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Abatement OK'd

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Solar energy is on its way to Jay County.

Jay County Council approved a final tax abatement and economic development agreement with sustainable energy company Invenergy for its proposed Skycrest Solar facility.

The economic development agreement will go to Jay County Commissioners on Monday. They chose to hold off signing on the document until after hearings this week. (They have already OK'd decommissioning and road use agreements in relation to the project.)

If approved, about \$1.75 million in economic development payments will be made to the county over the course of four years. This will be the largest of

Council approves request from Invenergy as progress continues toward solar farm

those received by the county from renewable energy projects.

Jay County Planning Commission will meet at 6 p.m. today to discuss the project to determine whether it meets all of the requirements in the county's ordinance.

Invenergy, a global firm with headquarters in Chicago, is planning a \$150 million, 155-megawatt facility located on

about 2,500 acres in Penn and Jackson Townships. Construction is expected to be completed by 2024.

Invenergy analyst Tom Schoder and attorney Mary Solada spoke about the proposed facility to the group of Jackson and Penn Township residents gathered in the courthouse auditorium.

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Invenergy analyst Tom Schoder speaks about the proposed Skycrest Solar facility Wednesday in the courthouse auditorium during a Jay County Council public hearing. A group of Penn and Jackson Township residents — the 2,500-acre facility will be built in Penn and Jackson Townships — attended the meeting but voiced no opinions of the project.

Council gives OK to library funding

Request to use wind farm \$ for project now moves to commissioners

By BAILEY CLINE
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Extra funding to cover higher-than-expected construction costs for the expansion of the Pennville library took the next step in the approval process Wednesday.

Jay County Council OK'd a request from Jay County Development Corporation to use \$50,000 it was allocated in wind farm economic development money to cover the additional costs. (The funding request also requires approval from Jay County Commissioners, who meet Monday.)

Also Wednesday, council approved a final tax abatement and economic agreement with Invenergy, a sustainable energy company planning a solar farm in Jay County (see related story), and sent a request to use \$30,000 in Jay County Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) funds for a state matching grant to Jay County EDIT Advisory Board.

About 15 Pennville residents and JCDC executive director Travis Richards approached council with the request for extra funding for the library project. Richards cited the recent increase in material costs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The project began after Jay Region! was awarded \$333,000 for being a finalist in the 2019 Stellar Communities designation, a multi-million dollar investment initiative headed by Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Jay County Commissioners also agreed to provide a 10% match for the project in August 2020.

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Field day fun

Redkey Elementary School held its field day Wednesday. Pictured above, Rachel Ray pours water into Daenerys Musgrove's cup during a game in which students passed water to fill a bucket. Participants could only transfer water to the back of the line by pouring it into a cup held by the student behind them. At right, Karlee Kirby bounces past her classmate in a hopping ball race.



New COVID-19 cases have been low

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Jay County is in the midst of its lowest level of new COVID-19 cases since last summer.

The county, which has not had more than two new cases of COVID-19 reported since May 20, had a "blue" (low risk for the spread of coronavirus) rating for the second consecutive week in the Indiana State Department of Health's update released Wednesday.

The county recorded its 2,000th confirmed case of the disease last week.

Jay County has had two or fewer new cases of COVID-19 confirmed for 18 consecutive days. That's the longest stretch since last summer, when there were two or fewer cases for 63 consecutive days from June 5 through Aug. 6.

The local numbers stayed virtually the same in the metrics the

County has recorded two or fewer for 18 straight days; rating level remains 'blue'

state health department uses to determine risk levels. Its cases per 100,000 residents were identical to last week at 34 while its seven-day positivity rate dropped slightly to 3.24% from 3.28% last week.

The state map showed overall improvement with 65 counties rated blue and 27 rated "yellow" (moderate risk). Last week, 56 were blue while 36 were rated yellow or "orange" (high risk).

Vaccination clinics continue to be open at Jay County Health

Department and IU Health Jay. The health department is accepting walk-ins from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

As of Wednesday, 11,472 doses of the coronavirus vaccine had been administered in Jay County. So far, 5,625 individuals have been fully vaccinated.

About 5.33 million doses have been administered statewide with about 2.62 million fully vaccinated.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines say those

who have been vaccinated do not need to wear a mask except for in close-contact group settings such as airports and theaters. Most coronavirus-related restrictions have been lifted in Indiana, with the exception of those regarding schools. Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb extended those restrictions through the end of the school year.

Coronavirus is mainly spread through respiratory droplets or small particles from an infected person coughing, sneezing, talking or breathing. The CDC reports that it may be possible those particles and droplets remain suspended in the air for an unknown period of time and travel beyond 6 feet, especially indoors.

The virus causes a range of symptoms, including fever and shortness of breath, which can appear two to 14 days after exposure.

Deaths

Renee Huber, 50, Tipp City, Ohio
Jackie Markley Jr., 58, Indianapolis
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 81 degrees for the second consecutive day Wednesday. The low was 70. Scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected tonight with a low of 67. Friday's high will climb into the upper 80s with a 30% chance of rain. See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review

The Indiana Pacers on Wednesday fired coach Nate Bjorkgren after one season. What qualities should the team be prioritizing as it looks for a new coach?
Send letters to the editor to r.cooney@thecr.com. There is a 700-word maximum.

Coming up

Friday — Results from the JCHS boys golfers at the regional tournament.
Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.



Obituaries

Renee Huber

Nov. 29, 1970-June 8, 2021
Renee C. Huber, age 50, of Tipp City, Ohio, died Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at her home in Tipp City, Ohio, after a two-year battle with glioblastoma.
She was born Nov. 29, 1970, to the late Robert and Carol (Burnham) Langenkamp. She married Gerald Huber on June 4, 2005, at St. John the Baptist Church, Tipp City. He survives in Tipp City.
She is also survived by children Jessica Bruggeman and fiancé Taylor Fenter, Troy, Ohio, and Jakob Huber, Tipp City; brothers

and sisters Robert and Frances Langenkamp, Portland, Indiana, Rhonda and Dave Hoying, Portland, Indiana, Roger and Debbie Langenkamp, Portland, Indiana, Rita and Donny Stephen, Dunkirk, Indiana, Rose Langenkamp Stephen, Portland, Indiana, Ray and Jackie Langenkamp, Fort Recovery, Ryan Langenkamp, Salamonia, Indiana, and Roxann Abels, Celina; in-laws Ann and Mike Evers, St. Henry, Ohio, Jane



Huber

and Tim Miller, Portland, Jay and Joyce Huber, Maria Stein, Ohio, Jenny and Ted Ripploh, Minster, and Amy and Steve Schmitz, Fort Recovery.
She was preceded in death by her parents, in-laws and sister Ruth Langenkamp.
She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Tipp City, and a graduate of Jay County High School. She was also a member of F.O.E. Auxiliary, Tipp City, and a lifetime social member of the VFW, Tipp City.
Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at Precious Blood

Catholic Church, Chickasaw. Burial will follow at St. Sebastian Cemetery. Friends may call at the Hogenkamp Funeral Home, Minster from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 11, 2021, from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturday.
In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Ohio Hospice of Miami County.
Condolences may be expressed at hogenkampfh.com.
Jackie "Jack" W. Markley Jr., Indianapolis, Aug. 9, 1962-June 4, 2021. A Mass of Christina Burial will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at

St. Jude Catholic Church, 5353 McFarland Road, Indianapolis. Another service will be held at 5 p.m. June 19 at Williams-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.
There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Table with 5 columns: Friday 6/11, Saturday 6/12, Sunday 6/13, Monday 6/14, Tuesday 6/15. Includes weather icons, high/low temperatures, and brief weather descriptions.

Lotteries

Powerball: 19-28-46-50-54, Power Ball: 9, Power Play: 2, Estimated jackpot: \$31 million
Mega Millions: Estimated jackpot: \$20 million
Hoosier Midday: Daily Three: 4-9-5, Daily Four: 2-6-6-1, Evening: Daily Three: 3-3-5, Daily Four: 4-5-8-1, Quick Draw: 1-5-21-23-27-29-32-35-37-41-45-50-51-53-54-62-69-70-72-79, Cash 5: 2-12-21-22-28
Hoosier Lotto: 4-22-28-29-42-46, Estimated jackpot: \$80,000
Ohio Midday: Pick 3: 4-6-4, Pick 4: 3-3-9-0, Pick 5: 5-1-2-7-0, Evening: Pick 3: 5-4-2, Pick 4: 4-4-2-3, Pick 5: 9-7-4-7-9, Rolling Cash: 12-14-21-28-39, Classic Lotto: 13-17-18-33-40-44, Kicker: 9-8-3-2-2-0, Estimated jackpot: \$9.5 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery: Corn 7.11, July corn 7.11, Wheat 6.63
Central States Montpelier: Corn 7.38, July corn 7.38, Beans 15.93, Nov. beans 14.11, Wheat 6.73
Sunrise St. Anthony: Corn 7.44, July corn 7.46, Beans 15.75, July beans 15.75, Wheat 6.38, July wheat 6.38

Today in history

On June 10, 1963, President John F. Kennedy signed into law the Equal Pay Act of 1963, aimed at eliminating wage disparities based on gender.
In 1692, the first execution resulting from the Salem witch trials in Massachusetts took place as Bridget Bishop was hanged.
In 1922, singer-actor Judy Garland was born Frances Ethel Gumm in Grand Rapids, Minnesota.
In 1935, Alcoholics Anonymous was founded in Akron, Ohio, by Dr. Robert Holbrook Smith and William Griffith Wilson.
In 1942, during World War II, German forces massacred 173 male residents of Lidice, Czechoslovakia, in retaliation for the killing of Nazi official Reinhard Hey-

Citizen's calendar

Today 6 p.m. — Jay County Plan Commission, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
1 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners executive session, Hinkle, Racster and Schemenaur, 121 W. High St., Portland.

Abatement ...

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Skycrest Solar Energy Center will use photovoltaic technology — silicon cells converting sunlight into electricity. The panels are designed to withstand 140 mph winds and large hail. They are also quiet, Schoder said, and do not give off light after dark.
The abatement will save Invenergy about \$5.8 million in property taxes over the course of 10 years. The facility is expected to increase the county's over-

all assessed value by about \$55 million, thereby reducing overall tax rates.
An estimated \$40 million in payments will be made to participating landowners. Skycrest Solar will also hire two full-time employees for operation and maintenance with average salaries of \$52,000.
There was no public comment on the proposed tax abatement and economic development agreement. Council unanimously approved both.

The \$1.75 million economic development agreement is the largest for a renewable energy project in the county thus far. NextEra Energy Resources's economic development agreement with the county totaled nearly \$1 million for Bluff Point Wind Energy Center, which was built in 2017. Scout Clean Energy's agreement for Bitter Ridge Wind Farm, which was completed last year, was for \$1.56 million.

Funds from the Bluff Point project were used as matching dollars for Community Crossings grants for street and road paving projects and to fund various community needs and projects. Bitter Ridge economic development monies have been set aside for pursuing the state's Stellar Communities designation — The Jay! Region was a finalist for the designation in 2019, receiving about \$333,000 to expand Penn Township Library.

Library ...

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Plans for the existing 1,000-square-foot structure at 195 N. Union St. originally included an additional structure to the south, a new parking lot, a breezeway/entrance between the old and new building and two new bathrooms. There was also discussion about updating the library's internet service, adding more furniture and repainting the old building.
Construction bids were opened April 22. The lowest bid — it came from Muhlenkamp Building Corporation — came in at more than \$443,000.
After reviewing the numbers, Pennville residents and others agreed on a few cutbacks to save money.
Richards listed three changes from the original project design that saved just over \$58,400 — vinyl siding will be used instead of brick, window and doors will be downgraded and the parking lot addition will be removed from the project.

That left about \$51,600 (including architect fees) unaccounted for.
He suggested using \$50,000 from Bluff Point Wind Energy Center funds allocated by commissioner to JCDC for infrastructure. Council president Jeanne Houchins asked if the Town of Pennville would supply the remaining \$1,600 in required funds. Pennville town president Alicia Corwin said it would.
"Is there any place we could come up with \$12,000 to put brick on a building that's going to last a long time?" asked council member Ted Champ. He noted vinyl siding would not last as long as brick.
"I'm not against this, but I don't like to rush," added council member Ray Newton. "And we're not going to do the right thing for (finding) the cheapest way to get this project done."
Council suggested holding off on the project for further discussion. It asked Richards for a timeline.
The town has 60 days from bid opening (April 22) to finalize a contract, Richards said. Construction must be completed by Sept. 2022 in order to meet grant guidelines.
An expansion is well overdue, Houchins said.
"We do service Penn Township, Jackson, Green, Knox, so it's not just Pennville residents," Corwin said. It's that whole northwest corner — they're welcome to come to our library."
Council unanimously approved the request to use the \$50,000 for the project.
Also Wednesday, council OK'd a

request to use \$30,000 in EDIT funds for the county match and administration costs for the Regional Economic Acceleration Development Initiative. The grant offered through Indiana Economic Development Corporation is intended to promote investments attracting talent and economic growth.
Richards, who is representing the county in conjunction with East Central Indiana Regional Partnership, explained Jay, Blackford, Grant, Randolph, Delaware, Wayne and Henry counties will participate together as a region. Jay County's match will combine with other counties' contributions to total more than \$100,000 going toward the 2:1 state match grant. Priorities for the region include workforce development, child care and housing.
Council also:
•Made the following additional appropriations: \$750 for Jay Circuit Court postage, \$20,141.42 for Jay County Drug Coalition, \$1,482.13 for court translation services, \$70,000 for Jay County Fairgrounds 4-H buildings upgrade, and \$80,000 for Jay County Courthouse's new boilers.
•Signed compliance forms with Minnich Poultry, Reier Pullets and NextEra Energy for tax abatements.

Normal crowds expected

By JOHN KLINE
Goshen News
As Hoosiers work to return to some sense of normalcy following the harrowing ordeal that was 2020, popular tourist destinations are expressing cautious optimism for the coming summer season.
According to Amy Howell, director of communications for the Indiana Destination Development Corp., the state's leisure and travel-related sector is reporting a drastic improvement this spring when compared to a year

ago, to the tune of about 80% improvement.
And that rebound, she said, is due primarily to a notable uptick in the number of residents venturing out to patronize reopened businesses.
"A recent survey we conducted shows that over half of Indiana residents expect to be back to their normal levels of social activity over the next three months," Howell said. "We are seeing an upward trend of people feeling safe to travel on an airplane, attend a sporting event or concert, go to a

movie theater, stay at a hotel and other activities."
As for what she's predicting the upcoming summer tourism season will look like for the state, Howell said the trend of increased social activity will continue over the coming weeks, particularly as more residents become fully vaccinated against the virus.
Sabrina Jones of Holiday World Theme Park & Splashin' Safari Water Park said all indications point to a banner year for the park and its more than 2,000 employees.

Felony arrests

Nonsupport
A Portland man was arrested Wednesday for nonsupport of a dependent child.
Michael A. Lemaster, 235 E. Rogers St.,

was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony for nonsupport of a dependent child. He is being held at Jay County Jail with a \$7,500 bond.

SERVICES
Thursday
Cook, Lawrence: 1 p.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland.
Murphy, DeWayne: 1 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.
Saturday
Eads, Goldie: 10 a.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.
Huber, Renee: 10:30 a.m., Precious Blood Catholic Church, 35 Maple St., Maria Stein, Ohio.
Wednesday
Markley, Jackie: 11:30 a.m., St. Jude Catholic Church, 5353 McFarland Road, Indianapolis.
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Woman unsure how to help grandchildren

DEAR ABBY: I have a grandson (25) and granddaughter (22) who are both extremely overweight (300 pounds each). They not only have health issues, but also mental issues. Both work part time at the same company as their mom and dad — and still live at home. They don't date, don't drive and are very dependent on their parents because their parents encourage it. My granddaughter is being treated with meds; my grandson is not.

I'm very close to him, and he shares a lot with me. He has issues with both of his parents. They were raised in a VERY Christian home. There were

Dear Abby



always weight issues for the entire family because they eat most of their meals out.

In the past, I tried talking with my son and his wife but they have a convenient excuse for everything I bring up. During my last conversation with my grandson, he was so unhappy he mentioned

suicide. PLEASE can you help me? — DISTRAUGHT GRANDMA IN TEXAS

DEAR GRANDMA: Do your son and his wife know their son is depressed to the point of talking about suicide? If they are unaware, put them on notice. While you're at it, give him the number of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-8255.

Because you have already tried talking to his parents, would you consider inviting your grandson to live with you for a while? It would be a way of teaching him healthier eating habits, and if he needs

medication, you might be able to see that his doctor prescribes it.

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DEAR ABBY: There is a trend happening these days. Young people live together for several years, get pregnant and go to the justice of the peace to get legally married. A year or more later, they sometimes decide to have a formal wedding ceremony. Friends throw them a shower, and the wedding is often elaborate.

I thought a shower gift or wedding gift was to help the new couple to get their household set up. These couples already have everything in their house. I feel

this is a slap in the face of tradition. What are your thoughts? — OLD-FASHIONED

DEAR OLD-FASHIONED: Yes, it's a break with tradition. These changes have occurred because of changes in social mores, the economy and gender roles.

While you may think the couple "already has everything they need," take a peek at their bridal registry because it may be an eye-opener. And remember, if you cannot celebrate happily with the couple, no rule of etiquette dictates that you must attend the wedding.

Book signing will be held on Sunday

A local church will host a book-signing this weekend. Stephen Dull will be at Redkey Methodist Church for a book-signing at noon Sunday.

Dull's family is from Jay County but spent a portion of his youth doing missionary work in Africa. His book, "Never a Dull Moment: My African Adventure," explores his time in Africa and the various adventures he experienced there.

The church is located at 122 W. Main St. in Redkey.

Registration open
John Jay Center for Learning is accepting regis-

Taking Note

trations 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 2. The registration fee is \$50.

To sign up, stop in at John Jay at 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.



Photo provided

Top testers

Fort Recovery American Legion Post 345 recently presented awards for students who earned the top scores on the 2020 Americanism and Government Test. Pictured, from left are Paul Homan, Elizabeth Alig, Faith Weagant, Marcus Gaerke, Dylan Langenkamp and Sarah Siefring. Homan and Siefring were also county winners.

Marriage licenses

Matthew S. Elchert, 30, Portland, and Holli M. Sprunger, 31, Portland
Sharon R. McIntyre, 49, Portland, Genevieve M. Villas, 64, Portland
Mervin K. Eicher, 21, Geneva, and Rachel M. Eicher, 21, Bryant
Kenneth L. Ausland, 44, Portland, and Melissa S. Stickrath, 33, Portland

Miriam G. Girod, 21, Bryant, and Samuel L. Schwartz Jr., 22, Bryant
Haily M. Farman, 28, Portland, and Jesse C.J. Joseph, 31, Portland
Jonathan P. Blankenship II, 24, Dunkirk, and Faith A. Parr, 24, Bryant
Brandon R. Cronkhite, 26, Port-

land, and Kayla R. Harlow, 25, Portland
James B. Rockwell, 51, Redkey, and Krista L. Lucas, 52, Redkey
Chris G. Graber, 27, Bryant, and Kayla D. Watson, 24, Hamilton, Ohio
Elizabeth T. Graber, 20, Bryant, and Chris L.S. Schwartz, 19, Bryant

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Community Calendar

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

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

SENIOR CITIZENS CARD CLUB — Will meet at 1 p.m. on the first, second, third and fifth Thurs-

day of each month at Jay Community Center.

PIKE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. June 10 at Richards Restaurant in Portland.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST 211 — Will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 10 at the post at 211 W. Walnut St., Portland.

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

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HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET — Is open from 8

a.m. to noon each Saturday in the parking lot at The Rock Church.

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

Sunday
ABBOTT REUNION — Will be held Sunday, June 13, at Bryant Community Center. Meal will be at noon. Please bring a covered dish.

Monday
PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

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What will entice more vaccinations?

By **KEN DE LA BASTIDE**
Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

Many years ago, Izaak Walton commented that health is a blessing that money cannot buy.

For the past few months people around the world have had access to a vaccine to combat the COVID-19 virus that has resulted in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Americans.

I understand that there are people with concerns about receiving vaccinations for a variety of diseases.

Some people just don't like the slight pain that is caused by an injection.

There was no hesitancy among parents in the 1950s to have their

Ken de la Bastide



lated against the coronavirus. So, referring back to Walton's statement, is health a blessing that money can't buy? What incentives could entice a person to be vaccinated?

Many states are offering incentives ranging from a box of Girl Scout cookies in Indiana to the chance to win \$1 million through a lottery in Ohio.

There are a number of interesting incentives being offered elsewhere.

The state of Maine is providing 10,000 free hunting and fishing licenses to residents who are vaccinated. West Virginia is having a lottery to give away five hunting rifles and five shotguns.

Budweiser will give you a free beer; in Miami, the offer is a free shot of an adult beverage for those over the age of 21.

Illinois is providing 50,000 tickets to the Six Flags amusement park. A restaurant in Washington, D.C. is providing a \$50 gift card.

In addition to the \$1 million lotteries in Ohio, 10 lucky vaccinated people in California will get a chance to win \$1.5 million. A million dollars is up for grabs in Oregon and \$250,000 in New Mexico.

The NFL will conduct a lottery to give away 50 tickets to the Super Bowl. In Alabama, if you get the shot at the Talladega

Speedway, you can drive around the track twice.

The New York Mets and New York Yankees are providing free game tickets.

New York has the chance to get free fries or a world famous Nathan's Hot Dog, and in Maryland you can get a free 8-inch pizza.

Probably the best lottery, aside from winning \$1 million, is taking place in New York and Delaware, where someone will win free tuition to a state-supported college.

So, obviously for thousands of Americans, money, food, game tickets or hunting licenses is health that money can buy.

Target profit to eliminate threat

Bloomberg Opinion

At least since Julius Caesar paid 50 talents to a band of Cilician pirates for his freedom, ransom has proved to be a popular and profitable criminal enterprise. In the digital age, it's wreaking havoc far beyond its immediate victims.

Ransomware attacks, in which gangs infiltrate a company's computer systems and demand payment before unlocking their files, have been surging of late. An attack on Colonial Pipeline Inc. resulted in gas shortages across the East Coast last month. A similar infiltration caused the meat producer JBS to shut facilities in three countries. Even the poor operators of the Martha's Vineyard ferry recently succumbed to digital extortion.

Beyond mere inconvenience, these attacks are imposing serious costs. Last year, victims paid out nearly \$350 million to ransomware groups, an increase of more than 300% over the previous year. Attacks on health-care systems alone may have cost \$21 billion. As a recent report from a tech-industry research group notes, these attacks are leading to "dangerous real-world consequences that far exceed the costs of the ransom payments."

Belatedly, the U.S. government seems to be taking notice. Last month, President Joe Biden issued an executive order that attempted to ease information-sharing, secure government supply chains, and bolster defenses in the executive branch. Last Thursday, the Justice Department announced a new effort to prioritize ransomware prosecutions. These initiatives are welcome, but not enough.

An effective defense requires disrupting the extended criminal networks behind these attacks. Increasingly, practitioners provide what they call "ransomware as a service," in which sophisticated developers write malicious code, then rent or sell it to unskilled "affiliates" who initiate the attacks and collect the ransom. This model works so well that about two-thirds of attacks now use it.

To defeat this approach, the Justice Department needs to get more aggressive. Its recently formed Ransomware and Digital Extortion Task Force, which Monday announced it had recovered much of the funds extorted from Colonial Pipeline, is a good start. To be most effective,

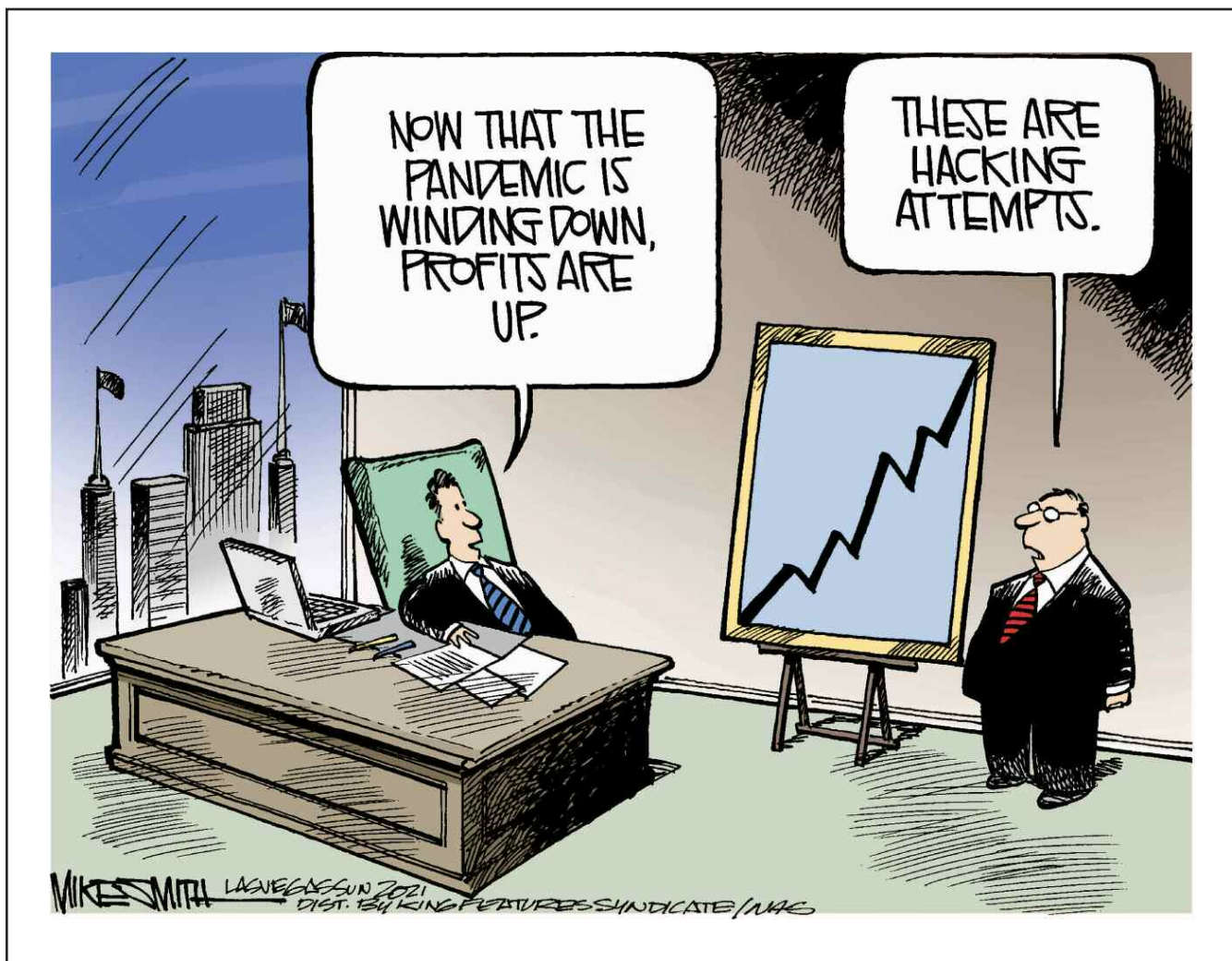
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it should dedicate a team of U.S. attorneys and FBI agents with technical backgrounds to long-term cybercrime investigations. Such a team would focus on prosecuting the high-level developers who write and sell malware, dismantling the infrastructure that enables their attacks, and disrupting the cryptocurrency exchanges that process the resulting payments. Kellen Dwyer, a former federal prosecutor, estimates that the cost of such an effort — employing perhaps 10 prosecutors and 20 agents — would be as little as \$5 million a year.

Next, the U.S. needs to make clear that harboring ransomware gangs will no longer be tolerated. American diplomats could help by persuading more countries to ratify the Budapest Convention, a treaty that establishes common standards for cybercrime probes. When Biden meets Russian President Vladimir Putin in Geneva on June 16, he should emphasize that abetting these attacks, as Russia has done for years, will trigger economic sanctions. And the Treasury Department should put overseas crypto exchanges on notice that they're expected to comply with anti-money-laundering and know-your-customer laws, and that they'll be barred from the formal financial system if they don't.

Finally, Congress can aid victims of these attacks by establishing a fund to help them recover their systems if they've acted in good faith. To be eligible, companies should have to report any attack to the authorities, refuse to pay a ransom, demonstrate that they adhered to federal cybersecurity standards, and agree to invest in specified security improvements. Such restrictions should encourage better cyberdefenses across the board, while also cutting off the flow of funds that has made ransomware so attractive in recent years.

Caesar, by the way, tracked down his former captors and crucified them. One needn't go quite that far. The U.S. government simply needs to ensure that the costs of ransomware attacks far exceed the benefits.



G-7 can end the pandemic

By **GORDON BROWN**
Bloomberg Opinion

U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson has promised to vaccinate the world by the end of next year, saying it "would be the single greatest feat in medical history." Sadly, a promise is not a plan, and I fear that an initiative that appears to focus on dose-sharing by nations will fall far short of delivering the worldwide herd immunity needed to make all of us safe again.

Having attended 12 of them as prime minister or finance minister, I know how G-7 meetings work. They thrive on informality, which, of course, allows for plain speaking free of diplomatic niceties.

But open-ended conversations around a table — often without a formal agenda — can also become an excuse for inaction and avoiding difficult decisions. I can recall so many of these gatherings when the chairman sat back and simply went around the table asking each leader for his or her thoughts. When the G-7 did act, as in the 2008 financial crisis, the world benefited.

I can imagine what will happen on Friday: U.S. President Joe Biden will say, to his credit, that he's already offered 80 million doses for developing countries, and is prepared to do hundreds of millions more. Britain, which has over-ordered vaccines, will offer 100 million doses.

Other countries will produce ambitious figures for the doses they too will hand over. They will congratulate each other on their generosity. But even an offer by the G-7 in the final communique to volunteer a billion doses — enough for 500 million adults — will not nearly be enough.

A total of 11 billion doses are needed to achieve Johnson's promise to vaccinate the world. Of the 2 billion doses already administered, 85% have gone to the richer countries. Roughly half of American adults have had at least one dose of the vaccine, and 60% in the U.K., but only 1% of the world's doses have landed in

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sub-Saharan Africa, and only 1 in 500 of the 1 billion people there have been fully vaccinated.

African countries have now ordered 400 million one-shot doses but poorer countries face two problems that perhaps only the G-7 can solve. First, their urgent needs cannot be met if they have to wait in line this summer and autumn for leftover Western doses, most of which will not arrive until next year. And secondly, they simply cannot reach Western levels of immunization without financial support. It is not an exaggeration to say Friday's G-7 will decide who lives and who dies, who is vaccinated and safe, and who remains unvaccinated and at risk of dying.

The ACT-Accelerator Alliance, an international partnership forged in the early days of the pandemic, and Covax, its vaccination agency, provide a vehicle for the global pre-ordering and equitable distribution of vaccines, diagnostics and therapeutics to cover the 92 poorest countries. This includes the testing and protective equipment urgently needed as countries wait for vaccines. But to bridge these agencies' huge financing gap this year, \$16 billion more is needed now, and upward of \$30 billion next year.

Much of that money must come from the G-7. Life and death decisions cannot be left to running the G-7 like a charity fundraiser where the begging bowl is passed round. This is no substitute for a burden-sharing plan, along the lines of a proposal floated by Norway and South Africa.

That plan takes into account each

country's income, wealth and the differential benefits it would receive from the reopening of the world economy. It's based on a formula similar to that once attempted for the eradication of smallpox, and used today to pay for United Nations peacekeeping. It works.

The U.S. would pay 27%, Europe 22%, the U.K. 5% and Japan 6%. Canada, South Korea and Australia, 2% each. In total, the G-7 attendees would pay 67% of the total, with other G-20 countries, including China, Russia and the oil states, liable for the rest.

The world needs to create the same virtuous circle — with guaranteed funding generating new manufacturing capacity and delivering additional vaccine supply — that was done with military precision in Britain and America when they preordered vaccines months ago.

And we need a decision on Friday. In the last six months, when the vaccine was monopolized by the rich countries, 2.25 million people worldwide lost their lives, a far greater toll already than in all of 2020.

Vaccinating the world is not just an act of charity: It's in all our self-interest. Helping vaccinate the rest of the world will require the U.S. and Europe to pay around \$4 billion more this year, but a healthier populace will deliver \$200 billion in additional output.

In America's case, the bill for vaccines would be less than 0.5% of the cost of its \$2 trillion economic stimulus. It is the best insurance policy in the world, and in both human and economic terms the benefits far outweigh the costs.

Let's see the G-7 step up once again.

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Indiana 167, 4 miles north of Dunkirk
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nanybell@yahoo.com

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Wednesday
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Paul's big night leads Suns in rout of Nuggets

By **DAVID BRANDT**

AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — Chris Paul is a 36-year-old man who can still put together an NBA point guard's version of a virtuoso performance: Fifteen assists, no turnovers and it led to another blowout playoff victory for his rolling Phoenix Suns.

"I feel good," Paul said. "I feel really good."

Apparently so.

The ageless Paul added 17 points, Devin Booker had 18 points and 10 rebounds and Phoenix routed the Denver Nuggets 123-98 on Wednesday night to take a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference semifinals.

Deandre Ayton had 15 points and 10 rebounds, and Mikal

Bridges added 16 points for the balanced Suns in their fifth straight victory.

Paul was particularly impressive and it appears his ailing right shoulder — which greatly limited his play against the Los Angeles Lakers in the first round — isn't much of a problem anymore. The 11-time All-Star had 21 points and 11 assists in Game 1.

Nikola Jokic had 24 points and 13 rebounds for Denver, a day after getting the NBA's Most Valuable Player award. But the Nuggets couldn't find anyone else to score consistently, leaving them reeling going back to Denver for Game 3 on Friday night.

"This was an embarrassing performance for myself all the way to the last player," Denver

coach Michael Malone said. "We are walking out here with our heads held down and rightfully so. There was a reason that their crowd was yelling 'Suns in four!' and they are calling for a sweep because if we play like this in Denver, this is going to be a really quick series."

Later, Malone added he felt the Nuggets "quit tonight, which is something that you never want to see."

Said Jokic: "They are playing better than us. They are making shots, being more aggressive, finding the open man. It looks real bad out there. We need to change everything."

The Suns had a 10-point half-time lead and Jae Crowder added a pair of 3-pointers early in the

third to make it 60-43. Phoenix took an 86-67 advantage into the fourth. The Suns led by 31 in the final quarter as they relentlessly pushed the ball even as the lead built.

"It's the NBA — crazy things can happen no matter how big of a lead you have," Suns forward Torrey Craig said.

Crowder had another good night as the Suns' long-range shooter and enforcer. He and Denver's Aaron Gordon were each called for a technical foul after they exchanged words and shoves midway through the third. On the next possession, Crowder coaxed Gordon into committing an offensive foul, much to the delight of the 16,529 at Phoenix Suns Arena.

"It was one of our better defensive halves of the year against a good offensive team," Suns coach Monty Williams said. "We were relentless with our effort, our communication and coverages."

Crowder said he isn't seeking to be the team's enforcer but the moments keep finding him. He joked that he's already given to much money to the NBA in the form of fines during this postseason.

"I got to be smart and protect my money a little," he added grinning.

Paul pushed the sellout crowd into a frenzy in the fourth, throwing his 15th assist to Craig after criss-crossing around helpless Denver forward Paul Millsap.

Fire ...

Continued from page 8

The injured Turner helped break up a spat between center Goga Bitadze and assistant coach Greg Foster during a game in early May. Team officials fined Bitadze and gave Foster a one-game suspension.

On May 24, Pritchard even acknowledged that players described Bjorkgren as a micromanager during their annual end-of-season interviews.

"We have a lot of firepower, a lot of guys who can score," two-time All-Star Domantas Sabonis said in May. "But we're definitely going to have to sacrifice to get as far as we can in the playoffs. We have to come in with a different mindset next season."

Even then, it appeared Bjorkgren's future with the Pacers was tenuous at best. Pritchard, who also drew criticism for the team's underwhelming results, didn't endorse Bjorkgren and instead explained what he thought went wrong and how it could be fixed.

Then he consulted with former Pacers president Donnie Walsh and had multiple discussions with Bjorkgren before making Wednesday's announcement.

"There are certain things (traits) that are non-negotiables for me going forward," Pritchard said. "I hope I've learned from this in terms of selecting the right coach. Nate gets let go, but it's my fault. We've got to do better."

Not all of the problems in this unusual season were Bjorkgren's fault.

Pritchard said he challenged some current players to become more vocal leaders and that he might add another veteran to help hold the bench more accountable.

The Pacers have now fired two coaches in less than 12 months. Pritchard let go of Nate McMillan in August after a third consecutive first-round playoff exit and just weeks after announcing the coach had received a contract extension. McMillan has since helped lead

the Atlanta Hawks into the second round of the playoffs this season after losing his final nine playoff games with the Pacers.

Now McMillan's successor is gone, too, albeit with next season's salary guaranteed.

Though Pritchard could move quickly after researching between 12 and 18 job candidates during last year's abbreviated offseason, Pritchard plans to spend this coaching search looking for someone who can get the Pacers turned around.

Maybe even a more experienced coach such as former Trail Blazers coach Terry Stotts, a high school graduate of Bloomington North, about a one-hour drive from Indianapolis.

"I wanted to take a risk — maybe a lower floor and higher ceiling," Pritchard said. "Maybe this year we look at something a little different. I have something in my mind, but I don't want to quite come forward with that yet."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys golf regional at The Players Club — 8 a.m.
Fort Recovery Eels vs. South Adams and Darke County — 6:30 p.m.
Fort Wayne TinCaps vs. Lake County Captains — 7:05 p.m.

Friday
Fort Wayne TinCaps vs. Lake County Captains — 7:05 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County Summer Swim in Wabash Valley Conference Relays at South Adams — 9 a.m.
Portland Rockets at South Bend Royals — 1 p.m.
Fort Wayne TinCaps vs. Lake County Captains — 6:35 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
7:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Brooklyn nets at Milwaukee Bucks, Game 3 (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Los Angeles Clippers at Utah Jazz, Game 2 (ESPN)

Friday
7:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Philadelphia 76ers at Atlanta Hawks, Game 3 (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Phoenix Suns at Denver Nuggets, Game 3 (ESPN)

Saturday
7:15 p.m. — Major League Base-

ball: St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs (FOX)
8:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Utah Jazz at Los Angeles Clippers, Game 3 (ABC)

Local notes

Camp set for Tuesday
The Jay County High School baseball team will be hosting a three-day camp starting June 15.

The camp will be Tuesday through June 17 at Don E. Selvey Field at JCHS, and cost is \$25.

Students in kindergarten through third grade will be from 8 to 9:30 a.m.; fourth and fifth graders 10 to 11:30 a.m. and sixth through eighth graders are 1 to 2:30 p.m.

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The Jay County Chamber Classic Golf Outing will be July 23 at Portland Golf Club.

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Sports

Report: Kenney to meet Yadong in UFC 265

Athletes who dropped back-to-back fights during UFC 259 are reportedly slated to meet each other in the octagon in August.

MMA Junkie reported this week that Jay County High School graduate Casey Kenney and Song Yadong have been booked for a fight at UFC 265.

UFC has not yet officially announced the fight.

Kenney and Yadong were in the cage for back-to-back fights at UFC 259 on March 6 in Las Vegas. Yadong first suffered a unanimous decision loss to

August bout not officially announced yet by UFC

Kyler Phillips, who is now ranked 14th in the bantamweight division. Kenney followed with a split decision defeat against Dominick Cruz, a former bantamweight champion who is now ranked ninth in the weight class.

The fight sets up as an opportunity for both men to launch themselves back into the top 15 in the division, as they sport similar records and UFC experience.

Kenney, 30, is 16-3-1 as a professional and 5-2 in UFC, hav-

ing won three consecutive fights before falling to Cruz. His only other UFC loss is to 10th-ranked Merab Dvalishvili.

Meanwhile, Yadong is 16-5-1 as a professional and 5-1-1 in the UFC. The 23-year-old from Heilongjiang, China, earned victories in his first four UFC bouts and fought to a draw against 13th-ranked Cody Staman in December 2019.

The full five-month layoff between fights will be Kenney's longest since having nearly six months between his

Aug. 17, 2019, victory over Manny Bermudez and the loss to Dvalishvili. He competed twice on UFC's Fight Island in the United Arab Emirates in October, defeating Heili Alatang and Nathaniel Wood by unanimous decisions.

The location of the UFC 265 card, which includes a women's bantamweight title bout between champion Amanda Nunes and Julianna Peña, has not yet been set. MMA Junkie reports that Houston is the frontrunner to host the event.



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Pearson powers

Fort Recovery High School freshman Mara Pearson powers her way to one of her long jumps during the OHSAA Division III Track and Field State Championships on Saturday at Westerville North. Pearson made finals and just missed the podium by placing ninth with her best distance of 16 feet, 4.25 inches.

Scoring dips in week two

PENNVILLE — Scoring was a bit down in the second week of Pennville Soccer League on Saturday as 34 players combined for 82 goals at Pennville Park.

A total of 107 goals were tallied in week one on May 29.

In the Stinger division, Kody Homan scored six times in leading the Hornets to a 7-1 victory against the Yellow Jackets. Tegan Hidy had the lone mark for the Yellow Jackets.

KaRon Hart notched four goals as the Wasps topped the Bees by a 6-1 margin.

Three second-half goals propelled the Wasps to a 7-5 win against the Yellow Jackets. Hart scored three goals, while Emma Hammond and Anabelle Wiggins each had two goals for the Wasps. Hiday provided all the Yellow Jacket offense.

Lyle Beiswanger's three goals helped the Rockets

top the Asteroids 4-3 in their Space division contest. Khloe Homan scored twice for the Asteroids.

Tyler David and Colton Coons dueled one another, both tallying two goals as the Comets and Stars played to a 2-2 draw. Carter May found the back of the goal four times as the Galaxy defeated the Asteroids 7-0.

In the Wildcat division, Jacoby Penrod's hat trick helped the Jaguars to a 4-0 win against the Cougars, before Samuel Wiggins recorded four goals to lead the Panthers past the Tigers, 6-0.

The Panthers also got a 10-0 victory against the Cheetahs thanks to three goals each from Dougie Cox and Bryson Michael. Elliott Brown and Wiggins also found the back of the net twice.

Penrod added another six goals as the Jaguars knocked off the Bobcats 10-1.

Five players lead Homestead

Five players each had three hits in helping Homestead Quality Bedding edge The Rock Church 9-8 on Wednesday in their Portland Junior league Rookie softball contest.

Kyla Sims was 3-for-3 and scored three times in the win, while Claire Schmiesing and Savannah Hudson were each 3-for-3 with two runs. Paisley Day and Ava Noles had three hits and one run apiece.

Adalee Rigby, Journi Dalrymple and Chessa Butler all had three hits in the loss for The Rock.

In the same division, Portland Optimist earned a 5-2 victory against Jay County REMC.

Alyssa Wendel, Gabi Miller and Emily Towell had two singles each. Towell scored twice while

Wendel and Miller each scored once. Emma Wilhelm doubled and singled, and Lizzie Miller hit a double as well.

Maggie Westgerdes led REMC in the loss with four singles and a run. Anna Pryor and Hazel Skirvin had three singles apiece, and Kendal Snow chipped in three singles.

PG-14 and Kiwanis played to an 8-8, six-inning tie in their Willie Mays matchup.

Andrew Myers doubled, singled twice and knocked in three runs, while Eli Homan hit a double and a single. Grant Fennig contributed a double, while Sam Wiggins and Alex Huntsman both had a single and an RBI.

Fennig also struck out six batters in two innings pitching.

Pacers fire Bjorkgren after 1 year

By MICHAEL MAROT

AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Kevin Pritchard hired Nate Bjorkgren to take the Indiana Pacers in a new direction.

They went the wrong way.

A season filled with defensive struggles, missed chances and locker room drama resulted Wednesday in the firing of Bjorkgren after only one season as coach.

"This was my decision," said Pritchard, the Pacers' president of basketball operations. "This was a really tough decision, one that had a lot of thought behind it. I brought in my management team, something we didn't do lightly."

Pritchard expected the 45-year-old coach, who spent the previous two seasons as Nick Nurse's top assis-

tant in Toronto, to make an impact with his new-age approach and his creativity. When the hiring was announced in October, Pritchard acknowledged he was betting big on a young coach.

It just didn't pay off.

Indiana went 34-38 before finishing the season with an embarrassing 142-115 loss to Washington in the play-in tournament — a fitting end to an abysmal season. The Wizards averaged 140.3 points in sweeping four games from the Pacers.

Indiana finished 25th in defensive scoring average (115.3 points), blew 17 fourth-quarter leads and produced its first losing record at home in 32 seasons.

Sure, injuries played a part in the results.

Indiana's top scorer from 2019-20,

T.J. Warren, suffered a season-ending foot injury after playing just four games. NBA blocks champion Myles Turner went down with a season-ending foot injury on April 18. And after trading two-time All-Star Victor Oladipo for swingman Caris LeVert in January, LeVert missed the next 24 games because team doctors found a cancerous growth on his left kidney.

"I've never really seen anything like it," potential free agent Doug McDermott said at season's end.

But there was tumult behind the scenes, too.

While Warren publicly disputed a report that he didn't want to play for Bjorkgren following the season finale, other confrontations spilled into public view.

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Swiss Village

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