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## Design for 100th

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

**FORT RECOVERY** — A local student's design will be used to celebrate the courthouse's 100th anniversary.

The logo designed by Lindsey Wendel, a senior at Fort Recovery High School, will be used by Mercer County Courthouse in coming months leading up to its centennial celebration in September 2023.

Wendel's design was selected from a group of her peers in the graphics communications class at Tri-Star Career Compact, a technical training program offered to students in Mercer and Auglaize counties.

Representatives from the committee heading the celebration reached out to Heather Arling, graphic design instructor at Tri-Star, to request her students create a logo. Arling welcomes design requests from local organizations, hoping to get her students' feet wet in the industry.

"It benefits us and it benefits the community," she said. "It's a lot of experience that the students get."

Members of the committee, which included former Fort Recovery village solicitor and grants administrator Erin Minor, explained to students what they wanted to see included in the logo.

"We knew we wanted to have a patriotic theme for the celebration," noted Minor, who serves as Mercer County assistant prosecutor as well as chair of the committee.

They also planned to include their slogan: "Celebrating 100 years of justice for all."

Students worked on the logos for about three weeks. After submitting their designs, the class picked five graphics to forward onto the committee at the courthouse.

From there, Wendel's design was selected as the top choice.

"I had never worked with Tri-Star's graphic design students before," Minor said. "I was very pleasantly surprised at how professional their work was ... Lindsey's in



Graphic provided

Fort Recovery student Lindsey Wendel designed the logo Mercer County Courthouse will use to celebrate its centennial anniversary next year. Pictured above is the design, which depicts an outline of the courthouse, along with its slogan and years in service.

particular just captured all those elements that we were looking for."

The logo depicts an outline of Mercer County Courthouse, with the committee's slogan, as well as the courthouse's name and years in operation. The design is bordered with 50 red and blue stars in the shape of Ohio.

"I think her design is versatile and it will work well, and I think it just kind of has a little bit more of that down-home feel, which, I think, that's

what they liked," Arling said.

She used Wendel's font choices as an example.

"It's just a little bit softer, you could go a lot harsher with it, and I think she kind of went, it's a little bit more welcoming (this way)," she said.

Wendel pointed out her graphic is an exact replication of Mercer County Courthouse. She used her Macbook Pro and mouse to trace a picture of the courthouse

and create her design using Adobe Illustrator.

"It took a lot, a lot of time. It was kind of stressful to get it exactly right," she said.

Her creation has been slightly modified from its original version. The committee requested changing the border around the courthouse depicted in the graphic — there was originally a circle of 14 stars representing the townships.

Wendel joined the graphics communications program as a junior

in 2021. Prior to the class, she designed T-shirts for her family on her personal computer and cut them out using a silhouette precision machine.

"I kind of fell in love with designing logos and designing shirts, and I guess everything that comes with that," she said.

She hopes to continue her graphics communications education next year at Wright State University, which is adjacent to Tri-Star.

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## ACLU files another lawsuit

*Filing says abortion ban violates the RFRA*

By CASEY SMITH  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
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The American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana on Thursday filed a second lawsuit challenging Indiana's near-total abortion ban that is set to take effect in one week.

The class action lawsuit was filed in Marion County Superior Court on behalf of Hoosier Jews for Choice, as well as five anonymous women who represent a variety of faiths, including Judaism, Islam and independent spiritual belief systems.

They argue that they have "sincere religious beliefs that direct them to obtain an abortion" that would be banned "and who are at risk of needing an abortion in the future consistent with these beliefs."

The lawsuit seeks an injunction on the Indiana abortion law.

Indiana was the first state in the nation to approve such legislation since the high court ruling that overturned Roe v. Wade. The ban is still set to take effect on Sept. 15.

The ban outlaws all abortions except in the case of a fatal fetal anomaly and cases of 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. It also strips abortion clinics of their state medical licenses, and provides that only hospitals and hospital-owned ambulatory surgical centers can provide abortions.

Specifically, the lawsuit claims the new abortion ban violates Indiana's Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA).

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Washington Post/Linda Davidson

## Queen dies at age 96

By ADRIAN HIGGINS  
The Washington Post

Queen Elizabeth II, the seemingly eternal monarch who became a bright but inscrutable beacon of continuity in the United Kingdom during more than seven decades of rule, died Sept. 8 at Balmoral Castle, her estate in the Scottish Highlands. She was 96.

In her reign, which began in February 1952 after the death of her father, King George VI, Elizabeth served as a constant and reassuring figure in Britain and on the world stage as she helped lead her country through a period of profound shifts in geopolitical power and national identity.

The designs of postage stamps and bank notes changed through the decades, but they all depicted the same,

*Elizabeth II was on the British throne for 70 years*

of aging, monarch. The British national anthem now shifts to "God Save the King," but most Britons have only known the other version, for the queen.

Her son and heir, Charles, summed up the power of her constancy in a rare television documentary aired in 2012 to mark her 60th year as queen. "Perhaps subconsciously," he said, "people feel encouraged, reassured by something that is always there."

Her last major constitutional

action came on Tuesday, when she accepted the resignation of Prime Minister Boris Johnson and asked his successor, Liz Truss, to form a new government.

In a monarchy dating back to at least the 10th century with King Athelstan, Elizabeth's reign was the longest. In 2015, she broke a record once thought unassailable, surpassing the 63-year rule of her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria.

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Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Philip and the Very Reverend Dr. John Hall after exiting the Maundy Thursday celebration at Westminster Abbey in London on April 21, 2011. Queen Elizabeth died Thursday at the age of 96 after 70 years on the throne.

### Deaths

**Marion Evers**, 64, Wendelin, Ohio  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 81 degrees Thursday. The low was 54.

Tonight's low will be in the 60s. Expect partly sunny skies Saturday with a high of 81 and a chance of showers beginning in the afternoon.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

### In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

### Coming up

**Saturday** — Results from tonight's JCHS football game at Adams Central.

**Tuesday** — Coverage of Monday's Dunkirk City Council meeting.



# Casinos generated \$700 million

By **LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ**

Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Indiana's 12 casinos raked in \$2.5 billion from July 2021 through June 2022 and sent \$700 million of that haul to the state in taxes, according to an Indiana Gaming Commission annual report released this month. Higher-than-expected gambling collections previously bolstered the state's rosy July revenue report.

agency that supports significant contributions to the state's economy," Executive Director Greg Small wrote in the report. "After experiencing negative pandemic related impacts in [fiscal year] '21, the gaming industry rebounded in FY '22."

Casino wagering and supplemental taxes totaled \$660 million, while sports wagering taxes added an additional \$31 million.

increases in the three taxes each month until summer.

Casino wagering and supplemental taxes dipped in May. All three fell in June — with sports wagering taxes crashing nearly 40% from the same month in 2021.

Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana — which only opened in May 2021 — earned a staggering \$395.4 million in fiscal year 2022. The Seminole Hard Rock Digital-operated facility delivered \$109 million in taxes to the state.

Indiana saw year-over-year

# Obituaries

## Marion Evers

Marion Evers, 64, Wendelin, Ohio, died Thursday at Mercer County Community Hospital in Coldwater, Ohio.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Wendelin Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Spring Hill Cemetery in Fort Recovery.

Complete funeral arrangements are pending at Brockman Boeckman

Funeral Home in Fort Recovery.

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*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

Saturday 9/10	Sunday 9/11	Monday 9/12	Tuesday 9/13	Wednesday 9/14
<b>81/62</b>	<b>78/54</b>	<b>69/53</b>	<b>70/53</b>	<b>78/55</b>
There's a 30% chance of showers after 2 p.m. Saturday. Otherwise, partly sunny.	Sunday has an 80% chance of a thunderstorm in the late morning and afternoon.	More rain is possible Monday with a 30% chance of showers. Partly sunny skies.	Another day of partly sunny skies is expected Tuesday. There's a slight chance of rain.	Wednesday's forecast shows a lot of sun and clear skies. The high may reach 78.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$186 million	23-24-28-31-35-38-41-46-49-52-61-64-65-66-79 Cash 5: 16-21-22-29-33 Estimated jackpot: \$149,500
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$210 million	
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 7-5-6 Daily Four: 7-8-9-8 Quick Draw: 4-5-6-9-11-13-18-21-27-28-30-35-42-45-49-51-59-63-70-73 Evening Daily Three: 0-2-1 Daily Four: 4-0-1-8 Quick Draw: 2-4-8-9-12-	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 9-5-3 Pick 4: 5-5-5-7 Pick 5: 6-5-7-5-8 Evening Pick 3: 3-5-8 Pick 4: 3-3-7-8 Pick 5: 8-3-1-8-0 Rolling Cash: 10-19-24-30-37 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....7.03 Late Sept. corn .....6.83 Wheat .....7.04	Wheat ..... 7.94 Nov. wheat ..... 8.64
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....7.48 Late Sept. corn .....7.28 Oct. corn .....6.78	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....7.03 Late Sept. corn .....6.68 Beans .....14.51 Late Sept. beans .....13.78 Wheat .....8.22
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.98 Late Sept. corn .....6.83 Beans .....14.31 Late Sept. beans .....13.71	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.83 Oct. corn .....6.43 Beans .....14.27 Late Sept. beans .....13.57 Wheat .....8.19

## Today in history

In 1739, the Stono Rebellion, the largest uprising of the enslaved in the American colonies prior to 1776, started as 20 Black Carolinians met near the Stono River, took guns and powder from a store and killed two store keepers before beginning to travel south toward Spanish St. Augustine in Florida.

In 1914, the Canadian Automobile Machine Gun Brigade became the first mechanized unit of the British Army during World War I.

In 1956, Singer Elvis Presley appeared on "The Ed Sullivan Show" for the first time.

In 1972, Robert A. Sheffer, 22, Portland, died in a traffic collision at the intersection of Brock-Cosmos Road and Ohio 49 between Fort Recovery and Greenville, Ohio. Twenty-year-old Helga Remaklus of Fairborn, Ohio, also died in the accident.

In 1976, Chinese Communist Party leader Mao Zedong died. He took control of the party as a result of the Long March in 1934 and '35 and dominated the country after the party took over in 1949.

In 1991, Tajikistan declared its independence from the Soviet Union.

In 2001, 10 were killed by a car bomb that exploded outside the Australian embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia.

In 2019, Jay County Commissioners agreed to commit \$1.25 million in economic development funds from Bluff Point Wind Energy Center and \$750,000 in economic development income tax revenue as matching funds for the Stellar Communities program. Jay County was a finalist for the Stellar designation, but was not ultimately selected.

—The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Monday</b> 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 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.
<b>Wednesday</b> 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	

# Lawsuit ...

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The controversial RFRA measure — lauded by religious conservatives — passed the Indiana legislature in 2015, prohibiting government action that interferes with a person's religious exercise. It stipulates that the government must show a compelling reason to enact a law that forces someone to do something against their religious beliefs.

Former Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, who signed the law, drew major criticism from opponents who argued that RFRA makes discrimination legal. The law allows religious business owners to refuse service to gay and lesbian couples because of their sexual orientation, for example.

The ACLU lawsuit attempts to turn RFRA's language back on Indiana's Republican lawmakers who supported both the religious freedom bill and the abortion ban.

According to the plaintiffs,

although some religions — and adherents of those religions — believe that human life begins at conception, "this is not a theological opinion shared by all religions or all religious persons."

"Indiana's RFRA law protects religious freedom for all Hoosiers, not just those who practice Christianity," ACLU of Indiana legal director Ken Falk said in a statement. "The ban on abortion will substantially burden the exercise of religion by many Hoosiers who, under the new law, would be prevented from obtaining abortions, in conflict with their sincere religious beliefs."

The lawsuit points to Jewish principles, which maintain that "a fetus attains the status of a living person only at birth." The embryo or fetus is considered "a physical part of the woman's body, not having a life of its own or independent rights,"

according to the complaint. Jewish law further recognizes that "abortions may occur, and should occur as a religious matter."

Islamic beliefs referenced in the lawsuit also permit abortions in certain circumstances, including when the physical or mental health of the mother is in "pressing need." The plaintiffs also argue that a fetus is not "ensouled at the moment of conception," noting that some Muslim scholars posit that the fetus does not possess a soul until 120 days after conception.

Similar arguments are made in the lawsuit for other abortion-affirming religious beliefs held by Unitarian Universalists, Episcopalian Christians and Pagans.

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# Design ...

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The graphics communications program at Tri-Star focus on different graphic areas, including print and production, web and digital creations and application design. They study product design, turning two-dimensional sketches into three-dimensional models. They also review aspects of photography.

"It's just a really great way for students that are interested in design to actually get experience with real life clients and, you know, now they have logos they can put in their portfolios that are actually out there and being used," said Arling.

Mercer County Courthouse will be hosting events at least once a month starting in February, leading up to a week-long celebration of its centennial anniversary starting Sept. 11, 2023. The planning committee is currently working on its lineup schedule with activities for all age groups.

"We want to make it a family friendly series of events ... so that it's both educational but also fun and celebratory of our beautiful courthouse (and) all of the people who have contributed to our justice system in the last 10 years," Minor said.

## SERVICES

<b>Friday</b> <b>Newton</b> , Richard: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
<b>Saturday</b> <b>Huntsman</b> , Susan: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland. <b>Bowen</b> , Jeffrey: 3 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
<b>Thursday</b> <b>Evers</b> , Marion: 10:30 a.m., Wendelin Catholic Church, 2997 Fort Recovery-Minster Road, St. Henry, Ohio.
Service listings provided by <b>PROGRESSIVE OFFICE PRODUCTS</b> 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com

# Capsule Reports

## Intersection crash

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after a Fort Wayne man drove into a Pennington man's car at the intersection of county road 200 West and Indiana 26 about 8:52 a.m. Thursday.

Xavier Carrillo, 29, was driving north on county road 200 West. He started to cross the intersection with Indiana 26 in his 2018 Buick Enclave and did not see the westbound 2015 Hyundai Sonata driven by 60-year-old Larry D. Bickel. Carrillo's vehicle struck the driver's side of Bickel's car, causing both cars to go off the road and into a nearby ditch.

Bickel was taken to IU Health Jay for minor bleeding from his head. Both vehicles were towed.

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# Dunkirk hosting golf cart scavenger hunt

Get ready for a scavenger hunt.

Dunkirk Neighborhood Crime Watch is hosting a golf cart scavenger hunt Sunday at Depot Park.

Registration begins at 1 p.m., with an overview of rules set for 1:30 p.m. Participants will have an hour and a half to search. The entry fee is \$5 per golf cart. All teams must have a phone with photography capabilities and a golf cart or utility terrain vehicle driven by a licensed driver.

To enter the competi-

## Taking Note

tion, visit Dunkirk Police Department and the City of Dunkirk and fill out a form. Cash prizes will be offered for first and second place.

## Free concert

Another free outdoor concert is slated for Sat-

urday in Muncie. Pokey LaFarge and his band will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday at Canan Commons, 500 S. Walnut St. Ball State University Jazz Ensemble will open the show. The event is part of the 2022 Muncie Three Trails Music Series.

LaFarge performed in Muncie in 2016 and 2017, drawing some of the largest crowds in the music series' history, according to a press release from the organization. He draws from a variety of music styles

and traditions, incorporating hot swing, ragtime, country blues and Americana, as well as influences from the southwestern United States, South America and Caribbean. His album in 2020, "Rock Bottom Rhapsody," was named Best of 2020 by National Public Radio's Fresh Air radio talk show.

To learn more, visit [munciethreetrails.com](http://munciethreetrails.com).

## Cardinal Walk

Cardinal Greenways is

celebrating the end of summer with an organized walk.

The organization is hosting Cardinal Walk, a non-competitive event, Saturday.

It will feature routes along Muncie and Marion trails.

Walkers can choose between 5K or 10K distances, with the Muncie route looping along the White River and across Kitselman bridge and the Marion route looping through Beaner Park and sections of woods,

according to a press release from the organization.

The event closes out Cardinal Greenways' summer series this year. Other activities planned for the fall include the 10th annual Bike-TOURberfest, featuring cycling routes ranging from five to 56 miles through Wayne County, as well as the annual Turkey Trot race.

To learn more about upcoming events, visit [cardinalgreenways.org](http://cardinalgreenways.org).

# Wife fights losing battle with disrespectful husband

DEAR ABBY: My husband inherited a nasty habit from his mother. He calls people "crazy" to discredit them so he can win arguments and stifle discussion. I have told him it's lazy to pass judgment on someone that way. It also shows the world how ignorant he is, because he thinks he'll win every argument by playing the crazy card — a personal attack.

I think it's immature and immoral to take advantage of others' bias against mental health issues. He has done it to me in front of people. I have said, "You wish!" right back at him. It has reached the point that I think he's character deficient.

His misogyny is exhausting to fight. His mother is even worse.

## Dear Abby



She throws in her armchair diagnosis, which is always "schizophrenia." My husband's argument is an emotional one and too pervasive to enjoy time with him. Any idea how I can fight these below-the-belt punches? — DEFINITELY NOT "CRAZY"

**DEAR DEFINITELY NOT:** That shouldn't be too hard. When your husband acts this

way, don't engage with him. Ignore his comments, leave the room or the house. Spend less time with him and NO time with his mother. And while you're doing that, ask yourself why you tolerate the disrespect you're receiving from both of them.

DEAR ABBY: My brother is old enough to work on the farm, but he refuses. He goes to school, comes back angry and doesn't like to be told what to do. Everyone has to work except him. We have tried time and time again to get him to help out. We appease him, but he only gets worse. How can we get him to develop good work ethics? It hurts when we ask him to do something and he

gets angry and starts swearing. All we want is for him to help out. — GOOD WORKER IN MINNESOTA

**DEAR WORKER:** I wish you had been clearer about who "we" is. If it's you and your siblings, there isn't much you can do to teach your brother the lessons he needs to learn. However, if it's your parents you are referring to, there is plenty THEY can do to set rules and enforce them while their son lives under their roof. Hint: It involves rewards for good behavior and consequences if he is disrespectful and noncompliant.

DEAR ABBY: When my husband and I were dating, he intro-

duced me to the sport of cycling. Before that, it had just been a means of transportation. A few years of training later, it turns out I'm actually pretty good at it. I have been on the podium three times this year, but he has not. He is definitely jealous. Should I stop competing? — BICYCLE GAL IN MICHIGAN

**DEAR BICYCLE GAL:** A man who loves his wife wants to be the wind beneath her wings, not an anchor around her ankles. You should not have to give up something at which you excel in order to save your husband's childish ego. Rather than give you heartburn for your success, he should be praising you for your progress. Shame on him.

## Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

### Thursday's Solution

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

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

## Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@thecc.com](mailto:news@thecc.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.

**DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP** — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

**JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION** — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Portland Fire Department, 1616 N. Franklin St. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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

**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. Everyone is welcome.

**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.

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# There is no honor in blatant lies

To the editor:  
Interestingly, the words politician and liar have become synonymous, especially these past few years with many politicians floating the outrageous conspiracy theories that we have all seen in the news.  
To many people today, if he or she is a politician, they must be a liar.  
Unfortunately, that certainly is the case when it comes to Jim Banks, our illustrious

## Letters to the Editor

Congressman for the 3rd District.

In his latest newsletter, Congressman Banks trashes President Joe Biden's Student Loan Forgiveness Program, calling it

the Student Loan Sham. Now, I have no problem with an honest debate on any issue or government program. But I do have a serious problem when our congressman blatantly lies about the facts, as he often does.

His most recent big lie is a whopper: Banks states, and I quote: "President Biden is charging the average Hoosier taxpayer over \$2,000."

Don't be alarmed folks, this is simply not true. Your tax bill is not going to increase and

Hoosiers are not going to be charged an extra \$2,000.

For this to happen, the IRS Tax Code would have to be changed, which would require new legislation to be passed by houses of Congress and signed into law by the president.

Banks also states in his newsletter, and I quote: "The working class should not be forced to pay for the wealthiest American's college degrees."

That sure is a statement to chew on. I guess our Congress-

man does not consider teachers, nurses, public service employees, trade school and community college graduates and many other graduates as the working class.

Proper etiquette when addressing or referring to a Congressman, Senator, Mayor, Judge etc. is to preface their name with "The Honorable."

I think I will continue to refer our Congressman as just Congressman Jim Banks.

Stephen Ogborn  
Fort Wayne

## Are we losing ground on polio?

By KELLY HAWES  
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Kelly Hawes



In 1985, Rotary International launched an effort to eradicate polio. Three years later, when the project became a global initiative, the disease was paralyzing more than 1,000 children every single day.

Thanks to the work of more than 20 million volunteers, more than 2.5 billion children have been immunized, and the wild poliovirus now circulates in only two countries.

Through October of 2020, Rotary International had contributed more than \$2.1 billion to the campaign, and it has committed to raising an additional \$50 million every year.

I've been a member of Rotary clubs in four cities over the course of the last 25 years, and like most Rotarians, I'm proud of what the organization has accomplished. The global incidence of polio has dropped by 99%.

And yet, the fight to protect our children from this disease continues, even in the United States.

Right here in Indiana, fewer than six in 10 children under the age of 3 have gotten the usual vaccinations aimed at preventing such diseases as polio, measles, hepatitis and chickenpox.

According to a recent report from Indiana Capital Chronicle, most Hoosier counties record vaccination rates of between 50% and 71%. Northern Indiana's LaGrange County reports the lowest rate, with only 35% of kids fully vaccinated. Warrick County, in the southwestern part of the state, reports a rate of 77%, the highest in Indiana.

Public health organizations are responding by staging mobile vaccine clinics across the state. They're reminding parents that vaccines play a crucial role in keeping our children safe.

Health experts blame much of the problem on the pandemic. Parents couldn't get their children

to the routine checkups where these shots are normally handed out. Some parents lost their jobs and thus didn't have health insurance.

And some avoided the vaccines for religious or even political reasons.

Perhaps we've become complacent. After all, when was the last time you saw anyone with polio? Have you ever seen it?

Sadly, some folks in New York recently have.

This summer, a young man who is part of an

ultra-orthodox Jewish community was hospitalized after developing a fever, neck stiffness and weakness in his legs.

Public health experts believe the virus that infected this young man had been circulating for up to a year. Genetically similar versions were detected in Israel in March and in Britain in June.

Medical experts say the young man likely contracted the virus at a large gathering. They say his case could be the tip of an iceberg.

About three out of every four people infected with the virus might not even know they have it. They show no symptoms.

Others might develop a sore throat or a headache, symptoms that could easily be overlooked or confused with some other illness.

Only about one in 200 polio victims suffers paralysis. A few of those cases are fatal because the virus moves to the lungs and the patient can't breathe.

As they work to boost vaccination numbers, public health experts are calling on an older generation, people who remember children wearing braces to help them walk, people who remember the victims who could breathe only with the help of an iron lung.

And they offer a warning: The only way to protect yourself against the ravages of polio is to get the shot. Once you have the disease, there is no cure.

Before vaccines came along in the 1950s and 1960s, polio was one of the most feared diseases in the world, paralyzing hundreds of thousands of children every year.

Parents in those days had seen what the virus could do, and they lined up to get their children the protection they needed, some without even knowing the shots would actually work.

Today, a full round of childhood polio vaccinations is at least 99% effective. Polio is extremely rare.

Let's hope it stays that way.

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## Union movement requires support

By ISAAC LOZANO  
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Isaac Lozano



There's hardly a term that's become more cringe-inducing, more empty of meaning than "essential workers."

After two years of a pandemic that has revealed that making workers a priority is not considered essential, it's natural to feel despondent about the state of the country's laborers.

Look closer at the labor fights popping up at workplaces across the nation, though, and slivers of hope wiggle through: Unions are building movements that hearken back to the Gilded Age, when organized labor rose to counter the power of wealthy industrialists and the dire state of the working poor. Now, it's especially important that Congress commit to addressing workers' frustrations and exacting real consequences for labor injustice.

The victory of Christian Smalls, who formed the first union at an Amazon workplace in Staten Island, New York, in April, was perhaps the labor movement's most energizing success this year. Smalls helped organize his former co-workers despite an aggressive anti-union campaign by the nation's second-biggest employer. After months of litigation from Amazon, the labor union prevailed in court last week and is set to be certified.

Smalls' success wasn't an isolated incident. The number of union petitions filed with the National Labor Relations Board increased 58% between Oct. 1 and March 31, compared with the same period a year earlier, and there has been an increase in strikes since 2018, with the exception of 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic began. Unsurprisingly, unfair labor practice charges have increased 14%.

The pandemic accelerated frustrations stemming from economic and social inequality. Some 22 million workers lost their jobs in the first two months of the pandemic, with the low-wage workforce disproportionately hurt and experiencing a slower

recovery. The lowest earners have had the least access to paid leave should they get COVID-19.

It's understandable why more workers are seeking the protections and benefits of union representation. Unions allow workers to bargain collectively for paid sick leave, safer work conditions and more equitable pay. Workers covered by a union contract earn 11.2% more than their nonunionized counterparts, with Black and Hispanic workers receiving larger boosts, according to the Economic Policy Institute. Research finds that the Black-white wealth gap has grown in tandem with a decrease in union membership, suggesting that reversing the decline could help increase racial equity.

Part of the puzzle of American labor is a mismatch between wide popular support for unions, with 71% of Americans approving of unions, according to a recent poll, and a dismal national union membership rate of 10%. One problem is that the United States imposes penalties for labor violations that are far too weak to force corporate compliance.

If workers seek to unionize, their first option is a democratic election, facilitated by the National Labor Relations Board, that requires a majority vote by employees. The second route is through neutrality agreements, in which a company voluntarily recognizes a union based on evidence that most employees want to unionize.

Companies can appeal union elections and launch union-busting campaigns to intimidate or fire workers. Though companies are charged with violating federal labor laws in about 42% of union elections, the consequences often amount to low fines, or

nothing at all. Current labor law doesn't impose civil and punitive damages for companies that fire workers for organizing activity and it allows employers to enforce mandatory meetings to spread anti-union messaging. All of this, in addition to the time and costs required to unionize, creates significant barriers to unionization. Even after a union wins an election, getting a contract can take months as companies fight workers in court.

"No matter what we tell workers when they start organizing a union, they always come back to us and say, 'You really never told me it's gonna be this bad,'" Kurt Petersen, co-president of Unite Here Local 11, which represents hotel, airport and service workers in Southern California and Arizona, told me.

Employees need determination to fight for work conditions and confidence that if they fail to unionize, they can get another job, Suresh Naidu, a professor of economics at Columbia University, said. The current environment, with low unemployment and high demand for workers, can be helpful in union organizing. What's less clear is whether the movement will continue if there is a recession and unemployment rises.

Legislation will be key to leveling the playing field. The Protect the Right to Organize Act, a sweeping bill that would revamp federal labor laws to make unionizing easier, passed the House last year but has since stalled in the Senate. It will need the backing of Arizona Sens. Kyrsten Sinema and Mark Kelly, the only Senate Democrats not to co-sponsor or voice public support for the bill.

The future of American workers might look bleak, but the rise of victories, like the Amazon Labor Union, portends greater wins for workers. They'll need everyone on board to succeed.

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# Record-setting heat fueling fires

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — More than a week of record-setting heat across California is fueling several destructive wildfires and worsening already critical conditions ahead of the fall fire season.

Officials were bracing for an intense fire season because of California's drought conditions. But experts say the heat wave — likely to be the longest and hottest on record for September — is setting the stage for fires to spread much faster.

The scorching temperatures have created a "flash drying effect" by pulling out all the moisture from trees, grasses and other vegetation, according to Brent Wachter, a meteorologist at

the U.S. Forest Service's Geographic Coordination Center.

"We've had really low humidity and warm temperatures, not just during the daytime but through the entire 24-hour period, and it's created increased flammability in the fields and bumped it into an ultra-flammable scenario," he said.

In the Sacramento Valley foothills, moisture levels for dead fuels have dipped to their lowest in about 25 to 30 years, according to Wachter.

That is the area where the Mosquito fire doubled in size to more than 13,700 acres Thursday after sparking two days earlier near Foresthill in Placer County, provoking a mandatory evacuation order for about 2,500 people, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. More than 1,000 struc-

tures were threatened and some homes have been burned down, but officials didn't have an exact count Thursday.

By Thursday afternoon, the fire had raised a giant pyrocumulus cloud, jumped the Middle Fork of the American River and was burning its way toward the hamlet of Volcanoville in El Dorado County.

"It's very hot. It's dry, and it's burning into areas where there are people," said public information officer Chris Vestal. "The No. 1 priority is to get people out of their homes and out of the area."

The cause of the fire is under investigation, but Pacific Gas & Electric Co. filed a report disclosing "electrical activity" at one of its transmission lines near where the fire started Tuesday night. The blaze had no containment as of Thursday.



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A firefighter battles the Fairview fire Tuesday near Hemet, California.

## Queen ...

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While Victoria retreated from her regal duties after the early death of her husband, Prince Albert, Elizabeth — with her outwardly stern demeanor, iron constitution and abiding handbag — remained fully engaged in her queenly duties for most of her life, and true to a pledge she made on her 21st birthday.

Then a fresh-faced princess on tour with her parents in South Africa, she broadcast to British Empire listeners around

the globe: "I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service, and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong."

The length of that service, measured against that of other leading figures, proved astonishing — coinciding with that of 15 British prime ministers, 14 U.S. presidents and seven popes. As supreme governor of the Church of England, Elizabeth

appointed six archbishops of Canterbury.

She also had to navigate shifting public attitudes toward the royal family as the increasingly unfettered media laid bare its troubles. The low point came in 1997 with the death in a car accident of her former daughter-in-law, Princess Diana, and public anger at the queen's halting response to it.

It was one of few missteps, and the crisis passed: By the time of her Diamond Jubilee in 2012,

Queen Elizabeth was the subject of a four-day love fest that included a waterborne procession on the River Thames that rivaled a medieval pageant. Her approval rating stood at 90 percent. At a service at St. Paul's Cathedral, then-Archbishop Rowan Williams said, "We are marking six decades of living proof that public service is possible, and that it is a place where happiness can be found."

By the time of her platinum jubilee in 2022 mark-

ing her 70 years as queen, the national celebration had added another dimension, a shared recognition that the reign was almost over and was of a type that would not be seen again in terms of its length, pomp and place in a changed British society.

"While we celebrate the mightiness of Elizabeth II's allegiance to a life of service, we should also acknowledge that an antiquated version of monarchy must now pass into history," wrote journalist

and royal watcher Tina Brown in her 2022 book, "The Palace Papers."

Into her 90s, she maintained a rigorous calendar of events and appearances. They numbered more than 400 in her diamond jubilee year. Her public life was defined by these duties, some seemingly trivial, such as handing out symbolic alms, others mantled with pomp and pageantry — the opening of Parliament or the hosting of a state dinner.

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Bidding quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone: North 1♦ East Pass South 1♠ West Pass 2♣ Pass ?

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands? 1. ♠AJ83 ♥QJ9 ♦J72 ♣KQ6 2. ♠J9852 ♥10 ♦KJ4 ♣AQ97 3. ♠AQ754 ♥KQ5 ♦83 ♣942 4. ♠K976432 ♥AQ8 ♦Q7 ♣5

1. Three notrump. This is clearly a game-going hand, since you have an opening bid facing an opening bid. The only question at this point is whether the best contract lies in spades or notrump. Having already told partner about your spades, you should now suggest game in notrump as a possible alternative. Partner might have a relatively balanced hand and only three spades, in which case he will pass three notrump. With a hand better suited for trump play, he will retreat to four spades. 2. Four spades. Standing by itself, this hand would not rank as an opening bid, but it quickly assumes that status the moment the spade fit is discovered. In fact, this hand — with only 11 high-card points — probably offers a better chance for game than the preceding one with 14 high-card points. Distribu-

tional values and suit fits are often more important than high-card points. 3. Three spades. There's no way of knowing at this point whether or not you have game in spades. So you ask partner, by bidding three spades, whether he has a maximum or a minimum for his first two bids. If he has a minimum (12 or 13 points), he passes; if he has extra values (a good 14 or 15 points), he carries on to game. Thus, partner would pass three spades with ♠K1092 ♥84 ♦AK96 ♣Q85, but would raise to four spades with the same hand if the queen of clubs were the ace. 4. Three hearts. Even though you have only 11 high-card points and partner has only a minimum opening bid, you should give thought to the possibility of a slam. Very heavy weight must be accorded your seven-card suit and singleton club. Partner might have either of these two hands or facsimiles thereof: ♠A1085 ♥J4 ♦AKJ83 ♣84, or ♠Q1085 ♥102 ♦AKJ5 ♣A83, and could show his maximum values by jumping to four spades with the first hand or by cue-bidding four clubs with the second hand. In both cases, after using Blackwood to make sure that partner has at least two aces, you could confidently bid six spades.

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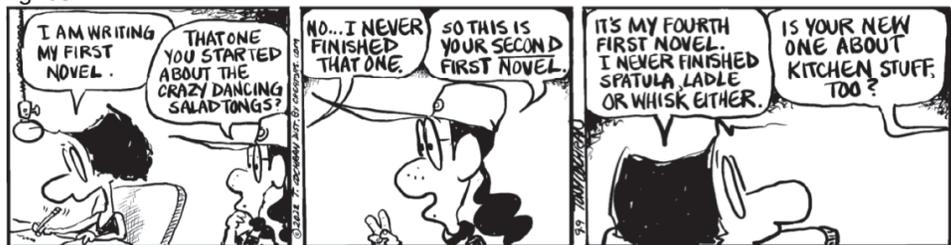
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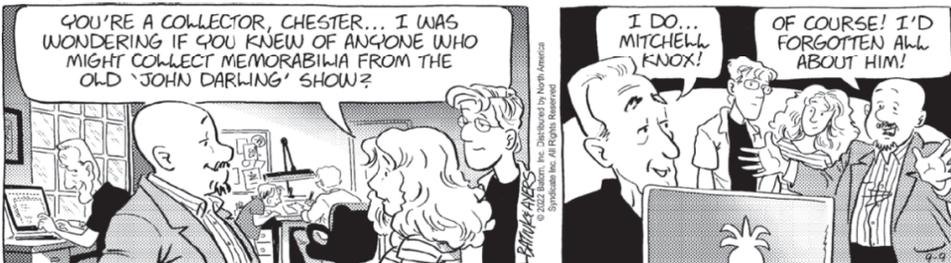
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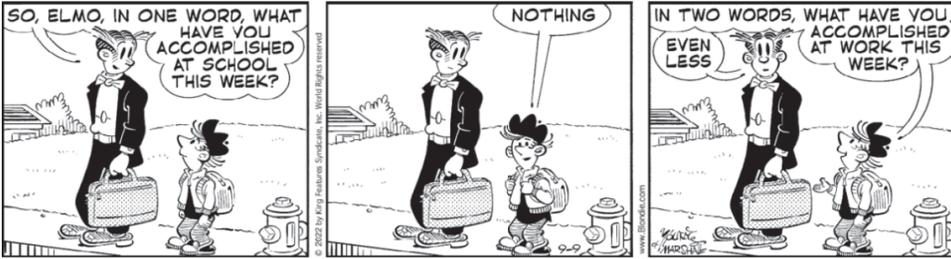
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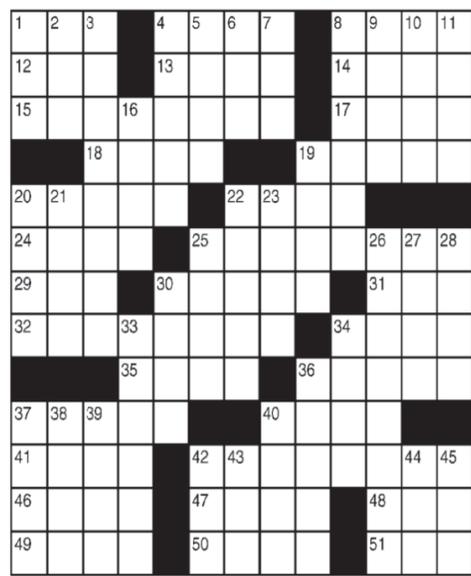
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## Jay spikers fall short vs. Warriors

The Patriots fought in the second set. They broke through in the third.

But they couldn't knock off one of the top teams in the conference.

Jay County High School's volleyball team slipped to 2-6 Thursday with a 25-15, 25-20, 19-25, 25-14 loss to the visiting Woodlan Warriors.

After struggling in the first set, the Patriots (1-1 Allen County Athletic Conference) were within a couple of points of Woodlan (9-1, 1-0 ACAC) late in the second before the visitors pulled away. JCHS built on that momentum to take the third set before the Warriors finished them off in the fourth.

Madison Brunswick and Abbie Fields shared the team high of nine kills for JCHS. Brunswick also had four blocks.

Brenna Haines finished with 24 digs and three aces. Sophie Saxman put up 22 assists, and Maggie Dillon had nine digs.

## Volleyball roundup

Jay County's junior varsity forced a third set but came up just short in a 25-22, 19-25, 15-12 loss to the Warriors. Meredith Dirksen totaled five kills, 15 digs, six points and an ace while Brenna Bailey had 18 digs and Kayla Jetmore totaled 13 points and four aces.

### FR loses in MAC

VERSAILLES, Ohio — The Fort Recovery volleyball team pushed the Versailles Tigers to the brink twice Thursday but fell in straight sets, 26-24, 25-18, 25-23.

Teigen Fortkamp finished with nine digs, six kills and two blocks for the Indians (3-6, 0-2) Midwest Athletic Conference



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against Versailles, which was a regional finalist last season. Audra Bubp notched 11 digs.

Grace Klingshirm, Mara Pearson and Allysen Fullenkamp added five kills apiece. Fullenkamp recorded a team-best five blocks.

### JCH drops two

GAS CITY — Jay County's junior high volleyball teams both suffered losses Thursday to R.J. Baskett, the eighth

graders by a 25-15, 25-19 score and the seventh graders by a 25-11, 25-14 final.

Chloe Byrum's three points were the team-best for the eighth grade Patriots. Hallie Schwieterman had two kills and Lucy Mace finished with two digs.

Amelia Heath paced the Jay County seventh graders with four kills, four points and two aces. Emalyn Homan put up three assists.

## Local ...

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The match came down to No. 1 singles, where Bluffton's Keegan Schwartz outlasted Abraham Dirksen of the Patriots 2-6, 6-0, 6-4.

The victories for Jay County (5-6), which had won four in a row after a 1-5 start, came from Eli Dirksen 6-0, 6-3 over Anthony Hartman at No. 3 singles and the team of Gage Sims and Sam Myers 6-4, 6-1 over Preston Daugherty and Blake Moser at No. 1 doubles.

Isaac Miller and Luke Muhlenkamp fell 7-6 (7-2), 7-5 at No. 2 doubles to Logan Reifsteek and Max Worth, and at No. 2 singles Simon Dirksen lost 7-5, 6-0 to Drew Pressler.

### Delta tops JC girls

The Jay County girls golf team was over-matched by the two-time defending sectional champions Thursday, falling 170-233 at Portland Golf Club.

Senior Rosealynne Smith posted the low score for the Patriots (1-12) with a 51. She had bogeys on the 284-yard, par-4 third hole, the 401-yard, par-5 fifth and the 119-yard, par 3 eighth.

Delta's Bella Brown was the match medalist with a 36.

Maddy Snow had the No. 2 score for JCHS with a 55. Stacy Fomina shot 63 for the Patriots and Meah Devoe finished with a 64.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Football at Adams Central — 7 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Football at Minster — 7 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Jay County — Cross country at Randolph Southern Invitational — 9 a.m.; Volleyball at Noblesville Invitational — 9 a.m.; Boys tennis hosts Patriot Invitational — 10 a.m.; Girls golf in ACAC Tournament — 1 p.m.; Junior high volleyball at Woodlan — 10 a.m.  
Fort Recovery — Cross country at Tiffin Carnival — 9 a.m.; Middle school volleyball vs. Botkins — 10 a.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
Noon — Tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN2)  
3 p.m. — Tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN)  
7 p.m. — Tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN)  
7:30 p.m. — College football: Louisville at Central Florida (ESPN2)  
7:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series — Kansas Lottery 200 (FS1, USA)  
8:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Milwaukee Brewers (Bally Indiana)  
10:05 p.m. — Soccer: Liga MX — Monterrey at Juarez (FS1)

**Saturday**  
7:30 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Chelsea at Fulham (USA)  
10 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Wolverhampton at Liverpool (USA)  
Noon — College football: South Carolina at Arkansas (ESPN); Missouri at Kansas State (ESPN2); Ohio at Penn State (ABC); Alabama at Texas (FOX); Western Illinois at Minnesota (BTN); Duke at Northwestern (FS1)  
12:30 p.m. — College football: Charleston Southern at North Carolina State (Bally Indiana)  
12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Tottenham Hotspur at Manchester City (USA)

1 p.m. — Soccer: National Women's Soccer League — San Diego Wave at Washington Spirit (CBS)  
2:30 p.m. — College football: Marshall at Notre Dame (NBC)  
3 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series — Kansas Lottery 300 (USA)  
3:30 p.m. — College football: Colorado at Air Force (CBS); Tennessee at Pittsburgh (ABC); Appalachian State at Texas A&M (ESPN2); Washington State at Wisconsin (FOX)  
4 p.m. — College football: Houston at Texas Tech (FS1); Indiana State at Purdue (BTN)  
4 p.m. — Tennis: U.S. Open — Women's final (ESPN)

7 p.m. — College football: Kentucky at Florida (ESPN)  
7:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Angels at Houston Astros (FOX); Cincinnati Reds at Milwaukee Brewers (Bally Indiana)  
7:30 p.m. — College football: Arizona State at Oklahoma State (ESPN2); USC at Stanford (ABC); Georgia Southern at Nebraska (FS1)  
8 p.m. — College football: Idaho at Indiana (BTN)  
10:15 p.m. — College football: Baylor at BYU (ESPN)  
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# Tourney rivals tie

## JC matches defending sectional champions

By **RAY COONEY**  
The Commercial Review

Both teams could legitimately say they should have scored several more times.

Both failed to convert repeatedly in front of the net, including golden opportunities with the goal keepers out of position.

Both only found the nylon once.

There's a good chance, though, they'll get to meet again.

Sectional rivals Jay County and Yorktown fought to a 1-1 tie in high school boys soccer Thursday night, setting up the possibility of a winner-take-all rematch in the tournament next month.

"It's not what I expected," said JCHS coach Bobby Ruiz, noting that the Tigers are the two-time defending sectional champions and were 17th in the most recent Class 2A Indiana Soccer Coaches Association poll. "But as the game went on, I knew we had our chances. ... I think in the first half we had more opportunities that we wasted. A lot of opportunities that we should finish.

"The second half was the same way. ... We missed our chances. We should have scored at least three or four more goals.

"A tie was not on the schedule, but we'll take it. Knowing who they are ... we'll take the tie. We fought with everything in the second half."

The opportunities were many for both teams, with



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Gavin Young of Jay County works to keep up with Yorktown's Riley Marvin as the official (foreground left) keeps an eye on the action. The teams tied 1-1 and could meet again in the sectional next month.

the Patriots relying on the speed of their forwards — specifically Levi Muhlenkamp — to create scoring chances while Yorktown mostly made runs up the left sidelines.

Among the many

attempts that were not converted were:

•Muhlenkamp getting behind the defense about five minutes into the second half and meeting up with goalie Carter Fauquier. The ball was

loose in the box after their confrontation with a chance for Muhlenkamp to put it away for a 2-1 JCHS lead, but senior defender Mark Avila saved the day for the Tigers.

•Patriot goalie Kaleb Cop-

pock — he made six saves — came out of the net to try to deny Jackson Furnish, who was making a run on the left side after taking a pass from Zach Wright. Again the result was a loose ball that Yorktown had a chance to put into the net, but speedy senior Josh Dowlen came flying in to meet the ball near the left post and send it out of bounds.

Dowlen and sophomore defenseman Gavin Young also saved a goal with Coppock out of the net about midway through the first half, a long shot from Dylan Marentes of the Patriots was deflected wide left by Fauquier; the Tigers' Kelby Parker came in too strong on a point-blank opportunity on a cross from Ethan Guinn and popped it up over the crossbar; and Muhlenkamp went just wide to the right with 15 minutes left in the game.

"We need to work on finishing," Ruiz said. "Like I told them, take that extra second to settle the ball and keep it in. Because they are so eager, or they are so scared that somebody is going to take it away, that they are wasting the opportunity. It happened to us. It happened to them."

The two shots that did end up in the back of the net came within the first 15 minutes.

Yorktown (5-2-1) got a push up the left side from Guinn. His cross was on the money for junior midfielder Riley Marvin to deflect into the net.

Muhlenkamp evened the score less than five minutes

later when he got a break-away. The ball bounded away from Fauquier on Muhlenkamp's first shot and he followed the deflection to tap it in.

Jay County and Yorktown could meet again in the sectional tournament that also includes Delta, Mississinewa, Centerville, Eastbrook, New Castle and Blackford. The tournament draw is Sept. 25.

"This team is always well-coached," Yorktown coach Shane Guinn said. "They're going to be a challenge if we play them nine more times. ...

"Our sectional is going to be tough this year throughout. ... Mississinewa is playing well. Eastbrook's always tough. Jay County is going to be tough. ... It's going to be a tough sectional for sure."

Though no one walks away happy with a tie, the result against the team that was won the last two sectional titles served as validation of the Patriots' strong start to the season. They are unbeaten since dropping their opener to Muncie Central in a game in which they were missing several starters.

And they look forward to continuing to grow before the tournament rolls around next month.

"I know that by the end of the season we're going to get better," said Dowlen.

"We're going to communicate more, we're going to work on our passing and stuff like that. So I feel very confident when it comes sectional time that we're going to be ready."

## Seniors lead 2nd shutout

CONVERSE — Two shutouts. Thirteen goals.

It's been a good week for the Patriots.

Jay County High School's girls soccer team rolled to a 5-0 victory Thursday over the host Oak Hill Golden Eagles.

The win followed an 8-0 blowout of Wapahani on Tuesday and gave the Patriots their fourth victory in the last five games.

Seniors Mara Bader and Gabi Bilbrey led the way for JCHS (5-2) against the Golden Eagles (3-3-2), with the former recording another hat trick while the latter finished with two goals and two assists. They connected on the first two goals, with Bilbrey assisting Bader on both of them for a 2-0 halftime lead. Bilbrey then scored eight minutes into the second half, and Bader notched her third goal at the 16:05 mark on an

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assist from Myra Lopez. Bilbrey capped the scoring four minutes later.

Goalie Angel Clairday made nine saves for the Patriots, who are off for a week before hosting Bellmont.

### FR boys golf loses

MINSTER, Ohio — The Fort Recovery boys golf team could not keep up with the Minster Wildcats at Arrowhead Golf Course, falling 157-200 Thursday.

Senior Isaac LeFevre put up the low score for the Indians with a 47,

including a birdie on the 465-yard, par-5 eighth hole. Keegan Muhlenkamp followed with a 48.

Minster, which finished tied for seventh in the state at the 2021 Division III state tournament, had three scores in the 30s. Louis Magoto's 38 earned him match medalist honors.

Nate Jutte and Eli Lennartz rounded out the FRHS team score with rounds of 52 and 53, respectively.

Matching totals of 59 for Alex Dues and Reece Evers did not factor in the team total.

Fort Recovery also dropped the junior varsity match 194-236. Reece LeFevre had the low score of 51.

### JC boys fall short

Jay County's boys tennis team had its winning streak come to an end Thursday with a 3-2 loss to the visiting Bluffton Tigers.

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