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Group favors funds for WJCC

Advisory committee recommends \$30,870 for furnaces

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

A local community center has been recommended for funds to purchase new equipment for the winter.

Jay County Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) Advisory Committee recommended Tuesday that the county give \$30,870 to West Jay Community Center in order to buy and install three new furnaces.

Pam Robbins, the community center's administrator, explained the group replaced one furnace last year with help from a grant through The Portland Foundation. It is now hoping to replace two outdated furnaces — the community center has 10 heating units total — and another that is leaking water from the heat exchange.

She referenced two bids, with the lowest from Shumaker Heating & Cooling of Dunkirk at \$30,870.

Robbins noted that the plan is to replace more furnaces as they become outdated.

Ronnie Fuller, president of the community center's board of directors, explained the furnaces being replaced are 22 years old. Answering a question from Jay County Commissioner Chad Aker, Robbins estimated the remaining six units are at least 18 years old.

"What is your budget?" asked Jay County Commissioner Rex Journay.

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Break begins blustery

Jay School Corporation students have had a blustery start to their fall break. Temperatures were in the low 40s with winds gusting to 30 miles per hour when school let out Tuesday afternoon and light snow followed in the later afternoon and evening. On the first day of fall break this morning, temperatures were in the mid 30s with more windy conditions. Pictured, wind whips the flags at Jay County Fairgrounds this morning. Windy conditions are expected to continue through Friday, though high temperatures are slated to rise beginning Thursday and through the weekend.

Revenues were under projections

By WHITNEY DOWNARD

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For the first time in nearly a year Indiana's revenues didn't exceed projections, but rather fell short due to repealed taxes and delayed tax collections.

After a string of several months with reported revenues coming in higher than the December 2021 forecasts predicted, September's sum came in at \$1.9 billion, or \$82 million (4.2%) less than predicted. The last time revenues didn't meet expectations was September 2021, when collections missed the mark by 0.1%.

The September 2022 revenue also fell short of last September's totals by \$29.7 million, or 1.6%.

The state report noted that collections staggered due to delayed income tax payment process combined with the repeal of the utility receipts tax and utility services use tax.

Numbers had exceeded expectations for nearly a year

"With approximately \$70 million of income tax collections delayed to October, year-to-date General Fund revenues would have totaled \$4,981.9 million, which is \$188.8 million (3.9%) above the December 2021 revenue forecast and \$362.1 million (7.8%) above revenues through the same period in the prior fiscal year," the report said. "Excluding about \$100 million of potentially temporary positive revenue impacts, General Fund revenues may be interpreted as approximately \$90

million above the December 2021 revenue forecast."

That \$70 million — \$64 million in individual income tax collections and \$6 million in corporate tax collections — will be collected in October.

Hoosiers with outstanding tax obligations or other state government debts didn't receive the automatic taxpayer refund, but rather had that money applied to what they owed. This brought \$90 million in individual income tax collections in August

and September combined. Of that, \$34 million went to other agencies so October and November collections will have a negative \$34 million impact.

This change in collections, as well as the future loss attributed to the automatic taxpayer refund, is due to legislative changes made earlier this year and shouldn't carry forward through the full fiscal year, the report said.

Sales and gas tax collections held steady, performing slightly better than anticipated. Together, the combined sales tax collections were \$884.3 million, \$27.2 million (3.2%) above predictions.

Tax collections from riverboat wagering continued their downward slump, totaling \$7.1 million, or \$10.2 million (58.7%) below the monthly estimate and \$12.6 million (63.9%) below September 2021 collections. Racino wagering totaled \$10.2 million, \$800,000 short (7.7%) and \$100,000 (1.3%) below the previous year.

Putin extends martial law

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

President Vladimir Putin ordered dramatically heightened security, including restrictions on movement, in regions along the border with Ukraine as attacks have spread into Russian territory.

Citing strikes in recent weeks in border zones and a bombing on his showcase bridge to Crimea, Putin told a televised meeting of his Security Council that he's ordering stepped-up measures across much of the country. He also extended existing martial-law regimes in the four Ukrainian territories he annexed last month.

Russian forces have steadily lost ground over the last two months to a Ukrainian counteroffensive that has retaken large areas of the zones Putin claimed to annex. On Wednesday, Russian occupation authorities in the city of Kherson in southern Ukraine said they

Russian leader gives orders for regions annexed last month

were relocating to areas further back from the front lines as Kyiv's troops continued to press forward and cut off their supply lines.

Putin's new measures impose higher security in six regions of Russia near the Ukraine border, as well as Crimea, which he annexed in 2014, underlining how his eight-month-old war has spread. The new rules impose limits on movement in and out of the regions, allow local authorities to relocate civilians away from combat zones, boost military production and give

increased powers to military officials.

Areas further back from the front lines, including Moscow, also will see unspecified restrictions on movement, according to the text of Putin's decree.

"Putin's decree in effect brings several Russian regions on the border with Ukraine into the perimeter of the war," said Alexander Baunov of the Moscow Carnegie Center. "It looks like a trial run of emergency mechanisms in several regions that can then be expanded to other territories."

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Class creation

Redkey Elementary School first grader Drake Pritchard-Guffey shows her creation to Kinley McLaughlin on Thursday morning.

Deaths

Thelma Blazer, 83, rural Portland
Donald Blanchard, 81, Dunkirk
Details on page 2.

Weather

The temperature in Jay County ranged from 36 to 42 degrees Tuesday. Skies will be mostly clear tonight with a low of 30. Expect partly sunny skies Thursday with a high of 55 and winds at 30 miles per hour before temperatures rise into the 70s this weekend. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County 4-H Council will hold its annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall at Jay County Fairgrounds. Anyone who is interested in Jay County 4-H is invited to attend.

Coming up

Thursday — A look at local athletes competing at the collegiate level.

Saturday — Coverage of Friday's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.



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Robbins said the group doesn't have a budget because of the variance in income each year, but she compares the expenses to income from the previous year and allots for the same amount in order to cover utilities. Last year, the group had about \$100,000 in expenses. Fuller pointed to COVID-19, which he explained stagnated a lot of the group's programs. Robbins said the community center has some new sponsors contributing toward regular costs, but their membership numbers are still down. Glad Tidings Church also rented with the group for two years

Plans are to stagger replacement of all furnaces

but has moved into its own building. "They were wonderful renters for two years, and I wish we could find someone else who rents every week, that gives us a little more stability," she said. The community center spends at least \$1,800 each month on utilities. It recently upgraded to LED lighting, which Robbins said has helped decrease the electric bill. She said they're hoping to stagger installation for the remaining furnaces while also securing funds from grants or other avenues.

Jay County Council member Ted Champ referenced his comments at a meeting Sept. 21 about the need for public facilities, such as Penn Township Library, The Glass Museum and Dunkirk Public Library. "This community center is huge to that west side of the county," he said. Journay said he initially considered contributing only a portion of the cost to replace the furnaces. But, he continued, he ultimately feels the group should be provided the full \$30,870 with the advice they need to create a budget to plan for replacing the other furnaces.

"I'd like to see you have some skin in the game at some point in time," he said, noting he doesn't want to see the group return to the county with the same request for the other furnaces. Robbins noted the community center applied for another grant over the summer through The Portland Foundation but was not selected. "So, we have tried, and we will continue to try and look for other avenues too," she said. The committee then agreed to recommend giving the requested funds to the Dunkirk facility.

CR almanac

Thursday 10/21	Friday 10/22	Saturday 10/23	Sunday 10/24	Monday 10/25
55/38	68/48	75/52	75/53	73/51
Thursday's forecast shows partly sunny skies with wind gusts reaching up to 30 mph.	Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for Friday with high winds. Gusts may get up to 25 mph.	Temperatures will rise to the mid 70s this weekend, starting with mostly sunny skies Saturday.	Another day of warm temperatures and mostly sunny skies Sunday.	There's a chance of rain Monday. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high in the low 70s.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$508 million	Quick Draw: 1-4-5-8-10-18-24-25-28-30-33-36-38-39-54-62-63-64-72-73 Cash 5: 10-16-40-42-43 Estimated jackpot: \$161,000
Mega Millions 1-15-20-44-67 Mega Ball: 23 Megaplier: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$30 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 7-7-2 Pick 4: 8-6-3-7 Pick 5: 2-1-3-8-8 Evening Pick 3: 9-9-9 Pick 4: 6-7-2-5 Pick 5: 3-0-3-6-4 Rolling Cash: 5-6-12-13-19 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 7-4-6 Daily Four: 9-9-1-5 Quick Draw: 6-9-10-13-20-22-29-33-34-36-38-44-55-65-67-71-75-77-78-80 Evening Daily Three: 8-4-2 Daily Four: 6-5-5-8	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.72 Dec. corn.....6.83 Wheat.....7.07	Wheat.....7.97 Nov. wheat.....8.67
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.66 Dec. corn.....6.86 Jan. corn.....6.82	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.54 Late Oct. corn.....6.54 Beans.....13.35 Nov. beans.....13.35 Wheat.....8.52
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.53 Dec. corn.....6.63 Beans.....12.91 Dec. beans.....13.54	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.42 Dec. corn.....6.47 Beans.....13.15 Nov. beans.....13.20 Wheat.....8.16

Today in history

In 1781, Gen. Charles Cornwallis of Britain surrendered his 8,000-man army to American Gen. George Washington at Yorktown, Virginia. The surrender essentially ended any opportunity of Britain defeating the colonies in the Revolutionary War.
In 1789, John Jay was sworn in as the first chief justice of the United States Supreme Court. Jay County was named after Jay and is the only county in the United States with that name.
In 1914, the First Battle of Ypres started in Belgium during World War I. The Allies and Germans settled into trench warfare that would be typical of the remainder of the war on the Western Front.
In 1972, Eugene Clark of Berne, who was in custody for arson charges in Adams County, admitted to a series of arsons in Jay County that destroyed barns and houses, according to Jay County Sheriff Harold Loy.
In 2021, the Fort Recovery High School volleyball team clobbered Midwest Athletic Conference rival St. John's 25-5, 25-12, 25-21 in the opening round of the Division IV sectional tournament. The Indians, who were seeded fourth in the Van Wert District, would go on to fall to third-seeded Crestview in the sectional championship match. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	6 p.m. — Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
Thursday 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St., Redkey.	Friday 3 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, Portland Municipal Airport, 661 W. 100 North.

Obituaries

Thelma Blazer

Dec. 4, 1938-Oct. 7, 2022
Thelma F. Blazer, age 83, of rural Portland, passed away Monday Oct. 17, 2022, in Persimmon Ridge Healthcare in Portland. She was born in Frankfort, Indiana, on Dec. 4, 1938, the daughter of Clarence and Edna (West) Thompson. She was married on July 8, 1960, to Ferrell Blazer who survives. Thelma was a homemaker and had worked at Art's Plant Shop. She was a member of Jay County Hospital Auxiliary, Portland Evening Optimists and Church of the Brethren. She was a 1956 Portland High School graduate, was an avid knitter and crocheter and enjoyed gardening and playing board games.



Blazer

Surviving is her husband Ferrell; three daughters, Theresa Bollenbacher (husband: Allen) of Portland, Tamera McLaughlin of Muncie and Tara Loy (husband Jason) of Portland, two brothers Paul Thompson of Surprise, Arizona, and Ray Thompson of Junction City, Kansas; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Jim, Harold and Chuck Thompson; and a son-in-law Curt McLaughlin. Funeral services will be Friday, Oct. 21, 2022, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Kevin McClung presiding. Burial will follow in the Salamonina Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from noon to 2 p.m.

Memorials can be made to Church of the Brethren or Alzheimer Association.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Donald Blanchard

March 19, 1941-Oct. 16, 2022
Donald D. Blanchard, 81, of Dunkirk, passed away peacefully in his sleep at home Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022. He was born in Dunkirk, the second of four children to Walter and Hazel Blanchard on March 19, 1941. Don proudly served in the United States Army and was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany. Don loved his small town life and was happy to return to all that rural America had to offer. He was a mold maker at Kerr Glass for years before he started up his own excavating business. Eventually he took his skills to Manor Bros. Concrete where he retired in 2011. Don was a hard worker, honest, dependable, fair and trustworthy. He shared these attributes with everyone he knew and admired.



Blanchard

A lifelong member of the NRA and an accomplished outdoorsman, Don loved to hunt, fish, trap shoot, golf and he was an excellent archer. He eventually took an interest in building and flying model airplanes. After enough crashes, he concluded the planes were to hang in the house to keep them in one piece. Don truly lived life to the fullest through the simple pleasures of being alive. He was at his best surrounded by those who knew him well. A great day for Don was an afternoon playing rummy with his favorite opponent Lesa, his wife of 15 years, sharing a cold beer, Dilly-

Dilly, watching the sun set and a few good jokes. Throw in some great times with the grandkids and an Indianapolis Colts game, and all was good for Don. Everything he wanted in life, he found in his hometown. Don is survived by his loving devoted wife Lesa; his children Pamela, Jennifer (Phil), Monique (Shane), Jason (Brooke), Anthony (Kristy) and Daryl (Katie); 16 grandchildren — "Bop! Gotcha last!"; and two great-grandchildren; his best sister Dixie; four nephews; and Cherokee, his four-legged girl, whom Don spoiled terribly, will miss his presence and treat assortments too. Welcoming Don into eternity were his parents; two brothers, David and Daniel; the mother of his children Tina Blanchard; and his grandson Matthew. Funeral services will be held at the Dunkirk Memorial Chapel, Main St., Dunkirk, Indiana, on Friday, Oct. 21, at 2 p.m. Calling hours start at 1 p.m. Private burial at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department, Kids Christmas 2022, 588 Industrial Drive, Dunkirk, IN 47336. A very special thanks to Keystone Hospice for the excellent care and support we received these last few months.

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.

Felony arrests

Methamphetamine

Two Pennville residents were arrested Monday for possession of methamphetamine and related drug charges. Candace M. Good, 27, and Nathan E. McClain, 41, both of 310 E. South St., were each preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony, along with two Class A misdemeanors for possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. Good is being held without bond in Jay County Jail. McClain was released from Jay County Jail on a \$15,000 bond.

Capsule Reports

Deer hit

A deer ran in front of the truck a Salamonina man was driving, causing a crash about 6:30 a.m. Monday. Chase M. Smith, 26, was driving north east on Fort Recovery road, just northeast of county road 700 East, when a deer ran in front of the 2007 Ford F150 he was driving. He wasn't able to avoid hitting the animal, causing heavy front end damage to the truck. Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The truck — it is registered to Muhlenkamp Building Corporation of Coldwater, Ohio — was towed.

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SERVICES

Friday
Blazer, Thelma: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.
Blanchard, Donald: 2 p.m., Wilson-Shook Funeral Home, Dunkirk Memorial Chapel, 317 N. Main St., Dunkirk.

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Elks donation

Dunkirk Elks Lodge donated \$500 to Dunkirk Food Pantry on Oct. 11. Pictured, from left, are Nate Conatser, Joe Somers, Michele Dotson and Bob Ford.

Mermaids are feminine force

By KWAME DAWES

The mermaid, curiously, is one of those mythological figures that remind us of the occasional moments of genuine “universality” in human experience. All around the world, she recurs in myths, folktales, poems, and legends, fully formed, always complex, and profoundly assertive of the feminine force in the world.

Jessica Lee Alton, in her

American Life in Poetry

poem, “Tipping the Scales” gently guides us towards the unveiling of her version of the mermaid—petulant, dangerous, powerful, seductive, and defiantly mysterious.

Tipping the Scales

She smokes in your face just to be like that
Never wants to give you free advice
Asks for a dollar, a drink, a ride home
Twirls a wet lock around her thumb
Pulls out her fin just so she can trip you
Can't hide that smell, razor blades, salt shakers
She wants your love, grants nothing in return
Can't control her voracious appetite
ingesting friends like trinkets-baubles-spoons
Tries to pull you in with her siren song
Lips move-no sound-broken karaoke
You strain to listen, end up in her mouth
She swims you with the salmon south then north
Drops you at a gas station dumbfounded
Steals your car drunk splashes water at the moon
As you walk, you wonder how she drives
with that scaly turquoise mercurial tail

Spiritual arrangement bothers man

DEAR ABBY: My longtime girlfriend has male friends who visit her during the day while I am gone for about a week each month. I know them, they are interesting people, and I'm OK with that. She now has a friend who is a faith-based healer — something she gravitates toward.

He lives three hours away, and when he visits, he stays overnight. I met him recently. He's there now while I am two states away. He does hands-on healing with her and other people she introduces him to. He goes in the water every day of the year, and now my girlfriend does, too, usually very early in the morning. Presumably, they do this together while I am away. Maybe he goes in naked; she would consider that natural.

She told me to not worry about the overnights and the hands-on healing because “he is a man of God.” I told her it doesn't make any difference. He is divorced and single. Am I being a dope to let this happen without making a strong objection? — MYSTIFIED IN MAINE

DEAR MYSTIFIED: Because this woman is your “longtime” girlfriend, you have the right to make your feelings about the arrangement known. If you

weren't comfortable with the idea of her entertaining a divorced single man overnight in your absence, you should have said so from the beginning. Whether the two of them are sexually involved is beside the point. If she cares about your feelings, she should respect them. However, if she doesn't, then it may be time for you to find another girlfriend.

DEAR ABBY: My ex-husband and I met in 2006, had a beautiful daughter in 2007, married in 2010 and divorced in 2013. He was honest with me about being a recovering addict (drugs and alcohol) when we met. Our first few years together were great. However, he fell off the wagon after the wedding and started using drugs and drinking again. It quickly spiraled out of control, and I refused to raise

our young daughter in that environment.

He continued in his addictions for seven years after our divorce. He became clean and sober again in 2019, has rekindled his strained relationship with our daughter and is attempting to rekindle ours as well. We are currently co-parenting and call each other friends, but he wants more. I have forgiven him for the past hurt and betrayals, but I can't forget the pain. I can't help but be afraid that if I let him back into my life romantically, history will repeat itself. Should I let go of the past and give him another chance, or continue to co-parent and keep him in the friend zone? — FORGIVEN BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

DEAR FORGIVEN: I suggest you attend some meetings of Nar-Anon (nar-anon.org), an organization founded to help friends and family affected by someone else's addiction. If you do, it will give you added insight. Addicts in recovery have been known to fall off the wagon, as you well know. My question for you is, are you strong enough to go through it again should the need arise? No one else can answer that question for you.

Dear Abby



Community Calendar

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

Today

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 — BRIANNA'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.

Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday 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.

EN AVANT CLUB — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

JAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Jay County Public Library. The public is welcome.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

A BETTER LIFE — BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Friday
DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, Oct. 21, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

Saturday

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland.

Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

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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Aging dog sees world differently

(Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Oct. 18, 2006. As I'm placing it on the page, my yellow Lab, Scooter, who at 3 years old still has plenty of puppy energy, is lying down behind my chair at work, snoozing. He's finally calmed down after devouring a rawhide I gave him and then begging for attention for about a half hour.)

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

Everyone knows you can't teach an old dog new tricks. But sometimes we forget that being an old dog is no walk in the park. When you're an old dog, even a walk in the park is no walk in the park.

Back in the Saddle



Shadow, our black Lab, is 13 now. And there are reminders of the passing years every day. We bought her as a present for daughter Sally on her seventh birthday, and she's been a part of the household ever since, with the exception of a six month period while we were out of the country and she lived with my Uncle Stu and Aunt Martha Sue.

These days — when she's 91 in dog years — her daily routine isn't quite as active as it used to be.

She still responds when I reach for the leash, but once around the block is all she can take, and that doesn't happen at a brisk pace.

Like some other senior citizens, she finds her hearing isn't what it used to be. When I come home for lunch, it takes a few minutes of shouting and clapping my hands before she realizes anyone's in the house. (As a watchdog, she has firmly retired.)

Like some other senior citizens, she finds her joints give her trouble now and then. She's loyal to a fault, though,

and will follow us upstairs if someone's going to be on the computer, then back down stairs a few seconds later after email has been checked.

And, like some senior citizens, she finds her vision sometimes fails her.

A few weekends back, taking advantage of some spectacular weather, Connie set about distributing mulch in some flower beds in the lawn. Meanwhile, I monitored the activities of the NFL as I usually do on a Sunday afternoon.

But my game watching was interrupted when the dog suddenly started barking in alarm.

She stood poised at the kitchen door, ready to

burst out into the back yard to chase off an intruder. Her tail was rigid. Her nose was pointed accusingly.

And the intruder? A lump of mulch that an old Labrador's eyes had mistaken for a visiting dog. I tried to explain, as I let her out on her chain, but she had to inspect the mulch personally before taking my word for it.

OK, she seemed to be saying, as I took her back in the house. OK, so it was just a pile of mulch this time, but an old dog has to remain vigilant all the same. Then, as she does so much of the time, she found a comfortable spot, joined me for the NFL action, and promptly fell asleep.

Verdict sends a strong message

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Tribune News Service

It's unfortunate that the families of Sandy Hook probably won't actually get anything close to the nearly \$1 billion that a Connecticut jury assessed Wednesday against right-wing conspiracy monger Alex Jones for his monstrous lies about the massacre that killed their children. But the historic verdict nonetheless sends a strong message to those who inhabit the sewers of profitable misinformation out there: Society has had enough.

Within hours of the shooting deaths of 20 small children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, on Dec. 14, 2012, Jones began monetizing the unimaginable pain of the families. The founder of Infowars, a website dedicated to spreading right-wing conspiracy nonsense to boost its sales of sketchy dietary supplements, claimed for years that the massacre was a hoax staged by the government as a pretext for gun confiscation. Jones accused the parents and their slain children of being paid actors. His nutty followers, believing his con, harassed and threatened these grieving parents to the point that some of them had to relocate. Stalkers pursued them even in far-away states.

Jones clearly thought this sadistic campaign was a cost-free way for him to build his gullible but profitable audience. Happily, he's been proven wrong. Already on the hook for tens of millions of dollars from other litigation stemming from his Sandy Hook lies, Jones was hit with his biggest bill yet on Wednesday: a jury award of \$965 million in compensatory damages to the families of eight of the victims and a federal first responder. That total will likely grow when a judge decides on punitive damages next month.

Contrary to the predictable rants of fellow conspiracists like Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Georgia, there's no free speech issue here. No one is questioning Jones' right to spout even the most offensive of his opinions. But publicly, maliciously lying in ways

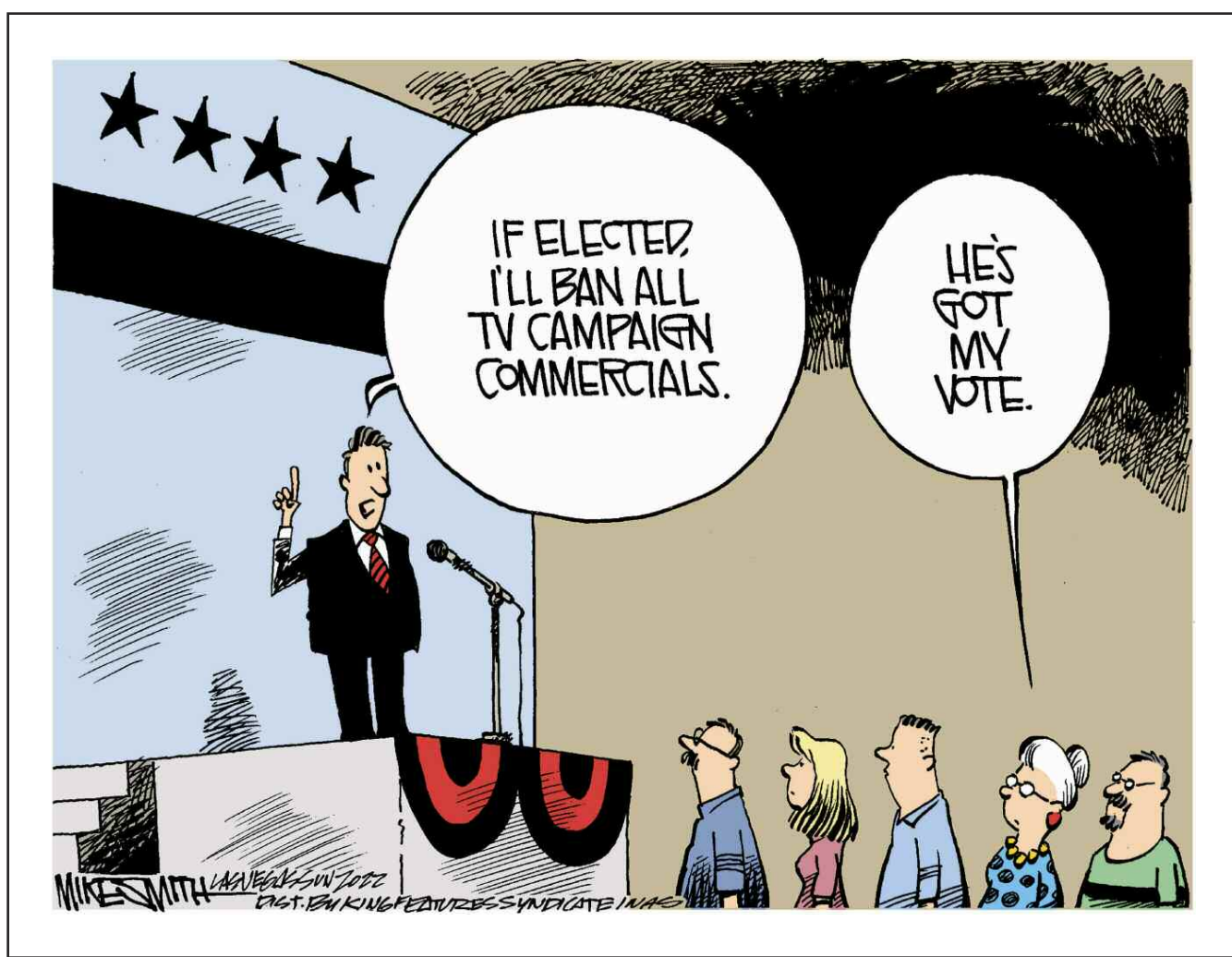
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that incite harassment and disrupt people's lives is not a right. It's defamation, and it's legally actionable. The fact that Jones' motivation was personal profit makes it all the more fitting that he faces financial ruin for it.

Jones' net worth is believed to be as high as \$270 million. He has claimed bankruptcy and played other financial games designed to avoid that ruin. The parents' lawyers are challenging those games at every turn, as they should. Meanwhile, Jones is again demonstrating his bottomless amorality by using the verdict to ask his audience for money for his appeal.

In any case, it's becoming clear that Jones will either lose everything or spend his pathetic life in court trying not to. The message to other conspiracy hucksters should be clear. In the words of Erica Lafferty, daughter of one of the adult victims: "The truth matters. Those who profit off other people's pain and trauma will pay for what they've done."



Debates offer us insight

By LAURA MERRIFIELD WILSON
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Take any candidate, any race, and make a personal pledge to learn more about them. It can be as easy as typing their name in a search engine and scanning the first several lines. The process takes little more than an internet connection, not much effort, not even accuracy as a misspelled surname can still generate accurate results as the computer recognizes and responds to human error.

We live in an era where information is so easily accessible, one might erroneously assume that it would be used. The political media has evolved in the last three decades, providing a 24/7 news cycle replete with constant headlines and ticker tape summaries and encompassing social media with outlets that allow users to "snap," "tweet," "post," and "pin" all their political preferences and persuasions.

The amount of information, the sources from which it stems and the mediums through which it is conveyed, has increased. Political knowledge and engagement...generally have not. Numerous studies (including Galston and Anson) confirm a willing ignorance among Americans, noting that the general increase in educational attainment of the population has failed to translate into greater civic competency; perhaps worst: those who know little about politics exude overconfidence and a false comfort in their understanding.

Simply put, despite the proliferation of political information, American voters are not necessarily any better informed.

The stage is now set, argumentatively and literally, for a political debate. Why do we still use this classic form of political deliberation? What value does it add? How does it

Laura Merrifield Wilson



differ from the literally thousands upon thousands of tidbits of information already floating in the abyss?

Such questions are more than fair: Most students learn about important political debates in history such as Lincoln-Douglas or Nixon-Kennedy and could very easily write off this mechanism as an archaic tool best used when no other means to acquire information was available to voters.

Debates, however, provide a unique opportunity for both voters and candidates that cannot be replicated as effectively in any other format. They fulfill the promise of democracy that offers a certain level of equality of choice, allowing the candidates of major parties and sometimes those from minor parties to participate, providing structure and rules that guarantee a general equality of time, and offering to the voter an unfiltered, long-form view of the candidates competing for their vote.

Debates provide an invaluable public service, giving voters and campaigns alike the opportunity to engage and one of the rarest opportunities to do so in more than a 30-second television advertisement or a five-minute conversation with an unpaid college intern canvassing on the campaign's behalf. These examples of outreach can be effective, but either is marred with shortcomings that only a debate can reveal.

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and tone in which they want to be seen discussing the topics that they want in the way in which they want. Individual voter engagement experiences, like door-to-door canvassing and telephone calls, are regarded as highly effective but also require a tremendous amount of resources.

Unlike either of these approaches, debates give candidates a substantial amount of free air time in which they must address voters' questions, explain their visions and platform, and defend their positions and record. Candidates also get the rare opportunity to poke public jabs at their opponents and to thoughtfully persuade voters on their merits while deflating the opposition.

For voters, tasking the candidates with addressing the voters' concerns and interests on a wide range of topics gives them a full perspective that otherwise feels inaccessible to the electorate. Not all debates will be equally educational or informative; success is widely subjective but candidate participation, active moderation posing questions on various topics of interest to voters, clear and consistent rules offering equal time and opportunity to participations, and availability of the broadcast for its outreach to prospective voters are all critical to its objective.

Debates educate and inform voters in a different way, through different means than any other medium in American politics. Longer than a tweet, more substantive than an ad, debates embody democratic ideals that reaffirm their place in our election system.

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Wilson moderated the U.S. Senate debate hosted by the Indiana Debate Commission Sunday night.

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Carnival toss

Five-year-old Bentley Kinney tosses a ping pong ball into cups at one of the carnival games set up in Pennville Park during Pennville Pumpkin Festival on Saturday. Dressed as a sheriff, Kinney won his age division of the costume contest and took home a new bike.



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Deal is reached regarding oil spill

By **ANDRE MOUCHARD**
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Tribune News Service

Amplify Energy will pay \$50 million to individuals and businesses that lost money last year when nearly 25,000 gallons of oil flowed into the ocean from of a ruptured pipeline about 4 miles off the coast of Huntington Beach, California, according to terms of a preliminary class action settlement filed late Monday, Oct. 17.

The deal calls for Amplify, which owns the pipeline, to compensate three specific groups — \$34 million to people connected to the fishing industry, \$9 million to homeowners and \$7 million to area tour operators and others. In all, an estimated 10,000 people could be eligible for compensation, and it's not yet known how much any individual or company will receive.

Though Amplify and attorneys for the plaintiffs have agreed to terms, the deal filed Monday is not final. An approval hearing is slated for Nov. 16 in federal court in Santa Ana.

After a deal is finalized, attorneys will reach out to people who were harmed by the incident, contacting some directly and setting up websites and other outlets for others who believe they lost home value or income.

"This might be a good day for the lawyers, but it's a much better day for the people of Orange County, particularly those who were harmed by the spill," said Wylie Aitken, a Santa Ana lawyer who represents the class of people who lost money.

Martial ...

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The government isn't planning to close the country's borders as a result of the order, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said, according to the RIA Novosti news service.

Putin said Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin will take charge of a new coordinating council to work on security issues nationally. Regional governors will also get broader powers to deal with security and support for families of reservists called up for military service, he said.

Russian occupation authorities said earlier they're leaving Kherson for the eastern bank of the Dnipro River as Ukrainian forces continue a counteroffensive in the area. Russia-appointed Governor Vladimir Saldo told state television there are no plans to surrender the city, which was the first regional capital to fall to Russia in the invasion.

The state-run Tass news service reported that Russian officials sent out text messages alerting residents of the city early Wednesday and plan to relocate as many as 60,000 people from areas on the western side of the Dnipro.

Russian forces are expected to retreat to the river's western bank and to try to keep a defensive line there, local council deputy Serhiy Khlan, who left Kherson region, said on TV Wednesday. "For now we have 29 settlements of Kherson region already liberated. Together with Kherson we will see the whole right bank side of Kherson region free from occupiers," Khlan said.

Biden promises to codify Roe

By **ELI STOKOLS**
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Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — As renewed concerns about the economy appear to be boosting Republicans' chances in next month's midterm elections, President Joe Biden spoke pointedly about abortion Tuesday in an effort to remind voters what's at stake for women and families.

With exactly three weeks until Election Day, Biden went further than he has in other recent remarks on the subject of reproductive rights. In a short speech at the historic Howard Theatre in Washington, D.C., the president promised voters that codifying the abortion protections enshrined for 49 years in Roe v. Wade will be his first priority when the new Congress gets underway in January — so long as Democrats can hold the House and increase their Senate majority from 50 to 52.

"You gotta get out the vote; we can do this if we vote," Biden said to an

audience of younger Americans, describing the upcoming election as "the most consequential in our history."

He added: "The choice and the stakes are crystal clear — especially when it comes to the right to choose."

Democrats now control the evenly divided Senate because of Vice President Kamala Harris' ability to break a tie vote. But they need 60 votes to avoid a filibuster, and two members of their caucus oppose a rule change that would allow them to codify Roe with a simple majority vote. With two more Democratic senators, Biden has argued, he'd be able to push ahead. Roughly half of U.S. states have imposed total or partial abortion bans that would be nullified by Biden's proposed federal law.

Biden's remarks, delivered at a Democratic National Committee event at the theater a few miles from the White House, marked something of a departure from his recent approach to the midterms.

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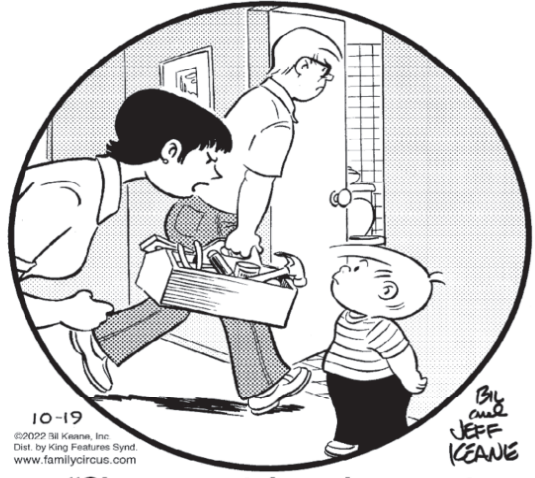
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chance is to find the opposing spades divided 3-3, in which case dummy's fourth spade can be established by conceding two spade tricks early in the play. This thought is certainly a step in the right direction, but it doesn't go quite far enough. The reason is that declarer can also make his contract in many cases where the spades break 4-2, provided the proper advance preparations are made. South should therefore shape his play to cater to both the 3-3 and 4-2 possibilities. After ruffing the opening diamond lead, he plays a heart to the ace, ruffs a diamond high, leads a heart to the nine and ruffs dummy's last diamond high. The ace and another spade are now played. West wins the second spade with the queen (East cannot profitably afford to overtake) and finds himself employed. If he returns a club, the guess for the jack is eliminated, while if he leads a diamond instead, declarer ruffs in one hand and discards a club from the other. West's actual spade holding is only one of many doubleton combinations either defender could hold that would allow South to fulfill the contract. The K-x, Q-x, J-x or K-Q, K-J, Q-J in either opponent's hand would all prove fatal for the defense. All declarer has to do is to eliminate dummy's diamonds before tackling the spades.

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Peanuts



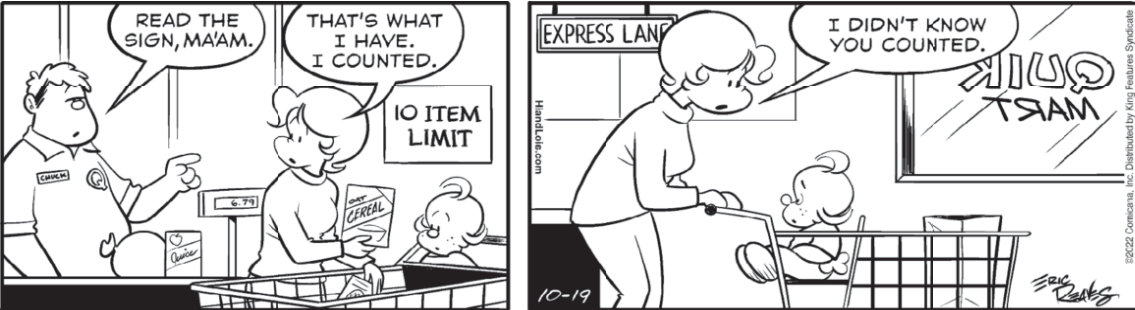
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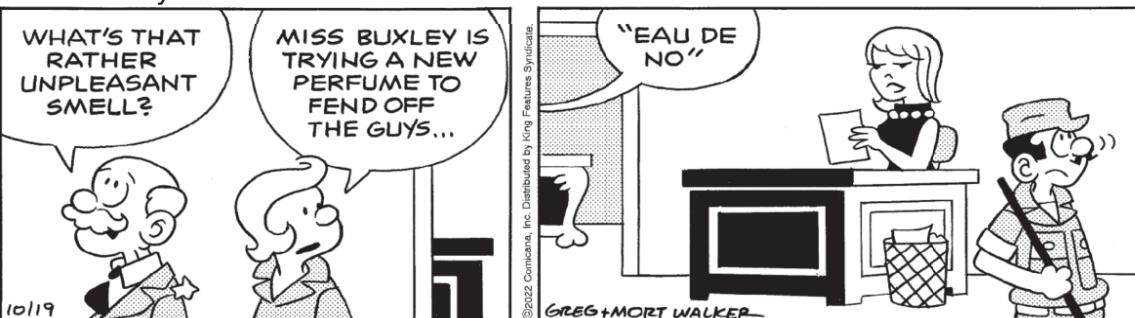
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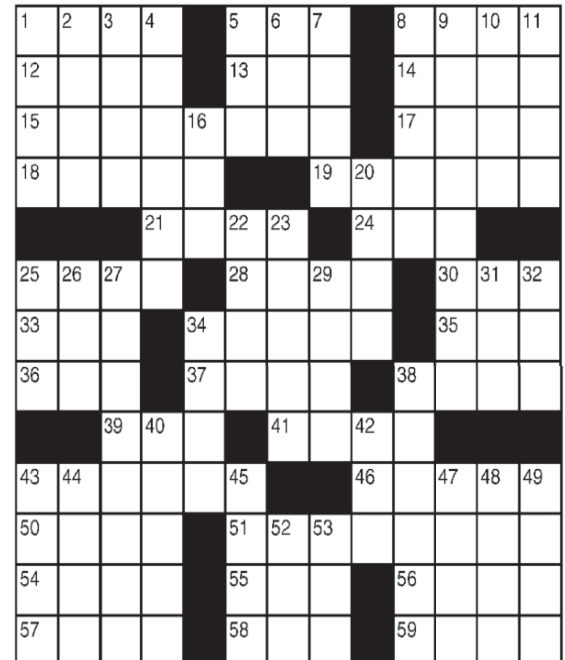


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Second at the Bash

Jay County Barbell Club recently placed second out of 20 teams at Crash the Bash, a Crossfit Competition held annually in downtown Wabash. Pictured, from left, are team members Kurt Hess, Shawnda Roussey, Carly Hess and Heath Williams.

ALCS ...

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It will be their third time in the last six years, and they have lost to the Astros each time.

Jameson Taillon will start Game 1 for the Yankees at MinuteMaid Park, where the Astros had a casual workout Tuesday and slept in their own beds. The Yankees will have to make roster decisions and go over the work from the two advance scouts, who spent the last month watching the Astros.

"That definitely falls under the good problems to have," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "That's how we're looking at it. I mean we have some roster decisions at that point and advance tomorrow in Houston. Sign us all up for it."

Cortes was given Game 5 after Monday night's game was postponed after a long delay, which was bungled by MLB and the Yankees. The series extending to the eighth day allowed Cortes to come back on three days' rest, giving the Yan-

kees five efficient and solid innings. He allowed one run on three hits. He walked one and struck out two. He needed 61 pitches to get through five innings, one shy of the fewest in his career to get to that point.

The extra day also got the Yankees bullpen sharpened up. Jonathan Loaisiga gave them two scoreless innings and Clay Holmes threw a scoreless inning before Wandy Peralta closed with his fourth appearance in five days.

Stanton had given Cortes a 3-0 lead to work with after the first and Judge helped extend it. That is a good sign for the Yankees heading into the ALCS since Judge and Stanton had been struggling. Judge was 2-for-16 with a home run and nine strikeouts coming into Tuesday's game and Stanton was 1-for-12 with a homer and five strikeouts.

It is the fourth time that Judge and Stanton have homered in the same postseason game, the most for a pair of teammates in Yankees history.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Friday
Jay County — Football sectional quarterfinal vs. Western — 7 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Football at St. Henry — 7 p.m.

TV sports

Today
2:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Chelsea at Brentford (USA)
4:35 p.m. — Major League Baseball playoffs: National League Championship Series — Philadelphia Phillies at San Diego Padres (FOX)

7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Washington Wizards at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)

7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: New York Knicks at Memphis Grizzlies (ESPN)

7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Philadelphia Flyers at Florida Panthers (TNT)

7:30 p.m. — College football: Georgia State at Appalachian State (ESPN2)

7:37 p.m. — Major League Baseball playoffs: American League Championship Series — New York Yankees at Houston Astros (TBS)

10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Dallas Mavericks at Phoenix Suns (ESPN)

10 p.m. — NHL hockey: St. Louis Blues at Seattle Kraken (TNT)

Thursday

2:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Aston Villa at Fulham (USA)

7 p.m. — Women's college soccer: Rutgers at Michigan (BTN)

7 p.m. — High school football: Denton Guyer at Allen (ESPN2)

7:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Milwaukee Bucks at Philadelphia 76ers (TNT)

7:30 p.m. — College football: Virginia at Georgia Tech (ESPN)

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8 p.m. — Major League Soccer: FC Cincinnati at Philadelphia Union (FS1)

10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Los Angeles Lakers (TNT)

10 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Los Angeles Galaxy at Los Angeles FC (FS1)

Local notes

Wrestling registration open
A sign-up session is scheduled for kindergarten through second 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. The registration fee is \$80.
Sign ups for kindergarten through second graders will be at 6 p.m. Nov. 22 and 6 p.m. Nov. 29.

Turkey Trot is Nov. 5
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The race will begin at 10 a.m. at the Cooper Farms processing facility, 1 Cooper Farm Drive, St. Henry, Ohio. Check-in begins at 9 a.m.

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1954 Ford NAA tractor, Dearborn 8ft 3pt disc, Ford 5ft 3pt rotary mower, 7ft 3pt grader blade, Gilson snowblower, Craftsman 19.5hp riding mower 42in cut, mower parts and decks, solar battery chargers 6 and 12 volt, power hand tools, sockets, wrenches, bolt cutters, hand, lawn, and garden tools.
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Saturday Morning
OCTOBER 29, 2022
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Patriots play in sectional on Friday, see preview below

Indiana Pacers open their season tonight, see Sports on tap

Sports

FR is 12th in region rankings

The Indians are expected to make the playoffs.

The question now is who they will meet in the opening round.

Fort Recovery is currently 12th in the OHSAA computer ratings after Tuesday's update, down one spot from the previous week.

The Indians (3-6) have a computer average of 6.64, just slightly behind Cedarville's 6.67. Ansonia (8-1) continues to lead the region.

According to Joe Eitel's (joeitel.com) unofficial

projections, Fort Recovery could finish as high as eighth or as low as 14. The top 16 teams in each region advance to the playoffs.

Based on this week's computer ratings, the Indians would travel to Midwest Athletic Conference rival New Bremen (7-2 and fifth in the region) for a regional quarterfinal game.

The Tribe closes its regular season Friday with a trip to St. Henry, which is 1-8 but still has an outside chance of advancing to the playoffs with a win.

Close finish

Jay County High School's Alexis Sibray races Emma Schwertfeger of Fishers to the finish line during Saturday's regional race at the Taylor University cross country complex. Sibray edged Schwertfeger to finish 39th out of 86 runners.



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Review preview

Friday - 7 p.m.
Class 4A sectional quarterfinal

Western Panthers



Russiaville, 5-4
Coach: Alex Stewart, sixth year (eighth overall)
Conference: Hoosier
Last week at West Lafayette: Closing the regular season, Western had its five-game winning streak come to an end with a 43-6 loss to Class 3A No. 1 West Lafayette. Tyler Norman had the lone TD for the Panthers as he rushed for 55 yards on eight carries.
Season leaders: Passing — Mitchell Knepley — 53-of-242 for 242 yards and one TD. Rushing — Knepley — 178 carries for 1,283 yards and seven TDs, Deaglan Pleak — 95 carries for 766 yards and three TDs, Tyler Norman — 67 carries for 693 yards and one TD. Receiving — Ian Beatty — five receptions for 71 yards. Defense — Carter Jarvis — 130 tackles.

at Jay County Patriots



Portland, 2-7 (1-5)
Coach: Grant Zgunda, second year (25th overall)
Conference: Allen County
Last week at Heritage: With two key starters sitting out because of injuries and a third lost early in the game, Jay County struggled in a 42-7 defeat. The lone points for JCHS came on a Lucas Strait interception return in the fourth quarter.
Season leaders: Passing — Sean Bailey — 73-of-143 for 1,037 yards and 10 TDs. Rushing — Kadin Ridenour — 152 carries for 929 yards and 10 TDs. Receiving — Patrick Hemmelgarn — 28 receptions for 556 yards and seven TDs. Defense — Lucas Strait — 55 tackles.

Last meeting: The only time Jay County and Western have ever met in football was in the 1975 regular-season finale, with the Patriots winning 26-14. Both teams entered the game at 7-2 and they were tied at 14 after three quarters before JCHS quarterback Randy Weisel, who finished with three TD tosses, hit Mark Franklin with a 22-yard touchdown pass six seconds into the final period. The Patriots sealed the game when they swarmed Western quarterback Randy Cassell in the end zone and Randy Lewis recovered his fumble for a touchdown.

Game notes: Jay County has lost four straight sectional openers, with its last tournament victory coming by a 22-21 score over Logansport in the 2017 opening round. It has dropped its last three sectional openers by a combined 144-7 The Panthers have also dropped their last four sectional openers, included losses to Lebanon by a combined five points in the last two seasons. Their last tournament success came in 2017 with wins of 35-34 over Yorktown and 35-7 over Pendleton Heights before falling 41-39 to Mississinewa in the championship game ... CalPreps.com lists Western as a 34-point favorite.

Yankees earn trip to ALCS

By KRISTIE ACKERT
New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

NEW YORK — Nestor Cortes, Giancarlo Stanton and Aaron Judge are not done yet.

Cortes gave a stellar start on short rest and the Yankees sluggers hammered homers as the Bombers kept their season alive Tuesday. Stanton's three-run homer in the first got the Yankees rolling to a 5-1 win over the Guardians in the decisive Game 5 of the American League Division Series at Yankee Stadium. The Bombers won the best-of-five series 3-2 and advanced to the AL Championship Series to face the Astros.

The Yankees have little time to celebrate this, their sixth ALDS Game 5 win in franchise history. After Monday night's weather debacle, which pushed the deciding game back to Tuesday evening, the Bombers had to fly straight to Houston on Tuesday night and face their postseason nemesis Astros in Game 1 of the ALCS less than 24 hours later.

It is the Yankees' 18th trip to the Championship Series, the most all-time. See ALCS page 7

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