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Reviving Heritage

Festival returns after two-year absence

By **RAY COONEY**
The Commercial Review

After two years away, craft vendors, free horse and wagon rides, historic displays and foot-long hot dogs will be back. Jay County Historical Society will host its Heritage Festival — this year it will celebrate 150 years of the Jay County

Fair — on Saturday and Sunday at Jay County Historical Museum on the west side of Portland.

The festival had been a staple of the local events calendar for years before getting shut down, along with just about everything else, because of the coronavirus pandemic in 2020. The board held off from having the event with COVID-19 numbers still high last year.

Now, it's back.

"The board decided we wanted to go ahead and do it," said Jay County Historical Society board treasurer Bob Vance.

"COVID had slowed down enough that we decided we needed to get something going again," added co-vice president Kay Locker.

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Tent set-up was completed Tuesday afternoon for this weekend's Heritage Festival, which is returning to Jay County Historical Museum after a two-year absence because of the coronavirus pandemic. Special exhibits this year will feature the 150th anniversary of the Jay County Fair.



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Royal candidates

Jay County High School will crown its homecoming king and queen Friday evening during halftime of the Patriots' football game against the Woodlan Warriors. The homecoming parade in Portland will be at 5 p.m. Friday. Pictured, front row from left, are king candidates Brady Davis, Dusty Pearson, Daidrick Retz, Ayham Abualsheikh, Alex Ardizzone and Tavin Wasson. In back are queen candidates Ana Solis, Paige Mumbower, Renna Schwieterman, Madison Brunswick, Gabi Bilbrey and Rosealynne Smith.

Jay rate was 2.6%

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Unemployment has been historically low ever since jobs returned following the coronavirus pandemic shutdowns.

That remained the case last month.

Jay County's unemployment rate dropped by 0.4 percentage points from July to 2.6% in August according to estimates Indiana Department of Workforce Development released Monday.

The local rate is 0.1 percentage points higher than in August 2021.

Unemployment in Jay County has now been at 3% or lower 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.)

The county stayed in the lower half of the state's 92 counties as it is tied for 35th-lowest. (The county was 31st lowest in July. It had been as high as 33rd-highest in May.)

Jay County's rate was well below the state average of 3.1%.

Boone County posted the lowest unemployment rate in Indiana for the fifth straight month, this time coming in tied with Ohio County at 2%. Wells and Adams counties are tied for third-lowest in the state along with Hamilton and Steuben counties at 2.1%.

Howard County had by far the highest rate in the state at 6.9%.

Lake County was next at 5.2%.

Area rates are as follows: Adams County: 2.1%, down 0.5 percentage points, t-third lowest

Blackford County: 3.2%, down 0.5 percentage points, t-21st highest

Delaware County: 3.4%, down 0.6 percentage points, t-14th highest

Randolph County: 2.7%, down 0.4 percentage points, t-45th lowest

Wells County: 2.1%, down 0.4 percentage points, t-third lowest

FR report card looks positive

By **BAILEY CLINE**
The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — The district report card results came back last week.

Ratings for Fort Recovery Local Schools look positive.

Superintendent Larry Brown reviewed the school's ratings with Fort Recovery School Board members during a meeting Monday.

Ohio Department of Education released 2022 school building and district data Thursday. Information is compiled from testing results. The state department used a one-through five-star rating for five different categories.

According to the Ohio Department of Education website, the state report cards measure "district and school performance in areas most critical to success in learning."

Fort Recovery scored five

District receives five stars for achievement, growth and closing gaps

stars in categories for academic achievement, academic growth and closing educational gaps. It also earned four stars in ratings for graduation rate and early literacy, the latter of which measures data from students between kindergarten and third grade.

There is currently no overall rating for school districts in Ohio. Brown noted that will occur in 2023.

Over the past two years, Brown pointed out, the district has moved to meet 95% of the state achievement indicators. Fort

Recovery Local Schools exceeded its goal to meet 85% of those indicators in fall 2024.

Its school district performance index improved from 99.7 to 102.7, placing Fort Recovery as 34th in performance index state rankings for 2022.

"This has been a very exciting week," said Brown. "I'm so proud of the staff, the students and all our parents involved and just, kind of a culmination of a lot of work that happened in the last couple years."

School board also —

members Anne Guggenbiller and Sean Kahlig dissenting — hired Carrie Schoen as the new softball coach Monday.

In other business, school board members Jake Knapke, Nick Wehrkamp and Don Wendel, Guggenbiller and Kahlig:

- Accepted John Carpenter's resignation from his role as boys freshman basketball coach and OK'd a contract with Darien Sheffer as boys freshman basketball coach.
- Hired Brandon Fulenkamp as assistant technology coordinator starting today.
- Were reminded by middle school principal Ryan Steinbrunner that eighth grade students will be visiting Washington, D.C., from Oct. 23 through Oct. 27.
- Approved a FFA field trip to Indianapolis for national convention from Oct. 25 through Oct. 28.
- Agreed not to evaluate

Sandy Raffel because of her intent to retire from full-time teaching at the end of the school year.

- Hired Kathleen Portz, Cristy Parker, Josephine Wendel and Jillian Schneider as substitutes.
- Recognized Reinhard Dairy Products for delivering milk products to schools since 1953. The delivery company owners are retiring this year. (Fort Recovery Local Schools' vendor will not change.)
- Accepted a \$1,189 donation from Cooper Family Foundation for the elementary school science department.
- Heard again from local resident Alex Thien, who read a portion from the book "Healing in his Presence" by Joan Gieson. He attended an August meeting and had asked the board to consider integrating Bible education into the school system.

Deaths

Hope Hudson, 81, Fayetteville, West Virginia
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County recorded a high temperature of 85 degrees Tuesday. The low was 55.

There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight with a low of 55 and winds gusting to 20 miles per hour. Expect sunny skies Thursday with a high of 66.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The second half of the Portland City Council story was inadvertently omitted from Tuesday's newspaper. The story is reprinted in its entirety on page 5.

Coming up

Thursday — Jay County Fair Board corn maze opens this weekend.

Saturday — Photos from Jay County High School's homecoming activities.



Felony arrests

Strangulation

Two Jay County residents were arrested recently for strangulation and related charges.

Micah N. Murphy, 40, 127 E. Adams St., Portland, was arrested Sunday and preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, along with a Class B misdemeanor for battery. He was released on a \$4,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Zachary A. Hartman, 30, 440 N. Union St., Pennville, was arrested Tuesday and preliminarily charged with two Level 6 felonies for domestic battery and strangulation, as well as a Class A misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a

Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He's being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

Battery

A Salamina man was arrested Friday on multiple charges stemming from battery by a deadly weapon.

Matthew J. Campofiore-Audet, 30, 3982 S. West St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony for battery, as well as the following: two Level 6 felonies for neglect of a dependent and resisting law enforcement with a vehicle, a Class A misdemeanor for resisting law enforcement and two Class A

misdemeanors for criminal trespassing.

He's being held without bond in Jay County Jail.

Drug possession

Three people were arrested recently for drug possession.

Angelo X. Hinds, 36, 125 N. 18th St. Apt. 1, Richmond, was arrested Monday and preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of marijuana. He was released on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Patricia A. Ingram, 57, 701 N. Creagor Ave., Portland, was arrested Tuesday and preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for maintaining a com-

mon nuisance and a Level 5 felony for possession of methamphetamine. She's being held on a \$10,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Justin M. Elder, 27, 58184 Kirkway Road, Vandalia, Michigan, was arrested Monday and preliminarily charged with three Level 6 felonies for possession of a legend drug or precursor, possession of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He was released a \$7,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

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Obituaries

Hope Gaynell Myers Hudson, Fayetteville, West Virginia, a former Geneva resident, Sept. 20, 1940-Sept. 14, 2022. Services will be at noon Friday at Lighthouse United Methodist Church, 201 S. Van Buren St., Monroe.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Thursday 9/22	Friday 9/23	Saturday 9/24	Sunday 9/25	Monday 9/26
66/38	63/50	72/55	73/49	67/46
Saturday's forecast shows mostly cloudy skies. The high may reach 72 degrees.	Saturday's forecast shows mostly cloudy skies. The high may reach 72 degrees.	Saturday's forecast shows mostly cloudy skies. The high may reach 72 degrees.	There's a slight chance of storms in the afternoon Sunday. Otherwise, partly sunny.	The weather will be mostly sunny with a high of 67. Mostly clear late.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$251 million
Quick Draw: 4-8-14-16-24-25-26-32-35-39-40-41-46-48-57-58-65-67-74-80
Cash 5: 8-9-18-20-26

Mega Millions 9-21-28-30-52
Mega Ball: 10
Megaplier: 5
Estimated jackpot: \$301 million

Hoosier Midday
Daily Three: 5-1-0
Daily Four: 4-8-4-5
Quick Draw: 3-4-6-9-15-22-25-27-29-33-43-48-59-63-66-70-71-72-73-77
Evening
Daily Three: 1-2-9
Daily Four: 3-5-4-9

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery
Corn.....6.90
Oct. corn6.70
Wheat7.42

POET Biorefining Portland
Corn.....7.14
Oct. corn6.94
Oct./Nov. corn6.69

The Andersons Richland Township
Corn6.59
Late Sept. corn6.59
Beans14.41
Late Sept. beans14.36

Wheat 8.33
Nov. wheat.....9.03

Central States Montpelier
Corn.....6.69
Late Sept. corn6.69
Beans14.43
Late Sept. beans14.43
Wheat8.75

Heartland St. Anthony
Corn.....6.85
Oct. corn6.50
Beans14.54
Oct. beans14.16
Wheat8.53

Today in history

In 1500, Holy Roman Emperor Charles V was born in Ghent, Flanders (now Belgium). He reigned during the rise of Protestantism and struggled to hold his empire together as pressure from the Ottomans and the French challenged his authority.
In 1784, the Pennsylvania Packet and Daily Advertiser became the first daily newspaper in the United States.
In 1915, Cecil Chubb bought the prehistoric monument Stonehenge for 6,600 pounds.
In 1931, the Bank of England moved off of the gold standard.
In 1972, the Portland Junior High School eighth grade football

team clobbered Adams Central 34-0 in its season opener.
In 1982, NFL players started a strike that lasted 57 days.
In 2012, the Jay County High School football team had a game delayed for the second time in three weeks. The Patriots played just 12 minutes, 40 seconds, against the Connersville Spartans, falling behind 13-0. They would rally when the game was completed the next day, only to come up short in a 19-14 defeat.
In 2017, Redkey Town Council approved the town's \$534,577 budget for 2018 on first reading. It was up about 8% from the previous year. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, Portland Municipal Airport, 661 W. 100 North.
5:30 p.m. — Jay County Economic Development Income Tax Advisory Committee, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
Thursday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall 321 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Girls tend to horses during the 2019 Heritage Festival at Jay County Historical Museum. The festival returns this year after a two-year absence with much the same format as it has had in the past. Food offerings will feature kettle-cooked meals and foot-long hot dogs, there will be a variety of craft vendors and free horse-drawn wagon rides will be available.



Heritage ...

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With the Jay County Fair as the focus this year, there will be various historical displays about the annual event. There will also be a Power-Point presentation about the fair running on a loop in the museum, and books created by the historical society about the 150 years of fair history will be available for purchase.

The event will feature much the same format as it has in years past, free horse and wagon rides, historical re-enactors and games for children. The menu, as it has in the past, features kettle cooking — ham and beans on Saturday and chili on Sunday — as well as foot-long hot dogs.

As usual, craft vendors will be set up under tents on the east side of the museum.
"We've had a lot of response," said Locker as the finishing touches on the tents were being handled Tuesday afternoon. "Three weeks ago, I

thought, 'We're only going to fill up half the tents. Now we have one empty tent.'

"It's coming together, that's for sure."

The festival will have a working blacksmith on site for the first time in several years, and Cindy and Ron Rudrow will be demonstrating leather making.

The entertainment schedule is as follows:

Noon Saturday — Jeff Hardin playing American heritage music on the fiddle, banjo and guitar.

1:15 p.m. Saturday — Portland native Andy Frantz and bandmate Jarod Stillwell of "The Cold Hearts" performing country and honky tonk music

2:30 p.m. Saturday — George Lopez and Bruce Smith of Jay County playing acoustic oldies, classic rock and country

Noon Sunday — Portland resident Ken Bantz performing original tunes

1:15 p.m. Sunday — Kaitlyn Schmit, a Coldwater, Ohio, native singing country, pop, rock and blues
2:30 p.m. Sunday — Cross Country Connection playing a variety of traditional country music

There will also be free games and activities for children.

Vance and Locker agreed that bringing the festival back was important because it brings much-needed attention to the historical museum.

"It's kind of a thank you to the community," said Vance. "It's good publicity for us."

"And it keeps the heritage of our community alive," added Locker, noting that some residents don't realize the museum exists. "And if we do something special like this, it brings people in. ..."

"It's like starting over in some ways, but things come back," she added of the return after two years off. "It's good to be doing it again."

SERVICES

Wednesday
Brown, Carolyn: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Friday
Hudson, Hope: noon, Lighthouse United Methodist Church, 201 S. Van Buren St., Monroe.

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

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Capsule Reports

Deer hit
Two Portland residents crashed into deer in separate accidents recently, causing disabling damage to their vehicles.

Casey A. Lennartz, 31, was driving east on county road 200 South about 5:10 a.m. Tuesday when a deer ran in front of his 2005 Honda CR-V. He wasn't to avoid hitting the animal, causing between \$2,500 and \$5,000 in estimated damage.

Todd M. Moser, 54, was driving west on Indiana 67 about 6:53 a.m. Tuesday when a deer ran across the road.

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Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 2 (EAA2), Fort Wayne is giving kids ages 8 - 17 a FREE AIRPLANE RIDE in small airplanes.

It's the only program of its kind with the sole mission to introduce and inspire kids in the world of aviation. The flights will take place at

Portland Municipal Airport
661 W 100 N, Portland IN
Flights are weather permitting.

THE DATE FOR THE FLIGHTS IS SEPTEMBER 24 from 9:00 to 1:00
Registration is required at YEday.org.
There is a link on our website: eaa2.org.



18th Annual Jay County Heritage Festival
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FOOD
SATURDAY
Kettle-cooked Ham & Beans w/cornbread
SUNDAY
Kettle-cooked Chili
BOTH DAYS
Foot-long hot dogs w/wo Spanish Sauce
Ice Cream, Homemade Pie
Caramel Corn, Cotton Candy



Entertainment
SATURDAY
12:00 Jordan Wickey, opening Jeff Hardin
1:15 Andy Franz & Jarod Stillwell
2:30 George Lopez & Butch Smith
SUNDAY
12:00 Ken Bantz
1:15 Kaitlyn Schmit
2:30 Cross Country Connection

Husband enjoys cross-dressing

DEAR ABBY: My wife has been away for a while caring for her ill parents. Because I was alone, I decided to experiment with wearing women's clothes and found that I really enjoyed wearing leggings. They make very comfortable pajamas. I also found that sports bras not only provide compression that feels good, but also serve a purpose because I have rather enlarged breasts. Should I hide everything and put away my leggings and bras, or should I let her in on some of my secrets? — DRESSED UP IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR DRESSED UP: I'm not sure what other "secrets" you have been hiding, but if they involve cross-dressing, you're not the only man who has discovered he enjoys wearing women's clothes. It may surprise you to know their wives help them do it. Your reasons for wanting to wear a sports bra and leggings seem practical. I see no reason to try to hide it from your wife.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a widow. I totaled my car four months ago and asked a friend, "Stan," for the type of help my husband would have provided. Stan was great and did so much. I felt bad that he refused my offer of money, so one day I took him out to lunch. A few weeks later, he invited me to dinner and took me to my favorite steakhouse.

Dear Abby



He and his longtime girlfriend were parting ways because she was selling her home and moving to live with her son. We started going out to eat once or twice a week.

Abby, after two months, he disappeared! I think I fell in love with him without even realizing it. Now he's gone every weekend, and I'm in so much pain. I am trying to set myself free. How could I fall in love so easily? — WASN'T EXPECTING THAT

DEAR WASN'T EXPECTING: You were vulnerable, and Stan was there and seemed willing to step in and fill the void left by your husband's death. That's how you fell in love with someone who was, I assume, a longtime trusted friend.

Stan may have met someone, have other commitments or felt unready to make one with you. That he hasn't given you a reason for his disappearance is disappointing, but it happens. Please don't beat yourself up over this. You did nothing wrong. These

disappointments are a part of life.

DEAR ABBY: I've been married to a verbally abusive woman for 49 years. To the outside world she seems perfect, but behind closed doors she's nasty. She overreacts angrily to the tiniest problem and jumps down my throat when I ask her the simplest question. She complains about my poor memory and hearing. I am 75 and in good shape except for a belly, which she often makes fun of. I have recommended couples therapy, but she refuses to go. Please help me. — EXHAUSTED IN ARIZONA

DEAR EXHAUSTED: Therapy would be a good idea. Because your wife refuses to go, it might benefit you to talk to a mental health professional. While it won't solve her problems, it could help you get to the bottom of yours. Chief among them would be figuring out the reason you have tolerated your wife's verbal abuse for nearly half a century, and deciding what, if anything, to do about it. Please don't wait.

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.

Life, death are connected

By KWAME DAWES

Rachel Eliza Griffiths has written poems and composed photographs in response to the loss of her mother. She has always been fascinated by the exchange between birth and death that characterizes their relationship. "Illusion" is doing the same work of connecting the haunting memory and spirit of her mother to her own awareness, her own mortality, and her turn to live and fill the space vacated by her mother. I typically do not quote poets speaking of their work in this column,

American Life in Poetry

but I found this gem by Griffiths from an interview that seems a fit introduction to this poem: "With the death of my mother, the woman (myself) can't go back out of the world until she mothers herself. I must go forward to my own beginning and to consider my own death."

Illusion

Waiting inside of the night,
I could make out the mound
& my mother's eyes, the blank embrace
of innocence when she returned
from the other side of the light
where everything wept
as it was loved & forgotten.
It's your turn, it's always
your turn,
the night says.

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Senior concert is Thursday

Adams Health Network is hosting an outdoor concert Thursday.

The Bulldogs, a 1950s and '60s rock and roll band, will be performing from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Madison Street Plaza in downtown Decatur.

T-shirts will be worn by senior living residents and given out as prizes to community members in attendance.

For more information, email susan.sefton@adamshealthnetwork.org.

Scholarship available

A scholarship for medical students is now open.

Applications for the 2022 Mercer Health Student scholarship are being accepted until Oct. 1. A committee will award \$2,000 to a medical

Taking Note

school student demonstrating a connection to Mercer Health or surrounding communities, according to a press release from the organization.

To apply for the scholarship, applicants must be a resident of Mercer County or an adjacent county who is currently enrolled at an accredited medical school in the United States.

The scholarship program was

created in 2020 to support medical students in Mercer County and surrounding counties, along with medical students participating in rotations at Mercer Health, according to the press release.

Students may apply each year for the scholarship. Previous recipients are still eligible.

To learn more or to receive an application, visit merchealth.com/foundation/merchealth-medical-student-scholarship.

IU Kokomo grad

A Dunkirk native graduated in August from Indiana University Kokomo.

Maria Babb received her bachelor's degree in nursing. She graduated alongside 118 other students.

Community Calendar

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

Today

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday

in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE — BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

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.

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MISSISSINEWA CHAPTER OF DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at Portland Friends Church, 229 W. Main St. The speaker will be retired U.S. Army Sgt. Fritz Bultemeyer. Any

woman over 18 years of age and able to prove descent from a Revolutionary War patriot is allowed to join NSDAR. Any questions, please call Kathy Selman at (260) 251-1694, or Sue Sommers at (260) 726-2678.

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.

Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

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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Memories of Minor Leagues endure

(Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Sept. 22, 2021. Jack was a regular at Minor League Baseball games, often celebrating Connie's birthday with a trip to see the Fort Wayne TinCaps — or previously the Wizards — in early spring. This column seems appropriate this week after a Fort Recovery High School graduate got the call up to Double A last week.)

By JACK RONALD

The Commercial Review

Why watch minor league baseball?

The players aren't stars. Most of them will never be.

The quality of play is erratic as skills are honed.

My initial answer would be that it's cheaper. An afternoon at the Fort Wayne TinCaps or the Indianapolis Indians or the Dayton Dragons won't require a home equity loan.

But I have another answer today: J.R. Richard.

The summer that my wife and I were married we were living about a block and a half from

Back in the Saddle



what was known as the "geographic center of crime" in Indianapolis. We didn't have a car; a used Chevy Vega — complete with rust spots — lay in our future.

But we loved baseball.

The first time we went to an Indianapolis Indians game at Bush Stadium on 16th Street we walked. That was a big mistake.

It didn't look that far on a city map, but it was an ugly hike.

And the ballpark at the end of the hike was ugly as well.

Bush was a mass of cold concrete, about as uninviting a venue as you could imagine.

Tickets were cheap, but there weren't many fans in the stands.

We favored the first base line,

along with a handful of other baseball misfits.

But, the thing is, if we yelled or cheered or shouted something, the players heard us.

In that way, it was sort of like a Portland Rockets game, where fans can interact with players.

And there were some good, good players at that time. The Big Red Machine was just gearing up, so we had a chance to see young players who would be part of that adventure, players like Ed Armbrister and Ken Griffey, the senior not the junior.

The Indy Indians were the AAA minor league affiliate of the Reds, and that league had some real talent moving up.

Talent like J.R. Richard.

It had to be 1971 when we saw him.

He was a hot prospect drafted by the Houston Astros and was playing that summer for the Oklahoma City 89ers.

And he blew us away.

J.R. was 6 feet, 8 inches tall, which I believe is a record for any pitcher to go on to the major leagues.

Lanky in the extreme, when he finished his delivery from the mound, his foot was planted almost halfway to the batter's box. It was the most intimidating delivery I'd seen since the great Bob Gibson of the St. Louis Cardinals.

He had some control issues, but his fastball was scorching hot. The Indy batters didn't know what to do with him.

But we did.

In spite of the home team, we checked ourselves in as J.R. Richard fans.

That September, the Astros brought him up to the big leagues at the surprise of absolutely no one.

And we watched as he continued to carve out a career that seemed to have him destined for the Hall of Fame.

Then, something happened. He had a stroke. He was 30.

Baseball gurus are still arguing whether better medical attention could have prevented that life-changing event.

Maybe.

Things went downhill quickly. A comeback failed. He was bounced to the minor leagues again. Business deals went sour. So did a couple of marriages. For a time, he was homeless and sleeping under a bridge.

Eventually, he pulled his life back together.

But now he is gone.

J.R. Richard, who could have been one of the greatest pitchers the game has ever known, died last month.

So, why watch minor league baseball?

Because I saw him pitch in his prime. I saw the greatness within him. I watched that lanky frame deliver fastballs no one could hit.

And while J.R. Richard is gone, Connie and I still have those remarkable memories of a summer afternoon so long, long ago.

Election lies still haunting

News and Tribune
(Jeffersonville)

Spooky season is upon us, but scary movies and haunted houses pale in comparison to the hair-raising horror we should feel over the continued boogeyman lies of election fraud.

Unlike Halloween, the fright elicited by those who seek to interfere with our country's democratic process is real. We are on the cusp of the first national election since 2020, and we must be wary of election deniers, especially those who hold positions of power.

Conspiracy theories, brought to the forefront by former President Donald Trump during his failed 2020 re-election campaign, are based on lies. No evidence — it cannot be stated enough — has been presented to show there was widespread voter fraud in 2020. Yet some are still using lies to bolster their political careers, playing upon popular fears and stoking flames of division.

A recent CNN report unveiled that Michigan poll workers were encouraged to break rules in order to monitor other election employees. A GOP county party chair is heard on the Zoom video call telling workers to "hide" pens and cell phones, which aren't allowed inside the vote-count centers, in order to track the actions of the alleged rule-breakers.

The Washington Post examined 2022 GOP candidates who would have a role in election certifications if they win their November races. The newspaper found that 54 of the 87 candidates in 2020 battleground states are election deniers.

The Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol was a dark day in our country's history, but it was largely a failure. Congress upheld the will of voters in each state despite attempts from some officials to have the results overturned.

If election deniers are voted into office and end up overseeing elections, it's easy to forecast what could occur in 2024. These deniers could help change

Guest Editorial

Anyone who would meddle with elections isn't the best person for the job. The same goes for those who spread lies about the result of an election.

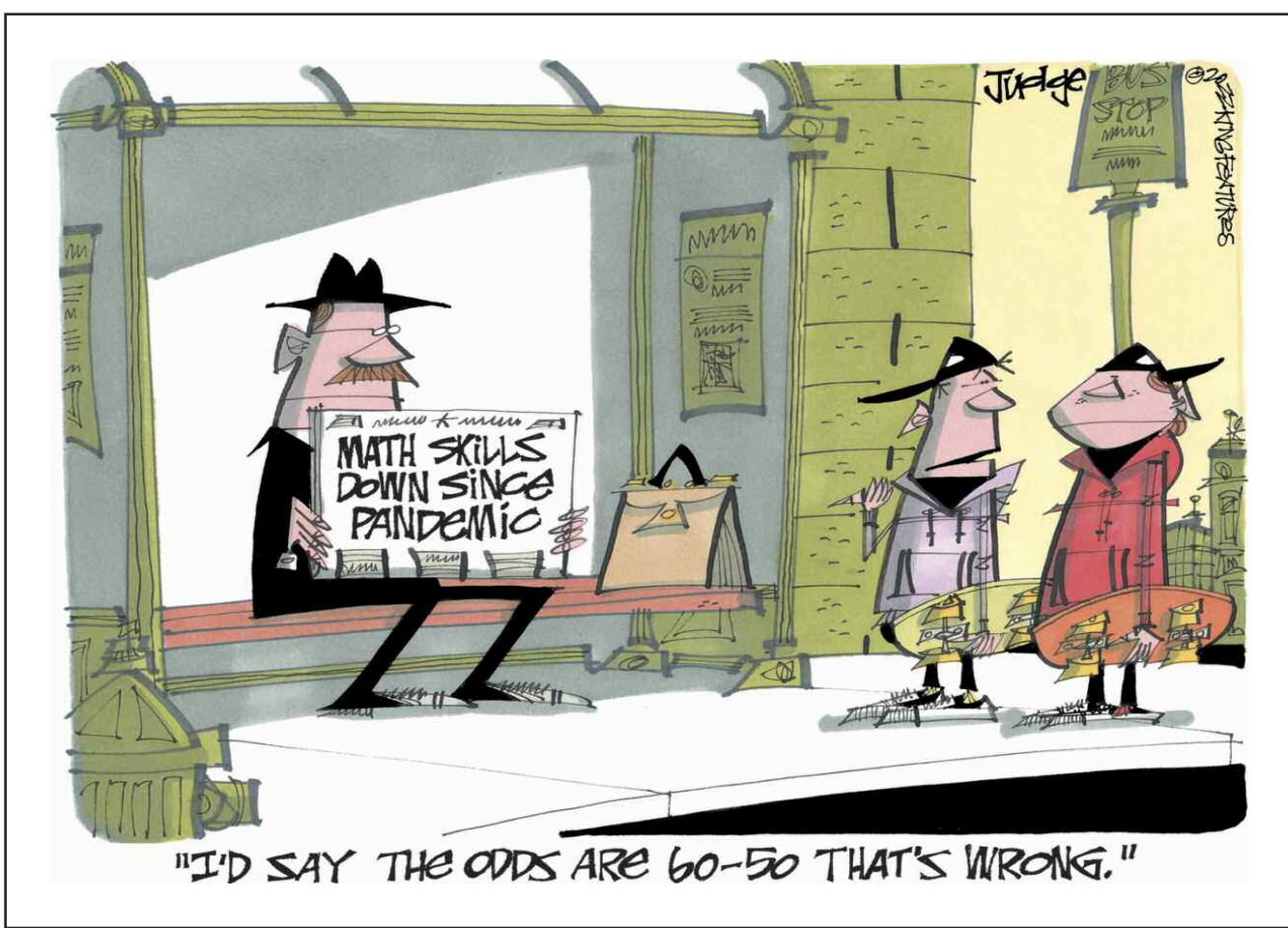
state laws and allow for the overturning of election results, even if they're legitimate.

It's like viewers watching oblivious teenagers stumble into the killer's path in a slasher movie. We can see how this plot will unfold, but yelling at the television screen won't stop it. We have to take tangible action.

It starts with educating ourselves about candidates seeking office, and then voting for the best person for the job. Anyone who would meddle with elections isn't the best person for the job. The same goes for those who spread lies about the result of an election.

These aren't just issues in battleground states. While Indiana is likely to remain red in 2024, Hoosiers must be vigilant about protecting our election process.

While we should be frightened over a potential repeat of Jan. 6, we can be encouraged by the power we still hold. From local to federal races, we should put people in office who support democracy and favor facts, not conspiracies.



Celebrate those who answer call

By LYNN SCHMIDT
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Tribune News Service

At a time when it seems like our society is spiraling with out-of-control selfishness, consumed with immediate gratification, self-centeredness, illiberalism and grievance, it can be helpful to remind ourselves that there are plenty of folks around who practice altruism.

Here's my story on how, during several days in September, two Marines, a queen and some first responders reminded me of the value of having a sense of duty.

On Sept. 9, I stood at the gravesite of Sgt. Major John Henry Quick at the Memorial Park Cemetery in Jennings, Missouri. The occasion was to recognize the 100-year anniversary of this Medal of Honor recipient's death. Placed at his modest headstone was a bouquet of red, white and blue flowers placed there by a fellow Marine.

Quick was born June 20, 1870, in Charleston, West Virginia. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1892. He served continuously in the Marines aboard naval vessels and ashore in many parts of the world until 1918, when he was placed on the retired list. Quick served during the Spanish-American War in Cuba.

According to the Marine Corps University website: "While enemy bullets cut through the bushes and screamed overhead, he continued to signal the Dolphin as coolly as though he were on a parade ground. Letter by letter the message to the ship was spelled out in the dot-dash code. When Sgt Quick finished this message, the ship answered. He then picked up his rifle and resumed his place on the firing line."

Lynn Schmidt



The Dolphin shifted its barrage, forcing the Spaniards to retreat. Quick's Medal of Honor citation notes that he distinguished himself in the battle of Cuzco, Cuba on June 14, 1898, for the actions described above. Despite his interest in not wanting to be recognized, Quick also won the Distinguished Service Cross and the Navy Cross during World War I. An American destroyer was named in his honor in 1942.

Retired Air Force Capt. Norm Bild, a former Marine who grew up in St. Louis but currently lives in Tampa, Florida, is the one who placed the flowers at Quick's gravesite. "The best thing that ever happened to me was a low draft number [during the Vietnam War] when I was a floundering college student just out of high school," Bild told me. "I avoided being drafted into the Army by volunteering for the Marines."

After returning home and going to college, Bild joined the Air Force Officers Training Corps. Since his retirement, Bild has been active in several veterans' groups, including the Military Officers Association of America. "I could never repay the United States for what the military has given to me," he said. By my account, he is certainly trying.

I asked Bild how he would define duty. He answered: "Total commit-

ment and the loss of selfishness." The Marine Corps has a way of indoctrinating its members with a sense of history and tradition, he added. It was this love of tradition that brought Bild back to St. Louis to remember the anniversary of a fellow service member.

Just the day before, on Thursday, the world learned that Queen Elizabeth II had died. The BBC described her seven-decade reign as "marked by her strong sense of duty and her determination to dedicate her life to her throne and to her people."

In 1947, on her 21st birthday, she pledged to devote her life to the service of her people. It was indeed remarkable that she kept calm and carried on for 70 years, with an abiding commitment to her people, her country and the commonwealth.

On the anniversary of 9/11, just two days after the anniversary of Quick's death, my mind immediately turned to the images of the first responders climbing the stairs of the World Trade Center towers with the sole purpose of rescuing as many people as they could. And as we learned in the days following, many lost their lives in the process.

All of the individuals mentioned above believe or believed in something greater than themselves. Call it a code of honor, character, categorical imperative, or conscience, these people acted on behalf of either their countries or their fellow citizens. Not only should we be grateful for them, but we should also emulate them. And maybe that can turn things around.

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Portland projects planned for '23

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Next year is expected to be a busy one for infrastructure construction in Portland.

Portland Mayor John Boggs told city council during its meeting Monday that one project that had been planned to start this fall will likely be delayed while another scheduled for 2023 is expected to shut down a stretch of highway for about seven months.

Boggs said Watson Excavating of Redkey will seek permission from the city's board of works to delay the start date on the Meridian Street storm sewer project to February. (It involves installing a new line

below Meridian Street in the downtown area in order to take pressure off of the frequently overloaded Millers Branch line.) Construction had been planned to start this fall, but Boggs indicated the date change would allow contractors to get the materials needed to do the work.

"Everything's a go, it's just not go, go, go," said Boggs. "It's not as fast as we would like."

The project is scheduled for 275 days (about nine months), which with the delay would push the end date to the fourth quarter of 2023.

Indiana Department of Transportation had planned to pave U.S. 27 (Meridian Street)

in downtown Portland next year.

Boggs also reported to council that a meeting with INDOT regarding the Indiana 26 bridge over the Salamonie River on the east side of the city indicated that it will be replaced with a new concrete structure. Plans call for closing the highway heading out of the city to the east in early April. It would reopen in November 2023.

The planned detours for local traffic will use county road 200 South, county road 300 East and Division Road/Votaw Street. The truck detour will utilize Indiana 67/Ohio 29, Ohio 49 and Indiana 28/Ohio 47.

Council members Kent McClung, Janet Powers, Don Gillespie, Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker and Dave Golden also unanimously approved the city's proposed 2023 budget of just over \$7.5 million on first reading.

After council discussed the budget briefly at its Sept. 6 meeting, there were no further comments Monday.

The proposed 2023 budget is up \$916,759 from the current year, an increase of 13.8%. (The 2022 budget was down about \$50,000 from 2021.)

The budget includes just over \$4 million in the general fund, \$1.3 million in the motor vehicle highway fund and \$452,300

in the park and recreation fund.

A vote on adoption of the budget is planned for council's Oct. 3 meeting.

In other business, council: •Approved fire protection contracts at a 5% increase.

•Was reminded by the mayor that Jay County High School's homecoming is this week. The parade in downtown Portland is slated for 5 p.m. with the football game against Woodlan at 7:30 p.m.

•Following a question from Brewster, was reminded that fall clean-up day — residents can bring large trash items to the street department at no charge — will be Oct. 29.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Learning about government

West Jay Elementary School second graders were learning about government last week. Pictured, second grader Laurelai Schleeter points to a book while teacher Emily Coons explains details about the branches of government.

Putin mobilizes additional troops

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

President Vladimir Putin declared a "partial mobilization," calling up 300,000 reservists, in a major escalation of his flagging invasion of Ukraine, which he portrayed as a fight to the death with the U.S. and its allies.

As Russia moves to annex occupied Ukrainian territory, Putin also renewed his warnings of a nuclear threat. "When the territorial integrity of our country is threatened, we will certainly use all the means at our disposal to protect Russia and our people," he said in a televised national address Wednesday. "This is not a bluff."

"Those who are trying to blackmail us with nuclear weapons should know that the wind patterns can also turn in their direction," the president said, accusing the U.S. and allies of seeking to "destroy" Russia.

Putin's latest threats come after a Ukrainian counteroffensive in the last few weeks dealt his troops their worst defeats since the early months of the conflict, retaking more than 10% of the territory that Russia held. The

Kremlin had long resisted announcing any steps toward mobilization, seeking to limit the impact of its seven-month invasion on the Russian population, but the latest battlefield losses have underlined its shortage of manpower.

It's not clear whether the mobilization — the country's first since the Nazi invasion in World War II, according to historians — will be enough to slow Ukraine's advances on the battlefield. Kyiv now has more troops armed with advanced weapons supplied by the U.S. and its allies.

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz called the mobilization "an act of desperation." He told reporters in New York, "Russia can't win this criminal war. Putin is now banking on further military escalation and is only making things worse."

The U.S. was dismissive of his latest nuclear threat. "We're monitoring as best we can their strategic posture so that, if we have to, we can alter ours," U.S. National Security Council Spokesman John Kirby told ABC's "Good Morning America" on Wednesday.

Felony arrests

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Moser couldn't avoid hitting the animal with the 2015 Chevrolet Express he was driving, causing damage estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000. The vehicle is registered to J. Demaree Construction of Muncie.

Lost control

A Union City woman was taken to a Fort Wayne hospital after she lost control of the truck she was driving along county road 200 West about 5:32 a.m. Friday.

Jenna R. Bell, 33, was driving

north on the road and hauling a trailer. The 1998 Chevrolet GMT400 she was driving — it was later determined it had been stolen — went off the east side of the road, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report.

She drove back onto the road and lost control, causing it to go off the west side of the road into a yard at 2398 S. 200 West. The truck crashed into a telephone box and continued moving sideways, and the passenger side slammed into a tree. Bell was

found outside the vehicle with severe injuries.

She was airlifted to Parkview Hospital. The truck she was driving is registered to Mike Hunt of Portland, and it was towed. Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Capsule Reports

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License suspended

A Montpelier man was arrested Tuesday for driving with his license suspended.

James J. Lee, 43, 444 W. Henderson St., was also preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for the alleged crime, along with the following: a Level 5 felony for possessing a firearm as a felon, three Level 6 felonies for unlawful possession of a syringe, possession of methamphetamine and obstruction of justice, and two Class B misdemeanors for possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

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

Failed to appear

A Hartford City woman was arrested Friday for failing to appear in court.

Brittany N. Rivera, 38, is charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6 felony for theft, a Level 6 felony for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and endangering a person younger than 18 years old and a Class C misdemeanor for operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of 0.08% or higher.

She's being held without bond in Jay County Jail.

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THE BIG BAD DOG

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Peanuts

ASK YOUR DAD IF HE WANTS ME TO RAKE THE LEAVES IN YOUR YARD.

HE WANTS TO KNOW HOW HE CAN TELL IF YOU'LL DO A GOOD JOB...

SHOW HIM MY SAMPLE LEAF!

Rose is Rose

I'M NOT SURE HOW THEY DO IT...

BUT BUNNIES HAVE AN UNCANNY ABILITY TO KNOW...

WHEN I'M CARRYING CARROTS IN MY SHOPPING BAG...

Agnes

THIS BOOK WAS VERY GOOD EVEN THOUGH IT WAS WRITTEN IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE.

WHEN BOOKS ARE WRITTEN IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES, THEY SOUND MORE EXOTIC AND SMART AND VERY VERY CLEVER!

IN WHAT LANGUAGE WAS IT WRITTEN?

UM... A VERY UNENGLISH ONE.

... AND DO YOU READ UNENGLISH WELL?

Hi and Lois

WHAT ARE YOU POINTING AT, TRIXIE?

THE WALL.

YOU'RE RIGHT. THIS PICTURE IS CROOKED.

I'VE GOT A GOOD EYE.

Funky Winkerbean

WHAT'S THIS? OH MY... I'D FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT THAT!

IT'S THE GUN THAT WAS USED TO MURDER JOHN DARWING!

I DIDN'T WANT TO DISPLAY IT, SO I STUCK IT IN THERE!

Blondie

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE ALL-NEW NEWEST IPHONE?

I JUST BOUGHT THE NEWEST IPHONE. ARE YOU TELLING ME THERE'S ALREADY A NEWER IPHONE?

HAVEN'T YOU FIGURED OUT THAT THE MOMENT YOU BUY A NEW IPHONE IT'S IMMEDIATELY THE OLD IPHONE?

Snuffy Smith

ME AN' LUKEY'S DOGS GIT ALONG PURTY GOOD !!

'CEPT FER TH' OCCASIONAL DISAGREEMENT 'BOUT SPORTS !!

GRR !! GRR !!

Beetle Bailey

IT'S LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT!

YOU'VE SEEN ME MANY TIMES BEFORE

BUT I'M SEEING YOU IN A WHOLE NEW LIGHT!

SORRY, BEETLE SAW ME FIRST

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Indemnifying the contract

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH ♠ A Q 7 2 ♣ 8 ♣ 10 2 ♣ 8 5 4

WEST ♠ J 9 3 ♣ Q J 7 6 3 ♣ Q 8 5 4 ♠ 2

EAST ♠ K 10 8 4 ♣ K 10 5 2 ♣ A J 9 6 ♠ 9

SOUTH ♠ 6 5 ♣ A 9 4 ♣ 7 3 ♣ A K J 10 7 6

The bidding: South West North East 1 ♣ Pass 1 ♣ Pass 2 ♣ Pass 4 ♣ Pass 5 ♣

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

The fate of many hands is determined primarily by how the opponents' cards are distributed, rather than by the skill of the declarer. But before a declarer decides that the outcome is purely a matter of luck, he should make sure he has considered all of his options.

Take this deal, where making five clubs appears to depend on the location of the ace of diamonds and king of spades. If West has both of those cards, declarer can make 12 tricks by taking the spade finesse and later leading up to the diamond king.

Alternatively, if each opponent has one of the critical cards, declarer loses either two diamonds or a diamond and a spade.

But if East has both key cards, it would seem that South must lose a spade and two diamonds and go down one. Yet closer inspection reveals that, with proper play, declarer can make his contract regardless of how the adverse cards are distributed.

South wins the first heart, ruffs a heart in dummy, leads a trump to the ace and ruffs his remaining heart. The closed hand is then entered with a trump, and a diamond is led.

If West follows low, dummy's ten is played, and East wins with the jack. If he now cashes the ace, he establishes dummy's king, on which declarer can park his spade loser. South also gets home safely if East instead leads a heart, yielding a ruff-and-discard, or returns a spade into the A-Q.

Note that it doesn't help if West puts up the queen when the diamond is first led. In that case, declarer simply covers with the king, and East finds himself in the same unpleasant position.

Nor does it matter if West actually has the ace of diamonds. As long as dummy's ten is played after West follows low (or if the king is played if West produces the queen or jack), the defenders are helpless.

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Sports

Bader breaks



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Jay County High School senior Mara Bader prepares to boot the ball between Delta defenders Rhian Cline (6), Amelia Chester (4) and Grace Jarrells (3) during the first half Thursday evening. Bader scored three goals, breaking the Patriots' career record.

Senior snaps career record with 64th goal

Gabi Bilbrey did the early damage. Then she turned over scoring duties to her classmate, who proceeded to break a school record. Gabi Bilbrey scored twice in the first 10 minutes Tuesday and Mara Bader's three goals pushed her past 2016 graduate Gabbie Mann for the career record as the

Jay County High School girls soccer team defeated the Delta Eagles a 5-1. Bader's hat trick gave her 64 career goals, one more than the previous career mark set by Mann. Her 27 goals this year are four short of Mann's single-season record — the Patriots still have three regular-season games

to play — and she scored 22 as a junior, eight as a sophomore and seven as a freshman. Bilbrey needed just over two and a half minutes to fire her first shot past Delta goalkeeper Ruth Sherck for a 1-0 lead. She scored again at the 30:44 mark before the Eagles (4-6-1) responded with their only goal of the

game midway through the first half. Then it was Bader's turn, as the Patriots' leading scorer netted a goal with just under 15 minutes to go in the first half. She added two more in the second half for the final margin, with her tally at the 8:02 mark making her Jay County's all-time goals leader.

The victory was the Patriots' second in a row against a sectional rival after battering the Centerville Bulldogs 9-1 Saturday. They will play their third straight game against a tournament opponent when they travel to Yorktown on Thursday. (The sectional draw is Sunday.)

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Indians continue hot streak

The Indians have found their groove. Fort Recovery High School's boys golf team continued its hot streak Tuesday, winning for the fourth time in its last five dual matches 175-181 over host Lehman Catholic at Shelby Oaks Golf Course.

Eli Lennartz shot 41 to pace the Tribe (7-9), which opened 3-0 and then lost eight straight before its current run of success. He recorded a birdie on the 410-yard, par-5 second hole on the Oak North nine and also had two pars.

Match medalist honors went to Lehman Catholic's Noel Peterson with a 39.

Isaac LeFevre followed Lennartz with a 43 as he finished with five pars. Keegan Muhlenkamp added a 44, and Nate Jutte rounded out the team score with a 47.

Matthew Romer (50) and Alex

Fort Recovery roundup

Dues (52) did not factor into the team total.

Cavs top spikers

COLDWATER, Ohio — The scores got progressively closer, but the Fort Recovery volleyball team still lost in a sweep Thursday 25, 13, 25-22, 28-26 to the Coldwater Cavaliers.

Teigen Fortkamp's seven kills and three aces were both team highs for the Indians, who fell to 4-7 overall and 1-3 in the Midwest Athletic Conference. Mara Pearson and

Paige Guggenbiller also had seven kills apiece, and Grace Klingshirm recorded three aces while finishing 16-of-17 behind the service line.

Audra Bulp and Kennedy Muhlenkamp finished with 10 digs and eight digs, respectively.

Faith Wendel put up 10 assists.

FR falls to 11th

The Fort Recovery football team won its game Friday but still dropped one spot in the OHSAA Division VII Region 28 computer rankings released Tuesday.

The Indians (2-3) had a computer average of 3.55 for 11th in the region. They are 0.05 points behind Cincinnati College Preparatory Academy for 10th.

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

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