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Ava Stockton (right) of Jay County FFA is finishing her term as District VI FFA president. Lucas Lyons (left) has been slated for election as the district's next president. If he is elected, he would be the fourth district president from Jay County in the last six years, joining his sister Katie Lyons, Dillon Muhlenkamp and Stockton.

## FFA leadership

By AMY SCHWARTZ and BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

Since joining FFA her freshman year at Jay County High School, Ava Stockton knew she wanted to be chapter president.

Back then, she had no idea she would eventually become FFA District VI president or that her term would come in the midst of a global pandemic.

From interviewing for the position via Zoom to adjusting in-person events to abide by COVID-19 restrictions, the last year was anything but typical.

"We set a lot of goals this year, both at the chapter and district level, knowing that some of them might not be possible with COVID. That was hard for us as a team since we are such goal-oriented people to just go into it knowing you may not pull off the things you

wanted so badly," said Stockton.

One event Stockton and her team managed to pull off was the district convention. The event included coordinating 100 judges, contestants from the 17 schools in District VI and meals of everyone involved. Stockton was in charge of creating digital record sheets for the event, ensuring each judge had their own laptop, and setting up a

**Stockton closing out her term as District VI president; Lyons slated to be fourth from Jay Co. in last six years**

Google Meet in each school's homeroom so that students could present in front of judges without having more than four people in a room. Huntington University hosted the event, the large campus being the ideal environment for following social distancing protocol.

Looking back over the last year's accomplishments, Stockton is proud of herself and her FFA team.

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## Former Portland officer arrested, charged

**Clark faces felonies for solicitation, seduction**

A former Portland police officer is facing two felony charges.

Avon police on Thursday arrested Joshua Clark in connection to an incident last month in which he allegedly tried to arrange a sexual encounter with a 14-year-old girl.

He was preliminarily charged with child solicitation and attempted child seduction, both Level 4 felonies.

Clark, 36, who had been a Portland police officer since March, was accused of messaging, planning to meet and discussing engaging in sexual conduct with a minor, in a Predator Catchers video posted May 13 to Facebook. He allegedly messaged who he thought to be a 14-year-old girl and set up a meeting with her at an Olive Garden Restaurant. (He was actually messaging the Predator Catchers team.) Predator Catchers said Clark indicated that he was 17.

In the video, he told Predator Catchers when they confronted him that he didn't believe the "girl" was 14. The team alleged that he asked "her" to delete the text messages in which age was discussed.

"I'm an idiot," Clark repeated several times through the video.

Portland police suspended him immediately following the incident. He resigned May 19.

Clark is being held in Hendricks County Jail with a \$50,000 bond. Portland police assisted Avon police with the investigation.

## In memory

Pastor Tom Fett (right) of Dunkirk Church of the Nazarene speaks Monday during the Memorial Day Service at Dunkirk I.O.O.F Cemetery with members of the city's American Legion post behind him.

"(This is) a day for us to remember that our freedom was paid for at a cost," Fett said. "It doesn't come free."



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## War dead honored at Arlington

By CALVIN WOODWARD

Associated Press  
ARLINGTON, Va. — President Joe Biden honored America's war dead at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day by laying a wreath at the hallowed burial ground and extolling the sacrifices of the fallen for the pursuit of democracy, "the soul of America."

Biden invoked the iconic battles of history and joined them to the present as he implored Americans to rise above the divisions straining the union, which he described in stark terms.

The president was joined Monday by first lady Jill Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris and sec-

ond gentleman Doug Emhoff in a somber ceremony at the Virginia cemetery's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, which is dedicated to deceased service members whose remains have not been identified.

His face tight with emotion, Biden walked up to the wreath, cupping it in his hands in silent reflection, then making the sign of the cross. His eyes were wet. The gathered dignitaries and military families were hushed and solemn; the chattering of cicadas loud.

In remarks that followed, Biden called on Americans to commemorate their fallen heroes by remembering their fight for the nation's ideals.

"This nation was built on an idea," Biden said. "We were built on an idea, the idea of liberty and opportunity for all. We've never fully realized that aspiration of our founders, but every generation has opened the door a little wider."

He focused much of his speech on the importance of democracy, saying it thrives when citizens can vote, when there is a free press and when there are equal rights for all.

"Generation after generation of American heroes are signed up to be part of the fight because they understand the truth that lives in every American heart: that liberation, opportunity, justice are far

more likely to come to pass in a democracy than in an autocracy," Biden said. "These Americans weren't fighting for dictators, they were fighting for democracy. They weren't fighting to exclude or to enslave, they were fighting to build and broaden and liberate."

But he suggested these ideals are imperiled.

"The soul of America is animated by the perennial battle between our worst instincts, which we've seen of late, and our better angels," he said. "Between Me First and We the People. Between greed and generosity, cruelty and kindness, captivity and freedom."

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### Weather

After a cold, windy, rainy Friday, highs climbed throughout the holiday weekend to 62 Saturday, 68 Sunday and 72 Monday. Monday's low was 55.

Tonight's forecast calls for a

low of 57. Showers are possible beginning about 5 a.m. Wednesday with about a half-inch of rain expected. The high will be 70.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Jay County Health Department is now offering walk-in coronavirus vaccine clinics from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Moderna vaccine is available to those 18 and older, and the Pfizer vaccine is available to those 12 and older. The health department is located at 504 W. Arch St., Portland.

### Coming up

**Wednesday** — Coverage of today's Jay County Development Corporation meeting.

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



# FFA ...

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“It ended up being probably one of the greatest experiences of my FFA career and also in my life,” said Stockton.

After serving as chapter greenhand president (leader of the freshman FFA members), chapter historian, district secretary and chapter vice president, Stockton is sad to be leaving the organization that has played a vital role in her life for the last four years. However, she believes she’s leaving the chapter and district in the best possible hands: those of one of her co-members and best friends, Lucas Lyons.

The 17-year-old junior at Jay

County High School was elected chapter president and has been slated for the president of District VI. Delegates will vote on the district slate at the FFA State Convention June 14 through 17 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. If elected, Lyons would be the fourth district president from Jay County in the last six years.

“I’m super excited about being slated as district president because our district is the largest one in the state and it’s an amazing district, there’s lots of great kids and lots of great opportunities,” said Lyons.

Lyons previously served as the chapter greenhand presi-

dent, chapter secretary, chapter vice president and District VI reporter. He also competed for the Jay County FFA poultry judging, soil, parliamentary procedures and livestock skill-a-thon teams. Lyons’ family has deep roots in FFA, with his older sister Katie serving as chapter and district president in 2016.

Melissa Wolters, a JCHS agriculture teacher and FFA advisor, noted Lyons’ long-term involvement with both FFA and 4-H, and said she feels he would make a great district president.

“He’s hardworking, responsible, if you give him a task, he takes care of it ... He’s a good

leader, he’s very organized,” said Wolters.

As district president, Lyons wants to take the year to “bounce back” and grow after the pandemic. His main goal is to better connect with the district members. He feels as though the pandemic has created distance between the chapters.

“I want to bridge that gap and piece (the districts) back together,” said Lyons.

Lyons also wants to focus on distributing resources throughout the district after last year’s banquet brought in roughly \$39,000. This money helps to pay for state and national district dues, events, travel and other

expenses to help alleviate financial burdens from students and parents.

Wolters, Stockton and Lyons agree FFA is an organization for students to develop communication and leadership skills, make connections and gain experience to prepare for their future careers. Wolters believes that both the outgoing and incoming presidents are commendable representatives for the organization.

“They are two outstanding young people, they are going to go far in life. They’re both very organized, very well-spoken, good representations of leaders,” said Wolters.

## CR almanac

Wednesday 6/2	Thursday 6/3	Friday 6/4	Saturday 6/5	Sunday 6/6
<b>70/60</b>	<b>75/59</b>	<b>81/62</b>	<b>84/64</b>	<b>86/65</b>
The forecast calls for a 80% chance of rain and possible thunder. Skies will be cloudy otherwise.	Showers are again expected with a thunderstorm possible. The high will be in the upper 70s.	Skies are expected to be mostly sunny all day and clear at night. Temperatures may reach the 80s.	Another day of mostly sunny skies and highs skyrocketing into the low 80s.	Sunday is expected to be sunny all day with highs in the upper 80s.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Saturday 11-13-22-27-46 Powerball: 20 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$268 million	Cash 5: 3-8-11-40-42 Estimated jackpot: \$339,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$34 million	<b>Ohio</b> Monday Midday Pick 3: 8-0-0 Pick 4: 1-6-8-0 Pick 5: 6-0-7-4-4 Evening Pick 3: 6-1-1 Pick 4: 2-9-1-1 Pick 5: 3-4-8-9-9 Rolling Cash 5: 19-20-22-30-36 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Monday Midday Daily Three: 0-7-4 Daily Four: 8-3-7-9 Evening Daily Three: 7-8-6 Daily Four: 1-2-6-5 Quick Draw: 2-3-6-8-12-14-16-17-18-19-38-41-42-53-56-58-64-67-74-76	Classic Lotto: 7-9-14-21-25-26 Kicker: 0-4-2-5-6-1 Jackpot: \$9.1 million

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....7.29 July corn.....7.29 Wheat .....6.83	Wheat ..... 6.81 July wheat ..... 6.81
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....7.60 June corn .....7.52 July corn.....7.37	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....7.19 July corn.....7.19 Beans .....15.94 Nov. beans .....13.60 Wheat ..... 6.88
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....7.26 July corn.....7.19 Beans .....15.96 July beans .....15.96	<b>Sunrise St. Anthony</b> Corn.....7.31 July corn.....7.29 Beans .....15.67 July beans .....15.67 Wheat .....6.54 July wheat.....6.54

## Today in history

**On June 1, 2009,** General Motors filed for Chapter 11, becoming the largest U.S. industrial company to enter bankruptcy protection.  
**In 1792,** Kentucky became the 15th state.  
**In 1796,** Tennessee became the 16th state.  
**In 1813,** the mortally wounded commander of the USS Chesapeake, Capt. James Lawrence, gave the order, “Don’t give up the ship” during a losing battle with the British frigate HMS Shannon in the War of 1812.  
**In 1916,** Louis Brandeis took his seat as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, the

first Jewish American to serve on the nation’s highest bench.  
**In 1943,** a civilian flight from Portugal to England was shot down by Germany during World War II, killing all 17 people aboard, including actor Leslie Howard.  
**In 1971,** a house that sat west of Portland Nursing Home was moved from the Arch Street site to the Kroger parking lot. It was moved to a new site on North Street the next day.  
**In 1980,** Cable News Network made its debut.

—AP and The CR

## Citizen’s calendar

<b>Today</b> 7 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.	<b>Wednesday</b> 2 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners special meeting, commissioners’ room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council joint special session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
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## Field day toss

Eighth grader Gage Zehringer tosses a bag during a game of cornhole Thursday afternoon as part of Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School field day activities.

## Courts update mask rules

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Fully vaccinated individuals will be allowed to enter public areas of the four courthouses of the federal Southern District of Indiana without wearing a face covering or observing social distancing.

Chief Judge Tanya Walton Pratt issued a general order last week outlining the new policy, which takes effect next Monday.

It says members of the public who are not fully vaccinated still must wear face coverings and practice social distancing throughout the courthouses. An exception may be made for someone providing documentation that they are unable, for medical reasons, to wear a face covering.

A fully vaccinated individual is defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as anyone two weeks after receiving the second shot of a two-dose vaccine series or two weeks after receiving a single-dose vaccine.

## Capsule Reports

### Lost control

A Portland woman lost control of her vehicle and drove through a yard and into two trees about 3:35 p.m. Friday.

Maria G. Valentino, 45, was driving her 2006 Nissan Murano south on county road 700 East when she came to the stop sign. She told Jay County Sheriff’s Office her brakes failed, causing her to drive through the intersection and into the property at 7061 E. Indiana 26. Her vehicle left tracks in the yard and broke two trees.

Valentino’s vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

### Failed to yield

Damage is estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000 after an Albany man failed to yield to oncoming traffic at the intersection of county road 600 South and Indiana 67 about 10:55 p.m. Saturday.

Caven M. Schricker, 23, was driving a 2011 Dodge Ram truck east on county road 600 South and failed to yield the right of way to oncoming traffic. As he drove into the intersection, a 2007 Audi A42 driven by

71-year-old Harold W. Nichols of Redkey crashed into Schricker’s vehicle. The Ram continued east for 500 more feet before coming to a stop.

According to a Jay County Sheriff’s Office report, Schricker failed a field sobriety test and admitted to being under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested and preliminarily charged Class B misdemeanors for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and leaving the scene of accident. Schricker was released from Jay County Jail on \$1,500 bond.

Nichols and a passenger in Schricker’s vehicle, 25-year-old Alexis R. Franklin of Albany, were taken to a hospital for head wounds. Both vehicles were towed.

### Intersection collision

A Portland woman’s vehicle hit the back of a

Portland man’s car at the intersection of Seventh Street and Blaine Pike about 2:51 p.m. Friday.

Daniel P. Ostrowski, 20, was driving his 2008 Pontiac G5 north on Blaine Pike. At the same time, Sue D. Murphy, 68, was stopped on Seventh Street facing east in her 2015 Dodge Journey. Murphy then pulled into the intersection as Ostrowski was passing it — she thought she had the right of way, according to a Portland Police Department report — and clipped the back of Ostrowski’s vehicle.

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

### Dog hit

A Portland man drove into a dog about 10:45 p.m. Saturday.

Edward D. Hicks, 69, was driving a 2013 Ford Edge east on Indiana 67 near county road 250 East

when it hit a dog on the road. Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

### Fox hit

A Redkey man drove into a fox on county road 800 South about 1 a.m. Saturday.

Benjamin Barrera, 20, was driving west on the road near county road 250 West when he hit the animal with his 2014 Chevrolet Camaro.

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

### Deer hit

A Hartford City woman drove into a deer about 6 a.m. Sunday.

Lyndsey N. Jarvis, 39, was driving a 2019 Chevrolet Colorado south on Indiana 167 near county road 200 South when the animal ran in front of her.

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.



## The Portland Police Department is accepting applications for TWO FULL-TIME SWORN POLICE OFFICERS

The hiring process is open now through June 11, 2021. All applications must be turned in by June 11, 2021. Any late applications will not be accepted. Applicants must meet the entry level physical agility requirements mandated by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, which will be held on June 12th.

Upon the successful completion of the physical agility an interview process, background check, and a pre-employment voice stress will be conducted.

Benefits include a starting base salary of \$46,391, an excellent insurance plan of 90/10 coverage, a \$500 deductible single and \$750 deductible for family coverage, excellent dental coverage, and a Police/Fire 1977 Retirement Fund pension.

Applications can be picked up at the Portland Police Department located at 319 N Meridian Street anytime or online at

<https://thecityofportland.net/Police-Department-Opening>.

### SERVICES

**Wednesday**  
**Mock-Axe,** Leda: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

**Anderson,** Esther: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

**Saturday**  
**Brinkerhoff,** Larry: 10 a.m., Bryant Wesleyan Church, 209 S. Hendricks St., Bryant.

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# May had a peaceful finish

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

The bumble bee buzz of cars going around and around in a circle is the background noise of a Sunday. Most of the Indy cars will have circled the track for 500 miles before the day is done. The winner will be rewarded with a bottle of milk, more money than I will make in a lifetime, bragging rights and a whole bunch of other stuff.

The stands appear to be packed. Even if this proves to be the last days of the pandemic, and even though the people are outdoors, I would still be uncomfortable around that size of a crowd. I have had the vaccinations but am not all that sure they work as well as they should.

The chilly weather we have experienced lately has finally been chased away by the warmth of the sun. I am hoping that the weather will cooperate and stay nice enough to get the painting done outside. Thankfully, that

## As I See It



involves painting window sills and porch railings and not the whole house.

I noticed that it is time for the second round of me versus the grass that would rather grow in the flowerbeds than in the lawn where it belongs. One of these days I am going to win. Maybe.

After being told to keep away from other people for more than a year, most of us are tired of not being able to see and touch our loved ones for fear that we will either spread the disease or contract it ourselves. Those restrictions are slowly loosening.

I check the news from the other side of the country. I am rewarded with videos of grand-

son Jacob at his first band recital. He plays the trombone. I thought they were great. I even turned the sound up on the video. Other pictures and videos were of grandson Nicholas along with various cousins and friends all in mid-jump in front of a No Diving sign. Still others featured the boys playing baseball.

There were still pictures of granddaughter Emma. As always, I wasn't sure if it was her or her mom in the pictures. I always have to look closely to tell the difference.

The images remind me that we live so far away from them and that is not likely to change in the near future.

This year my daughter, Beth, took photos of the kids' first and last days of school. Nicholas looked about the same. Jacob was markedly taller and thinner than he was at the beginning of the school year. Emma also had changed to look more and more like her mom.

Closer to home, our niece, Margaret, who lives in Amelia, Ohio had a recent business trip. Her two little girls, Isabella and Mackensie, stayed home with their daddy. Apparently they both participated in an "unauthorized glitter accident" in the basement. Later that afternoon Daddy turned his back "for only a minute" and Mackensie grabbed a popsicle out of the freezer and was gnawing on it before Daddy took it away from her and called poison control. The cold packs that Mackensie had grabbed were not toxic. Their day ended with the girls putting their dolls to bed. Their beds were remote controls. The dolls sleep in the nude. When I checked out the picture I wondered when they started painting underwear on dolls.

That was a snapshot of my weekend. Nothing earth shattering happened. It was a peaceful end to the month of May.

# Facility open to public again

The planetarium is back. Charles W. Brown Planetarium at Ball State University is opening to the public Thursday

### Taking Note

for the first time since the coronavirus pandemic shut-downs began in Indiana in March 2020.

The planetarium will host the show "Astronaut" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday this week and next week. It explores what it takes to become an astronaut and what it's like to be launched into space.

Other shows scheduled this summer include "Earth, Moon and Sun" on June 17, 18, 24 and 25, "We Are Stars" on July 1, 2, 15 and 15, and "To Space & Back" on July 22, 23, 29 and 30. All shows begin at 6:30 p.m. Masks are required.

Registration for the free shows is required by visiting [brownplanetarium.eventbrite.com](http://brownplanetarium.eventbrite.com). The planetarium is located at 2111 W. Riverside Ave., Muncie.

### Activities set

Jay County Public Library's events this month include drop-in crafts, story time, an animal program and a movie.

The library will offer a drop-in craft from 3 to 5 p.m. June 8. Participants will create a bookmark.

"Brainstormers and Explorers" story time is slated for 10 to 11 a.m. on Fridays from June 18 through July 16. It will include stories and songs followed by activities.

Silly Safaris will hold a live animal show at 1:30 p.m. June 21.

# Friend often lies to deflect questions

DEAR ABBY: I went to lunch with "Anita," who proceeded to question me about how I know my friend "Gail." It seems like an innocent question, but Gail and I met in Alcoholics Anonymous. I didn't tell Anita we met in AA because it would've destroyed Gail's anonymity.

I didn't mind one question, but Anita kept probing about "mutual friends." I wound up fibbing and saying, "folks at my church." It managed to change the direction of the conversation, but I wish people wouldn't pry like that. This also happens when I'm at a party and someone asks me why I'm not drinking. It's easy to respond to one question with a general answer, but a lot of times I encounter folks who keep pushing.

I would like to encourage your readers to be sensitive to these kinds of situations and to allow people their privacy. Thanks, Abby — ANONYMOUS AND SOBER IN THE SOUTH

## Dear Abby



DEAR ANONYMOUS: So would I, and you're welcome. There is no shortage of nosy questions that people don't hesitate to ask these days. However, to many people, membership in AA is a badge of honor. When "pushed" to answer why they are not drinking alcohol they are upfront about the fact they are in AA. Of course, one does not have to have a drinking problem to avoid alcohol. Some people refrain because they don't feel well when they drink; others do it because they are taking antibiotics or want to live a healthier lifestyle. The

bottom line is, you do not have to answer every question that's asked of you.

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DEAR ABBY: When my husband of 19 years died suddenly 15 months ago (we had no children), my financial situation changed considerably. I have had trouble paying bills, and my water was turned off this morning. When I told my siblings and their families, their answers ranged from "I can't help you," to "Gee, that sucks!" to "Come have meatloaf for dinner."

My niece, who is financially well-off, commented that it sucked. I told them all that I HAVE NO WATER. I do have a five-day-a-week job. I just don't have a lot of money because of so many things that have happened. I'll have the money in a week or so, but I can't live without water for that long.

Is it wrong to want them to offer to help me? Am I expecting too much? If the situation were

reversed, I would offer help immediately. — IN A TOUGH SPOT IN KENTUCKY

DEAR TOUGH SPOT: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your husband. No, it's not wrong to want your relatives to offer to help you out with a bridge loan until the money you're expecting arrives. However, because they didn't offer, ASK them for one, and be willing to sign a note if they wish. Then cross your fingers that one of them agrees. If none of them do, approach your employer and ask for an advance on your salary, or contact the water company and ask if you can strike a deal. I wish you luck.

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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](http://DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

# Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@thecr.com](mailto:news@thecr.com).

### Today

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E.

Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

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

### Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St.

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

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

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

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

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

# Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

### Saturday's Solution

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

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



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We have a busy schedule of special sections and pages coming up.

Mark your calendar so you don't miss them.

### JCHS Graduation

Wednesday, June 16 (ad deadline June 9)

### Senior Citizens

Friday, June 18 (ad deadline June 11)

### Jay County Fair

Wednesday, July 7 (ad deadline June 30)

### Marching Patriots

Wednesday, July 21 (ad deadline July 14)

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# Celebrate county's Special Olympics

To the editor:  
It is not often that you get to celebrate your 40th birthday twice.

Last year, Jay County Special Olympics celebrated 40 years of providing athletic competition for special needs athletes. Special Olympics began in 1969 to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, offering them continuing opportunities to

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develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

At the core, Special Olympics is a sports organization that uses the power of sport as a catalyst for social change. Through sport, we challenge society.

By highlighting how the needs of people with intellectual disabilities are not being met, we expose inequity and exclusion. By drawing attention to the gifts of people with intellectual disabilities, we break down misperceptions and tackle negative attitudes. The vision of Special

Olympics Indiana and Jay County Special Olympics is that sport will open hearts and minds towards people with intellectual disabilities and create inclusive communities across the state and throughout the world.

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"If I cannot win let me be brave in the attempt."

Cindy Denney  
Special Olympics volunteer

## Electric Mustang gets perfect driver

By CHRIS BRYANT  
Bloomberg Opinion

The task of shifting the car industry from metal bashing and combustion engines to software and batteries is fraught with danger for incumbents such as Ford Motor Co. A big strength of Ford's new boss Jim Farley is making the bridging of that epochal divide sound simple.

On Wednesday the no-nonsense chief executive officer laid out how he plans to lead Ford into the electric era. By doubling down on the company's core strengths in pickup trucks, commercial vehicles and sportscars with attractive, keenly priced electric versions of the F-150, Transit and Mustang, Farley aims to change the narrative that the Detroit giant is a laggard in electric vehicles. Judging by Ford's share price — which touched a five-year high this week — and its resilient first-quarter earnings, the strategy is starting to take hold.

Ford has been a lousy investment over the past couple of decades, save for those shareholders who correctly identified key inflection points. A decade ago former Boeing executive Alan Mulally helped Ford skirt bankruptcy by mortgaging its assets (including the blue oval logo) and selling non-core brands such as Jaguar and Volvo. Worth barely \$1 at the low in 2008, the shares surged 1,400% in the next couple of years.

A comparable turnaround looks underway now. Ford scrapped its dividend, lost its investment-grade credit rating and parted ways with boss Jim Hackett last year. The former furniture executive's visionary buzzwords, a botched model launch and the perceived slow pace of change didn't convince the investment community. Hired by Mulally from Toyota in 2007 for his marketing expertise, car-mad Farley inspires more confidence. The stock has more than trebled since a March 2020 low.

In fairness, much of the heavy restructuring needed to finance Ford's electric ambitions was in motion before Farley took over. The company quit manufacturing sedan cars in North America in favor of more profitable SUVs and trucks, and downsized its struggling European operation.

What's changed is the sense of urgency. Farley has axed Ford's Brazilian manufacturing and made vehicle quality a top priority (rising warranty repair costs have consistently held back Ford's

Chris Bryant



earnings). While semiconductor shortages are affecting Ford more than its rivals — it expects to lose an astonishing 50% of planned production this quarter — a string of new electric-vehicle launches bodes well for the carmaker's longer-term prospects.

Ford scored an unexpected public relations coup when President Joe Biden got behind the wheel of the new F150 Lightning electric pickup on a recent visit to Dearborn. The model grabbed attention with its capacious "frunk" (front trunk) and has already received 70,000 customer reservations.

Farley insists the \$30 billion he's planning to splurge on electrification in the next four years, including a battery production venture with South Korea's SK Innovation, won't crimp earnings. The company aims to achieve an 8% operating margin in 2023, pretty decent for a mass-market manufacturer going through wrenching change.

There's no guarantee the company will persuade customers to subscribe for the digital services it's touting to help offset the higher cost of batteries. The exceptionally strong vehicle pricing that's buoying current profits is partly a result of the chip shortage and reduced supply, which won't last forever.

New high-margin product launches such as the revived Bronco SUV should mean, however, that Farley's earnings optimism isn't entirely misplaced. Ford's European operation has already returned to profitability, and it's targeting 100% electric sales by 2030.

Globally, Ford's aspiration is for 40% electric sales by 2030. In view of the climate emergency that's still not ambitious enough. It's also depressing that a marketing guy like Farley can't find a way to sell small cars in North America.

Still, Ford has taken its most iconic vehicles and proposed compelling electric alternatives. It's now up to customers to buy them. Investors seem to believe they will.

Bryant is a Bloomberg Opinion columnist covering industrial companies.



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## Crucial deal may take time

By JASON REZAIAN  
The Washington Post

President Joe Biden and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani both have clear reasons for wanting to return to full compliance of the 2015 nuclear deal as quickly as possible. But the one that should matter most to the world — the fact that it was working — is currently moot.

Iran's internal dynamics are shifting rapidly, and that must be taken into consideration as the Biden administration attempts to revive the agreement that President Donald Trump abandoned in 2018. As someone who has believed, and continues to believe, in the value of diplomatic engagement to resolve the complex geopolitical issues with Iran, in this instance, I think it's time to slow down.

Today, superficially, Washington and Tehran's roles are reversed from the state of play under the Trump administration: The United States wants to reenter the deal and Iran appears to be dragging its feet. But with an Iranian presidential election scheduled for next month, of which the regime's clumsy handling will likely do more to undermine the system's legitimacy domestically than anything foreign powers could accomplish, Biden should just wait and see what happens.

There is unprecedented turmoil in Iran, both among a society suffering from massive economic hardship and abusive leadership, but also in the political arena, in which deep divisions are being exposed to public view.

Iran is at a turning point, as evidenced by the disqualification of several of the most prominent figures in the Islamic republic's history from running for president. These include former president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Ali Larijani, a longtime speaker of parliament and nuclear negotiator. The Guardian Council, which vets candidates for elected office, approved a slate of seven candidates, most of whom publicly oppose any sort of compromise with Washington.

Many observers expected Ahmadinejad to be barred from running — as he was in 2017 — and he's already calling for an election boycott as a result. But prohibiting Lari-

Jason Rezaian



jani, who has always been an unflinching supporter of Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, seems destined to backfire. Who will take the election seriously when the regime's quintessential yes man is deemed not mainstream enough?

Ultimately, the election result will not alter the regime's orientation. But these disqualifications, and the sharp public debate around them, are a barometer of how wobbly the system has become. The veneer of political unity has been cracked open. Voter turnout, which the regime has always used to justify its existence, is expected to be historically low.

Biden should exploit these vulnerabilities to get the best deal possible, one that is good for people and bad for authoritarianism. Iranian officials can no longer hide the fact that they have lost nearly all public support, something the Biden administration should weigh as it decides what concessions to make to Iran, and what to seek in return.

The challenge for Biden will be to make a deal and to time it so that it doesn't strengthen the most destructive currents in Iran, yet benefits ordinary Iranians. This is something the initial deal failed to do in the short time that all parties were adhering to their commitments.

The main arguments against employing a slower approach today are that a deal may be available now but won't be under a more insular administration in Tehran, and that negotiating with the hostile elements in Iran's regime would further legitimize them. This, however, seems like a risk worth taking. As the election clearly shows, these forces are already consolidating power. And while their nuclear program appears to be inching dangerously close to a breakout point, Iran knows that a nuclear weapon is not

something it could ever use effectively.

Iran desperately needs the billions of dollars it would be able to access when a deal is finalized to address a range of crises, from the coronavirus pandemic to looming electricity and water shortages. For all the Islamic republic's messianic rhetoric, no revolutionary pillar has ever been stronger than the leadership's commitment to its own self-preservation — so they know they have to negotiate and follow through.

In fact, there could be benefit in direct negotiations with the elements of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) that have been most vocally opposed to anything resembling rapprochement with Washington. Crucially, they control the fates of Americans currently held hostage in Iran. Freeing them would provide incentive for Biden to keep the discussions going.

It might be counterintuitive to suggest that seemingly intransigent Iranian interlocutors would concede more. There are two things to consider. First, whoever replaces the current team will have vastly less experience and knowledge of the issues and the characters on the other side of the table. Equally as important, IRGC or officials close to its top cannot claim — as Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif so often did — that they wield no influence. They are also on the hook in a different way, with a growing number of IRGC commanders facing personal sanctions.

Many critics of engagement say Iran's regime will not moderate. If that means embracing the ideals of liberal democracy, it won't. But if we're looking for behavioral shifts on key issues, we've seen that, facing pressure and given incentive, the regime will alter course.

The Biden administration has promised a "longer and stronger" deal. It's a worthy goal that won't be reached by shortcuts. Slowing down to better understand the playing field after Iran's elections could help.

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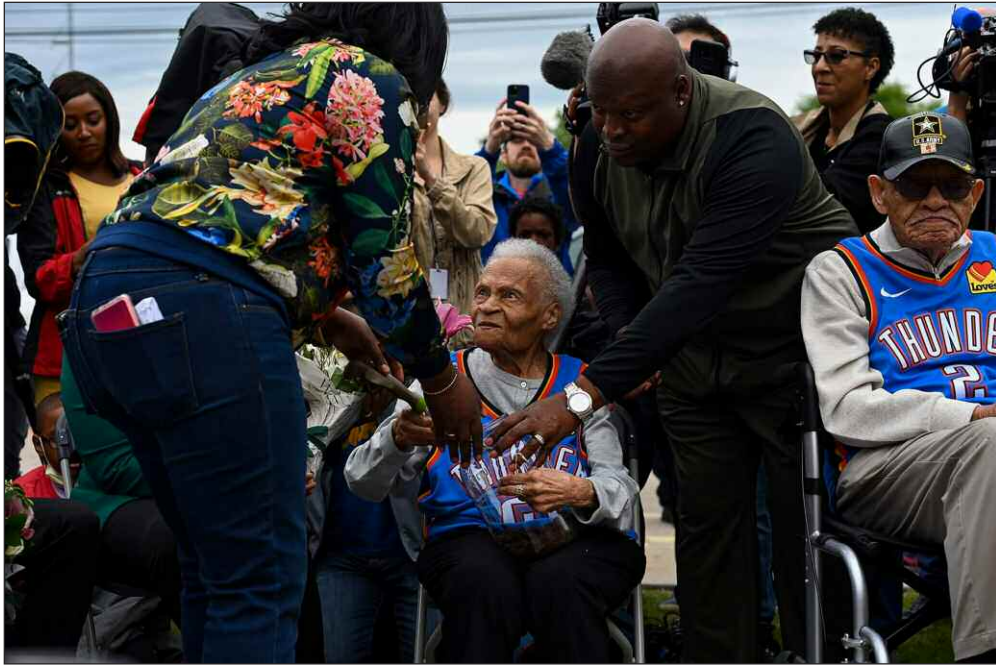
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Survivor Viola Fletcher, center, adds soil to a jar as survivor Hughes Van Ellis, right, looks on during a soil collection ceremony during commemoration of the Tulsa race massacre centennial on May 31, 2021 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

## 100th remembrance

### Survivors, descendants gather in Tulsa

By DENEEN L. BROWN  
The Washington Post

TULSA, Okla. — On the 100th anniversary of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre, survivors and descendants gathered Monday at Standpipe Hill, where Black World War I veterans fought fiercely in a battle to hold off a White mob descending on the all-Black neighborhood of Greenwood.

They collected soil from the steep slope to honor the victims of one of the worst episodes of racial violence in U.S. history. As many as 300 Black people were killed in the race massacre, which began on May 31, 1921 and raged into the following day, destroying 35 square blocks of one of the most prosperous Black communities in the country.

Viola Fletcher, who was 7 years old during the massacre, sat beside her brother, Hughes Van Ellis, 100, as the dirt — once stained with the blood of Black veterans — was solemnly poured into jars. The glass containers will be sent to the Equal Justice Initiative in Alabama, where thousands of jars of soil from lynching sites across the country are being collected.

Afterward, as African drums beat at the bottom of the hill, dancers dressed in white performed for Fletcher and Ellis.

Greg Robinson, 31, a community activist and descendant of massacre survivors, said he wanted to come to Standpipe Hill to bear witness not just to the pain Black Tulsa endured but also to its resilience.

“Today is a day full of somber energy,” he said. “But also a day in which you feel and understand the true strength of the ancestors.”

Tulsa spent much of the last century denying and dismissing the racial terror that unfolded here. Now the city is finally acknowledging the history and its lasting scars, even as it resists calls for reparations for the survivors and descendants.

Over the past three days, crowds of Black and White people have flocked to

Greenwood for peaceful demonstrations, parades, concerts and panel discussions about the race massacre.

President Joe Biden is scheduled to visit Tulsa today, when the city resumes excavation of a mass grave in Oaklawn Cemetery that may be connected to the rampage.

At the Vernon AME Church on Greenwood Avenue, where Black people sought refuge during the massacre, the Rev. Robert Turner unveiled a prayer wall for racial healing on Monday morning.

The Rev. William Barber, a leader of the Poor People’s Campaign, spoke to a crowd of more than 100 people standing outside the historic church, which was set ablaze during the massacre.

In a thunderous voice, Barber explained that he was humbled to “stand on this holy ground. You can kill the people, but you cannot kill the voice of the blood.”

The Rev. Jesse Jackson offered a prayer to dedicate the wall connected to the exterior brick of the church’s basement, the only original structure built before 1921 that withstood the burning of Greenwood. The basement is where Black people huddled together to hide from the mob that marched through Greenwood, burning, looting and shooting Black people indiscriminately.

“Outside of the majestic Wailing Wall in Jerusalem,” said Turner, “it will be one of a few public outdoor prayer walls in the world, and we believe it will be the only one solely used for racial healing.”

At Standpipe Hill, Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas) said there can’t be healing without justice and reparations for those killed 100 years ago, especially the Black veterans who fought for their country overseas and then again in Tulsa.

“On this day, I’m going to utter the word reparations,” she said, “because I do not believe it is inconsistent with the patriotic tradition of soldiers in arms, soldiers in cemeteries across America.”

## Honored ...

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After the ceremony, the Bidens stopped by a row of gravestones in a cemetery where some 400,000 are buried in the gentle hills and hollows.

The Bidens held hands and strolled along the rows of Section 12, one of the primary burial locations of service members killed overseas and repatriated to the United States after World War II and the Korean War. They stopped to chat with several families visiting the graves of their loved ones or searching for them — one family came to find a great-uncle missing in action from the world war.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, joined Biden and Harris in the ceremony.

On Sunday, Biden addressed a crowd of Gold Star military families and other veterans in a ceremony at War Memorial Plaza in New Castle, Delaware.

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# Sports

## Pennville opens sixth season

PENNVILLE — The Pennville Soccer League opened its sixth season of play on Saturday at Pennville Park, and 36 players combined to score 107 goals.

In the Stinger division, the Hornets got a 13-1 win against the Bees. Kody Homan led the Hornets with five goals, while Owen Ehrhart and Serenity Gonzalez had four goals each. Beckam Hodgson scored the lone goal for the Bees.

The Hornets then knocked off the Wasps 8-6 later in the day. Homan and Ehrhart had four goals each. Addilyn McClain and KaRon Hart scored twice for the Wasps, which got one goal each from Graham Johnson and Annabelle Wiggins.

Micandan Lear found the back of the net eight times as the Yellow Jackets edged the Bees, 10-9. Kitt Freiburg scored the other two goals in the win. Hodgson scored eight goals for the Bees, and Ivy Riley had one tally.

Tyler Davis recorded a hat trick in leading the Comets to a 4-1 triumph over the Meteors in the Space division. Owen Clemens had the lone mark for the Meteors.

A second-half flurry propelled the Galaxy past the Rockets 3-1 after a scoreless first half. Carsten Penrod had two goals and Eliana Wiggins had the other for the Galaxy. Colten Hermann, meanwhile, scored the lone goal for the Rockets.

Later in the afternoon, the Comets picked up their second win, 2-1, while the Rockets fell to 0-2. Davis scored twice for the Comets, while the Rockets' lone goal came from Lyle Beiswanger.

Also in the Space division, the Asteroids earned a 4-1 victory against the Stars. Khloe Homan notched two goals, while Tyler Alexander and Samuel Gibson had one goal each. Colton Coons provided the offense for the Stars.

In Wildcat action, Jacoby Penron had four goals in leading the Jaguars to a 9-0 win against the Panthers. Max McClain III, Jocelyn Minch, David Schoenlein, Genevieve Trissel and Camden Vinson each had one goal.

The Lions earned a 3-2 win over the Tigers in their Wildcat contest. Isaac Hawbaker had two goals, and Mal'Aki Hart tallied one mark for the Lions. Toby Wenger scored twice for the Tigers.

The Panthers rebounded from their loss to top the Cougars 6-2. Samuel Wiggins (four) and Elliott Brown (two) provided scores for the Panthers, while Clay Coons and Gabrielle Gibson each had a goal for the Cougars.

Also in Wildcat action, the Bobcats got four goals from Brayden Fox on their way to a 7-2 triumph over the Cheetahs. Joseph Cruz found twine twice while Jeff Bell added another for the Bobcats. Joey Berry had the two goals for the Cheetahs.

Penrod one-upped himself from his first game in scoring five times to lead the Jaguars to a 9-0 shutout of the Tigers. Andrew Crump, Vinson, McClain and Trissel each had goals.

Hawbaker scored twice in leading the Lions past the Cougars, 2-1. Carter Hermann had the tally for the Cougars.



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Chris Krystofiak of the Portland Rockets slides into third base as Lance Wiltze of the Midland Tribe reaches to place a tag on him during the bottom of the fifth inning in the first game of a doubleheader on Saturday at Portland Memorial Park's Runkle-Miller Field. Krystofiak was safe on the play but was left stranded there in the Rockets' 4-1 loss to the Tribe.

## Rockets drop four to Tribe

The Rockets won the season opener May 23.

They haven't won since. The Portland Rockets lost four straight games to the Midland (Michigan) Tribe over the weekend, dropping doubleheaders Saturday and Sunday.

Portland, losers of five in a row now, fell 4-1 and 8-4 Saturday before 3-0 and 15-3 setbacks Sunday.

The Rockets scored a run in the bottom of the first inning Saturday, only to have the Tribe take the lead with a pair of runs in the fourth inning. Midland added another run in the fifth and one more in the seventh for the win.

Zach Tanner was 2-for-3 with a double, and Chris Krystofiak also had a pair of hits. Cameron Pratt, Noah Collins and Zeth Tanner each singled.

Peyton Smith was charged the loss,

allowing two earned runs on three hits in four innings. He walked four and struck out five.

Portland and Midland were tied 3-3 after five innings in game two before the Tribe broke the game open with five runs in the sixth.

Max Moser, a 2018 Jay County High School graduate, led Portland with a single and an RBI, while the Tanner brothers each had a hit.

Jake Van Pelt, a Delta product, surrendered three runs — two earned — on six hits in four innings. He struck out one and walked three.

In game one Sunday, the Rockets managed only three hits and left nine runners on base as they stranded two runners in each of the sixth and seventh innings. Smith singled twice, and Krystofiak also had a single.

Tyler Reynolds went five innings, allowing three earned runs on eight

hits while walking one and striking out five as he dipped to 0-2 on the season.

The Tribe jumped on the Rockets for seven runs in the second inning of game two, and added seven more in the top of the seventh inning. Portland, meanwhile, scored once in the second inning and twice in the sixth.

Chandler Locke had two hits for Portland, which also got a single and two RBIs from Caleb Mealy. Cameron Pratt and Smith each chipped in singles.

Krystofiak was charged with the loss. He allowed seven earned runs on six hits in just 1 1/3 innings. He walked four batters.

Portland will look to end its skid at 7 p.m. Wednesday against the Grand Lake Mariners at Montgomery Field in Celina, Ohio. The Rockets return home for a 7 p.m. game Friday against the Fort Wayne Jackers.

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## Push may be too late

By MARI YAMAGUCHI  
Associated Press

TOKYO — It may be too little, too late.

That's the realization sinking in as Japan scrambles to catch up on a frustratingly slow vaccination drive less than two months before the Summer Olympics, delayed by a year because of the coronavirus pandemic, are scheduled to start.

The Olympics risk becoming an incubator for "a Tokyo variant," as 15,000 foreign athletes and tens of thousands officials, sponsors and journalists from about 200 countries descend on — and potentially mix with — a largely unvaccinated Japanese population, said Dr. Naoto Ueyama, a physician, head of the Japan Doctors Union.

With infections in Tokyo and other heavily populated areas currently at high levels and hospitals already under strain treating serious cases despite a state of emergency, experts have warned there is little slack in the system.

Even if the country succeeds in meeting its goal of fully vaccinating all 36 million elderly by the end of July — already a week into the Games — about 70% of the population would not be inoculated. And many have dismissed the target as overly optimistic anyway.

To meet it, Japan is vowing to soon

start administering 1 million doses daily. It currently is only giving 500,000 per day, already a big improvement after Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga called on military doctors and nurses and started making legal exceptions to recruit other vaccinators in order to boost the drive.

"Vaccinations under the current pace are not going to help prevent infections during the Olympics," Tokyo Medical Association Chairman Haruo Ozaki said. "The Olympics can trigger a global spread of different variants of the virus."

The International Olympic Committee says more than 80% of athletes and staff staying in the Olympic Village on Tokyo Bay will be vaccinated — and they are expected to remain largely in a bubble at the village and venues. But vaccination rates are not clear for other participants coming from abroad, including hard-hit regions, and experts warn that even strict rules won't prevent all mingling, especially among non-athletes.

Prominent medical journals have questioned the wisdom of pushing ahead with the Tokyo Games and the Asahi Shimbun — the country's second-largest newspaper — has called for them to be canceled, reflecting widespread opposition to holding the Olympics now among the Japanese population.

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