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## Harvest time

A farmer harvests soybeans Tuesday near the intersection of county road 350 South and Como Road. Rain is in the forecast for tonight but no additional precipitation is expected through the middle of next week.

## Dunkirk OKs its budget on 2nd reading

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — Council has approved its budget on second reading.

It will vote to adopt the budget later this month.

Dunkirk City Council reviewed its 2023 budget Tuesday.

The budget, approximately \$2.05 million, is up from the current year's allotment of \$1.91 million, or an increase of about 7%. Most of the increase comes from the 7% raises given to most city employees. Next year's budget includes \$1.48 million in the general fund, \$303,122 in the motor vehicle highway fund, \$110,500 in public safety local option income tax and \$78,000 in the economic development income tax (EDIT) fund.

Council will adopt the budget during its next meeting Oct. 24.

Also Tuesday, Mayor Jack Robbins reminded council about the fall festival and community trunk or treat events both slated for Oct. 29 at Dunkirk City Park. The festival begins at noon and continues until 5 p.m., with trunk or treat activities scheduled from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Activities on the agenda include a chili cookoff and costume contest, pumpkin painting, hay rides, and children's games. Free snacks — doughnuts, hot chocolate and apple cider — will also be available. Families attending the trunk or treat may park at West Jay Community Center or the former tennis courts.

In other business, council members Jesse Bivens, Bryan Jessup, Tom Johnson, Kevin Hamilton and Christy Curts:

- Learned city wide leaf pickup begins Oct. 27. City residents may gather and bag leaves from their yard and put them by the road for pickup each Thursday, excluding Thanksgiving, through December.

- Paid \$183,475.98 in claims, along with a \$2,304.32 claim for new benches at Dunkirk Fire Department. (The benches were placed in honor of late volunteer firefighters Mike Kreps and Layne Wright.)

- Donated \$300 to Jay County High School choirs.

## Indiana case could impact millions

By CASEY SMITH

Indiana Capital Chronicle  
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As the U.S. Supreme Court prepares to hear oral arguments in an Indiana case that could have national implications for millions of Americans participating in federal safety net programs, pressure is mounting locally for the public health agency at the heart of the legal battle to withdraw the case altogether.

Advocates for the elderly, poor and people with disabilities say the legal challenge could severely threaten federal benefit programs, like Medicaid.

A decision from the high court could federalize most medical malpractice litigation and such policy at the state level. That means patients could lose their ability to sue over poor care.

Up for debate is a lawsuit — Talevski v. Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County — originally filed in federal court in Indiana in 2019 by the

### Supreme Court will hear arguments regarding right to sue facilities for violating civil rights

estate of Gorgi Talevski, who resided in Indiana before he died.

The court filing alleged that Talevski was chemically restrained and medicated so that he would go to sleep instead of being treated for his dementia while living in a Valparaiso nursing home.

Talevski's wife, Ivanka, additionally maintained that her husband was illegally transferred to another nursing facility — which she argued is a violation of federal rights granted to nursing home patients.

The lower court determined that Talevski's estate could sue under the Nursing Home Reform Act provisions of Medicaid, but that decision was appealed by the Health & Hospital Corp. of Marion County (or HHC), which owns the nursing home where Talevski received care. The local government agency operates the Sidney & Lois Eskenazi Hospital in Indianapolis, as well as the Marion County Health Department. It's also the state's largest nursing home owner, operating 78 facilities across Indiana.

HHC said its facility took nec-

essary actions, noting that Talevski was violent and sexually aggressive toward staff and other residents.

But HHC went even farther, arguing that residents of publicly owned, Medicaid-funded nursing homes should not be allowed to sue the facilities for violating their civil rights.

The high court justices agreed to review the case. Oral arguments are scheduled for Nov. 8.

It will then be up to the justices to decide whether beneficiaries of programs like Medicaid have the right to sue state and local governments, or have any form of recourse at all if their civil rights are violated.

Former members of Congress, past U.S. health department officials, 22 state attorney generals — including the Indiana Attorney General — and dozens of other entities have filed briefs in support of Talevski's wife and her right to file a claim in court.

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## Consequences needed

By MEGHASHYAM MALI

Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden said there would be "consequences" for Saudi Arabia over the decision by OPEC+ to slash production, a move the administration says will benefit Russia by propping up oil prices.

"When the House and Senate gets back, they're going to have to — there's going to be some consequences for what they've done, with Russia," Biden said Tuesday in an interview with CNN.

OPEC+ last week announced plans to slash output by 2 million barrels a day. The move angered the White House

and Congress and highlighted a widening split between the kingdom and the U.S. Lawmakers from both parties called for measures to punish Saudi Arabia.

Asked if it was time for the U.S. to rethink its relationship with the Saudis, Biden said, "Yes."

But he declined to detail what measures were on

the table. "I'm not going to get into what I'd consider and what I have in mind. But there will be — there will be consequences," he said.

Senate Foreign Relations Chair Robert Menendez, a Democrat, on Monday urged freezing all cooperation with Saudi Arabia, including arms sales.

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### Biden says U.S. will need to respond to OPEC+ slash



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## Early voter

Early voting started today and continues through Nov. 7. Pictured, Daniel Chase signs in to vote with help from Jay County clerk Jon Eads this morning at Jay County Courthouse. Early voting is available in the voting room at the courthouse from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.

### Deaths

**Elwood Thornton**, 87, Oxford, Michigan  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 75 degrees Tuesday. The low was 55.

Showers are expected tonight with a possible thunderstorm. The low will be 46.

Skies will be mostly sunny Thursday with a high near 60 and winds gusting to 35 miles per hour. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Arts Place's Forbidden Music: Compositions by Imprisoned or Banned Composers during the Holocaust concert that was scheduled for Saturday has been postponed. (Plans are to reschedule it for the spring.) The organization will still hold its annual meeting for members at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

### Coming up

**Thursday** — Results from the JCHS boys soccer semifinal.

**Saturday** — A new Dunkirk-based facility for women and children is opening its doors.



Hospitals report billions in losses

By CHRISTINE HERMAN
Side Effects Public Media

Indiana hospitals are feeling the effects of rising costs and an unprecedented workforce crisis, according to a new survey from the Indiana Hospital Association.

Seven Indiana-based health systems responded to the survey, which asked about hospital

finances and spending since the start of 2021.

The health systems reported they've experienced financial losses totaling about \$3 billion.

Hospitals are spending more to hire travel nurses and also retain critical staff. Nearly 70 percent of hospitals reported travel nurse expenses increasing more than 20 percent. More than half

reported they've increased salaries and benefits by 15 percent or more, and an additional third said labor costs have increased nearly 30 percent since the start of 2021.

Health systems are also paying more for drugs and for critical medical supplies like syringes, gloves and protective gear. Indiana Hospital Association

President Brian Tabor said in a statement that the challenges Indiana hospitals face are incredibly daunting.

"These financial impacts are hitting while hospitals are rebuilding from the peak of the pandemic, which stretched our resources beyond belief just earlier this year," Tabor said.

A dozen of Indiana's 54 rural

hospitals are at risk of closure — and seven are at immediate risk — due to financial losses and low financial reserves, according to the latest report from the Center for Healthcare Quality and Payment Reform, which cites data from July 2022.

Since 2005, more than 170 rural hospitals have closed in the U.S., and two of those were in Indiana.

CR almanac

Table with 5 columns: Thursday 10/13, Friday 10/14, Saturday 10/15, Sunday 10/16, Monday 10/17. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (e.g., 59/35, 58/41).

Lotteries

Lottery results for Powerball, Mega Millions, Hoosier, and Ohio. Includes estimated jackpots and winning numbers.

Markets

Market prices for Cooper Farms Fort Recovery, POET Biorefining Portland, and The Andersons Richland Township. Lists prices for corn, wheat, and beans.

Today in history

In 1810, Munich, Germany, held the first Oktoberfest celebration. It involved a horse race to celebrate the marriage of the crown prince of Bavaria.

In 1901, the name of the president's residents at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. in Washington, D.C., was officially changed by President Theodore Roosevelt to The White House.

In 1935, opera singer Luciano Pavarotti was born in Modena, Italy. He is considered one of the best singers of the 20th century.

In 1968, Equatorial Guinea gained its independence from Spain. It had been under European colonial rule for

centuries, most recently by Spain since the mid 1800s.

In 1998, Matthew Shepard died in Fort Collins, Colorado, after being beaten and left in the cold by two men several days earlier in Laramie, Wyoming. He was lured to a local bar and attacked because of his homosexuality.

In 2003, Kyle Carpenter scored both goals for the Jay County High School boys soccer team as it defeated the Anderson Highland Scots 2-0 to close the regular season.

In 2021, Jay County High School graduate Garrett Krieg was hired as the South Adams boys basketball coach. Krieg, who played for the Patriots' 2011 sectional championship team, had spent one year leading the Southwestern Spartans in Shelbyville.

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Citizen's calendar

Today 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Monday 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland

City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.

6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, conference room, high school, 400 E. Butler St.

7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Obituaries

Elwood Thornton

Elwood "Woody" Thornton, 87, was a native of Portland and graduate of Portland High School. He was most recently a resident of Oxford, Michigan.

He was born on Feb. 23, 1935, in Wayne Township and was the foster son of Perry and Lucille Franklin of Nobel Township, Indiana. He was married to Sara (Pratt), also from Portland, on Aug. 18, 1956, at Asbury United Methodist Church in Portland, Indiana.

Surviving are his wife Sara; and his two daughters, Tracy (Danny) Barron of Mission Viejo, California,

and Tamara (Michael) Stachecki of Oakland Township, Michigan; along with five grandchildren, Caroline and Joshua Barron, and Elizabeth, Jacob and Abigail Stachecki.

Woody was a member of the Indiana National Guard. He was employed at General Motors for 34 years, starting at Chevrolet in Muncie, Indiana, and retiring as resident comptroller of Hydromatic Division Willow Run Michigan operations.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Marciel (Everett) Locker and Gladys (Robert) Miller; and two brothers John and Floyd.

Graveside services will be held in Salamonina Cemetery.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.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.

Case ...

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Current members of Congress said in their brief, too, that the right to sue is "essential for efficient administration and oversight" of federal safety net programs like Medicaid.

"Congress allocates billions of dollars each year in federal funds to assist the states in providing services for the nation's most vulnerable individuals," the members of Congress wrote. "Neither federal nor state authorities have sufficient resources to provide complete oversight over the funding funneled into state programs ... Both Congress and the states depend on private enforcement of rights encapsulated in these statutes to protect vulnerable individuals and groups."

No Indiana members signed on to the brief.

The Arc of Indiana, an advocacy group for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, along with 91 other state and national advo-

cacy organizations for vulnerable populations, are now urging the HHC board to withdraw the Supreme Court case.

The advocates emphasized that federal safety net programs have been a "lifeline for millions of people," especially those with disabilities. Specifically, they point to Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).

"One in four adults in Indiana has a disability, and many of them rely on these programs to live full and active lives," the Arc of Indiana said in a news release. "Private lawsuits — often brought by The Arc and our partners — have often been the only recourse for people to get the services and supports they need. A negative ruling will leave them without legal recourse if they face mistreatment or abuse or their benefits are taken away or denied."

The group is calling for the HHC

board to re-examine the case at its Oct. 18 meeting.

The seven-member HHC board is appointed by the Democratic-led offices of the Indianapolis mayor, City-County Council and Marion County Board of County Commissioners.

The agency's president and CEO, Paul Babcock, did not respond to a request for comment. He told the Indianapolis Star that his legal team maintains the Federal Nursing Home Reform Act doesn't include a "private right of action to sue nursing homes or nursing home operators."

"We're continuing to always be concerned with care in our nursing homes ... if (HHC) prevails in this case, that care level will not change," he said. "I do not believe that rights will be lost."

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Felony arrests

Intimidation

A Portland man was arrested Tuesday for intimidation.

Caleb S. Grigsby, 20, 820 W. Arch St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony, along with two Level 6 felonies with criminal recklessness and pointing a firearm.

Grigsby's being held on

a \$15,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Theft

A Portland woman was arrested Tuesday for theft. Ashley L. Hare, 32, 101 W. Moody Ave., was charged in Jay Circuit Court with a Level 6 felony. She's being held on a \$5,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Capsule Reports

Intersection crash

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000 after a Portland man drove his truck into a Farmland woman's car at the intersection of Indiana 1 and Main Street in Redkey about 4:19 p.m. Tuesday.

Jimmie F. Auker, 85, was stopped in his 2010 Chevrolet Silverado on Main Street at the intersection with Indiana 1 in Redkey.

He told Jay County Sheriff's Office he thought the intersection was a four-way stop and contin-

ued east, driving into a southbound 2006 Mercury Montego operated by 81-year-old Linda S. Garlinger.

Her vehicle was towed.

Advertisement for DVFD's 27th Annual Haunted Woods. Includes dates (October 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29), times (7:30 to 11:00 pm), and contact information (Phone: 765-768-6122).

SERVICES

Today

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

Thursday

Brumbaugh, Robert: 11 a.m., Green Park Cemetery Chapel, Portland.

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Advertisement for 21st Annual Jay County Tox Away Day. Sponsored by the Jay County Solid Waste Management District. Includes date (Saturday, October 15, 2022), time (8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.), location (Jay County High School Parking Lot), and a list of items to be collected (e.g., oil-based paints, pesticides, tires).



# Marathon game was exhausting

*(Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Oct. 12, 2005. The Major League Baseball playoffs starting Friday and including a 15-inning game between the Cleveland Guardians and Tampa Bay Rays on Saturday night made this piece feel timely. Baseball rooting interests are many and varied, but an October evening with a good game and a bowl of popcorn is tough to beat.)*

By JACK RONALD  
The Commercial Review

I'm exhausted. And I haven't done anything.

But I've done it for 18 innings. The elegant baseball writer Roger Angell observed years ago that baseball is a game without a clock. Theoretically, if you play it perfectly enough, it can go on forever.

On Sunday, it did. In case you had other things to do (so did I), let me fill you in. The Houston Astros were facing the Atlanta Braves in game

## Back in the Saddle



four of a best-of-five series. The Astros were ahead two games to one. If they won, they'd move on to face the incredibly tough St. Louis Cardinals. If they lost, they'd play Atlanta again.

OK, so the fate of the world didn't depend upon the outcome. But in baseball terms, it was a very big deal.

So, when I turned on the TV and settled in with a bowl of minestrone and a big glass of skim milk, I thought I'd be entertained for a few hours.

But baseball, as Roger Angell pointed out, follows its own rhythm and its own clock.

Six hours after the game started, it finally came to an end. Something like 21 1/2 hours passed after the game was tied at 6-6 in the 9th inning.

They essentially played two consecutive games before hitting the locker rooms.

And what's a fan to do? I watched. I yelled. I think I walked the dog at one point.

And, inevitably bored, I switched over to the Colts game for a bit. (Does the Nobel Prize committee have something special in its gift bag for the inventor of picture-in-picture?)

Toward about the 12th inning, I made some popcorn and Connie joined me for some of Orville Redenbacher's finest. But when she returned to her studies, the game kept on going. And going. And going.

And I kept watching and watching and wondering why exactly I was watching.

I'm not at all fond of the Braves; Atlanta has

been the National League equivalent to the Yankees the past 15 years or so.

But I don't care very much about Houston either; we're fans of Nolan Ryan, now retired, but not too big on Roger Clemens, about to be retired, again.

Whoever won the playoff was going to have to face the St. Louis Cardinals, a team we favor at our house.

Baseball allegiances can get pretty complicated, as any fan knows.

For instance, we were sort of rooting for Boston in the American League, because the twins live in the greater Boston area; but at the same time, we saw A.J. Pierzynski of the Chicago White Sox play in the minor leagues in Fort Wayne and wanted him to succeed. Meanwhile, my brother Steve used to cheer for Pierzynski when he was with the Minnesota Twins but can't conceive of doing that now

because he's a member of the Twins' arch-rival "mighty Whities."

The only thing clear is that none of us wanted the Yankees to succeed, except Sally's roommate, who can be forgiven since she's from Long Island.

You'd think that all of that confusion would make it hard to get excited about an 18-inning game on a Sunday afternoon. And you'd be wrong.

There were, I think, four home runs, including two grand slams. Clemens, a middle-aged man these days, pitched three innings of relief and laid down a great bunt.

So many players took the field in various permutations of substitution, you halfway expected to see the hot dog vendor at first base.

And as to the score? The Astros won.

We'll take the Cardinals in the next match-up, but it's going to be a great October.

## Those in power must understand boundaries

St. Louis Post-Dispatch  
Tribune News Service

There has to come a tipping point when sports organizations — or, really, any entity in which men hold power over women — recognize the need for safeguards to protect women from abuse and exploitation. Perhaps just as important is that women's and girls' voices be heard when they complain, and that their allegations are thoroughly investigated instead of consistently giving the abusers the benefit of the doubt.

Former Deputy U.S. Attorney General Sally Yates on Monday released the results of her independent investigation into abuses within the National Women's Soccer League and the U.S. Soccer Federation. The findings are shocking, for sure. But they're also frustrating for their consistency with investigations into other entities where abuses against women were allowed to go uncorrected despite persistent complaints.

The U.S. military, Silicon Valley, Hollywood, professional football and women's gymnastics each had their own scandals exposed only when the victims finally recognized that nothing would change unless they mustered the courage to go public and speak out. And, just as occurred in soccer, the pioneers who tried to force change found themselves ignored or, worse, shunned and punished for complaining.

"Our investigation has revealed a league in which abuse and misconduct — verbal and emotional abuse and sexual misconduct — had become systemic, spanning multiple teams, coaches, and victims," Yates' 319-page report says. "Abuse in the (National Women's Soccer League) is rooted in a deeper culture in women's soccer, beginning in youth leagues, that normalizes verbally abusive coaching and blurs boundaries between coaches and players."

The stories of verbal abuse, sexual abuse and sexual coercion abounded. "Players demanded accountability from a league" that didn't respond, Yates reported.

Hasn't America heard this before? There were the horrific stories of repeated sexual abuse by doctor Larry Nassar on young female gymnasts. Decades-

## Guest Editorial

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long patterns of sexual exploitation in Hollywood started to be dismantled after a few brave women finally came forward, at great personal risk, to expose producer Harvey Weinstein's habitual abuses. More brave women in the military risked their careers to testify before Congress about abuse and exploitation by military commanders.

In nearly all these cases, the "systemic" part includes those in power repeatedly downplaying or dismissing the allegations. The net effect is to re-victimize the victims by making them feel they were wrong for speaking out and discouraging them to the point that they wound up quitting because they can't get justice.

Yates' recommendations, though specific to women's soccer, are really universal: Ensure abusers aren't allowed to bounce from employer to employer; ensure the abusers and all who protect them are held accountable; conduct rigorous investigations; establish clear rules and enforceable codes of conduct — and punish the offenders, not the victims.

These should be the minimum standards applied to any organization, enforced with rigor until those with an inclination toward abuse finally get the message.



## Rokita chases national headlines

By NIKI KELLY  
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Every time Attorney General Todd Rokita signs Indiana onto a lawsuit somewhere in the country or files a brief in a case that doesn't involve Hoosiers, emails and messages clog my inbox.

They are from citizens who want to know what this is costing taxpayers — to play legal games on issues that don't directly impact Indiana. They see these suits and amicus briefs as political gamesmanship on national issues that Rokita wants to be part of. The question is legitimate so I decided to look into the cost.

The latest example — and perhaps most flagrant — was Indiana joining Texas, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, South Carolina, Utah and West Virginia to call on a U.S. appeals court to ensure that former President Donald Trump is "afforded necessary legal protections following the Biden administration's unprecedented nine-hour search of former President Trump's private residence and its seizure of more than 10,000 documents."

Rokita was quoted in a press release calling it an "intrusion" and saying the Biden administration has a history of questionable conduct.

"In the past, I have respected the U.S. Justice Department's efforts to uphold the law," he said. "We must not allow the Biden administration to tarnish that proud heritage by turning the U.S. Justice Department into a political shop devoted to settling scores for the current president."

Niki Kelly



Never mind that a legal warrant was issued for the search following proper procedures before a judge.

I contacted the Attorney General's Office and asked what Indiana's participation in this amicus curiae brief cost Hoosiers. An amicus brief — or friend of the court brief — allows persons or groups that aren't directly involved in a case to offer additional, relevant information a court might want to consider before making a ruling.

Katlyn Milligan, deputy director of communications, said the Indiana Office of the Attorney General receives more than 100 requests to join multi-state amicus briefs each year.

"All briefs, whether the State joins or not, are read by at least one deputy attorney general. Additionally, we may offer and insert additional work. Sometimes, we help other states write the briefs, and sometimes we write them completely to be shared with other states," she said.

"In this case, no additional work was needed for Texas' brief. Holding the federal government to the rule of law is always in the interest of Indiana citizens."

So, it appears at least in this case the participation was limited and

cost very low. But other times, Rokita's office is the lead on such efforts and likely spends hours of attorney and staff time preparing such a brief.

For instance, in May Rokita stepped into a South Carolina dispute and led a 16-state coalition asking the U.S. Supreme Court to end a private challenge of a state policy preventing abortion clinics from receiving Medicaid funds. That same month Indiana again was the lead on an amicus brief alongside 14 other states involving common-law nuisance claims by local governments in California against energy companies for contributing to "global climate" change.

Those efforts had to cost money. To be fair, Rokita is working within an existing budget established by the Indiana General Assembly. His general fund appropriation for the 2022 fiscal year was \$21.5 million and he returned \$165,028 unused — less than 1%.

Now what is the opportunity cost of the hours spent on the briefs that have no direct impact on Hoosiers or his office? That is an unknown. Could the office be spending more time defending lawsuits right here in Indiana, ensuring convictions, prosecuting doctors, responding to consumer complaints? Probably.

But there aren't many national headlines in the everyday work of the Attorney General.

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# Fort Recovery 11th in Region 28

The Indians moved back up one spot. Fort Recovery High School's football team, following a 33-7 victory Friday over Parkway, climbed one place in the OHSAA's Division VII Region 28 computer rankings to 11th.

The Indians (3-5) have a computer average of 5.96 points to put it behind Cedarville's 6.45 and ahead of Southeastern Local's 5.1. Ansonia (7-1) leads the region at 13.19 points.

The top 16 teams in each region at the end of the season

advance to the playoffs. If the tournament started today, Fort Recovery would visit sixth-ranked Springfield Catholic Central (6-2) in the opening round.

Playing in Division VI last season, the Indians made the

playoffs at 14th in the regional computer rankings. They upset Arcanum 40-30 in the opening round before falling to Anna in the regional quarterfinal.

Other Midwest Athletic Conference schools in Region 28 are New Bremen (fourth), Minster

(fifth) and St. Henry (18th). Coldwater, Marion Local, Versailles and Parkway are in line for playoff berths in other regions.

Fort Recovery closes the regular season by hosting Anna (2-6) on Friday and then visiting St. Henry (1-7) on Oct. 21.

# Indians top NK

### Sweep gives FRHS third win in last 4 matches

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — Back and forth the Indians went with their conference rival.

They were tied eight times in the opening set, including at 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18.

Then Mara Pearson stepped behind the service line.

Pearson served the final six points of the set, including two of the last three on aces, to spark the Fort Recovery High School volleyball team in its 25-18, 25-17, 25-8 sweep of the New Knoxville Rangers.

"We had a good serve-receive (match) tonight," said FRHS coach Travis Guggenbiller. "We worked on a lot of serve receive in practice. We did our job on that end. You could see what we did in practice."

The win was the third in the last four matches for the Tribe, which had previously lost six in a row. It has victories over St. Paul, Minster and New Knoxville since Oct. 1 heading into Thursday's home match against Division VI No. 1 New Bremen (20-1, 7-1 MAC).

Neither team led by more than three points in the opening set — the Indians were up 8-5 while New Knoxville worked its way to leads of 12-9 and 14-11 — before Pearson stepped back to serve. Rangers coach Madison Lammer called two timeouts during the Tribe's late run in an effort to break its momentum, but it was to no avail. Her team made a few



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Fort Recovery High School junior Saige Leuthold hits past Ally Topp of New Knoxville during the Indians three-set win Tuesday.

errors that led to FRHS points and Pearson finished off the set with an ace off the arms of Ally Topp.

"We had, like, six service errors in that first set," said Guggenbiller. "We just started slow. ..."

"It all started on (Pearson's) serve. Once they got that little bit of momentum, they started believing in themselves and it all picked up after that."

Fort Recovery (7-13, 3-5 Midwest Athletic Conference) dominated the rest of the way, running out to a 6-0 lead in the second set thanks in part to a tip from Allysen Fullenkamp (seven

kills, four blocks) and a kill from Pearson (seven kills, eight digs, two aces). It rolled out to a 13-2 lead in the third and final set, getting aces from both Audra Bupp and Faith Wendel. Cali Wendel closed the second set with an ace and Fullenkamp had a block and a kill in the waning points of the third set.

Grace Klingshirm's eight kills paced the Tribe offense. Bupp and Cali Wendel each had nine digs, Paige Fortkamp totaled 17 assists and eight digs, and Leuthold had four blocks.

Addi Albers led New Knoxville (5-16, 0-8) with

18 assists, seven digs and a block. Brynn Egbert totaled seven kills and Lauren Wingler finished with 16 digs.

After playing the top team in the state Thursday, Fort Recovery will close the regular season Saturday at Arcanum. The Indians will then travel to Wayne Trace on Monday for the opening round of the sectional tournament.

"In the tournament, we're going to have to have that connection. If we can pass the ball, we can be successful," said Guggenbiller. "That first-ball contact is what we're going to practice all week."

# Ivey embracing speed of the NBA

By MIKE CURTIS

The Detroit News

Tribune News Service

DETROIT — When Pistons rookie Jaden Ivey decides he's going to attack the basket, he's aware of the fact that he's likely going to take a hit once he's inside the paint.

The No. 5 overall draft pick out of Purdue found his way to the free-throw line nine times Friday against the New Orleans Pelicans. Not only was he able to get to the line, Ivey managed to drain every free-throw attempt. His aggressiveness in drawing contact paid off for the Pistons to offset his steep turnover count and difficult shooting night from the field.

Pistons coach Dwane Casey said Ivey's ability to get to the free-throw line is huge for a team that ranked 13th in free-throw shooting.

"Huge," Casey said Monday. "His speed, he's going to get (to the free-throw line). ... We're excited about his future."

A week ago, Ivey played his first NBA preseason game against the New York Knicks inside Madison Square Garden.

When asked if he feels like he's officially a part of the NBA yet, Ivey smiled and said, "Yeah."

"That first game was — Madison Square Garden — that was really special," Ivey said. "I had a lot of jitters going out there, but I feel like I'm in the league now. I'm just trying to do what I can every single day to become a better player. I just love coming in in the morning, seeing everybody. This is officially my job now. I just take every day and I'm just thankful for every day."

## IHSAA boys soccer

### Class 2A regional semifinal

5 p.m. tonight  
at Jay County High School



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# Alvarez hits walk-off for Astros

By JOSH CRISWELL

Houston Chronicle

Tribune News Service

Yordan Alvarez had established himself as a fan favorite among the Houston Astros faithful in just a few years, but Tuesday evening took his celebrity status to a new level.

With the Astros trailing by two runs with two outs in the bottom of the ninth, Alvarez stepped to the plate with a chance to complete an improbable comeback over

the Seattle Mariners in Game 1 of the American League Division Series. He did just that, sending a three-run blast into the upper deck in right field to seal an 8-7 victory.

"I just went nuts," Astros third baseman Alex Bregman said. "I lost my voice out there. I was screaming. I wanted to go give him a hug right after he hit it, but he still had to go run the bases, so I was just waiting for him. The team was fired up."

"The place was on fire tonight. The fans were unbelievable. It was

so awesome to have a packed house here. The energy was flowing. We felt it, we felt them. We love when they're loud. That environment was awesome, and Yordan hitting the homer was crazy."

Alvarez's 438-foot bomb marked just the second time in MLB history that a walk-off home run had been hit with a team down to its final out. The other instance occurred when Kirk Gibson homered off Dennis Eckersley in Game 1 of the 1988 World Series.

# Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Boys soccer regional semifinal vs. Canterbury — 5 p.m.

**Thursday**  
Jay County — Junior high football at Elwood — 5:30 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Volleyball vs. New Bremen (varsity only) — 6:30 p.m.; Eighth grade football at Anna — 5 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
7 p.m. — NHL hockey: Boston Bruins at Washington Capitals (TNT)  
7 p.m. — NBA preseason basketball: New York Knicks at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)  
7:30 p.m. — College football: Louisiana at Marshal (ESPN2)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA preseason basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Milwaukee Bucks (ESPN)

8:37 p.m. — Major League Baseball playoffs: National League Division Series — San Diego Padres at Los Angeles Dodgers (FS1)

9:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Chicago Blackhawks at Colorado Avalanche (TNT)  
10 p.m. — NBA preseason basketball: Minnesota Timberwolves at Los Angeles Lakers (ESPN)

### Thursday

3:37 p.m. — Major League Baseball playoffs: American League Division Series — Seattle Mariners at Houston Astros (TBS)

6 p.m. — Women's college soccer: Wisconsin at Penn State (BTN)  
7 p.m. — College football: Temple at Central Florida (ESPN); Baylor at West Virginia (FS1)

7:30 p.m. — College football: Morgan State at North Carolina Central (ESPN2)

7:37 p.m. — Major League Baseball playoffs: American League Division Series — Cleveland Guardians at New York Yankees (TBS)  
8 p.m. — Women's college soccer: Purdue at Iowa (BTN)  
8:15 p.m. — NFL football: Washington Commanders at Chicago Bears (FOX)

### Local notes

**Turkey Trot is Nov. 5**  
The Cooper Farms Turkey Trot 5K is scheduled for Nov. 5.

The race will begin at 10 a.m. at the Cooper Farms processing facility, 1 Cooper Farm Drive, St. Henry, Ohio. Check-in begins at 9 a.m.

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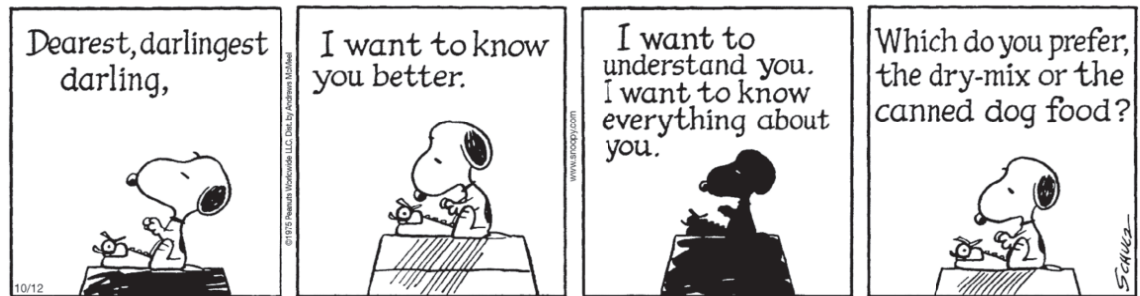
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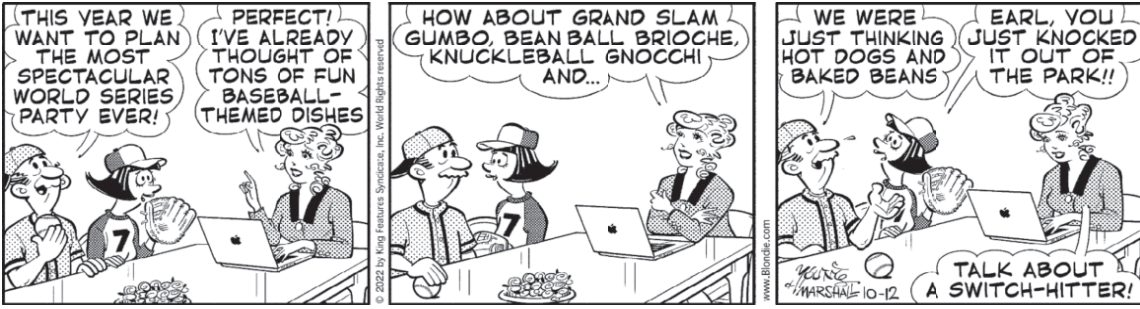
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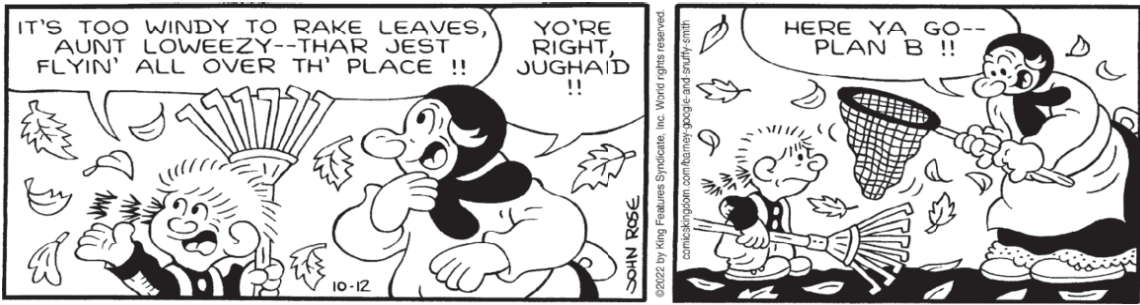
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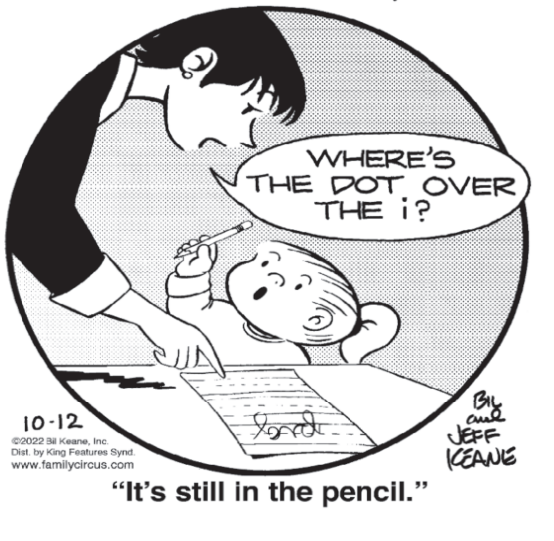
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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North dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH: A, 932, AKQ104, K1082. WEST: QJ1074, J86, 75, Q74. EAST: K83, K1075, J9832, 6. SOUTH: 9652, AQ4, 6, AJ953. The bidding: North 1, East 2, South 4, West 4NT, 5NT. Opening lead — queen of spades.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS: 1 Nile biter, 4 Chat, 8 Job for Holmes, 12 One of the five W's, 13 'East of Eden' son, 14 Makes a choice, 15 Snaky fish, 16 Fruit salad ring, 18 — Lama, 20 Humorist, 21 — Raton, 24 Settle a debt, 28 Holiday wreath adornment, 32 Ms. McEntire, 33 'I love,' to Livy, 34 Passion, 36 'The One I Love' band, 37 Attempt, 39 Pesto ingredients, 41 Bar mixer, 43 Salingier girl, 44 Sticky stuff. DOWN: 5 Shapiro of NPR, 6 Horror star Chaney, 7 Recognized veggies, 8 Whirly-bird, 9 Smartphone download, 10 Cardinal cap letters, 11 Jargon suffix, 17 Tire filler, 19 Jurist Fortas, 22 Business abbr., 23 MacDowell of 'Green Card', 25 Andean land, 26 Help a hood, 27 Thanks-giving, 28 Bygone days, 29 Texter's 'As I see it', 30 Lunch hour, 31 Billions of years, 35 Prompts, 38 Detroit team, 40 Mosquito barrier, 42 Gear-wheel tooth, 45 Spheres, 47 Slightly, 48 Ovid's, 49 Luke's teacher, 50 School org., 51 MSN, for one, 52 Rebel Turner, 53 Vichy water, 54 Stately tree.

Crossword grid with numbers 1-49.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The infernal optimist. So, without giving the matter further thought, he won the spade lead and cashed the K-A of clubs. When clubs failed to break, South carried on with his initial plan — discard two hearts on dummy's diamonds, ruff a diamond to establish dummy's fifth card in the suit and eventually ruff two spades in dummy and discard another on the good diamond.

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1-4, 5-7 and 8-10. The winner's pictures will be displayed in the newspaper on October 29, 2022.

If you would like a chance to have your colored picture in the newspaper, fill out the entry form and bring/send in your picture to the address listed on the form.  
Don't forget to read the SAFETY TIPS, and have a safe and happy Halloween, KIDS!

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**Decorate** costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers

**Hometown Hardware**

**LOOK** both ways before you cross the street.

**Progressive Office Products**

**HELP** children choose costumes that will be safe.

**FAMILY DENTISTRY T.M. BANTA, D.D.S.**

**GO** slow, drivers.

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**ONLY** eat candy in sealed wrappers, and have your parents inspect all of your candy.

**K&L Tractor Sales**

**MAKE** sure treats are age-appropriate.

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**BRUSH** Always brush your teeth after eating candy.

**Barnett's "231/2 hrs" Towing and Recovery**

**SET** curfews.

**Baird-Freeman Funeral Home**

**NEVER** wander off alone - stay in the group.

**Youth Service Bureau of Jay County**

**TRY** downtown trick or treating, it's well lit & safe.

**George Family Dentistry**

**LIGHT** your jack-o'-lantern with a battery-powered light instead of a candle.

**Best One Tire and Auto Care**

**JACKETS** provide warmth. Take one with you on a cool Halloween night.

**David A. Fullenkamp O.D.P.C. Dr. Small O.D.**

**KEEP** a first aid kit fully stocked & nearby in case of emergency.

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**MAKE** sure you wear shoes that fit well and are tied tightly.

**Jay County REMC**

**CUT** costumes reasonably so tripping does not occur.

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**NEVER** enter a stranger's house or car under any circumstances.

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**HAND OUT** healthy alternatives to candy, like sealed trail mix or raisins.

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**WEAR** proper footwear.

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**IF** there is no sidewalk, then walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.

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**PIN** a slip of paper with child's name, address and phone # on child's costume.

**Bollenbacher & Associates**

**REMEMBER** to say Thank You.

**Williams Auto Parts**

**WEAR** a watch that lights up, so you can read it in the dark easily.

**Jay County Sheriff's Office**

**ALWAYS** carry a flashlight with you when trick-or-treating at night.

**Classique Beauty Salon**

**PROPS** like a toy sword or wand should be flexible, without sharp edges or points.

**Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition**

**REMEMBER** to walk, not run, from house to house while trick-or-treating.

**I.D.C. Restaurant**

**VISIT** only those houses that are well-lit, and never approach a house alone.

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