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## Rocks on ice

Ryan Timmerman, 13, (left) and David Confer, 14, toss rocks into the frozen pond at Hudson Family Park on Friday. Temperatures dipped from the high 20s to the teens after the sun set that evening.

## JCDC preps to advertise role of director

*Community development job has been open since mid-November*

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Jay County has been without a director of community development for more than two months.

Jay County Development Corporation's executive committee is getting ready to fill that vacancy.

The organization's executive committee is set to meet to review the job description Wednesday, then take it to the full board at its Feb. 2 meeting before posting it. It will be made available at [hoosieropportunity.com](http://hoosieropportunity.com) and other sources.

"We're anxious to get it through the executive committee and then to the full board so we can take our next steps," said Doug Loy, president of JCDC.

The director of community development position has been open since Nov. 14 when Ami Huffman announced her resignation. It came after a few weeks of controversy over a comment she made in a private Facebook group — a screenshot of the post was later circulated publicly — regarding the Oct. 25 "American Patriots Day" event in Portland. She had been in the role since August 2005.

Since Huffman's resignation, JCDC executive director Travis Richards and administrative assistant Jodi Hayes have worked together to keep community development projects moving forward.

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## Impeachment trial to start Feb. 8

By MARY CLARE JALONICK and LISA MASCARO

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Opening arguments in the Senate impeachment trial for Donald Trump over the Capitol riot will begin the week of Feb. 8, the first time a former president will face such charges after leaving office.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer announced the schedule Friday evening after reaching an agreement with Republicans, who had pushed for a delay to give Trump a chance to organize his legal team and prepare a

defense on the sole charge of incitement of insurrection.

The February start date also allows the Senate more time to confirm President Joe Biden's Cabinet nominations and consider his proposed \$1.9 trillion COVID relief package — top priorities of the new White House agenda that could become stalled during trial proceedings.

"We all want to put this awful chapter in our nation's history behind us," Schumer said about the deadly Jan. 6 Capitol siege by a mob of pro-Trump supporters.

"But healing and unity will only come if there is truth and account-

ability. And that is what this trial will provide."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi will send the article of impeachment late Monday, with senators sworn in as jurors Tuesday. But opening arguments will move to February.

Trump's impeachment trial would be the first of a U.S. president no longer in office, an undertaking that his Senate Republican allies argue is pointless, and potentially even unconstitutional. Democrats say they have to hold Trump to account, even as they pursue Biden's legislative priorities, because of the gravity of what took place — a violent attack on the

U.S. Congress aimed at overturning an election.

If Trump is convicted, the Senate could vote to bar him from holding office ever again, potentially upending his chances for a political comeback.

The urgency for Democrats to hold Trump responsible was complicated by the need to put Biden's government in place and start quick work on his coronavirus aid package.

"The more time we have to get up and running ... the better," Biden said Friday in brief comments to reporters.

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## Retrospect

### Chamber gave awards

Twenty-five years ago this week, Portland Area Chamber of Commerce honored local residents and businesses at its awards banquet.

The Jan. 22, 1996, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of the chamber's annual meeting and awards banquet during which Greg Moser was honored as citizen of the year. His company, Moser Engineering, earned the industry of the year award.

Described as "a quiet man who thinks little of his own success," Moser was praised for his community involvement. He spearheaded a fundraising drive for the new

Jay County Public Library and led the record-breaking United Way of Jay County annual campaign.

Chamber of commerce outgoing president Greg Franklin referred to Moser as a man "who always knew how great Portland is and has continued to work endlessly for its growth and progress."

Moser Engineering was honored in part of its growth, having started in a garage in 1986 and becoming an industry leader that shipped products around the world. The company developed a computer-controlled machining process to create custom racing

axles using a heat-treated process.

Also at the awards banquet, the late Harold Schutz was honored for lifetime achievement. Schutz had served as principal and coach at Portland High School and was Jay County High School's first athletics director.

"Our recipient has had a special influence on the lives of thousands of young people in our community," Franklin said of Schutz. "He particularly encouraged them to pursue higher education. His life was a fine example to all of us."

Hunt's Emporium was also honored as business of the year.



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The family of the late Harold Schutz accepted lifetime achievement award Jan. 20 at Portland Country Club. Pictured, front row from left, are Sonya Hutson, Nancy McGriff, Maxine Schutz, Susan Horsley, Julie Hutson and Sara McGriff. Back row are Tom Hutson, Ryan Hutson, Ian McGriff, Jim Horsley and Randy McGriff.

### Weather

The high temperature in Jay County reached 30 degrees Friday before falling into the teens before midnight.

Today's forecast calls for a high of 32 and mainly sunny skies. The low will be 25.

Highs Sunday and Monday will be in the mid 30s. Lows will be around 30. Rain and snow are possible Monday with less than an inch of accumulation expected.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Jay County Local Emergency Planning Committee is making data available regarding the storage of hazardous chemicals in Jay County. Information is available at the office at 224 W. Water St., Portland. To review this information, call Amy Blakely at (260) 726-6908.

### Coming up

**Tuesday** — Results from Monday's JCHS girls basketball game against Norwell.

**Thursday** — An update on the coronavirus pandemic in Jay County.



# JCDC ...

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Those include the expansion of the Pennville library that is being funded mostly via \$333,333 that Jay! Region received for being a finalist for the Stellar Communities designation in 2019, various Indiana Department of Transportation projects including Community Crossings grants and other pending road and sidewalk work, and completion of paperwork for blight removal in Dunkirk through Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority.  
“So far we’ve been able to take care of everything that’s been going on,” said Richards.  
“We’re lucky he’s able to do that,” added Loy.

Upcoming projects include the Town of Redkey applying for additional Community Crossings grant funding for road work. The Town of Pennville is also considering applying for an Indiana Office of Community Affairs grant, though details of that project have not yet been finalized.  
(Jay! Region had committed to making another run at the Stellar Communities designation in 2020 before the program was canceled because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. The program is not expected to be revived this year as the pandemic continues, but could return in 2022.)  
While JCDC has not had to

hire any outside help as of yet, Richards said that is a possibility moving forward. He said it may be necessary to seek assistance for bidding Community Crossings projects already awarded to Portland, Dunkirk and Bryant and/or for Redkey’s upcoming Community Crossings grant application in order to make sure all of the details are handled correctly.  
“At the same time, we don’t want to just hire (an engineering firm) to do all the work at extra cost to the municipalities,” Richards said. “We’re trying to find that right balance.”  
He added that he’s been in contact frequently with INDOT local program director Kim Bowdell

and other state officials in order to make sure the correct steps are being followed.  
“The people at INDOT, OCRA and IHEDA have been extremely helpful,” said Richards. “It’s been very nice. They’ve helped me figure out where we’re at and what needs to happen next.”  
JCDC’s executive committee met in December and distributed the director of community development job description for review. It currently includes items such as collaborating with communities to develop community plans, promoting volunteerism, researching and applying for grants, providing support for fundraising initiatives associated with community develop-

ment projects and helping to develop ties between local communities and organizations. (The description has not been updated since Huffman was hired in 2005.) In addition to getting board input, JCDC planned to reach out to local clerk-treasurers for suggestions.  
Richards said adjustments may include updates to reflect things that Huffman had already taken on, such as working with local Main Street organizations. But, he added, he doesn’t expect major changes to what JCDC is looking for in a community development director.  
“I think what we’ve been doing has been working pretty well,” he said.

## CR almanac

Sunday 1/24	Monday 1/25	Tuesday 1/26	Wednesday 1/27	Thursday 1/28
<b>36/29</b>	<b>35/31</b>	<b>33/21</b>	<b>31/20</b>	<b>28/20</b>

## Lotteries

<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 3-8-6 Daily Four: 8-5-8-7 Quick Draw: 5-9-12-15-20-23-25-28-30-34-36-38-47-48-49-50-53-62-72-76	Pick 4: 4-0-4-3 Pick 5: 7-6-8-3-2
<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 5-6-6	<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$20 million
	<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$1 billion

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....5.03 Wheat .....6.10	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.87 Feb. corn .....4.89 Beans .....13.02 Feb. beans .....13.02 Wheat ..... 6.24 March wheat ..... 6.26
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....5.10 Feb. corn .....5.10	<b>Sunrise St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.98 Feb. corn .....4.98 Beans .....12.82 Feb. beans .....12.87 Wheat .....5.89 Feb. wheat .....5.79
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....4.91 Feb. corn .....4.96 Beans .....13.05 Feb. beans .....13.05 Wheat ..... 6.35 Feb. wheat ..... 6.35	

## Today in history

**On Jan. 23, 2020,** Chinese state media said the city of Wuhan would be shutting down outbound flights and trains, trying to halt the spread of a new virus that had sickened hundreds of people and killed at least 17. The World Health Organization said the viral illness in China was not yet a global health emergency, though the head of the U.N. health agency added that “it may yet become one.”  
**In 1812,** the second New Madrid Earthquake struck, with an estimated magnitude of 7.5, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.  
**In 1971,** the Bryant High School boys basketball team improved to 11-3 with a 91-75 victory over Redkey. Center Rick Schoenlein led the Owls with 28 points.  
**In 1937,** 17 people went on trial in Moscow during Josef Stalin’s “Great Purge.” (All were convicted of conspiracy; all but four were executed.)

**In 1950,** the Israeli Knesset approved a resolution affirming Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.  
**In 1962,** Jackie Robinson was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility.  
**In 1964,** the 24th Amendment to the United States Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified as South Dakota became the 38th state to endorse it.  
**In 1973,** President Richard Nixon announced an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam War, and would be formally signed four days later in Paris.  
**In 1977,** the TV mini-series “Roots,” based on the Alex Haley novel, began airing on ABC.  
**In 2009,** New York Gov. David Paterson chose Democratic Rep. Kirsten Gillibrand to fill the Senate seat vacated by Hillary Rodham Clinton.

—AP and The CR

## Citizen’s calendar

<b>Monday</b> 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners’ room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, district office, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.	6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
<b>Tuesday</b> 5 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.	

## Trial ...

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Republicans were eager to delay the trial, putting distance between the shocking events of the siege and the votes that will test their loyalty to the former president who still commands voters’ attention.

Negotiations between Schumer and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell were complicated, as the two are also in talks over a power-sharing agreement for the Senate, which is split 50-50 but in Democratic control because Vice President Kamala Harris serves as a tie-breaking vote.  
McConnell had proposed delaying the start and welcomed the agreement.  
“Republicans set out to ensure the Senate’s next steps will respect former President Trump’s rights and due process, the institution of the Senate, and the office of the presidency,” said McConnell spokesman Doug Andres. “That goal has been achieved.”

Pelosi said Friday the nine House impeachment managers, or prosecutors, are “ready to begin to make their case” against Trump. Trump’s team will have had the same amount of time since the House impeachment vote to prepare, Pelosi said.  
Democrats say they can move quickly through the trial, potentially with no witnesses, because lawmakers experienced the insurrection first-hand.

*‘On the facts, they’ll be able to mount a defense, so the main thing is to give him a chance to prepare and run the trial orderly ...’*  
—Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-South Carolina

One of the managers, California Rep. Ted Lieu, said Friday that Democrats would rather be working on policy right now, but “we can’t just ignore” what happened on Jan. 6.  
“This was an attack on our Capitol by a violent mob,” Lieu said in an interview with The Associated Press. “It was an attack on our nation instigated by our commander in chief. We have to address that and make sure it never happens again.”

Trump, who told his supporters to “fight like hell” just before they invaded the Capitol two weeks ago and interrupted the electoral vote count, is still assembling his legal team.  
White House press secretary Jen Psaki on Friday deferred to Congress on timing for the trial and would not say whether Biden thinks Trump should be convicted. But she said lawmakers can simultaneously discuss and have hearings on

Biden’s coronavirus relief package.  
“We don’t think it can be delayed or it can wait, so they’re going to have to find a path forward,” Psaki said of the virus aid. “He’s confident they can do that.”  
Democrats would need the support of at least 17 Republicans to convict Trump, a high bar. While most Republican senators condemned Trump’s actions that day, far fewer appear to be ready to convict.

A handful of Senate Republicans have indicated they are open — but not committed — to conviction. But most have come to Trump’s defense as it relates to impeachment, saying they believe a trial will be divisive and questioning the legality of trying a president after he has left office.  
South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham, a close Trump ally who has been helping him find lawyers, said Friday there is “a very

compelling constitutional case” on whether Trump can be impeached after his term — an assertion Democrats reject, saying there is ample legal precedent. Graham also suggested Republicans will argue Trump’s words on Jan. 6 were not legally “incitement.”

“On the facts, they’ll be able to mount a defense, so the main thing is to give him a chance to prepare and run the trial orderly, and hopefully the Senate will reject the idea of pursuing presidents after they leave office,” Graham said.  
Other Republicans had stronger words, suggesting there should be no trial at all. Wyoming Sen. John Barrasso said Pelosi is sending a message to Biden that “my hatred and vitriol of Donald Trump is so strong that I will stop even you and your Cabinet from getting anything done.” Wisconsin Sen. Ron Johnson suggested Democrats are choosing “vindictiveness” over national security as Biden attempts to set up his government.

McConnell, who said this week that Trump “provoked” his supporters before the riot, has not said how he will vote. He said Senate Republicans “strongly believe we need a full and fair process where the former president can mount a defense and the Senate can properly consider the factual, legal and constitutional questions.”  
Trump is the first president to be impeached twice.

# Negotiations end in stalemate

By BIBHUDATTA PRADHAN  
Bloomberg

Negotiations between protesting farmers and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s government on Friday ended in an impasse as peasant leaders stuck to their demand for repealing new agricultural laws and rejected the administration’s offer to suspend them for 18 months.  
The government told the farmer unions that it is ready to meet again once they agree to discuss the suspension proposal, Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar told reporters after the meeting. No date has been fixed for a subsequent meeting.  
“Whatever best options are available, we have offered to farmer unions,” said Tomar. “I hope farmer

unions will consider it in a positive way.”  
Only a full repeal of the three farm acts and legislation for minimum support prices for crops will end the two months of protests, Samkyukt Kisan Morcha, an umbrella body representing protesting unions, said in a statement Thursday before the meeting.  
“It’s an effort to quell the farmers’ protests and not a sincere move to resolve the issues,” said Avik Saha, organizing secretary of the All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee, before the talks. “Keeping the laws in abeyance doesn’t achieve the purpose for which farmers are agitating.”  
Agriculture Minister Tomar has said a suspension would allow farm

leaders and the government to begin discussions to find a lasting resolution to their differences. A spokesman for the Prime Minister’s Office wasn’t immediately available for comment.  
The farmers have been camping out at several entry points to the capital New Delhi since late November in protest against the legislations that they say will hurt farm incomes and leave them vulnerable to big corporations. The Modi government has defended the laws, saying the reforms will make agriculture competitive and bring prosperity to farmers.  
The protesters have also said they plan a rally in the Indian capital that would run at the same time as Republic Day celebrations on Jan. 26.

# Cases down from peak

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana’s rates of COVID-19 deaths, hospitalizations and infection have reached their lowest levels in more than two months, and the governor is considering rolling back restrictions on crowd sizes.  
The state health department’s daily update on Friday reported 49 more recent COVID-19 deaths, which pushed its pandemic death toll past 9,600. The seven-day rolling average of about 50 COVID-19 deaths, though, has declined by about 40% since its peak in early December.  
Indiana’s daily average of newly confirmed COVID-19 cases has dropped during that time by about half, and its hospitalizations from the disease are down by

nearly 40% from their peak after a steep surge that began in September.  
Gov. Eric Holcomb said Thursday that he might consider revisions to his executive order imposing crowd size limits based on each county’s risk level for coronavirus spread. But that is tempered by the state not broadening vaccine eligibility beyond health care workers and those age 70 or older because of limited dose availability from the federal government.  
The state health commissioner, Dr. Kristina Box, said she thinks the vaccine might already be holding down new infections in nursing homes, although she couldn’t pinpoint a reason for the slower spread over the past month.

### SERVICES

Today

**Hartman, Pauline:** 11 a.m., 190 S. Union St., Pennville.

**Retter, Carol:** 3 p.m., Green Park Cemetery, Portland.

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### Jay County Sheriff’s Department

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224 W. Water St., Portland. E.O.E.

# Six-figure grant awarded to YSB

A local organization that focuses on helping youth has received a major grant.

The Youth Program Resilience Fund of Lilly Endowment recently announced a \$107,000 grant to The Youth Service Bureau of Jay County.

YSB will use the funds to offset losses related to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. The funding will also allow for providing services to students attending classes virtually. (Eligible students will be referred to the program by Jay School Corporation.)

The grant is one of 297 Lilly Endowment grants made through its Youth Program Resilience Fund, which focuses on providing funding to help youth-serving organizations throughout Indiana.

## Taking Note

### Murder reshaped

The murder of Garnett Ginn of Portland has been unsolved for 71 years.

A new look at the case is scheduled for next month.

Mike Medler, a Portland resident and retired Indiana State Police officer and director of the Indianapolis — Marion Forensic Crime Lab, will discuss the case as part of John Jay Center for Learning's Senior Learning series. The discussion will be

held via Facebook Live at 1 p.m. Feb. 4.

Ginn, a Portland High School teacher, was found dead in her garage in 1950.

### Beatles art in Blackford

You won't need a "Ticket to Ride" into Blackford County to see some John Lennon art for free.

A new exhibit at the Blackford County Arts Center titled "Only Imagine" will feature art from the famed Beatles guitarist and Hartford City native John Knox daily until Feb. 18.

The original art from Lennon were donated to the center by David Hodges.

The Blackford County Arts center located at 107 W. Washington St., Hartford City, is open

from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday except Tuesdays, when it is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### New workout for seniors

Just in time to satisfy New Year's Resolutions, there's a new workout program designed for older adults.

LifeStream Services has a new video-based workout program from Geri-Fit that is designed to help seniors build strength. Videos last 45 minutes and can be downloaded and followed along from the safety of their home.

The Geri-Fit program can increase muscular strength, improve balance and coordination, boost motor skills and reaction time, enhance flexibility

and gait, lessen arthritic conditions, and help manage chronic disease, according to a LifeStream press release.

To learn more about the program, visit [lifestreaminc.org/wellness](http://lifestreaminc.org/wellness) or call (800) 589-1121.

### Scholarship offered

Helena Agri-Enterprises announced recently that it will award a \$1,000 Helena Home-Grown 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 [helenahomegrown.com](http://helenahomegrown.com).

# Nurse facing repercussions

DEAR ABBY: I have been a nurse for 10 years and love taking care of my patients. I have worked at a midsize hospital for 2 1/2 years.

Since I started working here, we have been assigned six or seven patients at a time, although I was told when I was hired they were going to hire enough nurses to have a 4-to-1 ratio. It not only hasn't happened, but the administration keeps piling on paperwork for the nurses to complete.

I have anxiety, and this is about to cause me to break. I love my job, and I don't want to leave. I just wish they would be more considerate of their nurses instead of making them feel like I do right now, which is wanting to find something else.

Should I say something to my charge nurse about how I'm feeling? I'm afraid if I do, I'll be pushed out of this job. Adding to my anxiety is that my daughter now works at the same facility, and I'm afraid if I say anything they will punish her. Please offer me your advice. — ANXIOUS R.N. IN ALABAMA

**DEAR ANXIOUS R.N.:** Because you feel the stress is becoming too much, I do think you should address it with your charge nurse. It's the truth. Because the pandemic has increased the workload on all medical caregivers, you are far from alone in

Dear Abby



feeling overwhelmed.

**When you speak up, do not couch it in terms of the fact that your employers haven't followed through on their promises. Do it strictly in terms of the effect it is having on you. I doubt you will be fired, because experienced nurses are in such high demand right now. However, if you are let go and your daughter is questioned about it, all she should say is that the workload and the stress became too much for YOU. Speaking your truth should be no reflection on her.**

DEAR ABBY: New neighbors moved into my apartment building about a month ago. I don't mind that sometimes I hear their kids. I don't mind that sometimes I hear the adults. BUT! Their alarm clock wakes me up every morning at 6 a.m. It's loud, and I'm guessing it's up against the adjoining wall. Normally, I sleep until 8. I work

from home, and I'm usually up until 1 a.m. or so. I'm a night owl, and I simply can't go to sleep any earlier.

It's impossible to sleep through their alarm. It has been weeks. I am afraid if I complain they will call me a racist since I am white, and they are black. But it's NOT a race thing; it's a SLEEP thing. What should I do? -- SLEEPLESS IN BALTIMORE

**DEAR SLEEPLESS:** Write a polite note to the new neighbors and introduce yourself. Explain the problem you are experiencing and ask if they can help you by either moving their alarm clock to a different part of their bedroom or adjusting the ring to make it softer. (It could be as simple as placing their clock on a soft surface like a towel.) If they are unwilling to cooperate, as a last resort try earplugs and talk to the building manager about the noise problem.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

# FW schoolhouse for sale as home

FORT WAYNE (AP) — An 1883 schoolhouse is for sale after it was renovated into a home using original materials and keeping in place the two chalkboards.

WANE 15 reports that Eric Vanstrom was looking at houses when he spotted the abandoned schoolhouse. The owner, John Popp, had purchased the it in hopes of restoring the place where his grandfather taught in about 1905.

Built by J.F. Wing & Co., it was called Cory School for the owner who sold the land to Aboite Township. It educated students from one of eight districts in the Aboite Township Schools.

There was damage from water and van-

dalism, but Vanstrom was surprised at how much was intact.

"When you walk in, you see the original floors, you see the brick ..." said Vanstrom. "It just gives you a pleasant feeling to just sit there. I just love sitting there just looking around, just absorbing it because it's part of the history."

A large piece of slate was mounted on a salvaged door for visitors to sign and the "schoolhouse chalkboards we've left because there's original writing on them from 1938 when they closed down the school."

Vanstrom expanded the building to make room for a kitchen, two bedrooms, two baths, and even a basement.

# 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

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 10 a.m. upstairs at True Value Hardware, Meridian Street, Portland. For more information, call (260) 729-2532.

## Monday

**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.

**WEST JAY COMMUNITY CENTER GROUP** — Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Bingo will begin at 11 a.m. Euchre begins at 1 p.m. There is a \$1 donation for center's expenses. For more information, call (765) 768-1544.

**PREGNANCY CARE CENTER** — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

**BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL** — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

**TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS)** — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 6 p.m. each Monday 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.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

## Tuesday

**BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE** — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

**THE LANDING** — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

**A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE** — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

# Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

## Friday's Solution

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

The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

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# Holcomb's plans could impact Jay

Eric Holcomb might be best described as a sensible governor. He manages to avoid missteps on social issues. He pushes for common-sense solutions to the issues that face the state.

Holcomb's State of the State Address that was held Tuesday may have been overshadowed by the presidential transition. But it's worth taking a longer look at his comments.

Some of the initiatives he discussed, such as completing the Interstate 69 project in the southern half of the state, are unlikely to have much impact locally. But there were many other ideas that will.

Here's a look at some of Holcomb's proposals that could be impactful to Jay County.

## Broadband

Rural areas like ours remain underserved when it comes to high-speed internet. That can be a sizable detriment when it comes to trying to attract new businesses and new residents.

## Editorial

State Rep. J.D. Prescott has wisely made expanding broadband one of his campaign goals. It should be a priority.

That's why it was heartening to hear Holcomb proposed an additional \$100 million to help continue to expand broadband service in Indiana. (That's on top of the progress already made through the state's Next Level Broadband program.)

If rural areas are going to be competitive in a world that is getting ever smaller because of interconnectivity, broadband will be key. Holcomb's focus on it is a good sign.

## Housing

The need to expand and

improve the housing stock has been a topic of conversation locally for years.

There hasn't been a housing development in the City of Portland since the 1990s. (Plans are currently underway to break that drought with the addition of homes north of CrownPointe Communities.) Other development has been sparse.

A study commissioned by Jay County Development Corporation and completed in 2016 showed a need for new housing in the community. (JCDC last year did an update to that study that supports the previous findings.) Most of our housing stock dates from the 1950s.

One of Holcomb's proposals could make it easier for Jay County to pursue housing development. He noted plans to develop and maintain "an interactive, online database to ensure that real-time, consistent information about Indiana's housing and its market is available."

The goal is to show where

needs are and help them to be addressed. We hope that will lead to developers seeing the opportunity that exists in Jay County.

## School \$

During Jay School Board's first meeting of 2021, superintendent Jeremy Gulley and board president Phil Ford were both critical of the state government for its funding of public education.

Gulley pointed out the various changes — school consolidation led to a reduction in staff and other expenses — that have allowed Jay School Corporation to stay in a solid financial position, even given the impact of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. He also noted that Indiana's Next Level Teacher Compensation Commission final report showed that the state dropped from 22nd in the nation in per-student spending in 2004 to 36th in 2018 and that it lags behind Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Illinois.

The state legislature has increased K-12 education funding in recent years — legislators will point out the \$763 million that was added in the two-year budget approved during the 2019 legislative session — but the state still lags because of periods of flat or even reduced funding during previous administrations.

Holcomb is proposing \$377 million new dollars for school budgets. He expressed a goal of being "one of the best in the Midwest for teacher pay, and we'll be better able to attract and retain teacher talent, including attracting more minority candidates."

A \$377 million funding increase would be welcomed by Jay Schools, and it would be an especially good sign to be able to accomplish that increase despite the economic impact of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

It won't solve the problem. But it would be a step in the right direction. — R.C.

# Inauguration had some big moments

By JENNIFER RUBIN

The Washington Post

President Joe Biden's inaugural ceremony and speech on Wednesday drew positive reviews — even from some grouchy Republicans. Less widely seen and remarked upon, however, were some touches from the day that underscored the sea change we are experiencing.

In the late afternoon, Biden administered the oath to White House employees in a virtual ceremony via Zoom. He told them, "History measures us ... and our fellow Americans will measure us by how decent, honorable and smart we have been in looking out for their interests." He made sure they knew he was serious about a new tone: "I'm not joking when I say this: If you are ever working with me and I hear you treat another colleague with disrespect, talk down to someone, I promise you I will fire you on the spot. . . . No ifs, ands or buts." He added, "Everybody is entitled to be treated with decency and dignity. That's been missing in a big way the last four years."

Biden also acknowledged that they will make mistakes but that he expects them to own up to their errors and correct them. "And I'll need your help to help me correct them." That humility and honesty has been absent for far too long.

In addition to the finely crafted inaugural speech, the cultural selections for the inauguration were also inspired, including African American poet Amanda Gorman, conservative country music star Garth Brooks, Italian American pop idol Lady Gaga and Latina superstar Jennifer Lopez, who serenaded the audience with the classic folk song, "This Land is Your Land." If you wanted a full range of American arts and entertainment, as well as a message that diversity makes our lives richer, you would have been hard-pressed to come up with a better assortment.

Rarely has a poem threatened to upstage a speech, but Gorman's words were uplifting in a way that a speech cannot be. As the saying goes, you campaign in poetry and govern in prose. But perhaps the poetry helps send

Jennifer Rubin

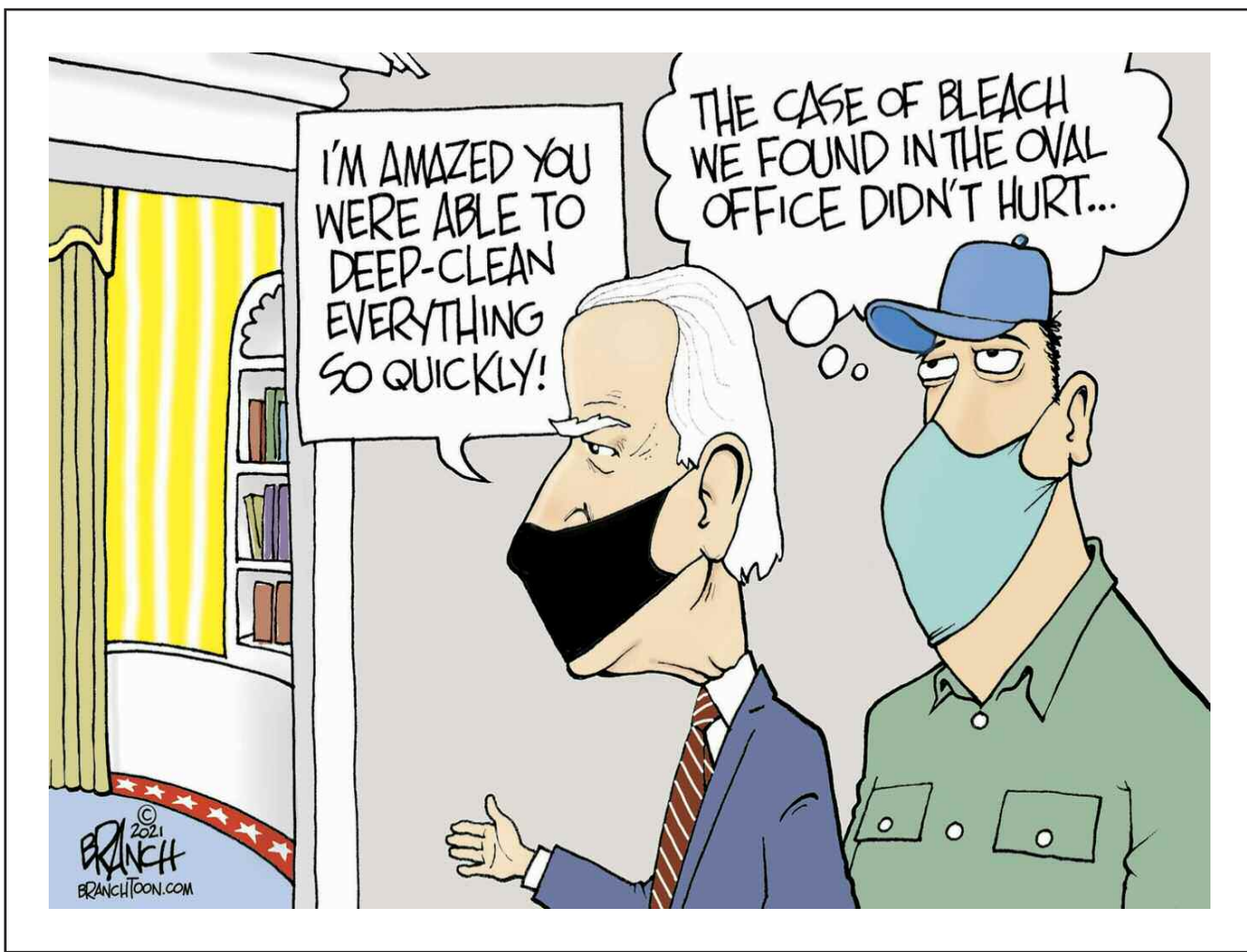


*'We lift our gazes not to what stands between us but what stands before us.'*

us in the right direction. Gorman's remark that "Somehow we've weathered and witnessed a nation that isn't broken but simply unfinished" was a generous interpretation of our failings, but also an exhibition of grace — something in short supply. You can talk about unity, but the sentiment packs an emotional punch when described as Gorman did: "We lift our gazes not to what stands between us but what stands before us. We close the divide because we know, to put our future first, we must first put our differences aside. We lay down our arms so we can reach out our arms to one another." Culture is not incidental to governance; it is essential to it.

Finally, we witnessed a remarkable confluence of events: Vice President Kamala Harris, making an historic advancement, presided over the swearing in of her replacement, Alex Padilla, the first Hispanic senator from California. She also swore into office Jewish millennial Jon Ossoff and African American preacher Raphael Warnock, both Democratic senators from Georgia. If you worry that we are hopelessly hobbled by a false nostalgia of reactionary forces, here was proof that systemic change — while not easy — is possible.

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Rubin writes reported opinion for The Washington Post.



# We're going to need each other

By MARK BENNETT

Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)

This country's soul needed Wednesday.

All of the formality, pomp and lofty words. The sight of presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama, the former first ladies, outgoing Vice President Mike Pence and his wife Karen, members of Congress and the Supreme Court, the January sunshine, the Washington Mall stretching into the distance, and the U.S. Capitol in the background.

It all mattered. The nation and world needed to hear a new president of the United States — experienced in facing hardships — implore his fellow Americans to "open our souls instead of hardening our hearts."

Joe Biden vowed in his stirring inaugural address to "be a president for all Americans."

One of the most gut-wrenching of this country's 245 years has resulted in 400,000 residents dead from the COVID-19 coronavirus, healthcare workers and hospitals overwhelmed by the pandemic, the economy reeling from small business closings and job losses, unrest and reckoning over racial injustices, and political turmoil from a chaotic presidency that resulted in Congress twice impeaching Biden's predecessor, Donald Trump.

Then came the last thing America needed — months of Trump claiming he'd won the bitter Nov. 3 election, despite officials of both parties in all 50 states and courts stocked with Trump appointees affirming Biden's substantial win.

His repeated falsehoods stoked the

Mark Bennett



ugly violence of Jan. 6, when Trump-loyal rioters invaded and vandalized the Capitol building to disrupt Congress from certifying the Electoral College votes. The insurrection left five people dead, including a police officer, injured dozens of other officers, and desecrated the seat of democracy.

The seditious mob wreaked havoc, but didn't stop democracy. As Vice President Pence said that day, "Violence never wins. Freedom wins."

It was important to see Pence, a Republican, sitting on the stage Wednesday with the former presidents of both parties as Biden, a Democrat, took the oath of office as the 46th president. It happened a couple hours after the 45th flew off to Florida, skipping the inauguration and disregarding yet another tenet of democracy — the humble act of passing the reins of leadership to a successor. Humility isn't Trump's thing.

People in developing, unstable and war-torn countries envy America's peaceful transition of power, every four years.

Sadly, that transition looked more third-worldly this year.

Threats of more violence from extremist groups backing the Jan. 6 uprising caused the capital city to be

locked down for Wednesday's inauguration and occupied by 25,000 National Guard troops. The day was already going to be unusually solemn, with attendance limited to prevent even more spread of COVID-19. Those threatening more acts of terror added to the anxiety of Americans, but the nation's hallmark virtues happened anyway.

Biden took office, remembering the lost and offering hope. He reminded all listening that the country has survived wars, crises and division. "In each of these moments, enough of us — enough of us — have joined together to carry us forward," Biden said.

Moments before taking his oath, Kamala Harris took hers as vice president — the first woman and first Black and South Asian person to do so. Millions of young girls, women, Black Americans and South Asian Americans now see themselves represented in the White House, too. Every American needed to see that.

Harris and Biden face mind-boggling tasks, along with Congress, states and communities. Just as John Kennedy famously called on Americans to selflessly ask what they could do for their country, Biden made an equally powerful plea, custom-fit for this era.

"Let's begin to listen to one another, hear one another, show respect to one another," he said Wednesday.

The country needed to hear those words. Reviving spirits, especially among the weary, is essential to face our bundle of simultaneous problems. So is decency.

"We're going to need each other," the new president said.

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# Monthly home guides will merge

Two will become one. The Graphic Printing Company announced this week that its home guides will be merged into a single product beginning in February.

The company has traditionally published a Jay County Home Guide on the first of each month and a Randolph County Home Guide on the 15th of each month as a tool for realtors and home buyers. The guides temporarily shifted to an online-only version during the statewide shutdown last spring in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Beginning Feb. 15, The Graphic Printing Company will merge the two publications together into a single Jay/Randolph County Home Guide. It will be distributed at the traditional locations in Jay and Randolph counties each month.

## Gillespie appointed

Indiana Credit Union League has appointed Donald Gillespie, president and CEO of Crossroads Financial Federal Credit Union,

## Business roundup

to serve on the Examinations Advisory Group for the State of Indiana.

The group meets to discuss examination issues and coordinate with representatives from the National Credit Union Association about favorable and unfavorable trends in how examinations are conducted. It will also serve as a conduit to provide information from the National Credit Union Association regarding what is being emphasized in the examinations and steps being taken to improve the performance of individual examiners.

## Drug effective

Indianapolis-based Eli Lilly has developed an antibody therapy that a study shows reduces

nursing home residents' risk of symptomatic COVID-19 by as much as 40%.

The bamlanivimab treatment also reduced the risk of symptomatic disease in nursing home workers, Lilly said in a press release. It has been approved for use in high risk COVID-19 patients with mild to moderate symptoms.

"We are exceptionally pleased with these positive results, which showed bamlanivimab was able to help prevent COVID-19, substantially reducing symptomatic disease among nursing home residents, some of the most vulnerable members of our society," said Lilly chief scientific officer and president of Lilly Research Laboratories Dr. Daniel Skovronsky in a press release.

## To acquire

Motherhood Sumi this week announced the acquisition of a controlling stake in two Turkish companies.

The Economic Times reported Monday that the company, which

operates MSSL Wiring in Portland, acquired a 75% equity stake in two companies of the Plast Met Group through its subsidiary Samvardhana Motherhood Reflectec. The purchases came at a cost of \$26.5 million.

"This acquisition marks another step towards the growth and diversification of Vision Systems vertical and the group overall," said Motherhood Group chairman Vivek Chaand Sehgal in a press release. "This is the 25th acquisition by Motherhood Group and we will continue to work towards serving our customers with more products and service offerings globally."

## Chicken is coming

McDonald's has announced that three new chicken sandwiches will be coming to its menu next month.

The restaurant chain plans to introduce a Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Spicy Chicken Sandwich and Deluxe Chicken Sandwich. They are scheduled to join the menu Feb. 24.

"We've heard our customers loud and clear, and we know they're craving more chicken options," said McDonald's vice president of menu innovation Linda VanGosen in a press release. "We're confident all chicken fans — from traditionalists to spice enthusiasts — will discover a new menu favorite they'll come back for time and time again."

## New VP announced

CVS Health on Thursday announced the hiring of a new senior vice president.

Kyu Rhee was named senior vice president and chief medical officer of Aetna. He will oversee clinical responsibilities and lead design and implementation of health care management strategies and population health solutions.

Rhee previously served as vice president and chief health officer for IBM. He had previously worked for the Health Resources and Services Administration and National Institutes of Health.



For The Washington Post/Jimena Sanchez

Ben Berman bakes pizzas in his Philadelphia apartment, then lowers the pies out a window to people waiting for a free meal below. He named his crusade Good Pizza and hoped to raise a few hundred dollars for his two favorite charities. By the first week of January, he had raised more than \$32,000.

# Judge rules in favor of Amazon

By MATT O'BRIEN

AP Technology Writer

Amazon won't be forced to immediately restore web service to Parler after a federal judge ruled Thursday against a plea to reinstate the fast-growing social media app, which is favored by followers of former President Donald Trump.

U.S. District Judge Barbara Rothstein in Seattle said she wasn't dismissing Parler's "substantive underlying claims" against Amazon, but said it had fallen short in demonstrating the need for an injunction forcing it back online.

Amazon kicked Parler off its web-hosting service on Jan. 11. In court filings, it said the suspension was a "last resort" to block Parler from harboring violent plans to disrupt the presidential transition.

The Seattle tech giant said Parler had shown an "unwillingness and inability" to remove a slew of dangerous posts that called for the rape, torture and assassination of politicians, tech executives and many others.

The social media app, a magnet for the far right, sued to get back online, arguing that Amazon Web Services had breached its contract and abused its market power. It said Trump was likely on the brink of joining the platform, following a wave of his followers who flocked to the app after Twitter and Facebook expelled Trump after the Jan. 6 assault on the U.S. Capitol.

Rothstein said she rejected "any suggestion that the public interest favors requiring AWS to host the incendiary speech that the record shows some of Parler's users have engaged in." She also faulted Parler for providing "only faint and factually inaccurate speculation" about Amazon and Twitter colluding with one another to shut Parler down.

Parler said Thursday it was disappointed by the ruling but remains confident it will "ultimately prevail in the main case," which it says will have "broad implications for our pluralistic society." Amazon said it welcomed the ruling and emphasized that "this was not a case about free speech," a point also underscored by the judge.

Parler CEO John Matze had asserted in a court filing that Parler's abrupt shutdown was motivated at least partly by "a desire to deny President Trump a platform on any large social-media service." Matze said Trump had contemplated joining the network as early as October under a pseudonym. The Trump administration last week declined to comment on whether he had planned to join.

Amazon denied its move to pull the plug on Parler had anything to do with political animus. It claimed that Parler had breached its business agreement "by hosting content advocating violence and failing to timely take that content down."

# Pizzas come from above

By CATHY FREE

Special to The Washington Post

It was the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic when people in Philadelphia's Center City first noticed that pizzas were dropping from Ben Berman's second-story apartment window.

Berman was lowering 16 hand-made pies on a long string, one by one, to his friends waiting below on the street after he canceled a group pizza party because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"I had 40 feet of string I'd ordered from Amazon, so I made a little pulley, bagged them up and gave them to everyone that way," he said. "I came up with the idea because I didn't think it was a good idea to eat 16 pizzas all by myself."

Berman, an MBA student at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, soon decided he might be onto something.

The pandemic had become more dire by the summer, and he was wondering how he could help people in need and boost the spirits of his neighbors, many of whom were also staying in their apartments.

"I was talking to my girlfriend, and she suggested that pizza was the way to do it," said Berman, 28. "So I decided to make free cheese pizzas and lower them out my window to anyone who wanted one, with a suggestion that they make a donation to charities that help people who are hungry or homeless."

"I thought, 'If I can make people smile by dropping pizzas down to them from my apartment, why not?'" he added.

There was also a second reason for his desire to provide comfort food to strangers. Berman's grandmother had died of covid-19 in April.

"I thought this would be a good

way to honor her and give people hope," he said.

Berman gave his crusade a name — Good Pizza PHL — and started an Instagram page to share photos of his pies, thinking that he might raise a few hundred dollars for his two favorite charities: Philabundance and Project HOME.

By the first week of January, he had raised more than \$32,000.

Some of that success was because of celebrity blogger Dave Portnoy, who has a huge following and posted a positive Barstool Pizza review in November about Berman's pizzas. Berman quickly got more than 17,000 new Instagram followers.

"Donations started coming in from everywhere and so did the requests for pizza," said Berman, who uses his own funds for ingredients and boxes.

He soon realized that he would have to fine-tune his pizza drops.

He now makes a giant batch of pizza dough and a big pan of sauce once a week, then holds a lottery online to select 20 winners to pick up pizzas below his one-bedroom apartment window every Sunday. He bakes the pizzas in his apartment oven using two steel baking plates.

Gabrielle Manoff is among those who have taken home one of Berman's 12-inch, fresh-from-the-oven cheese pies.

"What (Ben) is doing with Good Pizza is incredibly inspiring — he somehow finds the time and the heart to make pizza for the sole purpose of giving back to the community and making people smile," said Manoff, 26, a Wharton student who has donated to Berman's cause multiple times.

"I believe strongly in the mission-driven aspect of Good Pizza," she added. "But now, so many people

want Ben's pizza, I can no longer get any."

Students from the University of Pennsylvania are among Berman's most loyal free pizza customers.

Nirali Sampat, an MBA student like Berman, felt fortunate to get in on one of his early pizza drops in March.

"During such an uncertain and isolating time, it meant a lot that Ben was going out of his way to give back and bring joy to others," said Sampat, 28. "He puts so much care into each pie, and his pizza is truly one of the best pizzas I have ever had."

Berman, who estimates that he has given away more than 500 pizzas, said spending hours in the kitchen has always come naturally.

While growing up in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, he said, he often helped his mom and two younger brothers prepare family favorites such as beef brisket and chicken Parmesan.

"Cooking became a language of love," said Berman. "I've never felt comfortable in a bar, but I've always loved sharing time around the table with my family."

After he left for college, Berman continued to return to Maine each summer and started a food truck business with a friend.

"We had two trucks called Mainely Burgers, and another truck called Mainely Treats," he said. "We'd make and sell burgers, fries and shakes all summer long."

Berman has since sold his interest in the food trucks, but he's hoping to continue cranking up his oven to bake pizzas (two at a time) in the months and years to come.

"It brings people joy to watch a pizza coming down from the second story, just for them," he said. "This is something positive that I can do from my own apartment."

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**For Jay County Schools**  
**January 25-29**

**Monday: Main entrees:** WG Cinnamon glazed french toast sticks, turkey sausage link, syrup **Alternate entrees:** Pancake fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Mixed vegetable medley

**Tuesday: Main entrees:** Chicken alfredo sauce, rotini pasta **Alternate entrees:** Strawberry parfait with granola, turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** steamed broccoli florets

**Wednesday: Main entrees:** Soft beef whole grain tacos, shredded lettuce, shredded cheddar cheese, salsa **Alternate entrees:** Pancake fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Mexican style refried beans

**Thursday: Main entrees:** Classic chicken sandwich **Alternate entrees:** Strawberry parfait with granola, turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned corn

**Friday: Main entrees:** Classic pepperoni pizza **Alternate entrees:** Pancake fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Savory green beans

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT ARE IMPARTIAL POLICIES FOR OFFERING FOLKS WORKPLACE PROMOTIONS? FAIR HIGHERING PRACTICES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals L

**CRYPTO FUN**  
Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to winter. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 26 = I)

**A. 5 1 3 14**  
Clue: White precipitation

**B. 16 21 26 8 8 6 24 18**  
Clue: Strong snow storm

**C. 2 24 26 25 26 18**  
Clue: Very cold

**D. 26 7 4**  
Clue: Frozen water

**WORD SCRAMBLE**

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to winter.

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**Guess Who?**

I am an actor born in California on January 21, 1994. I began an acting career at age 10, appearing on many different TV shows. I am best known for my role in the Twilight saga, in which I was one of the wolves.

Answers: Boboos Stewart



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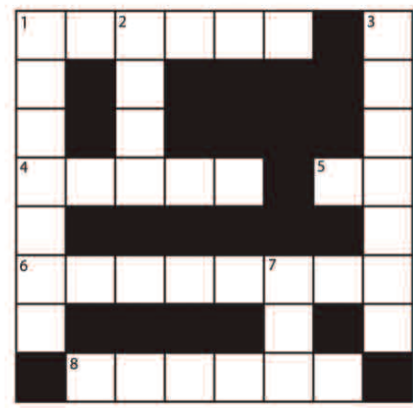
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Saturday's Cryptoquip: I HEAR THEY'RE MAKING A FILM ABOUT COMMON BEACH BIRDS, TO BE TITLED "A FLICK OF SEAGULLS."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals O

**Crossword Puzzle**



- ACROSS**  
1. Downhill sport  
4. Very breezy  
5. Scary film and book  
6. In the north  
8. A bit cold
- DOWN**  
1. Frozen precipitation  
2. Type of metal  
3. Blades on ice  
7. Snakelike fish

**THIS DAY IN... HISTORY**

**JAN 20**

- 1921: THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY COMES OUT OF THE REMNANTS OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE.
- 1945: FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT IS SWORN IN FOR AN UNPRECEDENTED FOURTH TERM AS U.S. PRESIDENT.
- 1980: THE UNITED STATES BOYCOTS THE OLYMPICS IN MOSCOW THIS YEAR.

**New Word**

**COAST**  
move easily without using power

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

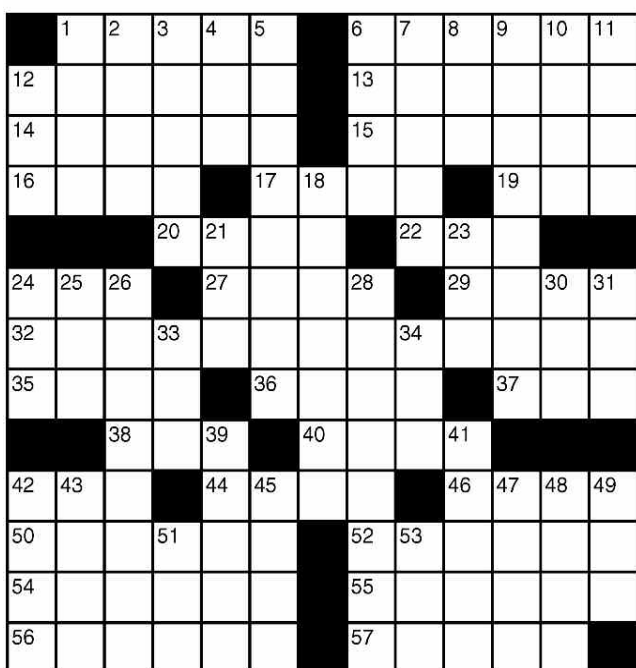
**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

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44 "Gilmore Girls" mouse!  
6 Skin-related daughter  
12 Israeli currency  
13 Matches  
14 California motto  
15 Solar-brewed drink  
16 Screen-writer James  
17 Roman 1052  
19 Play part  
20 Entreaty  
22 Oom-  
24 Furry foot  
27 New Age singer  
29 Created  
32 Spicy-and-hearty dish
- DOWN**  
1 Hoodlum  
2 Roll call reply  
3 "— For-gettin' " (Michael McDonald hit)  
11 Aspirating atty.'s exam  
12 Yacht spot  
18 Time between flights  
21 Floral ring  
23 Docs' bloc  
24 Agt.'s cut  
25 Sushi fish  
26 Merlot-sampling spots  
28 Examines  
30 Genetic stuff  
31 Still, in verse  
33 Actor Cariou  
34 Browns, on score-boards  
39 Sediment  
41 Imperative  
42 Mater lead-in  
43 Clark's love  
45 Rhyming tributes  
47 Really, really  
48 Adolescent  
49 Schedule abbr.  
51 Actor Daniel — Kim  
53 Lyricist Gershwin

Solution time: 26 mins.



Yesterday's answer 1-23



**Contract Bridge** By Steve Becker

**Famous Hand**

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

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

**WEST**  
♠ J 7 5  
♥ Q 10 9 5 4  
♦ Q 10 9 6 5  
♣ Q

**EAST**  
♠ 5 4  
♥ K 10 9 8 6  
♦ 7  
♣ K J 4 3 2

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

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ 2 NT 4 ♣ 5 ♣  
5 ♣ Pass 5 ♣ Pass  
5 ♣ Pass 6 ♣ Pass

Opening lead — ten of clubs.

In this deal from the 1987 European team championship, declarer took full advantage of the opposing bidding and a subtle slip by a defender to bring home a seemingly unmakeable slam. The deal occurred in the match between Germany and Turkey, and both North-South pairs succeeded in reaching the reasonable slam in spades.

When the Turks held the North-South cards, there was no opposing bidding. Faced with a blind lead, West chose a diamond, and that was

Tomorrow: Justice is sometimes blind.

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**Contract Bridge** By Steve Becker

**You, too, can be a magician**

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 10 6 4  
♥ A K J 9 3  
♦ A 5 2  
♣ J 4

**WEST**  
♠ 2  
♥ 6  
♦ K J 10 9 6 4  
♣ K Q 10 9 3

**EAST**  
♠ Q J 9 8  
♥ Q 10 8 7 2  
♦ 3  
♣ 7 6 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K 7 5 3  
♥ 5 4  
♦ Q 8 7  
♣ A 8 2

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ 2 ♣ 2 ♥ Pass  
2 NT 3 ♣ 4 ♣

Opening lead — king of clubs.

When you're declarer in a suit contract, it is normal to assess your prospects by counting your losers. However, in hands where you plan to do lots of ruffing back and forth, counting your losers is not always a reliable guide to your chances.

For example, take this deal where it appears you must lose two trump tricks, two diamonds and a club. You therefore seem destined to go down two.

But you can do much better than that. You duck West's King-of-clubs

lead and take his queen continuation with the ace. When you next play the A-K of trump, you learn that East has two sure trump tricks coming.

This is certainly discouraging, but you're not licked yet. Shifting gears slightly, you cash the A-K of hearts. When West turns up with a singleton heart, you can deduce that he started with 6-5-1-1 distribution. This is a very promising development, as it now seems likely you'll win 10 tricks even though you have five losers!

So you ruff a heart in your hand, a club in dummy and another heart in your hand. You then continue with a diamond to the ace and ruff dummy's last heart with your last trump. By this time, 11 tricks have been played, and you've won 10 of them!

West's two remaining cards are the K-J of diamonds, which are ready to gobble up your last two cards, the Q-8 of diamonds. East also can win the last two tricks with his two remaining cards, the Q-J of spades. West's two diamond winners are thus obliterated by East's two trump tricks, and in the meantime, you are home with the contract. Two of your five losers have simply disappeared.

The principle demonstrated here is a very elementary one: The defense can't beat four spades if you take 10 tricks before they can take five!

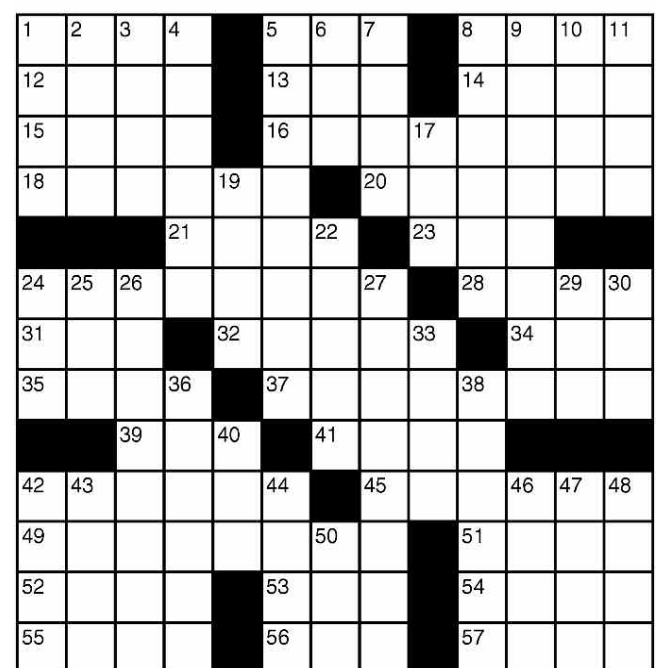
**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**  
1 Curved lines  
5 Neither Rep. nor Dem.  
8 Employ  
12 Shoulder muscle, for short  
13 Greek cross  
14 Physics bit  
15 Couturier Christian  
16 Shows disdain  
18 Actress Lansbury  
20 Light lunches  
21 German car name  
23 Aviv preceder  
24 Forensic TV spin-off set in Florida  
28 ShriII barks  
31 Louvre collection  
32 Dele undoers
- DOWN**  
34 Compete  
35 Go by alternative  
37 Right of passage  
39 Econ. statistic  
41 Not even  
42 Breakfast bowlful  
45 In a senseless manner  
49 Famous Boston dessert  
51 Popular cookie  
52 Author Dinesen  
53 Transcript no.  
54 Sty cry  
55 — bitty
- 11** 911 re-sponders  
**17** Chow down  
**19** San — Obispo, CA  
**22** "That is to say ..."  
**24** Bottle top  
**25** Madrid Mrs.  
**26** "Fantastic!"  
**27** "You're on!"  
**29** Brooch  
**30** Congeal  
**33** Antitoxins  
**36** Furtive  
**38** "Yeah, sure!"  
**40** Actress Dawber  
**42** Roman 202  
**43** Formerly, once  
**44** Women's links org.  
**46** Half a sextet  
**47** Fasting period  
**48** Music's Ono  
**50** Wall St. debut

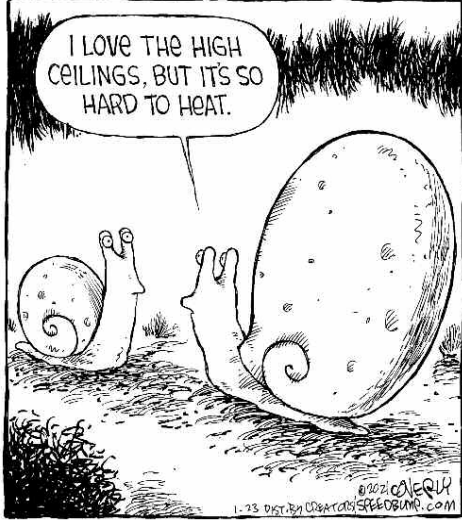
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Saturday's answer 1-25



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**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bil Keane



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**Peanuts**



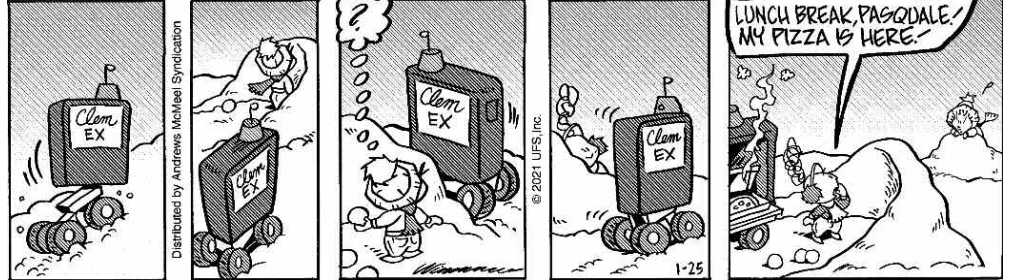
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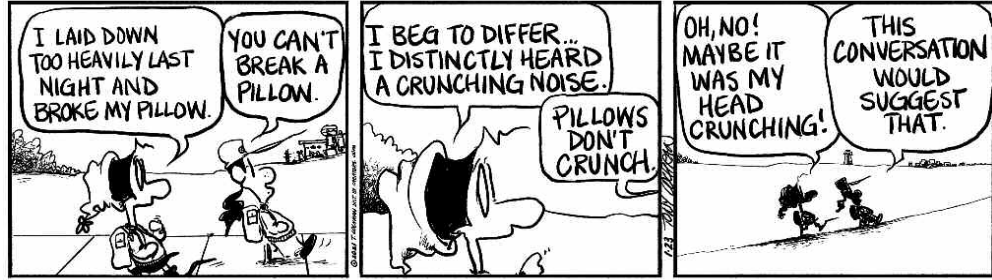
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**Rose is Rose**



**Agnes**



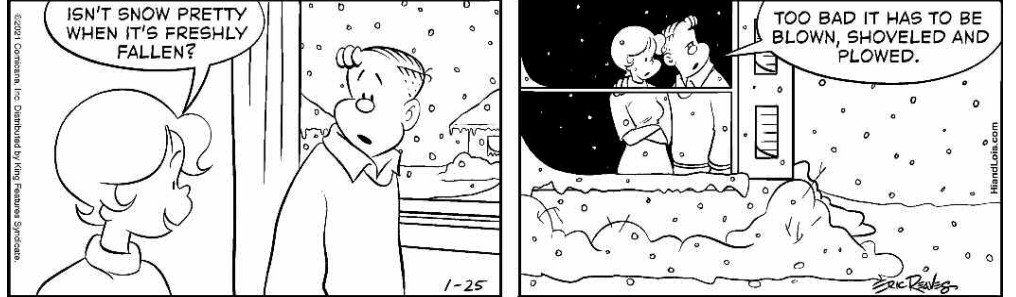
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**Hi and Lois**



**Hi and Lois**



**Funky Winkerbean**



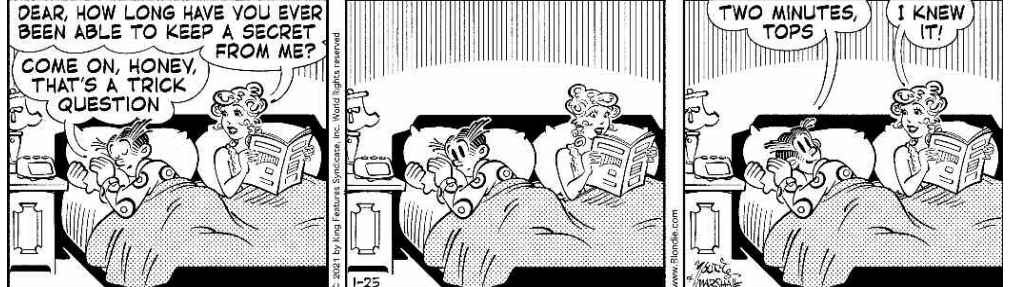
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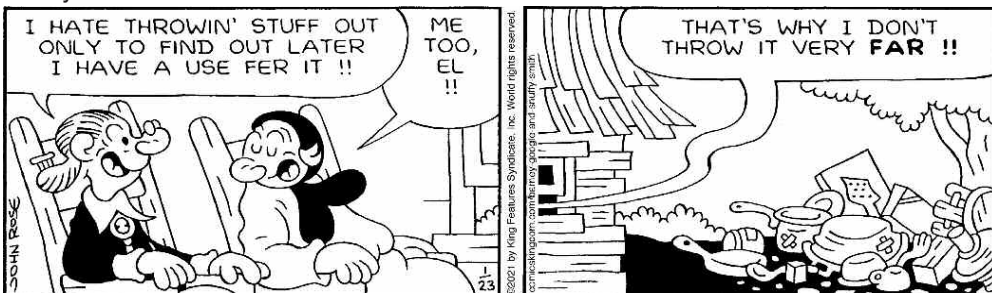
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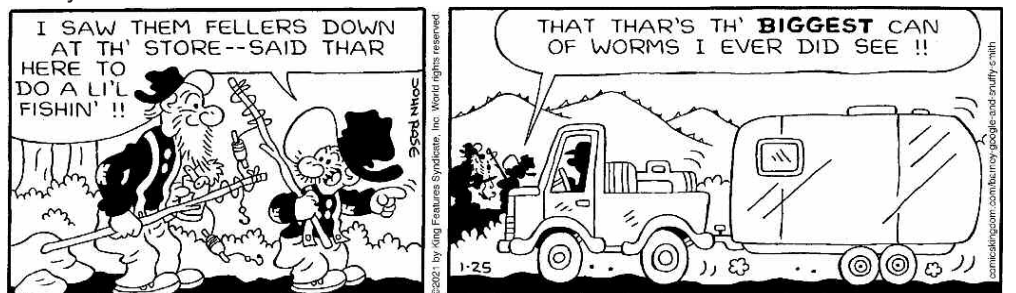
**Blondie**



**Snuffy Smith**



**Snuffy Smith**



**Beetle Bailey**



**Beetle Bailey**



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**Laughter**

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# Fantastic freshmen

## Youngsters carry Jay to ACAC championship

By CHRIS SCHANZ  
The Commercial Review

Eric Myers knew he had a strong freshman class entering this season.

They've continued to prove their worth.

Four freshmen and a pair of seniors were all crowned Allen County Athletic Conference champions in their respective weight classes Friday in the individual tournament held at Jay County.

"They've got a lot of experience and they just continue to climb this season," Myers, Jay County's coach, said. "Looks like they're ready to peak at the right time."

Jay County, which won the round-robin tournament earlier this season, backed it up by claiming the championship Friday night as well. The Patriots' six winners helped them score 282 points for the title. Adams Central scored 227 for second, and South Adams was third with 217 points.

Cody Rowles, a 106-pounder, barely broke a sweat in winning his title. He received a bye to the semifinal, then Brandy Beer of Bluffton forfeited the next match, thrusting Rowles into the final without even seeing an opponent. In the final, Rowles (29-1) pinned Kaden Davidson of South Adams in 61 seconds to start a string of three straight JCHS championships.

"The Davidson kid isn't a bad wrestler," Myers said. "He threw the whole dresser drawer at him as far as turns and he was able to pin him."

Taye Curtis, a 113-pound Yorktown transplant, had a slightly



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tougher route to claim his title. He too got a pass to the semifinal because of a forfeit from Southern Wells before pinning Karson Moore of Woodlan with seven seconds remaining in the first period.

However, he was challenged a bit in his finals match against Colton Bollenbacher of South Adams. Curtis trailed 2-1 entering the second period, then scored a takedown from the neutral position for a 3-2 advantage. Beginning the third from the bottom, Curtis got a reversal for a 5-2 lead, then pinned Bollenbacher with 23 seconds remaining in the match. He improved to 23-4 after his title.

Tony Wood, who is ranked 10th in the state at 120 pounds, gritted out a 7-1 decision against

Bluffton's Austin Lewis in the 126-pound championship match. Wood's semifinal win, a 11-0 major decision, came against Silas Loshe of South Adams after he was granted a forfeit in the opener from Heritage.

"I felt like he dominated him," Myers said of Wood. "That was a solid performance by Tony."

Cameron Clark made Jay County four-for-four in championship matches with his 132-pound crown. He topped Evan McAfee of Adams Central by a 4-2 decision. Clark (22-2) pinned Grayson Williams of South Adams 1:38 into their semifinal match after a forfeit from Heritage.

Unlike his four previous teammates, RJ Heskett actually had to wrestle against opponents all the

way to the 138-pound championship. However, the 24-5 senior made quick work of those who stepped on the mat against him. He pinned Caine Clark of Southern Wells, Dakota Perry of Adams Central and Maverick Summersett of South Adams in a total time of 2:15.

"Super hard worker," Myers said. "He's kind of a team leader being the first year with our program. He didn't get into that captain position, but he acts like one because he's such a leader. He goes right after it and he got a lot of big pins and big wins."

Blake Pruett, another JCHS senior, didn't give up a point in his two contested matches. He received a forfeit in the first round from South Adams, then topped Bluffton's Aidan King by a

Jay County High School freshman Taye Curtis competes against Karson Moore of Woodlan during the 113-pound semifinal round of the Allen County Athletic Conference championships on Friday at JCHS. Curtis pinned Moore in 1 minute, 53 seconds, then went on to win his weight class as a total of six Patriots, including four freshmen, claimed individual championships, helping the hosts to the team title as well.

5-0 decision. In the championship match against Adams Central's Caden Funk, Pruett (21-7) won 6-0.

"He wrestled a tough kid and he controlled it the entire time," said Myers, whose team hosts the sectional tournament Jan 30. "He's been a solid wrestler for us, maintains a good position and he's consistent. I'm really happy for him to get a conference championship."

Logan Kelley reached the 170-pound final but lost to Trevor Currie of Adams Central. Kelley got pinned in 2:45, after getting to that point with a forfeit and a pin of Bluffton's Chris Kramer.

At 220 pounds, Jay County freshman Conner Specht got pinned by Jacob Plattner of South Adams in the championship match.

## FR falls at foul line

ST. HENRY, Ohio — After an even eight minutes, the Indians had a slight advantage at halftime.

It turned into a five-point deficit with one quarter to play. Missed chances from the free-throw line prevented any chance of overtaking the Redskins.

Fort Recovery High School's boys basketball team was just 2-for-9 from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter of a 43-42 loss to the St. Henry Redskins on Friday night.

The Indians (7-7, 3-2 Midwest Athletic Conference) started the fourth quarter down five points after leading 28-26 at halftime. St. Henry (11-4, 5-0 MAC), which wasn't any better from the stripe in the fourth quarter (1-of-9) still managed to hang on despite being outscored 10-6 in that final period.

Cale Rammel scored 10 points to lead the Indians, and Owen Jutte was second with nine points. Brian Bihn chipped in eight, and Clay Schmitz had six points in his first game back from a shoulder injury.

Bennett Gels led St. Henry with 15 points.

### Brewster takes first

Lauren Brewster picked the perfect

### Local roundup

time to win her first 11-dive meet as she claimed the Allen County Athletic Conference championship in the diving portion of the two-day event.

Brewster finished with 321.8 points, edging Adams Central's Brianna Cook by 1.05 to claim the title. Jay County's Natalie Wehrly took third with 258.55 points.

Austin Davis of Bluffton won the boys' diving title. He scored 304.75 points, which was 10.05 more than his only other competitor, Justice Murphy of Jay County.

The JCHS girls will start with 36 points as the swimming portion of the ACAC championships resume at 9 a.m. today. Bluffton will have 29 points and Adams Central will have 17.

Bluffton's boys earned 20 points, and Jay County got 17. The boys' portion of the meet resumes at 1 p.m.

## Wolverines rout Purdue

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Michigan coach Juwan Howard put the emphasis on defense from the first time his entire team practiced this season.

It paid big dividends Friday night.

On a night Isaiah Livers matched his season high with 22 points and Eli Brooks added 11, the seventh-ranked Wolverines used a staunch defense to pull away from Purdue 70-53.

"They all did a great job. It was not easy because Trevion (Williams) is one of the best bigs in this con-

ference and also one of the best in the country," Howard said when asked specifically about Michigan's post play. "I know tomorrow they're going to wake up sore because they earned it. This was an old-school, Big Ten type of game. The Big Ten has always been a physical conference and tonight's game was really about physicality."

By winning their fifth straight in the series, the Wolverines (13-1, 8-1 Big Ten) maintained their stranglehold on the conference lead.

But this one came with

some trepidation after Purdue's top 3-point shooter, Sasha Stefanovic, tested positive for COVID-19. A second test Wednesday confirmed the initial result.

Boilermakers coach Matt Painter explained that the team's protocols required Stefanovic to wear a mask on their bus trip and plane ride back from Ohio State earlier this week and that the senior guard was not around anyone else after he returned to campus. No other players tested positive and after Howard said he spoke with his players individually, the game was played.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**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

Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. Trotwood Madison (varsity only) — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at Coldwater — 6 p.m.

### Tuesday

Jay County — Swimming vs. Blackford/Muncie Burris — 6 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Eighth grade girls basketball vs. Coldwater — 5:30 p.m.

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