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Carducci hired



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Carolyn Carducci of rural Jay County was announced Tuesday as the new executive director of Arts Place. Carducci had been serving as acting director since early October.

Arts Place removes 'acting' tag and makes rural Jay County resident its executive director

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

The "acting" tag is gone. Arts Place has a permanent leader.

The regional arts organization based in Portland announced Tuesday afternoon that it has named Carolyn Carducci as its executive director.

Carducci had been serving as acting director since Oct. 10 following the resignation of Desiree Duell.

In October, Arts Place announced that Carducci would assume executive director responsibilities for a six-month period. It didn't need that long to make a decision about the future. "On behalf of the entire Board we are grateful that Carolyn Car-

ducci is our new executive director," said Arts Place board president Mike Medler in a press release. "Her ability and past experience at Arts Place in Portland, as well as, the other centers in Blackford County and Auglaize/Mercer make her an ideal leader for this position."

Carducci on Wednesday expressed enthusiasm about taking the reins of the organization that has facilities in Hartford City and St. Marys, Ohio, in addition to its Portland headquarters.

"I am excited," said Carducci. "I'm passionate about the work that I've done here and the people here. ..."

"All three of the Arts Place

centers are amazing organizations. So I'm stepping in to something that has a long history. It has a legacy ... serving the communities that we're in. It's the opportunity to take it to another level. ...

"By getting the position permanently, that gives me a certain amount of comfort to be able to work closely with the staff and make changes to propel the organization forward because I'm going to be able to see them through."

Carducci's shift to the executive director role comes along with some reorganization of the Arts Place staff. She will retain her previous duties that she had as the organization's director of

development for the last five years. Many of the programming and art-related duties previously handled by the executive director will shift to the newly created position of center director for the Portland location.

Among her goals as executive director include growing Blackford County Arts Center and the Auglaize/Mercer Center of Arts Place. She also mentioned growing the organization's relationship with Jay County Civic Theatre and evaluating programs made possible through the Ball State University Community Engagement for the Arts Grant to help chart a course for the future.

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Holcomb lays out goals for budget

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb on Wednesday rolled out proposals for several major funding increases in the next state budget, including paying for all K-12 textbooks, salary increases for state police troopers, and millions more for public health services in all 92 counties.

The Republican governor announced his priorities for the 2023 legislative session, which is set to kick off next week at the Statehouse.

Indiana writes its two-year budgets in odd-numbered years during four-month sessions. State budget writers are likely to release their completed plan in April, following a final revenue forecast.

Members of Holcomb's administration say revenue increases have put the state in a favorable position to spend more and called the governor's budget proposal his most comprehensive yet in terms of how many Hoosiers could benefit from state dollars, should lawmakers green-light the requests.

"The budget that we've presented is balanced — it doesn't spend more than we take in, forecasted or actual," the governor said Wednesday.

Still, Indiana economist Michael Hicks noted that Holcomb's budget proposal is lower than the last one when accounting for inflation. The state experienced a 15.9% price level increase since June 2020, but the governor's plan is only a 12.8% increase from the budget.

"I just believe that over the course of the next four months, this is a bold agenda that hits on topics that are needed," Holcomb said. "They're not just a wish list — these things are needed."

Republican Senate Pro Tem Rodric Bray said in a statement Wednesday that Indiana Senate Republicans "share a number of the governor's priorities," including public health spending, law enforcement support, K-12 public education spending boosts.

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District gets grant

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will begin recycling cardboard in-house within the next year.

Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) awarded a \$48,528 Community Recycling Grant to the solid waste management district, which will use the funding to implement a local cardboard recycling program.

Jay County Commissioner Chad Aker, who sits on the solid waste management district board, explained plans to purchase a cardboard baler and skid loader with the funds. Instead of sending cardboard to Muncie for repurposing, the district will be able to bale and sell

Plans call for creating local cardboard recycling program

compacted cardboard at its current site.

Aker noted various businesses, such as Walmart, local liquor stores and factories, that may have an abundance of cardboard. He also pointed out the service would provide some extra dollars to the waste management district.

"It's just another way we can kind of expand our services when it comes to recycling and be a better

steward to the environment," Aker said.

George McGinnis, director of Jay County Solid Waste Management District, noted cardboard occupies more than 50% of materials found in recycling trailers around the county.

"We'll bale to cut down a lot of the problems people have with the trailers being full all the time," he said.

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Jay County Solid Waste Management District plans to use nearly \$50,000 in grant funding to purchase a baler and skid loader to create its own cardboard recycling program locally. It is part of an effort to help make more space available in recycling trailers, such as the one pictured above at Jay County Sheriff's Office. District director George McGinnis said cardboard generally makes up about 50% of materials dropped off at the trailers.

Deaths

Carl Hardymon, 88, Portland

Russell Dalrymple, 77, Portland

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 60 degrees early Wednesday. It dropped through most of the day to a low of 37.

There is a chance of scattered snow showers tonight with a low of 29. Skies will be cloudy on Friday with a high of 35.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Two incumbent city council members filed Wednesday to run for re-election. Portland City Council president Kent McClung filed to seek another term as the council member representing District 5 while Kevin Hamilton filed to seek a second term representing District 1 on Dunkirk City Council. Both are Republicans.

Coming up

Friday — Coverage of this afternoon's Portland Board of Works meeting.

Tuesday — Results from the JCHS swim teams as they host the Jay County Invitational.



Carducci ...

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She's also hoping to reach out to those Arts Place has not had a connection with in the past, mentioning a recent pottery class with Jay-Randolph Developmental Services clients as an example.
"I would like to serve groups of people that we don't currently serve," Carducci said. "We do a great job serving the people that we have over the years, but there's a lot of other people that

we don't serve. So I'm excited about those opportunities."
Carducci grew up in Struthers, Ohio, just south of Youngstown near the Pennsylvania border. She and her husband, Rich, moved to Jay County in connection with his job at Alphabet Inc. (now MSSL Wiring Systems). She previously worked as the oncology program director for Catholic Health Partners and for about five years each as development

director at Jay Community Center and student service advisor for John Jay Center for Learning before becoming Arts Place's director of development in late 2018.
"This is an amazing group of people here," said Carducci, who has also been involved with Jay County Cancer Society, Jay County Patriot Band Boosters and Portland Junior League. "I felt blessed when I first started here. And I felt blessed every

day that I came here, for the most part. And I feel blessed that the board and the staff have given me the vote of confidence to take this position and run with it.
"I mean, you can't ask for much more — a job that's fulfilling, people that you like and a community that you've grown to love. What else could there be?"
Eric Rogers led the organization — he was originally hired

as the first full-time staffer for Jay County Arts Council, which later became Arts Place — for 46 years, guiding it from a single office in 1976 to a Portland campus at the intersection of Walnut and Harrison streets as well as the Hartford City and St. Marys locations.
Duell, who previously worked in various art-related capacities in Flint, Michigan, was hired in summer 2022 to succeed Rogers. She resigned in early October.

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Friday 1/6	Saturday 1/7	Sunday 1/8	Monday 1/7	Tuesday 1/6
35/26	38/28	41/29	41/32	44/28
Cloudy skies are in the forecast for Friday with a high in the mid 30s.	There's a 20% chance of snow in the morning. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Sunday has a slight chance of rain, snow and freezing rain in the morning.	Mostly cloudy skies are expected Monday with a high of 41 degrees.	There's a 20% chance of rain Tuesday under mostly cloudy skies.

Lotteries

Powerball 12-32-56-67-68 Power Ball: 26 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$325 million	Hoosier Lotto: 1-6-15-34-41-45 Estimated jackpot: \$7.6 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$140,000	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 7-8-1 Pick 4: 1-8-6-0 Pick 5: 9-9-7-1-6 Evening Pick 3: 2-4-7 Pick 4: 7-9-1-9 Pick 5: 0-2-0-6-2 Rolling Cash: 1-15-17-24-29 Classic Lotto: 3-11-13-14-19-26 Kicker: 5-5-4-1-2-2 Estimated jackpot: \$3.6 million
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 2-6-5 Daily Four: 2-6-0-4 Quick Draw: Evening Daily Three: 2-8-3 Daily Four: 5-1-9-7 Quick Draw: 12-15-20-21-22-23-25-28-32-33-41-44-48-52-58-60-61-68-72-76 Cash 5: 5-7-15-37-39	

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Today in history

In 1477, the final battle in the Burgundian Wars, The Battle of Nancy, ended with Swiss troops defeating forces under the Duke of Burgundy, Charles the Bold. More than 7,000 people died, including Charles.
In 1757, French domestic worker Robert-Francois Damiens attempted to assassinate King Louis XV of France by striking him with a knife. He was unsuccessful and later publicly executed, becoming the last person executed by dismemberment in France.
In 1815, Federalists finished the Hartford Convention, a series of secret meetings starting Dec. 15, 1814, in Hartford, Connecticut. They demanded changes to the U.S. Constitution following the War of 1812.
In 1895, French artillery officer Alfred Dreyfus was sentenced to life imprisonment for treason. His trial spurred a dozen years of controversy, which resulted in his exoneration.
In 1925, the first female governor, Nellie Taylor Ross, took office in Wyoming.
In 1933, construction started on Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. The suspension bridge has become a landmark for the city because of its length and picturesque setting.
In 1993, oil tanker MV Braer ran aground during a storm off the coast of Shetland, Scotland, spilling nearly 85,000 tonnes of crude oil.
In 2005, "Eris," the largest known dwarf planet in Earth's solar system, was discovered. It caused the International Astronomical Union to downgrade Pluto — it is about the same size — to a dwarf planet.
In 2014, an estimated 14 inches of snow fell through the day and night, with temperatures reaching minus 11 degrees overnight. Jay and Mercer counties were both under Level 3 travel advisories the next day.
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Citizen's calendar

Today 1 p.m. — Jay County Sheriff's Office Merit Board, sheriff's office, 224 W. Water St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St.

Obituaries

Carl Hardymon
Carl Hardymon, 88, Portland, died Tuesday at his home.
Arrangements are pending at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Russell Dalrymple
Sept. 21, 1945-Jan. 2, 2023
Russell Eugene Dalrymple, age 77, a resident of Portland, passed away on Monday, Jan. 2, 2023, at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital in Winchester.
Russell was born on Sept. 21, 1945, in Portland, Indiana, the son of Clarence and Betty Louise (Wilson) Dalrymple. He graduated from Gov. I.P. Gray High School in 1963 and served in the U.S. Army.
Russell was a member of the Ridgeville American Legion where

he served on the honor guard. He worked for Indiana Glass in Dunkirk, Portland Forge and FCC Indiana in Portland.
Russell married Kathryn Chapman on June 13, 1970.
Survivors include:
His wife of 52 years — Kathryn Dalrymple, Portland, Indiana
One son — Tony Dalrymple (wife: Jennifer), rural Portland, Indiana
Sister — Ruth McCormick, Ridgeville, Indiana
Brother — Clarence Dalrymple (wife: Lolita), Iowa, Louisiana
Three grandchildren, four step-grandchildren and four great-grandchildren
Several nieces and nephews



Dalrymple

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Ruby Bellis.
Visitation will be held on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral in Portland. The family will be sharing memories at 4 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Ridgeville American Legion will conduct military honors at the funeral home on Saturday.
Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

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

Grant ...

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It'll also help the solid waste management district continue working toward its long-term goal of establishing a recycling center in Jay County. McGinnis explained future hopes to create a drive-through center in Portland. It will be several years until such a facility would be implemented, with officials still in the planning stages of the process. Their next step involves acquiring land.
IDEM announced Wednesday that more than \$500,000 has been awarded to 16 applicants of its Community Recycling Grant Program, which is available to counties, municipali-

ties, solid waste management districts, schools and nonprofit organizations in Indiana, according to a press release from the department. Applicants were required to "demonstrate a positive environmental impact within the project service area, an increase in waste diversion because of the project and show the sustainability of the project," the press release said.
Jay County Solid Waste Management District is now waiting for a contract with IDEM in order to move forward with its cardboard recycling program. It could take up to 90 days, McGinnis pointed out, after which time period the waste

management district would be able to order a baler and skid loader. Delivery and installation for the equipment is estimated to take anywhere from three to nine months.
In the meantime, folks can continue leaving cardboard in recycling trailers set up in municipalities across the county. Although trailers will still be a source for recycling cardboard, Aker and McGinnis encourage locals to make use of the new program once it is launched.
"We just want people to recycle. That's the whole reason we're out there," said Aker. "(To) promote recycling, reuse, and try not to fill up our landfills."

Budget ...

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He also mentioned paying down the pre-1996 Teachers' Retirement Fund, which wasn't part of Holcomb's plan.
GOP House Speaker Todd Huston said his chamber is also similarly focused on "funding critical services and making strategic, one-time investments that deliver results for Hoosiers — all while keeping government small."
House Democratic Leader Phil GiaQuinta, D-Fort Wayne, said that while his caucus and Holcomb "are on the same page," he fears whether Republican lawmakers "are as forward-thinking" as Democrats and the governor.
Meanwhile, Senate minority leader Greg Taylor, D-Indianapolis, said the governor's budget priorities "ultimately just fall short."
"There were several good priorities in the governor's agenda which members of my caucus have been pushing for years — investments in K-12 and public health, more money for food banks, elimination of school textbook fees, auto-enrolling students in the 21st Century Scholars Program — but as is the trend, his agenda failed to go far enough," Taylor said in a statement.
In addition to proposed increases to K-12 tuition support — 6% in fiscal year 2024 and another 2% in the following fiscal year — Holcomb is calling on state lawmakers to eliminate textbook and curricular material fees for Indiana families. Indiana is currently one of only seven states that allows families to be charged for textbooks.
Instead, the governor wants Indiana to fully fund those fees for more than 1 million Hoosier students at all public and charter schools, as well as some students at non-public schools.
The move would cost the state approximately \$160 million per year — but only \$121 million would be new

money. Indiana already budgets \$39 million per year for textbook reimbursement for the 440,000 Hoosier students who qualify for free or reduced lunches.
Under the proposed model, non-public school students who already qualify for textbook reimbursement will continue to be eligible for textbook fee waivers.
"We have the financial wherewithal to do this," Holcomb said Wednesday.
He added that the overall school funding increase he proposed is enough to raise average Indiana teacher salaries from \$56,600 to \$60,000.
"It will vary, depending on the local bargaining units," he said, adding that while he supports "local determination ... I don't want the state to come in and start setting those levels."
In response to calls for the state to up invest-

ments in literacy, which fell during the pandemic, Holcomb wants to establish a \$20 million incentive program that rewards schools and K-3 teachers that improve students' passing rate for the Indiana Reading Evaluation and Determination, also called the IREAD-3 test. He also wants to secure \$10 million in state funding to obtain another \$10 million match from the Lilly Endowment to continue the state's literacy initiatives.
Just 81.6% out of the 65,000 third graders at public and private schools in Indiana passed the 2022 exam. The Indiana Department of Education's goal is that 95% of students in third grade can read proficiently by 2027.
For the state's higher education institutions, Holcomb recommended a 6% increase in year one and a 2% increase in year two, totaling \$184 million of the biennial budget. That state support comes with a charge that a portion of the funding be based on performance goals that are "focused on keeping the students that are coming to our state here in our state."
The governor said he supports the Commissioner for Higher Education's goal of auto-enrolling eligible students in the 21st Century Scholarship Program, a statewide grant program that supports student enrollment at two- and four-year schools. Administration officials said auto-enrollment shouldn't be a cost to the state for six to seven years.
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The Sanders family
would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, and kind expressions of sympathy shown following the passing of Sue. Your support at this difficult time is very much appreciated and of great comfort to our family.
Jim, Dean, June, Brooke, and Kyle Sanders

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Thursday
Murray, Elizabeth: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Friday
Louck, Joe: 11 a.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

Saturday
Miller, Viola: 10 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery.
Buckingham, Helen: 1 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.
Dalrymple, Russell: 4 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Jan. 14
Theurer, Donald: 1:30 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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50th anniversary

Jearl and Linda Weddle

Linda and Jearl Weddle are celebrating 50 years of marriage today. Jearl and Linda (Shuttleworth) Weddle were married on Jan. 5, 1973, at Farmland Christian Church. Jearl Weddle, a millwright, retired in 2000 from General Motors. Linda Weddle is a retired secretary. The rural Redkey couple have two children, Alan Weddle of Phoenix, Arizona, and Lewanne Mader of Muncie. They have three grandchildren, Austin (Kindra) Bullock, Carson Mader and Caitlyn Cooley, and two great-grandchildren, Caitlyn and Caunner.

Awards contest is open

Indiana Department of Environmental Management is accepting nominations for the 2023 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence.

The awards, now in their 30th year, recognize individuals, agencies, businesses, organizations and schools for "outstanding achievements that positively impact Indiana's environment," according to the department's website.

Seven awards will be presented this year in different categories. Self-nominations are encouraged, according to a press release from the department.

Projects must have

Taking Note

been implemented in Indiana during the year 2021 or 2022.

The deadline is March 6, with an awards ceremony planned for September.

To submit a nomination or learn more, visit bit.ly/2023GAEE.

MLK essays

The Indiana Association of School Principals is now accepting entries

to its 2023 Martin Luther King Jr. essay contest. Sixth graders through high school seniors may participate by writing essays based on the following quote from Martin Luther King Jr.:

"We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies."

For more information, visit iasp.org/students/mlk-jr-essay. The online submission deadline is Feb. 28.

Newly discovered secret haunts relative

DEAR ABBY: While doing some genealogy research during the pandemic, I came across my maternal grandfather's death certificate. I knew he had died at a fairly young age during the Depression. But I was shocked to learn that he had committed suicide by carbon monoxide poisoning in his car in the garage of their home. His little restaurant was not doing well, and money was scarce. I imagine he was desperate and depressed.

My mother had anxiety issues, which may have been the result of her father's suicide or a genetic issue. Should I share this information with my adult children? Could it be helpful to them in any way? My mother didn't share this with me. I have a close relationship with my children, and this secret is troubling me. — WITHHOLDING INFORMATION

DEAR WITHHOLDING: Your mother didn't share the details of her father's death because, back then, suicide was considered a source of shame. The stress of keeping

Dear Abby



her father's suicide a secret may have contributed to her anxiety. Fortunately, attitudes are more enlightened today, and the subject of suicide can be discussed.

Because this secret is troubling you, you should definitely bring it out in the open. It might be helpful to your children to know that depression may run in the family.

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DEAR ABBY: My brother has a debilitating illness that landed him in the hospital. While he was there, he had a birthday. I called him to say "Happy Birthday," but kept it short because he sounded weak. The next day, I received a scathing text from my sister, fuming that my phone call wasn't long enough.

Her text concluded with, "Just remember, you are healthy and he is sick!"

I was crushed at her words, but also confused because she didn't bother to tell me he was hospitalized until 10 days had passed. This kind of thing has gone on for years. I was the one who took care of our elderly parents when my siblings couldn't be bothered. They didn't even take the time to check in on my husband after he lost his sister unexpectedly.

What I am grappling with is this: Is it time to walk away? I don't deserve the hurt they are causing. I suppose it's the age-old question: Would I be better with or without them? Your thoughts, please. — DEEPLY WOUNDED IN WEST VIRGINIA

DEAR DEEPLY WOUNDED: This appears to be another example of the adage "no good deed goes unpunished." Your question can be answered by simply sitting down and listing the pros and cons of continuing a relationship with your sister. If the "cons" outnumber

the "pros," you will know what to do.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband's brother and his wife visit every six weeks and are guests in our home. My husband is very close to his brother, and I know the time they spend together is a blessing to both of them. My problem is his wife. She drives me crazy. She wants to get into my business and is very outspoken.

My husband's parents and his other brother have passed. Other members of the family have room for them to stay, but I was the only one who opened my home to them. I don't want to cause problems in the family, but she criticizes what we watch on TV and tells us what she prefers to watch. She wants to go out to eat and I have told them, repeatedly, that I don't want to do that. I still take precautions against COVID, but I can't get that through to her.

They have a lot more money than we do, so spending \$100 at a restaurant is nothing to them. I'm not comfortable spending money like that. I cook at home,

which she rarely does. I dread the weekends when they come. How can I tell her that in MY home she should keep her opinions to herself? — FED UP IN THE SOUTH

DEAR FED UP: In the interest of preserving family harmony, do not confront your sister-in-law. You and your husband should speak to her AND his brother and lay down some ground rules about their visits, particularly the excessive spending on restaurants. Divide the TV entertainment time equally between you. If that doesn't suit her, offer to loan her a book or suggest she bring reading material the next time she visits.

Unless you are quarantined, make a point of visiting another equally health-conscious friend so you aren't subjected to this woman's company all the time. You might also "sweetly" suggest that it doesn't seem fair she spends all her time with you during these visits, which deprives the other relatives.

Community Calendar

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

Thursday

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.

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

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry

building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

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, Jan. 6, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

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.

Sunday

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

Monday

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

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

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

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The statistics are not the problem

By MORTON J. MARCUS

A strange thing happened to me on New Year's Eve.

This little kid in diapers came up to me and said, "Hey, Old Man, what do you want in the New Year?"

What I said I wanted was to stop hearing from readers that old refrain about Lies, Damn Lies and Statistics. Or that other one about statistics can support any argument, all you have to do is find them.

Statistics don't lie. Usually, the person who hears a statistic is too uninformed to ask about the number being quoted. This generally means the person who is repeating a stat failed to understand or to be given the full story behind that number.

Eye on the Pie



Let's go to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for Health Statistics for data about Indiana. They have lots of numbers here. For example, the 2020 marriage rate in Indiana is 5.8 per 1,000.

Per thousand what? Females 15 years and older? You have to search for it. Turns out to be "per 1,000 total population residing in area."

Does that mean it includes persons under 15 years old? We don't have many of them marrying. On top of that, the number is based on "marriages by state of occurrence." Another winner!

Indiana's marriage rate was 5.8, not near Nevada's rate of 21. Hawaii was 7.4, down from 14.2 in 2019 because of COVID-19.

Perhaps we need to take on the marriage business for economic development purposes. Think about the money wedding parties spend.

Yes, get hitched in Harmony, Indiana, but avoid Battle Ground.

Want something hotter? Try Spiceland, but stay out of Gnaw Bone. Dance the night away in Toad Hop.

On a budget? Celebrate the nuptials in Economy.

But don't ask about the divorce rate in Indiana. It's n/a, data-speak for "not available." Indiana is one of six states that does not report its divorces to the CDC. The others are California, George, Hawaii, Louisiana and Minnesota.

Why? Don't ask me. The word "divorce" cannot be found on Indiana Department of Health's website. The state has self-service divorce with a fine set of forms anyone, with an advanced degree, can navigate. But no record of the numbers.

What is the real divorce rate in the nation? We don't know. Without six states, the numerator (the number above the line) is incom-

plete. The denominator (below the line) should be the number of married couples (living together or apart).

We could do it, but only for 44 states or 79% of the nation's population.

Remember, data about people and their activities will always have some pickable nits because perfection is not possible, and legislators starve the state and federal statistical agencies.

Ignorance of reality has become a virtue in America. As a result, the persistent, pernicious derision of data feeds dissension and derails rational decisions.

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Powell case should go on

The Dallas Morning News
Tribune News Service

As the House Jan. 6 committee wrapped up its final report, Sidney Powell, one-time lawyer for former President Donald Trump, doubled down on her claims of election fraud in court documents filed in the State Bar of Texas' sanctions case against her.

Despite the committee's findings that Trump led a "multi-part" conspiracy to overturn the 2020 presidential election — a conspiracy she helped fuel — Powell is asking a local judge to toss out the State Bar's suit, which alleges that the Dallas lawyer knowingly filed frivolous election fraud suits against the states of Michigan, Georgia, Arizona and Wisconsin.

Collin County state District Judge Andrea Bouressa is expected to decide in mid-January whether to grant Powell's motion to dismiss the case based on her claim that the State Bar has "absolutely no evidence" to seek sanctions, including possible disbarment, against her.

In reality, there is a mountain of evidence that Judge Bouressa should not dismiss the State Bar's case, and allow it to proceed to trial as planned in a public courtroom in April without further delays.

The bar sued Powell in March on the basis of 10 complaints it received about her. In addition to filing frivolous suits, the bar claims that Powell knowingly made false statements in the election fraud litigation.

In a document filed Dec. 12, Powell again defended her decision to sue the states, saying it was based in part on the documentary Kill Chain, which features a hacker named CyberZeist, who claimed to have influenced the 2016 election.

Court documents also show that among Powell's planned witnesses is a Dallas technology consultant named Joshua Merritt, Powell's once-secret source who goes by a codename "Spyder" and whose baseless claims of internationally planned voter fraud were a reason for her lawsuits.

The Jan. 6 Committee's report noted that Powell publicly made such claims just before filing her suits. Recalling a Nov. 19, 2020, press conference, the report noted her claims of "massive influence of communist money through

Guest Editorial

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Venezuela, Cuba and likely China in the interference with our election here in the United States."

Former Trump adviser Hope Hicks later told the committee under oath that even her boss laughed off the claims. On a call with Powell the next day, during which the attorney restated her conspiracy theory, Trump placed her on mute and smirked with others in the room, saying, "This does sound crazy, doesn't it?"

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The public deserves to see this case play out in a courtroom, and so we hope Judge Bouressa will not grant Powell's motion for summary judgment and will conduct the trial where real evidence, not made-up stories and bizarre conspiracies, can be put in plain view.



These could, should and will happen

By MICHAEL LEPPERT
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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Every new year brings with it new hope, new goals and new fears. Resolutions and predictions fly like birds and then fall like snow, and by the time February arrives, the new year isn't new anymore. As a result, all of that nonsense from the month prior is treated like a trip to Vegas: what happens there, stays there.

2023 will be different though, won't it? Can't you feel it?

OK, maybe not. But let's try for a moment so that a year from now we can look back on this week and see how good our collective foresight turned out to be. Some of my bets are admittedly long shots but "could happen." Some are smaller fantasies, though they "should happen." And finally, some are stone-cold, lead-pipe locks that absolutely "will happen."

Four things that could happen:

1. The Indianapolis Colts will draft Ohio State quarterback C.J. Stroud in the first round of the NFL Draft in April. However, he will refuse to sign his rookie contract due to a dispute over owner Jim Irsay's demand that he learn how to play "Smoke on the Water" on the guitar as a condition of the deal. He won't play in 2023, and the Colts will finish 4-12-1 for the second consecutive year.

2. U.S. Reps. Victoria Spartz and Jim Banks announce they will vacate their seats in the U.S. House to run for Indiana's open Senate seat in 2024. Both run on a "Hunter Biden's Laptop" platform, whatever that is, and the primary race devolves into a contest on which one is less interested in solving actual problems. Banks ultimately wins that particular battle in a close one, only to lose to Democrat Beau Bayh in the fall. It turns out the MAGA desire to figuratively "own the libs" backfires, when they find out Bayh literally owns them.

3. The Indiana Supreme Court strikes down the state's new abortion

Michael Leppert



law as it violates the 2015 Religious Freedom Restoration Act. In a striking turn of events, Evangelical Christianity is not the only religious freedom RFRA protects. 2024 presidential candidate, Mike Pence, organizes a movement named "That's Not What We Meant." He is scheduled to be interviewed by ABC's George Stephanopoulos, so that he can finally admit that the law was always designed to discriminate. However, the interview is abruptly canceled when Pence enters the witness protection program on the eve of Donald Trump's first criminal trial.

4. The Indianapolis I-65/I-70 North Split construction project, originally scheduled to be completed by the end of 2022, then delayed until April of 2023, is surprisingly sold to Roger Penske. The owner of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway announces plans to use the site as a motocross/tractor pull venue. Penske lets it slip at the press conference announcing the deal that the development of the site had been done in partnership with state government from the beginning.

Two things that should happen:

1. Competition in the Indianapolis mayor's race will force change, one way or another. Mayor Joe Hogsett is seeking a third term and has all the advantages that come with incumbency as a Democrat in a deep blue city. However, the presence of State Rep. Robin Shackleford and Gregory Meriweather in a three-candidate primary changes the conversation. Shackleford has an Indianapolis con-

stituency, a resumé and credibility of her own. Both she and Meriweather are black and will run on a "change" platform. At least one Republican, pastor James Jackson, has also entered the race. Another potential Republican candidate, conservative radio and political commentator, Abdul-Hakim Shabazz, is also considering a run. Both of these men are also black. Hogsett will find himself in the minority in 2023, and this environment forces even a favored incumbent to reevaluate and recommit to a city that needs an injection of new energy.

2. The Indiana General Assembly will again try to criminalize librarians and school officials for distributing books it doesn't like, as detailed by Arika Herron of the Indianapolis Star. In its zeal to allegedly protect our children from "Maus" and the award-winning works of Toni Morrison, Hoosiers discover that legislators don't really know much about teaching. Or reading. Or even children.

Two things that will happen:

1. I will finish my second novel. It will be a historical drama about the chaotic Indiana summer of 2020. Young adults will want to read this one, but I warn everyone now, the story includes both sex and violence. Yes, I'm daring Indiana to ban it.

2. There will be a mass shooting at an Indiana school. Statistically, this is all but certain.

That's the list of predictions. It isn't nearly complete, but my gambling budget is tight and inflexible. Happy New Year!

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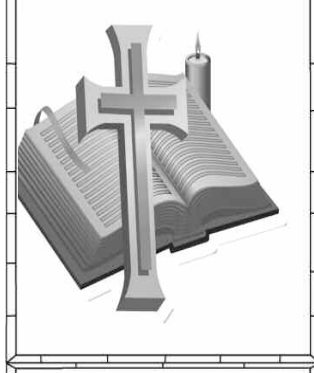


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Services: 10:30 a.m.

Bellefontain United Methodist
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Gordon Jackson
Services: 9 a.m.

Bethel United Methodist
Indiana 167, 4 miles north of Dunkirk
Scott McClain
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Bluff Point Friends
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Services: 10 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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Services: 10 a.m.

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Wayne Ward
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Services: 10 a.m.

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190 W. Main St., Pennville
Gary Newton
(765) 669-1070
Services: 10:30 a.m.

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226 E. Center St., Dunkirk
Tom Fett
(765) 768-6199
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Evangelical Methodist
930 W. Main St., Portland
Steve Arnold
(260) 251-0970
Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

Fairview United Methodist/Jay County
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Gordon Jackson
Lay leader: Beth Stephen
(260) 726-9184
Services: 10:15 a.m.

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9560 W. 200 South, Dunkirk
Joe Schmit
(260) 251-5254
Services: 10 a.m.

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200 E. Elder St., Portland
Ronald Willis
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Wednesday
thefamilyworshipcenter.org

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Sunday school: 10 a.m.
pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

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Services: 10:40 a.m., 5 p.m.

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(419) 375-2860
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fccfcrecovery.org

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Services: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

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firstpcportland.org

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Revs. Brad and Kate Ratliff
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frnaz@frontier.com

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(419) 678-2071
Services: 9 a.m.

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468 E. Washington St., Dunkirk
Robert Thomas
(765) 348-4620
Services: 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Thursday

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100 W. Line St., Geneva
Barry McCune
(260) 368-7655
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Geneva Nazarene
225 Decatur St., Geneva
(260) 525-8609
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
Sunday school: 9 a.m.
Prayer meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday

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County road 650 North, one-quarter mile east of Balbec
Services: 10:30 a.m.

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Indiana 1 and Indiana 26
Earl Doll
(260) 731-4477
Services: 10:30 a.m.

High Street United Methodist
435 High St., Geneva
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(260) 368-7233
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7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant
Fr. Peter Logsdon
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churchofthemoostholytrinity.com

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Rev. Darrell Borders
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5905 S. Como Road
Neil Butcher
(765) 499-7838
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Aaron Huey
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Sunday school: 9 a.m.

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Services: 10:30 a.m.

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Services: 9:30 a.m.

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9811 W. Indiana 67, southwest of Redkey
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RedkeyFaith.org

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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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Rev. Alexander Witt
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1477 Philothea Road, Fort Recovery
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17920 Indiana 167, Dunkirk
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Services: 10:35 a.m.

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Robin Owen
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pastorrobino@gmail.com

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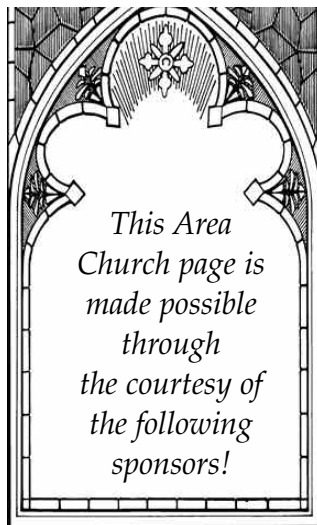
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County road 900 North (Jay-Wells county line)
Fred Stevens
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

West Walnut Church of Christ
204 W. Walnut St., Portland
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(260) 726-4691
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westwalnutchurchofchrist.org

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North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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♠ K J 8
♥ J 7 6 5
♦ A 10 9 5
♣ A 10

WEST
♠ 9 5 3 2
♥ —
♦ Q 7 4 3
♣ Q J 9 6 4

EAST
♠ 10 4
♥ Q 10 9 2
♦ J 8 6
♣ 7 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q 7 6
♥ A K 8 4 3
♦ K 2
♣ K 8

The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass
2♥ Pass 6♥

Opening lead — queen of clubs.
A conscientious declarer tries to protect against any and all distributions of the adverse cards. Take this case where West leads a club and declarer sees at once that he has no losers in spades, diamonds or clubs. He can stand one trump loser and still make the slam, but he can't afford to lose two trump tricks.
So, South starts thinking about what divisions of the opposing trumps might put the contract in jeopardy. Obviously, if the trumps are divided 2-2 or 3-1, the contract cannot fail. The only real threat is a 4-0 division.
If West has all four trumps, though, there is no problem. Whenever South plays the ace, East shows out, and declarer then leads a low heart toward the jack to limit himself to one trump loser.
But if East has all four trumps and South cashes the ace of hearts first, he will be in serious trouble. East's Q-10-9 over dummy's J-7-6 would then be worth two tricks, dooming the slam.
In order to cater to both potential 4-0 breaks, South invokes a safety play that will guard against either defender holding all four trumps. He wins the opening club lead in dummy and returns the five of hearts. If East produces the nine, ten or queen, South wins with the ace and cannot lose more than one trump trick with proper play.
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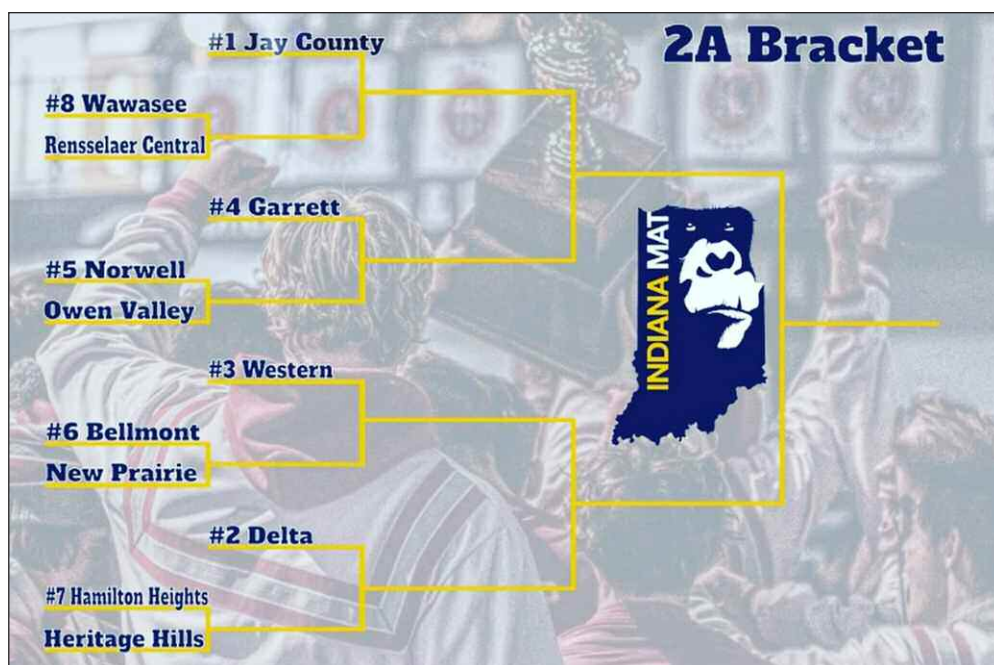
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State-ranked Patriots

Jay County High School's boys wrestling team has six state-ranked wrestlers heading into this weekend's Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association Class 2A Team State Duals. The Patriots are hoping to climb to the top of the class after finishing as the runner-up in the tournament last season. The list of state-ranked Patriots is below and the tournament bracket is at right.

- 126 pounds — Cody Rowles — No. 8
- 132 pounds — Ethan Reiley — No. 20
- 138 pounds — Tony Wood — No. 6
- 145 pounds — Cameron Clark — No. 4
- 152 pounds — Christian Wittkamp — No. 14
- 182 pounds — Bryce Wenk — No. 20



Hamlin ...

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Thomas never considered sitting out Sunday's season finale against the Houston Texans.

He remains in touch with Hamlin's family and wants to honor his friend through his play.

He also said there's no need to compartmentalize his emotions. He wants to feel the pain and grief and be fueled by it.

"I never put it aside," Thomas said. "I'm putting it right where it's gotta be, right in my mind. I'm playing for him, playing for what he represents. If you just look at who he is — he's a great person. ... He took me under his wing. ... He always looked out for me. So I'm playing for him, doing all of this stuff for him."

Thomas' teammates said they'll have his back.

The rookie got back to Indianapolis late Tuesday night and was in meetings early Wednesday morning. He's in line to make his 10th start of the season Sunday, but this is about far more than a game.

Indianapolis line-backer Zaire Franklin — one of the team's captains — shot Thomas a text Tuesday to let him know the team will support him in any way possible. But he said it's also important to give Thomas room to breathe.

"Support is being willing to do anything for somebody when they really need it," Franklin said. "So I just told Rod, I said, 'Look, on anything I have your back. Just know I'm here for you whatever you need.' And whatever he needs, I got him. He knows that."

Thomas is attempting to send the same message to Hamlin. He's watched the national response with awe and is encouraged a larger audience is learning about his friend's courage and character.

Thomas also is convinced he'll watch Hamlin walk out of the hospital in the near future.

"He's a fighter, and I know he's a fighter," Thomas said. "And there's no thought in my mind other than him walking out under his own power."

Wrestling ...

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The brackets will also include No. 2 Ella Gehl of Northfield at 132 and No. 2 Olivia Bohde of New Haven at 145.

Jay County will have a total of 14 wrestlers competing Friday, including No. 8 Jayla Huelskamp at 120 pounds, No. 8 Kiley Williams at 182, No. 10 Katie Rowles at 98, No. 11 Mattie Affolder at 250 and No. 12 Maleah Parsons at 152.

The Patriots had five state qualifiers last season.

"Our goals are always to exceed that," said Myers. "I think if we can take more than five, that would be a pretty big win. And I know that our goal from the beginning of the season was to win our regional and give ourselves a shot to win the state."

Jay County's boys hope the home atmosphere can help them finish the job after finishing second in the Class 2A state duals last season. They rolled to victories of 51-21 over Monrovia and 48-15 over Wawasee but struggled in a 56-15 loss to top-ranked Belmont in the championship match.

The Patriots were ranked third in Class 2A heading into this year's duals. This season, they're No. 1.

The top ranking gets them a bye through the opening round. They face a potential quarterfinal rematch against No. 9 Wawasee, which would first need to get past No. 10 Rensselaer Central.

The rest of the JCHS half of the bracket features No. 6 Norwell against Owen Valley in the opening round with the winner to face fourth-ranked Garrett.

The other half of the bracket plays out as follows:

Wrestlers to watch

Four wrestlers who are ranked No. 1 in the state in their weight class will compete in the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling Northeast Regional on Friday at Jay County. Meanwhile, Saturday's Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association Class 2A Team State Duals will include at least one top-five wrestler in half of the weight classes. Below is a list of the top wrestlers in each weight class for both tournaments.

Girls Northeast Regional

- 98 — No. 6 Olivia Harden, Wabash
- 106 — No. 1 Julianna O'Campo, Snider
- 113 — No. 10 Ella France, Northfield
- 120 — No. 6 Aubrey Burns, North Miami
- 126 — No. 3 Jady Geller, Rochester
- 132 — No. 2 Ella Gehl, Northfield
- 138 — No. 1 Aulani Davis, Kokomo
- 145 — No. 2 Olivia Bohde, New Haven
- 152 — No. 4 Kaily Bussard, New Haven
- 160 — No. 1 Grace Hiroms, Rochester
- 170 — No. 11 Kera Parke, North Side
- 182 — No. 8 Kiley Williams, Jay County
- 195 — No. 6 Kyndal Mellady, Western
- 250 — No. 1 Brielle Humphries, Kokomo

Class 2A Team State Duals

- 106 — No. 3 Ayden Bollinger, Delta
- 113 — No. 15 Carter Fielden, Garrett
- 120 — No. 4 Tanner Tishner, Western
- 126 — No. 4 Hayden Brady, Garrett
- 132 — No. 15 Tye Linser, Western
- 138 — No. 6 Tony Wood, Jay County
- 145 — No. 4 Cameron Clark, Jay County
- 152 — No. 4 Mitchell Betz, Western
- 160 — No. 4 Chase Leech, Garrett
- 170 — No. 6 Gavin Malone, Wawasee
- 182 — No. 5 Evan Tilton, Hamilton Heights
- 195 — No. 11 Henry Kukelhan, Belmont
- 220 — No. 10 Eli Hinshaw, Owen Valley
- 285 — No. 9 Jordan Cree, Rensselaer Central

•No. 7 Belmont against New Prairie in the opening round with the winner to face No. 3 Western in the quarterfinals

•No. 8 Hamilton Heights against Heritage Hills in the opening round with the winner to face No. 2 Delta in the quarterfinals

Jay County already has wins over Delta (42-29), Norwell (52-24) and Garrett (48-23) this season.

"I think it's built our confidence to where we know how good we can be," said Myers. "We're what we say we are. We've been dominant. We can continue to be dominant."

Still, it's important that the confidence from those wins doesn't turn into complacency, he said.

Prior to Tuesday's match against Coldwater, he urged his wrestlers to stay focused with an eye on picking up even more wins against those familiar opponents and making their efforts even better than the first time.

"We tell them that in the individual state tournament series we take one match at a time, and that's what we've got to do on Saturday," he added. "We've got to wrestle who's in front of us. ... We have to take every match and every point super seriously."

In both cases — girls regional and boys team state — the Patriots have been there before. They've advanced multiple girls to the state

finals. They've made the Class 2A state duals championship match.

With their home crowd cheering them on, they hope to take the next step.

"It's going to be wild," said Myers. "The girls have over 180 girls registered for Friday with a lot on the line, a chance to go to state ... That's a great atmosphere. It's exciting."

"Team state is the same way. You've got all the teams excited. You get parents in the stands excited. And as you move along with the day, the stakes get higher, emotions get higher."

"It'll be exciting. It'll be a lot of fun."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Swimming vs. Celina and Coldwater — 6 p.m.; Freshman boys basketball vs. Anderson — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at Selma — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. Fort Recovery — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at St. John's — 7 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at St. John's — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball at Jay County — 6 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Girls wrestling hosts IHSWG regional — 4 p.m.; Diving hosts Invitational — 6 p.m.; Girls basketball at Bluffton — 6 p.m.; JV wrestling at Centerville — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs. St. John's — 6 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Wrestling hosts IHSWG CA Class 2A Dual State Meet — 9 a.m.; Swimming hosts invitational — 9 a.m.

Boys basketball vs. Adams Central — 6:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball (including freshman) at Botkins — 4:30 p.m.

TV sports

Today
7 p.m. — NHL hockey: St. Louis Blues at New Jersey Devils (Bally Indiana)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Boston Celtics at Dallas Mavericks (TNT)

10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Denver Nuggets (TNT)

Friday
5 p.m. — High School basketball: Simeon at Cathedral (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Portland Trail Blazers at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Brooklyn Nets at New Orleans Pelicans (ESPN)

10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Miami Heat at Phoenix Suns (ESPN)

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4 p.m. — Men's college hockey: Michigan State at Ohio State (BTN)
4:30 p.m. — NFL football: Kansas City Chiefs at Las Vegas Raiders (ABC/ESPN)
6:30 p.m. — Men's college hockey: Notre Dame at Wisconsin (BTN)
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Sports

Wrestling weekend

Jay County is hosting girls regional tournament and coaches association Class 2A team state duals

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Jay County is used to hosting big wrestling tournaments.

For years, it has been home to both the sectional and regional tournaments. And it will be again in a few weeks.

But this weekend may be the biggest it has ever seen.

Jay County High School's mats will be the site for a massive doubleheader with the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling Northeast Regional contested beginning at 4 p.m. Friday and the Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association Class 2A Team State Duals to follow at 9 a.m. Saturday.

"It's pretty awesome for them," said JCHS coach Eric Myers, "to be able to wrestle at home. To be able to have the support staff and the support of the program to be able to run it and support from the administration to be able to have it here, it's pretty special."

The Patriots are one of four girls regional hosts — the others are Penn, Franklin Community and Warren Central — with the top four wrestlers in each weight class advancing to the state finals Jan. 13 at Mooresville. (Franklin Central is the only other school also hosting the team state duals, as it will be the site for the Class 1A and 3A tournaments.)

JCHS returns two state qualifiers, including defending 160-pound state champion Mallory Winner.

Coming off of a broken leg in the offseason, Winner, who was undefeated last season, has taken a couple of losses this year but rebounded from them to win



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School sophomore Mallory Winner works a half nelson on Columbia City's Bralynn Leazier during their Nov. 17 match. Winner, who is ranked fourth in the state at 160 pounds, will begin her state title defense this weekend as the Patriots host the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling Northeast Regional.

the 170-pound title at the Findlay Invitational last month. She is currently ranked fourth in the state at 160.

Winner will get a bye through the opening round and will open regional action with a quarterfinal match against either Kelseia Butts of Manchester and Melody Bontrager of Goshen. Looming for the finals is a potential state championship rematch against top-ranked Grace Hiroms of Rochester. (Winner beat Hiroms 4-1 in last season's finale.)

Lilly Lothridge, who will open against Laurlye Miller of Bellmont in the 132-pound bracket, is the team's other returning state qualifier.


In addition to Hiroms, the tournament will feature top-ranked wrestlers Julianna O'Campo of Snider at 106 — she is ranked ninth overall and was an IHSAA state qualifier last season — Aulani Davis of Kokomo at 138, and Brielle Humphries of Kokomo at 250.

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State-ranked Patriots

Jay County High School's girls wrestling team has six state-ranked wrestlers heading into this weekend's regional tournament. The top four wrestlers in each weight class at the regional will advance to the Jan. 13 state finals at Mooresville. The list of state-ranked Patriots is below.

- 98 pounds — Katie Rowles — No. 10
- 120 pounds — Jayla Huelskamp — No. 8
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- 160 pounds — Mallory Winner — No. 4
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Patch strong for Hillsdale

Olivia Patch's opportunities had been limited.

When she got some longer run on the court, she delivered.

Patch, a 2020 Fort Recovery High School graduate, was strong off the bench in helping the Hillsdale College women's basketball team record back-to-back wins.

After seeing just six minutes of action in the first 15 games of the season, Patch got on the court for 10 minutes in the Chargers' victory Friday over Madonna. She scored four points — they were her first of the season — and grabbed one rebound.

The junior then notched four more points on 2-of-3 shooting with a block and a rebound in nine minutes of action Monday as Hillsdale defeated Roosevelt to improve to 9-6.

Alli Vaughn Fort Recovery - 2021

Led the Huntington University women's basketball team in rebounding Friday in its 77-57 loss to Midway.

Vaughn grabbed a team-high seven rebounds for the Foresters (6-10) against Midway. She also had four points, one steal and one assist.

The sophomore forward also had eight points, seven rebounds, three assists and two steals Wednesday as

Collegiate Check-up

Huntington fell 83-61 to NAIA No. 7 Indiana Wesleyan.

Lizzy Dollar Jay County - 2022

Competed for the Indiana Tech women's wrestling team Dec. 29 and 30 as it competed in the Soldier Salute tournament in Coralville, Iowa.

Dollar dropped her opening-round match by pin to Faith Cole of Iowa Wesleyan. She then got a bye through the opening round of the 116-pound consolation bracket before battling to an 18-12 loss to Life University's Paige Denke.

Val Muhlenkamp Fort Recovery - 2020

Started for the University of Findlay women's basketball team as it stepped up to an NCAA Division I challenge Friday, falling 92-51 to host Bowling Green.

Muhlenkamp hit a 3-pointer and finished with five points for the Oilers (4-9), who are in NCAA's Division II. She also had five rebounds and one assist.

Honoring Hamlin

By GEORGE BREMER
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INDIANAPOLIS — Rodney Thomas spoke with Damar Hamlin on Monday, lending support before the Buffalo Bills safety's highly anticipated prime time showdown against the Cincinnati Bengals.

Thomas — a rookie safety with the Indianapolis Colts — has looked at Hamlin as a mentor since their days together at Pittsburgh powerhouse Central Catholic High School, and the close friends still speak daily.

Tuesday's conversation was chillingly one-sided, after Thomas raced to Hamlin's bedside at a hospital in Cincinnati.

As Hamlin lay sedated with machines aiding his breathing, Thomas held

his friend's hand and told Hamlin he'll always have his back.

"And even if he can't hear me, it don't matter," Thomas said Wednesday at the Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center. "I said what I had to say." Hamlin has been in the national spotlight since he suffered cardiac arrest after making a tackle against Bengals wide receiver Tee Higgins during the first half Monday night.

According to a statement from the Bills, the 24-

year-old's heart stopped after his collapse but on-site medical personnel performed CPR and revived his pulse.

Hamlin's marketing representative, Jordon Rooney, reported Wednesday the safety's health is progressing "in a positive direction" and his family remains optimistic.

No official cause for the safety's collapse has been released, but the quick actions of medical personnel on the field may have saved Hamlin's life.

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