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Solar proposed



Invenergy

Woodville Solar Farm in Kawartha Lakes, Ontario, Canada, about 60 miles northeast of Toronto, is one of Invenergy's 19 solar projects based in North America. The company has proposed a \$150 million, 155-megawatt solar farm — Skycrest Solar — in Penn and Jackson townships.

Sustainable energy firm Invenergy presents plans for \$150 million project in northwest Jay County

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Solar energy may be on the horizon in Jay County.

Tom Schoder, an analyst at the sustainable energy company Invenergy, presented plans Wednesday to Jay County Council for the company's proposed solar farm in northwest Jay County.

The company's plans for "Skycrest Solar" call for a \$150 million, 155-megawatt facility located on about 2,500 acres in Penn and Jackson townships. A solar farm of that size would create enough energy to power more than 30,000 homes, Schoder said.

Invenergy estimates that the project would generate about \$30 million in property taxes over the 35-year life of the facility in addition to \$40 million in

Skycrest details

An official from Invenergy visited Jay County Council on Wednesday to present plans for a solar farm in northwest Jay County. Below are some of the details of the project.

\$150 million
construction investment

1,250 acres
acres within project fence

155 megawatts
of energy produced annually

\$30 million
in property taxes

lease payments to participating landowners. There is also a proposed \$1 million in economic development payments, similar to those that were part of the agreements with NextEra Energy and Scout Clean Energy for their wind farm projects in the county.

Jason Semler, a representative from Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, reviewed figures with

council, explaining that the increased assessed valuation from the project would help keep tax rates down in the county.

The timeline laid out Wednesday calls for Invenergy to seek permits this year with construction to begin in 2022 and the facility to be operational as soon as 2024. The company estimates the project would create 150 jobs during construction and two full-time positions for operations and maintenance once complete.

The solar panels use photovoltaic technology, Schoder said.

"In each one of these panels, there's a silicon cell that is actually absorbing photons from sunlight and creating direct current as a result," Schoder said.

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Jay stays rated yellow

County is averaging 4.1 cases this month

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

For the second straight week, the county's risk for spreading coronavirus is "moderate."

Jay County came in at "yellow" again this week in the metrics Indiana State Department of Health updated Wednesday.

It marks the first time since the county moved to "red" (severe risk) in late October that it has come in at yellow for consecutive weeks. It had fluctuated between yellow and orange (high risk) since mid-December.

Jay County hit another milestone this week, showing no new cases of COVID-19 Sunday. It marked the first day with no new cases since Oct. 6. It's been 20 days since the county has recorded double-digit new cases with 15 on Jan. 20. And the county is averaging 4.1 new cases per day thus far this month, the lowest since averaging 2.3 in September.

Though consecutive weeks rated yellow is a positive step for the county, Jay County Health Department's Heath Butz noted that, like on a traffic light, the color still requires caution.

"I think it's good news, but again we don't want to let our guard down," he said. "We were real close to being in the orange again. We're still kind of hovering that line between orange and yellow. But it's good that we're not going up and we were able to maintain it for consecutive weeks."

The local positivity rate came in at 9.77%, up from 8.43% last week but just short of the 10% threshold what would have pushed the county back to orange (high risk). The county's cases per 100,000 residents dropped to 146, down from 190 last week and the lowest mark since October.

For Jay County to drop to blue, either its cases per 100,000 would have to fall to fewer than 10 or its positivity rate would need to fall to less than 5%.

Indiana showed improvement across the board, with 50 counties yellow, 40 orange and only one — Switzerland — at red. (Fifty-nine counties were orange last week and four were red.) One county — Starke — dropped all the way to blue (low risk).

Adams, Wells, Delaware and Randolph counties were all yellow this week. Blackford County was the only one in the area to come in at orange.

Jay County currently has two coronavirus vaccination clinics — one at the health department and the other at IU Health Jay — and Butz said local efforts are going well.

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Video footage is key exhibit

By LISA MASCARO, ERIC TUCKER, MARY CLARE JALONICK and JILL COLVIN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Chilling security video of last month's deadly insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, including of rioters searching menacingly for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Vice President Mike Pence, has become a key exhibit in Donald Trump's impeachment trial as lawmakers prosecuting the case wrap up their opening arguments for why Trump should be convicted of inciting the siege.

The House is continuing its case today, with Trump's lawyers to launch their defense by week's end. Democrats plan to use their remaining hours of arguments to lay out the physical and mental

harm caused by the attack, discuss Trump's lack of action as it unfolded and do a final presentation on the legal issues involved, according to aides working on the impeachment team. The aides were granted anonymity to preview the arguments.

The footage shown at trial, much of it never before seen, has included video of the mob smashing into the building, distraught members of Congress receiving comfort, rioters engaging in hand-to-hand combat with police and audio of Capitol police officers pleading for back-up. It underscored how dangerously close the rioters came to the nation's leaders, shifting the focus of the trial from an academic debate about the Constitution to a raw retelling of the Jan. 6 assault.

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Flag flurry

Ralyn Chaffins of Jay County High School's winter guard spins her flag Friday night during the group's parent preview show at East Jay Elementary School. The JCHS winter guard, which has already qualified for the state finals, will compete Saturday at Westfield.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 21 degrees Wednesday night. There was less than an inch of snow.

The forecast calls for a low of 11 tonight. Skies will be mostly cloudy Friday with a high of 23.

There is more snow in the long-term forecast, with accumulation possible Saturday afternoon, Monday and Tuesday. Weekend lows will be near zero.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Indiana Senate recently voted to override Gov. Eric Holcomb's veto of a bill that would prevent municipalities from regulating rental properties.

What are your thoughts on the legislation?

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

Coming up

Friday — Preview of the JCHS wrestlers at the semi-state tournament.

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



Yellow ...

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They run on alternating days, with the hospital's clinic from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and the health department's clinic from 11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Saturdays. (Butz noted that as of 5 p.m. Wednesday the health department still had appointments available for today and Saturday.) Those

interested in signing up can do so online at ourshot.in.gov or by calling the state's 2-1-1 telephone assistance service.
Clinics in adjacent counties are at Adams County Hospital, Adams County Health Department, Wells County Health Department, IU Health Blackford, Blackford County Health Department and Randolph County Health Department, as well as eight sites in Delaware County including IU Health

Ball Memorial Hospital, Delaware County Health Department and several pharmacies.
In Indiana, the vaccine is currently available to those 65 and older. (State officials said Wednesday that they plan to open the vaccine to those 60 and older "as soon as possible.")
Butz noted that vaccinations and precautions — mask wearing, social distancing, hand

washing, avoiding large crowds and staying home when sick — continue to be vital, especially as some of the variants of coronavirus that are known to be more contagious have been identified in Indiana.
"If that starts getting going, it's going to be spread more easily," he said. "It's important that we keep up these efforts. It's important that everybody comes in and gets vaccinated

when they're eligible so that we can get as many people protected as possible."
Thus far, 2,204 first doses have been administered in Jay County. (Those numbers do not necessarily reflect the number of local residents vaccinated, as any eligible Hoosier can be vaccinated at any clinic in the state.) About 736,500 — almost 11% of the population — have received their first dose statewide.

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Friday 2/12	Saturday 2/13	Sunday 2/14	Monday 2/15	Tuesday 2/16
23/14	21/1	11/0	14/8	22/7
Warmer under mostly cloudy skies with temperatures dipping into the teens at night. Light wind.	Cooler and mostly cloudy with a 30% chance of snow in the afternoon. Near 0 degrees late.	Mostly cloudy with temperatures plunging well below freezing at night. Projected to stay at or above 0.	President's Day will be warmer with a 30% chance of snow during the day.	Warmer with a 50% chance of snow during the day. Otherwise mostly cloudy.

Lotteries

Powerball 15-39-58-63-67 Power Ball: 7 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$56 million	53-56-59-63-66-73-74-76 Cash 5: 8-15-22-30-31 Hoosier Lotto: 15-17-23-25-26-44 Estimated jackpot: \$5.4 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$82 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 1-2-8 Pick 4: 4-0-6-0 Pick 5: 8-6-4-1-5 Evening Pick 3: 9-9-5 Pick 4: 8-1-3-7 Pick 5: 0-7-4-6-1 Rolling Cash: 9-14-15-16-36 Classic Lotto: 3-9-19-22-29-31 Kicker: 4-2-5-7-4-3 Estimated jackpot: \$4.4 million
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 00-8-2 Daily Four: 7-2-4-7 Quick Draw: 4-11-13-14-18-22-26-28-35-39-40-43-45-51-52-53-61-64-67-73 Evening Daily Three: 1-6-1 Daily Four: 1-3-1-9 Quick Draw: 3-13-14-16-24-26-27-28-41-42-47-49-	

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Today in history

On Feb. 11, 2020, the World Health Organization gave the official name of COVID-19 to the disease caused by the coronavirus that had emerged in the Chinese city of Wuhan. A group of 195 evacuees was cleared to end a two-week quarantine at a Southern California military base, where they had been staying since flying out of China amid the coronavirus outbreak.
In 1812, Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry signed a redistricting law favoring his Democratic-Republican Party — giving rise to the term "gerrymandering."
In 1847, American inventor Thomas Alva Edison was born in Milan, Ohio.
In 1861, President-elect Abraham Lincoln bade farewell to his adopted hometown of Springfield, Ill., as he headed to Washington for his inauguration.
In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin signed the Yalta Agreement, in which Stalin agreed to declare war against Imperial Japan following Nazi Germany's capitulation.
In 1971, Portland Park Board named Steve DeHoff as coach of Portland's summer swim team.
In 1975, Margaret Thatcher was elected leader of Britain's opposition Conservative Party.
In 1979, followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini seized power in Iran.
In 1990, South African Black activist Nelson Mandela was freed after 27 years in captivity. —AP And the CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, conference	room, high school, 400 E. Butler St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St. Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100th North.
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Solar ...

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"That direct current is then converted into alternating current, which is what we use whenever we plug something into the wall, and that's sent on to the larger grid."

The panels, which stand 16 to 17 feet tall, also track the sun during the day and rotate slowly east to west slowly. They're designed to withstand up to 140 mph winds and large hail.

Council member Ted Champ referenced the wind farms and the opposition they drew from some Jay County residents.

"You've done this before — what kind of stuff are we going to hear about these?" he asked Schoder. "There's going to be people that flat don't want these. What kind of stuff should we be prepared to hear?"

Schoder explained that photovoltaic technology is different from concentrated solar, which uses mirrors to reflect the sunlight up to a tower for conversion. Those plants have reports in which the concentrated solar rays killed some birds, he continued, but the equipment planned Jay County works differently and does not have the same issues.

Jay County in late 2019 adopted an ordinance laying out the rules for solar projects. They require a \$20,000 application fee and a permit fee of \$1,750 per megawatt hour. Setbacks for solar facilities are 25 feet from property lines of non-participating landowners and 50 feet from the road right of way. Access driveways to the facilities require a 50-foot setback from property lines. Solar farms are required to have a 25-foot-wide buffer that consists of "a compact evergreen hedge or other type of green foliage which shall be along the road frontage and perimeter of adjacent single family dwelling." A fence, 6 to 8 feet high, is required and must be set back at least 30 feet from any property line.



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Invenergy analyst Tom Schoder presents a slideshow to Jay County Council Wednesday about a proposed solar farm in the county. Schoder said the company has been talking with local landowners and contracting space for the 35-year-long project.

Schoder said Invenergy will comply with the county's ordinance and plans to plant long-rooted prairie grass under and around the solar panels for preventing weeds and promoting soil quality.

Invenergy, an international firm that has developed more than 175 projects in wind, solar, energy storage and natural gas, has shown interest in a local project for several years, first beginning to secure easements from property owners in 2018. It has 16 active solar farms in the United States, including Hardin II solar farm in Marion, Ohio, and Grand Ridge Solar near Streator, Illinois. Last month, the company announced completion of construction financing for the first phase of the Texas-based Samson Solar Energy Center, which is slated to be the largest solar energy facility in the country when it is complete.

Several other companies, including Scout and NextEra, have also shown interest in solar projects

in Jay County, though they have not yet brought plans to county officials. Scout said in November that construction on its proposed project, which would be in the same area as its Bitter Ridge Wind Farm facility in southwestern Jay County, could begin as early as 2022.

Also Monday, commissioners heard from Matt Simmons of the Jay County Visitor and Tourism Commission. He explained the visitors and tourism bureau's proposed budget is usually based off the innkeeper's tax, for which collections were significantly down last year because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

"We couldn't advertise events that didn't happen," he said. "Because of so many cancellations last year, there just wasn't too many people staying in Jay County overnight."

Last year, because many events were cancelled because of COVID-19, the group also had money left-over at the end of the year. The commission plans to

use that extra \$10,000 in addition to funds from this year. It requested about \$68,000 from innkeeper's tax funds, about half what it was two years ago, with council giving its approval.

In other business, council members Jeanne Houchins, Ted Champ, Ray Newton, Faron Parr, Matt Minnich and Mike Rockwell, absent Amy Runyon Barrett:

•Gave the OK for Jay Emergency Medical Service to purchase new equipment totaling about \$23,075, which would include equipment such as a new ventilator and a LUCAS chest compression system (the department previously bought two and requested a third from Jay County Commissioners).

•Signed a salary ordinance indicating pay raises for the county highway superintendent Donnie Corn (about \$7,500) and the road foreman position (about \$4,000). Both positions will be given additional duties to make up for not hiring a new county engineer after former county engineer Dan Watson left the job at the end of 2020.

•Made the following additional appropriations: \$23,144.81 for a new 2021 Ram 2500 for Jay County Surveyor's Office after one of its trucks was stolen; \$10,457 for the Local Emergency Planning Commission; \$8,000 for the location of cornerstones in Richland Township; \$4,368.90 for Jay County Prosecutor's Office; \$3,500 for probation computer maintenance; \$3,545 for Jay County Sheriff's Office equipment; \$20,000 for drug abuse counseling for Jay Superior Court through Meridian Services; \$73,405.50 from a six-month Community Corrections grant; and \$40,320 to be distributed through a COVID-19 vaccination grant for the health department.

•Transferred \$2,500 for courthouse equipment and \$1,000 for a printer for the assessor's office.

Video ...

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Videos of the siege have been circulating since the day of the riot, but the graphic compilation shown to senators Wednesday amounted to a more complete narrative, a moment-by-moment retelling of one of the nation's most alarming days. It offered fresh details into the attackers, scenes of police heroism and staff whispers of despair.

The footage included rioters roaming the halls chanting "Hang Mike Pence," some equipped with combat gear. Outside, the mob had set up a makeshift gallows. And in one

wrenching moment, police were shown shooting and killing a San Diego woman, Ashli Babbitt, as the mob tried to break through doors near the House Chamber.

Pence, who had been presiding over a session to certify Joe Biden's election victory over Trump — thus earning Trump's censure — was shown being rushed to safety, where he sheltered in an office with his family just 100 feet from the rioters. Pelosi was seen being evacuated from the complex as her staff hid behind doors in her suite of offices.

Though most of the Senate jurors

seem to have made up their minds, making Trump's acquittal likely, they sat riveted as the jarring video played in the chamber. Republican Sen. James Lankford of Oklahoma bent his head at one point, another GOP colleague putting his hand on his arm in comfort.

"They did it because Donald Trump sent them on this mission," said House prosecutor Stacey Plaskett, the Democratic delegate representing the Virgin Islands, told them.

"President Trump put a target on their backs and his mob broke into the Capitol to hunt them down."

Capsule Reports

Deer hit

Residents of Jay and Randolph counties were both involved in deer-related accidents Wednesday.

Roberta S. Taylor, 38, Bryant, was eastbound on Indiana 1 near county road 200 South at 8:07 p.m. when a deer ran in front of her 2017 Dodge Grand Caravan. Damage was estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Damage was estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000 after Brian O. Boyatt, 46, Winchester, was unable to avoid driving into a deer at 6:56 a.m. while southbound on U.S. 27 near county road 650 South. Failing to avoid the deer, Boyatt lost control of the 2005 Chevy Monte

Carlo he was driving and

went off the west side of the highway and drove into a mailbox before coming to a rest in a ditch. That Monte Carlo is registered to Joanna I. Boyatt, Winchester.

Dogs hit

Damage was estimated at less than \$1,000 after a Redkey woman drove into a pack of dogs on county road 400 South west of its intersection with county road 250 West at 5:10 p.m. Wednesday.

Rachel L. Easton, 29, said the dogs ran into a nearby field following her driving into them, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office accident report.

Easton was eastbound

on the county road in her 2017 Ford Explorer.

Persimmon accident

Damage was estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000 after a Portland woman drove into a parked car in the parking lot at Persimmon Ridge Rehabilitation Centre, 200 N. Park St., Portland, at about 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

McKenna A. Hovis, 19, was pulling into a parking space in a 2009 Mercury Sable when she drove into a parked 2017 Chevy Silverado registered to Stevi M. Hardwick, Union City.

The Mercury is registered to Trevor M. Ingram, Portland.

SERVICES

Friday
Craig, Carolyn: 10 a.m., First Light Church, 140 Elva Court, Vandalia, Ohio.

Saturday
Wheeler, Oneida: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.
Ryan, Ashlee: 2 p.m., All Season's Banquet Facility, 141 W. State St., Albany.

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Fiber arts festival is now virtual

One of the community's annual events has been canceled.

Jay County Fiber Arts Festival, which was scheduled for March 12 and 13, will not be held in person this year. The decision to cancel was made because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

"We understand that choosing to cancel has been a difficult decision especially when you have spent time and effort into the planning and promotion," Jay County Visitor & Tourism Bureau said in a press release. "However, we feel it is important to keep our attendees safe and to flatten the curve of the pandemic."

Instead of the in-person

Taking Note

event, a virtual show is now scheduled for April 24. For more information, visit fiberarts.visitjaycounty.com, email director@visitjaycounty.com or call (260) 726-3366.

Guitar lab returns

There's a new opportunity for kids to learn how to play guitar.

The Blackford County Arts Center is hosting a group guitar lab this spring for students in 4th through 6th grades who

are beginning or intermediate guitarists.

The class begins Feb. 22. It was not held last semester due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

To learn more, visit artsland.org/musicworks or call (765) 348-4154.

JCPL baby shower

The Jay County Public Library is hosting a month-long baby shower to collect needed items for the Jay County Pregnancy Care Center.

Among diapers, the library is seeking donations of baby wash, baby shampoo, baby lotion, baby wipes, baby food, baby snacks, baby formula, baby gas drops, baby Orajel and toothbrush

and toothpaste for baby teeth.

Gifts can either be dropped off at the baby display table at the library or mailed to 315 N. Ship St., Portland. The first 24 who donate items will receive a gift from the library.

New FRHS play

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

Tickets for the Fort Recovery High Schools drama club's production of Christie's "And Then There Were None" are now on sale.

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. Because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, seating for each show will be limited to allow for social distancing.

Donors get gifts

In February, donors to the American Red Cross will receive a \$5 Amazon gift card via email.

The effort comes as a measure to thank its donors for helping to ensure a stable blood supply, according to a press

release from the organization.

The following are nearby blood drives scheduled in February:

•Bryant: 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 22 at Bryant Wesleyan Church, 209 S. Hendricks

•Redkey: 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 16 at Redkey Faith Ministries, 9811 Indiana 67

•Berne: Noon to 6 p.m. Feb. 16 at South Adams Senior Center, 825 Hendrick St.

•Bluffton: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 15 at First Presbyterian Church, 215 East Dunman Road; 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 19 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center, 303 South Main St.; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 26 Bluffton-Wells County Public Library, 200 W. Washington St.

Woman wants her estranged mom to stay away from baby

DEAR ABBY: My mother and I have never been close. We talk to or see each other five or six times a year at family functions. Honestly, I am fine with this.

I recently had a baby (her first grandchild), and suddenly she wants to come over all the time. I have tried to set boundaries (giving a day and time when she may come over), but it makes me look like a bully, and she tells people she doesn't feel welcome. My issue is she struggles with boundaries. She asks about my finances, inappropriate questions regarding my pregnancy, etc. — topics I don't feel comfortable discussing with her.

I honestly don't view this as my problem. We barely have a relationship and haven't for a long time, so I think she should take what I am offering. I simply do not care to see a lot of her. If she wants to see the baby, I feel I must be present because her having time alone with the baby is not

Dear Abby



her. Because you are hearing her complaints repeated by others, feel free to explain to them the reasons. You are within your rights to set boundaries regarding your mother's visits, and you should not be made to feel guilty for doing it.

DEAR ABBY: My friend and I are planning a road trip. We live in different parts of the country, so he'll be flying to my city, where we will start the trip. We plan to split the cost of car rental, gas and hotels. However, I was assuming that he would pay his own airfare, and he was assuming that we would split it like everything else.

What's normal in situations like this? Is it normal to pay one's own airfare and expect costs to even out in the future when the other person flies to you? Or is it normal to split the cost each time? The road trip isn't at risk

because of this, but I want to set the right precedent for future vacations we take together. — ROAD TRIPPING IN IOWA

DEAR ROAD TRIPPING: This is something you need to discuss further with your friend. Do you consider his getting there a part of your shared vacation, or do you feel your responsibility begins when he arrives? There are no hard-and-fast rules about this, and frankly, I think it depends upon your financial situations.

DEAR ABBY: My husband died 11 months ago, and I thought I was ready to date. I dated a guy I'll call Ken for six months, but things went south because it felt weird. My question is, is it normal for a 57-year-old man to still be living with his mom?

Abby, Ken's mom said bad things in front of me. She told her son that if he's going to have

sex with me, he might as well live with me. (We never had sex.) Another time she didn't want me to wear shorts, hold Ken's hand or even sit with him at their house. Why? Do I need help? — YOUNG-ISH WIDOW IN ILLINOIS

DEAR WIDOW: A single man living with his mom is unusual, but not necessarily abnormal. Ken's mother's behavior, however, was not normal or acceptable. The extent to which this man's mother controls his dating life is over the top.

Apparently, she perceives you as a threat, and she doesn't want to "lose" her 57-year-old son. You don't need help; SHE does. So does Ken, who appears to be her hostage. The tie that binds him to her may be emotional or financial, or those apron strings would have been severed decades ago.

Community Calendar

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

Today

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

SENIOR CITIZENS CARD CLUB — Will meet at 1 p.m. on the first, sec-

ond, third and fifth Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

PIKE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS — Will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m.

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.

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.

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 EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

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

Tuesday FRIENDS OF THE

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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Legislators are reluctant to change

By MORTON J. MARCUS

"It's cold out here," Sorethroat complains. "Why are we under the east stairs of the Capitol building?"

"Because I can't go into the Statehouse as casually as I'd like since the legislative gators started their security checks," I tell him.

"Well, what do you want to talk about? Be quick!" he shivers with the cold.

"We have several good folks from both parties in the General Assembly, yet when one Senator proposes a cockeyed bill preventing Indianapolis and other cities from ever changing their names, the Senate approves it 36 to 11. Why?" I ask.

"Oh, that's just Jack. Grand-

Eye on the Pie



standing. He's stirring up some bluster about Native Americans objecting to derogatory names beyond sports teams," Sorethroat says, taking another drag on his mini-cigar.

"Don't take that bill seriously," he says. "Senators know it's a joke and the members are just having a little fun. They know the bill dies in the House or in a conference committee." He flicks off

a bit of cigar ash to demonstrate the insignificance of the issue.

"What about the serious matter of redistricting?" I ask.

"Dead," he says. "You don't think the Reds will let the Blues have any chance of gaining seats in the Legislature or Congress?"

"Indiana's gerrymandering is so good that 11 of the 25 Senate seats up for election in 2020 were uncontested by one or the other major parties. In the House, 41 of 100 seats were uncontested."

"That a tragedy for democracy," I moan.

"Yeah," he agrees, "but these guys 'n' gals can't be persuaded to change their minds on anything. Gun safety? Never!

"Local governments having a say on issues concerning the big

utilities, like the power or phone companies? Forget it! Wetland and waterways protection plus environmental improvement? Not unless the Feds insist. The same for worker safety."

Sorethroat's breath is freezing fog as he says, "The status quo is the way to go, except when there's a chance for legislators to take power from the locals or from the governor. Indiana's one of 23 states where the legislature can readily override a governor's veto. Seven of these states are Blue, 16 Red. You think COVID-19 is a pandemic? Think about gerrymandering."

I'm getting hot under the collar despite the cold. "And Hoosiers put up with this for years on end?" Am I asking or decrying?

"Most do," he says. "Remember, there are Hoosiers who sincerely believe COVID-19 is a hoax."

"Death is no hoax," I insist. "CDC data for 2020 show 10,780 'excess' deaths in Indiana over and above the total number expected from past experience with all other causes. The State Department of Health has the COVID-19 total through Feb. 3, 2021, as 11,231. They're consistent."

"Well, aren't both part of the conspiracy to fund Big Pharma?" he says, shivering as he goes back indoors.

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Keep notices in newspapers

Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

Supporters of House Bill 1498 have it all wrong.

Motivated by the convenient idea of putting public notices on government websites, they want to deny Indiana residents the convenience of finding the notices — ranging from sheriff's tax sales to school reports to government budgets to information about public hearings — on an independent platform.

That would be community newspapers.

Newspapers are read by hundreds of thousands of Hoosiers each day. Online, Indiana newspapers attract hundreds of millions of page views a month. Newspapers provide a spectrum of information, offering content to draw people with a wide variety of interests.

Government websites, to the contrary, often provide bland official information and attract little attention. You have to hunt down information on them, and it can be a bad experience trying to find it.

Just as importantly, consider this rhetorical question: Would it be wise to position a government unit as its own watchdog in charge of posting its own public notices?

Independent newspapers are the right answer. They're accessible, searchable and verifiable. Newspapers post public notices in the manner required by law, regardless of whether the notices shed positive, negative or neutral light on a government unit or official.

This isn't a new idea. The federal government and each of the 50 states recognize that newspapers are the best means to provide access to public notices. That's why newspapers have been the medium of choice for public notices across the decades.

Why would the state of Indiana change it now?

Supporters of HB 1498 — authored by Rep. Doug Miller, R-Elkhart — contend it would save tax dollars. But these savings would be nominal, given that the General Assembly limits what newspapers can charge state and local government units. The Hoosier State Press Association estimates that the newspaper publication of public notices costs Hoosier adults an average of \$1.06 in taxes annually.

And newspapers across the state are required to post public notices on their websites at no additional cost.

The established model for publication of public

Hoosier Editorial

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notices has worked well for a long, long time — and Hoosiers want it to continue. A 2017 survey, commissioned by the HSPA Foundation and done by independent research firm American Opinion Research, found that 63% of Indiana residents want public notices published in their local newspaper even if it could cost government units several thousand dollars.

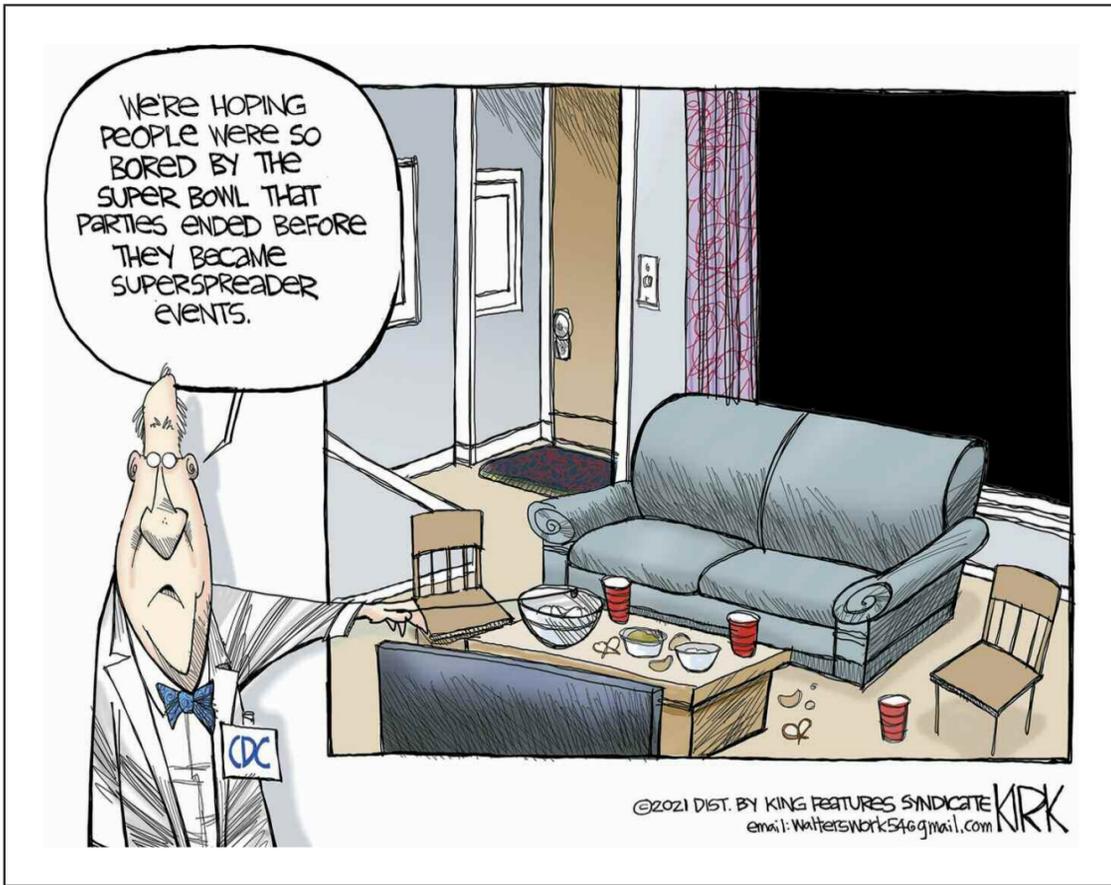
The same survey showed that the public would be 60% less likely to read a public notice posted on a government website.

Public notices belong in newspapers, even as technology changes. Rather than rely on government units to post their own public notices, the rules regarding how public notices are published in newspapers should be reviewed and updated.

That's why the HSPA reached out last fall to each of the four legislative caucuses and committed to drafting a comprehensive modernization of the state's public notice policy for consideration in 2022.

This much is clear: Hoosiers find it convenient to read newspapers — in print or digital form. Government websites? Not so much.

Remember, local and state government is supposed to operate at your convenience. Contact your state legislators now, before HB 1498 comes up for a vote this week, and remind them that public records should be posted for your convenience.



Conviction is a necessity

By ADAM KINZINGER

Special To The Washington Post

Winston Churchill famously said, "Those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it." All Americans, but especially my fellow Republicans, should remember this wisdom during the Senate's trial of former president Donald Trump.

I say this as a lifelong Republican who voted to impeach Trump last month. Virtually all my colleagues on the right side of the aisle took the opposite path. Most felt it was a waste of time — political theater that distracted from bigger issues. The overwhelming majority of Senate Republicans appear to feel the same way about conviction.

But this isn't a waste of time. It's a matter of accountability. If the GOP doesn't take a stand, the chaos of the past few months, and the past four years, could quickly return. The future of our party and our country depends on confronting what happened — so it doesn't happen again.

The immediate cause for Trump's impeachment was Jan. 6. But the president's rally and resulting riot in Capitol Hill didn't come out of nowhere. They were the result of four-plus years of anger, outrage and outright lies. Perhaps the most dangerous lie — or at least the most recent — was that the election was stolen. Of course it wasn't, but a huge number of Republican leaders encouraged the belief that it was. Every time that lie was repeated, the riots of Jan. 6 became more likely.

Even now, many Republicans refuse to admit what happened. They continue to feed anger and resentment among the people. On Jan. 6, that fury led to the murder

Adam Kinzinger



of a Capitol Police officer and the deaths of four other Americans. If that rage is still building, where does it go from here?

Impeachment offers a chance to say enough is enough. It ought to force every American, regardless of party affiliation, to remember not only what happened on Jan. 6, but also the path that led there. After all, the situation could get much, much worse — with more violence and more division that cannot be overcome. The further down this road we go, the closer we come to the end of America as we know it.

The Republican Party I joined as a young man would never take that road. The GOP that inspired me to serve in uniform and then run for public office believed a brighter future was just around the bend. We stood for equal opportunity, firm in our conviction that a poor kid from the South Side of Chicago deserves the same shot as a privileged kid from Highland Park. We knew that if we brought everyone into America's promise, we would unleash a new era of American progress and prosperity. Outrage and the fear of a darker future were nowhere to be found in that Republican Party.

When leaders such as Donald Trump changed that dynamic, many of my fellow Republicans went along without question. Many are still there because they believe

the rank-and-file Republican voter is there, too. But I think that's an illusion. The anger and outrage are drowning out the much larger group of people who reject that approach. Worse, many have gone silent because they assume the party's leaders no longer represent them. They're waiting for leaders who will say what they know is true.

Since my vote to impeach Trump, I've heard from tens of thousands of my constituents. Their reaction has been overwhelmingly supportive. Republicans of all backgrounds and outlooks have told me they appreciate my efforts to return the GOP to a foundation of principle, not personality. I've even heard from many Democrats. They don't agree with me on a lot of issues, but they want the Republican Party to be healthy and competitive.

I firmly believe the majority of Americans — Republican, Democrat, independent, you name it — reject the madness of the past four years. But we'll never move forward by ignoring what happened or refusing to hold accountable those responsible. That will embolden the few who led us here and dishearten the many who know America is better than this. It will make it more likely that we see more anger, violence and chaos in the years ahead.

The better path is to learn the lessons of the recent past. Convicting Donald Trump is necessary to save America from going further down a sad, dangerous road.

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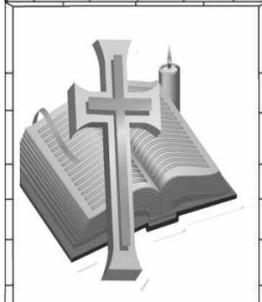
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Gordon Jackson
Services: 9 a.m.

Bethel United Methodist
Indiana 167, 4 miles north of Dunkirk
Scott McClain
Services: 10:45 a.m.

Bluff Point Friends
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Ava Gannon
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bryantwesleyanchurch.com

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Susan Durovey-Antrim
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susan.duroveyantrim@in.unc.org

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Services: 10:30 a.m.
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nanybell@yahoo.com

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Services: 10 a.m.

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South Broad Street, Dunkirk
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Services: 7 p.m., 7 p.m. Friday

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Billy Stanton
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Wayne Ward
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Gordon Jackson
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Services: 10:15 a.m.

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Wednesday
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Hugh Kelly
(260) 726-8873
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pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

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fccfcrecovery.org

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Robert Thomas
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Brenda Haddix
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Stuart Phillips
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Services: 9 a.m. (contemporary service, fourth Sunday)
pastorrobino@gmail.com

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Darrell Weaver
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Sunday school: 9 a.m.
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Rev. Michael Morgan
(352) 425-5914
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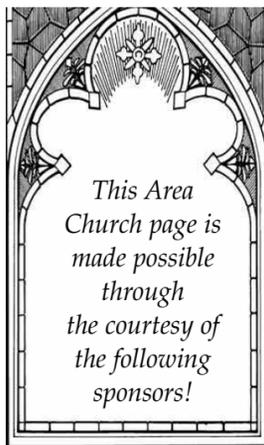
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County road 900 North (Jay-Wells county line)
Fred Stevens
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Walnut Corner
County roads 200 North and 500 West
Steve Rogers
(260) 251-1113
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

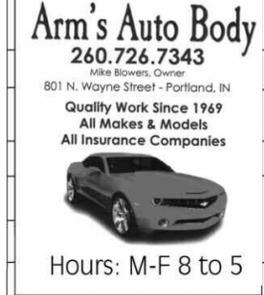
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4487 E. 400 North
Randy Fennig
(260) 726-6311
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204 W. Walnut St., Portland
Gil Alicea
(260) 726-4691
Services: 10 a.m.
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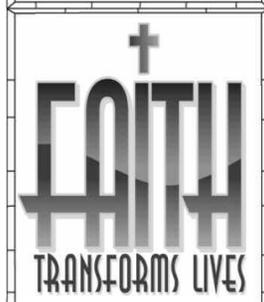


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The squeeze, and the defense against a squeeze, are both fascinating subjects of study. Consider this deal where West leads the king of spades and continues with the four. Declarer ruffs East's ace and notes he has all the remaining tricks but one, the classic position for a squeeze. After drawing trump, he leads a low diamond to the ace. The purpose of this play is to avoid a situation later on where dummy might get squeezed instead of a defender. South now leads a club to the king and cashes three more trumps, producing this position: North: ♠ J, ♥ A 9 7, ♦ Q 3, ♣ 8. When South now plays his last trump, West gets squeezed. If he discards the queen of spades, dummy discards a club; if he discards a club, dummy discards a spade. Either way, South is home. From the start, declarer hopes to find the opposing clubs divided 3-3 but if they are not 3-3, he can still handle the situation if West has four or more clubs and the queen of spades, or if East has four or more clubs and the king of diamonds. However, the defenders can prevent this outcome if East covers dummy's eight of spades with the nine instead of the ace at trick two, or if West returns the queen of spades to the second trick, allowing East to retain the ace. This relieves West of the burden of guarding spades, and South can no longer successfully execute the squeeze. Tomorrow: Test your play. ©2021 King Features Syndicate Inc.

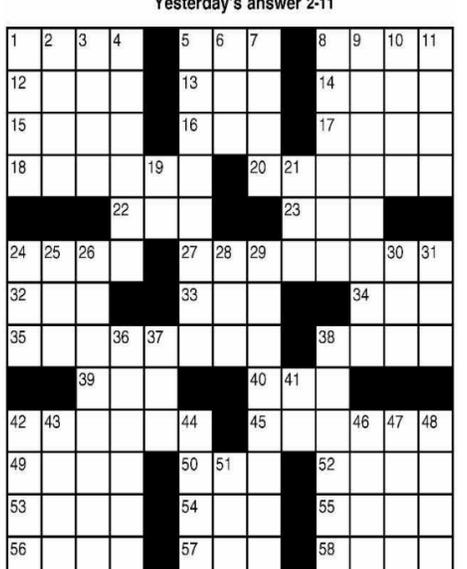
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Five members of the Jay County High School girls swim team will compete in the preliminaries of the IHSAA Girls Swimming and Diving State Finals at noon Friday at the Indiana University Natatorium in Indianapolis. Pictured from left are Rieley Brewster, Lilli Clemmons, Eliza Bader, Ashlyn Dow and Mara Bader.

Typical ...

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Based on seed times she'd need to drop into the low 1:05 range — Homestead's Cora Walrond is the No. 16 seed at 1:05.08 — in order to have a chance to return to swim Saturday.

"My breaststroke at sectional, I could have taken it out a second faster, I'd say," said Dow, who placed 30th in the event last season. "I need to be out in probably a 30, 29 even, if I can. ... And then ... just bring it back as hard as I can. Leave it all in the pool."

Bader is in a similar position as the No. 24 seed in the 100-yard butterfly. She earned her sectional title in 57.82 while Abigail Miller of Fishers sits at the No. 16 seed at 56.97.

"I know I can take my first 50 out faster than what I did," said Bader, who climbed from the No. 28 seed to place 24th a year ago. "This year I've been able to bring it back a lot harder. So I'm very hopeful that I can take it out hard and then finish it hard. It used to be I'd take it out hard and I was not able to finish it very well."

Jay County's group of Rieley Brewster, Mara Bader, Eliza Bader and Dow also holds the No. 24 seed in the 200 medley

relay. Their time of 1:50.1 from the sectional leaves them nearly two seconds behind No. 16 seed Bloomington North (1:48.32) but Slavik said they are capable of making a run at the consolation finals.

"The girls have already done the splits that I'm going to ask them to do," he said. "Just all four of them have never done it at the same time."

Dow and Eliza Bader are each swimming in a second individual event, with the former seeded 25th in the 100 freestyle in 53.44 and the latter 28th in the 50 freestyle in 24.43. The No. 16 seeds in those events are Charli Ramey (52.56) of Fishers and Kalliopi Agapios (24.11) of Fishers, respectively.

Lilli Clemmons, Dow and the Bader sisters are the No. 27 seed for the 200 freestyle relay in 1:41.61, about three seconds off of No. 16 seed Plainfield (1:38.86). And Mara Bader is the No. 32 seed in the 200 individual medley after winning her sectional title in 2:19.6.

Winchester senior Ella Baldwin, who trains with the Patriots, will compete in the 100-yard backstroke Friday. She is the No. 31 seed in the event in 1:01.58 while Pike's Olivia DiRuzza holds the No. 16 seed at 57.1.

IU edges Wildcats in 20T

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — Aljami Durham scored a career-high 24 points, Armaan Franklin tied his best with 23 points and Indiana beat Northwestern 79-76 in double overtime on Wednesday night.

Indiana trailed by as many as 14 points, and led for just 14 seconds through regulation and the first overtime.

Jerome Hunter put Indiana ahead 75-71 with 16.2 seconds left in the second over-

time on a step-back 3-pointer. Chase Audige answered at the other end on a corner 3-pointer, and Durham helped the Hoosiers seal it by making four free throws in the final 5.7 seconds.

Indiana was 27 of 38 from the free-throw line compared to Northwestern's 12 attempts.

Trayce Jackson-Davis had 10 points and 14 rebounds for Indiana (11-8, 6-6 Big Ten).

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Junior high boys swimming at Norwell Invitational — 5 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Girls swimming state final preliminaries at IU Natatorium at

IUPUI — noon; Boys basketball triple-header at Heritage — 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Boys basketball at Versailles — 5:30 p.m.; Freshman boys basketball at Versailles — 5 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Wrestling semi-state at

Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne — 8:30 a.m.; Girls swimming state finals at IU Natatorium at IUPUI — 3:30 p.m.; Boys basketball at Delta — 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Swimming sectional at Defiance Ayersville — 4 p.m.; Boys basketball vs. South Adams — 7:30 p.m.

250 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

Richland Township, Jay County, Indiana
Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2020

Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg. Cash and Inv. Bal. Jan 1, 2020	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash and Inv. Bal. Dec 31, 2020
Governmental Activities					
1	Federal Revenue Sharing	\$4,963.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,963.66
2	Fire Fighting	\$49,566.27	\$15,459.34	\$11,000.00	\$54,025.61
3	Rainy Day	\$10,605.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,605.24
4	Township	\$73,040.90	\$43,906.64	\$33,503.36	\$83,444.18
5	Township Assistance	\$161,529.27	\$20,503.97	\$26,483.23	\$155,550.01
GRAND TOTAL		\$299,705.34	\$79,869.95	\$70,986.59	\$308,588.70

Richland Township, Jay County, Indiana
Detailed Receipts 2020

Government Activities					
Fire Fighting		General Property Taxes			\$13,282.38
		Local Income Tax (LIT) for Levy Freeze			\$21.35
		Local Option Income Tax (LOIT) for Public Safety			\$988.00
		Vehicle/Aircraft Excise Tax Distribution			\$1,086.61
		Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax Distribution (CVET)			\$71.00
		Total Fire Fighting			\$15,459.34
Township		General Property Taxes			\$19,482.61
		County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT) Certified Shares			\$11,910.00
		County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT)			
		Property Tax Replacement Credit			\$2,709.92
		Local Option Income Tax (LOIT) for Public Safety			\$7,049.08
		Financial Institution Tax Distribution			\$15.88
		Vehicle/Aircraft Excise Tax Distribution			\$1,934.72
		Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax Distribution (CVET)			\$366.18
		Earnings on Investments and Deposits			\$438.25
		Total Township			\$43,906.64
Township Assistance		General Property Taxes			\$18,496.16
		Financial Institution Tax distribution			\$11.39
		Vehicle/Aircraft Excise Tax Distribution			\$262.82
		Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax Distribution (CVET)			\$1,388.55
		Refunds and Reimbursements			\$345.05
		Total Township Assistance			\$20,503.97
		Total Government Activities			\$79,869.95

Richland Township, Jay County, Indiana
Township Disbursements - 2020

Government Activities		Fire Fighting	Distributions to		
			Other Government Entities		\$11,000.00
			TOTAL OTHER DISBURSEMENTS		\$11,000.00
Township			Salaries and Wages		\$14,249.00
			TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES		\$14,429.00
			Office Supplies		\$289.74
			TOTAL SUPPLIES		\$289.74
			Professional Services		\$620.00
			Printing and Advertising		\$346.29
			Utility Services		\$3,757.73
			Rentals		\$1,800.00
			Other Services and Charges		\$150.00
			TOTAL SERVICES AND CHARGES		\$6,674.02
			Payments on Tax Anticipation		
			Warrants Principal		\$60.00
			TOTAL DEBT SERVICE-PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST		\$60.00
			Payment of Taxes and Other		
			Payroll Withholdings		\$12,230.60
			TOTAL OTHER DISBURSEMENTS		\$12,230.60
Township Assistance			Salaries and Wages		\$4,400.00
			TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES		\$4,400.00
			Housing		\$1,000.00
			Utilities		\$15,769.59
			Food		\$2,154.64
			Funerals, Burials, Cremations		\$1,250.00
			TOTAL TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE		\$20,174.23
			Payment of Taxes and Other		
			Payroll Withholdings		\$1,909.00
			TOTAL OTHER DISBURSEMENTS		\$1,909.00
			TOTAL TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE		\$26,483.23
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES					\$70,986.59
Fund	Category	Paid To	Amount		
Fire Fighting	Personal Services	TOWN OF REDKEY	\$5,500.00		
		CITY OF DUNKIRK	\$5,500.00		
		IRS	\$10,470.00		
		IN TAX	\$1,760.00		
		DAVID CHAMP	\$10,400.00		
		DEBRA KUMMER	\$962.25		
		ROBERT FORD	\$962.25		
		JOE LLOYD	\$962.25		
		GARY GLOGAS	\$962.25		
		TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	\$26,479.60		
		TOTAL SUPPLIES	\$179.74		
		FRONTIER	\$1,943.55		
		CITY OF DUNKIRK	\$697.72		
		FAGER RENTALS	\$1,800.00		
		BARNUM & BROWN INS.	\$120.00		
		IND. TOWNSHIP ASSOC.	\$200.00		
		VECTREN	\$534.14		
		GRAPHIC PRINTING	\$211.39		
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		COLDREN & FRANTZ	\$300.00		
		COMMERCIAL REVIEW	\$135.00		
		U.S. POST OFFICE	\$110.00		
		TOTAL SERVICE AND CHARGES	\$6,694.02		
		ANITA ORR	\$150.00		
		TOTAL OTHER DISBURSEMENTS	\$150.00		
TOTAL TOWNSHIP			\$33,503.36		
Township Assistance	Personal Services	IRS	\$1,909.00		
		VIVIAN CHAMP	\$4,400.00		
		TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	\$6,309.00		
		I & M ELEC. CO.	\$8,785.81		
		CITY OF DUNKIRK	\$4,671.38		
		VECTREN GAS	\$438.12		
		TOWN OF REDKEY	\$1,416.03		
		MINARS	\$2,154.64		
		RON BYERS	\$100.00		
		REMC ELEC.	\$298.65		
		MJS MORT.	\$1,250.00		
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		JAMES ROMBECK	\$100.00		
		KYLE COOK	\$100.00		
		MARICE SISCO	\$100.00		
		COUNTRY PRIDE MARATHON	\$159.60		
		TOTAL TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	\$20,174.23		
		TOTAL TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	\$26,483.23		
		TOTAL TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	\$70,986.59		

GRAND TOTAL
State of Indiana
SS: Jay County

I, David Champ, Trustee of Richland Township, Jay County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report is complete, true and correct; that the sum with which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or any other person. I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.

David Champ, Richland Township Trustee
Telephone: 765-768-1047

Date this report was to be published, 2-11-2021

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of Richland Township at its annual meeting this 5th day of February, 2021

Robert Ford, Richland Township Board Chairman

This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 5th day of February, 2021.

Richland Township Board:
Robert Ford, Joe Lloyd, Gary Glogas

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10:00am

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Anything but typical

Patriots swimming at state the only constant amidst COVID

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

It's going to be a different sort of state meet.

The preliminaries will be split into two sessions. There will be no fans in the stands. Athletes won't be allowed on the pool deck until its time for them to compete.

But one thing will be the same. The Patriots will be there.

Friday will mark the 14th consecutive season in which at least one member of the Jay County High School girls swim team competes in the IHSAA Girls Swimming and Diving State Finals at the Indiana University Natatorium in Indianapolis.

"I think they understand there's an expectation when they come into this ... that we make it to state," said JCHS coach Matt Slavik, while also giving credit to support and dedication to the program community-wide. "It started out as hoping just to make it ... Now the bar has been raised every year. I think it's just intensified our work ethic, our sense of team ... and that we want to continue that success."

Unlike a typical year when all 32 swimmers in each event would compete beginning at 6 p.m. Friday night, the preliminaries will be split into two sessions. Teams from odd-numbered sectionals,

including Jay County, will compete at noon, with those from even-numbered sectionals to swim at 5:30 p.m. As always, the competitors with the eight fastest times will move on to Saturday's championship finals with the next eight making the consolation finals.

For the Patriots, and everyone else swimming at noon, there will be an hours-long wait to find out if their time is good enough.

"It's going to be very stressful, I feel like," said JCHS senior Eliza Bader. "If it was like last year, I would know within minutes if I made it back. But I'm going to have to sit around for probably a good six, seven hours to be able to find out if I made it. That six to seven hours I'm going to be sitting and stressing the whole time. ... We're going to just have to swim how we know to swim and do what we can."

The Patriots, who improved on their seed in six of seven events last season, are on the outside looking in when it comes to advancing as their top seed is senior Ashlyn Dow's No. 23 in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Dow hacked more than two seconds off of her preliminary time to win the sectional title in a career-best 1 minute, 6.68 seconds.

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Friday - 7:30 p.m.

Jay County Patriots

Portland, 5-6 (3-2)
Coach: Jerry Bomholt, fifth year (40th overall)
Conference: Allen County

Tuesday at South Adams: Jay County had yet another first half deficit prove to be too much to overcome in a 64-61 loss to the Starfires, ending the Patriots' hopes for a conference championship. The Starfires hit nine 3-pointers in the first half. Ethan Dirksen led the Patriots with 20 points and Dusty Pearson ended with 18 points.

Season leaders (per game): Points — Ethan Dirksen 13.9, Bennett Weitzel 7.5, Josh Dowlen 7.3. Rebounds (through 10 games) — Dusty Pearson 6.5, Ethan Dirksen 6.3. Assists (through 10 games) — Ethan Dirksen 3.4.

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Heritage Patriots

Monroeville, 8-7 (5-0)
Coach: Adam Gray, third year
Conference: Allen County

Saturday vs. Bluffton: Heritage benefitted from Bluffton not having its highest-scoring player in picking up a 65-40 victory to remain perfect in conference play. Heritage sophomore Luke Saylor scored 28 points, and Kiel Eldridge added 14 points.

Season leaders (per game): Points — Luke Saylor 18.7, Dalton Wasson 10.8, Kiel Eldridge 9.8. Rebounds — Kiel Eldridge 8.2, Luke Saylor 7.3. Assists — Luke Saylor 3.8.

Last season: Ethan Dirksen was a perfect 13-for-13 from the free-throw line in leading Jay County past Heritage 47-43. Jay County overcame a 13-point deficit in the third quarter and were down 31-29 heading into the fourth quarter. Luke Saylor led Heritage with 13 points, and Dalton Wasson chipped in a dozen points.

Game notes: This is the 10th meeting all time between Jay County and Heritage, with Jay County holding a 5-4 edge in the series, including wins in each of the last three meetings ... Jay County averages 47.5 points per game on offense and allows 48.8 points per game on defense, while Heritage scores 56.9 PPG offensively and 56.8 on defense ... Heritage clinched the Allen County Athletic Conference championship with Jay County's loss to South Adams on Tuesday ... Jay County has a Sagarin rating of 59.19, which is 70th in Class 3A and 240th overall. Heritage holds a 58.21 rating, good for 74th in Class 3A and 249th overall ... John Harrell's website predicts Heritage to win, 53-52.

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