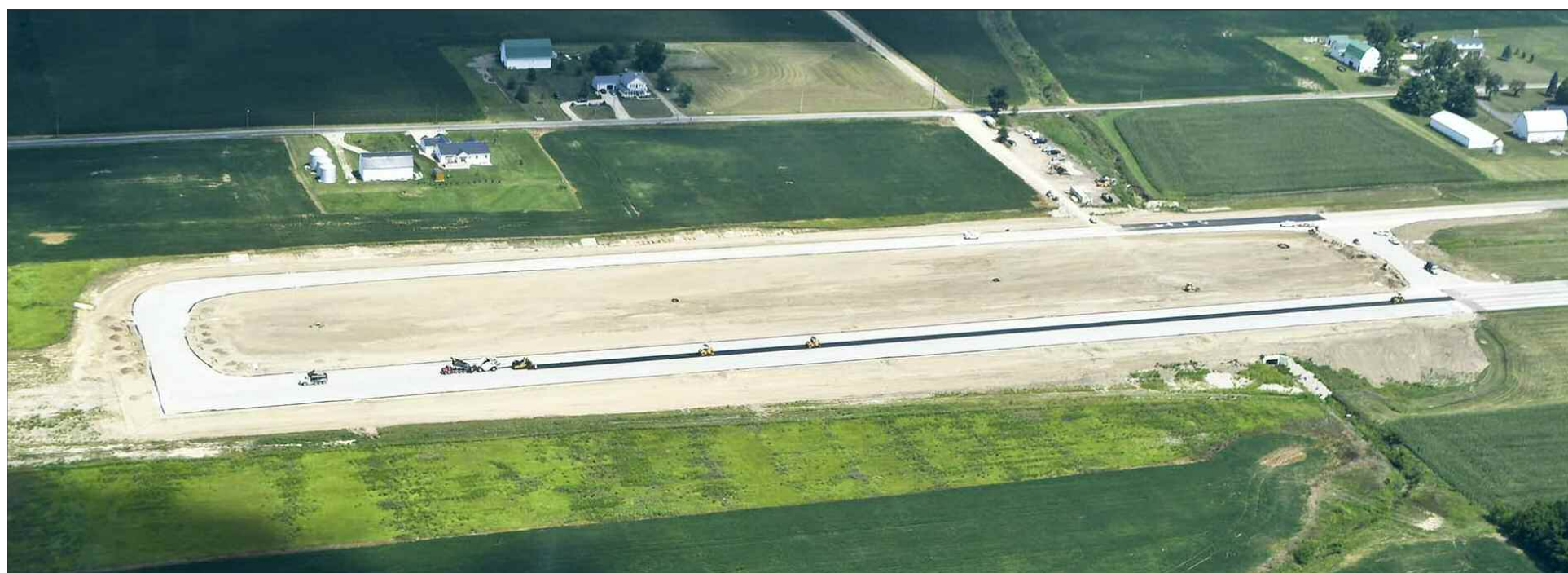
Although the Enterprise model has the most bells and

whistles, all three DJI drones are equipped with cameras that can capture high resolution photos or video. Ford pointed out the aerial footage provides a wide view of evidence for vehicle accidents.

"We can actually see above the accident, so we can see how the tire marks, brake marks are involved," Ford said. "A lot of times it's off better to get an overhead view of the accident instead of just a ground view."

Bogenschutz and deputies Eric Smitley and Trey Nusbaumer are the department's designated drone operators.

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## Paving underway

This aerial view from the south taken Friday from a plane flown by former Portland Board of Aviation president John Lyons shows the area of the Portland Municipal Airport runway extension, which will push the runway to 5,500 feet from the current 4,000 feet. Crews from Milestone Contractors paved the test strip visible in the picture on Thursday. Paving is moving forward and is expected to be complete in about 10 days. The extended runway is scheduled to open permanently no later than October.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 85 degrees Friday. The forecast for today shows a 50% chance of afternoon thunderstorms with a high in the low 80s.

More rain is expected Sunday with an 80% chance of thunderstorms throughout the day.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

### In review

Indiana State Police's Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign is underway. This weekend through Labor Day, officers will be increasing patrols to target those driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. "We're asking everyone to have a plan in place if they know they'll be drinking," said Lt. Corey Culler in a press release.

### Coming up

**Tuesday** — Results from today's Jay County High School girls soccer game against Centerville.

**Thursday** — A feature from the opening day of the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show.



Retrospect

Frenchy's Market missed its namesake

Twenty-five years ago this week, Frenchy's Market was open for the first time without its founder.

The Aug. 21, 1997, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about Frenchy's Merritt French who had died the previous December.

Near a vendor sign-up table at Frenchy's, there was a sign that read "In Love Honor and Memory of Merritt. He loved this market — Let's Make It A Good One For Him!"

Merritt was the centerpiece of Frenchy's Market on Votaw Street for more than a decade during the annual Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show at Jay County Fairgrounds.

"He just lived for it from one year to the next," said his widow,

Evelyn French. "It was just the love of his life, it really was.

"It was his baby." Reminders of Merritt were everywhere in the year following his death. A Frenchy's Market business card had his name scratched out. And a nearby shelf featured a wedding picture of the couple.

Following Merritt's death from cancer, friends had worried about the future of the market. But Evelyn decided she'd continue to run it with the help of manager Bob McFarland as long as her health was good.

"I want to do it if we can just get along, Bob and I, and if I can handle the stress," she said. "We had about everybody signed up last year so we

thought we better go ahead and have it. It's a big undertaking.

"If I stay well and keep alert with my senses and stuff I suppose I'll continue."

That was definitely her plan, as she had already started taking deposits from vendors for the 1998 Frenchy's Market.

Though the market lived on, its namesake was missed.

"I feel sorry that he's gone," said longtime vendor Roy Mayes of Winterhaven, Florida. "Evelyn's good, and I love Evelyn, but there's something missing. You can tell it this year. It's not the old Frenchy's market it was a year ago, two years ago or 10 years ago.

"There's a feeling of emptiness."



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Manager Bob McFarland, vendor Carol Shipman of Okeechobee, Florida, and Evelyn French gather on a porch to reminisce about Frenchy's Market founder Merritt French in 1997.

CR almanac

Table with 5 columns: Sunday 8/21, Monday 8/22, Tuesday 8/23, Wednesday 8/24, Thursday 8/25. Each column contains a weather icon, a temperature range, and a brief forecast.

Lotteries

Table listing lottery results for Hoosier, Ohio, Powerball, and Mega Millions. Includes pick numbers and estimated jackpots.

Markets

Table listing market prices for various commodities like wheat, corn, and beans in different regions such as Cooper Farms, POET Biorefining, and Heartland St. Anthony.

Today in history

In 1794, the Battle of Fallen Timbers occurred on the Maumee River near what is now Toledo, Ohio. In 1866, the National Labor Union asked the U.S. Congress to mandate eight-hour workdays. In 1914, the German army captured Brussels amid its invasion during World War I. In 1920, the National Football League was formed at a meeting in Canton, Ohio. In 1975, U.S. space-craft Viking 1 was launched by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on a trip to explore the surface of Mars. In 2020, Jay County High School's girls soccer team defeated Heritage in a 5-0 victory. Jay County Patriots Gabi Bilbrey and Mara Bader each scored goals for the team's win. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council special session, village hall, 201 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Drones ...

Continued from page 1 They refresh their skills with training twice a month.

When the county needs their aerial assistance, a drone operator responds to the scene and quickly assembles the equipment.

"It's a matter of two minutes before it's up in the air," said Bogenschutz.

Learning how to use the drones wasn't too much of a challenge, Bogenschutz said, noting that the drones hover in the same position in the air until directed to move. (He and Smitley both have operated their personal drones prior to

using the department's models.) Drone operators do, however, have to be aware of a few other factors, such as weather conditions. Heavy rain, heavy snow or high winds can be detrimental to the technology.

They also have to follow Federal Aviation Administration guidelines, which stipulate drones can fly up to 400 feet above ground level.

To avoid collisions, the drones are programmed with a vision system, allowing them to detect obstacles and alert the operator. They are still susceptible to damage,

though, and are covered with insurance in the event of an accident. The sheriff's office is planning to install a TV in the back of a police car. Once connected, it will display the drone's footage as it moves through an area, making it easier for more police to see its viewing apparatus.

Bogenschutz recalled the tornado that swept through northeast Jay County and part of Mercer County last year. If Jay Emergency Management Agency had access to multiple drones at that time, he noted, it "would've been able to assess the damage a lot quicker."

Orders ...

Continued from page 1 U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson last year found that the department had suggested the memo was privileged because it involved sensitive, predecision deliberations about whether Trump could be charged with obstructing the special counsel's probe.

The department released a redacted version of the memo, and Jackson agreed to keep what it says. Now they will.

But as the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit noted in its decision on Friday, it later became clear that DOJ officials had planned to rely on longstanding department

policy against prosecuting a sitting president, and the memo was instead about the department's "public messaging" over the Mueller report.

"Attorney General Barr cited this memo as a reason not to charge President Trump with obstruction of justice," spokesperson Jordan Libowitz said in a statement. "The American people deserve to know what it says. Now they will."

A Justice Department spokesperson declined to comment on the decision.

D.C. Circuit Chief Judge Sri Srinivasan, who was joined by Judges Judith Rogers and David Tatel, wrote that any

analysis in the memo about bringing obstruction charges was more like a "thought experiment."

Srinivasan noted that the department expressed "regret" about leaving a "misimpression that an actual charging decision was under consideration," but he wrote that it missed opportunities to address the true purpose of the memo.

The court rejected the government's request for another chance to make the case for keeping the full memo secret. Srinivasan wrote that the Justice Department might have successfully argued to keep the memo sealed if it had revealed the public messaging purpose

from the beginning and then tried to invoke what's known as the deliberative process privilege, but that it was too late now.

SERVICES

Sunday

Franks, Michael: 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 993 Market St, Dayton, Tennessee.

Service listings provided by PROGRESSIVE OFFICE PRODUCTS 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com

Capsule Reports

Intersection crash

A Ridgeville woman's vehicle hit a Portland man's truck at the intersection of Seventh Street and Blaine Pike about 12:38 p.m. Thursday.

Mandy M. Merchant, 43, was driving her 2019 Chevrolet Equinox west on Seventh Street and stopped at the intersection with Blaine Pike. She told Portland police she thought the intersection was a four-way stop and proceeded forward, driving into a southbound 2006 Ford F350 driven by 38-year-old Kyle W. Cook. (Traffic on Blaine Pike does not stop at the intersection.)

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

man was driving went into a ditch after his brakes locked up on county road 100 East about 5:10 a.m. Thursday.

David A. Stith, 36, told police he was driving a 2009 Chevrolet Impala north on the road and approaching the intersection with Indiana 26 when he went to pick something up inside the cab and noticed he was close to the stop, according to a Portland Police Department report.

He said his brakes locked up, causing the vehicle to slide through the stop and Indiana 26 into a ditch north of the road.

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The vehicle he was driving — it's registered to Diana E. Bolz of Portland — was towed.

Lost control

The vehicle a Portland

Advertisement for 'The Nelsons' concert. Features a photo of four people (three women and one man) in front of a barn. Text includes 'The Nelsons', 'LIVE IN CONCERT', 'Saturday, August 27, 2022', '6:30 p.m.', and 'First Church of the Nazarene - 920 S. Shank St. Portland, IN Free will offering'.

Advertisement for DIRECTV Stream. Text includes 'DIRECTV Stream', 'LARRY THE MOST LOCAL MLB GAMES', '\$89.99/mo', 'CHOICE PACKAGE 90+ Live TV Channels', and 'Contact your local DIRECTV dealer! 844.412.9997'.



# GOP is playing a dangerous game

St. Louis Post-Dispatch  
Tribune News Service

Having spent the past week inflaming the base over the FBI search of Mar-a-Lago, Republican leaders are getting exactly what they invited: threats against law enforcement and at least one actual attack that resulted in the attacker's death. The lesson of Jan. 6, 2021 — that some of former President Donald Trump's most radical followers will convert dangerous words into action — seems to have been lost these elected officials. They must decide which side they're on: Law and order, or chaos and death. There is no middle ground.

The man who tried to get into a Cincinnati FBI field office last

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week with a nail gun and AR-15-style rifle, and who was later killed by police, was apparently driven by fury over the Aug. 8 federal search of Trump's Florida home for classified documents. The FBI has since seen an unprecedented spike in death threats against federal agents and others.

These threats of violence from Trump's perpetually aggrieved

MAGA base were predictable. Yet from the moment Trump himself publicized the search with his usual hyperbole and cries of victimhood, prominent GOP office-holders, including some top Missouri Republicans, have fanned the anger with inflammatory and often false narratives.

The very day after the search, Sen. Josh Hawley — the Missouri Republican whose infamous raised fist helped rile up the Jan. 6 mob — made the ironic allegation that President Joe Biden "has taken our republic into dangerous waters," and declared that Attorney General Merrick Garland "must resign or be impeached." Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt, the GOP's

Senate nominee, released a statement in which he referred to the administration as "the Regime," which is the right's favored new term to make this legitimately elected president sound like some illegitimately installed dictator.

In fact, federal officials worked with Trump for months to obtain the documents voluntarily. When that failed, they issued a subpoena, which Trump's lawyers claimed they honored. After the FBI learned there were still documents there, some potentially involving nuclear weapons, they obtained the search warrant and found additional documents, some marked top secret or a higher classification. In hindsight, the outrage here isn't that the FBI

conducted the search but that they waited as long as they did.

An evidence-free theme now ascendant on the right is that the FBI planted incriminating documents. Just imagine what that kind of disinformation does once it bounces around awhile in some already-unstable minds out there.

Republican office-holders have an obligation to support federal law enforcement barring some actual (as opposed to imagined) indication the search wasn't legitimate. Instead, too many of them are encouraging Trump's followers to view federal law enforcement as the enemy. If they continue this dangerous game, they should be prepared to answer for future outbreaks of violence.

## Stabbing was a cowardly attack on freedom

Chicago Tribune  
Tribune News Service

New York's Chautauqua Institution describes itself as "a community of artists, educators, thinkers, faith leaders and friends dedicated to exploring the best in humanity."

On Friday morning, the worst in humanity came calling on Chautauqua, New York, when an assailant rushed the stage and attacked the great author Salman Rushdie, stabbing him several times, it appeared, in the neck. It was immediately apparent that his injuries were grievous.

Rushdie, who refused to be cowed by a 1989 fatwa from the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who did not care for one of Rushdie's books, lived a profoundly self-examined life, out and about, eschewing security, engaging with his readers, giving speeches and supporting authors' rights and free speech all across the planet.

For the courageous Rushdie, 75, to be so brutally attacked in a peaceful place dedicated to the exchange of free thought, beggars belief. More worrying still, this is not the first time of late a speaker has been physically assaulted while delivering comments to an American audience, not the first time of late that someone who disagreed with something someone said decided that violence was an acceptable response.

These are cowardly acts against soft targets, reliant on surprise and with no place whatsoever in a mature democracy.

We abhor all of them. Whatever our political or religious beliefs, we must stand together against them.

We herald Rushdie's artistry, intellect, literary prowess and compassion for his fellow travelers.

In "The Satanic Verses," Rushdie wrote of the poet's work: "to name the unnameable, to point at frauds, to take sides, start arguments, shape the world, and stop it going to sleep."

Exactly. Godspeed to him.

## Guest Editorial



NEWS ITEM: EXTREME DROUGHTS ARE REVEALING SHIPWRECKS.

# Ban will damage Indiana's economy

By MICHAEL J. HICKS  
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If polls are true, Indiana's new abortion law is so restrictive that it has the support of no more than 16% of Americans in any broad demographic group. When asked, only 11% of the 18-to-29-year-old crowd supports laws as restrictive as ours. The state-level polls are older and less reliable, but the best I've seen suggests that close to two-thirds of Hoosiers support broader abortion access than was granted in Senate Bill 1.

Public opinion polls are useful because they provide some insight about the mechanisms of economic damage that will ultimately flow from our new abortion law. The U.S. has spent half a century under reasonably similar state regulation of abortion. That has now changed. The political and economic incentives to highlight and exploit these differences are profound. Indiana is especially vulnerable to the economic effects of an abortion ban.

Recall that Indiana's workforce ranks near the bottom in educational attainment. Worse, we've seen the college going rate drop a whopping 12 percentage points in just six years. This puts us in the realm of the most economically fragile states in the Union — Mississippi, Louisiana, West Virginia — and just below Puerto Rico. This matters because nine out of 10 college-age people nationwide prefer more expansive abortion access than Indiana now has.

Just to be clear, Indiana now has the most restrictive abortion laws in the continent. Our laws are more restrictive than those of Ireland or Italy or Saudi Arabia. SB1 was passed with just a few days of testimony and signed hurriedly on a Friday evening. This shows that GOP leaders are exceedingly nervous about the economic fallout of the legislation. They are right to be.

## Michael J. Hicks



I see two major economic challenges to Indiana that result from SB1.

First, this will result in far fewer out-of-state college students coming to Indiana. While this legislation won't affect the decisions of out-of-state students coming to Indiana this month, it will influence 2023 college decisions. It is worth noting that for every man now in college, there are two women. We should expect a substantial decline in out-of-state students heading to Indiana and anticipate a higher outflow of Hoosier students.

Though our state's college enrollment numbers will bounce back a bit after COVID, we should prepare for further declines in 2023 and beyond. Stemming the decline in Indiana college students will cost several hundreds of millions of dollars a year. Failing to stem the loss will be far more costly. However, higher brain drain among college-age students isn't our biggest risk.

Businesses locate where they can access abundant workers of the types they need. They don't come for tax incentives or cheap land, which we offer in profusion. They come for the right workers, of which we have far too few. Over the past three decades, more than 80% of job growth nationally has gone to college-educated workers. As that trend continues, which it will, Indiana is now at a significant disadvantage.

Every human resource official in every major business in America is watching the abortion debate.

They are changing healthcare plans for workers living in states with restrictive abortion bans, driving up business costs. They are well aware that abortion access is now a bellwether issue for many Americans considering relocating for a job. HR officials across the country are readying their bosses for years of difficult hiring and relocation to states with restrictive abortion laws.

Let me be abundantly clear. The abortion issue will erupt on college campuses this fall. Hoosier employers will be selectively disinclined from job fairs across the country. More importantly, college students will actively look in places with more mainstream legislation, or seek remote work from those businesses. It is no wonder why Lilly and Cummins as well as many others are deeply frustrated about Indiana's SB1 and the effect it will have on their operations.

Some in the political world will label this as 'woke capitalism.' Baloney, it is math. Businesses located in states with highly restrictive abortion laws are at a significant hiring disadvantage. For businesses that need to attract educated young people, Indiana is already a challenging environment. Indiana's new abortion law will significantly disrupt the employment needs of many businesses, and the louder the national debate on abortion, the worse the damage will be. Folks, prepare yourself, the debate will be deafening.

Still, I think most businesses will be publicly silent on the issue. James Briggs made this point in a recent column. He argued that unlike RFRA, few businesses will take a public stance on abortion laws. Yes, Lilly and Cummins have issued statements decrying the rushed nature of the legislation. However, for most businesses there's not much benefit in a making a public declaration about abortion. I suspect this is especially true in Indiana. Business leaders have been quietly begging the state to reverse the brain drain and educational declines for more than a decade, without effect.

The hasty passage of SB1 illustrates the growing anti-business focus of Indiana's supermajority. As a result, I think Indiana's elected leaders should expect less business involvement in policy. Many will quietly give up on the state and shift operations and employment elsewhere. Some businesses cannot leave and will surely look to support more business-friendly voices across the state.

I wouldn't expect these effects to change the minds of the principled supporters of SB1. A less prosperous Indiana is simply the price of maintaining restrictive and unpopular abortion laws. Public policy is about trade-offs; it is just imperative to know what they are.

Finally, one important lesson of economic history is that places with some extraordinary economic advantage can usually survive deeply unpopular policy choices. Think of Chicago or San Francisco. The problem is that Indiana has few economic advantages that are relevant to the 21st century. None that we have are sufficient to overcome policies that alienate the vast majority of the mobile, highly-educated young people we so desperately need.

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# IU Health expands Muncie services

Additional services have been added to IU Health Ball's Jackson Street medical office building.

The 36,500-square-foot facility now includes a new pharmacy in addition to primary care, obstetrics and gynecology services, the Muncie Journal reported Friday.

"IU Health primary care is excited to be at this new location," nurse Carrie Huffman, practice operations director, primary care, IU Health Ball Memorial Physicians, told the Journal. "Our highly skilled team believes in treating you as a whole person and this location provides a broad range of services to our patients."

The facility at 2901 W. Jackson St. was recently renovated and now has 24 primary care exam rooms, 23 obstetrics and gynecology exam rooms, two special procedure rooms and two Ultrasound rooms.

## Applications open

Applications are available for the Launch Jay business pitch competition led by Jay County Development Corporation and Jay County Chamber of Commerce is now open.

Applications will be accepted through Aug. 26, with work-

## Business roundup

shops to help participants develop their business ideas to begin Aug. 30. The live pitch competition is scheduled for Oct. 1.

The prize for the winner will be \$7,500, with \$4,000 for second place and \$2,000 for third place. (Funds must be used toward business-related expenses.)

In order to be eligible for the competition, entities must be current or potential for-profit businesses located in Jay County.

Applications are available in the JCDC and chamber offices at Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland or via email at tabby@jay-countychamber.com or trichards@jaycodev.org.

The chamber also announced that this month's Munch and Mingle networking event is scheduled for noon Aug. 30 at El Camino Real. Those interested in attending should RSVP by emailing the

chamber at the above addresses or calling (260) 726-4481.

## Everheart hires

EverHeart Hospice this week announced the hiring of Jennifer Sutter as an after-hours licensed practical nurse.

Sutter recently graduated from Miami-Jacobs Career College.

EverHeart provides hospice services in Jay, Adams, Blackford, Delaware, Randolph, Grant and Wayne counties in Indiana and Mercer, Auglaize, Darke, Allen, Miami, Preble, Shelby and Van Wert counties in Ohio.

## Stillwater awarded

Stillwater Hospice announced this week that it was awarded a \$75,000 grant from The Lutheran Foundation to help provide care to those who are uninsured or underinsured.

The grant funding will come in 2023.

"We are grateful for the support from The Lutheran Foundation," said Stillwater Hospice CEO Leslie Friedel in a press release. "Stillwater Hospice and The Lutheran Foundation have had a long partnership and our goals are the

same: to provide access to healthcare and ease suffering in our community."

Stillwater, which is based in Fort Wayne and has offices in Berne and Marion, provides chronic disease management, hospice care, palliative care and grief support.

## Partnership set

Invenergy on Monday announced a new partnership with Airstreams Renewable In.c to support military veterans and military spouses seeking careers in the energy sector.

The firm based in Chicago is developing Skycrest Solar in northwest Jay County.

Through the partnership, the companies will provide training and job placement assistance. They will also offer temporary housing, tools, personal protective equipment, childcare support and assistance with travel.

"Airstreams Renewables builds on military veterans' skills and experience and provides the clean energy industry with a trained and qualified workforce," said John Majewski, senior vice president of third-party services at Invenergy in a press release.

"We are proud to advance this partnership and to provide opportunities for veterans to protect our nation's energy security as they build a sustainable world."

## DG extending

Dollar General announced Wednesday that it is donating an additional \$1 million to Feeding America on the one-year anniversary of its partnership with the not-for-profit organization.

Feeding America is the largest hunger-relief organization in the United States. In addition to the monetary donation, Dollar General will continue in-kind product donations from its stores.

"We are excited to continue our partnership with Feeding America and help advance their mission of ensuring equitable access to nutritious food for all," said Todd Vasos, Dollar General's CEO in a press release. "Food insecurity impacts people of all ages in communities across the country. We are proud to leverage our unique store footprint to help increase access to a variety of nutritious foods that help provide meals to individuals facing hunger."

# Streaming outpaces cable for the 1st time

By RYAN FAUGHNDER

Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

Streaming TV viewership topped cable for the first time in July, according to measurement firm Nielsen, marking a symbolic milestone in the entertainment industry's migration from traditional pay-television bundles to direct-to-consumer services.

Streaming notched a record 34.8% of total television consumption last month, while cable accounted for 34.4%, Nielsen said. Broadcast television took up 21.6% of viewing. Though stream-

ing has surpassed that of broadcast before in Nielsen's tallies, this is the first time it has also beat cable viewing, the company said Thursday.

The increase in streaming's share of the entertain-

ment market is another sign of changing consumer habits. This comes even as subscriber growth has started to plateau for digital video services in the U.S., causing headaches for media and entertainment

companies trying to transform their businesses.

Streaming viewership rose 3.2% from June and averaged about 191 billion minutes a week, Nielsen said. Among the streaming services, Netflix took up the largest chunk of TV viewing at 8%, thanks largely to the blockbuster fourth season of "Stranger Things." Total streaming was up 23% from the same month last year.

Nielsen's monthly snapshot, which the company calls "The Gauge," includes viewing on television screens, but not mobile devices and lap-

tops, where much streaming viewership takes place.

But streaming's victory in July wasn't just because people were watching more Netflix, Prime Video, Hulu and YouTube. It also came about thanks to viewers watching less cable TV.

Cable viewing fell 2% from June and declined 9% from a year ago. Sports viewing dropped significantly, as there was little for fans to watch in July other than baseball. Sports programming was down 15.4% from June.

So cable could reclaim the mantle in subsequent

months as major sports leagues such as the NFL and NBA return to TV for their regular seasons.

Broadcast TV is also in the midst of its typical summer lull as the big networks gear up for the fall season.

Nonetheless, Nielsen's latest data, plus an acceleration in cord cutting, bolster the notion that audiences are increasingly gravitating toward streaming and away from linear channels. Streaming viewership has regularly set records on the Gauge since Nielsen introduced it in May 2021.

*According to Nielsen, cable was behind by 0.4 percentage points*

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Cable viewing fell 2% from June and declined 9% from a year ago. Sports viewing dropped significantly, as there was little for fans to watch in July other than baseball. Sports programming was down 15.4% from June.

So cable could reclaim the mantle in subsequent

months as major sports leagues such as the NFL and NBA return to TV for their regular seasons.

Broadcast TV is also in the midst of its typical summer lull as the big networks gear up for the fall season.

Nonetheless, Nielsen's latest data, plus an acceleration in cord cutting, bolster the notion that audiences are increasingly gravitating toward streaming and away from linear channels. Streaming viewership has regularly set records on the Gauge since Nielsen introduced it in May 2021.

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# Like bookends

## Friends take inspiration from Simon & Garfunkel

By JON BREAM

Star Tribune  
Tribune News Service  
MINNEAPOLIS

Larry Bans and Tom Edelstein met crabby.

It was their first day of seventh grade, and the outgoing Edelstein turned around to introduce himself to Bans at the morning assembly at Highland Park Junior High in St. Paul.

"I know who you are," Bans whined, having done his intel.

It turns out that they were trying to date the same girl.

Neither ended up with the girl, but Bans and Edelstein ended up as best friends.

The kind who painted houses together in high school. The kind who roomed together at the University of Minnesota. The kind who vacationed together even though they live 1,600 miles apart. And their mothers became dear friends, to boot.

To celebrate their long friendship, Bans, a urologist in Scottsdale, Arizona, and Edelstein, a Realtor in St. Paul, Minnesota, have tried to live out their "big song" from high school — "Old Friends" by Simon & Garfunkel from 1968:

"Old friends, old friends  
Sat on their park bench  
like bookends"

It started 10 years ago when Edelstein had heart surgery. "I was blue and sentimental," he remembered. "And I said, 'Here we are turning 60, we gotta start doing something.'"

So, the old friends — whose birthdays are four days apart — took a trip together, and, as a nod to Simon & Garfunkel, they



Tribune News Service/Minneapolis Star Tribune/Jon Bream

Old friends Tom Edelstein and Larry Bans take a seat in 2022 outside Highland Park Junior High in St. Paul, Minnesota, where they met in 1964. Bans and Edelstein ended up as best friends.

were photographed sitting on a park bench. In this case, it was actually a natural bench — a piece of wood over the headwaters of the Mississippi River in Itasca State Park.

They've been "benching" every year since, save for one year of the pandemic and another when Edelstein injured his foot the day before the scheduled trip.

They've been to the Grand Canyon, the Blue Ridge Mountains and the fjords of Norway, among other spots, in search of the right bench.

They take turns picking

the destinations, the old friends explained last month at Edelstein's realty office.

"He likes more exotic travels," Edelstein said of Bans. "And he's really a

big-time hiker. Nature really speaks to him."

The buddies document their sightseeing-oriented bench trips with lots of photos.

See **Bookends** page 7

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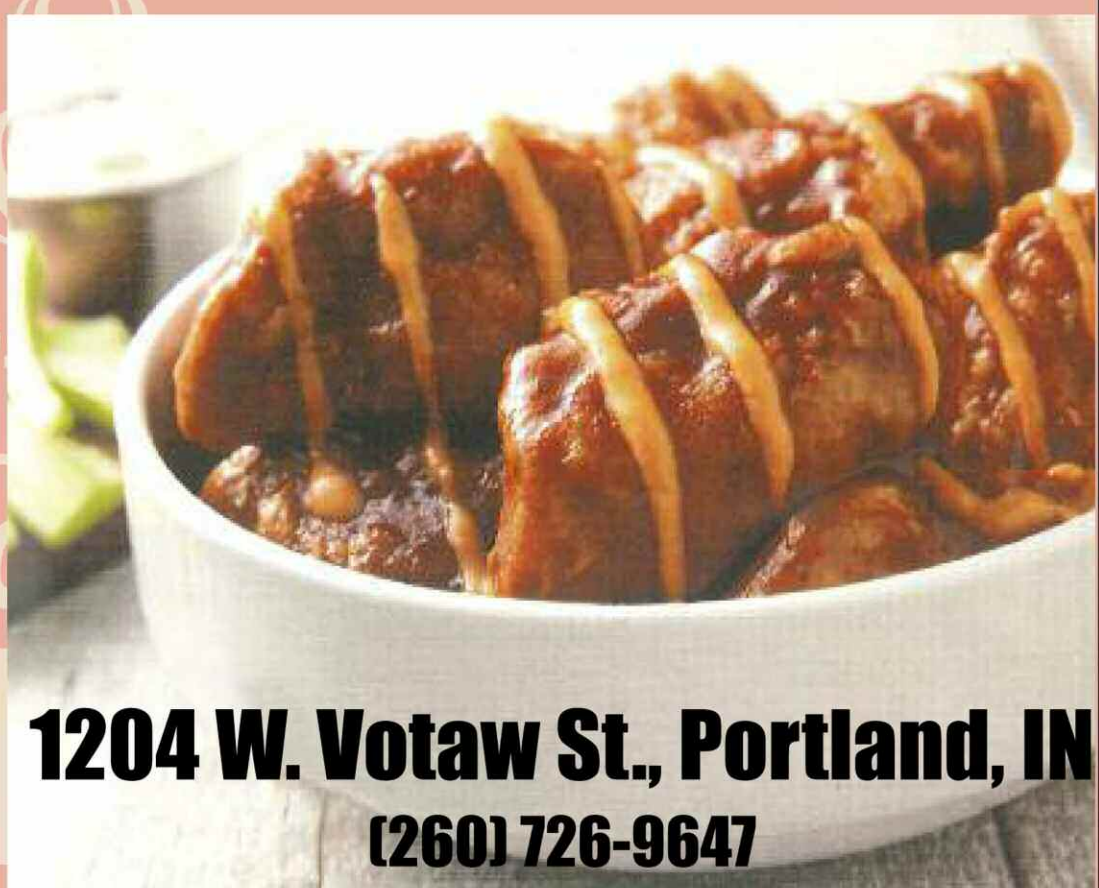
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### Back in school

Jay County students were back to school in full swing this week. At left, Isabella Navarro grins while sitting in a special seat for library helpers Wednesday at East Elementary School in Portland. Above, kindergartener Mason Stevenson works on his laptop during Valerie Jutte's class at the school.

## Bookends ...

Continued from page 6  
Each journey is commemorated in a hardcover book, which have ranged from 34 to 92 pages.  
Their bench photos are not selfies. The ever-smiling pals ask strangers to snap the pictures.  
"We walked into this art gallery in Santa Fe and there was a bench that was Native American, and it occupied the entire length of the studio," Bans said. "We explained the whole thing to the guy who owns the studio, and he takes the panoramic [photo]. That bench had to be 15 to 18 feet and it kind of curved around. I was there a year later. The bench sold."

On their trip to Zion National Park, a guide helped search for an ideal photo op. "This kid gets us to this rock in the waters of the Narrows," Bans remembered. "And he's in the water literally taking our picture and he says, 'This is so unique. I've never been on a bench trip.'"  
The benches vary as much as the locales — from a wagon-wheel seat outside a restaurant in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, to a natural resting place dubbed Clam Rock in White Pocket, Utah.  
Not all the old friends' trips are about pursuing the perfect place to park their derrieres. They've traveled to destinations on their bucket lists including New Zealand, Banff and Patago-

nia, with side excursions to Buenos Aires, the Straits of Magellan and Cape Horn.  
They also occasionally rendezvous for concerts in the States — Bruce Springsteen, Barbra Streisand, Chicago, Alabama and the Righteous Brothers, to name a few.  
But the friends have never gone together to see Paul Simon and/or Art Garfunkel, coincidentally, two pals since grade school. Opportunities to see them perform are limited since Simon retired from touring in 2018, and this summer Garfunkel canceled a European tour because of COVID concerns.  
This month, Bans and Edelstein have a bench trip planned

to New York City. They want life to imitate Simon & Garfunkel's art:  
Can you imagine us years from today  
Sharing a park bench quietly?  
How terribly strange to be 70  
Old friends, memory brushes the same years  
Silently sharing the same fears  
Both of them will turn 70 in late August. This time, for a change, they will be joined by Edelstein's wife, Randy, and Bans' partner, Debra Revzen, who produces the annual bench books. They've got tickets to "MJ the Musical," the Michael Jackson Broadway show, and reservations at some choice restaurants. But they haven't

picked out an all-important bench.  
They are contemplating a few spots. Central Park at 70th Street. Or by the 59th Street Bridge, in honor of S&G's "The 59th Street Bridge Song (Feelin' Groovy)." Or across the street from Simon's longtime Manhattan apartment. They'd like his advice.  
"We're going to ask Paul Simon which bench and see what he thinks," Bans said with chutzpah and a prayer. "We want him to understand how influential his lyrics have been for us for many, many years."  
And to see if maybe, just maybe, he'll snap the photograph of these two old friends on a park bench.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FILM ABOUT A GROUP OF ITALIAN PAINTINGS WITH INCOMPATIBLE COLORS: "THE CLASH OF THE TITANS."
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals W

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THE WOMAN WENT TO THE WEBSITE ABOUT HIGHWAY ACCESS STRUCTURES, SHE WAS ON THE RAMP PAGE.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals C

Crossword Puzzle
Grid with numbers 1-8.

ACROSS
1. Water hobby
4. Type of flowering tree
6. National park
8. Takes pleasure in
DOWN
1. Related to one another
2. Seek out
3. Comes together
5. Women
7. Sense of self-importance

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Solution to yesterday's crossword puzzle.

Grid for today's crossword puzzle.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

A double-avoidance play
West dealer. East-West vulnerable. NORTH: A K 8 3, K 9, K Q 10 7 2, Q 6. WEST: Q J 2, Q 10 7 6, 6 4, J 10 9 8. EAST: 7, A J 4 3 2, J 8 5, K 7 5 3. SOUTH: 10 9 6 5 4, 8 5, A 9 3, A 4 2.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand
South dealer. East-West vulnerable. NORTH: K J 10 4 2, 9 7, 10 6, J 10 7 4. WEST: Q 9 5, A J 6 5 3, Q J 3, 3 2. EAST: 7, Q 8 4 2, K 9 8 5 4 2, A K Q. SOUTH: A 8 7 6 3, K 10, A 7, 9 8 6 5.

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

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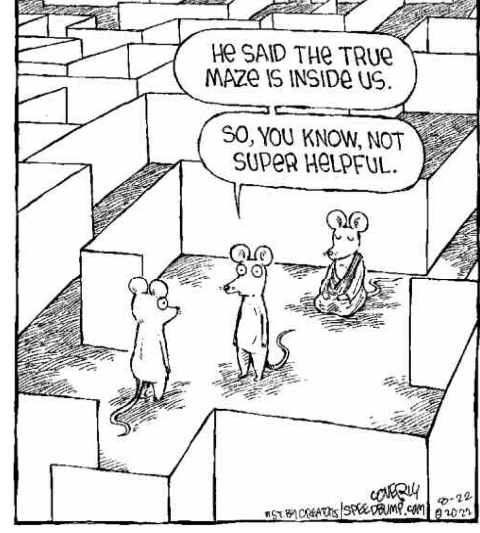
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**Hi and Lois**



**Funky Winkerbean**



**Funky Winkerbean**



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**Blondie**



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## Position ...

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The Patriots (1-0) had a plan for the opening kick, remembering what Blackford had done to them last season. The ball went to Hemmelgarn, who caught it on the right side of the field and then ran what ended up amounting to a sweep around the left side as a wall of blockers cleared the way for his first career touchdown.

"Last year they kicked the sky kick to the 30 every time," said Zgunda. "So we just thought, they're probably going to do it again. ... We told him, 'Look, it's going to the 30. Go grab it and you're going to have a wall left.'"

The Bruins (0-1) immediately fumbled on the first play from scrimmage, giving Jay County the ball at the 18-yard line. It took the Patriots six plays to cover that distance to the end zone, with sophomore quarterback Sean Bailey diving across the goal line six for a 12-0 lead.

"You can't spot a good team 12 points and hope to hold any kind of momentum at all," said Blackford



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coach Randy Sehy. "For a young, inexperienced team to do that, there just wasn't a lot left for us after that."

The field position story would continue through the remainder of the half as Blackford's first two punts, both from deep in their own territory, traveled a total of 18 yards. The first went straight to the Bruin sideline, the second straight to the Patriot sideline.

Jay County failed to convert a fourth-and-goal on the first but cashed in on the second with Kadin Ridenour (10 carries for 91

yards) scoring on a 15-yard run.

A failed fourth down try by Blackford at its own 30-yard line gave the Patriots excellent field position again, and on the third play of the drive Bailey hit Hemmelgarn on a quick slant to the left that he took 27 yards to the end zone.

On the next play from scrimmage, Cameron Smitley picked off Carson Smith and zipped back down the right sidelines for another score. After Sheldon Minch's extra point, it was 35-0 and the Patriot offense had only

Kadin Ridenour of Jay County runs away from the Blackford defense on a 15-yard scoring run during the first quarter of the Patriots' season-opening win Friday. Ridenour picked up 91 yards on 10 carries for Jay County, which scored all of its 41 points in the first 17 minutes of the game.

had to move the ball 73 yards.

"I thought we played decent defense there in the half," said Sehy. "You just can't play defense inside your own 20 for that long."

A Bruin fumble gave JCHS the ball near midfield, and three plays later Ridenour capped the scoring with a 10-yard run with 7:42 left on the second-half clock.

Jacob Robinson followed Ridenour with 26 yards on three carries while Hemmelgarn took his two receptions for 41 yards. Jay County finished with 208

Box score			
<b>Jay County Patriots (1-0) at Blackford Bruins (0-1)</b>			
Jay Co.	20	21	0 0 0 — 41
Blackford	0	0	0 0 0 — 0
<b>First Quarter</b>			
JC	— Patrick Hemmelgarn 77-yard kickoff return (kick failed), 11:50.		
JC	— Sean Bailey 1 run (run failed), 8:51.		
JC	— Kadin Ridenour 15 run (Bailey run), 1:21.		
<b>Second Quarter</b>			
JC	— Hemmelgarn 27 pass from Bailey (Hemmelgarn pass from Bailey), 10:40.		
JC	— Cameron Smitley 35 interception return (Sheldon Minch kick), 10:20.		
JC	— Ridenour 10 run (kick failed), 7:42.		
<b>Third Quarter</b>			
No scoring			
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>			
No scoring			
<b>Team Statistics</b>			
	<b>JC</b>	<b>B</b>	
<b>Rushes - yds</b>	28-142	28-63	
<b>Comp-Att-Int</b>	6-7-0	0-3-0	
<b>Passing yds</b>	66	0	
<b>Total Plays</b>	35	31	
<b>Total Offense</b>	208	63	
<b>Punt ret - yds</b>	1-45	0-0	
<b>Kickoff ret - yds</b>	1-77	5-54	
<b>Sacks - yds lost</b>	0-0	3-24	
<b>Punts - yds</b>	1-45	8-184	
<b>Ints - yds</b>	1-35	0-0	
<b>Fumbles - lost</b>	3-1	5-2	
<b>Penalties - yds</b>	1-5	7-33	
<b>Individual Statistics</b>			
<b>Rushing</b> — Jay County — Kadin Ridenour 10-91, Jacob Robinson 3-26, Sean Bailey 4-16, Brady Jetmore 6-8, Carter Fuggett 1-3, Brady Davis 1-0, A.J. Myers 1-0, Ethan Reiley 1-0, Nicholas Laux (1-(-2)). Blackford — Nicholas Ely 9-53, Austin Smith 3-6, Peyton James 1-3, Bryan Hernandez 6-(-2), Carson Smith 1-(-3).			
<b>Passing</b> — Jay County — Sean Bailey — 4-5-0 56, Nichols Laux 2-2-0 26. Blackford — Carson Smith 0-3-1 0.			
<b>Receiving</b> — Jay County — Patrick Hemmelgarn 2-41, Ethan Reiley 1-14, Gradin Swoveland 1-8, Grant Wendel 1-2, Justin DeHoff 1-1.			

yards of offense, 162 of which came in the first half.

While the offense enjoyed the short fields, the Patriot defense made life difficult for Blackford throughout. The Bruins committed three turnovers, fumbled the ball five times and managed just 63 yards of offense (an average of 2.03 yards per play).

"I loved it," said Zgunda of the defensive effort. "I think our speed overall is a lot better. And we've got guys who like to fly around. They're athletic. They can make plays. It's exciting."

Jay County went entirely to its junior varsity lineup in the second half, which breezed by thanks to the running clock.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Girls soccer vs. Burris — 11 a.m.; Junior high football jamboree at Union City — 10 a.m.  
Fort Recovery — Girls golf at Fort Loramie — 9 a.m.

**Monday**  
Jay County — Girls golf vs. Bluffton and Monroe Central — 4:30 p.m.; Boys tennis vs. Union City — 5 p.m.; Volleyball at Celina — 5:30 p.m.; Boys soccer vs. Woodlan — 6 p.m.; Junior high volleyball vs. Blackford — 5:30 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Boys golf vs. St. Johns — 4:30 p.m.; Girls golf at St. Johns — 4:30 p.m.; JV football at Wayne Trace — 5 p.m.; Middle school volleyball at St. Marys Memorial — 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Jay County — Boys soccer vs. New Castle — 5:30 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Winchester — 6 p.m.; Junior high cross country vs. Wes-Del and Delta at Delta — 5 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Girls golf vs. Crestview — 4:30 p.m.; Cross country in Mercer County Meet at Coldwater — 5 p.m.; Wesleyan — 5:30 p.m.; Middle school volleyball at St. Marys Memorial — 5:30 p.m.; Middle

school cross country in Mercer County Meet at Coldwater — 5 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
7:30 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Wolverhampton at Tottenham Hotspur (USA)  
9:30 a.m. — Soccer: Bundesliga — Werder Bremen at Borussia Dortmund (ESPN)  
10 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League: Southampton at Leicester City (USA)  
Noon — WNBA basketball: New York Liberty at Chicago Sky (ESPN)  
12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Arsenal at AFC Bournemouth (NBC)  
1 p.m. — NFL preseason football: Detroit Lions at Indianapolis Colts (FOX); Denver Broncos at Buffalo Bills (CBS)  
1 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)  
2 p.m. — Professional Fighting League (ESPN)  
2:20 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Milwaukee Brewers at Chicago Cubs (FS1)  
3 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)  
3 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — BMW Championship (NBC)  
3 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series at Watkins Glen (USA)

4 p.m. — NFL preseason football: Washington Commanders at Kansas City Chiefs (NBC)  
5 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)  
7 p.m. — NFL preseason football: Las Vegas Raiders at Miami Dolphins (FOX); San Francisco 49ers at Minnesota Vikings (ABC, CBS)  
7 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)  
7:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Pittsburgh Pirates (Bally Indiana)  
7:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Mets at Philadelphia Phillies (FOX)  
8:05 p.m. — Soccer: Liga MX (Tigres UANL at Monterrey (FS1))  
9 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Phoenix Mercury at Las Vegas Aces (ESPN2)  
10 p.m. — NFL preseason football: Dallas Cowboys at Los Angeles Chargers (NBC, FOX, CBS)  
10 p.m. — Soccer: Women's under-20 World Cup — Brazil at Colombia (FS1)  
10 p.m. — Boxing: Emanuel Navarrete vs. Eduardo Baez (ESPN)  
**Sunday**  
9 a.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)  
9 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Chelsea at Leeds United (USA)

11 a.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)  
11:30 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Manchester City at Newcastle United (USA)  
Noon — Baseball: Junior League World Series (ESPN2)  
Noon — Mixed martial arts: UFC — Kamaru Usman vs. Leon Edwards (ESPN, ABC)  
1 p.m. — NFL preseason football: Philadelphia Eagles at Cleveland Browns (NBC)  
1 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)  
1:35 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Pittsburgh Pirates (Bally Indiana)  
2 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — BMW Championship (NBC)  
2 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ABC)  
3:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NHRA — Lucas Oil Nationals (FOX)  
4 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Washington Mystics at Seattle Storm (ESPN)  
5:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Atlanta United at Columbus Crew (FS1)  
7 p.m. — NFL preseason football: Cincinnati Bengals at New York Giants (NBC, ABC)  
7 p.m. — Boxing: Kenneth Sims Jr. vs. Christian Mino (Bally Indiana)  
7:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball:

Boston Red Sox at Baltimore Orioles (ESPN, ESPN2)  
7:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Portland Timbers at Sporting Kansas City (FS1)  
8 p.m. — NFL preseason football: Baltimore Ravens at Arizona Cardinals (FOX)  
**Monday**  
1 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)  
3 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)  
5 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)  
7 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN2)  
7:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Philadelphia Phillies (Bally Indiana)  
8 p.m. — NFL preseason football: Atlanta Falcons at New York Jets (ESPN)  
**Tuesday**  
1 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)  
2:20 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs (Bally Indiana)  
3 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)  
5 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)  
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball:

Cincinnati Reds at Philadelphia Phillies (Bally Indiana)  
7 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)  
**Local notes**  
**Cheer clinic scheduled**  
The Jay County High School cheerleading program will hold its clinic for kindergarten through sixth graders Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 at East Jay Elementary School.  
Sessions for kindergarten through second graders will run from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. with third through sixth graders to follow from 5:45 to 7 p.m. The cost for the clinic is \$30, which includes a T-shirt.  
Participants will get to cheer along with the JCHS cheerleaders at the Patriots' football game Sept. 2 against Southern Wells.  
**Hosting fun night**  
The Jay County High School boys tennis team will host its Family Fun Night in coordination with its match at 5 p.m. Monday against Union City.  
Following the match, attendees can meet the players and coaches and hit with them on the court. Ice cream will be provided.  
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# Sports

## In good position



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Cameron Smitley of Jay County hustles toward the end zone after picking off Blackford quarterback Carson Smith early in the second quarter Friday. Smitley's touchdown came just 20 seconds after a 27-yard touchdown pass from Sean Bailey to Patrick Hemmelgarn and gave the Patriots a 35-0 lead less than 14 minutes into the game.

### Jay County takes advantage of short fields in dominating opening win over the Bruins

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

HARTFORD CITY — Patrick Hemmelgarn caught the opening kickoff about the 23-yard line and took it all the way to the end zone.

The Patriots would not touch

the ball in their own territory again until the 5:08 mark of the second quarter. By then, they had scored six times.

Jay County High School's football team needed just 10 seconds to get on the board Friday night and then took advantage of

extremely positive field position, scoring all of its points in the first 17 minutes of a 41-0 blowout of the host Blackford Bruins.

"It's a good opening win for us," said JCHS coach Grant Zgunda, whose team opened last

season with a 33-6 win over the Bruins. "I just like our aggressiveness. I think, no matter what, on offense and defense, we were pretty aggressive and physical and emotional. ... It was a lot of fun to watch."

See **Position** page 11

### Raiders hand FRHS loss in opener

*Non-MAC defeat was first since 2019*

FORT RECOVERY — The Indians typically hope to feast on non-Midwest Athletic Conference opponents before heading into the meat grinder that is league play.

The Raiders threw a wrench into those plans Friday.

Wayne Trace scored to take the lead with 4:02 remaining and held on as it handed the Fort Recovery High School football team an 18-14 loss in its season opener.

The Indians (0-1), who beat Wayne Trace 39-21 last season, were up by two thanks to extra points when the visitors took the ball with just under 11 minutes left in the fourth quarter. The Raiders systematically moved the ball down the field, eating nearly seven minutes off the clock before quarterback Kyle Stoller scored what would be the game-winning touchdown.

Fort Recovery was unable to get back in the end zone in the final four minutes as it dropped its season opener for the first time since falling to Ansonia 52-48 in 2009.

Wayne Trace earned the win with a balanced offense that saw Stoller go 22-of-29 through the air for 224 yards. A group of seven runners combined for 179 yards on the ground.

Stoller staked the Raiders to a 6-0 lead on a 1-yard run midway through the first quarter but Fort Recovery pulled ahead when Owen Knapke connected on the extra point after a Cale Rammel 6-yard scoring pass to Riggs Tobe with 3:26 left in the second quarter.

Rammel, who went 12-of-16 for 195 yards, and Troy Homan hooked up for a 64-yard scoring pass on the Tribe's opening drive of the second-half for a 14-6 advantage, but the home team's scoring ended there.

A Stoller 46-yard touchdown to Race Price closed the gap late in the third quarter before he ran in the game-winner nine minutes later.

Fort Recovery, which finished with 248 total yards, struggled to move the ball on the ground. It ran 25 times for just 37 yards for an average of 1.48 yards per carry. Ethan Hartnagel had a team-best 48 yards on 14 attempts. Three Indians ended up with negative rushing totals.

Homan caught seven passes from Rammel for 108 yards and Tobe added four catches for 48 yards.

Reece Wendel's 14 tackles were a team high for the Indians. Rose Pearson followed with 13.

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