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First vaccines



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Jeannine Poole, 80, Portland, receives her coronavirus vaccine Tuesday morning from Jay County Health Department public health nurse Laura Coleman. Tuesday was the first day of the health department's vaccination clinic, with doses available to those 80 and older. Those who are eligible can sign up for an appointment at ourshot.in.gov.

Jay County Health Department administered 50 doses during opening day of clinic Tuesday

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Jeannine Poole sat in a chair in a small room on the north side of the Jay County Health Department building. Public health nurse Laura Coleman asked her a few questions. Coleman then approached and administered Poole's injection. "That's it already?" asked Poole. It was. "You did a good job," Poole added. "That was so easy. I did not feel one thing." Her husband, Larry, echoed

those same thoughts a few minutes later. "Didn't feel a thing," he said. "It's unbelievable." The Pooles were among the first in line at 11 a.m. Tuesday as the health department opened its first coronavirus vaccination clinic. By the end of the day, the health department had administered 50 vaccinations. "I think it went pretty well," said Jay County Health Department environmentalist and administrator Heath Butz shortly after the clinic closed at 6:30 p.m. "The clinic went pretty smoothly. Pretty much every-

one showed up for their appointment. So we got a decent amount of people vaccinated today." The health department announced its initial vaccination clinic plans Friday after Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb's announcement Jan. 6 that some Hoosiers would be able to begin signing up for appointments at ourshot.in.gov. As of this morning, appointments are currently available to those 70 and older as well as healthcare workers and first responders who "have face-to-face interactions with patients or infectious material or work

in a public-facing position that requires in-person contact." Holcomb said next steps will be to open appointments to those 60 and older. Those age groups account for the majority of hospitalizations and deaths attributed to COVID-19. The current vaccination clinic schedule at Jay County Health Department, 504 W. Arch St., Portland, is as follows:
•11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday
•8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Jan. 16
•11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Jan. 19
•11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Jan. 21
•8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Jan. 23
See Vaccines page 5

Holdman, Prescott combine for 14 measures

Legislation covers guns, COVID-19 response, other issues

By RILEY EUBANKS
The Commercial Review

INDIANAPOLIS — Jay County lawmakers wasted no time introducing bills a week after the Indiana General Assembly reconvened.

State Rep. J.D. Prescott (R-Union City) and Sen. Travis Holdman (R-Markle), both of whom represent Jay County, have combined to introduce a total of 14 bills with both lawmakers addressing guns in public spaces.

Though he said he doesn't expect it to get a hearing in the House, Holdman once again introduced a bill requiring teachers and staff members to undergo firearm training prior to being allowed to keep a gun in schools.

Holdman said the bill, which has passed through the Senate in previous sessions, has failed to gain any traction in the House because the National Rifle Association opposes mandating gun training, even if those guns are being kept and potentially used in schools.

"I think it's a little beyond reason," Holdman said, arguing that since Indiana already allows school corporations to decide whether guns can be kept in schools, training should be required.

Prescott, meanwhile, has taken a different approach to guns, introducing bills that would eliminate a requirement to have a license to carry a handgun in public spaces and eliminating gun restrictions in the state capitol, government center and Indiana State Fair, among other changes.

As he said he would in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Prescott also introduced a bill outlining how the Assembly could reconvene for an "initiated session" if Indiana's governor issues a state of emergency.

"I don't want it to be a common occurrence," Prescott said. "I want it to be very difficult to call ourselves back into session." See Measures page 2

Impeachment expected

By LISA MASCARO, MARY CLARE JALONICK and JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is on the verge of being impeached for a second time in an unprecedented House vote today, a week after he encouraged a mob of loyalists to "fight like hell" against election results just before they stormed the U.S. Capitol in a deadly siege. "We are debating this historic measure at a crime scene," said Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass. Security was exceptionally tight, beefed up by armed National Guard troops, with secure perimeters set up around the Capitol complex and metal-

Vote in House is scheduled for today

detector screenings required for lawmakers entering the House chamber. While Trump's first impeachment in 2019 brought no Republican votes in the House, a small but significant number of leaders and lawmakers are breaking with the party to join Democrats, saying Trump violated his oath to protect and defend U.S. democracy. The stunning collapse of

Trump's final days in office, against alarming warnings of more violence ahead by his followers, leaves the nation at an uneasy and unfamiliar juncture before Democrat Joe Biden is inaugurated Jan. 20. Trump, who would become the only U.S. president twice impeached, faces a single charge of "incitement of insurrection." The four-page impeach-

ment resolution relies on Trump's own incendiary rhetoric and the falsehoods he spread about Biden's election victory, including at a White House rally on the day of the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, in building its case for high crimes and misdemeanors as demanded in the Constitution. Trump took no responsibility for the riot, suggesting it was the drive to oust him rather than his actions around the bloody riot that was dividing the country. "To continue on this path, I think it's causing tremendous danger to our country, and it's causing tremendous anger," Trump said Tuesday, his first remarks to reporters since last week's violence. See Impeachment page 5



The Washington Post/Bill O'Leary

People inside the House chamber react Jan. 6 as a window is broken, apparently by gunshots. Pro-Trump protesters were outside the doors. The House is expected to vote today to impeach President Donald Trump for his role in inciting last week's violence at the U.S. Capitol.

Deaths

Rosa Sutter, 82, Muncie
Viola Clarke, 86, Winchester
Mike Theurer, 59, rural Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 38 degrees Tuesday. The low was 30. Tonight's forecast calls for a low of 31. Expect mostly cloudy skies Thursday with a high of 41. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Need to fill out a birth announcement, engagement or wedding form to have your special event announced in the newspaper? They're now available electronically. Just go to thecr.com, hover over "Forms" and select the form you'd like to fill out.

Coming up

Thursday — Coverage of tonight's Jay County Council meeting.

Saturday — Results from the semifinals of the ACAC basketball tournaments.



Obituaries

Rose Sutter

Rosa Sutter, 82, a former Portland resident, died Sunday at Bethel Pointe Health and Rehab in Muncie. Arrangements are pending at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Viola Clarke

May 17, 1934-Jan. 12, 2021
Viola May (Keen) Clarke, 86, of Winchester, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021, at Reid Hospital in Richmond. She was born on May 17, 1934, in Kenton, Ohio, to Clayton and

Martha (Tackett) Keen. Viola had attended the Saratoga Methodist Church and the Saratoga Church of God for 32 years and was currently attending the White River Friend Church. She had worked at Champs Purse Factory in Saratoga and Stallion Sportswear in Winchester. Viola was a seamstress and in 1981 she met Ansel Toney and he mentored her on making kites. She was a



Clarke

woman of great faith in the Lord. Viola is survived by her four sons, Rocky Paschal, Joe (Joanie) Paschal, Danny (Cathy) Paschal and Lonny (Dawn) Paschal; 13 grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren; and three brothers, Harry Keen, Larry Keen and Bobby Keen. Viola was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Norman Paschal; her second husband, Raymond Clarke; two daughters, Julia Dees and Lora Sloan; a son, Jeffrey Paschal; a granddaughter, April Dees; three sisters, Crystal Masters, Collene

Gilley and Rosie Antonio; and a brother, Sonny Keen. A private family service to celebrate Viola's life will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 15, 2021, at the Walker Funeral Home with Pastor Tim Moreland officiating. Burial will follow at Saratoga Cemetery, in Saratoga. Friends and family may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, at the funeral home. Walker Funeral Home in Winchester is entrusted with the arrangements. Condolences may be shared with the family at walkerswinchester.com.

Mike Theurer, rural Portland, Feb. 23, 1961-Jan. 5, 2021. Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.
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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Thursday 1/14	Friday 1/15	Saturday 1/16	Sunday 1/17	Monday 1/18
41/32	38/27	33/26	31/23	31/24
Mostly cloudy with a 20% chance of a rain-snow mix in the evening. South wind about 15 mph	Cooler under mostly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of snow day and night. Cool at night.	Cooler with temperatures projected to stay below freezing all day and night. Mostly cloudy.	Cloudy with a 40% chance of snow in the afternoon. Below freezing all day and night.	Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be mostly cloudy with temperatures below freezing.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$550 million	Daily Four: 4-4-3-4 Quick Draw: 1-3-13-20-22-24-27-34-39-43-46-52-55-56-58-69-74-75-78-80 Cash 5: 6-17-19-28-40 Estimated jackpot: \$230,500
Mega Millions 12-14-26-28-33 Mega Ball: 9 Megaplier: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$750 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 7-4-9 Pick 4: 8-0-6-8 Pick 5: 2-3-9-4-5 Evening Pick 3: 5-6-6 Pick 4: 1-1-2-9 Pick 5: 9-0-9-4-1 Rolling Cash: 1-6-20-34-37 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 2-2-9 Daily Four: 5-4-6-3 Quick Draw: 10-13-15-17-18-21-24-27-30-35-36-45-47-55-57-58-60-63-70-78 Evening Daily Three: 7-2-6	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....5.32 Wheat6.44	Central States Montpelier Corn.....5.22 Feb. corn5.24 Beans14.14 March beans14.14 Wheat6.59 March wheat 6.61
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Today in history

On Jan. 13, 1982, an Air Florida 737 crashed into Washington, D.C.'s 14th Street Bridge and fell into the Potomac River while trying to take off during a snowstorm, killing a total of 78 people, including four motorists on the bridge; four passengers and a flight attendant survived.
In 1733, James Oglethorpe and some 120 English colonists arrived at Charleston, South Carolina, while en route to settle in present-day Georgia.
In 1794, President George Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the Union.
In 1941, a new law went into effect granting Puerto Ricans U.S. birthright citizenship. Novelist and poet James Joyce died in Zurich, Switzerland, less than a month before his 59th birthday.
In 1964, Roman Catholic Bishop Karol Wojtyla (voy-TEE'-wah) (the future Pope John Paul II) was appointed Archbishop of Krakow, Poland, by Pope Paul VI.
In 1971, Portland City Council voted in favor of donating land to the Indiana National Guard for construction of a new armory. (The building is now home to the Jay School Corporation central office.)
—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today
5:30 p.m. — Portland Economic Development Income Tax Advisory Committee, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
6 p.m. — Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District, machine shed at Barry Miller residence, 705 E. 300 North, Portland.
7 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
Monday
5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.
7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.



Photo provided

Pet of the week

Savannah, a 5-year-old female that has been spayed, is available for adoption from Midwest Pet Refuge. Applications for adoption are available at midwestpetrefuge.com/adopt.

Felony arrests

Drug possession

Thomas D. Brinkerhoff, 27, 307 S. Wayne St, Fort Recovery, was arrested Friday for alleged possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, a Level 3 felony. He was also preliminarily charged two Class A misdemeanors for

possession of drug paraphernalia and maintaining a common nuisance.

Battery

An Anderson man was arrested Sunday for alleged battery. Antoine R. Whitfield, 27, 530 Alahamber Drive, was

preliminarily charged two Level 6 felonies for two counts of battery. He's being held at Jay County Jail on \$4,500 bond.

Child solicitation

A Portland man was arrested Sunday for alleged child solicitation.

Christopher G.D. Morgan, 33, 916 N. Ben Hawkins St., was preliminarily charged a Level 4 felony for child solicitation and a Level 6 felony for dissemination of a harmful material. He's being held at Jay County Jail on \$19,000 bond.

Measures ...

Continued from page 1
Lawmakers, including Prescott and Holdman, have criticized the Assembly's non-involvement with the pandemic response, both arguing that the state's legislative body should have been reconvened to weigh in on decisions that were ultimately left to Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb under public health emergency declarations.

The state has been in a public health emergency since March 6, and Holcomb has extended that declaration 10 times through Jan. 30. Another bill introduced by Prescott would prohibit an emergency declaration from being renewed unless it is approved by the Assembly.

Retroactively, that bill would've limited Holcomb's ability to mandate the wearing of masks and other executive orders without approval of the power to do so from the Assembly.

A bill akin to Prescott's on emergency declarations authored by Rep. Matt Lehman (R-Berne) passed through Tuesday's House Rules and Legislative Procedures committee and now moves to the House floor, all but confirming that Prescott's bill won't get a hearing.

Noting that most of his legislation is "kind of boring," bills Holdman introduced outline the establishment of a new housing tax credit for eligible projects, reporting requirements for local and state redevelopment corporations and new definitions regarding the state's economic development for a growing economy (EDGE) Tax Credit.

Other bills Prescott introduced include amending Indiana's notary requirement for real estate-related documents, limiting a fine on oversized loads to a year after a citation is issued and one that would force the

Assembly to reconvene if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns preceding rulings allowing abortions or if the U.S. Constitution is amended to allow states to prohibit abortions.

A full list of each bill introduced by Holdman and Prescott is online at bit.ly/3nzFggho and bit.ly/35wIFHV, respectively.

Both Holdman as a chairperson and Prescott as a new member serve on committees regarding fiscal policy in their respective chambers. The Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy and House Ways and Means committees meet weekly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, respectively. Those meetings along with every other committee meeting and chamber session can be streamed online at iga.in.gov.

Holdman also serves on the Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure and Appropriations committees.

Remains are ID'd

WASHINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Human remains found last fall in southwestern Indiana have been identified as those of a 72-year-old man whose 2019 disappearance prompted weeks of searches in a rural area.

The University of Indianapolis' anthropology department analyzed the remains and used DNA to confirm that they are those of Dan Grannan, said Daviess County Sheriff Gary Allison.

Capsule Reports

Berne man fined

A Berne man was fined recently for killing a bald eagle.

Samuel G. Graber, 24, had pleaded guilty to unlawfully killing a migratory bird. His sentence was suspended, and U.S. Magistrate Court Judge Susan Collins ordered him to complete six months probation and pay a \$5,000 fine.

According to court documents, on or about Nov. 2, 2019, Graber unlawfully killed a bald eagle. Under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, his \$5,000 fine will go to the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund.

Sheriff's Department will be taking applications for the following positions

- Full time Merit Deputy
- Full & Part time Correction Offices
- Part time Dispatcher

Will be accepting applications until 1/22/21

SERVICES

Today
Bergdoll, Mits: 2:30 p.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey.

Thursday
Taylor, Penny: 5 p.m., Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St., Redkey.

Friday
Klopfenstein, Garnet: 1 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Theurer, Mike: 3 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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New rotarian

Brian McGalliard (left) recently joined the Portland Rotary Club. Seen above is him shaking hands with rotary president John Goodrich.

Steed sees its final night

BY TED KOOSER

U.S. Poet Laureate

Here, poet Yusef Komunyakaa, who teaches at New York University, shows us a fine portrait of the hard life of a worker — in this case, a horse — and, through metaphor, the terrible, clumsy beauty of his final moments.

American Life in Poetry

Komunyakaa was awarded the 1994 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry.

Yellowjackets

When the plowblade struck
An old stump hiding under
The soil like a beggar's
Rotten tooth, they swarmed up
& Mister Jackson left the plow
Wedged like a whaler's harpoon.
The horse was midnight
Against dusk, tethered to somebody's
Pocketwatch. He shivered, but not
The way women shook their heads
Before mirrors at the five
& dime—a deeper connection
To the low field's evening star.
He stood there, in tracechains,
Lathered in froth, just
Stopped by a great, goofy
Calmness. He whinnied
Once, & then the whole
Beautiful, blue-black sky
Fell on his back.

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Woman can't control her anger

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 24-year-old woman who has been married for four years. My husband, "Jerry," and I have two young boys. Jerry is military. I stay at home with the kids and work part time online on an associate degree. We struggle financially, but our basic needs are met and, overall, I'm happy with my life.

My problem is I'm finding myself struggling to control a very strong temper. The kids or my husband may be getting on my nerves, or I'm late turning in an assignment, or I'm unable to get housework done -- these frustrations build up inside and make me want to throw a fit, scream or throw things, essentially NOT be the cool, responsible adult I typically am.

I know this is incredibly immature, and I realize I'm well off in the grand scheme of things, but this anger still brews. I have never had a problem controlling my temper before. Can you help? — FIRED UP IN FLORIDA

DEAR FIRED UP: The quaran-

tines and lockdowns may be part of the cause of your near meltdowns. Many people are stressed and spread thin, and the isolation isn't helping.

Because you are constantly with your children, it's important that you manage your emotions before venting them on your little ones, which can be destructive. When an adult yells or acts out in front of a small child, the child will often shut down out of fear that violence may follow. This is why it's so important for you to find appropriate ways to express your emotions. My booklet "The Anger in

All of Us and How To Deal With It" offers suggestions for directing angry feelings in a healthy way. It can be ordered by sending your name and address, plus a check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Sometimes when people are frustrated, they lose their temper with those presently around them. In situations like this, it's important to evaluate the source of what might really be irritating you rather than misdirect your anger at a blameless target. The ability to control your emotions is crucial so your children won't grow up thinking that exploding is normal. There are healthy ways of dealing with frustration. Among them: leaving the room, going for a walk or, better yet, a short run, or saying to yourself, "Please, Lord, don't let me lose my temper!" before opening your mouth.

Dear Abby



Community Calendar

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

Today

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 (206) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — For caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, the group will meet at 6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Blackford Community Hospital conference room, 410 Pilgrim Boulevard in Hartford City. For more information, call Joni Slentz or

Lisa Garrett at (765) 348-1072 or (800) 272-3900.

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.

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 Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Kevin Culy at (260) 251-2843.

SENIOR CITIZENS CARD CLUB — Will meet at 1 p.m. on the first, second, third and fifth Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

Friday

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

Sudoku

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	9	4					1	
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Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

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Dreary days of winter are finite

By JACK RONALD

The Commercial Review

And so it begins: The long slog toward springtime.

If you fall into certain age categories, you'll find yourself wondering in the coming weeks why the heck you still live in the Midwest. You'll have high school classmates and cousins and in-laws living in places like Florida or Arizona or — to make you truly envious — Belize.

And you're still shoveling snow.

What is different this time around is, of course, the pandemic.

Does it make things worse? Or do the restrictions actually make the wintry season more bearable?

When the guidelines from the

Back in the Saddle



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention started coming down last spring, they were in stark contrast to the season. The sun was shining, temperatures were rising, and baseball was on the horizon.

Until it wasn't. COVID-19 restricted our world, limiting contact with others, putting a dampener on spring. And things didn't get much better in the summer-

time. If anything, they were worse.

In winter, I am hoping, the contrast will be less sharply defined.

After all, for most of January and up through the Super Bowl, most Americans are on the couch, eating too much, watching way too much football and pretty much socially isolated just the way the CDC would like us to be.

And even our mask-free brethren — engaged in imaginary combat against the tyranny of public health officials attempting to save their lives — will have to bundle up.

Who knows? They may even have to wrap scarves around their faces now and then as winter wind chills reinforce the CDC's messaging.

Yes, there will continue to be restrictions. Church services, concerts and — most importantly in Indiana and Ohio — high school basketball games will be affected.

But the nice thing about winter is that it doesn't last forever.

Every day without snow, every day without sub-zero temperatures, every day when the car starts on the first turn of the key is another step toward springtime.

Though it seems, usually in late February and early March, as if the season will go on forever, it is finite.

And that's comforting, especially because there are now indicators that the pandemic is finite as well.

The remarkable development

of vaccines provides us all with a degree of hope that was sorely lacking even a few months ago.

Like spring, like the emergence of crocuses in the backyard, receiving the vaccine is now a matter of when, not if.

Think about that and savor it: When. Not if.

Spring will come. Baseball, in some form or other, will be played. Bats will crack. Daffodils and tulips will appear, undeterred by any pandemic. Nature will have run its course.

It may seem a long slog at times, but there's sunshine at the other end.

Just the same, please remind me of that about the third week of February. I may need a little lift by then.

It was a case of too little, too late

South Bend Tribune

Indiana Sen. Mike Braun's change of heart about challenging an American election — an election deemed safe and secure by every reliable measure — was a case of too little, too late.

The senator, who had signed on to a joint statement with 10 other sitting and incoming Senate Republicans alleging "unprecedented allegations of voter fraud," reversed his position after rioters stormed into the Capitol building on Wednesday, forcing a lockdown.

"I think today changed things drastically," he told a reporter. "Whatever point you made before, that should suffice ... and get this ugly day behind us."

But that ugly day — which ended with four deaths and an indelible stain on the country — was the result of two months of Republican officials, starting with the president, fomenting anger through repeated lies about a stolen election, of stirring unrest by giving legitimacy to voter fraud allegations that have been rejected soundly and repeatedly by the courts.

There is no evidence of voter fraud that would change the outcome of the presidential election. Pretending otherwise is wrong — but staying silent can be equally damning.

Sen. Todd Young, Indiana's senior senator, had announced that he wouldn't object to the Electoral College results and would vote to certify. Confronted by pro-Trump crowd before the rioting began, Young told them, "My opinion doesn't matter, and you know what, when it comes to the law, our opinions don't matter, the law matters. ... I took an oath under God. Under God, I took an oath. Do we still take that seriously in this country?"

Young was right to reject the move that Braun had embraced — but his words should have come two months earlier, not at the last minute.

That would have been upholding his duty and fulfilling his oath of office.

Such duties seem to have escaped Rep. Jackie Walorski, who voted to object to Electoral Col-

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lege results in Arizona and Pennsylvania.

In a tweet earlier this week, Walorski said that regardless of the outcome of the election, Congress had to ensure elections are "free, fair, and secure."

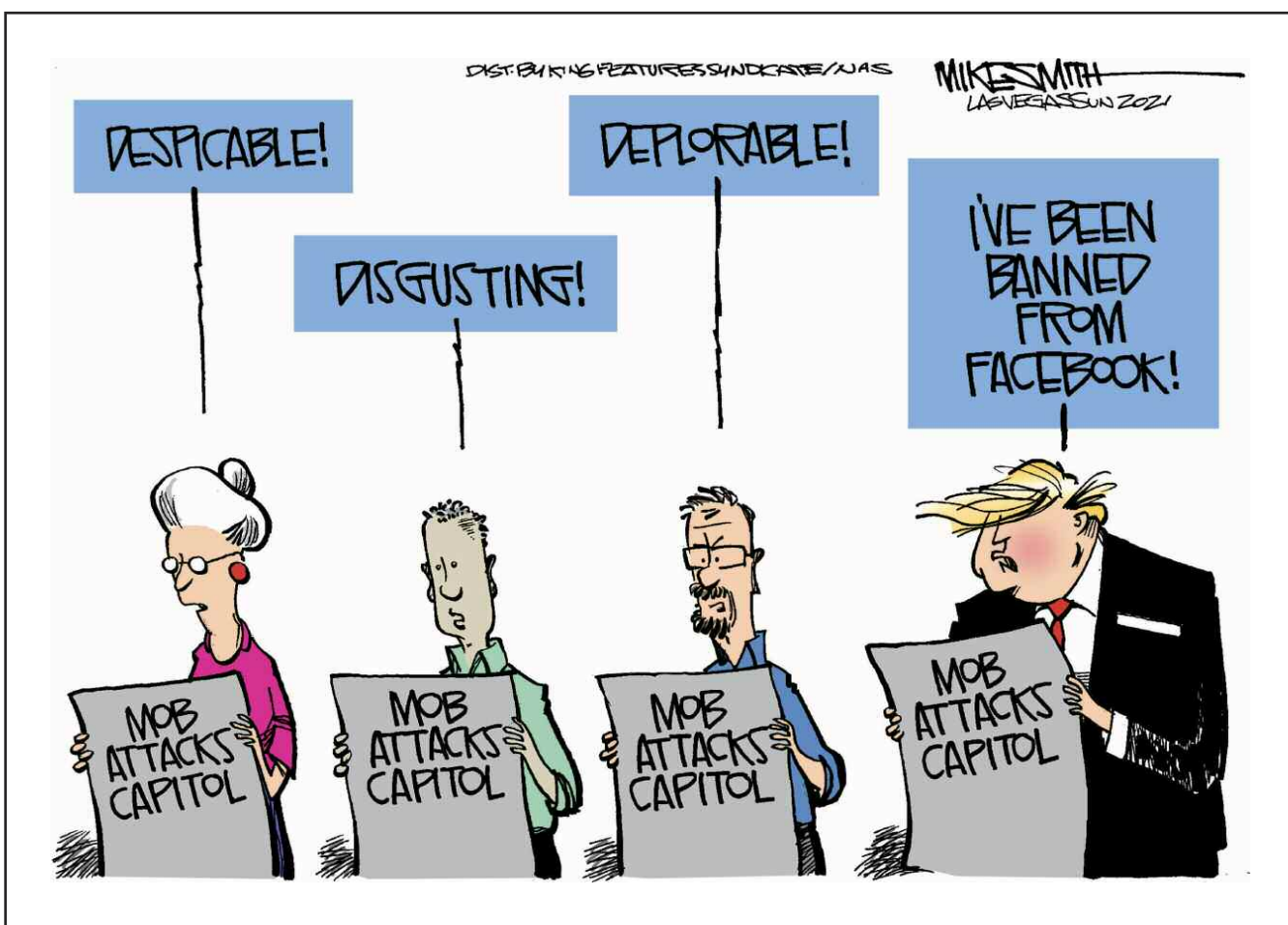
But this isn't about sincere concerns and legitimate claims about election security. If it were, then the fact that both the departments of Justice and Homeland Security have not found evidence of widespread voter fraud would have mattered. As would the failure of 61 lawsuits challenging the election — in decisions by Democratic- and Republican-appointed judges.

Instead, with her vote, Walorski helped lend credence to unsubstantiated claims about widespread voter fraud.

Those claims over the last two months further stoked anger and division and led to the frightening scenes that played out on Wednesday — scenes that more resembled a banana republic than a country often called the world's greatest democracy.

After the rioting broke out, Walorski called for peace, tweeting: "Every American has the right to exercise their First Amendment rights, but violence and destruction are never the answer. Stop these attacks on our country now and keep the protests peaceful."

Again, too little, too late.



Credibility has been stormed

By CLARA FERREIRA MARQUES

Bloomberg Opinion

America could hardly have been kinder with propaganda gifts to autocrats over the past few months.

First, there was the mishandling of a coronavirus pandemic spiraling out of control; then, chaotic elections that the incumbent refused to concede. Now, the televised storming of Capitol Hill by marauding protesters, virtually unchallenged by police. This is invaluable material for Russia's Vladimir Putin, China's Xi Jinping and any other leader eager to portray transitions of power as anarchic and damaging, cementing their own importance as custodians of stability. It helps justify their clampdowns on opposing voices and enfeebles the U.S. in standing up as a meaningful proponent of democracy.

The potential short-term damage is no doubt overdone by the effects of dramatic footage. President-elect Joe Biden will take over in two weeks and the pillars of the U.S. political system are still standing. But the pernicious longer-term impact of events in recent months — culminating with the first large-scale breach of the Capitol since 1814, incited by an elected president — are far more worrying, especially for people fighting for freedom and representation elsewhere. This is not turbulence in the Kyrgyz capital Bishkek after allegations of vote-rigging in October, but a transition of power marred by violence in Washington, D.C.

State media in China, Russia and beyond, having covered November's election turmoil and Donald Trump's belligerent speeches with glee, are now beaming images of flag-carrying rioters against the background of the Capitol and, inside, of lawmakers taking cover.

As with a Rorschach inkblot test, everyone is reading into the mayhem what they want. The chief reporter of China's state-backed tabloid Global Times made a comparison to pro-democracy demonstrators' incursion

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into Hong Kong's Legislative Council in 2019. The paper carried a roundup of online schadenfreude, contrasting images of China's regimented COVID-19 fight with clashes in Washington.

Polish television likened the demonstrators to the country's own opposition. Maria Zakharova, the usually vocal spokeswoman for Russia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, merely shared a post from former CNN Moscow bureau chief and Russia scholar Jill Dougherty: "The United States will never again be able to tell the world that we are a paragon of democracy." It's noteworthy that, for now at least, commentary is sparser than back in November. The images from the ground are enough to do the work of many thousands of words for the world's propagandists.

Strongman leaders, meanwhile, are mirroring back language normally used by the State Department on distant electoral disarray. Turkey said it was following internal developments with "concern" and called on "all parties in the U.S. to maintain restraint and prudence." Diosdado Cabello, a senior figure in Venezuelan leader Nicolas Maduro's political circle, tweeted "I'll be brief: The USA, what a mess. We will win!" The government condemned "political polarization" and a "spiral of violence that only reflects the profound crisis that the U.S. political and social system is going through."

There are three worrying consequences in all this.

First, it makes peaceful transitions of power more difficult by bolstering the notion that strongmen love to sup-

port — that alternating leaders equals pandemonium. The promotion of stability has already helped Putin to justify constitutional changes allowing him to stand again in 2024, when his current term expires. He argues that Russia has little time for the jostling among potential successors. China removed term limits on its presidency in 2018. In both places, an increasingly popular response to silence criticism of anything from governance to the spread of COVID-19 has become: It's worse over there.

Second, the example of U.S. disarray allows authoritarian leaders, and those teetering on the brink of becoming one, to tighten control over opposition voices. Washington, they will argue, is proof of what happens when extreme, fringe elements run wild, society is allowed to fracture and social media is unbridled.

The third, and perhaps most painful outcome, is that it becomes far harder for the U.S., having failed the most basic test, to act as the beacon of democracy that it has been for decades.

In extremis, this could prove to be, as so many have rushed to say, the U.S. equivalent of the 1923 Munich Putsch. But it's vital to point out that what happens next is not predetermined. Americans are now waking up to the cold reality of what so many of us who have seen less stable or long-lived systems already know: Democracy can erode fast, if you allow it to. In fact, what happens next matters almost more than what we've just witnessed. The U.S. succeeded in counting its votes in the midst of bedlam back in November. If the country can now act to mend the torn social fabric and repair its politics, it will provide a better lesson in democracy than years of preaching ever could.

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Vaccines ...

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Indiana State Department of Health lists additional vaccination clinics available in adjacent counties at Adams County Health Department, Adams Memorial Hospital, Wells County Health Department, the Hartford City Elks Lodge, Delaware County Health Department, IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital, Randolph County Health Department and Reid Health in Lynn. Any eligible Hoosier can make an appointment at any of the clinics available in Indiana.

Jeannine Poole said she signed up for an appointment as soon as she was able to do so. Several of her family members have had COVID-19, she added, and she misses activities like attending church in person and going out to eat.

"I'm so happy to get this shot," she said. "So happy. "I don't want to get sick. ... I don't want to worry about, 'Am I a carrier? Did I give it to someone?'"

As for Larry Poole's thoughts about receiving the vaccine.

"It's great," he said. "It's great. Anybody that doesn't take it would be very unwise as far as I'm concerned. ...

"I want to get rid of the pandemic. And I want to go back to life the way it was. And this is the way to do it."

Appointments were scheduled in 10-minute increments for the opening day of the clinic. It took the Pooles each about five minutes to go through the registration process.

After receiving the shots,

patients were moved to a waiting room where they were observed for 15 minutes in order to ensure that they did not have an allergic reaction.

"All the people that came in today seemed very happy about getting the vaccine," said Butz, who was among the health department staff checking in on patients, providing information and reminding them about their appointment to receive their second dose. (According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it typically takes a few weeks to build immunity after the second vaccine.) "And we didn't have any adverse reactions or anything afterward. So, good day. ...

"I think a lot of people see it and they see those first steps to the light at the end of the tun-

nel. And especially for those high-risk populations. These are people that have been on lockdown since March, a lot of them. They've been trying to be safe. This gives them somewhat of a peace of mind, which is a great thing."

He noted that the goal is that as higher-risk populations are vaccinated, the number of hospitalizations and deaths will decrease.

Jay County Health Department received its first 100 doses Friday. Another 100 doses came in this week, and staff is hoping that another allotment will arrive in the next few days.

"We want to get it out there to the public as quickly as we can," Butz said.

Coronavirus is mainly spread through respiratory

droplets or small particles from an infected person coughing, sneezing, talking or breathing. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that it may be possible those particles and droplets remain suspended in the air for an unknown period of time and travel beyond 6 feet, especially indoors.

CDC guidelines encourage wearing a mask and avoiding close contact when around others and frequent hand washing and surface cleaning as ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The virus causes a range of symptoms, which can appear two to 14 days after exposure. Older adults and those with pre-existing health problems are susceptible to more severe illnesses.

In review

New high

Coronavirus deaths in the U.S. hit another one-day high at over 4,300 with the country's attention focused largely on the fallout from the deadly uprising at the Capitol.

The nation's overall death toll from COVID-19 has eclipsed 380,000, according to Johns Hopkins University, and is closing in fast on the number of Americans killed in World War II, or about 407,000. Confirmed infections have topped 22.8 million.

With the country simultaneously facing a political crisis and on edge over threats of more violence from far-right extremists, the U.S. recorded 4,327 deaths on Tuesday by Johns Hopkins' count. Arizona and California have been among the hardest-hit states.

On trial

LAMEZIA TERME, Italy — A trial with more than 320 defendants began today in southern Italy against the 'ndrangheta crime syndicate, arguably the world's richest criminal organization that quietly amassed power as the Sicilian Mafia lost influence.

Expected to take at least a year, the trial is taking place in a specially constructed high-security bunker on the sprawling grounds of an industrial park in Calabria, the "toe" of the Italian peninsula.

Prosecutors hope the trial will deliver a harsh blow to the 'ndrangheta, the Calabria-based mob organization that has exploited tens of billions of dollars in cocaine revenues over decades to extend its criminal reach across Europe and into several continents.

Charging

FLINT, Mich. — Former Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, his health director and other ex-officials have been told they're being charged after a new investigation of the Flint water scandal, which devastated the majority Black city with lead-contaminated water and was blamed for a deadly outbreak of Legionnaires' disease, The Associated Press has learned.

Two people with knowledge of the planned prosecution told the AP on Tuesday that the attorney general's office has informed defense lawyers about indictments in Flint and told them to expect initial court appearances soon. They spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly.

—Associated Press

Impeachment ...

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A Capitol police officer died from injuries suffered in the riot, and police shot and killed a woman during the siege. Three other people died in what authorities said were medical emergencies. Lawmakers had to scramble for safety and hide as rioters took control of the Capitol and delayed by hours the last step in finalizing Biden's victory.

The outgoing president offered no condolences for those dead or injured, only saying, "I want no violence."

At least five Republican lawmakers, including third-ranking House GOP leader Liz Cheney of Wyoming, were unswayed by the president's logic. The Republicans announced they would vote to impeach Trump, cleaving the Republican leadership, and the party itself.

"The President of the United States summoned this mob, assembled the mob, and lit the flame of this attack," said Cheney in a statement. "There has never been a greater betrayal by a President of the United States of his office and his oath to the Constitution."

Cheney's father was the vice president under President George W. Bush and a Republican leader in the House. "She knows of what she speaks," said Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, the Democratic majority leader.

Unlike a year ago, Trump faces impeachment as a weakened leader, having lost his own reelection as well as the Senate Republican majority.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky is said to be angry at Trump, and it's unclear how a Senate impeachment trial would play out. The New York Times reported that McConnell thinks Trump committed an impeachable offense

and is glad Democrats are moving against him. Citing unidentified people familiar with McConnell's thinking, the Times reported McConnell believes moving against Trump will help the GOP forge a future independent of the divisive, chaotic president.

The president was said to be livid with perceived disloyalty from McConnell and Cheney, as calls mounted for her ouster. He was also deeply frustrated that he could not hit back with his shuttered Twitter account, the fear of which has kept most Republicans in line for years, according to White House officials and Republicans close to the West Wing who weren't authorized to speak publicly about private conversations.

The team around Trump has hollowed out, without any plan for combating the impeachment effort. Trump leaned on Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina to push Republican senators, while chief of staff Mark Meadows called some of his former colleagues on the Hill.

Yet Trump and his allies believed that the president's sturdy popularity with the GOP lawmakers' constituents would prevent most from voting against him. After the riot at the Capitol, most House Republicans did go on that night to vote to overturn the election results.

Trump was expected to watch

much of today's proceedings on TV from the White House residence and his private dining area off the Oval Office.

In the House, Republican leader Kevin McCarthy of California, a top Trump ally, scrambled to suggest a lighter censure instead, but that option crumbled.

So far, Republican Reps. John Katko of New York, a former federal prosecutor; Adam Kinzinger of Illinois, an Air Force veteran; Fred Upton of Michigan; and Jaime Herrera Beutler of Washington state have announced they would vote to impeach.

The House tried first to push Vice President Mike Pence and the Cabinet to intervene, passing a resolution Tuesday night calling on them to invoke the 25th Amendment to the Constitution to remove Trump from office.

Pence made it clear he would not do so, saying in a letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, that it was "time to unite our country as we prepare to inaugurate President-elect Joe Biden."

Debate over the resolution was intense after lawmakers returned the Capitol for the first time since the siege.

While House Republican leaders are allowing rank and file lawmakers to vote their conscience on impeachment, it's far from clear there would then be the two-thirds vote in the evenly divided

Senate needed to convict and remove Trump. Republican Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania joined Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska over the weekend in calling for Trump to "go away as soon as possible."

With just over a week remaining in Trump's term, the FBI warned ominously of potential armed protests by Trump loyalists ahead of Biden's inauguration. Capitol Police urged lawmakers to be on alert.

New security in place, lawmakers were required to pass through metal detectors to enter the House chamber, not far from where Capitol police, guns drawn, had barricaded the door against the rioters. Some Republican lawmakers complained about the screening.

Biden has said it's important to ensure that the "folks who engaged in sedition and threatening the lives, defacing public property, caused great damage — that they be held accountable."

The impeachment bill draws from Trump's own false statements about his election defeat to Biden. Judges across the country, including some nominated by Trump, have repeatedly dismissed cases challenging the election results, and former Attorney General William Barr, a Trump ally, has said there was no sign of widespread fraud.

Navalny set to return home

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Top Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny says he plans to go home to Russia next weekend despite the authorities' threats to put him once again behind bars.

Navalny, who has been convalescing in Germany from an August poisoning with a nerve agent that he has blamed on the Kremlin, charged that Russian President Vladimir Putin was now trying to deter him from coming home with new legal motions.

The Kremlin has repeatedly denied a role in the opposition leader's poisoning.

"Putin is stamping his feet demanding to do everything so that that I don't return home," Navalny said toay while announcing his return on Instagram. "The people who tried to kill me got offended because I survived and now they are threatening to put me behind bars."

He said he will fly home from Germany on Sunday.

The European Court for Human Rights had ruled that his conviction was unlawful.



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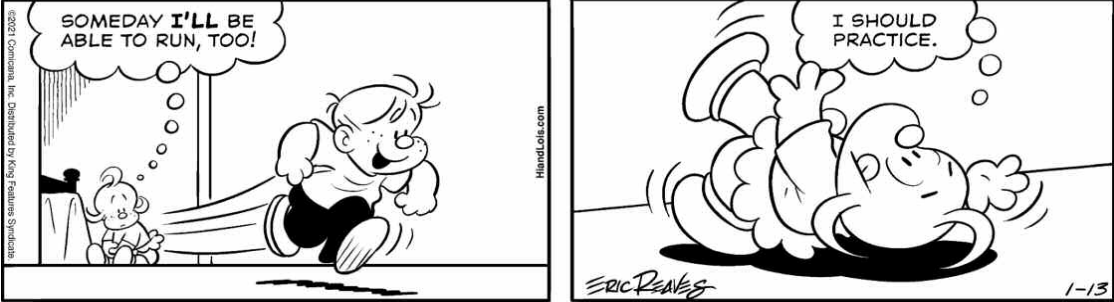
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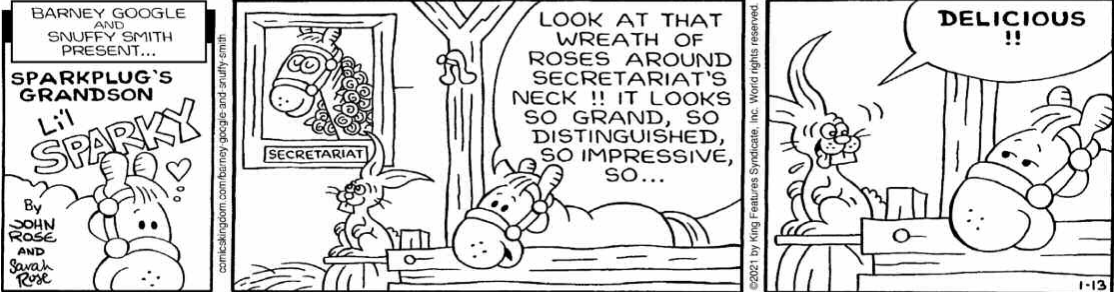
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Sports

Tankers split with Tigers

Girls get eighth win, boys dip to 4-5

YORKTOWN — The girls got yet another dual win. The boys narrowly lost. Jay County High School's girls swim team picked up a 105-74 victory and the boys lost 90-86 Tuesday against the Yorktown Tigers.

The Patriot girls move to 8-1 on the year, and the boys dip to 4-5. Ashlyn Dow was the lone dual-event winner for the JCHS girls. The senior had a time of 2 minutes, 24.18 seconds, to win the 200-yard individual medley, then backed it up by winning the 100 breaststroke in 1:10.53.

Dow joined Rieley Brewster, Eliza Bader and Mara Bader to win the 200 medley relay in 1:59.21, then teamed with Lilli Clemmons and the Bader sisters for a time of 1:46.08 to win the 200 freestyle relay.

Eliza Bader (100 backstroke - 1:04.8) and Lauren Brewster (diving - 182.95 points) also had individual victories.

The Patriot boys got a couple event victories from Kyle Sanders, who had the top spot in the 50 freestyle (23.42 seconds) and 100 butterfly (1:00.94). Justice Murphy scored 167.1 points to win diving.



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Invite effort

Fort Recovery High School's Danielle Braun swims the 200-yard freestyle Saturday morning during the Jay County Invitational. Braun placed 14th in the event in 2 minutes, 40.54 seconds while her teammates Teigen Fortkamp and Audra Bubb were second and seventh, respectively. The Indians placed fourth in the six-team field.

Semifinals are set for ACAC tourney

The semifinals are set. The Patriots get the Tigers, and a pair of county rivals will square off against one another.

The opening round of the Allen County Athletic Conference tournament took place Tuesday night, setting the stage for Friday's semifinal round.

Bluffton's boys and girls teams both defended their home court in knocking off Woodlan, including the girls in overtime. The Tigers will host Jay County, which received a bye to the semifinal round, on Friday.

Jay County's boys are 3-3 on the

year, while the girls are 12-3.

The Tiger boys (4-5) beat Woodlan (3-7) by a 53-52 margin, just three days after topping the Warriors on the road. Bluffton's girls (9-7) edged Woodlan 40-38 in over-

time.

In Berne at Stardome, the South Adams Starfires swept the visiting Southern Wells Raiders. The Starfire boys (5-4) raced past the 2-10 Raiders 89-63, and the

SAHS girls (6-8) did the same with a 58-39 victory.

In Monroe, the Adams Central Jet squads held off the Heritage Patriots to set up a semifinal against county rival South Adams at The Hangar. The Jet boys (7-5) beat the 5-5 Patriots 43-35, then the ACHS girls (10-7) topped Heritage 58-52.

Boys semifinal games will begin at 6 p.m. Friday and the girls contests will follow. The championships, which will be played at South Adams, are set for 3 p.m. (boys) and 7 p.m. (girls) at South Adams.

Jay boys, girls to meet Bluffton while Adams Central's teams host South Adams

Pacers stymie Curry

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SAN FRANCISCO — Edmond Sumner earned a start for Indiana that came with a daunting assignment: defending Stephen Curry.

Myles Turner made a go-ahead 3-pointer with 2:59 left and scored 22 points, Aaron Holiday converted a layup on the next possession and the Pacers held off Curry and the Golden State Warriors 104-95 Tuesday night.

Indiana kept Curry in check by regularly playing him with a tough box-and-1 defense, though the two-time MVP still created his chances.

He found his groove again following a rare off night Sunday against the Raptors to finish with 20 points.

"People are going to throw everything at Steph," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "That'll be a big theme this season and we've got to do a better job of attacking what people are throwing at us, and

we'll get better at it."

Justin Holiday also hit a key 3 late as the Pacers bounced back from a loss at Sacramento a night earlier to avoid dropping consecutive road games for the first time.

Curry shot 7 for 17 with three 3-pointers.

Indiana coach Nate Bjorkgren credited his team's defensive energy.

"They were mad from last night and they came today with an edge to them," he said.

Curry was coming off an 11-point game in which he shot 2 for 16 and missed nine of his 10 3s in Sunday's win against Toronto after scoring 143 over his previous four games, including a career-high 62 a week before against Portland.

Kelly Oubre Jr. contributed 17 points and key reserves Damion Lee and Mychal Mulder hit consecutive 3-pointers during one fourth-quarter stretch for Golden State before the Pacers got hot.

On tap

Local schedule

Thursday
Jay County — Wrestling vs. Homestead - 6:30 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. Heritage - 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at Heritage - 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at Marion Local - 5:30 p.m.; Swimming at Van Wert - 5:30 p.m.; Eighth grade girls basketball at St. Marys Memorial - 6:15 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Girls wrestling state final at Kokomo - 7:30 a.m.; Boys basketball ACAC tournament semifinal vs. Bluffton at Bluffton 6 p.m.; Girls basketball ACAC tournament semifinal vs. Bluffton at Bluffton - 7:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs. Marion Local - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Wrestling in Coldwater Invitational - 9 a.m.; Boys basketball ACAC tournament final at South Adams - 3 p.m.; Girls basketball ACAC tournament at South Adams - 7 p.m.; Junior varsity wrestling at Tri Invitational - 9 a.m.; Junior high wrestling at Bellmont Quad - 9:30 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. Crestview - noon; Boys basketball at Wapakoneta - 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball vs. Celina - 10 a.m.

TV schedule

Today
7 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Northwestern at Ohio State (BTN); DePaul at Georgetown (FS1); Arkansas at LSU (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Brooklyn Nets at New York Knicks (ESPN)
9 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Texas Tech at Texas (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: New Orleans Pelicans at Los Angeles Clippers (ESPN)

Thursday
5 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Pepperdine at Gonzaga (ESPN2); Washington State at UCLA (FS1)
7 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Houston at South Florida (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Miami Heat at Philadelphia 76ers (TNT)

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