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Welcoming 100



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Shelia Fett, Gail Reed and Margaret Reed sing along during church services Sunday at Dunkirk Church of the Nazarene. The church is celebrating its centennial anniversary this weekend, with services and activities slated for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Dunkirk Church of the Nazarene is celebrating its centennial anniversary

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — Regular attendees at Dunkirk Church of the Nazarene cite one key factor to their church that brings them back every Sunday.

“It’s the people,” said the Rev. Tom Fett, who has been pastor at the church for more than a dozen years. “The people are amazing. They’re friendly, they’re loving, they’re compassionate. It’s just a family.”

That feeling of family,

church members say, is the reason the church is still going strong after 100 years. Dunkirk Church of the Nazarene is celebrating its centennial anniversary this weekend.

“It’s just gonna be a walk back through 100 years,” explained Tina Elliott, who serves on the church board and as a Sunday School teacher. She’s been an active member in the church for about six years and has been planning the three-day event alongside Greg Dotson.

Festivities kick off with a service 7 p.m. Friday. Attendees are invited to dress in 1920s garb. After the service, there will be free homemade pie and coffee, along with a pie-tasting and pie-eating contest.

Another service at 7 p.m. led by district superintendent Tim Kellerman will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, followed by an ice cream social. Attendees are encouraged dress up in ‘70s clothes.

The church will celebrate its final day of activities Sunday

with a 10:30 a.m. service and a hog roast. Former pastor John Abshear will give the sermon.

During all three services, old photos and other memorabilia will be displayed on TVs in the sanctuary. All former pastors will also be recognized Sunday.

“It’s just going to be a blast,” said Elliott.

Dunkirk Church of the Nazarene started with nine members at a tent meeting 100 years ago. In the first year, the church grew to 14 members.

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Myers pleaded guilty to battery Tuesday

Woman faced attempted murder charge

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

A Portland woman has pleaded guilty to injuring her daughter.

Raven S. Myers, 25, pleaded guilty but mentally ill to battery resulting in serious bodily injury to a person 14 years old or younger, a Level 3 felony, in Jay Circuit Court Tuesday.

She was originally charged with a Level 1 felony for attempted murder after she allegedly slit her daughter’s wrists.

Myers appeared in court via video call just after 1 p.m. today. She told the court she has suffered from schizophrenia and psychosis and confirmed she is now taking medication. (She underwent a competency evaluation, which at first indicated she was not competent to stand trial but later her competency was restored. The test indicated she suffered from mental illness at the time of the incident.)

Jay County public defender Brandon Murphy noted Myers has experienced significant medical health conditions, specifically hallucinations or delusions. Pleading guilty but mentally ill, he explained, would ensure Myers has access to mental health treatment and more probation conditions.

“It really opens the door to some services for her that make a lot of sense,” he said.

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Library celebration

Brenda Cash, librarian at Penn Township Library, exclaims as she cuts a ribbon during the ceremony Tuesday recognizing the library’s re-opening. The facility underwent construction, expanding by about 1,700 feet and adding a room for youth reading materials as well as a parking lot.

Visit indicates Ukrainian control

By VOLODYMYR VERBYANY and MARC CHAMPION

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy visited the newly recaptured city of Izyum on Wednesday, an appearance that underlined the stunning success of a counteroffensive against Russian forces in the country’s northeast.

The unannounced visit appeared to belie claims from Moscow that parts of Izyum, which had been a critical staging post for Russian weapons and troops fighting in the eastern Donbas region, remained under Russian control. Zelenskyy took part in a ceremony to raise the Ukrainian flag, according to a statement on his website.

“Perhaps one can temporarily seize the territories of our state,” Zelenskyy said during the event. “But one definitely cannot occupy our people, the Ukrainian people.”

Zelenskyy said this week that Ukraine’s military has reclaimed more than 2,317 square miles of territory this month, mostly in

the Kharkiv region, which borders Russia to the north.

The counteroffensive, now more than a week old, broke through thinly manned Russian front lines, quickly cutting off supply and escape routes and forcing a chaotic retreat, including from Izyum.

The loss of Izyum, whose pre-war population exceeded 45,000, as well as half of Kupyansk, a critical logistics hub on the way to the Russian border, may create a serious challenge for President Vladimir Putin.

It makes his stated goal of seizing all of the Luhansk and Donetsk provinces that make up Ukraine’s Donbas region unattainable for the foreseeable future, according to the Institute for the Study of War, a U.S. think tank that monitors the war closely.

The scale of the reversal has also, for the first time, forced Russian officials to acknowledge a defeat and triggered rare debate beyond a nationalist fringe as to the conduct of the war, according to the Institute for the Study of War.

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Deaths

Donald Adair, 92, Portland
Cierra Rockwood, 26, Portland
Linda Sovocool, 77, Lawton, Oklahoma
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 70 degrees Tuesday. The low was 56.
Tonight’s low will be 54. Patchy fog is expected Thursday morning followed by sunny skies and a high of 81.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Indiana Military Vehicle Preservation Rally and Swap Meet is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Jay County Fairgrounds. Admission is free.
For a story about vehicles that will be on display this weekend, see Thursday’s newspaper.

Coming up

Thursday — Preview of Friday’s JCHS football game at Bluffton.

Saturday — Coverage of the ribbon-cutting for the airport runway extension.



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Thursday 9/15	Friday 9/16	Saturday 9/17	Sunday 9/18	Monday 9/19
81/57	83/60	85/62	86/65	87/64
Fog is expected in the morning, before 11 a.m. Otherwise, the sunny skies and warm temperatures.	Mostly sunny throughout the day Friday. The high will be in the low 80s, with a cool wind.	Another day of mostly sunny skies is expected Saturday. The high should reach the mid 80s.	Sunday's weather looks sunny, with a high of 86 degrees. There's a chance of rain late.	There's a slight chance of rain under sunny skies. Temperatures may reach the upper 80s.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$206 million	Quick Draw: 4-6-16-22-23-26-30-38-41-44-52-55-57-59-62-63-65-67-68-74 Cash 5: 3-9-10-21-30 Estimated jackpot: \$80,000
Mega Millions 14-25-38-59-64 Mega Ball: 21 Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$256 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 8-6-0 Pick 4: 2-7-1-1 Pick 5: 8-2-0-5-8 Evening Pick 3: 2-8-1 Pick 4: 2-0-0-0 Pick 5: 8-8-1-7-8 Rolling Cash: 5-17-30-33-36 Estimated jackpot: \$198,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 0-0-6 Daily Four: 8-1-6-0 Quick Draw: 2-3-6-11-12-19-23-26-35-48-51-52-61-62-64-72-76-77-78-79 Evening Daily Three: 1-2-0 Daily Four: 2-5-9-4	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....7.14 Late Sept. corn6.94 Wheat7.09	Wheat 7.98 Nov. wheat.....8.68
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Today in history

In 1638, 31-year-old clergyman John Harvard of Charlestown, Massachusetts, died. He left his library and half of his estate to a local college, which adopted the name Harvard College.

In 1741, George Frederic Handel finished his "Messiah" after working on it non-stop for 23 days.

In 1752, Great Britain adopted the Gregorian calendar, which moved the date ahead 11 days.

In 1847, U.S. forces led by Gen. Winfield Scott captured Mexico City. The event ended the military phase of the Mexican-American War.

In 1901, Theodore Roosevelt was sworn in as president following the death of William McKinley, who had been shot eight days earlier.

In 1972, Jack's Surplus City of Portland was robbed of an undetermined amount of cash. Store manager Clarence Theurer discovered the burglary, through which those involved apparently entered the store by climbing a ladder to the roof, removing a piece of plywood that was covering a hole for an air conditioner and lowering themselves in by rope. Evidence showed they tried to drill the safe open before knocking its hinges off.

In 1975, the Roman Catholic Church canonized Elizabeth Ann Seton as a saint. She was the first American-born individual to gain sainthood.

In 1979, Afghan president Nur Muhammad Taraki was killed less than a year after taking office.

In 1982, president-elect Bachir Gemayel of Lebanon was killed in a bombing in Beirut.

In 1985, "The Golden Girls," starring Betty White, Bea Arthur, Estelle Getty and Rue McClanahan, made its TV debut.

In 1994, Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig announced that the remainder of the season, including the World Series, would be canceled. Players had gone on strike in August and an agreement had not been reached.

In 2016, Carla Hayden was sworn in as the 14th Librarian of Congress. She was the first woman and first individual of African American descent to hold the position. She had previously been CEO of the Enoch Pratt Free Library system in Baltimore.

In 2020, Lydia Keihn and Lindy Wood both finished in the top 10 to lead the Jay County High School girls cross country team to a third-place finish in the Monroe Central Invitational. Keihn, a sophomore, was the runner-up in 21 minutes, 23.1 seconds, while Wood, a junior, was seventh in 22:12.

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Citizen's calendar

Today 1 p.m. — Jay County Sheriff's Office Merit Board, 224 W Water St, Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners' room, courthouse,	120 N. Court St., Portland. Thursday 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.
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Obituaries

Donald Adair

Aug. 7, 1930-Sept. 12, 2022
Donald Adair, age 92, of Portland passed away Monday, Sept. 12, 2022, in Envive Healthcare in Berne. He was born in Jay County on Aug. 7, 1930, the son of Marvin and Lula (Lawson) Adair. He was married to Harriet Lotz and she passed away on Dec. 9, 2017.



Adair

Don was retired from Joyce Dayton in Portland and had worked for Shauver and Fisher auctioneers. He served with the U.S. Army during Korean Conflict and was a member of Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association, American Legion Post #211 and VFW Post 6515 of Fort Recovery. Surviving are three daughters, Debra Keys of Chehalis, Washington, Julie Erickson of Winlock, Washington, and Kathy Gilpin of Churubusco; three stepdaughters, Lou Ann Wallischeck, Lindy Lu Bailey and Cindy Weitzel, all of Portland; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; 12 step-great-grandchildren; and several step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022, at noon in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Hugh Kelly presiding. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery with military graveside services by American Legion Post #211. Visitation will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Memorials can be made to the American Legion. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Cierra was a kind and beautiful soul with an infectious smile that could light up a room. She enjoyed watching "Harry Potter" movies, spending time with family and taking long walks with her fur baby Kilo. Cierra's love for her nieces and nephews was unconditional.



Rockwood

Survivors include:
Her parents — James Rockwood and Shelley Rockwood (Jeff), Portland
Siblings — Ashley Rockwood (Steven), Portland, Lacy Overla (Kyle), Portland, and Trevor Jones, Portland
Grandparents — Patricia Wilkey, Portland, Terry Robbins Sr., Portland, and Christina Goff, Portland
Several aunts, uncles, cousins and special nieces and nephews
She was preceded in death by her grandfather Charles Rockwood Sr.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be held in Green Park Cemetery. Memorial may be directed to the Jay County Humane Society in Portland. Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022, after a very brief illness in Lawton, Oklahoma.



Sovocool

Linda was born May 7, 1945, in Portland, Indiana, to Harry Vaughn Hicks and Esther Fogle. In 1963, she joined the United States Army where she served honorably. After being honorably discharged from the army, Linda continued to serve her country as a Civil Service and Department of Defense employee for a total of 48 additional years. At the time of her death, she was employed by the Department of Defense.

In 1966, she married Scott Richard Sovocool and the couple had two daughters. Linda was a devoted and loving mother. In addition to her girls, Linda was the "adopted" mother or grandmother to hundreds of military soldiers who she treated and loved like her own children.

Linda was a very active and social woman and was greatly involved with and loved the military and the soldiers she worked with. She also enjoyed sewing, crocheting, spending time with her pets, being outdoors and reading. She was always willing to lend a hand and was the person you could always count on for a smile, a hug, an encouraging word or to set you straight.

Linda Sovocool is survived by two daughters, Cathy Sovocool of Four Oaks, North Carolina, and Jennifer Sovocool of Sanger, Texas; granddaughter Hailee Clark; and brothers Robert Hicks, Richard Hicks and David and Pam Hicks; and sister-in-law Carolyn Hicks.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Esther Homan of Ohio; father, Harry Vaughn Hicks of Indiana; and brother, James Hicks.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at woundedwarrior-project.org.

A guestbook and sympathy cards are available at beckerfuneral.com.

Cierra Rockwood

Oct. 20, 1995-Sept. 9, 2022
Cierra Marie Rockwood, age 26, Portland, gained her angel wings Sept. 9, 2022. She was born in Coldwater, Ohio, on Oct. 20, 1995, to her beloved parents James and Shelley Rockwood. She was a 2014 graduate of Jay County High School.

Linda Sovocool

May 7, 1945-Sept. 8, 2022
Funeral service for Linda Lou Sovocool will be 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, 2022, in Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel. Burial with military honors will be 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, 2022, at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery under direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. Family will receive guests from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. All who were touched and loved by Linda are invited to come, pay their respects and condolences. Linda Lou Sovocool passed away

Felony arrests

Dealing drugs
A Portland man was arrested Tuesday for dealing methamphetamine. Randy J. Noles, 24, 322 W. Main St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 4 felony. He was also arrested for failing to appear in court. Noles is being held without bond in Jay County Jail.

Nonsupport
A Fort Wayne man was arrested Friday for nonsupport of a dependent child. Jesse L. Adamonis, 31, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony.

He was released on a \$300 bond from Jay County Jail.

Escape
A Portland woman was arrested Saturday for fleeing from lawful detention. Kristin N. McKee, 37, 402 E. Walnut St., was preliminarily charged with escape, a Level 5 felony, battery against a public official, a Level 6 felony, resisting law enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor, and refusal to identify self while stopped, a Class C misdemeanor. She's being held in Jay County Jail on a \$15,000 bond.

Capsule Reports

Lost control
Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after a Redkey man lost control of his truck along county road 600 South about 5:28 a.m. Sunday. Kyler J. Carvel, 25, was driving west on the road just west of county road 1000 West when several raccoons walked in front of his path, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. Carvel swerved to avoid the animals, causing him to lose control of his 2020 Ford Mustang. His truck went off the north side of the road and into a ditch, causing heavy damage to the truck and deploying all of its airbags.

Deer hit
A Fort Recovery man crashed his vehicle into a deer along county road 700 East about 3:12 p.m. Monday. Michael L. Hatcher, 67, was driving south on the road when a deer ran in front of his 2016 Jeep Cherokee. Hatcher wasn't able to avoid hitting the animal, causing between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in estimated damage. Hatcher's car was towed.

Turning accident
The vehicle a Portland man was driving was towed after a Redkey woman crashed the car she was driving into it at the intersection of Industrial Drive and Votaw Street in Portland about 2 p.m. Saturday. Marsha L. Morriscal, 67, was turning left from Industrial Drive onto Votaw Street when the 1997 Chevrolet GCL she was driving struck a north-bound 2008 Saturn Aura, driven by 47-year-old Jamie Cornwell. See page 5

Carvel complained of neck pain but refused treatment, according to the report. His vehicle was towed.

She's being held in Jay County Jail on a \$15,000 bond.

SERVICES

Today
Leavell, Max: 2 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

Thursday
Evers, Marion: 10:30 a.m., Wendelin Catholic Church, 2997 Fort Recovery-Minster Road, St. Henry, Ohio.
Husmann, Monica: 6 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Friday
Rockwood, Cierra: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
Bookout, Hurley: 2 p.m., Green Park Cemetery, Portland.
Sovocool, Linda: 2 p.m., Becker-Rabon Funeral Chapel, 1502 NW Fort Sill Blvd., Lawton, Oklahoma.

Sept. 24
Adair, Donald: noon, Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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EMT COURSE

Dates: 10/10/2022 to 4/29/2023
Times: 6pm to 10pm (Mondays and Thursdays)
Location: Jay County Jr. Sr. High School

Cost of the course is \$600

There are payment options and discounts available based on the answers to the application linked below.

Highlights Include:

- National Registry Candidate upon completion.
- CPR Certification as a Professional Rescuer
- Patient Assessment Skills
- Emergency Vehicle Operations Certification
- Oxygen Administration
- Emergency Scene Management
- Tools to care for patients suffering from both medical and trauma situations.

Classes are held at Jay County Jr. Sr. High School
There is a limited number of seats available.

Contact Person: John McFarland
Call: 765-509-1906 Email: jmcfarland@jaycoems.org

To register use QR code or visit:
<https://forms.gle/cxr4mjVgfoQ9g9j>

Morvilius Opera House

Fort Recovery

Sunday, Sept. 18

1:00-3:00

Free! Student Art Show



Photo provided

Club donates

Wendelin Sports Club hosted a motorcycle poker run in July to benefit the Center for Neurological Development in Burkettsville, Ohio. Pictured, the group raised and donated \$20,420 toward the neurological center.

Expectations bring hope

By KWAME DAWES

There is a posture that poets sometimes take, that of the prophet speaking predictions into the world, or simply proclaiming what is happening in the moment. More often than not, the role is reluctantly embraced, for who wants to speak of calamity in the face of calamity? Joan Naviyuk Kane's poem "Fieldwork" assumes a knowing that carries the authority of ancestral memory. It becomes urgent in this calamitous

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moment, a moment of drought and heat that is familiar to us these days. If there is hope, it lies in the expectation of movement: "as we move, / moon into moon." The reluctant prophetic, too, wants to survive.

Fieldwork

Another day of heat-
strangers continue to wobble
across the horizon, bringing drought
when instead we should have deluge.

I steep snow-lichen in water I
drew from a lake
which has since gone dry.

At sea few understood me,
as though I induced a sickness
that deafened, then healed.

As before, I predict lies,
to be pushed from the boat
time and time again.

Nevertheless, I expect
to get by while their widowers
seek refuge with their provident

families; perhaps a storm will pile fish
at their doors when the red tide rises,
perhaps they will not follow as we move,

moon into moon, under another sky.

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Habit of stopping by gets old

DEAR ABBY: In our 20 years of marriage, my wife's two sons have frequently stopped by or called ahead with literally 10 minutes to a half-hour's notice. It usually happens around mealtime, when we aren't prepared for feeding multiple people.

I plan every meal in advance, and would welcome them to visit with a little common courtesy. We had two lamb chops in the oven and 10 minutes before we were ready to eat when one of the sons and his wife called to stop right over. I was furious, but my wife said they'll be gone in 10 minutes. It turned into an hour. I was waiting for them to leave, but then my wife invited them to stay for dinner. I blew up and hollered loud enough that they all left, which later led to a huge argument.

My wife insists family can stop by anytime. I disagree. Common courtesy should be taught, and there's nothing wrong with saying, "Now's not good. How about in an hour or two?" Who's right? — HUSBAND IN THE KITCHEN

DEAR HUSBAND: Everyone was wrong in this unfortunate situation. The son and his wife know your routine. They shouldn't have been stopping by without warning. Your wife should not have

allowed them to sit around making small talk for an hour while your dinner was growing cold. For her to have invited them to stay for dinner when there wasn't enough food was thoughtless.

I can't blame you for losing your temper, if this is something you and your wife have discussed before. However, it could have been handled without raising your voice. In the future, perhaps you could have some prepared meals in your freezer for occasions like this. Or, when family calls to say they are on the way, you can suggest they bring something with them.

DEAR ABBY: My beloved passed away 20 months ago. I did not have a service. Recently, a close family friend went to visit the burial site and place flowers. Our plaque has his date of birth and date of "depar-

ture." This friend then posted a photo of it to Facebook and shared it with everyone on her "friends" list. Some of them I don't know, and I was more than a bit shocked seeing the picture. (I found it scrolling on my FB page.) I realize Facebook is public, but am I wrong in thinking she shouldn't have posted and shared it without asking permission? Am I a relic? I found it disrespectful. — MISSING HIM IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR MISSING: I am sorry for the loss of your loved one and for your pain. The friend visited his grave because she cared for him and wanted to pay her respects. Because the visit was meaningful to her, she posted about it on FB. It's not unusual for people to post about what they are doing. I see nothing disrespectful about it, nor do I think permission needed to be sought. And no, you are NOT a "relic"; you are a woman who is deeply grieving the loss of her mate, and I respect that.

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 www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Dear Abby



Community Calendar

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

Thursday

EN AVANT CLUB — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

JAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Jay County Public Library. The public is welcome.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of

the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

Friday

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, Sept. 16, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first

and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

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.

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

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

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

Monday

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

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

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

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

Sudoku

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1	2						5	
			4	6			9	
		8	1				6	

Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

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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Join in recovery month celebration

To the editor:

National Recovery Month is a national observance held every September to educate Americans that substance use treatment and mental health services can enable those with a mental and/or substance use disorder to live a healthy and rewarding life.

National Recovery Month celebrates the gains made by those in recovery. This observance reinforces the positive message that behavioral

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health is essential to overall health, prevention works, treatment is effective and people can and do recover.

There are millions of Americans whose lives have been

transformed through recovery. Since these successes often go unnoticed by the broader population, National Recovery Month provides a vehicle for everyone to celebrate these accomplishments. Each September, tens of thousands of prevention, treatment and recovery programs and facilities around the country celebrate National Recovery Month. They speak about strides made by those in recovery and share their success stories with their neighbors, friends and col-

leagues. In doing so, everyone helps to increase awareness and foster a greater understanding about mental and substance use disorders.

This year in Jay County, we are opening our celebrations to the whole community in a community collaboration and outreach event. On Sept. 24, we will be hosting "Hope Fest: A Community Outreach" from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Jay County Fairgrounds. This event is open to anyone and everyone, in Jay

County or outside of Jay County, from all walks of life. Please come out and join us.

Everything is free — free food, door prizes, motorcycle thrill show, live music, bounce houses, kids activities, community resources and much more.

Bring your families and come have a blast at this fun-packed event.

Thank you,
Ally Raines
Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition

Jet journey was rewarding

(Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Sept. 17, 2003. Jack often wrote about his adventures as a child. As I re-read this column, I couldn't help but wonder if he stopped in Montpelier to check out the fighter jet, perhaps daydreaming about what it might be like to crawl inside.)

By JACK RONALD

The Commercial Review

Mike Snyder hit the button as I was heading out of the newsroom.

On my way to Marion for a meeting, I mentioned that I was heading up to Bryant, then taking Ind. 18 over.

"Is it Montpelier that has the jet fighter in its park?" he asked.

And before I could say, "yes," I was swept back into a pocket of childhood memory that had been forgotten.

Portland used to have a jet fighter in one of its parks.

Specifically, Portland used to have a Korean War-era jet fighter plonked in a portion of Weiler-Wilson Park near what was then known as "the rec" and today is the headquarters of the street department.

The hair on my arms stood up as I remembered it.

Suddenly, I was about 11 again. The jet fighter — glorious and decrepit at the same time — had been deposited in a city park, probably thanks to a veterans' organization. As an object, it was undeniably cool. Kids stared at it, marveled at it, but ultimately didn't know quite what to make of it.

Was it a monument? Or was it a piece of playground equipment?

With no clear instructions from our elders, we decided upon the latter.

I'm not sure how long it took for someone to figure out the secret. But they did figure it out.

Some brave soul discovered that if you were brave enough, and small enough, you could climb up the dark steel tunnel of the air intakes on the wings of the jet fighter and get inside the amazing metal beast.

The section of the Defense Department that was in charge of getting rid of surplus airplanes by giving them to veterans' organizations had gutted the plane. There was no seat inside the cockpit. No control panel. Nothing that could be of any interest.

Except for the fact that you could get inside.

While local history doesn't record who was the first kid to do it, it's

Back in the Saddle



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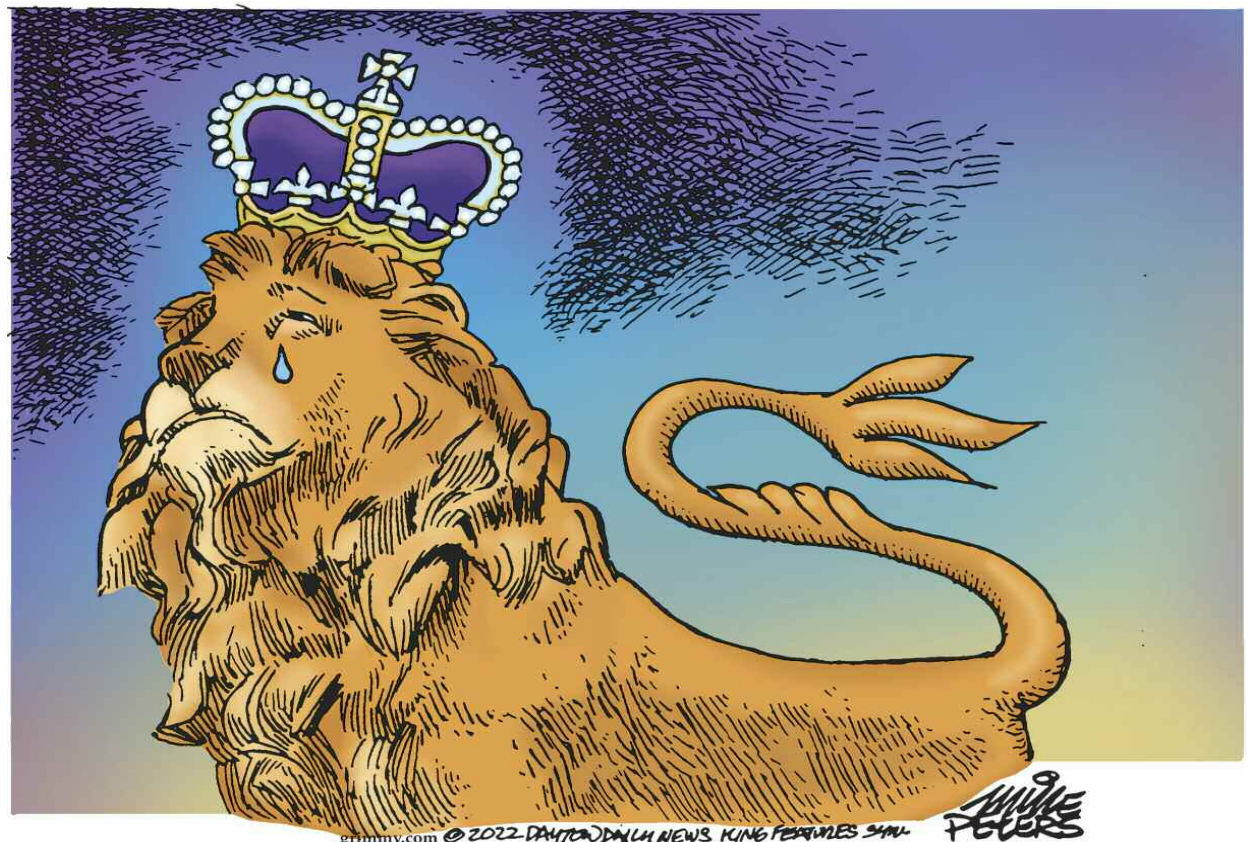
safe to say that within weeks dozens of us had made the claustrophobic journey into the plane's fuselage.

I was among those who found it pretty harrowing, being boosted up to climb into a dark steel-lined hole. Still, it was oddly rewarding to make that journey and prove one's self, crawling out on the other side into the innards of the old jet, with yellow light streaming in through the plastic of the cockpit.

Memory doesn't give me any firm grip on how long this went on. Kids have secrets, but adults find out. How long were we climbing into the jet at the park? Who knows? But they found out.

And it ended. The mystery. The claustrophobia. The challenge. The fun. It all ended.

And the jet, battered and rusting and invaded and empty, was removed, leaving nothing more than fragments of childhood memory and nostalgia in its wake.



Queen loved her job, people

Chicago Tribune
Tribune News Service

The first child of the Duke and Duchess of York enjoyed being queen for some 70 years — this despite becoming the monarch at the tender age of 25, propelled into the role in 1952 by the death of her beloved father at just 56 years old.

Queen Elizabeth II had such palpable fun in the job — watching prime ministers and presidents come and go, traveling to Chicago to sup with a thrilled Mayor Richard M. Daley in 1959 — that when her son, Prince Charles, told the British people recently that the thing that gets Elizabeth up in the morning was them, the statement did not feel even remotely disingenuous.

Clearly, it was the truth. You could usually read it on her face.

Another truth presented itself as the queen's health declined. She was and is deeply loved by the people she had pledged to serve and, at a minimum, was admired by many beyond that number.

That list included those who would not declare themselves monarchists if the topic of conversation involved any other monarch or progeny. You might say that the queen was grandfathered, or grandmothered, into a changing world.

The queen's death was a shock in the way that death is almost always a shock, one all too familiar to anyone who has experienced bereavement. Bromides about how death is to be expected when a woman is 96, that there had been some time to prepare, that this was a life well lived, that none of us are here forever, did nothing to change that.

It never does in death. Many people's minds went to how earlier in the week, Elizabeth had appointed Liz Truss as Britain's new prime minister (the queen's 15th), remarked upon the lousy Scottish weather and looked reasonably well. But that is what often happens; we are here one day and gone the next. Royalty is no protection from mortality.

But Elizabeth was not, of course, an ordinary citizen. She was the

Guest Editorial

only queen most Britons ever had known. It is rare in Britain to meet someone who has a memory of George VI as monarch, although a few such souls remain.

Simply put, the queen, his daughter, represented continuity and security. She was still there, so the world could not have entirely gone to hell in a hand basket, people said. Political leaders came and went, often having disappointed. Elizabeth was so interwoven into the fabric of quotidian British life that her role as permanent (or so it seemed) head of state was, especially in recent years, mostly subsumed by personal affection.

Elizabeth Alexandra Mary was, in fact, so remarkably suited to her job that she almost certainly preserved the monarchy through the turbulent era, notwithstanding family members who often made her job more difficult.

She did this by hewing to the necessary political neutrality (with very rare exceptions), declaring her love and belief in the Commonwealth of Nations, her attempt to put a positive spin on the painful legacy of the British Empire and through old-fashioned hard work.

The British people long ago figured out that even a life of such privilege could have grown old, that the decades-long procession of receiving lines, community centers to open, cruise ships to launch and plaques to unveil would have become wearisome.

They knew what Elizabeth was doing, especially into her 90s, was simple hard work for a woman who might have preferred to have been resting with her beloved horses. But there was no retirement. She had vowed to serve her people for the entire span of her life and she

never wavered from that determination.

Unlike her predecessor, the queen had to deal with the tabloid era and with editors who figured out that melodramatic family drama sold newspapers (for most of the queen's reign) and then shares and clicks.

Discretion died long before the queen, replaced by Oprah Winfrey confessionals, carefully strategized leaks and media personalities who knew that they could profit from feigning intimacy with unhappy royals.

There was no playbook for any of that, and there were times when the queen stumbled, when her famous dislike of "fuss" and self-indulgence, read as a lack of feeling, especially when her people were in pain, as following the death of Princess Diana. Her default was to say little or nothing when division or controversy was a risk and that did not always serve her well.

But then few of us live perfect lives or avoid errors in a lifetime of work. Even fewer make no mistakes with family members.

Elizabeth served her people with a level of commitment that forestalls all reasonable criticism of how she went about her prescribed duties. Her level of courage, whether it was remaining in London during World War II or through other exigencies in the decades that followed, was often overlooked.

She was a force of reconciliation, of unification, of moderation. She stood for tolerance. And even if her wardrobe appeared constant, she was, in fact, remarkably receptive to incremental change.

There will be time to consider the future of the monarchy, the vacuum created by this sad exit and all it represents. The present is to mourn a woman whose global influence straddled two centuries and who did all that anyone could reasonably ask of any human in public service, anywhere in the world.

What a job well done! Godspeed to her.

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Pleaded ...

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The plea bargain, he said, seemed like a fair agreement between the defense and prosecution. "I think it was a fair outcome, I would say, I think, given the severity of her mental conditions ... I think it's fair to say there was a real chance she could've been found not guilty by reason of insanity," he said.
Jay County prosecutor Wes Schemenaur also said Myers could've been found not guilty by reason

of insanity through trial. He pointed to the length of the sentence per the plea agreement, which suggests the judge give Myers a 14-year sentence with up to nine years executed. "We came to this compromise," explained Schemenaur. "I feel that it gave the state some control."
In Indiana, the sentence for battery resulting in serious bodily injury to a person 14 years old or younger ranges between

three and 16 years, with an advisory sentence of nine years. The maximum fine is \$10,000.
Per her plea agreement, the charge for attempted murder — it carries a sentence of 20 to 40 years — was dismissed.
Her sentencing hearing is slated for 10:30 a.m. Oct. 19.
Police responded to a call about 8:41 p.m. Jan. 11 from Diane Camp saying Myers had taken her granddaughter from her home at 216 E. North St.,

according to a probable cause affidavit filed in connection with the case. Camp told police she and Myers had been at the residence together with Myers' daughter when Camp fell asleep. Myers and the girl were gone when she woke up, and Myers didn't take her phone with her.
Police started looking for Myers and the girl but could not locate them. About an hour and a half later, Camp called 911 to report Myers had

returned to her house with her granddaughter and that the girl's wrists had been cut.
Police found Myers in the living room holding her daughter. "God told me to do it!" she repeated, according to the affidavit.
Summer Hudson, an individual connected to the case, told police that when Myers returned to the house, she saw Myers holding the girl in her car and had her wrapped in a blanket. Hudson said the

child was screaming and that Myers looked at her and said, "I was going to kill her," the affidavit says.
Myers took the girl to Camp, who later told police Myers said to her; "God told me to kill her;" and, "God told me to do it," according to the affidavit.
The girl was rushed by police to IU Health Jay for treatment and later transferred to Riley Hospital for Children of Indianapolis.



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Kathy Trimble prays during the Sunday service at Dunkirk Church of the Nazarene. She and her sisters, Cheryl Sulfridge and Margaret Reed, have been attending the church nearly all their lives. Their grandparents are charter members James and Gladys Stephenson.

Welcoming ...

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Services were first held by the Rev. Loren Pendry in a creamery building at the corner of Center and Broad streets, with five rooms added for the parsonage. The building was later renovated, adding a basement with a coal furnace.
As the church expanded, it purchased a parsonage on Commerce Street, which was later sold. The Rev. Burl Taylor and other members remodeled the church in 1975, installing new carpet, paneling and air conditioning. Three years later, the church added an annex building, which housed four classrooms, a kitchen and a recreation and meeting room.
The church underwent renovations and another addition around 1995, resulting in the facility used today.
"It's a totally different church than what it was," noted Elliott, who added that expansions and renovations were mainly completed by church members.
Dunkirk Church of the Nazarene also offered a van service to bring worshippers to church. (The Rev. Dave Boots started the van service in 1999.)
Outside of worship services, the church participates in community services. It holds a food pantry from 3:30 to 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month along with a monthly free community dinner in Dunkirk Nazarene Ministry Center fellowship hall across the street. Meetings for

A Better Life - Brianna's Hope are also hosted at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the fellowship hall.
Church members have also been involved in launching New Hope Nazarene Ministry Center, a nonprofit organization that will provide support and assistance to victims of domestic violence.
The church's 100 years of service, Fett said, demonstrate tradition.
"It means there's hope for the future," he said. "It means Jesus has been real in this place for a long time. A lot of lives have been changed (here)."
Churchgoers meandered through the halls Sunday morning at 226 E. Center St., sharing smiles with others as they gave life updates from the week's happenings. Familiar faces greeted one after the other.
"I don't think that anybody here knows a stranger," said Dotson.
Cheryl Sulfridge exchanged hugs with various attendees Sunday. Sulfridge and her sisters, Kathy Trimble and Margaret Reed, are granddaughters of charter members James and Gladys Stephenson. They've been attending the church nearly all their lives.
"The people and the activities (keep us here)," noted Reed, pointing out ways church members have helped in each others' lives during hardships. "When people come here, they'll be welcome."

Federal and state officials visit Purdue

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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State and federal officials descended upon Purdue University's campus Tuesday as part of a national campaign to bolster the domestic manufacturing of semiconductor chips.
Gov. Eric Holcomb joined two Biden administration Cabinet secretaries — Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo — in West Lafayette to tour the microelectronic training facility at Purdue's Birck Nanotechnology Center.


Indiana Republican Sen. Todd Young and Purdue President Mitch Daniels also attended.
Officials discussed their push to see Indiana ramp-up its role at designing and manufacturing of semiconductor chips.
"What we're doing at home, and particularly what is happening here, goes directly to our standing and leadership in the world," Blinken said.
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Capsule Reports

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Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000. The vehicle Cornwall was driving is registered to Starla Brown of Portland.

Drove off road
An Ohio man drove off county road 300 North, causing it to roll about 9:52 p.m. Saturday.

Darren E. Miller, 60, Celina, was driving east on the road just east of county road 700 East when he drove off the road, causing his 1995 Chevrolet Blazer to roll, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report.
Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000. His vehicle was towed.



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Control ...

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But it has also raised concerns among some military analysts inside and outside Ukraine about the need to consolidate gains, rather than risk over-stretching and drawing a counterattack against poorly defended and exhausted troops.
The ISW, in its latest daily report on Tuesday evening, said fighting continued with Ukrainian forces attempting to cross the Oskil River that runs through Kupyansk — and appears to have become a new front line. Ukrainian offensives also continued toward the towns of Lyman and on to Lysychansk, more than 62 miles south-east of Izyum, both of which were seized by Russian forces at considerable cost to both sides during the summer's Donbas campaign.
"The last few months have been extremely difficult for you," Zelenskyy told servicemen in Izyum.

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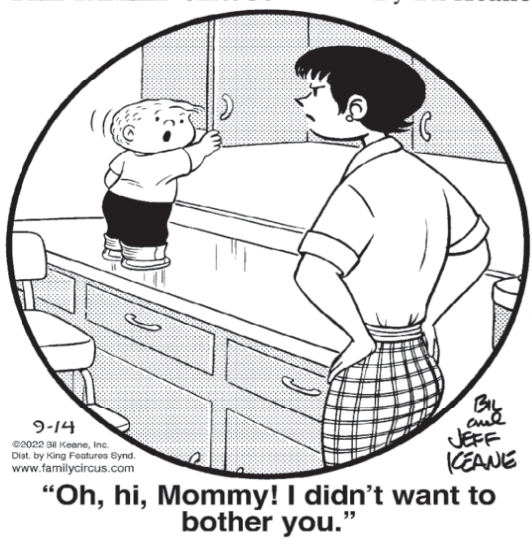
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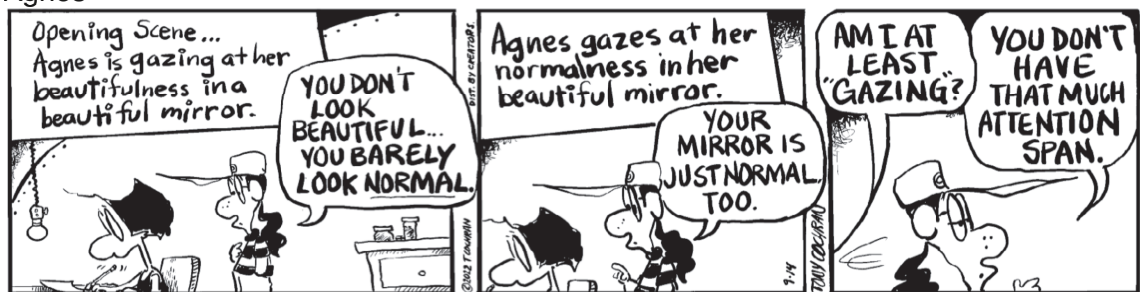
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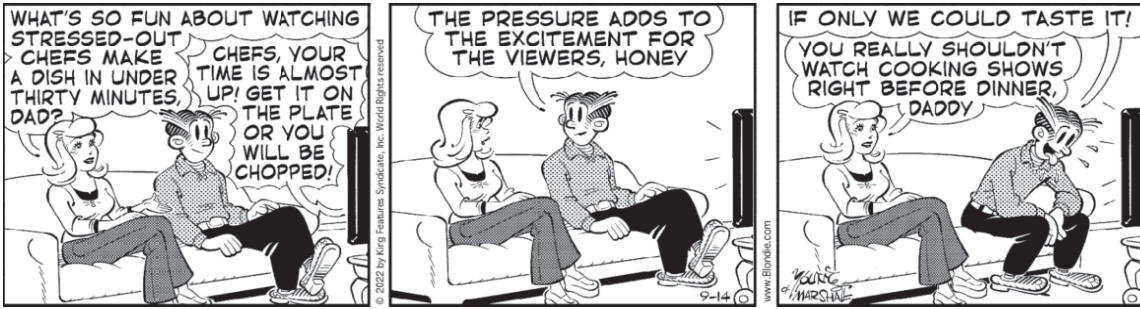
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Beetle Bailey



Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The magic number

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A K Q 3
♥ A 10 3
♦ 10 8 7 5
♣ 10 6

WEST
♠ J 7 6 5 2
♥ J 9 7 6 4 2
♦ 2
♣ J

EAST
♠ 10
♥ K Q
♦ 6 4
♣ A K Q 8 7 4 3 2

SOUTH
♠ 9 8 4
♥ 8 5
♦ A K Q J 9 3
♣ 9 5

The bidding:
East South West North
1♣ 1♦ Pass 3♦
4♣ 4♦ Pass 5♦

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

It may seem redundant to remind a player that at the start of play everyone at the table has 13 cards, but it is surprising how often this fundamental fact is overlooked.

Consider this deal where South reached five diamonds as shown, and West led the jack of clubs. East overtook the jack with the queen and cashed the king. West discarding a heart. East then shifted to the king of hearts.

Declarer won with dummy's ace.

Tomorrow: Long live the king.
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9-14 **CRYPTOQUIP**

DH K EVKHAZBSQKU QKWLZ K
GMFL QLZZ SH AGL RVKELJLAZ
ZGL'Z BSVWDFU SU, ZGL
RMUFJLZ RKUFJLZ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WOULD IT BE DESIRABLE TO USE A HARD PLASTER OF PARIS AS THE BASE FOR WOOD PAINTINGS? I GESSO!
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals G

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 AWOL pursuers
4 Lab sci. crawler
8 Beach crawler
12 Fair-hiring letters
13 Corporate symbol
14 Aware of
15 — pro nobis
16 Long-haired feline
18 Wind-shield cleaner
20 Hide-hair insert
21 Elite alternative
24 Bar legally
28 Three digits after 1
32 Lighten action
34 Tools for duels
36 — Na Na
37 Beatnik's assent

DOWN

2 Actress Gilpin
3 Ivory, for one
4 "The Silence of the Lambs" role
5 Sweetie
6 Custard ingredient
7 Earth circler
8 Sand-paper type
9 GOP org.
10 — glance
11 Droid
17 Caviar
19 Ecol. watchdog
22 Nightclub of song
23 "Rumour Has It" singer
25 Hit with a stun gun
26 Job-safety org.
27 Dessert fruit
28 Slightly
29 Go by subway
30 Redact
31 Congers
35 Edible mollusk
38 Food seller
40 Fib
42 Small battery
45 Despot
47 Slightly open
48 Weak
49 Eyelid woe
50 Billboards
51 Tube cap
52 Capote nickname
53 French article
54 Navarro of "The View"

Solution time: 23 mins.

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FR is 10th in first computer rankings, see Local roundup

Sports

Patriot girls to host No. 9 Belmont, see Sports on tap

Out of sync

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

MONROE — There are glimmers for the Patriots, like when Madison Brunswick got hot at the net in the first set or when they went on a 9-3 run in the second.

They were far too infrequent Tuesday.

Jay County High School's volleyball team lost in a sweep to the Adams Central Jets, especially struggling in the final set of a 25-13, 25-18, 25-8 defeat.

"There's times we play Noblesville ... and we go 17-15," said JCHS coach Amy Dillon, referencing her team's narrow three-set loss Saturday. (The Millers are 13th in the Class 4A

Patriots fall to the Jets in three sets

MaxPreps rankings.) "And then we look like we've never played volleyball. It's frustrating. ...

"Our energy and our emotions are what's killing us right now. ... They're just not in sync."

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Jay County's Brenna Haines makes a pass Tuesday during the Patriots' loss to Adams Central.

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Unbeaten streak ends in Richmond

RICHMOND — Playing their first six games at home went well for the Patriots, who had not lost since their opener.

They did not enjoy their first road trip.

Jay County High School's boys soccer team suffered its first loss in almost a month Tuesday, falling 4-2 to the Richmond Red Devils.

The Patriots (4-2-1) were unable to match Richmond, falling behind 2-1 at halftime. The Red Devils posted two more goals in the second half to win their second straight after consecutive losses to Arsenal Tech, Rushville and Anderson.

JCHS got goals from Kaleb Meadows and Levi Muhlenkamp in the defeat. Kaleb Coppock made three saves.

The Patriots had won four in a row after dropping their season opener to Muncie Central when they were missing multiple starters from the lineup. They then tied two-time defending champion Yorktown 1-1 Thursday.

Local roundup

County girls golf team could not keep up with the conference champions, falling 209-259 Tuesday to the host Southern Wells Raiders.

Senior Rosealynne Smith was the low scorer for the Patriots with a 62. She had a bogey on the 138-yard, par-3 third hole.

Medalist honors went to Grace Meeks of Southern Wells with a 47. (Meeks shot 90 Saturday at Celina Lynx to lead the Raiders to the Allen County Athletic Conference title).

Meah Devove and Maddy Snow each shot 64 for the Patriots (1-13). Ellie Klarer completed the team score with a 69.

Stacy Fomina's 72 did not factor into the team total.

FR boys golfers fall

Fort Recovery's boys golf team wasn't able to make it back-to-back wins Tuesday, falling 160-179 to the Marion Local Flyers at Portland Golf Club.

Isaac LeFevre shot 41 to lead the Indians (4-9, 2-6 Midwest Athletic Conference), who ended an eight-match skid with a win Monday over New Knoxville. He recorded four consecutive pars on the third through sixth holes at PGC and added another on the 129-yard, par-3 eighth.

Marcus Rethman of Marion Local shot a 1-over-par 36 to earn match medalist honors.

Eli Lennartz followed with a 45 for Fort Recovery, recording bogeys on every hole except the par-3 second. Keegan Muhlenkamp shot 46 and Alex Dues rounded out the team score at 47.

The FRHS junior varsity team shot 208 to finish ahead of Marion Local (219) and behind Minster (179) in a three-team match. Sage Wendel paced the Indians with a 50.

Tribe 10th in region

In the first official computer rankings from the OHSAA released Tuesday, Fort Recovery was 10th in Division VII's Region 28.

The Indians (1-3) are the highest-rated one-win team in the region with a computer average of 2.25. Riverside (2-2) is ninth in the region at 2.38 points while Miami Valley Christian Academy (2-2) is 11th.

Undefeated Mechanicsburg, with a computer average of 6.68, leads the regional ahead of fellow unbeaten squads New Bremen, Ansonia and Catholic Central (Springfield). Other Midwest Athletic Conference schools in line for a playoff berth in the region are Minster (2-2, seventh), which defeated FRHS on Friday night, and St. Henry (1-3, tied 14th).

The top 16 teams in each region at the end of the regular season will advance to the playoffs.

SW tops Jay golfers

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Fort Recovery — Boys golf vs. New Bremen — 4:30 p.m.; Girls golf at New Bremen — 4:30 p.m.; Volleyball vs. St. John's (varsity only) — 6 p.m.; Middle school football at St. John's — 5 p.m.; Middle school volleyball vs. Celina — 5 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Football at Bluffton — 7 p.m.; Junior high cross country at Selma — 4:45 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Football vs. St. John's — 7 p.m.

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Thursday
6:30 p.m. — Auto racing: ARCA Menards Series — Sioux Chief Showdown 200 (FS1)
7:20 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Pittsburgh Pirates at New York Mets (FOX)
7:45 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)
8 p.m. — High School football: Venice vs. St. Frances (ESPN2)
8:15 p.m. — NFL football: Los Angeles Chargers at Kansas City Chiefs (FOX)
9 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series — Unoh 200 (FS1)
9 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Las Vegas Aces at Connecticut Sun (ESPN)

Friday
3 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Southampton at Aston Villa (USA)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Florida State at Louisville (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series — Food City 300 (USA)
8:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)

TV sports

Today
12:35 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Pittsburgh Pirates at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
7:30 p.m. — Soccer: Campeones Cup — Atlas vs. New York City (ESPN2)
7:45 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Milwaukee Brewers at St. Louis Cardinals

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