

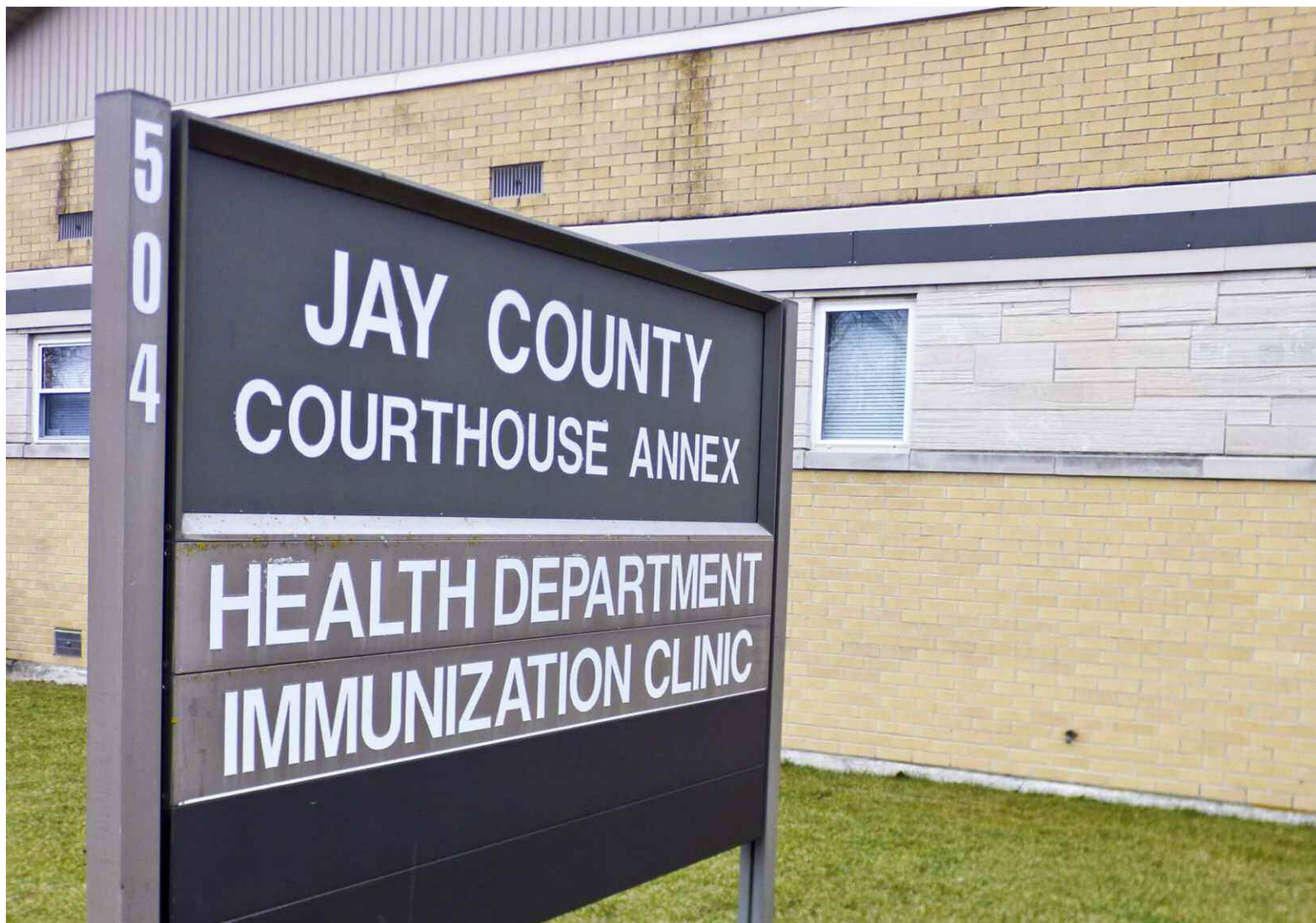
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Clinics are set



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County Health Department, 504 W. Arch St., Portland, will be the site of the first coronavirus vaccination clinic open to the public in Jay County. Beginning today, Hoosiers 80 and older can sign up online at ourshot.in.gov to receive the vaccine. The clinic will be open for the first time Tuesday.

Jay County Health Department announces its schedule for first round of COVID-19 vaccinations

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Coronavirus vaccines will be available to some Jay County residents beginning Tuesday.

Jay County Health Department announced its initial vaccination clinic plans this morning. The information follows Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb's announcement Wednesday that Hoosiers 80 and older would be able to start signing up for vaccination appointments beginning today.

The vaccine is currently available only to those 80 and older as well as healthcare workers and first responders who "have face-to-face interactions with patients or infectious material or work in a public-facing position that requires in-person contact." They

Initial hours	
<i>Jay County Health Department has announced its schedule for its first coronavirus vaccination clinics, which will be held at the health department office, 504 W. Arch St., Portland. Details are below.</i>	
Day	Hours
Tuesday	11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
Jan. 19	11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 23	8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

are by appointment only by signing up at ourshot.in.gov.

The current vaccination clinic schedule at Jay County Health Department, 504 W. Arch St., Portland, is as follows (date of second dose is in parenthesis):

•11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday (Feb. 9)

•11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday (Feb. 11)

•8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Jan. 16 (Feb. 13)

•11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Jan. 19 (Feb. 16)

•11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Jan. 21 (Feb. 18)

•8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Jan. 23 (Feb. 20)

"We've been told we'll get so many vaccines,"

said Jay County Health Department environmentalist and administrator Heath Butz, noting that as of this morning no doses had been delivered to the department. "And we set the clinics up to basically use up those vaccines. ...

"This is based off of what they've told us we're going to get. Hopefully that doesn't change and it stays consistent."

Indiana State Department of Health lists additional vaccination clinics available in adjacent counties at Adams County Health Department, Adams Memorial Hospital, Wells County Health Department, the Hartford City Elks Lodge, Delaware County Health Department, IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital, Randolph County Health Department

and Reid Health in Lynn. Any eligible Hoosier can make an appointment at any of the clinics available in Indiana.

A photo ID, proof of age or verification of current employment as a healthcare worker or first responder in Indiana will be required. There is no cost for the vaccine, but insurance companies may be charged an administration fee.

When patients arrive for their appointment, they should follow COVID-19 protocols such as wearing a mask and social distancing. A health department staffer will help them fill out any remaining paperwork that may be necessary. They will then receive the vaccine.

See Clinics page 2

Dems discuss action to impeach

Meeting was scheduled for noon today

By ZEKE MILLER and MARY CLARE JALONICK

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Democrats are discussing today whether to move forward with the quick impeachment of President Donald Trump if his Cabinet doesn't try to remove him first, acting swiftly two days after the U.S. Capitol was ransacked by a pro-Trump mob.

House Democrats were set to hold a caucus meeting at noon, the first since Wednesday's harrowing events at the Capitol, and could take up articles of impeachment against Trump as soon as next week. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi discussed the prospect of impeachment with her leadership team Thursday night, hours after announcing the House was willing to act if Vice President Mike Pence and other officials did not invoke Section 4 of the 25th Amendment — the forceful removal of Trump from power by his own Cabinet.

Five people are now dead from the violent melee, including police officer Brian Sicknick. Pelosi said in a statement today that Sicknick's death "reminds us of our obligation to those we serve: to protect our country from all threats foreign and domestic."

She said those responsible for the death of the officer "must be brought to justice."

Though Trump has less than two weeks in office, lawmakers and even some in his administration began discussing options for his removal Wednesday afternoon as Trump first encouraged the crowd to march on the Capitol, then refused to forcefully condemn the violent assault and appeared to excuse it.

Rep. Katherine Clark, a member of House Democratic leadership, said procedural steps could allow them to move far quicker than they did on Trump's impeachment last year.

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City to seek credit

By RILEY EUBANKS
The Commercial Review

This may be the year Portland is done mitigating the wetland at the former site of XPLEX Extreme Competition Park.

Portland Board of Works was in agreement at its meeting Thursday that the city should pursue purchasing mitigation credit rather than trying to create 0.525 acre of artificial wetland, the last bit of land needed to satisfy mandates by Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

"It's just a pain in the butt," said Portland Mayor John Boggs, who is the city's third mayor since CHA Consulting Inc. was first contracted in 2008

Portland looks to make last step to mitigating XPLEX wetland area

to help recover and mitigate the wetland damaged by the park's construction. "I just want to get it over with."

The mayor may get his wish as Summer Elmore, Portland's new adviser at CHA Consulting, suggested the mitigation credit to Boggs as a way of sat-

isfying IDEM. She estimated mitigation credit would cost the city \$41,000 whereas actually creating the required amount of wetland would cost around \$70,000 and wouldn't be finished for another three years, Boggs said.

See Credit page 2



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XPLEX Extreme Competition Park has been gone from the local landscape for well over a decade. The City of Portland now hopes that it can finish its obligation of restoring wetlands at the site of the former facility by purchasing a mitigation credit through Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

Deaths

Garnet Klopfenstein, 95, Madison

Dustin Journay, 35, Portland

Jerry Miller, 76, Redkey

Jeff Bobincheck, 63, Middleburg Heights, Ohio

Details on page 2.

Weather

The temperature hovered between 32 and 36 degrees Thursday in Jay County.

Tonight's low is expected to dip into the low 20s. Expect a high of 31 Saturday with clouds early followed by sunny skies in the afternoon.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

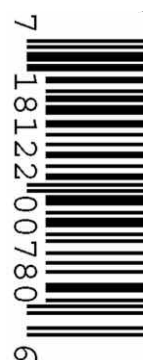
In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Coming up

Saturday — Results from tonight's diving invitational at Jay County High School.

Thursday — Coverage of Wednesday's Portland EDIT Advisory Committee meeting.



Obituaries

Garnet Klopfenstein

April 16, 1925-Jan. 6, 2021
Garnet Lucy Klopfenstein, age 95, a former Portland resident, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021, at Hickory Creek in Madison, Indiana.



Lucy was born in Berne, Indiana, on April 16, 1925, the daughter of Lester and Vada (Kelly) Stuckey. She was married in 1946 to Stan Klopfenstein and he died in 1996. She was a 1943 Geneva High School graduate and Methodist School of Nursing graduate in 1946.

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church and Jay County Hospital Auxiliary, and a Red Cross volunteer. She retired in 1984 as a registered nurse.

Surviving are one son, Ted Klopfenstein (wife: Cathy) of Madison; five grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Tom Klopfenstein.

Memorial services will be held Friday, Jan. 15, 2021, at 1 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Joe Boggs presiding.

Memorials can be made to Asbury United Methodist Church in Portland, Indiana.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Dustin Journey

Feb. 2, 1985-Jan. 5, 2021
Dustin "Chink" A. Journey, age 35, a resident of Portland, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021, at his home.



Dustin was born Feb. 2, 1985, in Portland, Indiana, the son of Eldon Journey and Cindy (Hutzler) Kelley. He was a self-employed contractor. Dustin enjoyed fishing with his family and tinkering with everything.

Survivors include: One son — Ryker Journey, Portland, Indiana

His parents — Eldon Journey

and Cindy Kelley, Portland, Indiana

One sister — Nickole Journey, Central City, Iowa

Two brothers — Tim Compton, Portland, Indiana, and Chris Compton, Portland, Indiana

Visitation will be held Monday, Jan. 11, 2021, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. at the funeral home on Monday. Pastor Randy Davis will officiate the service and burial will follow at a later date in Wells Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the funeral home to assist the family with final expenses.

Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

Jerry Miller

Feb. 17, 1944-Jan. 6, 2021

Jerry Bruce Miller, 76, of Redkey, Indiana, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021, while in the company of family members at his residence.

Jerry was born in Vines Ridge, Tennessee, on Feb. 17,

1944, a son of the late Choyce C. (Norrod) and Isaac B. Miller. He attended Redkey High School and was formerly employed by Indiana Glass and Westinghouse, and retired from Burdge-Dunham & Associates.



He was the loving husband of Sarah M. Miller who he happily married on Sept. 29, 1962. Jerry was a member of the local Moose Lodge and enjoyed dancing and traveling with his wife Sarah, hunting and fishing trips with his brothers, playing poker and BINGO, and watching shows or reading books about western or historical themes.

Jerry was a hard-working man who loved spending time with his family, friends and periodically spreading cheer to children as Santa in different shopping malls across the country.

Jerry is survived by one son, Kile Miller (Michelle); three daughters, Twila Teegarden (Bonnie McDonald), Yolonda Duncan (Curtis) and Crystal Cline (Tony); three brothers,

David Miller (Alona), Gary Miller (Brenda) and Jack Miller (Nancie); nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren and two more on the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and wife Sarah.

Services will be private at the convenience of the family with burial to follow in Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Jay County Cancer Society. Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries — Redkey Chapel.

Jeff Bobincheck, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, the uncle of a Portland man, Aug. 7, 1957-Jan. 5, 2021. Services will be held at a later date.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

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

CR almanac

Table with 5 columns: Saturday 1/9, Sunday 1/10, Monday 1/11, Tuesday 1/12, Wednesday 1/13. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$470 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$510 million

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 00-4-9
Central States Montpelier Corn Feb. corn 4.90

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn 4.94
The Andersons Richland Township Corn 4.96

Today in history

On Jan. 8, 1998, Ramzi Yousef, the mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, was sentenced in New York to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Citizen's calendar

Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Clinics ...

Continued from page 1 "What's important to know is they're going to have to wait for 15 minutes after that for observation, just in case," said Butz.

"It's not just going to be an in and out. You're going to have to sit and wait for a little bit."

for their second dose. (They will also receive a reminder through the state's vaccination scheduling system.)

The vaccination clinics announced this morning are just the first step in the process. Jay County Health Department is continuing to work on plans, including larger locations and potential partner agencies, for

when doses become more widely available. Holcomb on Wednesday noted that vaccinations will next become available to those 70 and older, and then those 60 and older.

"We're only getting a small amount at a time right now. So be patient," said Butz. "Everybody will get their turn. We're working with the most at-risk now, trying to get those individuals that we're seeing the highest hospitalization and deaths addressed as quickly as we can."

Coronavirus is mainly spread through respiratory droplets or small particles from an infected per-

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

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

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

Capsule Reports

Collision on 27 A Winchester man driving on U.S. 27 collided with a Fort Recovery woman backing out of her driveway about 12:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Gary S. Hall, 38, was driving a 2018 Kia Sedona north on the highway when Kristy A. Foster, 25, backed into the road. Hall told officers he couldn't avoid the collision because of oncoming traffic,

according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. His vehicle is registered to Community Transport Service LLC, Winchester. Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Credit ...

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is inspecting the area on an annual basis to make sure all requirements are being met, and they must deliver a report to CHA Consulting in the spring before it can provide a firm cost for the mitigation credit.

IDEM and the Army Corps of Engineers allows cities to purchase mitigation credit in lieu of creating wetland to satisfy mandates, a process which is costly and time consuming.

Portland took advantage of this program in March when it paid IDEM \$266,400 for mitigation credit it needed for the enclosure of 555 feet of Alexander Ditch. That credit, which was later fully reimbursed by the Federal Aviation Administration, was a needed step in Portland Municipal Airport's plan to extend its runway from 4,000 feet to 5,500 feet.

CHA Consulting's Simon Davies said in December 2019 that 85% of the damaged wetland was able to be recovered. Boggs said the city has recovered or created about 20 acres of wetland near the former site of the park on county road 100 North between U.S. 27 and county road 100 East.

In other business, board members Jerry Leonhard, Steve McIntosh and Boggs: •Signed a \$750 contract with Laux Plumbing & Heating Inc. for regular inspection and upkeep of city hall's heating and cooling system.

•Gave its blessing to five new parking spots for police vehicles in the lot behind city hall owned by Dru Halls Properties LLC. Boggs said new gravel was being laid on the lot Thursday. •Approved a new water tap at 809 N. Franklin St.

SERVICES

Saturday Bichsel, Dustin: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Monday Journey, Dustin: 7 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

January 15 Klopfenstein, Garnet: 1 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Partner becomes too clingy

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with a wonderful man, "Andy," for two years. I couldn't ask for a better partner. We are both divorced with children, and they get along like brothers and sisters.

Even though our marriages ended, mine wasn't an ordeal. My ex and I both knew it wasn't working anymore, and we still get along pretty well. But Andy and his ex-wife never got along and argued for 18 years, and herein lies the problem. He gives me no space — ever.

I have discussed it with him numerous times, and his response is, "Well, I have never been this happy, and I love spending time with you." I enjoy our time, too, but I feel controlled without him acting controlling. He wants to be with me every minute. I look forward to going to work to escape! How can I get him to listen? — JOINED AT THE HIP

DEAR JOINED: The next time you have "the conversation," and he tells you he has to be with you every minute because he loves spending time with you,

Dear Abby



remind him that there are two of you in this relationship. Then inform him that with no time for yourself or friends, you feel claustrophobic, which isn't healthy for you or the relationship.

Healthy relationships are those in which both parties allow each other the space to be individuals. If you don't draw a line and insist that he accept it, he will smother you.

DEAR ABBY: You always give great advice on how to respond to people. My husband had a stroke 2 1/2 years ago. We ventured out for the first time to a store. He was holding onto the cart and stopped to rest. A man behind us, who was obviously following too close, threw up his hands in disgust. Evidently we weren't moving fast enough for him, so he made a snide remark; I replied that my

husband is recovering from a stroke.

Unfortunately, a week ago he suffered another stroke. How can I respond to people who are rude to those who might be slow or disabled? — PATIENCE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR PATIENCE: I think you handled the situation beautifully. All you can do is hang on to your temper and try to calmly educate people like the impatient (and rude) individual you encountered that day.

DEAR ABBY: My fiancée and I will be moving in together soon, and we're looking forward to a pet-filled life. The concern we both share is that my mother and hers are allergic to animals and will probably never be able to visit because of it. We love each other's parents and would like to have them in our lives as much as possible. Are there rules of etiquette for pets and families with allergies? — PET LOVER IN GEORGIA

DEAR PET LOVER: If your parents are highly allergic, putting your pets in another room or outside won't work because their hair and

danger would be in your carpets and on your furniture. In a case like this, your parents should talk to their doctors and ask if they can get vaccinated to lessen or alleviate their allergies. If that isn't an option, you and your fiancée may have to visit THEM, wearing freshly laundered clothes so you won't bring any allergens with you.

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Opera house star

The Fort Recovery Friends of the Library is proud to announce the People's Choice Award winner for the 2020 Fort Festival of Trees is "Be A Star At the Morvilius Opera House," created by Judy Wood of the Fort Recovery Morvilius Opera House Committee. Seventeen decorated Christmas trees were a part of the 16th Annual Fort Festival of Trees at the library.

Pregnancy prevention programs coming to Jay

McMillen Health of Fort Wayne has been awarded funding to implement pregnancy prevention programs, including in Jay County, as part of an effort to reduce teen pregnancy.

McMillen will implement three programs:

- Botvin LifeSkills to "improve social, emotional, and foundational life skills in adolescents aged 13 to 19"
- #WoWTalk Café to "provide a transformative change in increasing engagement of teens and parents/caregivers"
- Adolescent Champion Model, which is an intervention program "designed to address a

Taking Note

health center's environment, policies, and practices to ensure that all aspects are centered around youth"

"Our goal is to target at-risk youth in the Jobs After Graduation programs, juvenile detention centers and residential programs throughout Blackford, Elkhart and Jay counties," said McMillen

executive director Nicole Fairchild in a press release. "From there, we will build a foundation for parent cafés and health center initiatives."

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.

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 is 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.

Hunters can help

Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry announced that it is continuing the "Meat" the Need initiative in which hunters can donate their large game to help local food banks.

Hunters who are interested in donating wild game (deer, elk and buffalo) can do so by visiting a participating processor, including Adair Processing, Fisher Packing and Wright Brothers Buckstop in Jay County. (Hunters should call ahead.)

Community Calendar

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

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

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

PORTLAND CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI — Will meet at 11 a.m. the second Monday of each month at the Portland Fire Department. For more information, call Nick Miller at (937) 239-0022.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

REDISCOVERING JOY — The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Preferred Insurance Center, 809 W. Main St., Coldwater, Ohio. For more information, email rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com.

Tuesday

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

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Thursday's Solution

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5	4	8	9	7	1	2	6	3
7	9	4	8	1	5	6	3	2
6	1	5	3	4	2	8	7	9
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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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Pants ended up less than perfect

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Angst. Heartbreak. Remorse. These are all words adequately describing my recent tragedy.

When I first started working for the CR six months ago, I had several life changes to make. One included leasing a new place. Another included buying new clothes.

I already owned about a dozen work-friendly dresses, so the summer season wasn't an issue. My grandmother and I enjoyed shopping together before COVID-19. She has excellent taste — so excellent that our former advertising manager Jeanne Lutz would compliment my outfits nearly every day.

When autumn came around, though, I started to realize the

On the Line



knee-length skirts wouldn't cut it anymore. I needed pants, and jeans felt too casual for the day-to-day grind.

As I searched the women's section at the Muncie Kohl's, though, it occurred to me that none of the selection would fit me. Most were at least three sizes too big or two sizes too small. To make matters worse, the store closed its dressing rooms to the public because of the coronavirus. How would I

know if the garb I picked would work?

I decided against my better judgment to shop for clothes on the web.

My size in pants doesn't exist online, apparently, so I took a gamble and ordered four returnable pairs of slacks in a size up, two black and two grey. A week later, they arrived on my doorstep. They were too baggy. I returned them by mail and ordered the same sets in a smaller size.

The next package took weeks to arrive. In the meantime, I fantasized. I imagined whole outfits I could create. I pictured finally having something classy to cover my legs with in the winter.

At long last, they arrived. I couldn't contain my excitement,

so I ran indoors and stuffed my legs inside them immediately. I glanced in the mirror and gasped — a perfect fit.

Well ... technically ... the more I looked, the tighter they hugged my rear. But, nothing a long blouse couldn't fix, I theorized. Perfect fit, I repeated.

I wore the first black pair to work the next day and floated around the office in sweet bliss (and high heels). My coworkers celebrated with me — pants! Yes!

The rest of my day was spent breezing through town in a new pair of slacks. Finally, I hopped in the car for my last trip of the afternoon. My heels clinked against the gas pedal; my pants fell into place.

A short car ride later, I stretched one leg after the other

out the door. Across the parking lot I strode, paper pad and camera in hand, heels clacking against the pavement, slacks swishing around my ankles.

What a perfect fit.

So perfect, in fact, I failed to notice the curb. Subsequently, I lost my balance, stepped on the outer rim of my trousers and collapsed on the ground.

A loud tearing sound echoed throughout the lot, a sound similar to what I can only describe as a screaming banshee. Or maybe that sound came from me.

I slowly looked down at my pants. My eyes drifted from my thighs to my kneecaps. And there it was — a gaping hole revealing my bare knee.

Seems like my slacks weren't a perfect fit anymore.

More than ever, the choice is clear

Bloomberg Opinion

Wednesday's assault on America's seat of government is a stain on the country's history and won't soon be forgotten. The shocking disorder was invited and fomented by a defeated president, not in any plausible expectation that he could hang on to power, but merely to vent his wounded pride. He was enabled by Sens. Ted Cruz, Josh Hawley and others — politicians seeking selfish short-term tactical advantage regardless of the cost to the country they're sworn to serve.

For the Republican Party that Trump has seemed intent on destroying, this is at last a moment for clarity. No more equivocation. No more failing to condemn, let alone actually supporting, a leader who cares nothing for the party or his country. From here on, you stand with Trump and his nihilistic narcissism, or for the possibility of civic government.

There's no other choice. In light of these events, more Republicans are bound to understand what they might only have suspected up to this point — that Trump is not a regrettable necessity, but a clear and present danger to the country. They should bring themselves to put the blame for this disorder where it lies, with Trump and with his enablers. To survive as a viable party of government, Republican leaders must sever their ties with this president. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's speech opposing the effort to overturn the election was a first belated step in the right direction. Others should follow his lead.

Congress returned to work after control of the Capitol complex was restored and duly affirmed Joe Biden as the next U.S. president. Maintaining order in the capital is the next immediate priority, and a point on which America's politicians should speak and act as one. Down the road, there'll be time to ask how it was that the assaults on Congress were even possible. The risk had been plain enough.

Trump made a statement promising an "orderly transition." It

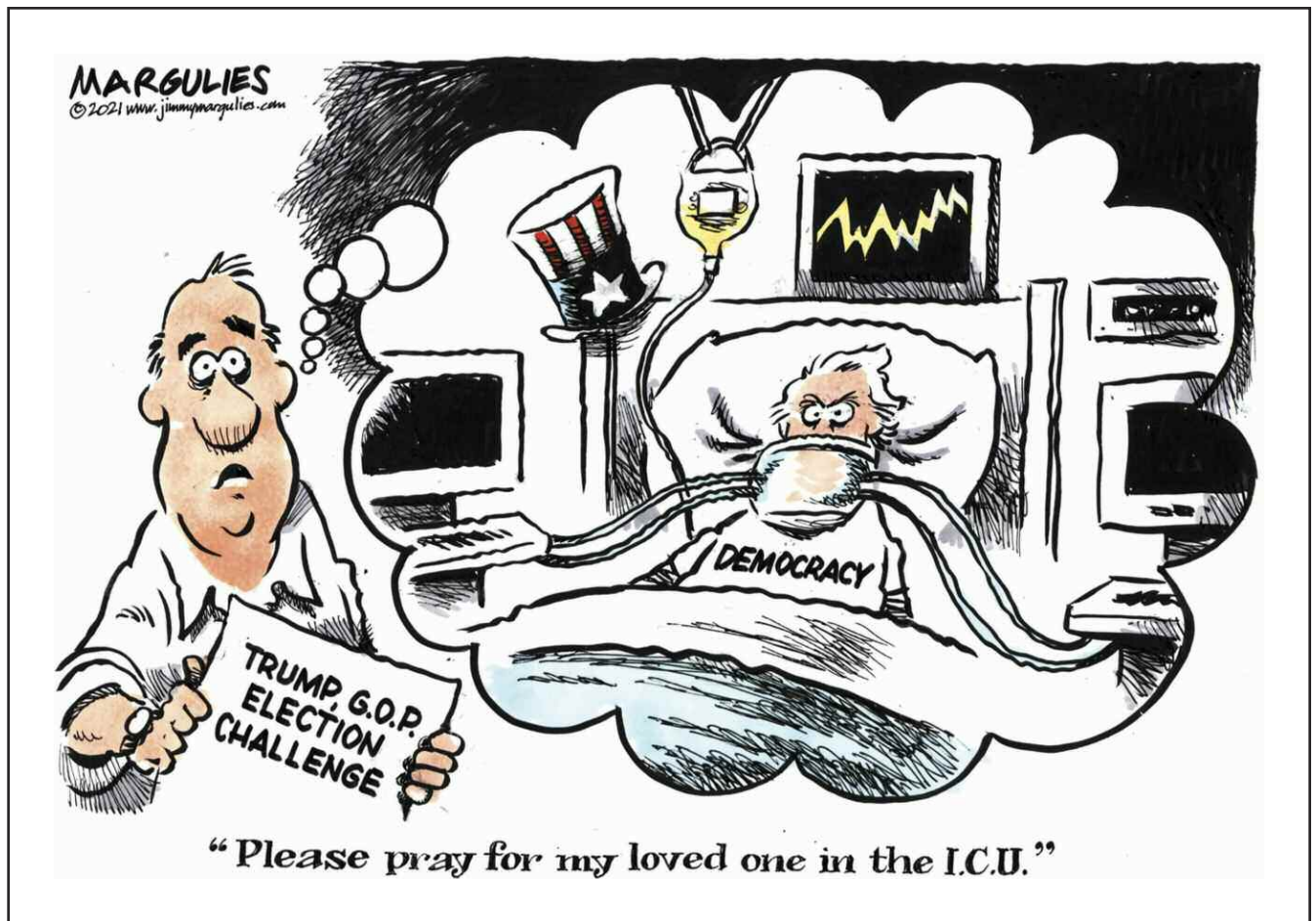
Guest Opinion

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would be best if he now said nothing else. Earlier he'd responded to the unfolding chaos by denouncing Vice President Mike Pence for failing to overturn the election, next with tweets asking for calm, then, soon after, with a video ranting about (yes) a stolen election. His perfunctory concession to propriety — "We have to have peace" — was hollow. The man is plainly incapable of saying and meaning what needs to be said.

In moving past this debacle, Democrats will have a vital role to play. Biden needs to start leading today, before he's inaugurated. He needs to present a face of the Democratic Party that can do business with the many moderate Republicans who voted for Trump reluctantly, and might now be regretting it. He should tell fellow Democrats that exulting over the party's notable success in the Georgia runoffs, another sign of Trump's loosening grip, won't help. Biden was nominated and then elected because he sees his task as uniting a bitterly and closely divided country — something that most Americans want, and all the more fervently now.

With luck, Trump's last disgraceful provocations, and the violence of his angriest and most dangerous supporters, will show the country what's at stake. With luck, they'll help Biden be the president he wants to be.



The line is extremely thin

By DAVID VON DREHLE

The Washington Post

Let the photograph of officers with weapons drawn, defending the chamber of the House of Representatives against a window-smashing mob, be seared into the memory of every American, today and for generations to come. That is the legacy of Donald Trump.

That's the note on which he chose to leave us. Some presidents give a farewell address, and a few of those have been quite good. Trump chose a farewell riot. He summoned an angry crowd to Washington using his damnable Twitter account. He stoked them to believe that his loyal vice president had the power and the will to reverse the election results. And when Vice President Mike Pence at last found the frontier of his conscience — the line beyond which even his ambition and his debasement would not let him go — there stood America's self-proclaimed law-and-order president, inciting the crowd to march on the Capitol to stop Pence from doing his constitutionally mandated duty.

All that ensued Wednesday — the reported death of one woman, the injuries, the tear gas, the property damage, the fear, the outrage of elected officials forced to cover their heads and flee to safety — was triggered then and there. It was Trump's Riot, and characteristically, having stirred things up, Trump retired to the safety of his self-centered bubble to let others deal with the consequences.

Trump lit the fuse on Wednesday morning, pouty over his repudiation by Georgia voters. But he had been priming the explosion for months. He knew he was likely to lose in November, so he began feeding his supporters the fantasy that the election might be stolen. His media supporters — grifters and opportunists who use Trump to sell fake steroids and body armor and erectile dysfunction medicine — were happy to chime in.

Truth? Who needs it? "In this day

and age, people want something that tends to affirm their views and opinions," chirped the veteran propagandist Christopher Ruddy, proprietor of Newsmax. A small army of self-promoting lawyers were happy to file bogus lawsuits. Invited by a judge in Wisconsin to present evidence, Trump's team called precisely zero witnesses. Asked by a court in Pennsylvania to support charges of election fraud, Trump's team revised its brief to remove the unsupportable claims. In a disgraceful phone call to Georgia's secretary of state, Trump himself promised "certified" evidence at his next rally. But the rally came and went, and Trump produced nothing.

Inevitably, some people believed it. They traveled to Washington, they cheered their president's call to battle, and they marched down Pennsylvania Avenue to attack Congress and the vice president of the United States.

There will be a lot of second-guessing of the Capitol Police and of public safety officials generally in the District of Columbia. How could they let this happen? Let's be clear: Such questions are completely off-base. No official should be blamed for failing to anticipate that the president of the United States would incite a mob to overwhelm the Capitol. We cannot accommodate ourselves to the idea that this should be foreseeable; that we should plan against it; that law enforcement in Washington must go to battle stations in anticipation of an attack by one branch of government against another.

David Von Drehle



Now, maybe they'll say he was just joking.

For Trump's apologists, that's always the last-ditch defense. He was just joking when he said, after neo-Nazis marched with torches through Charlottesville, Va., that there were "good people on both sides." He was "a performance artist" when he accused a former congressman of murdering a staff member. He was pulling our legs when he suggested that drinking disinfectant might cure COVID-19.

Perhaps I've contributed in some way over the years, by occasionally putting his incendiary attention-seeking into the context of a life spent shilling — though my intention was to help people defend themselves against a profoundly reckless and insincere man.

The idea that the presidency could be an inside joke, an extended troll — "make liberals cry again," hardy-har-har — has been founded on a presumption that the infrastructure of American liberty and law is so solid it can withstand anything. It doesn't matter what elected leaders do or say. If the president tweets incendiary lies, well, that's just Trump. If some grasping senators want to stage a fake protest of the election, if they want to make speeches and raise money with unfounded claims of fraud — no problem! That's just politics. Their colleagues will bail them out by voting them down.

The Trump Riot is strong medicine for such disordered thinking. No cloak of invulnerability protects the American republic. Things can get worse here, just like everywhere else on Earth. The thin line between liberty and anarchy is that frontier of conscience that Pence finally discovered, that Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, finally discovered, that Donald Trump has never glimpsed.

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Impeach ...

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“I can confirm that we have had discussions about it and I would hope that the speaker would move forward if the vice president refuses to do what he is required to do under the Constitution,” said Rep. James Clyburn, the No. 3 House Democrat, on CNN. “Everyone knows that this president is deranged.”

One leading Republican critic of Trump, Sen. Ben Sasse of Nebraska, said he will “definitely consider” impeachment.

“The president has disregarded his oath of office,” Sasse said Friday on “CBS This Morning.” He said what Trump did was “wicked” inciting the mob to the Capitol.

If the House impeaches, “I will definitely consider whatever articles they might move,” Sasse said.

Pelosi and Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer have called for Trump’s Cabinet to invoke the 25th Amendment to the Constitution to force Trump from office before President-elect Joe Biden is inaugurated on Jan. 20. Schumer said he and Pelosi tried to call Pence early Thursday to discuss that option but were unable to connect with him.

Pelosi during a new conference Thursday challenged several Cabinet members by name, includ-



The Washington Post/Evelyn Hockstein

Supporters of President Donald Trump storm the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday in Washington, D.C. House Democrats planned to meet this afternoon to discuss moving quickly with proceedings to impeach Trump for the second time.

ing Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin.

“Do they stand by these actions?” Pelosi asked. “Are they ready to say that for the next 13 days this dangerous man can do fur-

ther harm to our country?”

Most Democrats, and many Republicans, put the blame squarely on Trump after hundreds of protesters bearing Trump flags and clothing broke into the Capitol on Wednesday and caused destruction and

mass evacuations. The president had urged his supporters to protest as Congress was counting the electoral votes that confirmed Joe Biden’s win.

Pelosi said “a threshold was crossed of such magnitude” that Trump should

not be allowed to make any decisions.

Three Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee began Thursday to circulate articles of impeachment. Reps. David Cicilline of Rhode Island, Jamie Raskin of Maryland and

Ted Lieu of California wrote in the articles that Trump “willfully made statements that encouraged — and foreseeably resulted in — imminent lawless action at the Capitol.”

The House impeached Trump in 2019, but the Republican-led Senate acquitted him in early 2020.

Pence has not publicly addressed the possibility of invoking the 25th Amendment, but that possibility may have faded after two Cabinet members resigned Thursday in protest after Trump egged on protesters who then mounted the deadly assault on the Capitol.

Yet senior Trump administration officials did raise the long-shot possibility as the chaos unfolded at the Capitol. Officials across the government went so far as to study up on the procedures for declaring Trump “unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office.”

No member of the Cabinet has publicly expressed support for the move, which would make Pence the acting president. But several were believed to be sympathetic to the notion, believing Trump is too volatile in his waning days before Biden’s inauguration on Jan. 20.

UK sets record for virus deaths

By DANICA KIRKA and JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

LONDON — Britain has recorded 1,325 new coronavirus deaths, the highest figure since the start of pandemic.

Not all the deaths announced by the government on Friday occurred on the same day. They include people who died within 28 days of a positive test.

The figure brings Britain’s official death toll from the coronavirus to 79,833, the highest in Europe.

London’s mayor declared the capital’s COVID-19 situation to

be critical Friday, reflecting deteriorating conditions for beleaguered hospitals, as the country authorized a third vaccine for emergency use.

Sadiq Khan declared a “major incident,” as the rapid spread of the virus pushed hospitals to breaking point, with the number of hospitalized coronavirus patients up 27% in the week to Jan. 6. One in 30 people in Britain’s capital was infected with the virus in the week to Jan. 2, according to the Office for National Statistics.

Other emergency services are also under strain, with hun-

dreds of firefighters now driving ambulances, for example.

“Our heroic doctors, nurses and NHS staff are doing an amazing job, but with cases rising so rapidly, our hospitals are at risk of being overwhelmed,” Khan said. “The stark reality is that we will run out of beds for patients in the next couple of weeks unless the spread of the virus slows down drastically.”

A major incident is defined as one in which there is a risk to life and welfare and is “beyond the scope of business-as-usual operations.” It allows coordination between different emer-

gency agencies and will let London ask for help from other areas.

Khan, a member of the opposition Labour Party, also wrote to Conservative Prime Minister Boris Johnson asking for more financial support for Londoners who need to self-isolate and are unable to work, and called for masks to be worn in crowded outdoor spaces as well as indoors.

The action comes as more good news on fighting the virus appeared with the approval of the Moderna vaccine as the country ramps up an inocula-

tion program critical to lifting the U.K. out of the pandemic.

The Department of Health said Friday that the vaccine meets the British medicines regulator’s “strict standards of safety, efficacy and quality.” Britain has ordered 17 million doses set to be delivered by the spring.

“Vaccines are the key to releasing us all from the grip of this pandemic, and today’s news is yet another important step towards ending lockdown and returning to normal life,” Business Secretary Alok Sharma said.

Pandemic pushes IDS to the brink

By MICHAEL RESCHKE

Herald-Times (Bloomington)

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated existing financial woes for Indiana University’s oldest student newspaper, pushing it to the point where significant structural changes could be necessary by the end of the spring semester.

“We’re in trouble,” said Jim Rodenbush, director of student media at IU Bloomington.

With a history going back to 1867, the Indiana Daily Student operates as an independent auxiliary of the IU Media School. That means, while the university owns the student newspaper, it does not provide funding. Instead, the Indiana Daily Student generates its own revenue, largely through advertising and events.

Like many newspapers, the Indiana Daily Student has struggled financially in recent years as more advertising dollars have gone to large technology companies. The pandemic provided additional momentum to that slow moving problem. Fiscal year 2021 revenue losses are expected to be about 40%. If nothing changes, the student newspaper could exhaust financial reserves by April.

This will not cause the Indiana Daily Student to fold, Rodenbush said. Financial responsibility would fall to the Media School. But some worry that depending on the school or the university for money could compromise students’ ability to publish stories that are critical of those entities.

Editorial independence was at the heart of a charter originally granted by the IU Board of Trustees in 1969. Students did not want the Indiana Daily Student to depend on mandatory student fees for revenue. This was a move intended to limit university control

of editorial content.

Advertising revenue became the primary source of funding. That worked well for years, but things began to change at the turn of the century. Classified advertisements moved from print newspapers to websites such as Craigslist. Some local businesses that catered to students and advertised in the IDS closed. Chain stores and large corporate entities still buy some ads, but they seem to be increasingly advertise online through big tech companies, such as Google and Facebook.

Changes were made at the Indiana Daily Student to help cut costs and shore up its financing. In the fall of 2017, printing was cut from five days a week during the fall and spring semesters to twice a week. Then came the pandemic.

In-person events were canceled to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. That hurt the student newspaper in two ways. The Indiana Daily Student missed out on advertising revenue from events it hosted, such as an annual student housing fair. It also missed out on revenue from special publications that attracted advertisers, such as the Little 500 guide.

While the revenue model seems to be failing, the demand for content from the Indiana Daily Student is soaring. Since the pandemic began in March, online readership increased 31%, Rodenbush said. The newspaper’s website, idsnews.com, is expected to hit 6 million page views for just the second time since it was created. The Indiana Daily Student also won Pacemaker Awards for both the online and print categories in 2020. The Associated Collegiate Press Pacemaker is considered the top award for a college media organization.

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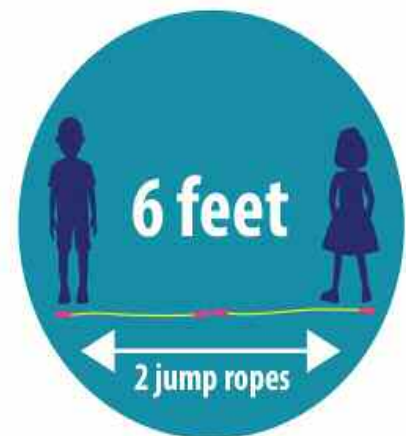
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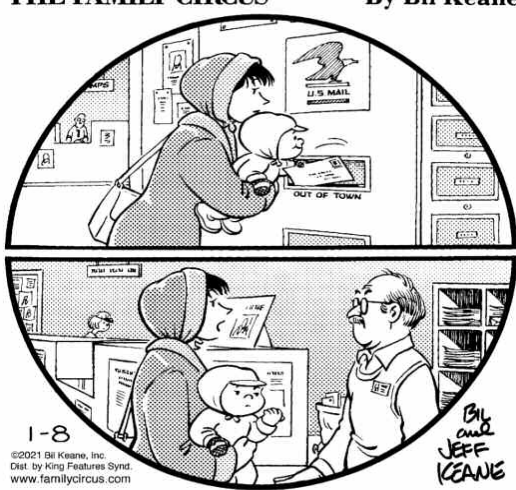
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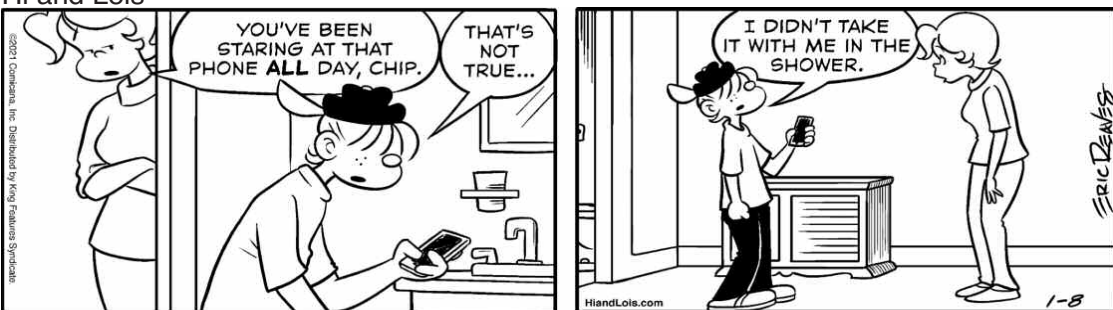
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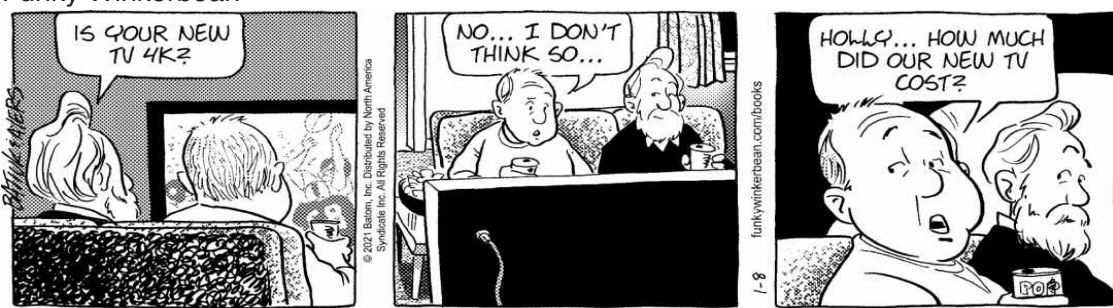
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Saturday — 7:30 p.m.

Jay County Patriots

Portland, 2-3 (1-0)
Coach: Jerry Bomholt, 5th year (40th year overall)

Conference: Allen County
Saturday vs. Muncie Central: Jay County used a second-quarter surge to overtake Muncie Central and held on down the stretch for a 54-47 victory to snap a three-game losing streak. Ethan Dirksen led the Patriots with 16 points, while Bennett Weitzel and Josh Dowlen had nine points each.

Season leaders (per game): Points — Ethan Dirksen 14.4, Bennett Weitzel 10.5, Dusty Pearson 5.0. Rebounds — Bennett Weitzel 7.5, Ethan Dirksen 6.8. Assists — Ethan Dirksen 3.6.

VS.

Adams Central Jets

Monroe, 6-4 (1-0)
Coach: Aaron McClure, 20th year
Conference: Allen County

Tuesday vs. Parkway: Cade Slusher and Dylan Hughes combined for 47 points as Parkway handed Adams Central a 69-41 loss. Slusher scored 36 and Hughes had 21. Braysen Yergler led the Jets with 16 points and Ethan Poling added 15 points.

Season leaders (per game): Points — Ethan Poling 14, Braysen Yergler 13, Ethan Brown 8. Rebounds — Ethan Poling 6, Ethan Brown 5. Assists — Braysen Yergler 3, Angel Torres 3.



Last season: Jay County had more turnovers (26) than points in a 41-25 road loss to Adams Central. It was the ninth straight loss for the Patriots. Gavin Lambert scored eight points to lead the Patriots, while no one else had more than four.

Game notes: This is the 14th meeting all time between Jay County and Adams Central, with the Patriots owning an 11-2 record against the Jets. Adams Central has won each of the last two meetings, including in the ACAC tournament opener in 2019 ... Jay County has a 61.1 Sagarin rating which is highest in the conference, 61st in Class 3A and 217th overall in the state. In comparison, Adams Central is sixth in ACAC with a 47.1 rating, which is 83rd in Class 2A and 327th overall ... The ACAC tournament is set to begin Tuesday. Adams Central hosts Heritage on Tuesday in the quarterfinal, and Jay County awaits the winner of Woodlan and Bluffton on Friday. Regardless of who Jay County plays, the game will be at Bluffton ... John Harrell's website predicts Jay County to top Adams Central, 60-41.

Outlast ...

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Wahl had been 2 of 9 on 3-point attempts before Thursday. The Badgers have won 18 consecutive games at the Kohl Center against the Hoosiers.

Trice said the hard-fought victory will yield benefits heading into a difficult trip next week to No. 10 Michigan and No. 15 Rutgers.

"Getting this win in double overtime is a big help and momentum booster for us to get back where we need to be," Trice said. "We just know that we're a hard-nosed, gritty team. We've got to continue to play Wisconsin defense, and that's what's going to get the job done."

Indiana's Trayce Jackson-Davis scored 23 points on 10-of-16 shooting. Aljami Durham added 15, Jerome Hunter had 12 and Rob Phinisee 10 for the Hoosiers (7-5, 2-3).

Jackson-Davis, who entered the night averaging 20.3 points, scored 16 in the second half. But he had only one point in the extra sessions. Durham made a layup and free

throw to complete a three-point play and put Indiana ahead at 69-67 with 27 seconds left in the first overtime.

Trice hit a step-back jumper with 7.7 seconds left to tie the game.

The Hoosiers failed to get a shot attempt in the closing seconds as Wisconsin's Brad Davison forced a jump ball.

Davison's 3-point attempt rolled off the rim at the buzzer in regulation.

The Hoosiers were without sophomore guard Armaan Franklin, who rolled his left ankle in the team's victory over Maryland on Monday. Franklin, who traveled to Madison, is averaging 12.7 points per game.

Jackson-Davis didn't spend a single minute on the bench. Hoosiers coach Archie Miller said exhaustion impacted the star player down the stretch.

"He ended up playing 49 minutes in a double-overtime game, so fatigue is definitely going to play a role," Miller said. "He did a great job all game long."

Jackson-Davis contributed three blocks and four assists. He scored his last field goal with 6:47 to go in regulation, and when Gard configured Badgers players in what he called a "defensive lineup," Jackson-Davis didn't make another basket.

Big picture

Indiana: The Hoosiers fed the ball inside throughout the game to stay in contention. They scored 44 points in the paint.

Wisconsin: Trice has shown time and again that he can come through in clutch situations. Trice hit a floater in the lane to tie the game at 61 with 21 seconds left in regulation. He had a jumper with 1:42 left in the second overtime to give the Badgers a 79-70 lead.

Up next

Indiana begins a two-game road swing with a game at Nebraska on Sunday.

Wisconsin plays at No. 10 Michigan on Tuesday.

Remains ...

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Reich responded in jest: "Oh, he's cutting me deep with that one. I would expect nothing less. I love Jim as well. He is a brother to me. I truly understand his loyalties to the Bills and I greatly respect that."

No, it's not the first time he's been back — not even the first time as the Colts coach. Indy lost 13-7 in overtime in a Buffalo blizzard back in 2017.

But Reich understands no trip to his adopted hometown would be complete without recounting the incredible comeback he orchestrated in January 1993 to start the Bills' run to a third consecutive AFC crown.

On that day, Reich replaced the injured Kelly and after throwing a pick-six less than two minutes into the third quarter, the Houston Oilers led 35-3. Buffalo answered with a seemingly meaningless 1-yard TD run.

Then Reich went to

work. He threw four touchdown passes to give the Bills a 38-35 lead and after Houston forced overtime with a short field goal, Reich led the Bills to the winning score. He became an instant celebrity and a revered folk hero around one of the NFL's smallest towns and inside his own locker room.

"We scored four touchdowns within seven minutes. It was just amazing," longtime Bills coach Marv Levy said. "Frank was just an amazing guy. He wasn't just a good football player; he was a great family guy, a great citizen."

Those traits served him well then and now.

Reich came to Indy three years ago under unusual circumstances.

As the Eagles offensive coordinator, he was one of the "hot names" on the coaching candidate list. But unlike other top assistants, Reich instructed his agent not to bother him with any interview requests until the season

ended. Every other job was seemingly filled before Philadelphia hoisted the Lombardi Trophy.

But when Josh McDaniels backed out of his deal to join the Colts, Reich was perfectly positioned to return to another of his favorite cities, Indianapolis. General manager Chris Ballard quickly made the hire.

To Reich, being second came naturally. That was his job for nine seasons behind Kelly in Buffalo and it was Reich who replaced Stan Gelbaugh in the second half at Miami in 1984, down 28-0, and then rallied Maryland to a 42-40 win in what was then the greatest comeback in college history.

"The backup role has suited me well in my career," Reich quipped during his introductory news conference in February 2018.

Reich's former teammates understood why he was successful — his uncanny ability to pre-

pare, remain steady and stick to his principles. That part hasn't changed.

"We're each our best when we're ourselves," Colts quarterback Philip Rivers said. "He's always been that, or at least the times I've been around him in different roles as a quarterback coach, coordinator and now as the head coach."

So as Reich goes back to Buffalo, he's doing his best to focus on the task at hand — breaking the hearts of his former team and teammates in a city he adores.

"If you pick one guy off that football team we thought was going to be a successful head coach, it was Frank Reich," Hall of Fame running back Thurman Thomas said. "He didn't have the strongest arm. He wasn't quick-footed, but the guy knew where to deliver the football and I think that was very evident in the second half of the comeback against the Oilers."

Sports on tap

Scoreboard

Indiana high school girls basketball
Blackhawk Christian 43, Woodlan 41
Hamilton Heights 59, Lewis Cass 20
Wapahani 60, New Castle 49

Ohio high school girls basketball Midwest Athletic Conference
Fort Recovery 43, New Knoxville 38
Coldwater 53, St. Henry 22
Minster 70, Parkway 41
Marion Local 66, Versailles 37
New Bremen 62, St. John's 56 F/OT

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls wrestling regional at Maconaquah — 4 p.m.; Swimming hosts Jay County Invitational (diving) — 6 p.m.; Girls basketball at Bluffton — 6 p.m.;

Junior varsity wrestling at Centerville — 5 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Boys basketball at New Knoxville — 6 p.m.; Swimming in Jay County Invitational (diving) — 6 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Swimming hosts Jay County Invitational — 10 a.m.; Boys basketball tripleheader vs. Adams Central — 6 p.m.; Junior varsity wrestling at Centerville — 9 a.m.; Junior high wrestling at Norwell Super Duals — 9 a.m.

Fort Recovery — Swimming at Jay County Invitational — 9 a.m.; Girls basketball vs. Mechanicsburg — noon; Boys basketball at Botkins — 6 p.m.

Monday
Jay County — Junior high boys basketball at Hagerstown — 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Junior high boys basketball at Union City — 6 p.m.; Eighth grade girls basketball vs. Union City — 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Swimming at Yorktown — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball vs. Muncie Northside — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Eighth grade girls basketball at Marion Local — 5:30 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County — Wrestling vs. Homestead — 6:30 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. Heritage — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at Heritage — 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at Marion Local — 5:30 p.m.; Swimming at Van Wert — 5:30 p.m.; Eighth grade girls basketball at St. Marys Memorial — 6:15 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
7 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Purdue at Michigan State (FS1); Youngstown State at Wright State (ESPN2)
9 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Dayton at Davidson (ESPN2)
11 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Utah State at New Mexico (FS1)

Saturday
Noon — Men's College Basketball: St. John's at Creighton (FS1); Alabama at Auburn (ESPN2)
1 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Texas at West Virginia (ESPN)
1:05 p.m. — NFL Playoffs: Indianapolis Colts at Buffalo Bills (CBS)
2 p.m. — Men's College Basketball:

Tennessee at Texas A&M (ESPN2); Seton Hall at DePaul (FS1)
3 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Baylor at TCU (ESPN)
4 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Texas Tech at Iowa State (ESPN2); UNLV at Colorado State (FS1)
4:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Oklahoma at Kansas (CBS)
4:40 p.m. — NFL Playoffs: Los Angeles Rams at Seattle Seahawks (FOX)
5 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Kentucky at Florida (ESPN)
6 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Oklahoma State at Kansas State (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Clemson at North Carolina (ESPN)
7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers vs. Phoenix Suns (FSIN)
8 p.m. — Men's College Basketball:

Georgetown at Syracuse (ESPN2)
8:15 p.m. — NFL Playoffs: Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Washington Football Team (NBC)
9 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: UCLA at Arizona (ESPN)

Sunday
11 a.m. — Men's College Basketball: Providence at Xavier (FOX)
1:05 p.m. — NFL Playoffs: Baltimore Ravens at Tennessee Titans (ABC/ESPN)
4:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Cincinnati at Wichita State (ESPN2)
4:40 p.m. — NFL Playoffs: Chicago Bears at New Orleans Saints (CBS)
6:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Loyola Chicago at Drake (ESPN2)
8:15 p.m. — NFL Playoffs: Cleveland Browns at Pittsburgh Steelers (NBC)

90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: Bubp Exhibition Hall at the Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland, IN Saturday, January 9th, 2021 10:00am Old & Collectors Items-Household Goods; Oak roll top desk, wood chests, Rowe Pottery, jug, crocks, churn, tin lanterns, 3 legged cast iron pot, wood benches, Lenox, West Germany Easter eggs, Longaberger basket, 1860 yard winder, 1823 German birth record, child's trunk, Old Fellows, whiskey jug, and many other items not listed. Auctioneers Note: this sale offers a nice variety of primitives and collector items. Please make plans to attend our first auction of 2021. **It is recommended you follow COVID-19 guidelines by wearing a facial mask and social distancing** Name withheld for security reasons Loy Auction AU31600027 260-726-2700 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU1031608 Ben Lyons AU10700085 Travis Theurer AU11200131 Aaron Loy AU11200112

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Bidding quiz

You are the dealer, neither side vulnerable. What would you bid with each of the following four hands?
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2. ♠AQ♥AQ3♦KJ7♠AKO4
3. ♠KQ532♥85♦7♠AKJ83
4. ♠1082♥AK7♦AQ763♠K7

1. **One spade.** The general rule with 6-5 distribution is to bid the longer suit first. But when the high-card content of the hand is close to minimum and the shorter of two touching suits is higher-ranking, it usually works out better to name the five-card suit first. The reason for the exception is that two adjoining suits should not be bid in reverse order with hands that are relatively weak in high-card strength.
Change a small heart or the six of clubs to the ace, and the proper opening bid would be one heart.
2. **Three notrump.** This bid shows a hand containing 25 or 26 high-card points, notrump distribution and strength in all suits. An opening three-notrump bid is one of the most precise calls possible, and it should be strongly preferred whenever all of the aforementioned essential elements are present. Naturally, such an opening suggests the possibility of a

slam.
3. **One club.** This follows the general rule that when opening the bidding, it is more economical to bid clubs before spades when both suits are of equal length. This relieves you of any rebid problem, regardless of partner's response. If partner responds with one diamond or one heart, you will bid one spade, then rebid spades at your next turn to show a five-card suit (and, by inference, five or more clubs).
If you opened with one spade instead, you'd be courting trouble. Thus, if partner bid two hearts or two diamonds, you would not be able to bid your clubs next as this would imply greater strength than you have, and you could very easily wind up in the wrong contract.
4. **One notrump.** Consistent with the principle referred to in the second problem, you should begin with the bid that comes closest to describing your hand. One notrump tells partner you have 15 to 17 high-card points, notrump distribution and scattered strength. In one fell swoop, it describes the nature of your hand and usually makes it easier for partner to place or explore for the best final contract.

Tomorrow: Slow and steady wins the race.
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Sports

Tribe halts perfect record

Hot start helps Fort hand NK its first loss

FORT RECOVERY — The Rangers ended the Tribe's tournament run last year.

The Indians put an end to the Rangers' perfect record this season.

Fort Recovery High School's girls basketball team got off to a fast start and fended off the previously undefeated New Knoxville Rangers for a 43-38 victory Thursday in Midwest Athletic Conference action at Fort Site Fieldhouse.

The Indians (8-3, 4-1 MAC), who finished 10th in the OHSAA Division IV Associated Press poll, raced to a 14-6 lead after the first quarter. The Rangers (8-1, 3-1 MAC), trimmed the margin to five points, 20-15, at halftime. The Tribe had a 29-25 lead with one quarter to play, and went 12-of-15 from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter to keep the lead.

Kierra Wendel scored a game-high 15 points for the Indians, and Whitley Rammel chipped in 11 points. Paige Fortkamp ended with seven points, as Brenna Homan and Alli Vaughn scored five points apiece.

Avery Henschen and Morgan Leffel each had 10 points for the Rangers.

Second-ranked Minster remained in first place in the MAC at 4-0 after a 70-41 victory Thursday over Parkway. Fort Recovery, which is defending the program's first conference title in almost three decades, is in second at 4-1. New Knoxville and fourth-ranked Marion Local are tied for third at 3-1.

Fort Recovery's junior varsity team pulled away from New Knoxville in the third quarter for a 39-26 victory.

Mara Pearson led the team with 11 points, and Grace Guggenbiller finished with eight points, including a pair of 3-pointers. Alexis Wendel contributed seven points.

Patriots drop times in dual win

By CHRIS SCHANZ

The Commercial Review

The Patriots are nearly back at full strength. They've been training hard, too.

The results are showing.

Jay County High School's boys and girls swim teams nearly had a perfect night with career-best times in picking up wins Thursday against the Coldwater Cavaliers and Celina Bulldogs in a triple dual meet.

"I'm pleased with the way things are going at this point in the season," said JCHS coach Matt Slavik, whose team hosts the diving portion of the Jay County Invitational at 6 p.m. tonight and with the swimming part Saturday. "We had a lot of highlights for tonight."

"Top to bottom there were very few exceptions of kids dropping times. For us it's just a great night. It's a good interstate rivalry. It's fun to have them over here."

Jay County's boys defeated Coldwater 119-43 and Celina 133-21. The girls topped Coldwater 108-77 and Celina by a 143-40 margin.

Coldwater swept Celina, with the girls winning 121-53 and the boys getting a 60-24 victory.

Knowing his team had a numbers advantage against the Cavaliers and Bulldogs, Slavik threw some of his boys in their off events. Griffin Mann, who is primarily a breast-stroker, got wins in both the 500-yard freestyle and 100 backstroke. He had a time of 6 minutes, 1.83 seconds, to win the former, and beat the field in the latter in 1:10.69.

Earlier in the meet, he swam the freestyle leg of the 200 medley relay team that included Nick Lyons, Ralph Link and Kyle Sanders for a win in 1:53.77. He also teamed with Wyatt Kunkler, Link and Sanders to win the 200 freestyle relay in 1:42.73.

Sanders, who is generally a freestyle sprinter, won the 200 individual medley in 2:17.55 for a new career-best time. Konner Sommers, primarily a butterfly swimmer, won the 50 freestyle in 26.84 seconds.

Badgers outlast IU in double OT

By TAMIRA MADSEN

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Veterans and young players made crucial contributions to keep No. 8 Wisconsin near the top of the Big Ten standings.

D'Mitrik Trice scored 21 points and Tyler Wahl made consecutive 3-pointers in the second overtime to spark Wisconsin to an 80-73 victory over Indiana on Thursday night.

Wahl finished with a career-high 12 points as Wisconsin (10-2, 4-1 Big Ten) won for the seventh time in its last eight games. Nate Reuvers added 14 points and Micah Potter had 10.



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Griffin Mann, a Jay County High School senior, extends behind him to begin the 100-yard backstroke during a meet with the Coldwater Cavaliers and Celina Bulldogs on Thursday at JCHS. Mann had a time of 1 minute, 10.69 seconds, beating his only other competitor, freshman teammate Joseph Dow.

Josh Monroe cut nearly two seconds off his career-best time to win the 200 freestyle in 2:17.63, and trimmed four seconds off his 100 butterfly time in finishing third.

Juan Pablo Wiggins, Lyons, Monroe and Kunkler had a time of 4:14.94 to win the 400 freestyle relay. Elayna Paro was the lone dual winner for the JCHS girls. She set a new career-best time of 2:21.5 to take first in the 200 freestyle relay, then back that up by winning the 100 backstroke in 1:20.59.

Paro also joined Mara Bader, Ashlyn Dow and Eliza Bader for a 400 freestyle relay win in 3:56.07. Dow, who also won the 50 freestyle in 25.35 seconds, made up a six-second deficit to Coldwater during the third leg of the relay, giving Eliza Bader a head-to-head race

with Macy May for the final 100 yards.

"Eliza held her off," Slavik said. The Patriot relay team won by five hundredths of a second. "(Dow and Bader) both had their fastest splits of the year."

Eliza Bader (200 IM - 2:21.9) and Mara Bader (100 butterfly - 1:04.7) had individual victories. They joined Rielew Brewster and Dow to win both the 200 medley relay (1:54.32) and 200 freestyle relay (1:43.63).

Lauren Brewster scored 182.95 points to take first out of eight divers, and Rielew Brewster had a time of 1:00.01 to win the 100 freestyle.

Slavik expects the Patriots to be at full strength for its invitational this weekend, marking the first time in a couple weeks they've had every one available. The Bader sisters missed some time because of having to quar-

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antine, and some others were out with other illnesses.

Still, Slavik commended the rest of the team for stepping up when it was shorthanded.

"I think this team showed some resiliency," he said. "They don't do a lot of talking. They work hard as any team I've ever had and they've been hav-

ing a lot more fun.

"That's all they can do right now. I probably should take a few pointers from the kids and just stop and enjoy what we do have. This was almost a season that never was. We should be thankful that we have the opportunity to be here and the kids have the opportunity to compete."

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Reich remains focused

By MICHAEL MAROT

AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Frank Reich's heart never really left Buffalo.

It was there where he orchestrated the largest comeback in NFL history, there where he won four straight AFC championships and there where he celebrated the births of two of his three daughters.

So, of course, the Indianapolis Colts coach finds himself rooting for the Bills almost every week — just like his former teammates root for him. This week will be different, though, as Reich takes his new team to his old stomping grounds for Saturday's wild-card game.

"Obviously, it's a special place for Linda and I and our family," Reich said, referring to his wife. "It's unique because it is the playoffs. I love Buffalo, will always love Buffalo. I will always be a Bills fan, except for this Saturday. I was a Bills fan on Sunday,

though, and they did us right."

The truth is, Reich and the Colts (11-5) wouldn't be here without some help from the Bills.

Indy went into last weekend needing a win by Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Tennessee or Buffalo to have a shot at making the AFC's seven-team playoff field. And perhaps fittingly, on the 28th anniversary of Reich's greatest football achievement, the Bills (13-3) came through. Three hours later, Indy beat the Jaguars 28-14 to eliminate Miami, clinch the No. 7 seed and set up Reich's emotional return to his adopted hometown.

"Love Frank like a brother but I'm a Bill and Chad's not there anymore," Hall of Fame quarterback Jim Kelly wrote in a text message about his longtime backup and his nephew, who spent parts of two seasons on Indy's practice squad.

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