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## Orange again

*Jay stays at high risk of coronavirus spread, most of state is at severe*

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Jay County is orange again.

In Indiana State Department of Health's update Wednesday, the county was rated "orange" (high risk of the spread of coronavirus) for the second consecutive week.

The bulk of the Hoosier state was designated "red" (severe risk) in Wednesday's update, with 73 of 92 counties at that level. That list included Blackford and Wells counties.

The remaining 19, including Adams, Delaware and Randolph counties in addition to Jay, were orange. Randolph County was also flagged because of a "large number of the weekly cases being attributable to congregate settings."

The county metrics are based on two statistics — weekly cases per 100,000 and seven-day positivity rate.

Jay County's cases per 100,000 came in at 288 this week, up from 264 last week. It has been over 800 in November and early December before dropping to 190 two weeks ago.

The local positivity rate came in at 12.4%, which was also up from last week's 10.5%. It had been over 20% last month and had dropped to 9.5% two weeks ago.

Jay County initially made the move to red (severe) on the day before Thanksgiving. It remained there for four weeks before dropping back to orange and then yellow. But it quickly returned to orange last week and remained there

this week. (County metrics are updated each Wednesday based on Sunday's statistics.)

New cases have been down locally over the last several weeks. They were in single digits 21 of the last 25 days after being in double digits for the bulk of November and the first half of December. (The single-day high was 44 on Nov. 20.)

The county is averaging 7.3 new cases per day this month after being at 22.8 in November and 13.2 in December.

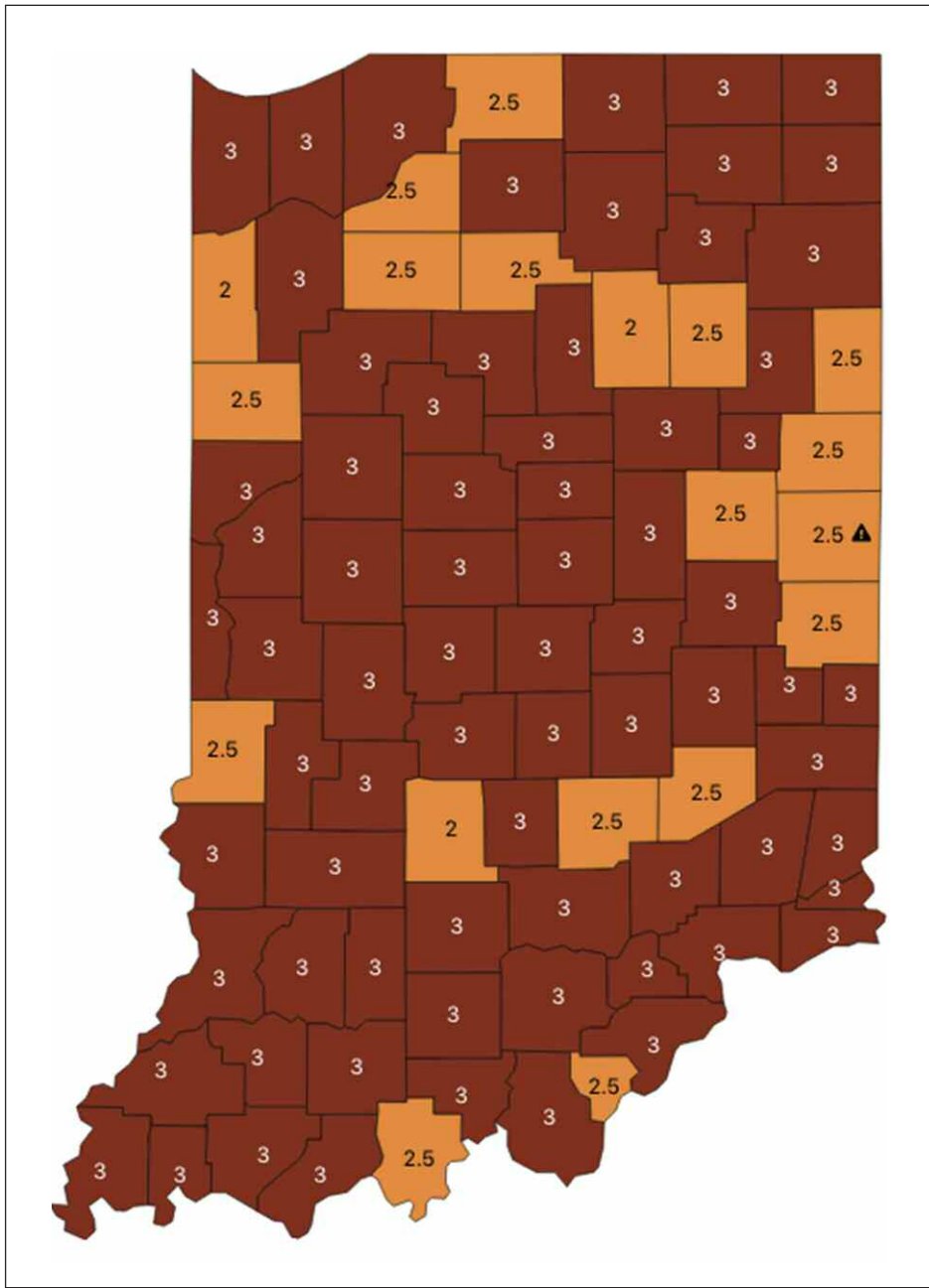
The hope from local and state health officials is that as vaccinations become available, the number of hospitalizations and deaths will also decline. As of Wednesday's update, Indiana has totaled 574,119 cases of COVID-19 and 8,790 deaths.

Jay County Health Department's coronavirus vaccination clinic opened for the first time Tuesday, with 50 doses being given by the end of the day. The clinic is open again today.

Heath Butz, environmentalist and administrator with the health department, said he felt the opening day went well.

"I think a lot of people see it and they see those first steps to the light at the end of the tunnel," he said. "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."

Initially available only to Hoosiers 80 and older,



Indiana State Department of Health

While Jay County remained at "orange" in the Indiana State Department of Health's county metrics that were updated Wednesday, most of the state — 73 of 92 counties — was "red" (severe risk of the spread of coronavirus).

Indiana State Department of Health early Wednesday expanded appointments to those 70 and older. Dr. Lindsay Weaver, the department's chief medical officer, said that in the first five hours of availability nearly 60,000 Indiana residents between 70 and 79

had scheduled appointments at ourshot.in.gov or by calling the state's 2-1-1 telephone assistance service. 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. today
  - 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Saturday
  - 11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday
  - 11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Jan. 21
  - 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Jan. 23
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## Council gives OK to raises

*Corn and Shepherd will assume some duties of previous engineer*

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Former county engineer Dan Watson resigned at the end of 2020.

Jay County highway superintendent Donnie Corn has taken over Watson's former responsibilities, and road foreman David Shepherd is helping pick up the slack.

Both will be receiving raises after Jay County Council approved a recommendation from the personnel committee Wednesday.

Council member Jeanne Houchins said the personnel committee reviewed the new job responsibilities at a meeting Monday. The committee looked at surrounding counties without engineers and the wages for similar positions to those held by Corn and Shepherd. Blackford County's highway superintendent makes near \$58,000, and its road foreman makes about \$44,000, she said. (That is about \$4,500 less than Corn made and \$4,000 less than Shepherd made previously.) Blackford County also outsources to an engineering firm for items such as Community Crossing grants, Indiana Department of Transportation reports and vouchers and bridge work.

Corn will take over the engineer's job alongside his work, and Shepherd will take over some of Corn's superintendent duties. The personnel committee decided it would be best to give both employees incentive for taking on new job duties.

"I believe in rewarding our employees," Houchins said.

Corn will receive about a \$7,500 raise and Shepherd about a \$4,000 raise (or \$2 more per hour).

"Are you looking at getting a county engineer in the future?" asked council member Ray Newton, who along with Matt Minnich, started his first term on council this month.

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## Committee tables vote on funding

By RILEY EUBANKS

The Commercial Review

Another entity has balked on appropriating money toward a proposed million-dollar animal control facility.

The Portland Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) Advisory Committee met Wednesday and tabled a vote on contributing \$166,250 over the next two years,

citing funding uncertainty days after Jay County Commissioners rescinded their funding commitment.

"Well, I see this as the county's problem," Portland Mayor John Boggs said at the meeting. "The county assembled a blue ribbon panel to come up with a blue ribbon solution ... now they want a blue collar price tag."

Commissioners assembled the Jay County Animal Control Task Force in 2018 to create a comprehensive plan for county-wide animal control. The task force returned with a recommendation for a new facility at an estimated cost between \$1.14 million and \$1.35.

Jay County Commissioners in December approved paying for a

quarter of such a facility, up to a maximum of \$275,000, but then rescinded that commitment Monday after two new commissioners took office. They said they're not against such a project, but that all of the governmental units involved should weigh in before funding is approved.

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## Trump impeached

*House voted by 232-197 margin Wednesday*

By LISA MASCARO, MARY CLARE JALONICK, JONATHAN LEMIRE and ALAN FRAM

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump was impeached by the U.S. House for a historic second time, charged with "incitement of insurrection" over the deadly mob siege of the U.S. Capitol in a swift and stunning collapse of his final days in office.

With the Capitol secured by armed National Guard troops inside and out, the House voted 232-197 on Wednesday to impeach Trump. The proceedings moved

at lightning speed, with lawmakers voting just one week after violent pro-Trump loyalists stormed the Capitol, egged on by the president's calls for them to "fight like hell" against the election results.

Ten Republicans fled Trump, joining Democrats who said he needed to be held accountable and warned ominously of a "clear and present danger" if Congress should leave him unchecked before Democrat Joe Biden's inauguration Jan. 20.

Trump is the only U.S. president to be twice impeached.

The Capitol insurrection stunned and angered lawmakers,

who were sent scrambling for safety as the mob descended, and it revealed the fragility of the nation's history of peaceful transfers of power. The riot also forced a reckoning among some Republicans, who have stood by Trump throughout his presidency and largely allowed him to spread false attacks against the integrity of the 2020 election.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi invoked Abraham Lincoln and the Bible, imploring lawmakers to uphold their oath to defend the Constitution from all enemies, foreign "and domestic."

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Washington Post/Melina Mara

A week after the insurrection of the U.S. Capitol, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., presides over President Donald Trump's second impeachment Wednesday. Trump was impeached by a 232-197 vote.

### Deaths

Rosa Sutter, 82, Portland  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 44 degrees Wednesday. The low was 33. Rain and snow showers are expected tonight with a low of 34. Skies will be mostly cloudy Friday with a high of 38. See page 2 for an extended forecast.

### In review

Rhett Braun, who is assigned to Jay County, was announced Wednesday as 2020 District 4 Indiana Conservation Officer of the Year. He has been assigned to Jay County since 2015. The honor makes him eligible for the Pitzer Award, which is presented to the top overall conservation officer in Indiana.

### Coming up

**Friday** — Results from tonight's JCHS wrestling match against Homestead.

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



# Raises ...

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They take over the seats previously held by Cindy Newton, Ray's wife, and Gary Theurer. Houchins asked commissioner Chad Aker, who was in attendance, if that position was eliminated. He said for now the county won't be filling the position and will instead be dividing its responsibilities between the two road officials. Newton questioned what the council should do if the new agreement doesn't work out and the county needs to hire a new engineer.

County auditor Anna Culy suggested creating a "dormant" county engineer position with the job description unchanged, which would make it easier to shift back if the new arrangement does not work out. She said she would need to check to see if that's possible to do. Houchins said both Corn and Shepherd will keep a log of their work and have an evaluation at a later date. Council approved the pay raises unanimously. Also Monday, council approved an amendment to the

integration agreement between Jay County Hospital and Indiana University Health to transfer about \$1.25 million in funds set aside for capital improvements to The Portland Foundation. IU Health Jay board president Dave Littler announced during a commissioner's meeting Dec. 28 that the board settled on an estimated \$3.75 million in capital improvement projects to be completed in 2021. (Commissioners approved the amendment as well.) In other business, council: •Appropriated the following:

about \$10,450 for the Local Emergency Planning Committee; about \$8,000 for the Cornerstones location in Richland township; about \$3,570 for the Jay County Sheriff's Office for equipment; and about \$73,405 for a six-month Community Corrections grant. •Approved nearly \$25,276 in encumbrances for a bioterrorism health grant (about \$21,000), the health department and the Community Corrections grant. •Appointed Liz Lawson to Jay County Public Library Board.

# Obituaries

**Rosa Sutter**, Portland, March 8, 1938-Jan. 10, 2021. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday 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

Friday 1/15	Saturday 1/16	Sunday 1/17	Monday 1/18	Tuesday 1/19
<b>37/27</b>	<b>35/28</b>	<b>32/23</b>	<b>31/25</b>	<b>36/26</b>
Cooler under mostly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of snow during the day. 15 mph wind.	Cooler with a 30% chance of snow in the morning turning into rain in the afternoon. 10 mph winds	Cloudy with a 30% chance of snow in the afternoon. At or below freezing all day and night.	Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be mostly cloudy with temperatures below freezing.	Warmer under mostly cloudy skies with no rain or snow currently projected.

# Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> 4-19-23-25-49 Power Ball: 14 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$640 million	52-54-55-56-57-61-72 Cash 5: 17-24-26-31-44 Hoosier Lotto: 14-17-25-33-40-46 Estimated jackpot: \$3.8 million
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$750 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 8-8-1 Pick 4: 9-2-6-3 Pick 5: 5-3-8-2-7 Evening Pick 3: 1-9-6 Pick 4: 1-8-8-2 Pick 5: 4-6-7-2-5 Rolling Cash: 5-19-21-24-28 Classic Lotto: 2-4-12-29-30-44 Kicker: 8-6-1-9-3-2 Estimated jackpot: \$3.2 million
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 2-00-3 Daily Four: 3-00-5-5 Quick Draw: 9-10-12-13-14-24-28-29-32-39-42-47-49-53-56-63-65-66-69-79 Evening Daily Three: 2-5-9 Daily Four: 6-8-2-2 Quick Draw: 1-7-10-12-13-14-15-20-21-32-40-44-47	

# Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....5.18 Wheat .....6.33	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....5.12 Feb. corn .....5.14 Beans .....14.01 Feb. beans .....14.01 Wheat ..... 6.49 March wheat ..... 6.51
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....5.26 Feb. corn .....5.29	<b>Sunrise St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.98 Feb. corn .....5.02 Beans .....13.81 Feb. beans .....13.91 Wheat .....6.34 Feb. wheat .....6.34
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....5.15 Feb. corn .....5.20 Beans .....14.03 Feb. beans .....14.07 Wheat ..... 6.58 Feb. wheat ..... 6.58	

# Today in history

**On Jan. 14, 1943**, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and French General Charles de Gaulle opened a wartime conference in Casablanca.

**In 1784**, the United States ratified the Treaty of Paris ending the Revolutionary War; Britain followed suit in April 1784.

**In 1914**, Ford Motor Co. greatly improved its assembly-line operation by employing an endless chain to pull each chassis along at its Highland Park, Michigan, plant.

**In 1968**, the Green Bay Packers of the NFL defeated the AFL's Oakland Raiders, 33-14, in the second AFL-NFL World Championship game (now referred to as Super Bowl II).

**In 1970**, Diana Ross and the Supremes performed their last concert together, at the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas.

**In 1994**, President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed an accord to stop aiming missiles at any nation; the leaders joined Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk in signing an accord to dismantle the nuclear arsenal of Ukraine.

**In 2006**, freshman Cori Vormohr accounted for the Jay County High School swim team's only victories as she won the 100-yard butterfly and 200 individual medley at the Olympic Athletic Conference Championships.

**In 2013**, Lance Armstrong ended a decade of denial by confessing to Oprah Winfrey during a videotaped interview that he'd used performance-enhancing drugs to win the Tour de France.

—AP and The CR

# Orange ...

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Butz said Tuesday that the first day of the clinic allowed the health department to gauge the flow of patients. That will help, he said, as officials make plans for larger clinics as the vaccine becomes more widely available. According to Weaver, the state will expand eligibility "as quickly as supplies and resources allow." "Our goal is to reduce deaths and hospitalizations. And that makes this the right approach," added state's health commissioner Dr. Kristina

Box. "Our system is working and we are going to stick with it." Hoosiers ages 60-and-older are being prioritized because the age group accounts for the majority of hospitalizations and deaths attributed to COVID-19. 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.

# Tables ...

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Boggs said the city is willing to contribute to building a new facility, even suggesting at one point during the meeting that Portland come up with its own solution to shelter animals if Jay County and its other municipalities choose not to contribute toward the county-wide initiative. But without assurance of county money being put toward the project, committee members advised

against approving funding for the facility. Committee member Janet Powers also had the concerns that the project has little prospect of developing the city's economy, which is the point of the committee, suggesting Portland should look to other funds to put money toward the proposal. The price of the building proposal, half of which is expected to be paid for through fundraising and the other half to be paid for

by local governments, was also discussed at length, with task force members saying that the million-dollar figures represent the minimum requirements needed in an animal control facility to abide by guidelines recommended by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, a non-profit organization. Task force facilities chair Dean Jetter said he received two "pretty close" quotes on the cost from

Fort Wayne's Grinsfelder Associates Architects Inc. and Muncie-based Taylor Architects Inc. The group also looked into overhauling an existing building in Portland, but that would still cost around \$1 million, task force members said. In addition to the request for funds toward the building, Portland was asked to contribute \$33,000 annually toward operational costs, which the EDIT committee did not vote on.

# Impeached ...

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She said of Trump: "He must go, he is a clear and present danger to the nation that we all love." Holed up at the White House, watching the proceedings on TV, Trump later released a video statement in which he made no mention at all of the impeachment but appealed to his supporters to refrain from any further violence or disruption of Biden's inauguration. "Like all of you, I was shocked and deeply saddened by the calamity at the Capitol last week," he said, his first condemnation of the attack. He appealed for unity "to move forward" and said, "Mob violence goes against everything I believe in and everything our movement stands for. ... No true supporter of mine could ever disrespect law enforcement." Trump was first impeached by the House in 2019 over his dealings with Ukraine, but the Senate voted in 2020 acquit. No president has been convicted by the Senate, but Republicans said Wednesday that could change in the rapidly shifting political environment as officeholders, donors, big business and others peel away from the defeated president.

Biden said in a statement after the vote that it was his hope the Senate leadership "will find a way to deal with their Constitutional responsibilities on impeachment while also working on the other urgent business of this nation." The soonest Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell would start an impeachment trial is Tuesday, the day before Trump is already set to leave the White House, McConnell's office said. The legislation is also intended to prevent Trump from ever running again. McConnell believes Trump committed impeachable offenses and considers the Democrats' impeachment drive an opportunity to reduce the divisive, chaotic president's hold on the GOP, a Republican strategist told The Associated Press on Wednesday. McConnell told major donors over the weekend that he was through with Trump, said the strategist, who demanded anonymity to describe McConnell's conversations. In a note to colleagues Wednesday, McConnell said he had "not made a final decision on how I will vote" in a Senate impeachment trial. Trump ally Kevin McCarthy, the House Republican leader, shifted his

position and said Wednesday the president bears responsibility for the horrifying day at the Capitol. In making a case for the "high crimes and misdemeanors" demanded in the Constitution, the four-page impeachment resolution relies on Trump's own incendiary rhetoric and the falsehoods he spread about Biden's election victory, including at a rally near the White House on the day of the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol. 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. The riot delayed the tally of Electoral College votes that was the last step in finalizing Biden's victory. Ten Republican lawmakers, including third-ranking House GOP leader Liz Cheney of Wyoming, voted to impeach Trump, cleaving the Republican leadership. Cheney, whose father is the former Republican vice president, said of Trump's actions summoning the mob that "there has never been a greater betrayal by a President" of his office.

# Sentence issued

HAMMOND, Ind. (AP) — A former Whiting mayor who pleaded guilty to charges that he spent about a quarter million dollars in campaign funds to gamble and pay personal bills avoided prison on Wednesday when a federal judge ordered he be placed on two years probation and home detention for one year. Joe Stahura was also ordered by U.S. District Judge James T. Moody to pay a \$7,500 fine. But the judge decided against following the recommendation of federal prosecutors issued last month to sentence Stahura to 15 months in federal prison. In September, Stahura, 64, pleaded guilty to wire fraud and filing a false tax return, felony charges that carry a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. He was forced out of public office at the time. His wife, Diane Stahura, entered into a separate agreement in which she acknowledged that prosecutors had enough evidence to charge her with wire fraud, according to a statement. At Wednesday's hearing Stahura apologized. "I've not only embarrassed my wife, my family, and the residents of Whiting, but everyone who believed in me," he said.

**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**  
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.

**Monday**  
Sutter, Rosa: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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<b>2017 Buick Encore Preferred II</b> AWD, Bluetooth, Remote Start, Back-up Camera, 35,000 miles	<b>\$16,300</b>
<b>2013 Ford Edge LTD AWD</b> bluetooth, backup camera, sunroof, heated leather seats with 102,000 miles	<b>\$12,700</b>
<b>2017 Buick Enclave</b> leather seats, front wheel drive, 31,300 miles, Bluetooth, remote start, back-up camera	<b>\$24,400</b>
<b>2018 Chevrolet Cruze LT</b> bluetooth, remote start, backup camera, heated seats, 19,900 miles	<b>\$13,900</b>
<b>2018 Chrysler Pacifica Limited</b> heated and cooled seats, sunroof, remote start, 30,500 miles	<b>\$27,200</b>

# Citizen's calendar

**Monday**  
4 p.m. — Jay School Board executive session, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.  
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.

**Tuesday**  
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.

## 4-H looking for new members

Jay County Purdue Extension Office's employees are trying to get a pie thrown in their faces.

The office boasts that if 75 register for the local 4-H chapter by 4:30 p.m. Friday, they will be entered in for a chance to throw a pie at office employees Allison Keen or Della Rockwell or Dru Mercer.

Those interested in joining can do so at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com) or calling the office at (260) 726-4707 or visiting 126 N. Meridian St., Portland.

### Helena offers

Helena Agri-Enterprises announced

### Taking Note

recently that it will award a \$1,000 Helena HomeGrown Scholarship.

The scholarship is open to a 2020-21 high school senior who will pursue a degree in agriculture or science. The deadline to apply is Jan. 31, and winners will be announced by the end of March.

For more information, visit [helena-homegrown.com](http://helena-homegrown.com).

# Mom upset son is into lady friend

DEAR ABBY: I'm a mom of three young adults, a daughter and two sons. The oldest recently married. My youngest is finishing his last two years of college out of state. Three months ago, he met a young lady.

I have tried constantly to be close with all my children, but the youngest has always kept me at bay. He expresses how different we are. Now that he has met this young lady, I think he's trying to push me further away and continue on with her and her mom. It makes me sad because no matter how hard I try to be a good mother and be present, it doesn't work. What do you suggest? — SAD MOM IN MISSISSIPPI

**DEAR MOM: Your son is pursuing not only this young lady, but also his independence, which is normal for someone his age, and he may need to separate from you for a while. Back off for now and allow him some space. Whether this college romance will pan out is anyone's guess, so calm down. If possible, concentrate on things other than your empty nest. However, if you are unable to do that, ask your physician or your insurance company to refer you to a**

Dear Abby



licensed psychotherapist to help you get through this.

DEAR ABBY: I lost my schnauzer to diabetes five months ago. He was my best and, really, only friend. I can't get over the guilt for having to euthanize him. I hate myself. I have cried every day since because I feel like I let him down. I have never had to go through this before. It was so traumatic I just can't get over it. Why is this so hard? — BEYOND GRIEF IN UTAH

**DEAR BEYOND GRIEF: You have my sympathy. If your dog was suffering and your veterinarian told you the time had come for him to go, you did the right thing. Our beloved pets should run and play rather than suffer. This is so**

painful because you loved your cherished family member and feel you should have saved him, which, of course, was beyond your power.

Every pet owner faces what you are experiencing when they leave their pet at the Rainbow Bridge. In time, your pain should lessen. But if it persists to the point that it interferes with the rest of your life, consult your veterinarian about joining a grief support group.

DEAR ABBY: My boss has been making passes at me for the last five months, even though I have told him it makes me uncomfortable. We went out to dinner once, and he is insisting that we do it again. How do I say no to this married man and still keep my job? — UNCOMFORTABLE IN THE SOUTH

**DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: Ask your employer if he is satisfied with your job performance. Tell him a social relationship with a married man is not what you signed on for and, if he becomes punitive, document it and point out that what he is doing could be considered sexual harassment.**

# Uncertainty clouds market future for seeds

By ADRIAN HIGGINS

The Washington Post

Times of economic and political turmoil have the predictable effect of turning people to the garden plot, principally to generate food but also to remain grounded in uncertain periods.

This response was seen during both world wars, the Depression and in the immediate aftermath of the Great Recession of the late 2000s. A figure that sticks with me is that during World War II, as much as 40% of the nation's produce came from victory gardens.

Another great crisis is upon us, and in March, the coronavirus pandemic induced a tsunami of demand for vegetable seeds. It was something the seed catalogues could not see coming, though they worked hard to get seeds to consumers, even if the selection of varieties was limited. At the time, Renee Shepherd of Renee's Garden told me she was

dealing with about six times the normal volume of orders while also trying to figure out how to keep her employees safe.

It was fortuitous that the pandemic occurred at the threshold of spring and the growing season, you might think. But in a normal year, March is at the tail end of seed-buying season. Typically, home gardeners are knocking on seed companies' doors now, having spent the holidays salivating over seed catalogues, a surprising number of which are still printed and mailed.

Another aspect of preparing for spring and beyond is putting your garden together over the next two months, as much as you can in winter, so everything is ready when seeds need to germinate and get growing.

I suspect some of last year's new gardeners will walk away from their pandemic hobby, now knowing that a needy cucumber vine is not like a piece of knitting that you can put down and get back to at

your convenience. But some will stick with it, and others will join our cult, for all the good reasons to do so.

The impetus for March's seed rush was the fear of food shortages — for millions of Americans, that became a reality — but the value of gardening unfolded in additional ways. New and old gardeners alike cherished the way the backyard or community garden offered a place of mental and physical refuge. Refuge, one hoped, from the virus and from the political angst.

The current seed season also seems abnormally busy, with companies telling customers to expect some delays in seed shipments. There are already instances of seed packets being either out of stock or back-ordered.

The first seed company I tried, Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds, had stopped taking orders temporarily, so it could catch up, though another catalogue I contacted, Kitchen Gar-



The Washington Post/Adrian Higgins

The pandemic led to a shortage of seeds last spring. This year, gardeners are advised to stock up early.

den Seeds, had what I needed. The point is, this is going to be another big year for seed sales, and prudence suggests you order early.

The uncertainties can force varietal stick-in-the-muds such as myself to try new things. I'm looking forward to growing a

cherry tomato named Orange Pixie; it has large fruit for a cherry type, but it's a small, three-foot plant whose tomatoes ripen in one go rather than sequentially. This suits my practice of yanking tomatoes in August to make room for the fall garden.

# Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@thecr.com](mailto:news@thecr.com).

### Today

**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 - BRANNA'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.

**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

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### Saturday

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

### Monday

**JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION** — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month in room 106 at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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

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

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

## Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

### Wednesday's Solution

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# Deniers would overrule Constitution

To the editor:  
I am responding to a Jan. 5 letter to the editor in The Commercial Review.  
The author defends U.S. Rep. Jim Banks for joining the author on multiple counts. The author defends U.S. Rep. Ken Paxton. I challenge the author on multiple counts.  
First, he states the Constitution only allows state legislatures to write state election laws. I agree that if there are concerns state election laws were circumvented in an unconstitutional manner, they need to be investigated. But, as Republican Rep. Rand Paul said in an interview with Fox News on Jan. 6: "Conservatives should know that the Electoral College is something we support because it supports states' rights to run the elections. When there is a problem, it

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is going to have to be fixed by the states. The fix isn't up here (in Washington)." Let each state handle its business. That was essentially the reply of the Supreme Court to Paxton.  
Next, many of the election laws Paxton challenged were passed weeks and months before the election. Why didn't Paxton and Banks file lawsuits then? If Banks signed onto this lawsuit to protect Indiana voters, why didn't he file it before the election? Why was he so late in his "effort" to protect us? Ask yourself this question and be honest when you

answer: Would this lawsuit have been filed if President Donald Trump had won the states in question?  
If your concern is protecting the Constitution, how do you defend Trump's insistence that the vice president can overturn the election during the Electoral College certification process? Mike Pence said, "It is my considered judgment that my oath to support and defend the Constitution constrains me from claiming unilateral authority to determine which electoral votes should be counted and which should not." This view is supported by the vast majority of legal, constitutional and election experts.  
Last, the courts have spoken. Donald Trump and his supporters state that they uphold law and order and the Constitution. How can

they deny the election results? Our constitutional system of law and order has upheld the election results multiple times.  
Republican Sen. Roy Blunt of Missouri says, "More than 50 courts rejected all of the information they were given. At some point, you have to realize the election is over: Democracy has to be honored."  
So honor it if you are who you say you are. Otherwise, admit that you are just someone who believes that Trump should be president even if our system of democracy, elections and law and order say otherwise. If that is the case, you support a man who Republican Sen. Ted Cruz in 2016 described as "utterly amoral," "a bully," "a pathological liar" and "a narcissist" at a level "I don't think the country has

ever seen."  
Courts are part of our law and order system. If you believe in law and order, then support the court systems. But maybe you agree with Trump's tweet after the Supreme Court ruled Texas lacked the legal right to litigate how other states conduct their elections: "The Supreme Court really let us down. No Wisdom, No Courage."  
Again, the U.S. Supreme Court is part of the law and order system that he "supports." Conservative presidents appointed six of those justices; Trump himself appointed three of them. If they lack wisdom and courage, what does that say about his decision making process? Those appointments were three of the biggest decisions he will ever make. He messed up —

or those justices made the right ruling. Maybe it is just convenient to support court rulings when they benefit you. "Snowflake" much, anyone?  
Those of you who are denying the election results and legal rulings that uphold them — are you qualified to make that judgment? Are you qualified to be a federal judge, a state or supreme court justice? If not, how can you insist that the courts are wrong?  
Your opinions are interesting, but not very. You can't overrule these courts. Our constitutional system of law and order doesn't allow it. You support the Constitution and law and order, or you don't.  
"Stop the Steal?" No. "Stop the Stupid."  
Much obliged,  
Craig Ragland  
Portland

# Here are ideas to start healing

By JENNIFER RUBIN  
The Washington Post

The furniture the seditionists smashed in the Capitol has not yet been repaired. The trauma inflicted on those who experienced the event will not vanish for months or years. The mourning for those killed on Jan. 6 has barely begun. And neither President Donald Trump nor a single Republican lawmaker who held aloft the sedition banner in Congress by objecting to electoral votes has apologized. Nevertheless, Republicans are calling for unity and demanding healing, which entails "moving on" and forgetting about impeachment. This will replace the definition of chutzpah (previously illustrated by the child who kills his parents and then throws himself on the mercy of the court because he is an orphan).

Sorry, it does not work that way. Healing requires accountability and remorse from those who attacked our democracy, stormed the Capitol (or incited, funded or supported the mob) and set out to overthrow our democracy. The culprits do not get to set the timeline for reconciliation before they can be held responsible for their participation in an attempted coup.

Lots of things would be unifying or provide healing. Let's start with these:

- The House and Senate could unanimously affirm there was no irregularity or fraud in the election that would have changed the outcome of the presidential vote one iota.

- The House could impeach Trump, and the Senate could come back in session to hold a trial and remove him swiftly.

- House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., who pulled his caucus over the cliff in the desperate hope to maintain the Big Lie and cater to Trump, could resign.

- A combination of Democrats and all Republicans who voted to certify the electoral college results in the House and Senate could expel or censure members who objected to certification. As my colleague Michael Scherer writes, "The central question now hovering over America's political landscape is whether one of its two major parties will allow itself to function as an extension of QAnon and other online conspiracy theory movements that have taken hold with a vocal segment of the GOP, or if it can emerge from the Trump era as a potential governing coalition built around ideas and some shared agreement on facts." This action would help settle that question.

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- Corporate donors could permanently cut off support for anyone who objected to the electoral votes, an attack on our democracy.

- Facebook, Twitter and other social media platforms could volunteer to make entirely transparent how they "curate content" and how their "algorithms decide what speech to amplify," as Yaël Eisenstat, a former Facebook executive, suggests. We should find out how they "nudge users towards the content that will keep them engaged ... [and] connect users to hate groups, who recommend conspiracy theorists." The companies could also agree to follow the guidelines recommended by the Stop Hate for Profit campaign headed by the Anti-Defamation League and major corporate advertisers.

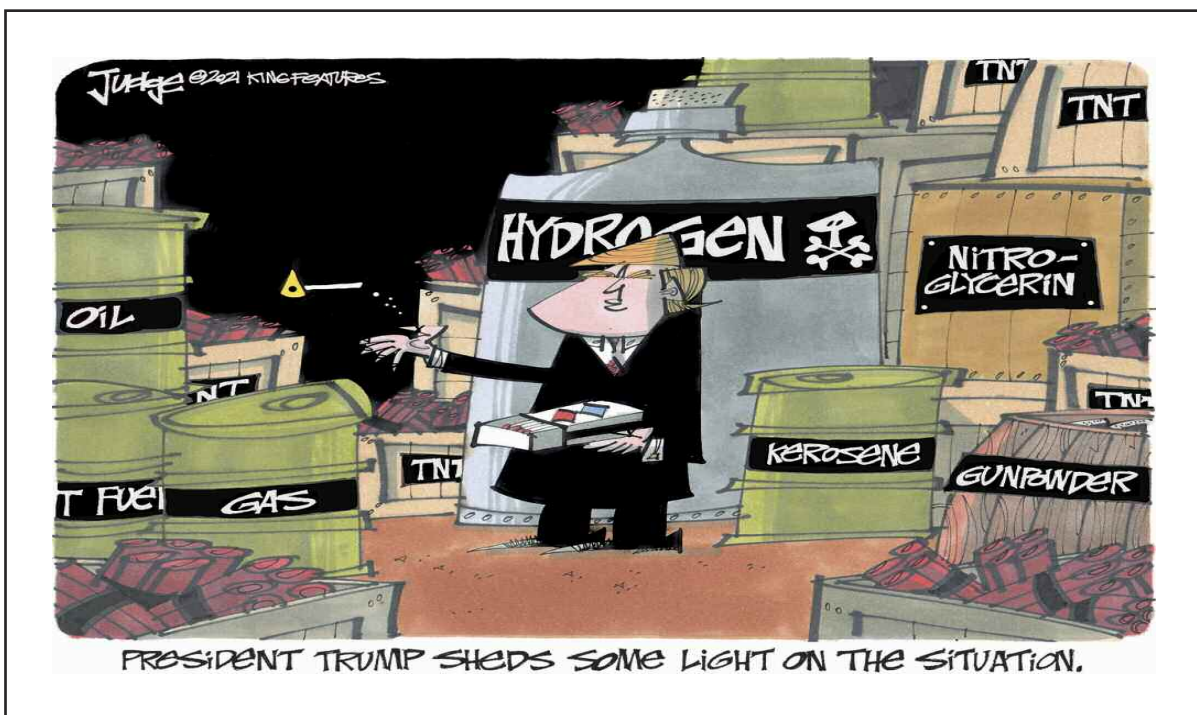
- A nonpartisan commission could determine the extent to which state and federal law enforcement has been infiltrated by adherents of violent extremist groups. (The Post reports, "At least two U.S. Capitol Police officers have been suspended and more than a dozen others are under investigation for suspected involvement with or inappropriate support for the Wednesday demonstration that turned into a deadly riot at the Capitol, according to two congressional officials briefed on the developments.")

- Right-wing media outlets, pundits, talk-show personalities and TV hosts who perpetrated the lie that there was widespread election fraud could retract their statements and affirm there is no factual basis for these assertions.

- The voters in the 18 states whose attorneys general filed a brief to throw out other states' electoral votes could recall or vote out these officials.

That should be enough to get us started. Beyond that, there are many good ideas for enhancing civics education, media literacy and access to voting on a permanent basis (e.g., pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act; make available universal, secure voting by mail). You can never have too much healing.

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*Rubin writes reported opinion for The Washington Post.*



# GOP should rise to occasion

By BILL KETTER  
CNHI senior vice president of news

President Donald Trump is his own woeful enemy.

Throughout his presidency he's claimed persecution by the news media, Democrats and anyone unfaithful to his cultish style of leadership.

Trump's oppressive mindset was at its worse after he lost the Nov. 3 presidential election. He could not accept being a one-term president, insisting ad nauseam that he won by "hundreds of thousands of votes" in states that voted for him in 2016 but flipped to Democrat Joe Biden in 2020.

Sadly, his delusion inflamed his loyalists, including many Republicans in Congress. They believed his unproven claim that a rigged election was supported by facts when it wasn't.

Local, state and national election officials steadfastly rejected Trump's assertions, which were based on made-up tales and conspiracy theories. So did GOP Attorney General William Barr, the nation's top election security official, 90 state and federal judges, several of which were Trump appointees. The U.S. Supreme Court declined to consider the president's grievances. Twice. To wit: No widespread irregularities, no massive vote dumps, no thousands of dead people voting, no voting machine trickery, no violation of state election laws, no thousands of undocumented immigrants casting ballots, and on and on.

Trump's jihad ended in violence Jan. 6 at the seat of our democratic republic, the national Capitol. Incited by the president at a rally of his faithful thousands assembled nearby, many stormed the seat of government, violently bent on forcing Congress to decertify Biden's election as the next president and declare Trump the victor.

The world watched in horror as the most admired democracy in

Bill Ketter



history fell victim to a mob aroused by the president's rhetoric.

He had beckoned them to Washington for the very purpose of intimidating Congress to overturn the country's bedrock right of the people to select their president. Five people died.

"We're going to the Capitol," bellowed Trump at the end of an hour-long harangue. "We're going to try and give our Republicans ... the kind of pride and boldness they need to take back our country."

Trump did not lead the mob to the Capitol as promised at the rally. Instead he returned to the White House and watched the lawlessness unfold — until his aids persuaded him to call off the mob.

The president's lame response astounded.

"These are the things and events that happen when a sacred landslide election victory is so unceremoniously & viciously stripped away from great patriots who have been badly & unfairly treated for so long," Trump tweeted to the mob. "Go home with love & peace. Remember this day forever!"

The tweet was later deleted. Twitter, Facebook and Instagram promptly blocked his social media accounts. Three White House officials resigned. Talk stirred of invoking the 25th Amendment to remove Trump from office. As did another impeachment effort.

Congress took shelter in an unknown hideaway, returning several hours later to conclude its

business of certifying Biden as the nation's 46th president. Before doing do, members listened to a small band of rebellious Republicans object to the Electoral College vote from a half-dozen states. Several others who planned to object got so upset with the riot they dropped their challenges.

The renegades got their kicks by prolonging the final outcome, voted overwhelmingly by House and Senate members at 4 a.m. Thursday.

Their absurd reason for objections: 39% of voters told pollsters they agree with Trump's claim of an illegitimate election. Thus a special bipartisan commission should in 10 days audit the outcome in those crucial states that Trump lost.

In other words, complaints by Trump voters, influenced by his constant resistance, should get the final word on who is the next president.

That's not only a threat to democracy, it is a crazy idea.

Much like Trump's failed plan to nullify the election he lost. He could not even bring himself to concede that in a tepid attempt at conciliatory remarks the day after the Capitol riot.

"Even though I totally disagree with the outcome of the election, and the facts bear me out, nevertheless there will be an orderly transition on Jan. 20th," Trump said in a statement posted to Twitter by his social media director.

"While this represents the end of the greatest first term in presidential history, it's only the beginning of our fight to Make America Great Again!"

Trump's self-absorbed "greatness" belies the current judgment of at least 81.2 million Americans who tossed him from the White House. And if history is any guide, he will surely rank among the most disruptive of U.S. presidents.

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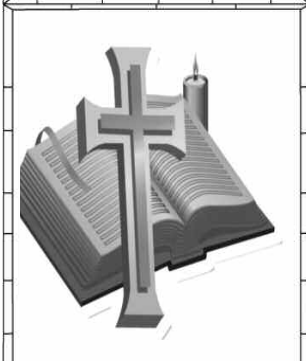


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Michael Burk  
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**Bellefountain United Methodist**  
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Gordon Jackson  
Services: 9 a.m.

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Indiana 167, 4 miles north of Dunkirk  
Scott McClain  
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**Bluff Point Friends**  
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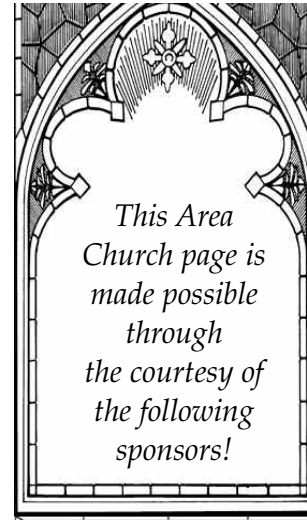
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# Intensity of rivalry expected to remain strong

By MICHAEL MAROT  
AP Sports Writer

Purdue guard Sasha Stefanovic enjoys hearing the boos every time he plays at Assembly Hall. The only sound Stefanovic appreciates more is the silence of 17,000 screaming Indiana fans as he celebrates another victory. While everyone understands Thursday night's empty arena will not provide the traditional raucous atmosphere of this highly anticipated game, Stefanovic knows one thing won't change — the intensity of this rivalry. "You're supposed to dislike each other," he said Wednesday. "That's just how it is and that's how it always will be. Fans or no fans, it doesn't matter. Both teams really want to get a win, we both need that win. We're both physi-

cal, both tough, we're both going to get after you. So fans or no fans, the rivalry is still there." Stefanovic understands why so many people around the state of Indiana are invested in these games. He grew up in Crown Point, a small city in northeastern Indiana. Purdue was his dream school though he often found himself playing alongside future Hoosiers like high school teammate Grant Gelon and 2018 Indiana All-Stars Damezi Anderson, Romeo Langford and Rob Phinisee. Only Phinisee, who grew up in the shadow of Purdue's campus in West Lafayette, is still on the Hoosiers roster. But it's not just in-state guys, like Stefanovic, who get it. Out-

siders learn the nuances of one of college basketball's fiercest rivalries, too. "It's Indiana," said Trevion Williams, Purdue's all-conference forward who came from Chicago. "It's a game we've got to win, it's a game we've got to be ready for. It will probably be one of the most physical games we'll play all season." Nationally, the Indiana-Purdue matchup may look like its lost some luster. Things have changed mightily since the must-see television days of the 1980s and 1990s, when the Boilermakers, Hoosiers and their vociferous, iconic coaches routinely battled for Big Ten titles and in-state recruits. In a season where as many as

nine Big Ten teams already have been ranked in The Associated Press' weekly poll, neither the Boilermakers (8-5, 3-3) nor the Hoosiers (8-5, 3-3) have cracked the Top 25. Still, writing them off with more than half of the conference schedule still to play would be a mistake. Purdue and Indiana trail No. 9 Wisconsin by one game, No. 14 Illinois by 1 1/2 games and No. 5 Iowa by two games. That means Thursday's winner will have the momentum to make a move up the standings. And in Indiana, this is never just another game. "I think all coaches would agree playing at home (without fans) is a huge disadvantage," Hoosiers coach Archie Miller

said. "We haven't played a ton of home games, but I think it will be disappointing we won't have fans for one. In this type of game, I think both teams are focused on themselves and you have to be ready to roll." For Miller, the Purdue games have been filled with consternation. He's lost all six matchups since taking the Hoosiers job in 2017 though Indiana's struggles predate his arrival. Indiana has lost 10 of the last 11 to Purdue and the seven-game losing streak is its longest in the series since 1968-72. Indiana guard Armaan Franklin could miss his third straight game with a sprained ankle, too. Miller called it a game-time decision.



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## Heniser heaves

Crosby Heniser, a Jay County High School junior, heaves a 3-pointer during the first half against the Adams Central Jets on Saturday at JCHS. Heniser finished with three points in the Patriots' 58-50 victory.

## Paths ...

Continued from page 8 "The difference between what she was doing at the beginning ... she really didn't have a clue," Chowning said. "She was just trying to get through it. She didn't really have the concept of putting wrestling together. She's worked a lot with Lita in practice, which has changed a lot of what's going on. "She's understanding she's got to be in good position. She's obtained that and has been able to use that. She's taking her shots with more confidence and she understands the moves." Hines came on even later than Ison. The first two matches of her career were at regional. Although they were both losses, she still qualified for state because of a small weight class. The top four in each weight class advance to state, and Hines' 182-pound bracket only had three competitors. "It's just going to take mat time for her to get there," Chowning said. "She's just really green. A lot to learn. She was in both of those matches. If she had more mat time and understood what to do it would have been a different outcome." Dollar's opening match pits her against eighth-ranked Eryka Pillion of

Frankfort. Potential semifinal opponents are No. 4 Kylie Smith-Foster of Greenfield and seventh-ranked Angelina Clay of Central Noble. An opening-round win guarantees a top-four finish, and all eight wrestlers in each weight class earn state medals. Chowning meets fifth-ranked Jasmine Hermsillo of Decatur Central in the quarterfinal, with Crystal Bunch of Maconaquah and top-ranked Catie Campbell of North Montgomery as potential semifinal opponents. Ison meets No. 8 Jazzman Barnett of North Knox in her first match of the day. Awaiting in the semifinal will be either second-ranked Mercedes Tel-lechea of Northview or No. 5 Kaitlin Gay of New Prairie. Hines, who is ranked sixth — there are only seven wrestlers in her weight class — meets No. 2 Hannah Stapleton of Centerville. Third-ranked Kelsey Temple of Delta and No. 4 Grace Ann Merchant of Lebanon are potential semifinal opponents. "I look for a lot of positive from all for of the girls Friday," Chowning said. "It's going to be a tough go. All four of them have tough first-round matches."

## Traded ...

Continued from page 8 "We felt it was best for James and best for the group for him not to come to practice," first-year coach Stephen Silas said. About two hours later, ESPN and The Athletic first reported that Harden was being moved. The disgruntled superstar, who was unable to get the Rockets past the Western Conference finals, had remained quiet through months of reports that he was unhappy in Houston. Silas called the drama surrounding Harden an "all-around messed up situation." The Nets were ready to swoop in, after a shaky defense during the early season proved their best chance to beat teams might be to outscore them.

They can certainly do that now. Durant is averaging 29.4 points in his first season back from surgery to repair a ruptured Achilles tendon, and Irving was scoring 27.1 per game before leaving the team last week. Harden, who appears to be out of shape after joining the Rockets after training camp began, is averaging 24.8 points this season after three straight seasons above 30, culminating in MVP honors in 2018. The Rockets are 3-6 and only Minnesota has a worse record in the Western Conference. The team is clearly in disarray, and new arrival John Wall called the situation "rocky." Harden won each of the last three scoring titles by notable margins —

2.3 points over Anthony Davis in 2017-18, 8.1 points over Paul George in 2018-19 and 3.8 points over Bradley Beal last season. His average so far this season ranked 18th in the NBA, well off his usual pace. It could pick back up again in Brooklyn, where Nash's assistant running the offense is Mike D'Antoni, Harden's coach during his best seasons in Houston. D'Antoni didn't return after last season and it quickly became clear Harden wanted out, too. He was a no-show when camp opened and was later fined \$50,000 for conduct detrimental to the league after attending an indoor event without a mask in violation of the NBA's health and safety protocols.

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Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs. Marion Local - 5:30 p.m.  
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## Harden traded to Nets, Oladipo sent to Rockets

By **BRIAN MAHONEY** and **KRISTIE RIEKEN**  
AP Sports Writer

James Harden is heading to Brooklyn, joining old teammate Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving to give the Nets a potent trio featuring some of the NBA's highest scorers.

The Nets acquired the three-time scoring champion from the Houston Rockets in a deal that became official on Thursday, a move Harden has sought for weeks.

Harden is the centerpiece of a deal that also involved Cleveland and grew to a fourth team when Indiana made a separate deal with Houston.

The Nets will be able to trot out a lineup of three players capable of scoring 25 or more points on any night in a collection of firepower to rival any Big Three in recent years.

"It's an amazing move for Brooklyn. Obviously, they got better — way better," said two-time MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo of Milwaukee.

But they paid a massive price to do it. The Nets sent Caris LeVert and Rodions Kurucs to Houston, along with 2022, 2024 and 2026 first-round picks and the right to swap first-round picks in 2021, 2023, 2024 and 2027.

The Nets also sent center Jarrett Allen and forward Taurean Prince to Cleveland.

The Rockets also are trading LeVert to Indiana for Oladipo, a person with knowledge of the situation said.

The Nets are loading up for a title run with three of the highest-paid players in the league. All are under contract through 2022-23, with Harden and Durant both set to earn more than \$40 million in each of the next two seasons.

In the meantime, the Nets were short-handed for their game against the New York Knicks on Wednesday at Madison Square Garden, where coach Steve Nash declined to discuss Harden but did confirm that the players the Nets were trading were not in the building during their 116-109 victory.

Off to a 7-6 start in his rookie season as coach, now the former point guard and two-time NBA MVP will have to mold an offense that keeps the ball moving with three players worthy of having it in their hands.

"It's a simple game but it becomes complicated when you put different personalities and players on the floor," Nash said. "Our group's done a really good job being unselfish this year and trying to move the ball and work together, so I've been proud of that."

The blockbuster deal provides a needed boost amid a period of drama for both franchises. It was struck less than 24 hours after Harden seemed to deliver a farewell address of sorts following the Rockets' loss to the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday night, and just before Irving was set to miss a fifth straight game during a personal absence from the Nets.

Harden, who has cycled through Chris Paul and Russell Westbrook as teammates in recent seasons, didn't think much of the roster the Rockets had around him this season.

"We're just not good enough. ... I love this city. I literally have done everything that I can," Harden said Tuesday night. "I mean, this situation is crazy. It's something that I don't think can be fixed."

It couldn't, and now he's gone.

Brooklyn expects Harden to leave all that behind him and that his transition to the Nets will be smooth. He should be much happier in Brooklyn, having teamed with Durant in Oklahoma City when they were younger and remaining close still.

"It was fun," Durant said of their time together, declining to say much more with the trade still not completed.

It was obvious the end for Harden in Houston was nearing Wednesday, when the Rockets told him they didn't want him at practice after his inflammatory comments about the team.

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In this Nov. 17, photo, Jay County High School junior Lizzie Dollar tries to free her leg from the grasp of Daniel Moore during practice at JCHS. Dollar is among four Patriot girl wrestlers who will compete in the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling state finals on Friday at Hamilton Heights.

## Differing paths, same destination: state

By **CHRIS SCHANZ**  
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One has been wrestling since middle school. Two just started this season.

The Patriots have their largest number of girls in the wrestling program.

Friday, they'll be sending their biggest group to the state finals.

"They've been up here since day one," said Jay County High School wrestling coach Eric Myers. "They work right with our team. They work just as hard as everyone else up here."

"They work hard and they really deserve it."

Lita Chowning, a senior, juniors Lizzie Dollar and Tricia Ison and freshman Mollie Hines will all compete in the fifth iteration of the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling state tournament at 4 p.m. Friday at Hamilton Heights in Arcadia.

"They've all come a different way to get there," said Chad Chowning, Lita's father and coach of the girls team.

Indeed they have. Lita, who is the school's first female four-time state qualifier, started wrestling in middle school alongside 2020 graduate Mason Winner and his sister, Malloy, who is currently an eighth grader.

Lita, ranked eighth at 126 pounds,

2021 Indiana High School Girls Wrestling state final		
<i>As the girls wrestling program continues to grow at Jay County High School, the Patriots are sending their largest contingent of girls to the state finals. Below is a look at the 2021 state qualifiers and their first-round opponents. Action begins at 4 p.m. Friday at Hamilton Heights.</i>		
Weight	JC wrestler	Opponent
98 pounds	No. 2 Lizzie Dollar junior	No. 8 Eryka Pillion Frankfort
126 pounds	No. 8 Lita Chowning senior	No. 5 Jasmine Hermosillo Decatur Central
170 pounds	No. 3 Tricia Ison junior	No. 8 Jazzman Barnett North Knox
182 pounds	No. 6 Mollie Hines freshman	No. 2 Hannah Stapleton Centerville

quickly got into a girls-only national team and has spent a ton of time on wrestling mats. She was eighth and seventh at state each of the last two years at 113 pounds and was third as a 98-pound freshman.

Dollar, who is a back-to-back state runner-up at 98 pounds and has the same ranking this year, came through West Jay's program prior to becoming a high school student, and she joined Lita Chowning on the girls national team.

"Those are two tough competitors," Chad Chowning said. "They take it seriously. They help others take it to the next level."

Ison, a 170-pound junior who is ranked third in her weight class, won the regional tournament Friday at Maconaquah, becoming just the second JCHS girl to win a regional title.

Ison doesn't have the years of experience like Lita and Dollar. She just started wrestling this season. She said she joined the program at the encouragement of her family and the Chownings.

Ison took her lumps to begin the season with losses, but came on strong lately as she became more accustomed to the sport.

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