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Corny attraction



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The corn maze on the north end of Jay County Fairgrounds will open at 10 a.m. Saturday. The maze is a new attraction for the fair board in an effort to utilize the entirety of the property and keep it active after Labor Day. It will be open for six consecutive Saturdays. Admission is \$5.

Inaugural fairgrounds maze set to open

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Jay County Fair Board had a goal of keeping Jay County Fairgrounds active after Labor Day. Members were also thinking

about ways to utilize the entirety of the property. They settled on an idea they hope the community can get lost in.

The fair board will host a corn maze for six weekends beginning Saturday.

“We were thinking about what can you do in the fall because that’s kind of a dead time,” said Aaron Loy, treasurer of the fair board. “After the engine show, nothing goes on out there.”

Loy floated the idea for the corn maze because other mazes, pumpkin patches and fall-themed attractions are popular. He remembered back to his high school days when he visited such facilities with friends.

“I knew that was something kids loved doing,” said Loy. “No one really does those around here anymore. ... It’s something easy that grandparents and parents can do with their kids.”
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City selects Fifer; accepts Bailey deed

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

The city unloaded one property and took on another.

Portland Board of Works on Thursday approved the sale of the former Sheller-Globe south property to Chad Fifer and accepted a quit claim deed from Greg Bailey for the Bailey Building.

The board also learned a project the city thought would be delayed until

Business plans to install sawmill in former Sheller-Globe building

2023 will get started this fall.

Board of works members Steve McIntosh, Jerry Leonhard and

Mayor John Boggs briefly discussed the qualified offers for the former Sheller-Globe property at 510 S. Bridge St. Fifer,

owner of Fifer Services, had bid \$50,000 with plans to install a sawmill and in the future expand to include furniture produc-

tion. Brad Barnett of Barnett’s Auto Parts & Wrecker Services bid \$46,000 with plans to use the site for storage, load transfers and to be split into sections for multiple other businesses that had expressed interest in the space. (A third offer did not include the 10% earnest money that was required and was therefore not considered.)

The board of works members felt the offer

from Fifer was the best option for the city.

“He’s got the high bid and he’s got the best explanation for what he wants to do with the property,” said McIntosh.

“He’s got a timetable set up for how he’s gonna clean it,” added Leonhard.

The board voted unanimously to sell the site to Fifer Services. (The bid requires approval from Portland City Council.)

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The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Spirited sophomore

Adrienne Denney jumps and cheers from the sidelines for her sophomore classmates Wednesday during a powderpuff football game as part of Jay County High School’s Spirit Night activities. Homecoming festivities continue with the parade at 5 p.m. today in downtown Portland and football game against Woodlan at 7:30 p.m. with the crowning of the king and queen at halftime.

Groups will host Hopefest Saturday

Event is focused on united, community

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Everyone needs hope.

That’s why several local organizations are banding together to offer Hopefest, a free community outreach event, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Jay County Fairgrounds.

The list of groups involved includes A Better Life – Brianna’s Hope, Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition, IU Health Jay, Meridian Health Services and Union Chapel Church of Bryant. Their goal — to offer a unified community event for encouraging fun and education while instilling hope in folks from different walks of life.

“The vision that we’ve tried to carry through all of this is unity in the community,”

explained Becki Rigby of Union Chapel Church. “We just have really tried to make it so there’s something for everybody and just bring the community together.”

Hopefest will feature Ride 4 Life, a motorcycle thrill show that will perform at noon and at 1:45 p.m. Free lunch — it consists of hot dogs, chips, water and dessert — will be served by Portland Police Department while supplies last. There will be a variety of other activities, including a petting zoo, a cake walk, carnival games, inflatable bounce houses, guest speakers and live music. Free diapers will be distributed in the Women’s Building starting at 1 p.m., and there will also be ongoing motorcycle and car shows.

Tables with resources for adults as well as crafts or games for children will be set up at the fairgrounds. Information about naloxone — the drug is used in emergency situations to treat narcotic overdoses — along with related supplies will be available. Some of the activities Saturday tie into mental health, such as developing stress relief or coping skills.

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Deaths

Charles Kaufman, 85
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Weather

After reaching the 90s Wednesday, Jay County’s high temperature was 70 Thursday. The low was 50.

Tonight’s low is expected to be around 50 again. There is a chance of light rain beginning early Saturday. Otherwise skies will be partly sunny with a high of 72. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

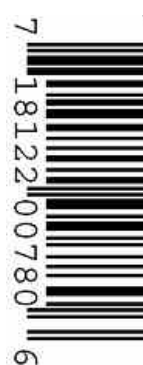
Portland Municipal Airport will host an event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday with Fort Wayne Young Eagles during which those 8 to 17 years old will be able to take free plane rides.

Those who would like to participate can register in advance at yeday.org.

Coming up

Saturday — Results from tonight’s JCHS football game against Woodlan.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday’s Jay County Commissioners meeting.



Corny ...

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Fair board members had originally hoped to host a maze in 2021 but it was delayed as they figured out some logistics. With the inaugural year set for 2022, it only made sense to have the maze design themed with the celebration of the 150th Jay County Fair.

Idaho-based MazePlay designed the maze — the company has equipment that plants seeds in the specific places needed to create the design — and planted it, appropriately enough, on the first day of this

year's fair. (It had originally been scheduled to be planted several weeks earlier, but weather conditions were not conducive.)

In addition to the 150th Jay County Fair logo at the center, the maze design features an American Flag on the west side and an eagle on the east.

The maze, located on about 6 acres on the north end of the fairgrounds, is actually three mazes — a beginner-level at 0.3 miles, another at 1.3 miles and a third at 1.8 miles.

"I was mowing it today and I

got lost a couple times," Loy said Wednesday.

Recently announced is the addition of a "Clue"-style game that will be incorporated into the maze. "Farmer Joe" is missing and there are seven animal suspects, seven potential locations and seven possible weapons, for which there are clues throughout the maze.

In addition to the maze itself, there will also be life-sized yard games, such as pool, checkers and tic-tac-toe. There will also be a challenge for visitors to attempt to hit a golf ball into a

car to win a prize. And there will be a s'more station.

The fair board will have pumpkins for sale and Jay County FFA will sell mums. And area vendors will be on hand.

If successful, board members hope to add attractions such as a pumpkin patch or sunflower field in the future.

"We'd like to add something different each year for people to enjoy," said Loy.

For the inaugural year, maze will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday as well as Oct. 1, Oct. 8 and Oct. 22; 6 to 9 p.m. Oct.

15; and 6 to 10 p.m. Oct. 29. Admission is \$5, which includes all of the games and s'more station. (Children 5 and younger will be admitted free.)

"It's something different," Loy said. "When we first thought of this, we didn't have the Christmas lights going yet. So this was going to be something to get us through the winter. But this is perfect with the corn maze going right into Christmas lights. So we're just utilizing the grounds more often and having different events for people to come out and enjoy."

CR almanac

Saturday 9/24	Sunday 9/25	Monday 9/26	Tuesday 9/27	Wednesday 9/28
72/55	71/49	65/44	61/41	62/40
Skies will be mostly cloudy. There is a slight chance of light rain, mostly before 8 a.m.	The forecast calls for a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms with winds gusting to 30 mph.	Skies will be mostly sunny with a high of 65.	Expect a high in the low 60s under mostly sunny skies with a slight chance of afternoon rain.	The high will be 62 under mostly sunny skies.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$270 million	25-27-33-39-46-47-48-53-56-57-59-67-71-73-77-78-80 Cash 5: 9-15-16-23-33 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$301 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 2-9-4 Pick 4: 9-0-1-0 Pick 5: 7-8-3-2-8 Evening Pick 3: 0-6-7 Pick 4: 6-2-3-0 Pick 5: 6-6-1-5-2 Rolling Cash: 6-7-10-28-36 Estimated jackpot: \$150,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 5-1-9 Daily Four: 9-7-6-7 Quick Draw: 2-4-7-9-12-18-21-23-25-33-37-39-40-46-47-54-60-66-72-74 Evening Daily Three: 5-4-7 Daily Four: 7-0-5-4 Quick Draw: 7-12-17-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.58 Oct. corn.....6.58 Wheat.....7.29	Wheat.....8.19 Nov. wheat.....8.89
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....7.03 Oct./Nov. corn.....6.58 Dec. corn.....6.78	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.73 Oct./Nov. corn.....6.73 Beans.....14.26 Oct./Nov. beans.....14.26 Wheat.....8.87
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.47 Oct. corn.....6.49 Beans.....13.99 Late Sept. beans.....13.99	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.82 Late Sept. corn.....6.62 Beans.....13.95 Late Sept. beans.....13.72 Wheat.....8.14

Today in history

In 1806, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark arrived in St. Louis, concluding their exploratory expedition to the Pacific Northwest.

In 1846, astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle first observed the planet Neptune.

In 1863, Mary Church Terrell, who served as the first president of the National Association of Colored Women, was born in Memphis, Tennessee. A teacher who graduated from Oberlin College in Ohio, she worked with the organization to achieve education and social reform and to bring an end to discrimination based on race and gender.

In 1889, Nintendo was

founded as a playing card company. The Japanese firm made the move into the video game industry with the release of the arcade game Donkey Kong in 1981.

In 2003, the Jay County High School volleyball team recorded 17 aces in a 23-21, 21-18, 24-25, 21-15 victory over South Adams. Sara Hough led the team with five aces.

In 2021, Joseph Boggs broke his own course record as he won the boys race for Jay County Junior High School in a three-team event against Monroe Central and Union with a time of 11 minutes, 46 seconds, at Hudson Family Park.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Redkey Town Council executive session, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St. 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council special meeting, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City	Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
Wednesday 7 a.m. — Jay County Board of Health, health department, 504 W. Arch St., Portland. 2 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Soil & Water Conservation District, USDA Service Center, 1331 W. Indiana 67, Portland.	

Obituaries

Charles Kaufman

Oct. 4, 1936-Sept. 20, 2022
Sonny was the son of Wilbert and Cora Kaufman and was born on Oct. 4, 1936. He passed away on Sept. 20, 2022, at age 85.

Sonny is survived by his wife of 65 years, Sandra; his son Roger; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; along with his sister Linda Gregory; and his brother Robert.

Sonny had a brother, Dewayne, deceased.

Sonny was a hardworking, kind,

loving man who served his nation in both the army and national guard and was a member of Portland American Legion Post #211. He loved to travel, camp, build and fly model airplanes and tinker in the garage.

He will be missed by all his loving family.

The family will be having a memorial service at a later date.



Kaufman

Wilson Shook Funeral Home, Dunkirk Memorial Chapel has been entrusted with arrangements.

Condolences may be expressed at wilsonshookfh.com.

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.

ICJI awards federal grant \$\$

Indiana Capital Chronicle

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) awarded \$67 million in federal grants to more than 190 public and nonprofit entities through the Victims of Crime Act program. The funding will be used to provide direct services and assistance to crime victims throughout the state.

The funding is provided by the

Office for Victims of Crime under the U.S. Department of Justice and comes from the fines and restitution paid by convicted federal offenders.

"It's not enough to hold offenders accountable. We also need to support victims who have been impacted by violence and need assistance," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. "Last year alone, VOCA

funds helped more than 200,000 crime victims in Indiana, so this program has a sizable footprint and is vital to communities across the state."

Over the next two years, these grants will fund a variety of initiatives in Indiana including mental health counseling, transitional housing, crisis intervention, legal aid, and child and youth services.

City ...

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Boggs then explained environmental issues with the pump house on the property as a previous Phase I Environmental Site Assessment had found mercury.

Some contamination was found outside the pump house and will require the removal and replacement of 48 cubic feet of soil.

Further testing is required for the cistern that sits below the pump house.

The board of works approved having IWM Consulting of Fort Wayne move forward with the next step of the testing and clean up at a cost not to exceed \$15,099.

The mayor said the issue would not hold up the sale of the property, even if the testing of the cistern requires a longer remediation process. If necessary, that section of the site can be split off and remain under city ownership — possibly rented to Fifer — until the problem can be resolved.

Boggs also reported that Bailey, owner of the Bailey Building at the southwest corner of Main and Commerce streets in Portland, is willing to deed the property to the city. That will save time and money over attempting to acquire the site through the unsafe building code, Boggs added.

The city has been working toward a goal of tearing down the blighted building. One of the hurdles is that it shares a common wall with restaurant and bar The Greazy Pickle.

Board members also

learned from clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips that the planned Meridian Street storm sewer project will get started this fall. Boggs had reported at Monday's city council meeting that the start of the work would need to be delayed until February because of issues with getting supplies. But Phillips said Thursday that she had been contacted by Watson Excavating, which is handling the work, and that the firm would like to get started as soon as possible.

The project will install a new sewer line under Meridian Street stretching from just north of Arch Street to the Salamonie River. The goal is to re-route water from the current Millers Branch sewer line that has had frequent problems with backing up over the last decade-plus.

Bill Watson of Watson Excavating in August said plans are to start at the Salamonie River and work north block by block. (That section of street will need to be closed for the project. Other blocks from Water Street to the north will be able to maintain traffic during construction.)

The timeline for the project is now 180 days. It was originally scheduled for 275 days but one of the "alternates" will not be included, thus cutting back the time needed.

Meat Manager/Meat Cutter

Community Markets is seeking experienced Meat Managers and Meat Cutters for the Berne location.

Retail meat management experience is required. Please send your resume to careers@freshencounter.com, apply online at apply4positions.com/fe or call Ed Green at (419) 957-6975.

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.

SERVICES

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

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Bruening, Carolyn: 1 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Husband loves marijuana

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my husband for seven years, and I'm tired of having the same fight every day. He smokes marijuana, and I hate it. It has been a constant battle for years. We tried therapy, which helped for a while, but he goes back to smoking behind my back. We tried to reach a compromise that he smoke only after a certain time of day, but it still leads to fights.

Dear Abby



DEAR ANTI-DRUG: Give your husband that ultimatum and pack your bags. If you prefer the father of your child not have a marijuana habit and he cannot quit, then, as much as you may love him, this person isn't The One for you. Sorry.

He shuts me out when he's doing drugs and says I don't care about his happiness because it's something he enjoys, and I am taking it away. I love him so much, but I hate drugs and don't like who he becomes when he's smoking.

I want to have a baby, but I am uncomfortable with drugs being in the house. I feel like I can't trust him to be alone with a baby when he's high. I don't want to leave him, but I can't take it anymore. Having the same fight every day is exhausting, and it's had a really negative impact on our marriage. I want him to choose me over this, but if I give him an ultimatum, he'll hate me. What do I do? — ANTI-DRUG IN ILLINOIS

DEAR ABBY: I've read your column for years, frequently taking advice you provide to others and applying it to my circumstances. I have developed a mutual bond with a woman who is 30 — 28 years younger than myself. She's a waitress at a diner I frequent. I've seen her children grow over the past six or seven years. We have had many meaningful conversations and shared our highs and lows. She's naturally friendly.

Three or four years ago, she began sharing casual side hugs when I arrived. I never ask for them. Over

the last year, these hugs have become more intimate, not in a sexual way — just a deeper bond of friendship. We occasionally IM when she's off work, but I don't see her socially.

Lately she has been teasing that she'll be my next ex. I reciprocate the flirting and teasing. I believe there is a mutual attraction. If not for the age difference, which I'm OK with, or the fear of causing issues with our friendship, I'd ask her out. Societal taboos weigh heavily on my mind, and I am pragmatic. Should I or shouldn't I? Or am I reading too much into our friendship? — UNSURE IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR UNSURE: Not having witnessed the chemistry between the two of you, I couldn't say. However, nothing ventured, nothing gained. The next time you see her, after one of those "more intimate" hugs, tell her teasingly that you have been thinking about her comment that she'll be your next ex and ask if she'd like to have dinner with you sometime. Her response will tell you if you have been reading too much into the friendship.



Photo provided

Constitution Week

The Mississinewa Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution joined Portland Mayor John Boggs, who signed a proclamation for Constitution Week Sept. 17 through 24. Pictured with the mayor are regent Kathy Selman, registrar Marilyn Bulmahn and recording/corresponding secretary Sue Somers.

Migrating butterflies tagged in Chicago

By ADRIANA PEREZ

Chicago Tribune
Tribune News Service

CHICAGO — Near the driving range in Chicago's Lakeview area, a faint but sweet smell floats in the air. One can follow it to a collection of beds where flowers sprout, surrounding a community garden in which vegetables and herbs grow.

A hummingbird and a goldfinch fly close to the flowers. And now, monarch butterflies can be found all around, drinking nectar, fluttering from plant to plant, resting on the grass.

Millions of monarchs are passing through Chicago during the first few weeks of September as they make their way south toward Michoacán in Mexico.

Now, the Lakeview Community Garden at Diversey is tagging super monarchs as they stop in Chicago as part of their migratory route.

"Super monarchs are quite different from earlier season monarchs in that they're in sex-

ual diapause; they are not here procreating, they are simply nourishing themselves," Lorraine Kells said. These super monarchs, which are in a non-reproductive state, are also physically larger.

And now they're drinking nectar, Kells explained, "powering up to make that 3,000-mile journey down to the trees of Michoacán."

Judith Kolar exclaimed, "I got one! I got one!" as she brought a net over to Kells and Nancy Juda, both of whom are involved with the community garden. They had gotten together to tag butterflies last week.

After gently removing the female monarch from the net, Kolar held it carefully between her thumb and forefinger while Kells tagged the discal cell of one of its hind wings with a small sticky circle.

"The tags give us an indication of the health of the migration and the numbers of the migration, which is very important," Kells said.

Kolar then positioned the but-

terfly on her hand and let it fly away.

"I love it," she said with a smile.

She then sat down to record the butterfly's information for Monarch Watch, which tracks the monarch butterfly migration with help from volunteers. Kolar also signed a handwritten card that Kells handed her that read, "I have received (blank) fabulous monarch tags," and which asked for the tag series.

"I have to make sure my gardeners take responsibility for this," said Kells, who has been a gardener since she was 4 years old and grew up "nurtured by the taste of something fresh." She worked with native plants in Chicago and California for about three decades.

"The important thing to note is that even if those tags are not recovered, the number of tags that went off with the butterflies is recorded. That data is recorded," Kells added.

The group of women has so far tagged 10 butterflies, since the process requires patience

and care. They had a total of 25 tags to work with.

"But seeing that everybody takes to this so readily — it isn't difficult to do — they take to it so readily and they just have such delight in doing it that we do want to order more tags next year and have a greater outreach to the community," Kells said.

The community garden where the magic happens consists of a few beds, not all of which are together. There's a pollinator bed, which is meant to attract mainly bees and wasps — but which also attracts black swallowtail caterpillars.

There's also a monarch way station with at least three kinds of milkweed, and the periphery garden where the vegetables, fruits and herbs are grown next to a variety of flowers.

But everything started with two raised beds owned by the Chicago Park District that had nothing more than a few sapling trees and cigarette butts in them, Kells said. The garden has been building a momentum

for about six years, she added.

And she has spent the last few encouraging others to get involved. The city of Chicago's motto, she pointed out, is "city in a garden" — urbs in horto in Latin.

Almost anyone with access to a registered garden can provide a nectar space for migrating monarch butterflies, or a monarch way station.

"Any neighborhood with a garden, a yard, a school group, a church garden, a school garden, can do this kind of work, as long as they have the five necessary ingredients for the butterflies," she said.

Finding a space of at least 100 square feet, ensuring exposure to the sun at least six hours a day, and planting milkweed and flowers close together to provide shelter are the first three criteria.

Additionally, planting at least 10 milkweed plants of two or more species — Kells recommends native species — and plants that provide nectar is key to attract monarchs.

Community Calendar

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

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.

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.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6 p.m.

each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday.

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion

for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group.

THE LANDING — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

A BETTER LIFE — BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk.

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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

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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Evidence of atrocities is mounting

The Washington Post

When Russian forces retreated last week from most of Ukraine's Kharkiv region, they left behind tanks and a howitzer — and disturbing reports of violence.

In the village of Zaliznychne, one woman described burying the bodies of two men killed after they kept on lights past curfew. In other towns, Russian shelling destroyed civilian targets, including schools and hospitals. Officials from the city of Izyum claim at least 1,000 civilians were killed and 80% of the city destroyed during a six-month occupation.

Grisly evidence is emerging. Last week, Ukraine's chief police investigator announced the dis-

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covery of a mass burial site near Izyum, containing more than 400 bodies. An Associated Press video showed hundreds of graves lining the forest, marked with numbers and simple wooden crosses. While many of the victims were killed by shelling and airstrikes, some were reportedly found with their necks and hands tied, suggesting the execution of

prisoners. These horrifying allegations follow a sad pattern. From Chechnya to Syria, Russia has a record of waging war with a brutal disregard for human rights and civilian life. In Ukraine, perhaps the most infamous example is what happened in the city of Bucha, near Kyiv: After Russian troops retreated in late March, more than 450 bodies were found, the majority of which had been tortured, shot or bludgeoned to death.

Since then, evidence has mounted suggesting Russia has committed atrocities. A database from the Associated Press and "Frontline" has documented 430 "incidents involving potential

war crimes" across Ukraine, including attacks on civilians, food and water facilities and medical infrastructure.

In the coming weeks, the world will learn more about what Ukrainian civilians in the Kharkiv area experienced. Towns such as Izyum have been cut off from the internet, phone signals and electricity for months, with little information escaping about conditions and treatment. The Ukrainian government has dispatched investigators and prosecutors to the region to gather evidence, and international investigations will no doubt follow suit.

"Russia leaves death every-

where. And it must be held accountable for it," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said in a video address.

Every day, Russian President Vladimir Putin's senseless war in Ukraine claims more lives and causes irreparable suffering. There must be an urgent, thorough investigation into alleged crimes against civilians, followed by sincere efforts to prosecute perpetrators and hold them accountable. Anything less would represent a grave injustice for victims and survivors — and would send an unacceptable signal to Mr. Putin that his troops can commit atrocities with impunity.

Abbott, DeSantis can't have it both ways

New York Daily News

Tribune News Service

Politicians in the Party of Trump are consistently unbothered by their own hypocrisy.

Even still, it's incredible to watch Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis — who

never miss an opportunity to harp on the socialist leanings of political opponents and who've each officially recognized "victims of communism" — proudly torment Venezuelan asylum-seekers with their migrant relocation stunts.

DeSantis' flights to Martha's Vineyard, which sent Venezuelan immigrants not from his own state but from Texas, are rightly under investigation by a Texas sheriff. Migrants were given brochures falsely promising "up to eight months of cash assistance."

The very same Republican Party now going to war against desperate asylum-seekers has long had a rhetorical if not actual soft spot in its heart for Cubans fleeing oppression. What's the difference between those oppressed by the Castros and their successor and desperate Venezuelans fleeing a socialist dictatorship built by Hugo Chavez and Nicolas Maduro?

Politics. Cuban Americans tend to vote Republican, as DeSantis and Cuban American Sens. Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz know well.

Call them Schrödinger's migrants: They are brave, righteous changemakers entitled to American help if not refugee status when demonstrating against or resisting their socialist or communist regimes at home, but sinister "illegal immigrants" (never mind that they're lawfully present seeking asylum) when they ask for protections from the very same regimes. American politicians' refusal to reckon humanely with the consequences of right-wing authoritarians in Central and South America is also revolting, but that's a future editorial.

Abbott and DeSantis should never again be allowed to invoke the specter of left-wing autocracy without an immediate reminder that, in the moment of greatest need for those who fled it, they chose instead to use these folks as pawns in a cheap political game.

Guest Editorial



Character matters more than ever

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

Many across the United States will have spent this week watching coverage of the British Monarchy.

Millions of Americans from all walks of life will read, watch and listen to coverage of the Queen's funeral. This is quite a stunning turn of events, after all we endured considerable discomfort to rid ourselves of that crown. There are two important lessons in her life and position that merit considering.

The British Monarchy does not enjoy a lengthy period of support here. My ancestors arrived on this continent as refugees from the restoration of King Charles II, having recently fought against the Crown. Their disdain for the monarchy surely led their grandsons to fight throughout our Revolution. This is a common history that belongs to millions of Americans.

The foundational document of our Republic was hate mail to King George III. It is splendid irony that the most important sentence in the English language comes from our Declaration of Independence. It begins "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal ..." I need not finish it. The Declaration rejects not merely the king, but the idea of a kingdom itself.

Our anti-monarchical sentiments run deep. Captured British cannons remain on display at West Point, and the "Shot Heard 'Round the World" that launched our Revolution still echoes across the globe, most recently in protests of China. So, how could it be that we Americans, possessors of our own rich inheritance of freedom, would offer such regard and care for that monarchy?

The first reason, and one that is pregnant with lessons, is that institutions change. A monarchy that began as an enforcer of brutal power, later evolved. By the time young Elizabeth made her first

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public speeches at 14, the monarchy served a unique role that supported and expanded liberal democracy. It is not a perfect institution, nor is Britain a perfect democracy. But, sometime in the 20th century, the role of the monarchy shifted wholly to that of public duties in support of a modern democracy.

It was probably her father who crafted the role into what it is today. King George VI entered Naval Service at 17, and distinguished himself in combat. His ascent to the throne came through the failure of his brother to complete his duties. George VI kept his family in London as it was brutally bombed, and sent his teenage daughter into military service. The future Queen Elizabeth II drove and repaired trucks. Service to the nation, not monarchical rule or elegant celebrity, became the job of a queen.

The 70-year reign of Queen Elizabeth saw the British Empire release some 43 nations from colonial control. In so doing, most elected to remain part of a loose commonwealth of friendship. Her role was to graciously watch her nation's flag lowered for many ceremonial exchanges. This open support of liberty and freedom was critical at home and abroad. It is worth noting that representatives from nearly all these former colonies attended her funeral.

The modern monarchy of George VI and Elizabeth II saw their democratic nation help defeat the three great scourges of modernity — fascism, communism and imperialism. Ironically, Britain's

dispensation of its own imperial holdings made it a great nation, where before only an imperial one once stood. The Monarchy helped its citizens understand that they could make this transition successfully and with grace. That is what strong, stable, adaptable institutions do — help us navigate change while ensuring continuity.

The lesson for Americans is then about the strength of our institutions — are they changing for good or ill? We must ask ourselves whether we have a Congress, Judicial Courts and a Presidency that can sustain us through dark and troubled times. Do we have governorships and state legislatures with the mettle to see us through lasting challenges? I don't ask if we have the correct people in these offices; we often do not. I ask whether we have the right rules, norms and focus on procedure that defend our liberty.

On a more grassroots level, do we trust those who run our schools and police our streets? Do we trust the generals and admirals who defend our shores, or those people in uniform who serve? Do we trust the professors, the public health officials, the priests, ministers and rabbis, the CEOs and CFOs, the trial attorneys, nurses and physicians?

All these occupations have institutions that sustain their work. We must ask ourselves if these institutions are growing and strengthening or withering away. Do these organizations discipline the conduct of their members, do they eject miscreants and herald the heroes among them? More importantly, we might ask what we individually do to strengthen these institutions.

This is not a partisan concern. I cringe when I hear a president claim that he "has a pen and a phone" to avoid the Congress, or shatters Constitutional limits on student debt relief. So too do I worry when a president skips past

Congress on war powers, or bends intent of Congress to impose tariffs. These acts weaken institutions even when undertaken by good people with whom I agree. The institutions matter; for as we have lately learned, elected office sometimes attracts the very worst of people, devoid of character; lawless, and possessing no moral compass or ethical constraint. And, that leads to our second lesson about Queen Elizabeth II.

Much will be written about her strength of character, so I will touch lightly upon it. Queen Elizabeth II was the richest woman in the world, but led what must have been a near-slavish life of public service. She did this for more than seven decades, likely performing some 30,000 public events, averaging more than one per day since she was a girl. A similar workload killed her father in his 50s. Yet, she performed this job honestly, diligently and without complaint or personal scandal. It was her duty, and she did it. That is character.

For citizens of a monarch-free Republic, that might be our most acute lesson to be drawn from her life. We cannot always find the best among us to run for office, and even those will be mere humans. Surely we can elect those who will discharge their oath of office, tell the plain truth, and when necessary suffer personal discomfort to complete their duties. We need not expect them to be perfect parents, decorated soldiers or flawless spouses. But character matters, now more than ever, and that is why we pay respects to the burial processions of someone else's queen.

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Hopefest ...

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Jenni VanSkyock, program manager at IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health, explained the goal of the event is to bring different communities together with a variety of activities.
“This is a total family friendly community event, not just Jay Coun-

ty, it is open to the surrounding communities. We want everybody to come out,” said VanSkyock.
“And everything is free,” added Grace Christman, a member of Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition.
The event has been in the works for about three months. Plans are to

make Hopefest an annual festivity.
VanSkyock explained her department had been looking into hosting a community event, and she learned other local groups had been planning to host a similar festival.
They decided to join together for Hopefest.
Ann Grisez of Meridian Health Services explained

that with Hopefest her organization and the other groups involved have an opportunity to reach a broader audience in one central location.
“Here we can contribute to making this a really big and great event,” she said.
“I think it’s wonderful that we get to partner together as all these agencies that work in this community.”

Visitors will have the option to donate toward different ministries helping those in need.
Those who visit IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health’s booth in the Women’s Building will be able to write an inspirational or hopeful message, which will be attached to a balloon and launched into the sky

around 2:45 p.m. (The balloons, strings and paper are biodegradable.)
“We called it Hopefest because (it’s for) restoring hope for anybody and everybody,” Rigby said.
“The world seems kind of dark at times.”
“We can always use some hope,” added VanSkyock. “That’s what we’re trying to instill.”



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Art work

East Jay Elementary School student Gretchen Petro uses colored pencils as she works on a project during class Wednesday afternoon.

EU nations pushing for more sanctions

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Tribune News Service
BRUSSELS — European Union countries have started to put forward their ideas for new sanctions on Russia.

The European Commission will hold talks with representatives of the 27 member states in the coming days to sound out priorities before presenting a proposal for new punitive measures for EU countries to negotiate.

The Baltic countries — Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania — together with Poland and Ireland renewed their call for a complete ban on gas imports from Russia in a document with their input for new sanctions seen by dpa.

The share of Russia pipeline gas in the bloc’s overall gas imports has dropped from 40% to 9% since the beginning of Russia’s war on Ukraine, according to European Commission figures.

The five countries also want to prohibit cooperating with Russia on nuclear energy, ban imports of Russian diamonds, ban selling real estate to Russian citizens and companies, and exclude Gazprombank and three other Russian banks from the SWIFT payment system.

The commission’s proposal could include a price cap on oil imports from Russia, as backed by countries of the G7 group of leading economies earlier this month.

Following the Kremlin’s announcement of a partial mobilization in the war against Ukraine, EU states had agreed to impose further sanctions on Russia as soon as possible, EU top diplomat Josep Borrell said on Wednesday.

New sanctions — the EU’s eighth package since Russia’s invasion in February — must be approved unanimously by all 27 member states.

Hungary is likely to cause resistance on energy-related measures as it is heavily dependent on Russian gas. France buys uranium for its nuclear power plants from the Russian state company Rosatom.

Injunction halts new abortion law

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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An Owen County judge issued a preliminary injunction Thursday in a lawsuit that seeks to strike down Indiana’s near-total abortion ban — halting the state’s new abortion law that officially took effect Sept. 15.

Judge Kelsey Blake Hanlon, a Republican, said in her ruling that the ban “materially burdens the bodily autonomy of Indiana’s women and girls by significantly and arbitrarily limiting their access to care.”

She added that the “public interest will be disserved” without the injunction.

“The public will continue to be subject to the previous abortion regulation regime that was significantly influenced by the United States Supreme Court jurisprudence that identified and expressly reaffirmed privacy right that included abortion for nearly 50 years,” Hanlon wrote in her motion, adding that a temporary pause on enforcement of the ban will last “long enough for the court to address the issue on the merits.”

The court challenge up for debate was filed in Monroe County Circuit Court last month by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Indiana on behalf of health care

providers and a pregnancy resource center.

They argue that the abortion ban blocks patients from exercising a “fundamental right to privacy,” which the Indiana Constitution protects as an individual liberty. The Supreme Court of the United States in June ruled that the U.S. Constitution does not guarantee abortion rights.

Oral arguments in the case were heard Monday in Monroe County. ACLU of Indiana Legal Director Ken Falk said the state legislature had overstepped the Indiana Constitution. He argued the constitution endows people with certain

inalienable rights, including the right to privacy.

Indiana Solicitor General Tom Fisher, arguing on behalf of the state, emphasized that the state constitution does not explicitly ensure that right: “There just isn’t enough there to one, identify a right to privacy or two, translate it over to the abortion right.”

The ban outlaws most abortions except in the case of a fatal fetal anomaly or serious health risk to the mother. One part of the law says these exceptions are up to 20 weeks but another part says they can be used anytime. Rape survivors can get an abortion up to 10 weeks post-fertilization

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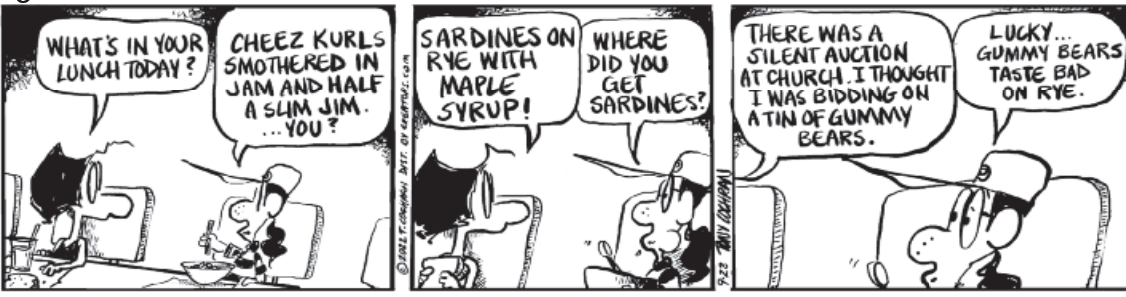
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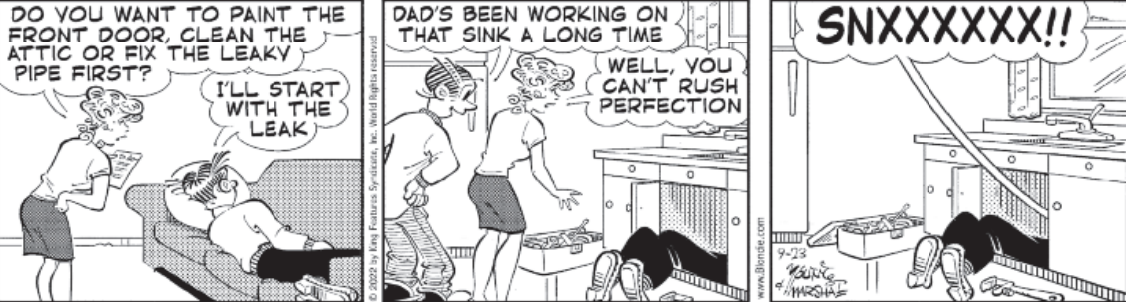
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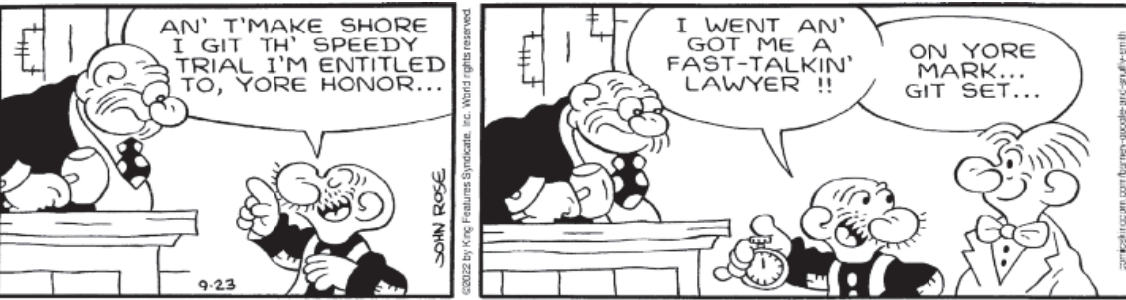
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You have the following hand, both sides vulnerable:
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1. You pass, left-hand opponent passes, partner bids One Spade, and your right-hand opponent bids Two Clubs. What would you bid now?
2. Partner bids One Notrump, and your right-hand opponent bids Two Hearts. What would you bid now?
3. Partner bids One Notrump, and your right-hand opponent bids Two Diamonds. What would you bid now?
4. Partner bids One Heart, you respond One Spade, and partner jumps to Three Diamonds, which you raise to four. Partner next bids Four Spades. What would you bid now?

which could conceivably be the key to reaching a good slam if partner has the right hand.

2. Three hearts. Most players treat a non-jump bid of a new suit in this sequence as competitive and not forcing, so it is better to make a bid that leads to game. You hope partner will answer three hearts with three spades, which you will happily raise to four. If he rebids three notrump, indicating heart strength, you plan to pass, while if he bids four clubs or four diamonds, you will raise to five.
3. Double. Game is not absolutely certain, so it is best to grab the sure profit by making a penalty double. You can probably beat two diamonds two or three tricks.
4. Five clubs. Slam is certainly a possibility, and the question is how best to try to reach it. Five clubs shows first-round control of that suit and interest in a slam; if you were interested only in game, you would bid five diamonds over four spades.

The next step is up to partner. If all he does next is bid five diamonds, you must pass because you cannot be sure of losing only one trick.

Tomorrow: The maximum chance.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals G

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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- 1 Surrenders
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- 9 Cover
- 12 Fold
- 13 Sch. founded by Jefferson
- 14 Blackbird
- 15 Shadow
- 16 Utter disaster
- 18 Author Lurie
- 20 Bump into
- 21 Soup cooker
- 23 Cowboys quarterback Prescott
- 24 Has an intense craving
- 25 Actor Guinness
- 27 Tooth-paste holders
- 29 Strange thing
- 31 Deceived
- 35 Welsh pooch
- 37 Bargain

DOWN

- 19 Nymph pursuer
- 21 Kung — chicken
- 22 Vintage
- 24 Floral garland
- 26 Roman orator
- 28 Russian pan-cakes
- 30 Playpen item
- 32 Deducted
- 33 — kwon do
- 34 Flamenco cheer
- 36 Cracker type
- 38 Actors Robert and Alan
- 39 Borscht base
- 40 Innocents
- 42 Play for time
- 45 Stallion's mate
- 46 Operatic solo
- 48 Rule, for short
- 50 Chemical suffix
- 51 Curved letter

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Roundup ...

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The junior varsity team won 25-21, 25-16 behind nine points, five digs and four kills from Elizabeth Barnett. Maria Hemmelgarn had six kills and Brenna Bailey totaled 11 digs.

No. 2 sweeps FR
FORT RECOVERY — The second-ranked team in the state proved too much for the Fort Recovery volleyball team Thursday as it lost 25-17, 25-22, 25-19 to the Marion Local Flyers.

Teigen Fortkamp was the all-around leader for the Indians (4-8, 1-3 Midwest Athletic Conference) as she finished with team highs of 10 digs, nine assists, three aces and two blocks.

Mara Pearson and Allysen Fullenkamp led the FRHS offense with five kills and four kills, respectively. Audra Bulp contributed seven digs.

The loss to the Flyers — they trail only MAC rival New Bremen in Ohio's Division IV poll — was the fourth in the last five matches for the Tribe.

JCH boys top two
PARKER CITY — A tightly packed group of No. 3 through 5 runners lifted the Jay County junior high boys cross country team to victory Friday.

The Patriot boys scored 26 points to finish ahead of the host Monroe Central Golden Bears (36) and Union (79).

The Jay County girls lost 22-33 to Monroe Central. (Union did not have enough runners for a team score.)

Raif Beiswanger won the boys race in 11 minutes, 51 seconds, with two Golden Bears behind him. Caleb Garringer was fourth for Jay County in 12:37 to even the score.

The rest of the Patriot roster sealed the win, with Rocky Beiswanger (12:42), Grady Warvel (12:43) and Sam Wiggins (12:45) finishing in quick succession in sixth, seventh and eighth.

Jay County also got the individual win in the girls race with Brooklynn Byrum taking the top spot in 13:27. Abby Fifer was fifth in 14:01 followed by Kaitlyn Fisher (eighth — 15 minutes flat), Maria Laux (ninth — 15:14) and Lyla Kunkler (10th — 15:40).

Patriot spikers roll
UNION CITY — The Jay County junior high volleyball teams clobbered Union City with the eighth graders winning 25-6, 25-5 while the seventh grade team scored a 25-12, 25-20 victory.

Lydia Johnson had a strong night serving for the Patriot eighth grade team as she finished with 22

points. She also matched Brenna Schmiesing for the team high of four kills, and Ella Rigby put up 10 assists. Amelia Heath had seven kills to go along with seven points for the Jay County seventh graders. Emalyn Homan had 11 points and four assists.

FR golfers fall
The Fort Recovery girls golf team suffered a 217-226 loss Tuesday to the Marion Local Flyers at Portland Golf Club.

Sophomore Emma Will set the pace for the Indians with a 54. Her round included a par on the 119-yard, par-3 eighth hole.

Match medalist honors went to Marion Local's Lydia Kelch with a 47.

Ella Westgerdes and Olivia Knapke followed Will for FRHS as they each shot 57. Eva Kahlig rounded out the team score with a 58.

Winners ...

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"It was hard to factor in the wind," said Eli, noting the challenging conditions. "You've just got to compensate your shot, put more on it or less, it all depends."

Cousin Abraham Dirksen converted on his third set-point opportunity a minute later, breaking Conner Hyman's serve to finish off a 6-1, 6-2 No. 1 singles victory. Luke Muhlenkamp and Isaac Miller were done just moments later — 6-1, 6-1 — at No. 2 doubles when a Starfire shot sailed long. And at 6:02 p.m., the Jay County No. 1 doubles duo of Gage Sims and Sam Myers walked off with a 6-3, 6-0 win over Dulce Sabio and Will Mawhorr of the Starfires.

No Patriot played for more than 50 minutes — the match began at 5 p.m. but the first 10 minutes is spent in warm-ups — as they gave up just 12 games

combined across five matches. "I don't think it's happened this year," said Gillespie of the across-the-board sweeps. "And it took a little over an hour. Usually we're out here til dark. I'm just happy for the boys."

The Patriots will close the regular season Saturday at Lapel, where they will play Triton Central and the host Lapel Bulldogs.

The sectional draw follows on Monday, with the tournament scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Jay County. The hosts are 1-2 against sectional opponents this year, with 3-2 losses to Winchester and defending champion Union City.

"If the kids believe in themselves and play their best, I'll be happy," said Gillespie. "And I think winning sectional is within the realm for us."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Football vs. Woodlan — 7:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Football at New Bremen — 7 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Cross country at Delta — 8:30 a.m.; Volleyball in Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament at Bluffton — 9 a.m.; Boys tennis at Lapel — noon; Junior high cross country at Delta — 9 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Cross country at Tour

De Sewer hosted by Versailles — 9 a.m.; Boys golf Midwest Athletic Conference Tournament at Celina Lynx — 9 a.m.; Girls golf Midwest Athletic Conference Tournament at Arrowhead Golf Course — 9 a.m.; Volleyball at Shawnee — 10 a.m.; Middle school cross country in Tour De Sewer at Versailles — 9 a.m.

TV sports

Today
8 a.m. — Tennis: Laver Cup — Team World vs. Team Europe (Bally Indiana)
8:25 a.m. — Soccer: International

friendly — United States at Japan (ESPN2)
2 p.m. — Tennis: Laver Cup — Team World vs. Team Europe (Bally Indiana)
2:45 p.m. — Soccer: UEFA Nationals League — Hungary at Germany (FS1)
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Milwaukee Brewers at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)

7 p.m. — College football: Virginia at Syracuse (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — Canadian Football League: Montreal Alouettes at Hamilton Tiger-Cats (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — College football: Nevada at Air Force (FS1)

10 p.m. — Boxing: Robinson Conceitpo vs. Shakur Stevenson (ESPN)
10:30 p.m. — High School football: Mission Viejo vs. Leuzinger (Bally Indiana)

Saturday
12:30 a.m. — Basketball: Women's World Championship — China vs. USA (ESPN2)
8 a.m. — Golf: Presidents Cup (NBC)
Noon — College football: Maryland at Michigan (FOX); Clemson at Wake Forest (ABC); Central Michigan at Penn

State (BTN); Missouri at Auburn (ESPN); Duke at Kansas (FS1); South Florida at Louisville (Bally Indiana)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Texas at Texas Tech (ESPN); Notre Dame at North Carolina (ABC); Toledo at San Diego State (FS1); Minnesota at Michigan State (BTN); Florida at Tennessee (CBS); Indiana at Cincinnati (ESPN2)
3:30 p.m. — Auto racing: Andy's Frozen Custard 300 (USA)
4 p.m. — College football: Oregon at Washington State (FOX); Georgia Tech at Central Florida (ESPN)
6:40 p.m. — Major League Base-

ball: Milwaukee Brewers at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — College football: Northern Illinois at Kentucky (ESPN2); Arkansas at Texas A&M (ESPN); Iowa at Rutgers (FS1)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Florida Atlantic at Purdue (BTN); Wisconsin at Ohio State (ABC)
8 p.m. — College football: Kansas State at Oklahoma (FOX)
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10:30 p.m. — College football: Utah at Arizona State (ESPN); Stanford at Washington (FS1)

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OCTOBER 1, 2022
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Windy winners



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School sophomore Eli Dirksen connects on a backhand during his 6-0, 6-2 victory Thursday over Ian Neuenschwander of South Adams. The Patriots rolled to a 5-0 win, finishing all five matches in two sets.

Late scores lift JCHS

YORKTOWN — The Patriots looked like they might be headed for a tie.

Two late scores lifted them over their sectional rival.

Jay County High School's girls soccer team scored twice in the **Local** final seven **roundup** minutes

Thursday to knock off the Yorktown Tigers 3-1.

The win was the third over a sectional rival in the span of a week following victories over Centerville and Delta. The draw for the sectional — it also includes New Castle and defending champion Hamilton Heights — is scheduled for Sunday.

The Patriots (8-3) never trailed Thursday as Mara Bader gave them the lead about 13 minutes into the game on a penalty kick. It pushed her JCHS career goals record to 65 — she broke the record of 63 with three goals in the win over Delta — and pulled her within three of 2016 graduate Gabbie Mann's single-season record of 31.

It took Yorktown less than four minutes to pull even.

The score remained tied 1-1 for more than 55 minutes before JCHS sophomore Morgan DeHoff scored off an assist from senior Gabi Bilbrey with 6:40 remaining. Bilbrey then sealed the win with her 11th goal of the year.

W-D tops Jay in 4

GASTON — The Jay County volleyball team fought off a sweep Thursday but could not keep the momentum in a 25-22 26-16, 18-25, 25-13 loss to the host Wes-Del Warriors.

Madison Brunswick paced the Patriot offense with 10 kills. She also had 10 digs and three blocks.

Maggie Dillon had 10 digs and seven kills, and Abbie Fields finished with seven kills and four blocks. Brenna Haines totaled 17 digs, and Joske Herndon finished with 16 assists.

The loss dropped Jay County to 3-13 on the season. It is on a seven-match losing streak heading into Saturday's Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament at Bluffton.

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Patriots breeze past South Adams

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

The final home match before the tournament for the Patriots was a breeze.

Playing in consistent 15-mile-per-hour winds with even stronger gusts, Jay County High School's boys tennis players were in a race to see who could end their match the quickest. Simon Dirksen won, leading a

speedy parade of Patriots off the court as they finished their 5-0 victory over the South Adams Starfires in less than an hour.

"I was pleased with the boys," said Jay County coach Donald Gillespie, whose team moved to 9-8 overall and finished 2-1 in the Allen County Athletic Conference. "It's always nice to get 5-0."

Simon Dirksen, who was the last man standing in the Patriots'

home opener five and a half weeks ago, turned in the fastest victory Thursday. He won his first three games against Gabe Neuenschwander of South Adams, took the set 6-1 and ran out to a 5-1 lead in the second.

Playing consistent tennis and forcing Neuenschwander into committing errors, Dirksen served out the final game to finish the match in 45 minutes.

"I was just trying to hit the ball in the court consistently," said Dirksen, who won 6-1, 6-1. "I was trying to make the other guy fault."

Simon's brother Eli followed just five minutes later, leading a rapid succession of Patriots off the court. He finished his 6-0, 6-2 victory over Ian Neuenschwander of South Adams at 6 p.m.

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Celtics suspend coach

By STEVE HEWITT

Boston Herald Tribune News Service

BOSTON — The Celtics have suspended coach Ime Udoka for the entirety of the 2022-23 season for violations of team policies, the team announced on Thursday night, without a guarantee that he will return.

The release from the Celtics, sent at 9:21 p.m. Thursday, read: "The Boston Celtics announced today that the team has suspended Head Coach Ime Udoka for the 2022-23 season for violations of team policies. A decision about his future with the Celtics beyond this season will be made at a later date. The suspension takes effect immediately."

First reported late Wednesday night, Udoka is being suspended after he had an improper intimate and consensual relationship with a female member of the team's staff, which is deemed to violate the organization's code of conduct, according to multiple reports.

The Celtics did not say in the release if they would hold a press conference to address Udoka's suspension. Media day is scheduled for this Monday.

Details of the developing situation remain, but on the eve of training camp,

the news of Udoka's looming suspension is a stunning development and presents a major hurdle that could derail a Celtics season with high expectations. Udoka, in his first season, guided the Celtics to an impressive midseason turnaround and a run to the NBA Finals. Three months later, the Celtics are entering this season as the favorite to win the NBA championship.

The 45-year-old Udoka became a first-time head coach last year when the Celtics hired him to replace Brad Stevens, who took over as the Celtics president of basketball operations. Udoka, who played seven seasons in the NBA, was a longtime assistant coach for the San Antonio Spurs under Gregg Popovich and had two more assistant jobs before joining the Celtics. After a rough start to his first season, the Celtics bought into Udoka as they transformed into the best defense in the NBA, and the players had glowing praise of him.

"When you have a coach who's willing to hold you accountable, and not just you, but everyone on the team the same way, that's how you know you have the makings of a great coach who's trying to get somewhere special," Marcus Smart said during the NBA Finals last June.



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