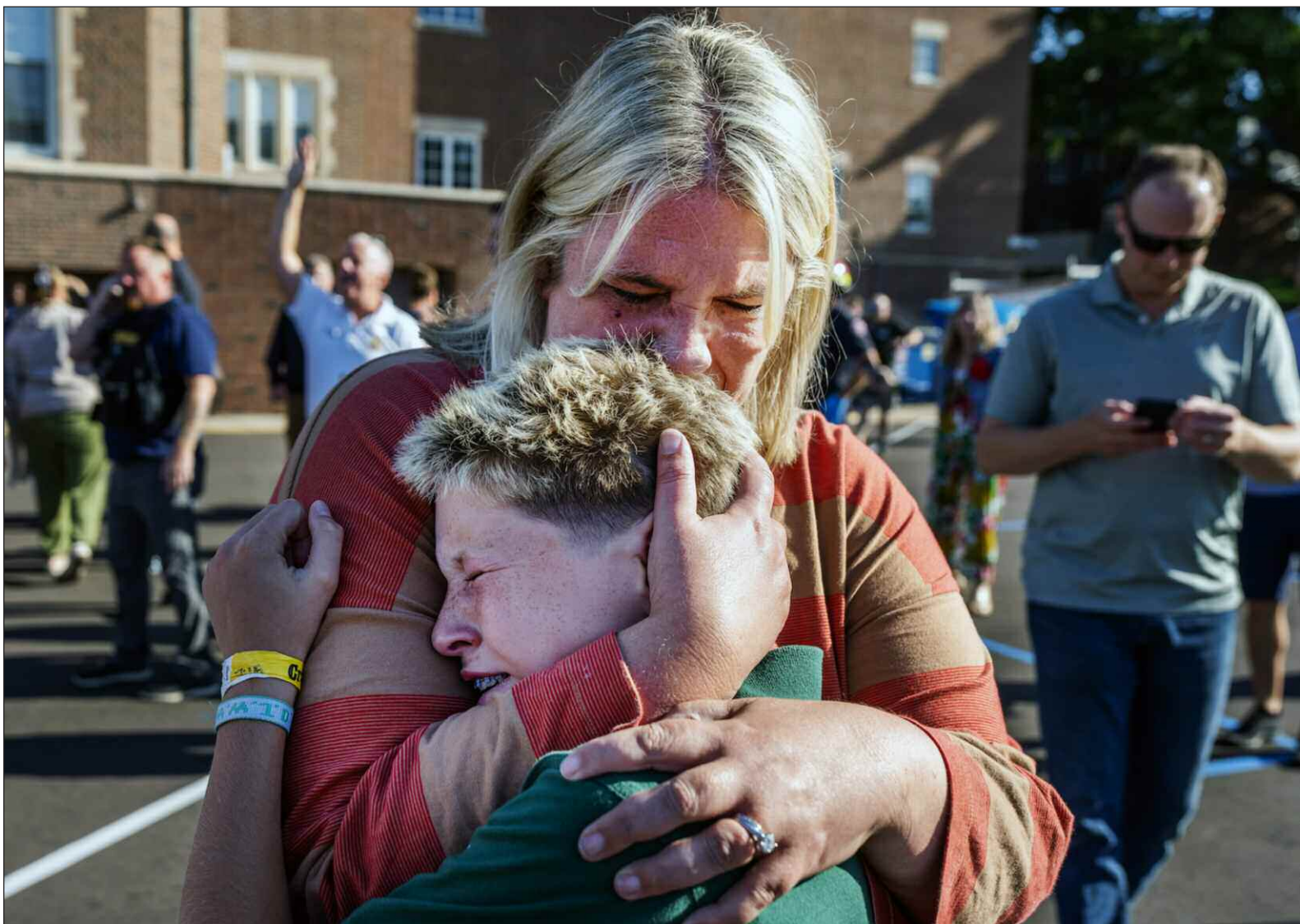


Two dead, 17 wounded



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A parent hugs her son Wednesday following an active shooter situation at the Annunciation Church in Minneapolis. An 8-year-old and a 10-year-old were killed before the shooter took his own life. Seventeen others, including 14 children, were wounded.

Attack occurred during children’s Mass

By RICHARD CHIN
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Tribune News Service

MINNEAPOLIS — The children of Annunciation Catholic School in south Minneapolis were engaged in the most innocent and peaceful of rituals. Dressed in their green uniforms, they were praying at the adjacent Annunciation Church at a children’s Mass to start the school year. The Wednesday morning service had barely begun when high velocity rifle fire — as many as 30 to 100 rounds, according to witnesses — started ripping through the windows

and striking the children, leaving two dead and others wounded. The violence, perpetrated by a 23-year-old former student, police said, tore through the tight-knit community and far beyond. What Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey referred to as “horrific violence” brought a deadly end to a summer that began with the assassination of a state legislative leader. The shock and grief from perhaps the worst outbreak of mass violence in Minneapolis since the 2012 Accent Signage killings that left five people dead including the shooter was felt as far

away as the Vatican. More than 600 people, including Gov. Tim Walz and Sen. Amy Klobuchar, attended a vigil at the Academy of Holy Angels later Wednesday to mourn the slain students. Slain as they sat in their pews were an 8- and a 10-year-old. Seventeen others, 14 of them children, were wounded. Seven people, including one adult, remained in critical condition, according to Hennepin Healthcare. The injured children were between the ages of 6 and 15, according to Minneapolis Police Chief Brian O’Hara. The three injured adults were in their 80s.

All the injured victims are expected to survive, O’Hara said. The shooter, armed with a rifle, shotgun and pistol, began firing outside of the church, according to O’Hara. Identified as 23-year-old Robin Westman, the shooter died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound, according to police. “This was a deliberate act of violence against innocent children and other people worshipping,” O’Hara said. An Annunciation parent at the 8:15 a.m. Mass said students were packed into their pews when the gunfire began from outside. See **Dead** page 2

Russian strikes kill 18 in Kyiv

Ukraine says nearly 600 drones were fired

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Russia unleashed a wave of drone and missile strikes on Kyiv, in defiance of U.S. calls for an end to the fighting, as Ukraine and its allies kept up efforts to obtain future security guarantees for the war-torn nation. The Russian attack killed 18 people, including four children, and injured at least 48, Ukrainian authorities said. More bodies are potentially still buried under the rubble, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Telegram. “Russia chooses ballistics instead of the negotiating table,” Zelenskyy said in a post on the X platform on Thursday. Ukrainian air defense said Russia fired nearly 600 drones, two Kinzhal and nine Iskander-M missiles and 20 Kha-101 cruise missiles in strikes across the country overnight. It said 563 drones and 26 of the missiles were shot down. The assault was the second largest this year, according to Bloomberg calculations based on Ukrainian Air Force data. It came almost two weeks after President Donald Trump abandoned U.S. demands for Russia to agree to a ceasefire to allow for peace talks at his summit with Russian leader Vladimir Putin in Alaska. Trump held back from imposing sanctions on Russia after U.S. officials claimed Putin agreed at the summit to accept security guarantees for Ukraine as part of a peace deal, though there has been no sign of progress on an agreement so far. See **Kill** page 2

Leaders break silence, petition delivered

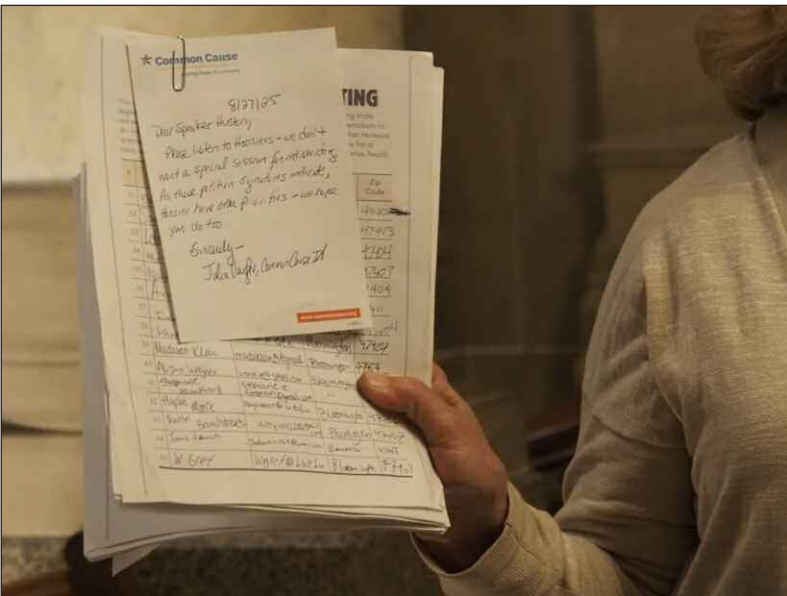
By LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ
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The Indiana General Assembly’s leaders on Wednesday broke their weekslong silence on the push to redraw the state’s congressional boundaries, a day after visiting the White House. But neither House Speaker Todd Huston nor Senate President Pro Tempore Rodric Bray took a position. Meanwhile, voting rights advocates delivered two thick stacks of signatures opposing the move to their Statehouse offices. Indiana isn’t due to redistrict until after the 2030 census. But President Donald Trump is pushing GOP-held states to add red districts and maintain the party’s hold on the U.S. House. Huston, Bray and several dozen members of their caucuses met with Trump administration officials Tuesday for a pre-scheduled “White House

Huston and Bray take no position on redistricting push

State Leadership Conference” that included talk of new maps. Bray and Huston met separately with President Trump, officials confirmed. In a statement, Huston said he “appreciated the opportunity” to hear from Vice President JD Vance and others about the administration’s work. “It was encouraging to hear how Indiana has been leading the way for many of their initiatives or was the genesis of policy ideas,” Huston said. “A wide range of topics were discussed including education, energy, immigration, fiscal responsibility and redistricting,

and members were able to ask questions and share their thoughts,” he continued. “We look forward to Indiana continuing to have a strong partnership with the Trump Administration.” Bray also gave no hints as to his thinking. He described being “grateful” for the opportunity and called the event “extremely productive.” Indiana was recognized for “leading the nation” on so-called school choice, election security and Medicaid changes — areas of “strong alignment” with Trump’s administration. See **Redistricting** page 2



Indiana Capital Chronicle/Leslie Bonilla Muniz

Common Cause Indiana Executive Director Julia Vaughn holds up a stack of 4,139 signatures, collected from opponents of mid-cycle redistricting, before delivering them to office staff of Indiana’s Republican legislative caucuses on Wednesday.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 75 degrees Wednesday. The low was 47. Expect a low in the upper 40s tonight. Skies will be sunny on Saturday with a high in the lower 70s. Highs are expected to stay in the 70s through at least Wednesday. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in the parking lot at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Coming up

Saturday — Coverage of Fort Recovery’s football game at Allen East.

Wednesday — Results from Jay County’s football game at New Castle.

Thursday — Details from next week’s Portland City Council meeting.

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Friend latches onto fiancé

DEAR ABBY: I have a female friend, “Kylene,” who needs yard work done weekly. My fiancé, “Josh,” goes over there to do the work for her. He charges \$60. During the last two weeks, she has been popping up at our home uninvited. Kylene knows Josh’s work schedule and makes sure she sees him daily at the neighborhood bar around 4 in the afternoon. The other day, I went to the bar with Josh, and lo and behold, she was there waiting for him. I was pretty upset, because I don’t see my Josh very much due to his tight work schedule.

Do you think she is stalking my fiancé? Kylene hardly talks to me when we are all together. She talks mostly to Josh. I have always believed that you don’t mix business with pleasure. I think she’s stalking him. Kylene doesn’t have any friends, and I think she’s jealous of me. What do you think? — SUSPICIOUS IN INDIANA

DEAR SUSPICIOUS: I think that rather than stalking Josh, Kylene is “chasing” him. How does Josh feel about it? Is he flattered? Is he attracted to her? Have you discussed the fact that her dropping by your home unannounced is inappropriate? I agree that your “friend” may be jealous of you, but the per-

Dear Abby



son who should put a stop to what has been going on is Josh, not you.

DEAR ABBY: My husband was let go from his job due to restructuring. He’s understandably upset, and I see him sink further into depression with every rejection letter he receives for the positions he has applied for. How can I help him? — SUPPORTIVE WIFE IN OHIO

DEAR WIFE: Help your husband by not pressuring him during this difficult time. If he hasn’t yet applied for unemployment benefits, remind him he is entitled to them. Suggest that if there are no openings in his field, he should consider using his skills to do something different and perhaps contact a temporary employment agency. Let him know you are a willing listener, but do not pump him for information. If no job turns

up for him in the next six months (and if you are not already employed), consider finding a job to relieve the financial pressure.

DEAR ABBY: I have worked with the same six women and three men for 19 years. Each time one has a birthday, we have a small office party with lunch, cake and ice cream, and a gift in the \$50 range, and the birthday person gets the remainder of the day off. This is done for everyone except me.

Although it hurts my feelings, I’ve never said anything about being excluded, and no one seems to have noticed the omission. I did inquire (twice) if anyone had dined at a restaurant my husband will be taking me to for my birthday, but no one picked up my hint that I’m also a part of the staff. Should I politely continue celebrating other people’s special days or proclaim, “Hey! I’m here, too!” — INVISIBLE CO-WORKER

DEAR INVISIBLE: As the saying goes, “The squeaky wheel gets the grease.” Could you have inadvertently been omitted from a list of employee birthdays? By all means, speak up before it’s time for you to retire.

Fairgrounds hosts free farmer panel

Farmers and families are invited to join for an agricultural event at the fairgrounds next week.

Jay County Ag Week Committee will present “Outside the Tractor,” a panel with local producers talking about their experiences in agriculture, at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Bubp Building at Jay County Fairgrounds. The event also features a free barbecue chicken dinner, door prizes and inflatables. To reserve a spot, call Jay County Purdue Extension Office at (260) 726-4707.

Those who attend Thursday’s event and the Jay County REMC farmer supper on Sept. 11 will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Jay County Chamber of Commerce gift card.

Donation event

Pennville Volunteer Fire Department will host its annual ham and beans dinner from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6.

The all-you-can-eat dinner, which will be open for free will donations, will feature ham and beans, corn-

Taking Note

bread, desserts and drinks.

All donations will go toward the Hoosier Burn Camp. According to its website, the organization’s programs “help burn survivors from infancy through young adulthood build self-esteem and realize their highest potential as they overcome the pain and trauma associated (with) severe burn injury.” The programs come at no cost to campers or their families.

To become a donor or learn more information, visit hoosierburncamp.org.

Series continues

The Muncie Three Trails Music Series continues this weekend.

A performance by Jennie Devoe opens at 7 p.m. Saturday at Canan Commons, 600 S. Walnut St., Muncie.

Community Calendar

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

Today
PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. To learn more information, please call (260) 251-3259.

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.

GOODYEAR FAMILY REUNION — Will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, at Greek’s Pizzeria, 1607 N. Meridian St., Portland. Please remind other family members.

Sunday
A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA’S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church,

289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday
PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for break-

fast at Richards Restaurant.

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

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.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay

Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church.

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Educators: Prioritize state’s future

By NATE LAMAR

Message to Indiana educators: We won't be protectionist forever. As announced by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education in late June, and as per a new state law, six of Indiana's public universities and colleges are cutting or consolidating more than 400 academic degree programs. With plenty of profit and loss experience managing budgets in both the public and private sectors, I can understand the need to make tough budget-cutting decisions. My concern is that some decisions behind these cuts are short-sighted and will hurt Indiana industry and agriculture long-term. According to the New Castle Courier Times of July 23, Ball

Nate LaMar



State University is suspending its bachelor's degree major in international business. In 2010, Ray Montagno invited some members of the Indiana District Export Council to join BSU's International Business Advisory Board. Even after years of speaking pro bono in classes at Ball State's Miller College of Business for various professors, we were not consulted about BSU doing away

with its international business program. But not being asked our opinions is not as large an issue as is the short-sighted nature of this particular budget cut. The current federal administration may be isolationist and is obviously protectionist. But administrations come and go; the next president may be a Democrat. Rather than adjusting to the "flavor of the day," all levels of education should plan for the future. Indeed, as many Republicans still are, the party will one day return to its internationalist/free trade roots. No level of protectionism can halt capitalism. Countries will continue to trade one way or the other. When Brazil became protectionist in 2002, its people con-

tinued to find grey-market ways around new restrictions, in order to buy Indiana-made products made by a former employer. Therefore, we must continue education in international business, along with its accompanying foreign language and valuable study abroad programs. The BSU Teacher's College's elimination of its major to become a German teacher and IU's cuts to many foreign language programs are other short-sighted examples. While English may be a language of international business, businesses cannot count on artificial intelligence or translation services to create effective marketing materials. (I have spent hours editing such imperfect translations for

my current and previous employers.) It is also disturbing that many Indiana school districts now offer only one foreign language. Too many school districts often find it easy to eliminate a foreign language when a teacher retires. It is unfortunate we don't have more basketball (and football) coaches who just happen to teach a foreign language. Indeed, we are not preparing for the future. Indiana educators, please prioritize, and take the long view for our state's manufacturing and agricultural economy. LaMar, an international director, was Henry County Council president from 2009 to '19.

Major metros have the biggest impact

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Despite what folks in and reporting to the statehouse say, Indiana's economy is not booming, or surging, or overtaking anyone. First, before we go there, let's get something clear: Indiana's economy doesn't confine itself to the borders of Indiana. Hoosiers depend on the economic activity in the Chicago, Cincinnati and Louisville Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). Many of us are strongly connected to those big metro economies. We may work, shop, go there for entertainment, school or medical care. When we add those three economies to the 11 metros based on Indiana cities, we get about 5.5% of the nation's economy in 2023, as measured by Real (inflation adjusted) Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the value of all goods and services produced in this broadly defined region. Second, how the economy is doing is not something to be diagnosed by the results of one transaction, or a month's activity, or even a year's duration. A decade is a decent period of time to draw conclusions. For the 10 years ending in 2023, these 14 MSAs generated just 4.1% of America's Real GDP growth. In terms familiar to most fans of athletics, we were not pulling our weight. One way to express that is the change in ranking of each metro area over that period of time. The Elkhart-Goshen MSA led the region with a 59% increase in Real GDP, which was impressive and resulted in climbing 38 steps up the ladder of all MSAs by size of GDP from 194th to 156th place among the 384 MSAs in the nation. This was 16th-highest rate of growth in the nation, but had little impact on the nation's economic advance in the same years. Big places, even if they do poorly, have big impacts. For example, the mammoth Chicago MSA remains third-largest in the nation, but grew by only 15.2% or 228th of the 384 MSAs. Nonetheless, Chicago's MSA still had the 13th-greatest impact at 2.1% of the nation's growth.



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Three of them were Hoosier metro areas: Terre Haute (-0.1%) and Kokomo (-0.2%) had negligible declines. But Columbus saw a loss of \$113 million (-1.6%), slipping 43 places from being the 258th-largest economy in the nation to 301st. Metro areas nationally saw their Real GDP grow by 28.5%. Non-metro areas advanced by only 16.8%, contributing just 6.6% of the advance in Real GDP. Indiana's region grew by 18.8%, more like a non-metro area. Simply put, the problem was the economic elephant in the room, Chicago's metro area, which includes four Indiana counties, grew by only 15.2%. We'll examine that weakness in the near future. Marcus is an economist formerly at the IU Kelley School of Business. Contact him via email at mortonjmarcus@gmail.com.



System needs some work

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There's an officer in the Catholic Church colloquially known as the Devil's Advocate. His duty, according to the Catholic Encyclopedia, is to make "all possible arguments, even at times seemingly slight" against candidates for sainthood. No canonization is legal without his input. The church's example is worth following by the criminal justice system — to prove innocence, not guilt. Every detective bureau and prosecutor's office should employ someone whose job is to argue in every case: "You've got the wrong guy." They get it wrong much too often. The National Registry of Exonerations lists 3,724 convicted people who were proved innocent eventually. Some of them had served most of their lives in prison.

Saga of Sidney Holmes

Sidney Holmes of Pompano Beach was exonerated two years ago. Gov. Ron DeSantis signed a bill July 1 awarding him \$1.7 million for the 34 years he served of a 400-year prison term for a convenience store robbery he did not commit. He was a new 23-year-old father when he was arrested, and 57 when freed. "I missed 34 years of being a father to my son," Holmes said. Holmes was a victim of common fault lines in the justice system. Mistaken witness identification from an improperly suggestive photo lineup convinced investigators and prosecutors that Holmes was the getaway driver in a robbery. They overlooked a significant discrepancy between Holmes' car and a similar Oldsmobile. The criminals' car trunk had a hole in place of a lock; Holmes' car didn't. The state finessed that by assuming his car was repaired after the robbery.

'Only' 400 years

Once they convinced themselves they had the right suspect, it was

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over. Holmes wouldn't name accomplices, because he couldn't. The prosecutor asked the judge to give him 800 years but the judge reduced it to 400. "The identification of Holmes was scientifically unreliable and contrary to modern-day best practices," said Broward State Attorney Harold Pryor, whose office reinvestigated the case. Sheriff's deputies who did the original investigation "expressed shock that Holmes was sentenced to and had served so much time in prison," Pryor said. There have been 93 exonerees in Florida. Broward and Miami-Dade lead the state with 13 cases each in this dubious category. Holmes was one of eight who had served 30 years or more. He and four other long-term prisoners were freed because state attorneys whose offices originally convicted them now have conviction review units to hear pleas from convicts who had exhausted their appeals in the courts.

Too few reviews

Only five such units exist in Florida, according to the National Registry of Exonerations — in Broward, Hillsborough, Palm Beach, the Ninth Judicial Circuit (Orange and Osceola counties) and the Fourth (Duval, Nassau and Clay). That leaves 15 circuits with no mechanisms for righting such terrible wrongs. The Innocence Project of Florida, a voluntary group, is the only statewide resource. After a conviction, the odds are extremely long against a successful appeal. Appellate courts aren't concerned with guilt or innocence, only whether a trial followed procedural

rules. All of the appellate rules are stacked in the state's favor. In a notorious case, the state Attorney General opposed DNA testing sought by a prisoner named Wilton Dedge and argued for the sake of "finality" that he should not have it, even if they knew he was innocent. The test proved him innocent — another case in which an eyewitness ID was wrong. Dedge was released after 22 years of a life sentence. The Legislature gave him \$2 million. The best way to rectify such wrongs is to prevent them from happening.

'A ton of work'

To that end, a 2017 Florida law established "some, but not all" best practices for witness identifications, according to Seth Miller of The Innocence Project, which helped to clear Holmes. But the law still allows photo lineups and leaves enforcement to the discretion of trial judges. "There is still a ton of work to be done to identify such cases and determine whether the suggestive photo lineup contributed to a wrongful conviction," Miller said. Other human factors contribute to wrongful imprisonment, and exculpatory DNA is not present in most cases. People with arrest records, as Holmes had, are typically prime suspects. False confessions were found in 13% of exonerations. Nearly 30% involved false or misleading forensic evidence. Outright perjury or false accusations contributed to more than six of every 10 cases. When mistakes are made, they tend to cascade. A trait known as confirmation bias can cause detectives and prosecutors to zero in on preferred suspects, ignoring evidence that might clear them. This is why it's to everyone's advantage to have someone aggressively second-guessing every case before it goes to trial. No one should endure what happened to Sidney Holmes.

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Stressful profession

Pressures lead many family farms to shut down

By MARA MELLITS
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Don McMoran is a fourth-generation farmer. And his family's farm in Mount Vernon, Washington, might end with him.

McMoran has two 16-year-old daughters. One is "mildly interested" in the family farm, he said, while the other is "a hard no."

His story is one familiar to many Washington farm families. The stressors placed on farmers, including inflation, weather changes and tariffs, can all take a toll on their mental health, leading them to shut down their farms and leaving the next generation less interested in taking over. Over 3,700 farms shut down in Washington from 2017 to 2022, according to the Census of Agriculture.

McMoran grew up on his family's farm. He remembers the "good old days" when he'd work hard, but also made enough money to replace equipment or buy new land.

"It's fun when you're making money, but the flip side of that is when you work your tail off and you have to go to your banker and get a loan, that's not fun at all," McMoran said.

"The potential of a generational farm leaving the valley, that's a really hard pill to swallow," he said.

A 2025 report conducted by the Washington State Department of Agriculture found the state's farmer suicide rate far exceeds the national average. Agricultural suicides are nearly 25% higher than the overall state rate, according to the report. Strenuous lifestyle, lower access to mental health providers and the social stigma that comes with seeing a psychologist all contribute to higher suicide rates in these communities, the report said.

Many farmers also lack benefits such as health insurance, paid leave and retirement plans.

State Rep. Tom Dent, a Republican from Moses Lake, secured funding for the report and was on the committee that oversaw it. He said he understands the stressors firsthand as a farm owner. He's even had his own friends take their lives, he said.

Dent said the report is concerning but also eye-opening. Farmers face several economic stressors as profits fail to cover the increasing cost of labor and rising prices for fuel, fertilizer, seed and chemicals, according to the report. In 2023, labor expenses were 462% higher in Washington than the national average,



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Don McMoran pulls out an air hose while his daughters Allie, left, and Abbie carry supplies to vacuum seeds from a seed truck at their family farm on Aug. 20 in Mount Vernon, Washington. One of his daughters is "mildly interested" in the family farm, he said, while the other is "a hard no." Over a five-year period, more than 3,700 farms in Washington shut down.

according to data from the American Farm Bureau Federation. Another labor concern: Farms reliant on immigrant farmworkers have also faced uncertainty as President Donald Trump's administration began its immigration crackdown, though Trump has since curbed enforcement at farms. He's also indicated he may break from his pledge to deport all undocumented immigrants to allow migrant farmworkers to remain in the country.

Dent said that when working on a farm, there's always something to do. With costs going up and farm products being worth less, it puts a bigger load on farmers. They stop going out for dinner and attending church, and all that's left is the stress of the farm.

"When farmers are making money, there's no better job in the world," McMoran said. "But to get up every morning, work your tail off to lose money. That's a really difficult situation to be in."

'It's a 24-hour job'

When McMoran saw how stressed other farmers in his community were, he decided to do something.

About three years ago, he teamed up with Conny Kirch-

hoff, the associate director of the Washington State University psychology clinic, to launch a free therapy voucher program. McMoran had already been serving as director of Washington State University extension in Skagit County and principal investigator of the Western Region Agricultural Stress Assistance Partnership.

The voucher program offers six free sessions with Kirchhoff, a licensed psychologist, to all farmers and farmworkers living in Washington. While she does offer in-person sessions, most take advantage of the virtual option. That way it's completely anonymous: No one can see their pickup and wonder what a farmer may be doing at a doctor's office, McMoran said, noting the stigma of reaching out for help is very apparent.

"From my upbringing, I was taught from a very young age to bite your lip, don't cry, don't complain, jump in, get the job done," McMoran said.

Kirchhoff has observed financial worries are the No. 1 stressor for farmers.

"It's a 24-hour job," Kirchhoff said. "Very often, if it's a farm that has been in a family for several generations, it feels like it's a personal failure if they have trouble on the farm."

In addition to the therapy voucher program, McMoran also created Pizza for Producers. The initiative invites agricultural workers to learn how to make pizza and serves as a mental health workshop for farmers and farmworkers, who often work in solitude. The latest Pizza for Producers event was held this month.

In the 2025 report, many farmers listed the burdens that come with regulations as another stressor. Several said navigating government agricultural and grant programs while also ensuring compliance with new policies can be overwhelming. Farmers said understanding the bureaucratic language takes time and resources.

Dent said it's important for politicians to assess the regulatory load placed on farmers.

"Are we creating a further financial burden by some of the things that we've done through the Legislature, and if so, can we reduce that burden?" Dent said.

Some farmers even said they use specialists to interpret some of the legal jargon.

Farmers found loan repayment requirements to be some of the most confusing, according to the report.

McMoran said the regulations placed on farmers in Washing-

ton are much higher than in other states.

"When it all comes down to it, farming isn't as much fun as it used to be," McMoran said.

Generational pressure

For some, the biggest stress can come from inside your own home.

Kids see the stress placed on their parents and don't want to continue with farming. Farmers feel the stress of not letting down the generations that came before them.

McMoran said he doesn't blame his daughters for not wanting to take over the farm. He knows how hard the work is and how low the returns are.

In his role with WSU extension, McMoran talks to many young people who share his daughters' view and don't want to go into farming. The extension's agriculture and food systems program works with young people to get them excited about farming.

There are many farmers who'd love to pass on their farms to the next generation, McMoran said, but it's hard when there's not a lot of profit.

His parents told him his predecessors went through difficulties to find the perfect place to farm, just so it'd be his.

"You better not screw it up," McMoran recalled. "That's a lot of pressure."

Laura Siegel, the health communications officer for AgriSafe Network, a national nonprofit that educates health care providers and people working in agriculture, said that even when kids do want to take over, the hand off can be difficult.

For longtime farmers, handing over control feels like they're losing a part of their identity. That can lead to another tension point: when the younger generation has new ideas that older generations may not agree with.

Working with family can also get tough, though Siegel notes carving out time to spend together when no one discusses work or the farm can help.

Dent said that when he speaks with his constituents, a common sentiment is, "great-grandpa started this ranch, and I'm going to lose it."

For farms that have been in a family for several generations, it can feel like a personal failure if someone has trouble on the farm, Kirchhoff said.

"We're always looking for solutions," McMoran said. "I'd love to work myself out of farm stress suicide prevention work. This year, it's needed more than ever in history."



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Distribution fee disputes have become increasingly common amid a shift in economics.

Programmers, including Fox, have long counted on distribution fees paid by TV distributors that sell the channel bundles to consumers. But that source of revenue is under threat as viewers migrate to Netflix, Disney+ and other streamers — shrinking the pool of pay-TV subscribers.

“Fox is asking for payments that are far higher than what partners with comparable content offerings receive,” YouTube said late Monday in a blog post when tensions ran high. “Our priority is to reach a deal that reflects the value of their content and is fair for both sides without passing on additional costs to our subscribers.”

For its part, Fox said it was “proposing a fair, comprehensive deal to continue our relationship with YouTube TV.” It accused Google of using its leverage to try to extract unfair terms.

YouTube TV has been gaining subscribers at a time when others are losing them, giving the tech company increased market muscle. YouTube’s popular bundle — it also offers the NFL Sunday Ticket package of out-of-market games — has cut into the business of legacy pay-TV providers.

Nielsen ranks YouTube, including its video service, as the largest television distributor in the U.S. by share of viewership. In a Tuesday report, Nielsen said that YouTube captured 13.4% of all TV viewing in July, the sixth consecutive month the company has claimed the top spot.

Walt Disney Co. came in second that month with 9.4% of the audience.

Last year, YouTube generated \$54.2 billion in revenue, second only to Disney, according to research firm MoffettNathanson. The analysts estimated that fast-growing YouTube TV would reach 10 million subscribers this year. That slightly trails Charter, which operates the Spectrum service, and Comcast.



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Following through

Alex Miller follows through on a volley during the Jay County High School boys tennis team’s 5-0 sweep of Union City on Monday. Miller patrolled the net, while Kadyn Carpenter controlled the back line as the No. 1 doubles duo beat Gabe Tapps and Cooper Woolston 6-1, 6-0.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Fort Recovery — Football at Allen East – 7 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Cross Country at Taylor University Invite – 9 a.m.; Girls soccer vs. Woodlan – 10 a.m.; Boys tennis at Muncie Central Invite – 10 a.m.; Boys soccer vs. Woodlan – 12 p.m.; Football at New Castle – 1 p.m.; JV boys soccer vs. Woodlan – 10 a.m.; JV girls soccer vs. Woodlan – 12 p.m.; Junior high tennis vs. Randolph Southern – 10 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Cross country at Treaty City Invite at Greenville Park – 8:30 a.m.; Volleyball vs. Arcanum – 10 a.m.; JV football vs. Crestview – 10 a.m.

TV schedule

Today
6:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Dutch Grand Prix (ESPN2)

11:30 a.m. — U.S. Open tennis (ESPN)
6 p.m. — U.S. Open tennis (ESPN2)
6 p.m. — Horse racing: Saratoga Live (FS1)
6:40 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)
7 p.m. — College football: Western Michigan at Michigan State (FS1)
8 p.m. — College football: Auburn at Baylor (FOX); Georgia Tech at Colorado (ESPN)
10:30 p.m. — College football: Central Michigan at San Jose State (FS1)

Saturday
5:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Dutch Grand Prix (ESPN2)
7:30 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Chelsea at Fulham (USA)
10 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Sunderland at Brentford (USA)
10:30 a.m. — IndyCar: Music City Grand Prix (FS1)
11 a.m. — U.S. Open tennis (ESPN2)
12 p.m. — College football: Mississippi State at Southern Miss (ESPN); Texas at Ohio State (FOX); Ball State at Purdue (BTN); Syracuse at

Tennessee (ABC)
12 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: NCTS Playoff Race at Darlington (FS1)
12:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Leeds United at Newcastle United (NBC)
2:30 p.m. — College football: Old Dominion at Indiana (FS1)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Marshall at Georgia (ESPN); Nevada at Penn State (CBS); South Dakota at Iowa State (FOX); Alabama at Florida State (ABC)
4 p.m. — College football: Montana State at Oregon (BTN)
4 p.m. — Horse racing: Nashville Derby (NBC)
6 p.m. — College football: UAlbany at Iowa (FS1)
6:40 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)
7 p.m. — College football: UTSA at Texas A&M (ESPN)
7 p.m. — U.S. Open tennis (ESPN2)
7:15 p.m. — MLB: Detroit Tigers at Kansas City Royals (FOX)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Missouri State at USC (BTN); New Mexico at Michigan (NBC);

LSU at Clemson (ABC)
9:30 p.m. — College football: Georgia Southern at Fresno State (FS1)
10 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: Oakland Roots at Monterey Bay (FOX)
10:30 p.m. — College football: Hawai’i at Arizona (TNT); Cal at Oregon State (ESPN)
11 p.m. — College football: Utah at UCLA (FOX); Colorado State at Washington (BTN)

Local notes

Outing announced
The Adams Health Network Foundation will host the 12th Annual Golf Classic on Sept. 12 at Wabash Valley Golf Club.
There will be two shotgun starts at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Breakfast, snacks and beverages will be provided, as well as a lunch in between flights.
The event raises funds for healthcare scholarships and local health initiatives in Adams County. The deadline to register is Aug. 22. To register visit adamshospital.org/foundation. For more information, email kim.tormbley@adamshealthnetwork.org.

Chamber to host
Jay County Chamber of Commerce will host its golf outing on Sept. 19 at 9 a.m.
Participation costs \$250 per team with lunch included. A \$20 team mulligan golf ball can be purchased as well.
Sponsorships can be purchased as well. A lunch sponsorship will cost \$500, while a gold sponsorship will go for \$450. Hole sponsorships cost \$100 for members and \$150 for non-members.
The deadline to register is Sept. 12. For more info, call (260) 726-4481 or email amanda@jay-countychamber.com.

Next race set
The next race in the Adams County Challenge series is the Adams Memorial/Kekionga Greenway Gallup at 4:30 p.m. Aug. 23.
The race begins at the Riverside Center in Decatur. Registration forms can be found at adamscounty5kchallenge.com.

To have an event listed in “Sports on tap”, email details to sports@thecr.com

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TAXPAYERS APPEARING AT MEETING SHALL HAVE RIGHT TO COMMENT.
ADOPTED PLAN SHALL BE REFERRED TO DEPT. OF LOCAL FINANCE (DLGF)
DAVID CHAMP
RICHLAND TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE
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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Jay County, Indiana that the proper legal officers of Jay County Council at the Jay County Court House, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., on the 10thday of September, 2025 will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.

	Amount Approved
CUM BRIDGE	\$15,000.00
1135.26300.00000.0000	\$15,000.00
ROAD SIGNS	\$5,000.00
BACKHOE REPAIR & REPLACEMENT	\$37,000.00
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COURTHOUSE PROJECT	\$8,800.00
ARP-2021 CLFRF	\$8,800.00
8950.31480.00000.0000	\$237,800.00
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES- RITTER STRATEGIC	\$8,800.00
Total	\$237,800.00

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriation as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action time.
Emily Franks
Jay County Auditor
CR 8-29-2025-HSPAXLP

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
JAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Notice is hereby given that the Jay County Commissioners (“Commissioners”) will accept sealed proposals at the office of the Jay County Auditor, located at 120 N. Court Street, Portland, Indiana, up to the hour of 4:00 p.m. (local time) on September 19, 2025. Notice is further given that a public meeting of the Commissioners will be held on September 22, 2025, at [9:00 a.m.] (local time), at the Jay County Courthouse, located at 120 N. Court Street, Portland, Indiana, at which time and place the Commission shall open and consider each proposal pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7-14-22, for the purchase of certain real property located at 67 Highway, Portland, IN (commonly known as the 68 Acre Project), being made available for development purposes in the City of Portland Economic Development Area, said property including 68 acres, more or less.
The Offering Sheet, containing a detailed description of and the minimum offering price for the property described above and terms upon which the sale shall be awarded, as well as certain limitations on the use to be made of the property described above, is available for review at the office of the Commission, located at Jay County Auditor, located at 120 N. Court Street, Portland, Indiana.
Each proposal shall be executed in the manner provided for in the Offering Sheet and must be submitted in an envelope marked “Proposal for 68 Acre Project.” Pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7-14-22, any proposal submitted by a trust (as defined in Indiana Code 30-4-1-1(a)) must identify each (i) beneficiary of the trust and (ii) settlor empowered to revoke or modify the trust.
The Commissioners reserves the right to reject all proposals, or, in its sole discretion, to continue discussions with one or more persons or entities that have submitted a proposal or any other interested parties.
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Chinese Taipei wins LLWS

By JEFF WOLLARD
Las Vegas Review-Journal
Tribune News Service

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Summerlin South’s magical season ended with a loss Sunday in the championship game of the Little League World Series.

Summerlin South (Nev.) was limited to one hit by Chinese Taipei ace pitcher Lin Chin-Tse in five innings in a 7-0 loss at Lamade Stadium in front of an ABC national audience.

The Las Vegas team finished with three hits.

Summerlin South, which won the U.S. championship with an 8-2 victory over Fairfield, Conn., on Saturday, finished the

Nevada fell 7-0 in five innings in championship

postseason with a 15-2 record. The team went 5-2 in the LLWS.

Summerlin South, the Mountain Region champion, was the first Nevada team to reach the LLWS championship game.

Garrett Gallegos got Summerlin South’s first hit, a single in the fifth inning. Luke D’Ambrosio and Cutter Ricafort singled in the sixth for the team’s only other hits.

Lin struck out four in his five-inning stint, and

Gallegos was the only base runner against him. His pitches have been clocked as high as 82 mph, the equivalent of 107 mph in Major League Baseball.

Lin broke the game open with a bases-loaded triple in the bottom of the fifth. Taipei scored five runs in the inning.

Taipei scored one run in the second and third innings against Summerlin South starter D’Ambrosio, who battled his control throughout his four-inning stint.

Four of Taipei’s five wins in the tournament were by shutout.

The LLWS title is the first for an International team since Japan won in 2017.



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Tall girl, light tap

Mya Kunkler of the Jay County High School volleyball team reaches up to tap a ball over the block of Winchester’s Molly Barker (4) and Lilyana Mayberry (8). Kunkler finished the match with five kills as JCHS beat the Golden Falcons 25-21, 18-25, 25-12, 25-19.



Review preview
Saturday - 1 p.m.



Jay County Patriots

Portland, 1-0
Coach: Eddie Fields, first year (fifth overall)
Conference: Allen County
Last week vs. Blackford: The Patriots got off to a slow start, but got the ball rolling in the second quarter with a 46-yard touchdown on their first play. The Patriots scored six touchdowns on passes or carries that went 35 yards or more. The defense only had one slip up allowing a 65-yard touchdown in the 56-6 victory over the Bruins. JCHS had 382 yards of offense to 122 for Blackford.

Season leaders: Passing — Nick Laux – 9-of-19 for 203 yards and three touchdowns. Rushing — Leighton Brown – five carries for 118 yards and two touchdowns. Receiving — Brady Jetmore – six catches for 165 yards and two touchdowns. Defense — Caleb Sibray – 10 tackles and one sack.



at New Castle Trojans

New Castle, 0-1
Coach: Kyle York, ninth year
Conference: Hoosier Heritage
Last week vs. Franklin County: Carson Bell and a platoon of receivers had no trouble moving down the field, but they only found the end zone twice in the 27-13 loss. Passing made up 72.6% of the Trojans’ 307 yards of offense. The defense couldn’t hold the line either as Franklin County’s Wyatt Bowling rushed for 290 yards and three TDs.

Season leaders: Passing — Carson Bell – 18-of-38 for 223 yards and two touchdowns. Rushing — Luke Sherrell – 13 carries for 67 yards. Receiving — Tylin Thrine – nine catches for 81 yards and one touchdown. Defense — Malachi Hernandez – 10 tackles and one interception.



Last season: The Patriots allowed the ball to roll to their 1-yard line off the opening kickoff, giving New Castle great field position to strike first in the 20-0 loss. JCHS gave up a couple of big plays to the Trojans in the second quarter to fall behind three scores before a lightning storm halted the game. Jay County ended up forfeiting after it was determined that the game would otherwise be delayed until Saturday with 2:31 left on the clock in the third quarter.

Game notes: This is just the third meeting between Jay County and New Castle, with the series tied at 1-1 ... Last season was the first matchup between the Trojans and JCHS during the regular season as the first matchup came during the 2007 sectional ... Jay County’s 63.8 Sagarin rating ranks 148th overall and 28th in Class 3A, while New Castle’s 62.82 is 161st overall and 38th in Class 4A ... John Harrell projects the Patriots to lose 31-24.

YouTube TV, Fox avert blackout for now, extend talks

By MEG JAMES
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES — Millions of YouTube TV customers were spared an interruption of Fox News, Fox sports and local coverage after the two entertainment companies reached an 11th-hour truce following weeks of negotiations.

The two sides agreed Wednesday to continue talks to resolve their differences over distribution deal terms, pausing the threat of a channel blackout days before the start of the college football and NFL seasons.

The announcement came minutes before the 2 p.m. Pacific deadline. Neither company wanted to let a contract squabble disrupt some of their viewers’ favorite shows.

Fox News has a popular lineup with “The Five,” “Special Report with Bret Baier” and “Hannity.” Without a deal, sports fans could have missed out on Friday night’s Auburn-Baylor football game, Saturday’s high-profile contest between Texas and Ohio State and three regional Major League Baseball games airing on Fox.

In addition, Fox’s NFL

season kicks off on Sept. 7, giving the two sides added motivation to find a resolution.

“We have reached a short-term extension with Fox to prevent disruption to YouTube TV subscribers as we continue to work on a new agreement,” YouTube said in a Wednesday afternoon blog post. “We are committed to advocating on behalf of our subscribers as we work toward a fair deal and will keep you updated on our progress.”

YouTube has about 10 million customers for its television service, making it the third largest pay-TV distributor in the U.S.

The dispute hinged on programming fees YouTube TV pays for Fox News, the Fox broadcast network, Fox-owned stations, including KTTV Channel 11 in Los Angeles, Fox Business, FS1 and the Big 10 Network.

Rupert Murdoch’s company relies heavily on the strength of Fox News — which ranked as the nation’s top-rated linear network in July — and its broadcast network that boasts big-name sports to maintain its programming fees.

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