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Commissioner arrested for OWI

A Jay County Commissioner was arrested for drunk driving on New Year's Eve.

Brian R. McGalliard, 52, Dunkirk, was preliminarily charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor. He was released on his own recognizance from Jay County Jail.

Formal charges have not been filed and results from a blood test were still pending as of this morning.

Reached for comment this morning, McGalliard referred The Commercial Review to a

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Facebook post he made following the incident. It reads as follows:

"I was involved in a situation that resulted in being suspected of a class C misdemeanor for driving under the influence. I possibly overindulged on New Years

Eve and I take full responsibility for my actions. I sincerely regret my actions and feel terrible. From the bottom of my heart, I apologize to all the citizens of Jay

County. When I ran for public office I stated that I would not runaway from or sidestep tough situations and this is clearly one of those tough situations. I am human, I made a huge mistake

and I take full and total responsibility for my actions."

According to a Portland Police Department report, officers Tre Nusbaumer and Cory Shepherd pulled over a vehicle along Indiana 67 near the intersection with county road 75 South about 5:11 p.m. Friday. A second vehicle also stopped in front of it.

Nusbaumer spoke with the driver of the second vehicle. She pointed to a GMC pickup truck in a driveway to the north and told Nusbaumer she had been driving behind the vehicle.

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Funds discussed



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Portland Water Park has had frequent issues with tile breaking and falling off along its edges. Park board president Brian Ison told Portland City Council on Monday that replacing the faulty tile is expected to cost about \$70,000 and materials will not be available until September.

Money for Portland Water Park, Runkle-Miller Field and animal control discussed in first meeting of '22

By **RAY COONEY**
The Commercial Review

The first meeting of the new year focused on dollars — dollars for Portland Water Park, dollars for other park facilities, dollars for animal control.

Portland City Council on Monday heard several updates and requests for funds as it got 2022 underway.

Portland Park Board president Brian Ison updated council on issues regarding tile at Portland Water Park. The five-year-old facility has experienced issues with the tile that surrounds the edge of the pool, with tiles frequently breaking and falling off. Ison explained that Blakley's of Indianapolis indicated that the type of tile that was installed should not have been used as it not designed for cold temperatures.

Blakley's has suggested a different type of tile and installed a test section at the "zero entry" section of the pool to test its durability. If the tile holds up well this winter, the park board could move forward with replacing it around the entirety of the pool at an estimated cost of \$70,000.

However, the tile is not expected to be available until September. With the tile unable to be replaced this spring, the



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Portland Water Park opened in May 2016. The city's park board, which meets tonight, plans to discuss whether safety issues from the broken tile are significant enough to keep the facility closed this summer.

park board at its meeting tonight will discuss the possibility of not opening the water park this year because of safety concerns. (Tiles can leave sharp edges when they break off and fall to the bottom of the pool.)

Council members Kent McClung, Janet Powers, Don Gillespie, Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker and Dave Golden also heard a

request from Randy Fisher and Dru Hall to fund a new restroom and concession stand for Runkle-Miller Field at Portland Memorial Park. It is estimated at a cost of \$68,000 to \$75,000.

Fisher, who is part of a booster club for the Portland Rockets amateur baseball team, said the group has had success raising funds for items specific to the Rockets but has struggled with

doing so for park facilities, like the restroom/concession stand building.

He said the boosters' fundraising will focus on placing padding around light poles that stand within the field of play because they pose a safety issue. (He acknowledged that the park board had offered to pay half of the cost for a new \$12,000 storage building for the Rockets last summer, but that the Rockets did not have sufficient funds to do so at that time and that the focus has since shifted.)

Discussing various projects within the parks, Portland Mayor John Boggs noted that the city could pass on the entirety of the \$100,000 in Bitter Ridge Wind Farm economic development funds it received from the county to the park board. Council did not formally vote on that plan.

Following a question from Golden, the board discussed funding for animal control with Jay County Humane Society representatives Mindy Weaver and Julie Forcum.

The humane society took over animal control responsibilities for the city and county in January 2021 following the retirement of Bill and Kathy Fields.

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Party, Holcomb differ on several issues

COVID-19, taxes and elections may be areas of contention

By **TOM DAVIES**
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb proposed a tax cut for some businesses Monday that is decidedly less ambitious than what many of his fellow Republicans want to seek during the new legislative session.

Holcomb continued his cautious approach toward state finances ahead of legislators returning to the Statehouse for Tuesday's start of the 2022 session. The governor also is facing disagreements with a Republican-backed proposal aimed at limiting workplace COVID-19 vaccination requirements and declined to say whether he supports adding political party identifications to what are now nonpartisan school board elections.

Projected booming growth in the state's budget surplus has some in the Republican-dominated Legislature talking about possible individual income tax cuts that could reduce state tax collections by hundreds of millions of dollars. The governor's proposed changes to the property tax on business equipment, meanwhile, wouldn't reduce those tax bills for at least a few years.

Holcomb said he had concerns such as inflation, a possible slowdown in sales tax revenue as federal COVID-19 relief payments end and additional costs to attract and retain state employees in a competitive job market.

"I love that we're in this position to talk about cutting taxes, we have a lot up in the air right now," Holcomb said. "We'll talk to folks and if we can be persuaded, we're open minded about this."

Officials estimate tax collections will grow nearly \$1.9 billion, or 10%, more for this budget year than was expected when the current state spending plan was approved in April.

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Deaths

Wilma Morriral, 96, Portland
Isabel Castillo Jr., 72, rural Portland
Karen Hudson, 57, rural Portland
Elmer Van Steenis, 75, Portland
Daniel McCowan, 74, Redkey
Jeffrey Hurst, 73, Lakeside, Arizona
Harold Walter, 96, Marion
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 30 degrees Monday. The low was 19.
Tonight's low will be in the low 30s with winds gusting to 40 miles per hour. Expect mostly sunny skies Wednesday with the temperature falling to 23 and continued high winds. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

United Way of Jay County and Second Harvest Food Bank will host a free food tailgate from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at Jay County Fairgrounds.
Income verification is not required.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of tonight's Portland Park Board meeting.

Friday — Results from Thursday's JCHS swim meet against Celina and Coldwater.



CR almanac

Table with 5 columns: Wednesday 1/5, Thursday 1/6, Friday 1/7, Saturday 1/8, Sunday 1/9. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts (e.g., 33/12, 20/8).

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 2-13-32-33-48 Powerball: 22 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$575 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$244 million
Hoosier Monday MIDDAY Daily Three: 5-7-0 Daily Four: 8-5-1-7 Quick Draw: 15-24-27-32-33-35-38-41-43-51-55-59-61-62-64-65-66-67-71-76 Evening Daily Three: 3-5-8 Daily Four: 6-4-6-4 Quick Draw: 1-2-4-5-6-7-13-19-21-28-29-37-40-46-48

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Wheat 7.56 Corn 6.01 Feb. corn 6.04 Wheat 7.52
POET Biorefining Portland Corn 6.08 Feb. corn 6.05 March corn 6.07
The Andersons Richland Township Corn 5.93 Feb. corn 5.98 Beans 13.58 Feb. beans 13.55

Today in history

On Jan. 4, 2007, Nancy Pelosi was elected the first female speaker of the House as Democrats took control of Congress.
In 1821, the first native-born American saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, died in Emmitsburg, Maryland.
In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his State of the Union address, called for legislation to provide assistance for the jobless, elderly, impoverished children and the disabled.
In 1948, Burma (now called Myanmar) became independent of British rule.
In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson delivered his State of the Union address in which he outlined the goals of his "Great Society."
In 1974, President Richard Nixon refused to hand over tape recordings and documents subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee.
In 1987, 16 people were killed when an Amtrak train bound from Washington, D.C., to Boston collided with Conrail locomotives that had crossed into its path from a side track in Chase, Maryland.
In 1990, Charles Stuart, who'd claimed that he'd been wounded and his pregnant wife fatally shot by a robber, leapt to his death off a Boston bridge after he himself became a suspect.
In 1999, Europe's new currency, the euro, got off to a strong start on its first trading day, rising against the dollar on world currency markets. Former professional wrestler Jesse Ventura took the oath of office as Minnesota's governor.
In 2002, Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Ross Chapman, a U.S. Army Special Forces soldier, was killed by small-arms fire during an ambush in eastern Afghanistan; he was the first American military death from enemy fire in the war against terrorism.
In 2006, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suffered a significant stroke; his official powers were transferred to his deputy, Ehud Olmert.
In 2015, Pope Francis named 156 new cardinals, selecting them from 14 countries, including far-flung corners of the world, to reflect the diversity of the Roman Catholic church and its growth in places like Asia and Africa.
In 2017, the Jay County High School gymnastics team opened its season with a 91.95-74.825 victory over Marion. Karlie Bullard led the Patriots with a career-best all-around score of 32.175. —AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today 7 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.
7 p.m. — Salamoniam Town Board, Schoolhouse Community Center.
Wednesday 7 a.m. — Jay County Board of Health, courthouse annex, 504 W. Arch St., Portland.

Obituaries

Wilma Morrival Feb. 15, 1925-Dec. 30, 2021
Wilma Morrival, age 96, a resident of Portland, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021, at Miller's Merry Manor in Dunkirk.
Wilma was born on Feb. 15, 1925, in Allen County, Indiana, the daughter of Ora DeWitte and Mabelle Mae (Bracey) Noyer. She graduated from Lutheran School of Nursing and worked many years as a nurse at Jay County Hospital and as a surgical nurse for Dr. Fitzpatrick and Dr. Schenck.
Wilma was a member of West Walnut Street Church of Christ, where she loved serving in children's ministry and music for many years.
She married Keith Morrival on June 4, 1950, and he passed away on Jan. 16, 2016.
Wilma was a faithful Christ follower and prayer warrior, and loved her husband and family. Music, Bible study, flowers, birds and gardening brought her great joy.
Survivors include:
Two sons — Allen Morrival (wife: Geri), Portland, Indiana, and Daryl Morrival (wife: Linda), Yorktown, Indiana
Four grandchildren — Brandon Morrival (wife: McKenzie), Ethan Morrival (wife: Jenn), Brianne Kelly (husband: Mark) and Brenna Morrival.
Four great grandchildren — Hope and Paige Morrival and Ori and Oliver Kelly.
A private family service will be held at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Burial will follow at Green Park Cemetery in Portland.
In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Keith and Wilma Morrival Scholarship Fund through Johnson University or West Walnut Street Church of Christ in Portland.
Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.



Morrival

Rachel Bentz (husband: Phil) and Crystal Lothridge (husband: Steve), all of Portland; one brother, Benito Castillo of Pennville; Four sisters, Ramona Reyna of Florida and Frances Watson (husband: William), Janie Meehan and Christina Byers (husband: Bob), all of Portland; 16 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.
He was preceded in death by brothers Joe Castillo and Pablo "Paul" Reyes; and sister Josephine Smith.
Private family services will be held in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland.
Memorials can be directed to the family.
Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.



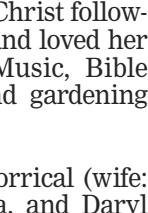
Castillo

be directed to Jay-Randolph Developmental Services in Portland.
Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.
Elmer Van Steenis Oct. 10, 1946-Dec. 30, 2021
Elmer Ray "Van" Van Steenis passed away on Dec. 30, 2021, at Ball Memorial Hospital.
He was born Oct. 10, 1946, to Raymond and Gertrude (De Bruin) Van Steenis. He was born at their home just outside of Pella, Iowa. He went to country schools and graduated from Pella Community High School in 1964.
After high school, he served in the United States Army as a Specialist 4 in the 1st Brigade 1st Infantry Division. He fought in Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star for his brave and heroic actions taken on Nov. 7, 1967.
He loved his "home away from home," Pit's Cocktail Lounge. He could be found there almost daily sharing stories and beers while visiting with friends.
He married Sharon Storie on Sept. 4, 1971. She was the love of his life, and they shared 50 years together. He was a loving father to their two daughters and proud "Papa" to their three granddaughters. They will remember him as someone who was hardworking, generous and enjoyed making others laugh.
Both of his parents preceded him in death.
Survivors include their two daughters, Jinny (Chris) Broderick of Bluffton, Indiana, and CJ Thomas of Jeffersonville, Indiana; along with three granddaughters, Abby and Lilly of Bluffton, and Hadley of Jeffersonville; three sisters, Evelyn (Creston) Vos of Akeny, Iowa, Mary (Cecil) Priuett of Oskaloosa, Iowa, and Betty (Rich) Swank of Des Moines, Iowa. He leaves behind many brothers- and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and dear friends.
He did not wish to have a funeral service because he could always be the one found rolling his eyes when he felt the service went too long. There may be a celebration of life held at Pit's Cocktail Lounge in Portland on a later date.
Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland is handling the arrangements.
Memorials can be made to the Jay County Humane Society.
Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.
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Van Steenis

Karen Hudson March 5, 1964-Dec. 31, 2021
Karen Hudson, age 57, a resident of rural Portland, passed away suddenly at IU Health Jay on Friday, Dec. 31, 2021.
Karen loved her family, always putting them first and dedicated her life to helping everyone else. She attended Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren in Jay County. She was employed at Peyton's in Bluffton for over 36 years.
Karen Hudson was born March 5, 1964, in Portland, Indiana, the daughter of Lowell and Patricia (Lehman) Smith. She was married on April 10, 1982, to Doug Hudson.
Survivors include:
Her beloved husband of 39 years — Doug Hudson, rural Portland
One son — Troy Hudson, rural Portland
Her mother — Patricia Smith, Portland
Two sisters — Debra Enyart (husband: Garry), Portland, and Susan Williams (husband: Terry Williams), Portland.
One grandson — Julian Hudson
She was preceded in death by her daughter, Kari Hudson; and her father, Lowell "Smitty" Smith.
Visitation for family and friends will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. on Thursday in the Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Services to celebrate the life of Karen Hudson will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Pastor Earl Doll will officiate the services, and burial will follow in the Center Cemetery, west of Portland.
The family requests memorials



Hudson

Isabel Castillo Jr. Nov. 9, 1949-Jan. 1, 2022
Isabel Castillo Jr., age 72, of rural Portland passed away on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022, at his residence.
He was born in Hughes, Arkansas, on Nov. 9, 1949, the son of Isabel and Maria (Reyes) Castillo Sr. He was married on July 1, 1968, to Juanita Esparza who survives. He was retired from Brooks Construction in Fort Wayne and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.
Surviving are his wife Juanita; two sons, John Castillo and Joe Castillo (wife: Francene) both of Portland; three daughters, Norma Englehardt,



Castillo

Felony arrests
Failed to appear A Redkey man was arrested Friday for failing to appear in court.
Curtis W. Dixon, 64, 10964 W. 700 South, has two original charges for child molestation, a Level 1 felony and a Level 4 felony.
He's being held on a \$50,000 bond in Jay County Jail.
Drug possession A Portland woman was arrested Saturday for drug possession.
Kaitlyn R. Morningstar,

Felony arrests

20, 538 W. High St., was preliminarily charged with Level 6 felonies for possession of a narcotic drug and maintaining a common nuisance.
She was released from Jay County Jail on a \$5,000 bond.
The family requests memorials

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She said something was wrong with the driver of that vehicle and said they had been driving all over the road.
According to the report, dash camera footage of the stop shows a GMC pickup truck driving in the distance on the highway and turning into a driveway at 2086 W. 75 South.
The report says footage shows McGalliard exit the truck, walk to the house and walk back to the truck as officers approach him.
McGalliard told police he was on his way from Dunkirk to Portland, the report says. He had bloodshot eyes,

slurred speech and smelled of alcohol, according to the report. The truck he had been driving was running.
McGalliard refused field sobriety tests and he told police he wanted to consult with an attorney before taking a chemical test, the report says.
Nusbaumer received a search warrant from Jay Circuit Court Judge Brian Hutchison about 5:58 p.m. and took McGalliard to IU Health Jay for a blood test.
McGalliard started his first term as a Jay County Commissioner representing the south district in January 2021. His term runs through December 2024.

SERVICES
Today McCowan, Daniel: 1 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.
Wednesday Davenport, Judith: 1 p.m., Dunkirk Church of the Nazarene, 226 E. Center St., Dunkirk.
Friday Hudson, Karen: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
Saturday Ashcraft, Mary: 1 p.m., Southside Church of Christ, 1209 S. Shank St., Portland.
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Despite everything, life still goes on

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special To The Commercial Review

The holidays are thankfully over. We are still getting Christmas cards in the mail. I admit that I have one or two left to drop off at the post office. While I enjoy the holidays as much as anybody, I find them to be increasingly tiresome.

It was my idea to stop exchanging Christmas presents with my brothers. It is painfully obvious that neither I nor they have a clue as to what to get each other. The last few years whenever any of us has opened a carefully chosen gift the confused look on the recipient's face says it all. The annual wrapping paper fight is the highlight of the day. Alas, no gifts

As I See It



means no paper. Maybe I should rethink the no gift thing and just pass out boxes of wrapping paper.

I have convinced my hubby to get me the same things every year. This way I am assured of getting something I like and he doesn't have to search all over trying to guess what to buy. We do send boxes to my daughter and her family in Texas and she sends one to us. This year she must have had a coupon for hand sanitizer

as she sent almost a dozen of the little bottles.

I am considering finding a thumb guard for her. It seems that she had a patient bite her last week. It didn't break the glove she was thankfully wearing, but when it came time to take off the glove she found that her thumb was all bloody. Her thumb wasn't broken but the pain radiated to her entire hand. I don't know about you, but I have never had a job that involved getting bitten.

I am hoping that this year will be the year that the COVID virus runs its course. We are all tired of the uncertainty. Does the vaccine work? There is an abundance of data that says it does. It may not prevent one from catching the

virus but everything I read says that the vast majority of the time the ones who end up in the hospital are people who have not been vaccinated.

Should we continue washing our hands multiple times per day and wearing the hated masks? Again, all the data I have found says we should. Besides, all this hand-washing and mask-wearing is slowing the spread of other diseases that are passed along the same way.

There is another thing besides COVID that is killing us. It seems that we are back to children shooting children. It is painfully obvious to me that this is entirely preventable. Having children practice what to do in case somebody

decides to shoot up the school is about as useful as having my generation practice what to do in case somebody drops a bomb on us.

Another thing I don't understand is why there are so many empty shelves in the grocery stores. Yes, I know that much of the shortage is blamed on the virus. I would think that in the two or so years we have been blaming the virus for anything unpleasant that we would have figured out how to restock the stores. I guess not.

In spite of worrying about things I can't change, the world is still a beautiful place. There are caring people everywhere. Long lost relatives send late Christmas cards with informa-

tion about ancestors I never met. Underneath the scribbled words is the silent need for someone to care.

I am thankful for people who post pictures of loved ones. We would love to see them in person but that doesn't seem safe. I am also thankful that a former boss is slowly coming back to being the guy he used to be. I was worried.

The sun still sets and rises with spectacular colors. Rain still washes the air and nourishes the grass. Stray cats find small rodents just outside of the garden beds. The resident blue jay still yells at the squirrels.

Life goes on. Now where is that last card I need to mail?

Sister's appearance brings back bad memories

DEAR ABBY: A year ago, I was contacted by a half-sister I'll call "Shyla," who my mother placed for adoption at birth. My mother passed away five years ago. She was a horrible mother who physically, verbally and emotionally abused my brother and me. Giving Shyla up was the best thing she ever did. I have spent years in therapy to work through my painful childhood.

Shyla barreled in like a train. I was honest with her about our mother and how I grew up. But Shyla wants me to visit her and video-call her like we are close. When she asks questions about my mother, I'm honest because I refuse to create a person who didn't exist. The woman was a monster.

I do not want a relationship with this sister, or to have to talk about my abuser for the rest of

Dear Abby



my life. That chapter is closed. Shyla makes me feel horrible because I haven't met her yet. I don't WANT to meet her. Other adoptees I have spoken to chide me on this, saying Shyla "has a right" to her birth family.

Advice, please. — FREAKING OUT IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR FREAKING OUT: You have given your half-sister what information you could. Regardless of what "other adoptees" are telling you, you are NOT obligated to have more contact with this

half-sister than you are comfortable with. If she asks to meet again, tell her it has taken years of therapy to get past what was done to you and your brother, and that talking with her is bringing back all of that trauma, which is why you DO NOT WISH TO HAVE FURTHER CONTACT WITH HER. If she persists after that, block her.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 46-year-old widow. My husband of 18 years passed away 14 months ago. My three children from a previous marriage, which ended because of abuse, are adults. Two of them are still in the house, and one, my son "Charlie," has serious health issues. My husband was sick for five years prior to his death.

Charlie gets upset when I talk

about being interested in starting to date. He thinks I am going to abandon him again and that I should pay more attention to reconnecting with my children than trying to develop a new relationship. I don't see why I can't have both.

Charlie refuses to leave the house, so taking him out to do things is not an option. I don't think he loves me; I feel he just wants to control me. My other children are supportive, but they are independent. Am I wrong for wanting to pursue life outside my home and grown children? — ATTEMPTING TO GO FORWARD

DEAR ATTEMPTING: You aren't wrong for wanting companionship, and I'm not referring to the kind you can get from your children. If Charlie is unable to live inde-

pendently and needs constant supervision, you should be discussing options for him such as respite care, so you can have a break.

Because you mentioned that he has serious health issues, what are the plans for him if you should predecease him? This is an issue that should be hashed out before there is a crisis, so there will be no surprises and Charlie can be reassured, which may allay his fears and help him to become less needy.

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

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at

Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. 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 Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-

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

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

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

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

Thursday

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 - BRI-

ANNA'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.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Sudoku

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Diabetes series serves as warning

By **TRUDY LIEBERMAN**
Hoosier Health

It's no secret that diabetes is becoming the scourge of America. It plagues one in 10 Americans, and every one of us probably knows someone who struggles with the disease. In 2017 the U.S. mortality rate for diabetes was 42 % higher than the average among 10 other industrialized countries. That's a poor showing for America.

Many of those Americans are taking insulin, a drug discovered a century ago. Sales of drugs to treat diabetes have increased about 212 % from \$24 billion in 2011 to \$75 billion in 2020, second in total revenue only to drugs used to treat rheumatoid arthritis and other inflammatory diseases.

With all that money spent on pharmaceuticals to control the disease, you would think the U.S. was getting a loud bang for its buck. That's not the case. Reporters at Reuters, the global news service, have just produced

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an amazing series about diabetes in America revealing that disease has produced a medical catastrophe.

One of the series' authors, Chad Terhune, told me the U.S. had been making a lot of progress until around 2010-2011 when complications from the disease seem to have rounded a corner in middle-aged adults. "Diabetes has followed the obesity crisis," Terhune told me. "It has a lot to do with healthy lifestyles and health disparities. It's a reflection of income inequality." Sedentary lifestyles, unhealthy diets, and lack of consistent medical care for many people also contribute to the halt

in progress in improving outcomes for people with the disease.

We also know some patients ration their diabetes medications and skip doctor's appointments because they don't have the money to pay the large deductibles and other out-of-pocket costs. Ironically, it was the insurance industry that pushed those onerous costs onto policyholders to discourage them from seeing doctors. The goal was to impose high cost sharing by their insurance policies in the hope that if people had to pay more out-of-pocket, they'd be less inclined to go to the doctor for every minor ailment. The goal was to lower the overall cost of health care for the country and, of course, benefit insurance companies through fewer claims to be paid out.

Some twenty years after that cost-containment strategy surfaced, the strategy seems has backfired — harming thousands

of diabetic patients. Delays in care simply impose higher costs because people don't show up for treatment until they are much sicker. One study of lower-income workers and their family members who had diabetes had 22 % more emergency room visits for preventable complications after they had switched to high deductible plans.

Reuters reporters didn't just interview patients, researchers, and experts in diabetes care. They examined the rates of potentially avoidable hospitalizations related to diabetes tracked by the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. They found from 2016 to 2017, the most recent year of available data, hospitalization rates increased for short-term complications, long-term complications, and lower-extremity amputations. When reporters asked for more recent state-specific data, only eight states responded.

One was Indiana. Rates of

short-term diabetes complications and amputations increased in all responding states, except Indiana. Rates of controlled diabetes without mention of complications decreased nationally from 2011 to 2015 and in six states that responded through 2018. Indiana, however, reported an increase. So Indiana results are mixed — making it hard to judge how well Indiana is doing in preventing diabetes complications.

The Reuters series on diabetes illustrated the three evils in America's health system: underuse, overuse and misuse of medical services. It serves as a warning not just for diabetics but for the rest of us who inevitably will need health care in our lives.

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It's a good time to discuss social media

Terre Haute Tribune-Star

There is no shortage of uneasiness in the world. The last thing Americans need right now is a campaign of rumors about threats to schools.

A national social media trend this month involved students threatening violence at school or spreading rumors of such dangers. The trend appeared to have originated on TikTok as a quest for students to skip school on Friday, Dec. 17. TikTok is a social media platform popular with teens, among other age groups.

The trend escalated into rumors that violence would occur in schools that day. Several posts went viral on social media platforms.

As a result, multiple schools in Florida, for example, operated under lockdowns this week. The Associated Press reported Friday. The threats heightened anxieties at schools across the country, as well. Districts in several states closed schools Friday.

A statement from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security urged schools to be watchful, but saw no proof of verifiable threats. "DHS is aware of public reporting that suggests possible threats to schools on December 17, 2021," Homeland Security said in the statement, posted on Twitter Friday morning. "DHS does not have any information indicating any specific, credible threats to schools but recommends communities remain alert."

TikTok started deleting the posts from its platform Friday afternoon, CNN reported. The platform labeled the posts as misinformation.

Like elsewhere, the threats concerned schools, teachers, staff, students and parents in the Wabash Valley, too. The Vigo County School Corp. and Paris Union School District 95 were among districts advising the public that they were aware of the rumored threats and would investigate any such rumor to determine its validity.

The local school districts also offered advice to parents and students concerning young people's activities online.

Hoosier Editorial

The stresses of 2021 hardly need enumerated here, but clearly the COVID-19 pandemic, persistent spates of actual gun violence in schools and public settings, upheavals at work, and political animosity have driven anxiety higher. As weary as Americans are from coping with such turmoil, the recommendations offered by the schools and mental health counselors should be shared by parents with their kids, once again.

Families should discuss healthy social media activity with children, helping them "realize the ways in which spreading rumors or participating in those trends can cause disruption and panic," the VCSC advised. It also encouraged families to remind students to report suspicious behavior to a school staff member, or to alert the school district through the StopIt app in VCSC secondary schools.

At Paris District 95, parents and guardians were reminded the Safe2Help Illinois helpline allows students to share school safety concerns and offers ways to get help and encouragement. The helpline phone number is 844-472-3345. District 95 also urged families and students to avoid promoting social media rumors and instead report credible threats to the district.

Perhaps the most crucial recommendation was for families to be aware of who is connecting with their children online. Based on that information, rules can be set concerning social networking, instant messaging, emails, online gaming and use of webcams.

Those conversations with kids may be difficult, as is the setting of such boundaries. Those steps are essential in 2021. The efforts will make kids, their classmates, teachers and school staffs safer. We all need fewer worries, not more.



White was an inspiration

By **DAVID VON DREHLE**
The Washington Post

The essential Betty Whiteness of Betty White was that, in a world of so much anger and fear, she wasn't mad at anyone or, seemingly, afraid of anything.

People are drawn to that. Sure, there is a lot of money to be made and a lot of votes to be won by stoking anger and fear. But these emotions are exhausting; like wildfire, they burn themselves out. Angry young people are often admired: they are the activists, the protesters, the radicals, the true believers. Angry old people are pitied.

As the antithesis of an angry old person, White became a bigger star the older she got. She seemed to have cracked the elusive code of contentment, which made it seem possible for the rest of us. When she died Dec. 31 as she approached her 100th birthday, White was no longer admired for her roles. She was admired for being herself, loved for being lovable, enjoyed for her joy.

White's nickname — "the First Lady of Television" — was almost literally true. She was an artifact from a very different era of communications. Her variety shows and sitcom work from the early 1950s made her a professional contemporary of such pioneers as Imogene Coca and Lucille Ball. This era of television grew out of the coast-to-coast radio networks that created a single, homogenized American audience for news and entertainment during the Depression and World War II.

Network television made some of the biggest stars in our star-struck culture. It was a particular kind of stardom, a stardom of addition, not division. Actors and producers —

David Von Drehle



White and Ball were the first women to do both — sought to build the largest possible viewership. So they aimed for shows that everyone could watch: young and old, left and right, urban and rural.

It wasn't that times were more innocent. White came under pressure in 1954 from racist viewers and station executives to cut the talented Black singer and dancer Arthur Duncan from her variety show. She smiled and gave him more airtime. Through the unrest of the 1960s and strife of the 1970s, White personified a medium that tried to find things people could agree on — no matter how anodyne. In one game show episode, she made money for her playing partner by offering "Scotch" as a better answer than "Watergate" for the question: "[fill in the blank] tape."

White was gifted with wide appeal, and she never betrayed a moment's regret about the ordinary, middle-brow business of broadcast TV. She excelled at the mild cleverness and double entendres of daytime game shows. She brought magnetic appeal to such broadly sketched characters as Sue Ann Nivens — the chipper host of "The Happy Homemaker" who is "actually tough as nails" ("The Mary Tyler Moore Show") — and Rose Nylund, the geriatric ingenue "The Golden Girls."

Television changed — indeed, all media changed — with the rise of cable, satellite and streaming. Success is now defined by the passionate intensity of an audience, not by its size. The Fox News host Tucker Carlson averaged about 3 million viewers in the most recent Nielsen ratings, for example. That's fewer than 1% of Americans. On broadcast TV, an audience that size would have meant instant cancellation; today it makes for the No. 1 "news" show on cable.

But if broadcast stars had to be unifiers rather than dividers, few came to it as naturally as White. Mary Tyler Moore and her co-producer husband, Grant Tinker, so enjoyed her friendship that they hesitated to give her an audition for fear of hurting her feelings. She later clashed with her "Golden Girls" co-star Bea Arthur because, White said, she was "too happy" for Arthur's tastes.

Happy proved to be the secret sauce for an amazing final third of her seven decades in show business. In recent years, White was beloved by a generation of people who've never experienced broadcast television — or experienced it only through one-off spectaculars such as the Super Bowl. It figures that she starred in an iconic Super Bowl commercial; another box checked.

She poked fun at herself, expressed joy in her friendships, sampled youth cultures, and was game for anything so long as it sparked delight. Betty White became an exemplar, an aspiration, for people who not only want to live long, but want to live better. To live with love, forgiveness, kindness and hope.

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Obituaries

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Daniel McCowan

May 1, 1947-Dec. 29, 2021

Daniel L. McCowan, 74, of Redkey, Indiana, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021, while in the company of family members at his residence.

Daniel was born in Overton County, Tennessee, on May 1, 1947, a son of the late Elsie (Bilbrey) and Elvin D. McCowan. He attended Governor IP Gray School, proudly served in the 101st Airborne in the United States Army, and was formerly employed by the Pennsylvania, Conrail and CSX railroad companies.

Daniel was the loving husband of Phyllis K. (Freeman) McCowan, who he happily married on Feb. 14, 1970, and as his wife would say "deserved a Husband of the Year award."

He was a member of the VFW Post 7081 and American Legion Post 0705, and enjoyed fishing, hunting, riding his Kubota tractor, gardening, working outside, playing guitar, listening to country music, collecting guns and knives, watching the Discovery Channel, History Chan-



McCowan

nel, westerns, reading Louis L'amour books and spending his winters in Florida and summers in Canada with his lovely wife.

Daniel is survived by his wife Phyllis; one brother, Norman McCowan (wife: Roxanne); one sister, Barbara Mink; two grandchildren, Ashley Harty (husband: Zach) and Joseph Greene; three great-grandchildren, LeAnn Harty, Levi Harty and Romi Greene; special friend Mary Terhune; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Doyle McCowan and Donald McCowan (wife: Paula); and two sis-

ters, Erleen Miller and Ima Jean Simons.

Friends are invited to call Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. with Pastor Oliver McCowan officiating. Burial will be held in Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Delaware County Cancer Society.

Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel.

Jeffrey Allen Hurst, Lakeside, Arizona, a Portland native, Dec.

19, 1948-Dec. 2, 2021. A celebration of life will be held this summer.

Harold E. Walter, Marion, a Jay County native, April 23, 1925-Dec. 31, 2021. Private graveside services will be held at the IOOF Twin Hills Cemetery in Pennville.

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.

Differ ...

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That would push Indiana's budget surplus to a whopping \$5.1 billion, or 29% of state spending, by the end of next June.

Top Indiana House Republicans have suggested possible cuts to the state's individual income tax rate or expanded credits to reduce what income taxes are owed. They've not yet released a proposal but lowering Indiana's individual income tax rate to a flat 3% from the current 3.23% would cost about \$400 million a year.

The size of the budget surplus is triggering the state's automatic taxpayer refund law for the first time since 2012, with Holcomb asking legislators to modify the law so that about 900,000 people who don't have enough income to owe any state taxes are also eligible for the \$125 payments. If approved, that would result in payments by direct deposit or mailed checks to an estimated 4.3 million people by May 1.

House Republicans are also set to quickly advance a bill that would force businesses to grant broad exemptions to any COVID-19 vaccination requirements in response to conservative grievances over government-ordered virus precautions. The state's major medical and business groups have opposed the proposal - and Holcomb has repeatedly said he believed employers should have the freedom to make such decisions themselves.

After conservative protests in some school districts over issues such as face mask requirements and teaching about racial injustice, Republican lawmakers are also pushing steps they say would increase transparency by mandating more parental access to classroom materials and adding political party identifications to what are now non-partisan school board elections.

Holcomb, however, sidestepped taking any position Monday on such proposals.

"I'll take a careful look at what their ideas are, and I'll let you know as soon as I form an opinion on them," Holcomb said.

Indiana Senate Minority Leader Greg Taylor, an Indianapolis Democrat, said he wished Holcomb and legislative Republicans would look at directing some of the state surplus toward actions such as further boosting school funding.

Taylor said he believed many Republican legislators were more worried about facing challengers in the May primaries for the GOP nominations than considering what is best for the state.

Felony court news

Child molestation

A Pennville man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to child molestation, a Level 3 felony.

Brandon G. Walker, 23, 395 N. Union St., Pennville, was sentenced to 14 years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served on Dec. 17 and Jan. 1 to Jan. 6. (Walker is credit restricted.) He was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$500 sexual assault victim assistance fee.

Walker was originally charged with a Level 1 felony for child molestation and pleaded guilty to a lesser charge.

Drug possession

Several people were sentenced to serve time after pleading guilty in Jay courts to possessing drugs.

Jamie E. Spencer, 32, 648 Katelynn Drive, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail and

given credit for five days served in 2019 and time served since Aug. 5. Spencer was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

Rita K. Micheau, 54, 1958 S. 825 West, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony. She was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served from Jan. 9 to Jan. 31.

Micheau was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor charge for possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.

Doddie A. Snow, 48, 906 Franklin St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 3 felony. She was sentenced to nine years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served

since June 7. Snow was recommended for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completion of a substance abuse treatment program, the court will consider modifying her sentence. As part of her plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: two Level 6 felonies for maintaining a common nuisance and unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Class A misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Capsule Reports

Intersection collision

An Indianapolis man's vehicle struck a Portland man's vehicle at the intersection of Ship and Arch streets in Portland about 9:25 a.m. Sunday.

Duwayne R. Hintz, 81, Indianapolis, told Portland Police he stopped his 201 Kia Motors Forte on Ship Street at the intersection with Arch Street and failed to notice oncoming traffic.

He continued into the intersection and struck a 2014 Ford Explorer, driven by 68-year-old

Dennis D. Ford of Portland. Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Lost control

A Portland woman lost control of her vehicle on Mount Pleasant Road about 7:59 a.m. Sunday.

Ashtyn B. Younger, 18, Portland, was driving north on the road near county road 425 West and drove across a patch of ice. Younger lost control of her 2006 Pontiac G6, veered into a northwestern ditch and struck a utili-

ty pole. Younger's vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Pole hit

A Dunkirk man crashed into a fallen pole on county road 1100 West about 9:53 p.m. Saturday.

Michael R. Bowen, 56, was driving south on the road near county road 200 South when he struck a utility pole laying across the road.

The pole snapped in half and caused between \$1,000 and \$2,500

in damage to Bowen's 2013 Nissan Altima. His vehicle was towed.

Deer hit

A deer ran in front of a Portland woman's vehicle on Tyson Road, causing a collision about 6:37 p.m. Wednesday.

Traci L. Gross, 48, was driving west on the road near Indiana 67 when her 2010 Pontiac G6 struck a deer.

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Funds ...

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The Fields had been contracted to receive \$15,000 per year plus the cost of one tank of gas per week from the city for their services. That money was never formally requested by the humane society when it took over responsibilities and the city never formally voted to pay the organization those amounts, so the budgeted funds were not distributed last year.

City attorney Wes Schemenaur, in his first meeting after taking over the role from Bill Hinkle, said he would work with city officials on a contract with the humane society. Council members discussed paying the humane society both for 2022 and for its services rendered in 2021, but no vote was taken. They plan to revisit the issue at their Jan. 17 meeting.

In other business, council:

- Re-elected McClung as its president.

- Heard Powers suggest the city look into the former Sheller-Globe south building on Bridge Street as a possible location for a new street department headquarters.

- Updated the city's COVID-19 policy to conform with new Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, which call for those who test positive to quarantine for five days and then wear a mask around others for an additional five days.

- Heard McClung urged Portland residents to get vaccinated.

- Learned the following from Boggs:

- The city has been approved to purchase wetland mitigation credits to complete its monitoring responsibilities for the area of the former XPLEX Extreme Sports Park on the north side of county road 100 North.

- John Lyons has resigned from Portland Board of Aviation. Boggs has named John Ferguson to take his place.

- Chris Compton and Giles Laux have resigned from Portland Park Board. He and Ison are working to find replacements. Anyone interested in serving should contact the mayor's office at (260) 729-2277.

- Christmas decorations in the downtown area will be taken down today and replaced with banners purchased by Portland Main Street Connect. The organization has bought various banners that will be changed throughout the year.



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WALK? HA! I'M LUCKY IF I CAN MANAGE A LOOSE SHUFFLE!
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WHAT A DAY! THE BOSS KEPT SINGING THE SAME DUMB SONG, AND NOW IT'S STUCK IN MY HEAD.
WHAT SONG?
MAY BUMSTEAD RAISES BE FORGOT AND NEVER B BROUGHT TO MIND.
I TAKE IT YOU DIDN'T GET THE BONUS?
WE'LL BREAK US WITH THE DAILY GRIND... FOR AULD SYNE!

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SORRY, PARSON, BUT I'M NOW ENFORCIN' THIS WIF NO EXCEPTIONS !!
OH, BUT I'M NOT SOLICITIN', SNUFFY !!
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Colts hope to take advantage of 2nd chance

By MICHAEL MAROT
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — The strain and frustration were evident on coach Frank Reich's face Sunday. After spending one week plotting contingency plans, monitoring the COVID-19 status of so many key players and shifting to virtual meetings, the Indianapolis Colts coach couldn't fathom

how this team blew a chance to clinch a playoff spot in front of its home fans. By Monday, Reich had already moved beyond the 23-20 loss to Las Vegas, intent on making sure it doesn't happen again this weekend at Jacksonville. "The playoffs start for us this week," Reich said. "Believe me, I had every intention of it not

coming down to this last week. But I think in this business, we embrace it. You embrace the moment you have." Indy positioned itself to do just that by fighting its way back from a 1-4 start to position themselves for the AFC's top wild-card spot. Instead, the playoff drive stalled out with a dud performance.

The good news for the Colts: What happens next remains entirely up to them. Beat Jacksonville in the regular-season finale for the second straight year and Indy again will be playoff bound while the Jags again will lock up the No. 1 draft pick. A victory would give the Colts the No. 5, 6 or 7 seed in the AFC bracket.

A loss could make Indy one of the three remaining eligible teams heading home after next weekend. The Colts haven't won at Jacksonville since 2014 and another loss would be bitter way to finish the season. And yet, their playoff future wouldn't necessarily be sealed by a loss, either, thanks to a 7-4 record in conference play.

Tops ...

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Parazzi won the high jump sectional championship at Delta with a career-high leap of 5 feet, 6 inches, became the Patriots first girls track regional champion in a decade a week later and went on to place seventh in the state finals. "I'm so proud to be here," she said. "The goal of my season was to come to state, and I made it."

5. Big fights

Casey Kenney, a 2009 Jay County High School graduate, fought just twice in the UFC in 2021. But they were both big bouts. Kenney's first fight came at UFC 259 as he took on former two-time bantamweight champion Dominick Cruz. It went the distance with a 30-27, 29-28, 28-29 split decision going to Cruz, who is now ranked seventh in the division. On Aug. 7, Kenney made his main card debut against Song Yadong in UFC 265 at Toyota Center in Houston. He lost by split decision again, this time 30-27, 29-28, 28-29.

6. New era

As the calendar year began, Jay County did not have a football coach. Two months later, a new era began as former Delta coach Grant Zgunda was hired to lead the Patriots on the gridiron. Not long after his hiring, Zgunda and his 204 career wins were inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame. The Patriots



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won their first game under Zgunda's tutelage, snapping a 10-game losing streak, and two weeks later tied the mark for the second-most points in a single game in school history (64). The Patriots finished the season 3-7.

7. Back-to-back

Fort Recovery's cross country made just the

team's third appearance at the state finals in 2020. They qualified in back-to-back seasons in November, and then matched the best finish in school history by taking 12th at the OHSAA Division III state meet at Fortress Oetz and Memorial Park. Three Tribe runners — sophomore Jenna Hart, freshman Joelle Kaup and junior Alexis Wendel —

had career-best times, while sophomore Ellie Will had the team's best finish at 68th overall. The Indians have a chance to make it three straight state berths for the first time in program history his fall.

8. Four in a row

The ongoing coronavirus pandemic made the 2020-21 sports season have

Jay County High School football coach Grant Zgunda talks with senior quarterback Sam Dunlavy during a quick break in action at practice on Aug. 2. Zgunda, who was hired in February, was 3-7 in his first season in Jay County.

9. Youngsters pave

Cody Rowles, Tony Wood and Cameron Clark made history by giving the Jay County wrestling team three state qualifiers in the same season. They did it as freshmen, too. Although they did not return home with medals around their necks, the youngsters set the tone for their careers. In early December, they helped the Patriots win the Allen County Athletic Conference team dual tournament for the second consecutive year. (However Clark missed the tournament with an injury).

10. Top freshman

A former Indian was the go-to attacker for the University of Saint Francis volleyball team, and she was awarded for coming through over and over again. Paige Fortkamp in December was named the 2021 NAIA American Volleyball Coaches Association Regional Freshman of the Year, becoming the first USF volleyball player to receive the honor. The 5-foot, 9-inch outside hitter tallied 366 kills, averaging 3.8 kills per set for the Cougars. Her 397.5 total points led the team by more than 150 points.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

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Jay County — Girls basketball vs. Concordia — 6 p.m.; Swimming at Belmont — 6 p.m.; Wrestling at Coldwater — 7 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball vs. Delta — 6 p.m.; Junior high wrestling at Coldwater — 7 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs. Arcanum — 6 p.m.; Freshman boys basketball vs. Arcanum 4:30 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball at New Knoxville — 5 p.m.
Thursday
Jay County — Swimming hosts Celina & Coldwater — 6 p.m.; Freshman boys basketball at Anderson — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball at Fort Recovery — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at New Knoxville — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at New Knoxville — 5 p.m.; Jun-

ior high girls basketball vs. Jay County — 5 p.m.
Friday
Jay County — Girls basketball vs. Bluffton — 6 p.m.; Swimming hosts Jay County Diving Invitational — 6 p.m.; Junior varsity wrestling at Northeastern — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs. New Knoxville — 6 p.m.
Saturday
Jay County — Wrestling in IHSWCA State Finals — 9 a.m.; Swimming hosts Jay County Invitational — 9 a.m.; Boys basketball tripleheader at Adams Central — 6 p.m.; Junior varsity wrestling at Northeastern — 9 a.m.; Junior high wrestling at Norwell Invitational — 9 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Swimming at Jay County Invitational — 9 a.m.; Boys basketball vs. Botkins — 6 p.m.

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Jay County — Junior high boys basketball vs. Hagerstown — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Swimming vs. St. Henry and New Bremen at South Adams — 6 p.m.; Freshman boys basketball vs. Marion Local — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball vs. Union City — 5 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball at Union City — 6 p.m.
TV schedule
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7 p.m. — College Basketball: Oklahoma at Baylor (ESPN2); Kentucky at LSU (ESPN); Michigan at Rutgers (BTN); Xavier at Georgetown (FS1)
7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at New York Knicks (BALLY)
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Kansas at Oklahoma State (ESPN2); Providence at Marquette (FS1)
9 p.m. — College Football: Texas Bowl — Kansas State vs. LSU (ESPN)
9 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Michigan at Nebraska (BTN)
11 p.m. — College Basketball: Wyoming at Nevada (FS1)

Wednesday
6:30 p.m. — College Basketball: DePaul at St. John's (FS1); Nebraska at Michigan State (BTN)
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Alabama at Florida (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Indiana Pacers (BALLY)
7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Golden State Warriors at Dallas Mavericks (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NHL Hockey: St. Louis Blues at Pittsburgh Penguins (TNT)
8:30 p.m. — College Basketball:

Creighton at Villanova (FS1)
9 p.m. — College Basketball: North Carolina at Notre Dame (ESPN2); Penn State at Northwestern (BTN)
10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Utah Jazz at Denver Nuggets (ESPN)
10:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Fresno State at San Diego State (FS1)
Thursday
6 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Penn State at Maryland (BTN)
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Ohio State at Indiana (FS1); Maryland at Illinois (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Minnesota Wild at Boston Bruins (ESPN)
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8 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Northwestern at Iowa (BTN)

9 p.m. — College Basketball: Iowa at Wisconsin (FS1)
10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Phoenix Suns (TNT)
11 p.m. — College Basketball: USC at California (FS1)
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6:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Marquette at Georgetown (FS1)
6:30 p.m. — College Hockey: Minnesota at Michigan State (BTN)
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Sports

Brunns at state tops list

Trailblazing Tribe senior is the top sports story of 2021

By CHRIS SCHANZ and RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review
More medals. Trailblazers. A new era.

As the sports landscape returned to a bit of normalcy within the past year, plenty of local teams and athletes shined in their respective sports.

A trio of freshmen made history for the Jay County High School wrestling team. A few months later, two athletes earned track and field state medals. A Hall of Fame football coach came to Jay County in hopes of turning around the Patriot program.

All were big events at the time, but a Fort Recovery senior girls golfer making a splash during the state finals is the top story of 2021, as Jalyn Brunns paved the way for future Tribe golfers by finishing fourth, solidifying herself as the best Indian player to swing the clubs.

The rest of the top 10 sports stories for 2021 are:

1. Renna Schwieterman commits, reaches scoring milestone
2. Whitley Rammel sixth at state
3. Elisa Parazzi seventh in high jump
4. Casey Kenney gets big bouts
5. Jay County hires Grant Zgunda as football coach
6. Fort Recovery cross country returns to state
7. Patriot girls swimming wins fourth consecutive sectional title
8. JC wrestling successes
9. Paige Fortkamp
10. Paige Fortkamp



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Jalyn Brunns, a Fort Recovery High School senior, finished fourth in the OHSAA Division II Girls Golf State Championships in October. The future Indiana University-East Red Wolf was a sectional champion, placed sixth at district and became the Indians' first state qualifier in program history.

named freshman of the year

1. Setting the bar

Even before her senior season, Fort Recovery's Jalyn Brunns had solidified herself as the school's best girls golfer by breaking, and subsequently lowering, school records.

She added to her legacy as the program's first state qualifier and closed her career by finishing fourth in the OHSAA Division II Girls Golf State Tournament.

After sitting sixth after the first day of the two-day tournament, Brunns struggled during the second round. But she still managed to improve two spots and earn first team All-Ohio honors, the first to do so in the history of the Midwest Athletic Conference.

2. Junior achievements

She had a breakout freshman year. There was no slump as a sophomore. Jay County's Renna

Schwieterman has only added to her accolades with a momentous December.

The standout committed to play collegiately for Purdue Fort Wayne on Dec. 9.

The future Mastodon then became just the program's fourth — and seventh in the history of the school — player to reach 1,000 career points as she poured in 21 in a win Thursday against South Adams.

Schwieterman is on pace to break the team's

career scoring record as well.

3. Put in her place

Fort Recovery junior Whitley Rammel squeaked into the shot put finals of the OHSAA Division III state meet. Her first attempt of the last three earned her a state medal as she placed fourth.

Rammel had been among the best shot put athletes every step of the state tournament. Seeded third heading into the meet, she wasn't able to

approach the 38-foot mark during her preliminary throws. But with three more opportunities, her best ended up to be 38 feet, 5.5 inches, which earned her a place on the podium.

4. Settimo posto

An exchange student from Italy, Elisa Parazzi almost immediately became a leader for the Jay County High School girls track team. Not long after that, she established herself as a state contender.

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Patriot 7th tops Delta

MUNCIE — Hallie Schwieterman reached double figures Monday, leading the Jay County Junior High School seventh grade girls basketball team to a 28-12 victory against the host Delta Eagles on Monday.

The Patriot eighth graders fell to the Eagles, 33-26.

Schwieterman scored 11 points, nearly matching the effort of the Eagles by herself. Kady Allred, Natalie May and Amelia Heath had four points apiece in support of Schwieterman. Ella Rigby and Allie McAbee scored two points apiece.

Schwieterman nearly matches Eagles in guiding Jay to win

Raylah Newton led the eighth graders with eight points, one more than Mya Kunkler. Alexis Sibray followed with five points while Rainah Cross contributed four points.

Badgers upset Purdue

By MICHAEL MAROT

AP Sports Writer
WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Wisconsin guard Johnny Davis was hungry Monday night.

After skipping breakfast in the morning and spending the afternoon trying to figure out how to beat No. 3 Purdue on the road for the first time in nearly eight years, the Badgers found plenty of ways to feed their sophomore star.

Davis scored a career-high 37 points, grabbed 14 rebounds and made most of the big shots to lead No. 23 Wisconsin past the third-ranked Boilermakers 74-69.

"I just went out and played my game," Davis said. "My teammates did a really good job getting me the ball in the right spots."

Davis repeatedly made the Boilermakers pay, too, by going 13 of 24 from the field, 2 of 5 on 3-pointers and 9 of 12 at the free-throw line. He also led the Badgers (11-2, 2-1 Big Ten) with two blocks and two steals.

Davis is the first Division I player to lead his team in all five categories in a road win over a top-five foe since Tim Duncan did it for Wake Forest against Maryland on Feb. 1, 1997.

Davis had plenty of help from other Badgers, too: Brad Davison scored 15 points and made two crucial 3s in the final four minutes and coach Greg Gard took a page out of Purdue's playbook by playing a phys-

Davis scores 37 to lead No. 23 Wisconsin past Boilermakers

ical, harassing style and winning inside.

The result? Purdue (13-2, 1-2) lost for the first time since Dec. 9 and had a 13-game winning streak at Mackey Arena end. Zach Edey took advantage of his 7-foot-4 frame by scoring 24 points and grabbing 10 rebounds, while Jaden Ivey added 14 points. It just wasn't enough.

"We just have to grow up and be tougher, that's it," Purdue coach Matt Painter said. "That was a great lesson for us. You hate to have a loss as a lesson but that's competition."

Gard gambled that his team, which had been short-handed because of COVID-19 protocols, could overcome foul trouble by simply playing a tougher brand of basketball.

It looked as if Purdue had finally taken control when Ivey, Davis' summer teammate with Team USA, scored on a layup with 11:11 left to give the Boilermakers a 49-42 lead.

Instead, Davis feasted on the Boilermakers defense. He scored three straight to give Wisconsin a 57-54 lead and when Purdue retook the lead at 58-57, Davis and Davison almost single-

handedly led the Badgers on a decisive 14-5 run capped by Davis 3-pointer with 1 minute to go. That made it 71-63 and Purdue never fully recovered.

"I think it shows our team what we're capable of being. We came in tonight, we weren't scared they were ranked third or we were playing at their arena," Davis said, explaining how the Badgers celebrated by spraying water in the locker room. "My jersey's soaked right now and it's cold. But they came out and fought tonight."

Poll implications

Wisconsin: Monday's performance, on the road, should turn any lingering doubters into believers. Expect the Badgers to make a big jump in next week's rankings if they win again later this week over Iowa.

Purdue: The Boilermakers will take a hit in the rankings next week and not just because of the loss. This was not the same strong, aggressive team that dominated the nonconference schedule and Wisconsin exposed some vulnerabilities that need to be fixed.