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Airport to get more funding

Infrastructure bill will bring more than \$500,000

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

More than a half million dollars in additional federal funding will be flowing through Portland Municipal Airport.

Portland Board of Aviation learned Monday that it is expected to receive \$110,000 annually over a five-year period as a result of the federal infrastructure bill that was passed late last year.

Jason Clearwaters of engineering firm Butler, Fairman and Seuffert reported to the board that while information is still limited, the Federal Aviation Administration has begun to provide details about funding for airports through the infrastructure bill. It indicates Portland Municipal Airport is set to receive \$550,000 in addition federal funding over a five-year period. Those dollars are in addition to regular FAA airport improvement program funding for capital projects.

The funding is expected to be this year.

"We don't know all the rules yet," Clearwaters told aviation board members Mitch Sutton, Faron Parr, Clyde Bray and John Ferguson. "It's very preliminary."

Portland Municipal Airport has seen significant additional benefit from federal funding in the last couple of years. Airport projects, such as the runway extension currently underway at the airport, are typically funded 90% by the FAA with the municipality and state department of transportation each chipping in 5%. Because of coronavirus relief packages from the federal government, both phases of the runway extension are being fully funded by the FAA, saving the city more than \$200,000.

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Seeing Red



Accepting walk-ins

Jay County Health Department, 504 W. Arch St., Portland, will begin accepting walk-ins for coronavirus vaccinations and booster shots next week. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday and Thursday

9 to 11:40 a.m.

1 to 4 p.m.

Vaccinations are also available at CVS in Portland and Dunkirk, Walgreens in Portland and IU Health Jay and its primary care provider practices.

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All 92 counties in Indiana come in at highest risk for the spread of coronavirus

By RAY COONEY
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Jay County was a rare exception to the rule last week.

This week, there are none. The entire state of Indiana was rated "red" — extreme risk for the spread of coronavirus — in Wednesday's update from Indiana State Department of Health.

A week ago, just 11 of Indiana's 92 counties were rated "orange" (high risk), with the rest at red.

In response to the increase in cases, Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins this morning announced that Monday's city council and board of works meetings are canceled.

"With surging COVID-19

cases locally and across the state due to the omicron variant, this department advises practicing those same strategies that have been used throughout the pandemic to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19," Jay County Health Department said in a press release Wednesday. "Please get vaccinated if eligible, wear your mask, practice physical distancing, wash your hands, avoid crowds and stay at home when you are sick in order to help protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community."

Confirmed cases of COVID-19 have skyrocketed in the last week in Jay County, with a total of 232 from Jan. 12 through Jan.

18. (There were 121 confirmed cases in the previous seven days.) The county has hit double digits for new cases for 16 consecutive days, and totals have been at 25 or higher every day since Jan. 12. At the current pace, this month would match November 2020 for the most local cases over the course of the nearly two-year pandemic.

The jump pushed Jay County's cases per 100,000 residents total — it is one of the two metrics the state department health uses to determine coronavirus risk — to 983. That's up from 601 last week and 283 a week earlier.

In the other state metric, Jay County's seven-day positivity

rate climbed again to 15.64%. That's up from 10.52% last week and more than double the rate of 7.33% two weeks ago.

Wednesday's updates from the state department of health are based on Sunday's numbers. As of Wednesday, Jay County's numbers had jumped to 1,133 cases per 100,000 residents and a positivity rate of 20.8%.

Hospitalizations in District 6, which includes Jay County, continue to be high as well. As of Wednesday, there were 335 patients hospitalized because of COVID-19. (The number had been as low as 127 in early November.)

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Washington Post/Demetrius Freeman

Biden responds

President Joe Biden answers a question during a news conference in the East Room of the White House on Wednesday. He took questions for nearly an hour-and-a-half in just his second formal news conference as president.

Opposition mounts

By CASEY SMITH
Associated Press
and Report for America

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana teachers and others are mounting opposition to a House bill that Republican lawmakers say would increase transparency of school curricula, even after Senate leaders decided to effectively abandon their version of the legislation.

The bill would require classroom materials to be posted online and vetted by parent review committees, and restrict teaching about racism and politics.

It would limit what teachers can say in class on sensitive subjects, prohibiting them from using materials that "present any form of racial or sexist stereotyping or blame on the basis of sex, race, ethnicity, religion, color,

national origin, or political affiliation."

Representatives from the Indiana State Teachers Association, the largest teachers union in the state, joined a coalition of civil rights, faith and public education groups at the Indiana Statehouse on Wednesday to oppose the bill, which they said aims to censor classroom instruction and place unnecessary additional workloads on educators.

The bill "will stifle future generations, leaving many students without

people who look like them in their history books," said ISTA president Keith Gambill. "It will curb and temper educators' ability to bring creativity into learning, and place undue burden onto educators in an already challenging environment."

Marshawn Wolley, with the African American Coalition of Indianapolis, added that the bill wants to stop teachers from talking about racism, limiting education on topics such as slavery and Jim Crow.

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Deaths

Dixie Clisby, 73, St. Augustine, Florida
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 43 degrees Wednesday before dropping to a low of 23 late in the day.

Tonight's low is expected to be around 10. Friday's forecast calls for a high of 24 under sunny skies.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Several new candidates have filed to run for office in the last couple of days. They are Republicans Jenny Cline-Wagner for Knox Township Trustee, Branda Manns for Pennville Town Council, Emily Daugherty for Noble Township Advisory Board and Virginia Cline for Noble Township Trustee, and Democrat Millie Ellis for Pennville Town Council.

Coming up

Friday — Coverage of tonight's Redkey Town Council meeting.

Tuesday — Results from Saturday's JCHS girls basketball game at Southern Wells.



Obituaries

Dixie Clisby

April 11, 1948-Jan. 12, 2022
Dixie L. Clisby, 73, of St. Augustine, Florida, passed away on Jan. 12, 2022, in Green Cove Springs, Florida, from complications related to open-heart surgery.
Dixie was born on April 11, 1948, to Eldon and Evelyn (Hatch) Frasher in Muncie, Indiana. She was married for 47 years to David Gray, with whom she has two children. She married Ted Clisby in 2019.
Dixie graduated from Portland High School in 1966. In 1970, she received a bachelor of science

degree in English and in 1976 she received a master of arts in English, both from Ball State University.
Dixie began her career in secondary education, but her entrepreneurial spirit led her to co-own and manage several successful clothing businesses in Portland, Indiana, and later, in Berne, Indiana. At the beginning of the 1990s, Dixie's career took the family to Indianapolis, where she parlayed her experience into a career in human resources and organiza-



Clisby

tional development. She co-founded two successful start-up companies and over the years her work as a human resources executive and consultant led her to Chicago, Silicon Valley, Toronto and Dubai.
Dixie became active in the Unitarian Universalist church after moving to Florida and remained a devoted member until her death.
Dixie was preceded in death by her father in 1970, her mother in 1996 and her brother Charles "Charlie" Frasher in late 2021.
Dixie is survived by her husband Ted Clisby of St. Augustine, Florida; her daughter,

Amanda Bell of Houston, Texas; her son, Ryan Gray (Theresa) of Knoxville, Tennessee; her grandchildren, Jackson Bell, Addison Gray and Eli Gray; her step-granddaughter Hannah Manning; her twin brother David Frasher (Anita) of Portland, Indiana; her sister-in-law Jackie Frasher of Anderson, Indiana; and her step-daughters, nieces, nephews and other extended family.
Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland, Indiana, with visitation from 2 to 4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Additional services are planned for May in the Jacksonville, Florida, area.
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.
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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

Friday 1/21	Saturday 1/22	Sunday 1/23	Monday 1/24	Tuesday 1/25
24/12	30/18	27/16	35/24	31/12
Friday will be sunny with high near 24. Otherwise, mostly clear with a 5 mph eastern wind.	Gusts may reach as high as 20 mph on Saturday under partly sunny skies.	There's a 20% chance of snow Sunday. Skies will be mostly cloudy.	Another chance of snow, possible sleet in the late afternoon.	Tuesday has a 30% chance of snow under mostly cloudy skies.

Lotteries

Powerball 11-15-43-55-61 Power Ball: 10 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$76 million	Cash 5: 3-18-34-43-44 Hoosier Lotto: 6-11-28-31-39-40 Estimated jackpot: \$5.4 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$376 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 9-0-0 Pick 4: 9-3-1-1 Pick 5: 9-6-9-4-3 Evening Pick 3: 6-7-6 Pick 4: 5-7-1-9 Pick 5: 8-9-5-8-6 Rolling Cash: 8-13-17-27-33 Classic Lotto: 3-13-16-26-29-30 Kicker: 2-2-0-1-9-2 Estimated jackpot: \$20.5 million
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 5-0-6 Daily Four: 8-2-6-5 Evening Daily Three: 2-9-7 Daily Four: 0-0-9-4 Quick Draw: 1-4-5-6-9-14-19-22-24-29-32-35-43-57-62-64-65-71-72-74	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.11 Feb. corn6.14 Wheat7.76	Wheat 7.82 Feb. wheat 7.82
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Today in history

On Jan. 20, 1942, Nazi officials held the notorious Wannsee conference, during which they arrived at their "final solution" that called for exterminating Europe's Jews.
In 1265, England's first representative Parliament met for the first time.
In 1801, Secretary of State John Marshall was nominated by President John Adams to be chief justice of the United States.
In 1841, the island of Hong Kong was ceded by China to Great Britain. (It returned to Chinese control in July 1997.)
In 1936, Britain's King George V died after his physician injected the mortally ill monarch with morphine and cocaine to hasten his death; the king was suc-

ceeded by his eldest son, Edward VIII, who abdicated the throne 11 months later to marry the American divorcee Wallis Simpson.
In 1981, Iran released 52 Americans it had held hostage for 444 days, minutes after the presidency had passed from Jimmy Carter to Ronald Reagan.
In 1986, the United States observed the first federal holiday in honor of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.
In 2007, Jay County High School boys basketball coach Craig Teagle was named the Portland Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year for 2006 after leading the Patriots to the Class 3A state championship game.
—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today 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.
Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	

Funding ...

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Also Wednesday, the board approved a change order in the amount of \$13,612.70 for the first phase of the runway extension project for various additional work that was needed. Despite the change order, Clearwaters said the \$2.4 million project is expected to come in significantly under budget.
The board also OK'd payment of \$33,062.85 to contractor HIS Constructors for work that has already been completed. HIS is expected to return to finish the first phase of the extension — leveling land west of the current runway and enclosing a section of Alexander Ditch — in the spring. Milestone Con-

tractors will handle the second phase — paving and lighting — with work expected to be complete and the new 5,500-foot runway in operation by the end of the year. (The current runway is 4,000 feet.)
Airport manager Hal Tavzel also updated the board on several recent repairs made at airport facilities.
Tavzel noted that a couple of cables were replaced on the hangar doors for the Lutheran Air medical helicopter. A third will be replaced as well at a cost of about \$600. (The new cables are expected to last three to five years.)
Sutton questioned whether the board should consider installing a

hydraulic door instead of one with a cable system in order to improve reliability.
Tavzel said a hydraulic door would open faster and likely be more reliable.
The board asked him to get quotes for the cost of installing a hydraulic door.
Other projects that were recently completed or are in the works include installing a new furnace at the facility's rental house and fixing a rail for a hangar door.
Tavzel also reported the facility is again having problems with its Aviation Weather Observation Service phone system.
A new line will need to be installed.

In other business, the board:
•Elected Sutton president and Parr vice president. Sutton takes over for John Lyons, who resigned from the board at the end of 2021. He had served as its president for six years.
•Heard from Tavzel that the airport will soon be down to just one T-hangar and one smaller hangar remaining to rent.
•Learned Portland resident Jay Houck recently received his pilot's license.
•Approved FAA grant pay requests of \$68,160.32 and \$22,096.
•Heard the airport sold 5,719 gallons of fuel in December for \$21,901.33.
•Paid claims totaling \$4,336.62.

Felony arrests

Residential entry
A Portland woman was arrested for allegedly breaking into a Portland home Wednesday morning.
Amber R. Newton, 34, 302 E. Arch St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 4 felony for burglary, a Level 6 felony for residential entry and a Class A misdemeanor for theft.
Avery West walked in to her apartment at 321 1/2 W. Main St. about 8 a.m. Wednesday and found clothing and other items scattered, as well as a broken window and

writing on the windows, according to Portland Police officer Mike Brewster. She also allegedly found Newton in her apartment.
Newton was arrested by police. She's being held on a \$25,000 bond in Jay County Jail.
Dealing
A Portland man was arrested Wednesday for dealing methamphetamine.
Colton R. Martin, 31, 618 E. Main St., was preliminarily charged with

a Level 2 felony for the alleged crime.
He's being held on a \$40,000 bond in Jay County Jail.
Drug possession
A Geneva man was arrested Wednesday for drug possession.
Richard D. Hough, 375 W. 1200 South, was preliminarily charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony, and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor.

Red ...

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Indiana has also seen a shift in what type of coronavirus is most prevalent. After the delta variant had dominated the state since mid-June, omicron variant cases began popping up in early December. As of Jan. 3, omicron accounted for about 85% of the state's cases.
The best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is vaccination, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Boosters are now recommended for everyone 12 and older five months after the initial vaccination. (The CDC also recommends that masks be worn indoors in areas of "substantial or high transmission," which includes Jay County.)
The state's website indicates Jay County currently has eight vaccination sites — CVS in Portland and Dunkirk, Walgreens in Portland and Jay County Health Department, as well as IU Health Jay and its primary care provider practices. (Vaccines

for children 5 to 11 years old are available only at the health department and the IU Health Jay sites.)
Beginning next week, walk-in vaccinations will be available at Jay County Health Department from 9 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
At-home COVID-19 tests are now available for free from the federal government. They can be ordered at covidtests.gov.
Jay County continues to rank sixth-lowest in vaccination rate among Indiana's 92 counties. Its rate is 39.1%. Marion County is highest in the state at 77.8%.
Coronavirus is mainly spread through droplets or particles from an infected person coughing, sneezing, talking or breathing.
The virus causes a range of symptoms, including fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, which can appear two to 14 days after exposure.

Opposition ...

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"To put my child in a classroom where he will sit and be taught just the facts, excluding racism as a fact of life that Black people face, ... in this city, in this state, every day, is unconscionable," Wolley said.
Republican Rep. Tony Cook of Cicero, who authored the House bill, has said the legislation

strives to ensure educators "remain impartial in teaching curriculum" and "ensure that students are free to express their own beliefs and viewpoints concerning curricular materials and educational activities without discrimination."
In response to teachers' ongoing criticism, the bill has been amended to expand some definitions of

SERVICES

Today

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 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery.
Clisby, Dixie: 4 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Monday

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

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Fights result in shut door

DEAR ABBY: When my husband and I fight, which isn't really that often, he shuts himself away for several days. He locks the door to his office or the guest room and won't come out. I try to give him time to cool off, but sometimes it's awkward. He wouldn't talk to me at all for several days while his whole family was here celebrating his grandma's 90th birthday.

Dear Abby



As for the subject of divorce, sometimes dissolution of a marriage is therapeutic. Do not ask for — or expect — more details. Show an interest in what your old friend is doing NOW and move on from there.

He's mad again. I apologized by text since he wouldn't talk to me, but our kids — ages 6 and 8 — are going to wonder why Daddy isn't with us. Should I skip a planned event and give him more time to cool off or try to approach him? — WAITING FOR HIM IN GEORGIA

heard through the grapevine that she never had children. I am unsure what to say when the subject of children comes up, as it invariably will. "I'm sorry" may not be appropriate because perhaps she never wanted any. "Wow" or "interesting" may sound a bit odd.

DEAR WAITING: Skip the planned event, and when your passive-aggressive husband comes out of hiding, INSIST the two of you get marriage counseling to resolve your differences. What he has been doing isn't healthy for your marriage. Dealing with conflict by hiding and using the silent treatment to punish one's spouse sets a poor example for your children, who are old enough to recognize that something is wrong between Daddy and Mommy. If he won't do it for the sake of your marriage, he should do it for the emotional health of those kids.

In a similar vein, what does one say to someone when they share that they are divorced? I recall a woman I met telling me she was divorced. I said, "I'm sorry," and she replied, "I'm not!"

DEAR ABBY: I will be meeting an old high school friend for lunch. We are now in our 50s. I

What's an appropriate response for when these situations happen? I don't want to appear unsympathetic, but perhaps they don't want sympathy. — SYMPATHETIC IN FLORIDA

DEAR SYMPATHETIC: You may have hit on something. The birthrate in the United States is at an all-time low because many women have chosen to forgo motherhood. If someone tells you she doesn't have children, all you have to say is "Oh," and change the subject. You should not interrogate the person further.

DEAR ABBY: My late husband was a dentist. Should I include his DDS degree on his headstone? — NOT SURE IN THE SOUTH

DEAR NOT SURE: Although your husband may be deceased and no longer practicing dentistry, it doesn't make him any less a dentist. He earned his degree.

If you would like it carved in granite, I don't see why it shouldn't be. Inquire at the cemetery about its protocol.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Juniors named to honor roll

Jay County High School students were recently announced to the first semester honor roll. The following juniors are recognized on the list:

Peyton A. Lothridge, Laci M. McGinnis, Mabrey D. McIntire, Destiny R. McManus, Sheldon N. Minch, Joshua D. Monroe and Andrea P. Moore.

Eden M. Abshire, Adriana R. Aker, Alex M. Ardizzone, Mara E. Bader, Gracie R. Barnett, Gabriela K. Bilbrey, Danyelle M. Bland, Blake A. Bogenschutz, Kelsey L. Braun, Lauren R. Brewster, Zacary B. Brotherton, Taylor N. Brown, JaiDi R. Brunson and Madison K. Brunswick.

Also Peter M. Muhlenkamp, Paige A. Mumbower, Azael N. Navarro Garcia, Dominick A. Newsome, Dusty D. Pearson, Owen M. Ransom, Morgan A. Reier, Ethan R. Reiley, Kadin L. Ridenour, Kasidy J. Robison, Lilly L. Rogers and Christian J. Runkle.

Also Kenneth D. Carducci, Kylee A. Carreno, Jordan D. Chapman, Thomas L. Charles, Veronique A. Coppock, Hilary M. Cox, Kaleb E. Cross, Raven D. Dale, Seth L. Degler, Brock W. DeHoff, Austin J. Dirksen, Simon P. Dirksen, Ella J. Doll, Joshua C. Dowlen, Abbie R. Fields, Matthew D. Fields and Dartaven R. Fosnaugh.

Also Hunter B. Runyon, Monte J. Schmiesing, Katlin M. Schoenlein, Renna M. Schwieterman, Rosealynne S. Smith, Cameron R. Smitley, Brooke T. Stauffer, Elizabeth L. Stotler, Emily R. Strausburg, Carson J. Tipple, Natasha R. Toland and Kailey S. Vance.

Also Jared K. Guntle, Katie J. Haffner, Patience U. Hambrock, Savanna E. Hamilton, Haylea L. Hough, Janae N. Jacobs, Abigail R. Johnson, Ryler J. Johnson, Carley D. Jordan, Raine A. Keen, Joseph D. Kunk, Presley L. Kunkle, Isaac A. Kunkler, Wyatt E. Kunkler, Ralph A. Link, Lillian N. Lothridge,

Also Lauryn M. Vance, Tavin L. Wasson, Landon R. Weaver, Isaiah R. Weekley, Natalie R. Wehrly, Bennett M. Weitzel, Jordan R. Wickey, Aryana B. Winslow, Hayden D. Winslow, Kaylee M. Zimmerman, Logan A. Zimmerman and Melana L. Zimmerman. Sophomores and freshmen on the honor roll will be published in The CR at a later date.

Sudoku

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				9			3	2
6				1				4
					4	9	6	

Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

Community Calendar

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

Today
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 - BRANNA'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 Sbery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

Friday
DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, Jan. 21, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

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

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main

St., Dunkirk. MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

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

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9 to 10 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland.

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Thanks for supporting new event

To the editor:

The 2021 holiday season brought a new event to Jay County.

Cruis'n the HoliJay Lights at the Fairgrounds was held at Jay County Fairgrounds. Over 3600 cars "cruised" the lighting displays Nov. 19 through Dec. 26 for a free-will donation. Four nights brought Santa and Mrs. Claus to the Women's Building along with crafts, merchant and food vendors.

Jay County Fair Board formed a committee consisting of Mike Weitzel, Reda Theurer-Miller, Tabby Sprunger, Jane Runyon, Randa Staugler, Beth Stephen and myself to create this new event. Mike Weitzel was in charge of setting the lighting displays, which he along with his wife, Brooks, Reda Theurer-Miller and many community volunteers spent countless hours in the cold and rain to give the community a lit path to drive. Electricians Randy Gillespie and Tod Miller made sure the lights would con-

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tinue to work throughout the winter. Volunteers Travis Theurer, Sam Wentz, Todd Hummer and Kevin Keller, along with many others, helped to bring this event to life.

Thank you to Jay County Commissioners and the 36 sponsors for financially supporting the lighting event, the 23 local organizations and businesses that decorated a spot and the many community residents that donated Christmas light, trees and decorations. We truly appreciated every donation.

Thank you to Tabby and the Jay County chamber for sponsoring Winterfest at the Fairgrounds on Dec. 12 during the lighting event. The event featured a walk-through, cookie

decorating, ornament making, music and carriage rides. Santa and Mrs. Claus spoke with many children about their Christmas wishes in the Women's Building. The entire evening was wonderful including pleasant winter weather.

Thank you to the craft and merchant vendors and all of the volunteers in the Women's Building, including the Mighty Marvels Optimist Club that served holiday sweets and treats. Thank you to Richards Restaurant for providing goodies to families that stopped by to see Santa. Thank you to Bricker Auction Company for providing the chairs for Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Thank you to Scott Benter for traveling to Marion to pick up the new light displays and Mike Leonhard and Franklin Electric for the loan of lifts to reach the top of the buildings. Thank you to Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association for the use of the building at the gate and fence posts.

Thank you to Jay County Visitor and Tourism Bureau and Jay County Civic Theatre for printing our flyers.

Thank you Greazy Pickle, Portland Burger King and Portland Walmart for donating buckets so we could protect electrical connections.

We appreciate the volunteers that braved the weather and helped at the front gate: Dalton and Tracy VanSkyock, Chad and Kim McFarland, Arnold and Alisha Clevenger, Tony and Elasha Lennartz, the Delta sorority sisters, Boy Scout Troop 202, Ricky and Tabby Sprunger and family, and the many members of Jay County FFA.

Thank you to the Jay County 4-H volunteers that set up the petting zoo at the gazebo.

December brought rain and wind that left the displays needing attention. We appreciate all the community volunteers that came in short notice to help with those repairs.

Thank you to Jay County Fair Board for allowing us to use the

fairgrounds for the inaugural lighting event. Thank you to the community for driving through the lights and giving us a thumbs up. Thank you to Portland Pizza King, Portland Walmart, Bizzy Dips and Grounds on the Fly for donating the gift cards that were given to "cruisers."

A great big thank you to the committee. Many nights found the committee members at the fairgrounds in the rain and cold instead of at holiday gatherings.

Thank you to the community for supporting Cruis'n the HoliJay Lights at the Fairgrounds. Since we had such an outpouring of help, I hope I did not overlook anyone.

We look forward to growing the light displays in 2022, and we hope to see you during the '22 holiday season.

Again thank you, thank you, thank you. Cruis'n the HoliJay Lights at the Fairground was a success because of all of you.

Debi Gillespie
Portland

Firms are set to face a reckoning

By CHRIS HUGHES
Bloomberg Opinion

The biotech sector is more than 40% down from its high last February, while the major pharmaceutical firms are flush with cash. That sounds like the ideal condition for deal-making. But what if biotech boards and shareholders want takeover bids at yesterday's sky-high prices?

A 2020 study by JP Morgan Chase analysts found that when markets fall, a takeover target's one-year share-price high is a stubborn benchmark for pricing a deal. So it can take more than a year from a market correction until buyers and sellers align. Those dynamics may now be at work.

The first year of the pandemic saw a surge in stock-market enthusiasm for biotechnology as investors correctly bet that science would lead the world out of the pandemic. Moderna's vaccine provided vindication. But the sector has now given up all its outperformance, and the market is looking beyond Covid-related breakthroughs. Bloomberg Intelligence analysts also point to concerns about drug-pricing pressure as well as a string of regulatory setbacks as factors damaging sentiment.

Could the global M&A boom bail out biotech investors with some juicy takeover offers? So far, M&A has benefited healthcare investors pretty selectively. Last year saw a surge in deals for firms involved in medical equipment and services — diagnostics, face masks, hospitals and health insurance. One deal, the \$34 billion leveraged buyout of family-owned Medline Industries, represented a big chunk of the total. At the weekend, it emerged that Unilever wants to buy GlaxoSmithKline's consumer-healthcare business to get hold of brands like Sensodyne toothpaste.

The absence of a single really big transaction in pharmaceuticals and biotech in 2021 has created the impression of a lull when it comes to M&A in actual drug discovery. By contrast, the 2019 deal data in pharma and biotech were boosted by the \$84 billion purchase of Allergan

Chris Hughes



and the \$88 billion acquisition of Celgene. In 2020, biotech Alexion Pharmaceuticals agreed to be bought for \$39 billion. And 2018 saw the \$81 billion bid for Shire.

In reality, recent deal flow is stronger than it seems: The number of transactions over \$1 billion has been pretty steady in pharma in recent years and has been growing in biotech. The question is whether biotech M&A could now markedly accelerate.

Falling share prices should tempt bargain hunters and deals are certainly affordable. Swiss drugmaker Novartis is looking for purchases up to around \$10 billion. Pfizer is enjoying the revenue boost from its Covid vaccine. Sanofi has traditionally been a busy acquirer.

But biotech investors should temper their optimism. The message telegraphed by potential acquirers at JP Morgan Chase's annual healthcare conference last week was that buyers and sellers were some way apart on price.

That's more than just talking their own book. Buyers can afford to be picky. After a deluge of recent listings, it's far from clear that biotechs can now raise capital in public or private markets so easily. Those that need cash face a reckoning. Buddying up with big pharma may be the only way to fund their ongoing R&D. Elsewhere, acquisitive bosses may find decent opportunities among unlisted biotechs that may now struggle to do an initial public offering or blank-check merger. After all, without a quoted share, they are less likely to be hostage to an unrealistic anchor price.

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Hughes is a Bloomberg Opinion columnist covering deals. He previously worked for Reuters Breakingviews, as well as the Financial Times and the Independent newspaper.

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We need a new commitment

By JON B. WOLFSTHAL
Special To The Washington Post

"A nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought." That statement, which President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev issued in 1985, helped end the Cold War. It meant something because until then, both countries believed the other was ready and almost willing to destroy the other with its large nuclear arsenal. They backed up their words by reducing their armories and banning their most dangerous weapons.

Almost 40 years later, the risk of a nuclear conflict erupting between the United States and Russia, and increasingly between the United States and China, is dangerously high. Without concrete steps to de-escalate tensions and reduce reliance on nuclear weapons, the United States could end up in a nuclear war it says must not be fought.

Tensions over Ukraine or Taiwan could get out of hand quickly, with uncertain outcomes. Just this past week, Russia made veiled threats of deploying more battlefield nuclear weapons in and around Ukraine. Worse, the United States, Russia and China are all rapidly modernizing or expanding their nuclear and missile capabilities, as are Britain, India, Pakistan and North Korea.

It is understandable that the international community welcomed the Jan. 3 statement by the United States, Russia, China, France and Britain, the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council collectively known as the P-5, that adopted the historic 1985 Reagan-Gorbachev statement for the first time. But despite their stated rejection of nuclear war in reality, the United States and Russia exercise daily for such war, and both invest heavily in nuclear weaponry.

The United States continues to target high-value Russian and Chinese military targets — nuclear and otherwise — the destruction of which, U.S. leaders believe, would produce "favorable" outcomes. Russia does

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the same to U.S.- and European-based targets. The goal: to control the battlefield and to create an outcome that political and military leaders can, inconceivably, consider a "victory." If that is not a nuclear war, what is?

When it comes to nuclear weapons, the United States should be precise about its intentions. Declaratory policy can be a powerful tool in reducing nuclear risks. It is conventional wisdom that America stopped a Soviet invasion of Western Europe by declaring that it was prepared to use nuclear weapons in response to such an attack. The same can work in reverse. Adopting a more limited role for nuclear weapons can reduce the concern that a country might cross the nuclear threshold early in a conflict. Clarity on this stance, backed by changes on operations and forces to make it credible, can reduce the risks of nuclear preemption.

The Biden administration is preparing its own Nuclear Posture Review, which will lay out President Biden's policies. As a senator, vice president and presidential candidate, Biden indicated that he might be ready to accept a more restrictive set of nuclear policies, including adopting a clear statement that the sole mission for U.S. nuclear forces is to deter and, if necessary, respond to a nuclear attack on the United States or its allies. The Nuclear Posture Review would be just the place for issuing this overdue statement of clarity. But U.S. statements must be credible, which means also implementing changes to force structures, targeting and procurement.

Saying that Washington opposes nuclear war-fighting while pursuing

more than \$1.2 trillion over the next three decades in nuclear modernization — including new missiles, submarines, stealth bombers and hard-to-track cruise missiles — damages America's credibility. Moscow's own modernization, and signs that China is increasingly seeking some form of nuclear parity with Russia and the United States, further undermine the value of the P-5's feel-good statement. Though that statement was a step in the right direction, the words remain hollow and even dangerous if not followed by concrete actions.

Being specific about when nations would use nuclear weapons is one way to ease, if not eliminate, the pressure. But more must also be done to reduce the risk of clashes that could escalate to nuclear conflict. For example, members of the P-5 and the other nuclear-weapon states should adopt and implement proven risk-management tools to deal with the new challenges in space, cyberspace, missile and air defenses, and conventional weapons that are becoming more accurate, fast-moving and stealthy.

High-level strategic stability discussions should also seek concrete moves to prove that nuclear war-fighting is not part of the plan for members of the P-5. This can include taking weapons off alert status, cutting back modernization programs, pursuing binding reductions of nuclear forces and adopting observable norms on other weapons that threaten to undermine stability.

The danger of escalation to nuclear war remains all too real. Rejecting nuclear war-fighting in all of its forms should be a minimum approach for Biden. Failure to do so would only worsen the ongoing arms race among the United States, Russia and China.

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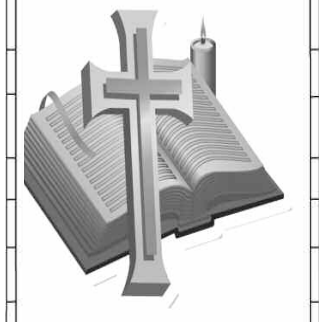
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Bellefontain United Methodist
440 S. 600 East
Gordon Jackson
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Bethel United Methodist
Indiana 167, 4 miles north of Dunkirk
Scott McClain
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Bluff Point Friends
80 E. 650 South
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Boundary St. Paul
Corner of Treaty Line Road and county road 300 East
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Nanette Weesner
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Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
nanybell@yahoo.com

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Floral and Chicago avenues, Portland
Kevin McClung
(260) 729-7295
Services: 10 a.m.

Church of the Living God
South Broad Street, Dunkirk
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Billy Stanton
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Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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thefamilyworshipcenter.org

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Everett Bilbrey Jr.
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Holy Trinity Catholic
7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant
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churchofthemotholytrinity.com

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County road 200 South, 2 miles east of Indiana 1
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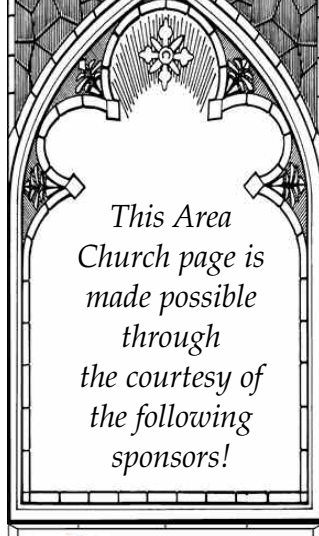
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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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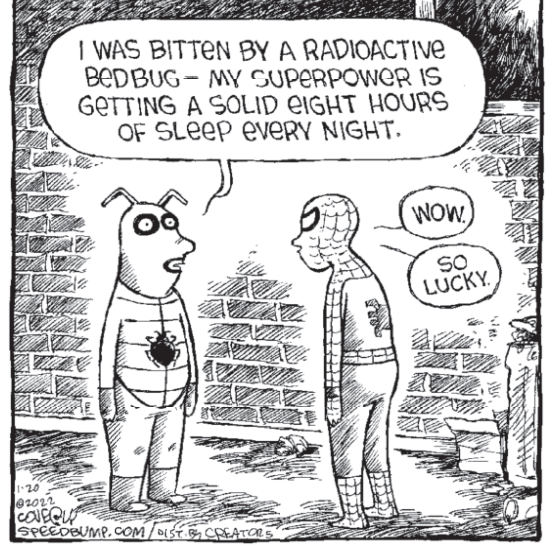


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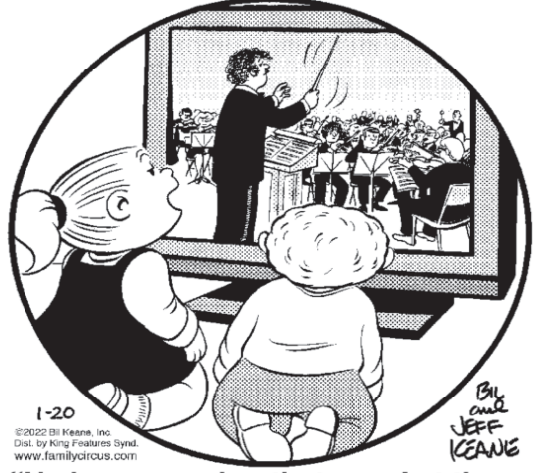


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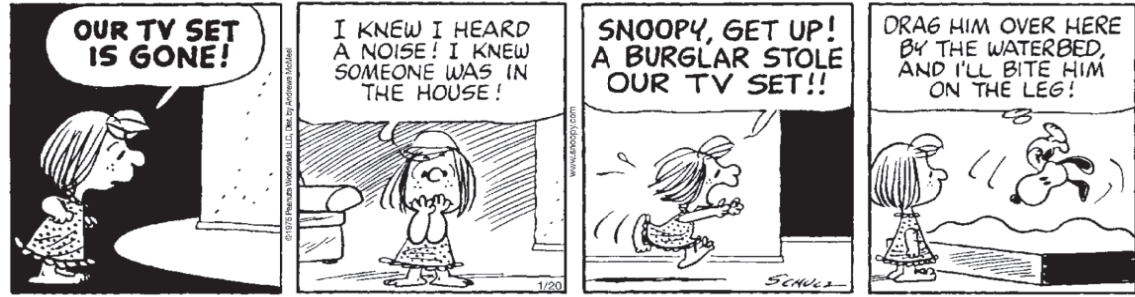
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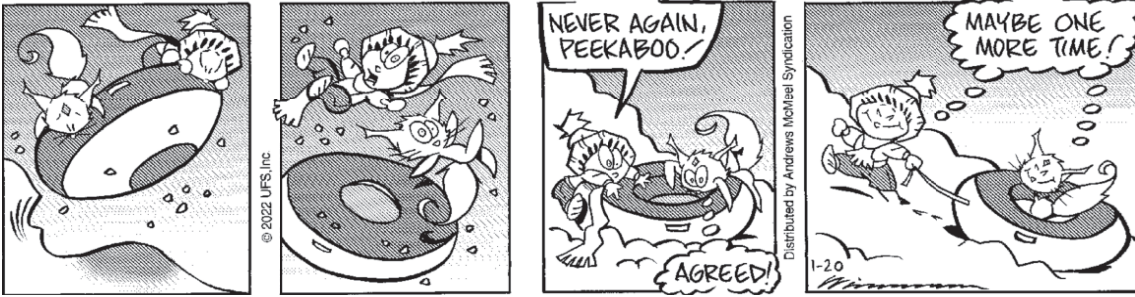
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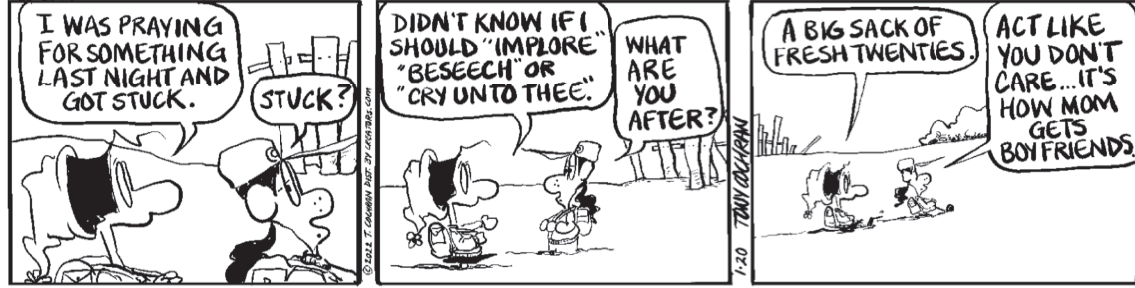
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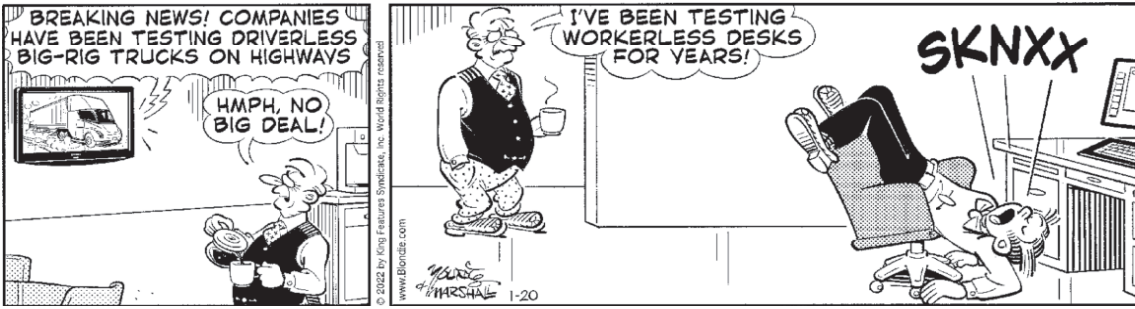
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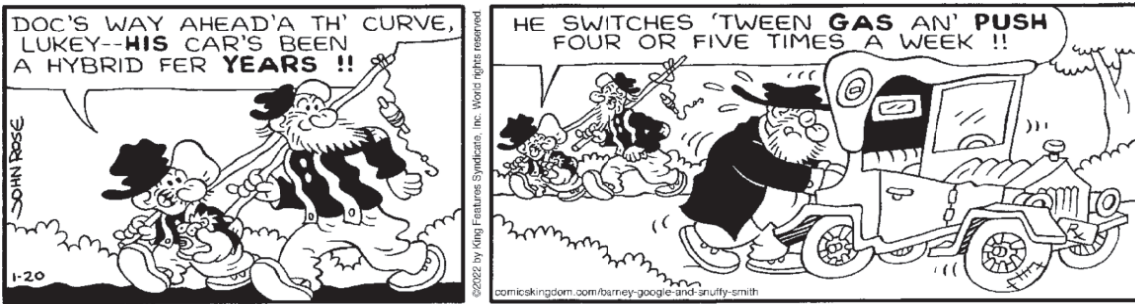
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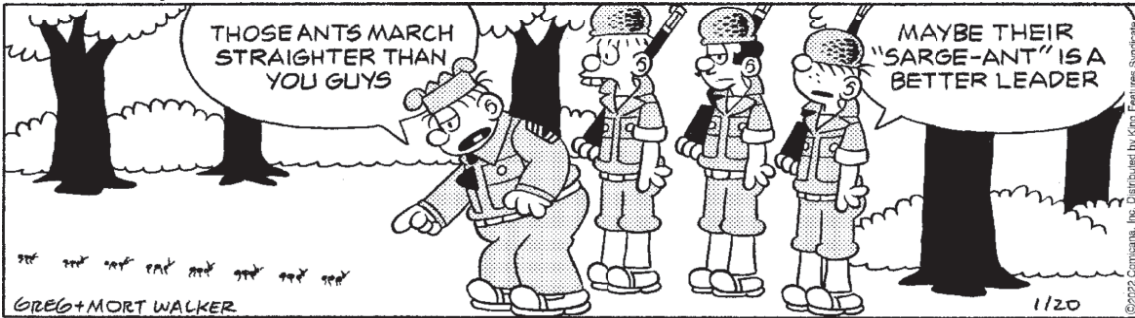
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TIME 10:00 A. M.
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Kunkler hits NAIA mark for Bethel

The Bethel College women's swim team is setting records. A former Patriot is a big part of the success. Vivienne Kunkler, a 2019 Jay County High School graduate, helped the Bethel women's swim team set three new program records and hit four NAIA standards in a meet Saturday against Aquinas and Olivet. Kunkler achieved the NAIA mark in the 100-meter breaststroke with a time of 1 minute, 10.37 seconds, as she finished

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in second place. She was also the runner-up in the 50 breaststroke with a time of 32.54. Her teammates Josefina Gonzalez (1,000 freestyle), Carolyn Kiner-Sprow (diving) and Kayla Logeais (50 butter-

fly) also set new records for Bethel. Kunkler, Gonzalez, Logeais and Elisabeth Wolfe also teamed for a time of 1:54.86 to win the 200 medley relay as the Pilots defeated Olivet 180-74 and Aquinas 209-43.

Robby LeFevre Fort Recovery - 2019

Led the Fordham men's track team Saturday as it competed in the Lions Indoor Invitational hosted by The College of New Jersey.

LeFevre posted the best finish of any Ram, taking ninth place in the 200-meter dash with his time of 23.08 seconds. He also posted a time of 7.26 for 14th in the 60 dash.

Alli Vaughn Fort Recovery - 2021

Had seven points, four rebounds and four blocks for the Huntington University women's basketball team in a 76-43 loss Saturday to Grace College. The freshman Forester saw 18 minutes of action and was 2-of-6

from the field (3-of-5 from the 3-point line). She also added a steal and an assist.

Kierra Wendel Fort Recovery - 2021

Was the top scorer off the bench for the Edison State Community College women's basketball team Wednesday in its 90-62 victory over Hocking. Wendel totaled seven points in 16 minutes of action, shooting 3-of-5 from the field. She added one rebound, one assist and one steal for the Chargers.



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Pictured is the 2022 Jay County High School gymnastics team. Front row from left are Coryn Blalock, Jordyn Hutzler, Mattie Ardizzone, Sydney Huftel and manager Ralyn Chaffins. Back row are coach Melynda James, Erin Ring, Olivia Cox, Grace Yowell, Adriene Denney, Cassidey Upp and assistant coach Shelby Pryor. Not pictured is Karci Hopkins.

First ...

Continued from page 8. It proved to be a challenge Winner easily swatted aside, as she was able to gain a reversal in short order. She added several more takedowns and near-fall points to record an 11-2 major decision. Jay County head wrestling coach Eric Myers said he knew he had something special coming up in Winner. She took a year off from middle school wrestling as an eighth grader and was more than ready to come out for the high school girls team.

"I thought she could be a potential state champion," Myers said. "But to accomplish that as a freshman is really awesome."

News of Winner's big victory in Kokomo quickly filtered back to Jay County, where an announcement during the Adams County Athletic Conference basketball semifinal doubleheader elicited a huge cheer from the crowd.

While her high school wrestling season is over, she still may have some work to do at the club level before completely shifting her focus to the Patriot softball team. She's looking at a possible triple to a national youth folkstyle tournament in Colorado in March.

Even with that ahead of her and the state championship almost a week old, the reality of the accomplishment is still sinking in.

"It's still crazy," Winner said. "Everybody at school walks up to you and says something to you. It's really brought a lot of pride to the school."

Gymnasts ...

Continued from page 8. Senior Mattie Ardizzone will compete on the floor, beam and vault. The rest of the Patriots — Coryn Blalock, Jordyn Hutzler, Sydney Huftel, Olivia Cox, Grace Yowell, Adriene Denney and Upp — will work on the balance beam and floor only. The Patriots initially were supposed to open

their year Saturday at the Northwestern Invitational, but that meet was canceled. A dual meet at New Castle scheduled for February was also called off. That leaves Jay County with its visit to the Western Invitational on Jan. 29, a three-team meet at home against Richmond and Mississinewa on Feb. 7 and a visit to Rushville

for a three team-meet on Feb. 19 in addition to next week's opener. With experience and competitions at a minimum, the focus is on personal improvement. "Just personal bests," said James. "That's all I ask for, just their best routines and that they give 110%. Then whatever happens, happens."

JCHS gymnastics		
Date	Opponent	Time
Thursday, Jan. 27	Huntington North	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 29	Western Invitational	Noon
Monday, Feb. 7	Richmond/Miss.	6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 19	New Castle/Rushville	11 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 26	Sectional	Noon
Home meets in bold		

Skinny ...

Continued from page 8. The Patriots are now 16-3 with just three regular season contests left on the schedule. That means it's almost time for Hoosier Hysteria, one of Indiana's favorite times of the year. It officially arrives this Sunday night with the IHSAA's 47th annual girls

basketball state tournament pairings show. Slated to run from 5 to 7 p.m., the show will be streamed by the IHSAA at IHSAA.org and be hosted by Bob Lovell and Greg Rakestraw. So sometime Sunday night, Jay County's coaches, players and fans will know where and when they'll be going.

Over the next few weeks, the swimming and wrestling regular seasons will wind down — ACAC championships are Friday at Jay County and Bluffton, respectively — with the wrestling sectional next week-end. So there will be plenty of

opportunities to get out there and support the student-athletes of Jay County. Hope to see you along the way. **.....** Contact CR sports editor David Vantress at (260) 726-8141 or sports@thecr.com. Follow him on Twitter at @journodave1966.

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 ♠ J 5
 ♥ A 10 6 5
 ♦ 10 8 2
 ♣ Q 10 6 4

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 2 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
 3 ♠ Pass 4 ♣ Pass

Opening lead — king of hearts.
 B. Jay Becker, the former editor of this column, liked to tell this story about the time he was playing with Helen Sobel in the Masters Team-of-Four many years ago. The bidding went as shown, and Becker became declarer at four spades. West led the K-Q-J of hearts. South trumping the third. Becker's principal problem was how to avoid losing two trump tricks. Several approaches were possible. If West had the K-J-x of spades, for example, declarer could not afford to play the ace and another spade, which would allow West to score the king and jack. Alternatively, if East had the K-J-x and South led the ace and another trump, the contract would still be in danger if East took the second spade and returned the jack. In that case, Becker would not be able to ruff his losing club. Then there was also the possibility that the club loser could be averted by taking a diamond finesse, or by cashing the A-K of diamonds and ruffing a diamond, hoping the queen would fall. As Becker sifted these options in his mind, he took lots and lots of time. After a while, Sobel got up from the table, wandered around the room, came back to see whether her partner had played a card yet (which he hadn't), went off again and eventually settled down at a nearby sofa to read a magazine. Meanwhile, Becker's opponents chatted amiably, occasionally getting up to stretch or get a drink of water. Time went on. Finally, after more than 15 minutes, he decided to play the ace and another spade. When the trumps divided 2-2, he claimed the rest. Every other conceivable line of play would also have worked. Sobel returned to the table shortly thereafter and asked anxiously, "Did you make it?" "Sure," said Becker, "it was a laydown!"

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Sports

The Skinny



Titles made a fun week for Jay

By DAVID VANTRESS
The Commercial Review
As weeks go for a high school sports program, they don't get much better than last week for Jay County.

First, on Friday night, at the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling State Finals in Kokomo, Patriot freshman 160-pounder Mallory Winner won not only her first state championship, but the first in school history.

Girls wrestling is a relatively new sport at the high school level in Indiana, but it's exploding. More than 350 girls competed at the regional level in 2022, up by more than 100 over last season.

Girls wrestling isn't currently sanctioned by the Indiana High School Athletic Association, but that could and should be changing soon.

And when it does, Jay County's girls can say there were part of something truly special: Laying a strong foundation for another opportunity for girls to compete in high school sports in Indiana.

Meanwhile, an already spectacular season for both the Jay County boys and girls basketball teams got even better last weekend as both Patriot hoop squads brought home another piece of hardware for the trophy case at the high school: They swept the Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament.

There's nothing better for an Indiana high school basketball player than getting to cut down the nets after winning a tournament.

Following their victory over Woodlan in the ACAC final Saturday at South Adams' Stardome, the Patriot boys are 11-2 and finishing up a nice six-day breather before returning to action Friday night at home against the Starfires.

It was right back to work Tuesday night for the Class 3A No. 5 Jay County girls, who saw a 13-game winning streak end on the road at seventh-ranked Norwell.

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First Winner



Photo provided

Jay County High School freshman Mallory Winner (center) poses holding her state championship bracket after winning the 160-pound title Friday at the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling State Finals. She became the Patriots' first state champion in girls wrestling. Pictured with her are fellow state finalists Tricia Ison, who finished in fourth place, Lizzie Dollar (sixth), Mollie Hines (sixth) and Lilly Lothridge.

JCHS freshman brought home title

By DAVID VANTRESS
The Commercial Review

No matter how many Indiana state high school girls wrestling championships Jay County High School freshman wrestler Mallory Winner ends up with when her prep career is over, the one she earned last week will always be special.

It wasn't just Winner's first state championship. It was the first in the relatively brief history of the Jay County girls wrestling program.

And according to her coaches, the sky's the limit for Winner as she moves forward in her young high school career.

The state title capped off a

perfect 25-0 season, with 17 of those victories coming by pin.

Winner has been wrestling since age 4, but until recently, she's been primarily wrestling boys.

"We started her out in club wrestling, when she was pretty little," said Mallory's father John Winner, one of a number of coaches who worked with the Jay County girls this season. "She grew up wrestling boys."

She also grew up in a wrestling family. Her older brother Mason, a 2019 Jay County graduate, was a four-time state medalist for the Patriots. (He was in the audience at Fri-

day's Indiana High School Girls Wrestling State Finals.)

Winner said the support of her family, friends and especially teammates — including the Jay County boys team — made a huge difference throughout her busy day at state. (She noted that she hasn't gotten any slack from the boys at any point in her wrestling journey.)

"They didn't treat you any different," Winner said. "It's made me stronger ... They push you just as hard. You're just another one of the guys."

Winner's path to the pinnacle of the podium in Kokomo involved a busy day of wrestling that called for three

matches in the space of about eight hours. She had a first-round bye because she punched her ticket to state as a regional champion.

She started by recording her 17th pin of the season, a 53-second win over Warren Central's Sierra Holder. She followed that up with a 2-0 decision over New Albany's Sierra Zamorano in the semifinals.

In the championship match against Cydney Bassett of Purdue Polytechnic, Winner found herself in unfamiliar territory, trailing 2-0 right out of the gate as Bassett recorded a quick takedown.

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Patriot gymnasts open next week

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

With not much experience and a slim schedule, the goal is simple: Be better today than you were yesterday.

That's the task facing the Jay County High School gymnasts as they prepare to open their season next week.

"I want them to try to get personal bests on each

events, feel comfortable," said coach Melynda James, whose team opens its four-meet regular season Jan. 27 at Huntington North. "Especially when it's the first meet, they're going to have a lot of jitters. They won't understand how it works. Hopefully once the first meet's done they will get an idea and they're going to improve each meet."

Of the 10 Patriots on the roster, only three — Erin Ring, Karci Hopkins and Cassidy Upp — return from last season. Of those, only Ring competed at the sectional meet. The rest of the squad is new to competitive gymnastics.

Ring, a sophomore, is back after representing Jay County on two events at last season's sectional meet at Concordia. She

was 33rd in both, scoring an 8.025 on the vault and a 6.95 on the floor exercise.

Her older sister, Kenzie, was the Patriots top gymnast last season as a senior. Her best sectional finish came with an 8.775 on the balance beam — the top six athletes in each event advance to the regional meet — and she was also 21st on both the uneven parallel bars and floor.

As the two most experienced gymnasts on the JCHS squad this year, Ring and Hopkins will be the only athletes competing in all four events.

James said she expects Ring's best event to be the floor.

"She is starting to throw her two back hand-springs and a tuck on floor, so that's an improvement from last year," the coach said. "Jumps are improved, height-wise."

For Hopkins, a sophomore, the strength looks to be the vault. After throwing a half-on, half-off last season, she will look to increase the difficulty with a half-on, full-off.

She scored for the Patriots last season with a 7.8 on the vault at the Western Invitational.

"She has a lot explosive energy off the vault, so we're trying to get her to twist more," James noted. See *Gymnasts* page 7

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