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# **Modified formats** Winter guard, choir competitions change

#### By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review "Last year's show was the show that never finished.<sup>3</sup>

That was true for Emilie Garringer's winter guard.

And it was true for Susan Denney's show choirs.

Both will be back this year, but in a modified format: Arrive. Compete. Leave.

It begins today, with Jay County High School's winter guard at Anderson. The school's show choirs — Just Treble and Patriot Edition — will take the stage next weekend at DeKalb.

The winter guard groups will have to be in uniform before heading off to their contest destination. They'll be allowed into the venues 30 minutes before their warm-up is scheduled to begin. They will warm up. They will perform. And they will leave. Awards will be presented in a virtual format on the Sunday after the competition.

It will be similar for show choirs, which will be brought into a "holding area" when they arrive at their host schools. They will warm up, perform their show and head home. In Jay County's case, the all-girl Just Treble and co-ed Patriot Edition will always perform back-to-back. Again, awards will be announced virtually.

(Some schools will allow limited spectators while others will not. Most plan to live stream performances.)

It's not the performing arts experience the students are used to.

That led to Denney asking her choir members if it was worth it. She got the answer for which she had hoped.

"All of my kids said, 'Mrs. D, it's better than nothing at all,' Denney said.

"In the situation we're in, we need to try to continue this program in an upward motion," she continued. "We had such a great year last year. And ... not participating at all is going to be detrimental to the program."

Patriot Edition had placed

overall March 7 at the Bishop Luers Midwest Choir Invitational last year, with Just Treble finishing third in its division. The next week, the season was can-celed as the ongoing coronavirus pandemic took hold in Indiana.

On the same day, the JCHS winter guard was second in its round, scoring first in design analysis, and placed 14th overall at the state preliminaries to qualify for the state semifinals. That event never happened, as the winter guard season was cut short as well.

Now both groups are excited to be back doing what they love.

The 12-member JCHS winter guard's show is set in a park and titled "Tonight," sharing the name of the electronic dance music song by Garringer's friends Noah Connolly (Noah-Conn) and Tyler Eads to which it is set. The Patriot performers play out the scene with rifles and flags as the love song builds and fades, slipping away with umbrellas and crickets at the end.

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The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Lia West of the Jay County High School winter guard performs Friday night during the group's preview show at East Jay Elementary School. The winter guard opens its competition today at Anderson.



Jay County High School's show choirs, including Patriot Edition (above), open their seasons next weekend in

### Retrospect

### **Four Patriots** made semi-state

this week, the Jay County High School wrestling program took a step in the right direction.

The Feb. 5, 1996, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about the Patriot wrestlers advancing four to the semi-state tournament. The team had not sent more than three to the semi-state since 1988.

Bart Brandenburg (119 pounds) earned a return trip to the semi-state meeting. He was joined by first-timers James Myers (125), Andy Schmit (130) and Damien McIntire (215).

The top three wrestlers in each weight class earned a semi-state berth.

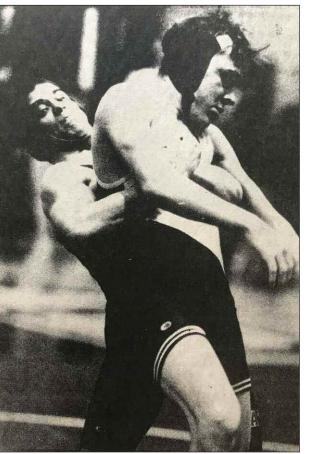
"I was real pleased," said JCHS coach Craig Campbell. "We almost snuck six through there. I think we're progressing along nicely, every tournament ... improved. Looking at the Pendleton Heights.

Twenty-five years ago youth of the guys coming back — three of the semistate qualifiers are juniors and the other two alternates are just sophomores."

Brandenburg scored the most dramatic victory for the Patriots, edging Travis Estes of Centerville 2-1 in the third-place match. Myers beat Centerville's Richard Craig 9-5 to earn his semi-state berth while Schmit pinned Justin Barnhart of Pendleton Heights and McIntire shut out Centerville's Derek Jordan 5-0.

The victory improved McIntire to 31-5, making him the team's first 30match winner since the 1980s.

Shawn Jordan (140) made it to the third-place match but lost 13-1 to Brian Alyea of Northeastern. Aric Hartvig also fell one victory short of a semi-state berth as he suffered a loss by pin we've to Chad Stanley of



The Commercial Review/Mike Snyder

Jay County High School's Andy Schmit picks up Justin Oat of Shenandoah during the first round of the Pendleton Heights regional in 1996.

# **Biden to move** quickly on aid

#### By JOSH BOAK Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden laid out his case Friday for moving fast to pass \$1.9 trillion in coronavirus relief, but even as he opened the door to proceeding without Republicans, he conceded that a key element of his plan hiking the minimum wage to \$15 per hour — was unlikely to become law.

Friday morning's release of the government's jobs report for January showed that hiring had stalled to a pace that could hinder a return to full employment for several years. Some 406,000 people left the labor force last month as deaths from the pandemic have surged.

"A lot of folks are losing hope," Biden said in a speech at the White House. "I believe the American people are looking right now to their government for help, to do our job, to not let them down. So I'm going to act. I'm going to act fast. I'd like to be doing it with the support of Republicans ... they're just not willing to go as far as I think we have to go."

The jobs report landed shortly after Senate Democrats cast a decisive vote to muscle the COVID relief plan through the chamber without Republican support, a step toward final approval next month. Vice President Kamala Harris cast the tie-breaking vote in the Senate, her first.

Biden's speech solidified a marked shift in tone and strategy for a president who entered the White House pledging bipartisanship and met on Monday with 10 Republican senators pushing a slimmeddown \$618 billion alternative. Biden concluded in his Friday speech that aid at that level would only prolong the economic pain.

Still, the president acknowledged Friday that one of his most ambitious proposals, raising the minimum wage, would likely be left out of the final bill.

"I put it in, but I don't think it's going to survive,' Biden said in an interview with "CBS Evening News" anchor Norah O'Donnell, adding he would push to raise it in a standalone bill. See Aid page 2

#### **Deaths**

James Stone, 70, Portland

Ashlee Ryan, 34, Redkey

Details on page 2.

#### Weather

Jay County's high temperature was 27 degrees Friday.

Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies and a high of 23. Snow is possible tonight with a low of  $\overline{7}$ . Sunday's high will be 14, and more snow is possible Monday with a high of 21.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

#### In review

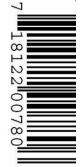
The Dunkirk Foundation has opened its 2021 scholarship cycle for high school seniors.

Scholarships are open to Jay County residents as well as residents of Niles Township in Delaware County and Jackson Township in Blackford County. Applications are available at thedunkirkfoundation.org.

**Tuesday** — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.

**Coming up** 

**Thursday** — An update on the coronavirus pandemic in Jay County.



# **Local/Nation**

### **Obituaries**

#### **James Stone**

*Nov. 5, 1950-Feb. 4, 2021* James "Jim" Stone, age 70, a resident of Portland, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021, at IU Health Jay in Portland.

Jim was born on Nov. 5, 1950, in Richmond, Kentucky, the son of Raymond and Louise (Armstrong) Stone. Jim worked for EPC in Geneva for over 37 years and was a member of the NRA.



Jim married Carol Ridgeway on May 18, 1966, and she passed away on May 12, 2011.

Survivors include: His children — Jamie Nuckols

(husband: Richard), Mary Bick-

Stone (wife: Barbara), Nathan Stone (wife: Melissa), Ashely McAbee, Jimmy Stone and Coby Abdulah

Brothers — Ken Stone (wife: Rose) and Roger Stone (wife: Sandra)

Sisters — Vicki Corle (husband: Roger), Susie Reitenour (husband: Rocky), Connie Hiatt Todd), (husband: Tina Cavanaugh (husband: Chris) and Tammy Wilhelm

Special friend — Nan Weesner Twenty grandchildren and several great-grandchildren

He was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Stone; brother-in-law, Terry Wilhelm; and granddaughter, Casey Stone.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral el (husband: Randy), Tony Lee Home in Portland. Services to

celebrate Jim's life will follow at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Pastor Nan Weesner and Jerry Qualls will officiate and burial will follow at Green Park Cemetery in Portland.

Memorials may be directed towards the family in care of Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home to assist with funeral expenses.

Condolences may be expressed williamsonat spencer.com.

#### Ashlee Ryan

Dec. 8, 1986-Feb. 1, 2021 Ashlee Julia-Anise Ryan, 34, of Redkey, Indiana, was gathered into the loving arms of Jesus on Monday, Feb. 1, 2021.

Ashlee was born on Dec. 8,

late James Hauck. Her beautiful life will forever be cherished by all of her family, friends and all those she considered to be brothers and sisters.

Ashlee had the biggest heart and

she gave a piece of it to everyone she knew and we will carry that with us forever. She was a kind, caring daughter, niece, cousin and friend, but most importantly she was the devoted mother of three beautiful children, Marlee, Leo and Caroline, whom she loved and adored more than anyone could ever know.

Ryan

A celebration of Ashlee's life will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13, 1986, to Denise Ryan and the from 2 to 6 p.m. at All Season's

Banquet Facility in Albany, Indiana. Please join us as we share the love and wonderful memories we all have with her.

Ashlee's dream was to help others who had similar struggles as her own. The family wishes that memorial contribution's in her honor be made to A Better Life – Brianna's Hope.

Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries Redkey Chapel.

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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.

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Pick 5: 7-8-2-5-9

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Special to The Commercial Review/Dawn Alicea

Jay County High School's Just Treble show choir will perform a show this year featuring the celebration of women's progress in society. It feature's Taylor Swift's "The Man" and Avril Lavigne's "Dumb Blonde."

### **Lotteries**

#### Hoosier

day and night.

Midday Daily Three: 3-1-9 Daily Four: 4-7-2-5 Quick Draw: 1-3-6-9-10-13-14-21-27-34-35-40-65-68-69-70-72-74-76-77

Ohio Midday Pick 3: 1-0-8

**Powerball** 

Estimated jackpot: \$54 million

Sunrise

**Markets** 

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"As far as putting it all together, it's something that the kids really looked forward to," said Garringer, noting not only the early end to the 2020 season but the elimination of summer band as well. "It feels nor-mal, almost, the whole process of putting the show together. Everything else feels weird, but that part of it feels right. It feels like it always has.'

The Just Treble show is all about empowerment, celebrating the choices women have in today's society. It shows a progression from the 1950s era to today and features songs including "The Man" by Taylor Swift, "Around Here" from the musical "9 to 5" and "Dumb Blonde" by Avril Levigne.

Patriot Edition's show is all about breaking down the barriers in life at Huntington North, March 6 at very, very best we can."

that can served to hold us back. (Both themes were developed by choreographer Damon Brown.) Its songs include Pink Floyd's "Another Brick in the Wall," Amy Grant's "If These Walls Could Speak" and a mash up of John Mellencamp's "Crumblin' Down" and "Nothing Can Stop Us" from Disney's "Planes" in a swing style.

The JCHS winter guard will perform four times — today at Anderson, Feb. 13 at Westfield, March 6 at Hamilton Southeastern and March 13 at Bishop Dwenger. Rather than a three-round state series, 32 groups will qualify for the March 27 state finals at Greenwood based on their scores during the season.

The choir campaign will run five consecutive weeks — Feb. 13 at DeKalb, Feb. 20 at Homestead, Feb. 27

And if you're making less

than \$15 an hour, you're

living below the poverty

applauded after Harris

announced the chamber's

51-50 vote on the budget

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Northridge and March 13 at Garrett. JCHS is tentatively scheduled to host a contest April 10. Indiana State School Music Association will not hold a state finals this year.

Denney emphasized the value of developing qualities like work ethic, dedication and commitment, even without state and even if circumstances change and more competitions are canceled this year.

"We're learning a lot about life, like everyone else is in this situation," she said, noting that she has a sign on her office wall about making lemonade out of lemons. "It doesn't do us any good to sit and feel sorry for ourselves and feel like we've been robbed and things aren't what they should be. We just have to take the situation we're in and we have to get past it and move forward and do the

Estimated jackpot: \$30 million

**Mega Millions** 

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#### The Andersons

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### **Today in history**

On Feb. 6, 1778, during the American Revolutionary War, the United States won official recognition and military support from France with the signing of a Treaty of Alliance in Paris.

In 1862, during the Civil War. Fort Henry in Tennessee fell to Union forces.

In 1911, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, was born in Tampico, Illinois.

In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the so-"lame duck" called amendment, was proretary of State Henry saved American lives. Stimson.

In 1991, comedian and television performer Danny Thomas died in Los Angeles at age 79.

In 2006, Portland City Council approved an ordinance establishing a redevelopment commission to oversee funds to be generated by its tax increment financing (TIF) district.

In 2008, the Bush White House defended the use of the interrogation technique known as waterboarding, saying it was legal — not torture as critics claimed in effect by Sec- argued — and had —AP and The CR

Continued from page 1 'No one should work 40 hours a week and live below the poverty wage.

#### **SERVICES**

Today

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

Monday

Andrews, Rita: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 190 S. Union St., Pennville.

Wednesday

Stone, James: 1:30 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

February 13 Ryan, Ashlee: 2 p.m., All Season's Banquet Facility, 141 W. State St., Albany.

Service listings provided by PROGRESSIVE **OFFICE PRODUCTS** 120 N. Meridian St.

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progressiveofficeproducts.com

### Citizen's calendar

#### Monday

 Portland 8 a.m. Redevelopment Commission executive session, John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

11 a.m. — Dunkirk Police Pension Board, city building, 131 S. Main St., Portland. St.

Election Board, voting 131 S. Main St.

room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.

Dunkirk 6 p.m. Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 6 p.m. — Jay County Regional Sewer Board, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court

7 p.m. — Dunkirk City 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Council, city building,



### Licensed Massage Therapist

Licensed Massage Therapist position opening at the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion. Contracted position. Schedule flexible. Must hold current Indiana license.

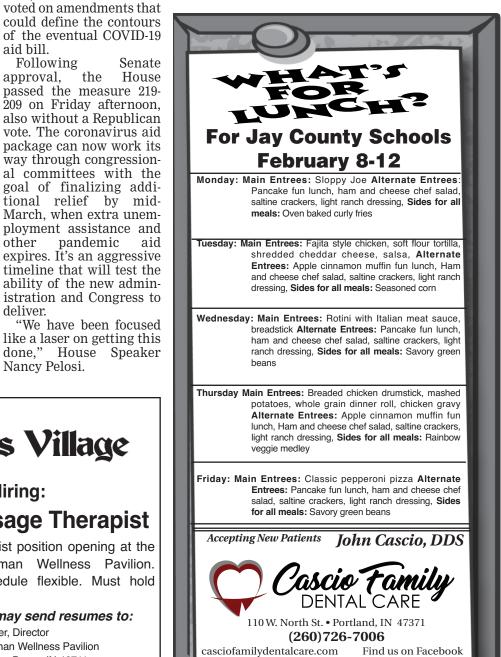
Interested applicants may send resumes to: Briana Eicher, Director Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion 1201 Emmental Drive, Berne, IN 46711 brianae@swissvillage.org

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Flowers, Candy

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# Family

### Snowman team

A group of local children took a break from sledding to build a for snowman the residents of Persimmon Ridge Rehabilitation Centre in Portland. Pictured in front, from are Bryleigh left, Shaneyfelt, 4, and Brittlynne Maxwell, 12. Middle row are Audriana Gaucin, 5, Natalia Gaucin, 10, and Davian Allen, 7. Back row are Xaiven Maxwell, 11, and Tessa Miller, 14.



Photo provided

# **Blackford guitar** lab beginning

**Taking** 

Note

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

The Blackford County Arts Center is hosting a group guitar lab this spring for students in 4th through 6th grades who are beginning or intermediate guitarists.

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

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

#### **Beatles in Blackford**

You won't need a "Ticket to Ride" into Blackford County to see some John Lennon art for free.

A new exhibit at the Blackford County Arts Center titled "Only Imagine" will feature art from the famed Beatles guitarist and Hartford City native John Knox daily until Feb. 18.

The original art from Lennon were donated to the center by David Hodges.

The Blackford County Arts center located at 107 W. Washington St., Hart- gift from the library.

ford City, is open from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday except Tuesdays, when it is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### JCPL baby shower

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

Among diapers, the library is seeking dona-tions of baby wash, baby shampoo, baby lotion, baby wipes, baby food, baby snacks, baby formula, baby gas drops, baby Orajel and toothbrush and toothpaste for baby teeth.

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

# Couple splits after four years, two kids

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of four years (the father of my two little boys) and I have decided to separate. We got along, but when we did argue, it escalated. We bought a home together a year ago, but two weeks ago he moved back to his parents' house. We alternate the boys every two or three days.

Our issues could have been fixed, but we were too prideful. Now I'm starting to have regrets – what have I done? We could have been a family for our little boys. I wanted this separation in order to work on myself and repair our relationship. But he seems happier now and is enjoying the separation, while I cry myself to sleep hoping that one day we will get back together. How do I move forward to ents and unwilling to do the I should handle it? — HOLDING person? No confrontation, no



truly be happy for myself and my boys? — SAD MOMMY IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SAD MOMMY: People move forward by learning from their mistakes. Wait another week or so and ask your former boyfriend how he feels about relationship counseling to settle vour issues. If he is truly happier living with his parwork necessary for a lasting ONTO A SECRET relationship, give yourself time to heal from this breakup, and when you are emotionally balanced again, start moving on with your life.

DEAR ABBY: Sixty years ago I had a brief extramarital affair that resulted in the birth of a son. For a multitude of reasons I have never revealed the identity of his biological father to him or anyone else. I recently learned his daughter is doing some DNA testing, and I'm afraid my long-ago lie will be discovered. I do not want my son, my granddaughter or anyone else to discover it this way. Do you have any advice on how

DEAR HOLDING: If possible, meet with your son in person and tell him the whole story. Do it in quiet, private surroundings. I am sure he will have many questions, and you should be prepared to answer them honestly. I agree with you that he should hear this news from you rather than his daughter.

DEAR ABBY: I don't think I've ever seen this suggestion in your column, but maybe it's just too obvious. When a reader sends a letter and receives advice from you, why doesn't that reader give that "Dear Abby" column to the "problem"

interpretation — just counsel straight from Abby's mouth, so to speak. That's what I would do if you gave me advice. — LOGI-CAL IN FLORIDA

**DEAR LOGICAL: I hope** not. The most unwelcome "advice" in the world is that which is unasked for. Some readers have clipped my column and sent it anonymously to someone they thought 'needed" it, but I think the practice is cruel and cowardly. If you have a friend you think has a problem, "suggest" the person write me for an unbiased opinion if you wish. But to do what you are suggesting could be considered a breach of someone's privacy and cause hurt feelings.

## **Community Calendar**

*Notices will appear in* Walking from 9 to 10 a.m. St., Portland. Hours are 1 Ionday Wednesday ndar as everv N to 5 n.m. Monday through space is available. To sub-Friday. For more informaand Friday. an item, email PING PONG — Will be tion or to schedule an mit news@thecr.com. played from 9 a.m. to noon appointment, call (260) 726each Monday at Jay Com-8636. Walk-ins accepted. BREAD OF LIFE COM-Saturday munity Center. WEST JAY COMMUNI- MUNITY FAMILY MEAL ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 10 TY CENTER GROUP -— Will be served from 5:30 a.m. upstairs at True Doors open at 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury Unit-Value Hardware, Meridian Bingo will begin at 11 a.m. ed Methodist Church, 204 Euchre begins at 1 p.m. Street, Portland. For more E. Arch St. in Portland. There is a \$1 donation for information, call (260) 729-Everyone is welcome. 2532.center's expenses. For TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will more information, call Monday (765) 768-1544. meet for weigh-in at 5:30 PREGNANCY CARE PORTLAND BREAKp.m., with the meeting at 6 CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing FAST OPTIMISTS — Will p.m., in the fellowship hall meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Evangelical Methodist support during and after Church, 930 W. Main St.. at Richards Restaurant. BRYANT AREA COMpregnancy. The center is Portland. New members MUNITY CENTER located at 216 S. Meridian 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 Health in Coldwater, Ohio. **REDISCOVERING JOY**  The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the Level: Advanced second Monday of each month at Preferred Insur-**Friday's Solution** ance Center, 809 W. Main St., Coldwater, Ohio. For The objective is to fill a more information, email nine-by nine grid so that rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.c each column, each row, and om.



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#### **Tuesday**

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# Opinion

# **COVID** caused return to reading

#### By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review Reading is amazing.

If you checked out our The CR Recommends piece in the Jan. 2 newspaper, you know I got back into reading for pleasure last year.

It happened in June when I went to visit my family in Avon, Ohio.

Normally on a summer visit home I'd spend at least a couple of days taking my niece to the city pool. I love the water, so I'm happy to stay until closing time if that's what Tatiyana wants.

Normally we'd go out to eat a few times. (Before the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, my dad and a group of his buddies got together every Thursday for lunch and rated the restaurants, so he knows all of the good spots.)

Normally, we might catch a Cleveland Indians or Lake Erie Crushers game.



Because of the pandemic, all of those possibilities were off the table.

And, since my parents watch TV that I prefer to avoid — my dad enjoys westerns, "Gun-smoke," "Swamp People," etc., while my mom would watch news 24/7 if she could — I figured a book would provide a good way to pass some time.

I started with Malcolm Gladwell's "David and Goliath." I describe Gladwell as a "thinker." He's been included on the TIME 100 Most Influential People list and tends to look at issues and ideas from a different perspective. "David and Goliath" starts After three books in that span by looking at the Biblical tale of a week, I realized how much I and attempting to understand how and why the storied underdog was victorious against the favorite. It continues on to consider a variety of other issues, often turning them on their head.

When I finished Gladwell's book, I went looking for something on my parents' bookshelf. I wanted it to be short enough that I could finish it before I returned to Jay County a few days later. I picked "The Bridge of San Luis Rey" by Thornton Wilder, who also wrote "Our Town." It wasn't the easiest to read but it hit on a poignant message at the end.

It turned out that I still had time left, so, on my mom's advice, I picked up a Robert B. Parker novel. He's a mystery writer and I tore through the first offering in his Jesse Stone series in less than 24 hours.

missed reading. I decided to keep it up.

you're someone who If doesn't read but wants to, hasn't read for a while and wants to return or would simply like to read more, here are some tips to success:

•Set an attainable goal. Going reading nothing to from attempting to reach 50 books in a year makes no sense. Set a goal you can reach. When I got going again I decided to shoot for a book every two weeks, which at that point added up to 14 for the remainder of the year. I ended up easily achieving that goal, finishing the year with 28 books read. It felt great. So, come up with a number that you can hit. Once you've figured out your reading pace, you can gently increase your goal year to year. (I use the Goodreads website both to keep track of my books

After three books in that span and to find suggestions for new things to read.)

> •Mix it up. I tend to be a mystery guy. I love Michael Connelly. Michael Koryta's Lincoln Perry series is outstanding. I'm currently enjoying reading Allen Eskens. And I recently finished my first Janet Evanovich book. But I also made a point last year to grab books from genres I normally wouldn't choose. I read humor, fantasy, science fiction, non-fiction. I found some books I enjoyed. It can be invigorating to get out of your comfort zone.

> •Don't be afraid to quit. On a book, that is. Sometimes we feel that when we pick up a book we need to make it to the end. It seems like a failure if we don't. That's nonsense. If you don't like a book, set it aside and start a different one. There are millions of books out there. Find something you enjoy instead of wasting time slogging through pointless pages. Happy reading.

### It's reassuring to have hospital

To the editor:

Reading Jack Ronald's column about his coronavirus shot had me thinking about my episode with one this past week.

I went online and was able to readily pick my place, day and time very quickly for my virus shot. It was Jan. 29.

Thursday night before the scheduled day of vaccination, I started to get more hand, arm and chest pains I have experienced the last month or so. I took one ibuprofen and thought it would slow it down as it had in the past.

The pain instead did not slow down, but went into overdrive. I took more ibuprofen and was doing everything I could to ease the pain — you know, walking around, waving my hands and arms (not sure why), putting heat pad on my chest and arms.

Finally, after two hours, I felt the pain subside somewhat. Sitting in my recliner, I decided to just sleep there.

The next morning when I awoke I could tell the pain was still somewhat there. So I decided to have a friend shot. when I arrived I noticed two nurses I recognized and thought maybe I should relate my experience from the night before. After telling them, they looked at each other and immediately went to a telephone to call someone. I turned and was ready to check in for my shot. Next thing I know, here came someone with a wheelchair.



South Tower. View out windows — parking garage.

After more sticky things on my chest, IVs, machines peeking and other things I was ready to get some sleep. Hah, in a hospital?

I had numerous doctors visit me with tales about what was going to happen. Since it was a weekend, the cath lab did not operate unless it was a life/death situation. What the heck, I wanted to get done and out of there.

Next on Saturday I was informed that the COVID test I took came back positive. My daughter could not come up and see me. I could not go out and walk in the hallways. Seems I must have contacted the virus but my immune system prevented any adverse reaction to it.

Finally, here comes Monday. I waited for doctor to tell me what time the cut take me to IU Health Jay for job was scheduled. Someone said around 1 to  $3 \,\mathrm{nm}$ They said my positive delayed my surgery. Now in bowels of hospital and in cath lab. Lots of machine, people, equipment. After answering more of the same questions I have had many times they started to give me numbing meds and drowsy stuff (was awake all the time though). Told me, and I have pictures to prove it, my right coronary artery was 89% blocked. After installing a stent, I was taken back to my room. My surgeon remarked as a patient I was very talkative, affable and kind. Shoot, I just wanted to observe anything I could. Now informed must take more additional meds rest of life to prevent the platelets collecting on the stent and blocking the artery.

#### **BV KATE COHEN**

SO THIS YEAR INSTEAD OF

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SHOTS !

Special to The Washington Post If you're seeking unity with your fellow Americans these days, you should probably skip next impeachment trial — in which Democrats will likely insist on accountability while Republicans argue that we should forget about the whole insurrection thing for the good of the country. For unity, turn instead to this weekend's big event: the Super Bowl. It doesn't matter if you're a football fan. I'm not. I can appreciate a long pass caught midstride, but mostly I just read my book and look up occasionally to enjoy a hard-(for me)to-pronounce player name (Wisniewski, Kpassagnon, Succop!) or a comically obvious announcer comment ("I'd say if they're going to win this thing, they're going to have to put some points on the board"). I don't have a rooting interest on Sunday, but I will be watching for the good of the country. Football — and sports in general — is the one place where the differences among Americans, red and blue, urban and rural, MAGA and #Resistance, give way to a kind of unity. Obviously, sports are not removed from politics; nothing is. They can spark all kinds of disagreements outside the field of play. In football alone, we argue about the once and future name of the Washington Football Team, Kansas City's tomahawk chop, players kneeling during the national anthem and Bill Belichick's declining the Presidential Medal of Freedom. And, of course, we may be hoping for different outcomes.

Kate



Want unity? Watch the game coach's strategy or a ref's call. But we never dispute who won or by how

many points. We all agree on what

happened.

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I asked who is going to register me. She said, "You are not getting the shot. Hop in the chair.'

I next went to a room where I received an EKG, blood tests and other items. A doctor informed me that I had an item in my blood that should be at zero and it was 3.5, which meant I had had a very severe heart attack.

In ambulance to Muncie, I remarked to the paramedic that as much as an ambulance costs you would think they would put some springs or shocks on them. I then shouted to the driver, "how about lights and siren." The paramedic said it is up to the judgement of the driver if that happens. Heck, I wanted some adventure.

Now in the ER of IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital, they immediately wheel me up to 3307 in the

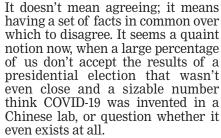
Finally home on Tuesday for more rest and relaxation.

Now I guess I will have to try and reschedule my coronavirus shot?

My care in both Jay and Ball was very courteous and professional. The presence of a hospital like IU Health Jay when you need it is very assuring. Charles E. Tague Portland

But when we watch the game, we at least share a single reality.

Cohen



Maybe only one member of Congress believes that the victims of the mass shootings in Newtown, Conn., and Parkland, Fla., were actors and that space lasers caused California's forest fires, but her party has been slow to disavow her. And she's far from alone in embracing what have come to be known as "alternative facts." A growing number of Americans are getting their "news" from reality-bending sources that bear as much resemblance to news organizations as do cheerleading squads.

That's why President Joe Biden's inaugural plea for unity felt both farfetched and old-fashioned: How can we unite as a country when so many of us think real news is fake and fake news is real?

We can't have unity if we don't share a reality.

And so, to football. After a game, we might disagree about who should be the MVP or whether a team should have risked a fourth-down Shared reality — remember that? conversion. We might question a Albany, N.Y.

When we watch football, we're watching the events as they take place, according to a 94-page book of rules. There are seven referees on the field in every NFL game, and even that's not enough: We accord such importance to exactly matching the facts on the field to the rules of the game that we have a whole system of instant replay and review for the close calls. I love those moments:

Yes, that's it ... zoom in a little closer, slow down that motion a little more so I, leaning forward on my couch, can see if he had both feet in bounds when he caught the ball. OK now show me that four more times. It's important we get this

right. That's some deep need for a shared reality.

Meanwhile, the on-air commentators might express differing opinions on the game in progress, but they aren't calling a different game from the one we're watching. There's no MAGA-world equivalent in the announcers' booth. No "a lot of people are saying that field goal was fraudulent." And no accusations in the form of disingenuous questions, such as: How do we know for sure it was the Buccaneers who scored that last touchdown and not the Chiefs in disguise?

They just chat strategy and state for the record the most deliciously obvious, universally agreed-upon facts. It's bliss.

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## **Business**

# Zucker to leave CNN at the end of 2021

**Bv PAUL FARHI** and JEREMY BARR The Washington Post

Jeff Zucker, the television executive who both aided the rise of Donald Trump as an NBC reality-TV star and challenged it by leading CNN through four years of clashes with the Trump White House, plans to leave his position as president of CNN at the end of 2021, when his contract expires.

Zucker, 55, made the announcement to staffers during a CNN editorial call on Thursday morning, according to three network staffers who participated.

Two network staffers, who were not authorized to comment publicly on the matter, said that Zucker had indicated that he initially planned to leave the network in early 2021 but changed his mind and decided to stay longer.

CNN through the end of this year," Zucker told employees, according to a participant. "I cannot imagine not being here right



Washington Post/Bill O'Leary

CNN president Jeff Zucker now expects to leave the network at the end of 2021. Zucker has served as president of CNN since 2013, after spending four years as the chief executive of media conglomerate NBCUniversal.

'I am going to stay at now. I have this incredible seat in the very front row of history every day. I work business.'

said, "I do expect to move on."

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he would leave the network he helped build up. "I really hate that I have become and I hate it because we

said.

Zucker has served as president of CNN since 2013, after spending four years as the chief executive of media conglomerate NBCUniversal, the cap-stone of a lengthy tenure at the company which saw him rise through the ranks and become a precocious executive producer of the morning show "Today."

Despite being a target of criticism for former president Donald Trump and his supporters, Zucker was largely popular with CNN employees, who valued his hands-on touch and passion for the news business.

"I'm relieved he is staying during this transition period in the country and for CNN," a veteran employee told The Washington Post after the announcement. "It would have been more chaotic had he left next month.'

Zucker said he plans to use his remaining time at the network to put the network on a path to further growth. "We have chal-

tant news to cover," he lenges ahead, for sure." he said. "But we could not be better positioned to meet them. The future is bright with tremendous opportunity, and I want to put all the right pieces into place to make sure that CNN remains strong for many years to come.'

Under Zucker, CNN focused intently on Trump, starting with his presidential campaign in mid-2015. The network often aired Trump's raucous campaign rallies from start to finish, helping him emerge from a crowded field of candidates.

Zucker later said he regretted giving Trump so much attention.

As president of NBC's entertainment division in 2003, Zucker oversaw the network's launch of "The Apprentice," the board-room reality show that featured Trump. The program was a long-running hit for NBC and effectively bailed Trump out financially at a time when his private businesses were debt-ridden and struggling.

# **Daniels elected chamber president**

Jay County Chamber of Commerce recently elected officers during a modified annual meeting

Pat Daniels was elected president of the chamber board, with Scott Manwaring vice president and Kayla Darby secretary.

The chamber also honored members that celebrated milestone anniversaries in 2020. They are as follows:

•160 years — Asbury United Methodist Church

•100 years — Kiwanis Club and Portland Rotary Club

•80 years — Psi Iota Xi sorority

•70 years — Crossroads Financial Federal Credit Union

•50 years — Ja-Mar TV and Appliance and Coldren, Frantz and Sprunger

•40 years — Jay County Special Olympics, Kaup Pharmacy, Pak-a-Sak and Park National Bank

•25 years — Walmart •20 years — All Circuit Electrical, Č.B.B Professional Cleaning, First Bank of Berne, Gehres & Associates and Jay County Community Development

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### **Business** roundup

dent Crystal Hinson Miller in a press release.

#### **Bond seeking**

BOND Capital, which includes Mary Meeker as a general partner, is reportedly seeking \$1.5 billion in its second round of fundraising.

The Wall Street Journal reported the goal this week, citing "people familiar with the situation.'

The San Francisco-based firm's fundraising goal for the second round is a quarter of a billion dollars higher than its initial-round total of \$1.25 billion that closed in 2019.

Meeker is a Portland native and graduate of Jay County High School.

#### **Tyson launching**

Tyson Foods announced Thurs-•15 years — Brigade Electron- day that it is launching in-plant ics, Bricker Auction, Dynamic career development program Unward Pathways in uding at its Portland facility. The program is designed to provide employees with job skills training and workforce certifications at no cost. Training is already available to employees at the company's Council Bluffs, Iowa, facility and will be implemented others in 2021. Portland's Tyson plant will be working with Muncie Community Schools on the training program. "Our team members are the most important part of our business, and we view it as our responsibility to provide opportunities to grow and thrive in their careers," said chief sustainability officer John R. Tyson in a press release. "We're excited to launch Upward Pathways as the next step from Upward Academy ..."

with Mandy, and I am very excited to start working more closely with her in her new position, said Swiss Village director of nursing Kristy Urick in a press release. "Mandy is proficient, organized, and very hardworking. She is knowledgeable of healthcare policies and procedures. She is already familiar with Swiss Village residents and staff. I just know that Mandy will excel in this new position."

#### **New director**

Indiana Michigan Power on Monday announced the hiring of Marci Grossman as its new director of communications.

Grossman, a native of the Chicago area, previously worked for Florida Power and Light (parent company of NextEra Energy), Green Mountain Energy Company, Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas, Ameritech and Dell Technologies. She is a graduate of the University of Texas.

"Marci brings with her exceptional communication and marketing skills to enhance our efforts through analytics and customer-focused technologies," said I&M president and chief operating officer Toby Thomas in a press release. "Her proven skills and extensive experience in a variety of roles in the communications and marketing sector will be critical to our long-term strategic vision ...'

"I have always enjoyed working a bit. The platform provides rich Fund (\$5 million), U.S. Vaccine ith Mandy, and I am very excite learning environments with a Adoption Grants (\$2.75 million), sense of play and collaboration."

#### **Ardagh partners**

Ardagh Group, which operates glass manufacturing plants in Winchester, and Dunkirk announced Tuesday that it has renewed its contract with Waterloo Container as its preferred wine bottle distributor for wineries in Canada and the eastern half of the United States.

The companies have been in business together for 30 years. The partnership includes bottles in a variety of colors, sizes, styles and finishes.

'Waterloo Container has been a significant part of our wine strategy since 1990, and we are excited to evolve our long-time partnership," said Ardagh chief commercial officer John T Shaddox in a press release. "We enjoy collaborating with Waterloo Container to offer high-quality, sustainable glass packaging to wineries in the Eastern region of the U.S. and Canada.'

#### NextEra is No. 1

NextEra Energy is ranked No. retail Chris Rogers. 1 in its industry on Fortune's 2021 's most admired list of the worl

Local Initiatives Support Corporation (\$2 million) and Echoing Green (\$1.5 million).

"Walmart has made a commitment to advancing racial equity, finding areas where we, as a company, can best contribute our resources and expertise to change society's systems that perpetuate racism and discrimination," said Walmart.org Center for Racial Equity senior director Kirstie Sims in a press release.

#### **Dollar to deliver**

Instacart announced this week that it will begin making sameday deliveries for Family Dollar stores, CNBC reported.

The company plans to deliver online purchases from more than 6,000 Family Dollar stores in a litle as an hour.

"Whether stocking up the fridge or pantry, enhancing a home office or virtual school space, or buying everyday athome essentials, we know value and affordability are top of mind for people across the country,' said Instacart vice president of

#### **O'Reilly fined**

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#### **Hospital awarded**

The IU Health Foundation has made several grant awards that will impact IU Health Jay.

The grants included \$30,000 for IU Health Jay, IU Health Blackford and IU Health Ball Memorial for programs that help vulnerable patients complete cardiac rehabilitation sessions at home. Those hospitals were also awarded \$7,145 for signs to be installed on existing walking paths to help promote wellness by connecting with personal goals related to fitness, distance and time, and \$2,030 to increase the understanding of evidence-based practice and how it aligns with nurses' daily work.

"Regional grants empower IU Health team members to improve the health of individuals, communities and our state,' said IU Health Foundation presi-

#### New assistant

Swiss Village on Thursday announced that it has named Amanda "Mandy" Hunley as its assistant director of nursing.

Hunley previously served as Swiss Village's infection preventionist. She is a graduate of South Adams High School and IPFW and joined Swiss Village as a certified nursing assistant in 1998.

#### **Grant received**

Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur was announced this week as a recipient of grant funding through Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Trust.

The money will be used to provide free mammograms to lowincome women or under insured women in the area. Those interested can call the hospital at (260) 724-2145 to determine if they qualify.

#### **BSU** creates

A digital platform developed at Ball State University can add 3D aspects to virtual meetings.

Meet3D allows users to choose avatars and interact with a shared digital environment. It was developed by John Fillwalk, director of the Institute for Digital Intermedia Arts at Ball State.

"I think people are getting Zoom fatigue," Fillwalk said in a press release. "Meet3D makes

companies.

NextEra, which owns and operates Bluff Point Wind Energy Center in Jay and Randolph counties, was ranked No. 1 in the electric and gas utilities industry for the 14th time in the last 15 years. It was 221st overall. (Apple topped the list, with Amazon second and Microsoft third.)

"We are extremely honored to receive once again Fortune's prestigious recognition as a leader within our industry," said NextEra chairman and CEO Jim Robo. "Every day, our diverse team empowered by an inclusive culture embraces the opportunity to challenge old ways of doing things and generate innovative solutions to our energy challenges.'

#### Walmart announces

Monday Walmart on announced its first round of grants from its \$100 million pledge to help address racial disparities in the United States.

The company selected 16 nonprofit organizations to donate a total of \$14.3 million. Organizations receiving funding included the Amercian Heart Associaonline meetings fun. It gamifies it tion's Bernard J. Tyson Impact April 20.

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An O'Reilly Auto Parts store in New Mexico is in trouble for the second time as the state fined it \$243,000 for COVID-19 violations.

According to New Mexico Environment Department spokesperson Maddy Hayden, the store in Lovington allowed employees with COVID-19 symptoms to continue to work, ABC-7 News of Amarillo, Texas, reported. That is a violation of state law and public health orders.

"We found out about these positive cases through our sister agency the Department of Health," said Hayden. "And we from thereafter kind of looking into it a little more were able to determine that there may have been violations."

#### To announce

Advance Auto Parts said this week that it will release its fourth quarter and full year 2020 earnings reports Feb. 16.

The reports will be released via a webcast at advanceautoparts.com at 8 a.m.

The company also plans to publish an updated investor presentation and host a virtual strategy update for analysts and investors



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Even with all the cards in view, it Even with all the cards in view, it is not easy to see how South can be prevented from taking 10 tricks at four spades. It is true that declarer has four apparent losers — a heart, a club and two diamonds — but West seems certain to be forced to yield the game-going trick to South at some point during the play. For example, if West starts by playing the K-A of hearts, declarer

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#### Tomorrow: North changes his tune.

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By Steve Becker

a club, diamond or heart return hands South the contract.

Nor is it any better for West to cash the acc of diamonds or acc of clubs at trick two. The diamond acc sets up declarer's king, while on the play of the club acc. South unblocks the club king to ensure scoring dum-my's Q-J. **Gordon, however,** found the win-

ning defense — and she did it with-out seeing South's cards. After cashing the heart king at trick one and noting her partner's three — denying a doubleton — she rightly concluded

that declarer had a singleton heart. Visualizing the actual setup (or one similar to it), she shifted to a low club at trick two! Declarer won with the king, drew trump and returned a club. Now, however, Gordon was able to win and play the heart ace, leaving South with no recourse. After ruffing, declarer ran her spades, but the defenders scored two diamonds at the and for a one triely ast

the end for a one-trick set. Gordon's low club return had Gordon's low club return had much to recommend it. If her partner had the king, all was well, while if declarer had three or four clubs including the king, nothing would be lost one way or the other. But if South had the hand she actually held, a low club at trick two was the only way to defeat the contract.

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Opening lead - four of clubs.

To misplay a slam can be very costly, as South discovered to his sorrow in today's hand. West led a club, and declarer played the jack from dummy, covered by the queen and ace. South drew three rounds of trump and later went down one when he lost a diamond and a spade. South made two clear-cut errors

during the play; he could have afforded one, but not both. To begin with, he should have played the three of clubs from dummy at trick one, not the jack. This would have trapped

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East's queen and given him three club tricks instead of two. South should have seen that, with

the nine in his hand, playing low from dummy would assure three club tricks whenever West held the ten or queen of clubs (or both). If East pro-duced the ten, South could later finesse West for the queen. Playing the clubs in this fashion could not cost, since even if the later club finesse lost, South's diamond loser could be discarded on the club king. Declarer's second error consisted

of drawing three rounds of trump. He should have stopped after two rounds and then played three rounds of spades. If the spades were divided 3-3 (or if the jack fell doubleton), South could then draw the last trump to assure 12 triplet to assure 12 tricks.

**Finally, if the spades turned** out to be divided 4-2 and the player with the four spades had the last trump, as in the actual deal, declarer could ruff his fourth spade in dummy to make the slam. Even if the player with the third trump had only two spades and ruffed the third spade, this approach would not cost an extra trick, since South could later ruff his last spade in dummy. Declarer would have made all 13

tricks had he played correctly. How-ever, he fumbled twice, and the second time proved fatal. Cats may have nine lives, but two's the limit for declarers.

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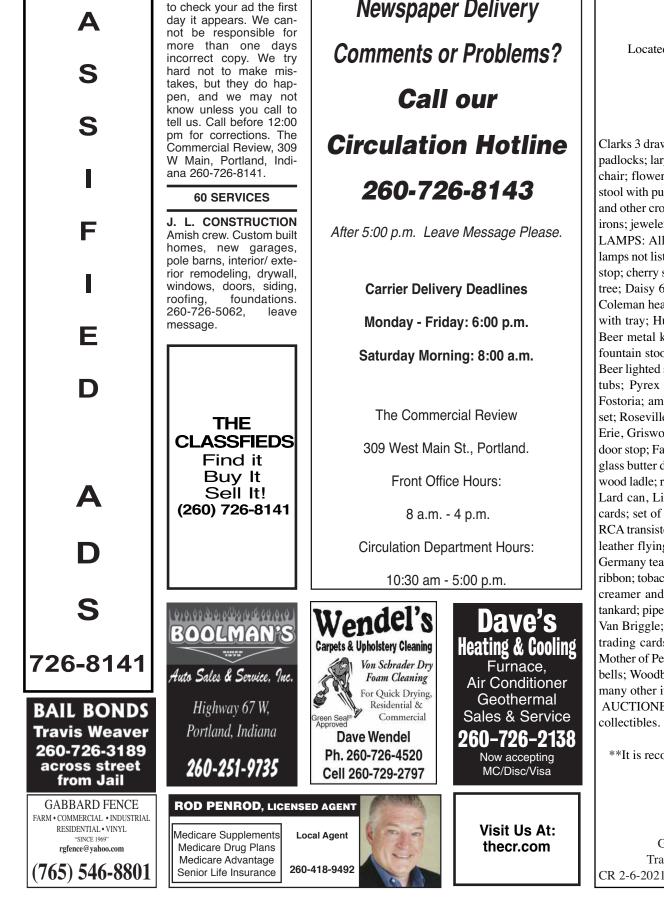
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# **Sports**

### Super

Continued from page 10 Brady found Mike Evans for scores of 31 and 7 yards. Down three with 4:10 to play, Tampa turned to its defense to get a stop and get Brady the ball back. But Mahomes didn't let it happen, scrambling for one first down and then rolling left on third-and-7 and finding — who else? — Hill for a first down in front of who else? Davis. Mahomes then took a knee to end the game.

"You learn from mistakes and you learn from really good things, and there were some really good things in that game, Arians said. "So we've got a lot of stuff to build on.<sup>3</sup>

Mahomes completed 37 of 49 passes for 462 yards and three TDs. Hill finished with the 14th-most receiving yards in any game in NFL history.

Brady completed 27 of 41 passes for 345 yards, with three scores and two picks.

Neither team will be the same in the rematch.

The Chiefs had to shuffle their offensive line again this week after losing left tackle Eric Fisher to a torn Achilles tendon in the AFC championship game. Two more starters — right tackle Mitchell Schwartz (back) and left guard Kelechi Osemele (knees) — haven't played since October.

The Bucs will have 350pound defensive tackle Vita Vea back for the second straight game after he missed most of the season because of a broken right ankle.

"They kind of readjusted some things and then they had a week off, had a lot of guys get acclimated to the system that Tom Brady likes, their coach likes, Chiefs defensive lineman Chris Jones said.

Hill and Davis, though, are sure to be lined up across from each other at some point.

"Familiarity helps," Arians said. "I'm not really excited playing Tyreek Hill and Kelce and Mahomes (again). That's a formidable challenge, but our guys will be up for it."



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Freshman Sophie Saxman of the Jay County High School girls basketball team draws a foul from Yorktown's Raya Tewari during the second guarter of the Class 3A Sectional 24 semifinal on Friday at New Castle Fieldhouse. She missed the basket but made the ensuing free throws as part of the Patriots' 65-55 victory.

#### **Box score**

Yorktown Tigers vs. Jay County Patriots

**Class 3A Sectional 24** Semifinal

at New Castle

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Score by quarters:

3-point shooting: Yorktown 6-23 (Reece 4-10, Wright 2-5, Culberson 0-3, Isaacs 0-2, Tewari 0-2, Moore 0-1). Jay County 8-18 (Rodgers 5-10, MDirksen 2-6, GSaxman 1-1, BDirksen 0-1).

Rebounds: Yorktown 31 (Wright 7, Culberson 6, Moore 5, Isaacs 4, team 3, Sylvester 2, Reece, Tewari, Dunsmore, Baker). Jay County 29 (MDirksen 8, ASchwieterman 4, BDirksen 4, Bilbrey 3, RSchwieterman 3, SSaxman 3, team 3, Rodgers).

Assists: Yorktown 7 (Moore 3, Culberson 2, Wright, Dunsmore). Jay County 9 (BDirksen 3, Rodgers 2, MDirksen 2, Bilbrey, RSchwieterman).

Blocks: Yorktown 2 (Moore 2). Jay County 5 (MDirksen 4, RSchwieterman 1).

Personal fouls: Yorktown 9 (Tewari 4, Reece 2, Wright 2, Moore). Jay County 9 (RSchwieterman 2, MDirksen 2, SSaxman 2, Aschwieterman, Bilbrey, BDirksen).

Turnovers: Yorktown 11, Jay County 12.

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Continued from page 1 of kids they are," Comer said of having to fight with the Tigers yet again.

When the teams met Dec. 29 in Yorktown, Jay County overcame a 13point second-quarter deficit to win 54-44.

"They never quit," Comer continued. "We beat a really good team tonight. They played without their leading scorer and was able to fight back from seven 2006. "I don't know how points down to get the lead at halftime.

"That just shows you what type of team we have.'

Dirksen put in 20 points, a dozen in the second half, to complement junior and getting to Rodgers' effort. Dirksen (play for a title)," she also pulled down a gamebest eight rebounds.

Jay County, which has now won eight in a row. will have its hands full today against a Hamilton got it."

Heights team that beat "Just shows what kind New Castle with an uptempo offense. The Huskies have a 6-foot, 3inch junior forward in MyKayla Moran as well as a trio of fast, aggressive guards who can drive to the basket as well as shoot from the perimeter.

"We're playing for a sectional championship,' Comer said. The Patriots will be eyeing their first sectional crown since we'll play but whether shots go in or whether they won't I can tell you this, they'll play hard."

Rodgers said she's embracing the challenge.

"It's awesome being a said. "I didn't have the chance freshman year [she tore her ACL] and last year wasn't our year. But this year I think we

# **N.O.** tops Pacers

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Pelicans led by as Brandon Ingram scored 30 many as 18, but Myles points to neip the New Orleans Pelicans top the Pacers within one with Indiana Pacers 114-113 on 39.1 seconds left. Friday night. points and nine rebounds foot jumper bounced off as New Orleans won for the the outside of the rim and fourth time in six games. Zion Williamson had 18 points, and Steven Adams finished with 12 points and 12 rebounds.

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Turner's 3-pointer got the

Turner drove the lane in Lonzo Ball added 20 the final seconds, but his 5backboard. A resulting scrum for the rebound resulted in a jump ball with 0.5 seconds remaining.

### Sports on tap

#### Local schedule

Today 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 Cava-lier 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 wrestling hosts Southern Wells and Heritage – 6 p.m.

#### Tuesday

Jay County — Boys basketball triple-header at South Adams – 6 p.m.; Junior high girls swimming at Norvell Invitation-al – 5 p.m.; Junior high wrestling vs. Win-chester Driver – 5:30 p.m. Fort Recovery - Girls basketball at

Celina - 6 p.m.

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

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**Pacers fall short** vs. New Orleans. see story page 9

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# **Rodgers reigns** Junior's career high to sends Jay to finals

#### **CHRIS SCHANZ**

The Commercial Review NEW CASTLE — The Patriots' best scorer was sitting on the bench in foul trouble.

With her team down by five, Izzy Rodgers put the team on her back in the second quarter.

Then she carried the Patriots into the sectional final.

Rodgers poured in a careerhigh 28 points, including five 3pointers, in leading the Jay

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County High School girls basketball team to a 65-55 victory over Yorktown the Tigers in the Class 3A Sectional 24 tournament semifinal Friday at New Castle Fieldhouse.

great toughness,' said JCHS coach Comer, Kirk

whose Patriots moved to 19-3. "She knew that we needed her. She's kind of played in the background all year. She's had the capabilities and she just at times

put us on her back. 'What a performance."

Jay County, which finished 11th in the final Class 3A poll of the season, advances to the sectional championship at 7:30 p.m. tonight against seventh-ranked Hamilton Heights (17-1). The Huskies dismantled New Castle 73-24 in the other semifinal later Friday night. It'll be the first time the Patriots have played for a sectional championship since 2015.

Renna Schwieterman, the team's leading scorer at more than 18 points per game, was called for two offensive fouls in

the first quarter and had to sit on the bench for the entire second.

Rodgers sandwiched a layup and a 3-pointer around a Liz Reeze triple and then made three the hard way to tie the score at 19. After Yorktown went back out front 26-22, Rodgers helped the Patriots end the half on a 7-2 run to go into the break ahead by one, 29-28

"The plan was me and Madison (Dirksen) had to get together and do it," Rodgers said of playing with Schwieterman on the bench. "We knew (Schwieterman) was going to come back after halftime but we had to take control from there."

Rodgers on the difficulty of the situation: "Tough offensively, but if we didn't do it then it wasn't going to get done. That's what we had to do.'

Even though Schwieterman returned to the floor in the third quarter, Rodgers continued her onslaught. She made consecutive 3-pointers as part of an 8-2 Jay County stretch to start the second half.

The Tigers fired back, rifling off nine straight points to retake a 40-37 lead and were up by one with a quarter to go.

Yorktown's Carley Culberson, who had to wear a mask, did not start and had her playing time limited, made a pair of free throws with 5:38 remaining to eclipse the 1,000-point plateau. That gave Yorktown a 48-45 lead before Jay County started to take over

Schwieterman and Rodgers combined for eight straight points, then Dirksen scored 10 straight points for the Patriots, who outscored the Tigers 20-7 after Culberson's milestone.

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Jay County High School junior Izzy Rodgers shoots during the Class 3A Sectional 24 semifinal on Friday at New Castle Fieldhouse. Rodgers poured in a game-high 28 points in leading the Patriots to a 65-55 victory and a berth in today's sectional final.



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with one quarter to play.

after eight minutes.

They never recovered. Fort Recovery High School's boys basketball team couldn't hang on to its early lead Friday with a 48-45 loss to the Minster Wildcats at Fort Site Fieldhouse.

The Indians drop to 9-9

year.

Fort Recovery jumped out to an 18-13 lead after the first quarter thanks in part to a seven-point effort from Dillan Evers. Minster outscored the Tribe 10-9 before halftime in trimming the margin to four.

Bryan Falk led the Wild-

Evers was the lone Fort Recovery player to score in double figures as he led the squad with 10 points. Cale Rammel contributed eight points and Regan Martin chipped in six points. Derek Jutte, Clay Schmitz and Gavin Thobe scored a half dozen apiece.

# **Super rematch** Chiefs, Bucs meet again Sunday

#### By MARK LONG

AP Pro Football Writer Tyreek Hill sprinted past cornerback Carlton Davis again, caught the ball in stride and then cut so sharply that safety Mike Edwards ended up flailing at him with one arm near the sideline. Hill casually jogged a few more yards before pausing at the goal line and doing a backflip into the end zone.

Showtime!

It was the second and most impressive of three scores for Hill, who was the star of Kansas City's 27-24 victory at Tampa Bay in Week 12. Hill finished with 13 receptions for 269 yards - both career highs — and proved to be a mismatch for Davis and the Buccaneers.

Tampa Bay gets another shot at Hill and the Chiefs in the Super Bowl next Sunday, the first rematch in the NFL finale in nearly a decade.

Same teams, same venue, much higher stakes.

The Chiefs are counting on the same outcome. The Bucs, who have won seven straight since that late November loss, are looking to become the eighth team in 14 tries to beat an opponent in the Super Bowl that it lost to in the regular season.

Both sides expect to lean on — and learn from — that previous meeting.

"We'll help a little bit more than we did in that ballgame," Bucs coach Bruce Arians said.

Tampa's biggest and most obvious mistake was trying to single-cover Hill, one of the fastest players in the league. Davis was burned repeatedly, including on consecutive TD passes from Patrick Mahomes to Hill (75 and 44 yards) in the first quarter. Davis gave up their third scoring connection, too, but had much tighter coverage on what was a perfect throw and catch.

Hill had seven receptions for 203 yards

and two TDs in the first quarter alone, but just six catches for 66 yards and a score the rest of the way. The difference?

"I just got tired. I got tired of running," Hill joked this week.

"No, let me stop," he continued. "Todd Bowles is a great defensive coordinator. He's been doing it for a long time. I'm sure he's seen guys like me throughout his career. Just being able to dial up (coverages) and things like that to slow me down.

"Also ... bringing the safety over the top a bit to double me and (Travis) Kelce. That kind of slowed us down a lot, plus their front seven is tremendous. Once they get clicking on defense, they're a great defense. They fly around the field; they're great. I feel like I just got lucky and was able to get open."

The Chiefs scored on three of their first four possessions and led 17-0 before the Bucs crossed midfield. The margin could have been even greater had Tampa's defense not forced a field goal after Kansas City ran two plays from the 1-yard line.

Davis knocked down Kelce's pass to Mahomes, a nifty trick play that started when Mahomes flipped to Hill, who pitched to Kelce, who expected to find Mahomes open in the end zone. It was Davis' best play of the afternoon.

Kansas City settled for the chip-shot field goal on the opening possession. Mahomes and Co. had a chance to extend their 17-0 lead early in the second, but Shaq Barrett stripped the quarterback on a first-and-goal play from the 8 and forced the Chiefs' lone turnover.

Tampa Bay waited until the fourth to make its comeback. Tom Brady threw two interceptions in the third quarter and the Bucs trailed 27-10 before a furious rally.

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