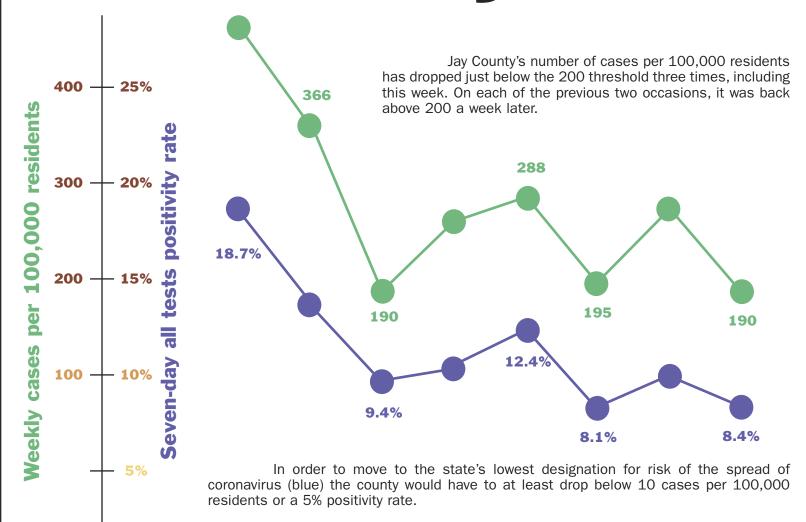
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Back to yellow



Dec. 16 Dec. 23 Dec. 30 Jan. 6 Jan. 13

The Commercial Review graphic/Ray Cooney

State update (Numbers are based on the previous Sunday)

Jay continues to hover on the line between moderate and high risk of coronavirus spread

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

Jay County continued metric scores, moving back to "yellow" (modercoronavirus) in the met-Indiana update Wednesday.

Health announced that it this week.

is allowing schools to coronavirus.

its fluctuation between back and forth between near the yellow/orange yellow and orange (high threshold and that just a be increased. (Currently risk) over the past month ate risk for the spread of and a half. It first moved difference. to yellow on Dec. 30, then Jan. 20, went back to ing Also Wednesday, Indiorange Jan. 26 and then ana State Department of moved back to yellow

relax quarantine rules County Health Departweeks has pointed out Jay County has flipped that the county has been

State was orange for two state requires that a are neighboring Adams Department of Health weeks, shifted to yellow county must stay at a rat- and Wells counties, along for its guidelines for gather- Monroe counties.) ings and other related

in Jay County are It's back to yellow for students exposed to ment over the last few allowed gatherings up to 25% capacity. If the county remains yellow next week, those limits could few cases can make the the only counties in Indi-For that reason, the lower restriction levels consecutive with Elkhart, Tippecaweeks before changing noe, Park, Sullivan and

The new school recom-

Heath Butz of Jay rules. Currently, venues mendations from the state say no quarantine is required with students and staff who were exposed to infection at school if they were at least 3 feet apart and wearing masks at all ana that are eligible for times. Schools can also shorten 14-day quarantines to seven days if the individual exposed has a negative nasal swab test at least five days after exposure.

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White House pushing for aid package

By JOSH BOAK

WASHINGTON — Even as President Joe Biden gathers with senators and works the phones with Capitol Hill to push for a \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief package, his team is increasingly focused on selling the plan directly to voters.

His administration has done 60-plus interviews with national TV and radio shows. There have been spots on local TV news and briefings last week with more than 50 groups including General Motors, Meals on Wheels America and Planned Parenthood. One of the main goals is to stop people from getting bogged down in the tangle of partisan deal-making and convince them that every penny of the "go big" package is needed. "The public is not get-

ting caught up in process
— what they want is results," said Cedric Richmond, the White House director of public engagement. "People these days are not worried about the inside-the-beltway terminology. They're looking at who's doing what to help."

The president told House Democrats on Wednesday that he views the package's proposal for \$1,400 in direct payments to individuals as a foundational promise to voters. It represents a strategic bet by the White House that voters will suspend their partisan beliefs to evaluate the plan and support its massive

Biden has suggested he may be flexible on the \$1.9 trillion topline figure for the plan and on ways to more narrowly target who gets direct payments. But the \$1.400 amount — on top of \$600 in payments approved in December appears to be non-negotiable.

See Aid page 7

Benefit finds new format

The Commercial Review Mandy Theurer died almost six years ago after her SUV crashed into a ditch near Salam-

Since her death, Mandy's family has hosted an annual benefit auction and homemade meal in her memory. Funds from the event are distributed to a variety of Jay County organizations.

But in light of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the family has opted to move the auction to Facebook this year and convert the dinner to a carryout.

"Because of COVID, we had to figure out how to still hold the benefit ... and also be able to raise the money to give back to the community," said Cassie Alexander, Mandy's sister.

The family usually donates proceeds to Jay County Cancer Society and gives two scholarships — one based in agriculture and the other in cosmetology along with donating to other various organizations.

So far, 70 items have been posted to the public group boasting more than 1,200 members. Anyone can donate auction items to Alexander, who posts each listing. From there, group members

Auction moves online while dinner will be carryout only

bid. There's a lot of variety, with donations varying from candles and gift baskets to furniture to gift certificates. There's also an abundance of Marilyn Monroe themed items, nodding to Mandy's love for the actress.

The online auction will remain in session through 9 p.m. Feb. 14.

Sharon Beeler worked with Mandy's mother, Charlene Theurer, at Zion Lutheran Church several years ago. They're also distant relatives. She plans to donate items and join the bidding online this year. She noted it's hard to lose young family members.

"That's what I'm going to miss this year, being with the family," Beeler said. "It's a healing process for them."

The benefit auction is usually

can comment on each post to a time for family to gather and share stories about Mandy. This year, though, it's mostly being conducted via phone or computer screen, which takes a little away from the event, Alexander explained.

"We look forward to seeing people, reminiscing — some of Mandy's friends come from out of town. And so it's really just a good time of fellowship," Alexander said. "That's the piece that's really sad that we're not gonna get this year."

Some of the family will be gathering, though, to help distribute a carryout dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Feb. 19 at Jay Community Center. Free-will donations can be made for the dinner, although Alexander noted it will be available in limited quanti-

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Spring sign

Blossoming plum trees marked the arrival of spring at Sumida Park in Tokyo on Wednesday, the first day of the season according to the traditional Japanese calendar. The ward office said the white and pink flowers started to appear on the park's about 150 plum trees in early January, about the same as an average year. The best period to view the blossom is from mid to late February when most of the trees will be in full bloom.

Deaths

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 31 degrees Wednesday. The low was 14.

Rain and snow are expected tonight with the low dropping to 18 and winds at 20 to 30 miles per hour. Expect a high of 25 Friday under partly cloudy skies.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review

The Indiana legislature is considering bills regarding COVID-19, the budget, education, health care and a variety of other issues. They are available to view at iga.in.gov/legislative/2021/bills. issues matter most to you?

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

Coming up

Friday — Coverage of today's Portland Board of Works meeting.

Tuesday — Results from Saturday's regional wrestling meet at JCHS.



John Hanlin, 77, Pennville Details on page 2.

Obituaries

John Hanlin

July 23, 1943-Jan. 31, 2021 John E. Hanlin, a lifelong resident of Pennville, died on Jan. 31, 2021, in Sheridan, Indiana, where he was receiving care during an extended illness. He was 77.

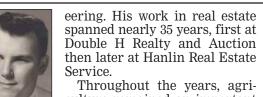
John was born in Portland, Indiana, on July 23, 1943, the youngest of George and Edwina Hanlin's six children. He grew up at Balbec, north of Pennville. on the farm his family owned since the 1830s.

He graduated in 1961 from He participated in 4-H and the Future Farmers of America and

was a member of the school's judging team, which won state and national championships for livestock and land judging. After graduation, he took courses at Purdue University's Fort Wayne

During the early years of his

career, John worked at the Sohigro Service Company in Warren, Indiana. In the late 1970s, he started his own fertilizer plant, Pennville High School, where he Pennville Farm Service, and played baseball and basketball. operated it until the early 1980s, when he began a career in real estate, appraisals and auction-



culture remained an important part of John's life. He continued to operate the family farm and spent many summers supporting his children in 4-H as they showed swine, sheep and cattle at the Jay County Fair and Indiana State Fair. In recent years, he raised registered Angus cat-

John was the father of four, nville, Dawn Marineau (hus-

Alaska, and George R. Hanlin the Pennville Gym, c/o the Penspanned nearly 35 years, first at of Indianapolis, all who sur-Double H Realty and Auction vive. His son John Hanlin Jr. preceded him in death, as did his parents, George E. Hanlin Sr. and Edwina (Edmundson) Hanlin, and his siblings Ellen (Hanlin) Bulzone, George E. Hanlin Jr. and Carolyn (Hanlin) Hoffacker. Additional survivors include sisters Nina (Hanlin) Stultz of Montpelier, Indiana, and Martha (Hanlin) Kimmel of LaOtto, Indiana, as well as several nieces and nephews. Private burial will take place

including Tammy Hanlin (hus- at the Twin Hills I.O.O.F. Cemeservice to follow later this year. band: John Malone) of Wasilla, Memorials may be directed to ary services.

nville Community Center, P.O. Box 54, Pennville, IN 47369.

Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier.

Condolences may expressed at glancyfuneralhomes.com. •••••

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 obituarband: Dave Ashley) of Pen- tery in Pennville with a public ies, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortu-

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Lotteries

Powerball

5-37-40-64-66 Power Ball: 5 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$30 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$54 million

Hoosier

Midday Daily Three: 6-5-2 Daily Four: 00-1-9-4 Quick Draw: 1-2-6-9-20-21-30-31-32-36-39-41-48-50-52-61-62-67-79-80

Evening Daily Three: 6-5-2 Daily Four: 3-00-1-9 Quick Draw: 6-7-9-15-17-27-28-29-35-37-38-43-4649-56-64-65-67-75-77 Cash 5: 5-21-24-40-45

Hoosier Lotto: 17-19-31-32-44-46

Estimated jackpot: \$5 million

Ohio

Midday Pick 3: 1-4-8 Pick 4: 6-9-6-6 Pick 5: 2-6-9-7-9 Evening Pick 3: 5-0-9 Pick 4: 6-3-6-0 Pick 5: 8-9-1-8-6 Rolling Cash: 7-9-24-32-

Classic Lotto: 23-27-29-40-43-48

Kicker: 3-9-2-6-7-2 Estimated jackpot: \$4.1 million

Format ..

Continued from page 1 shirts for \$20 each. The design year. includes a smiley face with the word "Gooten," an exclamation Mandy often used. "It's a Mandy thing" and the year are also printed on the shirt.

Alexander praised Jay County the auction, they always come out Those interested can also order t- for its response to the benefit each

> "The community has been amazing, actually since the death of Mandy," Alexander said. "Just the always so generous in donations for efit.

for dinner. They've just been amaz-

To join the online auction, check out the Mandy Theurer Benefit Online Auction group on Facebook outpouring of support — they are or search bit.ly/MandyTheurerBen-

Yellow

Continued from page 1 Jay School Corporation, in consultation with Jay County Health Department, in November had laid out its own guidelines that allowed most students who were close contacts in a school setting to remain in school if they wore a mask and reported any changes in health to the school nurse. It also allowed excluded students to return to school if they provided a negative COVID-19 test that is seven days from the last exposure.

"Our concern was that too many kids were being excluded from school and we did not detect the evidence that warranted that," said Jay Schools superintendent Jeremy Gulley on Wednesday. "What I'm seeing here is a move in the direction that we've already taken. And I do find it positive.'

He said the corporapreventing

spread of COVID-19 with signing up can do so Delaware County Health the educational needs of students.

"I think we have struck the right balance," he said.

counties joined Jay in shifting from orange to yellow this week. County Delaware remained at orange.

Statewide, 59 counties were orange and 29 were yellow. Only four — Whitley, Warren, Gibson and Switzerland counties came in at red (severe

Jay County's cases per 100,000 residents went down this week, coming in at 190 after hitting 274 the previous week. It's positivity rate dropped to 8.43%, down from 10.1% a week earlier.

Indiana on Monday made vaccination appointments available to Hoosiers 65 and older. (They had previously been tion's goal has been to bal- available to those 70 and including IU Health Ball are susceptible to more the older.) Those interested in Memorial

by calling the state's 2-1-1 telephone assistance serv-

Jay County currently Randolph and Blackford has two coronavirus vaccination clinics — one at the health department and the other at IU Health Jay. They run on alternating days, with the hospital's clinic from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and the health department's clinic from 11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Saturdays.

Clinics in adjacent counties are at Adams County Hospital, Adams County Health Depart-Wells County ment, Health Department, IU Health Blackford, Blackford County Department and Randolph County Health Department, as well as eight sites Delaware County in

online at our shot.in.gov or Department and several pharmacies.

Coronavirus is mainly spread through respiratory droplets or small particles from an infected person coughing, sneezing, talking or breathing. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that it may be possible those particles and droplets remain suspended in the air for an unknown period of time and travel beyond 6 feet, especially indoors.

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

The virus causes a Health range of symptoms, which can appear two to 14 days after exposure. Older adults and those with preexisting health problems Hospital, severe illnesses.

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Mary R. Landess to Mary R. Landess, death deed — Lot 1, Corwin

Jerry J. Codling (deceased) to Wanda Besser and Carole Mettert, death deed — Parts of Section 24, deed affidavit — Lot 211, Currents Second Addition, Portland

Theodore H. and Barbara L. Bergman to Colt and Morgan Grieshop, warranty deed — Part of Section 2, Madison Township, 4.97

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Morgan Grieshop, warranty deed — Parts of Section 2, Madison Town-

Greg A. Pfeifer to Greg A. Pfeifer, Jackson Township, and Part of Section 19, Bearcreek Township

Barbara P. and Robert D. Hambrock (deceased) to Charles B. and Staci R. Keen, warranty deed — Lots 2 and 3 in Block 4 in the town of Powers Station, Part of Section 22, Jefferson Township

Karen Brown to Karen Brown Revocable Living Trust, quit claim deed — Lots 15, 16, 17 and 18, Boyce First Addition, Redkey Karen L. Brown to Karen Brown

Revocable Living Trust, quit claim deed — Part of Section 11, Richland Township

Mary E. and John R. Faris (deceased) to Mary E. Faris, death deed — Lot 7, Block 35, original plat of Dunkirk

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Today in history

dent Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began a wartime conference at

In 1783, Britain's King George III proclaimed a formal cessation of hostilities in the American Revolutionary War.

In 1789, electors chose George Washington to be the first president of the United States.

In 1861, delegates from six southern states that had recently seceded from the Union met in Montgomery, Alabama, to form the Confederate States of America.

In 1913, Rosa Parks, a Black woman whose 1955 refusal to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama, city bus to a white

On Feb. 4, 1945, Presiman sparked a civil rights revolution, was Rosa born Louise McCauley in Tuskegee.

In 1976, more than 23,000 people died when a severe earthquake struck Guatemala with a magnitude of 7.5, according to the U.S. Geological Survev.

In 1999, Amadou Diallo, an unarmed West African immigrant, was shot and killed in front of his Bronx home by four plainclothes New York City police officers. (The officers were acquitted at trial.)

In 2006, Luke Bihn's free throws with 8.9 seconds left lifted the Fort Recovery High School boys basketball team to a 55-54 victory over Jay County.

—AP and The CR

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and Jaqua Addition, Portland

Felony arrests

Bergman, Charlene: I p.m.,

Today

SERVICES

Gravel Hill Cemetery, rural Bryant.

Saturday

Pfeifer, Gregory: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Domestic battery

A Portland man was methamphetamine arrested Wednesday for alleged battery.

Estuardo Guzman, 32, 115 W. 3rd St., was preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for domestic battery in the presence of a child younger than 16. He's being held in Jay County Jail on \$3,000 bond.

Drug possession

Two Albany residents were arrested Wednesday for drug possession.

Andrea M. Bailey, 38, 321 N. Dalton Ave., has a previous Class A misdemeanor charge for driving while suspended, and she failed to appear in court. She was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for posses-

cocaine, narcotic drugs, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

David A. Bailey, 36, 321 N. Dalton Ave., has a previous charge for burglary, a Class C felony, and he violated his probation. He was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of cocaine, methamphetamine or narcotic drugs, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Both residents are being held in Jay County Jail on \$4,500 bond.

Citizen's calendar

Monday

8 a.m. — Portland Portland. Redevelopment Commission executive John Jay Center for courthouse, 120 N. Learning.

Meridian

9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, session, commissioners' room. S. Court St., Portland.

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Taylor Lehman, VP of Human Resources Swiss Village, 1350 W. Main St. Berne, IN 46711 Or email: careers@swissvillage.org

JCPL looking for baby items

The library needs some

The Jay County Public Library is hosting a monthlong baby shower to collect needed items for Pregnancy Care Center of Jay County.

In addition to diapers, the library is seeking donations of baby wash, baby shampoo, baby lotion, baby wipes, baby food, baby snacks, baby formula, baby gas drops, baby Orajel and mailed to 315 N. Ship St., sale.

Taking Note

toothbrushes and toothpaste for baby teeth.

Gifts can either be dropped off at the baby display table at the library or Portland. The first 24 who gift from the library.

New FRHS play

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

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

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

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

Bill would expand visits

By CASEY SMITH Associated Press and Report for America

INDIANAPOLIS Indiana lawmakers are seeking to change visitation restrictions at the state's health and residential care sites amid concerns about residents' declining interactions with loved ones during the coronavirus pandemic.

measure that advanced to the full Wednesday House after a unanimous committee vote would require health facilities to allow at least one caretaker to visit a resident during compassionate care situations. Those include if the resident is dying, grieving a recent death, experiencing emotional distress or needing encouragement to eat or drink.

Under the bill, longterm care facilities would also be required to participate in the state health department's Essential Famiduring a declared emergency, a public health emergency, or similar crisis.

That program further designates at least two caregivers who can enter facilities and provide residents with support like meal set up, grooming and general companionship, even during periods of restricted visitation. While some facilities in Indiana currently participate in the program, not all do.

Nursing homes across the country have been devastated by COVID-19 deaths as elderly people and those with serious health troubles living in nursing homes are among the most at-risk from severe illness due to the coronavirus.

Indiana has seen at least 23,000 cases in nursing homes and long-term care facilities, with more than 4,900 deaths, or about half of Indiana's confirmed and suspected COVID-19 deaths, outly Caregivers Program pacing the U.S. aver-

Woman wants a more pious man

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating this guy seriously for a year. We have talked about marriage and we were even looking at rings. Due to certain recent events, I have come to realize that my hope for his Christianity to grow stronger is probably never going to happen. I love this man with all my heart, but I also need a husband who will pray with me, have a heart for God, who will want to go to church and make decisions by praying and leaning on God.

We have talked about this and what my needs are, but he's not sure if he will get there. Do I hold on and hope through my actions and life, he will learn how to walk with God fully, or should I let him go and try to find someone else? -BROKENHEARTED BELIEVER

accept this man just the way he then, things have been very hard. is, let him go. You shouldn't Our relationship went sour and we marry anyone hoping to change broke up.

Dear Abby



him because it wouldn't be fair to either of you. If faith is your No. 1 priority, it would be better for both of you if you look further for a life partner.

DEAR ABBY: I am torn between two guys. I have known the first guy for a year, and we had some ups and downs. Six months ago he had a heart attack, but he pulled DEAR BELIEVER: If you can't through, thank God. But since

I met the second guy online a month ago. He seems very sweet and down to earth and treats me like a princess. The first guy and I ended up talking again, and the problem is, I'm still in love with him. I think both of them are wonderful and I don't know what decision to make. Please help me. CHOICES CHOICES, **DELAWARE**

DEAR CHOICES: Before making any decision, it's important you fully understand why your relationship with Guy No. 1 went sour after his heart attack. Could it be related to his neardeath experience? You need to have all the facts before jumping back into a romance with him.

You haven't known Guy No. 2 long enough to really know who he is yet. Do not pull the plug on this one until you have more answers than you were able to put in your letter to me.

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

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6	3	8	5	1	2	7	9	4

Community Calendar

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

Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOV-ERY — 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.

WIII meet from 6:30 to 8 Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Kevin Culy at **Saturday** (260) 251-2843.

PORTLAND CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be

served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7

FORGET-ME-NOT - Asupport group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

Friday

SOFT SHOULDERS — A BETTER LIFE – BRI- A support group for any-ANNA'S HOPE — A faith- one suffering from memobased recovery group for ry loss, will meet at 10:30 all kinds of addictions, a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fire p.m. each Thursday at place Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

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

Monday

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

BRYANT AREA COM-MUNITY CENTER Walking from 9 to 10 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

WEST JAY COMMUNI-TY CENTER GROUP -Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Bingo will begin at 11 a.m. Euchre begins at 1 p.m. There is a \$1 donation for center's expenses. For more information, call (765) 768-1544.

PREGNANCY CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636.

Walk-ins accepted. BREAD OF LIFE COM-

— Will be served from 5:30 BREAK- to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome. TAKE OFF POUNDS

SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more infor-

mation, call (260) 726-5312. NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 6 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

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

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

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Indiana isn't so good for workers

By MORTON J. MARCUS

For a decade now, ever since the Great Recession, we've heard how Indiana is a great place to do

It's a story that workers hear and that legislators hear. And it might be true, if you are a busi-

But is it true, if you are a work-

Well, let me tell you why it is and is not true.

Between 2010, when the economy was just coming out of the Great Recession, and 2019, when the economy was about to experience the Great Pandemic of 2020, earnings per job in Indiana grew faster than in the United States as





That's right, if you take the earnings of those on wages and salaries, plus net income of proprietors (farm and non-farm) and then divide that number by the number of jobs, the result is average earnings per job. For the U.S., those earnings per job grew by a 23% while Hoosiers racked up a gain of 23.7%.

(My phone ringing? A happy

call from the Indiana Chamber of Commerce or the governor's office?)

Spoilsports might note, when you bring that down to an annual rate, adjusted for inflation, it's a real increase of only 0.62% and 0.69% per year, respectively. for the nation and Indiana.

(The phone stopped ringing.) Back in 2010, Indiana had just three counties with earnings per job ahead of the national average of \$52,187. They were Martin, Marion and Posey counties. By the end of the decade in 2019, the nation's average climbed to \$64,180; the same

three were up above that level

newcomer,

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ure up to the nation's average earning per job. If that statement got some attention from even a handful of

Now if I were talking with our

State Solons, I might casually

mention this simple fact means

88 of our 92 counties don't meas-

those 150 individuals committed to our welfare, I'd point out our state average earnings per job in 2010 was \$5,801 (11.1%) below that national average. By 2019, that deficit was \$6,805. (Is that a tweet from the Indi-

ana Economic Development Corp. — IEDC — saying we're now only 10.5% short of the nation's average, over half a percentage point of improvement since 2010?)

I wouldn't tell those proud legislators the real reason our numbers are looking good is we had slower job growth than the nation between 2010 and 2019; 13.7% versus 17.9%

nationally. As the denominator in the earnings per job figure, that pushes up the Indiana result, which was already trailing the nation in earnings growth

(U.S. 45%, Indiana 40.6%). With long-term lower earnings and slower job growth than the U.S., Indiana doesn't seem so good for workers.

Marcus is an economist. Email him at mortonjmarcus@yahoo.com.

Facebook, Twitter can do a lot more

The Washington Post

If it looks like a news site, publishes like a news site and posts like a news site, is it a news

Don't count on it.

A study from the Ger-Marshall Fund released last week found engagement on Facebook and Twitter with posts by deceptive publishers disguising their output as journalism hit record rates in 2020. Platforms have no excuse not to do something about the problem. They've already showed us they know

The GMF researchers, in partnership with the nonpartisan NewsGuard service, monitored engagement with two kinds of sites. The first category is composed of popular purveyors of provably false stories, such as Newsmax and One America News Network as well as smaller "Trojan horse" outlets posing, for example, as local papers. The second category includes outlets judged irresponsible in their information-gathering and presentation. These include Fox News, Breitbart and others whose tendency to distort the facts, rather than flatout make things up, means their content is less likely to be rated Facebook's false by checkers, and therefore less likely to be demoted in people's feeds.

The results were troubling but not surprising. Shares of tweets from deceptive sites by verified accounts on Twitter reached an all-time peak of 47 million in the final quarter of last year almost one-third of the total 155 million shares by verified accounts of links to U.S.-based sites. Facebook saw a decline during the same period in interactions with all sites, but interactions deceptive sites with increased over previous

years. This is, of course, more or less what the conventional wisdom has come to expect. These are profit-seeking corporations, and profit-making ones, too: Facebook announced a mind-boggling \$11.2 billion in quarterly profits the same day the GMF report was released. Twitter rakes in far less sites want to engagement, the sensationalism that nearly hard enough.

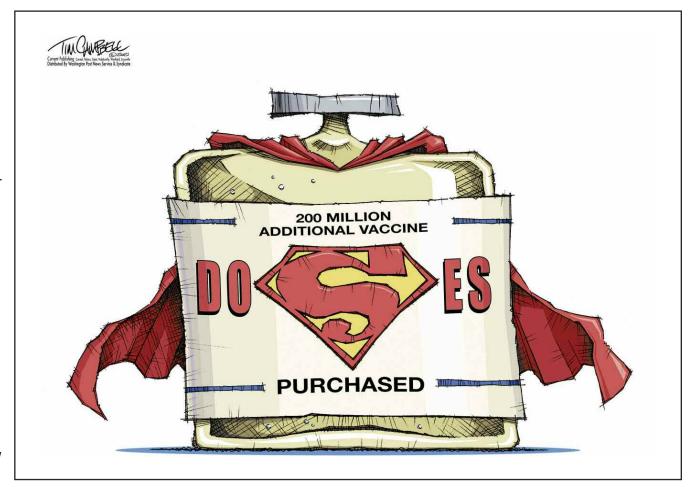
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Social media sites want to drive engagement, which comes more easily from the sensationalism that marks most conspiracy theories than it does from sober-minded news reporting.

marks most conspiracy theories than it does from sober-minded news reporting. Yet if these companies hope to continue as money-making machines without meddling by lawmakers, they must prove conventional wisdom wrong showing that they can do what's right. We got a taste of what's

right around the November election. Facebook altered its algorithm to prop up mainstream outlets (including, in full disclosure, this one); GMF reports that interactions with its sample of credible and transparent outlets were highest with those measures in place. Twitter disabled likes and retweets on some misleading posts and forced users to take extra steps before sharing articles; after the friction was removed, misleading posts spiked. None of this was censorship, but merely changes in design that reversed the status quo by privileging the trustworthy instead of what can't be trusted.

These interventions today are the exception, yet protecting information integrity ought to be the rule. Discovering the cash but has similar most effective means to incentives. Social media achieving that end will drive require some trial and which error. So far, however, comes more easily from platforms aren't trying



Congress must act on terrorism

By RICHARD B. ZABEL Special To The Washington Post

The United States faces a rising threat of violent extremism yet has no law targeting the problem. The Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol and the Department of Homeland Security's first-ever national domestic terrorism bulletin on Jan. 27 have sounded

the alarm that it is time for Congress to fix this gap: We need anti-terrorism laws aimed at domestic terrorism. The Patriot Act, passed in the after-

math of 9/11, defined domestic terrorism as criminal acts in the United States that are "dangerous to human life" and appear "intended to intimidate or coerce a civilian population or to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion" or "to affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassina-tion or kidnapping." The definition clearly fits the Jan. 6 insurrection and other violent extremist incidents, but it is largely useless for charging individuals as domestic terrorists.

Why is this? First, although the law provided officials with additional authority to investigate domestic terrorism, it created no new criminal offense of engaging in domestic terrorism. This means that a prosecutor cannot charge a defendant with domestic terrorism alone. Instead. prosecutors have to use other available statutes, such as firearms or assault statutes. But when terrorism cases are not pursued as terrorism cases in our courts, it limits our societal condemnation of the defendants and their dangerous ideologies. Juries, judges and the public do not get to pass judgment on the conduct as terrorism.

A second problem is that the definition of domestic terrorism is too narrow, even if it were to carry criminal penalties. For example, by requiring such acts to be "dangerous to life," the definition excludes common tools of terrorism such as criminal threats, physical non-life-threatening assaults, damage to property and other acts intended to intimidate or rorism laws that were innovative and rity law at Columbia Law School.

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coerce. These acts were on brazen dis-

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play on Jan. 6. On that day, many in the mob used force and made their bloody intent near, dut unrough dumb luck did not kill or seriously harm anyone. Prosecutors will have difficulty appropriately charging many of these wouldbe violent terrorists. For example, if a person surged up the Capitol steps, forcing his way past police, and cheered as fellow insurgents beat a police officer, what can he be charged with? What about those who possessed weapons and yelled threats but no more? Calling these crimes merely federal trespassing, disorderly conduct or weapons possession is not enough. Well-defined laws could appropriately address this varied conduct and call it what it is: domes-

tic terrorism. History supports the need for new laws to address domestic terrorism. During Reconstruction, the country confronted terrorism by the Ku Klux Klan, which opposed the ascent of multiracial democracy. Congress enacted the Ku Klux Klan Act to protect Blacks, Whites and, crucially, the democratic process. Aggressive enforcement of the act effectively destroyed the KKK. Once the law was no longer enforced (and later partly invalidated on questionable states' rights grounds), the cancers of the KKK and white supremacy returned and metastasized.

Our international terrorism laws offer another example of Congress effectively meeting an emerging terrorist threat. After a truck packed with explosives by Islamist terrorists detonated in the first World Trade Center attack in 1993, Congress took action. It enacted a body of anti-terenabled effective prosecution of international terrorists.

But when Timothy McVeigh, an anti-government extremist, detonated a truck bomb in 1995 in Oklahoma City, killing and injuring hundreds and destroying a government building, Congress did not enact equivalent domestic terrorism laws. Nor has it done so during the continuous reign of domestic terror since then. This is a legislative failure.

One legitimate concern in discussing a domestic terrorism law is the threat of overreaching in violation of First Amendment protections. In 1940, with the nation fearful of communism, the Smith Act was enacted to protect the country against the advocacy of force or violence to overthrow or destroy our government. The Smith Act is tainted by its overzealous use as a tool of the Red Scare. History calls for caution, not paralysis. Our courts have made clear that some inflammatory speech is not protected. In Brandenburg v. Ohio, the Supreme Court ruled that if a speaker urges others to use force with words "directed to inciting or producing imminent lawless action," and likely to do so, that speech is not protected. This strict principle can guide any new domestic terrorism law that looks at speech. Our First Amendment protects almost boundless free speech, including dangerous speech, but it is not a suicide pact.

The historian Richard Hofstadter observed, "American politics has often been an arena for angry minds.' Some of these angry minds engage in angry acts. For too long, domestic terrorism has been ignored. This lapse culminated in the horrifying Jan. 6 images of a Confederate flag hoisted inside the Capitol and of our elected representatives taking cover on the floor. Congress needs to stand up.

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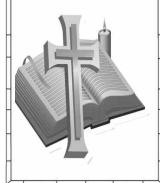
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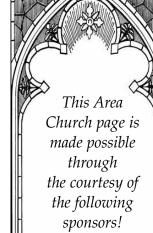
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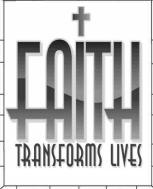
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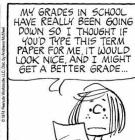
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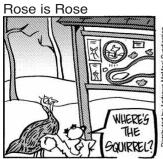
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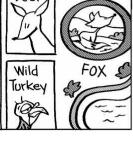










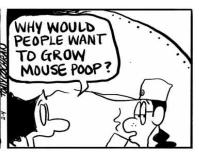
















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Continued from page 1 "I'm not going to start my administration by breaking a credits and other benefits. promise to the American people," he said.

The extensive package comes after \$4 trillion in rescue spending that cushioned the financial blow from the pandemic but did little to stop the disease. It includes politically divisive provisions such as a \$15 hourly minimum wage and \$350 billion in aid for state and local governments. Ten Republican senators countered with a \$618 billion package, a third of what Biden is offering.

Most Americans still see the need for government stimulus. A resent a windfall." survey released Wednesday by Quinnipiac University found 68% of U.S. adults support Biden's stimulus package and 24% oppose it. But Republicans are divided on the measure, with 47% opposed and 37% favoring it. Nearly all Democrats backed the plan.

Based on his interactions, Richmond sees three elements of the package as the most popular: the direct payments, the \$160 billion for widespread vaccinations that also appears in the Republican proposal, food and nutrition sumer spending, which helps assistance for struggling Ameri- propel the economy.

cans, and the push to halve the child poverty rate through tax

But even Republicans who are supportive of some kind of aid are telling their voters Biden's plan is too expensive — and it's possible people could be turned off if they think stimulus dollars are being wasted.

Republican Sen. Mitt Romney of Utah told KUTV in Salt Lake City that aid to state and local governments, a particular sticking point for Republicans, should be based on "actual need, as opposed to a simple blanket payment of billions of dollars, which in many cases would rep-

The United States has lost roughly 10 million jobs because of the pandemic, and the Congressional Budget Office estimates that without additional aid, the jobs won't return in full until 2024. The Census Bureau estimates 1 in 8 households with children lacks sufficient food.

But the picture is also complicated. The Penn Wharton Budget Model found in a report released Wednesday that 73% of the \$1,400 stimulus checks would go — one of the only expenditures into savings, meaning there would be limited growth in con-



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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-run government has ordered internet service providers to temporarily block access to Facebook amid growing protests days after seizing power from its civilian leadership even though it continued to post updates on the social-media platform.

Deeds

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Hospice of Darke County Incorporated and State of the Heart Hospice to CWS Properties LLC, warranty deed — Part of Section 19, Wayne Township, 1.02 acres

Randal Brotherton to Jill O'Campo, warranty deed — Lot 4, Block 15, original plat of Bryant

Richard D. and Carolyn J. Monroe (deceased) to Samatha J. Rhodehamel, Richard D. Monroe, death quit claim deed — Parts Stanley Smith, quit claim

27, Penn Township, 9.82

Christopher J. and Jill M. Miller to Brian J. and Cheryl A. Hogenkamp, warranty deed — Parts of Section 16, 17 and 20, Jack-Township, about 249.96 acres

Melvin L. and Bonnie J. Fear to Melvin Fear Trust and Bonnie Fear Trust, quit claim deed — Parts of Sections 2 and 3, Penn Township, about 65.14

Linda L. and Kevin C. Rhodehamel (deceased) to Township, about 22 acres; Parts of Section 4, Jefferson Township

(life estate) and Kevin C. Rhodehamel (deceased) to Samantha J. Rhodehamel, quit claim deed — Part of Section 32, Greene Township, 0.43 acre

Cary J. and Jacqueline A. Goettemoeller to Cary J. Goettemoeller, warranty deed — Section 3, Greene Township, 22.55

Wanda Besser, Joseph A., Walter B. and Carole Mettert (deceased) to

Second Addition, Port- ranty deed — Part of Sec- ing LLC to Zane Shawver,

Levi A. R. Graber to Linda L. Rhodehamel Daniel A.R. and Millie D. Graber, warranty deed — Part of Section 27, Jackson Township, 3.76 acres

Chad M. and Rebecca J. LeMaster to Dean R. and Jennifer Jo. Inman, warranty deed - Part of Section 25, Greene Township, 0.7 acre

Beatrice P. Stigleman (deceased) to Charles P. and Sharon Fullenkamp, personal representative deed — Lot 11, Block 1, original plat of Redkey

Stephen D. McBride to deed — Parts of Section of Section 32, Greene deed — Lot 211, Currents Chris and Jill Miller, war- Patch and Midland Fund- original plat of Portland

tion 22. Bearcreek Township, 31.72 acres Cindy J. and James

IV Carter Rufus (deceased) to Cindy J. Carter, death deed — Lot 5, Jaqua and Hayes Addition Cheryl L. Svec

(deceased) to Lisa Parkerson and Michael E. Green, deed affidavit — Part of Section 22, Wayne Township, 0.86 acre Ralph and Nancy St.

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Stephanie R. Morgan to Byron Flesher, quit claim deed — Part of Section 27, Pike Township, 1.44 acres James H. Bullock

(deceased) to Peggy B. Bullock, Regina A. Ward and Pamela J. Mooneyhan, deed affidavit — Part of Section 20, Richland Township, 38.64 acres

Marian and Paul Bonifas to Derran McGill, tax title deed — Lot 5, Haynes Mark R. and Taya N. Addition, Outlot 6 in the

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First team-of-four match. She was East and doubled six spades, which South — well aware of Sylvia's pro-clivities — redoubled.

clivities — redoubled.

West led the ace of diamonds, and
Sylvia trumped it with the jack! This
extraordinary play naturally drew a
gasp from the large gallery of kibitzers, but thereafter the play proceeded
normally, and South went down one.

At the other table, South also got
os ix spades (undoubled) but made
the slam. Here, too, the ace of diamonds was led, but East discarded a
club on it Declarer ruffed and led a

club on it. Declarer ruffed and led a spade, West showing out. South's only chance now was a

trump endplay, which he proceeded to execute. He took the spade ace, led

to execute. He took the spade ace, led a heart to the king and cashed four clubs, discarding dummy's four remaining diamonds. Next he played three more rounds of hearts ending in dummy, at which point dummy's last three cards were the K-10-8 of spades. The eight-of-spades lead then left East without recourse.

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Pass ♣AKQJ10 North 1 ♦ 3 ♠ Pass South West 1 ♠ 6 ♠ Redble Opening lead — ace of diamonds

It was impossible to predict what It was impossible to predict what Sylvia would do at any time, since her conception of the game was completely different than anyone else's.

The bids and plays she would concoct on the spur of the moment — while to her appearing entirely logical — were a never-ending source of astonishment not only to her harried partners but also to her (usually) grateful opponents.

Despite this, Sylvia was a popular

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: Heritage Aggregates, LLC (dba) US Aggregates & Heritage Land Company LLC, 5400 West 86th

Street, Indianapolis, IN 47268, has filed with the City of Portland Plan Commission a petition, #MapChg2021-01-26, requesting a Rezoning/Map Change to the zoning regulations, to wit: Location of Property Affected: 1823 W Tyson Rd (vacant land) #38-07-19-300-023.000-033, 66 acre parcel north of Tyson Rd (vacant land) #38-07-19-200-015.000-033, Wayne Township, Section 19; also 2021 W

022, Greene Township, Section 24; 4 parcels totaling 198 +/- acres. Property is Currently Zoned: Agricultural Residential (AR) Area Predominantly Zoned: Agricultural Residential (AR), R4 Low Density Residential, Highway Service (HS), and Industrial (IND)

75 S #38-06-24-400-022.000-022 and 840 S 200 W #38-06-24-400-025.000-

Request Rezoning To: Industrial (IND) $Description\ of\ Action\ Requested: Heritage\ Aggregates, LLC\ (HAL)$ and Heritage Land Company, LLC (HLC) intend to mine limestone from the property it owns near Portland and store earthen materials in a graded, sloped and seeded mound. The City of Portland Zoning Ordinance, Section 3.15, only allows for this type of use on property zoned Industrial, thus requiring the rezoning from Agricultural Residential to Industrial. The need to rezone is necessitated by HAL's need to access the limestone deposit on these parcels. If the

rezoning is approved, the request will still require Special Exception Use approval from the Portland Board of Zoning Appeals. A public hearing is scheduled to be held by said Plan Commission on Thursday, February 18, 2021 in the Jay County Courthouse Auditorium, 120 N Court 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 available for public inspection at the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department, 118 S Meridian Street/Ste E, Portland,

Indiana 47371. Due to Covid-19 and the ever changing meeting regulations, the number of people allowed to attend in person is unknown at this time; therefore the meeting will be available virtually. To join the meeting virtually, contact the Jay/Portland Building Department at 260-726-6904 or by

email at jaycobldg@gmail.com or jpbp.jhemmel@gmail.com ahead of time to get connection details. The Department will also accept letters from the public that will be read aloud during the public hearing meeting. Letters may be sent or taken to the Jay/Portland Building Department prior to the meeting date

City of Portland Plan Commission By: John Hemmelgarn , Zoning Administrator/Director Date: Feb. 1, 2021 CR 2-4-2021 HSPAXLP

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Public Notice STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF JAY, SS: IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT $2021\,\mathrm{TERM}$

No. 38CO1-2101-EU-000002 In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of: Adair, Vernon L., Deceased

Notice is hereby given that Frances Langenkamp and Alan Adair were, on the 13th day of January, 2021, appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Vernon L. Adair deceased, who died on December

ADMINISTRATION

3, 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 for-

ever barred. Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 26th day of January, 2021. Jon Eads

Clerk of the Circuit Court For Jay County, Indiana HINKLE, RACSTER & SCHEMENAUR 121 W. High Street Portland, IN 47371 Attorney CR 1-28.2-4-2021-HSPAXLE

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STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF JAY IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT $2020\,\mathrm{TERM}$ IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE

JOHN RUNYON, Deceased CAUSE NO. 38C01-2012-EU-35 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DELAWARE COUNTY, INDIANA In the Matter of the Estate of John Runyon, deceased. Cause No. 38C()l-2012-EU-35

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of December, 2020, Caressa Runvon, was appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of John Runyon. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file this 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 for ever barred.

Dated at Portland, Indiana, this the 6th day of January, 2021 Chris M. Teagle #2278-18 Attorney for Persona! Repre-

sentative 133 W. State Street Albany, Indiana 47320 CR 1-21,28,2-4-HSPAXLP

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NOTICE OF PROJECT ADVANCEMENT -US 27 Bridge Project in Jay County (Des. No. 1702940) February 2021 The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) held a pub-

lic hearing in on August 20, 2020 for proposed improvements to the Meridian Street Bridge (Bridge No. 027-38-06182 B), which carries US 27 (Meridian Street) over the Salamonie River in the City of Portland. This public hearing was held as part of the environmental analysis phase as required per the National Envi ronmental Policy Act (NEPA). Public involvement is an important element of a comprehensive decision-making process. The primary purpose of the project is to improve the condition of the deck wearing surface to at least a rating of 8 out of 9, which is considered "very good" and to extend the overall life of the structure. The secondary purpose of the project is to improve the appearance of the structure and its features which will act to slow future deterioration and meet the desires of the City of Portland.

Preferred Alternative: The existing bridge thin deck overlay of Bridge No. 027-38-06182 B will be removed by a milling operation. All unsound concrete on the deck will be removed and patched with partial depth patching. A new flexible polymeric concrete bridge deck overlay will be installed. The existing steel railing components and light fixtures will be removed from the bridge. The existing paint system will be completely removed. The steel components will be shop galvanized and then painted using a powder coating method in a black matte finish to match the original appearance. The newly painted steel components will be reinstalled on the bridge with all new steel hardware. The existing masonry coating on the arch, columns, and concrete portion of the railing will be cleaned. The existing concrete patch on the east arch column will be removed along with any deteriorated concrete on the other columns, arch or concrete portion of the railing. Patching concrete structures, with a special microsilica concrete mix, and welded steel wire reinforcement will be used to patch the areas of removed concrete. A patch material consisting of a concrete mix with microsilica will match the texture and color of the existing concrete components.

After cleaning and patching the existing arch, columns and concrete portion of the railing, the appearance of the concrete components will be reviewed. If the appearance of the cleaned masonry coating is not a good representation of the existing structure aesthetic, the masonry coating will be completely removed using a chemical concrete cleaner and stain removal and hand tools. Once removed, the concrete components will be surface sealed with a tinted seal for protection. The tint would provide color uniformity on the structure and closely resemble the existing masonry coating.

The surface of the sidewalk, curbs and face of the curbs will be surface sealed with a sealer/healer coating. This will repair existing open cracks, preventing the underlying bridge deck floor system from penetrating chloride infiltration, slowing future de terioration. From each end of the bridge deck 50 feet of US 27 will be milled 1 1/2 inches and a new HMA overlay placed atop the roadway surface. The new HMA overlay will provide a sufficient transition from the bridge floor back into the existing roadway elevation. The total length of the project is 123.5 feet

The MOT for the project will require the closure of US 27. A detour will be established utilizing SR 26, SR 67, SR 1, and SR 28. The detour length is approximately 24 miles and is anticipated to be in place for the duration of construction. Additionally, sidewalk and curb ramp construction will only take place on one side of the road at a time. A route for pedestrian traffic will be maintained at all times and signs will be posted to direct pedestrian traffic around construction. The MOT will be implemented per the Indiana Design Manual guidelines.

Additional details regarding the proposed project are available https://www.in.gov/indot/4075.htm.

The purpose of this notice is to communicate the status of this project to community members. As part of INDOT's commitment to afford the community an opportunity to formally announce the conclusion of the environmental analysis phase and transition to the next phase of development.

Subsequent to reviewing and considering all comments and materials received as a result of the public hearing held at the outdoor amphitheater in Hudson Family Park, located at 509 South Wayne Street in Portland, Indiana, 47371 on August 20, 2020. INDOT will advance this project to the next phase of development with construction anticipated to take place in 2021. Environmental analysis documentation, will remain available for public inspection during normal office hours at the following

> 1) Portland City Hall: 321 N Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana 47371 (by appointment only) 2) Jay County Public Library: 315 N Ship Street, Portland, Indiana 47371

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More fans permitted at girls hoops sectional

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NEW CASTLE — Fans of the Patriots, Tigers, Huskies and Trojans will get more of an opportunity to see their teams play.

New Castle High School announced Wednesday that general," the athletics department eral admission tickets will be available for the semifinal and championship games of the girls Class 3A Sectional 24 tournament on Friday and Saturday at New Castle Fieldhouse.

Athletics has now been upgrad-

Up to 2,300 fans will be allowed at New Castle Fieldhouse

said via its website — newcastleathletics.com Wednesday. "Effective today, spectators up to 25% capacity can return ... This means general admission and all sports passes "The status for New Castle are now being recognized at the

New Castle Fieldhouse, dubbed "The Largest and Finest High School Fieldhouse in the World,' has a seating capacity of 7,829. According to a March 2019 article in the Indianapolis Star, the fieldhouse is the third largest high school gym in the country, having been dethroned by Seymour's Lloyd E. Scott Gymnasium after more than 60 years as America's biggest.

The New Castle athletics department said a total of 2,300 fans will be permitted for Friday's semifinal games and Saturday's championship.

The Yorktown Tigers (15-5) and Jay County Patriots (18-3), who finished 11th in the final Class 3A poll voting of the season, meet in the 6 p.m. semifinal on Friday, with the No. 7 Hamilton Heights Huskies (16-1) and New Castle Trojans (2-16) squaring off

approximately 7:30 p.m. Friday. The semifinal games will be

rematches of contests earlier this season. Jay County picked up a 54-44 road win over Yorktown on Dec. 29. Hamilton Heights topped New Castle 73-31 Jan. 19.

In Wednesday's sectional quarterfinal games, Hamilton Heights defeated Winchester, which had won four straight sectional titles across Class 2A and Class 3A, 64-42. The host Trojans topped the Burris Owls 58-45.

The sectional final is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday.

Antetokounmpo, **Bucks top Pacers**

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Giannis Antetokounmpo didn't play at all in the fourth quarter and still final minute of the third had a triple-double while quarter when he got his helping the Milwaukee Bucks roll to a lopsided victory.

The reigning two-time MVP had 21 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists in the Bucks' 130-110 rout of the Indiana Pacers on Wednesday night. Antetokounmpo shot 7 of 8 from the floor and 7 of 8 from the line.

"He's playing really, really unselfishly," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said. "He's seeing things and making the right read and the right passes. I just think he's in a great place mindset-wise. He's aggressive and attacking when it's needed. He's finding his teammates and finding opportunities for everybody else when it's need-

Over his last two games, Antetokounmpo has shot a combined 15 of 19 from the floor and hasn't attempted a 3-pointer. Antetokounmpo is making just 28% of his 3-point attempts this season.

Antetokounmpo completed his third triple-double of the season in the 10th assist, setting up Bobby Portis for a corner 3-pointer that capped a 10-0 run and gave the Bucks a 34-point advantage.

Milwaukee led by as many as 40 in the fourth quarter over a Pacers team that had beaten the Memphis Grizzlies 134-116 one night earlier.

'We just didn't come out with enough urgency on both ends," Pacers forward Doug McDermott said. "It's something we've got to clean up. We've got to come out with that mindset that just because we played the night before doesn't give us an excuse to kind of lay an egg.'

Milwaukee never trailed and shot 21 of 48 from 3point range in its last home contest before beginning a six-game trip. The Bucks have gone 42 of 90 on 3-point attempts over their last two games.

The Bucks have made at least 20 3-pointers in five of their 21 games this sea-



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Jay County High School senior Aubrie Schwieterman, left, and junior Izzy Rodgers blanket Delta's Abby Rouse during the third quarter of the Class 3A Sectional 24 tournament quarterfinal on Tuesday at New Castle Fieldhouse. The Patriots forced the Eagles into committing 25 turnovers and shooting just 18.6% from the field in a 52-27 victory.







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St. John's upsets No. 3

By MIKE FITZPATRICK

NEW YORK — Freshman guard Posh Alexander and his pumped-up teammates doused Mike Anderson with water after their biggest win yet under the second-year St. John's coach.

Just outside Carnesecca Arena, students cheered so loudly from their dorms that jubilant players could hear them in the locker room.

It was that kind of night for the suddenly surging Red Storm.

"I let them see another side of me," a smiling Anderson said.

Alexander scored 16 points and St. John's smothered No. 3 Villanova, upsetting the ice-cold Wildcats 70-59 on Wednesday to halt their nine-game win-

Julian Champagnie had 14 points — all in the second half — and a career-high 13 rebounds for the rising Red Storm (12-7, 6-6 Big East), who have won five straight

games and six of seven. This one, Champagnie said, showed they are "a legit team."

And now, maybe one with a legit shot

at an NCAA Tournament push. Flashing quick and active hands all over the court, St. John's turned up its pressure defense and hounded the experienced Wildcats (11-2, 6-1) into 17 turnovers and 32% shooting in an ugly

performance. "I thought our defense was the cata-

lvst." Anderson said. "It was the John-

nies' night." Villanova was held 12 points below its

previous season low for its first loss since Nov. 28 to Virginia Tech in overtime. The Wildcats went nearly four weeks between games because of coronavirus issues before returning with a Jan. 19 win over Seton Hall.

"I think the press was what we expected. I think our response was what I didn't expect," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "They really took us out of what we wanted to do."

St. John's has been a surprising thorn in Villanova's side recently, with wins over a top-ranked Wildcats team in February 2018 and against the defending

national champions in 2019. The latest victory gave St. John's its first four-game Big East winning streak since the 2014-15 NCAA Tournament team. Three of the wins have come on

the road, too. Alexander, who plays with a relentless frenzy and leads the Big East in steals, added six assists, four rebounds and

three thefts. "He had a phenomenal night," Anderson said. "He plays all out, both ends of

the floor."

Alexander dominated his critical matchup with senior star Collin Gillespie, who was 0 for 8 from 3-point range and committed six turnovers in a forgettable four-point performance.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

TodayJay 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

Friday
— Girls basketball section Jay County

al semifinal vs. Yorktown at New Castle - 6 p.m.; Girls swimming hosts diving sec-

tional - 6 p.m. Fort Recovery Minster – 6 p.m. Boys basketball vs.

Saturday Jay County — Wrestling hosts regional - 8:30 a.m.; Boys basketball tripleheader 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.

Southern Wells and Heritage - 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

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.

TV schedule

Today
7 p.m. — Men's College Basketball:
Ohio State at Iowa (ESPN); Arizona at
Utah (FS1); Cincinnati at Temple
(ESPN2)

7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Golden State Warriors at Dallas Mavericks (TNT) 9 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Stanford at California (ESPN2); Minnesota at Rutgers (FS1)

10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Denver Nuggets at Los Angeles Lakers (TNT) 11 p.m. — Men's College Basketball:

Washington State at Oregon (FS1)

7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana

9 p.m. - Men's College Basketball:

Boise State at Nevada (FS1)

Pacers vs. New Orleans Pelicans (FSIN) 7 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Maryland at Penn State (FS1); George Mason at Dayton (ESPN2) 7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Toronto at Brooklyn (ESPN)

10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Los Angeles Clippers (ESPN)

Saturday

Noon — Men's College Basketball: Iowa State at Oklahoma (ESPN2); Alabama at Missouri (ESPN); Seton Hall at UConn 2 p.m. — Men's College Basketball:

2 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Kansas at West Virginia (CBS); Florida at LSU (ESPN); St. John's at Providence (FS1) 3 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Texas at Oklahoma State (ABC)

4 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Pittsburgh at Virginia (ESPN); Ole Miss at

Auburn (ESPN2) 6 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: North Carolina at Duke (ESPN)

6:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Nebraska at Michigan State (BTN) 8 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Tennessee at Kentucky (ESPN); Arizona at Colorado (FS1); UMass at Rhode Island

8:30 p.m. - NBA Basketball: Golden State Warriors at Dallas Mavericks (ABC)

Sunday Noon — Men's College Basketball:

lowa at Indiana (FOX)

1 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pac

ers vs. Utah Jazz (FSIN) 6:30 p.m. — NFL Football: Super Bowl LV – Kansas City Chiefs vs. Tampa Bay