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Back to yellow

Jay is the only county in Indiana not at red or orange

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

The county is yellow again.

For the second time in a month, Jay County was the only county in Indiana to be rated “yellow” (moderate risk for spread of coronavirus) in the metrics Indiana State Department of Health updated Wednesday.

Jay County was also the lone county to receive the yellow designation Dec. 30.

While none of the state’s other 91 counties dropped to yellow, the state showed improvement overall. After 73 counties came in with “red” (severe risk) ratings a week ago, that number dropped to 33 this week. The remaining 58 counties all were designated “orange” (high risk).

“We’re definitely happy to be in that yellow level,” said Heath Butz, environmentalist and administrator for Jay County Health Department. “It’s important to note it takes two weeks consistently in that metric to move to the requirements and guidelines for that yellow metric score. ...

“We need to still adhere to those measures, which include the same things we’ve been talking about all along — masking, social distancing, washing your hands, avoiding large groups.”

He noted that numbers in adjacent counties (Adams, Wells, Delaware and Randolph) are all at orange while Blackford County remained red.

Jay County saw its numbers drop in the metrics for both seven-day positivity rate and cases per 200,000.

Its positivity rate dropped to 8.07%, down from 12.4% a week earlier. It had been over 20% in December.

The county’s cases per 100,000 came in at 195, down from 288 last week. It had been over 800 in November and early December.

The move to yellow corresponds with a continued decline in overall cases. As of Wednesday’s update, Jay County’s new case totals had been in single digits for 11 straight days. It is on pace for 225 cases this month, which would be down from 408 in December but still third-highest over the course of the pandemic. (Jay County’s first case of COVID-19 was confirmed March 31).

The county has totaled 1,649 cases of COVID-19 and 22 deaths, the most recent of which came Sunday.

There are now two coronavirus vaccination clinics in Jay County with one at Jay County Health Department and the other at IU Health Jay.

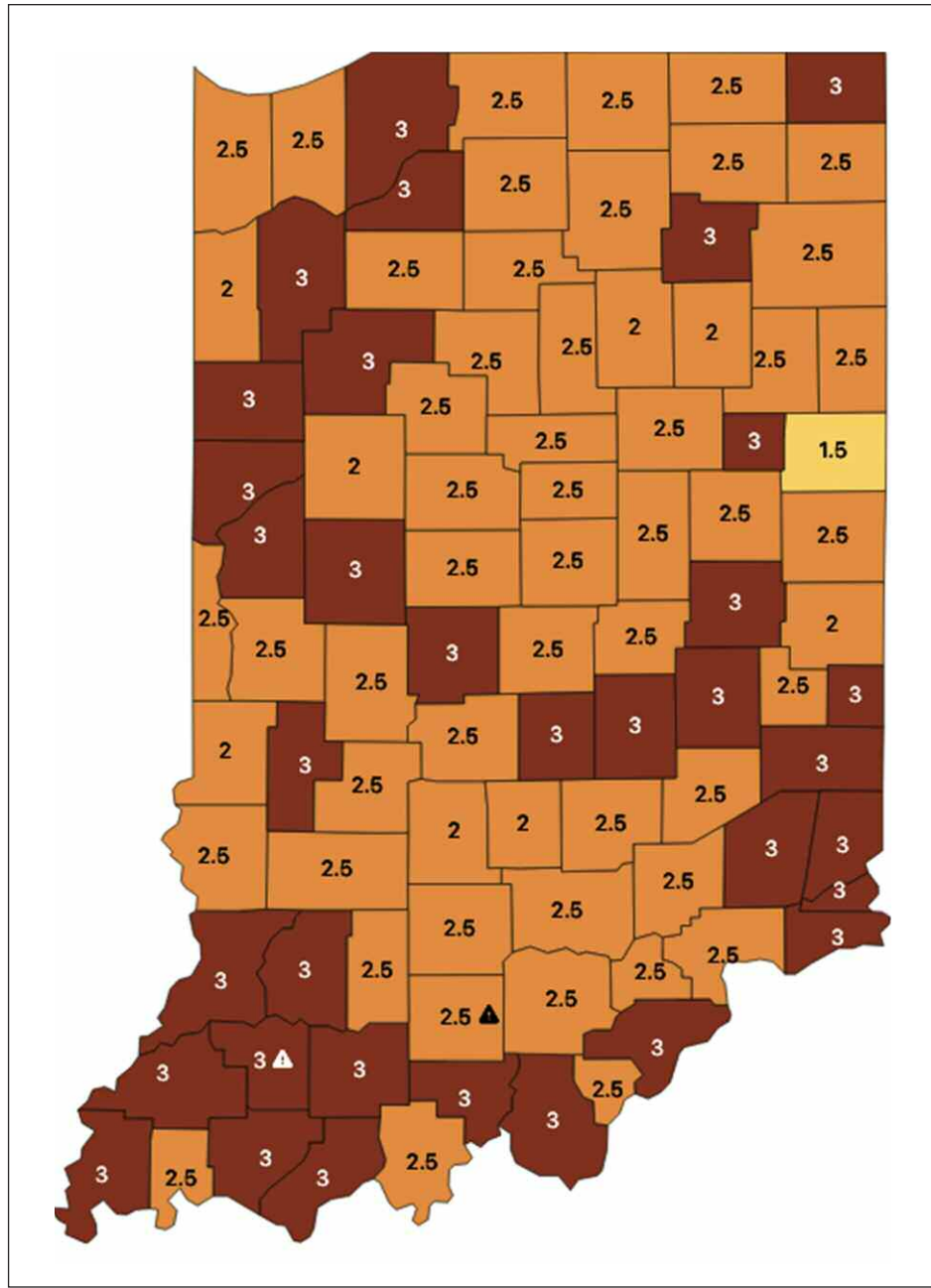
The health department’s clinic is scheduled to be open from 11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Saturdays.

The IU Health Jay clinic plans to be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Today is its first day administering vaccines.

Appointments for vaccinations are currently available only to those 70 and older. Those interested in making an appointment can do so online at ourshot.in.gov or by calling the state’s 2-1-1 telephone assistance service.

Butz encouraged those who are eligible to continue checking the state website for appointments, as additional dates are added if vaccine doses are available.

“If you fall within those that can get the vaccine, get scheduled,” he said, noting that if local appointments are full that Jay County residents can look for availability at any of the clinics



Indiana State Department of Health

Jay County was the only county in the state rated “yellow” in the Indiana State Department of Health’s county metrics that were updated Wednesday. The county has seen a decline in new cases, with numbers in single digits for 11 days in a row.

across the state. 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, IU Health Blackford, the Hartford City Elks Lodge, Delaware County Health Department, IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital, Meridian Services (Muncie), Open Door Health Services (Muncie) and Randolph

County Health Department. “We want to get everyone in those age groups ... because they’re at higher risk for the more severe form of the illness.”

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.

Airport fuel sales went up

Facility sold 59,060 gallons during 2020

By RILEY EUBANKS
The Commercial Review

Fuel sales in 2020 compared to 2019 were down across the board in America.

Not at Portland Municipal Airport.

Airport manager Hal Tavzel reported to Portland Aviation Board that the airport sold 59,060 gallons of fuel in 2020 — 689 more gallons than 2019 — improving upon a main revenue source for the airport.

“We were fortunate,” Tavzel said. “People are still doing business.”

He contributed the increase in fuel sales to steady travel from private companies and businesses, while he said charter flights were down at the start of the pandemic but rebounded later in the year.

Additionally, the board voted to spend \$30,000 it received from the federal coronavirus aid, relief and economic security (CARES) Act toward costs related to fuel.

Jason Clearwaters of Butler, Fairman and Seufert, the airport’s engineering firm, explained that there were a few different ways the airport could spend that money, but spending it on fuel would be the easiest way to document it.

He continued that, though funding isn’t set in stone, the \$45 million set aside for local airports in the latest \$900 million federal stimulus package may result in \$15,000 awarded to the Portland airport this year since the funding is about half of what is in the preceding CARES Act.

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Biden is inaugurated

By JONATHAN LEMIRE, ZEKE MILLER and ALEXANDRA JAFFE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Joe Biden was sworn in as the 46th president of the United States, declaring that “democracy has prevailed” and summoning American resilience and unity to confront the deeply divided nation’s historic confluence of crises.

Denouncing a national “uncivil war,” Biden took the oath Wednesday at a U.S. Capitol that had been battered by an insurrectionist siege just two weeks earlier. Then, taking his place in the White House Oval Office, he plunged into a stack of executive actions that began to undo his predecessor’s agenda on matters from the deadly pandemic to climate change.

At the Capitol, with America’s tradition of peaceful transfers of power never appearing more fragile, the ceremony unfolded

President calls for unity, places focus on pandemic

within a circle of security forces evocative of a war zone and devoid of crowds because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Instead, Biden gazed out on a cold Washington morning dotted with snow flurries to see over 200,000 American flags planted on the National Mall to symbolize those who could not attend in person.

“The will of the people has been heard, and the will of the people has been heeded. We’ve learned again that democracy is precious and democracy is fragile. At this hour, my friends,

democracy has prevailed,” Biden declared in his speech. “This is America’s day. This is democracy’s day. A day of history and hope, of renewal and resolve.”

History was made at his side, as Kamala Harris became the first woman to be vice president. The former U.S. senator from California is also the first Black person and the first person of South Asian descent elected to the vice presidency and the highest-ranking woman ever to serve in the U.S. government.

Biden never mentioned his predecessor, who defied tradition



Washington Post/Ricky Carioti

President Joe Biden, first lady Jill Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris and second gentleman Doug Emhoff depart after the inauguration ceremony. “We look ahead in our uniquely American way — restless, bold, optimistic — and set our sights on the nation we know we can be and we must be,” Biden said during his inaugural address.

and left town ahead of the ceremony, but his speech was an implicit rebuke of Donald Trump. The new president denounced “lies told for power and for profit” and was blunt about the challenges ahead.

Central among them: the surging virus that has claimed more than 400,000 lives in the United States, as well as economic strains and a national reckoning over race.

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Deaths

- Rick Green, 61, Pennville
- Carol Retter, 83, Winchester
- Sabrina Essex, 34, Hart, Michigan
- Marjorie Storie, 70, Terre Haute

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Weather

The temperature hovered between 27 and 30 degrees Wednesday in Jay County.

Tonight’s low will be in the mid 20s. Expect cloudy skies early Friday followed by sun in the afternoon. The high will be 28.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb delivered his State of the Board Address on Tuesday evening. What were your thoughts on his remarks?

Send letters to the editor to r.cooney@thecr.com. There is a 700-word maximum.

Coming up

Friday — Results from tonight’s FRHS girls basketball game against St. Henry.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday’s Jay County Commissioners meeting.



Inaugurated ...

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“We have much to do in this winter of peril, and significant possibilities. Much to repair, much to restore, much to heal, much to build and much to gain,” Biden said. “Few people in our nation’s history have been more challenged, or found a time more

challenging or difficult than the time we’re in now.”
Biden was eager to go big early, with an ambitious first 100 days including a push to speed up the distribution of COVID-19 vaccinations to anxious Americans and pass a \$1.9 trillion economic relief package. It included a blitz

of executive orders on matters that don’t require congressional approval — a mix of substantive and symbolic steps to unwind the Trump years. His actions included re-entry into the Paris Climate Accords and a mandate for wearing masks on federal property.
“There’s no time to start like

today,” a masked Biden said in the Oval Office. Then he swore in hundreds of aides — virtually — telling them, “You’re my possibilities.”
The absence of Biden’s predecessor from the inaugural ceremony underscored the national rift to be healed. But a bipartisan

trio of former presidents — Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama — were there to witness the transfer of power.
Swearing the oath with his hand on a five-inch-thick Bible that has been in his family for 128 years, Biden became the oldest president inaugurated.

CR almanac

Friday 1/22	Saturday 1/23	Sunday 1/24	Monday 1/25	Tuesday 1/26
28/16	29/22	35/30	36/23	31/19
Cooler with temperatures in the teens at night. Mostly cloudy, 10 to 15 mph north-west wind.	Cool during the day but warmer at night under sunny skies. No snow projected.	Warmer under cloudy skies with a 40% chance of snow, possibly a rain-snow mix, at night.	50% chance of a rain-snow mix during the day turning into a 40% chance of snow late.	Cooler with temperatures projected to stay below freezing all day and night. Mostly cloudy

Lotteries

Powerball 40-53-60-68-69 Power Ball: 22 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	68-69-70-72-74-75-78 Cash 5: 6-18-21-22-34 Hoosier Lotto: 21-26-34-39-40-42 Estimated jackpot: \$4.2 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$970 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 6-2-1 Pick 4: 6-5-6-7 Pick 5: 5-4-4-2-3 Evening Pick 3: 8-7-5 Pick 4: 6-7-7-0 Pick 5: 9-3-0-8-8 Rolling Cash: 3-10-11-28-38 Classic Lotto: 3-8-10-16-46-47 Kicker: 7-3-8-7-5-7 Estimated jackpot: \$3.5 million
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 4-6-4 Daily Four: 6-9-6-8 Quick Draw: 8-11-15-19-21-23-31-32-33-41-42-44-46-56-58-62-63-66-73-76 Evening Daily Three: 5-7-1 Daily Four: 6-3-6-6 Quick Draw: 2-4-11-15-18-20-31-37-47-50-57-60-65-	

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Today in history

On Jan. 21, 2020, the U.S. reported its first known case of the new virus circulating in China, saying a Washington state resident who had returned the previous week from the outbreak’s epicenter was hospitalized near Seattle; U.S. officials stressed that they believed the overall risk of the virus to the American public remained low.

In 1793, during the French Revolution, King Louis XVI, condemned for treason, was executed on the guillotine.

In 1915, the first Kiwanis Club, dedicated to community service, was founded in Detroit.

In 1942, pinball machines were banned in New York City after a court ruled they were gambling devices that relied on chance rather than skill (the ban was lifted in 1976).

In 1954, the first atomic submarine, the USS Nautilus, was launched at Groton, Connecticut (however, the Nautilus did not make its first nuclear-powered run until nearly a year later).

In 1971, 56-year-old Ethel M. Wells of Pennville died after a vehicle she was a passenger in struck a fence post along Indiana 1 about 3 miles north of Pennville.

In 1977, on his first full day in office, President Jimmy Carter pardoned almost all Vietnam War draft evaders.

In 1997, Speaker Newt Gingrich was reprimanded and fined as the House voted for the first time in history to discipline its leader for ethical misconduct.

In 2003, the Census Bureau announced that Hispanics had surpassed blacks as America’s largest minority group.

In 2007, Lovie Smith became the first Black head coach to make it to the Super Bowl when his Chicago Bears won the NFC championship, beating the New Orleans Saints 39-14; Tony Dungy became the second when his Indianapolis Colts took the AFC title over the New England Patriots, 38-34.

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Citizen’s calendar

Today
1 p.m. — Jay County Commission’s executive session, commissioners’ room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.

Friday
8 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission, room 205, John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St.

Obituaries

Rick Green

March 18, 1959-Jan. 19, 2021
Rick A. Green, age 61, of Pennville passed away Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021, at St. Vincent Hospital in Anderson.
Rick had lived the last 10 years in Greer, South Carolina. He was born in Portland on March 18, 1959, the son of Cloyce and Margaret Sue (Armstrong) Green. He was a maintenance supervisor for Cheeseman Trucking.
Rick was a 1977 Jay County High School graduate and 1979 Lincoln Tech graduate. He was an avid motorcyclist and loved spending time with his family, working on cars and playing pool.



Green

Surviving are two sons, Joseph Green (wife: Samantha) of Geneva and Brandon Green (wife: Rusti) of Portland; daughter Jennifer Lyn Kahn (husband: Jack) of Bryant; companion Terry Hale of Redkey; two sisters, Cindy Adair (husband: Brian) of Pennville and Kathy Gilpin (husband: Adam Neireiter) of Churubusco; and four grandchildren.
Funeral services will be Friday, Jan. 22, 2021, at 3 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Earl Doll presiding. Burial will follow in the Spring Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from noon to 3 p.m. Memorials can be made to the family to help with funeral expenses.
Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Carol Retter

July 14, 1937-Jan. 19, 2021
Carol Joan Retter, age 83, a resident of Winchester, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021, at Parker Health and Rehabilitation Center in Parker City, Indiana.



Retter

Joan was born on July 14, 1937, in Portland, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Smith) Thompson. She loved children and babysat for many years.
Joan enjoyed being outside spending time with her animals, going to garage sales and antiques. She loved all of her family and always made the extra effort to make sure Christmas was a special time of year for her family.
Joan married Duane Retter on Feb. 25, 1953, and he passed away on June 15, 2019.
Survivors include:
Her children — Debbie Brunson (husband: Mike), Portland, Indiana, Steve Retter (wife: Chris), Winchester, Indiana, and Rhonda Evans (husband: David), Portland, Indiana
Five grandchildren
Seven great-grandchildren
One step-great-granddaughter
Private family visitation will be held on Saturday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Graveside services will fol-

low at 3 p.m. on Saturday at Green Park Cemetery in Portland.
Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Sabrina Essex

Oct. 31, 1986-Jan. 13, 2021
Sabrina Faye Essex, 34, beloved daughter of Debra and Michael Giraitis, departed this earthly realm on Jan. 13, 2021, at her parent’s home in Hart, Michigan, after a long battle with cancer.
Sabrina, or “Bea-er” as she was affectionately known, was born to Debra Kay and Jerome Walter Essex on Oct. 31, 1986.
Sabrina attended Hart Public Schools, where she set, and still holds, the woman’s shot put record of 40 feet in 2001. She grew up a farm girl, helping her parents raise miniature horses and participating in many 4-H activities. She also helped raise her niece, Tashawna (Scovill) King.
Sabrina was an avid crafter, an accomplished tattoo artist and a very sociable person. She had a special knack of making very strong friendships.



Essex

Sabrina married Christopher McClure, in 2003, and they moved to San Diego where Chris followed his career in the U.S. Navy. After their son Michael’s tragic death, they divorced and she moved back to Michigan, where she worked at Indian Summer in Ludington and The Boathouse Bar and Grill in Pentwater. She had two children, Colter Essex and Phoenix Essex. She later reunited with Chris and they have a son, Beau Dean McClure, of Portland, Indiana.
In early 2020, Sabrina’s extended family got together and sent her and her parents to see the Redwoods in California, for which her and her father always had a special affection.
Sabrina is survived by her parents, Debra and Michael; her life partner, Christopher; son, Beau; brothers Jerome Rutowski, Jesse Rutowski and Daryl Essex; sisters Marisue Rutowski-Tate and Angelina Essex; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and her fuzzy daughter, Ice.
Sabrina was preceded in death by her son, Michael; and father, Jerome Essex.

In accordance with Sabrina’s wishes, cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be conducted at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, 2021, at The Salvation Army Church, 1101 S. Madison St., Ludington, Michigan. A live-streaming is planned to be posted to her Facebook account.
The family requests those who are unable to attend the memorial service to please send a card to Debra Giraitis, 5390 N. 88th Avenue, Hart, MI 49420, saying how Sabrina impacted their lives.
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Salvation Army in Ludington or the Crys-

tal Valley Care Fund, P.O. Box 451, Hart, MI 49420.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at Spectrum Health Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids, the nurses at Hospice of Michigan and the Crystal Valley Care Fund.

Beacon Cremation & Funeral Service, King-Hart Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be expressed at beaconfh.com.

Marjorie Storie

Dec. 23, 1950-Jan. 15, 2021
Marjorie Spade Storie, age 70, of Terre Haute, Indiana, was called home to be with the Lord on Friday, Jan. 15, 2021, following a brave battle with Alzheimer’s and the novel coronavirus.



Storie

She was born to the late Charles and Helen Spade on Dec. 23, 1950, in Portland, Indiana.
Following her graduation from Dunkirk High School, Marjorie soon married Steven — the love of her life. Together they enjoyed 46 years of marriage and raised five children. Blessed with a nurturing spirit and a big heart, Marjorie taught preschool and special needs children for over 20 years and was beloved by students and parents alike. Her memory will be cherished and celebrated always, whispered in the dog-eared pages of her favorite children’s book, “I Love You Forever,” by Robert Munsch.

Though it is with heavy hearts that her children commit her body to its final resting place and faithfully give her over to the blessed care of the Lord, they find comfort in her kind and loving legacy, and solace in Munsch’s passage, “I’ll love you forever, I’ll like you for always, as long as I’m living my mommy you’ll be.”

Marjorie is preceded in death by her husband, Steven Lee Storie; her parents, Charles and Helen Spade; and her sister, Judy. She is survived by her children, Angela (Neil) Fields, Andrea (Brian) Weist, Danielle (Tom) Hart, Charles Storie and Shawn (Elyse) Storie. Marjorie was truly blessed with 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She is also survived by siblings, Darrel (Joann) Spade, Larry (Martha) Spade and Rita (Ellis) May.

A celebration of life will be forthcoming.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Alzheimer’s Association.

Please share memories and condolences online at Greiner Funeral Home, Terre Haute, Indiana.

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.

Airport ...

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Clearwaters said the proposed \$1.9 trillion stimulus package expected to be discussed in the new U.S. Congress could include a directive for the Federal Avia-

tion Administration to fund 100% of Airport Improvement Program grants, as it did under the CARES Act.

“I wouldn’t be surprised if it made its way in there,” Clearwaters said.

That CARES Act directive forced the FAA to pay the entire \$2.4 million cost for phase one of the airport’s runway extension from 4,000 feet to 5,500 feet.

A reenactment of that provision would pay 100% of the second phase of the runway extension, which is expected to cost \$1.4 million, if the FAA awards a grant for the project this fiscal year as expected. Currently, under an agreement with the FAA, Portland and the Indiana Department of Transportation is expected to each pay 5% toward that estimated \$1.4 million total with the FAA picking up the rest of the tab.

In other business, board members Clyde Bray, Faron Parr and Mitch Sutton, absent John Lyons:

•Reelected Lyons as board president.

•Heard from Tavzel that the airport has sold 5,373 gallons of fuel since the start of December for \$56,787.46.

SERVICES

Friday
Jobe, Billy: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
Green, Rick: 3 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.
Essex, Sabrina: 5:30 p.m., The Salvation Army Church, 1101 S. Madison St., Ludington, Michigan.
Saturday
Hartman, Pauline: 11 a.m., 190 S. Union St., Pennville.
Retter, Carol: 3 p.m., Green Park Cemetery, Portland.

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Brianna's Hope receives grant

A local organization received a grant last month from a Wyoming-based philanthropist.

Foster Friess in December announced a grant of \$5,000 to A Better Life - Brianna's Hope, the Jay County-based organization that seeks to provide assistance to those struggling with addiction.

Friess is an investment manager who launched Friess Associates in 1974 and grew the firm to manage more than \$15.7 billion in assets. Affiliated Managers Group later acquired a majority interest in the company.

In addition to the funds for Brianna's Hope, Friess also announced \$25,000 grants to a pair of Amish families. Both had suffered buggy accidents resulting in injuries and/or deaths.

On the list

Candler Hedges of Portland was recently named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Indiana University School of Public Health.

The 2019 Jay County High School graduate was eligible for the dean's list by having a grade point average of at least 3.8 for at least 12 credit hours.

Scholarship offered

Helena Agri-Enterprises announced 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.

For more information, go online to helenahomegrown.com.

Taking Note



Photo provided

Winter memories

About 3 inches of snow fell in Portland overnight Friday. The winter weather provided some weekend fun for a local family, as Devon, Alyssa and Alex Roosa, Katie Westfall and Devin Bollenbacher teamed up to build a 10-foot-tall snowman along Blaine Pike.

Look at interests to show thanks

DEAR ABBY: My colleagues and I were recently notified that our company is closing next month. My work partner and I have collaborated closely for four years, and he's an expert at the software I need to know to get a job in my field. When I asked if he would give me a couple of lessons via Zoom, I was thinking it'd be about a three-hour commitment for him. But he was enthusiastic and designed a 20-plus-hour curriculum for me.

He keeps saying he doesn't want me to pay him, but I want to find an appropriate way to express my gratitude. What would be an appropriate amount to compensate him without getting too steep (which is why I didn't do the full-price software training in the first place. It was \$2K)? Thanks for any advice. — THANKFUL IN ILLINOIS

DEAR THANKFUL: If you know of any interests, hobbies, a sport, etc. your partner has outside the workplace, consider going online to see if you can find something connected to that activity he would enjoy that's within your budget.

DEAR ABBY: Every year on Facebook's "National Daughter's Day," my daughter's mother-in-law professes her love, respect and admiration for her own daughter, but never acknowledges her daughter-in-law (my daughter). Yet on "National Son's Day," she posts glowing tributes not only to her sons, but also to her son-in-law.

We all live within miles of each other, and this recurring slight makes it difficult to act like everything is fine when, in truth, this is hurtful to my daughter and to our family. Should I address this issue with the mother-in-law or

Dear Abby



continue to bite my tongue? — DISMISSED IN TEXAS

DEAR DISMISSED: If you are smart, rather than address the issue with your daughter's mother-in-law, who either has the emotional intelligence of an oyster or really doesn't care for your daughter, mention it to your son-in-law and point out to him that being slighted is hurtful. There may be a better result if HE brings it up to his mother.

DEAR ABBY: I battle with a double chin, and I loathe it. My chin hides itself only if I am under 126 pounds. Anything over that and it's there. I'm not overweight, but my double chin makes me feel that way.

I have read that dermal fillers in the chin can discreetly get rid of this issue. The problem? My husband. He's against any type of plastic surgery.

I think I deserve this shortcut. Should I get the filler without my husband's blessing, or should I continue this struggle? — TAKING IT ON THE CHIN

DEAR TAKING IT: You are an adult, and it's your body. You do not need permission to do something that will help you feel better about yourself. If your husband is against any type of plastic surgery (and by the way, fillers do not qualify as plastic surgery), HE should forgo having it when his frown lines begin to look like tractor furrows and he develops a wattle.

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email 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 - 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.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

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

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To the editor:
Despite a global pandemic, residents throughout east central Indiana shared the true meaning of Christmas with children in need this past holiday season.

At curbside drop-off locations for the Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child, generosity of donors across the U.S. resulted in more than 7.8 million shoebox gifts collected in 2020. Combined

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with those collected from partnering countries in 2020, the ministry is now sending more than 8.9 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide.

Through shoeboxes — filled shoeboxes to children in more than 160 countries and territories. Across east central Indiana, shoebox packers shop for shoebox gift deals year round, and many serve at a deeper level. Information about ways area participants can get involved year round can also be found at samaritanpurse.org/occ or by calling (937) 374-0761. Although local drop-off locations for gifts are closed until

November, anyone can still be a part of this life-changing project by conveniently packing a shoebox gift online in just a few simple clicks at samaritanpurse.org/buildonline. These simple gifts, packed with love, send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten. Sincerely,
Dana Williams
Operation Christmas Child

Questions are many for Garland

By JENNIFER RUBIN
The Washington Post

No Cabinet official will have bigger challenges than Merrick Garland, President Joe Biden's designee for attorney general. He faces not only policy issues, a racial justice imperative and the rise of violent white supremacists in America, but also a Justice Department whose reputation and morale are at low points.

Senators will have an opportunity to highlight those challenges and assess Garland's priorities at his confirmation hearings. Here are some questions to get them started:

- After the Watergate scandal, Attorneys General Edward Levi and Griffin Bell conducted extensive, high-level reviews of everything that went wrong and what policies were needed to prevent it from happening again. Will you be doing that in response to the Trump administration? If not, why?

- What powers do you think the Justice Department inspector general should have?

- Will you fire people or make referrals to state bar associations if you find they have violated department ethics rules or are guilty of serious professional misconduct?

- What reforms need to be in place to prevent politicization of prosecutorial decisions?

- In the wake of the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, many states are considering laws to make voting harder. Absent the pre-clearance powers in the Voting Rights Act, what can the Justice Department do?

- What amendments or changes to the VRA are needed?

- Do we need laws to address domestic terrorism? Do you need a new section or task force within the Justice Department to combat domestic terrorism?

- How do you plan to uphold and disrupt violent, right-wing extremist groups?

- Will your investigation of the events on Jan. 6 extend to individuals who funded, lent aid to or incited the insurrectionists? Will the administration seek civil damages against groups or individuals who could reasonably have foreseen the consequences of their actions?

- What is the role of social media in facilitating violent right-wing extremists? How do you plan to address this?

- How many total instances of fraud have been found in the 2020 election?

- Was it a lie that the "election was stolen" or that "President Trump lost

Jennifer Rubin



Do we need new laws to prevent attempts to interfere with election officials or to abet the falsification of vote totals?

because of fraud?"

- Was there any legal basis for challenging the Pennsylvania or Arizona electoral college votes?

- Do you plan on investigating efforts to intimidate or threaten state election officials so that they would change vote totals or disenfranchise voters? If any state or local officials engaged in such conduct, will you prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law?

- Do we need new laws to prevent attempts to interfere with election officials or to abet the falsification of vote totals?

- Please explain how First Amendment rights do not protect sedition, conspiracy to commit sedition or incitement to riot.

- Does the First Amendment require private social media companies to allow access to their platforms to individuals who violate their terms of service?

- What efforts will you undertake to root out violent white supremacists from law enforcement and the military?

- Will you revisit decisions by state and local authorities to not prosecute police killings of unarmed civilians?

- Will you revisit Justice Department guidelines on prosecution of a sitting president? Do you have any opinion about the current guideline?

- What changes, if any, would you seek in revising qualified immunity for police and other officials?

- Can the federal government set standards for local police for use of force? For anti-bias training? For body cameras?

- Is there systemic racism in our judicial system? Please explain where that manifests itself.

- How will you determine whether to prosecute Trump?



Congress should tax big tech

By STEWART BAKER
Special To The Washington Post

No matter what your politics, there are reasons to be uneasy about Silicon Valley's swift and brutal exercise of power after the violence at the Capitol on Jan. 6. Not only was a head of state silenced but large numbers of his followers were, as well. Most disturbing, Parler, the only service that still welcomed some Trump supporters, was summarily driven out of business by Apple, Google and Amazon's web-hosting services.

Even if you think that President Donald Trump had it coming, this demonstration of corporate power is troubling, especially if you believe our country's divisions are deepened by social media business models. In this view, the platforms' ad revenue depends on user engagement, and engagement is driven by anger, so social media serves up content calculated to leave users angry. If that's true, the violence-marred protests over the summer and at the Capitol are powerful arguments for forcing a fundamental change in how U.S. social media companies make money.

Faced with such a threat to their business, those companies are highly likely to use their substantial power to tilt the debate against such reforms.

Many on the left and right are appalled by the tech giants' power, but they are reluctant to rely on the intervention of a government that could change hands completely over any four-year period. That dilemma undercuts the two most common proposals to trim Big Tech's reach: revising Section 230 or enforcing antitrust laws.

Section 230, a segment of the Communications Decency Act of 1996, seems ripe for reform. Both presidential candidates questioned it, but Trump wanted changes that would discourage the suppression of discursive voices, while many on the left think the platforms don't do enough to suppress right-leaning speech. Using Section 230

Stewart Baker



to drive speech-moderation standards would transform the law into a regulatory regime that could force Silicon Valley to curry favor with whoever holds power in Washington. Both the right and the left should fear such a result, unless they think they can keep the other side from ever controlling the regulatory levers.

What about the antitrust laws already on the books? The Trump administration kicked off litigation against Google and Facebook, almost certainly with a view toward spurring more competition, and thus more diversity, in social media. But that's not the most likely outcome. Instead, the Justice Department would be lucky to win a few new rules preventing the platforms from favoring their own interests in third-party transactions or to force the divestment of a few subsidiaries. Either way, antitrust enforcers would essentially create a regulatory regime tailored to a specific company.

What is needed is a more dramatic and less politically tinged solution. Across the Atlantic, Germany and the European Union have recently proposed legislation that sets competition rules for digital "gatekeepers" such as social networks and cloud computing companies. This is another regulatory scheme and, therefore, of dubious value, but the notion of digital gatekeepers aptly summarizes what's most troubling about Silicon Valley's new role in our discourse. So why not combine that concept with the 3% tax France imposes on the gross revenue of large digital companies — but in the service of structural reform rather than regulation?

What if the federal government imposed a 40% tax on the gross revenue of gatekeeper social media companies that have more than, say, 30 million active users in the United States? Instead of fighting antitrust authorities in the trenches for years, companies faced with such a harsh tax rate would rush to break themselves up. (And if they didn't, well, the treasury could certainly use the revenue after the bailouts of 2008-09 and 2020-21.) Efforts to avoid the tax would surely spur a proliferation of mainstream social media companies, each serving a broad audience. Some might adopt an editorial stance that leans to the left and others to the right, just as broadcast and other news media already do. But their ability to enforce ideological conformity or pursue a unified business interest would be shattered.

There are plenty of details to fill in. Among them: making sure that this wouldn't simply allow Chinese social media platforms to use their domestic scale to seize the U.S. market; limiting application to companies that claim a right to control their customers' speech; and, as with all tax measures, staying alert for unanticipated consequences. Still, the basic concept of a high tax rate to force decentralization has something for everyone. For those on the left, it constrains the clout of big business. For those on the right, it offers the possibility of new platforms that are both responsible and open to conservative voices.

This has at least a chance of attracting majorities from both the Republican and Democratic caucuses. And any legislative proposal that could do that in these times is worth serious consideration — and more than a little effort.

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 Scott McClain
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 susan.duroveyantrim@in.umc.org

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 200 E. Elder St., Portland
 Ronald Willis
 (260) 726-4844
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 Wednesday
 thefamilyworshipcenter.org

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 289 S. 200 West
 Hugh Kelly
 (260) 726-8873
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 pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

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 427 S. Main St., Dunkirk
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 (765) 768-7157
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 1049 Union City Road, Fort Recovery
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 (419) 375-2860
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 341 S. Meridian St., Redkey
 Everett Bilbrey Jr.
 Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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 12369 W. 600 South, Dunkirk
 Marion Donathan
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 Services: 9 a.m.

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Mary Help of Christians
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 4017 W. 200 South
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 (260) 251-2406
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 drkayfairchild.com

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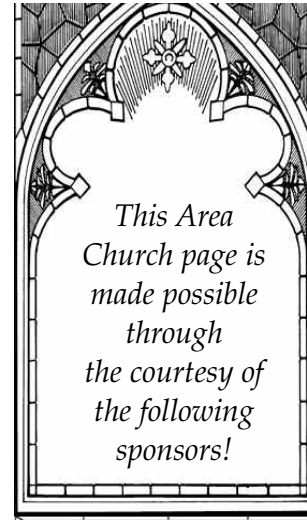
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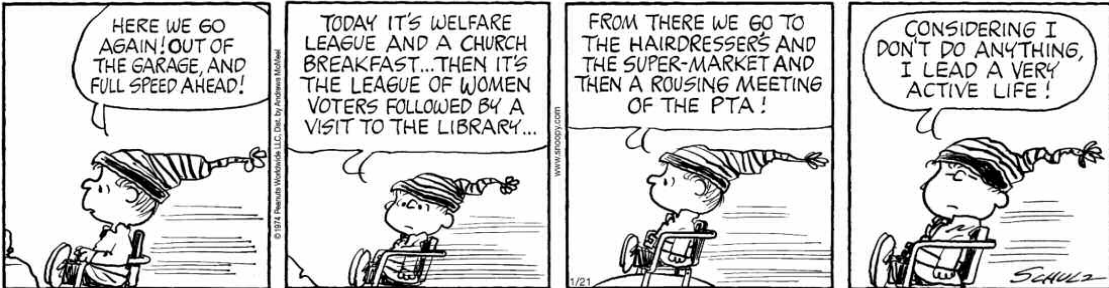


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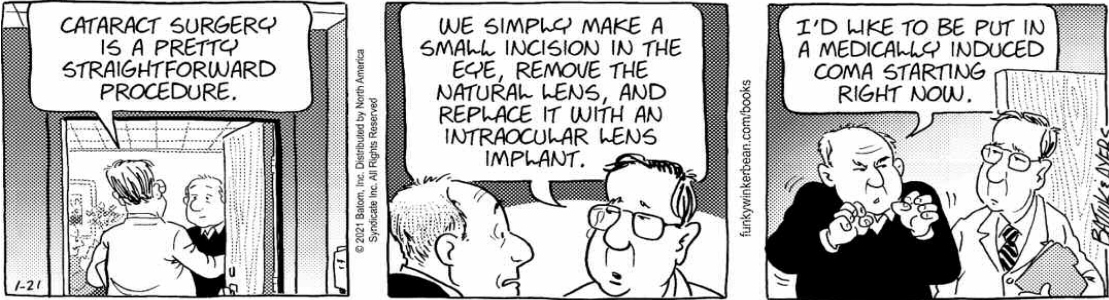
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Mahomes practices, still in concussion protocol

By **DAVE SKRETTA**
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes remained in the NFL's concussion protocol Wednesday, but practiced in a limited capacity, raising hopes that the reigning Super Bowl MVP can play in Sunday's AFC title game against Buffalo.

The Chiefs typically breeze through their midweek practice with little contact before ramping things up with their longest workout Thursday, and coach Andy Reid said afterward that fit perfectly with what Mahomes was able to do.

"He looked good," Reid said. "He's in the protocol so there's

only certain things he can do, but he took all the snaps and he feels good. So, I mean, we're just going to follow this protocol as close as we possibly can."

There are five steps in the league's return-to-play protocol: rest until signs and symptoms return to baseline clearance to begin cardio; stretching and balance training with medical oversight; an increase in exercises that includes monitored strength training; the resumption of non-contact football activities; and finally, the player is cleared by team physicians and passes an independent neurological exam, at which point he is cleared to practice and play.

Reid didn't specify which step

Mahomes was in Wednesday, but the work he described coincides with the fourth step. If all goes well, that could mean the Chiefs' quarterback is cleared to participate more fully in practice Thursday or Friday.

"He's done well up to this point and they just progress you through the day," Reid said, "so today was limited work and no contact, I think was the schedule for today. And that's kind of what we're doing on Wednesday, so it fit perfectly with that."

Mahomes was hurt in the third quarter of last Sunday's 22-17 victory over the Cleveland Browns when he was tackled around the neck while keeping the ball on a quarterback option. His head did

not appear to strike the ground hard — if at all — and that led to reports that he had tweaked a nerve that runs up the neck.

Chad Henne finished the game and would be the starter if Mahomes was unable to play against the Bills.

"It's definitely not the easiest if you don't get the reps during the week," Henne said, "but mentally you have to stay in it. When Patrick was in last week, during every practice, Matt (Moore) and I are in the back doing our drops, our progressions. That doesn't change. After practice we get the throws we need that Patrick took and we go about our business."

The return of Mahomes was only the start of the positive

injury news for Kansas City.

Defensive back Bashaud Breeland, who also left the Browns game with a concussion, got in some limited work as the Chiefs moved practice from outdoors inside because of gusty winds.

The availability of their No. 1 cornerback is important with Bills quarterback Josh Allen riding a hot streak and All-Pro wide receiver Stefon Diggs coming to town.

Running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire and wide receiver Sammy Watkins also practiced Wednesday, which means the Chiefs could have a full complement of playmakers regardless of their quarterback for the first time in weeks.

NBA giving Wizards more time to prepare

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
AP Basketball Writer

Washington got back on the practice court Wednesday for the first time in more than a week, and Bradley Beal wondered if the Wizards need more time there before returning to game mode.

The NBA apparently agreed with him.

Not long after the league's leading scorer said he believes the short-handed Wizards — who have six players who have tested positive for COVID-19 — may be following "a recipe for injury" if they played Milwaukee as scheduled Friday night, the NBA said that game would be postponed in a move that simply gives Washington more time to get game-ready again.

That move, along with the postponement of Wednesday's Memphis at Portland game, push the total to 17 games this season that have been pushed back because of the virus — those decisions coming on the same day the league revealed that 11 more players in the past week have tested positive for COVID-19.

The NBA said Washing-

ton's Friday game would be called off "due to the number of unavailable players for the Wizards, contact tracing for other players on their roster, and the length of time preceding the game during which the team was unable to practice."

That's exactly what Washington wanted.

The Wizards had eight bodies for their first practice in nine days Wednesday night, after which Beal sounded the alarm and said he hoped the NBA would allow the team time to get in some semblance of game shape before playing again.

"The health of us is the most important thing, and the safety of us, and that goes far beyond the virus," Beal said. "It's our physical health, too. ... It's unfair that other teams have been going and practicing and playing and having their constant rhythm. We haven't played in a week and some change. It's going to be tough on us. It's going to be real tough on us."

The earliest Washington will play now is Sunday in San Antonio — 13 days after the Wizards' most recent game.



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Pearson prepares

Fort Recovery High School freshman Mara Pearson prepares to shoot as Madi Smith of South Adams defends during the second quarter on Tuesday at Fort Site Fieldhouse. Pearson scored all eight of her points in the second period of the Indians' 51-25 victory.

Land ...

Continued from page 8

Philadelphia and Houston, meanwhile, still have an opening for a head coach. The NFL has just four minority coaches: Pittsburgh's Mike Tomlin, Washington's Ron Rivera, Miami's Brian Flores and Saleh, who is the first Muslim American coach in the league.

"The issue is not in the sufficiency of numbers; the problem is in the limited number of leadership opportunities given," said Graves, executive director of the Fritz Polard Alliance, which champions diversity in the NFL. "The disparity in opportunities is mind-boggling. It is unfortunate that the performances of coordinators like Eric Bieniemy, Todd Bowles, Byron Leftwich, Leslie Frasier and Joe Woods may not meet what appears as 'ever-evolving standards' for becoming a Black head coach in the NFL."

The 44-year-old Campbell, who also had the title of assistant head coach with the Saints, has 11 years of experience in the NFL as a coach and 11 as a player.

He was 5-7 as interim coach of the Miami Dolphins in 2015.

Campbell, who is from Clifton, Texas, was a standout tight end at Texas A&M and was drafted in the third round by the New York Giants in 1999. He had 91 career receptions for 934 yards and 11 touchdowns with the Giants, Dallas, Detroit and New Orleans.

Campbell, who played for the Lions from 2006 to 2008, is the first former player to lead the franchise since Hall of Famer and two-time NFL champion Joe Schmidt was Detroit's coach from 1967-72.

"Dan's passion for this opportunity was evident throughout our interview process," Lions presi-

dent Rod Wood said. "When we began the search for a head coach, it was imperative that we find the right leader who values our commitment to building a winning culture based on organizational alignment and collaboration."

"The leadership Dan has exemplified throughout his football career has prepared him for this next step, and we are excited to support him as our new head coach."

Hamp fired general manager Bob Quinn and coach Matt Patricia in November. Patricia, a former New England defensive coordinator, was 13-29-1 in two-plus seasons as a first-time NFL head coach.

The Lions finished 5-11 last season — their 13th season with double-digit losses this century — and have only one playoff victory since winning the 1957 NFL title.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Junior varsity wrestling vs. Belmont — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball at South Adams — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high wrestling vs. Adams Central — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. St. Henry — 5:30 p.m.; Swimming vs. Versailles at South Adams — 6 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Swimming hosts ACAC diving — 6 p.m.; Wrestling hosts ACAC Individual tournament — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball at St. Henry — 5:30 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Girls swimming hosts ACAC championships — 9 a.m.; Gymnastics at Northwestern Invitational — 11 a.m.; Boys swimming hosts ACAC championships — 1 p.m.; Girls basketball at Southern Wells (varsity only) — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at Adams Central — 9 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball at Fort Loramie — 6 p.m.

Monday
Jay County — Girls basketball vs. Norwell (varsity only) — 7 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball ACAC tournament TBA; Junior high girls basketball ACAC tournament TBA

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Guesswork is not necessary

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 9
♥ 10 8 2
♦ A Q 10 9 4 3
♣ A J

WEST
♠ K 8 4 3
♥ J 9 4
♦ 7
♣ 9 8 7 5 2

EAST
♠ 10 7 6 5 2
♥ A Q 6 5 3
♦ 5
♣ 6 4

SOUTH
♠ A Q
♥ K 7
♦ K J 8 6 2
♣ K Q 10 3

The bidding:
South Pass 3♦
North Pass 5♥
East Pass

Opening lead — nine of clubs.
In today's deal, it is easy to see, after the opening club lead, that if East was dealt the king of spades, the diamond slam can be made by drawing trump, discarding two of dummy's hearts on South's high clubs and later taking a winning spade finesse. But if West has the king of spades, this line of play will fail, and the contract will be defeated.

Alternatively, the contract may be made by a different method of play if East was dealt the ace of

hearts. In that case, all South has to do is to lead a heart toward the king. The actual location of the king of spades thus becomes immaterial, since a spade can be discarded from dummy on a good club.

It would appear, therefore, that South is on a straight guess as to which line of play to adopt. He has an even-money shot on the location of the spade king, and also on the heart ace. If he guesses wrong, however, he goes down without getting an opportunity to try the other line of play.

But the fact of the matter is that there really isn't any guesswork involved at all. With proper play, South can test both possibilities before he is defeated.

After winning the club lead with the ace and drawing a round of trump, three more clubs are cashed, on which two hearts are discarded from dummy. Dummy is then entered with a trump, and a heart is led. In the actual case, since East has the ace, the hand is over. He takes the ace and returns a spade. Declarer puts up the ace and discards dummy's remaining spade on the king of hearts.

And what if West turns up with the ace of hearts? In that case, West captures the heart king and returns a heart, ruffed in dummy. Now the spade finesse is taken, and if East has the king, the slam is home.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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101	Petty Cash	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
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201	Rainy Day	\$181,520.20	\$79,121.80	\$77,288.86	\$183,353.14
226	Endowment Allocation	\$55,594.64	\$13,826.86	\$3,713.02	\$65,708.48
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Sports

James, Patriots to open Saturday

By CHRIS SCHANZ
The Commercial Review

The Patriot gymnastics team almost didn't have a season.

For a while, they were without a coach.

But a former gymnast returned to the program, this time to lead them.

Melynda (Brackman) James, a 2011 Jay County High School graduate, takes the helm of the Patriot gymnastics team as they open their season Saturday in the Northwestern Invitational.

"I always wanted to be involved in the community," said James, who was a cheerleader at University of Indianapolis, later lived in Georgia for a few years and returned to Jay County in 2016. "Gymnastics is just a love of mine."

James inherits a seven-member squad with just two upperclassmen. Kenzie Ring, the lone senior, returns as the most experienced Patriot gymnast, having finished 12th in the all-around competition at sectional her junior year.

Ring had the team's best sectional performance on uneven bars (14th) and balance beam (18th) while also placing 23rd on floor exercise and 27th on vault.

"She's a senior, she's going to be the leader," James said. "I expect her to be the top dog almost every meet. I really want to get her out of sectional."

"We're really going to try to push her this year, especially on bars and beam."

Macy Miller, a transfer from Delta, is the only other upperclassman. James said her best event is the beam, and she hopes to get the junior through to regional as well.

Lilly Rogers and Cassidy Upp are the team's two sophomores. Upp competed on vault at sectional, and placed 41st. Rogers is a JCHS gymnast for the first time.



The Commercial Review composite/Chris Schanz

Pictured is the 2021 Jay County High School gymnastics team. Front row from left are Erin Ring, manager Ralyn Chaffins and Karci Hopkins. Back row are coach Melynda James, Macy Miller, Makinsey Murphy, Kenzie Ring, Lilly Rogers, Cassidy Upp and assistant coach Shelby Pryor.

"She gets into her floor a lot," James said of Rogers. "She's going to be a good asset to floor. She's got a good personality; it shows through on the event."

On Upp: "She's such a positive teammate and has worked so hard. She's gotten more skills so we're working (them) on her floor and her beam."

Erin Ring, Kenzie's younger sister, Makinsey Murphy and Karci Hopkins make up the three-member class of freshmen. James said the trio is coachable in that they have a don't-say-no attitude and do what their coach asks of them.

James also added Murphy has the potential to be the team's third scorer behind Kenzie Ring and Miller.

Jay County was unable to have a full team total on uneven bars at last year's sectional, so the Patriots totaled 82.05 and placed 10th out of 11 teams. James is hopeful to add about 13 points to the team score this year. To achieve that goal, she said it'll take consistency on their routines from one meet to the next.

"We do different goals each meet," she said. "I really want us to be positive and work each day and improve each day."

JCHS gymnastics

Date	Opponent	Time
Saturday, Jan. 23	N'western Invitational	11 a.m.
Thursday, Jan. 28	Huntington North	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 30	Western Invitational	Noon
Monday, Feb. 8	Richmond	6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 13	Muncie Central	3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20	New Castle	10 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 27	Sectional @ Concordia	TBA

Home meet in bold

Following Saturday's season opener, Jay County has its only home meet Jan. 28 as it hosts Huntington North. The Patriots then go to the Western Invitational on Jan. 30, and to Richmond Feb.

8. They have a Feb. 13 date at Muncie Central ahead of a Feb. 20 meet at New Castle. Sectional is slated for Feb. 27 at Concordia.

"I want us to improve each meet," James said.

Porzingis leads Mavericks past Pacers

By MICHAEL MAROT
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Kristaps Porzingis posted season-high totals of 27 points and 12 rebounds in leading the Dallas Mavericks to a 124-111 victory at Indiana on Wednesday night.

Luka Doncic added 13 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists as Dallas snapped its first three-game

losing streak in almost two years.

The short-handed Pacers have lost two straight by double digits, their two most lopsided losses of the season. Malcolm Brogdon had 26 points and Domantas Sabonis finished with 25 points and 10 rebounds, giving him a franchise-record 14 in a row.

Dallas took the lead for good on

the final basket of the third quarter and pulled away with an 11-4 run in the fourth.

The Mavericks were in control most of the night after using an early 15-3 run to take a 37-22 lead late in the first quarter.

Indiana closed the deficit to 65-63 at the half, then took its first lead when Edmond Sumner's 3-pointer broke a 67-all tie early in

the third. It didn't last long.

Porzingis scored all of the Mavericks points in a 9-2 run and Dallas eventually extended the margin to 84-76.

Again, the Pacers charged back, tying the score at 86 on Brogdon's second 3 of the game, taking an 89-88 lead on his next 3 and then making it 91-88 when Brogdon made a layup.

Lions land new coach

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The Detroit Lions landed the coach they coveted from the start of their search by hiring Dan Campbell.

The Lions tweeted a photo of the former New Orleans Saints tight ends coach signing his deal Wednesday, one day after the team formally introducing Brad Holmes as their general manager. Campbell signed a six-year contract, according to a person familiar with the situation who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because terms of the deal were not released.

"With more than 20 years of experience as both a coach and player in the National Football League, Dan knows the rigors of professional football and what it takes to be successful," team owner Sheila Ford Hamp said in a statement. "He will help promote the culture we want to establish across our organization, while also bringing with him high energy, a respect for the game and an identity with which everyone can align themselves."

While Detroit did make Holmes one of four Black general managers in the NFL and team president Rod Wood thanked Rod Graves of the Fritz Pollard Alliance on Tuesday, the franchise followed a league-wide trend of hiring white head coaches.

The Lions were one of seven teams looking for a head coach during this hiring cycle and so far only the New York Jets did not pick a white man. The Jets hired Robert Saleh, the son of Lebanese parents.

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