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## Portland to lose another officer

*Department short-handed following retirements*

By RILEY EUBANKS  
The Commercial Review

Already shorthanded from retirements, Portland Police Department is losing another officer.

Police chief Josh Stephenson told city council at its meeting Monday that officer Jagg Nuñez is resigning effective Feb. 11.

Nuñez is a full-time officer and graduated from the police department last year, Stephenson said. His departure comes in the midst of Sgt. Steve Schlechty planning to retire at the end of the month. The following month, officer Brandon McDavid will be spending the spring attending the police academy, creating another absence.

Add that to police chief Nathan Springer and communications chief Paula Bonvillian, both of whom retired in January, and there's quite a few holes to fill for Stephenson, who is entering his second month as chief.

And for the rest of his department, it's a struggle to use any unused vacation time from 2020.

"I'm forced to make my officers work 12-hour shifts," Stephenson said while successfully lobbying council to extend the period officers can use their 2020 vacation time.

City employees now have until June 30 to use vacation time from last year after council voted to amend the city handbook. Previously, council extended it to March 31. As of now, this year's vacation time will still have to be used by the end of the year.

Just last week, Dunkirk City Council voted to pay its city's police officers \$3,775 for unused vacation time from 2020. An extension allows city employees to use it or lose it.

"We're not out anything by extending it," said council president Kent McClung, noting that money for vacation time was already appropriated from the previous year's budget.

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## Sectional celebration

R.J. Heskett, a Jay County High School senior, looks to his team in celebrating his 138-pound championship during the IHSAA wrestling sectional tournament Saturday at JCHS. Heskett was one of three Patriots to win titles as Jay County had 10 regional qualifiers.

# Legal brief links Trump to riot

By ERIC TUCKER and MARY CLARE JALONICK  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump endangered the lives of all members of Congress when he aimed a mob of supporters "like a loaded cannon" at the U.S. Capitol, House Democrats said today in making their most detailed case yet for why the former president should be convicted and permanently barred from office.

The legal brief forcefully links Trump's baseless efforts to overturn the results of the presidential election to the deadly Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol, saying he bears "unmistakable" blame for actions that directly threatened the

underpinnings of American democracy. It argues that he must be found guilty when his impeachment trial opens before the Senate next week on a charge of inciting the siege.

"His conduct endangered the life of every single Member of Congress, jeopardized the peaceful transition of power and line of

succession, and compromised our national security," the Democratic managers of the impeachment case wrote. "This is precisely the sort of constitutional offense that warrants disqualification from federal office."

The legal brief lays out for the first time the arguments House lawmakers

expect to present at the impeachment trial. It not only explicitly faults him for his role in the riot but also aims to preemptively rebut defense claims that Trump's words were somehow protected by the First Amendment or that an impeachment trial is unconstitutional, or even unnecessary, now that

Trump has left office. It says Trump's behavior was so egregious as to require permanent disqualification from office.

The Constitution specifies that disqualification from office can be a punishment for an impeachment conviction.

"This is not a case where elections alone are a sufficient safeguard against future abuse; it is the electoral process itself that President Trump attacked and that must be protected from him and anyone else who would seek to mimic his behavior," the legal brief states.

Lawyers for Trump are expected to file their own brief today.

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*Dems to argue former president 'endangered the life of every single Member of Congress'*

## Meeting in person again

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — Village council met for almost three months via Zoom.

Now, it's back to in-person meetings again.

Fort Recovery Village Council met in the council chambers Monday for the first time since November. (The group initially moved to video conference calls in response to worsening conditions of COVID-19.)

During the meeting, village administrator Randy Diller updated council members on various projects.

The lime sludge press, a tool the water department purchased several months ago, is currently filtering lime sludge from water at the facility. After the village finishes the neces-

### *Diller provides updates on various village projects*

sary permits, it will likely be delivering the filtered dry lime to local farmers — Diller named Bill Knapke as one potential recipient — to help reduce the acidity in soil, among other benefits.

The village is also planning to use a sludge reducing bacteria program at the lagoons to help remove sludge caked at the bottom of the ponds. In a year, the program removes between 18

and 24 inches of sludge, Diller said.

Precision Concrete Cutting of Carey will be visiting in late March or early April to take sample cuts and allow village administration to see the process and finished project. It is planning to fix offset sidewalks by saw-cutting the concrete at an angle, removing trip hazards, Diller explained.

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Fort Recovery Village Council members discuss village matters in council chambers Monday. The group resumed in-person meetings for the first time since November. (Council previously agreed to move its meetings online via Zoom for a few months because of concerns about the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.)

### Deaths

**Ruth Zeiler**, 94, rural Bryant  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Portland had a high temperature of 30 degrees Monday. The low was 16, and there was a trace of snow.

Tonight's low will be 12 degrees. Expect generally sunny skies Wednesday with a high of 29.

For an extended forecast, see page 2.

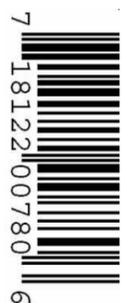
### In review

A free food tailgate that was scheduled for Wednesday at Jay County Fairgrounds has been canceled.

### Coming up

**Wednesday** — Coverage of tonight's Portland Park Board meeting.

**Friday** — Results from Thursday's girls swimming sectional preliminaries.



# Capsule Reports

**Icy road**  
A Portland resident slid off a county road and into a ditch about 5:20 p.m. Monday.  
Bruce E. Wood, 50, was driving east on county road 200 South just east of Boundary Pike when his vehicle drove across a patch of ice. The 2007 Hummer H3 slid off the road and into a ditch, striking a tree on the passenger side. Damage

is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.  
**Tank stolen**  
A 300-gallon propane tank was reported stolen from a rural Portland home Monday.  
Alan Adair, 7168 S. 200 East, returned to his property around 9:40 a.m. Monday to find the large tank missing. He told Jay County Sheriff's

Office he was unsure if anything else had been stolen.  
**Distracted driving**  
A Portland driver crashed into an oncoming vehicle about 10:45 a.m. Saturday.  
Sue L. Hudson, 74, told police she was looking at a vehicle to the west parking along the curb as she drove her 2000 Chevrolet Impala east on Arch Street into

the intersection with Western Avenue. She told police she did not see Samuel D. Voght, 65, and crashed into his vehicle. Voght told police he was westbound on Arch Street in his 2002 Chevrolet Silverado when Hudson pulled in front of his path, according to a Portland Police Department accident report.  
Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

**Deer hit**  
Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500 after a Portland resident drove into a deer about 6:40 p.m. Monday.  
Shelly Wilburn, 56, was driving south on Indiana 67 near county road 700 South when she hit a deer. She told Jay County Sheriff's Office she did not stop for the deer but called to file a report.

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Wednesday 2/3	Thursday 2/4	Friday 2/5	Saturday 2/6	Sunday 2/7
<b>30/18</b>	<b>38/20</b>	<b>25/11</b>	<b>22/6</b>	<b>10/-4</b>
Below freezing all day under mostly sunny skies with a northwest wind around 5 mph.	Warmer with a 60% chance of a freezing rain-snow mix all day. Less than a half inch of snow at night.	Cooler with temperatures dipping below the teens at night. Mostly cloudy.	Cooler at night with temperatures dipping into single digits at night. Mostly cloudy.	Temperatures will dip into the negatives under mostly cloudy skies. Even cooler on Monday.

Lotteries	
<b>Powerball</b> Saturday 1-2-7-52-61 Powerball: 4 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	31-36-38-39-40-43-45-50-51-52-57-58-66-69-70 Cash 5: 5-7-18-27-35 Estimated jackpot: \$691,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$42 million	<b>Ohio</b> Monday Midday Pick 3: 4-5-0 Pick 4: 2-1-3-2 Pick 5: 1-0-4-8-6 Evening Pick 3: 4-8-0 Pick 4: 8-9-9-7 Pick 5: 7-5-8-1-1 Rolling Cash 5: 5-14-19-22-31 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000 Classic Lotto: 9-23-27-38-42-44 Kicker: 2-3-6-8-1-8 Jackpot: \$3.7 million
<b>Hoosier</b> Monday Midday Daily Three: 4-8-4 Daily Four: 1-9-5-8 Quick Draw: 11-17-18-19-20-22-32-36-40-41-45-47-52-53-59-60-61-73-74-80 Evening Daily Three: 7-2-9 Daily Four: 2-8-6-7 Quick Draw: 1-3-4-8-14	

Markets	
<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....5.44 Wheat .....6.08	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....5.33 March corn .....5.36 Beans .....13.40 March beans .....13.40 Wheat ..... 6.28 March wheat ..... 6.30
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....5.48 March corn .....5.48	<b>Sunrise St. Anthony</b> Corn.....5.16 March corn .....5.21 Beans .....13.23 March beans .....13.38 Wheat .....6.19 March wheat.....6.19
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....5.37 Feb. corn .....5.42 Beans .....13.38 Feb. beans .....13.50 Wheat ..... 6.43 Feb. wheat ..... 6.43	

## Today in history

**On Feb. 2, 1990**, in a dramatic concession to South Africa's Black majority, President F.W. de Klerk lifted a ban on the African National Congress and promised to free Nelson Mandela.  
**In 1653**, New Amsterdam — now New York City — was incorporated.  
**In 1876**, the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs was formed in New York.  
**In 1913**, New York City's rebuilt Grand Central Terminal officially opened to the public at one minute past midnight.  
**In 1914**, Charles Chaplin made his movie debut as the comedy short "Making a Living" was released by Keystone Film Co.  
**In 1922**, the James Joyce novel "Ulysses" was published in Paris on Joyce's 40th birthday.  
**In 1925**, the legendary Alaska Serum Run ended as the last of a series of dog mushers brought a life-saving treatment to Nome, the scene of a diphtheria epidemic, six days after the drug left Nenana.  
**In 1943**, the remainder of Nazi forces from the Battle of Stalingrad surrendered in a major victory for the Soviets in World War II.  
**In 1971**, Portland's new water tower near the intersection of Franklin and Lincoln streets began to take shape as main support columns were put into place.  
**In 1980**, NBC News reported the FBI had conducted a sting operation targeting members of Congress using phony Arab businessmen in what became known as "Abscam," a codename protested by Arab-Americans.  
**In 2006**, House Republicans elected John Boehner of Ohio as their new majority leader to replace the indicted Tom DeLay.

—AP and The CR

# Obituaries

**Ruth Zeiler**  
Feb. 19, 1926-Feb. 1, 2021  
Ruth L. Zeiler, age 94, a resident of rural Bryant, passed away Monday, Feb. 1, 2021, at Persimmon Ridge Nursing Home in Portland.  
Ruth was born Feb. 19, 1926, the daughter of Harley and Mildred (Betz) Roll. She graduated from Bryant High School in 1944. Ruth was a homemaker and a member of Bryant Wesleyan Church.  
Ruth married Fred Zeiler on Nov. 9, 1946. Fred passed away on Dec. 24, 1996.

Survivors include:  
Two sons — Richard Zeiler (wife: Jana), Sheridan, Indiana, and Robert "Bob" Zeiler (wife: Karen), Bryant, Indiana  
One daughter — Connie Gretencord (husband: Galen), Oxford, Indiana  
Eight grandchildren and several great-grandchildren  
She was preceded in death by her husband Fred, and a son, Mark Allen Zeiler.



Private graveside services will be held on Saturday at Gravel Hill Cemetery, west of Bryant. Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.  
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*The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge.*  
*They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.*  
*There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.*

# Cigarette tax hike discussed

**By TOM DAVIES**  
Associated Press  
INDIANANAPOLIS — Indiana could increase its cigarette tax for the first time in more than a decade and impose a new state tax on vaping liquids under a proposal taken up Monday by state lawmakers.  
The proposal would add \$1 to the state's current 99.5 cents per pack cigarette tax and has the backing of many health organizations and business groups as a way to discourage smoking and reduce Indiana's high smoking rate.  
It also would charge a 39% tax on the liquids used in e-cigarettes, which bill sponsor Republican Rep. Julie Olthoff, of Crown Point, said would be roughly

equivalent to the cigarette tax.  
Bryan Hannon, an American Cancer Society lobbyist, told the Indiana House Public Health Committee that increasing the cost for vaping was needed so that it didn't become more appealing to cigarette smokers.  
"The importance of tobacco tax parity in public health is to make sure when you raise the price on one tobacco product, you're raising the price on other tobacco products so as not to encourage switching," Hannon said.  
Some supporters want an even greater increase of \$2 per pack in the cigarette tax.  
Indiana Chamber of Commerce President Kevin Brinegar argued the state's high smoking rates

increased health care costs for businesses and hurt Indiana's economic competitiveness.  
Indiana's 21.1% smoking rate among adults was the fourth highest in the country for 2018, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Nationwide tracking by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids lists Indiana's current cigarette tax as the country's 39th highest, falling below all neighboring states.  
The Indiana House last backed a \$1 per pack increase in 2017, only to see the move fail as the state Senate as Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb also opposed it. Previous attempts to implement a vaping products tax have also failed in the Republican-dominated Legislature.

No one from the Holcomb administration spoke during Monday's committee hearing, but the governor's top health adviser said during the state health department's budget hearing last week that lawmakers should make any cigarette tax increase large enough to be "worthwhile" and noted Indiana's status with the region's lowest tax.  
Indiana saw a 20% decrease in the consumption of cigarettes following its 2007 tax increase of 44 cents per pack, state Health Commissioner Dr. Kristina Box said.  
"Most importantly, what we saw was a decrease in new starts in our most vulnerable population, like our pregnant patients," Box said.

# Felony arrests

**Child solicitation**  
A Berne man was arrested Saturday for alleged child solicitation.  
Nicholas J. Gerber, 21, 6803 S. 000 Road, was preliminarily charged for child solicitation, a Level 5 felony, and unlawful communication, a Class A misdemeanor. He was booked into Jay County Jail on \$15,000 bond.  
**Perjury**  
A Pennville resident was arrested Monday for alleged perjury.  
Sydney N. Cluckey, 22, 223 N. Indiana 1, was preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony. She was

booked into Jay County Jail on \$3,000 bond.  
**Failed to appear**  
Two Indiana residents were arrested this weekend for failing to appear in court.  
Amanda F. Hale, 41, 3773 E. 400 South, Portland, was arrested Friday. She has a previous Level 6 felony charge for theft. She was booked into Jay County Jail with no bond.  
Jennifer R. Ostovich, 35, 916 S. Bennett St., Bluffton, was arrested Saturday. She has a previous Level 6 felony charge for unlawful posses-

sion of a syringe and a Class B misdemeanor for false informing. She was booked into Jay County Jail with no set bond.  
**Probation violation**  
A Dunkirk man violated his probation Sunday.  
Heath E. Patterson, 34, 10660 W. 400 South, has three previous charges for possession of methamphetamine (a Level 6 felony), possession of marijuana (Class B misdemeanor) and possession of a controlled substance (Class A misdemeanor). He was booked into Jay County Jail on \$750 bond.

# Portland ...

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Stephenson said there are two full-time police officers he plans to hire to the department, but that the earliest they can be hired is early March because of the pension board having to approve their employment, among other requirements.  
He is expected to present two potential new hires — one a code enforcement officer and the other a dispatcher — at the city's board of works meeting Thursday.

In other business, council members Don Gillespie, Matt Goldsworthy, Michele Brewster, Dave Golden, Mike Aker and McClung, absent Janet Powers:  
•Made a final \$237,593 payment to PWTech for the construction of a new

# Meeting ...

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In order to update the sidewalk policy, Diller and village officials need to know if the process will be an option they can allow and what restrictions they will need to have on it.  
In January, Diller and village employees had a virtual training session about the new Geographic Information System. Great Lakes Community Action Partnership will return in the spring to finish mapping Fort Recovery. The group will finalize the map and provide another training session for the

new software at that time. Once it is completed, village workers will have a program that will share exact information about utility systems, including the ability to track maintenance and repair records.  
Also, the Ohio Department of Transportation has approved changing the speed limit to 35 mph on Ohio 119 (Boundary Street) from its intersection with John Street to eastern village limits. (Village council agreed to hold a speed study and decided to change the previous speed limit of 55

mph.) The speed limit signs will be changed soon.  
In other business, council members Erik Fiely, Cliff Wendel, Luke Knapke, Al Post, Scott Pearson and Greg Schmitz:  
•Heard from Fort Recovery Police Chief Jared Laux, who discussed purchasing a new cruiser for the village. He also noted the Veterans of Foreign Wars donated \$500 to the police department.  
•Learned from Mayor Dave Kaup that the Southwest Mercer Fire District looking at a grant to fund another ambulance purchase.

# Citizen's calendar

**Today**  
7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.  
7 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.  
7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.  
**Thursday**  
10 a.m. — Portland Board of Works via Zoom.

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**Jay County Sheriff's Department**  
is now taking applications for  
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(may not be paid county employee)  
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224 W. Water St., Portland. E.O.E.

# Believe the facts this Groundhog Day

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

Groundhog day is today. The oversized rodents that dig gaping holes as entrances to their homes are represented by Phil from Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Phil lives in a library but I doubt if he can read. I wonder if he thinks his home is a prison, or if he thinks it's heaven because all his needs are met without him having to do anything. I wonder if he misses being able to run around outside where he can feel the earth under his feet. I wonder if he is lonely.

Phil supposedly predicts how much longer it will be before we can finally put the snow shovel away. I find it interesting that an animal that only gets to go out-

## As I See It



side one day a year can predict how much longer winter will hang around.

Phil doesn't have a very high accuracy rate. He's been doing this since 1887 but his predictions have been correct only 34 to 38 percent of the time, depending which website you believe. It is more about a light hearted few hours than it is about accuracy. This year will be a bit different because of the social distancing requirements. I wonder if anyone has made a mask for Phil.

This year I would prefer an animal that can tell us how much longer the pandemic will last. Rabbits already have a holiday. Woolly worms supposedly can also predict weather by their coloring but they are exceedingly hard to find during the cold weather. Dogs can find drugs, people, lost souls and any number of other things, so they are too busy to deal with such trivia. They wouldn't tell us if they could. They figure that there is nothing they can do about it so why worry?

Cats are ruled out not because they are incapable of predicting weather, disease or anything at all, but mostly because they don't care if the weather is bad or not. They don't care if we are ill. As long as they

get food, water and a roof over their heads, I doubt if they care if we are sick.

The best we can do is follow the recommendations of the scientists. We are all tired of washing our hands so often that they are always chapped. We are tired of social distancing. As humans, we crave touch. Leaving our loved ones to die alone is tragic. We are finally developing vaccines that will help to

defeat the disease. My husband has had his shot but I am still too young.

Perhaps the worst thing about the pandemic is the arguments between people who have different beliefs. We have each formed our opinions on the information we are given. Raised voices have never changed anyone's opinion about what is or is not true.

In addition to being Groundhog day, it is the anniversary of Mom's

death. As much as I miss her, I am so grateful she does not have to go through the pandemic. All the scare tactics and misinformation would be too much for her to deal with.

After all is said and done, winter will be over when it wants to, no matter what Phil or anything else indicates. The same goes for the pandemic. Nothing lasts forever, it just seems that way.

*The best we can do is follow the recommendations of the scientists.*

## Promotion reveals work environment

DEAR ABBY: When my boss hired me as an assistant four years ago, she specifically told me my job was to do whatever the person above me wants. I wasn't allowed to communicate with anyone on the job other than the lady above me. Even though it was tough to watch my supervisor make so many bad decisions and get away with it, I did what was required of me.

Now I have worked my way up and have an assistant of my own. However, my boss has given my assistant much more than she ever gave me when I was in that position. Sometimes I feel like she acts like I'm not valued. I want to point it out, but I don't want to be that kind of person. I love what I do, but I don't know how much longer I can handle being treated this way. Should I tell her how I feel? She constantly leaves me out of important decisions and then tries to play mind games to make up for it. She is also giving my assistant important information before telling me. I don't know what I should do. — FRUSTRATED IN OREGON

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Many companies have annual reviews for employees in which subjects like the ones you have raised are discussed. If this isn't the case in your firm, ask for one.

DEAR ABBY: I am worried about my kids and their social well-being. I understand we are in a pandemic. Our family has been responsible and socially distancing, but it seems like their friends have all been spending time together. Understandably, my kids are jealous and angry at their

father and me for putting restrictions on them. But I am worried about their lack of social interaction and how it may affect their future. One of them has a harder time making friends and doesn't have many things in common with their peers, which led to spending more time at home when there was no pandemic. — WORRIED MOM IN NEW YORK

DEAR WORRIED: Until the threat of COVID has been resolved, it's up to you as parents to decide how you restrict your children in relation to the pandemic. Of course you want to protect them, even if your choices aren't popular. Kids can be careless. They can forget to pull their masks up and stay socially distanced, and the results can be tragic. But there are relatively safe outdoor activities parents can plan to keep their children from being completely isolated.

As to your child who is less socially adept, this is a subject to discuss with his/her teachers or a child psychologist. Perhaps you can help by researching online interest groups this child can join that will connect them with other children — under your supervision, of course.

## Dear Abby



## Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@thecr.com](mailto:news@thecr.com).

### Today

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. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in room 205 at John Jay Center for Learning.

### 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.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Wednesday at Jay Community Center and 10:30 a.m. to noon each Wednesday at West Jay Community Center in Dunkirk. The public is welcome.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St.

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 (206) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

PENNVILLE FAIR BOARD — Will meet at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Penville Community Center.

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

## Sudoku

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Level: Beginner

### Saturday's Solution

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

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

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# Existing funds should be utilized

To the editor:

Over the course of the past few weeks there have been articles concerning the City of Portland, Portland City Council and tax increment financing (TIF) district funds all related directly or indirectly to various aspects of downtown flood issues.

The city is considering handing Indiana Department of Environmental Management \$41,000 to close out, not complete, the wetlands restoration

## Letters to the Editor

at the failed XPLEX site on the city's north side. Wetlands have a multitude of benefits, the most important one of which is to slow and hold water flow, especially in time

of heavy rains. The city owns the land and should fully consider the total wetlands restoration opportunity as an economical, positive step toward slowing downtown flooding.

City council is currently considering a proposed property tax increase for funding of flood and storm sewer work in downtown Portland. The tax study presented states it would generate \$326,000 yearly to be used for obtaining grants and

funding bonds for the designed work. A few days later, it comes out that the TIF district fund has about \$800,000 available. It was acknowledged in the meeting of the redevelopment commission that those funds could be used for downtown flood issues as well.

How much does the current TIF district generate annually? What can the current available tax funds (local option income tax, economic development income tax and TIF) provide as

quick-start funding for positive steps toward this long-running issue?

Reaching a long-term planned multi-step solution for downtown flood control including a reasonable and measured tax response that fully utilizes all currently available tax funds to create a positive end to downtown Portland flooding is what the businesses and citizens of the city deserve.

Jeff Hiser  
Portland

## Boomers set to push 'silver surge'

By **ANDREA FELSTED**  
Bloomberg Opinion

Companies long to partner with the Kardashians. Over the past couple of years, we have seen beauty leader Coty Inc., for example, strike cosmetics deals with both Kim Kardashian and Kylie Jenner to appeal to young, social-media-savvy shoppers. Before that, Kendall Jenner was the face of an Estee Lauder Cos. Inc. collection targeting millennials.

But in 2021, the family member who businesses should really be keeping up with is 65-year-old momager Kris Jenner. The successful matriarch represents just the type of customer they'll need to court in the wake of COVID-19.

Many companies have tended to neglect baby boomers, focusing instead on winning over millennials and Generation Z. The strategy could cost them dearly this year. Older generations are set to get vaccinated first. Once they're inoculated and free to venture out again, they could drive a silver surge in spending — in some of the worst-hit corners of the economy.

Not only will this group have more freedom, but they will also have more money to spend. After all, they're less likely to have suffered job losses from the pandemic, and having to stay home for nearly a year has only swelled their savings.

That's good news for TUI, the world's biggest package-tour operator, as well as British over-50s travel specialist Saga. It also bodes well for battered cruise lines, such as Carnival Corp. and Royal Caribbean Cruises, which are dependent on older customers. Saga is requiring all travelers to be fully vaccinated before taking one of its vacations. If other tour operators follow suit, that could encourage more confidence in overseas holidays in general and, after being cast as COVID super-spreader sites, cruises in particular.

We could also see a boost to the broader leisure sector, as seniors typically spend more on holidays closer to home. That may explain why U.K. transport operator National Express Group saw a 250% increase in bookings in its Lucketts business, which offers coach holidays to destinations like Scotland, Cornwall and the Cotswolds, after launching its summer brochure in January, compared with 2020.

Domestic holidays and staycations also mean

**Andrea Felsted**



more money spent in local restaurants, pubs and other establishments, presuming they are open again. These businesses will benefit from older consumers being free to go shopping and eat out even when they're not on holiday.

Boomers tend to spend less on clothing and beauty than their younger counterparts. But with the prospect of holidays and meals out, some wardrobe refreshment looks likely.

But companies targeting the gray dollar should tread carefully. Baby boomers are healthier and have a younger outlook than their parents did. One sure way to alienate them is to treat them as old.

Instead, in travel and hospitality, companies can win them over with high-quality services that emphasize both comfort and luxury. More age diversity in brand ambassadors — think Kris Jenner, not just Kylie — would also help connect with these valuable consumers. Choosing the right platforms matters, too. Facebook, for example, is particularly popular with the over-50s. And online ordering has grown more customary — Walmart Inc. saw more over-50s shopping on its website during the pandemic — creating new market opportunities and sources of data.

To be sure, there are some reasons for caution when it comes to the silver surge. Those between 50 and 64 years old tend to be bigger spenders than the over-65s, and it will take a while before the vaccine rollout reaches this cohort. What's more, even after being inoculated, some older people may feel nervous about going out and about again.

Nevertheless, it's still worth paying more attention to this long-overlooked demographic. Even when the health crisis is over, the economic effects will linger. Younger people, especially the many working in retail and hospitality, will feel the most financial pain. Consumer companies better start speaking to the boomers.

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## Bipartisanship works if it's quiet

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The danger of campaigning on a pledge to "unite the country" is that if you win, your opponents get to decide whether you will succeed. That's the dilemma now facing President Joe Biden — and the best way for him to achieve his goal is not to make too big a deal of it.

In political terms, unity will have to take the form of bipartisanship, given the math in Congress. And the extent to which Biden is already getting trolled by Republicans for not being unifying underscores one of the great paradoxes of presidential leadership: A president's engagement on an issue can make it harder to resolve.

As Frances Lee wrote in her 2009 book on Congress, "Beyond Ideology," in the modern era of close elections and frequent swings in partisan control, there are "inherent zero-sum conflicts between the two parties' political interests." In other words, it would be a big win for Biden to get substantial bipartisan support for his initiatives — which is exactly why Republicans won't give it to him.

Sometimes presidents try what President George W. Bush did during his Social Security privatization push, and try to use the bully pulpit to influence public (and congressional) opinion. But it doesn't work. As the political scientist George Edwards has demonstrated, presidential speeches consistently fail to move public opinion in the intended direction. In today's hyperpolarized political atmosphere, speechifying will be even less productive.

There is another way. In 2015 President Barack Obama signed into law sweeping overhauls of federal K-12 education policy and federal surface transportation policy. That these measures are obscure is no coincidence. Precisely because the president wasn't publicly engaged, the work stayed low-profile. Republicans could work with Democrats without fear of being labeled RINOs, and policy change could be enacted without it being a "win for the Obama administration" that Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, was duty-bound to sabotage.

It happened again this past Decem-

ber as Congress enacted a surprising-ly ambitious climate and energy bill — not despite but because nobody was really paying attention.

If Biden wants to get things done in a bipartisan way, he needs to resist the temptation to follow what probably will be a party-line pandemic relief bill with a huge show of bipartisan legislative effort. In all likelihood, that would only force Republicans to foil him.

Instead, he should devote the next several months of his presidency to vaccine administration, reassuring allies, or convening blue-ribbon commissions — anything so long as it is far from the halls of Congress. There, it's entirely possible that bipartisan legislation will emerge with the headlights off, even as both parties' respective Twitter caucuses continue to fight each other.

Consider the possibilities. Transportation infrastructure is due for another look. There are areas of immigration policy where small deals may be possible. Now that Republicans have belatedly given up trying to repeal the Affordable Care Act, they could be willing to discuss some health-care ideas.

On criminal justice reform, House Democrats passed a very ambitious police reform bill after George Floyd's death last year. Republicans didn't like it, but they felt they had to show willingness to do something on the issue, so they got behind a modest reform package that Democrats then blocked because they didn't want to give Republicans a bipartisan win on a high-profile issue. The Republican bill, authored by Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina, is by no means an adequate answer to a serious problem. But now that public attention has moved on, you could imagine moderate Democrats nudging him to raise his ambitions a little and revive the effort.

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Progressives will probably say that rather than embrace bipartisanship, Democrats should abolish the filibuster and go for broke with the majorities they have.

But abolishing the filibuster, though a good idea, doesn't change the basic reality that a 50-50 Senate and a slim majority in the House are not going to bring about the second coming of the New Deal. The pivotal members in both houses represent constituencies that Biden lost, and they're not going to embrace a series of party-line votes on highly controversial measures.

So filibuster or no, if Biden wants to go down as a successful president who signed meaningful transformative legislation, a good deal of it will have to rely on cross-party cooperation.

The risk is that precisely because cooperation will make him successful, Republicans will have a huge incentive to withhold it. Modern Congress is, in that sense, like quicksand. Biden, a veteran senator, will be tempted to throw himself into an effort to lobby Republicans and reluctant Democrats. He may even convince himself that, because he was frequently the Obama White House's emissary to congressional Republicans, he can play the role even more effectively on his own behalf.

That's a trap. He was a useful emissary because Republicans needed someone other than Obama to deal with. Now Biden's got the top job. The more he thrashes around, the deeper he'll sink.

The key will be to disengage, publicly at least, while having his team work quietly with members on articulating White House red lines, offering suggestions and technical assistance, and whipping recalcitrant Democrats to sign on to promising deals. If Biden is talking about legislation, whether it's about transportation or criminal justice or anything else, Republicans will fight him on it. If Biden wants some bipartisan achievements, then he can't be seen as trying too hard to be bipartisan.

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In review

Study shows

MOSCOW — Russian scientists say the country's Sputnik V vaccine appears safe and effective against COVID-19, according to early results of an advanced study published today in a British medical journal.

The news is a boost for the vaccine, which governments around the world increasingly are purchasing in the race to stop the devastation caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

Researchers said that based on a fall trial involving about 20,000 people in Russia, the vaccine is about 91% effective and appears to prevent inoculated individuals from becoming severely ill with COVID-19. But it is unclear if Sputnik V can stop transmission. The study was published online today in The Lancet.

To approve

WASHINGTON — The Senate is poised to approve Pete Buttigieg to be transportation secretary, the first openly gay person ever confirmed to a Cabinet post, tasked with advancing President Joe Biden's wide-ranging agenda of rebuilding the nation's infrastructure and fighting climate change.

Buttigieg's nomination was set for a final vote today in the full Senate, after the 39-year-old former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, and Biden's one-time rival in the Democratic presidential primaries received bipartisan praise at his confirmation hearing last week.

Denounced

MOSCOW — Opposition leader Alexei Navalny denounced a Moscow court hearing today on whether he should be sent to prison for years, calling it a vain attempt by the Kremlin to scare millions of Russians into submission.

The 44-year-old Navalny, an anti-corruption investigator who is the most prominent critic of President Vladimir Putin, was arrested Jan. 17 upon returning from Germany, where he spent five months recovering from a nerve-agent poisoning that he blames on the Kremlin. Russian authorities deny the charge and claim, despite tests by several European labs, that they have no proof he was poisoned.

—Associated Press

# Under house arrest

## Myanmar lawmakers detained after coup

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Hundreds of members of Myanmar's Parliament were under house arrest today, confined to their government housing complex and guarded by soldiers a day after the military seized power in a coup and detained senior politicians including the country's de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

One of the detained lawmakers said he and about 400 others spent a sleepless night, worried they might be taken away, but were otherwise OK. They were able to speak with one another inside the compound and communicate to the outside by phone, but were not allowed to leave the housing complex in Naypyitaw, the capital. He said Suu Kyi was not being held with them.

"We had to stay awake and be alert," the lawmaker told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity out of concern for his safety. He said police were inside the complex, where members of Suu Kyi's party and various smaller parties were being held, and soldiers were outside it.

The coup came the morning lawmakers had gathered in the capital for the opening of a new parliamentary session. The military said the seizure was necessary in part because the government had not acted on the military's claims of fraud in November's elections — in which Suu Kyi's ruling party won a majority of the parliamentary seats up for grabs — and claimed the takeover was legal under the constitution. But the move was widely condemned abroad.

The coup highlights the extent to which the generals have ultimately maintained control in Myanmar, despite more than a decade of talk about democratic reforms. Western countries had greeted the move toward democracy enthusiastically, removing sanctions they had in place for years.

The takeover now presents a test for the international community. U.S. President Joe Biden called the military's actions "a direct assault on the country's transition to democracy and the



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A demonstrator holds up an image of Aung San Suu Kyi during a protest Monday outside the Embassy of Myanmar in Bangkok, Thailand. Myanmar's military detained Aung San Suu Kyi, declared a state of emergency for a year and voided her party's landslide November election victory in a setback for the country's nascent democracy.

rule of law" and threatened new sanctions. The U.N. Security Council is expected to meet about the military's actions today.

Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party released a statement today calling for the military to honor the results of the election and release all of those detained — as have the leaders of many other countries.

"The commander-in-chief seizing the power of the nation is against the constitution and it also neglects the sovereign power of people," the party said in a statement on one of its Facebook pages.

An announcement read on military-owned Myawaddy TV on Monday said Commander-in-Chief Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing would be in charge of the country

for one year. Later in the day, his office announced a new Cabinet composed of current and former generals and former advisers to a previous government headed by former Gen. Thein Sein.

It wasn't yet clear how Myanmar's people will react to the seizure. Today in Yangon, the country's biggest city, the streets were quieter than usual, but markets were open, street vendors were still cooking food and taxis and buses were still running.

There were no outward signs of heavy security — but an unease has set in. People were removing the once ubiquitous red flags of Suu Kyi's party from their homes and businesses.

In 1988 and 2007, public uprisings against the military ended in bloodshed.

Bo Bo Oo, a National League for Democracy lawmaker and former political prisoner, said the party was not currently planning street protests, but is exploring legal options in an effort to take power back from the military.

"We are working to settle the problem peacefully," he said. "Right now we are not planning for a big protest. But we have to practice some form of civil disobedience."

He said he believed he could be arrested at any time.

"For many years the Burmese people have worked hard for democracy. It's been such a long journey," he said, using an alternate name for Myanmar's people. "And now this is one of the worst moments in our country's history."

## Two FBI agents killed in Florida

By TERRY SPENCER and MIKE BALSAMO  
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SUNRISE, Fla. — Two FBI agents were fatally shot and three wounded today while serving a federal search warrant in a child exploitation case in South Florida, authorities said.

The suspect was also killed during the standoff in which he barricaded himself inside a home, said FBI Miami Special Agent Michael D. Leverock. Two wounded agents were taken to hospitals to be treated and were in stable condition, Leverock said, adding that the names of the deceased agents will not be released immediately.

Law enforcement agencies swarmed the neighborhood in the Fort Lauderdale suburb of Sunrise after the shooting.

Another large contingent of officers gathered outside a Fort Lauderdale hospital where victims were taken, according to television video. The agents had arrived to serve a federal search warrant in connection with a case involving violent crimes against children, Leverock said.

The Sunrise Police Department tweeted about the heavy police presence and the closure of surrounding roads.

The shooting happened around 6 a.m. in a middle-class neighborhood of single family homes, duplexes and apartment buildings. Hours later, Sunrise Police urged residents of Water Terrace to remain inside their homes while law enforcement blocked the entrances to their community.

## Brief ...

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In a Fox News appearance Monday night, one of the attorneys, David Schoen, said he would argue that the trial was unconstitutional, that efforts to bar Trump from office were undemocratic, and that his words were protected by the First Amendment.

Democrats made clear that they disagree with all points.

"The only honorable path at that point was for President Trump to accept the results and concede his electoral defeat. Instead, he summoned a mob to Washington, exhorted them into a frenzy, and aimed them like a loaded cannon down Pennsylvania Avenue," they wrote in their 77-page brief.

The Democrats draw heavily on the words of prominent Republicans who have criticized the former president, including Wyoming Rep. Liz Cheney, who voted for his impeachment and said there has never been a "greater betrayal" by a president, and Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, who said Trump "provoked" the rioters.

Still, Republicans have signaled that acquittal is likely, with many saying they think Congress should move on and questioning the constitutionality of an impeachment trial — Trump's second — now that he has left office. In a test vote in the Senate last week, 45 Republicans voted in favor of an effort

to dismiss the trial over those constitutional concerns.

Though no president has been tried after departing the White House, Democrats say there is precedent, pointing to an 1876 impeachment of a secretary of war who resigned his office in a last-ditch attempt to avoid an impeachment trial. The Senate held it anyway.

The Democrats write that the framers of the Constitution would not have wanted to leave the country defenseless against "a president's treachery in his final days, allowing him to misuse power, violate his Oath, and incite insurrection against Congress and our electoral institutions" simply because he is leaving office. Setting that precedent now would "horrify the Framers," the brief says.

"There is no 'January Exception' to impeachment or any other provision of the Constitution," the Democrats wrote. "A president must answer comprehensively for his conduct in office from his first day in office through his last."

Trump was impeached by the House while still in office, they note, forcing a Senate trial. And there are precedents for trying former officials.

"Trump is personally responsible for a violent attack on the Capitol," they wrote. "He was impeached while still in office. The case for trying him after he has left office is stronger than any of the precedents."

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# Quartet leads Tribe in rout of Blackhawks

FORT RECOVERY — Cale Rammel and Clay Schmitz each hit four 3-pointers. Two other players joined them in double figures. Four players scored 11 or more points Saturday, carrying the Fort Recovery High School boys basketball team to a 73-39 victory against the Mississinawa Valley Blackhawks at Fort Site Fieldhouse. It was a season-high point total

## Local roundup

and the largest margin of victory this year for the Indians (9-8). Fort Recovery jumped out to a 23-4 lead at the end of the first

quarter and never looked back. The advantage grew to 39-16 at halftime and was up to 33 points (56-23) heading into the fourth. Rammel, who made three of his 3-pointers in the final two quarters, led all players with 33 points. Schmitz added 13 points, and Owen Jutte chipped in 12 points. Brian Bihn joined them in double figures with 11 points. Fort Recovery's junior varsity team also won, 44-25. Troy Homan

led the Tribe (9-8) with 12 points, and Caleb Evers added nine points. **Tumblers 8th** RUSSIAVILLE — Jay County's gymnastics team took eighth out of 14 teams Saturday at the Western Invitational. The Patriots totaled 79.125 points. No other team scores were provided. Kenzie Ring, a senior, took fifth

overall on the floor exercise with her score of 8.7. She totaled 7.95 on balance beam for sixth, had 7.3 on uneven bars and 8.15 on vault for an all-around total of 32.1. Macy Miller had her best score of 8.25 on vault. She added 6.275 on bars and 6.25 on beam. Makinsey Murphy earned 8.15 on vault and 4.8 on beam, while Lilly Rogers scored 6.85 on floor and Karci Hopkins had 7.8 on vault.

# Three ...

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Like Rowles, Wood got byes to the quarterfinal before disposing of Adams Central's Joshua Collier in the semifinal in just 49 seconds.

"It gets more and more difficult to wrestle a kid and beat a kid after you see him each week," Myers said of Wood's match against Lewis. "Tony made some adjustments ahead of time based on some of the things that worked last week.

"He wrestled a totally different match against them and you could tell they were ready for a few things. Since Tony made those adjustments, he was able to have some success there."

Rowles and Wood became part of the first father-son duos to win sectional championships in the history of the JCHS wrestling program. Pat Rowles, a 1991 graduate, won the title in 1989, and Bruce Wood (class of 1989) claimed his first sectional in 1987.

Heskett, a senior, had an emphatic victory for his first career sectional crown. Against Bellmont's Calvin Faurote in the 138-pound final, Heskett caught Faurote in a spladle near the boundary line, kept the shoulders inside and got the pin. "It feels good," said Heskett. "I've

never advanced to regional let alone win sectional. It feels great." Heskett on his rare spladle: "His legs were so far apart and he had a wide base and I just saw it. It was right there. Perfect moment."

After transferring from Monroe Central, Heskett missed his entire junior year with an elbow injury. Now he's 27-6. "He's got a lot of funky stuff," Myers said. "Every time he goes out there I feel like I'm going to be entertained. We're going to see some fireworks. He didn't disappoint in the finals."

Freshman Cameron Clark (132) and Blake Pruett (160) were runners-up in their respective weight classes. Clark (23-4) injury defaulted in the final to give his left knee some more time to heal and Pruett (23-8) got pinned by Norwell's Eli Johnston in the second period.

Taye Curtis (113), Ethan Reiley (126), Cameron Gage (152), Bryce Wenk (182) and Peyton Bennett (285) all placed third and qualified for regional. The top four in each weight class advance.

Ian Ruiz (145), Ryan Herring (170), Ramon Bravo (195) and Conner Specht (220) all had their seasons come to a close. Herring, Bravo and Specht each took fifth.

# Downed ...

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A 3-pointer in the third made it 42-24, and Blackford got treys on three straight possessions to start the fourth. Brown hit a pair from the right side before Wors nailed one from the top of the key.

"They're not shooting 19-footers," Bomholt said. "They're shooting 25-, 26-footers. They played really well. They deserved to win and beat on us a little bit."

Brown and Wors were both 7-of-13 from the arc, and Brown led all players with 32 points. Max Wors, Jack's older brother, finished with nine points.

Ethan Dirksen posted team highs of 13 points and six rebounds for the Patriots before fouling out. Bennett Weitzel finished with eight points, and Quinn Faulkner came off the bench to score seven points in the second half.

"We can bounce back," Bomholt said. "There was part of the game I didn't recognize the team that was out there. We went into a slumber."

"We'll bounce back. They're the kind of kids that want to learn. They want to do the right things. They want to work."

## Junior varsity

Trent Alexander picked the perfect time for his

Box score			
<b>Class 2A No. 7 Blackford Bruins vs. Jay County Patriots</b>			
<b>Boys varsity summary</b>			
<b>Jay County (4-4)</b>			
	<b>FG-FGA</b>	<b>FT-FTA</b>	<b>PTS</b>
Weitzel	3-6	2-2	8
Dowlen	2-6	2-2	6
Dirksen	6-9	0-0	13
GMuhlnkmp	1-7	1-3	4
Pearson	2-6	2-2	6
Heniser	2-2	0-0	3
Faulkner	3-5	0-0	7
AMuhlnkmp	0-0	0-0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19-41</b>	<b>7-10</b>	<b>49</b>
	<b>.463</b>	<b>.700</b>	
<b>Blackford (11-4)</b>			
	<b>FG-FGA</b>	<b>FT-FTA</b>	<b>PTS</b>
Elam	1-4	0-0	3
Grimes	2-5	0-0	5
Hundley	1-3	0-0	2
Brown	11-21	3-5	32
Waters	0-2	0-0	0
Baker	0-1	0-0	0
Wors	8-14	4-4	27
MWors	4-6	1-2	9
Winger	0-0	0-0	0
Kershner	0-0	0-0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27-56</b>	<b>8-11</b>	<b>78</b>
	<b>.482</b>	<b>.727</b>	
<b>Score by quarters:</b>			
<b>Jay Co.</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Blackford</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>
	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>3-point shooting:</b> Jay County 4-14 (GMuhlnkmp 1-4, Dirksen 1-3, Faulkner 1-2, Heniser 1-1, Pearson 0-2, Weitzel 0-1, Dowlen 0-1). Blackford 16-38 (Brown 7-13, JWors 7-13, Elam 1-4, Grimes 1-3, Waters 0-2, Hundley 0-1, Baker 0-1, MWors 0-1).			
<b>Rebounds:</b> Jay County 24 (Dirksen 6, Pearson 4, Faulkner 4, team 4, Dowlen 3, Weitzel 2, Heniser). Blackford 28 (Grimes 7, Brown 6, JWors 5, team 3, Elam 2, Hundley 2, MWors 2, Waters).			
<b>Assists:</b> Jay County 7 (Dirksen 2, Heniser 2, Weitzel, GMuhlnkmp, Pearson). Blackford 14 (Brown 8, Baker 3, Grimes, JWors, MWors).			
<b>Blocks:</b> Jay County 1 (Dirksen). Blackford 1 (Waters).			
<b>Personal fouls:</b> Jay County 11 (Dirksen 5, GMuhlnkmp 3, Weitzel 2, Pearson). Blackford 11 (Hundley 3, Baker 3, JWors 2, MWors 2, Elam).			
<b>Turnovers:</b> Jay County 16. Blackford 9.			

only three points of the game as he lifted Jay County to a 32-30 victory over Blackford.

Alexander made a shot and got fouled with 17.9 seconds remaining, and made the subsequent free throw to put the Patriots (3-5), who have now won three straight games, ahead 31-30.

Brady Davis led Jay County, which trailed after each of the first three quarters, with 11 points. Gavin Myers totaled eight points and

Blake Bogenschutz ended with five points.

## C-team

Jay County had the edge after each period in getting a 27-23 victory in just three quarters of play.

The Patriots (8-2) were out front 10-4 after the first and pushed the margin by one point, 19-12, after the second.

Parker Nichols scored 10 points to lead the Patriots, and Jackson Edwards contributed five points.

# Sports on tap

## Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Girls basketball sectional quarterfinal vs. Delta at New Castle — 7 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Junior high boys basketball at Minster — 5 p.m.

**Thursday**  
Jay County — Girls swimming hosts sectional preliminaries — 5:30 p.m.; Boys basketball vs. Oak Hill — 6 p.m.; Junior high wrestling vs. South Adams — 6 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at Minster — 6 p.m.

**Friday**  
Jay County — Girls basketball sec-

tional semifinal vs. Yorktown at New Castle — 6 p.m.; Girls swimming hosts diving sectional — 6 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs. Minster — 6 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Jay County — Wrestling hosts regional — 8:30 a.m.; Boys basketball triple-header at Woodlan — noon; Girls swimming hosts sectional championships — 4 p.m.; Girls basketball sectional final vs. TBA at New Castle — 7:30 p.m.; Junior high wrestling at Coldwater Invitational — 10 a.m.  
Fort Recovery — Swimming in Cavalier Invite at Freemont Ross — 11 a.m.; Girls basketball vs. Tri-Village — noon; Boys basketball vs. Ridgemont — 6 p.m.

**Monday**  
Jay County — Gymnastics at Muncie Central — 6 p.m.; Junior high swimming vs. Delta — 6 p.m.; Junior high wrestling hosts Southern Wells and Heritage — 6 p.m.

**Feb. 9**  
Jay County — Boys basketball triple-header at South Adams — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls swimming at Norwell Invitational — 5 p.m.; Junior high wrestling vs. Winchester Driver — 5:30 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at Celina — 6 p.m.

**Feb. 10**  
Jay County — Gymnastics at New Castle — 6 p.m.

## 100 JOBS WANTED

**THE JAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** and Jay County Highway are taking applications for the position of Highway Department Road Foreman through 9:00AM on Monday, February 8, 2021. Must have a CDL or obtain one in 90 days. Applications may be picked up at and returned to the Jay County Auditor's Office at 120 North Court Street in Portland, Indiana. Job Description available upon request. Jay County Government is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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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 2-29,16-2021-HSPAXLP

## 250 PUBLIC NOTICE

**Public Notice**  
Notice to Public of No Significant Impact on the Environment and Notice to Public of Request for Release of Funds  
Town of Pennville, Jay County  
P.O. Box 227  
Pennville, Indiana 47369  
TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS: On or about February 18, 2021, the Town of Pennville will request the release federal funds from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) for Community Development Block Grant Funds from the State of Indiana under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) for the following project:  
Town of Pennville Library Expansion Project  
The project will consist of the construction of a 1,700 sq ft expansion to the Pennville Library and renovations to the existing Pennville Library. The project is located in the Town of Pennville, Indiana.  
Finding of No Significant Impact  
It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above named Town of Pennville has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190). The reasons for such decision not to prepare such statement are as follows:  
All preliminary environmental reviews by state and county agencies indicated that the proposed project would not endanger the environment under any capacity.  
An Environmental Review Record regarding the proposed project has been made by the above named Town of Pennville which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request at the Pennville Town Hall between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M., Monday and Friday and 1:30 pm and 5:30 pm on Wednesday. Should town offices be closed, the ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to Town of Pennville at 105 N. Washington St., Pennville, IN 47369 or by email to pennclerk@outlook.com. No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of funds.  
Public Comments of Findings  
All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Town of Pennville to the Pennville Town Hall, PO Box 227, Pennville, Indiana 47369 or by email to pennclerk@outlook.com. Such written comments should be received by February 17, 2021. All such comments so received will be considered and the Town of Pennville will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the proposed project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentences.  
Release of Funds  
The Town of Pennville will undertake the project described above with Community Development Block Grant funds from the State of Indiana under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Town of Pennville is certifying to the State that the Town of Pennville and Alicia Corwin in her official capacity as Council President consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval the Town of Pennville may use the Block Grant funds and the State will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.  
Objections to State Release of Funds  
The State will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of applicant approved by the State; or (b) that the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicated omission of a required review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR part 58) and may be submitted to Grant Services & OCRA through the ER Report in GMS.  
Objections to the release of funds on basis other than those stated above will not be considered by the State. No objections received after March 8, 2021 will be considered by the State.  
Alicia Corwin  
Town Council President  
Town of Pennville  
CR 2-29-2021-HSPAXLP

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## Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

### A necessary assumption

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♦75  
♥A974  
♠K75  
♣KQ102  
**WEST**  
♦KJ64  
♥Q  
♠Q943  
♣J963  
**EAST**  
♦—  
♥KJ10865  
♠AJ1082  
♣85  
**SOUTH**  
♦AQ109832  
♥32  
♠6  
♣A74  
The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♦ 2♥ 2♠ Pass  
2NT Pass 4♠  
Opening lead — queen of hearts.  
Assume you're in four spades and West leads the queen of hearts, obviously a singleton given East's pre-emptive two-heart overcall. You win with dummy's ace and lead a trump, on which East discards the eight of diamonds. This is an unpleasant development, as you now have two sure trump losers where a moment before you had a chance to lose only one and possibly even none.  
Furthermore, your chance of finding West with the ace of diamonds has been greatly diminished by East's

diamond signal, which presumably shows the ace. But, despite the dim outlook, you still have a real possibility of making the contract. So you put up the ace of spades and cash the K-A of clubs, on which both defenders follow low. You then continue with the seven toward dummy's Q-10, West producing the nine.  
You are now at the moment of truth. It is easy to see, if you look at all four hands, that if you finesse the ten, you make the contract, while if you play the king, you go down one. The question is how you can know, without seeing the East-West cards, that the ten is the right play and the king is the wrong play.  
It is not difficult to prove that the ten is the correct choice. This is because if East actually started with the J-x-x of clubs, you cannot make the contract no matter how you proceed. If East has that holding and you play the king, West can trump the ten with his six of spades while you are discarding a heart or diamond, after which the defenders still have three more tricks coming.  
But if you play for West to have started with the J-9-x-x of clubs, you are choosing a premise that allows you to make the contract. You should therefore finesse the ten of clubs, because it offers the only chance to get home safely.

Tomorrow: Formula for failure.  
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## 250 PUBLIC NOTICE

**Public Notice**  
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE JAY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT  
ESTATE NO. 38C001-2101-ES-000001  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: SARAH L CRAIG, DECEASED  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JAY COUNTY, INDIANA  
Notice is hereby given that Guardian Advocates Inc was, on January 25, 2021, appointed personal representative of the estate of Sarah L Craig deceased, who died on December 16, 2020. All persons having Claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in said Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.  
Dated at Jay County, Indiana, this date January 25, 2021.  
Jon Eads,  
Clerk of the Jay Circuit Court, Indiana  
Attorney for Estate  
John W. Longnaker, III  
Attorney-at-Law  
940 Meridian Street  
Anderson, Indiana 46016  
CR 2-29-2021-HSPAXLP

## 250 PUBLIC NOTICE

**Public Notice**  
STATE OF INDIANA IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT  
COUNTY OF JAY, SS:  
CAUSE NO: 38C01-2101-EU-000003  
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF:  
PATRICK L WALLACE, (Deceased)  
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION  
Notice is hereby given that Sonja Phillips and Aaron Wallace were appointed as Co-Personal Representatives of the estate of Patrick L. Wallace, deceased, on the 20th day of January, 2021, who died on the 15' day of December, 2020. 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.  
Jon Eads  
CLERK OF THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT  
COLDREN, FRANTZ & SPRUNGER  
Attorneys at Law  
P.O. Box 1013  
Portland, IN 47371  
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# Sports

## Three more champions

*Rowles, Wood and Heskett give Jay County three titles for the fourth time in five seasons*

By CHRIS SCHANZ  
The Commercial Review

Cody Rowles was up big before getting his pin.

Tony Wood didn't allow a point in his finals match.

R.J. Heskett won on a rarely seen move.

All three are champions. And they'll have seven more teammates with them at regional.

A pair of freshman and a senior each won their respective weight classes Saturday as the host Jay County High School wrestling team was the runner-up in the sectional tournament.

"We had some kids that could have wrestled better," said JCHS coach Eric Myers, whose team sends 10 to the regional tournament the Patriots will also host. "I think we're right there with Belmont. We just need to win some of those tight matches."

"We had some guys that set themselves up really well with high placements and we had some guys that made it a little bit tough on themselves for next week."

Bellmont scored 242 points to win the team title in back-to-back seasons and its 44th in program history. Jay County, which was 2018 champion, scored 221 points for second, and Norwell was a distant third with 180.5 points.

Saturday marked consecutive years in which Jay County has had three individual champions, and the fourth time in the last five years.

Rowles gave the Patriots their first title at 106 pounds, getting a third-period pin of Norwell's Cayden Smithley in the championship bout. But Rowles, a freshman, had a commanding lead at



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Cody Rowles, a Jay County High School freshman, locks in a cradle against Norwell's Cayden Smithley during their 106-pound championship match of the IHSAA sectional tournament on Saturday at JCHS. Rowles was one of three Patriots to claim titles as Jay County had 10 qualify for regional.

that point. The youngster scored eight points in the first period on a takedown and a pair of three-point near falls. He got another takedown in each of the next two periods before finishing off Smithley 32 seconds into the third.

"(Smithley) kind of gave him a

couple different looks and he was able to adjust to that so that says a lot about Cody," Myers said. Rowles, who moves to 31-1, received a bye in the first two rounds and pinned Belmont's Bryce Rickford 54 seconds into their semifinal match. "If the match doesn't go exactly the way

he planned on it he was able to make some in-match adjustments and you could tell that he did an awesome job in doing that. "He's doing a nice job. Pretty dominant so far."

Wood, another freshman, scored two points in every period for a 6-0 decision over Bluffton's

Austin Lewis in the 120-pound championship. Wood (31-3) stopped a Lewis shot and got a takedown of his own in the first period, scored a reversal in the second and then added two more points with a single-leg takedown in the third.

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## Downed from distance

*Bruins make 16 3-pointers in handing JC a 78-49 loss*

By CHRIS SCHANZ  
The Commercial Review

HARTFORD CITY — Luke Brown was on fire early.

But a hot start to the second quarter gave the Patriots a brief advantage, 14-13.

Jack Wors found his rhythm from distance before halftime, and Brown did most of his damage after intermission.

Wors and Brown hit seven 3-pointers each as the Class 2A No. 7 Blackford Bruins made 16 shots from behind the arc in handing the Jay County boys basketball team a 78-49 loss Saturday night.

"That's one of the best shooting teams I've played against in a long time," said JCHS coach Jerry Bomholt, whose team falls to 4-4 on the year. "Not just Luke but all the rest of them. They were knocking them from everywhere."

"One thing I said to the kids before the game is we can't trade threes for twos. That eventually will get you in a big deficit."

It was the third consecutive loss for Jay County against Blackford, and the 29-point defeat was the largest margin for the Bruins against the Patriots, who have a 36-17 lead in the all-time series.

Blackford shot 16-of-38 (42.1%) from 3-point land while Jay County had just 19 total field goals.



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Jay County High School junior Gavin Muhlenkamp shoots between Blackford defenders Cam Elam (1), Landon Grimes and Dawson Hundley (12) during the first quarter Saturday at Blackford. Muhlenkamp scored four points in the Patriots' 78-49 loss to the Bruins.

Brown scored the first 10 points of the game for Blackford (11-4) and the Bruins led 13-7 at the end of the first period. But seven straight points for Jay County — two each from Bennett Weitzel, Ethan Dirksen and Dusty Pearson as well as a free throw by Gavin Muhlenkamp — gave the Patriots a 14-13 lead with 5:50 to play.

But Wors, a 6-foot, 3-inch freshman who had never made more than two 3-pointers in a game or scored more than 19 points this season, hit form distance on back-to-back possessions Blackford. That gave the Bruins a 19-16 and

they never trailed the rest of the way.

The Bruins later made three more treys, including two from Wors and another from former Patriot Landon Grimes, for a 30-18 lead. Wors was 4-of-5 from the arc in the second quarter and made three more on his way to a career-high 27 points.

Brown, who is second in the state in scoring at 32 points per game, ninth on the state's career points list (2,541) and has an outside chance of eclipsing Damon Bailey's record of 3,134, took over in the second half.

See **Downed** page 7