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## Prescott and Bartlett vying in District 33

*Incumbent Republican challenged by chair of Blackford Democrats*

By RAY COONEY

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The incumbent is seeking a third term to continue representing District 33.

His challenge believes area residents need a new voice at the statehouse.

Incumbent Republican J.D. Prescott is facing a challenge from Democrat John Bartlett for the District 33 seat that represents the southern two-thirds of Jay County along with all of Randolph and Blackford counties and part of Delaware and Henry counties.

Prescott, a rural Union City resident, has served two terms after being elected in 2018 to fill the District 33 seat after Greg Beumer chose not to seek another term. The 2010 Winchester Community High School graduate works for Prescott Family Farm.

A 1989 graduate of Monroe Central High School, Bartlett has worked in information technology for 28 years and served as Democratic Party chair in Blackford County since 2018. He graduated from Indiana University with a double major in political science and history.

Bartlett said he's been interested in politics since he was a child and chose to get involved in the District 33 race in response to bills Prescott authored or co-authored in 2022.

"Some of the stuff that happened in this last legislative session and some of the bills and things that (Prescott) proposed, were just so infuriating," Bartlett said, mentioning a proposal to make school board elections partisan and a bill that would have required teachers to post all curriculum online. (Neither of those bills was passed.) "I just can't stand for that to go unchecked. ..."

"I think he's misrepresenting the people that I grew up with, my family and friends that I've ever known my entire life."

He said he feels the most important issue is small-town and rural economic development and identified two ways he'd like to address it.

The most important of those, he said, is to invest in the expansion of rural broadband to help attract remote workers.

"If people can work from the cul-de-sacs of Carmel and Fishers, they can certainly work from the corn fields of Jay County and Randolph County and Blackford County, if we give them broadband internet that's adequate and reliable," said Bartlett, advocating for more funding to be used to address the issue with a focus on fiber optic lines. "If we do that, then they can all work from home from here and we can start pulling these people back and bring the population back and make it so our communities are stronger ..."

Prescott also identified rural broadband as a priority. He said he'd like to see low orbit satellite added to the investment in addition to terrestrial expansion as well as a possible increase in speed thresholds.

"As we make these investments, I want to make sure they're investments that are going to last," said Prescott. "I don't want to make investments in technology that's going to be outdated in 10 years."

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## Linking Legos

Five-year-old Miles Ray sets up a metal ball to roll down the racetrack he helped build Thursday at Jay County Public Library. Children constructed various tracks, buildings and other block creations.

## Indiana DCS records weren't stored properly

By WHITNEY DOWNARD

Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com

A federal report released in September found Indiana failed to comply with its own requirements for documenting the use of psychotropic and opioid medications prescribed to foster children, following concerns earlier this year about overmedicating foster children.

The review of 115 children in state custody, 95% of whom had

*Report shows department failed to follow its own requirements*

improperly stored healthcare information, confirms part of the testimony shared by foster parent Allison Missler earlier this year. She said she received

children with little medical documentation from the Department of Child Services (DCS).

"It has been my overwhelm-

ing experience that the state prefers to medicate children then find non-pharmacological, trauma-informed treatment," Missler told the Ways and Means committee in August. "Most children arrive at my home with a Ziploc bag of medications: medications to wake them up, to help them focus, to stabilize their moods and then to make them sleepy."

The Indiana Capital Chronicle

explored the issue in an earlier story detailing the state's history of issuing psychotropic drugs to more than one in four foster children, which the OIG reported in 2018.

The Office of Inspector General with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services performed the audit because the state receives federal funding for child welfare services.

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## Making prints

Sixth graders Tony Beiswanger (left), Dirk Hatzell (center) and Audrey Hambrock work on print making Thursday morning in Kelly Bricker's art class at Redkey Elementary School.

## Trump subpoenaed

By SARAH D. WIRE

Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — The House Jan. 6 select committee unanimously voted Thursday to issue a subpoena to former President Donald Trump, capping off what could be its final hearing by laying out the case that Trump's attempts to overturn the 2020 election were premeditated.

The move follows months of hearings by the committee to make the case that blame for the insurrection should be placed squarely on Trump's efforts to stay in power despite knowing he'd lost the election.

*Committee calls on former president to testify*

Thursday's hearing summarized and built upon evidence of that scheme.

After months of internal debate over whether to call Trump to testify, committee Chair Rep.

Bennie Thompson said the panel determined that speaking to the former president was necessary.

"The committee needs to do everything in our power to tell the most complete story possible and present recommendations to help ensure nothing like Jan. 6 ever happens again. We need to be fair and thorough and gain a full context for the evidence we've seen, but the need for this committee to hear from Donald Trump goes beyond our fact-finding," Thompson, D-Miss., said. "He is required to answer for his actions."

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### Weather

Jay County's temperature topped out at 60 degrees Thursday. The low was 45.

Tonight's low will be 39 with a 50% chance of showers and winds gusting to 25 miles per hour.

Windy conditions will continue throughout the weekend, with sunny skies and a high of 55 Saturday and mostly sunny skies with a high of 62 Sunday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday across from Pennville Fire Station and 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot at 220 Lincoln St., Portland. It will also hold its Tox Away Day from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the north parking lot at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

### Coming up

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

**Tuesday** — Coverage of Monday's Jay School Board meeting.



# District ...

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With the state legislature to address the biannual budget in 2023, Prescott advocated for a similar approach to what has been done in recent years. He said lawmakers need to focus on having a balanced budget while taking care of roads, infrastructure, rural broadband, schools and rural economic development.  
He also noted that the state continues to exceed revenue projections, which means Indiana's \$5 billion reserves are expected to continue to increase. He said some of that additional income will need to be put toward expanding budgets in response to inflation — for instance, the cost of materials used by Indiana Department of Transportation has

gone up — and that the legislature could consider bringing an already-approved tax cut to reality faster. (The cut is currently being phased in over a seven-year period.)  
“It might be worthwhile to look at moving that date up and accelerating that tax cut versus phasing it in,” said Prescott. “But it is important that we do keep healthy reserves though so we maintain our state's AAA bond rating, which helps not only the state but all the local units of government as well when it comes to interest rates for bonded projects.”  
He also said he's working on legislation that would shift payment of probation officers from local units of government to the state in an effort to free

up funds for counties to use for raises or other initiatives.  
Bartlett was critical of the approach of tax refunds and tax cuts, saying those tax dollars should be put to use to help communities. He mentioned firetrucks — he explained that many communities in the area have outdated equipment — teacher retention and broadband as potential targets for such dollars.  
He was critical of the Republican supermajority that has existed in the statehouse for the last dozen years, saying “nothing” has been done to slow or stop the economic decline of rural communities. He said residents of District 33 should vote for him because he has a plan to restore the local economy.  
“It saddens me,” Bartlett said.

“It saddens me greatly that we're not doing anything to help,” he said. “The decline in our economies is flabbergasting, the decline in our communities. People move away...  
“I feel people hurting. ... I'm one of you. I feel what's going on. I get it...  
“I'm walking in all these communities. I'm meeting people. I'm talking to them. I want to hear what they're going through. And I want to go down and I want to represent them. I want to help them improve their lives.”  
Prescott advocated for additional investment in programs such as the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) to spur economic growth and help fight population loss. He also said he's

looking at legislation to streamline the permitting process for confined feeding operations, address mental health issues and healthcare costs, provide more meat and poultry inspectors and possible property tax relief as assessments are expected to go up with inflation.  
“I believe I'm knowledgeable on the needs of the district and have a good understanding of how our local units of government operate here and what's needed on their behalf as well,” said Prescott. “I just want to continue representing Christian, conservative values that our district holds so near and dear down at the statehouse. And I really look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve for another two years if given that opportunity by the public.”

## CR almanac

Saturday 10/15	Sunday 10/16	Monday 10/17	Tuesday 10/18	Wednesday 10/19
<b>55/38</b>	<b>62/34</b>	<b>46/31</b>	<b>45/30</b>	<b>47/31</b>
Saturday's forecast shows sunny skies, with winds reaching high speeds, up to 25 mph.	Sunday looks to be mostly sunny, with a low in the mid 30s. Wind gusts again may reach 25 mph.	Monday has a chance of rain under mostly sunny skies. The high will be around 46 degrees.	There's a slight chance of showers or snow throughout the day. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Wednesday's weather should be mostly sunny, with a temperature low just below freezing.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$454 million	15-17-18-19-21-26-33-44-48-50-54-55-74-75-78-79-80 Cash 5: 4-41-42-43-44 Estimated jackpot: \$125,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$494 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 7-4-8 Pick 4: 5-1-1-2 Pick 5: 7-8-7-0-1 Evening Pick 3: 3-0-9 Pick 4: 7-9-0-9 Pick 5: 7-0-7-8-2 Rolling Cash: 1-4-28-35-37 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 3-5-0 Daily Four: 3-4-1-5 Quick Draw: 2-4-6-12-21-22-26-30-33-38-41-44-54-55-58-64-65-67-68-76 Evening Daily Three: 6-6-1 Daily Four: 6-4-7-0 Quick Draw: 4-10-14-	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....7.05 Oct./Nov. corn .....6.95 Wheat .....7.34	Wheat ..... 8.23 Nov. wheat ..... 8.93
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....7.05 Oct. corn .....6.85 Dec. corn .....7.00	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.73 Oct./Nov. corn .....6.73 Beans .....13.62 Nov. beans .....13.72 Wheat .....8.71
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.71 Dec. corn .....6.82 Beans .....13.28 Dec. beans .....13.91	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.65 Oct. corn .....6.60 Beans .....13.51 Nov. beans .....13.56 Wheat .....8.44

## Today in history

**In 1066**, during the Battle of Hastings, the invading army of William, duke of Normandy, defeated King Harold II of England. The feat came to be known as the Norman Conquest.  
**In 1926**, “Winnie-the-Pooh” was published. The popular teddy bear character debuted in a collection of short stories created by British author A.A. Milne.  
**In 1947**, American Air Force test pilot Chuck Yeager became the first person to break the sound barrier, flying an experimental aircraft at Mach 1.07 at an altitude of 45,000 feet.  
**In 1964**, Martin Luther King Jr. won the Nobel Prize for Peace. King was a social activist and minister in America, leading the civil rights movement from 1955 up until his assassination in 1968.  
**In 1996**, singer and actor Bing Crosby died. Crosby served as one of America's most popular entertainers.  
**In 2013**, Jay County Commissioners put in a \$30,000 offer for a property owned by Robert Shier near Jay County Jail. The county ultimately purchased the piece of land and expanded the parking lot for the jail.  
— The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Monday</b> 4 p.m. — Jay School Board executive session, General Shanks, 414 Floral Ave., Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 Floral Ave., Portland. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, conference room, high county Resource Center, school, 400 E. Butler St.	7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St. <b>Tuesday</b> 5:30 p.m. — Jay County Economic Development Income Tax advisory board, 118 S. Meridian St., Community Resource Center, Portland.
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## Felony arrests

**Drug possession**  
Two Jay County residents were arrested for drug possession Wednesday. Angela M. Gray, 50, 631 W. Lincoln Ave., Dunkirk, and William A. Lawhorn, 50, 253 E. Bell Ave., Redkey, were each charged with two Level 6 felonies for possession of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of a syringe.  
They're both being held on \$4,500 bonds in Jay County Jail.  
**Burglary**  
A Selma man was arrested Thursday for burglary and theft. James N. Cassudakis, 36,

1201 N. 650 East, was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony for burglary and a Level 6 felony for theft.  
He's being held on a \$12,500 bond in Jay County Jail.  
**Pointing firearm**  
A Portland man was arrested Thursday for pointing a firearm at another person. Caleb S. Grigsby, 20, 820 W. Arch St., was charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6 felony for the alleged crime.  
He was released from Jay County Jail on a \$5,000 bond.

## Capsule Reports

**Intersection crash**  
Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after a Redkey man drove into the path of a Portland woman's vehicle about 4:37 p.m. Wednesday at the intersection of Indiana 1 and Indiana 67 in Redkey.  
Gregory P. Grabacz, 23, was driving his 2005 Toyota Camry south on Indiana 1 in town and stopped at the intersection with Indiana 67. He continued

into the intersection in the path of a 2014 Mitsubishi Outlander Sport, driven by 22-year-old Dena L. Smith. (There is no stop for westbound or eastbound traffic at the intersection.) Both vehicles were towed.

## DCS ...

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The 115 children represents a small sample of the 18,593 children DCS cared for between 2019 and 2020. Of the total number of children, 6,334 (34%) were prescribed psychotropic or opioid medications.  
The federal agency expressed a concern about the serious side effects of the medications when given to children, especially when ineffectively monitored.  
Foster children, who may have greater mental and physical health needs than their peers, may get the prescriptions to treat anxiety or depression. However, without a consistent parent or guardian overseeing the medication, the state must fill the role by tracking and monitoring the medications.  
The report found the overwhelming majority of children, 109 out of 115 analyzed, did not have medical passports in their health care records. In MaGIK — a portal used by DCS to track foster children and share their important documents — two-thirds of the children, 76, didn't have their psychotropic or opioid medications recorded.  
Of the 85 children prescribed psychotropic medication, 49 children didn't have authorizations uploaded to the portal. Additionally, the health care records for 13 of the 21 children living in residential facilities with prescribed psychotropic medications didn't have the required written reports and medical reviews from their prescribing provider.  
Rep. Rita Fleming, D-Jeffersonville, said in a

statement that she was “very concerned” about the report's finding.  
“Children in foster care are some of the most vulnerable people in the state, and we need to be doing all we can to ensure their safety. Making sure that foster parents know a child's medical history, as well as having a thorough understanding of what medications they are on — including possible side effects — is of utmost importance,” Fleming said.  
Fleming said her daughter was a foster parent and thus knew the challenges of improperly documented medical records firsthand.  
“As we are expecting a large influx of children entering our foster care system due to the near-total ban on abortion, we must act now to strengthen the Department of Child Services to ensure workers have the resources necessary to do their jobs to the best of their ability. The safety and health of Hoosier children depend on it,” Fleming said.  
DCS declined to comment on the report, referring questions to their response included in the federal audit.  
In that response, the state acknowledged receiving the report in late July, saying DCS was “pleased the OIG found no instances of harm or inappropriate medication distribution to any children.”  
Indiana told auditors it was developing a new child welfare information system, called I-KIDS, that would better track and document healthcare information for foster children, including prescription authorizations.  
“The State agency acknowledged that it was unable to produce required authorizations for medications prescribed to children in our sample,” the report said.  
“However, the State agency confirmed that the authorizations were provided to prescribers, and no children were unsafely prescribed medications.”  
The OIG recommended that Indiana take efforts to better track health care records for foster children, obtain medical authorizations for children currently using psychotropic medication and coordinate with the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) to obtain access to Medicaid claims.

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## Character excellence

The following students were honored for excellence in character for the first nine week grading period at Jay County Junior-Senior High School. Pictured, front row, are Hina Ohba, Moa Sakamoto, Brenna Schmiesing, Trinity Glassford, Tessa Frazee, Brooklynn Bright and Paycie McCoy; back row are Duane Schwartz, Alexis Schoenlein, Lucynda Mace, Dakota Blalock, Peyton Carpenter, Allie Westfall, Emmarie Barton, Macee Stephen, Tristin Stout and Brandon Kegley. Not pictured are Ramses Anaya Aparicio, Paige Mumbower, Sheldon Minch, Patrick Hemmelgarn and Kelsey Muhlenkamp.

## Recovering addict believes past ruined present

DEAR ABBY: I am in my 60s, single and childless. I was raised by parents who had issues, and I did not have a nurturing childhood. As a result, for decades I had a chaotic life and turned to alcohol and drugs to soothe my emotional pain.

I have been drug-free and sober for many years. Still, I'm troubled when I see how abnormal and dysfunctional my life was and what I have missed that normal people get to enjoy — like marriage, children and

Dear Abby



grandchildren. My sadness and loneliness are so overwhelming that some days I don't want to get out of bed. I'm finding it very hard to discover a purpose. Any sugges-

tions? — WOUNDED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR WOUNDED: You cannot change the past, but you can certainly change the future. The first step should be to consult a licensed mental health professional about your deep depression. With talk therapy and medication, you may finally be able to overcome it. Once you are stable again, your therapist may also work with you to help you decide how to fill those empty spaces in your

life. Please don't wait to reach out.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 17 years and live in an older house we are slowly trying to update and remodel. One of my major issues is that every Sunday he likes to go to flea markets, where he spends at least \$100 for "art," which I might describe as junk. It's all over the house we are trying to fix. How do I get him to stop wasting money on this? — UP TO MY ELBOWS IN ILLINOIS

DEAR UP: There are flea markets, and then there are estate sales. They are not the same thing. Some real treasures can be found at estate sales because the sellers (often the next generation) do not realize the value of what they are getting rid of.

It might be worth your while to ask your husband if the two of you can go to a few estate sales together, and buy only items you both can agree on. It's worth a try.

## Community Calendar

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

### Saturday

JAY COUNTY DEMOCRATS — Will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday, October 15, at democrat party headquarters, 221 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, contact party chairman Joel Bowers at chairjaydems@gmail.com.

PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET — Will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday in the parking lot at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St.

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

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

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE — Will kick off at noon Saturday, Oct. 15, at Haynes Park across from Crown Pointe in Portland. All faiths are invited to join. Please bring lawn chairs. Contact Jane at (260) 335-2940 for more information.

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

### Monday

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

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

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

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay

Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

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

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.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

ALZHEIMER'S CARE-GIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Jay County Public Library community room. For more information, call Deb Tipton at (260) 729-2806 or Elasha Lennartz at (765) 729-4567.

THE LANDING — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

### Tuesday

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will

## Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

### Thursday's Solution

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

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

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# Reading examines political shifts

To the editor:  
It is said that empires are seldom conquered, but more often decay and die from within.

As someone who took an oath to uphold, protect and defend the Constitution, it pains and frightens me to see where our country is seemingly headed.

I have and continue to research why our country seems to be going insane.

I am going to, for anyone interested, recommend some

## Letters to the Editor

of the books I have read, or am going to read.

Jane Mayer's "Dark Money: the Hidden History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right" and "The Evangelicals: The Struggle to

Shape America" by Frances Fitzgerald, offer a historical look at how the merger of the radical right and the religious right has helped shape the current state of the body politic.

Speaking of the religious right, I recommend: "The Flag and The Cross: White Christian Nationalism and the Threat to American Democracy" by Phillip Gorski.

For a historical examination of how the Republican party has, depending on your perspective, evolved or devolved, into

its present-day incarnation, "The Destructionist: The Twenty-Five Year Crack-up of the Republican Party" by Dana Milbank or "American Psychosis: A Historical Investigation of how the Republican Party Went Crazy" by David Corn.

And lastly, a book about the "commanding general" who, since 2016, has led the radical right and become the "chosen one" of the religious right, Donald J. Trump — "Confidence Man: The Making of Donald Trump and The Break-

ing of America" by Maggie Haberman.

I will close this letter with a quote from the book "The True Believer: Thoughts on the Nature of Mass Movements," written by American philosopher Eric Hoffer. "Hatred is the most accessible and comprehensive of unifying agents. Mass movements can rise and spread without belief in a god, but never without belief in a devil."

Michael Kinser  
Portland

## Efforts give peace a chance

By **THERESE RAPHAEL**  
Bloomberg Opinion  
Tribune News Service

We can't know what was said in those secret deliberations, but the Nobel Committee must have thought about giving Volodymyr Zelenskyy the Peace prize. That would have been a popular choice — he easily topped the 2022 Time magazine reader poll for the most influential person of the year.

They were right instead to honor Ukrainian, Belarusian and Russian civil and human rights activists. The prize is "not against anyone," said Berit Reiss-Andersen, the chairwoman of the Nobel committee. And yet, on Vladimir Putin's 70th birthday, it is clearly a repudiation of everything he stands for and an eloquent defense of the importance of both civil society and memory in building peace.

It's not that Zelenskyy isn't a strong or deserving candidate. The Ukrainian president's uncommon courage and leadership has inspired a number of people under extreme duress, and he has made the democratic world think about freedoms we often take for granted and what it means to defend them. He's fighting a war he didn't choose, a war of necessity.

But there were reasons to pause. As President Joe Biden noted grimly, the world is as close as it's come to nuclear war since the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962. What if awarding the prize to Zelenskyy prompted the ultimate act of defiance from Putin in his bid to win the war at any cost?

Last year's prize, given to Filipino journalist and rights activist Maria Ressa and Russian journalist Dmitry Muratov, highlighted the importance of safeguarding freedom of expression. This year's committee extends that to acknowledge the critical importance of collective memory and accountability too. Enlightened leadership is essential, but building peaceful, long-lasting democracies requires the bottom-up work of restoring trust and facilitating healing — work that this year's recipients do.

Ales Bialiatski, the jailed Belarussian human rights activist who was awarded the peace prize, has led a nearly 30-year campaign to promote freedom and democracy and provide support for political prisoners. Like many human rights campaigners in authoritarian countries, he has endured extreme hardship in the service of cause. His award will hopefully embolden those work-

*Therese Raphael*



ing to end rule by dictatorship in Belarus and prevent Belarus from being dragged further into Putin's war.

The other two prize recipients point to the importance of historical memory, something Putin has tried hard to wipe out. The Russian human rights organization Memorial emerged during the glasnost period to document crimes of the Soviet era. Its first chairman was the late Andrei Sakharov, who himself won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1975. His late widow, Elena Bonner, fought tirelessly for the same cause. In citing Memorial, the Nobel committee is, perhaps belatedly, acknowledging that there is no hope for long-term peace without historical record and accountability.

The Ukrainian human rights organization the Center for Civil Liberties, recognized for their "outstanding effort to document war crimes, human rights abuses and the abuse of power," is also an important part of this triad. Each week brings new evidence of war crimes in Ukraine that need to be painstakingly documented, investigated and ultimately prosecuted. That is a mammoth task, as justice for all victims is too tall an order. But any bulwark against future aggression must include the process of prosecuting war crimes. It will be important to have institutions that also hold Ukrainian authorities to account, too.

It's easy to be cynical about the Peace (or any other) prize. Heaven knows, the committee has made choices over the years that were tin-eared or even downright regrettable. It has often seemed self-important and too trend-conscious. And yet, there is merit in remembering that in places of oppression and war, it is the daily acts of defiance by those on the ground, the efforts to bring justice and accountability and restore the bonds of civil society that give peace its greatest long-term chance.

As for Zelenskyy, the prize he needs is not a Nobel.

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## Books can be life-changing

By **JENNY MCNEECE**  
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Have you ever wondered what it would be like to know — nearly down to the month — the exact time of your death?

What would it change? How differently would you live?

It's a question posed in a book I just finished — the 30th in my quest to read 40 books this year. And I knew the second I carefully closed the back cover, tears still streaming down my cheeks, the rest of the house quiet with sleep, that it wasn't one I would soon — if ever — forget.

The Measure by Nikki Erlick explores a dystopian society in which, on an early spring night, small wooden boxes appear outside the homes of every person in the world.

They came at the start of the month, on an otherwise ordinary day, under an otherwise ordinary moon.

And when the boxes came, they came for everyone, all at once.

An inscription on the top of the box reads simply, "The measure of your life lies within." And tucked inside is a single string.

The strings are of varying lengths, and for weeks, no one knows their true meaning — or from whence they came — although many begin to speculate that they likely represent the length of one's life.

As months pass, as scientists begin to collect data on the strings and the lives of the people who hold them, the theory is solidified, and just as suddenly as the strings appeared, a line is drawn in the sand.

The world is divided in two: the short-stringers and the long ones — people who will live a long life and those who won't.

The world devolves in ways I'd never imagined. Countries force their citizens to register their strings, others order them destroyed the second they arrive, as new strings appear for young people on their 22nd birthdays. Relationships crumble.

Families find themselves in turmoil.

Short-stringers are denied loans, even jobs, the ability to adopt a child, as people are unwilling to invest in someone whose life will inevitably be cut short.

*Jenny McNeece*



A completely new brand of discrimination emerges, pitting short-stringers against long-stringers.

The story unfolds through the eyes of eight strangers, their lives slowly intertwining, always urging the reader forward.

Each one deals with the arrival of their string — and the knowledge that comes along with it — in vastly different ways. One chooses not to look at all, preferring instead to leave her fate to chance, to live without the weight of the string.

Short-stringers are cast as depressed, dangerous, even desperate.

Long-stringers — many of whom become privileged and elitist — distance themselves, driven by fear of the unknown.

Many take unnecessary risks, while others simply seize happiness where they're able, making the difficult decision to forge relationships, even have children, they know they'll eventually have to leave behind.

It's a beautiful, encouraging story about family, friendship, the ways in which our destiny finds us, and, ultimately, pursuing life to the fullest.

Since finishing the book, I haven't been able to stop thinking about whether or not I would open my box, should one ever appear.

Would I opt to look at my string, know exactly how many years I had left to live?

Or would I stow it away, deep in a closet, afraid to shine too bright a light on the path laid out before me?

Before reading The Measure, I think I would have said no, had the question been posed to me, preferring ignorance over the looming threat of death.

But within the pages of the book, the knowing only enriched the lives of those who chose to look, to know. They didn't live, as we might assume, consumed with doom and dread and fear. Instead, they found motivation, a drive to experience and love and live.

Many of those with long strings pushed themselves to live as though they didn't.

As the characters in the book approach more than a decade of life with the strings, they begin to see them not through eyes of fear but ones of gratitude instead.

Some ultimately felt grateful for the boxes,

for the chance to say goodbye, to never regret the last words uttered.

And, ultimately, life returns to some semblance of normal, with people focusing on the strings less and less, many not opening their boxes at all, the lesson intended maybe having already been learned.

After 15 years of chaos and fear, the world had seen enough strings — short and long and every measure in between — to know that any length was possible, and so, perhaps, the length didn't matter.

The beginning and the end may have been chosen for us, the string already spun, but the middle had always been left undetermined, to be woven and shaped by us.

So would I open my box? Would I choose to know the length of my life?

To be honest, I still don't know. And I doubt I'll ever be faced with such a decision anyway.

But The Measure has left with me — oddly enough — with feelings that can only be described as longing.

If I did know, would it drive me to live life a little bigger, with a little more passion, a lot more risk?

Would I be happier, more content? Would I grab hold of the possibility of dying without regret?

The Measure introduced to me an intriguing concept — and likely many sleepless nights as it's one I'm likely to continue stewing upon, my brain swirling and swirling as I try, and fail, to find an answer to my questions.

Regardless, I'm confident I'm better for having read it.

Such is the possibility that lies within the pages of a book.

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# Missiles fired toward Sea of Japan

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SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea fired a short-range ballistic missile toward the Sea of Japan on Friday, the South Korean news agency Yonhap reported, citing Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS).

The missile launch was accompanied by the North Korean military firing some 170 artillery shells into maritime buffer zones, Yonhap reported.

It said North Korea later fired another 200 shells in the direction of the Sea of Japan and around 80 into the Yellow Sea in the west.

"Such continued provocations by North Korea are acts that undermine peace and stability not only on the Korean Peninsula, but also in the international community," Yonhap cited the JCS as saying.

"Regarding this, we gravely warn [the North] and strongly urge it to immediately stop them," it added.

The South Korean military also said that more than 10 North Korean military aircraft flew to areas near the no-fly zone between the countries, prompting Seoul to scramble fighter jets, Yonhap reported.

The missile was believed to have come down outside of Japan's exclusive economic zone, Japanese Defence Minister Yasukazu Hamada told the Kyodo news agency.

"It was totally unacceptable," Hamada told Kyodo.

North Korea last tested a pair of long-range strategic cruise missiles on Wednesday, according to state news agency KCNA. The missiles flew for almost three hours.

Nuclear-armed North Korea has conducted a string of missile tests during the past few weeks.

The House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol delivers remarks during a hearing in the Cannon House Office Building on Thursday in Washington, D.C. The committee, which has spent nearly a year conducting more than 1,000 interviews and reviewed more than 140,000 documents from the day of the attack, voted unanimously to subpoena former President Donald Trump.

## Subpoenaed ...

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Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyoming, who has been abandoned by the Republican Party and lost her reelection bid after taking a leading role in the investigation as the committee's vice chair, formally requested the subpoena. She asked the public to keep three facts from the past hearings in mind: that Trump always planned to claim fraud if he lost; that he knew his claims of fraud were false and had failed to be proved in court but made a conscious decision to continue claiming the election was stolen; and that the people who ultimately stopped his attempts to stay in power were Republicans. She emphasized that the country can't rely on the hope that people of conviction will be in positions to stop such a threat to democracy from happening again.

"Our duty today is to our coun-

try and our children and our Constitution. We are obligated to seek answers directly from the man who set this all in motion," Cheney said.

Trump is likely to fight the subpoena in court. With just over two months left before the committee disbands, such a move would in effect mean the panel may have little chance of hearing firsthand from the former president as part of its investigation. Trump responded to the vote on his social media platform, called Truth Social, by questioning why the committee waited so long to ask him to testify.

The committee's ninth hearing this year, possibly its final one, focused on Trump's role in the scheme to keep himself in power and provided a sweeping summation of the facts disclosed in the previous hearings.

Trump planned "well in

advance" to declare victory on election night, regardless of the vote count, said Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-California.

"This big lie, President Trump's effort to convince Americans that he had won the 2020 election, began before the election results even came in. It was premeditated. It was not based on ... results or any fraud, if there was any actual problems with voting. It was a plan concocted in advance to convince his supporters that he won, and the people who seemingly knew about the plan in advance would ultimately play a significant role in the events of January," Lofgren said.

Each of the nine committee members led a portion of the hearing by presenting fresh testimony from new and old witnesses, as well as new evidence obtained from the Secret Service and never-before-seen video of

the riot, congressional leaders' activities and those of Trump's allies in the days around Jan. 6.

Committee leaders described the hearing's goal as a step back to look at the entire plan to keep Trump in power, covering the span of time from before the 2020 election until after the Jan. 6 insurrection. Previous hearings each focused on an aspect of Trump's attempts to overturn the election.

"The central cause of Jan. 6 was one man, Donald Trump, who many others followed," Cheney said. "None of this would have happened without him. He was personally and substantially involved in all of it. Exactly how did one man cause all of this? Today we will focus on President Trump's state of mind, his intent, his motivations and how he spurred others to do his bidding."

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Partner bids One Spade, and the next player passes, both sides vulnerable. What would you bid with each of the following hands?

- 1. ♠984♥KJ6♦AJ92♣KQ9
2. ♠A65♥84♦AJ872♣643
3. ♠10♥QJ762♦AKJ93♣Q5
4. ♠9852♥93♦K8♣AQ743
5. ♠Q87543♥10♦KJ94♣82

with the principle of first mentioning the higher-ranking of two five-card suits, regardless of the high-card content of the two suits. Bidding diamonds first and hearts next would indicate fewer hearts than diamonds and could result in your winding up in the wrong contract.

1. Two notrump. Unless you and your partner have agreed to some other meaning for two notrump in this situation, this bid shows 13 to 15 points, a balanced distribution and stoppers in the unbid suits. Of course, the bid does not irrevocably commit your side to notrump. If partner does anything but raise to three notrump, you will next show your three-card spade support.

4. Two clubs. Here you're too good to raise to two spades, since with your trump fit and two doubletons, your hand is worth about 11 points. In-between hands such as this are best described by bidding a side suit first and then raising partner's suit at your next turn. If you happen to play "limit" raises, as most now do, an immediate jump to three spades, indicating 11-12 points with spade support, is also acceptable.

5. Four spades. The immediate raise to four serves two purposes. First, you should have a good chance for game, even though you don't have many high-card points. Second, and equally important, is the bid's pre-emptive value. Given your dearth of high card points and your six-card trump support, there is a substantial danger that the opponents can make a game or find a good sacrifice in hearts or clubs. If all goes well, your four-spade bid might be just enough to block them out.

Tomorrow: The three key elements. ©2022 King Features Syndicate Inc.

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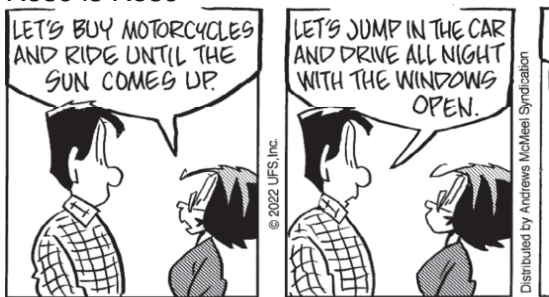


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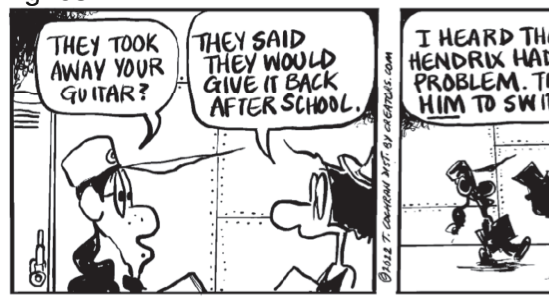
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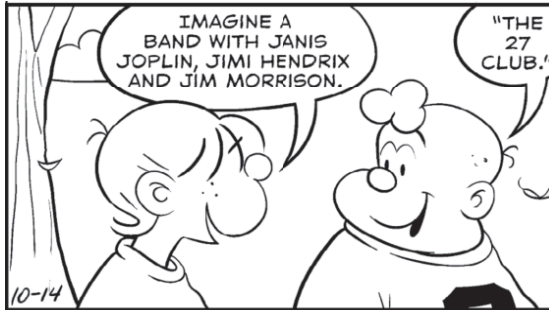
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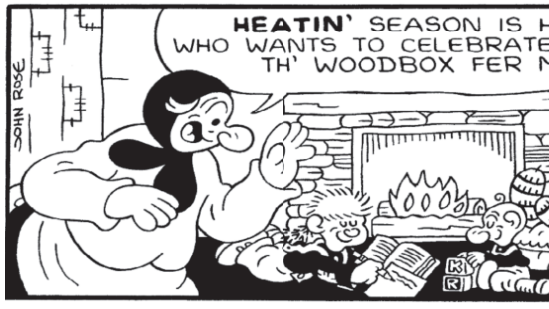
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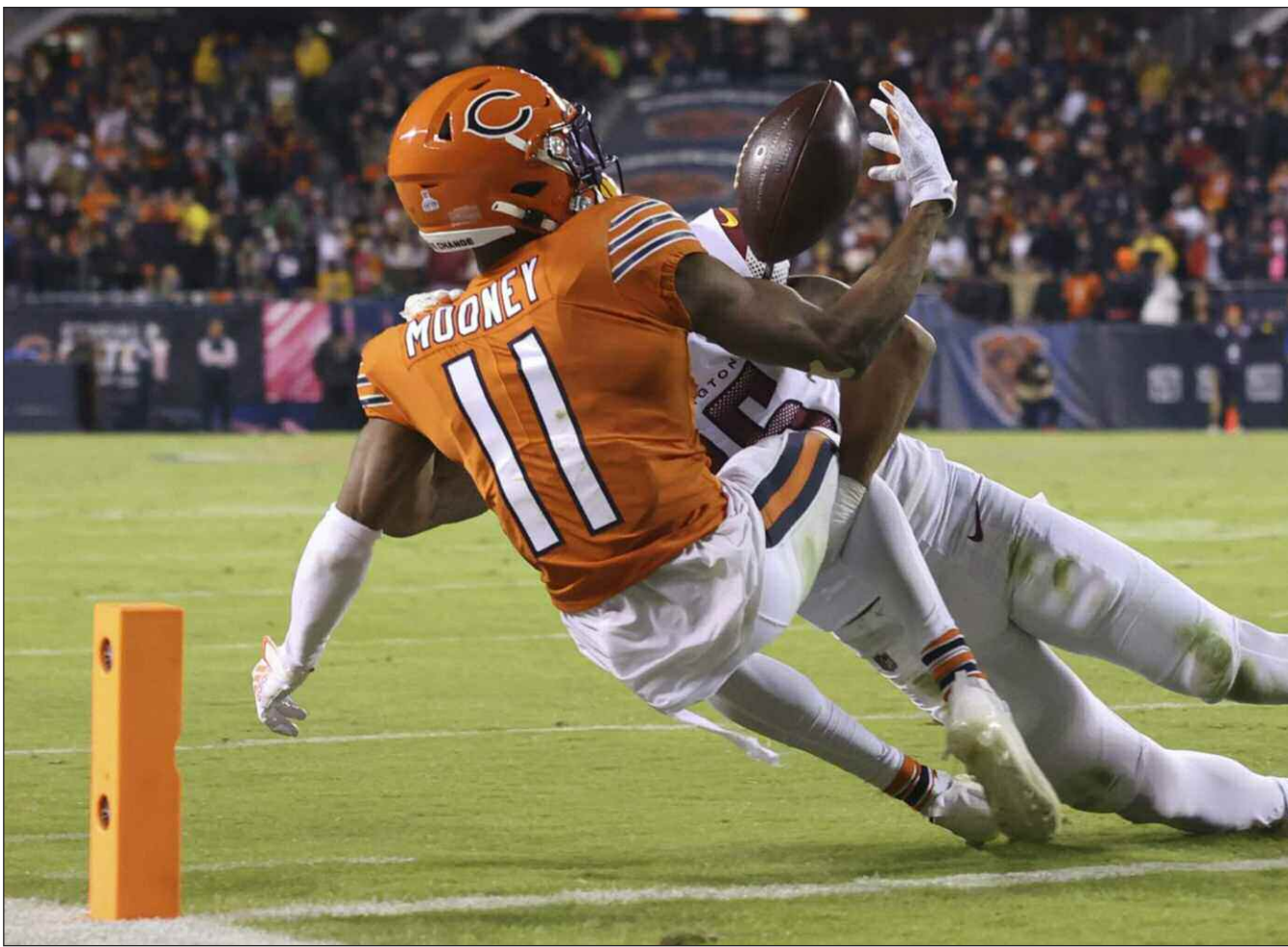
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Chicago Bears wide receiver Darnell Mooney reaches for the ball as Washington Commanders cornerback Benjamin St-Juste defends at the goal line in the final seconds Thursday at Soldier Field. Mooney made the catch but was ruled short of the end zone as Washington held on for a 12-7 win.

## Missed ...

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In the first half, the Bears failed to score twice after getting within 5 yards of the end zone and went into halftime down 3-0.  
One drive before the short Mooney catch, the Bears drove to the Commanders 43-yard line, but a delay-of-game penalty on third-and-11 and a Fields incompleteness to Ihmir Smith-Marsette on fourth-and-16 ended the threat.  
Commanders kicker Joey Slye missed a 48-yard field-goal

attempt wide left on the ensuing drive, giving the Bears one last chance.  
Fields completed 14 of 27 passes for 190 yards, a touchdown and an interception.  
He threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to Dante Pettis to give the Bears a 7-3 lead midway through the third quarter. Pettis beat cornerback Kendall Fuller and barely got his feet inbounds on a perfect pass to the left side of the end zone. The touchdown came on a free play after officials threw a flag for the Com-

manders having too many men on the field.  
Fields stayed on the ground for several seconds after he was knocked down on the play but returned to the game on the next drive.  
The Bears stopped the Commanders at the 10-yard line on their second drive of the second half when Justin Jones batted down Wentz's pass on third-and-10. Slye made a 28-yard field goal to cut the Bears' lead to 7-6.  
The Bears had a chance to build on their lead after the

defense came up with a big stop on the next drive, but Jones fumbled his second punt return in three games, the other in a loss to the New York Giants.  
Bears right guard Teven Jenkins briefly was out of the game to begin the second half with a shoulder injury, and Michael Schofield replaced him. But Jenkins returned when left guard Lucas Patrick left to be evaluated for a concussion. Schofield slid over to left guard. Patrick returned later in the half.

## Astros ...

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Castillo struck out seven batters in seven frames on Thursday, allowing just five hits.  
Right fielder Kyle Tucker provided a sprinkle of damage for the Astros with a solo homer in the second inning, but otherwise, the only notable power output against Castillo came from Houston's hulking left fielder.  
Seattle paid Alvarez his proper respect in the eighth inning. He was given an intentional walk with a runner on first, yet even avoiding Alvarez's potent bat didn't pay off for Mariners manager Scott Servais.  
Third baseman Alex Bregman took advantage of the opportunity, driving in a run to give Houston a little late breathing room. Alvarez is now causing trouble for pitching staffs even when he isn't at the plate.  
"He deserves [to be walked]. He's one of the best hitters in the world," Bregman said postgame. "I think it's a sign of just how good he is."  
The Houston Astros took a 2-0 lead in the ALDS on Thursday thanks to Alvarez's brilliance, and they'll now have the chance at sweeping the Mariners during Game 3 on Saturday. First pitch from T-Mobile Park in Seattle is slated for 4:07 p.m.  
In the other American League Division Series, the Cleveland Guardians and New York Yankees had their game that was scheduled for Thursday postponed to this afternoon.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Football at Heritage — 7 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Football vs. Anna — 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Oct. 15**  
Jay County — Cross country regional at Taylor University — 10:30 a.m.; Volleyball sectional semifinal vs. Centerville at New Castle — 11 a.m. (Championship — 6 p.m.); JV football vs. Heritage — 10 a.m.  
Fort Recovery — Cross country in Midwest Athletic Conference Championships at Coldwater — 9 a.m.; Volleyball at Arcanum — 10 a.m.; Middle school cross country in Midwest Athletic Conference Tournament — 9 a.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
3 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Brighton & Hove Albion at Brentford (USA)  
4:37 p.m. — Major League Baseball playoffs: National League Division Series — Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies (FS1)  
6:30 p.m. — Men's college soccer: Penn State at Indiana (BTN)  
7 p.m. — NBA preseason basketball: Houston Rockets at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)  
7:30 p.m. — College football: Navy at Southern Methodist (ESPN)  
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8 a.m. — Soccer: FA Cup — Wrexham at Blyth Spartans (ESPN2)  
10 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Nottingham Forest at Wolverhampton Wanderers (USA)  
Noon — College football: Minnesota at Illinois (BTN); Iowa State at Texas (ABC); Auburn at Mississippi (ESPN); Kansas at Oklahoma (ESPN2); Penn State at Michigan (FOX)  
12:30 p.m. — College football: Miami at Virginia Tech (Bally Indiana)  
12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Everton at Tottenham Hotspur (NBC)  
2:07 p.m. — Major League Baseball playoffs: National League Division

Series — Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies (FS1)  
3:30 p.m. — College football: Oklahoma State at TCU (ABC); Arkansas at BYU (ESPN); Maryland at Indiana (ESPN2); Alabama at Tennessee (CBS)  
4 p.m. — College football: Wisconsin at Michigan State (FOX)  
4:07 p.m. — Major League Baseball playoffs: National League Division Series — Houston Astros at Seattle Mariners (TB)  
7 p.m. — College football: LSU at Florida (ESPN)  
7 p.m. — Boxing: Deontay Wilder vs. Robert Helenius (FS1)  
7:30 p.m. — College football: Stanford at Notre Dame (NBC); Clemson at Florida State (ABC, ESPN2); Nebraska at Purdue (BTN)  
7:37 p.m. — Major League Baseball

playoffs: American League Division Series — New York Yankees at Cleveland Guardians (TBS)  
8 p.m. — College football: USC at Utah (FOX)  
8 p.m. — NHL hockey: Columbus Blue Jackets at St. Louis Blues (Bally Indiana)  
9:37 p.m. — Major League Baseball playoffs: National League Division Series — Los Angeles Dodgers at San Diego Padres (FS1)  
10:30 p.m. — Boxing: Devin Haney vs. George Kambosos Jr. (ESPN)  
10:45 p.m. — College football: San Jose State at Fresno State (FS1)

kindergarten through sixth graders who would like to be part of Jay County Wrestling Club.  
The club's Little Patriots Program is for those in kindergarten through second grade and focuses on wrestling basics. Its elementary dual team for those in grades 3 through 6 focuses on expanding those skills with the team also entering four to six dual competitions.  
Registration fees are \$80 and \$120, respectively.  
A sign-up session for third through sixth graders will be at 6 p.m. Oct. 18. Sign ups for kindergarten through second graders will be at 6 p.m. Nov. 22 and 6 p.m. Nov. 29.  
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To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@thecr.com.

### 90 SALE CALENDAR

**LIVE AND ONLINE PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Located 806 E Votaw St., Portland, IN  
Bubb Building at Jay Co. Fairgrounds.  
Saturday October 15th, 2022  
10 A.M.  
TRACTROS/TRAILERS/HIT & MISS MOTORS/FARM IMPLEMENTS & BOATS  
1995 Triton Elite 16' aluminum trailer, 2015 carry-on trailer w/drop down ramp, 1973 Cushman Truckster, New Holland TC35D 35 HP tractor w/loader-645 hours, 16' fishing boat w/trailer, livestock gates.  
GUNS & AMMO  
Remington 22 rifle, Thompson Center Arms 45 cal. black powder rifle, vintage Daisy BB gun, shotguns shells, 1,200 + rounds of 22 ammo.  
TOOLS & GARAGE ITEMS  
Diamond anvil, Stihl RB200 pressure washer, H&Zcement mixer, roll around scaffolding, Industrial 6000 watt generator, Delta wood planer.  
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Located: 922 W Seventh Street Portland, IN  
Saturday morning  
OCTOBER 15th, 2022  
10:00 AM.  
REAL ESTATE  
PARCEL #1:  
This parcel has a ranch style home with 2039 square feet of living space and was built in 1973.  
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PARCEL #3:  
There are approximately 13.13 acres of tillable and wooded ground in this parcel.  
PARCEL #4:  
This parcel consists of Parcel #1 and Parcel #2. 2 houses with approximately 4.12 acres.  
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This is the entire property with 2 houses and 17.25 acres.  
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Ben Lyons  
AU10700085  
Travis Theurer  
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### 90 SALE CALENDAR

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Located: 408 E Main Street, Portland IN  
Sunday Afternoon  
OCTOBER 16th, 2022  
1:00 P.M.  
HIGH QUALITY HOME FURNISHINGS - ANTIQUES - TOOLS  
3 pc. queen size bedroom suit with matching 4 drawer chest along with vanity and bench; dining room table with 6 chairs and matching buffet; child's wood rocker, Mikasa French Country-side 12 place set of dishes; mantel clock; floral arrangements; wall paper and papering supplies; sweepers; carpenter's box; hose; old windows; wood work bench; indexers; charcoal grill; and many other items not listed.  
AUCTIONEERS NOTE: Gary and Lori recently sold their historic home in Portland and are relocating. This auction offers a nice selection high quality items.  
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### 90 SALE CALENDAR

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Located: 4112 EAST 300 NORTH PORTLAND IN  
OCTOBER 22, 2022  
10:00 A.M.  
TRACTORS-TRAILERS-EQUIPMENT-MOBILE HOME  
JD 1530 utility tractor with JD36A loader, NH Hayliner 270 sq. bailer, (35) new 6ft steel fence post, 18ft 10,000 lb tandem axel trailer, 12ft x 21ft 1 bed mobile home to be moved.  
GUNS-COINS-POCKET KNIVES  
HAND GUNS, Colt .33 cal with clip and carrying case, Smith and Wesson .38 special, several commemorative coin and proof sets, Elvis Presley coin collection, Case and other pocket knives, belt buckle collection.  
WOOD WORKING TOOLS- SHOP TOOLS-MISC  
Craftsmen 2.5hp joiner/plainer, Homecraft 10 in table saw, Craftsman 5hp 22 gal air compressor, Mighty Mac chipper/shredder, large lot of wood working and garage tools, large lot of hardware.  
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### 90 SALE CALENDAR

**GOODS - TOOLS**  
4 pc. Mid Century Modern bedroom suit; ; 5 pc. bedroom suit; Lane cedar chest; Berne sofa; Maple Peninsular cast iron stove; Fostoria glasses; matchbox cars; Goebel figurines; McCoy planter; marbles; glass jars; #2, #6 crown and #8 crocks; Portland Forge anvils; Boys Scouts and Girls Scout badges and patches; ; Dewalt nailer; Black and Decker 14.4 rechargeable drill; Lincoln 225 amp welder; furniture clamps; and other items not listed.  
AUCTIONEERS NOTE: Donna's family owned and operated the Western Auto Store in Portland for many years and this auction offers a nice variety of items.  
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By Lora Jefferson, Sheila Tyndall and Jeana Clayton  
Josh Atkinson — Attorney  
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DATED AT PORTLAND, INDIANA, THIS 28 DAY OF September, 2022  
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# Sports

## Boggs is seeded 27th for regional

A Patriot is in position for one of the final semi-state berths.

Two others are both within striking distance of joining him.

Based on sectional times, Jay County High School freshman Joseph Boggs projects as the ninth out of 10 runners on likely non-qualifying teams that will compete in Saturday's regional meet at the Taylor University Cross Country Complex.

Boggs, who placed 10th in last weekend's sectional at Taylor, is the No. 27 overall seed for the regional race at 17 minutes, 23 seconds. With Hamilton Southeastern, Fishers, Pendleton Heights, Wapahani and Yorktown favored to move on to the semi-state, he is the No. 9 seed among the remaining individual competitors.

The top five teams and top 10 individuals not on advancing teams earn a trip to the semi-state, which will be hosted by New Haven at Indiana Wesleyan University.

JCHS senior Sebastian Solis is projected 40th overall and 14th among runners on non-advancing teams. He placed 18th in the sectional, finishing in 17:51.

Alexis Sibray, a Patriot freshman, is the No. 34 overall seed for the girls race and projects as the No. 16 runner among non-advancing teams. She placed 16th in the sectional in 21:27.

### No. 1 tops Tribe

FORT RECOVERY — The Fort Recovery volleyball team kept the set scores close but was unable to take one Thursday as it lost 25-21, 25-17, 25-23 to the Division IV No. 1 New Bremen Cardinals.

### Local roundup

Teigen Fortkamp had team highs of 15 assists and six kills in the defeat. She also had nine digs against the Cardinals, who are 21-1 and finished tied for the Midwest Athletic Conference championship with Coldwater at 8-1.

Allysen Fullenkamp matched her with six digs and added four blocks. Mara Pearson came up with 10 digs, and Saige Leuthold had four blocks.

The Indians (7-14, 3-6 MAC) will close its regular season Saturday with a trip to Arcanum before visiting Wayne Trace for the opening round of the sectional Monday.

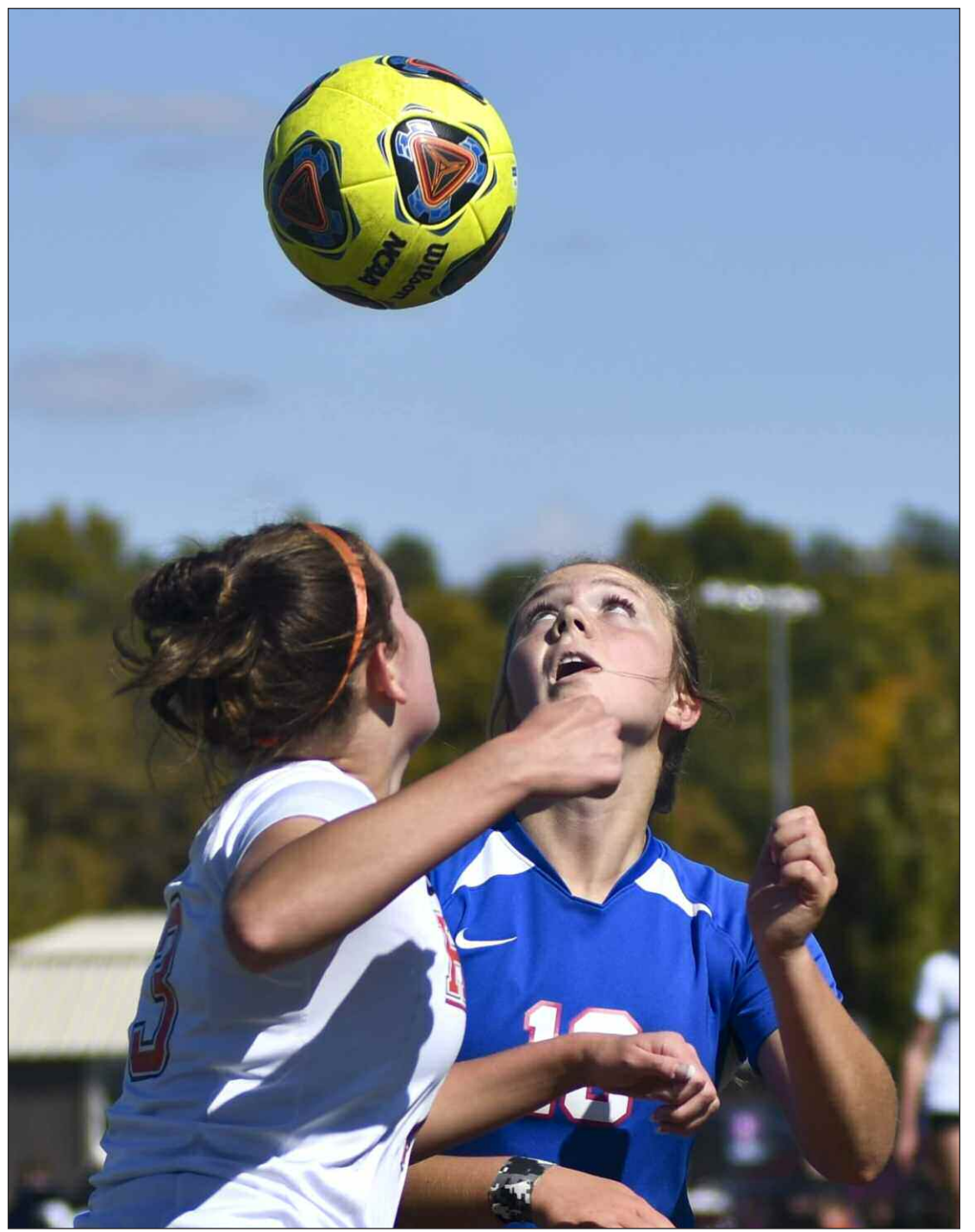
### Three honored

Three Jay County boys tennis players have been named to the All-Allen County Athletic Conference team.

Patriot junior Abraham Dirksen was named first-team All-ACAC singles along with Keegan Schwartz of Bluffton and Conner Hyman of South Adams. Also named to the first team were the doubles duo of Gage Sims and Sam Myers, both juniors, who were joined by Bluffton's Preston Daugherty and Blake Moser.

Dirksen, Sims and Myers all finished undefeated in conference play this year.

Named to the All-ACAC second team were Ean Brown and Cody Hawkins of Adams Central as singles players and Logan Reifsteck and Max Worth of Bluffton.



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## Eyes on the ball

Jay County High School sophomore Morgan DeHoff focuses on the ball while battling Lizzy Smith of Hamilton Heights for control during the Class 2A Sectional 24 championship game Saturday at Yorktown Sports Park.

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## Alvarez powers the Astros again

By MICHAEL SHAPIRO  
Houston Chronicle  
Tribune News Service

The Seattle Mariners may want to stop pitching to Yordan Alvarez at some point.

Houston's slugger has completely dominated Seattle's pitching staff through the first two games of the ALDS, tallying four hits, seven RBI and one intentional walk in eight at-bats. And after saving Game 1 with a mammoth walk-off home run on Tuesday, Alvarez was ready to save the day once again on Thursday in a 4-2 victory.

Alvarez smacked a two-run home run in the bottom of the sixth on Sunday, and the dinger gave Houston a lead it would never relinquish. Alvarez's home run on Tuesday was a mammoth shot, flying off the bat at 116.7 miles per hour en route to a 438-foot

homer. Thursday's clutch hit may have been more impressive.

Alvarez went the other way on a 98 MPH fastball from starting pitcher Luis Castillo, seemingly flicking the bat head in front of the plate as he launched the ball into the Crawford Boxes in left field. The home run represented Alvarez's brilliance as a hitter, pairing plate protection with immense power.

"He's big boy. I call him grande, and he came up big today," Astros manager Dusty Baker said of Alvarez postgame. "His concentration and discipline is way beyond his years, and we love having him."

The sixth-inning home run salvaged an otherwise listless effort from the Houston offense in the early innings.

See **Astros** page 7

## Missed chances cost Chicago

By COLLEEN KANE  
Chicago Tribune  
Tribune News Service

CHICAGO — Velus Jones Jr. fell to the ground at the 9-yard line Thursday night at Soldier Field, and the football hit him in the face mask and bounced to the field.

The Chicago Bears rookie returner tried to jump on the fumble, but the Washington Commanders recovered it at the Bears 6-yard line.

Two plays later, Commanders running back Brian Robinson Jr. scored on a 1-yard run, and following a failed two-point conversion, the Commanders had a 12-7 lead midway through the fourth quarter.

A mistake like Jones' muffed catch in a game in which the Bears failed to score from within 5 yards of the end zone three times was too much. The Commanders left Chicago with the ugly 12-7 win — their second of the season. The Bears (2-4) lost their third straight.

The Bears and quarterback Justin Fields had two chances to retake the lead, including a drive in the final two minutes in which they had first-and-goal from the 5-yard line following Fields' 39-yard scramble.

But Fields scrambled for 1 yard and threw incomplete twice. He then hit Darnell Mooney with a 3-yard pass. Mooney made a leaping grab but came down just short of the goal line.

See **Missed** page 7

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