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Back to school

Carter Brown and Ty Evers chat while walking up to the front doors of Fort Recovery Middle School/Elementary this morning. Fort Recovery Local Schools started classes for its fall semester today.

Grants to help with park, shelter

Portland Foundation awards more than \$340,000

Local organizations will be receiving financial help for their projects.

The Portland Foundation on Monday announced grant awards totaling more than \$340,000 for its 2022 summer cycle.

The foundation also announced more than \$1,300 in Teacher Creativity Mini-Grants.

The two largest grant awards went to Bryant Park Board and Jay County Humane Society. The former received \$110,000 for new playground equipment and the latter got \$100,000 for the renovation of the former Fastenal building as a new animal control shelter.

Jay Community Center was awarded \$20,000 for senior programming, with about 20% of that coming from funds focused on support for elderly residents. The community center also received \$12,000 for repairing basketball backboards and related equipment.

Other grants of \$10,000 or more included \$15,650 to Dunkirk Lions Club for a new roof, gutters and a heating, ventilation and cooling system at the Dunkirk Scout Cabin; \$15,000 to Arts Place for its 2023 Arts in the Parks program; and \$10,000 to Youth Service Bureau for its Keeping at Risk Students in School (KARSS) program.

Grants of \$7,500 were awarded to Jay County Wrestling Club for a new mat and Jay-Randolph Development Services for computers for clients.

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Unemployment was 3% in July

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Local unemployment ticked up slightly last month.

It still remains historically low. Jay County's unemployment rate came in at 3% for July according to estimates Indiana Department of Workforce Development released this week.

The local rate was up 0.2 percentage points from June but was still 0.4 percentage points lower than July 2021.

Jay County has improved from having the 33rd-highest rate in the state in May to now the 31st lowest in July. (It spent April through July 2021 with among the 20 lowest unemployment

Jay County's rated was ranked 31st lowest in Indiana

rates in the state before heading in the wrong direction in the rankings for the next 10 months.)

The rate was well below the state average of 3.5%.

Unemployment in Jay County has been at 3% or below for more than a year and has not been above 4% since August 2020. (It had spiked as high as 19.8% at

the height of the coronavirus pandemic shutdowns in April 2020.)

Boone County posted the lowest unemployment rate in Indiana for the fourth straight month, coming in at 2.4%. Wells County was next at 2.5%, tied with Steuben, Ohio and DuBois counties.

Howard County had the highest unemployment rate in the state for the second month in a row at 5.7%. Lake County was next at 5.4%. The only other county in the state above 4.3% was Fayette at 5.2%.

Area rates are as follows:

Adams County: 2.6%, up 0.1 percentage points, t-sixth lowest
Blackford County: 3.7%, up 0.3 percentage points, t-17th highest
Delaware County: 4%, up 0.6 percentage points, 11th highest
Jay County: 3%, up 0.2 percentage points, t-31st lowest
Randolph County: 3.1%, up 0.5 percentage points, t-39th lowest
Wells County: 2.5%, up 0.2 percentage points, t-second lowest



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Engineer Justen Kosmowski with Poggemeyer Design Group references a 3D rendered image created for a new wastewater treatment facility planned in Covington, Ohio. The village heard several ideas Monday moving forward for treatment of wastewater, including the option to construct a mechanical plant. Currently, the village uses wastewater lagoons.

FR has options

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — The village has a few different options for its future wastewater treatment.

One includes constructing a mechanical wastewater treatment plant.

Another involves Cooper Farms undergoing further treatment on wastewater leaving its facility.

Fort Recovery Village Council reviewed proposals for the village's long term wastewater treatment at a special meeting Monday.

The village has had ongoing issues with a strong odor coming from its wastewater lagoons. Residents from Wabash Road have attended multiple council meetings to express that the stench reaches their homes.

Village presented with potential solutions to wastewater issue

Poggemeyer Design Group, a Kleinfelder Company, has been putting together a wastewater treatment plan for the village since the beginning of the year. It recently shared its findings with village officials, who requested the company make an appearance at one of its meetings in order to explain the details.

Engineers Justen Kos-

mowski and Mike Atherine reviewed potential options Monday with council, representatives from Cooper Farms and a few property owners along Wabash Road.

Atherine pointed out the village has had some Ohio Environmental Protection Agency violations recently, specifically biological oxygen demand (BOD) violations.

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Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 81 degrees Tuesday. The low was 58.

Tonight's low will also be in the upper 50s. Expect mostly sunny skies Thursday with a

high of 84. There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms beginning Thursday night and continuing through Friday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

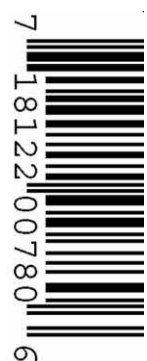
In review

The Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show kicks off today and runs through Saturday at Jay County Fairgrounds. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for high school students. Children younger than 12 are admitted free.

Coming up

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

Saturday — Results from the JCHS football team's home opener against Huntington North.



Chamber launches new online hub

By **LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ**
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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The Indiana Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday launched an online hub, dubbed the Talent Resource Navigator, to connect individual Hoosiers and businesses to workforce education and career development resources.

The website went live with nearly 550 entries for a range of programs and organizations — and the Chamber says there's more to come.

"Indiana needs a stronger and deeper talent pool to support the great business climate that has been created over the past 20

years," longtime chamber President and CEO Kevin Brinegar said at a virtual news conference Tuesday.

"The only way Indiana is going to reach its economic potential and compete effectively in this talent-driven economy is to lift up the educational attainment and workforce skills of its citizens," he added.

The chamber's nonprofit arm, the Institute for Workforce Excellence, manages the website.

Search the navigator website by clicking "Individuals," "Employers," or "Providers" to apply pre-set filters, or click "Resources" in the top menu bar and manually select filters — or

type a keyword into a central search bar.

The navigator can sort resources by industry, career goal, provider type, ZIP code-based distance and more. Results pop up with concise descriptions.

There's not yet a focus on wrap-around help like child care and transportation, institute Executive Director Todd Hurst acknowledged. But he said the team would continue to build out those functionalities.

Organizations providing training or other resources can "own their own resources within the site," Hurst said, "which gives them the ability to monitor

activity or promote special programs."

"Contact us" buttons on the right side of most pages lead, for those who register, to consultants that can answer questions.

Though the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and others maintain job-help platforms, chamber officials said the navigator fills a gap.

"This resource wasn't created in a vacuum. From the very beginning, we partnered with various state agencies, the governor's office, other partners that are working in this space," said Jason Bearce, the chamber's vice president of education and workforce development.

"We spent several months doing stakeholder interviews, focus groups, etc., to validate: is there a need for this tool? And the short answer was yes, absolutely."

Hurst said the user-friendly tagging system was unique, as well as the breadth of offerings the navigator team had identified thus far.

Users can also evaluate the effectiveness of the programming they've used, Brinegar said.

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CR almanac

Thursday 8/25	Friday 8/26	Saturday 8/27	Sunday 8/28	Monday 8/29
84/63	82/62	83/64	88/69	87/69
Mostly sunny skies are expected Thursday with a high in the low to mid 80s.	There's a chance of showers or thunderstorms Friday. Otherwise, mostly sunny.	Saturday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies. The high may reach 83 degrees.	A slight chance of afternoon showers or thunderstorms. The high will be 88.	Monday has a 50% chance of showers or thunderstorms all day.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$100 million	Quick Draw: 4-8-9-11-16-21-22-24-30-36-42-45-59-60-68-69-72-74-77-78 Cash 5: 27-36-38-39-43 Estimated jackpot: \$281,500
Mega Millions 3-5-47-48-67 Mega Ball: 7 Megaplier: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$135 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 9-3-6 Pick 4: 6-6-9-1 Pick 5: 6-6-8-7-5 Evening Pick 3: 7-0-7 Pick 4: 9-4-6-2 Pick 5: 8-8-4-0-6 Rolling Cash: 4-8-11-14-39 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 5-2-9 Daily Four: 7-4-3-1 Quick Draw: 1-6-10-15-19-24-38-41-43-44-46-49-53-59-60-62-64-69-70-72 Evening Daily Three: 0-4-6 Daily Four: 7-2-3-6	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....7.20 Sept. corn7.01 Wheat6.38	Wheat 7.46 Sept. wheat7.46
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....7.26 Sept. corn7.26 Late Sept. corn6.76	Central States Montpelier Corn.....7.20 Sept. corn6.99 Beans15.35 Sept. beans15.15 Wheat7.61
The Andersons Richland Township Corn7.08 Sept. corn6.37 Beans15.33 Sept. beans14.43	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.77 Sept. corn6.77 Beans15.23 Oct. beans14.20 Wheat7.50

Today in history

In 79, Italy's Mount Vesuvius erupted. The volcano destroyed the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum.

In 1682, William Penn was awarded a deed to the "Three Lower Counties" that now make up Delaware from the Duke of York. The area had been recently acquired by the British from the Dutch.

In 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces captured Washington, D.C. British troops burned both the White House and the U.S. Capitol.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart took off on a flight from Los Angeles. When she landed a day later in Newark, New Jersey, she became the first woman to complete a solo nonstop flight across the country.

In 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) became a reality four months after a treaty signing.

In 1972, A fire at a dump owned by Joe Mumby on Jaqua Avenue in Portland caught fire, with thick, black smoke — it was accompanied by a stench — hovering over Portland. It took firefighters more than three hours to douse the fire.

In 2006, the International Astronomical Union approved reclassifying Pluto to a dwarf planet from a planet.

In 2011, Steve Jobs cited health issues as he resigned as CEO of Apple. He died less than two months later.

In 2021, the Jay County High School girls golf team shot 230 at Celina Lynx Golf Club to defeat Allen County Athletic Conference rivals Adams Central (236) and South Adams (238). Janae Jacobs paced the Patriots with her round of 54. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today 5 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.
6 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council joint session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Options ...

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(Biological oxygen demand is defined as the amount of dissolved oxygen needed by aerobic organisms to break down organic material in a water sample at a certain temperature over a period of time.)
"When we see (those violations), that's usually a sign of the plant being overloaded," explained Atherine.

Currently the village has a two-cell — two separate bodies of water — lagoon system, which has the capacity to clean 250,000 gallons of water a day.

The amount of water used currently isn't an issue. Fort Recovery typically cleans about 100,000 gallons a day, with 70% of the water coming from Cooper Farms.

However, Atherine pointed out, the lagoons have been overloaded biologically with components found in wastewater from Cooper Farms and village residences. About 80% of the biological load is coming from Cooper Farms, he continued, with the remaining portion coming from village residences.

Normal residential usage wastewater strength for biological oxygen demand is around 200 milligrams per liter. Fort Recovery's statistic comes in at around 520 milligrams per liter.

"That's why we're having issues with odors right now, and BOD, and dissolved oxygen levels," he said.

Fort Recovery will be issued a new permit by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency in the next few weeks. Expectations are there will be new limitations on the amount of phosphorus, ammonia nitrogen and E. coli allowed per water sample. Currently Fort Recovery's wastewater lagoons are not equipped to meet those restrictions.

"To move into the future, they're going to be adding even more restrictive requirements," said Atherine.

Poggemeyer proposed adding new equipment at the wastewater lagoons to meet the new standards, which Atherine estimated at between \$7.8 million to \$8.2 million. In order to replace the entire aeration system as well as add the needed equipment, he continued, the bill would come to around \$9 million.

Another option would be to construct a mechanical wastewater treatment facility. The company proposed either an oxidation ditch system or a sequencing batch reactor system, with expected prices at \$10.3 million and \$11.6 million, respectively.

If Cooper Farms were to pre-treat its water so that it discharged as residential strength wastewater, improvements needed would come out to \$7 million. (Cooper Farms has a process for treating its wastewater, but it does not leave the plant at residential strength.)

All the price tags for suggested projects include constructing a \$1 million maintenance building on site.

Village administrator Randy Diller noted those price estimates include just over \$1 million for sludge removal from the wastewater lagoons. He's currently looking into different options for the process. He later also reminded council the company's projected costs are conceptual at this point.

There are grants and other state or federal funding options available to help with the cost, according to Atherine and Kosmowski.

"Our recommendation would be long-term for the village to consider building a mechanical facility to kind of safe guard against future regulatory requirements," said Kosmowski.

He noted the high costs to each project and suggested investing in a long-term solution. Atherine and Kosmowski repeatedly said Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's restrictions will likely continue to change as the years

progress and that a wastewater facility would be more equipped to handle them.

A treatment plant would maintain the village's current 250,000 gallons per day limit with room to expand if need be.

The process for constructing a wastewater plant, from start to finish, would take at least three years. It would be placed nearby the wastewater lagoons, which could be converted into a place for aerating sludge waste from the treatment facility. (The engineers said the stabilized sludge would not give off a bad odor. The majority of odor from the facility would be limited to the headworks building at the beginning of the wastewater treatment process, which would keep the smell contained.)

Eric Grieshop, who lives along Wabash Road, noted it's been 51 years since the wastewater lagoons were installed. He agreed they will have to be dredged regardless of how the village decides to tackle its wastewater treatment.

"Whatever can be done so that we don't have the smell three-to-six months out of the year down our road, I'm all for it," he said.

Diller noted he views dredging the lagoons as a separate project, with hopes to begin it sooner than the proposed wastewater treatment plans.

Atherine suggested officials wait for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency draft permit and keep testing their wastewater. He also advised them to coordinate with Cooper Farms for the future of the village.

Jeff Cutler, general manager of Cooper Farms Eggs Division, expressed the company would be glad to meet with the consulting firm moving forward. It has already been in discussions with the village. Diller noted he is working on an updated agreement with the company per Ohio EPA stipulations.

Felony arrests

Probation violation

A Portland man was arrested Monday for violating his probation.
Lance M. Stephen, 36,

6667 W. 400 South, pleaded guilty April 21, 2021, in Jay Circuit Court to unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to two years in Indiana Department of Correction with one year suspended.

Stephen is being held in Jay County Jail on a \$750 bond.

Nonsupport

An Anderson man was arrested Friday for nonsupport of a dependent child.
Jose C. Trevino Jr., 52, 1810 W. 53rd St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony. He's being held on a \$2,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

Drug possession

A Portland man was arrested Monday for possession of methamphetamine.
Bradley A. Nunn, 28, 704 E. Water St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 4 felony. He's being held on a \$15,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

SERVICES

Today

Nava, Ricardo: 7 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Thursday

Butcher, Homer: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Saturday

Gordon, Barbara: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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I would like to thank Dr. Sorrell and the Jay County Nurses for all the help you gave me and my wife. In my book you are the best east of the Mississippi! I would also like to thank Linda and Kay for the nice card. It is good to know you were thinking of me.

God Bless you all and Thanks again!

Watermellon Jim

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Wife can't forget affair

DEAR ABBY: I have known my husband my whole life. We have been married 20 years and have three teenage children. Last year, I caught him cheating. Turned out he had been with someone for seven years. Our children and I were devastated, and he swore up and down he'd never do it again.

I am occasionally triggered by things I see, things he says or does, or things I know he has done with her. When it happens, I usually bring up the affair again. He can't stand that I do. He says we have to put it in the past and work on our marriage. I told him this may be easy for him to do, but I'm not that kind of person. I tend to overanalyze and dwell on things.

We have been to marriage counseling, and I was grateful for that because he was always against it. It helped somewhat. I need to know how to stop bringing up these matters because it is ruining my health and our marriage. I love him very much.

One more point: I'm insecure because he is in the military and due to be deployed for a year. I'm afraid he may go online and start talking to someone. He swears he won't do this to me again and he's so sorry for what he did. Please advise. — TOTALLY LOST IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR TOTALLY LOST: I'm glad counseling helped you and your husband through

Dear Abby



the rough patch. Now it's time for some more — for YOU, to help you cope with your insecurity issues. Making yourself crazy over what he "might" do during his year of deployment isn't helping you or the state of your marriage. You have to make a decision about whether to trust your husband — and then proceed from there.

DEAR ABBY: An acquaintance from 40 years ago contacted me three years ago after, he claims, searching for and finding me on social media. We have been speaking on and off since then, but he's now calling every day (sometimes twice a day) saying he's making travel plans to come see me. He lives in Canada; I'm in Massachusetts.

Way back when, he begged me to sleep with him, knowing I was dating his best friend. His friend was out of town at the time. Shocked and blindsided, I caved under his pressure and acquiesced, and then slept with him a second time. My

boyfriend was still overseas, and I couldn't tell if he had any intention of returning.

This acquaintance has yet to send me even a thorn, much less petal from a rose during the past three years and has ghosted me a number of times. Should I entertain the idea of seeing him, let alone think there could be anything more? I'm divorced, my children are grown and I haven't enjoyed any male company for the last 14 years. All this time I've just been tending to my family. — DESIRING MORE THAN CYBERLOVE

DEAR DESIRING MORE: You may be lonely, but please, start thinking rationally. For your own sake, do not become further involved with a man who would seduce a woman who is dating his friend and who has ghosted you "a number of times" in the last few years. During the periods in which you have been ghosted and lonely, it appears he has been very busy!

This person is not to be trusted with your heart or anything else.

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.

Impending war can signal loss

By KWAME DAWES

Nowhere in her poem, "Self-Portrait with Impending War," does Lauren K. Alleyne mention a war. But the rumors of war and the disquiet of the world seem to haunt this "self-portrait" in which the self extends far beyond Alleyne's personalized self and attempts to achieve a connection to all who must consider the complications of a home

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that is at once embracing and dangerous.

In the end, Alleyne's poem is a jeremiad — a warning of what can be lost to the wars that are always impending.

Self Portrait with Impending War

Home is the hodgepodge house,
the vacant lot beside it, the ailing
mango tree, the stingy coconut trees
with nobody left to climb them anyway.
Perhaps, you think, home could be this
continent with its confused seasons,
the roads that roll out in front of you,
limitless as the night sky. Home be this
small silence you curl into anywhere you go,
the one hovering in your chest beating
its fleshy time. This planet you scar
with too many clothes and plastic bags: home.
And where to run but everywhere?
What to weep for, but what is going,
somehow, to be gone?

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Mariachi band will perform Saturday

MUNCIE — An all-women Mariachi ensemble will make another appearance in town this weekend.

Flor De Toloache will perform at 7 p.m. at Canan Commons in downtown Muncie. Pavel & Direct Contact of Indianapolis will open the show.

Singers Mireya Ramos and Shae Fiol founded Flor De Toloache in 2008. Their work ties together a variety of music styles, including salsa, gypsy, Latin jazz, pop, hip hop and soul, according to a press release from Muncie Three Trails.

Flor De Toloache's self-titled album received a Latin Grammy nomination for Best

Taking Note

Ranchero/Mariachi Album in 2015, and their 2017 album, "Las Caras Lindas," won the award. Their latest album, "Indestructible," was nominated for a 2021 Grammy as Best Latin Rock, Urban or Alternative Album.

The free concert is a part of Muncie Three Trails' music series.

For more information, visit muncieethreetrails.com.

Gunsmoke performance

FARMLAND — A local performance group is returning to Dodge City.

Tom Cherry's Old Time Radio Show will present an episode of Gunsmoke at 3 p.m. Saturday at Farmland Community Center. The group will also debut the comedy Grandma Bev.

Tickets are \$1. Free hot dogs will be distributed while supplies last. For more information, call (765) 468-7631.

Community Calendar

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

Reunions

GOODYEAR FAMILY REUNION — Will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, at Greek's Pizzeria, 1607 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Today

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health

and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

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 - BRANNA'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.

STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

Thursday

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

LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay

County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenant-landlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Saturday

PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET — Will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday in the parking lot at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St.

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

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

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Cabin turned into a labor of love

(Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Aug. 28, 2019. Jack and his wife, Connie, made regular trips to her family's cabin in southern New Hampshire, usually in late July and August. Like this one, his columns upon returning often involved the various maintenance issues that had been addressed during their stays.)

By JACK RONALD

The Commercial Review

"So," said my wife of 48 years, "what were your first impressions?"

We were sitting in the sun on the patio and thinking about a trip up to her family's cabin in southern New Hampshire.

It would be a milestone trip.

My first visit to the cabin was precisely 50 years ago.

"Was it how short my father was?" my wife asked.

Nope. I knew her father wasn't the tallest guy around. He and I had actually overlapped that summer of 1969 in Paris. He'd grown

Back in the Saddle



a beard. My hair was longer than it would ever be. And we got together at a sidewalk café, pretending to be boulevardiers instead of tourists.

So what were my first impressions?

Back in the States after a summer of adventure, a buddy and I crashed at my sister Linda's apartment in Manhattan for a night or two before going our separate ways. He headed back to Gary via Greyhound, while I took the whimsically named Peter Pan Bus Lines up to New England.

It says volumes about my priorities that I was so intent on see-

ing the woman who would become my wife that my parents took second place.

The bus took me up to Brattleboro, Vermont, where — as planned — Connie and her dad showed up to take me the rest of the way to the cabin.

The family car was a little Ford Cortina, not the company's finest hour. But it got us there.

And it told me something important: The girl I was in love with was not rich. Her dad was an English professor at a small college in Illinois. Her mother was an art teacher dealing with junior high kids in what she called "the clay-throwing period."

But because there was this cabin in New Hampshire, it was distinctly out of the ordinary for a small town guy from Indiana. Old money? Not really.

The cabin had been built by Connie's great aunt, who was a Latin teacher in Philadelphia

early in the last century. That was back in the days before air-conditioning, when getting out of the city and heading for the hills of New England was about the best you could do.

The great aunt — Tante — never married. But she'd been the matchmaker for Connie's parents and left the cabin to the young couple in her will.

I knew none of that, of course. Consistently clueless, I watched the shadows of the forests go by and wondered what the heck I had gotten myself into.

At a place called Clinton Corners — not on any map that I know of — we made a turn down yet another wooded road. At the lake, we took a turn and went up the hill into what was by then darkness.

At a particularly sharp turn at the steepest part of the hill, I saw the signs. One said, "Frank." That was Connie's last name. One said, "Ellis." I had no idea

who that was but later learned it was Tante. The third said, "Kum Inn."

And I shuddered inwardly. My family had always made fun of names like that for cabins and vacation homes. Names like, "Thistle Dew" or "Bide A Wee." Especially names with bad puns and fractured spelling. Names like, "Kum Inn."

The good news is I got over that first impression.

For 50 years now, I've helped maintain the cabin with that corny name. I've swept it out. I've cleaned the cobwebs. I've swept pine needles off the roof. I've painted fresh coats of stain on its exterior. I've crawled around under it. I've cleared away summer and spring's debris from the foundation. I've dedicated a chunk of my vacation to it.

And, like my wife, I've come to love the place.

Still can't say I'm crazy about that name though.

Indiana needs to meet demand

Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

Without any doubt, electric vehicles will grow in presence on Indiana roads. But anyone who is considering the purchase of an EV has to wonder where charging stations will be located. How can a driver in Fort Wayne be assured of finding an accessible recharging station when driving nearly 300 miles to Evansville?

Planning for the future of EVs is underway by the Indiana Department of Transportation, which released a deployment plan of nearly 100 pages in late July. The end result is to meet the federal government's goal of installing a station every 50 miles of interstate highway.

President Biden wants a network of 500,000 chargers by 2030; all 50 states have now sent in infrastructure plans, a requirement to be in the first round of a \$5 billion roll-out.

The plan follows a study INDOT co-authored with Purdue University in what is known as the Joint Transportation Research Program.

INDOT didn't seem to catch onto the significance of the JTRP study, finding that it "concluded there is limited information regarding future trends for EV market penetration in Indiana."

However, the joint report takes into account the nervousness that the public feels — called "range anxiety" — when considering a vehicle's driving range when planning long-distance trips. Recognizing the anxiety might go a long way toward its remedy.

The JTRP study had a three-pronged purpose: assess the trends in EV operations focusing on EV charging infrastructure and EV demand; examine the deployment of charging stations; and investigate the effect of EVs on highway revenue and the feasibility of new revenue structures.

Note the latter point. Researchers found that, as expected, Indiana's revenue from fuel taxes will decrease significantly when vehicles using electricity instead of fuel hit the highways.

In 2035, according to the projections, about \$2.3 billion would be generated in gasoline tax revenue for INDOT if all vehicles were running on gasoline or diesel. The report suggests

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about \$1 billion of that will be lost because of climbing EV use.

In short, EV car owners, who already pay state registration and title fees of \$150, might expect fees more than doubling by the year 2035.

As Hoosiers have come to recognize, private efforts to reduce our taxes usually result in government interference where we end up paying the same amount. But someone has to pay for road infrastructure.

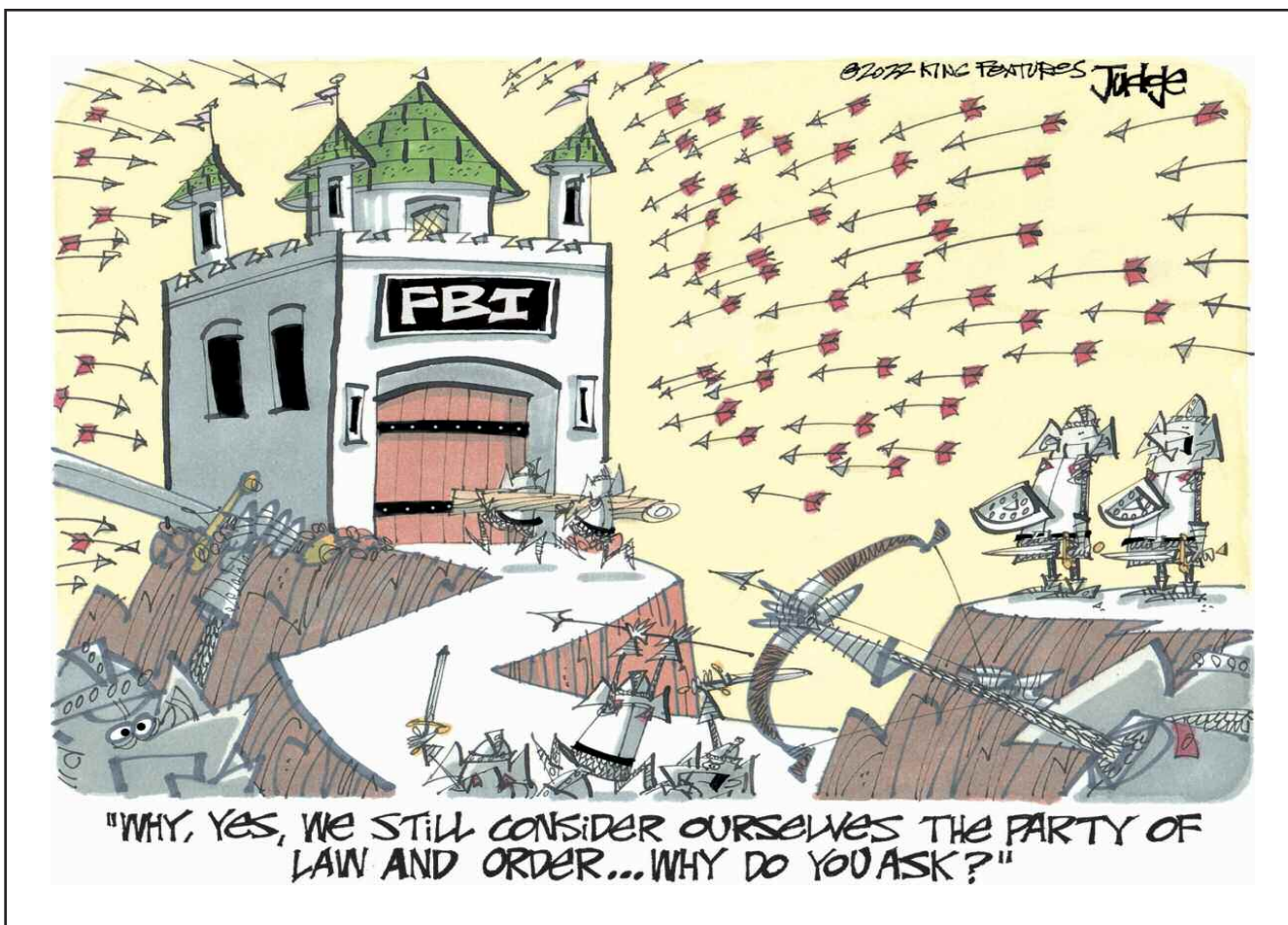
The study also looked at EV "charging deserts," areas that could require significant energy charging spots. Topping the list were traffic-heavy Marion and Hendricks counties. The report names 16 other potential deserts including Boone, Cass and Madison counties.

Currently, there are 6,990 EVs registered in Indiana. INDOT, which held public meetings about the planning, created maps for possible charging stations. For example, there are 20 charging locations planned for the entire length of I-69 with one in Madison County at exit 233; Boone County has two on I-65, at exit 130 (Whitestown Parkway) and exit 139 (Ind. 39).

If Indiana's deployment plan is approved by the federal government, the state could receive \$14.7 million yet this year to begin adding EV charging stations. More money from the \$5 billion federal EV infrastructure rollout would come to the Hoosier state over the next four years.

But an increasing share of the financial burden of maintaining charging stations and building new ones and, more importantly, helping pay for Indiana's roads will surely fall on the shoulders of EV owners. Will they pay by miles traveled, by charging time or in some other way?

Although INDOT has been pushed by the feds to plan for EVs, the reports point to one clear-cut conclusion: electric vehicles will grow in prominence, and Indiana needs to be ready to meet nationwide consumer demand.



More networking needed in college

By CONOR SEN

Bloomberg Opinion
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Tens of millions of workers had to adjust to working remotely at the onset of the pandemic, and over two years later we continue to debate the right balance between in-person and virtual work. Workers and their employers are still experimenting to see what works best, making the most of an environment where we're not likely to be physically present with as many of our colleagues as we were in the past.

That raises the question of how teenagers who plan on careers in business, finance, technology and media should prepare for their own futures in the workplace, when they'll never get the pre-2020 experience when most people came into the office most of the time. And while a tight job market might make it easier than ever to land a job without going to college, for industries where you know and the strength of your network is a key asset, we're going to find that going to college has even more value than it did before the pandemic.

That's the takeaway from new research published in Nature showing where people in different income brackets make friends. Lower-income people tend to make most of their friends in their neighborhoods, while those who are upper-income tend to make most of their friends in college.

Future doctors and lawyers don't need to be convinced about the merits of going to college — they do several years of graduate school on top of undergrad. But for other high-paying professions there's the hope that by skipping college and going straight into the workplace, one can move up the ranks over time via networking in the office and demon-

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strating one's ability to bosses and managers.

That path was already difficult but has become even more uncertain as white-collar industries adjust to a new normal of hybrid and remote work. Maybe 20-somethings will be eager to show up at offices every day to network and gain skills, but if older and higher-up employees work from home some or most of the time those younger people won't have access to the same amount of relationship-building that workers who came of age before 2020 got.

If building a network and making friends at work are going to become more difficult in the future, then it raises the relative value of places that have demonstrated an effectiveness at doing just that — such as college.

It also suggests that some students should think differently about their priorities when choosing a college. I went to Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, California. I was attracted to its reputation in engineering and computer science, the small campus and student body (my graduating class was around 150), and an academic reputation that was on par with MIT and Caltech.

What I didn't think much about at the time was how the flip side of a small student body is it means a very small alumni network. And whereas MIT and Caltech are well-known nationally, Harvey Mudd isn't well known outside of technology fields or beyond California. As my career

migrated from California and the tech industry to, over time, Atlanta and the financial and media industries, I haven't been able to leverage my time at Mudd the way I might have at a different school with a bigger student body and alumni network.

This isn't to say that people shouldn't go to smaller colleges. It's just that network maximization relative to skill development has more value now than it did three years ago.

And, as someone who went to public schools through high school, I cringe when I write this, but it also argues that, if they can afford it, people should give more consideration to private school than they otherwise might have. The same rationale applies here as well: If it's going to be harder to build a network from scratch in the workplace, then forming bonds with elite students and families in high school is a way of ensuring you'll have the network even if the future of work is hopping from remote job to remote job via employment sites like LinkedIn and Indeed.

As an optimist, I'm hopeful that we'll work out the kinks in remote work over time, and that people will still be able to build networks and make friends at work. But I also think back on my own career and doubt that I'd have some of the connections I do if the workplace were significantly remote or even hybrid when I was in my 20's. So it makes sense for young people thinking about their futures to invest more time in their networks in high school and college, because it's just not clear what the workplace will look like when they're building careers of their own.

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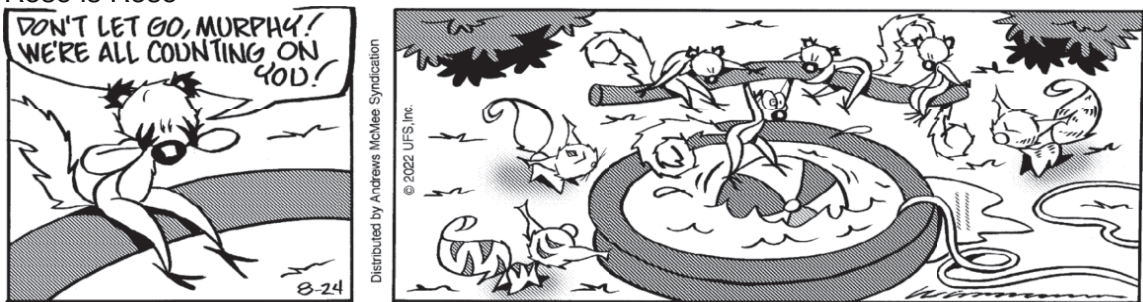
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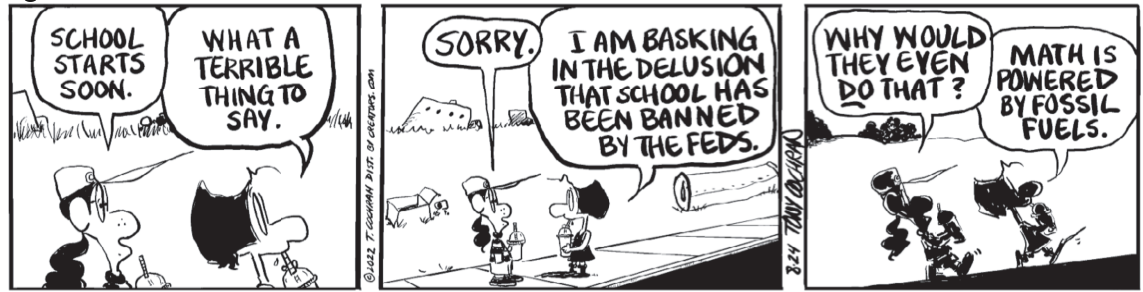
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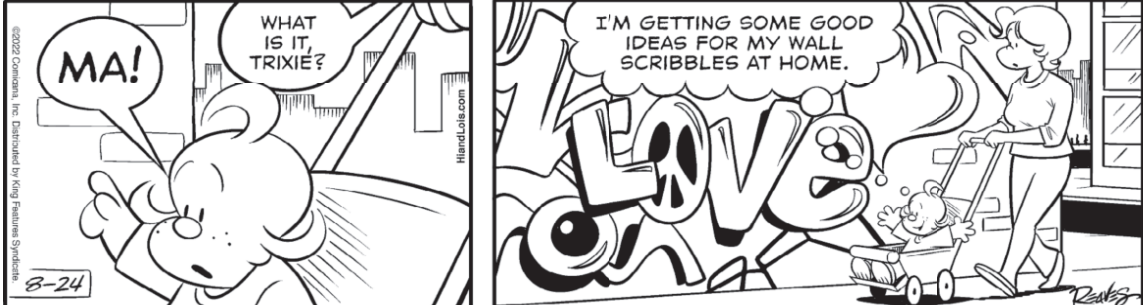
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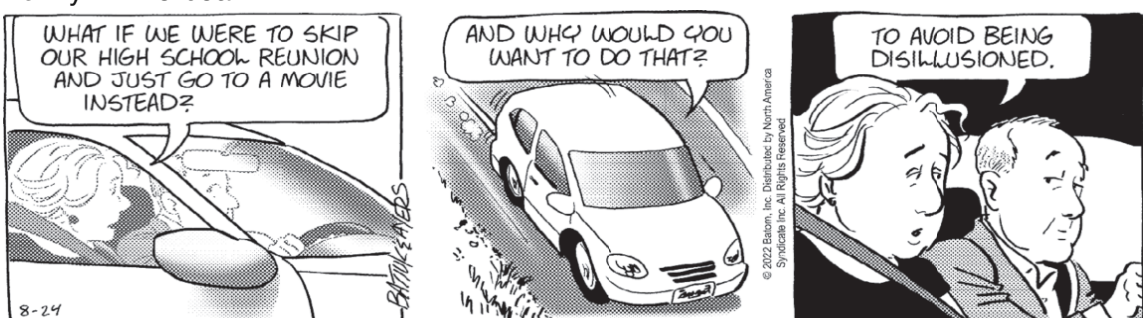
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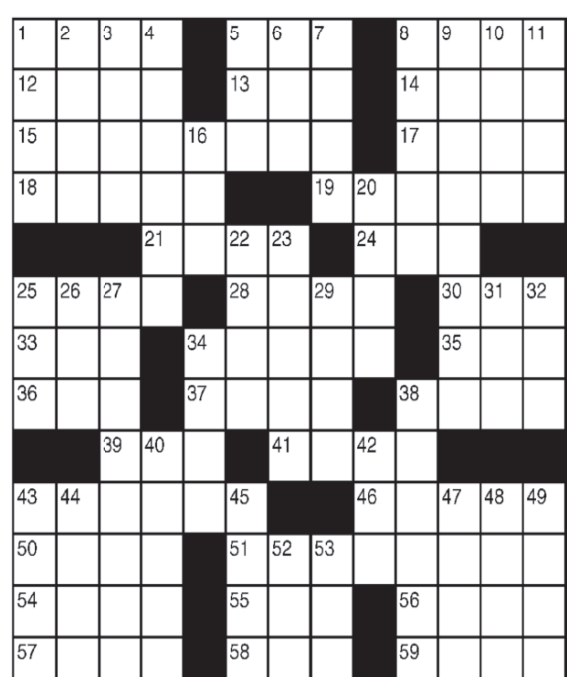
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Sports

JCHS fights off the Falcons

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

The Patriots were staring 0-4 in the face.

Already down two sets to one, they fell behind 4-0 in a do-or-die fourth.

By the end of a long night, they were celebrating.

Jay County High School's volleyball team fought back Tuesday night to pick up their first win of the season 25-18, 17-25, 20-25, 25-20, 15-11 over the visiting Winchester Golden Falcons.

"It was fun ... especially against a team that got us last year," said JCHS coach Amy Dillon, whose team lost to Winchester in straight sets last season. "This is the team that I've been waiting on. We just keep telling them, 'You have the ability.'"

After calling early timeouts in the first and second sets, Dillon sat back and let her team try to work through its struggles in the third set. They lost.

She tried the same again in the fourth and fifth sets, and the Patriots responded.

Jay County (1-3) went back and forth with the Golden Falcons (4-2) in the fourth set and found itself clinging to an 18-17 lead. A 4-0 run that included a Maggie Dillon ace and kills from Madison



Brunswick and Bella Denton extended the lead en route to a 25-20 win.

Up 6-4 in the fifth and deciding game, it was a quick spurt that put the Patriots in control. Senior Abbie Fields tipped for a point and then Joske Herndon smacked

an ace. Herndon nearly had another ace — she finished the night with a team-best eight aces — and though Winchester managed to scramble to get the ball over the net, the point resulted in another Fields kill.

Winchester never got closer

Bella Denton (7) and Madison Brunswick (9) of Jay County High School block against

Winchester's Mackenzie Meadows during the Patriots' five-set victory Tuesday. JCHS trailed two sets to one but rallied back, eventually ending the match on a Denton kill.

stuff," said Dillon of the turnaround in the fourth and fifth sets. "That's what we've talked about all along. Everybody's got to be running stuff. You've got to be holding blockers.

"And the blocking was huge tonight," she added, noting that the team held a blocking practice prior to the match after recording no blocks in a three-set loss Monday at Celina. "We said we would depend on that the whole season and it hasn't been there. And so our defense has really struggled because there's no block. Tonight (the blocking) helped a lot."

The Patriots finished with 10 blocks, including two solos and two assists apiece from Fields and Denton. Brenna Haines came up with 31 digs, and Sophie Saxman totaled 29 assists.

Junior varsity

Jay County cruised to a quick 25-16, 25-15 victory over the Golden Falcons.

Maria Hemmelgarn's five kills led the Patriots, who evened their record at 2-2. Mya Kunkler added four kills.

Elizabeth Barnett racked up 13 points, including two aces, and Brenna Bailey finished with 11 digs.

Heitkamp dominates Mercer County Meet

COLDWATER, Ohio — Trevor Heitkamp has big plans for his junior season.

He got an excellent start on them Tuesday.

Heitkamp ran faster in the opening meet of the 2022 season than he did at the 2021 state finals, winning the Mercer County Meet to lead the Fort Recovery High School boys cross country team to a fourth-place finish.

The Indian girls were third in a tight girls race,

FRHS roundup

scoring 56 points to trail champion St. Henry (48) and runner-up Parkway (54).

Heitkamp didn't just win the boys race, he dominated it. His finish in 17 minutes,

8.57 seconds, which was one second faster than his state finals time, put him nearly 50 seconds ahead of runner-up Colin Buening of Celina.

Natalie Brunswick led the way for the girls team as she finished in the runner-up spot in 20:23.36. The rest of the Indians were packed together, with Caitlin Weitzel 12th, Ellie Will 13th, Jenna Hart 14th and Alexis Wendel 15th.

Freshman Parker

Brunswick, Natalie's brother, followed Heitkamp in 16th in 19:26.71. Rounding out the top five were Ethan Evers in 23rd, Evan Evers in 26th and Caleb Rammel in 32nd.

Kahlig paces golfers

Eva Kahlig broke into the 40s for Fort Recovery's girls golf team Tuesday as it defeated the Crestview Knights 216-253 at Portland Golf Club.

Kahlig played a fairly

consistent round in which she tallied five bogeys. She finished with a 49 to earn match medalist honors.

The low score from Crestview was a 59.

Emma Will recorded back-to-back pars on the 343-yard, par-4 seventh hole and 119-yard, par-3 eighth as she followed Kahlig with a 54. Ella Westgerdes shot 55, and Olivia Knapke rounded out the team score with a 58.

Brynn Stammen's 59 and

Georgia Wenning's 62 did not factor in the team score.

Spikers fall

ST. MARYS, Ohio — The Fort Recovery volleyball team suffered a 25-23, 25-7, 25-14 loss Tuesday to the St. Marys Memorial Roughriders in its season opener.

Audra Bubb had 11 digs and one ace for the Indians (0-1), who will play their home opener Thursday against National Trail.

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