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## Council hears about quarry proposal

*Company has another meeting planned for Monday*

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

U.S. Aggregates made its first pitch to Portland City Council on Monday.

At its meeting, council heard from U.S. Aggregates about the company's plan to expand its stone quarry to a parcel of land between county road 100 South and Tyson Road, east of county road 200 West.

Council members also heard a request for support for a trail project and approved a couple of street closure requests.

Sharing much of the same information he and others provided to Portland Plan Commission at its Feb. 18 meeting, U.S. Aggregates area operations manager Eric Reynolds explained his company's goal of expanding its stone quarry operation to the north of its current site (2228 W. 125 South). The project would require rezoning from plan commission, approval from council and a special exception for mining from the city's board of zoning appeals.

Reynolds spent the bulk of his time addressing concerns raised at the plan commission meeting next month. (U.S. Aggregates will also hold an informational event for the public at 6 p.m. Monday at The Rock Church.) See Quarry page 2

## United front



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Jay School Board member Chris Snow (left) speaks as fellow board member Mike Shannon listens during Monday's special meeting in the auditorium at Jay County High School. Snow, board president Phil Ford and board member Donna Geesaman, along with superintendent Jeremy Gulley and Jay Classroom Teachers Association president Paul Szymczak were vocal in their opposition to legislation that expands school voucher programs and allows education savings accounts. The board as whole passed a resolution opposing those measures.

## Jay School Board and teachers association stand against vouchers and education savings accounts

By RAY COONEY

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Jay School Board, Jay Classroom Teachers Association and Jay Schools superintendent Jeremy Gulley are united in their stance against education savings accounts and the expansion of school vouchers.

During a special meeting Monday called for the sole purpose of addressing legislation at the Indiana Statehouse, the school board approved a resolution opposing three bills related to school funding and endorsed

a joint letter to the editor with Jay Classroom Teachers Association.

School board members, superintendent Jeremy Gulley and teachers association president Paul Szymczak spent about a half hour railing against legislation — specifically House Bill 1005, Senate Bill 412 and Senate Bill 413 — that would expand the state's school voucher program and allow education savings accounts for private schools. (Rep. J.D. Prescott, who represents Jay

County as well as Randolph County and part of Delaware County, is a co-author of House Bill 1005 and is a House sponsor for Senate Bill 413.)

Jay School board president Phil Ford, addressing a crowd of about 70 made up almost entirely of educators and students, said the bills are more than an expansion of vouchers and should be eliminated. He said continuing to use tax dollars to fund private education would affect programming for Jay Schools.

"This needs to die. This needs to go away," said Ford, a retired teacher and administrator and previously served as JCTA president. "It doesn't need to be amended or scaled back, it needs to die. And as you contact your legislators, I hope you will tell them that. ... "It's a bad move for Jay County. It's a bad move for rural schools. It's amazing to me that one of the authors of this bill is a rural resident in our area."

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## Goat grin

Fort Recovery Elementary School student Gabe Dues grins while holding a goat in his arms Thursday during Fort Recovery FFA's petting zoo that was held as part of its celebration of National FFA Week.

## Rival to help produce vaccine

### Merck signs on to help expand availability of J&J product

By ZEKE MILLER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Drugmaker Merck & Co. will help produce rival Johnson & Johnson's newly approved coronavirus vaccine in an effort to expand supply more quickly, a Biden administration official confirmed Tuesday.

The announcement comes as the White House looks to speed the production of the single-dose vaccine. Officials have said J&J faced unexpected production issues with its vaccine and produced only 3.9 million doses ahead of its receiving emergency use authorization on Saturday. The company says it is on pace to deliver 100 million doses by the end of June.

Facing questions about the company's slipping delivery schedule, J&J Vice President Richard Nettles told lawmakers on Capitol Hill last week that the company had faced "significant challenges" because of its "highly complex" manufacturing process.

The assistance from Merck was expected to help J&J meet its production commitments and expand supply even further, but the administration did not immediately provide specifics.

President Joe Biden is set to highlight the development in a speech this afternoon, as his administration now expects to have enough supply of the three approved vaccines to inoculate all eligible American adults by June — though actually delivering the injections could take longer.

The official confirmed Merck's involvement on condition of anonymity ahead of Biden's public announcement. The news was first reported by The Washington Post.

It was not immediately clear when the effect of Merck's assistance would be reflected in supply.

### Deaths

Joyce Outcalt, 72, rural Ridgeville  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 41 degrees Monday. The low was 28.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low of 30. Expect sunny skies Wednesday with a high in the low 50s and winds gusting to 20 miles per hour.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

United Way of Jay County and Second Harvest Food Bank will partner for a free food tailgate from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at Jay County Fairgrounds.

Income verification is not required.

### Coming up

Wednesday — Results from tonight's JCHS boys basketball sectional opener.

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

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# Felony arrests

## Theft

An Anderson man was arrested Saturday for allegedly stealing fuel from the Country Mark gas station in Dunkirk.

Travis N. Sewell, 34, 2512 E. Jackson St., was preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for theft at 110 S. Main St. He was booked into Jay County Jail on \$4,500 bond.

## Domestic battery

An Ohio man was arrested

Sunday for domestic battery. Vincent A. Holman, 19, 380 Black Foot Trail, Piqua, Ohio, was preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for domestic battery. He's being held in Jay County Jail on \$3,000 bond.

## Drug possession

Two local residents were arrested Sunday for drug possession.

Donald H. Huff, 48, 1609 N. Dartmouth, Muncie, was preliminarily charged a Level 6

felony for possession of cocaine, methamphetamine or narcotic drugs, a Class A misdemeanor for driving while his license was suspended and two Class C misdemeanors for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and possession of paraphernalia. He was booked into Jay County Jail and is being held on \$4,500 bond.

Austin M. George, 19, 295 S. Hale St., Geneva, was preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for possession of cocaine,

methamphetamine or narcotic drugs and a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana. He's being held in Jay County Jail on \$4,000 bond.

## Possession

A Portland man was arrested Monday for alleged unlawful possession of a syringe.

Jeff T. Rivers, 29, 819 E. North St., was preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony and is being held on \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

# Obituaries

**Joyce Outcalt**, rural Ridgeville, Nov. 24, 1948-March 1, 2021. Graveside services will be held at a later date in IOOF Twin Hill cemetery in Pennville.

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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.*

# CR almanac

Wednesday 3/3	Thursday 3/4	Friday 3/5	Saturday 3/6	Sunday 3/7
<b>53/28</b>	<b>44/25</b>	<b>43/27</b>	<b>44/27</b>	<b>49/33</b>
Sunny skies with wind gusts as high as 20 mph. Mostly clear evening with 5 to 10 mph winds.	Another sunny day with clear evening skies. Winds between 5 and 10 mph.	Temperatures will continue to drop under sunny and clear evening skies.	Sunny with temperatures dropping just below freezing at night. Clear skies at night.	Clouds will begin to develop in the skies at night, but otherwise sunny with higher temperatures.

# Quarry ...

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Regarding blasting, Reynolds again explained that it is done two to three times a month, typically around noon and that the company is required to meet state and federal guidelines for vibrations. He added that the company takes steps to mitigate dust and must meet Miner Safety Health Association requirements for crystalline silica, a mineral that can cause health problems. He added that the company is regulated by the Federal Clean Water Act and that any potential issues with wells would be evaluated and ruled upon by Indiana Department of Natural Resources. He said truck volume is not expected to increase. He also shared a study that indicated that such operations do not decrease home values.

Answering questions from council members Janet Powers and Dave Golden, Reynolds said U.S. Aggregates typically works 10 hours a day, five days a week, and that he plans to meet with officials from Tyson Mexican Original, which sits to the east of the proposed quarry site with a wooded area in between. (Tyson plant manager Joe Acker raised concerns at the plan commission meeting.)

Reynolds also clarified that the possibility of a future request to vacate a section of county road 100

South is no longer on the table. That issue had drawn significant pushback from plan commission at its meeting last month.

Council members Kent McClung, Don Gillespie, Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker, Powers and Golden also heard from Jay County Trails Club representatives John Moore and Kevin Wentz, who advocated for construction of a new trail. The trail, which has been in the works for years, would run from the north side of the bridge over the Salamonie River that connects Hudson Family Park and Weiler-Wilson Park east behind East Elementary to Jay-Randolph Developmental Services. Moore pointed out that the trail was part of the Portland Park Plan for 2017 through 2021. (The park board is currently working on its next five-year plan.)

The city initially received a \$20,000 planning grant from Indiana Department of Health for the project and in July 2018 was awarded a \$168,000 grant from Indiana Department of Natural Resources to go toward construction.

The board also approved two street closures:

- Main Street between Commerce and Pleasant streets from noon to 9 p.m. May 22 for the Arch Bridge Kroozers car show.
- Morton Street between Votaw

Street and the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association grounds for the Antique Tractor and Engine Show on Aug. 20 through 29.

In other business:  
•Boggs, fielding a question from Aker, acknowledged that he is in the process of getting appraisals for the city's water and wastewater treatment plans. He said after the meeting that it's a preliminary step toward considering whether it would make sense to sell the city utilities to Indiana American Water, a company that provides water and wastewater service to about 1.3 million customers in Indiana. He added that the company provides services in both Muncie and Winchester.

•The board approved an amendment to the city's 2021 payroll ordinance to include the code enforcement officer at a rate of \$10 to \$16 per hour, the same as that of a part-time police officer. Funding for the position was included in this year's budget but the job had not been added to the payroll ordinance.

•Powers asked about the process toward a potential property tax increase as opposed to a stormwater fee. Boggs said the city is waiting for additional information from Indianapolis legal firm Ice Miller.

•Boggs thanked Wes Schemenaur for filling in for city attorney Bill Hinkle while he was on vacation.

# Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Saturday 2-28-31-44-52 Powerball: 18 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$90 \$123 million	Estimated jackpot: \$223,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$22 \$43 million	<b>Ohio</b> Monday Midday Pick 3: 2-6-5 Pick 4: 8-1-8-8 Pick 5: 7-4-0-0-6 Evening Pick 3: 6-3-7 Pick 4: 9-3-6-9 Pick 5: 7-8-0-0-9 Rolling Cash 5: 10-13-25-31-33
<b>Hoosier</b> Monday Midday Daily Three: 4-4-4 Daily Four: 9-2-6-7 Evening Daily Three: 2-9-6 Daily Four: 4-3-3-0 Quick Draw: 1-2-5-6-9-23-30-32-39-42-44-47-54-55-62-64-66-69-71-76 Cash 5: 12-19-25-26-40	Estimated jackpot: \$110,000 Classic Lotto: 1-4-14-25-34-38 Kicker: 5-1-7-6-6-3 Jackpot: \$5.2 million

# Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....5.50 Wheat .....6.22	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....5.38 April corn .....5.40 Beans .....13.88 April beans .....13.88 Wheat ..... 6.27 July wheat ..... 6.17
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....5.54 April corn .....5.50	<b>Sunrise St. Anthony</b> Corn.....5.36 April corn .....5.51 Beans .....13.80 April beans .....13.85 Wheat .....6.07 April wheat .....6.62
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....5.43 April corn .....5.36 Beans .....14.00 March beans .....13.93 Wheat ..... 6.57 March wheat ..... 6.57	

# Today in history

**On March 2, 1932**, the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, which moved the date of the presidential inauguration from March 4 to January 20, was passed by Congress and sent to the states for ratification.

**In 1877**, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote.

**In 1943**, the three-day Battle of the Bismarck Sea began in the southwest Pacific during World War II; U.S. and Australian warplanes were able to inflict heavy damage on an Imperial Japanese convoy.

**In 1962**, Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points for the Philadelphia Warriors in a game against the New York Knicks, an NBA record that still stands. (Philadelphia won, 169-147.)

**In 1985**, the government approved a screening test for AIDS that detected antibodies to the virus, allowing possibly contaminated blood to be excluded from the blood supply.

**In 2006**, Mica Murphy was honored by the American Red Cross as a Hero of the Heartland for applying a tourniquet that likely saved the life of David Pogue Jr. following a traffic accident in downtown Portland.

—AP and The CR

# Capsule Reports

## Appointed

Fort Recovery Village Council appointed a new member to the village's Tax Incentive Review Committee on Monday.

The new member, Travis Laux, will replace Dan Schoen on the board.

Also Monday, village administrator Randy Diller told council members maintenance supervisor Paul Rohrer will be retiring from the street department April 1. Brandon Wierick, who started work at the department Monday, will be taking over his duties.

## First in science

Jay County High School's academic team earned one first-place ribbon and two seconds as it hosted a five-team Eastern Indiana Academic League meet Thursday.

The JCHS science team of Isaac Braun, James Larowe, Lucas Lyons and Alex Ardzizzone took first place. Earning second-place ribbons were the English team of Jocelyn Nelson, Lainey Reynolds, Brooke Stauffer and Ava Stockton, and the math team of Tessa Miller, Larowe, Braun and Lyons.

## Edition third

Jay County High School's show choirs com-

peted Saturday in the Huntington North Midwest Showcase.

Patriot Edition took third place in the mixed division tier II behind the Fusion of Fairfield and New Era of Churubusco. Just Treble finished sixth in the women's division.

The choirs also competed Feb. 20 at the Homestead Showcase, in which Patriot Edition also placed third. Just Treble finished in fourth place.

## Lost control

An Ohio man driving away from police lost control of his vehicle about 10:12 p.m. Friday.

Dakota A. Baker, 21, Piqua, Ohio, was driving more than 100 mph away from police east on county road 400 South, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle he was driving went off the south side of the road and then back across the road to the north side while approaching the intersection with county road 400 East.

He lost control of the 2002 Buick Century he was driving and it then rolled over on its top. The Century is registered to Laura Gade of Piqua.

Baker and his two passengers (Paul J. Treon, 27, of Dayton, Ohio, and

Matthew D. Boyle, 31, of Dunkirk) were taken to IU Health Jay for treatment of their injuries.

Baker was arrested and taken to Jay County Jail. (He was later released on his own recognizance.) He was preliminarily charged with two Level 6 felonies for resisting law enforcement and possession of methamphetamine, and a Class B misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

## Intersection collision

Between \$25,000 and \$50,000 in damage is estimated after a collision at the intersection of Wayne and Race streets in Portland about 6:07 p.m. Saturday.

Ricky J. Sprunger, 40, Portland, told Portland Police he was driving a 2006 Ford F150 east on Race Street and didn't completely stop at the intersection with Wayne Street. He attempted to continue through the intersection and his vehicle collided with a 2015

Chevrolet Malibu driven by Amanda S. Miller, 31, Portland.

Miller told police she had been driving north on Wayne Street when she collided with Sprunger. A third parked vehicle — a 2001 General Motors Sierra registered to Brett M. Bailey of Portland — was damaged after Sprunger's F150 flipped on its side and hit the parked vehicle.

Sprunger's vehicle is registered to Jamie A. Wagner of Portland.

## Pole hit

A Portland woman drove into a utility pole about 4:06 a.m. Saturday.

Tina M. Fisher, 52, told Portland Police she was turning right into the parking lot of Medler's Furniture on Meridian Street when she drove off the street and hit a pole with her 2001 Jeep Cherokee. She told police she couldn't see clearly because of the rain.

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000. Her 2001 Jeep Grand Cherokee was towed.

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# Citizen's calendar

<b>Today</b> 7 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.	7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Hall, Schoolhouse Community Center.
7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.	<b>Wednesday</b> 5:30 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board special meeting, city building, 131 S. Main St.

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# Bee has new director

By BEN NUCKOLS  
Associated Press

Breaking from a tradition of being led by former contestants, the Scripps National Spelling Bee has hired a non-profit leader with no history in the competition as its executive director, signaling a new era for the nearly century-old showcase for the top spellers in the English language.

Cincinnati-based Scripps announced Monday that J. Michael Durnil will take over immediately as bee director. He replaces Paige Kimble, who stepped down last year.

Kimble, like many people on the bee's leadership team, is a former speller, having won the bee in 1981.

By contrast, Durnil has spent much of his career leading nonprofit, educational and media organizations. Most recently, he was president and CEO of the Simon Youth Foundation, an Indianapolis-based nonprofit that aims to help at-risk youth graduate from high school and pursue higher education. He has also held executive positions with the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

Durnil said in an email to The Associated Press that he has a form of

dyslexia and spelling was a childhood struggle. However, he said he took part in math competitions in high school.

"I understand the routine, discipline and rigor required to be an individual competitor while learning an academic subject to mastery, just like athletes who learn a physical skill," Durnil said.

Durnil takes over the bee in a period of transition. Last year's bee was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic, the first time since World War II that the competition was scrapped. This year's bee will be mostly virtual, with only the final dozen or so spellers competing in person. That portion of the bee will be held at a new location — an ESPN campus at Walt Disney World in central Florida. The competition has been held for decades in the Washington area.

Durnil's history of work with underprivileged youth and with diversity initiatives could bring a new perspective to the bee, which has become an increasingly expensive venture for families of kids who want to compete for the top prize. Many top spellers spend thousands of dollars on personal coaches and study materials.

# JCPL offers activities

With travel still not as convenient or safe because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the library is offering other options for a spring break escape.

Jay County Public Library will have a variety of activities available for local residents March 22 through 26.

Events for the spring break week kick off March 22 with outdoor and giant games available from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the library. It will also off an "Ag in the Classroom" session led by Jay County Farm Bureau at 1:30 p.m.

Other plans for the week include:

March 23 — Students in sixth through 12th grade will be invited to the library at 1:30 p.m. to help make fleece blankets for local children.

March 24 — Super-Mario Kart tournament on Nintendo Switch for children ages 8 through 12 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. (Sign up by call-

## Taking Note

ing or visiting the library.) Craft stations will also be set up from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

March 25 — Super Smash Bros. tournament on Nintendo Switch for ages 13 through 18 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. (Sign up by calling or visiting the library.) Also, LEGOs will be available from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

March 26 — Board and card games will be available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Digital content for vacations at home are away are also available through the library's Hoopla and Libby apps.

## On the list

Marlee Vaughn, Fort Recovery, was recently

named to the dean's list at Harding University.

To be named to the dean's list, students must be full-time and have a grade point average of 3.65 or higher. Vaughn is a sophomore majoring in accounting.

## HSE classes offered

John Jay Learning Center is offering free classes for earning a High School Equivalency diploma.

Previously called the General Educational Development diploma (GED), it is the standard equivalent to a high school diploma.

Classes are Monday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Those interested can call (260) 729-5525 or email info@johnjaycenter.com for more information.

John Jay requests attendees wear masks during class and practice social distancing when possible.

# Husband caught twice with young women

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 26 years. Five years ago, my husband gave a young lady \$5,000 through credit card charges over a six-month period. We are not wealthy. When I found the charges in our credit report, he took a second job to pay it off.

I don't think their relationship was sexual because he is impotent. It was hurtful. While he was taking this young lady shopping, he told me he was at work.

Recently, I (accidentally) caught him going to another young lady's apartment to help her with things like hanging a TV. I don't care if he helps people. What I DO care about is his sneaking around to do it. I have tried talking to him about why he feels he needs to sneak. He has no answer. What makes men sneak? — DECEIVED IN KENTUCKY

## Dear Abby



DEAR DECEIVED: Your husband may fear your disapproval of his relationships — however platonic they may be — with these younger women. What makes people of both genders sneak, by the way, is usually a sense of guilt.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, my 33-year-old son, his girlfriend and their 4-year-old son all live with me. They are expecting their second child. I own the home and pay all the

bills (utilities, phone, food, etc.).

The problem is, my kids don't like my boyfriend. His grandkids call me Grandma, so I would like my grandkids to call him Grandpa. My son and his girlfriend won't allow their son to do it. They insist on calling him by his first name.

I asked for a compromise and to call him Uncle. They refuse and say he didn't "earn" that name. I said it's just teaching the children to respect their elders. When I grew up and when I raised my son, we called older people Aunty and Uncle. I'm not sure what to do because we all live in the same house, and I would like all of us to get along. — WISHING FOR RESPECT IN HAWAII

DEAR WISHING: You may have taught your son to respect his elders when he was growing up, but it

appears he has had a serious memory lapse. Shame on him.

Because you foot all of the bills for the roof over his and his family's heads as well as the food in their mouths, remind him that you are the head of that household, and you will not have anyone with whom you are involved disrespected. As it stands, you and your boyfriend are being disrespected, so as head of the household, please assert yourself.

DEAR ABBY: Our son, "Justin," is getting married. He told his dad the other day that his fiancée would like for my husband to go with Justin to his salon to get his hair cut and beard trimmed for the wedding. My husband is upset about it because he feels his soon-to-be

daughter-in-law is implying that his haircut isn't good enough. As the wife and future mother-in-law, I'm unsure how to handle this situation. Help, please. — GROOMING GROOM'S DAD IN GEORGIA

DEAR G.G.D.I.G.: Try to get your offended spouse to laugh about it. Point out that EVERYONE looks better with a fresh haircut and a trim. Even you and me. Most people want to spruce up and make themselves more presentable for a special event. Why should your husband be any different?

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

# Community Calendar

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

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

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the

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

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

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

**Wednesday**  
WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB

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

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

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

STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (206) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

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

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

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

# Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

## Saturday's Solution

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

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

# March Into Spring

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# Local venues need support

To the editor:  
I write to request that Congress create a grant program to support recreation, sports and amusement venues that provide live entertainment yet were excluded from "Shuttered Venue Operators Grants" program (Section 324 of Public Law No:116-260).

It is imperative to the future of racetracks in communities across the country that Congress provide a lifeline for live entertainment businesses that have experienced unprecedented declines in revenue as a result of complying with attendance restrictions.

Many small businesses, including family owned and operated racetracks, depend on hosting live events each week. These venues have been devastated by lockdowns and capacity restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic, experiencing revenue declines of 50% or more. Ticket-buying customers were prohib-

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ited from attending races, and race teams were unable to perform or participate in motorsports competition in the months after the start of the pandemic. Ongoing attendance restrictions continue to threaten many racetracks along with other entertainment venues, which provide jobs and are integral to communities across the country.

Please support the nearly 1,000 small local and regional live-event providers that host motorsports events in addition to the millions of fans who depend on local racetracks for affordable, family friendly entertainment.

Sincerely,  
Lori Schilling  
Portland

### THINGS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T HEAR BEFORE THE PANDEMIC



# Grief could be its own crisis

By HOPE EDELMAN  
Special to The Washington Post

As the nation mourns more than 500,000 lives lost a year into the coronavirus pandemic, another pandemic wave is building — of grief. It poses a potential public health crisis of its own.

For the past century, Americans' response to grief has been to minimize its impact and suppress the emotional pain. We treat grieving as an individual affair, with mourners responsible for "getting over" their losses, mostly in private. Social isolation during the pandemic has made grieving even more solitary.

But grief wasn't always treated this way. For centuries, communities came together to mourn the passing of an individual as a loss to the polity. Victorian mourning practices were extravagant social affairs involving rituals that the bereaved and fellow citizens followed for months, sometimes years, after a death.

Then came the one-two punch of World War I and the 1918 influenza pandemic. With so many deaths occurring so fast, mourning rituals became prohibitively expensive and social mourning was effectively impossible to maintain. Like today, large public gatherings were prohibited and quarantines enforced. Funerals shrank in size, mourning periods contracted and families were left to grieve in isolation. By the 1920s, grief in America had largely gone underground.

A century later, grief is again a widespread issue. With each COVID-19 death affecting an estimated nine survivors, more than 4.5 million Americans are grieving loved ones lost to the virus. Beyond deaths to other causes, there were additional U.S. fatalities last year: gatherings with family and friends, classroom learning, millions of jobs that won't return. Collectively, we lost a way of life in 2020.

Yet there has been no sustained outpouring of public support for mourners, as happened after the devastation of 9/11. Instead of a broad acknowledgment of mass distress, our nation has been mute with grief. Pandemic

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ing their losses seriously and accepting their reactions. Listening to their stories of a loved one's life and death with compassion, instead of judgment, is key; so is confirming the coronavirus's threat to human health if their loved one died of COVID.

As in 1918, public health restrictions have affected the rituals people typically rely on for comfort and support. Funerals have again become stripped-down facsimiles, with some long-standing ethnic and religious traditions abbreviated or abandoned. Some families have postponed memorial services — and their own expressions of grief — in favor of planning to hold shows of respect when groups can again gather safely.

Today's mourners should be helped to hold on to whatever rituals remain, even if that means attending a memorial service two years after a death. Rituals allow people to draw on the comforts of the past while projecting a loved one's influence forward.

New rituals can be developed, too. Even repetitive, everyday acts such as drinking morning coffee from a mother's favorite mug or touching a loved one's framed photo when passing by can bring comfort if performed with intention. Folding the memory or values of a lost loved one into new traditions is a way to continue honoring the lives they lived.

Finally, participating in public acknowledgments of those who have died provides a larger meaning and context for the half-million deaths that otherwise risk being minimized or, worse, forgotten.

Everyone eventually loses someone dear, some of us sooner rather than later. Mourners' unexpressed distress can manifest in them physically and in their interactions with others — in how they work, raise children and create policy. Validating and supporting the bereaved at the time of loss is not just the compassionate thing to do — it's a necessary investment in the collective good.

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*Edelman is a grief and loss coach.*

# Tie minimum wage to the inflation rate

By KELLY HAWES  
CNHI News Indiana

Republican U.S. Sen. John Thune created a bit of a stir when he framed his position on the minimum wage by recalling how much he made in his first job as a kid growing up in South Dakota.

"I started working by bussing tables at the Star Family Restaurant for \$1/hour & slowly moved up to cook — the big leagues for a kid like me — to earn \$6/hour," he tweeted. "Businesses in small towns survive on narrow margins. Mandating a \$15 minimum wage would put many of them out of business."

Independent Sen. Bernie Sanders is on the other side of the debate.

"A \$15 minimum wage is not a radical idea," he tweeted. "What's radical is the fact that millions of Americans are forced to work for starvation wages, while 650 billionaires became over \$1 trillion richer during a global pandemic. Yes. We must raise the minimum wage to a living wage."

Congress first established the federal minimum wage in 1938, and it seems like politicians have been fighting over it ever since.

That first minimum wage was 25 cents an hour. Today, it's \$7.25.

The wage has been at its current level for 12 years, the longest workers at the bottom of America's wage scale have ever gone without a raise.

There is some disagreement even among Democrats about just how high the minimum wage should be. Just to be clear, though, no one is talking about an immediate doubling of the minimum wage.

Sanders and the progressives are pushing for smaller annual increases until the amount reaches \$15 an hour by 2025. Moderates like Joe Manchin say the target should be lower.

As a matter of reference, the federal minimum wage when Thune was 17 was \$2.30 an hour. If that number had been set to adjust for inflation, the minimum wage today would be \$10.28.

Living on the minimum wage has never been easy, but the buying power for those at the bottom of the pay scale peaked in 1968 when the minimum wage was \$1.60. In today's dollars, that would translate to more than \$12.

Kelly Hawes



According to the Economic Policy Institute, 29 states already have a minimum wage higher than the federal minimum. A large portion of those states raise the amount automatically with inflation.

Who are these minimum-wage workers? The Bureau of Labor Statistics says they're mostly young, and they are less likely to have more than a high school education. They are more likely to be working part-time than full-time. They are mostly female and mostly unmarried.

It's really not all that surprising, I guess, that a U.S. senator like Thune might have trouble identifying with hundreds of thousands of workers earning minimum wage.

A person working 40 hours a week at \$7.25 an hour would take home a little over \$15,000 a year. A U.S. senator makes more than 11 times that, \$174,000 a year.

To be fair, though, U.S. senators also haven't had a raise in 12 years. Of course, they have no one to blame but themselves.

Congress passed a law in 1989 granting members a cost-of-living adjustment every year. All our senators and representatives had to do to get that raise was nothing. As long as they took no action, the raise would be automatic.

The idea was simple: Take politics out of the discussion and keep congressional salaries at a level Congress deems appropriate.

As we all know, though, nothing is simple when it comes to Congress. Every year since 2010, federal lawmakers have voted not to accept that annual raise.

Here's a suggestion: Let's tie both congressional salaries and the minimum wage to the cost of inflation.

Then maybe, just maybe, we can stop having this endless debate.

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# United ...

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Board member Chris Snow, whose wife is a teacher for Jay Schools, echoed some of Ford's thoughts, noting private schools do not have to follow the same rules as public schools. He expressed frustration on behalf of teachers, who he said do not get into education for the money but rather to help children.

"And now you've got a local representative, taking money to write a bill to destroy programs and funding," he added while noting Prescott has received campaign donations from Institute for Quality Education, which was formed in 2014 and took over activities

previously handled by School Choice Indiana. "It really pisses me off that we've got a local person who went to public schools that is now doing this to your kids, your students, my kids, all of our kids. And it's time it stops."

Board member Donna Geesaman, a retired elementary school teacher, was also outspoken against the legislation. She said Jay School Board tries to be careful about how it spends money and fraud has already happened with some private charter schools.

Gulley referred to the diverting of funding to private schools as a "gut punch" after teachers and staff have worked

to keep schools open during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

"In my view, it's the wrong direction," Gulley said. "And it's certainly not the right time to even have the consideration of it after what I've seen teachers and our people do to keep the schools open in the worst pandemic in 100 years."

Board members Ron Laux, Mike Shannon, Vickie Reitz, Jason Phillips, Ford, Snow and Geesaman unanimously passed a resolution that "opposes the passage and signing of House Bill 1005, Senate Bill 412, Senate Bill 413 or any other bill expanding vouchers and/or creating Education Savings Accounts." In the resolution, they said tax dollars

should be invested into public schools, which serve all children and are required to operate in an open transparent way.

Szymczak thanked board members for their efforts, saying the board and teachers have worked well together in recent years.

"We are much better off than we were, and we're making steady improvements," he said. "And it's frustrating when we see the actions of our lawmakers in Indianapolis and the impact that they have on what we're trying to accomplish. We're doing the things we need to do to make the Jay Schools the very best we can for our students and for our teachers and the community. It seems like we take a step forward

and the legislature knocks us back two steps."

Szymczak also read the letter to the editor, which the board then voted unanimously to endorse. (That letter will run in The Commercial Review later this week.)

Board members also expressed criticism for Prescott, saying he has not responded to many who have reached out to him via email or by phone about school funding issues. They encouraged Jay County residents to write to or call Sen. Travis Holdman as well as Prescott to express their opinions about the legislation.

Also Monday, the board approved an FFA field trip to Trafalgar this weekend.

## In review

### Vaccinated

INDIANAPOLIS — More than 1 million Indiana residents have received at least their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and more than half of those individuals are now fully vaccinated, state health officials said Monday.

Since late December, a total of 1,000,321 Hoosiers had received at least one vaccine dose, and 569,465 of them are fully vaccinated, the Indiana Department of Health said.

Gov. Eric Holcomb said in a statement that Indiana's accomplishment in administering the COVID-19 vaccines "brings me indescribable hope."

### Questioning

WASHINGTON — FBI Director Chris Wray is set to testify for the first time since the deadly Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol, with lawmakers likely to press him on whether the bureau adequately communicated with other law enforcement agencies about the potential for violence that day.

Questions about the FBI's preparations for the riot, and investigations into it, are expected to dominate Wray's appearance today before the Senate Judiciary Committee. He's also likely to be pressed on how the FBI is confronting the national security threat from white nationalists and domestic violent extremists and whether the bureau has adequate resources to address the problem.

The violence at the Capitol made clear that a law enforcement agency that revolutionized itself after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks to deal with international terrorism is now scrambling to address homegrown violence from white Americans.

### Freed

GUSAU, Nigeria — Hundreds of Nigerian girls abducted last week from a boarding school in the country's northwest have been released, a state governor said today, ending the latest in a spate of such kidnappings in the West African nation.

The girls, ages 10 and up, dressed in light blue hijabs and barefoot, packed into Zamfara state's Government House conference room. They appeared calm, chatting to one another as they sat in long rows while journalists photographed them. They will receive a medical checkup before being returned to their parents.

Zamfara Gov. Bello Matawalle said that 279 girls had been freed after being abducted from the Government Girls Junior Secondary School in Jangebe town on Friday.

—Associated Press



Bloomberg/Paul Young

## Hong Kong protests

Pro-democracy demonstrators make the gesture for the "Five demands, not one less" motto outside the West Kowloon Magistrates Courts today in Hong Kong. Dozens of the city's most prominent pro-democracy activists were jailed on subversion charges and authorities in Beijing moved to limit the opposition's role in future elections. The arrests of 47 opposition figures including key protest organizers Joshua Wong, Benny Tai and Jimmy Sham over their roles in an informal election primary last year represented the most sweeping use of the national security law imposed by China last year.

## Myanmar police fire on protestors

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Police in Myanmar repeatedly used tear gas and rubber bullets today against crowds protesting last month's coup, but the demonstrators regrouped after each volley and tried to defend themselves with barricades as standoffs between protesters and security forces intensified.

Myanmar authorities have escalated their crackdown on the protests in recent days, making mass arrests and firing into the crowds. The United Nations said it believed at least 18 people were killed on Sunday by security forces. Foreign ministers from Southeast Asian countries were meeting today to discuss the increasingly volatile crisis.

Despite the crackdown,

demonstrators have continued to flood the streets — and are beginning to more rigorously resist attempts to disperse them. Hundreds, many wearing construction helmets and carrying makeshift shields, gathered in Myanmar's largest city of Yangon, where a day earlier police had fired repeated rounds of tear gas. They dragged bamboo poles and debris to form barricades, chanted slogans and sang songs at the police lines. They even threw banana skins onto the road in front of them in a bid to slow any police rush.

The mainly young demonstrators fled in panic each time tear gas canisters were fired but soon returned to their barricades.

## Capsule Reports

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**Backing accident**  
Two Pennville women were involved in a traffic collision on Washington Street in Pennville about 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

Ruth I. Gaskill, 56, was backing a 1993 Chevrolet 1500 out of a driveway and did not see the 2009 Chevrolet Cobalt, driven by Christina M. Fehrenbach, 30, heading north on the street. The vehicles collided, causing between an estimated \$2,500 and \$5,000 in damage. The vehicle Gaskill was driving is registered to Linda D. Ehler of Huntington.

**Walmart crash**  
Vehicles collided about 1:15 p.m. Saturday in the Walmart parking lot in Portland.

Cassandra R. Clouse, 25, Hartford City, told Portland Police she was backing her 2021 Toyota Corolla in the lot at 950 W. Votaw St. when it collided with a 2007 Mitsubishi Galant that Daniel J. Sprunger, 54, Portland, was also backing.

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

**Stolen trailer**  
A Portland resident reported a missing trailer Saturday.

Tom R. Robbins called Portland Police Department about 4 p.m. to report his 1997 ATV trailer had been stolen from 2822 Butternut Creek Drive, Portland.

**Driveway collision**  
A Modoc man's vehicle collided with a Portland teen's vehicle while driving on Meridian Street about 3:55 p.m. Monday.

Seth J. Wilson, 17, told Portland Police he was trying to turn east off the street into the driveway at 1345 S. Meridian St. Jeffrey A. Ison, 41, Modoc, told police he was driving south on the street and didn't see Wilson's 2001 Oldsmobile Alero and Ison's 2006 Chevrolet Uplander collided, causing between \$1,000 and \$2,500 in estimated damage.



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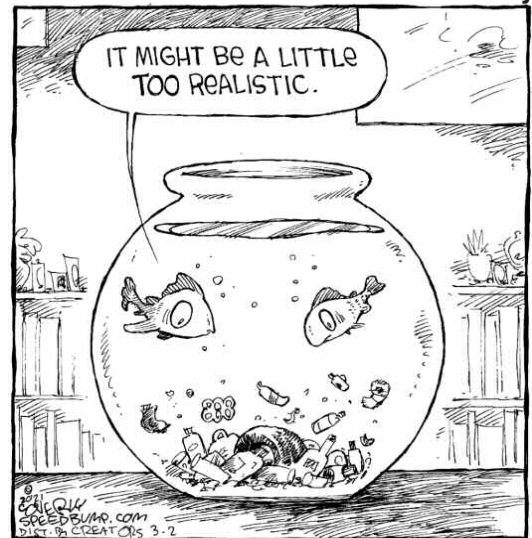
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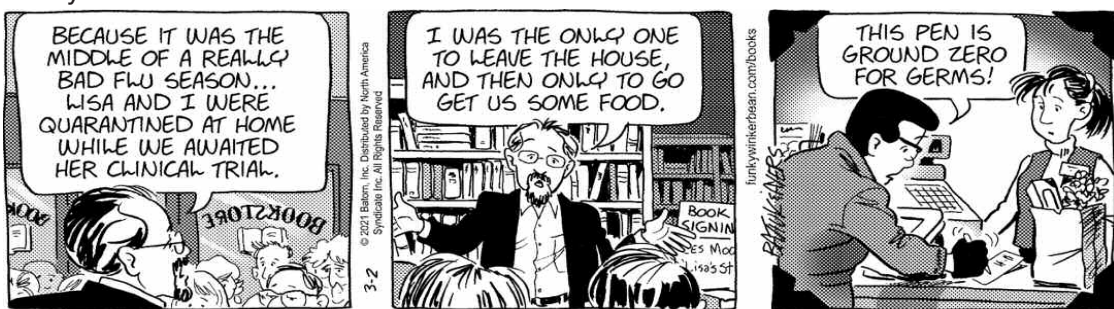
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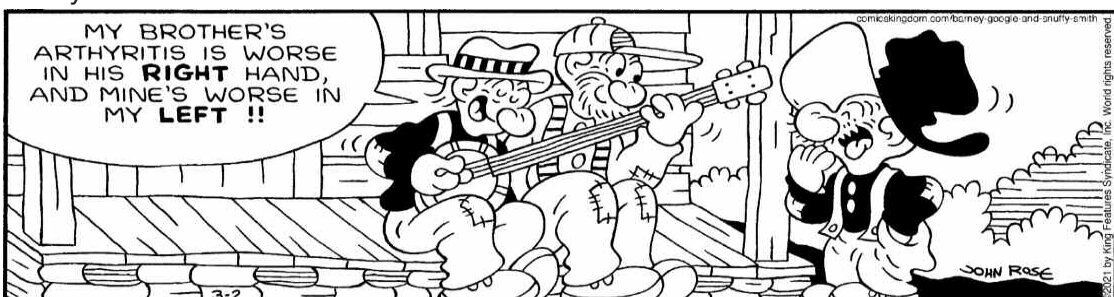
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### Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

30 LOST, STRAYED OR FOUND

#### Misdirection play

South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 8 5  
♥ K Q  
♦ J 9 7 6 5 3  
♣ K 2

**WEST**  
♠ Q 9 7 4 2  
♥ 9 6 5  
♦ A  
♣ 8 7 4 3

**EAST**  
♠ 10 6  
♥ J 8 7 3 2  
♦ 10 2  
♣ A Q J 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ K J 3  
♥ A 10 4  
♦ K Q 8 4  
♣ 10 9 6

The bidding:  
South 1♦ Pass North 3♦ Pass East 3NT

Opening lead — four of spades.  
Assume you, South, are declarer at three notrump, and West leads a low spade. How would you proceed?  
When the deal occurred in a team-of-four match, the declarer at the first table took East's ten of spades with the jack and played the king of diamonds. West won with the ace and, fully aware from the play to the first trick that there was no future in continuing spades, shifted to a

club. This struck gold in his partner's hand, and the defenders quickly rattled off four club tricks to score a one-trick set.  
The declarer at the second table, more cognizant of the danger of a club switch by West, decided to disguise his spade holding. After playing a low spade from dummy at trick one, he won East's ten with the king!  
This inspired bit of subterfuge had the desired effect. When West next won the ace of diamonds, he led another spade, convinced that his partner had the jack. Declarer then added insult to injury by allowing the spade return to run to his jack and finished with 11 tricks.

We will not belabor the point of whether the second West should have fallen into this trap. Instead, we would rather bestow praise on declarer, whose clever deception greatly enhanced his chances of making the contract. The spade trick he was willing to sacrifice at trick one was not vital insofar as making three notrump was concerned, since he had 10 sure tricks without it.  
But if West had the diamond ace and East the club ace, throwing a little dust in West's eyes could do no harm, and might do a lot of good.

Tomorrow: Graduation day.  
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LEGAL NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department Inter-Local Joint Board will meet on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 5:15 pm, in the Community Resource Building Conference Room, 118 S Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana. Included on the agenda will be the Department 2020 Annual Report review. John Hemmelgarn Zoning Administrator/Director Jay/Portland Building Department February 25, 2021 CR 3-2-2021 HSPAXLP

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# Sports

## Saving their best for last

By CHRIS SCHANZ

The Commercial Review

FORT WAYNE — The youthful Patriots picked the best time to turn in their highest score of the season.

And the team's lone senior had one of the best meets of her career.

Jay County High School's gymnastics team posted the most points it had all year in taking seventh in the IHSAA gymnastics sectional Saturday at Concordia.

"We worked hard on trying to perfect the execution in their routines the week of sectional," first-year JCHS coach Melynda James said. "Everything they worked on played out in sectionals, increasing their team score and individual score."

"The girls gave 100% at practice and it showed during sectional. (Assistant coach) Shelby (Pryor) and I are very proud of everything they accomplished."

Fourth-ranked Homestead, led by sophomore standout Gina Zirille, scored 110.525 points to win its third straight sectional championship. No. 7 Bishop Dwenger scored 109.975 for second and Carroll scored 106.650.

Jay County earned 85.65, beating its previous season-best score of 82.275 it set on Jan. 28 in its only home meet of the season.

The top three teams and top six individuals advance to the regional meet, which is set for noon Saturday at Huntington North.

Senior Kenzie Ring earned a season-best 8.775 on balance beam to place 10th overall, the highest

place for any Patriot on the day. She had the team's only no-fall routine on the apparatus, although she lost her balance a couple times before managing to compose herself and stay on.

"I learned to bend my knees and keep my chest up so I can stay on the beam easier whenever I'm falling," Ring said of how she was able to stay up. "That helped a lot."

Ring also scored 8.35 on floor exercise, placing 21st in the event. She had the same place on uneven bars with her score of 7.625, and had 8.35 (26th) on vault for a 33.05 all-around total, which was 14th.

"Kenzie did an excellent job of showing off her advanced skills," James said. "She did an excellent job perfecting her beam routine. Typically gymnasts show nerves, especially during sectionals, but she landed each skill with confidence."

Macy Miller scored 8.425 on vault as she was 23rd on the event. She also earned an 8.0 on floor (23rd), 7.8 (22nd) on beam and 6.925 on bars (25th). Her all-around score of 31.15 was 20th.

"Macy had a great day as well," James said.

Also competing for Jay on vault were Makinsey Murphy (8.35) and Erin Ring (8.025); Lilly Rogers (5.125) and Murphy (6.15) on beam; and Erin Ring (6.95) and Rogers (6.875) on floor.

Zirille repeated as sectional champion in all four events and the all-around. She had 9.75 on both vault and floor, 9.65 on bars and 9.45 on beam. Her all-around total was 38.6.



Jay County High School senior Kenzie Ring eyes her landing as she completes a round-off back handspring with a full twist on the floor exercise during the IHSAA gymnastics sectional meet on Saturday at Concordia Lutheran. The Patriots placed seventh.

## Sixers' bench helps in rout

By DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Shake Milton shook off a defender with a crossover that sent the 76ers into a frenzy, and Furkan Korkmaz buried 3-pointers that sent them on their way toward a romp.

This win belonged to the bench.

Milton scored 26 points, Korkmaz had 19 and the reserves sparked the Philadelphia 76ers to 130-114 win over the Indiana Pacers on Monday night.

"The ball was hopping," Milton said. "Everybody was getting a feel for it."

The Sixers followed one of their worst losses of the season to the struggling Cleveland Cavaliers on Saturday with a smackdown of the mediocre Pacers. Joel Embiid had 24 points and 13 rebounds on a sore left ankle. Ben Simmons had 18 points and six rebounds.

The All-Stars got their numbers.

The reserves got their highlights.

Milton sank three 3-pointers and Korkmaz hit six 3s in a game in which they got some time, turning it into a rout.

Korkmaz and Milton blew the game open for the Sixers in the second quarter and built a 20-point lead. Korkmaz, averaging 7.6 points, and Milton 13.4, about crushed those numbers in the quarter. Milton was 4 of 6 for nine points; Korkmaz sank four 3-pointers and scored 13.

"It's what we need," 76ers coach Doc Rivers said. "We're still working with that group, trying to figure out what we can run that fits us the best."

Embiid passed out of a couple of double-teams to find Korkmaz — nicknamed both Furky and Korky, you pick — and he buried 3s that opened up a double-digit lead.

Milton — in a move that would have made Allen Iverson proud — hit a crossover on Myles Turner that left him stumbling toward the basket.

Milton buried the 21-footer that sent the bench into a towel-waving frenzy. Public address announcer Matt Cord even chuckled when he said Milton's name for the basket.

Matched up mostly against Embiid, the bad night continued for Turner when he was roasted by Embiid.

"I say this respectfully, but that's a matchup I've dominated since I got to the league," Embiid said.

Milton hit fellow reserve Matisse Thybulle on an alley-oop and found Embiid for an 11-footer to give the Sixers a 72-55 lead at the break.

## Fugiett picked as a Rising Star

By CHRIS SCHANZ

The Commercial Review

A year ago, Jay Community Center received a grant from the NBA as part of its All-Star Legacy program.

Sophia Fugiett will be receiving money as well.

Fugiett, a Jay County High School senior, was selected as one of 21 Rising Stars by the Indianapolis NBA All-Star Host Committee, and she'll be honored at 6:30 p.m. tonight during a virtual event on Zoom.

"I was really just honored that I was put in to be even selected," Fugiett said. "That they thought of me, that was really special."

Jay Community Center, more specifically the Jay County Boys Club, had been given a \$50,000 grant by the Indianapolis NBA All-Star Host Committee in February 2020, and JCC used that money to repurpose two restrooms into an activity room to expand its programming.

Along with being a recipient of those grant dollars, JCC was able to nominate three local students to receive a \$2,100 scholarship, a gift box of NBA All-Star gear and an invitation to be recognized at the NBA's All-Star Game, which was scheduled to be in Indianapolis this season.

The All-Star activities — the game is set for Sunday — were moved to Atlanta.

To be eligible for the scholarship, the individual: must be a high school student scheduled to graduate

in 2021; demonstrate leadership through community participation, academic achievement, and/or extracurricular activities; and demonstrate the intent to pursue higher education after high school graduation.

Jay Community Center executive director Kyle Cook said he reached out to Jay Schools, a former teacher and an active teacher for ideas of who to nominate as its three Rising Stars.

He said Fugiett's name was mentioned more than once.

"All the hard work I put in in high school, pushing myself to be that leader to other people, it does pay off," she said. "Someone has seen it. I've gotten leadership awards for track and cross country before."

"But it just ... really made me happy that someone from the community realized all that I am doing."

Fugiett, who plans to attend Ball State University and study health and physical education, volunteers through the National Honor Society, JCHS student council, 4-H and Redkey Junior League as well with her church.

"I love helping out people and I love helping out younger kids learn about their fitness and how it's important to their health," she said. "I'm just honored to be one of the 21 in Indiana."

"That's pretty cool."

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**Friday**  
Jay County — Boys basketball sectional semifinal vs. Burriss at New Castle — 7 p.m. (TBD)

### Saturday

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**Tuesday**  
7 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Illinois at Michigan (ESPN); Xavier at Georgetown (FS1)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Boston Celtics (TNT)  
9 p.m. — Men's College Basketball:

Marquette at DePaul (FS1)  
10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Phoenix Suns at Los Angeles Lakers (TNT)

**Wednesday**  
6:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: UConn at Seton Hall (FS1)  
7 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Louisville at Virginia Tech (ESPN2)  
7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Cleveland Cavaliers (FS1)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Houston Rockets (ESPN)  
8:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Creighton at Villanova (FS1)