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An Indiana Department of Transportation plow passes through the intersection of Votaw and Meridian Streets heading west in Portland on Wednesday evening. About 6 inches of snow fell in Jay County between 6 p.m. Wednesday and 6 a.m. today. The heaviest snowfall was expected today, with an additional 5 to 9 inches possible and winds at 20 miles per hour with gusts up to 35 miles per hour.

After 6 inches of snow Wednesday and overnight, the forecast called for 5 to 9 more inches today

By BAILEY CLINE and RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

It wasn't as bad as expected. But it was bad enough. And it's likely to get worse over the next 24 hours.

The first major winter storm of 2022 rolled in to the Jay County region Wednesday night with rain, freezing rain, sleet and about 6 inches of snow.

The forecast called for the most hazardous conditions today, with 5 to 9 inches of additional snow possible. Winds were expected to be at 20 miles per hour, with 35 mph gusts possible.

The county is under a winter storm warning until 1 a.m.

The snow is expected to stick around, as highs will be in the teens Friday and Saturday.

Amy Blakely of Jay County Emergency Management Agency noted the storm will continue throughout Thursday. She advised the community to be patient for roads to be cleared.

"We're just at the beginning of this, so we're in for a long haul here, and obviously the county highway is going to do everything they can to get the roads cleared, but there are going to be limits to what they can do," she said. "We ask people to be patient with them ... they'll get the roads clear as soon as they possibly can."

As of press time, Jay County was under a travel watch, which means conditions are threatening and residents should travel only to and from work or for emergencies. The county was placed under a travel advisory about 6:40 p.m. Wednesday, with the level bumped up to a watch at 7:17 this morning. Wells, Blackford, Randolph and Delaware counties were also under travel watches this morning. Adams County was under a travel warning, which means travel may be restricted to emergency management workers only.

"The more we can keep



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Mark Tillman shovels snow from the sidewalk in front of First Merchants Bank at the intersection of Main and Meridian streets in Portland this morning.

nonessential people off the roadway, the easier it is for county highway to clean the roads," Blakely said.

"It makes our job a lot easier," said Jay County Highway

Department superintendent Donnie Corn. "If they don't have to be out, don't be out, please. It hampers our availability to get the roads clean."

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State, county still deep in red

Jay posted record average for new cases in January

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

The situation has not changed, for the county or the state.

After a record month of new cases of COVID-19 in January, Jay County remained "red" (extreme risk for the spread of coronavirus) for the third consecutive week Wednesday in Indiana State Department of Health's update.

And for the third week in a row, the entire state was rated red.

Jay County's cases per 100,000 residents and positivity rate — the metrics the state department of health uses to determine risk rate — both continued to be significantly above the threshold for being rated red.

For cases per 100,000 residents, Jay County came in at 1,321, down a bit from last week's 1,404. That number was at 283 a month ago.

The county posted a positivity rate of 31.05%, the highest thus far during the nearly two-year pandemic. Last week's rate of 28.1 was the previous high.

The thresholds for shifting between "orange" (high risk) and red are 200 cases per 100,000 residents and a 15% positivity rate.

The story was the same throughout the area as surrounding counties all had at least 634 cases per 100,000 residents and an 18.24% positivity rate.

January was by far the worst month for new cases of COVID-19 during the nearly two-year pandemic, with Jay County recording 906, an average of 29.2 per day. The previous high was November 2020 with 684 cases, an average of 22.8 per day.

The county has had double-digit new-case totals for 30 days in a row.

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U.S. raid killed Islamic State leader

By BASSEM MROUE
Associated Press

BEIRUT — The leader of the Islamic State group killed in a U.S. raid overnight in northwest Syria was largely a mystery, with almost no known photos, never appearing in public or in the group's videos.

He met his end in the same rebel-held Idlib province where his predecessor, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, was hunted down by the Americans more than two years ago, some distance from the main theaters in eastern Syria and Iraq where the group once held vast swaths of territory in a self-declared "caliphate."

A veteran militant since the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003,

he took the name Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi al-Qurayshi when he took over command of IS after al-Baghdadi was killed in the October 2019 raid. It was up to him to lead the group's remnants as they regrouped following the downfall of their caliphate and shifted underground to wage an insurgency in Iraq and Syria.

His death comes as IS militants, after years of low-level hit-and-run ambushes, had begun to carry out bolder, higher profile attacks. Last month, its fighters attacked a prison in northeast Syria to free their jailed comrades, leading to a 10 day battle with Kurdish-led forces that left some 500 dead.

It is unclear whether his

killing now will break the group's momentum.

His real name was Amir Mohammed Saeed Abdul-Rahman al-Mawla, an Iraqi in his mid-40s, born in 1976 and believed to be an ethnic Turkman from the northern Iraqi town of Tel Afar. He held a degree in Islamic law from the University of Mosul.

His adoption of the nickname al-Qurayshi when he became IS's "caliph," suggested that he, like his predecessor, claimed links to the tribe of Islam's Prophet Muhammad.

Like his predecessor — who was killed in the village of Barisha only about 15 miles away — al-Qurayshi spent his last days in

Idlib province, an area held by insurgent groups hostile to IS.

He was staying in a two-story house in the town of Atmeh, near the border with Turkey. The early Thursday raid on the house killed him and 12 other people, including four women and six children, according to first responders.

After the raid, few people in Atmeh knew who the family renting the house was. Journalists at the site quoted neighbors as saying that the man who lived on the second floor with his family had earlier identified himself as Abu Ahmad, a Syrian who was displaced by war from Aleppo province.

Idlib province, the last major

rebel stronghold in Syria, is home to 3 million people, many of them displaced by the civil war, making it easy for strangers to blend in. The house, surrounded by olive trees, appears to have been chosen by al-Qurayshi to be as far away as possible from the eyes of onlookers.

Around midnight Wednesday helicopters landed in the area carrying U.S. special forces and closed on the house.

"If you don't leave, we have orders. We will fire missiles toward the house. There are drones overhead," a man speaking with Iraqi dialect could be heard saying through a loudspeaker. An audio was circulated on social media.

Deaths

Denny Fuller, 69, Portland
Harriett Hutson, 80, Pen-
nville
Details on page 2.

Weather

About 6 inches of snow fell between 6 p.m. Wednesday and 6 a.m. today in Jay County. The high temperature was 48 degrees just after midnight Wednesday and the low was 28.

An additional 5 to 9 inches of snow was in the forecast for today. See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review

The jury trial that was scheduled to begin Monday in Jay Circuit Court has been postponed.

Jurors who were summoned do not need to report for jury duty.

Coming up

Friday — An update on the status of county travel following the winter storm.

Tuesday — Results from Saturday's regional wrestling tournament at JCHS.

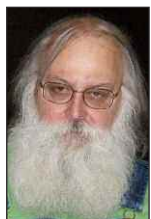


Obituaries

Denny Fuller

Dec. 18, 1952-Jan. 29, 2022

Denny E. Fuller, 69, of Portland, Indiana, passed away Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022, peacefully while in the company of family members at home.



Fuller

Denny was born in Portland, Indiana, on Dec. 18, 1952, a son of Jama Sue (Steed) Fuller and the late Dale E. Fuller. He was a 1971 graduate of Redkey High School, a member of Moose Lodge #1352 and was formerly employed by St. Gobain as a forklift operator.

Denny was the loving husband of Judy J. (Dale) Fuller who he happily married on Dec. 30, 1972.

Denny, also known as Papaw Ho Ho to many, loved his family dearly and enjoyed playing cards, pool, listening to the Beatles, Rolling Stones, The Doors and Buddy Holly, watching NASCAR and the Cincinnati Reds, and collecting Santa Claus figurines, eagles and commemorative bottles.

He is survived by his mother Jama; wife Judy; son Dana Fuller; daughter Deidra Fuller; and granddaughter Danae Fuller.

Denny was preceded in death by his father Dale; and brother Kendall Wayne Fuller.

Friends are invited to call Monday, Feb. 7, 2022, from 1 to 4 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel. Funeral services will follow at 4 p.m. with Michael J. Shannon officiating. Burial will be private at the con-

venience of the family in Claycomb Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Redkey Junior League (P.O. Box 142, Redkey, IN 47373).

Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel.

Harriett Hutson

May 13, 1941-Feb. 1, 2022

Harriett L. Hutson, age 80, of Pennville, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022, in Parker Health-care and Rehabilitation.

She was born on May 13, 1941, the daughter of Max Peer and Fern (Clear) Love. She was married on Nov. 23, 1958, to Gordon Hutson and he passed away on Sept. 9, 2018.

Harriett had worked at Jay Garment, Jay Products and Community Care West as an aid

and in housekeeping. Harriett had a love of crafts, teaching arts and crafts to the handicapped, going to craft shows, weaving and making jewelry. She also enjoyed gardening. She was a member of Jay County Artists Association.

Surviving are two sons, Patrick Hutson (wife: Tina) of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Thomas Hutson (wife: Pamela) of Hannibal, Missouri; one daughter, Mellissa Hall (husband: Jeff) of Portland; four grandchildren, Joshua Hutson (wife: Florence) of Anderson, Jamie Navas (husband: Carlos) of Zionsville, Joseph Hall of Portland and Matthew Hall of Portland; and four great-grand-



Hutson

children, Mason DeVinney, Mavis Navas, Maylee Navas and Maven Navas.

Memorial services will be Monday, Feb. 21, 2022, at 11 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home. The family will receive guests from 10 to 11 a.m.

Memorials can be made to Arts Place or Youth Service Bureau.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

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.

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Friday 2/4	Saturday 2/5	Sunday 2/6	Monday 2/7	Tuesday 2/8
18/-2	18/7	27/13	25/8	26/14
Wind chill values may dip to as low as -15 degrees. There's also a chance of snow at night.	Mostly sunny skies are expected as Saturday, with a cool 5 mph wind.	Sunday will bring sunny skies, with the high reaching up to 27 degrees.	The forecast for Monday looks like mostly cloudy skies. The low may reach 8 degrees.	Mostly sunny skies are on the horizon for Tuesday.

Lotteries

Powerball

10-15-51-61-69
Power Ball: 14
Power Play: 3

Estimated jackpot: \$123 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$22 million

Hoosier

Midday
Daily Three: 5-4-8
Daily Four: 5-7-8-8
Evening
Daily Three: 4-2-0
Daily Four: 0-5-3-5
Quick Draw: 1-8-9-13-14-17-23-25-31-37-44-45-49-53-55-59-64-69-70-76

Cash 5: 21-22-31-38-41
Hoosier Lotto: 5-19-24-33-41-44
Estimated jackpot: \$6.2 million

Ohio

Midday
Pick 3: 2-7-6
Pick 4: 4-4-8-6
Pick 5: 4-5-7-4-6
Evening
Pick 3: 1-6-5
Pick 4: 6-4-2-3
Pick 5: 0-3-8-3-6
Rolling Cash: 12-27-29-31-37
Classic Lotto: 4-12-15-20-23-43
Kicker: 1-7-0-6-8-7
Estimated jackpot: \$21.4 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery

Corn.....6.31
March corn.....6.33
Wheat.....7.30

POET Biorefining Portland

Corn.....6.34
March corn.....6.32
April corn.....6.32

The Andersons Richland Township

Corn.....6.23
March corn.....6.23
Beans.....15.33
March beans.....15.33

Wheat.....7.45
March wheat.....7.45

Central States Montpelier

Corn.....6.18
March corn.....6.20
Beans.....15.35
March beans.....15.38
June wheat.....7.40

Sunrise St. Anthony

Corn.....6.02
Feb. corn.....6.02
Beans.....13.70
Feb. beans.....13.73
Wheat.....7.57

Today in history

On Feb. 3, 1943, during World War II, the U.S. transport ship SS Dorchester, which was carrying troops to Greenland, sank after being hit by a German torpedo in the Labrador Sea; of the more than 900 men aboard, only some 230 survived. (Four Army chaplains on board gave away their life jackets to save others and went down with the ship.)
In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln and Confederate Vice Presi-

dent Alexander H. Stephens held a ship-board peace conference off the Virginia coast; the talks deadlocked over the issue of Southern autonomy.
In 1966, the Soviet probe Luna 9 became the first manmade object to make a soft landing on the moon's surface.
In 1972, an unidentified man carrying a shotgun robbed the Spur Station on Votaw Street in Portland of \$56.38.
—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.
6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council executive session, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St., Redkey.

City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
6 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Monday
5:30 p.m. — Portland

More ...

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Corn noted he started plowing about 3 a.m. this morning and continued through dawn. Other highway department workers are anticipated to keep plowing roads until about 6 p.m. tonight.

The biggest challenge, Corn said, will likely come later in the day. North and south-facing county roads were drifting the worst this morning, he said. Snow continued to fall in Portland about 8 a.m. Shortly after a plow would clear a street in the city, snow would quickly cover the road surface again.

"We're fighting a losing battle with the wind, but we're gonna keep fighting it," Corn said.

"There's drifting going on county roads, but we're gonna keep battling away at it, some of them (aren't) bad but there is ice underneath it all from where the rain froze last night," Corn said.

Few braved the snowy conditions this morning. Those who were out in the snow made their actions quick, sweeping snow off their windshields before ducking back into their vehicles. Others used snowblowers or shovels to clear sidewalks.

As of this morning, Jay County

Sheriff's Office had not received word of any weather-related accidents or road closures.

"So far, so good," said chief deputy Patrick Wells. "I guess now we just wait."

Jay County sheriff Dwane Ford noted his worries were mostly centered on the ice-covered roads and snow drifts. He advised those traveling to be wary.

"If there's no reason to get out, don't get out," Ford said.

Jay County residents started preparing for the snow as early as Monday. Locals bustled through Walmart the last few days, filling shopping carts to the brim with groceries and other supplies in anticipation of the storm.

After rain that began before sunrise Wednesday and continued throughout the day, temperatures had dipped enough by about 5:40 p.m. Wednesday for the precipitation to shift to a wintry mix. Snow had begun to accumulate by 6 p.m.

By 10 p.m. Wednesday, about 4 inches of snow had fallen in Portland. Snowfall tailed off overnight, with about an additional 2 inches of accumulation by 6 a.m. today.

Jay Schools were closed Wednesday in anticipation of the snow

beginning earlier in the afternoon and causing difficulty with getting students home. At 4:25 p.m. Wednesday, the school corporation announced today's closure with an e-learning day implemented.

Jay County Council and Commissioners postponed their scheduled joint session for Wednesday to discuss the future of Jay County Country Living (formerly Jay County Retirement Center). It has been moved to 6 p.m. Monday in the courthouse auditorium.

Jay County Public Library closed at 1 p.m. Wednesday and was closed today.

Also canceled because of the snow was Jay County Health Department's walk-in COVID-19 vaccination clinic.

At 10:09 p.m. Wednesday, closures were announced for all non-emergency county offices today. Mayor John Boggs followed with the same announcement for the City of Portland at 5:49 a.m. today.

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb on Wednesday urged Hoosiers to avoid travel if possible.

"We have the resources to weather this storm," he said during a press conference Wednesday. "What we really need is cooperation. Stay safe."

Red ...

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There was a dip into the teens for consecutive days Sunday (17) and Monday (15) for the first time since early in the month. But the number bumped back up to 37 cases Tuesday.

The hospitalization total in District 6, which includes Jay County, has been hovering around the 300 mark for the last week-plus. It was at 317 as of Tuesday. The three-month peak was 380 in mid-December, and the low was 127 in early November.

Vaccination continues to be the best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says. Boosters are recommended for everyone 12 and older. (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 current-

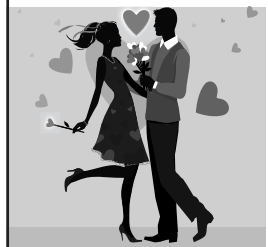
ly has eight vaccination sites — CVS in Portland and Dunkirk, Walgreens in Portland and Jay County Health Department, as well as IU Health Jay and its primary care provider practices. (Vaccines for children 5 to 11 years old are available only at the health department and the IU Health Jay sites.)

Walk-in vaccinations are now 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. (Today's clinic was canceled because of inclement weather.)

At-home COVID-19 tests are 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 39.5%. Marion County is highest in the state at 78.5%.

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SERVICES

Friday
Meyer, Richard: 7 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Saturday
Green, Helen: 2 p.m., Brockman-Boeckman Funeral Home, 308 S. Wayne St., Fort Recovery.

Monday
Hutson, Harriett: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.
Fuller, Denny: 4 p.m. MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

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New members

Portland Lions Club recently inducted two new members. Pictured are new club members Aaron and Katie Loy with district governor Scott Smith.

Dispute ends friendship

Dear Abby



came to your door had an agenda; it wasn't a social call. In a situation like the one that was thrust upon you, good manners did not require you to offer an apology. Frankly, you should have closed your front door SOONER.

DEAR ABBY: When a friend of mine "makes dinner" for invited guests, it's either takeout Chinese food or delivered pizza. Frankly, I am sick of it. Last Thanksgiving, they invited me and several others over for dinner. You guessed it! Chinese food. I told my friend I was surprised and not in the mood for Chinese food, offered my apologies and left. We didn't talk for four months.

This past year I was again invited to Thanksgiving dinner. I declined and, when asked why, said, "I'm sick and tired of what is being offered." The response was, "Then I guess I'll stop inviting you. And I don't need your friendship." I replied, "Glad we are on the same page!"

Abby, this "friend" knows how to cook and could certainly order something different. Was I out of line? I have no regrets the friendship has ended. — FED UP IN THE WEST

DEAR FED UP: When someone accepts an invitation to someone's home, rather than criticize the menu, they should be grateful for the hospitality being extended. Were you out of line? The way you phrased your reason for declining was rude. You could have inquired about the menu and asked if you could bring something more "traditional." It's fortunate

you have no regrets that your relationship with your former host has ended. I'm pretty sure the feelings are mutual.

DEAR ABBY: On Sunday evening, a much older woman I'd never met came to my door saying she was a neighbor and was there to recruit me to participate in a political lobbying event her church was sponsoring. This is not something I wish to do.

I tried to refuse nicely. But then she said several times she required my name, email address and phone number so she could send me more information as well as opportunities to other people. I asked for her information instead, but saying "no, thank you" and trying to excuse myself to get back to my children didn't lessen her persistence. Eventually, I apologized and closed the door on her.

People should not be harassed in their home, even though she may very well be a neighbor in this small neighborhood. How could I have handled this better? — NO SOLICITING DEAR NO SOLICITING: The person who

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 65-year-old woman who has never enjoyed sex. I've had lovers, and I'm a very affectionate person, but the act itself has never been comfortable for me. Now that I'm post-menopausal, it's practically impossible.

I have never been married, but I want to find someone. In fact, I yearn for a life partner. I'm on dating sites, and my question is: How should I describe myself? It seems most men want sex. Should I include my lack of interest in sex in my profile so they know what they're getting? I don't want to waste anyone's time, especially not my own. But this feels so weird and awkward to address. — EVERYTHING BUT THAT IN NEW YORK

DEAR EVERYTHING BUT: It would benefit you to go online and search for dating sites for people who want romance only, without sex. These sites do exist, and it may comfort you to know that you are DEFINITELY not alone. If you do try one, I hope you find the man you are looking for.

Community Calendar

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

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

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

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

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.

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

Friday
SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at

noon Friday, Feb. 4, 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.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland

Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland.



Swiss Village

KINDER HAUS DAYCARE

Kinder Haus Daycare at Swiss Village is now seeking a PRN Team Teacher. Varied hours from 6am-5p M-F. Responsibilities include providing high quality child care services and assisting the Lead Teacher with supervision of the classroom. Must have a high school diploma or GED and be at least 18 years of age. Strong desire to work with children required. Educational background in early childhood is preferred.

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Kayla Reilly, HR Specialist

Swiss Village
1350 W. Main St., Berne, IN 46711
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Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

6	8	4	2	5	1	9	7	3
5	3	2	7	9	6	1	4	8
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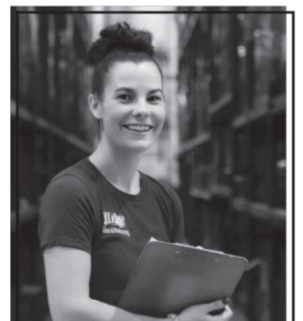
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State is missing the fundamentals

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Flora and Fred Fetid have been neighbors for decades.

Today, they are giving me cautious advice. "Don't do it," Fred says. "Realtors will get defensive."

"People our age will be offended," Flora tells me. "Sparkle, that's what folks want."

Nonetheless, here goes. Indiana is now engaged in a war upon itself. We're seeking to attract people to settle in our state. We're looking for talented, well-educated earners from elsewhere and young people from here. But first we had to convince ourselves our workers were not well-prepared for today's jobs and our communities were not appealing to young people.

Eye on the Pie



As with other states, we're emphasizing the current mantra, "Quality of place." That's the objective of \$500 million in matching grants from the state to make my town and your town a more desirable place to live.

What we forget is housing, the starting point in living somewhere. If a significant part of your housing is unattractive to your targeted resi-

dents, your chance of hooking them is not good. An ice-skating rink and bars with pink vodka are far down the list of preferences after good housing.

Half of the occupied housing units in Indiana were built before 1975. That makes us the state with the 13th oldest housing stock. We are tied with Kansas, Vermont and West Virginia. Surprisingly, we are also tied with California.

"Old houses have charm and crown molding," Flora says.

"And quirky furnaces," Fred adds.

I proceed. Indiana has 304,000 units built before 1970. Of these older houses and apartments, 47% are occupied by people 65 or older. How attractive is that to the people

we are trying to retain or attract? How much money, energy or interest do seniors have to bring a house up to contemporary standards?

Our problem is not that young people are leaving Indiana cities and towns. Rather, young people from elsewhere, even elsewhere in Indiana, are not choosing to live where their grandparents grew up.

"There's nothing wrong with Jasonville," Flora says.

"Yeah," Fred says, "but can you still find a decent doughnut between Terre Haute and Bloomington?"

I continue. Not every young or retired homeowner has a passion for plumbing, carpentry, roofing and electrical work to fix up their homes. Those

who have work-at-home jobs are handicapped if they have slow or no internet service.

"And businesses won't pick places where there's not adequate water pressure for fire protection," Fred adds.

"You might think me strange," Flora confesses, "but industrial smog does make for some beautiful sunsets."

Is the state funding what might be nice, but stinting on the five fundamentals: Housing, Education, Connectivity, Health and the Environment? It reminds me of something I'm told, I once said: "Sentiment leads to sediment."

Marcus is an economist. Email him at mortonjmarcus@yahoo.com.

U.S. should invest wisely

The Washington Post

House Democrats are poised to vote this week on a massive bill designed to best China in high technology and preserve U.S. access to critical goods.

The America Competes Act would direct billions into technological research and manufacturing, improving education, and stockpiling critical items such as prescription drugs and personal protective equipment. A hefty 68-to-32 majority passed a similar bill in the Senate last June, making it likely some version of this legislation will reach President Joe Biden's desk this year.

But many issues still need to be worked out between the chambers, and the details could make it substantially better — or much worse.

The House bill would pump money into federal agencies to fund a dizzying array of research initiatives: nanoscience, quantum computing, artificial intelligence, climate technology, even biometric identification systems. The bill would also make it easier for scientists and engineers to stay in the country, a long-needed update to the nation's irrational immigration laws.

More questionable is the bill's provision allocating \$52 billion to onshore semiconductor fabrication. While the United States remains a leader in semiconductor research, the country manufactures only 12% of the chips that run everything from toasters to Toyotas. A recent semiconductor shortage has driven up the price of cars and other consumer goods; to many, this painful bout of inflation underlines the risk of allowing China to consolidate control over industries that the United States should consider strategic, such as chip-making. Indeed, \$52 billion may seem like too small a response to China's recently announced \$150 billion program to establish more chip production facilities inside its borders.

In fact, however, the United States cannot meet China dollar for dollar, and it should not try.

Guest Editorial

Much of China's chips money will be wasted as the country tries to create artificially many of the advantages the United States already has, such as a concentration of expertise, an advanced research and development ecosystem, and the free flow of capital. Congress should double down on these advantages by funding the development of the next generation of chips that might render obsolete the ones lawmakers are currently worried about manufacturing, as other provisions of the bill would do, and cracking down on Chinese intellectual property theft.

Meantime, if lawmakers are going to make chip manufacturing a top national priority, they should pursue a broader strategy. The bill's backers argue that the United States cannot ignore the possibility that the Chinese regime will corner the market on manufacturing critical components, then use that economic power to bully the world. The best response would be to coordinate with friendly trading partners, such as the European Union, Japan, Korea and Taiwan, to ensure that sufficient manufacturing capacity remains outside China.

The legislation's proponents argue that the United States must still ensure that more chips are produced here, so that disruption in one link in the supply chain — if, for example, U.S. ports slow, as they did during the pandemic — does not cause another punishing shortage. It is not clear this risk justifies massive new onshoring subsidies. But if lawmakers are determined to approve them, they must attach substantial strings.

Federal agencies should have broad authority to manage government aid — and terminate funding to failing firms.

Otherwise taxpayers may get paltry returns on their investment.



We need to take positive risks

By ALLISON SCHRAGER

Bloomberg Opinion

There is often an instinct after a big economic shock to retreat from risk. Usually that means government adopting policies that accept risk on behalf of individuals. The Great Depression was followed by the New Deal; the Great Recession yielded the Affordable Care Act. It's no surprise that the pandemic brought Build Back Better, which aimed to expand the welfare state even further.

The future of the bill is uncertain, but no matter what replaces it, the move to siphon more risk from Americans' lives at this point is a mistake. Some risk reduction has been valuable in the past, but today we are at a critical moment where more will cause harm. Rather than take risk out of the economy we need to add more in, especially for low-income people and the middle class.

That may sound crazy after two years of so much uncertainty, but lack of risk-taking is what's wrong with the economy right now. The central insight from finance is that without risk there is no reward, and this is true outside financial markets, too. There has been a notable decline in risk-taking over the years: less entrepreneurship, fewer job switches, less moving and fewer people working. Economists estimate these trends are a big reason why wages aren't growing as fast as they used to. It's notable that wage risk or volatility (how much wages go up or down year to year) has fallen for everyone but the top 5% — the same group whose income also grew much, much faster. Less risk-taking means more stagnation, and less innovation and productivity improvement.

Coming out of the pandemic we have a unique opportunity to reverse this trend. Americans are finally tak-

Allison Schrager



ing more risks — quitting their jobs in record numbers and starting new businesses. Most of the new businesses are small or sole proprietorships. Some will fail, as most new businesses do, or become supplemental to a regular job. Regardless, the government should embrace this burst of risk-taking — and not by offering politically appropriate subsidies or arcane employment regulations designed to level the playing field for small businesses. The best way government can help is simply by getting out of the way.

There are many reasons why entrepreneurship has declined over the years. It's been harder in this economy to start a small business. A mom-and-pop store has a hard time competing with Amazon.com or Target, which have more scale and can leverage technology to be more efficient. It's also become more expensive in terms of regulations. Each year brings more rules and oversight for businesses. In some states the cumulative effect can be prohibitively expensive. Consider the aspiring entrepreneur in San Francisco who tried to open an ice cream shop and spent \$200,000 on permits and related fees before giving up without ever opening his doors.

The pandemic has made the situation worse, bringing more regulations and higher labor costs.

There is a ray of hope, though. Technology can also help startups by smoothing out many of the obstacles that come with working for yourself.

It's easier to find clients on apps and to reach customers far away. After years of working from home, some people got a taste of flexibility and of setting their own schedules and may not want to go back to a rigid office structure. This probably helps explain the notable rise in business applications in the last two years.

These new entrepreneurs face many hurdles, some of which are the result of an economy in transition that is more globally competitive and favors bigness. But some hurdles are artificial and of our own creation. Unfortunately, we can expect more of those hurdles. Rather than encouraging people to embrace risk, policy has been creeping up to make it ever more difficult and expensive. The current administration wants to make it harder to hire gig workers, is favoring salaried unionized operations, and making it more expensive to hire people.

But what if it pursued policies that made it easier for people to embrace the benefits of risk-taking, while providing down-side protection for the most vulnerable? For instance, it could reduce regulations that make starting a business harder by encouraging states to standardize licensing requirements. It can encourage gig platforms to offer benefits (including health care and sick leave) without making them recognize contractors as employees.

Humans are built to take risk. The more we remove risk from our lives the more people will stagnate. We should make this crisis different, and instead of reducing risk, the government can get out of the way, bring back dynamism to the economy, and make it more productive and inclusive.

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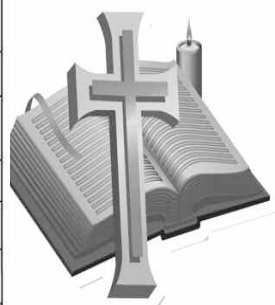
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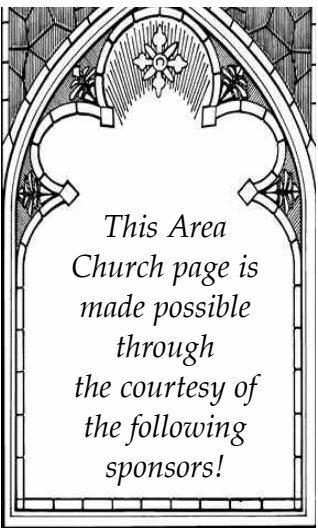
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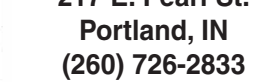
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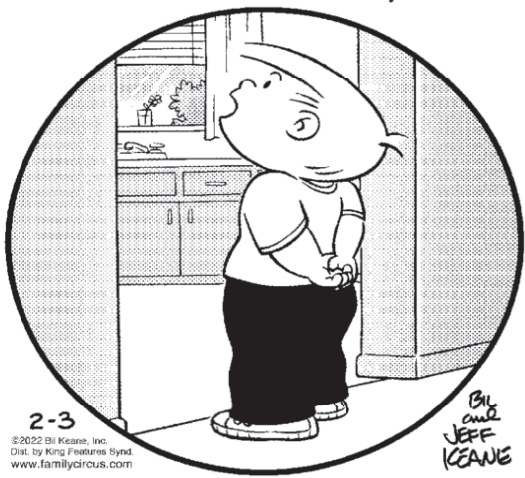
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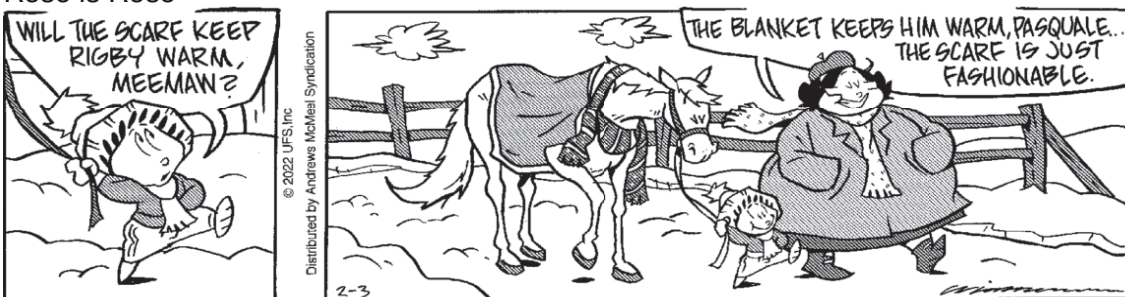


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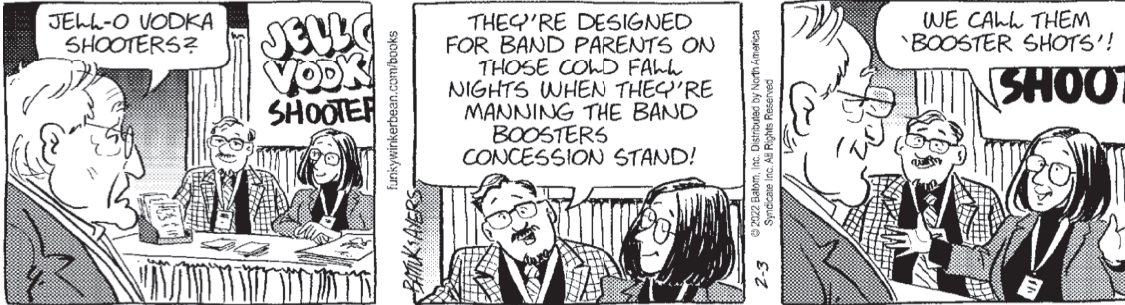
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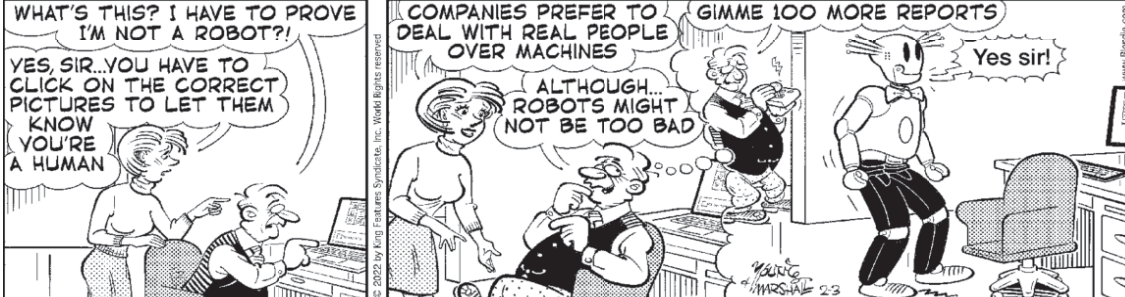
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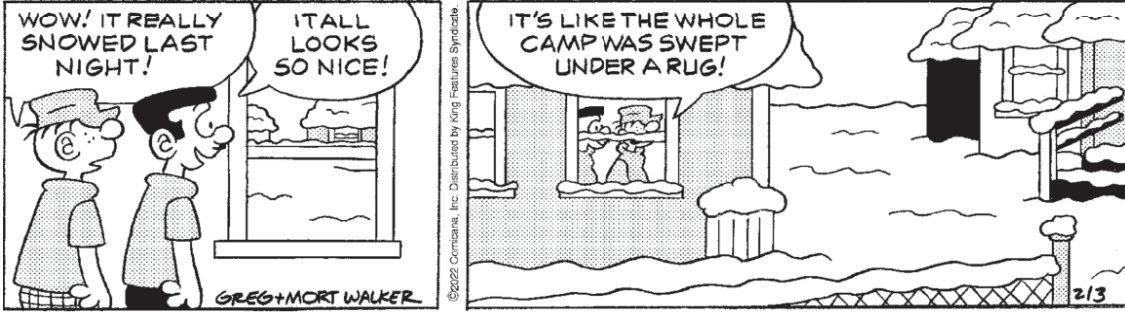
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Washington's NFL team to be Commanders

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**
AP Sports Writer

Washington has some new Commanders in town.

The NFL team announced its new name on Wednesday, 18 months after fresh pressure from sponsors helped persuade the once-storied franchise to drop its old moniker following decades of criticism that it was offensive to Native Americans. The organization committed to avoiding Native American imagery in its rebrand after being called the Washington Football Team the past two seasons.

Washington is the latest American major professional team to

abandon its name linked to Native Americans, and it was considered one of the most egregious.

Suzan Shown Harjo, who is Cheyenne and Hodulgee Muscogee, called the change "an amazing and a giant step in the maturation of America." The 76-year-old Harjo has been advocating for sports teams to drop Native imagery and mascots since the 1960s.

"That's sort of our place in the world, Native people's place in the world, to help the rest of the country come to grips with its past and to understand how to move on," she said. "And, I hope,

how to do it with grace."

While Major League Baseball's Cleveland Guardians have changed their name, the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs, NHL's Chicago Blackhawks and baseball's Atlanta Braves have said they are not planning to make a change.

That doesn't sit well with IllumiNative, a Native American woman-led social justice organization, though founder and executive director Crystal Echo Hawk praised the move by the Commanders.

"Native mascots are inaccurate and stereotypical depictions of Native culture," the Pawnee woman said in a statement.

"They do not honor or celebrate Native peoples but are rather a tool of white supremacy created to dehumanize and objectify us. Research has shown time after time that Native mascots lead to lowered self-esteem and self-worth, and increases rates of depression, self-harm, and violence against Native youth.

"The Washington Commanders are proof that ending the use of Native American imagery in sports is possible. The Cleveland Guardians are further proof."

Washington owner Dan Snyder said the change pays "homage to our local roots and what it means to represent the nation's capital."

"As we kick off our 90th season, it is important for our organization and fans to pay tribute to our past traditions, history, legacy and the greats that came before us," Snyder said. "We continue to honor and represent the Burgundy and Gold while forging a pathway to a new era in Washington."

President Joe Biden welcomed the name change by posting a picture on Twitter of Commander, his recently acquired German shepherd puppy, in front of the White House.

"I suppose there's room for two Commanders in this town," Biden wrote.

Helps ...

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Kendal Garringer Jay County - 2019

Competed for the Manchester University women's indoor track team in the Larry Cole Invitational on Jan. 21 at Ohio Northern.

The junior was fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 8.87 meters (29 feet, 1.25 inches). She was also sixth in high jump (1.45 meters - 4 feet, 9 inches) and 14th in the 200-meter dash (30.81 seconds).

She accounted for five of the Spartans' 86 points as they finished third as a team.

Audrey Guggenbiller Fort Recovery - 2019

Ran for the Tiffin University women's indoor track team in meets to open the season.

On Jan. 22, she was seventh in the 3,000-meter run, four spots behind teammate and fellow Fort Recovery alumna Chloe Will.

Guggenbiller was three

spots behind Will for 14th in the 800 run during the Findlay Alumni Classic on Saturday.

Kierra Wendel Fort Recovery - 2021

Came off the bench to play 17 minutes for the Edison State College women's basketball team in an 84-68 victory against Lakeland College on Saturday.

The guard missed all three of her shot attempts, including two from the 3-point line. She recorded one rebound and one assist for the Chargers (19-0).

Robby LeFevre Fort Recovery - 2019

Had a pair of top-20 finishes for the Fordham University men's indoor track team on Jan. 21 during the Ramapo College Season Opener.

The junior posted a time of 23.21 seconds to place 12th in the 200-meter dash, and was 20th overall in the 60 dash in 7.28 seconds.



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Battle for third

Jay County High School freshman A.J. Myers, left, battles for control with Bluffton's Elliott Apps during their 170-pound third-place match as part of the IHSAA sectional tournament on Saturday at JCHS. Apps won in overtime, 12-7. Myers was one of 11 Patriots to advance to Saturday's regional tournament, also at JCHS.

Rally ...

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"The third quarter was the killer," Indiana coach Rick Carlisle said. "We did a lot of other good things through the course of the game. The third quarter was our undoing."

Caris LeVert led the Pacers with 26 points, and rookie Terry Taylor posted his first career double-double with 24 points and 16 rebounds. Torrey Craig added 22 points.

Harris hit consecutive 3s to tie it at 108 with 1:50 left. Cole Anthony then stole the ball and made two free throws to give the Magic their first lead.

Franz Wagner's three-point play put Orlando in front for good at 113-110. Wagner finished with 17 points.

With the Pacers trailing by four, Justin Holiday hit a 3 at the buzzer.

"They kept getting it to the rim," Carlisle said. "They were aggressive and got it going downhill."

Indiana led 81-64 midway through the third before the Magic scored eight straight points to cut it to 86-80. They tied it at 88 early in the fourth.

"I'm so proud of these guys, playing three games in four nights and back-to-back — they show their resilience," Orlando coach Jamahl Mosley said. "Every guy was a part of it. We continued to compete at a high level through the end of the game."

Indiana sank 10 of 19 3-pointers in the first half to lead 67-53 at halftime. The Pacers shot 54.2% in the first half while the Magic hit 44.9% from the field.

Taylor's contributions were need-

ed as Pacers rookie forward Isaiah Jackson left the game in the first 30 seconds with a right ankle sprain. He went straight to the locker room and wasn't able to return.

It was Taylor's sixth game, as he has played most of the season in the G League. Carlisle said Jackson was limping after the game but didn't need a walking boot.

TIP-INS

Magic: Harris, who is from the Indianapolis suburb of Fishers, cracked 20 points for the first time since scoring 28 on Jan. 8 against Detroit. "It's always good to come home and get a win in front of family and friends," he said. ... Anthony's shooting woes continued as he shot just 2 of 15. He is shooting only 35% over the last 10 games.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls swimming hosts sectional preliminaries - 5:30 p.m.; Boys basketball tripleheader vs. Southern Wells - 6 p.m.; Junior high wrestling at South Adams - 5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. Minster - 6 p.m.; Swimming vs. Coldwater and Versailles at South Adams - 6 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball in Midwest Athletic Conference Tournament - TBA

Friday
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball at Minster - 6 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Wrestling hosts regional - 9 a.m.; Girls swimming hosts sectional finals - 9 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball at Ridgemont - 6 p.m.; Girls basketball at Tri-Village - noon; Freshman boys basketball vs. Coldwater - 10 a.m.

Monday
Jay County — Gymnastics hosts quad

meet - 6 p.m.; Junior high wrestling in Tri Meet at Southern Wells - 5:30 p.m.; Junior high swimming vs. Delta - 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Freshman boys basketball at New Bremen - 5 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Junior high girls swimming at Norwell Invitational - 5 p.m.; Junior high wrestling at Winchester Driver - 6:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. Celina - 6 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: St. John's at Georgetown (FS1)
6 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Maryland at Michigan State (BTN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Phoenix Suns at Atlanta Hawks (TNT)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Los Angeles Clippers (TNT)

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Sports

To the basket

Blake Bogenschutz of Jay County High School drives to the basket during the first half of the Patriots' 57-27 victory Saturday over the visiting Blackford Bruins. Bogenschutz hit a 3-pointer during the third quarter, in which JCHS had a 25-9 scoring advantage, and finished with eight points.



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Vaughn helps HU end skid

The Foresters had lost 17 consecutive games.

A former Indian had a hand in ending that streak.

Alli Vaughn, a 2021 Fort Recovery High School graduate, started for the Huntington University women's basketball team on Tuesday in a 61-48 victory against Spring Arbor to snap a losing streak that spanned three months.

The freshman played 26 minutes, contributing six points, five rebounds, an assist and a steal for the Foresters (3-18), who last won Oct. 30. (The first game of the losing streak started Nov. 2, exactly three months to the day it came to an end).

On Saturday in a 79-52 loss to Mount Vernon Nazarene, Vaughn was in the starting lineup as well. She scored seven points on 2-for-8 shooting, including a 3-of-7 clip from the free-throw line. She pulled down five rebounds, notched one assist and had a steal in 26 minutes of work.

Vaughn has appeared in all 21 games with six starts this year for Huntington. She is averaging 5.3 points and 3.9 rebounds per game.

Alex Bader Jay County - 2018

Was honored for senior day by the Ball State University women's swim and dive team Saturday in a 158-141 loss to defending Mid-American Conference champion Buffalo.

Bader was one of six Cardinals honored prior to the meet.

The former Patriot earned one win, placing first in the 100-yard breaststroke with her time of 1 minute, 4.28 seconds. She was also the runner-up in the 150 breaststroke.

The senior aided the 200 medley relay team as it took second, and helped finish fourth in the 200 freestyle relay.

A day earlier, she joined Shelby Christ, Hannah Jones and Gracey Payne to win the 400 medley relay (3:55.63) in a 157-99 win at Bellarmine. Individually, she was fourth in the 200 butterfly.

Eliza Bader Jay County - 2021

Helped a relay team take second place for the Ball State women's swim and

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dive team on Friday in a win against Bellarmine.

The freshman teamed with Jessie Fraley, Laura Wright and Elizabeth King for a time of 4 minutes, 1.25 seconds in the 200 medley relay, finishing behind the winners that included older sister Alex.

Individually, she was third in the 50 freestyle and sixth in the 100 butterfly.

The following day against Buffalo, Bader joined her sister to help the 200 freestyle relay take fourth, and also aided a 200 medley relay as it was sixth.

Vivienne Kunkler Jay County - 2019

Competed for the Bethel University women's swim and dive team on Saturday in a win against Anderson University.

Kunkler's best finish as an individual came in the 50-yard freestyle as she was fifth with a time of 27.45 seconds. She was also seventh in the 100 backstroke (1 minute, 11.26 seconds).

She teamed up with Katie DiBenedetto, Emma McClelland and Carolyne Kiner-Sprow for a third-place finish in the meet-opening 200 medley relay.

Kunkler and the Pilots kicked off the three-day Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships this morning in Fremont, Nebraska.

Chloe Will Fort Recovery - 2019

Placed third for the Tiffin University women's indoor track team during the Tiffin Revolution College Classic it hosted Jan. 22.

The junior ended with a time of 12 minutes, 5.37 seconds, in the 3,000-meter run to help the Dragons take the top three spots in the race. Julia Springer (11:44.22) won.

Will placed 11th in the 800 run with a time of 2:38.51 Saturday during the Findlay Alumni Classic.

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Harris, Magic rally past Pacers

By MARK AMBROGI

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Gary Harris scored 22 points and Wendell Carter Jr. had 19 points and 18 rebounds to rally the Orlando Magic past the Indiana Pacers 119-118 on Wednesday night.

Harris scored 10 points in the fourth quarter, including two key 3-pointers. He finished 6 of 11 from beyond the arc and thought his team played with more energy in the second half.

"We able to lock down on the defensive end, share the ball, make shots and get a win the second half," Harris said. "I feel like that's

the team we are. We're resilient. We always keep fighting. These guys are hungry, they love to play basketball, they compete every day. It's a fun group to play with."

Harris said Carter played like a beast.

"When Wendell is being aggressive, there are not many people in the league that can stop him," Harris said. "We need that from him every night."

Indiana led by 17 midway through the third, but the margin had dwindled to two by the end of the quarter. Orlando outscored the Pacers 33-21 in the period.

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