

STAY HOME



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Portland city workers clear piles of snow from Main Street in front of John Jay Center for Learning this morning. More than a foot of snow fell between noon Monday and this morning in Jay County. The snow and blustery conditions overnight led to drifting that caused many county roads to be impassable.

Local officials urge residents not to travel after more than a foot of snow fell in Jay County

By **RAY COONEY, RILEY EUBANKS and BAILEY CLINE**

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Stay home. That was the advice from local emergency officials this morning after more than a foot of snow was dumped on Jay County beginning Monday afternoon and continuing through the night. The county was under a travel warning, meaning roads may be impassable and travel should be limited to emergencies only.

Jay County Commissioners on Monday evening issued a disaster emergency declaration because of snow and

wind that were causing blowing and drifting roadways. The declaration allows the county to “invoke those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this declaration to be in full force and effect in the county for the exercise of all necessary emergency measures necessary for protection of lives and property and the prompt restoration of local government services.”

All Jay County government offices were closed today.

Amy Blakely, Jay County Emergency Management director, encour-

aged staying off the roads so highway plows can get through easier.

“If people are able to stay home and off the roadways, that will be a big help,” Blakely said. “If you do have to venture out, have some sort of emergency kit with you, make sure you have your cellphone charged and if possible, a blanket, if you do get stranded.”

Jay County Highway Department superintendent Donnie Corn said his plows are being prioritized for the roads leading in and out of cities and towns before being sent to the rest of the county roads.

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An Indiana Department of Transportation snow plow works its way along Indiana 67 near Jay County High School on Monday afternoon. Jay County remained under a travel warning this morning, meaning roads may be impassable and travel should be limited to emergencies only.

School sites are for sale

Corporation hires Loy as broker for properties

By **RAY COONEY**

The Commercial Review

Jay School Corporation has a broker for the sale of three of its properties.

Jay School Board on Monday approved hiring Loy Real Estate and Auction to handle the sale of three parcels, including the current administrative office building and the former Judge Haynes Elementary School.

The board also updated high school curriculum, heard a presentation from a representative of U.S. Aggregates and hired Grant Zgunda, the former coach at Delta, as the new Jay County High School football coach. (See related story.)

Jay Schools superintendent Jeremy Gulley had asked the board at its Jan. 18 meeting to consider hiring a broker to handle selling or otherwise disposing of the administrative office building, 1976 W. Tyson Road, Portland, the former Judge Haynes Elementary School, 827 W. High St., Portland and a six-acre wooded parcel adjacent to Portland Memorial Park (north of Runkle-Miller Field and west of Hines-Inman Memorial Stadium). Judge Haynes was closed after the 2018-19 school year and the administrative offices will be moved to the former General Shanks Elementary School building in Portland after the current school year.

There has been significant interest in the administrative office building, including from Jay County Humane Society for a new animal shelter, Brigade Electronics for its headquarters, Portland Police Department, a church and at least two individuals.

After requesting proposals from local real estate brokers, Gulley recommended that Loy be awarded the contract.

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Merchants group set to be honored

By **BAILEY CLINE**

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It's community awards time. Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce announced its annual award recipients Monday.

Mayor Dave Kaup noted during a Fort Recovery Village Council meeting Monday that the “Outstanding Community Service Award” will go to Fort Recovery Merchants Association.

The 2020 “Citizen of the Year” award will go to Mindy Bulp for leading the youth swim and soccer programs.

“Mindy put forth a great effort to ensure that the youth swim program would be able to compete during the pandemic in a safe manner,” a press release from the chamber said.

Other award recipients include:

•Hall of Fame — Ron Boeckman

•Business of the Year — Lifestyles Beauty Salon

•Residential Property — TJ and Beth Westgerdes

•Most Improved Dwelling — Bill and Bert Staugler

•Landscaping Improvement Award — Neal Spencer

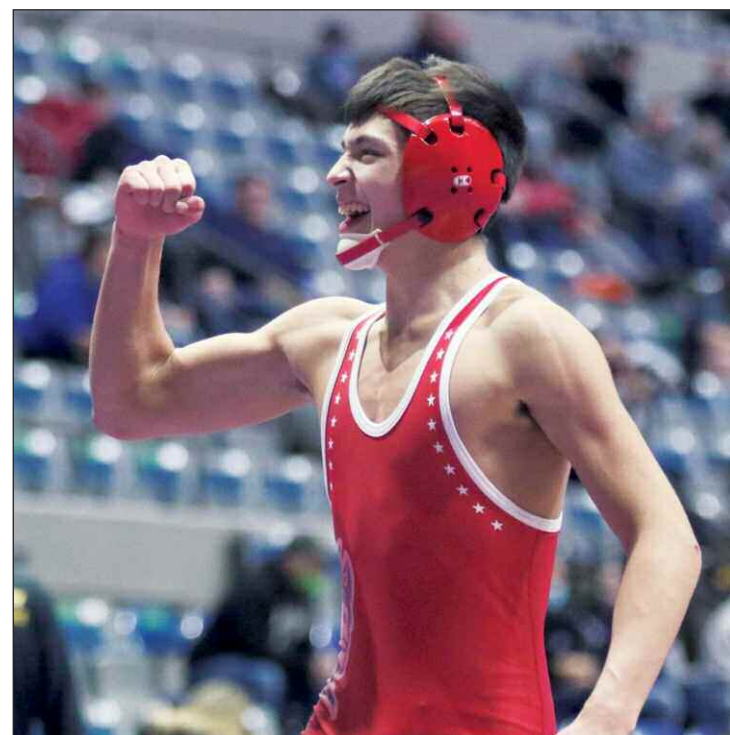
The chamber of commerce scholarship will be awarded to Fort Recovery High School Senior AJ Romer.

All 2020 award winners will be honored at the annual banquet March 14 at the Fort Recovery Elementary and Middle School auditoria. Attendance is limited, and tickets may be purchased from sponsor Fort Recovery Insurance Agency or by calling (419) 375-4041.

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Punch pumped

Tony Wood, a Jay County High School freshman, pumps his fist after punching his ticket to the state finals Saturday by winning his “ticket round” match of the semi-state wrestling tournament at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne. Wood was one of three JCHS freshmen to qualify for the state finals. For more, see page 8.



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Deaths

Maurice Alsip, 72, Portland
Tom Teeple, 66, Bryant
Helen Williams, 51, Portland
Alvin Wendel, 81, Fort Recovery

Darren Blount, 55, Montpelier

Ralph Crawford, 59, Hartford City

Details on page 2.

Weather

More than a foot of snow fell in Jay County between noon Monday and this morning. The high temperature was 18 degrees, and the low was 12.

Tonight's low will be around zero with wind chills as low as negative-10. Expect a high of 19 Wednesday under cloudy skies. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The free food tailgate that United Way of Jay County and Second Harvest Food Bank were scheduled to host Wednesday at Jay County Fairgrounds has been canceled.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of tonight's Portland City Council meeting.

Friday — Results from Thursday's FRHS girls basketball sectional semifinal game.



Obituaries

Maurice Alsip

Jan. 6, 1949-Feb. 14, 2021
Maurice W. Alsip, age 72, of Portland passed away Sunday, Feb. 14, 2021, in IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.



Alsip

He was born in Keno, Kentucky, on Jan. 6, 1949, the son of Wiley and Frona (Young) Alsip. He was an antique dealer, member of the Moose Lodge and 1968 Portland High School graduate.

Surviving are one son, Chad Alsip (wife: Misty) of Redkey; one daughter, Ginger Upchurch (husband: Brian) of Greenfield, Indiana; three

brothers, Bill Alsip of Albany, Doug Alsip of Yorktown and Randall Alsip of Livingston, Tennessee; one sister, Vivian Drake of Albany; six grandchildren, Payton Upchurch, Paige Alsip, Brook Pridgen, Grant Alsip, Brittney Upchurch and Larkin Alsip; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Jay Alsip; and sister Carolyn Caroll.

Memorial services will be Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021, at 11 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Carl Stone presiding. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m.

Memorials can be made to the Jay County Humane Society.

Condolences at bairdfreeman.com.

Tom Teeple

Dec. 13, 1954-Feb. 14, 2021
Tom R. Teeple, age 66, of Bryant passed away early Sunday, Feb. 14, 2021, at his residence.



Teeple

He was born in Portland on Dec. 13, 1954, the son of Robert and Mary (Teeter) Teeple. He was married on June 13, 2009, to Sue Beeler who survives. He was a carpenter. He belonged to the carpenter's union and attended Bryant High School.

Surviving are his wife Sue; his mother Mary Teeple of Bryant; one daughter, Misty Teeple of Fort Wayne; stepson Tom Elliot Jr. (wife: Missy) of Portland; step-

daughter Toshia Faller (husband: Jason) of Bryant; two brothers, Roger Teeple (wife: Pam) of Bryant and Dan Teeple of Portland; one sister, Janet Spitznale (husband: Dan) of Defiance, Ohio; several grandchildren and several step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, David Teeple.

Services will be held at a later date. Burial will be in the West Lawn Cemetery in Geneva.

Memorials can be made to the choice of the donor.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com

Helen Williams, Portland, Oct. 13, 1969-Feb. 14, 2021. Services will be held at a later date at Williams-

Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Alvin A. Wendel, Fort Recovery, Aug. 23, 1939-Feb. 13, 2021. A Mass of Christian Burial was held this morning at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church.






Darren K. Blount, Montpelier, July 10, 1965-Feb. 12, 2021. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Ralph Anthony "Tony" Crawford, Hartford City, Jan. 19, 1962-Feb. 12, 2021.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city, 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.

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Wednesday 2/17	Thursday 2/18	Friday 2/19	Saturday 2/20	Sunday 2/21
				
19/13	25/14	20/2	18/9	34/27
Still cool with a 40% chance of snow at night. Mostly cloudy with east wind of 5 to 10 mph.	Warmer with an inch of snowfall expected throughout the day continuing into the night.	Temperatures will drop at night near 0. No snow is currently projected. Mostly cloudy.	Cooler during the day under mostly sunny skies. No snow is currently projected.	Warmer with a 40% to 50% chance of a rain-snow mix all day and night. Otherwise mostly cloudy.

Stay ...

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"Right now, our plan is to get them open," Corn said. He did not have an estimate on when he expects that to be the case.

This is the heaviest snowfall in Jay County since Corn took over as superintendent two years ago. His advice for anyone driving on county roads is to give department trucks room and the right-of-way to allow roads to be cleared in a timely manner.



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Police chiefs in Portland and Dunkirk concurred.

"No one should be out driving around," Portland Police Chief Josh Stephenson said, noting the travel restrictions. "They should be in their homes."

Dunkirk Police Chief Dane Mumbower agreed, saying that the county roads are especially bad.

Light snow was falling through much of the day Monday before beginning to turn heavier during the afternoon hours. By the time folks were heading home from work, conditions were deteriorating with travel on Indiana 67 between Portland and Redkey considerably slower than the speed limit because of the snowy conditions.

Blakely explained wind is one factor making road conditions dangerous. Winds blew at 10 to 20 mph with gusts up to 25 mph this morning, and there are expected northwest winds at 10 to 15 mph this afternoon.

"Hopefully the wind dies down, but when that wind is blowing and it's this kind of snow, it's hard for them to keep the roadways clear," Blakely said.

There's more severe weather ahead for the county as tonight's low is expected to be near zero with wind chills as low as negative-10. Another inch or two of snow is expected to fall Wednesday night and Thursday. And even when the snow stops, the county isn't expected to see a high in the 30s until Sunday.

Travel was hazardous beginning Monday afternoon because of snowy conditions. Pictured, motorists make their way along Indiana 67 in Redkey about 4:30 p.m. Monday.

Jay County was under a winter weather advisory beginning at 4 a.m. Sunday, and that shifted to a winter storm warning that ran from Sunday evening through this morning.

Jay County Emergency Management Agency first issued a travel advisory, the lowest restriction level, late Monday morning. It shifted to a travel watch about 6 p.m. Monday and then moved to a warning at 9:15 p.m. and remained there as of press time today.

Every county in Indiana was under a travel restriction as of this morning, with Blackford, Adams and Wells counties all under warnings. Randolph and Delaware counties were both under watches.

Jay School Corporation superintendent Jeremy Gulley made the decision about 4:15 p.m. Monday that schools would be closed today. (Schools were also closed Monday in anticipation of the winter storm that began in earnest Monday afternoon.)

Jay County Sheriff Duane Ford noted that he chose to work from home this morning. He said officers were not citing non-emergency personnel for driving on roads.

Dispatch worker Mike Conatser left his home in Dunkirk on Monday evening and slept in the

training room at Jay County Sheriff's Office prior to his shift this morning. The office has received several calls, he said, and there were some stranded vehicles along roads. As of this morning, no large wrecks were reported.

Portland and Dunkirk police departments have had no traffic accidents reported since snowfall began Monday afternoon.

Stephenson, who was one of the few at Portland City Hall, which is closed today, said he picked up one of the police department's dispatchers on county road 200 South on the west side of Jay County this morning. He advised for anyone who has to travel to let someone else know where they're going and to bring needed supplies like food, a cell phone and blankets and to completely clear the car and headlights of snow.

"It's little things like that that can make the difference between a quick rescue and a long rescue," Stephenson said.

Fort Recovery Village Administrator Randy Diller helped shovel snow around the village this morning. He noted as of 9 a.m. this morning that while the village is snow-covered, all roads are passable.

"If (locals) can get out of their driveway, they can get around," Diller said.

Lotteries

Powerball Saturday 20-28-33-63-68 Powerball: 20 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$66 million	21-23-26-27-31-37-38-57-59-66-69-70-75-76-79 Cash 5: 5-17-19-24-39 Estimated jackpot: \$80,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$96 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 2-7-8 Pick 4: 4-5-4-8 Pick 5: 7-2-2-1-9 Evening Pick 3: 5-0-3 Pick 4: 4-6-9-1 Pick 5: 9-7-6-6-6 Rolling Cash 5: 8-15-20-27-29 Estimated jackpot: \$266,000 Classic Lotto: 10-16-17-25-46-49 Kicker: 7-5-8-1-7-3 Jackpot: \$4.6 million
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 5-8-3 Daily Four: 6-7-00-6 Quick Draw: 9-16-21-26-30-31-35-36-38-42-43-51-54-56-59-65-68-69-71-73 Evening Daily Three: 2-9-5 Daily Four: 4-4-4-00 Quick Draw: 2-6-9-11-19	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....5.50 Wheat6.09	Central States Montpelier Corn.....5.33 March corn.....5.36 Beans.....13.82 March beans.....13.82 Wheat.....6.29 March wheat.....6.31
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....5.53 March corn.....5.51	Sunrise St. Anthony Corn.....5.18 March corn.....5.21 Beans.....13.67 March beans.....13.73 Wheat.....6.19 March wheat.....6.19
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....5.42 March corn.....5.47 Beans.....13.89 March beans.....13.89 Wheat.....6.44 March wheat.....6.44	

Today in history

On Feb. 16, 1959, Fidel Castro became premier of Cuba a month and a-half after the overthrow of Fulgencio Batista.

In 1862, the Civil War Battle of Fort Donelson in Tennessee ended as some 12,000 Confederate soldiers surrendered; Union Gen. Ulysses S. The victory earned him the moniker "Unconditional Surrender Grant."

In 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was organized in New York City.

In 1945, American troops landed on the island of Corregidor in the Philippines during World War II.

In 1948, N-B-C T-V began airing its first nightly newscast, "The Camel Newsreel Theatre," which consisted of Fox Movietone newsreels.

In 1960, the nuclear-powered radar picket submarine USS Triton departed New London, Conn., on the first submerged circumnavigation by a vessel.

In 1971, Kenneth E. Bruss Jr., 22, Winchester, an employee of Sheller-Globe in Portland, died when his vehicle went off of Indiana 32 west of Union City and hit multiple trees.

—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council via Zoom	Thursday 6 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Jay County Courthouse, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100th North.	6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.

Felony arrests

Possession

A Redkey man was arrested Friday on several charges stemming from alleged possession of a controlled substance.

Zachary M. Hill, 23, 8440 W. Indiana 67, was preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for obstructing justice and two Class A misdemeanors for resisting law

enforcement and possession of a controlled substance. He also has a previously charged count of resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 felony, and two counts of possession of marijuana, both Class B misdemeanors.

He was booked into Jay County Jail on \$4,500 bond.



Dan's Tenderloin & Fish Fry

Sat. Feb. 20th 4:00 - 7:00
At the Bryant Community Center

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Tenderloin
Fish
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Capsule Reports

JCHS seventh

The Jay County High School winter guard posted another strong effort Saturday in competition at Westfield.

JCHS placed seventh overall and third in its round with 60.39 points. Penn won the competition with 71.46.

Jay County also recorded a state-qualifying score for the second consecutive week. It will compete in the Indiana High School Color Guard Association state finals March 27.

Deeds

Brian J. and Cheryl A. Hogenkamp to Hogenkamp Rental LLC, warranty deed — Section 17, 68.48 acres, Section 16, 40 acres, and Section 20, 80 acres, all Jackson Township

Terri L. McFarland (also known as Terry or Terri L. Thomas) to Jonathan D. and Ryan D. Rockwell, warranty deed — Lot 1, Lot 2 (Tract 1), Lot 11 (Tract 2), Lot 12 (Tract 2), Lot 13 (Tract 2), Lot 14 (Tract 2), Lot 15 (Tracts 2 and 3, a strip of land between Lot 15 and railroad), Part of Tract 4, all original plat of Bryant

Duane and Michelle Cook to David G. and Portia S. Halterman, warranty deed — Parts of Lots 16, 17 and 20, Hughs Addition, Portland

Jack L. Cavanaugh (deceased) to Shayne Branham and John R. Mizner, personal representative deed — Part of Section 26, Richland Township

SERVICES

Saturday

Alsip, Maurice: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Thankfully, renewal is complete

By **DIANA DOLECKI**

Special to The Commercial Review

Thank goodness that is over. I am now in possession of a brand new driver's license. I only had to return home once to get the rest of the documentation they wanted. The only problem is that the picture looks like I'm an ax murderer impatiently waiting for the next victim.

Granted, most people's driver's license photos make them look like a criminal. We are told not to smile because if we get stopped by the police we won't be smiling.

The only person I knew who ever liked their picture was my mom. She always wanted to keep her old license because she said it was a good picture of her. Once she quit driving she was issued an identification card from the state. She didn't like

As I See It



the pictures nearly as much after that.

My grandmother never had a photo on her license. She learned to drive before licenses were required and died before pictures were common on the face of the card. Somewhere I have a paper copy of her license.

It won't be long before my granddaughter Emma gets her driving permit. Her mom is concerned because they have to mail her original birth certificate and social security card to get the process started. I remember feeling that same con-

cern when I applied for my original license.

Lately, Emma has been experimenting with stage makeup. One day I received a cluster of pictures of Emma with a fake gunshot wound to the forehead and equally fake blood dripping down her cheek. In one of the pictures she looked so much like her mom that I had to study the image to make sure it was Emma and not Beth.

I wonder what her license photo would look like if Emma "decorated" her face beforehand. Maybe it would actually look good. Or maybe they would tell her to wash her face and come back later. We have a few months before we need to worry about this.

I find it difficult to believe that Emma is almost old enough to drive. It seems like just

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yesterday that I was reading "The Tawny, Scrawny Lion" to her before she was even a day old.

She has gone through a phase where she looked just like me. She was four or five at the time. A picture of me at that age was indistinguishable from a picture of her. These days she looks more like her mom.

One of her step-daddy's friends once remarked that Emma and Beth looked so much alike. He told his friend that there

were three of us that looked alike. At that time there were actually four of us, Emma, Beth, me and my mom who looked enough alike that there was no mistaking the fact that we were related.

I am so grateful that I don't have to worry about renewing anything else for a good long time. I had read several articles about the difficulty of renewing a driver's license. The ladies at our local license branch made the process easy. There were no long

lines. Even though I thought I had brought the correct documentation they were very polite when they told me that they needed originals of a couple of things. I went back home and found the papers they wanted. I handed them over and proceeded to the eye test. This one always scares me but by some miracle, I passed.

As nice as the people at the license branch were, I am glad there are several years before I have to see them again.

Paternity revelation is a family bombshell

DEAR ABBY: My son's new wife — who has a daughter — insisted that his two children are not biologically his. After a DNA test, it turns out she was right. They aren't. My son, my husband and I are heartbroken. His twins are 10, and they don't understand what's going on.

My husband and I are trying to gently remain in their lives with phone calls and limited visits. My son's wife refuses to visit with us until we stop communicating with the children, promise never to talk about them and display no pictures in our home. She's trying to convince our son to stop seeing us, as well. What to do? — **DISAPPOINTED IN TEXAS**

DEAR **DISAPPOINTED**: Those children, regardless of who their birth father is, were raised believing you and your husband are their grandparents. If you love

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them, do not knuckle under to your son's new wife or it will be only the beginning of how she will attempt to control you.

She does not have the right to dictate who you (or your son, for that matter) see and communicate with. She also does not have the right to order you to remove any object from your home.

If your son opts to turn his back on those children, that's a decision only he can make. If he also chooses to turn his back on you, then you raised

a milquetoast instead of a man.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a married man, and I love my wife. We're not living together at the moment due to unfortunate circumstances.

Being far away from her, I get extremely lonely. I have a co-worker who became a good friend, and I have feelings for her. I have told her how I feel, and we have hung out a few times — nothing sexual. Now she's moving away, and I feel heartbroken. How should I deal? I'm fighting back tears for someone I'm not even with. What do I do? — **HEARTBROKEN IN THE EAST**

DEAR **HEARTBROKEN**: A relationship does not have to be sexual to be meaningful, and your co-worker was filling a space in your life that was empty. That you feel a

sense of loss and sadness that she is moving is not surprising.

Not knowing the unfortunate circumstances that caused the separation between you and your wife, I can only advise you to start looking for a way to mend fences or change those circumstances so you can live together again, because clearly, you're not doing well on your own. If that's not possible, start giving serious thought to how you plan to live the rest of your life, because this way isn't working.

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DEAR ABBY: The other day I was on a video conference call with our boss and two colleagues. When "Joan" came on the call, "something" was hanging from one of her nostrils. She may have had a cold. I

scratched my nose and mustache a few times, trying to alert her of what was happening, to no avail. She didn't react. No one else said anything.

What would the correct protocol have been? Should I have left it alone or was I right to try to let her know? I did what I would have done in person. Should I have privately texted her? Please advise. — **TELECOMMUTING WOES**

DEAR **TELECOMMUTING**: If the person with the leaky nose had been you, wouldn't you have wanted to know? Yes, you should have texted her.

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

Community Calendar

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

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

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal

starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

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

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Jay County Public Library community room. For more information, call Deb Tipton at (260) 729-2806 or Elasha

Lennartz at (765) 729-4567.
FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

Wednesday
WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

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

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

Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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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Letters to the Editor

To the editor:
There was a fascinating column in the Sunday New York Times a couple of weeks ago, a portion of which I will share and offer an opinion thereon. The piece by Soshana Zuboff, author of the book: "Surveillance Capitalism," was headlined "The Knowledge Coup." In the column, Zuboff argues that we cannot have a surveillance society as well as a

democracy. She further argues that our privacy, as well as our freedom, has been co-opted by the private corporations Face-

book, Twitter and Google, as well as the internet at large. Our knowledge base is being, increasingly, constructed and driven by data and algorithms harvested and conceived by these entities. Data is neutral when it comes to what is true or false; it cannot separate fact from fiction. An algorithm cannot discern mendacity from mushrooms. Data doesn't discrimi-

nate between misinformation and disinformation. In other words, our knowledge base is increasingly being built on what we are told on Facebook, Twitter and Google. Who we are, what we like and what we buy is sold to the highest bidder, with or without our consent, by the way. Privacy in the internet age is as ephemeral as a toddler's attention span. We give it away our privacy for

the convenience of online shopping, or 15 minutes of fame on YouTube. We give an opinion and share it with the world irrespective of fact or truth. We have capitulated our lives as well as our ability to think critically, to a medium that does the thinking for us. We have chosen to be ignorant because it is convenient. Michael Kinser
Portland

GOP senators sacrificed Pence

By COLBERT I. KING
The Washington Post

Colbert I. King



It comes as no surprise that most Senate Republicans would prostrate themselves for former president Donald Trump even if he were stomping on their knuckles. They voted to acquit not on the merits but because they are scared of death of Trump and his base.

But how could they bail on Trump's loyal vice president — their fellow Republican — Mike Pence? True, for four years, Pence was to Trump what Igor was to Dr. Frankenstein. Pence's feeding of Trump's God complex was unsightly, to say the least. But how could they keep silent after learning that Trump wanted Pence to reject states' electoral votes when he presided over the joint session of Congress on Jan. 6, delaying the certification process and ultimately giving Trump the win? Trump's desire was hard to miss.

Trump tweeted on the morning of Jan. 6: "All Mike Pence has to do is send them back to the States. AND WE WIN. Do it Mike, this is a time for extreme courage!"

What did they think of Trump's request, which had no standing in law? What did they say to Trump? To Pence? The 50-plus Republican senators had a chance to speak out. Unless, that is, they favored Trump's demand.

Minutes before he was to begin presiding over certification that day, Pence issued a statement in the form of a "Dear Colleague" letter, telling members of Congress that it was his "considered judgment that my oath to support and defend the Constitution constrains me from claiming unilateral authority to determine which electoral votes should be counted and which should not." What then? Did House and Senate Republicans publicly stand with the vice president?

They were there when the violent mob of Trump supporters stormed the Capitol. In the midst of the destruction, Trump tweeted, "Mike Pence didn't have the courage to do what should have been done to protect our Country and our Constitution." Congressional Republicans knew, or should have known, that Trump was telling a lie. Worse still, that Trump was riling up the mob. Upon learning about Trump's accusation, the marauders and looters invading the Capitol chanted "Hang Mike

Pence" and denounced him as a "traitor."

The Trump supporters made their way into the Senate chamber. Senate Republicans knew that, too, having fled for their lives only minutes earlier. What, then, did they say of the president who had brought about what Pence rightly described, when Congress reconvened, as "a dark day in the history of the United States Capitol"? As a body of Republicans, they said nothing.

Republican senators and representatives know how to make themselves heard. How many GOP senators worked up the nerve to simply state at that hour that Trump was wrong to have incited the mob against Congress and the vice president of the United States? That he was wrong to have provoked his followers to violence with the damnable lie that the presidential election had been stolen?

Trump was the leader of their party. He, not the political opposition, incited the mob to hunt down their fellow Republican, the U.S. vice president. They saw what Trump's crowd did to the doors and windows of the Capitol. They saw the desecration of the Senate chamber, their own desks, the dais with Pence's chair as Senate president.

Upon returning to the chamber after their rescue, did Republicans come together as a caucus under GOP leader Mitch McConnell and speak out in defense of Pence? That was the day, the hour, the moment when they should have taken a stand, before anything else was done. Collectively, they did nothing. Their gutlessness in not confronting Trump is sickening. Their betrayal of Pence doubles their shame.

We knew that Republican senators, as jurors, would betray their oaths to defend the Constitution. They also abandoned the vice president who was one of their own.

The Republican congressional leadership should be in the dock. A verdict should be rendered on them.

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King, who writes a column sometimes about D.C., sometimes about politics, won the Pulitzer Prize for Commentary.



Inflation fears are overblown

By DANIEL MOSS
Bloomberg Opinion

Time to stop trash-talking inflation. Forecasts for a decent pickup in the pace of price increases ought to be welcomed, and we're a long way from the bad old days of the 1970s.

While measures of U.S. inflation gained at the end of last year, they are well below levels desired by the Federal Reserve. In China, consumer prices unexpectedly fell 0.3% in January from a year earlier. Japanese officials sometimes sound like they have given up on their 2% goal. Even in Southeast Asia, where growth has historically been faster than the developed world, price movements are anemic. South Korea flirts with deflation; Malaysia and Thailand endure it. Market gauges do show inflation coming back: 30-year Treasury yields topped 2% last week for the first time in a year; U.K. government bonds slid, and oil rallied. The idea is that an economic recovery, assisted by massive fiscal and monetary stimulus, will lift consumer prices off the floor. Unfortunately, this is often described with fearmongering language such as "surge," "breaking out," "warning" and even "the end of largesse." This skates past lessons from the decade preceding the coronavirus pandemic. Far from being a harbinger of doom, a spurt in prices would count as policy triumph.

For years, we've been hearing that growth has been too slow, that inflation has been too low and that central bankers have failed. Remember the hand-wringing several years ago when market interest rates dived below zero? Is the critique now that officials have done their jobs too well? Only when inflation settles comfortably around 2% should policymakers think about withdrawing stimulus.

In that sense, we are a long way from the end of monetary support.

Daniel Moss



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To infer otherwise is to ignore what decision-makers are actually saying. Fed Chair Jerome Powell expects and wants faster price increases. "It helps to look back at the inflation dynamics that the United States has had now for some decades and notice that there has been significant disinflationary pressure for some time, for a couple of decades. Inflation has averaged less than 2% for a quarter of a century," Powell said at a Jan. 27 news conference. "Dynamics evolve constantly over time, but they don't change rapidly. So we think it's very unlikely that anything we see now would result in troubling inflation."

Paul Volcker, who died in December 2019 on the eve of the pandemic, would have laughed at the anxiety today. When he became Fed chair in 1979, consumer prices were increasing at about 15%. He pushed interest rates to 20% to wrestle that beast. Inflation just wasn't the same again and has receded as a threat ever since. Volcker's heirs keep looking for such dynamics to recur, but are always disappointed. Surely quantitative easing and big deficits after the 2007-2009 global financial crisis would correct that trend, the line went. It didn't happen, and the Fed was chastened by the experience. But the cash floating around the monetary system in the pandemic era is even larger, so the snapback will be stronger and concerns are more justified, the argument goes. I'm not convinced. The U.S. underwent a significant fiscal expansion in 2017 when Congress passed President Donald Trump's tax cuts, just as the economy was

cruising. It was seen then as highly unusual that such a big shift would occur outside of a recession. Growth picked up even more and the unemployment rate eventually fell to 3.5%, the lowest in half a century. Inflation was tranquil. Things change, and as my Bloomberg Opinion colleague Ferdinando Giugliano has written, one cannot blithely dismiss these worries. Just as inflation was obstinately low in the 2010s, who is to say it won't surprise on the way up? When the time does come to pull back, investors are right to anticipate pain, no matter how carefully it's choreographed. Ben Bernanke learned this lesson the hard way: Just the suggestion of tapering in 2013 sent markets into a tailspin.

The good news for many central bankers is that if price increases truly become a problem — as opposed to making a healthy reappearance — their successors will be the ones to clean it up. In the meantime, let's skip some of the gloom. There's a lot of history to overcome before we really have bad inflation. I'll be happy with the good kind.

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Sale ...

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Board members Phil Ford, Ron Laux, Donna Geesaman, Chris Snow, Mike Shannon, Vickie Reitz and Jason Phillips unanimously approved hiring Loy at its proposal of a commission of 1.55%.

The board also approved high school curriculum changes for 2021-22. That included dropping principles of marketing, principles of business, U.S. history honors college credit, horticulture science I, natural sciences, landscape management, culinary arts and hospitality II, algebra lab, theatre arts, theatre special topics and Shakespeare I and II. Assistant superintendent Trent Paxson said some courses were dropped because of the shift from block scheduling to the seven-period system that was implemented this year and

others were canceled because not enough students were signing up for them.

Courses being added are Design fundamentals and honors algebra II. "Principles of" courses will replace "introduction" courses for teaching, agriculture, radio and television, advanced manufacturing, visual communication, design technology, healthcare, biomedical science, engineering, and business operations and technology.

Paxson noted that some courses are only offered every other year rather than annually.

Board members also heard a presentation from Eric Reynolds of U.S. Aggregates about the company's hope to expand its stone quarry operation to a parcel of land between Seventh Street and Tyson Road, which is near Jay County Junior-Senior

High School. A Portland Plan Commission public hearing on the issue is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday in the auditorium at Jay County Courthouse.

Reynolds addressed concerns about blasting, saying state and federal standards are in place to ensure that nearby structures are not damaged. (There are houses between the proposed new quarry site and the junior-senior high school.)

Board president Phil Ford said his concern is making sure that the junior-senior high school will not see any adverse effects.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the following: the hiring of Lisa Wellman as art instructor for Bloomfield and East elementary schools; a contract with The Crossing for business and entrepreneurship services; increasing the athletics sec-

retary's salary after the addition of junior high responsibilities because of the consolidation of schools this year; an updated support staff memorandum of understanding that eliminated outdated language and added new language to indicate new positions; and a new virtual instruction policy that includes password protecting all meetings and monitoring attendance to ensure privacy, managing screen-sharing options, stopping class if necessary to protect the privacy of students and banning the recording of classes unless permission has been obtained.

- Accepted a \$3,000 Rural Schools Cooperative Cecil B. Godsil Grant that was awarded to JCHS teacher Chrissy Krieg.
- Made a series of extracurricular assignments, including Kendra Lyons as JCHS assistant

softball coach and Sydney Haines as JCHS assistant girls tennis coach.

- Accepted the resignations of Christy Moore (junior high instructional assistant), Eric Hemmelgarn (Bloomfield and East elementary art instructor), Alisha Rogers (East Jay elementary instructional assistant), Aundraya Steveson (Bloomfield and East technology instructional assistant), Nicole Henson (Redkey and Westlawn elementary art instructor) and Betty Harris (Redkey Just Say No sponsor).
- Received policy updates for their review, including revisions to student assessments, suspension and expulsion, school safety and transportation. The board is expected to vote on the policy updates at its March 15 meeting.

In review

Resigning

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson announced Monday that she is resigning with nearly two years left in her term.

The 71-year-old Republican didn't give a specific reason, saying in a statement that 2020 took a toll on her and that she was stepping down to "focus on my health and my family."

"Like many Hoosiers, 2020 took a toll on me," Lawson said. "I have dedicated the last 32 years of my life to public service. I have served with all of my heart and soul. It has been an honor to serve, but it is time for me to step down."

To probe

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Monday that Congress will establish an independent, Sept. 11-style commission to look into the deadly insurrection that took place at the U.S. Capitol.

Pelosi said the commission will "investigate and report on the facts and causes relating to the January 6, 2021, domestic terrorist attack upon the United States Capitol Complex ... and relating to the interference with the peaceful transfer of power."

After former President Donald Trump's acquittal at his second Senate impeachment trial, bipartisan support appeared to be growing for an independent commission to examine the deadly insurrection.

Charged

YANGON, Myanmar — Police in Myanmar filed a new charge against ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi, her lawyer said Tuesday, in a move that may allow her to be held indefinitely without trial as part of an intensifying crackdown by authorities who seized power in a coup.

Suu Kyi, who was deposed and detained in the military takeover on Feb. 1, already faced a charge of illegally possessing walkie-talkies — an apparent attempt to provide a legal veneer for her house arrest. Under the new charge, she is accused of breaking a law that has been used to prosecute people who have violated coronavirus restrictions, lawyer Khin Maung Zaw told reporters after meeting with a judge in a court in the capital, Naypyitaw.

It carries a maximum punishment of three years in prison.

—Associated Press



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Opening third

Jay County High School's show choir opened their season Saturday in competition at the DeKalb Choir Festival. Patriot Edition, pictured above, placed third in mixed division (tier II) and earned the award for best visuals. Just Treble took third in the women's division (tier II) and also picked up the best visuals award.

Honored ...

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Attendees are required to follow coronavirus safety guidelines.

Village council met via Zoom on Monday to avoid hazardous road conditions.

Also at the meeting, council amended the wage ordinance to include a new position for Brandon Wyerick, who will begin March 1. Wyerick has spent about 14 years working for Fort Recovery Police Department. He will be taking over when the maintenance supervisor, Paul Rohrer, retires later this year.

Council also heard several project updates from village administrator Randy Diller:

- Old street lights along Broadway Street will be removed next week, with reconstruction work to pick back up in the spring.
- Reconstruction on Elm Street is expected to begin March 1. Both streets are being reconstructed in hopes that Ohio Department of Transportation will reroute Ohio 49 along

those streets instead of its current path through the downtown area.

The utility department will be updating its lime feed equipment for water treatment in the next few months as required by Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. It is also planning to upgrade its software used to read water meters from a distance. It's outdated, Diller said, and won't be supported much longer.

A sludge reducing bacteria program for village lagoons will be installed when conditions allow. It will help remove sludge caked at the bottom of the ponds. In a year, the program removes between 18 and 24 inches of sludge, Diller had explained in a meeting Feb. 1.

The village is also looking at getting a new circulating pump for the lagoons to cycle water through the ponds a couple times.

New lighting for Monument Park is also ready to be installed.

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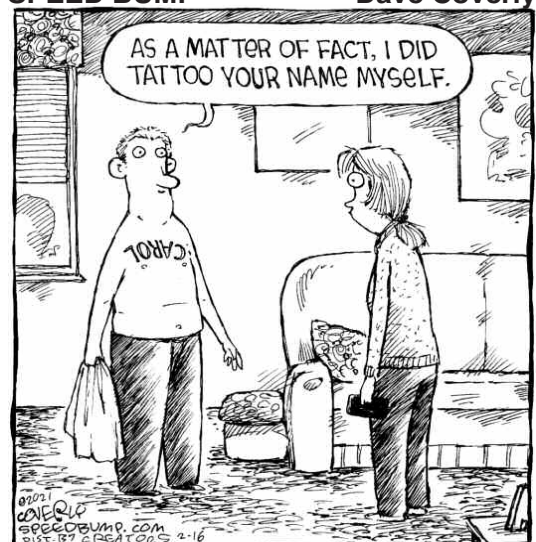
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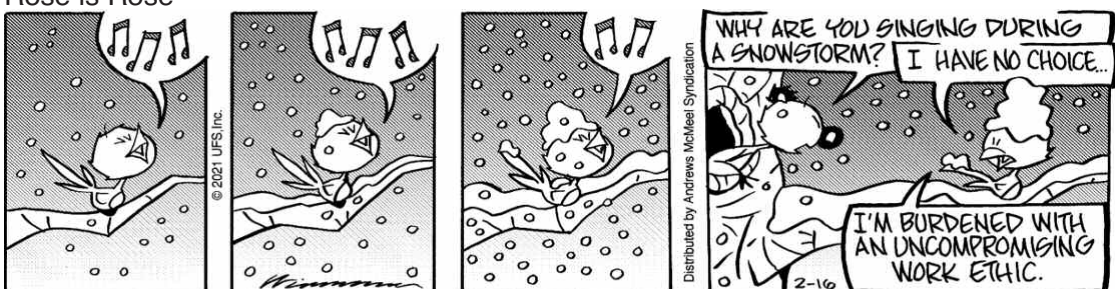
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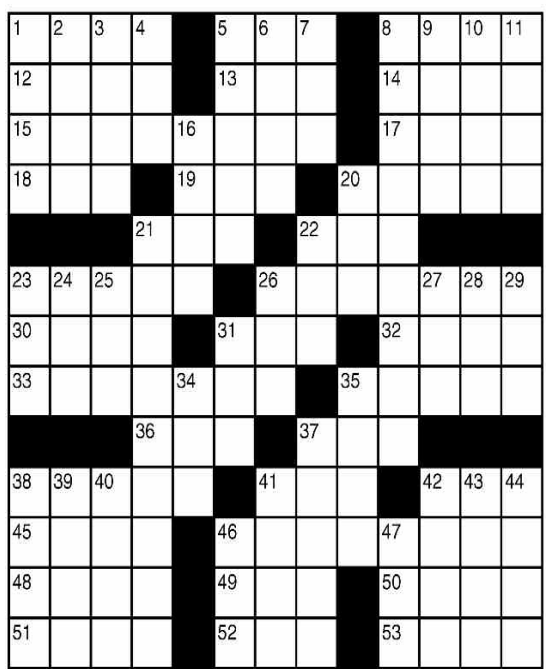
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Jay County High School freshman Cody Rowles, right, reaches for a single-leg takedown against Goshen senior Vicente Eckman during their 106-pound semifinal match of the IHSAA wrestling semi-state tournament on Saturday at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne. Rowles lost, but rebounded to finish third.

Phenoms ...

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Trailing sixth-ranked Aidan Sprague of East Noble 6-2 heading into the third period, Wood, who is ranked ninth at 120 pounds, got a reversal to pull within two. Wood let go of Sprague, who was battling cramps in both of his legs and his hands, in hopes of scoring more takedowns to grab the lead.
Wood got a takedown with 58 seconds remaining, and after failing to get a near fall he let Sprague go again 12 seconds later.
Wood was never able to score again and lost the semi-state championship by an 8-6 decision. The difference turned out to be a near fall in the second period.
“I think he wrestled well there,” Myers said. Wood won his first-round match against Aidan Sanderson of Columbia City by pin in the second period after leading 10-0, then topped Mikey Kallimani of Jimtown by 5-0 decision in the (quarterfinal) ticket round.
“Just gave up a couple near fall (points) in the final he couldn't recover from,” Myers continued. “He's right there. Great experience for him. Hard work paying off.”
Cameron Clark, a 132-pounder, and Rowles were the only other

Patriots of the five who competed to punch their tickets to state. And Rowles was able to rebound from a loss in the semifinal to place third while Clark had a knee injury flare up and he finished fourth.
Rowles pinned his way to a state berth with falls against senior Ryan Keller of Fairfield and No. 18 freshman Jalen May of Peru in the second period of his first two matches.
In the semifinal match against Goshen senior Vicente Eckman, Rowles wasn't able to get much of his offense going until the third period and he lost a 9-5 decision.
With a self-described chip on his shoulder, Rowles pinned No. 16 Keegan Malott of East Noble in 57 seconds to take third.
“I was mad,” he said. “I did not like the results of that semifinal match. It should have been different. It should have been completely switched around.”
Clark, a 132-pounder, found ways to win in each of his first two matches to become just the program's fifth freshman state qualifier.
In his opening-round match against Garrett junior Brayden Baker, Clark won by sudden victory in overtime, 7-5. Then in the ticket

round, he got a reversal with 45 seconds remaining for a 4-3 decision against DeKalb sophomore Braxton Miller.
Clark lost to Manchester junior Dylan Stroud in the semifinal 10-6 before a nagging knee injury flared up in the third-place match. His knee locked up on him against Belmont's Dominic Litchfield from the get-go and he got pinned in 16 seconds.
“His first two matches he won close matches against really good kids,” Myers said. “Semifinal match he was wrestling a returning semi-state champion. Man, I thought he wrestled him pretty tough.”
Freshman Taye Curtis and senior Blake Pruet each had their respective seasons end with first-round losses. At 113, Curtis was trailing No. 19 Bishop Dwenger junior Elliott Cornwell 4-1 in the first period before getting pinned in 1:44. He finished the season with a 28-7 record.
At 160, Pruet gave up a single-leg takedown to Landon Buchanan of Jimtown, and the 10th-ranked Jimmie junior turned it into a pin with 12 seconds remaining in the opening period. Pruet's senior campaign ended 24-11.

Lead ...

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Gabby has finished her playing career and graduated, opening the door for him to return to the sidelines.
“I've been getting the itch wanting to get back into it,” said Zgunda, who along with his wife Becky has four children — Garrett, 26, Graham, 25, Gabby, 22, and Grayson, 19. “I had conversations with Steve Boozier about a week and a half ago and it all just fell into place.”
While Zgunda has enjoyed his time as AD — he'll finish out his contract this school year then begin working with the Patriots — he's ready to get back into life as coach.
“Being the AD has been good,” he said. “It's just been, the last year or two I started thinking, I'm 52 years old, is this something I want to do with the rest of my career? The answer to that is no.”
“Nothing negative, just something that changed in me that I wanted to get back into coaching.”
Zgunda, who will teach physical education and be a “work-based learning supervisor,” inherits a Patriot program that was winless in 2020, the first such season in program history, and 1-18 over the last two years.
Jay School Board in December chose not to

'My main focus right now is going to be strength and conditioning ... The time's got to be put in the weight room now if you want to be successful in the fall.'
—Grant Zgunda

renew the contract of Tim Millsbaugh, who was 28-53 in eight seasons leading the Patriots. That opened the search for his replacement and Zgunda to become the ninth coach in program history.

“My main focus right now is going to be strength and conditioning,” he said. “I feel like any football program, you've got to have good strength and conditioning programs and make sure kids are getting ready for the season.”
“The time's got to be put in the weight room now if you want to be successful in the fall.”

Lose ...

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Stars nip Tribe

FORT RECOVERY — Fort Recovery's boys basketball team lost back-to-back games for the third time this season with a 59-43 setback to the South Adams Starfires on Saturday at Fort Site Fieldhouse.
The Indians (10-11), who also lost a Midwest Athletic Conference tilt Friday night to the Versailles Tigers, trailed 13-7 at the end of the first quarter against the Starfires and never got even. A 16-point outburst put South Adams (13-5) on top 29-13 at half-

time. The Starfires continued to light up the scoreboard by putting in 21 points during the third, although the Indians hung with them a bit with 17 points of their own.
Cale Rammel and Brian Bihn had 11 and 10 points, respectively, for the Indians. Regan Martin and Derek Jutte scored six points apiece.
Trey Schoch of South Adams led all players with 16 points.
Fort Recovery's junior varsity team won, 43-32. Landon Post led the Indians with 10 points and Caleb Evers totaled nine points.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
DLC#B403-217
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jay County, Indiana, in Cause No. 38C01-1911-MF-000035, wherein AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC was Plaintiff, and Damonic Skinner, was a Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs. I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 11th day of March, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. of said day, at the 120 N. Court Street, Ste. 305, Portland, IN 47371, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indiana: Lot Number Seventeen (17) in Meeker's Second Addition to the town (now city) of Portland, Jay County, Indiana. 38-07-21-204-115.000-034 and commonly known as: 709 E Main St, Portland, IN 473771. Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause #38C01-1911-MF-000035 in the Circuit Court of the County of Jay Indiana, and subject to all real estate taxes, and assessments currently due, delinquent or which are to become a lien.
Said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney.

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STATE OF INDIANA
JAY COUNTY, SS:
IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT
38C01-2101-EU-000005
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
HAROLD E. YOUNG,
Deceased
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that JERRY E. YOUNG AND SHARON J. MICHAEL were, on the 1st day of February, 2021, appointed personal representatives of the estate of HAROLD E. YOUNG, deceased, who died on December 31, 2020, and were authorized to administer said estate without court supervision.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 2nd day of February, 2021.

Jon Eads
Clerk, Jay Circuit Court
Timothy K. Babcock
Attorney No. 21526-90
DALE, HUFFMAN & BABCOCK
1127 North Main Street
Bluffton, Indiana 46714
Attorney for Estate
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CITY OF PORTLAND ZONING ADMINISTRATION
BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT HIS Constructors, Inc, Indianapolis, along with property owner Greg Whitenack, 1338 W 100 N, Portland, Indiana, have filed with the City of Portland Board of Zoning Appeals a petition, #VAR2021-02-01, requesting a zoning Variance to the regulations, to wit:
Parcel ID: 38-07-07-400-015.000-033
Location of Property Affected: 1338 W 100 N, Portland, between CR 100 W & CR 200 W, on the north side, Wayne Township, Section 7. Property is Zoned: Agricultural Residential (AR)
Description of Action Requested: HIS Constructors, Inc, along with the property owner, would like to expand the existing 1/2 acre Pond to a 4 1/2 acre pond; the dirt to be utilized as fill dirt on the Portland Municipal Airport expansion Project. The property lies within the Airport Overlay District (Section 3.16) of the City of Portland Zoning Ordinance and the pond falls inside the Wildlife Attractant Zone A as defined in Section 3.16.4 of the Ordinance. Section 3.16.9 requires variance approval from the BZA for the expansion of the pond with regards to the determination from the Airport Authority on the matter. If approved, the pond must also comply with the Jay County Soil & Water Conservation District Rule 5 regulations.
A public hearing will be held by said Board of Zoning Appeals on March 9, 2021 at 5:00 pm in the Conference Room of the Community Resource Building, 118 S Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana. At that time, all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard in reference to matters set out in the petition.
The petition and file on this matter are in the available for public inspection at the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department, 118 South Meridian Street, Ste E, Portland, Indiana 47371. If unable to attend the hearing, any statement setting forth any facts or opinions relating to the matter must be presented in writing to the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department not less than five (5) days before the hearing.

City of Portland Board of Zoning Appeals
By: John Hemmelgarn, Administrator/Director
Date: 2/8/21
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STATE OF INDIANA IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT
SS:
COUNTY OF JAY CASE NO. Cause # is 38C01-2101-MI-2. IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Emily Nicole Corn
Petitioner.
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Emily Nicole Corn, Whose mailing address is:
206 1/2 West Main Street
Portland, IN 47371
And, if different, my residence address is:
JAY County, Indiana hereby gives notice that she/he has filed a petition in the JAY Circuit Court requesting that his/her name be changed to Emily Nicole Wallace.
Notice is further given that hearing will be held on said Petition on the 9th day of March, 2021 at 9 o'clock AM.
Emily Corn
Petitioner
Date January 19, 2021
Jon Eads
JAY CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CR 2-2,9,16-2021 - HSPAXLP

Public Notice

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JAY COUNTY, SS:
IN THE JAY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 38C01-2102-MI-5
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF
Genevieve Marie McBride, Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Genevieve Marie McBride, whose mailing address is: Portland, Indiana 47371 in the Jay County, County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Genevieve Marie McBride has filed a petition in the Jay County Court requesting that her name be changed to Genevieve Marie Villas.
Notice is further given that hearing will be held on said Petition on April 6, 2021 at 1:00 pm. Genevieve Marie McBride, Petitioner
Date, February 5, 2021
Judicial Officer
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North dealer.
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NORTH
♦ A J 4
♥ 10 9
♦ K J 10
♠ A Q J 10 5
WEST
♠ 10 9 7
♥ K 8 6 4 3
♦ 8 4 2
♣ 6 3
EAST
♦ K Q 6 2
♥ Q J 5
♦ 9 7 6 3
♣ K 7
The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass
2 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — four of hearts.
Assume you're in three notrump and West leads the four of hearts. East plays the jack, which you duck, and continues with the queen, which you also duck. You win the next heart and let it ride, losing to the nine of clubs and let it ride, losing to East's king. Eventually you lose a spade trick, but you finish with nine tricks consisting of four clubs, three diamonds, a heart and a spade.
There seems to be nothing to the play, and you happily go on to the next deal. But when you reflect on the matter a bit more, you realize that you had a narrow escape and would have gone down against better defense.
The culprit was West, who could have stopped you from making three notrump by paying somewhat closer attention to his knitting. West should have realized at trick two that there was no future in establishing his hearts, as he had no outside entry card to cash them later.
Therefore, when East returned the queen of hearts at trick two, West should have overtaken it with the king to prevent East from continuing the suit. West could then shift to the ten of spades at trick three in an effort to exploit the most likely chink in declarer's armor.
South would be helpless against this attack from a new quarter. It would not matter whether he won the spade with the ace, covered West's ten with the jack or ducked completely. Whichever card declarer elected to play from dummy, the defense would ultimately wind up with two heart tricks, three spades and a club, and South would finish down two.

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Zgunda to lead Patriot football

Former Jay rival set to become ninth Patriot coach

By CHRIS SCHANZ
The Patriots have their new coach. And it's a familiar face, one they saw frequently on the opposing sideline. Grant Zgunda, who led the Delta Eagles for 18 seasons, was approved by Jay School Board on Monday as the next football coach at Jay County High School.

'You take three guys to state it's pretty special, but on top of that to take three freshmen to state it's really sweet. It's a testament to how hard they work.'

—Eric Myers, Jay County wrestling coach

Freshmen phenoms

Jay County High School freshman Tony Wood tries to turn East Noble's Aidan Sprague during their 120-pound championship match of the IHSAA wrestling semi-state tournament on Saturday at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne.



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Patriots have three freshmen qualify for wrestling state finals

By CHRIS SCHANZ
The Commercial Review
FORT WAYNE — Patriot freshmen have been setting the tone for the team all season. A trio of them set the tone for the program's future Saturday. Three Jay County High School freshmen qualified for the state finals based on their performance during the IHSAA wrestling semi-state championships at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

The top four places in each weight class advance to the state finals, which are slated for Friday at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. In 1987, Geoff Glogas, David Ferguson and Eric LeMaster all represented Jay County at the state finals. Glogas and Ferguson ended their seasons as champions. And for three youngsters who have been supporting one another their entire careers, they get to chase championships together.

Grant Zgunda, who led the Delta Eagles for 18 seasons, was approved by Jay School Board on Monday as the next football coach at Jay County High School. 'I'm excited to have this opportunity,' said Zgunda, 53, who is the current athletics director at Delta. 'I'm dying to get up there and meet everybody and meet the players.'

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Jay County boys lose 4th straight

MUNCIE — Two quarters in, the Patriots were on their way to ending a bit of a losing skid. But the Eagles took the lead in the third and held off the visitors. Jay County High School's boys basketball team lost a five-point lead at halftime and had yet another rally fall short in a 37-35 loss to the Delta Eagles on Saturday.

Local roundup

During his time at Delta, Zgunda amassed a record of 167-49 (77.3% winning percentage) with six sectional championships and three regional titles while guiding the 2001 team to the Class 4A state championship game. Since stepping down in 2016, former JCHS assistant Chris Overholt has coached Delta to 35 wins and 20 losses with a 2016 sectional title.

Bulls run past Pacers in OT

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Zach LaVine wants to be more than just a flashy scorer. It's a work in progress, but he showed Monday night how much he has improved this season. After scoring 12 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter to help Chicago force overtime, LaVine dug in defensively and helped lead the Bulls to a 120-112 victory over the Indiana Pacers.

'That's what our defense is built on, forcing you into tough shots, making you miss and not letting you get second chances,' said Pacers guard Malcolm Brogdon, who had 23 points and 15 rebounds. Brogdon helped Indiana charge back from an 11-point deficit in the fourth quarter. Domantas Sabonis' two free throws with 4:58 left in regulation gave the Pacers a 94-92 lead.