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## County approves raises from 6% to 31%

*Increases come out to a total of \$877,600*

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

County employees will see a 6% or larger raise next year.

Jay County Council agreed Monday to incorporate 6% across-the-board raises, excluding specific raises previously suggested for employees mainly at Jay County Sheriff's Office, Jay County Highway Department and Jay Emergency Medical Service.

Compared to this year's budget, the additional cost for raises comes to just under \$877,600.

Personnel committee members Chad Aker, Jeanne Houchins and Ted Champ recommended last week 4% across-the-board raises, excluding the larger wage increases. (They decided to go with 4% because it was estimated at just over \$18,300 more than incorporating 3% county-wide raises.)

Council member Harold Towell asked Monday how much more it would cost to cover 6% across-the-board raises compared to the suggested 4%. Champ, who also serves on council, calculated the difference at just under \$67,700.

With the raises, the county faces an estimated budget deficit of \$1.24 million for 2023.

Commissioner Brian McGalliard, who was in the crowd, asked Franks how long the county has until its cash reserves are depleted.

Without changes to the budget, she said, it would go through its cash reserves in three to five years.

The personnel committee last week settled on the following suggestions in addition to the 4% across-the-board raises:

- Between 12% and 27% raises for employees depending on their position at the sheriff's office, as well as a 52% raise for the chief deputy

- Between 6% and 31% raises for positions at the highway department

- Between 6% and 21% raises for employees at JEMS

- Nearly 17% raises for Jay County Jail cooks — council specified they are jumping to \$15 an hour. (Cooks work 30 hours a week.)

- About 15% raises for both Jay County Health Department's administrator and nurse

- About 6% raises for Jay County Courthouse security and jail maintenance

Council heard Monday from courthouse custodian Brad Money, who said he would not be receiving raises comparable to those in his classification.

"I do way more than maintenance," Money said, listing off his various duties as a custodian, including cleaning bodily fluids in the restrooms.

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## Chalking it up

Zoey Shaffer, 10, blends chalk into the pavement along Main Street during the Portland Main Street Fall Festival on Saturday. Zoey's mother, Sarah Shaffer, is hosting chalk art sessions at the Jay County Campus of Arts Place this afternoon and Wednesday afternoon. Other Arts Place's Placemaking Action Week activities this week include creative arts for veterans at 6 p.m. Wednesday, ceramics with J.B. Goodrich at 9:30 a.m. Thursday and a Jay County Civic Theatre story circle at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

## Portland council OKs 2023 budget

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

The budget is in place.

Portland City Council during a brief meeting Monday approved its 2023 budget at just over \$7.5 million.

The budget for next year includes just over \$4 million in the general fund, \$1.3 million in the motor vehicle highway fund and \$452,300 in the park and recreation fund.

It is up 13.8% — \$916,759 — from the current year. (This year's budget was down \$50,000 from 2021.)

Council members Kent

McClung, Janet Powers, Don Gillespie, Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy and Mike Aker, absent Dave Golden, approved the budget with no further comment. They had discussed it at their previous two meetings.

*Total for next year is just over \$7.5 million*

Powers also asked about the status of the Meridian Street storm sewer project, specifically regarding the planned start date and the impact on local traffic.

Boggs had told council last month that the project likely would not begin until February

because of supply chain issues, but that status has since changed. A meeting is set for this week to lay out a week-by-week schedule for the project and construction is expected to start this fall.

As for traffic, Bill Watson of Watson Excavating said previously that plans are to start at the Salamonie River and work block by block. Only the block between the river and Water Street will need to be closed completely. Traffic will be maintained during construction from Water Street to the north.

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## Time to Boogey

The Boogeyman interacts with a fan during Saturday's Cornfield Carnage professional wrestling event put on by Jay County Fair Board and Delaware County Championship Wrestling in the Bubp Building at Jay County Fairgrounds. The character, portrayed by Martin Wright, had a run with World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) from 2005 through 2009 and has made sporadic appearances since then. Saturday's event also included an appearance by former WWE champion Mick Foley.

## Sludge removal process underway

*Wastewater lagoons have had odor issues for months*

Fort Recovery has started a new process intended to remove sludge from its wastewater lagoons.

Village administrator Randy Diller explained Monday to Fort Recovery Village Council that the village started using a product from Kainos Ag of Muncie on Sept. 22. Per the agreement, the village will pay \$49,000 for the product. (Council gave Diller the OK Sept. 19 to move forward with the process.)

The wastewater lagoons have been emitting an odor, resulting in some local residents voicing concerns at council meetings. Part of the

issue is the layer of sludge measuring on average 2 feet along the bottom of the ponds.

Poggemeyer Design Group conducted a wastewater study for the village and shared its results with council in August. Its suggested plan for wastewater treatment presented a few options, including the construction of a mechanical wastewater treatment plant.

It also includes sludge removal.

Melvin Stein, a representative from Kainos Ag, told village council Sept. 19 the sludge removal process could be completed in about 30 days.

Plans are to do a manual sludge test Thursday to measure the product's progress.

Council transferred \$60,000 from the general fund to the sewer improvement fund Monday for the sludge removal product and for work on a pump station.

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### Deaths

Patricia Stanley, 93, Red-key

Emmett Dawson, 85, Pen-ville

Joyce Tipton, 83, Portland  
Christopher Southworth, 45, Portland

Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 70 degrees Monday. The low was 40.

The forecast calls for a low of 41 tonight. Expect sunny skies Wednesday with a high of 73. The high will be in the 70s again Thursday before a cooler Friday with a high of 56.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

United Way of Jay County and Second Harvest Food Bank will partner for a free food tailgate from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at Jay County Fairgrounds. Income verification is not required.

### Coming up

**Wednesday** — Coverage of today's Jay County Development Corporation meeting.

**Friday** — Results from the JCHS girls soccer team's sectional semifinal game.





# CR almanac

Wednesday 10/5	Thursday 10/6	Friday 10/7	Saturday 10/8	Sunday 10/9
<b>73/49</b>	<b>74/41</b>	<b>56/32</b>	<b>57/33</b>	<b>62/40</b>
Sunny skies are expected Wednesday with a high near 73 degrees.	Mostly sunny, with highs in the low to mid 70s. The low may dip to 41 degrees.	Another day of mostly sunny skies is on the horizon for Friday, with frost expected at night and a low of 32.	Saturday morning will bring frost, with a high near 57 and otherwise sunny skies.	More frost and sunny skies are in the forecast for Sunday, with a high of 62 degrees.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Monday 2-16-22-55-63 Powerball: 22 Power Play: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$353 million	14-20-26-27-32-38-39-44-50-53-56-58-70-71-75 Cash 5: 7-27-29-32-45 Estimated jackpot: \$75,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$380 million	
<b>Hoosier</b> Monday Midday Daily Three: 4-3-7 Daily Four: 5-6-2-5 Quick Draw: 5-10-11-12-17-24-26-30-33-42-48-50-51-53-61-62-70-77-78-79 Evening Daily Three: 2-3-5 Daily Four: 3-7-1-3 Quick Draw: 2-5-6-9-10	<b>Ohio</b> Monday Midday Pick 3: 3-3-2 Pick 4: 0-3-5-5 Pick 5: 4-7-1-0-6 Evening Pick 3: 2-6-2 Pick 4: 3-7-1-7 Pick 5: 0-7-3-5-7 Rolling Cash 5: 1-11-21-30-37 Estimated jackpot: \$140,000 Classic Lotto: 3-8-11-34-38-44 Kicker: 6-2-0-6-2-8 Jackpot: \$37.2 million

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....7.02 Oct. corn .....6.77 Wheat .....7.70	Wheat ..... 8.58 Nov. wheat ..... 9.28
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....7.07 Oct./Nov. corn .....6.77 Dec. corn .....6.92	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.62 Oct./Nov. corn .....6.62 Beans .....13.69 Nov. beans .....13.69 July wheat.....8.91
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.62 Dec. corn .....6.72 Beans .....13.62 Dec. beans .....13.76	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.59 Oct. corn .....6.49 Beans .....13.55 Oct. beans .....13.48 Wheat .....8.76

## Today in history

In 1582, the Gregorian calendar was introduced. Slight inaccuracies in the Julian calendar had led to it being misaligned with the seasons. The Gregorian calendar, which was proclaimed by Pope Gregory XIII which is the one that is still widely used today, adjusted for the discrepancy.

In 1636, the first legal code composed in North America was instituted by the General Court of the Plymouth Colony. It guaranteed trial by jury and indicated that all laws were to be made with the consent of the freemen of the colony.

In 1822, Rutherford B. Hayes was born in Delaware, Ohio. Hayes, a Republican, was the 19th president of the United States. He graduated from Kenyon College and Harvard Law School, served in Congress representing Ohio and was the governor of Ohio.

In 1853, Ottoman Turks declared war on Russia, officially starting the Crimean War. The Turks would later be joined by England and France.

In 1923, actor Charlton Heston was born in Evanston, Illinois. Heston made his Broadway debut in "Antony and

Cleopatra" in 1947 and played Moses in the Biblical epics "The Ten Commandments" (1956) and "Ben-Hur" (1959).

In 1957, the Soviet Union launched the first artificial satellite, Sputnik 1, which orbited Earth until the following year. The 184-pound capsule circled the early even 96 minutes.

In 1970, singer Janis Joplin died of an accidental heroin overdose. Among her most popular songs are "Me and Bobby McGee," "Piece of My Heart" and "Try (Just a Little Bit Harder)." She was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1995.

In 1972, Glen West said he planned to continue to pursue an effort for a new FM radio station in Portland a day after the Federal Communications Commission denied his application. At the time, West owned the AM radio station in Portland.

In 2019, the Fort Recovery High School football team denied a 2-point conversion try by Parkway to hold on for a 27-26 victory. Quarterback Clay Schmitz's 1-yard run with 3:08 remaining had put the Indians ahead after their 20-0 lead disappeared.

—The CR

## Citizen's calendar

**Tuesday**  
4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.  
5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.  
7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.

7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.

**Wednesday**  
7 a.m. — Jay County Board of Health, courthouse annex, 504 W. Arch St., Portland.  
6 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

# Obituaries

## Patricia Stanley

Aug. 6, 1929-Sept. 30, 2022  
Patricia Ann (Green) Stanley, 93, of Redkey, Indiana, passed away peacefully Friday, Sept. 30, 2022, while in the company of family members at her residence.

Pat was born in Redkey, Indiana, on Aug. 6, 1929, a daughter of the late Zella (Fidler) and Ernest R. Green. She was a 1947 graduate of Redkey High School, the loving wife of William (Bond) Stanley who she happily married on August 5, 1951, and was employed by Union State Bank from 1947 to 1957.

She was a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother, a member of Eastern Star and the Jay County Hospital Auxiliary from 1977 to 2017, and attended Fellowship Baptist Church.

Pat enjoyed bird watching, hummingbirds, crocheting washcloths for gifts, puzzles and listening to traditional hymns.

She is survived by her husband Bond Stanley; a son, Ted A. Stanley (wife: Judy) of Fort Wayne, Indiana; a daughter, Tamara J. Dalton (husband: James) of Indianapolis; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Pat was preceded in death by a brother, Raymond Dale Green; and three sisters, Elma Mae Green, Leah Kathryn Green and Ione Elizabeth Green.

Friends are invited to call Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. with Pastor Joe Hines officiating. Burial will be held in Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation or the American Kidney Fund.

Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel.

## Emmett Dawson

Feb. 23, 1937-Oct. 2, 2022  
Emmett D. Dawson, 85, of Pennville, Indiana, went home to be with the Lord at 4:42 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022, at his home in Pennville, Indiana.

He was born on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1937, in Portland, Indiana. He mar-

ried Connie A. (Bounds) Dawson on Friday, June 18, 1965, in Bluffton, Indiana.

Emmett was a 1955 graduate of Pennville High School. He was a former Knox and Penn township farmer and moved to the Pennville area in 1985. Emmett attended the Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren, rural Dunkirk, Indiana. He raised pigs and enjoyed gardening, working in the lawn and canning, and loved traveling south to Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Connie A. (Bounds) Dawson, Pennville, Indiana; daughter Katherine (Chris) Shannon, Bluffton, Indiana; granddaughter Paige Jacobs, Bluffton, Indiana; and granddaughter Bailey Jacobs, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his father Guy Dawson; mother Martha Mabel (Raines) Dawson; and brother Ed Dawson.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier, on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022, from 4 to 7 p.m.

A service to celebrate Emmett's life will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022, with Pastor Earl Doll officiating. Interment will follow in the Twin Hill - I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Pennville.

Memorials may be made to Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren, 9169 W. Indiana 26, Dunkirk, IN 47336.

Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier.

Condolences may be expressed at glancyfuneralhomes.com.

## Joyce Tipton

Sept. 8, 1939-Oct. 3, 2022  
Joyce Tipton, age 83, of Portland passed away Monday, Oct. 3, 2022, in Albany Healthcare and Rehabilitation.

She was born in Jonesville, Virginia, on Sept. 8, 1939, the daughter of Ray and Jean (Elkins) Hines. She was married on March 30, 1956, to Roy W. Tipton, and he passed away on July 5, 2014.

Joyce was an accountant for Heartland Hatchery in Portland. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Eastern Star, White Shrine and Jay County Cancer Society

Board. She attended Church of the Brethren.

Surviving are two sons, Doug Tipton (wife: Deb) of Portland and Scott Tipton (wife: Gail) of Portland; three daughters, Donna Joan Tipton of Portland, Lori Jean Tipton of Quincey, Michigan, and Teresa Kay Burgess of Portland; two brothers, Lowell Hines (wife: Jenny) of West Milton, Ohio, and Bill Hines (wife: Mary Ellen) of Massachusetts; one sister, Teresa Izor of Dayton, Ohio; 13 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, at 1 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with pastor Kevin McClung presiding. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Memorials can be made to the choice of the donor.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

## Christopher Southworth

Nov. 28, 1976-Oct. 1, 2022  
Christopher L. Southworth, age 45, of Portland passed away on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Bluffton on Nov. 28, 1976, the son of Jay Southworth and Wanda Anderson Southworth. He had worked at MSSS in Portland.

Christopher was a 1996 graduate of Jay County High School and attended Vincennes University. He enjoyed drawing.

Surviving are two sons, Elijah and Jonah Southworth, both of Portland; his parents Jay Southworth of Pennville and his mother Wanda Southworth (companion: Timothy Hutson) of Bryant; his former wife Kaela Southworth of Portland; one brother, Shawn Southworth (wife: Desiree) of Bryant; two sisters, Amy Southworth of Celina, Ohio, and Jennifer Hough (husband: Matt) of Berne; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022, at 5 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Francis LeMaster presiding. Visitation will be Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m.

Memorials can be directed to the funeral home to help with expenses.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.



Stanley



Dawson



Southworth

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In other business:  
•Boggs reminded residents that Jay County Solid Waste Management District's Tox Away Day is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 15 in the north parking lot at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.  
•Powers asked about the pending sale of the former Sheller-Globe south property to Chad Fifer, owner of Fifer Services. Portland Board of Works approved the sale to Fifer last month. It is subject to council approval. Powers asked that council be provided with the business plans that were submitted as part of the bidding process.  
•Boggs reported that he

is attending an Indiana Conference of Mayors event today during which mayors will discuss how leaders can help communities deal with tragedies such as mass shootings and officers killed in the line of duty.

•Gary Clark, owner of Wheel & Spoke Antique Mall, asked the mayor whether or not any changes are planned for the city's golf cart ordinance that was adopted in May. Neither the mayor nor council responded to the question.

•The mayor acknowledged a busy recent schedule of activities in the city including the homecoming parade, Jay County Historical Society Heritage Festival and Portland Main Street Festival.

•Aker asked about the status of The Greazy Pickle in relation to the adjacent Bailey Building. Portland Board of Works last month voted for the city to accept a quit claim deed from Greg Bailey for the building. Boggs said the process toward demolition of the dilapidated structure is ongoing.

## SERVICES

**Wednesday**  
Stanley, Patricia: 2 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

**Thursday**  
Dawson, Emmett: 10:30 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.  
Southworth, Christopher: 5 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

**Friday**  
Fosnaugh, Dal: 11 a.m., Decatur Church of Christ, 700 E. Monroe St., Decatur.

**Saturday**  
Tipton, Joyce: 1 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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## ANNUAL MEETING

Little Salamonina Cemetery Assoc.

Tuesday, October 11th

6:00 P.M.

Location: Jay County Public Library meeting room

Contact info: 260-729-2721

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## Internet replaced encyclopedias

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

When I was a child I often asked my grandmother a question.

She replied, "Let's look it up." I hated that.

I never could understand why she couldn't just tell me the answer. Instead I was commanded to get out the "S" book, the "R" book and two or more additional volumes of our encyclopedias.

I would return with a stack of books that weighed more than I did. We would look in each and every book for an answer. Most of the time we found far more information than we needed.

I have most of those same books today. I no longer look to them for information. I do flip through them on occasion. They are so outdated that what I find is more of an indicator of the way things used to be than the source of accurate, up-to-date information.

When my daughter was little I was so desperate for adult conversation that I let in a lady selling encyclopedias. She asked my daughter what her name was. She replied, "Elizabeth." Seeking a shorter answer, the lady then asked what her mommy called her. My darling daughter replied, "My Momma calls me lots of things." I cringed. She was right. I did call

### As I See It



her lots of things. I named her Elizabeth partly because I liked the name Beth Ann. She hated it. I also called her Beth, Lizzy, Bethy, Pumpkin, Goosey Lucy, Precious and other names I have forgotten. She prefers just plain Beth.

For those of you who don't know, encyclopedias were the forerunner to Wikipedia. They are a series of books. Each book contains information on a variety of subjects. Each book covers subjects that begin with a particular letter.

They were sold door-to-door. My daughter wouldn't need to use them for at least nine or 10 years, at which time at least some of the information would be out of date. The sales people offered a yearly book that updated any out of date information. I did not buy them.

Door-to-door salespeople are largely regarded with suspicion these days. One thing I actually miss about encyclopedias is that nobody doubted their veracity. The information enclosed in their

pages was true to the best of the author's knowledge. There was no room for politics or bias. There was no such thing as an "alternate fact," also known as a lie.

Gone are the days of dragging out several reference books to answer a question. Now we look to YouTube or other online sources. There is an extra step that is often forgotten. Online sources are not always accurate. It is best to find several different sources for the information you seek.

Having said that, my daughter and her family, along with a good portion of the rest of the world, regard the internet as a bottomless pit of information. It is much easier to type in a question and sift through the options to find an answer than it was to search through books that were written years ago. I miss the innocence and trust that we had way back when. I miss knowing that whatever information was in those books was true. I do not miss hauling several heavy books around just to find out some mundane fact.

My grands get more information from online sources than I could ever have dreamed existed when I was their age. Time marches on and door-to-door salespeople are mostly a thing of the past, as are encyclopedias.

## Scans offered this Saturday

Community Scan Day is coming up soon.

Ball State University Libraries and area partners are teaming up to host a free scan day from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Cantina Room at Minnetrista Museum and Gardens, 1200 N. Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie. The event offers an opportunity for community members to digitalize their family photos and documents at no charge in an effort to preserve local history, according to a press release from the college.

Event organizers are seeking Delaware County items fitting themes of women in politics or women in the military. Those who participate will have their items added to local digital archives and will be given digital copies of their items on flash drives.

Paper documents and photos no larger than 11 inches by 17 inches, as well as photo negatives

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and slides, will be accepted.

To pre-register, call Sara McKinley at (765) 741-5159.

### Women's workshop

Adams Memorial Hospital is offering a free educational workshop for women this week.

"Smart Women/Smart Money" is slated for 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. or 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday in conference room A and B near the cafeteria at the hospital in Decatur.

Topics will include investments, legal issues and Medicare. To reserve a spot, email loree.sprunger@adamshealthnetwork.org or call the Adams County Community Foundation at (260) 724-3939.

## Woman learns she has brothers

DEAR ABBY: I am a 49-year-old woman who never had a father in my life. He was gone shortly after my mother announced she was pregnant. When she contacted him via his family to let him know I was born, he said he didn't care, he was already with someone else and she was pregnant.

I have always known his name and that he lived in Ohio. Well, thanks to technology, I found him. I would look him up every so often. I just learned he died seven months ago. I saw from his obituary that I have two brothers.

I'm not sure what, if anything, to do. If they don't know about me, wouldn't that be a shock? I haven't told my mother anything about this. I'm not sure how, to be honest. So where am I supposed to go from here? — FEELING LOST AND CONFUSED

DEAR FEELING LOST: You should discuss the fact that you have been searching with your mother. It's long overdue, and she may be able to share more details with you. If you were seeking the father you never had, he was gone long before his death, and for that I am sorry. If you are looking for a family relationship with your half-

### Dear Abby



brothers, the chances of you finding one are slim. They may have never been told about their father's "past."

What a healthy person would do in a case like this is build a family of your choosing, with friends who are caring and supportive, and concentrate on the future rather than the past, which you cannot change.

DEAR ABBY: "Seeking Help in Texas" (July 19) sought assistance for her 24-year-old grandson with Asperger's syndrome and a bipolar diagnosis. He could apply for career counseling and job placement services from the Vocational Rehabilitation agency serving job seekers with disabilities in his state. In Texas he could contact 800-628-5115 or visit twc.state.tx.us/. Residents in other states can find their VR agencies at

rsa.ed.gov/about/states/. Job seekers are generally eligible for VR Services if they have a physical, mental or visual disability that is a barrier to employment and need vocational rehabilitation services to get or keep a job.

Other employment-related services could include training or college education assistive technology, self-employment programs and other programs needed to reach career goals. Vocational rehabilitation programs introduce or reinstate people with disabilities into the workforce, create taxpayers and reduce dependence on disability benefits and government assistance.

The workplace could also be a great place for the young man to meet people and possibly develop socially, which was a concern in the letter. — JODY HARLAN, OKLAHOMA DEPT. OF REHABILITATION SERVICES

DEAR JODY: Thank you for providing additional resources for the young man who is in need of a jump-start in his life. I am sure they will prove helpful — not only to that family, but also to many other readers with whom that letter resonated.

## Community Calendar

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

### Tuesday

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday.

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 - BRI-

ANNA'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.

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.

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2

p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

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 - BRI-ANNA'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.

### Bryant Community Center Pulled Pork Dinner

October 8th  
4:00 - 7:00pm  
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BBQ pulled pork  
Baked Beans, Au Gratin Potatoes, Apple Sauce Cup, Cookie  
Dinners will be \$10.00

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# Trust in science is humanity's hope

St. Louis Post-Dispatch  
Tribune News Service

NASA this week successfully did what it normally tries to avoid, and destroyed one of its own spacecraft — by ramming it into an asteroid. It was the first step in an experiment that could one day spare humanity from the fate of the dinosaurs by knocking a celestial threat off course. In an age when science is too often under attack from climate change deniers, anti-vaxxers and others, it's a timely reminder that scientists are, in fact, on the good side. The space agency's Double Asteroid Redirection Test, aptly given the acronym DART, aimed a refrigerator-sized spacecraft at a football-stadium-sized asteroid

## Guest Editorial

and, on Monday evening, scored a bull's-eye. The idea is to see whether striking the asteroid, called Dimorphos, might change its trajectory. Dimorphos circles a larger asteroid in a known orbit, so NASA should be able to ascertain within a few months whether it has successfully altered that orbit — which would be a first in human history. The stakes couldn't be higher.

There are no non-avian dinosaurs in today's zoos because, 66 million years ago, a six-mile-wide asteroid struck Earth in what is now Mexico, raising smoke and dust that blotted out the sun worldwide for years and starved them into extinction.

There are no known extinction-level asteroids on course toward Earth within at least the next 50 years, but the law of averages says it will happen again someday. If an approaching object can be intercepted millions of miles out and years in advance, even a small nudge could mean the difference between the continuing advancement of civilization or a return to the Stone Age.

The success of the NASA test

so far has been an astonishing scientific feat with the single-minded goal of protecting humanity. Back on Earth, exactly the same can be said of the lightning-fast development of coronavirus vaccines, and the continuing efforts by scientists to quantify and address the looming threats posed by human-caused climate change. Yet in too many corners of American politics, these steady societal servants of fact-based expertise have been trashed as anti-industrial zealots or vaccination conspirators.

The right's bizarre fixation on Dr. Anthony Fauci, condemning him as the villain of the pandemic rather than its most prominent hero, is just one example of this

toxic phenomenon. Another is the fact that more than 95% of scientists agree that human activity has caused the destructive climate change that is more obvious by the year — yet more than 100 members of Congress continue to deny it.

Scientists aren't flawless or all-knowing, but they deserve more trust than those who impugn their expertise and motives for the sake of demagoguery. Whether the threat is from space, or a virus, or humanity's own environmental shortsightedness, the solution is to trust the science — and to reject the know-nothing extremism that afflicts too much of a nation's politics today.

## Local newspapers make a difference

By DEAN RIDINGS  
America's Newspapers

National Newspaper Week began Sunday. While this isn't the typical holiday that most families celebrate, it does provide a good opportunity to take a moment and recognize all the ways that local newspapers make a difference in communities across America.

If you're reading this, you probably already have a good understanding of why it is important to have a healthy newspaper in your town. By subscribing to or advertising in your local newspaper, you are providing much needed support to keep trained, professional journalists covering the issues important to you. Your local newspaper is committed to being the local watchdog, covering city government, public utilities and school boards to make sure your tax dollars are being spent properly.

But, there are many other ways newspapers serve their readers and communities, things even regular readers might not always consider.

Newspapers are reliable. Unlike content you can see on social media, or even from national publications or cable news channels, you can be sure that news from your local newspaper is professionally gathered, fact-checked and edited. Even the editorials and letters to the editor go through a rigorous process to get the facts correct. You might not always agree, but you can rely on the fact that what's published has followed the highest journalistic standards. You may not agree with the positions on your newspaper's editorial page, but you probably realize that their goal is to provide you with objective and impartial news coverage in the rest of the paper.

Newspapers protect your right to know. In addition to covering what's going on in your local government, most newspapers serve another critical purpose by publishing public notices. A public notice is a notice issued by government agencies regarding proposed actions, zoning proposals, tax initiatives or other lawmaking proceedings. Most local governments are required to publish them in local newspapers, so all citizens have the opportunity to know what's going on, and if necessary, take appropriate action. Newspapers provide broad community distribution. Moving a public notice to a municipal website would be like hiding



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Your local newspaper makes a difference in your community in many ways. That's true every week, not just during National Newspaper Week.

Ridings is the CEO of America's Newspapers, an organization serving more than 1,600 newspapers across the U.S. and Canada. Learn more at [newspapers.org](http://newspapers.org).



## Russian people must demand reset

By MARTIN SCHRAM  
Tribune News Service

The world has watched in shock, outrage and disbelief, as Russia's President Vladimir Putin brazenly invaded his sovereign neighbor Ukraine — in a full-speed-ahead aggression that ended up with Putin cornering himself and entrapping much of the world in the mess he single-handedly created.

Then he made his godawful situation much worse by threatening the world with nuclear blackmail — yes, a threat to use his nuclear arsenal if any nation tries to stop him from seizing as much Ukrainian land as he wants.

Suddenly the world finds itself trapped in the sort of superpower confrontation we thought we had put behind us forever.

It is hard for the world to even remember how things really were after the Cold War ended. But there was a short period of contemporary history when an American president ended up protecting a Russian president who became his unlikely partner in working for a more peaceful world — but got himself into a predicament that would have made headlines around the world.

It was the autumn of 1994, late at night, after a busy day in which President Bill Clinton was hosting a summit meeting with his Russian counterpart. President Boris Yeltsin was Clinton's guest in the pale yellow Blair House, just across the street from the White House.

Suddenly, the quiet of Pennsylvania Avenue was broken by a lone figure in the street. He was stumbling around, wearing his underpants, and shouting "Pizza! Pizza!" Or maybe "Taxi! Taxi." Or maybe both.

A rather un-presidential Yeltsin was trying to hail a taxi so he could go somewhere for a midnight snack. Somehow, Yeltsin, who had a considerable and well-known problem with alcohol, had gotten past the Blair

Martin Schram



House guard. Our account here was provided by Clinton, in his interviews much later with historian and journalist Taylor Branch. In his 2009 book, "The Clinton Tapes," Branch wrote:

"Secret Service agents discovered Yeltsin alone on Pennsylvania Avenue, dead drunk, clad in his underwear, yelling for a taxi. Yeltsin slurred his words in a loud argument with the baffled agents. He did not want to go back into Blair House, where he was staying. He wanted a taxi to go out for pizza."

Secret Service agents persuasively guided Russia's leader back into the comfort of the Blair House. How did the evening end? America's president said Russia's president "got his pizza." But if you think that was the end of the story, well, you probably never knew Boris Yeltsin. The next night, Yeltsin tried once again to go out for an unannounced whatever. Branch wrote:

"Eluding security, he made his way down the back stairs into the Blair House basement, where a building guard mistook him for a drunken intruder. Yeltsin was briefly endangered until converging Russian and American agents sorted out everyone's affiliation." Luckily, the guard who didn't recognize Yeltsin didn't overreact. As Branch wrote: "Clinton thought this incident, although contained within Blair House, exposed even greater risk than the pizza quest."

By that time, Yeltsin was already well known for his alcoholism problem. You can see videos of him stum-

bling at public events, often being helped to regain his balance by assistants. One time, Yeltsin reportedly telephoned Clinton and suggested, in a slurred voice, that the two presidents should hold a secret meeting on a submarine.

Yeltsin was also quite the charmer, in his own subtle way. While he and Clinton struck up a friendship that served both leaders, he also forged a distinctive relationship with first lady Hillary Clinton. Over one of the summit dinners, Yeltsin reportedly told Mrs. Clinton that he had a photo of her in his office and looked at it "every day."

Yeltsin resigned in 1999 — and plucked Putin from relative obscurity to make him president. Fast-forward to the Obama years: As Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton famously tried to "reset" U.S. and Russian relations with Yeltsin's successor. We know how that turned out.

But it is worth reflecting upon the way things were, in that brief moment in history. It was a time when America and Russia, the world's largest nuclear superpowers, were working as one to make sure the world's nuclear arsenals were secure and that terrorists could not obtain nuclear weapons for just one purpose — to use them against us.

It was a time of hope for Russia's people. Also for Russia's generals, who were actually working with America's generals to secure a lasting peace. Now they are being led by a president who wants revenge — against the country he thinks caused his Soviet empire to collapse.

Today, a flailing and desperate Putin has made his nation a global pariah. This time, it is Russia's people who need to demand a "reset."

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# Ivy Tech to launch nursing school

Indiana Capital Chronicle

Ivy Tech Community College is launching its School of Nursing on the Hamilton County campus in January 2023. The program was approved by the Indiana State Board of Nursing last week. This will be the College's 19th nursing location.

In Fall 2021, following approval of Ivy Tech Hamilton County's campus board and Ivy Tech's State Board of Trustees, the college committed \$1.75 million to the Hamilton County campus to begin construction on a state-of-the-art healthcare lab space that now will also permanently house its CNA and Medical Assisting programs.

"We heard from our community that credentialed nurses were a tremendous need in our area," said Dr. Stacy Atkinson, Chancellor of Ivy Tech Hamilton County. "We are extremely proud to help address the public health crisis by adding more credentialed nurses into the pipeline."

The school will admit 20 students for the upcoming spring semester and 20 students for the following fall semester with increases in seats to come. Additionally, the college's recent partnership with Community Health Network will provide fully paid scholarships for fifteen Ivy Tech Hamilton County students to assist with tuition, course materials, and clinical resources as part of its Scholars Program. Other healthcare partners, including Indiana University Health, have also supported the school with donations to increase nursing enrollment.

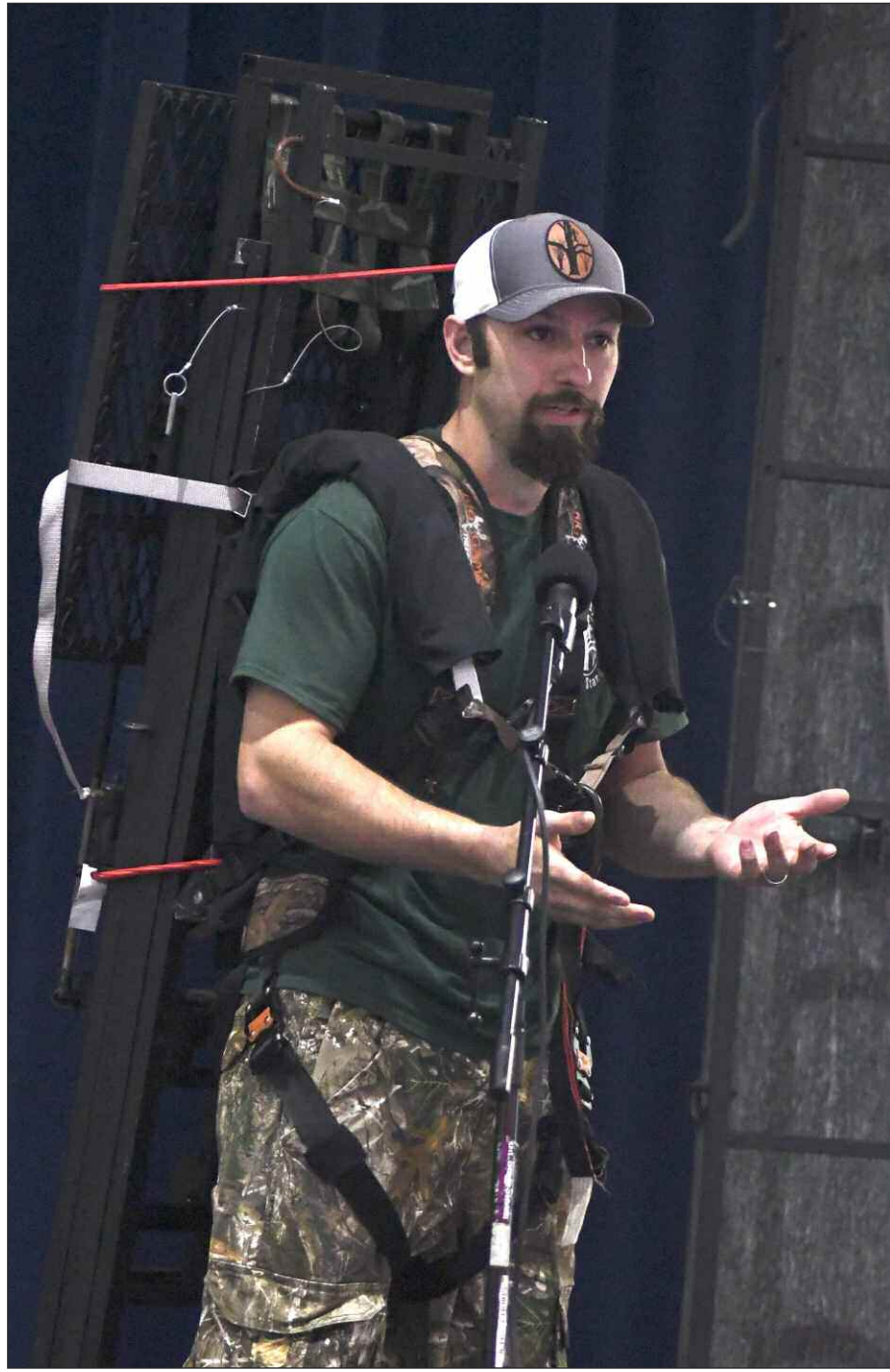
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# Sludge ...

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It also transferred \$75,000 from the general fund to the street construction fund for Milligan Street reconstruction, which will begin Oct. 10 and is scheduled to take about two weeks.

Also Monday, council learned Fort Recovery Merchants Association will hold its Halloween parade at 3 p.m. Oct. 30. Trick-or-treating hours will follow the parade from 4 to 6 p.m.

The village also held an executive session but made no decisions regarding Fort Recovery Police Department, which is currently accepting applications for two officer positions.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

# Standing tall

CRC Manufacturing won the Launch Jay! pitch competition Saturday with its Trinity Tree Stand, a tree stand for hunting that is designed by Craig Cotherman to be safer, as well as easier to carry and assemble, than the traditional product. Pictured, Jeremiah Cotherman explains some of the details of the stand, which is strapped to his back. CRC will receive \$7,500 for business-related expenses for winning the competition. Kenci Grayson's Living in Joy of Dunkirk was the runner-up and audience choice winner for a total of \$5,000, and Brooke Aker's LifeWorks Counseling and Wellness finished third and will receive \$2,000.

# Raises ...

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"I think I'm just as important as the guys across the street."

Council president Jeanne Houchins and council member Ray Newton both clarified his position had been overlooked. Champ stressed adjusting job classifications for future years.

Money pointed out that inflation and rising gas prices will also be a factor for wages in coming years.

"This is hurting the lower people," he said.

He argued that those at the sheriff's office, highway department and JEMS have been the recipients of the largest raises each year.

Newton, a former Jay County Sheriff who is also the Republican candidate for the position in the upcoming November election, pointed out he did not receive a raise from 2015 to 2018.

"We're losing the most," intercepted Newton. "When (our employees) leave, we are losing money. It's costing us tens of thousand dollars to train these (employees) and replace them."

After more discussion with Money, council agreed to increase the wages for part-time courthouse custodians to \$15 an hour.

"None of this is going to be perfect the first time around," explained Houchins. "It might take two years to get it all shook out and get to where we need to be with it. But we're obviously way behind on a lot of these wages."

She pointed out the county is behind its raise suggestions for 2020 from a wage study conducted by consulting firm Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele and Associates. Some folks, she noted, are as far as

25% to 30% behind the average pay for their position.

"It's a huge step forward," said council member Faron Parr. "Biggest step we've ever taken."

Council agreed to give 6% across-the-board raises. It also agreed to incorporate the larger raises suggested by the personnel committee.

Also Monday, council members Mike Rockwell, Towell, Champ, Houchins, Parr and Newton, absent Matt Minnich:

- Discussed Jay County Country Living and its impact on the county's budget in the future. Champ noted if the facility does close — county officials have been discussing its fate for years — its residents would be relocated to other facilities.

- Made an exception for a new highway department employee to roll over three vacation days into 2023. The employee who was hired in June will gain the vacation days Dec. 23 and will not be able to use them before January because of staffing issues. Houchins said council should look into the matter for all county employees in the future.

- Reduced the amount allotted for computer maintenance the commissioners' budget from \$125,000 to \$100,000, requesting the employee — he is contracted through an outside company — reduce to two courthouse visits a month.

Council will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday for the first reading of the 2023 budget. It will also discuss incorporating a hiring freeze, which would require officials to seek approval from county officials before hiring new employees.

# N. Korea launches missile over Japan

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Tribune News Service  
SEOUL — North Korea launched a missile that flew over Japan on Tuesday, marking the latest in a series of tests by Pyongyang as tensions rise in the region.

South Korea's military said Pyongyang launched a medium-range ballistic missile that flew eastward over the Japanese archipelago, the Yonhap news agency reported.

The South Korean Joint Chiefs of Staff said it was the first North Korean launch of a medium-range missile in more than eight months and that it was launched from North Korea's Jagang province, near the border with China.

It reached a distance of 4,500 kilometers and a maximum altitude of 970

kilometers, according to initial estimates.

South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol called it a reckless provocation and urged measures be taken in response.

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida called the launch "outrageous," while chief cabinet secretary Hirokazu Matsuno said it was an imminent threat to the region and the global community.

It was the first time in nearly five years that a North Korean missile flew over Japan. It landed around 3,000 kilometers east of Japan in the Pacific Ocean, according to Japanese sources.

Japanese Defense Minister Yasukazu Hamada said it was the furthest horizontal distance a North Korean missile has traveled.

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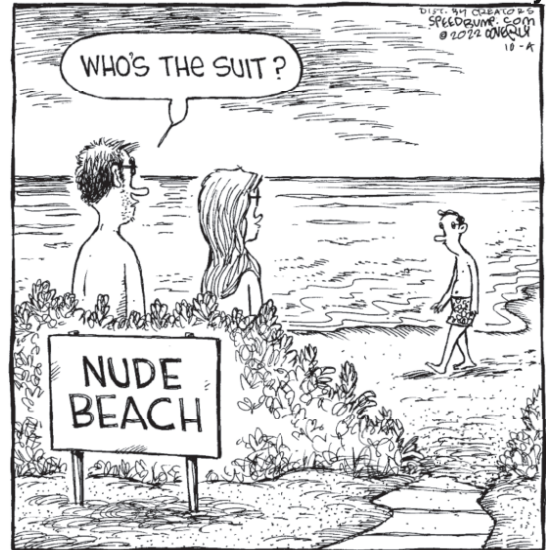
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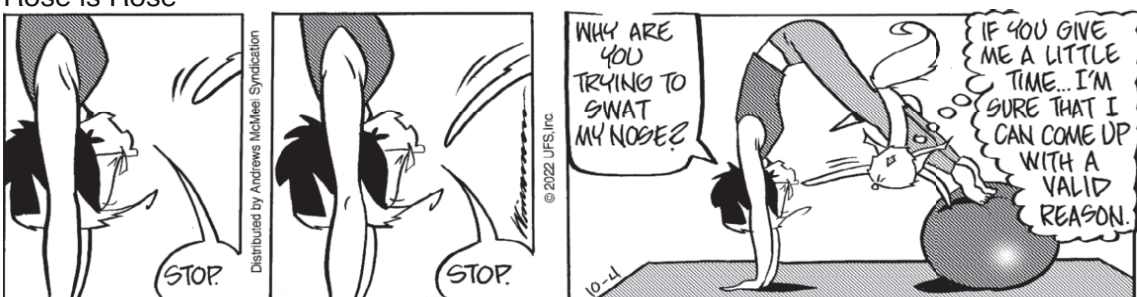
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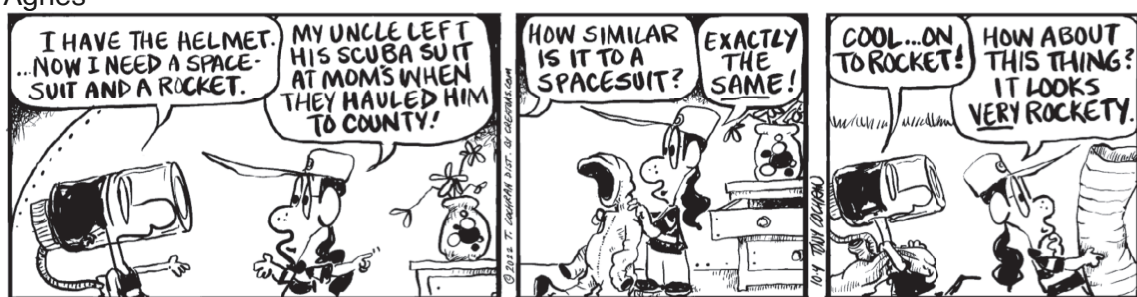
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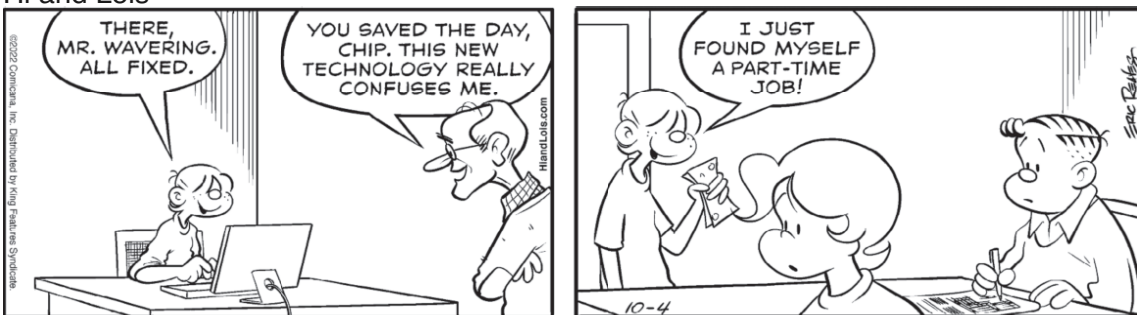
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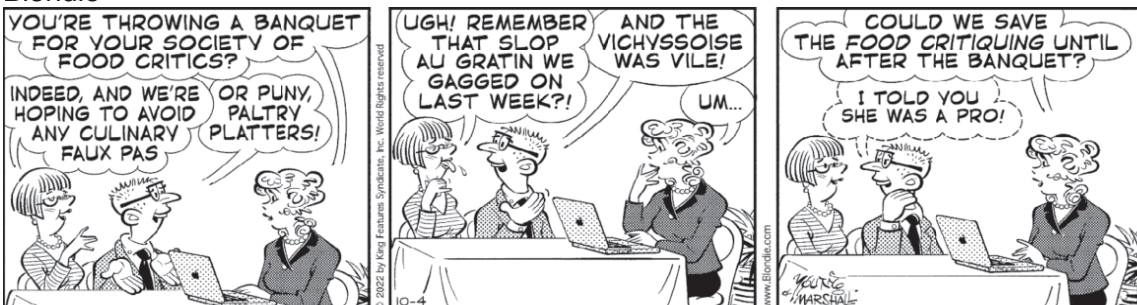
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# Freshmen lead JC in ACAC championships

MONROE — The Patriot freshman set the pace Saturday. Joseph Boggs and Alexis Sibray led the Jay County High School cross country teams, finishing seventh and 11th, respectively, in Saturday's Allen County Athletic Conference Championships at Adams Central.

The Patriot boys were sixth out of seven scoring teams with 141 points, beating only the host Jets (150). Bluffton swept the top four spots and scored 34 points to cruise to the conference title by 39 points over runner-up Woodlan.

The JCHS girls did not have enough runners for a team score.

Adams Central totaled 28 points to win the team title ahead of Woodlan (50).

Boggs' time of 18 minutes, 14.3 seconds, put him in seventh place, about six seconds behind sixth-place Jaxon Hoting of Heritage and three seconds ahead of eighth-place Dakota Sprunger of South Adams. He was the fastest freshman in the conference.

Sibray finished in 23:01.1, missing the top 10 by one spot.

Individual conference champions were Tyler Goodwin (17:32.8) of Bluffton and Madison Gerber (20:15.5) of Adams Central. Senior Sebastian Solis followed

Boggs for the Patriot boys with a time of 19:07.5 for 18th place. Max Klopfenstein (33rd) and Owen Ransom (39th) turned in career best times of 20:05.3 and 20:38.1, respectively, and Darren Fisher completed the team score in 49th at 21:24.9.

In the girls race, Paityn Wendel was the No. 2 runner for the Patriots in a career-best time of 24:14.7 for 19th place. Willow Hardy finished 32nd in 25:34.4 and Courtney Harris had a career-best time of 27:57.4 for 45th.

**Junior high**  
Jay County swept the junior

high ACAC championships by narrow margins Saturday over South Adams. The boys scored 51 points to edge the Starfires by one while the girls scored 52 for a two-point margin of victory.

Raif Beiswanger led the Patriot boys to their conference title, finishing as the individual runner-up in 10 minutes, 46.1 seconds.

Brooklyn Byrum and Abby Fifer finished back-to-back in third and fourth to power the Patriot girls, posting times of 12:31.4 and 12:36.7, respectively. Caleb Garringer and Rocky

Beiswanger joined Raif Beiswanger in the top 10 for the boys team. Garringer was sixth in 11:20.5 while Rocky Beiswanger took 10th in 11:36.8.

Grady Warvel and Sam Wiggins finished back-to-back in 16th and 17th — they had respective times of 11:48.6 and 11:49.6 — to complete the Jay County team score.

Also making the top 10 for the Patriot girls was Jessie Homan as she finished eighth in 12:56.4. Kaitlyn Fisher had a time of 13:26 for 15th place and Maria Laux crossed the finish line in 13:52.9 for 22nd.

# Volleyball ...

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Hallie Schwieterman's 12 points led Jay County and she also had three kills. Ella Rigby totaled six assists.

Brenna Schmiesing and

Lydia Johnson each had nine kills in the tournament Saturday. Schwieterman and Isabelle Vazquez scored 17 and 13 points, respectively, Rigby put up 23 assists

and Carley Trinidad had 14 digs.

**JC seventh grade**  
The Patriots defeated Monroe Central 25-7, 22-25, 15-6 Monday.

Jay County also went 1-2 in Saturday's Patriot Invitational, losing 25-14, 25-10 to South Adams and 25-17, 22-25, 15-9 to Adams Central before beating Bluffton 25-10, 21-25, 15-8.

Makayla Bishop scored two-thirds of her 15 points on aces. Amelia Heath added seven aces, Raylin Hummer had four kills and Emalyn Homan put up seven assists.

Homan had 11 points, including six aces, and eight assists in Saturday's win over Bluffton, and Lizzy Brunswick and Brenna Ruble each had five kills.

# Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Boys tennis regional semifinal vs. Delta — 5 p.m.; Junior high football at Woodlan — 6 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Middle school volleyball vs. Minster — 5 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
Jay County — Boys soccer sectional semifinal vs. Mississinewa/Centerville at Delta — 5 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)  
7 p.m. — Men's college soccer: Maryland at Rutgers (BTN)  
7 p.m. — NBA preseason basketball: Detroit Pistons at New York Knicks (TNT)  
9:30 p.m. — NBA preseason basketball: New Orleans Pelicans at Chicago Bulls (TNT)

**Wednesday**  
4:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)  
7 p.m. — College football: SMU at Central Florida (ESPN2)

**Local notes**  
**Wrestling registration open**  
A sign-up session is scheduled for kindergarten through sixth graders who would like to be part of Jay County Wrestling Club.

The club's Little Patriots Program is for those in kindergarten through second grade and focuses on wrestling basics. Its elementary dual team for those in grades 3 through 6 focuses on expanding those skills with the team also entering four to six dual competitions. Registration fees are \$80 and \$120, respectively.

The sign-up sessions for third through sixth graders will be 6 p.m. Oct. 13 and 6 p.m. Oct. 18. Sign ups for kindergarten through second

graders will be at 6 p.m. Nov. 22 and 6 p.m. Nov. 29.

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

The race will begin at 10 a.m. at the Cooper Farms processing facility, 1 Cooper Farm Drive, St. Henry, Ohio. Check-in begins at 9 a.m. For more information or to register, visit [speedy-feet.com](http://speedy-feet.com) and search for "Cooper Farms Turkey Trot 5K."

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## Repeat result

*Jay reprises regular-season victory over New Castle to advance to sectional semifinal*

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review  
MUNCIE — The Patriots were prepared for a tougher test from the Trojans than they got when they met in August.

Things tend to tighten up in the tournament.

But three quick goals staked them to a comfortable advantage and zapped any thoughts of an upset.

Jay County dominated the ball early and rarely allowed New Castle an opportunity to score as it rolled to a 5-0 victory Monday in the quarterfinal round of Class 2A Sectional 24 at Delta.

“That’s not what we expected,” said JCHS coach Bobby Ruiz. “Yeah, you can win in the regular season, but sectional is completely different. ...

“But we opened with a lucky one. I think that gave the boys a little more confidence.”

The Patriots (7-6-1), who were coming off a 4-0 loss Saturday at Oak Hill, advance to play Mississinewa in Wednesday’s semifinal round at 5 p.m. The Indians improved to 12-4-1 with their 3-1 quarterfinal win Monday over Centerville.

That lucky goal Ruiz referred to came just over six minutes into the game as Cayden Buckland hit a grounder directly at New Castle goalie Andrew Christman. The ball slipped

through Christman’s hands and then between his legs and into the net for a 1-0 Patriot lead.

Even though Jay County benefited from some good fortune, it didn’t end up needing the luck. At the 28:07 mark, Carter Link — he had a combined six goals last week in wins over Blackford and Liberty Christian — followed Buckland’s score when he fired a shot past a diving Christman to the right side.

And Levi Muhlenkamp converted a penalty kick just 38 seconds later after the Trojans were called for pushing him as he made a run into the 18-yard box on the left side.

“When you get up that soon, that quick, it gives you the confidence and everything comes together on the field,” said Ruiz. “At the same time, the other team, it’s the other way. They lose morale.”

“That was a big confidence for us,” agreed senior defender Josh Dowlen. “I think that was a boost for the guys. ... We got up on them and then we didn’t back off. We kept our intensity up and we kept going at them.”

New Castle’s best opportunity to get on the board came on a penalty kick of their own when the Patriots were called for a foul at the 19:31 mark of the opening half. But Isaac Madden’s attempt went high over the crossbar and the score



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Kaleb Meadows, a Jay County High School senior, hits a header Monday during the Patriots’ 5-0 sectional semifinal win over New Castle at Delta.

remained 3-0 at halftime. Jay County, which beat the Trojans 5-0 in its third game of the season, added two tallies — a Link penalty kick and a Kaleb Meadows shot to the left corner after he beat Ethan Ma dribbling up the left side — for the same final margin.

New Castle was limited to four shots on goal — all saved by Kaleb Coppock — as the Patriot

defensive line of Trevin Dunnington, Alan Ortiz, Brayden Collins, Gavin Young and Dowlen kept the ball mostly out of their end.

“That was the plan — try to go up, try to attack without getting disorganized on the back,” said Ruiz.

The Patriots and Mississinewa did not play during the regular season. They now

have three common opponents on the year: JCHS defeated Delta 3-1 and Blackford 6-3, and lost to Centerville 5-4. Mississinewa beat Blackford 9-0 and Centerville 3-1, and tied Delta 1-1.

“We’ve got to come out with the same intensity we had this game,” said Dowlen. “We talked excellent this game, I feel like. ... We passed the ball well. We had each other’s backs.”



Sophomore Brenna Bailey of Jay County High School comes up with a dig in the Patriots’ match Saturday against Leo during the Patriot Invitational. JCHS will open sectional play in the semifinal round against Centerville at 11 a.m. Oct. 15 at New Castle.

## Jay draws Bulldogs

Regardless of the results, the Patriots’ volleyball sectional experience will be over in a single day.

In the sectional draw held Sunday, Jay County received a bye to the semifinal against the Centerville Bulldogs. In the five-team Class 3A Sectional 24 grouping at New Castle, the semifinals and finals will be played on the same day.

The Patriots also lost 25-15, 15-17, 25-19 Monday to Daleville. They split matches as they hosted the Patriot Invitational on Saturday, losing to Leo and defeating Bluffton.

JCHS (7-18) and Centerville (6-17) will meet in the first of the two sectional semifinal matches at 11 a.m. Oct. 15.

The tournament will begin with an opening-round match between New Castle (17-9) and Delta (13-8) at 7 p.m. Oct. 13. The winner of that match will advance to the semifinal round to take on Frankton (25-5) immediately following the Jay County/Centerville match Oct. 15.

The championship match is scheduled for 6 p.m. Oct. 15 with the winner advancing to the Norwell regional.

The Patriots have faced just one of their sectional rivals during the regular season, falling 25-18, 25-15, 25-10 to Delta on Aug. 18. They will host New Castle on Thursday for their final home match of the season.

Senior Abbie Fields had eight kills and two blocks to lead Jay County in its Senior Night loss to the Broncos. Joske Herndon had 11

### Volleyball roundup

assists and nine digs, the Brennans — Haines and Bailey — added nine digs apiece and Madison Brunswick had five kills.

On Saturday, the Patriots lost 25-18, 25-17, 25-23 to Leo before defeating Bluffton for the third time this season, 25-18, 25-13, 25-13.

Bella Denton led JCHS in kills in both matches, recording seven against Bluffton and five versus Leo. She also had four aces in the win over Bluffton and a pair of blocks against Leo.

Against Bluffton, Brunswick recorded six digs, four kills and three blocks. Haines came up with nine digs, Fields had five blocks and Sophie Saxman recorded four aces.

In the loss to Leo, Haines finished with six digs, Maggie Dillon matched Denton with five kills and Saxman totaled three aces.

Herndon put up 10 assists in both matches Saturday.

### Fort Recovery

CONVOY, Ohio — Fort Recovery went 1-2 at Saturday’s Crestview Invitational, falling 25-12, 25-20 to Bellmont and 25-13, 25-16 to St. Henry before defeating St. Paul 25-12, 25-17.

The Indians also fell 25-16, 25-18, 25-12 to St. Henry on Thursday.

Mara Pearson paced FRHS (5-12) at the Crestview tournament, recording team highs of 19 digs and 17 kills. Cali Wendel was right behind her with 18 digs.

Teigen Fortkamp put up 33 assists and Allysen Fullenkamp had a dozen kills.

Fortkamp finished with 10 assists, eight digs and two aces in Thursday’s loss to St. Henry. Pearson totaled eight kills and two blocks.

### JC junior varsity

The Patriots dominated the final game after splitting two close ones for a 25-22, 21-25, 15-5 victory Monday over Daleville.

Meredith Dirksen led Jay County with nine kills and five digs. Mya Kunkler had seven kills and four digs, and Elizabeth Barnett and Maria Hemmelgarn added five kills apiece. Brenna Bailey totaled 22 digs.

JCHS also dropped its only match hosting the Patriot Invitational on Saturday, losing 25-13, 25-12 to Leo. Dirksen scored three points and Paisley Fugiett totaled three assists.

### JC eighth grade



Jay County dominated the first set and avoided a third as it defeated Monroe Central 25-8, 25-21 Monday.

The Patriots also finished 2-1 while hosting the Patriot Invitational on Saturday, defeating South Adams 25-12, 25-18 and Bluffton 25-11, 25-16. They lost 25-21, 24-25, 15-4 to Adams Central.

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