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## **Coca-Cola to leave Portland**

### Local production facility scheduled to close Nov. 1

#### By RAY COONEY and JACK RONALD

The Commercial Review

Coca-Cola is leaving Portland. The company announced in a press release this morning that its Portland production facility will close Nov. 1.

employees Local were informed of the decision this morning.

decision to relocate our production operations to our Indianapo-lis area facility," Coca-Cola Con-solidated said in the press release. "This decision reflects our overall growth in this region St., currently has 54 employees and is a result of our investment at its Portland facility. in a new facility in Whitestown.

Our Portland facility will remain operational until November and we will work closely with our valued teammates to provide them the best information and options possible."

Both Portland Mayor John Boggs and Jay County Development Corporation executive director Travis Richards were unaware of the impending "We have made the difficult change prior to this morning's announcement.

"My first concern is the ... jobs that we're going to be losing," said Boggs.

Coca-Cola, 1617 N. Meridian

See Coca-Cola page 2



employees. Operations will shift to Coca-Cola's Speedway facility in Indianapolis. The company has had a presence in Portland for more than 100 years.

Coca-Cola Consolidated

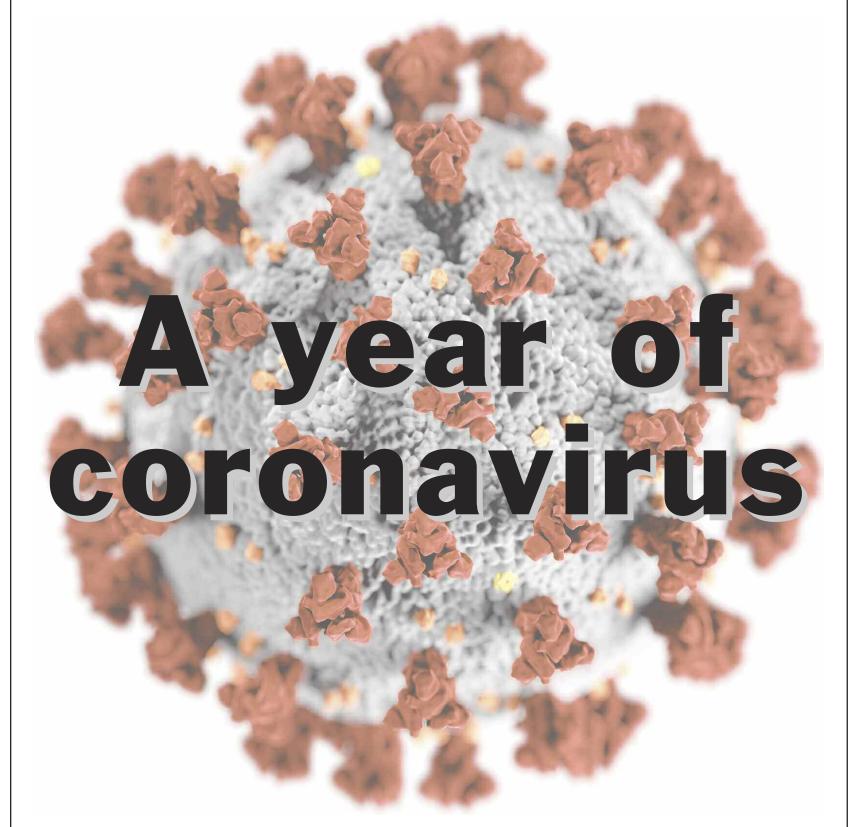
announced this morning that

it will close its Portland

bottling facility Nov. 1. The

local plant currently has 54

The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney



## **Biden** set to detail plan

*Infrastructure initiative is* expected to total about *\$2 trillion* 

By NANCY COOK, **ARI NATTER, BILLY HOUSE** and JENNIFER EPSTEIN **Bloomberg News** Tribune News Service

President Joe Biden will unveil his vision for a mass ramp-up in U.S. infrastructure spending today in Pittsburgh, a city the White House views as a prime example of an old manufacturing hub revitalized by new industries from health care to technology. administration The wants the same type of reorientation that Pittsburgh saw to provide fresh opportunities to workingclass cities and towns across the country. While the president's plan does feature traditional road, bridge and airport projects, the package also includes items like highspeed broadband, along with long-neglected priorities to update the electrical grid, replace lead pipes in homes and schools and retrofit and weatherize commercial buildings. Brian Deese, one of Biden's top economic aides, told senior congressional Democrats on Tuesday that the infrastructure package would amount to about \$2 trillion over eight years, according to a person familiar with the discussion. The proposal is vastly bigger in size and breadth than the nation's last long-term infrastructure bill — a \$305 billion, five-year surface-transportation initiative in 2015.It envisions an expensive political gambit carried out over the next decade to try to create well-paying jobs. See Plan page 5

## Today marks the anniversary of the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Jay County

#### By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review It's been a year.

Today marks the one-year anniversary of Jay County recording its first confirmed case of COVID-19.

The year of the coronavirus pandemic was unprecedented. Schools were shut down for months, spring sports, prom, band and other activities canceled, and graduation held outdoors. Businesses were closed, then reopened with restrictions

County's 4th of July celebration halt in-person classes for a and parade, were canceled. Hundreds were infected. More than home with their Chromebooks two dozen lives were lost.

In short, it was far from what we've come to accept as normal.

#### The beginning

While Jay County's first case of COVID-19 was confirmed a year ago today, the county had already been feeling the impact of the pandemic for weeks.

On March 13, a Friday, Jay that have gotten more and less School Corporation acted on a strict with the waves of the dis- recommendation from Jay

month. Students were sent and other devices as a modified e-learning schedule was put in place.

"We, like everyone, can see how dynamic and fluid this spread of the coronavirus is," said Jay Schools superintendent Jeremy Gulley at the time. "We spoke — we speak frequently and it was determined that the school closure made sense given the environment."

IU Health Jay announced

ease. Local events, including Jay County Health Department to extensive visiting restrictions March 15. Three days later, Jay County Commissioners took action to close Jay County Courthouse and other county government facilities to the public.

> Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb issued a stay-at-home order Hoosiers were to avoid public contact with the exception of "essential activities" — that went into effect March 25. Most retail businesses were shut down except for delivery and carry-out service.

See Coronavirus page 5

#### **Deaths**

Robin Stults, 57, Portland

Details on page 2.

#### Weather

Jay County's high temperature reached 72 degrees Tuesday. The low was 45.

Tonight will be drastically different, with the low dipping into the mid 20s and a chance of flurries beginning around 11 p.m. Tuesday's high will be in the mid 30s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

The jury trial scheduled to begin Monday in Jay Circuit Court has been canceled. Jurors will not need to appear.

**Thursday** — A look at an upcoming Indiana Department of Transportation bridge project.

**Coming up** 

**Saturday** — Results from the Fort Recovery softball team's game Friday against Mississinawa Valley.



## Coca-Cola

Continued from page 1 Review this morning that about 10 of those employees have been with the company for at least 30 years and some have been there more than 40 years.

"It's always hard to lose an employer, especially one that's had such a long tenure in the community," said Richards. Boggs added that he wished

the city had been given an opportunity to make a pitch to keep a Coca-Cola presence in Portland.

"I wish they would have talked to us if there was any possibility to keep the plant or a storage terminal or something open," said Boggs.

A source told The Commer-Sources told The Commercial cial Review that third-shift employees were asked to stay after their shift this morning. Representatives from Coca-Cola then delivered the news to the first- and third-shift employees together.

Officials at the Portland facility would not comment on the announcement this morning

The news of the local shutdown comes less than a month after the company announced that it would close its Lafayette distribution center, also in response of a shift to the new Lafayette facility will close at

ed March 1.

Local

The Whitestown automated warehouse and distribution facility is slated to be complete in April. In its press release, Coca-Cola said the new facility is part of an ongoing effort to assess its needs in the state and region.

With the new site becoming operational, Coca-Cola will consolidate warehouse distribution operations including from its Speedway facility in Indianapolis. The shift opened up the opportunity for expanded production at the Speedway site.

Brian Nick, Coca-Cola vice facility in Whitestown. The president of communications, said this morning that after that current location, which was forthe end of April, the Journal facility is shut down the compa-merly the site of Horizon

other locations. Ultimately, the Portland site will be put up for sale

The company has been in the community for more than a century, having celebrated 100 years in Portland in 2019. It was founded by Orien Holsapple and originally operated out of a frame structure adjacent to the Hood Building on Main Street. For many years, it was owned by the Robert Delauter family and its bottling operations were housed on Arch Street in a building that is now the home of Museum of the Soldier. Operations were moved in the early 1980s to the

and Courier (Lafayette) report- ny will likely move equipment to Homes, a manufactured housing company. The Delauter family later sold the business to a larg-Coca-Cola distributor. er Though the Portland business began as a bottler, in recent years it has produced a variety of canned products for Coca-Cola.

> Coca-Cola was honored as 2016 Industry of the Year in the Jay County Community Awards. The Portland plant was named North American Profit Team of the Year in 2012.

With more than 50 jobs leaving the city, Richards emphasized the importance of JCDC and others helping those individuals in their search for new jobs and job training.

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A chance of flurries after 8 a.m. Otherwise mostly cloudy with winds between 15 and 20 mph.	Sunny skies all day and clear skies at night. Tempera- tures will begin to get warmer for the rest of the week.	Another day of sun- shine in the forecast for Saturday. Mostly clear night skies.	Sunny skies by day and clear evening skies by night. Oth- erwise rela- tively warm.	Mostly sunny skies with tempera- tures near the low 70s. Partly cloudy at night.				

### **Lotteries**

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	17-19-21-25-26-33-47-48-50- 54-55-58-61-67-74-77-80 Cash 5: 17-20-26-30-38 Estimated jackpot:
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\$168 million	Pick 5: 4-9-0-7-7
Hoosier	Evening
Midday	Pick 3: 7-6-0
Daily Three: 4-1-4	Pick 4: 1-5-9-9
Daily Four: 0-6-7-6	Pick 5: 0-9-7-7-0
Evening	Rolling Cash: 4-15-18-
Daily Three: 6-4-5	19-31
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## **Markets**

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St. Anthony

## **Obituaries**

#### **Robin Stults**

March 6, 1964-March 9, 2021 Robin Stults, age 57, a former resident of Portland, passed away on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at her home in Bluffton.

Robin was born on March 6, 1964, in Portland, the daughter of Robert Armstrong Sr. and Priscilla (Butler) Butcher. She worked at Bluffton Rubber Company and Walmart in Portland. She was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Portland.

Robin married Pete Stults on Sept. 15, 2006.

Survivors include:

Her husband — Pete Stults, Bluffton, Indiana

One daughter -Trinity Kreider-Stone (husband: Eric), Bluffton, Indiana

One son — Bobby Armstrong (wife: Sara), Redkey, Indiana Eight grandchil-

dren

Two sisters — Marty Redford, Portland, Indiana, and Rita Brotherton (husband: Robert), Portland, Indiana

Stults

Two brothers — Robert "Peewee" Armstrong (wife: Susie), Portland, Indiana, and Russell Armstrong (wife: Kelli), Portland, Indiana

Several nieces and nephews Visitation will be held on Friday, al homes or mortuary services.

April 2, 2021, from noon 2 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Services to celebrate Robin's life will follow at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 2, 2021, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at IOOF Twin Hill Cemetery in Pennville.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funer-



## Pet of the week

Adaffi, a female domestic short hair that is spayed and up to date on vaccinations, can be adopted for \$35 from Jay County Humane Society, 1313 Shadeland Ave., Portland. The shelter can be reached at (260) 726-6339.

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## **Today in history**

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In 1917, the United lan. States took formal possession of the Virgin 1985.) Islands from Denmark.

sion of a nationally came to an end. broadcast address on Vietnam, President Lyndon B. Johnson stunned listeners by declaring, "I shall not seek, and I will not accept, the nomination of my party for club, Yolanda Saldivar, another term as your President.'

In 1971, The Portland to life in prison. Foundation released its

On March 31, 1931, annual report that Notre Dame college foot- showed its total assets at just over \$205,000. (The Rockne, 43, was killed in foundation's assets now total more than \$44 million.)

In 1976, the New Jeroccupied by a coalition sey Supreme Court of Russian, Prussian ruled that Karen Ann and Austrian forces; the Quinlan, a young woman in a persistent vegetative state, could be disconnected from her respirator. (Quinwho remained unconscious, died in

In 1991, the Warsaw In 1968, at the conclu- Pact military alliance

In 1995, Mexican-American singer Selena Quintanilla-Perez, 23, was shot to death in Corpus Christi, Texas, by the founder of her fan who was convicted of murder and sentenced

–AP and The CR

## Citizen's calendar

#### Thursday

Board of Works, mayor's land. office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.

Commissioners special Courthouse, 120 meeting, commission- Court St., Portland.

10 a.m. - Portland 120 N. Court St., Port-6 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, audi-3 p.m. — Jay County torium, Jay County N.

ers' room, courthouse,

## Deeds

Lucinda M. Nicklay (deceased) to Fannie Mae, Federal National Mortgage Association and the United States of America, sheriff/marshall deed — Lot 14, Westview Addition, Dunkirk

Ronald L. Stauffer Revocable Trust to Robert B. and Gina L. Keesling, trustee deed — Parts of Section 28, Pike Township, about 80 acres

Ruth C. Miller to Rex E. Holloway Jr., quit claim deed — Part of Section 11, Knox Township, 15.89 acres

Phyllis A. and Rex F. Hammers (deceased) to Doug J. and Karen L. Hemmelgarn, warranty deed — Part of Section 24, Greene Township (Lot 7 in Beacon Heights)

Glen E. Stein Revocable Living Trust to Hartzell Farms Inc., warranty deed — Part of Section 6, Noble Township, 75.281 acres

Ryan E. Myers to Vicky M. Fellers, warranty deed — Lot 142, Woodlawn Park Addition

U.S. Bank of Trust and LSF9 Master Par-

ticipation Trust to Michael Wolfcale, warranty deed — Part of Sections 7 and 8, Jackson Township, Bryant, 2.5 acres

Jeffry B. and Amy McMullen to Leander Schwartz Properties LLC, warranty deed - Part of Section 8, Jefferson Township, 4.96 acres

Martha J. Harris and Arthur C. Harris (deceased) to Ryan and Kristy K. Blalock, warranty deed — Part of Section 21, Pike Township, 11.324 acres

Martha J. Harris to herself, death deed Lots 125 and 126, Woodlawn Park Addition

Bradley A. Miller to April R. Coleman, warranty deed - Lots 67, 68, 69, 70, 71 and 72, Grisell Riverside Addition, Pennville

Christopher M. Grieshop to CB Development LLC, warranty deed — Part of Section 24, Greene Township, 14.85 acres

Bradley Tipton and Amanda Pyle (also known as Amanda D. Somers) to Amanda Pyle, quit claim deed — Lot 28, Mangold First Addition

### **SERVICES**

#### Thursday

Walter, Donald: 10 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Friday

Stults, Robin: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Saturday Wendel, Charles: 10 a.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

Service listings provided by PROGRESSIVE **OFFICE PRODUCTS** 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com

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## Family

## **Everyone needs** resilience, care

By KWAME DAWES

José Alcantara's poem, which appeared in the American Winter 2020 issue of Rat-Winter 2020 issue of Rat-tle, seems simple enough Life in Poetry — a splendid and hopeful account of a familiar moment — а bird stunned by a collision like to do, take one with glass, held in the moment to hand and then, recovanother, seemingly unreered, it flies away.

Then we return to the it is a poem about title, "Divorce," and we resilience and see it's doing what poems something we all need.

#### **Divorce**

He has flown headfirst against the glass and now lies stunned on the stone patio, nothing moving but his quick beating heart. So you go to him, pick up his delicate body and hold him in the cupped palms of your hands. You have always known he was beautiful, but it's only now, in his stillness, in his vulnerability, that you see the miracle of his being, how so much life fits in so small a space. And so you wait, keeping him warm against the unseasonable cold, trusting that when the time is right, when he has recovered both his strength and his sense of up and down, he will gather himself, flutter once or twice, and then rise, a streak of dazzling color against a slowly lifting sky.

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### Gold ratings

Jay County Junior-Senior School High students competed recently at the Indiana State School Music Association District Solo and Ensemble Contest and earned gold ratings. Pictured above are high schoolers Paulina Esquival, Raylyn Chaffins, Shea Bailey, Hannah Boggs, Aiden Garlinger, Alexis Durham, Mitchell Winner, Destiny McManus, Lilly Hedges, Isaac Braun and Nathan Manson. At left are seventh graders Joseph Boggs and Avery Wentz.

## Wife is unsettled by obsession

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for six mostly blissful years, but recently, some of his fantasies have started to worry me. About six months ago, he told me he had an attraction to women with amputations. Naturally, I was confused. I didn't even know that was a "thing," but I accepted it, even though I thought it was odd.

Three months ago, he asked to do some role playing, where we hid my leg under a towel to give the appearance of having a below-the-knee amputation, which he says is his favorite. I didn't like it, but I went ahead with it. But now things are get- your husband's fetish is body Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



ting to be too much for me. He recently told me that not only does he find amputees attractive, but he wants to be one. What do I do? — IN WEIRD TERRITORY

DEAR I.W.T.: The name for

integrity identity disorder. It is important that you learn more about it. You will find the information on the internet. You should also consult a licensed psychotherapist to help you decide whether this fetish is something you are prepared to live with or it's time to end your marriage.

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





### inity Calendar

Community Calendar as space is available. To subitem, email mit an news@thecr.com.

#### Today

FAMILY AL-ANON 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 - BRI-

Notices will appear in ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased 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.

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**Tuesday's Solution** 

Level: Intermediate

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#### Thursday

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

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

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m. FORGET-ME-NOT - A distancing.

support group for parents. friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 Nikki or Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

#### Friday

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

**CÍNCINNATUS** 

LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, April 2, at Harmony Cafe in Portland. Members are encouraged to wear a face mask and practice social



#### Thank you for allowing me to represent you on the REMC Board of Directors.

The current REMC Board of Directors has been working very hard to keep up with all the changes in power resources. These are challenging times to keep rural electric cooperatives informed and to keep your electric rates as low as possible. Thank you for your vote and I will continue to work for you and our communities.

> Voting starts on March 22nd, 2021 at the Jay County REMC

### **HELP WANTED CITY OF PORTLAND**

The City of Portland is accepting applications for the position of Water Department Service Person. Minimum job requirements are high school diploma or its equivalent. A CDL B license or greater or able to obtain such license in a reasonable amount of time.

General outline of duties: Water customer service, prepares accurate and timely meter reading forms and records for billing department, connects and disconnects water service, corrects any problems such as meter irregularities, damaged equipment and meter pits. Assists the water distribution system staff as needed. Applicant must be on call 24/7 one week out of each month. Duties can and will change as deemed necessary by the department head and / or Mayor.

Equipment used: Heavy equipment including trucks and backhoes, air hammers, pumps, saws, shovels, wrenches, sensing devices for locating pipes and various other and tools.

Work environment: Conditions can include below ground / enclosed spaces and subfreezing temperatures.

Applications are available at Clerk Treasurer's Office at City Hall, 321 N. Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana 47371, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM thru Wednesday, March 31, 2021 and until 3:45 on April 1, 2021. No applications will be accepted after 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2021. The City of Portland is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## Opinion

## **U.S. Ag employees ask for support**

To the editor:

There has been a lot of focus recently regarding the rezoning and expansion of a new mining operation in our community.

A group that has been quiet until now has been the employees that would be greatly impacted should this expansion not happen.

Some of you may not know this, but our quarry started out as a small business. What most of you knew as Meshberger's became a part of a bigger business, the family-owned U.S. Aggregates that you know today. As a whole, we have provided Jay County with materials, and more importantly opportunities, since the 1950s.

At this time, our quarry consists of 22 employees ranging from age 20 to 63. We have any-

## Letters to the Editor

where from 30 days to 30-plus years of experience in our unique, mining skill set. We are hard working men and 22women. We are 22 families, with spouses and loved ones. Thanks to the opportunities the quarry has provided, many of us are the head of our households. That equates to more than 50 children and grandchildren that have been supported by mining in Portland.

In the mix of all of these people, there are countless families

We understand you have concerns and questions, and we hear you, but the dangers posed to our livelihoods need to be heard as well.

The experience and training many of us have is very specific to the field in which we work, making finding meaningful employment elsewhere a difficult undertaking. For example, someone who has spent their past 15 years as a heavy machinery operator simply does not have the necessary skill set to compete at the local factory environments available. This is true for us in sales, quality and virtually the entirety of our staff.

Twenty-two is a small number you say? What about those in the community who rely on our

of the small businesses we work with. products to do business? — the trucking companies in Jay County, the concrete businesses in the area, even our own road crews. Not allowing this rezoning request to pass will increase hardships on every citizen of Jay County.

> U.S. Aggregates has always looked out for us as employees, having a safety culture that is second to none. I can assure you the same caution and care will be provided to our neighbors. We want to see our community thrive as much as anyone. We also care about the well-being of the people.

> Some of us have been here since the beginning. We are a part of Jay County. We are sitting next to you in church. We are volunteering at your child's school. We are a group of men

and women that have a vested interest in Jay County.

In addition to working at U.S. Aggregates, we are first responders, pastors and veterans. We are going above and beyond to help build opportunities in the community we love and support.

All we are asking for is the same love and support be shown to us in return.

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## Youngest will be far from the last

**By JACK RONALD** The Commercial Review

Let's talk about Khin Myo Chit.

She's been on my mind for the past week.

Khin Myo Chit was three months past her sixth birthday, not much vounger than my grandson Gabriel and my granddaughter Johanna.

Khin Myo Chit lived with her family in Chanmyathazi Township of Mandalay Myanmar's region. Yes, I know that's a mouthful. Many of the names of people and places in Myanmar qualify as a mouthful.

Khin Myo Chit was in her family's home when soldiers and police kicked in the door a week ago Tuesday. Terrified, she ran to her father and jumped in his lap, telling him she was scared.

Then security forces loyal to the leaders of a military coup that seized power Feb. 1 shot her.

Her father ran to the nearest medical clinic with his daughter dying in his arms. She did not make it.

Later, her family took her body and went into hiding. The regime's security forces have recently been snatching the bodies of those they have killed, more wanton. Pedestrians apparently in an effort to minding their own busi-



**Confronted** with demonstrations in the streets, the military called on snipers. **Protesters** quickly became target practice.

attempted to help the wounded or gather up the bodies of the dead became targets as well. And, more recently, the killing has become more random and have been killed. ness teenager steps outside his house to get some water to help his mother with household chores and gets a bullet in the brain. After I've read through the day's inventory of new corpses, I attach what is known as the metadata. the stuff that makes it possible for search engines to find news on the internet. I struggle to find words to write a new headline and a new teaser. Again, it's hard to say, "death toll rises" in a new and compelling way. Then, finally, I give the story a slow read, sometimes out loud, to make sure that I've done it justice. That's when the fate of someone like Khin Myo Chit is inescapable. Last week was especially tough. The death toll as calculated by The Irrawaddy hit 327 — though it is probably higher because of the countless people who have and 22 of those slain were kids. The task before me was to edit 22 brief profiles of all those under the age of 18 who had lost their lives so far.



## **Telephone doctor visits work**

#### **By SIRINA KEESARA** and ANASTASIA COUTINHO

At the beginning of the pandemic, a crucial change to Medi-Cal reimbursement policy made telehealth more accessible than ever for California's most vulnerable populations. Visits conducted via telephone, online video or in person were to be covered equally.

Our experience as clinicians during this time has shown us that put- the most barriers to care. At West ting telephone visits on equal benefit footing has dramatically expanded access to care without compromising quality. Yet the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, along with California's Department of Health Care Services, recently signaled they would reduce or eliminate reimbursement for audio-only visits. The proposed change will unintentionally reinforce inequalities in the health care system. It will undo gains made in expanding access for the most vulnerable. To preserve these gains, equal payment for audio-only visits should be maintained. Despite the major investments that have been made in video technology, most telehealth visits at safety-net health care providers — including the federally qualified health centers we work for — are conducted by telephone, without any video component. From March through August 2020, less than 4% of primary-care visits at similar health centers in California were conducted by video, compared with the nearly  $50\,\%$  that took place over the telephone. In the communities we serve, we see that poor internet access accounts for much of the disparity. Just half of patients have access to Wi-Fi at home and nearly 60% use a cellphone, with limited data plans, as their main internet access point, according to a survey conducted by La Clinica de La Raza, a federally qualified health center with clinics in Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano counties. These findings mirror a similar study of patients served by the San Francisco safety net.

## Guest Opinion

The move to telehealth has helped improve access for Californians with Oakland Health Council, another fed erally qualified health center, the expansion to telehealth is responsible for cutting the missed visit rate by half compared with before remote services were rolled out. Now only 15% of patients miss their appointments. The survey of La Clinica de La Raza patients also found that more than half of them would prefer at least some of their visits to be remote. Evidence shows that telehealth use during the COVID-19 pandemic has reduced the barriers that families face in obtaining the care they need, including transportation, child care and work schedules. These barriers are not unique to care during the pandemic. Despite findings that audio-only visits expand health care access, the Department of Health Care Services has indicated that audio-only visit payments will be eliminated or reduced compared with video or inperson visits, reasoning that telephone visits provide a lower quality of care. Not much data exist to show video provides higher quality of care, and little of it is conclusive. Some studies have speculated that equal pay for all modes of telehealth will lead to overuse in an already strained state health care budget. The explanation given is that audio-only visits will be conducted in addition to in-person and video visits, making them superfluous. Yet, Medi-Cal patients are already chronically undertreated and deserve more care than they are currently receiving, regardless of how that care is given.

If DHCS officials truly believe that video provides higher-quality care than audio-only visits, a move to video should be accompanied by grants that support building technological infrastructure at safety-net clinics and digital literacy for their patients. The Federal Communications Commission has set up a similar program in the COVID-19 era that helps health care providers connect remote services to patients.

conceal the casualty count. One week ago, Khin Myo Chit was buried in a Muslim cemetery with only close relatives present.

The strangest part of my daily routine for the past several weeks has been editing an update of the death toll. It occupies about an hour each morning, and it is unrelentingly grim.

First, I read through the copy provided by one of my colleagues on The Irrawaddy. I correct the English, rewrite sentences to make them clearer and try to make sure that the final version is in compliance with the news outlet's style manual.

Lately, I've also struggled to find new ways to say the same thing.

After all, how many ways can there be to say, "shot in the head"?

When Myanmar's military seized power and arrested the democraticallv elected leaders of the country, they were met with overwhelming civilian opposition. And they responded to that opposition with brutality.

Confronted with demonstrations in the streets, the military called on snipers. Protesters quickly became target practice. Those who

Khin Myo Chit was the youngest, but she was far from alone.

And others will follow.

Rather than reducing care access options, DHCS should accelerate a planned transition to payment systems that reimburse for quality of care rather than quantity of care. The structures, called "alternative payment models," will pay a set amount per patient per year for good health outcomes, rather than paying per visit. These models allow providers the flexibility to use whatever method of care — phone, digital outreach, community health workers, group visits or individual visits - that will result in the best outcomes for their patients.

The new DHCS policy may intend to improve quality of care. It does provide more options than were available pre-COVID, but it removes a crucial and much-used method for patients to connect with primary care that has proved extraordinarily useful. Safety-net clinics will have to fall back on approaches to care that don't work as well for their patients.

Without strong data that support one approach to remote over another, the Department of Health Care Services should not move to change telehealth policy that is clearly working to expand access to care. Patients and their health care providers should get to choose what works best for them.

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## Local/Nation

## Coronavirus

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On March 29, country singer Joe Diffie, who had been scheduled to play at the Jay County Fair, died of COVID-19 at the age of 61

By the time the health department confirmed the first Jay County case of COVID-19, The Commercial Review had already published 52 stories and opinion pieces on the topic.

"It was just a matter of time until we got a case here," said health department environmentalist and administrator Heath Butz said at the time.

#### The progression

The initial stay-at-home orders issued by the governors were set to last two weeks. They were extended.

On April 2, Indiana State Superintendent Public of Instruction Jennifer McCormick announced that schools would not reopen for the remainder of the 2019-20 year. On that same day, the Jay County community hosted its largest single event showing support for healthcare workers as more than 225 vehicles gathered in the IU Health Jay parking lot for a vigil, with hospital employees watching from the roof of the facility.

From the day school closed, Jay School Corporation continued to provide food to children, first at daily school pick-up sites and gradually shifting to using bus routes to deliver in bulk (five breakfasts and five lunches at a time) to students in rural areas.

On April 14, Central Indiana Track Show Association (CITSA) announced its summer band competition season would be canceled. (There was a still hope for a state fair competition, but neither it, nor the fair itself, would be held.)

The primary elections, originally scheduled for May 5, were postponed until June 2 with Jay County cutting down to five polling places and voting by mail recommended. On May 1, Holcomb announced details of his Back on Track Indiana plan, with retail locations first able to open May 4 at half capacity and small social gatherings allowed. The **COVID-19** timeline

Today marks the one-year anniversary of the first case of COVID-19 being confirmed in Jay County. The county has since totaled 1,828 cases, with nearly 700 of those coming in November. Below is a look at some of the key dates over the course of the pandemic in Jay County.

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stages, to run through Independence Day.

Jay County's 4th of July Committee announced June 3 that all of its annual activities, including the parade, would be canceled. The Jay County Fair was held, but in a shortened format and with no grandstand events with the exception of a demolition derby, from July 15 through 18. The Tri-State Antique Gas Engine and Tractor show would be held in full five and a half weeks later.

On July 29, Jay School Board voted to delay the start of the 2020-21 school year to Sept. 9 from the originally scheduled Aug. 12 in order to allow staff more time to prepare for a year that featured more than 400 students being taught virtually. (Classes would actually begin Sept. 10, as the first scheduled day was canceled because of fog.)

With cases surging in the county, Jay Schools announced Nov. 24 that the junior-senior high school would shift to virtual learning for

gradual reopening had five the week following Thanksgiving break. The corporation made the same move after the winter break, with another week of virtual learning.

'It's been an exhausting year,' said Gulley. "But also a source of pride. Even though we're tired, we're proud of what our community, our parents, our employees, our teachers and our kids have been able to overcome.'

#### The numbers

Jay County proved relatively lucky during the early stages of the coronavirus pandemic.

It was one of the last 11 counties in the state without a case of COVID-19. It recorded just 13 cases in April, and its May 'spike" was 35 cases.

COVID-19 was all but silent in Jay County in June and July, with a combined 28 cases. But the numbers began to climb in August.

After taking four and a half months to reach 100 cases, the county recorded its next hundred in a month and a half and the recommended but not required —

ing the height of the pandemic from Oct. 28 through Dec. 14, it was racking up 100 cases an average of every five days.

"When you look at a graph of the first wave and then the fall, the first wave was barely a blip,' aid Jay County Hospital presient Jon Vanator. "Part of me inks we were almost lucky to ave that trial run ... and I think nough smart people in the sumer, when things calmed down, uid, 'This is not done. Get ready. Here it comes.' ... I'm glad the ght people seemed to listen to ne modeling and forecasting nat showed the second surge ould be coming and it would be g. Because that's when it got airy."

Cases have dipped since then. fter more than 400 cases in ecember, that number was cut most in half in January. Februry saw 57 cases, and March is on similar pace — still more than the first months of the panemic, but far fewer than the peak.

Jay County Health Department administered its first coronavirus vaccination Jan. 12. As of Tuesday, more than 7,500 doses of vaccine had been administered in Jay County — mostly at the health department and IU Health Jay — with 3,017 individuals fully vaccinated. (The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines being used in Jay County both require two doses.)

In total, Jay County has recorded 1,828 cases of COVID-19 in the last year, an average of about 5 per day. November was by far the worst month, with an average of 22.8 cases per day.

Twenty-eight have died of the disease in Jay County.

'I think overall ... the county did fairly well, especially when you compare it to some other locations," said Butz. "Any death is too many, but if you go per capita, we weren't hit as hard as some other locations were.'

#### What's next?

Tuesday, Beginning state restrictions related to COVID-19 will be lifted. Indiana will shift to a "mask advisory" — they will be

next hundred in just 20 days. Dur- and all venues will be allowed to return to full capacity. Counties, cities and towns will still be allowed to enact their own restrictions, though in Jay County none are currently planned.

For the hospital, the pandemic continued to shine a light on a direction healthcare had already been moving - a focus on wellness and preventing illness rather than waiting to fix what's broken. The goal will now be to continue on that path, implementing tools like telemedicine in the process.

It's also taught the importance of flexibility, both in terms of staff responsibilities and the health system as a whole.

"I think we learned a lot about being nimble," said Vanator. "It hit pretty fast, and we had to make a lot of big decisions really fast. I think that's one of the big take-aways just for IU Health in general. We've got to be agile. We've got to make decisions quickly."

Looking over the next couple of years, Gulley is focused on making good use of federal stimulus dollars to help students who have experienced negative effects from the pandemic. That, he expects, will include expanded summer school programs and additional metal health resources.

He's also hopeful that prom and graduation will be at least close to the traditional experience.

"What I hope to see is a much more normal spring than we experienced last spring," said Gulley.

For the health department, the immediate focus is to continue vaccinating and educating. Butz noted that one of the concerns is that if not enough is done, new variants could pop up that could be either more deadly or spread more easily.

He noted that vaccination clinics may be around for a while if booster shots prove to be necessary

He's also hopeful that the current positive trends in local case numbers continue and we can all get a break soon.

"I think it's been a long year for all of us," said Butz. "I think we're all a little tired."



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tions, anathema to Repuband business licans groups.

The White House is expected to propose enough tax increases on Wednesday to cover the cost of the package, according to two people familiar with the plan. Biden is not expected to go into great detail on the specific tax increases, apart from reiterating plans to roll back a portion of former President Donald Trump's 2017 tax cuts.

White House aides spent the weekend debating the make-up and size of the tax-increase package. Deese spent part of Tuesday briefing congressional leaders and committee chairs on some of the proposal's details.

#### **Recovery bound**

Though Biden will ultimatelv propose two sweeping legislative proposals, totaling anywhere from \$3 trillion to \$4 trillion, he is expected on Wednesday to focus on a narrower discussion of rebuilding roads and bridges and transitioning to clean energy.

The Wednesday speech will introduce the proposal that the White House is calling the American Jobs Plan, which follows on the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act that Biden signed earlier in March.

For progressives, success in passing the bulk of the packages could put Biden in the pantheon with Lyndon Johnson or Franklin Delano Roosevelt, presidents who instituted sweeping changes through legislation on civil rights and the social safety net.

This really is transformational in a way we have not seen since the Great to a new economy and Society," said Dean Baker, clean energy.

always in the center of the party politically. And he was clumsy. That is what we saw, and that is why I underestimated him. But I can't quarrel with what he done since he took office.'

Later this spring, the administration plans to unveil the second part of the long-term economic program, focused on child care and home care aid, along with an expansion in early education, health care funding and money for community college students.

#### **Going alone**

Biden allies do not expect either package to receive bipartisan support in Congress — even if the White House publicly has said it would try to work with Republicans.

Politically, the administration will have to work hard to keep Democrats unified on the infrastructure package as Republicans and business groups decry tax cuts and progressives try to push toward an even larger spending package.

One Biden ally said the White House should spend as much as \$7 trillion on both infrastructure and the second "caring economy" proposal, a signal that progressives will push for as much spending as possible on top of the already-passed \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief bill.

Biden's speech and the infrastructure plan is also expected to delve into ensuring that communities of color benefit, said two people familiar with the plan. The speech will make the point that such neighborhoods often have borne the brunt of pollution, so they should be a key part of the transition

## The meaning of **Good Friday**

ood Friday is a Christian holiday that is Sunday. Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion celebrated every year on the Friday preceding Easter of Jesus Christ and

his death at Calvary, the location outside of Jerusalem's walls where the crucifixion took place.

Though Good Friday is considered a holiday, and is a legal holiday in many countries across the globe, the commemoration is not characterized by

the festive atmosphere many holidays inspire. In fact, in the fourth century, the Apostolic Constitutions described Good Friday as a day of mourning and prayer. In addition, many Christians fast on Good Friday, eating only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not add up to a full meal.

Christians believe that commemorating the death of Christ helps to remind them of the sacrifices that Christ made and the human sin that contributed to his death.

The observance of Good Friday has existed for centuries.

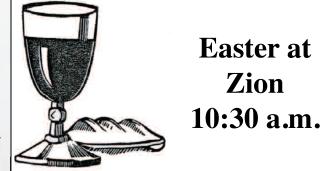
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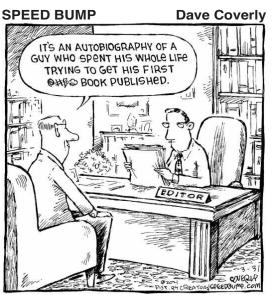
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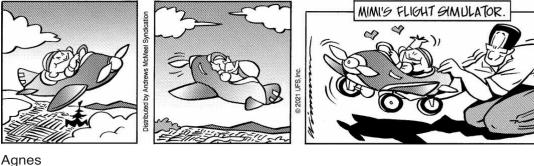
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## Addresses

Continued from page 8 2020, Taylor "believes 100 percent in Carson Wentz." He said when Reich asked him his opinion, pre-trade, of whether Wentz could still be great, he called his affirmative answer a "nobrainer.'

While Taylor didn't absolve himself or Wentz of blame for Wentz's 2020 struggles, Taylor, like Reich, believes outside factors were a contributor. Taylor alluded to the talent around

He didn't specifically mention deplet-Despite their struggles together in ed weaponry and an injury-plagued offensive line, but those were certainly issues Wentz dealt with the past couple of seasons in Philadelphia.

The hope in Indianapolis, Reich recently said, is that Wentz will have a better supporting cast that will allow him to thrive. Though Reich was referencing the Colts' excellent offensive line, running game and talented pass-catchers, Taylor and Co. are part of that supporting cast aim-Wentz diminishing in recent years. ing to help Wentz regain his past

form.

Exactly what Taylor will be doing to help Wentz this season is a little unclear at the moment, even to Taylor himself. Taylor's job title of senior offensive assistant is, he admitted, "a little bit vague."

"I think I'm just here to contribute whatever I can to this offense," Taylor said. "Whatever they see fit for me is what I'll do. I'm willing to do anything they want here to help put the Colts in the best position to win games."

## Sports on tap

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Fort Recovery — Track at Versailles Tiger Invitational – 9 a.m.; Softball vs.

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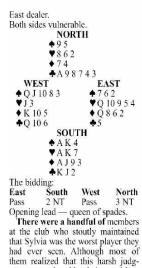
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Anna M. Culy, Jay County Auditor

#### FRHS softball travels to South Adams Thursday, see Sports on tap

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By JAMES HAWKINS

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answer for UCLA's

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Top-seeded Michigan

somehow navigated it

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Freshman center

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11 points for UCLA (22-

After Juzang split

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it a two-point game,

Michigan still had a

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son. But Mike Smith

misfired on a 3-pointer

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## **Colts assistant addresses criticism**

**Bv JIM AYELLO** The Indianapolis Star Tribune News Service

INDIANAPOLIS — When Frank Reich left Philadelphia, it was a little like a conquering hero riding off into the sunset. As offensive coordinator, he'd helped turn Carson Wentz into an MVPcaliber quarterback and played a major role in the Eagles winning a Super Bowl championship. By the time Reich left for Indianapolis, his legend had been solidified in the City of Brotherly Love. He'll be adored there for the rest of his life.

The same cannot be said, however, for a couple of his current offensive assistants. Wide receivers coach Mike Groh and newly minted senior offensive assistant Press Taylor left Philadelphia the hard way. They were fired, sharing the blame with coach Doug Pederson for the Eagles' offensive inconsistencies in the years following the Super Bowl and even accused of having problematic relationships with the team's star quarterback: Wentz.

Fair criticisms or not, ever since the Colts acquired Wentz via trade, there have been lingering questions about how he'd mesh with his ex-Eagles coaches in Indianapolis. While Groh, hired last offseason, has yet to speak publicly since Wentz was acquired, Taylor had an opportunity Tuesday to speak with local media for the first time to address some of the concerns that followed him from Philadelphia after he was hired in early February.

Reports out of Philly haven't painted a very flattering picture of Taylor — at least in terms of his ability to work with Wentz after being promoted from quarterbacks coach (his role since 2018) to passing game coordinator in 2020. While the 33-year-old seems to be almost universally lauded as a burgeoning football mind — he's been credited with digging up the design for the Philly Special in Super Bowl LII and Reich has raved in the past about his incredi-



Philadelphia Inquirer/Tribune News Service/Yong Kim

Frank Reich, left, and Carson Wentz are seen as members of the Philadelphia Eagles. Reich, coach of the Indianapolis Colts, and Wentz will be reunited in Indianapolis after Wentz was traded to the Colts in February.

ble attention to detail - some reports suggested he was more of a friend to Wentz than a coach.

A holdover from the Chip Kelly era in Philadelphia, Taylor was the offensive quality control and assistant quarterbacks coach with the Eagles when they drafted Wentz in 2016. Just four years apart in age, the two hit it off quickly as Taylor became a sort-of confidant to Wentz, a conduit he knew he could go to with questions he wasn't comfortable asking other coaches.

However, Taylor's youth and close friendship with Wentz reportedly became an issue for Eagles brass in 2020, which worried it contributed to Wentz's regression.

Inquirer's Jeff McLane, "There was internal concern that Wentz's friendship with Taylor could cause a conflict of interest and that his inexperience could allow for the quarterback to overpower him. ... In the quarterback room, when his things, I feel good about it," Taylor errors were pointed out, Wentz would sometimes make irrelevant excuses and Taylor wouldn't correct him.'

Colts add to offensive line depth by signing Julién Davenport, bringing back Joey Hunt Insider: Tevi, Davenport provide depth, but Colts still have work to do on offensive line

On Tuesday, Taylor was asked whether he felt he was "too close"

According to the Philadelphia to Wentz to coach him properly. Taylor replied that there was a lot to be learned from a 2020 Eagles season that went sideways, but that he was "confident" in his relationship with Wentz.

The way I personally handled said. "Were there things I could do better? Absolutely. I would hope a lot of people looking back on the season would say that, especially a season that went as poorly as it did for us. So there's a number of things I'll reflect on and hopefully will grow upon. But in terms of professionalism, the way I handled that relationship, I do feel confident in that."

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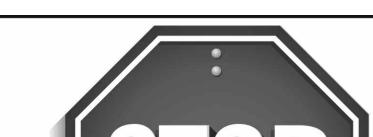
**NFL season expands** 

### **By GEOFFREY C. ARNOLD**

Oregonlive.com Tribune News Service

NFL owners approved expanding its regular season to 17 games per team will play the AFC East, NFC West vs AFC North, NFC South vs. AFC South, and NFC North vs. AFC West.

The league will start the season at the same time — the Sunday following Labor



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### **A PUBLIC HEARING IS** SCHEDULED TO BE HELD BY THE PORTLAND PLAN COMMISSION FOR

### THURSDAY, APRIL 1st 2021, AT 6:00 pm in the Jay County **Courthouse Auditorium, 120 N Court** St., Portland, IN.

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Citizens against the stone quarry expansion

beginning with the 2021 season, the league announced Tuesday.

The change occurred after the players agreed to give owners the option to increase the number of regular season games in the new 10-year collective bargaining agreement of last year. The preseason schedule will be reduced from four games to three to maintain compliance with the collective bargaining agreement, which stipulates no more than 20 combined games in a season.

The league expanded its regular season for the first time since 1978.

"This is a monumental moment in NFL history," NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said in a statement. "The CBA with the players and the recently completed media agreements provide the foundation for us to enhance the quality of the NFL experience for our fans. And one of the benefits of each team playing 17 regular-season games is the ability for us to continue to grow our game around the world."

Each club will now compete in an additional AFC vs. NFC game for the 17th game. The games in 2021 will be between teams that finished in the same position in their division during the previous season. The schedule will be on a rotating divisional basis with AFC teams as the home squad for the additional game this season.

For games this season, the NFC East

Day weekend (Sept. 9, 2021) and will keep one bye week.

The regular season will expand from 17 to 18 weeks and push the conclusion of the regular season to Jan. 9. The league will be forced to push back the beginning of the playoffs to the weekend of Jan. 15-17, 2022 and Super Bowl 56 will be played Feb. 13.

Here are the matchups for the 17th game in 2021:

•Seattle Seahawks at Pittsburgh Steelers •San Francisco 49ers at Cincinnati Bengals

 Los Angeles Rams at Baltimore Ravens •Arizona Cardinals at Cleveland Browns

•Dallas Cowboys at New England Patri-

•Washington Football Team at Buffalo Bills

•New York Giants at Miami Dolphins

Philadelphia Eagles at New York Jets

 Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Indianapolis Colts

•New Orleans Saints at Tennessee Titans

•Atlanta Falcons at Jacksonville Jaguars

•Carolina Panthers at Houston Texans

•Green Bay Packers at Kansas City Minnesota Vikings at Los Angeles Chargers

•Chicago Bears at Las Vegas Raiders •Detroit Lions at Denver Broncos.

