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# Jay is blue

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Jay County stayed blue. It's case total came

So did its positivity rate.
Jay County trended in
the right direction in Wednesday's update from Indiana State Department of Health, coming in with a "blue" (low risk for the spread of coronavirus) rating for the third week in a

After its numbers were up last week — the positivity rate was just 0.13 percentage points below the threshold for pushing the county to "yellow" (moderate risk) — the county saw its rate drop back to 3.36%. That's down 1.51 percentage points from the previous week.

Jay County's cases per 100,000 residents was also down, coming in at 48. It had been 68 a week earlier.

There was some movement in other counties in the area this week, with Blackford County shifting from yellow to blue while Delaware County went in the other direction from blue to yellow. Wells, Adams and Randolph counties were all blue again this week.

The state trend also improved slightly. While seven counties were rated "orange" (high risk) for the second week in a row, 52 were blue. That's up from 46 last week. The remaining 33 counties

were yellow. Jay County currently has vaccination clinics available at Jay County Health Department and IU Health Jay, and vaccinations are open to all Hoosiers ages 16 and older. Appointments can be online ourshot.in.gov or by calling the state's 2-1-1 telephone assistance service. The health department has also opened its vaccination clinic to walk-ins from noon to 6 p.m. on

As of Wednesday, more than 10,000 doses of coronavirus vaccine had been administered in Jay County. That includes 4,714 individuals who are fully vaccinated.

Tuesdays and Thursdays.

# Family expanding



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Nurse practitioners Tracy Hamrick (left) and Tracy Laux have both joined the IU Health Jay Family First practice in the last year. They're part of ongoing changes at the practice, which is currently undergoing a renovation and expansion project and will welcome Dr. Colin Good this summer.

## Practice at IU Health Jay has two new healthcare providers in the last year and another on the way

By RAY COONEY

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Family First is getting a new It already has two new

providers, with another to come this summer. IU Health Jay Family First added nurse practitioner Tracy

Laux to its staff last summer and in February brought in First in July. women's health nurse practitioner Tracy Hamrick.

The addition of the Tracys is part of ongoing changes at the practice at the hospital in Portland. The Family First office, located in the center of the hospital on the south side, is also in the midst of a \$767,500 renovation and expansion project. and Dr. Colin Good is scheduled to join the practice this sum-

Laux has been with IU Health been a women's health nurse since 2007, first working as a registered nurse at IU Health Ball before getting her master's degree from Ball State University to become a nurse practitioner. She worked at Jay County Hospital and then for about five vears at West Jav Clinic in Dunkirk before joining Family

She said it was good to return

"It was nice to come back because all these front staff, back staff, they're all the people used to work with," said Laux.

"It was very comforting." Hamrick was hired December and joined Family First a couple of months later after taking advantage of some training opportunities. She's

practitioner since 2013 after earning her master's degree at the University of Cincinnati.

She came to IU Health Jay to help facilitate the new Healthy Beginnings program the hospital implemented last year in an effort to focus on prenatal and post-natal health after discontinuing birthing services.

"I believe it's going to be to the hospital setting in Port- beneficial, especially for the moms that don't want to make those trips ... to Muncie for their prenatal care," said Hamrick. "Our Healthy Beginnings program here will help incorporate educational opportunities ... We can also see preventative visits for gynecological wellness as well as postpartum

care." Neither Tracy started on the path of being a nurse practitioner.

Laux, a Coldwater, Ohio, native, first thought about being a radiology technician before shifting to nursing and getting her associate's degree from Rhodes State College. She spent more than five years as a

registered nurse before returning to school to become a nurse practitioner "I felt like there was maybe something more I could offer,' said Laux, noting that she got more and more interested in the profession as she went on rounds with doctors and

observed others in the medical field. "That's when I thought I could maybe think about going into being a nurse practitioner.'

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## Prom pump

Nate Chrisman pumps his first in celebration after being announced as Jay County High School's king during promenade Saturday evening.

## **Biden calls for** sweeping action

By CHRIS MEGERIAN and ELI STOKOLS

Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — In a pitch for lifting American workers to prevail in global competition with China, President Joe Biden on Wednesday used his first address to a joint session of Congress to press his case that massive spending on infrastructure, education, technological initiatives and social services will ensure the United States emerges from the coronavirus crisis in a stronger posi-

tion than before. The president rooted his proworking-class posals in demands for steady paychecks, affordable child care and better schools. But he also framed them as part of a broader struggle between democracies and autocracies, saying the invest-

ments are needed to prevent Beijing from supplanting Washington in a position of international leadership.

"We have to prove them wrong," Biden said. "We have to prove that democracy still works, that our government still works and we can deliver for our people."

The nationally televised, prime-time speech of just over an hour came as Biden approached the end of his first 100 days in office, a period dominated by his efforts to extend economic relief, expand vaccine distribution and bring an end to the pandemic. Although Biden cautioned that the threat isn't over, he described the inoculation campaign as "one of the greatest logistical achievements our country has ever

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## **Deaths**

Angeline Zimmerman, 97, rural Portland Juanita Sipe, 83, Celina,

Details on page 2.

## Weather

Jay County's high tempera-Wednesday was 73 degrees. The low was 64. There was about a tenth of an inch of rain before midnight.

Tonight's low will drop into the mid 40s with winds gusting to 20 miles per hour. Expect mostly sunny skies Friday with a high near 58. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

## In review

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb this week filed a lawsuit seeking to strike down House Enrolled Act 1123 as unconstitutional. What are your thoughts on the issue?

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

## Coming up

Friday — Even singleparty states benefit from competition. Guest column.

**Tuesday** — Coverage of Monday's Portland City Council meeting.



## **Obituaries**

## **Angeline** Zimmerman

Dec. 6, 1923-April 28, 2021 Angeline "Angie" Zimmerman, age 97, passed away at her home in rural Portland on

Wednesday, April 2021, surrounded by her family.

Angie was born on Dec. 6, 1923, in Redkey, Indiana, the daughter of Charles and Iris



Angie and her husband were lifelong farmers in Richland and Jefferson townships. She

Angie in death on March 3, 2006.

loved to garden, cook and make handcrafts, and was an avid reader. One of her favorite things was to have a house full of friends and family to cook for.

She attended a United Methodist Church most of her life. She looked forward to being in the presence of her Savior Jesus Christ and being reunited with her husband.

Survivors include:

Three sons — Max Zimmerman (wife: Linda), Columbia City, Indiana, Jim Zimmerman (wife: Carol), Redkey, Indiana, and Ron Zimmerman (wife: Lou Ann), Redkey, Indiana

One daughter — Donna Riddle (husband: Erick), Monticello, Indiana

Six grandchildren, 15 greatgrandchildren and one greatgreat granddaughter

Visitation will be held on mer Madison Township resi-

mostly

Sunday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Services to celebrate Angie's life will be held on Monday at 11 a.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home. Angie's son-in-law Erick Riddle and granddaughter Lorv Norden will officiate the service. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey.

Memorials may be directed to Jay County Public Library or EverHeart Hospice.

Condolences may expressed williamsonat spencer.com.

## Juanita Sipe

Jan. 28, 1938-Āpril 27, 2021 Juanita Sipe, age 83, a resident of Celina, Ohio, and a for-

dent passed away Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at the Gardens of Celina. She graduated from Portland High School in 1955 and was a homemaker.

Juanita Sipe was born Jan. 28, 1938, in Salamonia, Indiana, the daughter of Forrest and Edith (Hilfiker) Theurer. She was married on Jan. 28, 1956, to Rodney Sipe.

Survivors include: Her beloved husband of 65

years — Rodney Sipe, Celina, Two sons — Clifton Jay Sipe

(wife: Becky), Celina, Ohio, and James Robert Sipe (wife: Susan), Fort Worth, Texas

One daughter — Julia Lance, McMinnville, Tennessee

Six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren

Visitation will be held on Friday from 11 a.m. to noon at ary services.

Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral home in Portland. Graveside services will immediately follow at Salamonia Cemetery with Pastor Steve Arnold officiating.

Memorials may be directed to Cancer Association of Mer-

cer County. Condolences may 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 serv-

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## CR almanac

4/30	5/1	5/2	5/3	5/4
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<b>58/37</b>	71/55	78/60	74/55	70/49
Mostly sunny all day with winds reaching as high as 25	Sunny all day with a few clouds at night, leading to a warm Sunday.	Mostly sunny all day with a 70% chance of rain at night. Other-	90% chance of rain and thunder- storms start- ing in the after-	Another rainy day with a 50% chance of showers and mostly

wise warm tem-

## Lotteries

Winds

reach as high as 30 mph.

### **Powerball**

Other-

16-18-35-39-53 Power Ball: 21 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$129 million

## **Mega Millions**

Estimated jackpot: \$319 million

### Hoosier

Midday Daily Three: 2-2-5 Daily Four: 3-2-1-0 **Evening** Daily Three: 5-6-2 Daily Four: 4-9-0-6 Quick Draw: 1-9-11-23-29-38-46-48-50-52-55-57-64-66-67-68-69-72-78-79

Cash 5: 1-4-9-14-31 Hoosier Lotto: 8-14-20-29-34-46

Estimated jackpot: \$9.8 million

#### Ohio

Midday Pick 3: 5-2-0 Pick 4: 3-2-2-8 Pick 5: 2-4-0-9-5 Evening Pick 3: 7-3-5 Pick 4: 1-8-3-7 Pick 5: 6-1-9-3-9

Classic Lotto: 10-12-25-36-43-45

Rolling Cash: 1-10-22-

Kicker: 7-0-3-5-5-1 Estimated jackpot: \$7.7 million

## Pet of the week

Ozzy, a male mixed-breed that is neutered and up to date on vaccinations, can be adopted for \$100 from Jay County Humane Society, Shadeland 1313 Ave., Portland. The shelter can be reached at (260) 726-6339.



Photo provided

## **Expanding**

Continued from page 1 Hamrick's career started in an

optometry office before she decided that job wasn't something she could see herself in for the longterm. She got her associate's degree at Lima Tech (now Rhodes) and her bachelor's degree at Ohio Northern University before continuing her education at the Universi-

ty of Cincinnati. "I've always loved the one-on-one

patient education, the mom/baby interaction," said Hamrick, who spent eight years as a labor and delivery nurse before deciding she wanted to be involved with patients beyond their short stay in the hospital for delivery. "This way, as a practicing provider, I have a little bit more time where I can establish care with a patient and see them expansion is going to be really throughout their life stages.

With the renovated office set to see what it's going to be."

be complete by the end of June and Good to join the practice shortly after, both Hamrick and Laux are looking forward to continuing to see Family First change and grow. "I'm very excited," said Hamrick.

"I think it's going to be a whole new atmosphere.

"It's exciting," agreed Laux. "The neat. I'm just eager and excited to

## Markets

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July wheat	7.15

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Wheat	6.78
July wheat	6.81

## **Today in history**

Angeles police officers of in the videotaped beating power plant, was dedicatof motorist Rodney King; the verdicts were followed by rioting in Los Angeles resulting in 55 deaths.

engineer Gideon Sundback of Hoboken, New Jersey, received a U.S. patent for a "separable miered, with Jim McKay fastener" — later known as the zipper.

War II, American soldiers liberated the Dachau concentration camp. Adolf Hitler married Eva Braun inside his "Fuhrerbunker" and designated Adm.

**In 1946**, 28 former Japanese officials went Chicago. on trial in Tokyo as war

## Sunrise **St. Anthony**

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Doenitz president.

On April 29, 1992, a criminals; seven ended

death. **In 1957**, the SM-1, the ed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

In **1967**, Aretha Franklin's cover of Otis Redding's "Respect" was In 1913, Swedish-born released as a single by Atlantic Records.

In 1961, "ABC's Wide World of Sports" preas host.

In 1971, the Dunkirk In 1945, during World High School boys track team cruised to an 87-30 victory over Bryant. Jeff Brown won the 440-yard dash, high hurdles and long jump for the Speedcats.

In 1983, Harold Washington was sworn in as the first Black mayor of

-AP and The CR

## Citizen's calendar

## **Sweeping**

Continued from page 1 With nearly one-third of Americans

fully vaccinated, Biden has begun to pivot toward an increasingly ambitious agenda that, if successful, would make his presidency among the most transformative in generations.

"America is on the move again," he said. "Turning peril into possibility, crisis into opportunity, setback into strength."

Pandemic restrictions left the president speaking to a relatively sparse gathering of fewer than half the 535 members of Congress in the House chamber, rather than to the usual packed audience of lawmakers, Supreme Court justices, Cabinet officials, military leaders, diplomats and other guests.

Biden began by acknowledging the historic moment represented by the two women behind him on the dais — "Madam Vice President" Kamala Harris and "Madam Speaker" Nancy Pelosi, D-California, of the House. He was the first president, he noted, to be greeting women in both seats reserved for the two people next in the line of succession to the presidency. "And it's about time," he said to applause.

Lawmakers were spaced three or four seats apart, including in the gallery normally reserved for guests. During most years, a handful of members stake out the seats along the center aisle hours in advance to appear on television shaking it to 39.6% from 37%.

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the president's hand as he enters. This vear, no one was allowed inside until two hours before and each had a seat assigned by the speaker's office. Only a few were in position to exchange fist bumps with Biden as he entered the chamber.

Metal fencing and National Guard troops ringed the Capitol, a reminder of the enhanced security that remains in place months after the Jan. 6 siege by supporters of then-President Donald Trump. Biden described the riot in his speech as "the worst attack on our democracy since the Civil War."

"The struggle is far from over," he said. "The question of whether a democracy will long endure is both ancient and urgent."

Biden used the speech to outline what he calls the "American Families Plan," a just-released \$1.8 trillion, 10-year proposal that would increase taxes on the wealthy to expand educational opportunities, provide paid family leave and offer tax credits to reduce the cost of child care. Low- and middle-income families would be eligible for two years of preschool and two years of community college at no cost.

To pay for the proposals, Biden wants to end the favorable tax rate on capital gains from stocks and other assets for people earning at least \$1 million per year and to undo Trump's reduction in the top income tax rate for wealthy Americans, restoring

## **SERVICES**

**Today** 

Fifer, Shirley: I p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Com-

merce St., Portland. Garringer, Mary: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

## Friday

Sipe, Juanita: noon, Salamonia Cemetery.

Brackman, Virgil: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

#### Lanning, Lulu Joyce: 3 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Saturday

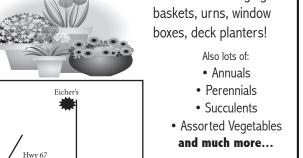
Monday Zimmerman, Angeline: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N.

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## **Optimists sponsoring**

Portland Breakfast Optimist Club recently presented a check to Portland Junior League to sponsor two teams. Pictured are Portland Junior League president Brian Ison and Portland Breakfast Optimist Club president Jeff Bowen.

## Farmers market returns

The market is coming back this weekend.

Minnetrista will host Taking its first Outdoor Farmers Market of the year from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 1.

The market will be in the Orchard Shop parking lot with free parking available in the Center Building lot and the gravel lot at the nature area. For more information about vendors and preordering options, visit minnetrista.net/farmers-

Masks are recommended for the outdoor market and are required in all Minnetrista buildings.

Outdoor Farmers Market events will continue every Saturday through October.

#### **Enrollment open**

Throughout May, Ivy Tech Community College offering Virtual Express Enrollment.

Students will be able to Those interested must for a prize package. The an St., Portland.

# Note

RSVP and visit IvyTech.edu/EEDay for their campus's event dates and information.

Appointments will include assistance with assessment, a meeting with an advisor and registering for classes.

#### Free admission

Indiana Department of Natural Resources is celebrating Visit Indiana Week in conjunction with National Travel and Tourism Week by offering free admission to all state parks, reservoirs and recreation areas from May 2 through 8.

All visitors who check in with their Indiana State Nature Passport to state facilities during sign up virtually for Visit Indiana Week will classes that begin June 7. be entered into a drawing

grand prize is a 2021 State Parks Pass, a \$50 gift card for camping and a subscription to Outdoor Indiana magazine.

Sunday will also be the first of four free fishing days in Indiana this year. Hoosiers can fish in the state's public waters without a fishing license or trout/salmon stamp. (All size and bag limits are still in effect.)

#### **Registration open**

John Jay Center for Learning is now accepting registrations for its VEX Robotics summer camps and clinics.

John Jay will host camps for all levels of robotics participants from June 21 through 25 and June 28 through July

Morning and afternoon sessions will be available.

The registration fee is \$50. Attendance will be limited, so registration in advance is required.

To sign up, stop in at John Jay at 101 S. Meridi-

# Doctor, staff are disrespectful to patients

DEAR ABBY: I work as a receptionist in a small medical office. I love my job, but I cannot tolerate when my co-workers make fun of our patients. Sometimes it happens while the patients are still in the exam rooms, maybe within earshot. Even the doctor contributes to this crudeness.

Some examples: "Did you see the size of that guy's nose?" or, "What's with the color of her hair?" or, "He smells like he hasn't had a bath in weeks.' This goes on throughout the day every day. Is there anything I can do or say to change this mindset? We have great patients. — AT A LOSS FOR WORDS

Dear Abby



the lack of respect for the patients is your employer, the doctor. If this is happensometimes within earshot of the patients, I am, frankly, shocked that he or she has a medical prac-

There is nothing you can do to change the culture in that environment. Because you might be happier work- friendship. I don't think the our everyday dishes with the ing for another doctor.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter "Tiffany" is 12. Her best friend, "Wendy," lives down the block. We are good friends with her par-

How do I put this: Wendy is a thief. She has no impulse control. When she comes over, she helps herself to whatever is lying around, mostly candy and trinkets. For this reason, we no longer allow friends into our children's rooms.

Recently, another item went missing, and my daughter spotted it at Wendy's house. I told her she should say something and take it back, but she is shy. I want **DEAR AT A LOSS:** The it upsets you — and I can to say something to the parents, person who's responsible for certainly see why it would — but I'm afraid it will ruin our

mother knows her daughter does these things. Any ideas?

STICKY FINGERS

**DEAR STICKY FINGERS: If** the shoe was on the other foot and your daughter was stealing things from her friends' homes, wouldn't you want to know what was going on so you could deal with it? Talk to Wendy's mother! Tell her you don't want to spoil a friendship you treasure, but Wendy has a problem she needs to know about. If you ignore it, the problem will only esca-

DEAR ABBY: Would you please settle an argument between my husband and me? One of us thinks it's OK to dry 90069.

same dish towel we clean our dog's bowl with. The bowl is first rinsed with soap and water then wiped with the dish towel. One of us thinks it's disgusting. The other disagrees. Would you wash your dishes with said towel? — CURIOUS IN KETTERING, OHIO

**DEAR CURIOUS: Although** the dish may be perfectly clean after being washed with soap and water, because of the "ick" factor, I sure wouldn't.

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. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA

## **Community Calendar**

mit an item, email (260) 766-2006. news@thecr.com.

## **Today**

CELEBRATE RECOVrecovery 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.

A BETTER 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

Notices will appear in Meridian St., Portland. The website is museu-Community Calendar as Come early for a meal. For space is available. To sub- more information, call

**CITIZENS SENIOR** CARD CLUB — Will meet FAST OPTIMISTS ond, third and fifth Thurs-ERY — A 12-step Christian day of each month at Jay Community Center.

## **Saturday**

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

MUSEUM OF THE SOL-DIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at Rock Church, 1605 N. 510 E. Arch St., Portland.

mofthesoldier.com.

## **Monday**

PORTLAND BREAKat 1 p.m. on the first, sec- meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restau-

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

and Friday. PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Com-

munity Center. EUCHRE — For those 55 and older from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at West Jay Community Center in Dunkirk.

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

BREAD OF LIFE COM-MUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

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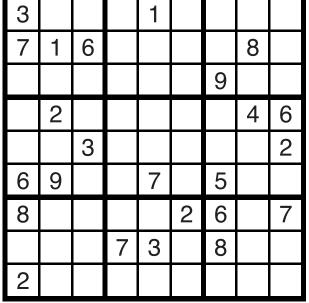
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# Sudoku



Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

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# State should simplify tax process

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Gross assessed value may be the best indicator of economic progress for a neighborhood, city, county, or state.

We don't have good numbers on the market value of real estate. Sales disclosure forms may not do the trick, if they are not audited. The Gross valuations of county assessors can be challenged by property owners. No one challenges when the assessments are too low. So these Gross assessments are a minimal statement

own is listed with our property tax bills. It changes as the market value of homes in our neighborhoods change, if there are a minimal number of home groups of property owners.

Eye on the Pie



sales in the neighborhood. Assessors follow a manual from the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF),so there should be statewide uniformity.

DLGF's data base provides The GAV of the property we the Net assessed value of property, but those figures are the result of political fiddling with presumably objective values to lower the taxes of selected

are the primary beneficiaries of our property tax practices. In a state that pretends to treat all persons the same, persons with a mortgage on their primary residence get a \$3,000 deduction in their assessed value. Plus, every such homeowner gets a standard \$45,000 deduction.

Then there's the granddaddy of deductions. An assessment under \$600,000 drops by 35 percent (25 percent over \$600,000). That's a whopping \$35,000 on a \$100,000 home.

Thus, a home with a GAV of \$100,000 has \$83,000 in deductions, leaving a Net taxable value of just \$17,000.

We're not done yet. The legis-

to reduce local property taxes. They also bamboozled Indiana voters into putting a constitutional cap on property taxes.

For homeowners' primary residences, that cap is one percent of the GAV or \$1,000 on that \$100,000 home. Indiana's median property tax rate in 2020 was \$2.04 per \$100 of assessed value, or \$347 in property tax on that home with the \$17,000 taxable value. Since the tax (\$347) is less than the \$1,000 cap, the homeowner gets no value from the constitutional amendment and pays \$347.

With homeowners getting lower assessments, the costs of local functions do not decline. Hence, lower assessments lature has designated part of require higher tax rates to

Homeowners and farmers the flat-rate local income taxes come up with the funds supporting public services.

> However, legislators have instituted controls on property tax rates and made local governments dependent on state funding or special tax referendums. Thus did our state legislators get their desired control over the local governments they consider inferior, if necessary, crea-

> Confused? Thank a legislator. If GAV approximates market value, why not just use GAV times a lower tax rate to raise the necessary funds for localities? Want smaller government, then simplify government practices.

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

## Lockdowns come at significant cost

**The Detroit News** Tribune News Service

We are pleased that Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer is not choosing to close down the state in response to the latest wave of the coronavirus — a response she's opted for during past surges. Shuttering large swaths of the economy is costly on many fronts, and has long-lasting impacts.

A new report released by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, authored by University of Michigan-Flint economist Chris Douglas, estimates that Michigan lost more than 64,000 jobs during the state's second lockdown, starting last November. the so-called During "pause to save lives," indoor dining was banned through Feb. 1. Other businesses, such as theaters and bowling alleys, as well as high schools and colleges were also closed for weeks.

Since this lockdown hit the hospitality industry especially hard, Douglas focused on the effects on restaurants and bars. In Michigan, an estimated 3,000 restaurants have closed since the beginning of the pandemic, taking with them thousands of iobs. Women and minorities are disproportionately impacted.

The study found Michigan's job losses were much steeper than neighboring states, thanks in large part to its tight restrictions. Jobs at eateries and bars fell 23% from October 2020 to January 2021, according to the report — a direct result of the shutdown

These findings mirror an earlier report from the Anderson Economic Group, which examined the economic hit following the second lockdown. That report found the leisure and hospitality industries lost nearly 60,000 jobs between November and December, yet the retail which industry, was allowed to remain open, saw an increase of jobs during that time frame.

Other Midwest states, and Indiana, that avoided bans on indoor dining experienced much smaller industry employment losses of 5% or less.

We can clearly see that finding a new job.' the costs of the shutdowns have been devastating," said Douglas in a statement. "Unfortunately, the shutdown did not appear

## Guest **Editorial**

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the massive costs to the jobs and livelihoods of Michigan's citizens.

Douglas also took a look at the data surrounding the effectiveness of the lockdowns on preventing deaths from the virus. He found "little statistical relationship between lockdown severity and declining COVID-19 deaths." Other neighboring states fared about the same as Michigan in terms of virus cases, even though they had much looser mandates in place.

This meshes with a recent Associated Press report that found similar COVID outcomes in Florida and California, despite disparate strategies for responding to the virus.

Yet Douglas identified a strong statistical link between shutdowns and unemployment.

In his conclusion, Douglas writes: "Economic shutdowns provide massive, concentrated costs on those businesses and individuals impacted by these restrictions. Many busiincluding Ohio, Wisconsin nesses who were mandated to close will never reopen. Many individuals who worked in the affected industries consequently will have a difficult time

Governors like Whitmer want to appear they are being proactive in fighting COVID, but they must take the evidence into account to provide any noticeable to ensure they aren't doing benefits that could justify more harm than good.

# Negotiations will go nowhere

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Senator Marsha Blackburn has not devoted much of her time in office to Iran policy. But last week the Tennessee Republican offered some clarity on the issue when she introduced a bill aimed at preventing President Joe Biden from returning the U.S. to the 2015 Iran rorism from obtaining a nuclear nuclear deal.

It's time for Biden to wake up and realize that the U.S. cannot negotiate an honest agreement with Iran because they are a fanatical, anti-American regime," her statement reads. "No amount of negotiating or 'indirect discussions' can change that.'

In a sense, Blackburn blundered. Democrats have long criticized former President Donald Trump's policy of sanctioning Iran. Trump said the sanctions were meant to put pressure on Iran to agree to a better deal, but Democrats said they were a thinly disguised way to force regime change.

Now Blackburn has let the mask slip: The problem with Iran, she says, is the regime itself. It will never agree to stronger conditions for a nuclear agreement — such as a ban on missile development, the abolition of sunsets on uranium enrichment levels or an end to Iran's support for regional aggres-

At the same time, Blackburn is on to something. If the Biden administration succeeds in the ongoing nuclear negotiations in Vienna, one unavoidable consequence will be a windfall for Iran's war machine. Tens of billions of dollars owed to Iran (mainly from the sale of oil and gas) remain locked in overseas bank accounts because of U.S. sanctions. Iran will receive that money when the sanctions are lifted.

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weapon will provide Iran with sor more terro This is not a flaw with the deal so much as a flaw with the regime.

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Unfortunately, Blackburn's actual legislation does little to address the problem she has identified. Her bill would prevent federal funds from being spent on rejoining the 2015 Iran deal and require Biden and any future president to submit any deal to the Senate as a requiring two-thirds approval. Those are laudable goals. But while they make it harder to lift sanctions on Iran, they don't increase the chances of success for Iran's democratic opposition.

To do that, Blackburn (and for that matter the Biden administration) should consider a new approach. One idea would be not to release the billions now frozen in overseas accounts until Iran agreed to hold a referendum monitored by the U.N. — to change its constitution and eliminate the position unaccountable supreme leader. That constitutional change has circulated among Iranian reformers for nearly two decades, and in recent years has been endorsed by a slew of dissidents and human rights activists, including Nobel Laureate Shirin Ebadi.

Another idea would be to work directly with humanitarian organizations in Iran to reduce the harm caused by sanctions to supplies of So a deal that seeks to prevent food and medicine. Give those

tions that are independent from the regime. Biden could also lift some banking restrictions to make it easier for Iranian diaspora groups to send money to labor unions and dissidents still in Iran.

These proposals would signal that the U.S. does not intend to punish the Iranian people for the proliferation and terrorism of the regime that oppresses them. It would also provide a path to the full economic normalization that Iranians themselves so desperately want.

America's current approach offers only false hope in this regard. Even if all the sanctions are lifted, Saudi Arabia, Israel and the United Arab Emirates will pressure banks and oil companies to stay away from Iran's economy as a condition for doing business in their countries. Meanwhile, companies that choose to invest in Iran will still have to weigh the risks that any Iranian dual nationals that work for them are at risk of arbitrary arrest, as has happened time and again in Iran since the 2015 nuclear deal. Biden's policy also offers false hope on nuclear security, as the best he can get will be an Iranian return to enrichment limits that expire by the end of the decade.

Six years ago, there was a credible argument that the alternative to former President Barack Obama's flawed nuclear deal was a regional war. But Israel has shown that sabotage can set back Iran's nuclear program without the region spiraling into open warfare. That sabotage has purchased precious time for Biden to focus U.S. policy on the problem at the center of the Iranian nuclear crisis: the Iranian regime.

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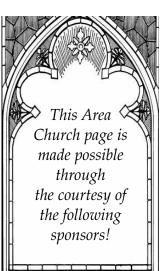
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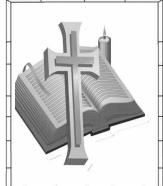
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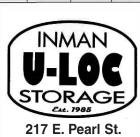


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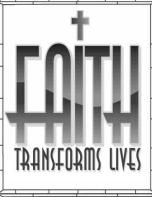
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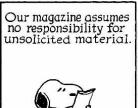
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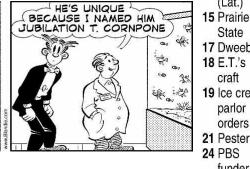




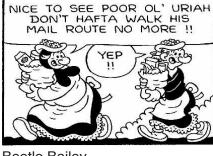








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West led a diamond to East's ace, and declarer won the diamond continuation with the king. South then

paused to consider the possible divisions of the missing trumps.

If the spades were divided 2-2, a

trump trick had to be lost, so he next considered potential 3-1 splits. If either defender had the K-J-x of

spades, there was also no hope. Nor would it help if the spade king fell singleton under the ace, since the other defender's J-9-2 could not be

overcome regardless of how South

Only one possibility remained -

a singleton jack. If the lone jack was in the East hand, it would do South no good, but if West had it, declarer

So South crossed to the queen of

clubs at trick three and led the queen of spades. It didn't matter what East

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LOCATED: 2344 E 900 N Ridgeville, IN. ANTIQUES-FURNITURE-**APPLIANCES** Porcelain top cabinet, Duncan Phyfe table, Aunt Rhody glassware, Steel wheel. Galvanized tubs. Old headlights and hub caps, Wooden ladders, Estev spinet piano. Collectible dishware, Figurines and miniatures, Square dining room table Guitar, 3 piece queen size

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**PUBLIC AUCTION** Located: Bubp Exibition Hall at Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland IN on Saturday Morning. May 1st at 10:00 A.M. ANTIQUES - OLD &

COLLECTORS ITEMS TOOLS Cherry three corner cupboard, Cherry dovetailed blanket chest with ball feet, Victorian inlaid sewing stand with 9 small drawers inside main drawer, Old hickory glider, Country Hepplewhite mule chest with three drawers, Kentucky Cherry inlaid one drawer

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## Cox to the Cougars

Bailey Cox, a Jay County High School senior, signed his national letter of intent on Wednesday to play football for the University of Saint Francis Cougars. Pictured from left are former JCHS football coach Tim Millspaugh, mother Jennifer Cox, Bailey Cox, father Craig Cox, teammate Sheldon Eley and assistant coach Michael Karn.

## Men take third in competition

HUBER HEIGHTS, Ohio A half dozen members of the Jay County Barbell Club competed in the Festivus nationwide Games Team CrossFit competition at AKP Cross-

Teams were ranked among how they finished at their specific location and then amongst all teams competing at multiple locations throughout the United States.

The men's team, comprised of Kurt Hess, Aaron Hoevel and first-time competitor Andrew Warren, finished third out of 12 teams at their location, and were 453rd out of 2,030 teams nationwide.

Bre McIntire, first-time competitor Sierra Pugh and Shawnda Roussey placed sixth out of 19 women's teams at AKP CrossFit, and ranked 670th out of 3,039 teams nationwide.

## Local roundup

### **Golfers win opener**

WINCHESTER — The Jay County Junior High golf team opened its season Tuesday with a victory against Driver at Winchester Golf Club.

Jay County scored 157 in the six-hole match, with Winchester ending with a score of 186.

Cody DeHoff, Luke Fugiett and Isaac Homan all matched one another with their score of 37 to lead the Patriots. Maddy Snow completed the team score with her round of 46.

Jacob Monroe also competed for Jay County, but his score of 47 did not factor into the team total.

# Haines places ninth for Titan golfers

Collin Haines finished in the top 10 as an individual in leading the Indiana University-South Bend men's golf team during the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletics Conference championships on Monday and Tuesday at TPC at Deer Run in Silvis, Illinois.

The 2018 Jay County High School graduate shot 77 on the first day, which put him in a fourway tie for seventh overall. On day two, Haines bested his round from the previous day by one stroke, but he slipped two spots.

His tournament total of 153 was ninth overall, tying him with three other golfers.

graduate, shot 169 (81-88) to place  $\$  **Jay County – 2018** 28th out of 54 competitors.

## **Collegiate Check-up**

Roosevelt University won the conference championship with a two-day total of 609. Holy Cross (South Bend) shot 622 for second, while Olivet Nazarene was third with 326.

IU-South Bend placed eighth out of 10 teams with a score of

## Nick Hayden, a 2017 JCHS Max Moser

baseball team on Tuesday in a Brook University. 21-9 victory against Lourdes.

Moser was 1-for-4 with a double and a walk. He also struck out twice.

The Foresters (28-13) scored two or more runs in all eight offensive innings, racking up 20

Moser is batting .207 in 29 atbats. He's got six hits, including two home runs and two doubles. He's driven in six RBIs and drawn two walks.

#### Robby LeFevre Fort Recovery - 2019

Competed for the Fordham Tuesday. University men's track and Doubled and scored twice for field team team in the Wolfie relief, allowing two runs — one loss.

Huntington University Invitational on Friday at Stony

He was sixth overall in the 100-meter dash with his time of 11.37 seconds. Anthony Urbancik of Stony Brook won the race in 10.88 seconds.

In the 200 dash, LeFevre had a time of 24.14 seconds, which was eighth. Yourry Tapande-Ngombe of Fairleigh Dickinson ended in 22.15 for the victory.

#### Noah Arbuckle **Jay County - 2020**

Also played for the Huntington University baseball team in its 21-9 thrashing of Lourdes on

He tossed 1 2/3 innings of

earned — on two hits. He also walked one.

Arbuckle has appeared in five games, allowed five runs – four earned — on five hits in 5 2/3 innings of work. He's struck out a pair and walked

#### **Cade Wendel** Fort Recovery – 2019

Pitched for the Lake Erie baseball team on Friday in an 11-5 loss to Trevecca Nazarene.

Wendel got the start and lasted five innings. He surrendered seven runs — five earned — on eight hits. He struck out two, walked three and allowed two home runs in shouldering the

## Reds hope to build off series win Sports on tap

By DAVID JABLONSKI Journal-News (Hamilton, Ohio)

The Cincinnati LOS ANGELES – Reds will not having a winning record when the first month of the season ends for the eighth straight

Despite a 6-1 start and then nine victories in their first 14 games, the Reds will either be 12-13 or 11-14 at the end of April. On the bright side, they just took two out of three games from the Los Angeles Dodgers, the team considered to be the best in baseball, ending a seven-

what could have been a disastrous we didn't win today, I do think a lot Local schedule road trip that started with a three- of positives came out of (the series) game sweep by the St. Louis Cardinals.

"I'm just really, really proud of our team, happy with our team," said manager David Bell after an 8-0 loss in the series finale Wednesday. "You have to learn yourself over and over, and I think if anything comes out of this, it's just remembering the importance of continuing to believe in yourself, continuing to have confidence no matter what's going on. I thought this Dodger series was a game losing streak and salvaging good example of that. Even though

so we can continue to get better.

With an off day Thursday, the Reds (11-13) enter a three-game series at home against the Chicago Cubs facing a three-game deficit in the National League Central division. Through Wednesday, the Cubs (10-14) were the only team behind the Reds in the division.

The 7:10 p.m. game Friday is the first of five straight home games against Chicago teams. The Reds play the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday and Wednesday.

4:30 p.m.; Softball vs. Adams Central - 5 p.m.; Baseball vs. Adams Central – 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Adams Central – 5 p.m.: JV softball at Adams Central - 5 p.m.: Junior high golf vs. Centerville - 5

Fort Recovery - Track vs. South Adams - 4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. Minster 5 p.m.; Softball at Minster – 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Minster - 5 p.m.

Jay County - Girls tennis at Richmond - 5 p.m.; Boys track at New Castle -5:30 p.m.; Baseball at Woodlan – 6 p.m.; Softball at Woodlan – 6 p.m.; JV baseball

vs. Southern Wells – 5 p.m. Fort Recovery — Softball at Arcanum –

Junior high track at Coldwater Invitation 4:30 p.m.

## TV schedule

**Today** 7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers vs. Brooklyn Nets (FSIN)

8 p.m. — NFL Draft: Round 1 (ESPN)

**Friday** 7 p.m. — NFL Draft: Rounds 2-3

## Saturday

Noon — NFL Draft: Rounds 4-7 (ESPN) 4:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cleveland Indians at Chicago White Sox

7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Golden State Warriors at Houston Rockets (ESPN)

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