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Carrera closing



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Portland Mayor John Boggs noted at Tuesday's Portland City Council meeting that Carrera Manufacturing — the company brought W&M Manufacturing and Pier-Mac Plastics under a single umbrella in 2008 — is ceasing operations.

Industry employs more than 50

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

A local industry is shutting down.

A program for improving downtown buildings was updated.

And funding for animal control services was approved.

Portland City Council had a busy second meeting of 2022 Tuesday that included the news that Carrera Manufacturing is ceasing operations.

Portland Mayor John Boggs noted at the meeting that the city has been unofficially notified that Carrera — the company brought W&M Manufactur-

ing and Pier-Mac Plastics under a single umbrella — ceased operations as of Monday. He said it is his understanding that the company will remain open for a few weeks to fulfill some final orders, but that there will be no further production at the facility.

Carrera, which has more than 50 employees, supplies custom plastic products for the casket, automotive and lighting industries. W&M was formed in 1961, and Pier-Mac began in 1975. The companies were joined under the Carrera banner in 2008.

The firm expanded its opera-

tion by 41,000 square feet in 2017 for additional manufacturing distribution and equipment. Council in August approved compliance forms for three tax abatements for the company.

Also Tuesday, council members Kent McClung, Janet Powers, Don Gillespie, Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker and Dave Golden approved various changes to the guidelines for the city's downtown facade program.

The key changes are:
•Increasing the maximum funding available to \$50,000 from the previous \$15,000. (A 50-50 match is required.)

•Changing the format to make the funding in grant form instead of the previous forgivable loan, which included a five-year mortgage.

•Extended the deadline for projects to be completed to 12 months from the previous six.

The facade program, overseen by a board that includes members from the city's redevelopment and historic preservation commissions, offers funding to help improve the exterior of downtown buildings. The last such project involved a new sign at Best One Tire and Auto Care.

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Bill moves, faces hurdles

Exemption measure passes Indiana House

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana House Republicans pushed through a proposal Tuesday that would severely limit workplace COVID-19 vaccination requirements even as the move faces resistance from Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb and GOP state Senate leaders.

The Republican-dominated Indiana House voted 58-35 largely along party lines in favor of the bill, sending it to the Senate for consideration.

Supporters maintain the bill would protect individual rights by forcing employers to grant exemptions to workers who claim medical or religious objections and limit them to requiring COVID-19 tests no more than once a week. It also requires businesses to accept as a vaccine exemption a worker's medical test results showing some level of immunity through a previous infection and makes anyone fired for not getting a COVID-19 vaccination eligible for unemployment benefits.

Major business organizations argued against the proposed vaccination exemptions, which employers would have to accept from workers "without further inquiry."

Republican House Majority Leader Matt Lehman of Berne said workers shouldn't lose their jobs over not being willing to get the COVID-19 vaccination.

"I am vaccinated, I would encourage you to get vaccinated," said Lehman, the bill's sponsor. "But this isn't about the effectiveness of the vaccine or the ineffectiveness of the vaccine."

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Flights canceled over 5G

By JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Major international airlines canceled flights heading to the U.S. or changed the planes they're using today, the latest complication in a dispute over concerns that 5G mobile phone service could interfere with aircraft technology.

Some airlines said they were warned that the Boeing 777, a plane used by carriers worldwide, was particularly affected by the new high-speed wireless service. The aircraft is the workhorse for Dubai-based Emirates, a key carrier for East-West travel, and its flight schedule took one of the biggest hits.

It was not clear how disruptive the cancellations would be. Several airlines said they would try to merely use different planes to maintain their service.

FAA has concerns about interference with aircraft technology

The cancellations and changes came a day after mobile phone carriers AT&T and Verizon said they would postpone new wireless service near some U.S. airports planned for this week. The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration has cleared a number of aircraft to fly into airports with 5G signals, but the Boeing 777 is not on the list.

Similar mobile networks have been deployed in dozens of other countries — sometimes with concessions like reducing the

power of the networks near airports, as France has done. But in the U.S., the issue has pitted the FAA and the airlines against the Federal Communications Commission and the telecoms companies.

The 5G service uses a segment of the radio spectrum that is close to that used by radio altimeters, which are devices that measure the height of aircraft above the ground and help pilots land in low visibility.

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Powerful pose

Aubri Hatzell and Hunter Shaneyfelt of Jay County High School's Patriot Edition show choir hold their pose after a song during their exhibition performance Saturday at the Jay County Show Choir Spectacular. Patriot Edition and Just Treble will open their competition season this weekend at the Pendleton Heights Arabian Spectacular.

Deaths

Edith Burkhalter, 70, rural Bryant
Steed Arnold, 51, Portland
Jean Fortkamp, 86, Fort Recovery
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 39 degrees Tuesday. The low was 25.
Tonight's forecast calls for a low of 16, with winds up to 20 miles per hour. Thursday's high will top out at 22.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council will tour the former Judge Haynes Elementary School building, which is being considered for a child care facility, at 1 p.m. Jan. 27. The tour is considered a public meeting.

Coming up

Thursday — Coverage of today's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.

Saturday — Results from Friday's JCHS boys basketball game against South Adams.



Obituaries

Edith Burkhalter

Jan. 17, 1952-Jan. 17, 2022

Edith Maxine Burkhalter, age 70, a resident of rural Bryant, passed away on Monday, Jan. 17, 2022, at her son's home in rural Bryant.

Edith was born Jan. 17, 1952, in Jay County, the daughter of Homer and Helen (Burkey) Caylor.

Edith retired from Standard Brush and Broom in Portland after 32 years of service. She

served beef and noodles at the Tri-State Antique Tractor and Engine Show and volunteered at Family and Social Services in Portland.

Survivors include:

Two sons — Gerald Burkhalter (wife: Nova), Bryant, Indiana, and Robbie Burkhalter, Bryant, Indiana



Burkhalter

One sister — Nancy Eley, Portland, Indiana

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Patsy France and Hazel Pitman; and three brothers, Donald, Larry and Earl Caylor.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Gravel Hill Cemetery, west of Bryant with Pastor Ed Roller officiating the service.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Steed Arnold, Portland, Nov. 5, 1970-Jan. 17, 2022. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Jean F. Fortkamp, Fort Recovery, May 22, 1935-Jan. 17, 2022. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held

at 10 a.m. Saturday at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church in Fort Recovery.

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

Thursday 1/20	Friday 1/21	Saturday 1/22	Sunday 1/23	Monday 1/24
22/11	24/11	29/18	26/16	28/15
Thursday should be sunny with a 10 mph northern wind. The low may reach 11 degrees.	Another day of sun is expected Friday with temperature highs in the mid 20s.	Saturday looks to be partly sunny with mostly cloudy skies at night.	Sunday should also be partly sunny. The low may dip to about 16.	More partly sunny skies are on the horizon for Monday. The high will be 28.

Lotteries

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$62 million

Mega Millions

4-19-39-42-52
Mega Ball: 9
Megaplier: 4
Estimated jackpot: \$376 million

Hoosier

Midday
Daily Three: 5-2-4
Daily Four: 1-2-4-9
Quick Draw: 9-10-12-15-17-23-28-33-41-43-44-45-46-56-65-66-69-72-74-79
Evening
Daily Three: 3-1-5
Daily Four: 6-6-6-2

Quick Draw: 2-7-13-15-19-28-29-41-42-44-50-52-58-62-65-66-70-72-76-79

Cash 5: 9-14-22-43-44
Estimated jackpot: \$120,000

Ohio

Midday
Pick 3: 5-5-8
Pick 4: 7-1-8-1
Pick 5: 3-7-9-6-9
Evening
Pick 3: 3-4-2
Pick 4: 2-6-3-4
Pick 5: 9-5-6-4-6
Rolling Cash: 5-6-14-17-27
Estimated jackpot: \$365,000

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery

Corn.....6.14
Feb. corn6.17
Wheat7.67

POET Biorefining Portland

Corn.....6.24
Feb. corn6.19
March corn6.19

The Andersons Richland Township

Corn6.03
Feb. corn6.08
Beans13.74
Feb. beans13.74

Wheat 7.72
Feb. wheat 7.72

Central States Montpelier

Corn.....6.00
Feb. corn6.00
Beans13.72
Feb. beans13.72
Jan. wheat 7.75

Sunrise St. Anthony

Corn.....6.00
Feb. corn6.00
Beans13.57
Feb. beans13.60
Wheat7.42

Today in history

On Jan. 19, 1981, the United States and Iran signed an accord paving the way for the release of 52 Americans held hostage for more than 14 months.

In 1853, Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Il Trovatore" premiered in Rome.

In 1861, Georgia became the fifth state to secede from the Union.

In 1915, Germany carried out its first air raid on Britain during World War I as a pair of Zeppelins dropped bombs onto Great Yarmouth and King's Lynn in England.

In 1942, during World War II, Japanese forces captured the British protectorate of North Borneo. A German submarine sank the Canadian liner RMS Lady Hawkins off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, killing 251 people; 71 survived.

In 1944, the federal government relinquished control of the

nation's railroads to their owners following settlement of a wage dispute.

In 1953, CBS-TV aired the widely watched episode of "I Love Lucy" in which Lucy Ricardo, played by Lucille Ball, gave birth to Little Ricky.

In 1966, Indira Gandhi was chosen to be prime minister of India by the National Congress party.

In 2005, the American Cancer Society reported that cancer had passed heart disease as the top killer of Americans age 85 and younger.

In 2012, Redkey Town Council approved a proposal to prepare a legal description of a parcel owned by Bell Aquaculture to be annexed. (The site is now home to Fisher Meats.)

—AP and The CR

Capsule Reports

Drove into traffic

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after a Portland man lost control of his vehicle and crashed into an oncoming truck on county road 200 South about 7:34 a.m. Tuesday.

No injuries were reported. Joshua R. Williams, 40, was driving east on the road near county road 500 East when his 2013 Dodge Caravan malfunctioned. (He told Jay County Sheriff's Office he either got a flat tire or the steering locked up.) Williams' vehicle began to cross the center line and struck an oncoming 2014 Ford F150, driven by 39-year-old Melissa A. Stephen of Portland.

Both vehicles were towed. The truck Stephen was driving is registered to Javelina Construction of Fishers.

Lost control

A Berne man lost control of his truck on county road 650 North, causing his vehicle to slide off the road and into a pole about 10:10 a.m. Tuesday.

Braxton D. Haight, 22, Berne, was driving his 2008 Dodge Ram

west on county road 650 North near county road 250 West. As Haight drove over a hill, his truck began to slide on ice. He wasn't able to regain control of his vehicle, crossing the center of the road and sliding off the south side of the road. His truck then hit a utility pole.

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Haight's vehicle was towed.

Turning accident

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000 after a Portland woman's vehicle turned into oncoming traffic on Franklin Street about 10:02 a.m. Tuesday.

Tina M. Fisher, 53, Portland, was driving her 2005 Chevrolet Equinox west on an alley near Lewis Street and began turning right onto Franklin Street. She didn't stop and collided with a northbound 2004 Jeep Liberty, driven by 24-year-old Brianna N. Davis of Portland, according to a Portland Police accident report.

Icy road

A Portland man's truck slid off

the road while attempting to pass another vehicle on U.S. 27 about 1:47 p.m. Monday.

Daniel P. Donnersbach, 63, Portland, was driving his 2003 Ford F150 south on the highway near county road 450 South and began passing a vehicle in front of him. As he crossed an icy patch on the road, he lost control of his truck and began spinning out of control. Donnersbach's vehicle went into an eastern ditch and stopped on its side.

His truck was towed, with damage estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Deer hit

A Salamonia man crashed his car into a deer on county road 750 East about 6:40 a.m. this morning.

Johnothan P. Fischer, 25, was driving north on the road just north of the intersection with county road 150 North when a deer ran in front of his 2015 Nissan Altima. Fischer wasn't able to avoid a collision with the animal, causing between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in estimated damage.

His vehicle was towed.

Closing ...

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Council also approved a new agreement with Jay County Humane Society for animal control services at a rate of \$15,000 per year plus additional funding for gas. The humane society and Midwest Pet Refuge took over animal control services in the city and county in January 2021 following the retirement of the Fields family, but a formal agreement with the city was never put in place. Tuesday's vote included \$17,500 for the humane society for services performed in 2021. (The humane society plans to split that money with Midwest Pet Refuge.)

Humane society president Mindy Weaver also informed council that fundraising so far has brought in more than \$400,000 for the construction of a new animal control shelter. (The county has also committed \$275,000 toward the project.) The new facility is estimated at about \$1 million, not including land acquisition costs.

In other business, council:

- Brought up various questions about Portland Board of Works' vote earlier this month to purchase of 96-gallon trash

totes for city residents. Boggs said the firm that will be providing the totes plans to host an informational session and a "frequently asked questions" sheet will be sent out with February's water bills. Street department superintendent Tom Leonhard plans to suggest updates to the city's ordinance regarding trash, with those changes subject to council approval.

- Heard a comment from McClung about the potential impact of Indiana House Bill 1002, which, in part, would reduce the business personal property tax. He encouraged reaching out to legislators to ask that any tax revenue taken away from municipalities because of the tax cut be replaced by other means.

- Amended the city ordinance regarding park board membership to eliminate the requirement that two members be Republicans and two be Democrats. (The fifth

is appointed by Jay School Board.)

- Heard Golden ask about possible increases to the city's water and sewer rates. Clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips said a rate study will be conducted after the scope of work necessary at the city's wastewater treatment plant is determined.

- Appointed Aker to the Jay-Portland inter-local joint board.

- Learned, in response to a question from Aker, that Wendy's is looking at the former auto lot at Meridian and Race streets in Portland as well as property on the west side of the city for possible purchase. The possibility of the fast-food chain opening a location in Portland has been discussed on and off for more than 20 years.

- Heard a request from Portland police officer Jeff Hopkins that the city recognize his service time from Dunkirk Police Department toward his vacation. He said a prom-

ise to do so was made to him prior to his hiring in summer 2019, but that it was never brought in front of board of works for a vote. Council asked the mayor to have the board of works look into the situation.

- Heard the following from Boggs:

- He has appointed John McFarland to Portland Park Board. Another seat remains open, and he said he and board president Brian Ison are working to fill it. Anyone interested in serving should contact the mayor's office at (260) 729-2277.

- Appraisals will be done this week on The Greazy Pickle and the former Sertech Heating and Air Conditioning location, 1609 N. Meridian St., as the first step in potential facilitating a move for the restaurant and bar. The Greazy Pickle shares a common wall with the Bailey building — a recent inspection showed it needs to be torn down after having fallen into disrepair — at the corner of Main and Commerce streets in Portland.

SERVICES

Wednesday

Christie, Marilyn: 1 p.m., Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City.

Thursday

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

Johnson, Jerry: 2 p.m., Meacham Funeral Service, 648 W. State St., Albany.

Friday

Burkhalter, Edith: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Saturday

Fortkamp, Jean: 10 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpshurg Road, Fort Recovery.

Monday

Arnold, Steed: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Citizen's calendar

Today

4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North.

Thursday

3 p.m. — Jay County

Commissioners, executive session, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.

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JCHS honor roll released

Jay County High School recently announced its first semester honor roll. The following seniors are recognized on the list:

Adnan Akinci, Syeda Aneesa, Madeline Ardizzone, Shea Bailey, Malika Batyr, Dorane Beiswanger, Tarron A. Bentz, Katelyn J. Bihn, Kierston L. Blunk, Isaac C. Braun, Ramon E. Bravo, Grace L. Brewster, Olivia N. Bright, Ieva Busa, Bakhtiyor D. Butabekov, Emily L. Byrum, Taryn C. Caldwell, Sidney G. Campbell, Makaya N. Champ, Haleigh L. Clayton, Jayden L. Claytor, Bryce C. Collins, Heidi S. Cox and Monica Cristofari. Also Ethan L. Dirksen, Madison F. Dirksen,

Elizabeth L. Dollar, Emily R. Dues, Samuel J. Dunlavy, Madison C. Eley, Beyza N. Emen, Darius M. Esparza, Paulina L. Esquivel-Macias, Marah Fares, Quinn T. Faulkner, Qadon T. Ferrell, Shawn M. Fisher, Anastasya Fomina, Aaron L. Funkhouser, Cameron T. Gage, Aidan Garlinger and Sean D. Guntle.

Also Matthew D. Hall, Heaven Y. Hambrock, Rylee J. Hambrock, Nadia L. Hardman, Kayla M. Harrington, Dustin E. Harris, Jacob L. Hart, Aubri A. Hatzell, Lilly A. Hedges, Holly M. Hemmelgarn, Crosby R. Heniser, Joshua R. Hilty, Abilene D. Hough and Marissa R. Huey.

Also Tricia A. Ison, Madison L. Jetmore, Devin R. Jinez, Andrea J. Jutte, Kylie E. Klopfenstein, Dylan J. Knapschafer, Kaeleigh J. Lairson, Tyler K. Lewis, Haley N. Likens, Alexyn M. Longworth, Mariana I. Lopez, Itziar Lopez de Arcaute Martinez, Corben M. Lugar, Lucas J. Lyons, Grace Lynn R. Maitlen, Cristian I. Marentes, Kess T. McBride, Lindy M. Mercer, Connor J. Miller, Graiden J. Miller and Marissa L. Miller.

Also Masahiro Mitsuishi, Adam M. Muhlenkamp, Chailey A. Muhlenkamp, Gavin M. Muhlenkamp, Hannah R. Muhlenkamp, Gavin U. Myers, Benjamin R. Nichols, Kaden O. Norris, Ryleigh N. Oswald,

Marissa R. Overla, Elayna R. Paro, Isaac J. Peterson, Jonathan T. Peterson and Adrek I. Pogue.

Also Isabel M. Rodgers, Mason J. Rogers, Maria Sanchez Martin, Kyle A. Sanders, Flint J. Schmiesing, Hunter R. Shaneyfelt, Jacqueline S. Smith, Konner S. Sommers, Elijah O. Stephens and Chrystal F. Stewart.

Also Adinai Temirbekova, Evan R. Toney, Darina I. Ustenko, McKenna N. Vore, Madison M. Wenk, Seth J. Wilson, Aaron M. Wittwer, Lindy B. Wood and Ashton G. Yowell.

Juniors and underclassmen will be published in The CR at a later date.

Weather change is fast, unsettling

By KWAME DAWES

More and more, poets, like everyone else, are confronted with the news and physical evidence of change in our weather patterns and landscapes, and we find ourselves trying to find language for this unsettling sense that the world is changing rapidly.

Khadijah Queen, in her poem, "Undoing," has a haunting sense while driving through a snowstorm, that somehow our machines and our voracious appetite for fuel

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have something to do with this "undoing" of our world. Like many of us, she is arrested by this knowing.

Poetry does not always give us answers, instead, it helps us meditate on the questions, and this, sometimes, is enough.

Undoing

In winter traffic, fog of midday

shoves toward our machines—snow eclipses

the mountainscapes

I drive toward, keeping time against

the urge to quit moving. I refuse to not

know how not to, wrestling

out loud to music, as hovering me—automatic

engine, watching miles of sky on the fall—loves such

undoing, secretly, adding fuel to

what undoes the ozone, the endless nothing

manifested as sinkholes under permafrost.

Refusal, indecision—an arctic

undoing of us, interrupting cascades—

icy existences. I cannot drive through.

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Fiance's friends cause concern

DEAR ABBY: My fiance, "Peter," has a number of female friends I'm not comfortable with, primarily because they are women he "had" interest in before we started dating. He says he has told them he's taken now and they can't be more than friends, but I don't think they got the message. He recently told me one of them told him a guy had proposed to her but she's delaying accepting in case Peter becomes available. This is the second time something like this has happened.

I believe it's because of the way he relates to these girls. I mean, if he has really made clear in words and actions that he's not interested in them romantically, they wouldn't base their life decisions on the hope that they may still have a chance with him.

Peter may tell me these things because he wants me to know lots of women are willing to have him. But I'm confused at this point about whether he's truly committed to me. Could it be he just likes "talking" to

Dear Abby



counseling may help to clear the air.

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DEAR ABBY: I have to meet my fiance's adult children. They are not happy he's in a relationship since their mom's death two years ago. I'm very nervous about it, and so is he. What do we do? — TAKING THE NEXT STEP

DEAR TAKING: You meet them, and do your best to relax and be friendly and open with them. Understand they are still grieving the loss of their beloved mother, and be prepared to do a lot of listening. Refrain from physical displays of affection with your fiance until they get to know you.

If it becomes necessary, their father should be prepared to make clear to them that you two are going to be married and, while they do not have to "love" you, he expects them to treat you with courtesies, respect and kindness.

women even though it leads them on? And is this behavior healthy for a future marriage? — SECOND THOUGHTS

DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS: You are asking intelligent questions. Unfortunately, not knowing your fiance, I can't answer them. I can, however, offer this: When couples become serious, they stop playing games. If your fiance thinks that causing you to feel jealous or insecure at this point is constructive, he is making a mistake because it won't stop after the wedding. Peter appears to be immature, and that's a red flag. Premarital

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

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 Begin-

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

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

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

Thursday

SENIOR CITIZENS CARD CLUB — Will meet at 1 p.m. on the first, second, third and fifth Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

EN AVANT CLUB — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

JAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Jay County Public Library. The public is welcome.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

PTSD SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 6 p.m. every Thursday at the Portland American Legion Post, 211 W. Walnut St., Portland.

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.

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

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

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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After dinosaur, it could be anything

By JACK RONALD

The Commercial Review

My wife is building a stegosaurus.

She's knitting various bits and parts, but "building" is the right word because she's going to have to put all this together at some point.

Knitting is something Connie has done for as long as I've known her.

My mother was a knitter, and it was one of the many things they bonded over.

I think the first knitting project I received from my then-girlfriend in college was a scarf.

It was warm and handsome, and I loved it. But there was just one problem. It stretched. So while it was perfect when I received it, the thing was more

Back in the Saddle



than 5 feet long a couple of winters later.

Sweaters followed.

She knit for me and for our daughters.

In 2021, perhaps spurred by the isolation the pandemic has placed upon us, she produced sweaters for all of our grandchildren: Emily's sons Julian, 11, and Gabriel, who turned 8 on Christmas Eve, Maggie's daughter Johanna, 8, and Sally's daughters Bea, 3, and

Cora, who just turned three months.

It was an astonishing performance in the world of knitting.

But a stegosaurus?

The idea began to take shape in October when we asked Bea what she wanted for her third birthday.

She was turning three in early December, and like a lot of kids that age, she's become enamored of dinosaurs.

We took the hint. Every birthday gift seemed to have a dinosaur connection.

And the dino gifts were a big hit, especially the set of dinosaur bath toys that light up when you put them in water. Who needs a rubber ducky when you've got a T-Rex that flashes lights in the tub?

I'm not sure where the plans for the stegosaurus came from. Probably from the internet.

But I do know that the project involves lots of purple yarn. Lots and lots of purple yarn.

Why purple? Why not? Who knows what color a real stegosaurus was back in the day?

It's also pink and will have googly eyes when it's finished.

My job is simple: I sit at the other end of the couch while we watch way, way too much NFL football and try to keep my mouth shut. Connie knits. I watch football. That's a pretty typical division of labor in an American household.

Stegosaurus building is serious work and requires serious concentration. The least I can do is stay quiet.

As it has taken shape, it is safe to say that the project is a little more complicated than my wife realized when she began.

Last I heard, the finished product — when all of the knitted bits are assembled and knit together and stuffed with something soft — the purple stegosaurus will measure 20 inches high.

Will it be done by the Super Bowl? The jury is still out.

But it should be finished and delivered by March when we make a COVID-precautioned visit to Bea and Cora and their parents in Bloomington.

The real question then is: What next?

When it comes to grandmothers — especially grandmothers who knit — your guess is as good as mine.

Use science to fight pandemic

Herald Bulletin
(Anderson)

On Dec. 9, 3,382 Hoosiers were hospitalized with COVID-19. That's the highest number since December 2020 and more than the populations of Corydon, Sheridan, Brownstown, New Palestine and hundreds of other Hoosier locales.

Beyond putting a massive strain on the health care system, the most recent hospitalization surge illustrates two facts: COVID isn't going away, and the response to the virus in Indiana has been wholly inadequate.

Omicron has proved to be more readily transmittable than other variants, passing Delta as a cause of hospitalizations in Indiana last month. And it's clear that it won't be the last variant to fill our hospitals and our morgues. Over 19,000 Hoosiers have died — more than the populations of Logansport, New Castle, Huntington, Vincennes and Frankfort. Yet millions of Hoosiers, rather than becoming resistant to the virus, remain resistant to vaccination. Indiana has the ninth-lowest vaccination rate in the United States, 52.4% among its general population. Most notably, we're dead last among our contiguous states, trailing Illinois (64.8%), Michigan (57.3%), Ohio (55.8%) and Kentucky (54.7%).

There's a direct, undeniable link between vaccination status and hospitalizations. WTHR Channel 13 in Indianapolis asked four hospital organizations — Ascension St. Vincent, Community Health Network, Eskenazi and Indiana University Arnett Hospital in Lafayette — what percentage of COVID patients were unvaccinated. The answers ranged from 81% to 96%.

Why do so many Hoosiers refuse to get inoculated when the full weight of educated health care advice, science and statistics supports the effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccine? Politics.

Here's a prime example: Instead of focusing on legislation that would support public health directives to battle the coronavirus, some lawmakers are trying to hamstring employers who want to

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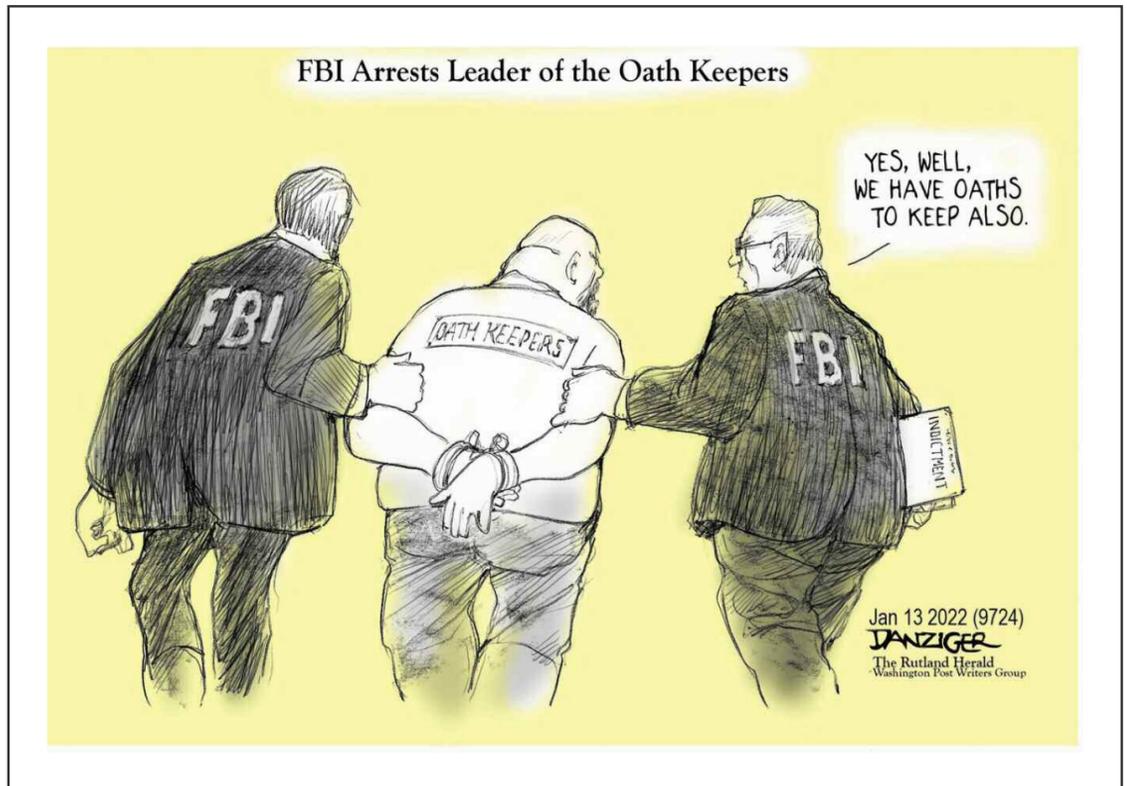
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create a safe workplace by minimizing spread of the virus.

House Bill 1001 would require private employers who mandate the vaccine to pay the full unemployment benefits of any workers who refuse and are denied an exemption.

Rather than pandering to its anti-vaccine political base, the Republican super-majority at the Statehouse should join forces with Gov. Eric Holcomb and the state's health department to overhaul Indiana's approach to fighting the virus.

All options, including vaccine and mask mandates and limitations on indoor gatherings, should be considered COVID-19 has shown that it isn't going away on its own. If Indiana doesn't take a bold, calculated approach to fighting it, a year from now our state's death toll could be close to 40,000, comparable to Hoosier cities as large as New Albany, Richmond, Valparaiso and Goshen.



Resilience is mostly a mirage

By BOBBY GHOSH

Bloomberg Opinion

After nearly a decade of chronic anemia, the Iranian economy appears to be in recovery. That, at least, is the headline from the latest World Bank report on the Islamic Republic. "After exiting a two-year recession in 2020/21, Iran's economy returned to some growth in 2021/22," say the report's authors, pointing to a 6.2% rebound in last year's spring quarter. The government's own statistical body claims GDP grew 5.9% in the first half. (The Iranian fiscal year runs from March 22 to March 21.)

The regime in Tehran will undoubtedly seize on this as proof of its efforts to create a "resistance economy" are bearing fruit. Since being sworn in last summer, President Ebrahim Raisi has faithfully parroted Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei's dictum about insulating Iran from the effects of U.S. sanctions by encouraging domestic production and non-oil trade with neighboring countries.

This narrative is not only for domestic consumption but also for an international audience. It underpins Tehran's claims that it need not make significant concessions to the Biden administration to secure sanctions relief. Iranian officials boast that economic self-reliance has strengthened their hand in nuclear negotiations currently under way in Vienna with the world powers.

This is pure bluff. A closer examination of the World Bank report casts doubt on the regime's "resistance economy" claims. Ordinary Iranians already know this and are growing louder and bolder in expressing their dissatisfaction: Witness the spurt in protests across the country throughout 2021.

This should bolster the negotiating position of the U.S. and other world powers in Vienna. Khamenei and Raisi desperately need to generate the kind of growth that would placate

their restive population, and that is impossible without sanctions relief. The Biden administration should use this as leverage to force Iran to back down from its nuclear brinkmanship.

The most salient point in the World Bank report is that the GDP growth was made possible, in large part, by "more favorable oil sector conditions," which is hardly a barometer of self-reliance. With President Joe Biden lifting some sanctions imposed by his predecessor and easing up on the Trump administration's "maximum pressure" campaign against Iran, the regime in Tehran has been able to eke out more revenue from oil exports, especially to China.

But what Biden giveth, he can also take away. The administration has recently begun to tighten the enforcement screws, warning companies in the United Arab Emirates that act as intermediaries in Iran's sanctions-evading oil exports. Along with stricter sanctions policing, Tehran will also be mindful of the predicted slowing of the global economy — and especially the Chinese economy.

The other point worth teasing out of the World Bank report is that the growth has been jobless, which is unsurprising since much of it comes from the capital-intensive oil sector. One of the regime's most pressing problems is to provide employment for a youthful population. Although official unemployment is less than 10% (the figure is closer to 17% for youth unemployment), this doesn't capture the true scope of the crisis because Iran has one of the world's lowest labor-force participation rates.

Bobby Ghosh



Long-term economic sclerosis has kept millions of Iranians from entering the job market.

Add rampant inflation and currency devaluation to unemployment and you begin to appreciate the depth of the anger among ordinary Iranians. The report notes that household welfare has declined, "especially among the bottom-income deciles who were also disproportionately impacted by the pandemic." Inflation is running at around 40% and even higher for food products. The rial crashed to historic lows last month, crossing 300,000 to the dollar in the open market. The official rate is 42,000 to the dollar, but the government is signaling this may no longer be sustainable.

Obliged to end subsidies on food imports in the new fiscal year starting in late March, the government is promising cash handouts and coupons.

These interlocking problems are being compounded by climate change, which brings political challenges in addition to causing economic damage. A water crisis late last year set off massive protests, especially in the historic city of Isfahan. The government responded as it always does, with brute force. But as such events multiply, sustaining that level of repression will become harder — and more expensive. (This may explain why Raisi is proposing to double the budget of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, the paramilitary force created to protect the regime.)

However hard Tehran tries to spin the World Bank report as a sign of economic tenacity, then, ordinary Iranians already know how tenuous things really are. The Biden administration and the other world powers gathered in Vienna should not be fooled.

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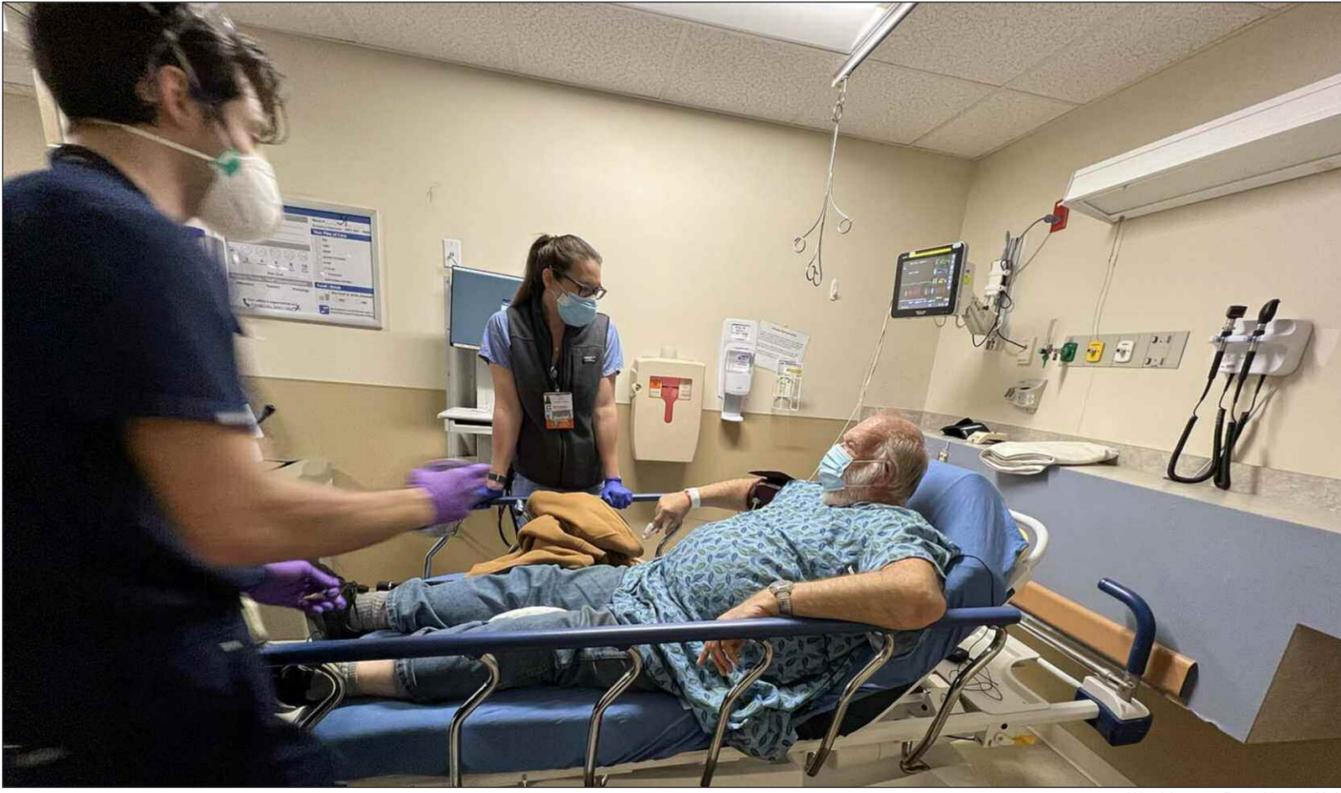
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Emergency medicine physician Anne Dulski, center, speaks with Stanley Lomas, who arrived at Kent Hospital in Rhode Island by ambulance with chest pains. On Thursday, when The Washington Post spent an afternoon in Kent's overburdened emergency department, there were 794,202 new cases of COVID-19 in the United States. The White House announced today that the masks will come from the government's Strategic National Stockpile, which has more than 750 million of the highly protective masks on hand.

Feds to give away masks

By ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration will begin making 400 million N95 masks available for free to Americans starting next week, now that federal officials are emphasizing their better protection against the omicron variant of COVID-19 over cloth face coverings. The White House announced today that the masks will come from the government's Strategic National Stockpile, which has more than 750 million of the highly protective masks on hand. The masks will be available for pickup at pharmacies and community health centers across the country. They will begin shipping this week for distribution starting

late next week, the White House said. This will be the largest distribution of free masks by the federal government to the public since the COVID-19 pandemic began. In early 2020, then-President Donald Trump's administration considered and then shelved plans to send masks to all American at their homes. President Joe Biden embraced the initiative after facing mounting criticism this month over the inaccessibility — both in supply and cost — of N95 masks as the highly transmissible omicron variant swept across the country. After facing similar criticism over a winter shortage of COVID-19 at-home test kits, Biden this week launched a website for

Americans to order four rapid tests to be shipped to their homes for free, with the first tests to ship later this month. The White House said the masks will be made available at pharmacies and community health centers that have partnered with the federal government's COVID-19 vaccination campaign. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday updated its guidance on face coverings to more clearly state that properly fitted N95 and KN95 masks offer the most protection against COVID-19. Still, it didn't formally recommend N95s over cloth masks. The best mask "is the one that you will wear and the one you

can keep on all day long, that you can tolerate in public indoor settings," CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said last week. Details were not immediately available on the specifics of the program, including the sort of masks to be provided, whether kid-size ones will be available and whether the masks could be reworn. The White House said that "to ensure broad access for all Americans, there will be three masks available per person." N95 or KN95 masks are more widely available now than at any other time during the pandemic, though they are often more costly than less-protective surgical masks or cloth masks.

Bill ...

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"This is about the right of the individual, as an employee, what their rights are."
The vote comes after the U.S. Supreme Court's decision last week to block the Biden administration's attempt to require COVID-19 vaccinations or testing for workers at big companies. The court, however, let stand a federal vaccination requirement for most health-care workers, so Indiana hospital systems, such as Indiana University Health and Accension St. Vincent, with vaccine mandates wouldn't be effected by the proposed state law. Holcomb and top Senate leaders have opposed the bill as wrongly interfering in the decisions of private businesses. The Senate is advancing a bill limited to administrative steps Holcomb says are needed to end his statewide COVID-19 public health emergency by allowing the state to keep receiving enhanced federal funding for Medicaid and food assistance programs.

Those steps are included in the House bill, but House Republicans have pushed the vaccination mandate limits in response to conservative grievances over government-ordered virus precautions. Democratic Rep. Ed DeLaney of Indianapolis criticized the House proposal as doing nothing to improve the state's low vaccination rate and only encouraging those who don't want to get the shots. "Liars and hypocrites and chickens can sign a piece of paper saying they have a religious exemption and the employer must accept it," DeLaney said. The fast-spreading omicron variant has pushed Indiana's number of confirmed COVID-19 infections to an average of nearly 14,000 a day, according to state health department tracking. That is the highest level during the pandemic as Indiana's hospitals were treating almost 3,400 COVID-19 patients as of Monday — a number that is up about 190% from two months ago and the highest since mid-December 2020 before the vaccines were widely available.

Canceled ...

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The FCC, which set a buffer between the 5G band and the spectrum that planes use, determined that it could be used safely in the vicinity of air traffic. AT&T and Verizon have said their equipment will not interfere with aircraft electronics. But FAA officials saw a potential problem, and the telecom companies agreed to a pause while it is addressed. Today, Emirates announced it would halt flights to several American cities due to "operational concerns associated with the planned deployment of 5G mobile network services in the U.S. at certain airports." It said it would continue flights to Los Angeles, New York and Washington. "We are working closely with aircraft manufacturers and the relevant authorities to alleviate operational concerns, and we hope to resume our U.S. services as soon as possible," the state-owned airline said. Of particular concern appears to be the Boeing 777. Emirates only flies that model and the Airbus A380 jumbo jet. Japan's All Nippon Airways said that the FAA "has indicated that radio waves from the 5G wireless service may interfere with aircraft altimeters." "Boeing has announced flight restrictions on all airlines operating the Boeing 777 aircraft, and we have canceled or changed the aircraft for some flights to/from the U.S. based on the announcement by Boeing," ANA said. It canceled 20 flights over the issue to cities such as Chicago, Los Angeles and New York. Japan Airlines similarly said that it had been informed that 5G signals "may interfere with the radio altimeter installed on the Boeing 777." It said it will stop using the model in the continental U.S. for now. Eight of its flights were affected today — three passenger trips and five for cargo. Taiwan's

'Base stations in rural areas of the United States are permitted to emit at higher levels in comparison to other countries which may affect radio altimeter equipment accuracy and reliability.'
—Federal Aviation Administration

EVA Air also said the FAA specifically said 777s may be affected, but it did not spell out how it would adjust its schedule. But Air France said it planned to continue flying its Boeing 777s into American airports. It did not explain why it didn't change its aircraft as many other carriers have. Chicago-based Boeing Co. did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Air India also announced on Twitter it would cancel flights to Chicago, Newark, New York and San Francisco because of the 5G issue. But it also said it would try to use other aircraft on U.S. routes — a course several other airlines took. Korean Air, Hong Kong's Cathay Pacific and Austrian Airlines said they substituted different planes for flights that were scheduled to use 777s. Korean Air spokeswoman Jill Chung said the airline was also avoiding operating some kinds of 747s at affected airports. Germany's Lufthansa also swapped out one kind of 747 for another on some U.S.-bound flights. British Airways canceled several planned U.S.-bound Boeing 777 flights and changed aircraft on others. The FAA has said it will allow planes with accurate, reliable altimeters to operate around high-power 5G. But planes with older altimeters will not be

allowed to make landings under low-visibility conditions. Part of the problem, according to the FAA, is the signal strength of the 5G towers and the orientation of their antennae. "Base stations in rural areas of the United States are permitted to emit at higher levels in comparison to other countries which may affect radio altimeter equipment accuracy and reliability," the FAA said in December. The FCC's chairwoman said in a statement that the 5G "deployment can safely co-exist with aviation technologies in the United States, just as it does in other countries around the world." However, Jessica Rosenworcel urged the FAA to conduct its safety checks with "both care and speed." AT&T and Verizon spent tens of billions of dollars for the 5G spectrum known as C-Band in a government auction last year. Choi Jong-yun, a spokeswoman of Asiana Airlines, said the company hasn't been affected so far because it uses Airbus planes for passenger flights to the U.S. However, Choi raised a new wrinkle, saying airlines have also been instructed by the FAA to avoid automatic landings at affected U.S. airports during bad weather conditions, regardless of plane type. Asiana will redirect its planes to nearby airports during those conditions, she said.

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Stride ...

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Bader added a blowout individual win as her time of 6:03.15 was good for first in the 500 freestyle by more than 20 seconds. (Anna Solis finished sixth in the 500 freestyle but cut 25 seconds from her season-best time.)
JCHS also led off the night with a one-two showing in diving. Snow won the event with 171.50 points, and Natalie Wehrly (158.30) was second.
Jay County started the swimming competition on a

winning note as well, taking the 200-yard medley relay (2:08.66) with their quartet of Emily Dues, Mara Bader, Elyna Paro and Zion Beiswanger.
On the boys' side, Jay County (3-7) got a pair of event victories from Kyle Sanders, who took the 200 freestyle (1:59.71) and the 100 freestyle (50.89). Josh Monroe added a win in the 100-yard backstroke (1:10.14).
Sanders' times in his two individual event wins stood out for Slavik.

"That's the fastest he's swam for us all year," Slavik said.
Tanner Townsend led the Muncie Central boys to the team win with victories in the 200 individual medley and 100 backstroke. The Bearcats also swept the relays.
With both Patriot squads doing some of their best swimming of the season, expectations are high headed into Friday night's ACAC Championships.
"It'll be a good meet," Slavik said. "I hope our girls can pull

it out. The boys should be interesting."
The girls team will be seeking its fifth straight conference title.
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Turner out at least 2 weeks

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana Pacers expect center Myles Turner to miss at least the next two weeks with an injured left foot.
Team officials announced Tuesday that the 6-foot-11 Turner was examined by multiple specialists who diagnosed him with a "stress reaction." Turner will get treatment and be re-evaluated in two weeks, the Pacers said.
He has been one of the league's top shot-blockers since the Pacers selected him in the first round of the 2015 draft, winning last season's blocks title. This season, Turner was averaging 12.9 points, 7.1 rebounds and 2.8 blocks in 42 games.

Roundup ...

Continued from page 8
The Indian girls lost 67-35 to the host Eagles and 54-45 to the Burriss Owls. On the boys side, FRHS fell 87-6 to Delta and 78-9 to Burriss.
Teigen Fortkamp and Audra Bulp each earned a pair of victories to lead the girls team. Fortkamp, a 2021 state qualifier, was first in the 200-yard indi-

vidual medley and 100 freestyle. Bulp added victories in the 100 breaststroke and 100 butterfly.
Fortkamp and Bulp also teamed with Joelle Kaup and Paige Guggenbiller to win the 200 medley relay.

Stars top FR again

BERNE — Fort Recovery's girls basketball team fell to

South Adams for the second time in three days Tuesday, this time by a 40-23 final.
The teams also met Saturday in Fort Recovery, with the Indians losing 51-25.
The Tribe (2-13) trailed by just one after the first quarter but again struggled offensively against SAHS. It scored in single digits in every quarter, get-

ting outscored 24-10 in the second and third combined.
Mara Pearson paced Fort Recovery with nine points, five of which came in the final period. Kennedy Muhlenkamp had all of her six points in the second half.
Macy Pries and Peyton Pries finished with 11 points each for South Adams.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Thursday
Jay County — Girls basketball at Delta — 6 p.m.; Junior varsity wrestling at Belmont — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at South Adams — 5:30 p.m.; Junior varsity wrestling at Adams Central — 5:30 p.m.; Freshman boys basketball vs. Mississinewa — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. South Adams — 6 p.m.; Jun-

ior high wrestling at Adams Central — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at St. Henry — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at St. Henry — 5 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. Celina — 5 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
6:30 p.m. — Men's college bas-

ketball: Penn State vs. Minnesota (BTN)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Alabama vs. LSU (ESPN2); Georgia Tech vs. Wake Forest (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: New York Rangers vs. Toronto Maple Leafs (TNT)
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Rutgers vs. Iowa (BTN)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Auburn vs. Georgia (ESPN)

9 p.m. — Tennis: Australian Open (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — NHL hockey: Anaheim Ducks vs. Colorado Avalanche (TNT)

Thursday
5 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Southern Illinois — Edwardsville vs. Tennessee State (ESPN)
5 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Providence vs. Georgetown (EFS1)

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7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Indiana vs. Purdue (FS1); Memphis vs. SMU (ESPN2); North Texas vs. Charlotte (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Dallas Mavericks vs. Phoenix Suns (TNT)
8 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Iowa vs. Minnesota (BTN)
8 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Miami at Florida State (ESPN2)

9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Butler vs. Connecticut (FS1); Cincinnati vs. Tulsa (ESPN)
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The Project includes the following Work: The resurfacing of various streets within the City of Portland.
Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found and downloaded at the following website: choiceoneengineering.com/projects-out-for-bid. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office of Choice One.
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

East's bid tells the tale

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♦ K 6
♥ A J 6 3 2
♦ 9 4 3
♠ K 6
WEST
♥ J 10 8
♠ 5 4
♦ 10 7 5
♣ 9 8 5 4 2
EAST
♥ A Q 9 7 3
♠ 9
♦ K Q 6
♣ J 10 7 3
SOUTH
♠ 5 4 2
♥ K Q 10 8 7
♦ A 8 2
♣ A Q
The bidding:
East South West North
1 ♠ 2♥ Pass 4♥
Opening lead — jack of spades.
The opposing bidding often guides declarer to the best method of play. In this deal, for example, East's opening spade bid drew an accurate blueprint that declarer could easily follow to reach his goal.
West led the jack of spades, and East cashed two spade tricks before shifting to a club. South's problem was to avoid two diamond losers. He could not expect to do this
against most possible divisions of the East-West cards, but South found the solution by relying heavily on the vital club furnished by East's opening bid.
As play began, South could see 12 points in dummy and 15 in his own hand, leaving only 13 points for East's opening bid. Even that number had been reduced to 12 by West's jack-of-spades lead, marking East with the K-Q of diamonds.
South's best chance by far was to attempt an endplay against East. Accordingly, he won the club return with the queen, ruffed a spade in dummy, cashed the A-K of trump and ace of clubs and then led a low diamond toward dummy.
When West played low, South played dummy's nine, losing to the king. East was now in bad shape, whether he returned a spade, a diamond, or a club. Regardless of which he chose, declarer was sure to score the rest of the tricks.
It is true that if East had held the K-Q-10 of diamonds, the endplay would not have succeeded — but in that case, any other approach would also have failed.

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Sports

Knights put an end to JCHS streak

OSSIAN — Three days after winning the conference title, the Patriots lost their streak.

The Class 3A No. 5 Jay County High School girls basketball team, which had won 13 consecutive games, stumbled after a strong start Tuesday in a 58-53 loss to the seventh-ranked Norwell Knights.

The Patriots (16-3) had a 12-point lead after the opening period. That advantage slipped to three at halftime and they trailed 44-41 heading into the final period. Norwell (16-4) was able to hold on for its fourth consecutive win.

The last loss for JCHS came Nov. 20 by a 58-47 score against Winchester, which is now ranked second in Class 2A.

Renna Schwieterman had 22 points and 10 rebounds to lead JCHS, which will try to bounce back Thursday when it visits Delta.

Izzy Rodgers added 15 points, and Sophie Saxman scored 10.

Tribe tankers fall

MUNCIE — The Fort Recovery swim teams each suffered a pair of losses Tuesday in a double dual at Delta.

See **Roundup** page 7



The Commercial Review/David Vantress

Jay County High School senior Elayna Paro swims the butterfly Tuesday during the Patriots' victory over visiting Muncie Central. JCHS will host the Allen County Athletic Conference Championships at 5:30 p.m. Friday.

Hitting their stride

Jay posts strong times heading into ACAC

By **DAVID VANTRESS**
The Commercial Review

With just a few days left before the conference championships, coach Matt Slavik likes where his team sits.

His Jay County High School swimmers walked away with a split Tuesday with the girls team earning a 166-145 victory over host Muncie Central. The boys team fell 170-108.

It was the last meet for the Patriots before hosting the Allen County Athletic Conference

Championships at 5:30 p.m. Friday.

"We're starting to hit our stride," Slavik said. "We've got some older kids from last year who are getting back down to their fastest times from last year."

While Jay County didn't reach the wall first in either 200-yard individual medley race, that was the event in which the time improvement stood out most.

Three of the four Patriot girls swimming in the event cut time, with Elayna Paro (2 minutes,

39.76 seconds), Kenzie Huey (2:58.48) and Maddy Snow (3:00.19) finishing consecutively in second, third and fourth. Abigail Johnson was sixth with a time of 3:07.5.

Konner Sommers had his best time of the year in the boys 200 IM as well, taking the runner-up spot in 2:30.64.

Sophomore Zion Beiswanger and senior Emily Dues led the Patriot girls (7-3) to their win over Muncie Central, with the former holding off Delaney Strange of

the Bearcats by 0.17 seconds in the 50 freestyle to win in 28.56. Beiswanger posted a time of 1:04.28 to also take first in the 100 freestyle. Meanwhile, Dues posted winning times of 1:11.81 in the 100 butterfly and 1:14.4 in the 100 backstroke.

Mara Bader, Beiswanger and Dues also teamed with Paro for first in the 200 medley relay in 2:08.66 and Hannah Laux for the top spot in the 200 freestyle relay in 1:58.9.

See **Stride** page 7

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UM reaches settlement

By **MIKE HOUSEHOLDER**
Associated Press

The University of Michigan has agreed to a \$490 million settlement with hundreds of people who say they were sexually assaulted by a former sports doctor at the school, those involved in the agreement said Wednesday.

Attorney Parker Stinar said that 1,050 people will share in the settlement, which was reached the night before.

University spokesman Rick Fitzgerald confirmed the settlement and said a statement would be released later Wednesday.

"I am proud to announce that a settlement was reached with the 1,050 survivors of Robert Anderson and the University of Michigan," Stinar said. "It has been a long and challenging journey, and I believe this settlement will provide justice and healing for the many brave men and women who refused to be silenced."

The university had been in mediation to resolve multiple lawsuits by mostly men who said Anderson sexually abused them during routine medical examina-

tions. Anderson worked at the university from 1966 until his 2003 retirement and was director of the university's Health Service and a physician for multiple athletic teams, including football.

A number of football players and other athletes have come forward to accuse Anderson, who died in 2008, of sexually abusing them.

A report by a firm hired by the school determined that staff missed many opportunities to stop Anderson over his 37-year career.

The deal came just after two men who say they were sexually assaulted by Anderson said they were hoping that a change in leadership with the weekend firing of university President Mark Schlissel would allow the school to be more accountable toward abuse victims.

Keith Moree and Robert Stone told reporters Tuesday that the Ann Arbor school is ripe for a culture change as its board conducts a search for permanently replace Schlissel, who was removed Saturday due to an alleged "inappropriate relationship with a university employee."

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