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Board reviews deal with JCTA

Tentative agreement reinstates salary scale for teachers

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

The teachers and the school corporation have reached a tentative agreement.

Jay School Corporation superintendent Jeremy Gulley on Monday presented Jay School Board with a tentative collective bargaining agreement with Jay Classroom Teachers Association.

The teachers association approved the agreement Thursday.

Paul Szymczak, vice president of negotiations for the teachers association, said after the meeting Monday that he was pleased with the outcome.

“The big issue that we had was over the last 10 years without a salary schedule there were all sorts of weird things that happened to teacher pay,” he said. “Different groups had different outcomes ...

He noted pay increases for new teachers.

“That didn’t create any separation in the years of experience. We had this compression that we had to deal with. ...

“The fact that we were able to provide a pretty good fix for that in one year was pretty remarkable.”

The salary scale that is in the agreement calls for entry-level wages of \$40,003 for first-year teachers with a bachelor’s degree and \$41,500 for those with a master’s degree. Wages increased by \$800 annually for those with a bachelor’s degree and \$1,000 annually for those with a master’s degree on a 30-year scale to maximums of \$64,003 and \$71,500, respectively.

Gulley noted that the average teacher raise came in at 5.5%, with individual raises varying from zero to 16.7%. Teachers who received less than a 3% base raise via the salary scale are eligible for a \$1,000 stipend this year.

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Prizes, pumpkins

Pennville Park was buzzing with activity Saturday for the annual Pennville Pumpkin Festival, which started with a 5K race early in the day and closed with a hog roast.

Pictured above, Kaylyn Bell, 11, grabs her prize after taking first in her age division of the costume contest. Bell, who dressed up as Winifred Sanderson from “Hocus Pocus,” has won her division three years in a row.

At right, Todd Frierhood stands with his giant pumpkin Saturday prior to the awards ceremony. His pumpkin weighed in at 1,347 pounds.



Ballot includes auditor, treasurer races

By WHITNEY DOWARD

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Two frequently overlooked statewide elected positions, Treasurer and Auditor, will appear on the November ballot this year,

along with the higher-profile races for Congress and Secretary of State.

Both positions are largely administrative roles, with few differences between Republican and Democratic officeholders.

Current treasurer Kelly Mitchell is term limited and cannot campaign for a third term. This open seat prompted four Republicans across the state to compete for the nomination, with Morgan County’s Daniel

Elliot narrowly clinching the win.

The office serves as the state’s chief investment officer and banker, serving on multiple boards and commissions.

In particular, the treasurer

chairs the Indiana Education Savings Authority, which administers the state’s education savings program that promotes financial planning for higher education.

See Ballot page 5

Fort Recovery is looking at rate increase

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — Water and sewage rates in the village may increase in coming years.

Fort Recovery Village Council looked at possible utility rate increases with village administrator Randy Diller but made no decisions during a meeting Monday.

Prices have jumped for chemicals and other necessary items for utilities. Diller pointed to the cost of caustic soda, which he

Change would help pay for higher cost of chemicals and other supplies

said recently increased from \$4,000 a month to \$15,000 a month.

“They’re projecting that to come down, but can I plan for that? No,” he said. “I’ve got to

plan for \$15,000 a month just because it may not come down. If it (doesn’t), we need to be able to pay the bill.”

The current base rate, which allots 2,000 gallons of water per

month along with improvement fees, comes in at \$44 monthly. (That splits into \$22.50 for water usage and \$21.50 for sewer usage.)

Diller suggested the village slowly raise base rates like it has

done in the past, implementing a \$3 increase in 2023, a \$2 increase in 2025 and a \$2.50 increase in 2027. He offered a few other changes: raising the sewer improvement fee from \$1.50 to \$2, eliminating the discounted rate for using more than 50,000 gallons per month, increasing the sewer rate by about a dollar total and introducing an industrial rate for sewage from industrial facilities, charging about \$4 per thousand gallons.

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Deaths

Thomas Du Jardin, 81, Portland
Mildred Green, 95, Hartford City
Billy Dulin, 76, rural Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County’s high temperature Monday was 45 degrees. There was a trace of precipitation. The low was 38.
Rain is expected tonight with a possible shift to snow showers after midnight and winds gusting to 35 miles per hour. The low will be 34.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Portland Board of Aviation meeting that is regularly held on the third Wednesday of each month has been changed for October. It will instead be held at 3 p.m. Friday at Portland Municipal Airport.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of tonight’s Jay County EDIT Advisory Committee meeting.

Thursday — Preview of the JCHS sectional football game against Western.



Obituaries

Thomas Du Jardin

Dec. 14, 1940-Oct. 16, 2022
Thomas Du Jardin, age 81, a resident of Portland, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022, at his home in Portland.



Du Jardin

Tom was born on Dec. 14, 1940, the son of Joseph and Helen (Ruble) Du Jardin. He graduated from Portland High School and served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. Tom was owner/operator of the Restoration Shop in Portland where he enjoyed working on classic cars.
Survivors include:

His children — Chris Du Jardin, Portland, Indiana, and Holly Nearingder (husband: Stevie), Portland, Indiana

Three sisters — Peg Emick, Winchester, Indiana, Toni Sutton, Portland, Indiana, and Clara Du Jardin, Albany, Indiana

Two grandchildren — Holden and Haisley Nearingder

He was preceded in death by three grandchildren, Hendrick, Harrison and Hadlee Nearingder.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

Mildred Green

Nov. 20, 1926-Oct. 12, 2022
Mildred Irene (Bracken) Green, 95, of Hartford City, Indiana, formerly of Dunkirk, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2022, at Endive Healthcare in Hartford City, Indiana.



Green

She was born Nov. 20, 1926, the daughter of Nina Brackin. She attended Montpelier School.

On May 2, 1942, she married Cecil O. Green. She worked in packing at Armstrong, now Ardagh, until she retired in 1990. She went back to work at Main Street Grocery in

Dunkirk and later to Tin Lizzy in Montpelier.

Millie loved camping and enjoying the outdoors, working puzzles and being with family.

She is survived by her children, Benjamin Green (companion: Marg), Charlotte Keeps (husband: Mick) and Steve Green; 18 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; 28 great-great-grandchildren; and one great-great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband Cecil; son Robert "Bob"; daughters Emma Ridgeway and Janice Roe; grandsons Mike Kreps and Arnie Marcum; and great-grandson Austin Eppard.

A service to celebrate Millie's life will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct.

18, 2022, at Wilson Shook Funeral Home, Dunkirk Memorial Chapel of Dunkirk, Indiana. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery of Eaton, Indiana.

Condolences may be expressed at wilsonshookfh.com.

Billy Dulin, rural Portland, April 19, 1946-Oct. 13, 2022. No services are scheduled at this time.

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

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

CR almanac

Wednesday 10/19	Thursday 10/20	Friday 10/21	Saturday 10/22	Sunday 10/23
Wednesday has a 30% chance of snow or rain throughout the day. Mostly cloudy.	Thursday's forecast shows partly sunny skies. Wind gusts may reach up to 25 mph.	Mostly sunny skies are expected Friday, with a high in the mid 60s. The low may dip to 46.	Sunny skies are on the horizon for Saturday, bursting into the low 70s for the high temperature.	Another day of sun and warm temperatures. At night, the low may reach the low 50s.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 19-30-36-46-60 Powerball: 25 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$508 million	19-23-31-32-44-46-48-54-55-58-61-64-65-68-72-76 Cash 5: 12-13-16-31-37 Estimated jackpot: \$149,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 5-3-5 Pick 4: 9-7-6-7 Pick 5: 0-8-8-7-3 Evening Pick 3: 6-4-6 Pick 4: 0-1-9-0 Pick 5: 8-7-2-0-3 Rolling Cash 5: 1-3-11-27-29 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000 Classic Lotto: 10-20-21-22-33-46 Kicker: 5-9-0-2-8-0 Jackpot: \$38.1 million
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 8-4-9 Daily Four: 3-7-3-1 Quick Draw: 3-10-12-15-17-18-19-22-23-24-48-50-56-58-59-64-68-72-79-80 Evening Daily Three: 0-4-0 Daily Four: 7-2-3-6 Quick Draw: 1-3-5-17-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.67 Dec. corn.....6.83 Wheat6.87	Wheat 7.77 Nov. wheat 8.47
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.67 Dec. corn.....6.87 Jan. corn.....6.83	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.55 Oct./Nov. corn6.55 Beans13.47 Nov. beans13.47 July wheat.....8.36
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.54 Dec. corn.....6.63 Beans13.03 Dec. beans13.65	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.43 Dec. corn.....6.48 Beans13.27 Nov. beans13.32 Wheat7.97

Today in history

In 1851, "Moby Dick" was first published as "The Whale" in London. It is the most famous work by author Herman Melville.

In 1867, the United States' purchase of Alaska from Russia was approved. U.S. Secretary of State William Seward had negotiated the purchase of the land that would become the 49th state nearly a century later.

In 1922, the British Broadcasting Company was established.

In 1931, Al Capone, a Chicago mafia boss, was convicted of federal income tax evasion. He served 11 years in prison for the crime.

In 2004, Redkey clerk-treasurer Brenda Adkins and town council president Violet Erlenbush reported that town council member Brenda Collett had moved out of the town and would be resigning from her position.

In 2021, Jay School Board approved its 2022 budget at \$35.5 million, which was down about 2.5% from the previous year.

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Citizen's calendar

Today
5:30 p.m. — Jay County Economic Development Income Tax advisory board, 118 S. Meridian St., Community Resource Center, Portland.

Wednesday
6 p.m. — Jay County Council, commission-

ers' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Thursday
6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St., Redkey.
6 p.m. — Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Deal ...

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Concurring with Szymczak, Gulley explained the focus of negotiation was to fix "salary compression" created by entry-level pay being raised and bringing salaries to a competitive level as compared to other districts.

"Over time, the folks that serve in the middle of their career have not kept up with competitive salaries," he said. "Both sides worked hard to bring those teachers to a competitive place. That's the big outcome."

Also included in the agreement are the addition of girls wrestling to the extracurricular list, the removal of the Character Counts position, \$30 per hour pay for athletic supervision coordinators, a 3% increase in extracurricular pay and stipends for blended classrooms, dual credit or AP and department chairs.

By law, the tentative agreement was posted last week with the public able to comment on it at Monday's meeting. (There were no public comments.) The board will consider approval of the agreement at a special meeting at 5 p.m. Monday at General Shanks.

In addition to the contract with the teachers association, the board is also expected to address memorandums of understanding for administrators and support staff at its meeting Monday.

Board members Donna Geesaman, Phil Ford, Mike Shannon, Chris Snow, Jason Phillips and Vickie Reitz, absent Ron Laux, also heard a presentation from Lindsay Simonetto of Baker Tilly, a financial advising firm, regarding

its bond debt. The corporation has annual debt service of just over \$5 million. That is expected to drop to about \$4.25 million in 2027, \$2.2 million in 2028 and zero in 2033 as various loans and bonds are paid off.

Simonetto explained that school corporations generally try to keep that debt service number, and thus the tax rate, relatively stable rather than having it fluctuate. With significant chunks of the debt set to retire in the next five to six years, she suggested it's a good time for Jay Schools to consider what capital projects may be needed in the future.

Her presentation also indicated that the school corporation's pension debt will retire in 2025. The \$840,000 the corporation currently pays annually on that debt will then shift to the operation fund, which is used for capital projects, buses and other operational expenses.

Gulley said he and the board will use the information presented to discuss facilities and other potential projects moving forward.

In other business, the board: •During the Patriot Pride moment, recognized the robotics team of Jake Kellogg, Callie Houck, Max Klopfenstein, Joe Boggs and Brennan Chrisman, which finished eighth in its division in the 2022 VEX Robotics World Championship in Dallas. They also won the sportsmanship award.

•Received an update from assistant superintendent Trent Paxson regarding IREAD, ILEARN and SAT scores. Jay Schools' had 86.8% of its third graders pass the IREAD test last year compared to a state average of 80.7%. For ILEARN, the

corporation was above the state average passage rate for math (46.1% compared to the state's 39.4%) but slightly below for English (41% compared to the state's 41.2%). On the SAT, 31.7% of Jay Schools juniors reached the state's college-ready benchmark compared to 31% statewide and 48% reached the state's college-ready benchmark compared to 50.5% statewide.

•Approved the following: the retirement of Lori Sims effective Oct. 7; a leave of absence for Redkey Elementary School reading recovery teacher Emily Laux; A lease contract with the City of Portland for Portland Memorial Park's Runkle-Miller Field for junior high baseball practices and games; extracurricular assignments including Doug Arbuckle as high school softball coach; and field trips for eighth graders to Washington, D.C., and the girls wrestling team to Findlay, Ohio, for a tournament.

•Reviewed the proposed calendar for the 2023-24 school year. It would be similar to this year's schedule with school starting Aug. 10, fall break Oct. 18 through 20, winter break Dec. 22 through Jan. 2, spring break March 22 through 29 and the last day of school May 21. The board plans to take action on the schedule at its Nov. 14 meeting.

•Heard from business manager Shannon Current that budget surpluses of \$526,000 and \$276,000 are expected in the education and operation funds, respectively, this year.

•Accepted Formative Assessment Grant of \$39,450 for the purchase of NWEA assessments, which are used to gauge student progress throughout the school year.

Capsule Reports

Deer hit

Two Ohio residents were taken to the hospital after their vehicle struck a deer on U.S. 27 about 8:20 p.m. Saturday.

Sharon K. Wagers, 72, Cincinnati, was driving south on the highway near the intersection with county road 600 South when a deer ran in front of the 2018 Honda CR-V she was driving, causing a collision.

Wagers complained of abdomen pain, and her passenger, Jesse G. Wagers — he is also the registered owner of the Honda — complained of neck pain. They were taken to IU Health Jay.

Jesse Wager's vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Lost control

An Ohio man's vehicle was towed after he lost control of it and it went off of Indiana 67 and rolled about 2:13 p.m. Saturday.

Joshua R. Holmes, 41, Bellefontaine, was driving west on the highway near the intersection with county road 550 East when his 2004 Dodge Stratus went off the road into the stone.

Holmes told Jay County Sheriff's Office he overcorrected, causing his vehicle to go into the ditch north of the road and roll several times.

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

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SERVICES

Today
Green, Mildred: 1 p.m., Wilson Shook Funeral Home, 317 N. Main St., Dunkirk.
Ridgway, Richard: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Wednesday
Callahan, Tyler: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Search for space uncovers memory

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

I am seriously considering putting a couple of my larger plants up for adoption. There are too many of them. That is a statement I never expected to make but I have run out of room to put them. They won't survive if I leave them out all winter.

I know it is fall, but for some reason I have a bad case of spring fever and an urge to toss everything I don't use on a daily basis. Experience tells me this feeling won't last. That is a good thing because as soon as I get rid of something I haven't used for years I will be doing some-

As I See It



thing that requires that very thing.

In that spirit I was looking through a box of music rolls for our player piano. These are rolls of paper with holes in them. They are attached to the mechanism on the piano and when the pedals are pumped it produces sound.

There were a variety of titles ranging from "Red River Valley," "Tumbling

Tumbleweeds," "Brahms Lullaby" and one called "Chickery Chick." That last one was subtitled "a novelty song."

I think the piano itself was made in 1913. It is incapable of functioning as a player piano any more as all the tubing, bellows and other parts have long since stiffened and disintegrated. The piano rolls themselves are fragile and incapable of being used as they were intended.

I had forgotten how many rolls there were. One of my favorite memories with them occurred not long after we moved from Dayton to the farm.

One evening Grandma

had chosen a piano roll and threaded it onto the spools. She pumped the foot pedals and we gathered around her and sang. I think we went through several rolls of music. It seems that we did that a few more times. It wasn't long before the piano was silent and we no longer gathered to do anything remotely that enjoyable.

In the very bottom of the box of piano rolls was a mildewed pamphlet titled, "The 1956 American Voter Presidential Election Edition." The subtitle was, "A Quick Review of presidential elections, voting qualifications, conven-

tion procedure, and elec-

tion results." The booklet contained everything I have ever forgotten or never knew about presidential elections. The text contained the wording of the oath of the president, score sheets for the national convention and a list of election results from 1904 to 1952. There were several pages of trivia and little known facts. A list of all the presidents from Washington to Eisenhower rounded out the booklet.

Honestly, that was the last thing I expected to find in a box of piano rolls.

Life seems to be like my discovery of the pamphlet. I intend for one thing to

happen but quickly get sidetracked by an unexpected find. I intend to haul all the houseplants in but instead rely on them to survive one more chilly night while I look for a place to put them. I abandon the last of the plants to sift through a dusty box of piano rolls then get sidetracked again by a lesson on the ins and outs of the election process.

I may not have found a place for the last of the plants to overwinter but I learned a bit of history and was reminded that an old piano can remind me that once upon a time there was happiness in our home.

Husband takes stock as marriage crumbles

DEAR ABBY: A decade ago, before my wife and I had children, we were deeply in love with each other. Everything was great in the bedroom and outside. After we had children, my wife did a 180. She's no longer affectionate with me at all.

We barely hold hands, we never hug, and kissing is prohibited except maybe a kiss before bed. We kiss like it's an obligation. There's no touching in our relationship. In the bedroom we used to be more physical and less restrained. I wanted her to be satisfied, without getting more specific. Now, if we are intimate, it's once a month during the summer and maybe twice a month otherwise. She won't allow me to touch parts of her body, and she's physically and emotionally remote.

When I addressed this with her, she informed me that other couples are intimate less frequently than we are. She has let her body go, and doesn't diet or even try to watch her weight, and I'm concerned for her health because she has become obese. If I try to bring these matters up, she flies into a rage.

Dear Abby



Abby, AM I being selfish? — MISSING THE CLOSENESS

DEAR MISSING: The answer to that question is no. Something has gone radically wrong with your marriage and you have been iced out. Sometimes when children come into the picture, couples "forget" how to be friends and lovers because they are so distracted, tired, etc.

You and your wife need to discuss this in the office of a licensed therapist. If she's unwilling to do that, have some sessions alone so you can find a way to get through to her or figure out whether you want to continue living in "Siberia" until your children become adults.

DEAR ABBY: Our 10-year-old

granddaughter has a speech impediment, which is becoming more and more significant. It is clear this is not something she's going to outgrow. She is home-schooled and doesn't attend any sort of speech therapy. Her mom knows it exists and has mentioned the speech issue in passing.

I don't want to offend our daughter, but I also don't want to see this sweet little girl have a problem that is going to be more difficult to fix as she gets older. Is there a diplomatic way to address this? The last thing I want to do is upset our daughter, but I'm really worried about our granddaughter. Your thoughts? — PLAINLY SPOKEN IN OREGON

DEAR PLAINLY SPOKEN: Getting your granddaughter the help she needs to overcome her speech impediment is more important than worrying about upsetting your daughter by pointing out the obvious. By all means, speak up.

DEAR ABBY: Please settle a yearly disagreement. If I offer to take the birthday girl out for

lunch, I will be paying the bill. So which of us chooses the restaurant? I say I should get to choose where to host the celebration for which I'm paying. Birthday girl insists she gets to choose where I'm going to take her, since it's her birthday. — UNSURE IN FLORIDA

DEAR UNSURE: The choice of where to take your guest should be yours, not hers. Between you and me, I think she is nervy to suggest otherwise.

DEAR ABBY: My mom divorced my dad more than 20 years ago. She remarried three years ago. She sent my sister and me a text the week of her wedding saying she was keeping the wedding small and only for those she felt would be comfortable there. They eloped midweek with my aunt and uncle standing beside them. The man my mom married makes her happy, which I am glad about.

Her new husband has six adult children with whom they spend a lot of time. Is it odd that we haven't yet met his kids? I understand COVID kept us from

having a picnic to meet one another, but there's still no plan for us to meet the family our mom spends most of her time with.

I did say something to her, and she offered to go to counseling. I'm hurt. I feel abandoned, and I'm becoming resentful. Am I just a spoiled adult child? How can I support my mom in her marriage and continue to have a relationship with her without feeling left out? — PERPLEXED ADULT CHILD

DEAR PERPLEXED: Yes, it is odd that you haven't met your step-siblings. Very odd. Are there any issues between you and your mother that you didn't mention in your letter? That she would offer to go to counseling with you when you told her you felt abandoned indicates that there may be some. It could benefit both of you to talk with a licensed marriage and family therapist. Please don't wait. And, perhaps in the future, instead of waiting to be invited to some sort of meet-and-greet, you should consider issuing the invitation yourself.

Community Calendar

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

Today

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will 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 (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. 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, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.

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.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

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

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

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

STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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

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Program offers great opportunity

Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)

If the lowest point in a Vigo County resident's life becomes their turning point, the community is better off.

Such turnarounds will be more possible, thanks to an innovative local program. Vigo County and Terre Haute law enforcement agencies displayed courage and forward thinking in agreeing to participate in CLEAR — an acronym for Choose Law Enforcement Assisted Recovery. Indeed, its name clearly describes the process.

A police officer making an arrest for a low-level crime involving substance abuse will provide the person receiving a citation or being arrested with information and a contact number for recovery treatment through the CLEAR program. If the person is willing, the officer can transport him or her to talk

Hoosier Editorial

with a peer recovery coach with the Wabash Valley Recovery Center, which is part of the Next Step Foundation residential recovery community on Terre Haute's south side. The coach will get the person set up for a recovery program.

The program also includes a tracking system to make sure the person engages in the plan. An online platform checks whether the person participates in a three-day detoxification, a 28-day in-patient treatment or outpatient, mental-health or sober-living services. The services are

free at the Wabash Valley Recovery Center, which receives donor support.

The Vigo County Prosecutor's Office will do progress reviews of those involved at 45 days and 90 days.

The immediate offer of help for someone could break an addiction that fractures relationships, the ability to perform a job, and could lead to more offenses. Those steps toward recovery could cause the prosecutor's office to dismiss their case or place a person on probation. Or, offenders who will not take advantage of a connection with recovery could face full prosecution.

"We will help those who help themselves," Prosecutor Terry Modesitt said. The program became possible through the United Way of the Wabash Valley receiving a federal grant

to combat substance abuse disorders in 2020 amounting to \$1 million over three years. It took two years to develop the local program, building a network with law enforcement and Terre Haute's "robust recovery community," as United Way executive director Richard Payonk put it.

"It is a fantastic opportunity in our community for those folks to get into the services that they truly need to get their life back on track," Payonk added.

Vigo County has its share of residents struggling with alcohol and drug abuse. Nineteen percent of adults in the county are binge or heavy drinkers, which tops the state rate of 18%, according to the annual County Health Rankings by the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. Vigo also has a high rate of premature

deaths, which includes a rate of 54 drug overdose deaths per 100,000 residents.

Beyond the personal impact, alcohol abuse costs Indiana's economy \$4.4 billion annually, according to a 2017 report by the Indiana University Center for Health Policy. Drug overdose deaths have a \$1.4-billion negative impact on the state, as well.

Still, broken homes and lives render an impact deeper than the hits taken by the legal system and economy.

This quicker, steadier system of intervention in those troubled lives — one of the first of its kind in Indiana — could spare heartaches, restore families and bring many Vigo Countians back into productivity as workers, household leaders and volunteers.

The community will experience the difference.

Be more aware of energy sources

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Tribune News Service

If you're like most people, you probably only think about energy when filling up your car or paying a hefty electric bill. You probably don't know that, since 1992, October has been designated "Energy Awareness Month."

This October, we have several compelling reasons to think about the energy we depend on. For one, a global pandemic and the war in Ukraine have sent costs soaring. And climate change, a result of the burning of fossil fuels, is taking an ever-greater toll in wildfires, hurricanes, floods and deadly heat waves.

But we are not helpless in the face of these challenges. One of the most powerful steps we can take — as individuals and as a nation — is to electrify everything. That means replacing gas- and oil-burning appliances and vehicles with electric ones, powered by renewable energy. The potential benefits are huge: cleaner air indoors and out, lower monthly bills and a major reduction in climate-change-causing greenhouse gasses.

There are four ways you can electrify, right now.

Electrify your ride: Making the switch from a gas-powered car to an electric vehicle is a great way to save on gas and pollute less. While this may not be an option for you, you can limit how many days you use your car — the less you drive, the less wear and tear on your vehicle, which means it will last longer and you won't have to replace it so soon.

Electrify your home: Save money and reduce emissions by replacing fossil fuel-powered systems with electric ones. Heat pumps are an ideal, energy-efficient alternative to gas furnaces, boilers and air conditioners. Efficient electric water heaters are also an option worth exploring.

Electrify your kitchen: Consider making the switch from gas to induction cooking. If not to go green, the fact that gas stoves emit asthma-inducing nitrogen dioxide may convince you. Homes with gas stoves can contain up to 400% higher concentra-

Larissa Johnson



tions of NO2 (nitrogen dioxide) than homes with electric stoves. Induction stoves are faster, more efficient and better for your family's health than traditional gas models.

Electrify your lawn: Beyond the loud noises they generate, a typical gas-powered leaf blower emits more pollutants than a 6,200-pound truck. If raking isn't an option, making the switch to electric leaf blowers is worthwhile — they're clean, emit no pollutants, make much less noise and require less maintenance than gas-powered blowers.

Of course, money is tight for many right now and you may not have the cash to make these upgrades. Fortunately, the Inflation Reduction Act, signed into law by President Joe Biden, authorizes roughly \$369 billion in spending on energy and climate change. In addition to boosting funding for clean energy production, the IRA offers consumer subsidies for energy efficiency and residential electrification. Rewiring America created a Savings Calculator to help renters and homeowners alike find out how much they could save by making upgrades.

For households with lower incomes, 100 percent of appliance and installation costs are discounted at purchase, meaning you could install efficient electric appliances at no cost to you.

This year, during Energy Awareness Month, it's time to make more honest assessments about the energy sources that power our lives. And it's time to take action — by making the switch to a form of energy that's cleaner, greener and easier on our wallets.

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Four more weeks? Make it stop

(Editor's note: This column was originally published Oct. 12.)

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Without torturing the point, just about anything outside of the various forms of torture banned by Article III of the Geneva Convention can be endured for four weeks.

Give or take. Same for most all of the additional forms of cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment defined and banned by international humanitarian law going back to the mid-20th century.

Nowhere in the relevant documents, however, could I find the exact or even approximate specifications of our current predicament — four more weeks of political advertising on local TV.

No campaign promise made by any candidate for any party for any office in any state can approach the sacred manifest blessing of the Nov. 8 midterm election itself — a merciful if temporary respite from people on my TV saying horrid things about each other morning, noon and night.

Right now, I can no longer separate the puppy killers from the real killers one candidate is said to want back on the streets immediately — and make no mistake, those ads say, we're talking "dangerous murderers."

And here you thought he wanted to free only the non-dangerous murderers.

For that plausible misunderstanding I've got nothing but strained empathy. It's very hard, having absorbed Pennsylvania's outside portion of nearly \$9 billion in political advertising in this cycle, to have the remaining mental bandwidth necessary to distinguish between the fraudulent murderer-hugging abortionists and the too extreme, too dangerous, too dumb, too smart (he's a professor!), too radical, too far left,

too far right, too much of an insider, too much of an outsider, too risky, too frisky, too Trumpy, too frumpy, too spungy, and too grungy among the esteemed candidates to steer the Commonwealth in a period of severe social turbulence.

While the ads themselves are deeply depressing, the impetus for them is far worse. Do the people who are in a position to spend an estimated \$8.8 billion ad dollars on these midterms think we are this dumb?

Do they think we are this ignorant? Do they think we'll respond the same reflexive way to the same cynical dog whistles and the same lies and oversimplifications time after time after time?

Yes, yes and yes, and the worst part of all is that they are generally right. Most of this money is spent on attack ads, money that wouldn't be spent if it didn't work.

It's all a regularly scheduled financial windfall for local TV, which would be absolutely wonderful if it got funneled into investigative journalism or salaries to expand the news gathering operation. I posit that it is not. Most of it goes into the pockets of the people who own local TV stations, the better to finance their own political initiatives, which I doubt involves the expansion of the sunshine laws so much as their personal portfolios.

"On the one hand, I lament that we're in the political climate that we are," Sinclair Broadcasting Group CEO Chris Ripley told a research

conference in May, according to a story in the Hollywood Reporter. "On the other hand, it's very good for our business."

Is it good for anyone else? What are people supposed to conclude about the media when its most conspicuous branch, television, decries our political polarization and stuffs its pockets with polarization profits at the same time? Unavoidably, the media is in this way complicit with the forces who would destabilize American institutions for their own craven interests.

I mean, if we're not careful, people are going to become cynical (snort!). Almost twice what got spent by candidates and political action committees in the 2018 midterms will be generated for this round, where the abject national cynicism is the only thing outpacing the cash.

With four weeks left before Georgians choose between incumbent the Rev. Raphael Warnock and former University of Georgia football star Herschel Walker for the United States Senate, an expected \$100 million in additional ad revenue will flow.

Republicans in that race seem content to test the notion that abortion is murder unless it was financed by a former Heisman Trophy winner, although Walker has denied he ever paid for one while at the same time allowing that paying for an abortion is "nothing to be ashamed of."

Herschel's not sure of a lot of things, but he's fairly certain he's right about that last part, except Republicans say he's wrong, but you should vote for him anyway, because, because ...

I'll let conservative radio host Dana Loesch explain that one to you: "I don't care if Herschel Walker paid to abort endangered baby eagles — I want control of the Senate."

Four more weeks. Good luck to ya.



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Ballot ...

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For rural or impoverished counties, the officer manages TrustIndiana, an investment pool, and chairs the Indiana Bond Bank, which assists municipalities with low-cost financing.

Elliot, then a county chairman for the Republican Party, previously made waves for his 2018 push to keep anti-gay language in the GOP platform that defined marriage as a union between a woman and a man.

Opposite Elliot, Monroe County treasurer Jessica McClellan could be the first openly LGBTQ candidate elected to statewide office. McClellan incorporates ideas for helping unbanked and underbanked Hoosiers with financial services into her platform.

Incumbent state auditor Tera Klutz, a Republican, will have two opponents this year, facing challenges from Democrat ZeNai Brooks and Libertarian John Schick.

The office includes five departments: accounts payable, accounting and reporting, finance, local government and payroll. The auditor has the responsibility to balance the state's checkbook and pay state employees.

Additionally, the office oversees the state's transparency portal, distributes school tax distributions and administers Indiana's Deferred Compensation Plan, a retirement planning tool.

Both Klutz and Brooks are CPAs, with a background of audits in the public and private sectors, respectively. Schick, who works for an advisory firm that does data and analytics, advocates for reducing the government's rules and regulations.



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Redkey reward

Kindergartners Alexander Hall, Cameron Timmerman, Jameson Watson and ArahBella Houston of Redkey Elementary School watch intently during a movie Thursday morning. Students got to watch a Charlie Brown movie as a reward for good behavior during the first quarter of the school year.

Russia striking Ukrainian infrastructure

By JONATHAN TIRONE

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

Russian missile and drone strikes targeting Ukrainian power infrastructure over the past week have failed to knock electricity supply off the grid for any prolonged period, according to International Energy Agency data.

The IEA figures show that Ukraine, the grid operator, has managed to keep supplying electricity to much of the country even with hundreds of Russian strikes targeting power plants and electricity substations across the nation.

Russian officials say the

onslaught, which continued on Tuesday, is aimed at destroying energy infrastructure. That risks not only cutting off local heat and power as the weather turns colder, but would also pressure Europe, which has grid connections with Ukraine.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in a tweet that Russian attacks have destroyed 30% of Ukraine's generating capacity and other critical infrastructure since Oct. 10. Strikes against civilian targets make any negotiations impossible, he said.

Ukrainians have responded to Ukraine's appeals to avoid unnecessary energy usage by turn-

ing down boilers and electric heating.

"Our dispatchers are very reluctant to enter an emergency shutdown," the company said Tuesday on its Telegram channel. "They don't like them any more than you do. Be energy-efficient."

Russia's Oct. 10 missile blitz originally knocked 2 gigawatts of power offline, equivalent to about 14% of electricity supplied the week before. Before the latest overnight attacks, more than 1.3 gigawatts of generating capacity had been restored, according to the Paris-based IEA.

While the bombardment has led to electricity outages in parts of

the country, Ukrenergo has been able to blunt the impact by shifting power loads on its transmission system. After Russia hit coal-fired plants last week, Ukraine compensated for the shortfall with hydropower and nuclear output. Reactors covered about 55% of demand on Monday.

Russian air strikes targeted power generators in Kyiv, the deputy head of Ukraine's presidential staff, Kyrylo Tymoshenko, said on Telegram. Three people were killed, and parts of the capital lack water and power, halting some trolleybuses and trams, while repairs are continuing, Mayor Vitali Klitschko said in a Telegram post.

Increase ...

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Currently, the village takes in about \$69,000 for water and sewer utilities each month. Diller said his suggestions would bump that figure to \$76,000 per month.

He asked council members to review his suggestions and provide feedback at a later date.

Also Monday, council heard an update on sludge removal from the wastewater lagoons.

The village entered into an agreement with Kainos Ag of Muncie on Sept. 22, contributing \$49,000 for its product. Diller noted the product seems to be working, with sludge decreasing by several inches as well as the sludge blanket's composition loosening from its former compacted state. (The wastewater lagoons had been releasing an odor and bothering residents living near the ponds.)

"I guess I'm still cautiously optimistic that there's something good happening there. We haven't had any

smell," he said. "Everything seems to be going in the right direction, but we won't know until we get a series of tests (done)."

Poggemeyer Design Group completed a wastewater study for the village and shared its results in August. Its suggestions for wastewater treatment offered options, mainly the construction of a mechanical wastewater treatment plant. It also suggested sludge removal from the wastewater lagoons.

Diller pointed out the representative from Kainos Ag, Melvin Stein, had said its product would help meet required limits through Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. He said he's interested to learn from the testing results.

In other business, council members Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson, Al Post, Luke Knapke, and Erik Fiely, absent Cliff Wendel:

•Authorized fiscal officer Roberta Staugler to participate in an agree-

ment with the Uniform Accounting Network created by the Ohio Auditor of State's office. She explained the village needs to update its software, which dates back to 1990. She suggested using the network — it will cost \$18,500 to convert and set up the software — instead, noting it would cost around \$100,000 to upgrade the previously used software.

•Heard reconstruction of Milligan Street begins Wednesday. (The start date was moved from Thursday because of scheduling conflicts.)

•Learned Mayor Dave Kaup and Police Chief Jared Laux visited Wright State University Lake Campus Police Academy to speak with potential candidates for the two open officer positions in the village.

•Were reminded Fort Recovery Merchants Association will start its Halloween parade at 3 p.m. Oct. 30, with trick-or-treating hours set for later that day from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

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"A house of STRAW? Sounds like a real firetrap!"

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Is there a doctor in the house?

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ 10
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ K Q J 10 9 8 6 4
 ♣ A 3

EAST
 ♠ 7 6 4
 ♥ K J 10 7 5
 ♦ 3
 ♣ Q J 9 4

SOUTH
 ♠ A K Q J 9 3 2
 ♥ 4 3
 ♦ A 5
 ♣ 7 2

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♠ Pass 4 NT Pass
 5♥ Pass 5 NT Pass
 7 NT

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

Assume you're South and open the bidding with one spade. Partner responds four notrump, obviously Blackwood, so you bid five hearts, showing two aces. Partner then bids five notrump, asking how many kings you have.

Usually, the player who initiates Blackwood is the one who eventually places the final contract, with his partner merely indicating how many aces (and, if asked, kings) he has. In general, a player should not use Blackwood unless he knows exactly what to do after each of partner's possible responses. If he is not going to know what to do after partner responds, he shouldn't use Blackwood.

Stated differently, when the number of aces (or kings) partner has will not resolve the question of how many tricks can actually be made, it is better to employ other methods to investigate slam possibilities.

In the present case, even though your partner is theoretically captain of the ship, you should disregard his five-notrump request for kings and should instead bid either seven spades or seven notrump!

There is good reason for this. North's five-notrump bid guarantees that your side has all four aces and is at the same time a grand-slam try.

With eight solid winners to contribute to your cause — about five tricks more than your partner knows about — you can safely bid seven opposite a grand-slam try.

If you woodenly elected to bid six diamonds instead, showing one king, partner might pass in the actual case, and you'd miss a cold grand slam. This would be somewhat like the story of Moliere's doctors, who insisted it was better for the patient to die after being given the correct treatment than to live after receiving the incorrect treatment.

Tomorrow: Avoiding a difficult guess.
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 G N F N C Q Q Y W S K G Y T D S O I P O G
 M T N S G S G R Y - Q G - X Y P T O N F H

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MINIATURE METAL HAIR CLIPS THAT ARE INTENDED TO BE USED ON A CLASSIC DOLL: BARBIE PINS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals Y

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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ACROSS

1 Stuff tightly
 5 Pouch
 8 Online crafts site
 12 Nickel-odeon's "Explorer"
 13 Overly
 14 Yarn
 15 Mayor's work-place
 17 "Neato!"
 18 Center
 19 Truck fuel partner?
 24 "Hey!"
 25 Italian cheese, for short
 26 Persistence
 30 Actress Mendes
 31 Erin of "Happy Days"
 32 24 horas
 33 Trash disposal site
 35 Freebie
 36 Melodies
 37 Hay bundles

DOWN

1 Govt. health org.
 2 Marseilles monarch
 3 Louvre collection
 4 Chaos jobs
 5 Wild guess
 6 Pioneer-ing ISP
 7 Frigid spell
 8 Long list's shortener (Abbr.)
 9 New Mexico resort
 10 Tart fruit
 11 Holler
 16 "Ben- —"
 20 "This — outrage!"
 21 Oil cartel
 22 Sitarist Shankar
 23 "Phooey!"
 24 Salon jobs
 26 Band's travel itinerary info
 27 Pedestal occupant
 28 Clock reading
 29 Puppy barks
 31 1502 in Old Rome
 34 Luxury boats
 35 Mexican resort
 37 Sheepish remark
 38 Anti-fur org.
 39 Secular
 40 Un-wanted breakout
 41 "The — of March"
 44 Coffee vessel
 45 British verb ending
 46 Hanoi holiday
 47 Cen. parts

Solution time: 22 mins.

Yesterday's answer 10-18

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Sectional streak ends in Haviland

HAVILAND, Ohio — The Indians had been to the district tournament in four straight seasons.

That streak came to an end Monday.

Fort Recovery High School's volleyball team took the second game to pull even but went on to lose 25-20, 20-25, 25-20, 27-25 in the opening round of the Division IV sectional tournament to the host Wayne Trace Raiders.

The seventh-seeded Tribe was coming off of a 25-13, 25-14, 25-13 sweep of the Arcanum

Fort Recovery falls to Raiders in sectional opener after advancing to district in previous four seasons

Trojans in Saturday's regular-season finale.

Senior Allysen Fullenkamp led the attack for FRHS (8-15) with 14 kills. Also closing out

their careers Monday were Audra Bubb (12 digs), Grace Klingshirm (seven kills) and Faith Wendel (2 aces).

The Indians also got 27

assists and three blocks from Teigen Fortkamp, 18 digs and two aces from Cali Wendel and 11 kills and two aces from Mara Pearson, all juniors.

The Indians had won four straight sectional championships and advanced to the district final in each of the last three seasons. That run included a district title in 2020 before losing to the Calvert Senecas in the regional semifinal.

Mara Pearson led Saturday's win over Arcanum with 14 kills and 15 digs while Kayla Heitkamp totaled 17 assists and four aces. Cali Wendel finished with 16 digs and Allysen Fullenkamp had eight kills and three blocks.

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Denton's five kills led the Patriots to their sweep of Centerville while Fields had five kills and five blocks, Saxman recorded five aces and Herndon put up 13 assists.

Challenging the Eagles marked a strong end to what had been a difficult season for Jay County, which lost five of its first six, had a seven-match losing streak and put together back-to-back victories just once. Its meeting against Delta in the second match of the season was not nearly as close — a 25-18, 25-15, 25-10 defeat.

"I'm proud of them," said Dillon. "It's been a really rough season and for them to come out and play against a team that usually, mentally we shut down (against). I was very worried coming in tonight, thinking that just the name 'Delta' was going to play with their heads.

"But they came in with the grit and the fire that we've wanted to see out of them all season. So I'm really, really proud of them."



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Lauren Brewster (2) and Bella Denton (7) of Jay County put up a block against Delta's Camaya Murry during the first set of Saturday's sectional championship match. The Patriots had set-point opportunities in each of the first two sets but were unable to get the closing point as they fell 27-25, 26-24, 25-19.

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Brunswick was in contention for the girls but came up five seconds short. Her time of 19:25.9 put her behind Minster's Margaret Hemmelgarn (19:20.8).

Jenna Hart and Ellie Will gave FRHS two more runners in the top 12, finishing 11th and 12th in times of 20:21.4 and 20:22.5, respectively. Caitlin Weitzel finished in 21:36.9 for 27th and Alexis Wendel had a time of 12:47.4 for 30th.

Parker Brunswick followed Heitkamp for the Tribe boys as he placed 13th in 17:39.4. Rounding out the team score were Ethan Evers (60th - 19:41.5), Evan Evers (65th - 19:55.2) and Caleb Rammel (77th - 20:22.4).

Fort Recovery's high school teams will open the postseason Saturday as they compete in the Division III Columbus Grove

District. The girls team made the state finals last season and Heitkamp was also a 2021 state qualifier.

Like Heitkamp, Huelkamp was in control of her race to the junior high girls title. Her victory came by more than 15 seconds over Minster's Claire Bohman in 12:17.71.

Courtney Klenke and Riley Heitkamp finished back-to-back for the Indians in 25th and 26th in times of 14:19.4 and 14:19.9, respectively. Kendall Ranly was 30th in 14:28.3 and Jazmyne Welling placed 66th in 16:34.4.

Reese Diller paced the Fort Recovery Middle School boys with a time of 11:40.2 for seventh place. Milo Fiely was next in 26th at 12:50.2 ahead of Russell Hart (40th - 13:43), Evan Diller (41st - 13:53.1) and Chase Fiely (43rd - 14:04.8).

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Boggs, a freshman who was seeded 27th overall and ninth out of the runners from likely non-qualifying teams, and Solis were positioned on the far right side of the start line and found themselves fighting an uphill battle from the start.

By the mile mark, Boggs was running a solid time but was still part of a mob

of runners competing for places in the 40s. Solis was behind him at the head of a group of about 10 runners in the 50s.

With a faster field that included ninth-ranked Hamilton Southeastern in addition to the champion Tigers, they weren't able to make big moves forward. By the 2-mile mark, Boggs was sitting in 39th place

and he finished just off the shoulder of Wapahani's Mason Tomboni to take 38th in 17:40.

Solis was 20 seconds back in 54th.

"He's had a great season," said Wood of the senior, who qualified for the regional for the first time in his career. "His PR coming into the season was 19:05, I think, so he cut

more than a minute off. That's really hard to do."

Boggs was 17 seconds off of his sectional pace on the same course a week earlier while Solis was nine seconds slower.

Muncie Central's Gabe Reynolds picked up the final semi-state qualifying spot with his time of 17:29 for 31st place.

Sibray, a freshman who

was on the left side of the start line, got a better run out early but was still 37th at the mile mark. She stayed in the upper 30s throughout, sitting 39th after 2 miles and holding that position as she crossed the finish line in 21:34. She was seven seconds off her sectional pace.

The last semi-state berth

went to Allie Black of Randolph Southern as she finished in 20:50 for 20th place.

"I think with experience both (Boggs and Sibray) are going to be very good runners for Jay County," said Wood. "They're already in the history of Jay County some of the top freshmen that we've had. They have a bright future."

Sports on tap

TV sports

Today
1 p.m. — Soccer: La Liga - Valencia Sevilla (ESPN2)
2:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League - Nottingham Forest at Brighton & Hove Albion (USA)
3:33 p.m. — Major League Baseball playoffs: National League Championship Series (FOX)
7 p.m. — NHL hockey: Philadelphia Flyers at Tampa Bay Lightning (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball:

Philadelphia 76ers at Boston Celtics (TNT)
8 p.m. — Men's college soccer: Indiana at Wisconsin (BTN)
9:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Los Angeles Kings at Nashville Predators (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Los Angeles Lakers at Golden State Warriors (TNT)

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2:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League - Chelsea at Brentford (USA)
TBA — Major League Baseball play-

offs: American League Championship Series - TBA at Houston Astros (TBS)
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Local notes

Wrestling registration open
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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 six graders will be at 6 p.m. tonight. 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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All out effort

Patriots push Delta but fall short in final

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

NEW CASTLE — The Patriots were the first team to 25 in the opening set.

They had a set point in the second.

They pushed the 10th-ranked team in the state to the brink.

But they weren't able to get the final points they needed to really put the pressure on.

Jay County battled all the way and had its opportunities against the Delta Eagles but fell 27-25, 26-24, 25-19 Saturday in the championship match of the IHSAA Class 3A Sectional 24 volleyball tournament at New Castle.

"We fought," said JCHS coach Amy Dillon. "And that's all I can ask for."

"The one thing that we said before we came was just, 'Have fun, and play hard.' Because no matter what the outcome is, you don't want to walk off the court and think that you didn't give it your all. And I think they did."

The Patriots earned their spot in the championship match with a 25-16, 25-19, 25-21 sweep of the Centerville Bulldogs in the semifinal round earlier in the day. Delta had defeated Frankton 14-25, 25-23, 25-14, 25-15 in its semifinal match Saturday after knocking out the host Trojans 25-23, 25-16, 17-25, 18-25, 15-6 in Thursday's opening round.



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Jay County High School senior Madison Brunswick hits against Mabrey Stebbins of Delta during the Class 3A Sectional 24 championship match Saturday night at New Castle.

The Eagles (16-9), who won their first title since 2013, advance to play MaxPreps' fourth-ranked Belmont (27-6) in the regional semifinal at noon Saturday at Norwell.

Jay County (9-23) had golden opportunities in each of the first two sets.

It came back from an early five-point deficit in the first and earned a set point thanks

to a kill by Abbie Fields — the senior finished with a team-high 12 to go along with three blocks — followed by Delta's Kendra Keesling smacking an attack into the net. But Camaya

Murry kept her team alive with a tip and Patriot errors on the next two points ended the set.

JCHS rolled out to a 9-2 lead in the second set and was still up by seven before the Eagles went on an 8-1 run to pull even. The Patriots were able to earn a set point when they out-dued Delta on a long rally for a 24-23 lead, but Murry again came up with a key kill. A Kate Manor ace put the Eagles on top and an Addie Phillippe block of a Madison Brunswick attack gave them the set.

"I wish we could have pulled out that second set," said Dillon. "I think that might have made a little bit of difference for us."

The Patriots kept fighting and used a four-point run to close to within 17-15 in the third set. But Delta controlled the rest of the action and finished off the match on a Keesling kill.

Murry's 14 kills and 15 digs were both team highs for Delta. Mallory Robbins also had 15 digs, Keesling recorded 11 kills and Phillippe totaled 40 assists.

"We played those guys at the beginning of the season, and they've improved a ton," said Delta interim coach Josh Collins. "They've gotten a lot better ..."

"One of the things I kept preaching to my kids was, 'It's sectional time. It's win or go home, so no one's just going to go away. You've got to give them everything you've got.'"

"And Jay County on the other side really laid it all out there."

Lauren Brewster totaled five blocks and Madison Brunswick had three aces and three blocks as they joined fellow senior Fields in playing their final match. Sophie Saxman recorded 26 assists and 14 digs, Brenna Haines had 21 digs and Bella Denton recorded nine kills.

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Heitkamp wins MAC

COLDWATER, Ohio — Four races were contested Saturday.

Indians won two of them.

Trevor Heitkamp, a Fort Recovery High School junior, was dominant in winning the Midwest Athletic Conference boys cross country championship Saturday with classmate Natalie Brunswick finishing as the girls runner-up.

Makenna Huelskamp

gave the Indians a second conference title as she won the junior high girls race.

Brunswick's effort led the Tribe girls team to a runner-up MAC finish with 72 points as they trailed only Division III No. 1 Minster (22). Versailles was third with 91 points.

The FRHS boys were seventh with 167 points while New Bremen won with 50.

Fort Recovery's teams were fifth in both the jun-

ior high boys and girls competitions.

Heitkamp, who a month ago became the first runner in Indian history to break the 16-minute mark as he set the school record, was unchallenged in the boys race. He recorded a time of 16 minutes, 16.94 seconds, to finish more than 30 seconds ahead of runner-up Zach Wiedeman of New Bremen.

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Joseph Boggs, a Jay County High School freshman, runs at the beginning of Saturday's regional race at the Taylor University cross country complex. He finished in 38th place.

Season ends at regional

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

UPLAND — One Patriot was seeded to pick up one of the last semi-state berths.

Two others were on the outside looking in, but within striking distance.

None of them were able to put themselves in position to run for another week.

The Jay County High School cross country season came to an end Saturday in the IHSAA regional meet hosted by Delta at the Taylor University cross country complex as Joseph Boggs, Sebastian Solis and Alexis Sibray fell short of earning trips to the semi-state.

"I thought we had kids with a shot to get out," said JCHS coach Bruce Wood.

"This was a really fast start in both races, which I think you need to expect that with the teams coming in like Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern, Pendleton Heights. Those teams aren't going

to mess around getting in traffic. They'll get out and get in front. ...

"They haven't been in that environment yet, a high-stakes race. Pretty much everything we've done to this point ... you're just trying to improve and get your PR. And now you're at a point where there's a lot on the line and that can add some pressure."

Sixth-ranked Fishers dominated the boys race to win the regional title with 26 points while No. 6 Hamilton Southeastern took the girls crown with 53. Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Pendleton Heights and Yorktown each had their boys and girls teams advance to the semi-state. Joining them were Wapahani in the boys competition and Monroe Central in the girls.

The top five teams and top 10 athletes not on advancing teams head to the semi-state, which will be hosted Oct. 22 by New Haven at Indiana Wesleyan University.

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