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Depot is done



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Arnold Clevenger and George Lopez (background) perform Wednesday night during an open house as the former Pennsylvania Railroad depot building in Dunkirk. The depot has been renovated in two phases with hopes of attracting a new business to the city.

Dunkirk holds open house to highlight completed upgrades to former Pennsylvania Railroad facility

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — The depot is ready.

Now it needs a tenant. Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation held an open house Wednesday night to unveil the renovated former Pennsylvania Railroad depot building.

About 50 visitors made their way to the facility located along Lincoln Avenue about a block west of Main Street (Ind. 167) and adjacent to Webster-Depot Park to check out renovations that have been in the works for years.

Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins spoke a bit about the vari-

ous renovations, noting new heating, air conditioning and water lines.

He said the project is "98% done," with only finishing touches like hardware, locks and possibly lighting fixtures remaining.

"It sat empty for so many years," said Robbins later as local musicians George Lopez and Arnold Clevenger performed. "And you've got an organization like DIDC, that's what we're supposed to do."

"We decided we were going to take all the land that DIDC owns and take it in a different direction, start fixing things up."

The building has been in and

out of DIDC's hands over the last few decades, with the organization most recently acquiring it again in 2005. (It had previously been home to home decor shop The Nest Egg, but had most been untouched since its days as a passenger terminal.) Three years later, the city was awarded a \$351,931 Indiana Department of Transportation grant to pay for the first phase of renovations, which included a new slate roof, windows, doors and exterior brick.

The most recent renovations to the interior began in 2019 thanks to a grant from the Dr. Donald Johnson Fund through The Dunkirk Foundation and

economic development funds from Bluff Point Wind Energy Center. DIDC picked up the rest of the tab for the \$70,000 project.

"Dr. Johnson would appreciate this because this is exactly what Dr. Johnson would want ... his money to go toward," said Jesse Bivens, president of The Dunkirk Foundation, after Robbins presented a plaque thanking the foundation for its support.

In addition to the new HVAC system and water lines, funding went to fix the damaged flooring and to create two public restrooms and make them handicapped accessible.

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Jay is back to orange

County saw cases and positivity tick up

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Red, orange, yellow. Orange, orange, yellow.

And now orange again.

Jay County moved back to "orange" (high risk for the spread of coronavirus) in the metrics Indiana State Department of Health update Wednesday.

Over the past couple of months, Jay County had been the only county in the state to drop to "yellow" (moderate) in the county metrics. It reached that level first on Dec. 30 and again Jan. 20. Both times it shifted back to orange the next week.

Heath Butz, environmentalist and administrator for Jay County Health Department, noted that the county has been sitting at the yellow/orange threshold for several weeks.

"There's just some minor fluctuations," he said. "We were pretty close to being in orange last (week) ...

"We've still got a lot of community spread going on."

While Jay County saw its level move to orange, there was marked improvement statewide. Only five counties (Whitley, Franklin, Ohio, Spencer and Gibson) were rated "red" (severe) after that number was 33 last week. Eight counties, including Adams and Wells, were rated yellow, with the other 79 coming in at orange.

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb announced Wednesday that he would be amending coronavirus related restrictions effective Monday. At that time, gatherings will be allowed up to 25% capacity for counties rated orange or red. (A county must be at a level for consecutive weeks before changes take effect, meaning all Indiana counties will remain at the highest precaution level through next week.)

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Biden addresses climate

By MATTHEW DALY and ELLEN KNICKMEYER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the most ambitious U.S. effort to stave off the worst of climate change, President Joe Biden signed executive orders to transform the nation's heavily fossil-fuel powered economy into a clean-burning one, pausing oil and gas leasing on federal land and targeting subsidies for those industries.

The directives aim to conserve 30 percent of the country's lands and waters in the next 10 years, double the nation's offshore wind energy, and move to an all-electric federal vehicle fleet, among other changes. Biden's sweeping plan is aimed at staving off the worst of global warming caused by burning fossil fuels.

But his effort also carries political risk for the president and Democrats as oil- and coal-producing states face job losses

Executive orders focus on shift to clean energy

from moves to sharply increase U.S. reliance on clean energy such as wind and solar power.

"We can't wait any longer" to address the climate crisis, Biden said Wednesday at the White House. "We see with our own eyes. We know it in our bones. It is time to act."

He said his orders will "supercharge our administration's ambitious plan to confront the existential threat of climate change."

Biden has set a goal of eliminating pollution from fossil fuel in the power sector by 2035 and from the U.S. economy overall by

2050, speeding what is already a market-driven growth of solar and wind energy and lessening the country's dependence on oil and gas. The aggressive plan is aimed at slowing human-caused global warming that is magnifying extreme weather events such as deadly wildfires in the West and drenching rains and hurricanes in the East.

Biden acknowledged the political risk, repeatedly stating his approach would create jobs in the renewable energy and automotive sectors to offset any losses in oil, coal or natural gas.

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Japan News

Thriving coral

A diver swims near a table coral colony growing near Sokodo Beach on Hachijo Island, Japan, on Dec. 15. The area is drawing attention as a place where corals and humans live in close proximity to each other. In the late 1980s, wave-dissipating blocks were placed about 300 meters offshore to prevent erosion of the nearby beach.

Deaths

Jeannett Newton, 79, Iuka, Mississippi
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 27 degrees Wednesday. The low was 21.

A low of 17 is expected tonight. Skies will be sunny Friday with a high of 31.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review

The Indiana legislature is considering a police reform bill that would ban chokeholds and penalize officers who turn off body cameras in certain situations.

What are your thoughts on the proposed legislation?

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

Coming up

Friday — Results from tonight's JCHS gymnastics meet against Huntington North.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Portland City Council and Fort Recovery Village Council meetings.



Climate ...

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'When I think of climate change and the answers to it, I think of jobs,' Biden said.

In a change from previous administrations of both parties, Biden also is directing agencies to focus help and investment on the low-income and minority communities that live closest to polluting refineries and other hazards...

Biden pledged to create 'millions of good-paying, union jobs' building electric cars, installing solar panels and wind turbines...

Even so, Republicans immediately criticized the plan as a job killer.

'Pie-in-the-sky government mandates and directives that restrict our mining, oil, and gas industries adversely impact our energy security and independence,' said Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers...

Energy and Commerce Committee.

Biden also is elevating the warming climate to a national security priority, directing intelligence agencies, the military and others to do more to prepare for the heightened risks.

President Donald Trump, who ridiculed the science of climate change, withdrew the U.S. from the Paris global climate accord...

Emissions. Experts say these emissions are heating the Earth's climate dangerously and worsening floods, droughts and other natural disasters.

Currently, 61% of the nation's electric power comes from natural gas and coal, 20% from nuclear and 17% from wind, solar and other renewable energy...

Georgia Tech climate scientist Kim Cobb said that 'if this Day 7 momentum is representative of this administration's 4-year term, there is every reason to believe that we might achieve carbon neutrality sooner than 2050.'

Obituaries

Jeannett Newton, luka, Mississippi, a former Ridgeville resident, Jan. 8, 1942-Jan. 25, 2021.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Table with 5 columns: Day, Temperature, Weather, and Description. Includes weather icons and forecasts for Friday 1/29 through Tuesday 2/2.

Lotteries

Table listing lottery results for Powerball, Mega Millions, Hoosier Midday, and Hoosier Evening, including estimated jackpots.

Markets

Table listing market prices for Cooper Farms Fort Recovery, POET Biorefining Portland, The Andersons Richland Township, Central States Montpelier, and Sunrise St. Anthony.

Today in history

On Jan. 28, 1986, the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral...

In 1547, England's King Henry VIII died; he was succeeded by his 9-year-old son, Edward VI.

In 1915, the American merchant vessel SS William P. Frye, en route to England with a cargo of wheat, became the first U.S. ship to be sunk during World War I...

In 1956, Elvis Presley made his first national TV appearance on 'Stage Show,' a CBS program hosted by Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey.

In 1971, Jeffrey R. Bennett, 26, Albany, a Jay County native, died following a traffic accident on Indiana 67 about 2 miles southwest of Redkey.

In 1973, a cease-fire officially went into effect in the Vietnam War, a day after the signing of the Paris Peace Accords by the United States, North Vietnam and South Vietnam.

In 1985, the charity supergroup USA for Africa recorded the Michael Jackson-Lionel Richie song 'We Are the World' at A&M Studios in Los Angeles.

—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Table listing community events for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, including council meetings and church services.

Depot ...

The building, which features ceilings at 17 feet, 10 inches, also got cosmetic updates such as new paint and lighting.

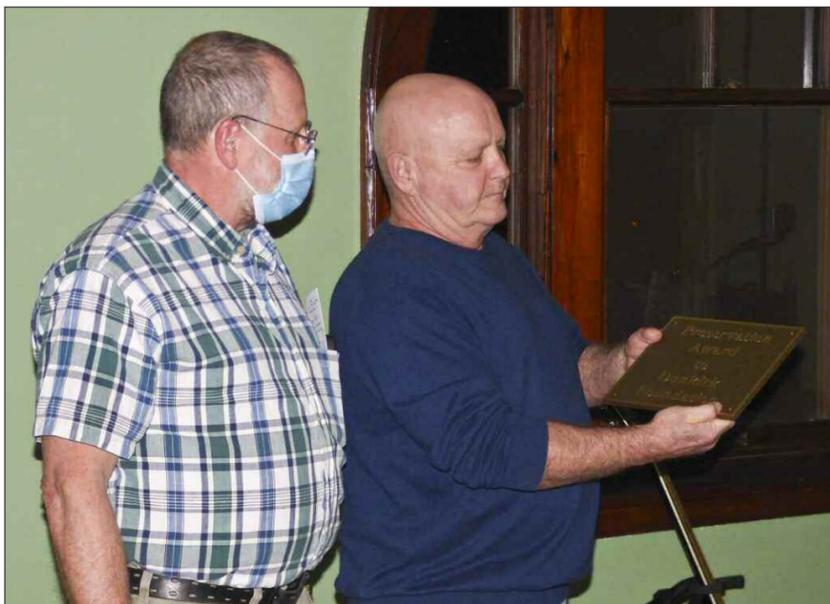
The original oak woodwork has been maintained, as has the wooden door in the baggage room and the ticket window, which on Wednesday was used to give out free popcorn and beverages to visitors.

The depot began operation in 1967 and was key to the city's growth to becoming the Glass Capital of Indiana.

'This renovation of this building is an important part of preserving the rail history for downtown Dunkirk,' said Travis Richards, executive director of Jay County Development Corporation and DIDC secretary.

The future of the building, DIDC and city leaders hope, is to once again become a hub of activity for Dunkirk.

Robbins said anyone who is interested in renting the space for a business would be considered, but he hopes it can be something that is a gathering place and draws visitors from outside of the community.



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'A specialty business, something that's going to draw people to the City of Dunkirk,' he said, encouraging anyone interested to contact the mayor's office.

'That's our wish for it.'

Orange ...

Jay County's numbers went up in the metrics for both seven-day positivity rate and cases per 100,000. The county had 274 cases per 100,000 residents, up from 195 last week.

There have been 185 new cases of COVID-19 this month as the county is just four short of reaching 1,700 over the course of the ongoing pandemic.

Though the numbers have generally been decreasing over the last two months, Butz emphasized the importance of continuing to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations such as wearing a mask, avoiding large crowds, hand washing and social distancing.

'We're going to be doing these for a little while longer until we get enough vaccines out, until those numbers in the county and the state and the country all start dropping to a level that's going to let us safely go out without taking those preventative measures,' he added.

Jay County currently has two coronavirus vaccination clinics — one at the health department and the other at IU Health Jay.

Butz said the health department is expected to get more vaccines in next week, allowing it to expand the number of patients it is able to handle.

Both IU Health Jay president Jon Vanator and Butz said their clinics have run smoothly thus far.

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 eligible for shots to continue checking for appointments as new slots may become available.

Coronavirus is mainly spread through respiratory droplets or small particles from an infected person coughing, sneezing, talking or breathing.

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.

SERVICES

Friday Houck, Ray: 1 p.m., Willis Funeral Home, 12 Garfield, Ave., Gallipolis, Ohio.

Petschke, David: 7 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Saturday Glassford, Dick: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Berry, Richard: 3 p.m., The Briar Patch, 190 S. Washington St., Pennville.

Service listings provided by PROGRESSIVE OFFICE PRODUCTS 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com

Felony arrests

Probation violation A Portland resident was arrested Wednesday for violating her probation.

Billie J. Caylor, 40, 622 W. High St., has two previous charges for resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 felony, and possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor.

She was later released from Jay County Jail on \$600 bond.

Resisting officers A Portland resident was arrested Wednesday for allegedly resisting law enforcement.

Kenneth L. Ausland, 43, 607 E. North St., was preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony. He was later released from Jay County Jail on \$2,000 bond.

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Drug possession A Portland resident was arrested Wednesday for alleged drug possession.

Whitney N. Hough, 25, 701 S. Western Ave., was preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for possession of cocaine, methamphetamine or narcotic drugs and two Class A misdemeanors for possession of a controlled substance and possession of paraphernalia.

She's being held in Jay County Jail on \$4,500 bond.

Advertisement for Hastings Auto Sales featuring a vintage car illustration and a list of vehicles for sale including Chevrolet Equinox LT, Buick Encore Preferred II, Ford Edge LTD AWD, Buick Enclave, Chevrolet Cruze LT, Chrysler Pacifica Limited, Chevrolet Equinox LT AWD, and Chevrolet Malibu LT.

Advertisement for Jay County Sheriff's Department Reserve Deputy position, including application information and contact details.

Murder mystery coming to FRMS

One of Agatha Christie's most famous works will be on display next month in Fort Recovery.

Tickets for the Fort Recovery High School drama club's production of Christie's "And Then There Were None" will go on sale Feb. 1.

Show dates are 7 p.m. Feb. 19, 20, 21, 26 and 27 in the Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School auditoria. There will also be a matinee at 3 p.m. Feb. 21.

Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at the Fort Recovery High School office beginning Feb. 1. Because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, seating for each show will be limited to allow for social distancing.

Taking Note

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 Sunday, and winners will be announced by the end of March.

For more information, visit helena-homegrown.com.

Man argues like a 12-year-old

DEAR ABBY: I am in a nearly two-year relationship with a man I love. In so many ways, this is the relationship I've always hoped for and, being in my early 30s, I'm feeling ready to settle down. The problem? He doesn't fight fair.

I have put an exorbitant amount of effort into remaining calm and loving during arguments to prevent our relationship from deteriorating, but he seems incapable of meeting me halfway. His unfair fighting comes in the form of aggressive tones, obscene faces, looking at his phone while I'm talking and sometimes ignoring me entirely.

These arguments are usually over minor issues that are nowhere near warranting a full-blown fight (for example, dishes not being done when he came home from work because I work from home and put it off to do during nonwork hours).

Our relationship is otherwise great, but if I'm going to commit to someone for life, I want them to be capable of having calm and healthy conversations. He thinks I'm controlling when I ask him not to use aggressive tones or make faces. What do I do? — FIGHTING FAIR IN OREGON

DEAR FIGHTING: I will assume that the man you are in love with is around the same age as you. By the time someone

Dear Abby



reaches their 30s, their personalities are usually set. This man behaves the way he does because it works for him. It enables HIM to control YOU.

If he values your relationship, he should be willing to discuss this in couples counseling so these conversations are constructive rather than adversarial. If he isn't, however, keep looking for a more suitable mate because this Mister ain't Wonderful.

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to alert your readers to something that happened to me so it may keep it from happening to them. In her later years, my dear mother was afflicted with dementia. When it became clear she could no longer live alone, I went to live with her.

One day, I went looking for the albums of photos from when my brothers and I were kids, family vacations, etc. After searching high

and low and not finding them, I asked Mom what had happened to them. Turns out, she threw them out because she didn't remember any of the people in the pictures! To say I was devastated would be an understatement.

I couldn't be angry with Mom. It wasn't her fault. But Abby, your readers need to know that it can happen to them. My mother has been gone for 10 years, and I still wish I had those photos. — MISSING MEMORIES IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR MISSING: I'm glad you wrote. Your letter is a reminder that when family members begin to age, it's important to make the time to sit down with them and go through family pictures. My own dear mother urged her readers to not only review those photos, but also to write on the backs the date they were taken and the names of who is in them. This is a precious gift because memories do start to fade. It can stimulate wonderful conversations if people are willing to make the effort.

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 or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Baby panda makes his (virtual) zoo debut

By DANA HEDGPETH and JUSTIN WM. MOYER

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The National Zoo's giant panda cub made its debut Wednesday from the zoo in a five-minute explosion of cuteness confined to a live-stream due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The zoo is closed because of the pandemic and has not said when it will reopen, but animal keeper Marty Dearie introduced a pre-taped tour of the panda habitat followed by a few moments with the main attraction: Xiao Qi Ji.

Zoo officials said viewers would "experience an up-close, real-time look at Xiao Qi Ji as he walks, climbs, tumbles and explores his indoor habitat." Xiao Qi Ji did not disappoint on Wednesday.

Awakened from a nap, he

appeared drowsy at first, but brightened up considerably when Dearie placed a few pieces of boiled sweet potato within reach.

Though he mugged a bit for the camera, Xiao Qi Ji eventually ignored legions of online fans to enmesh himself fully in the sweet potato, smearing it all over a toy and himself. This dedication, Dearie said, is helping the panda cub gain a little more than pound per week.

"Apparently, in order to eat sweet potato we need to stand in it," Dearie said. Of another acrobatic panda maneuver, he added: "There's nothing like eating your sweet potato upside-down."

When the potato was gone, Xiao Qi Ji played with toys and battled Dearie in a game of tug-of-war.

Then, it was time to call it a

day. Mama Panda was on her way, and Dearie had to make tracks, as animal keepers do not directly interact with adult pandas.

Dearie acknowledged the toll the coronavirus pandemic has taken on panda lovers in the Washington region unable to commune in person with the animals.

"We know this has been a difficult time for everyone," he said. "We hope you have had some joy . . . around the birth of this animal."

The 21-pound panda turned five months old on Jan. 22. His mother is Mei Xiang and his father is Tian Tian. Experts called Mei Xiang's pregnancy "a miracle" because at the age of 22, she had a less than a 1 percent chance of having another cub.

Zookeepers said the cub is

"curious yet cautious" and is trying new foods, including the sweet potatoes. He liked them — a lot.

When the sweet potatoes were put on a piece of bamboo, zookeepers said, he "grabbed the bamboo in his mouth, paused for a moment to take in the new taste, then lay back and licked the remainder. When we offered him more, he wouldn't stop nibbling on it."

His main source of nutrition is still his mother's milk. He may "comfort nurse" until he is 18 months old and often does it in the early morning and at night. By age 1, he will start eating more solid foods such as bamboo, carrots, apples and "nutrient-rich biscuits." Soon he will try fruit and softened biscuits, zookeepers said.

Like any baby, Xiao Qi Ji likes to play with toys, includ-

ing a small red ball. And zookeepers gave him a giant hockey puck to play with one day to mark the Washington Capitals' first game of the season.

For those looking to catch a glimpse of the baby panda online, officials said he's an early riser and is often seen in the morning and early afternoon while zookeepers are cleaning the panda area.

Zookeepers have said Xiao Qi Ji "nibbles on everything from his paws and enrichment toys to mother Mei Xiang's ears."

Often, when his mom is eating bamboo, he playfully bites at her. When his mom is outside in the panda area, Xiao Qi Ji likes to come out of the den and "supervise" the keepers "as they clean and get the habitat ready for Mei Xiang's return," officials said.

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 - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for

all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Kevin Culy at (260) 251-2843.

Saturday

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

Monday

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1

p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

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.

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King's interviews created memories

To the editor:
I'm sure you have all seen and heard by now that Larry King has passed on.

I'll add my own personal perspective for anyone interested. Many years ago, I drove cross country as an active duty U.S. Navy sailor, both for transfer of duty stations a few times and then a lot of trips from Philadelphia to Indiana and back while attached to a command that was in dry dock in Philadelphia. A few years later I found myself driving across

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country, at night, for my profession.

In those days, with no satellite radio, like we have today, you had to constantly scan the radio dial to find programming as one station faded out. In that

era, any evening or late night scan of the radio dial would turn up this guy, syndicated nationally on The Mutual Radio Broadcast Network, and I listened to him for a countless number of hours.

This was a good while before he was the CNN television icon he eventually became. I heard him interview people of every type and from every walk of life imaginable, from celebrities, royalty, dictators, despots, presidents and murderers. No one ever had a more diverse reper-

toire of interview subjects in a career that spanned over 60 years.

I distinctly recall one time on a show where he was the interviewee instead of the interviewer. He was asked who he regretted not being able to interview. Larry didn't skip a beat. He famously replied, "Oh, that's easy. I regret never being able to interview God. And the one question I would ask him is, "Why?"

Well, my friends, I will say I am thankful for many long

hours and miles behind the wheel with Larry keeping me awake as I drove through the night. And I trust as I'm writing this today, on this Sabbath Day, Larry is at long last getting his one-on-one sit down interview with the big guy upstairs who has seen fit to call Larry up to the big leagues of interviewing, for all of eternity.

Goodbye Larry.
Thanks for the memories.
Sincerely,
James D Fulks III
Dunkirk

Cultural assets hold us together

By MORTON J. MARCUS

"This legacy is at risk" wrote Campbell MacDonald, principal clarinetist of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and chair of the Philharmonic Players' Association, last week in The Journal Gazette. That legacy of the 77-year-old orchestra is now endangered by COVID-19 and the resulting dispute between management and its 65 musicians.

We all know many restaurants have closed. In some cases it is like losing a valued friend. How do those closings compare with the loss of a symphony orchestra?

Many community leaders are now realizing Indiana's chief economic problem is a scarcity of cultural assets; Indiana's 26 orchestras are among our vital community assets. They might be impossible to rebuild once gone.

Assembling even a decent orchestra, let alone one of established character, is a virtuoso task.

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) reported receiving \$473,900 from the \$75 million Congress allocated in 2020 to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). IAC then spent \$504,000 from the Indiana Arts Emergency Relief Fund. How much did the Fort Wayne Philharmonic get? I don't know, but, as with many enterprises, it wasn't enough to survive. Hence the conflict between management and labor.

Some people don't focus on symphonies or restaurants. They fixate on the federal debt, without understanding the difference between personal or household debt and federal or sovereign debt. They see rapid expansion of the money supply as the cause of inevitable inflation and hardship passed to succeeding generations.

However, modern monetary theory (MMT) holds governments can print money to prevent economic collapse without fear of inflation or kicking the can down the road to our kids. That idea is well expressed in a currently popular book, "The Deficit Myth" by Stephanie Kelton. For some readers, MMT is a new economic gospel. Others denounce MMT as heresy and a recipe for economic disaster.

Simply put, MMT contends governments can run a deficit (increasing the debt) without stimulating inflation when there are idle resources.

Eye on the Pie



Money, however, should be distributed not only to those in need, but also to those institutions, like the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, that sustain community strengths.

MMT requires un- or under-utilized resources. In the labor force, it means either unemployment or unwillingness of people to work for pay.

With more money in circulation, wages can be raised to attract people into the market economy. Simultaneously, underutilized buildings, land and machinery could produce more, and new investment will increase productive capacity.

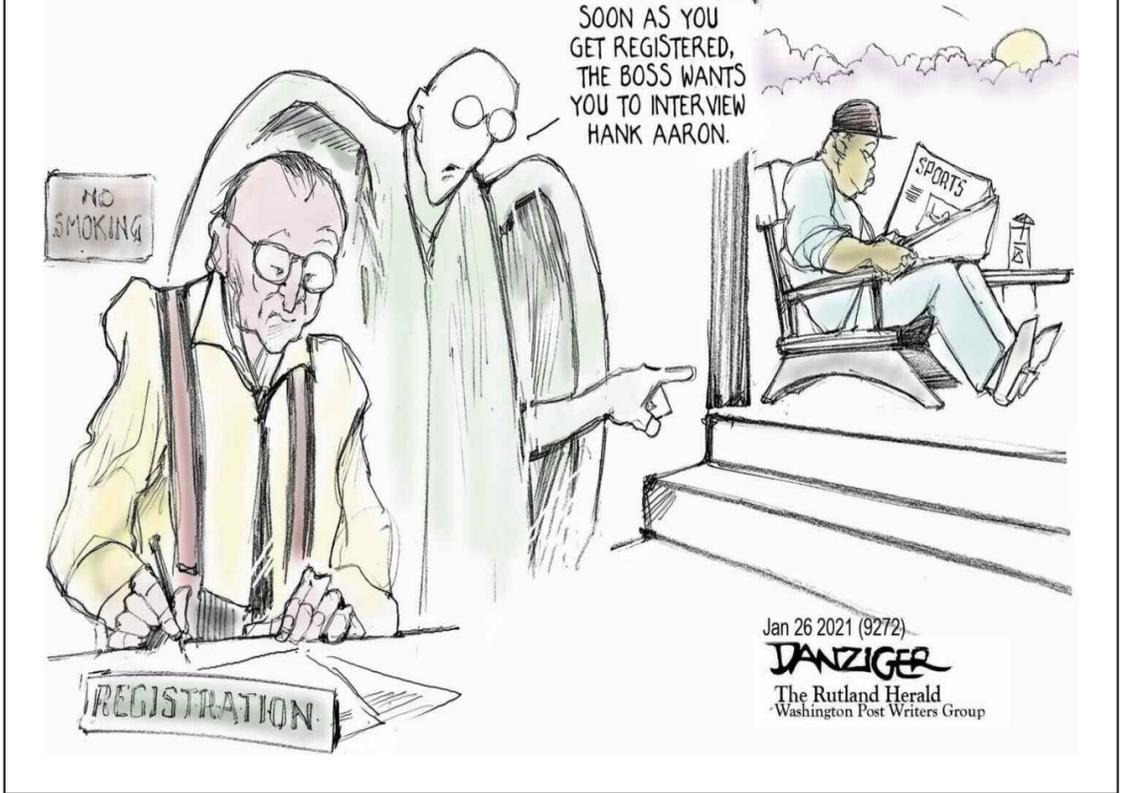
However, there are concerns. If these underutilized people are retired workers, students, caregivers or artists/hobbyists with adequate economic support, why should they be "at work?" Will more money in the market economy draw labor from the unmeasured economy (either legal or illegal)?

Today we do have many under-employed people and workplaces that are running well under capacity. These are exactly the conditions MMT could resolve with targeted government stimulus. Money, however, should be distributed not only to those in need, but also to those institutions, like the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, that sustain community strengths.

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Biden's bet is paying off

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As Republican criticism of President Joe Biden's Cabinet nominees was mounting in the weeks before Christmas, his closest advisers pondered what to do about it.

During internal deliberations, some argued that it was time to go to war and mount an aggressive public push for Biden's picks.

But the president-elect counseled patience.

Give the Senate some space, Biden said, according to an aide who was there. It can get to yes on its own.

This is the essential bet of the Biden presidency, at least in its beginnings. Biden still regards himself as a creature of the chamber where he served for 36 years.

The question is whether today's Senate bears any resemblance to the place Biden left behind when he became Barack Obama's vice president in 2009.

There have been decades of erosion in what used to be referred to by the old-fashioned word "comity." The past four years in particular have seen a wreckage of what is left of its norms.

But Biden believes there is enough muscle memory left in the institution to actually get it working again.

There is plenty of reason to think, as the president acknowledged during his inaugural address, that bipartisan compromise is "a foolish fantasy" in the polarized environment in which we now live.

Many Democrats worry, with good reason, that unity is just another word for passivity, a prelude to surrender on their priorities at a moment when they once again control all the levers of government in Washington, albeit not with the healthy majorities that Obama enjoyed. They remember the time-consuming — and largely

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fruitless — efforts Obama made to win Republican support for his agenda and don't want to see the pattern repeat under Biden.

Meanwhile, it is not exactly a surprise that Republicans, playing to the cable commentariat, are carping at even Biden's most predictable moves.

When the president signed an executive order on Monday to fulfill a campaign promise and lift former president Donald Trump's ban on transgender men and women serving in the military, Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, tweeted: "Another 'unifying' move by the new administration?" Actually, it is. Biden's position on the issue is supported by more than 7 in 10 Americans, according to Gallup.

But, so far, Biden's instincts appear to be sound.

Granted, confirmation hearings for his Cabinet picks are moving more slowly than in past presidencies. None of them — not even his national security team — were approved by Inauguration Day, which was an abdication of the Senate's responsibility.

But the pace is picking up and the proceedings themselves have thus far been surprisingly free of rancor.

Another good sign was the fact that the new majority leader, Chuck Schumer, D-New York, and minority leader, Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, having recently switched places as control of the chamber shifted to the Democrats, were able to strike a deal on the delicate issue of how to proceed with Trump's impeachment trial.

Biden has also — wisely, in my view — refused to interject himself into the standoff between Schumer and McConnell over rules for organizing a 50-50 Senate, which have gotten stuck over McConnell's demand that Democrats agree to preserve the filibuster.

There are good arguments to get rid of the de facto requirement that ordinary legislation have the support of 60 senators. It has already gone by the wayside with regard to presidential nominations, including appointments to the Supreme Court.

But not now. Schumer should preserve nuking the filibuster as an option down the line, against the possibility that McConnell and the Republicans will put up a wall of obstruction to everything Biden proposes.

Pressed on the issue during a briefing Friday, White House press secretary Jen Psaki said that Biden, who is on record opposing efforts to get rid of the filibuster, "hasn't changed" his position.

"I will say he's conveyed in conversations with both now Leader Schumer and Senator McConnell that they need to have their conversations, of course, but he is eager to move his [\$1.9-trillion pandemic] rescue plan forward," Psaki added. "He is eager to get relief to the American public. He wants to work with both of them to do exactly that, and he wants it to be a bipartisan bill. So that is his objective."

It was another way of saying Biden is confident that the two of them are going to figure out a solution. That is the way things work in the Senate. Or at least, the way they used to.

Back when the Senate was able to work at all.

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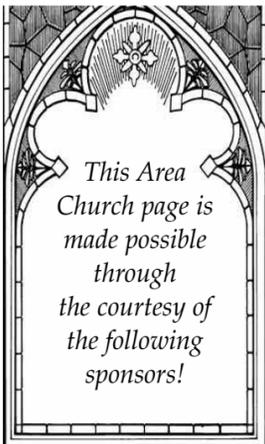
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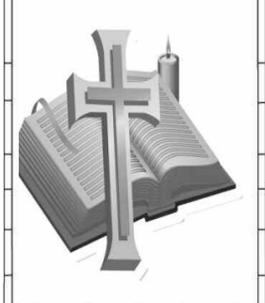
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nanybell@yahoo.com

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Wednesday
thefamilyworshipcenter.org

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4017 W. 200 South
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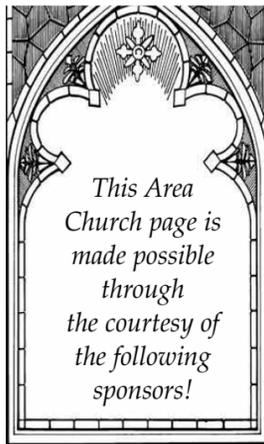
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Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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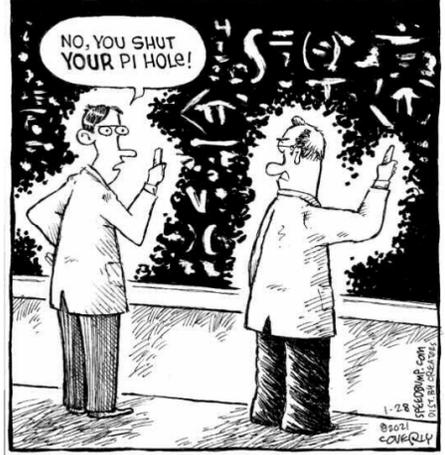
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Tokyo still mum about fans

By **STEPHEN WADE**
AP Sports Writer

TOKYO — One of the biggest unanswered questions about the Tokyo Olympics deals with fans.

Will there be any from abroad? And will fans of any sort be allowed in outdoor stadiums or smaller indoor arenas?

“Naturally, we are looking into many different scenarios, so no spectators is one of the options,” organizing committee President Yoshiro Mori said Thursday after a video call with IOC President Thomas Bach. “We don’t want to hold the games without spectators, but in terms of simulations we are covering all the options.”

The International Olympic Committee and Tokyo organizers will roll out their “Playbook” next week, a detailed plan about how to hold the games during a pandemic. It will set down strict rules for thousands of athletes arriving in Japan, about being isolated in bubbles, and then leaving the country as soon as they finish competing.

The Nikkan Sports newspaper, without citing sources, said that organizers are expected to announce “soon” that fans from abroad will not be allowed to attend. Olympic Minister Seiko Hashimoto said earlier in the week the decision would be announced “by the spring.”

The 15,400 Olympic and Paralympic athletes will be kept in a sterile bubble in Tokyo. But thousands of others will not, including judges, officials, VIPs, sponsors, and media and broadcasters.

Organizers set to roll out their plan next week for the Games, which are set for this summer

Fans are the most problematic and risky with the Olympics shaping up as primarily a television event. Television money is critical for the IOC, which gets 75% of its income from selling broadcast rights.

The local organizing committee was expected to receive \$800 million from ticket sales, its third-largest source of income. Any shortfall is likely to be made up by a Japanese government entity.

Mori described his call with Bach — accompanied by Tokyo CEO Toshiro Muto — as a kind of pep talk. Both the IOC and Tokyo are trying to forge ahead, unveiling their plans and trying to brush off repeated reports of a pending cancellation.

“President Bach gave us his strong stance, and it was a great encouragement to us,” Mori said. “And we are thankful. That is what I told him. Basically that was the main topic of the conversation today.”

Mori was unable to clearly answer a question from a Japanese reporter who asked what he means when he says Tokyo will “hold safe secure games.”

Opinion polls in Japan show the public is against holding the

Olympics with about 80% saying they should be postponed or canceled.

“Everybody is hoping to be safe and secure,” Mori replied. “Nobody rides a train hoping to encounter an accident.”

Mori and Muto said Bach asked about vaccine rollouts in Japan, which are expected for health care workers in February and much later for the general population.

The IOC has said it will not require “participants” entering Japan to be vaccinated, but it is encouraging voluntary vaccination. Bach has also said young athletes should not be a priority ahead of health care workers and the elderly.

“It is desirable that many people get vaccinated and it will have positive benefits,” Muto said. “But we have had discussions on the premise that the games can be held without vaccines.”

Former IOC vice president Dick Pound got strong pushback when he said this month that athletes should be a priority for “an international event of this stature, character and level. I don’t think there would be any kind of a public outcry about that.”



Jay County Patriots

Portland, 3-3 (2-0)
Coach: Jerry Bomholt, fifth year (40th overall)
Jan. 9 vs. Adams Central: Sophomore Josh Dowlen had a career-high 24 points in leading Jay County past Adams Central 58-50. Dowlen scored eight points during the Patriots’ 15-point effort in the first quarter. Ethan Dirksen finished with 12 points and Bennett Weitzel had seven points.

Season leaders (per game): Points — Ethan Dirksen 14.0, Bennett Weitzel 9.8, Josh Dowlen 7.5. Rebounds — Bennett Weitzel 6.8, Dirksen 6.7. Assists — Ethan Dirksen 3.8.

VS.

Bluffton Tigers

Bluffton, 6-6 (2-0)
Coach: Karl Grau, first year
Conference: Allen County
Tuesday vs. Wabash: Bluffton led Wabash after each of the first three quarters and held off a late surge for a 68-62 victory. Bluffton’s Hayden Nern scored 33 points to lead the Tigers, and Will Ball added 12 points.

Season leaders (per game through eight games): Points — Hayden Nern 18.4, Will Ball 5.9, Harrison Shreiber 5.3 Rebounds — Hayden Nern 5.9, Will Ball 3.1. Assists — Lukas Hunt 3.5.

Last season: Jay County’s offense fizzled after a hot start in the first quarter of a 34-28 road loss to Bluffton. The Patriots scored 14 points in the opening period and just 14 points through the final three. Brayden Sprunger led the Patriots with 10 points, and Ethan Dirksen had eight points.

Game notes: This is the 18th meeting all time between Jay County and Bluffton, and Jay County leads the series 14-3 ... The Patriots and Tigers have identical 2-0 records in Allen County Athletic Conference play, and they are tied for second behind Heritage (3-0) ... Jay County has a Sagarin rating of 59.94, which is 66th in Class 3A and 234th overall. Bluffton is rated 54.62, good for 65th in Class 2A and 277th overall ... John Harrell’s website predicts Jay County to win, 55-45.

Drives ...

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The day before Michigan wrestlers take to the mat, 112 Hoosier wrestlers will have stood on a podium at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis with medals draped around their necks.

The same day Michigan boys are allowed to start playing basketball, Hoosier Hysteria will be in full force as boys in Indiana

discover their postseason path.

The announcement in Michigan was the same weekend the MHSAA crowned eight football state champions, eight weeks after originally scheduled.

So while the Patriot boys were in the midst of yet another quarantine, Michigan was finally finishing its fall sports season.

In January.

The adaptations schools, athletes and fans have had to make during this 2020-21 sports season have been a headache. I do not envy coaches and athletic directors with all of these new rules and regulations in order to ensure there’s a season.

Although the Patriots have only played six games,

at least they’ve been able to get some in. That’s reason enough to feel fortunate and thankful.

Because at least they have a season in the first place, unlike their neighbors to the north.

Remember, no matter what you’re going through athletically, academically, professionally or personally, it could always be worse.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Swimming at Marion — 6 p.m.; Girls basketball at South Adams (various only) — 7 p.m.; Gymnastics vs. Huntington North — 6:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at Coldwater — 5:30 p.m.; Swimming vs. Coldwater at South Adams — 6 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Boys basketball triple-header vs. Bluffton — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs. Coldwater — 5:30 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Wrestling hosts sectional — 8:30 a.m.; Gymnastics at Western Invitational — noon; Boys basketball triple-header at Blackford — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball ACAC tournament TBA; Junior high girls basketball ACAC tournament TBA

Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs. Mississinawa Valley — 6 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
7 p.m. — Men’s College Basketball: Memphis at SMU (ESPN2); Michigan State at Rutgers (FS1)
7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Portland Trail Blazers at Houston Rockets (TNT)
9 p.m. — Men’s College Basketball: Villanova at UConn (FS1); Houston at Tulane (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Golden State Warriors at Phoenix Suns (TNT)
11 p.m. — Men’s College Basketball: Stanford at Arizona (ESPN2); California at Arizona State (FS1)

Friday
6:30 p.m. — Men’s College Basketball: Saint Louis at Richmond (ESPN2); Xavier at Butler (FS1)
7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Charlotte Hornets (FSN)

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**

HOUSTON — Star quarterback Deshaun Watson has requested a trade from the Houston Texans, a person familiar with the move told The Associated Press.

The person was not authorized to speak publicly about the request and spoke to the AP on the condition of anonymity Thursday.

Watson has a no-trade clause in his four-year, \$156 million contract, so he could have some control over where he might be dealt.

A source told The Associated Press on Wednesday night that the Texans had hired David Culley as their new

coach to replace Bill O’Brien, who was fired after an 0-4 start and replaced by interim head coach Romeo Crennel.

The same source who told The AP about the trade request said Watson made the request before Culley’s hire. He has been unhappy with the direction of the team for some time and Sports Illustrated reported weeks ago that Watson was upset the team didn’t initially request to interview Kansas City offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy for its coaching vacancy.

The Texans eventually interviewed Bieniemy, as well as Indianapolis defensive coordinator Matt

Eberflus, Buffalo assistant head coach/defensive coordinator Leslie Frazier, Detroit coach Jim Caldwell, former Cincinnati coach Marvin Lewis and Carolina offensive coordinator Joe Brady before landing on Culley — the only African American among the seven head coaches hired this offseason.

Watson, a three-time Pro Bowler, wasn’t just disgruntled about the way Houston went about its coaching search. He was also upset that owner Cal McNair did not take his opinion into account when hiring general manager Nick Caserio, according to reports from ESPN and the NFL Network.

Texans QB Watson asks for trade

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Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 26th day of January, 2021.
Chris M. Teagle #2278-18 Attorney for Personal Representative
133 W. State Street Albany, Indiana 47320 CR 1-21,28,2-4-HSPAXLP

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South West North East
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Here is a well-played hand of ancient vintage where South, in effect, bid six diamonds all by himself. He reasoned that he had an excellent chance of avoiding a heart loser, and that the only trick he was likely to lose was a spade.
West led the king of spades, East signaling for a continuation by playing the seven. But West very wisely shifted to the ace of clubs, not

because he expected the ace to win, but because he wanted East to know that declarer was void of clubs. This was excellent thinking on West’s part, since East might otherwise have discarded a heart at some point later if declarer ran his trumps.
However, South managed to counter West’s revelatory play by adopting an altogether different approach. Declarer realized that if either defender held four hearts to the jack, that player would hang on to every one of them since South’s hand was by now virtually an open book.
So, after ruffing the ace of clubs, declarer drew only one round of hearts. When West showed out on the third heart but was unable to ruff, South next trumped the ten of hearts in dummy to make the slam.
Declarer’s method of play was clearly correct. True, it would have failed had West held two trumps instead of one, but in that case the slam would have failed however South played. In effect, declarer had to hope that, if the heart jack did not fall as the three top hearts were cashed, the defender who was short in hearts was also short in diamonds. When this proved to be the case, the slam came rolling home.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Read Friday's paper for coverage of tonight's JCHS girls basketball game

Patriot boys hoops to host Bluffton on Friday, see Review preview

Sports

Season's hassles could be worse for prep athletes

By CHRIS SCHANZ
The Commercial Review

Friday will be a momentous day.

It has nothing to do with the day of the week, or the date on the calendar.

But for the first time in two weeks — again — the Jay County High School boys basketball team gets to play.

More than two months after the season was supposed to begin, Jay County has played just six games. The Patriots have officially had more games postponed or canceled than it has played.

Jay County's girls haven't been immune to the affects of the coronavirus pandemic either. Their games against Northeastern, Delta and Richmond were first postponed and then canceled. Their game with Norwell — they upset the Class 3A No. 4 Knights 69-65 Monday — was pushed back six days. Tonight's matchup with South Adams is a rescheduled meeting.

But Friday night is all about the boys, as they host the Bluffton Tigers (6-6, 2-0 Allen County Athletic Conference) for a conference tilt.

Jay County is the only ACAC team to have played single-digit games.

Southern Wells has played the most, 14. Heritage, with coach and JCHS graduate Adam Gray missing time because he tested positive for COVID-19, and Adams Central have played 13 games. Bluffton and Woodlan are both 12 games deep into their schedule.

Even the South Adams Starfires, who had eight of their varsity players compete in the Class A football state championship game, have played 11 contests.

Yet on Friday, Jay County will come off its second two-week quarantine and play just its seventh game of the season.

But, it could be worse.

On Friday, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services held a press conference and

Line Drives



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announced updates to the state's pandemic order beginning Feb. 1

Among those updates was a bombshell for prep athletes in the Great Lakes State: indoor contact sports will remain banned until at least Feb. 21.

While winter sports in Indiana and Ohio began on time, Michigander teenagers are still without their basketball, ice hockey, wrestling and competitive cheer seasons.

"We did not anticipate this delay in winter contact practices and competition, and today's announcement has created many new questions," Mark Uyl, executive director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association said Friday after Whitmer's joint press conference. "Obviously, this is disappointing to thousands of athletes who have been training with their teams over the last week and watching teams in other states around Michigan play the last two months."

Barring any more changes, less than a week after girls begin playing basketball in Michigan, the IHSAA will crown its girls basketball state champions.

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Dirksen dishes

Jay County High School freshman Breanna Dirksen, 14, dishes a pass to junior teammate Izzy Rodgers during a scramble for a loose ball in the fourth quarter Monday at JCHS. Dirksen, Rodgers and the Class 3A No. 15 Patriots upset fourth-ranked Norwell 69-65.

Sabonis' triple-double sinks Hornets

By STEVE REED

AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — When his MRI came back negative after taking a shot to the knee earlier this week, Domantas Sabonis told Pacers coach Nate Bjorkgren there was no way he was going to rest and let his teammates down.

"I don't like sitting out," Sabonis said. "I woke up today and I felt good. I did my shooting time and I was like, 'I can play.' I would have felt worse if I didn't play."

Sabonis powered through with a bruised knee, getting 22 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists to lead Indiana past the Charlotte Hornets 116-106 on Wednesday night. He came into the game listed as questionable but finished 9 of 10 from the floor.

"The toughness that he showed to step foot in that game after taking that knee-to-knee (on Monday), that toughness goes a long way," Bjorkgren said.

Doug McDermott scored a season-high 28 points — three shy of his career-high — Malcom Brogdon had 25 points and Justin Holiday chipped in with 19 points for the Pacers, who have won three of four.

Terry Rozier had 20 points for the

Hornets, who have dropped six of seven.

Sabonis bruised his knee during a collision with Toronto's Kyle Lowry on Monday night and had an MRI on Tuesday that showed no damage.

He was on his game from the start, continuously making the right plays and finding teammates like McDermott on cuts to the basket and making the most of his shot selection in and out of the paint. Indiana had 34 assisted baskets.

"He's a willing passer. When the ball is in his hands, he's going to make the right play," Bjorkgren said of Sabonis. "He took 10 shots and had double-digit assists. He will continuously make the right play."

Said Brogdon: "Along with Joker (Nikola Jokic), he's one of the best passing bigs in the league."

The Pacers led by 36-19 after the first quarter.

"We're trying different lineups now," Hornets coach James Borrego said. "That was a new group out there tonight. It was a poor first quarter. It wasn't just the first group, it was the second group as well."

Tip ins

Pacers: Outscored Charlotte 50-42

in the paint. ... Holiday fouled out with 48 seconds left.

Hornets: Cody Zeller returned to the starting lineup and had 10 points and 14 rebounds. Zeller missed four weeks with a broken hand and had come off the bench the last three games. ... This opens a stretch with 12 of 14 games at home. ... With the Hornets struggling to win there is growing pressure for Borrego to start rookie LaMelo Ball, who had eight points and five assists in 22 minutes.

Slowing down Hayward

Indiana limited the red-hot Gordon Hayward to 16 points on 6-of-14 shooting from the floor.

The Pacers (11-7) pushed their coverage to Hayward, who came in averaging 30.5 points over his past four contests and having made 58.1% of his shots from the floor, including 61.5% from 3-point range.

"The way he's playing, teams are going to tilt their defense toward him," Borrego said. "We know that. He knows that, too. He's been in this league for a while.

"He's seen different coverages. I'll continue to look for ways to free him up."

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