

City faces another tort claim

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

A fifth tort claim is open against The City of Portland. The Commercial Review learned this week of the additional tort claim, filed by former wastewater department employee Brad Clayton. The newspaper reported on four other open tort claims last week as well as two claims that have been resolved.

Also Tuesday, the special judge in a lawsuit filed against the city by clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips issued an order in that case.

In a claim filed June 10, Clayton alleges that co-workers had knowledge of his private Family

Clayton has second complaint regarding FMLA information; judge issues order in Phillips suit

Medical Leave Act information and details of his personal medical history that he did not disclose. It says Clayton met with Phillips and alleges that she told him the Family Medical Leave Act information and details were

public information. It adds that Phillips shared Clayton's private medical history at a Portland Board of Works public hearing. It also alleges that Phillips, while on government property, made a phone call to her mother

during which she disclosed Clayton's leave status and his diagnoses. (It says the call was recorded.)

"This action constitutes a violation of federal HIPAA laws as she owed a duty to keep private medical information confidential, and then subsequently breached said duty by knowingly, recklessly and negligently revealing such information without Mr. Clayton's permission," the claim says.

Like the other claims, it does not specify damages being sought.

McKinney & Company of Muncie is representing Clay-

ton. The law firm did not respond to The Commercial Review's request for comment on the tort claim before deadline.

Motion granted

Special Judge Douglas K. Mawhorr granted a motion from Phillips for a joint case management order in her lawsuit against the city. Mawhorr gave the parties involved 30 days to submit their proposals.

A joint case management order establishes a shared timeline for pretrial proceedings leading to a trial.

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Budget reviewed



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Portland Park Board discussed its proposed 2026 budget during its meeting Tuesday, with board president Brian Ison noting some proposed increases. He said the board's budget has stayed mostly flat while adding amenities following the opening of Hudson Family Park (playground pictured above) in 2011. The board is requesting additional funds to help with repairs, equipment replacement, capital projects, pond improvements at Hudson to mitigate erosion and paving of driveways, parking lots and trails.

Park board looks at spending requests

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

The parks budget has stayed mostly flat for years.

More funding is being sought in order to keep up with maintenance.

Portland Park Board discussed the proposed 2026 budget for the parks, including possible increases in various areas, during its meeting Tuesday.

Park board president Brian Ison, who answered questions at Portland City Council's last meeting regarding the budget, noted the increases that are being requested. The requested increases include:

- An additional \$35,000 for park repairs and replacements

- An increase of \$29,000, to a total of \$79,000, for capital projects
- \$25,000 for a new line item for edging and other improvements at the Hudson Family Park pond
- An increase of \$5,000, to a total of \$50,000, for paving work

"Our budget really has been underfunded for the number of parks that we have had," said Ison. "As we've added on to Hudson park and any other growth that we've had, we've not really had much of a growth in our budget to handle any repair and replace. So, our request is for us to get back to that level where we should be ..."

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Pickleball courts that were constructed at Milton Miller Park on the north side of Portland in 2023 are among the new amenities that have been added to the city's park system in recent years. Street and parks department superintendent Matt Shauver reported Tuesday that a bank of lights from the adjacent baseball/softball diamond will be rotated to light the courts.

Israel expands attacks beyond Gaza

Strikes targeted Hamas leaders in Qatar

By NABIH BULOS
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

BEIRUT — Israel launched what Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called a "surgical, precision strike" on Hamas' political leadership Tuesday in the Qatari capital, Doha, killing six people in a barrage Qatari authorities condemned as a "cowardly Israeli attack."

The attack came as Israel is ramping up for a full invasion of Gaza City, warning residents to evacuate ahead of a ground operation even as it continues in stalled negotiations with Hamas militants.

In a televised address, Netanyahu said the attack was part of Israel's vow to hunt down perpetrators of the Hamas-led Oct. 7, 2023, attack in southern Israel.

"Today, Israel and I kept that promise," he said. "The days are over when terror leaders can enjoy immunity."

Hamas, in a statement, said all of its negotiating team — which was meeting to discuss the latest ceasefire proposal from President Donald Trump — survived, but that five members of the militant group were killed, along with a Qatari security officer. The attack, Hamas said, "confirms beyond doubt that Netanyahu and his government do not want to reach any agreement."

Videos and television broadcasts showed black smoke rising from buildings in Doha's Katara district, a normally quiet residential area where several of Hamas' top-ranking members have lived for years. One video depicts pedestrians running and screaming as a pair of explosions echoes through the neighborhood.

Hamas is one of several groups Qatar has allowed on its soil as part of its growing reputation as a regional facilitator.

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Deaths

Raiden Clark, stillborn, Hartford City
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Weather

The high temperature was 78 degrees Tuesday in Jay County. The low was 49.

Tonight's low is expected to be in the lower 50s. Expect sunny skies Friday with a high in the lower 80s. Highs will stay in the 80s through early next week.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Jay County Chainsaw Carving Invitational will run Friday through Sunday at Jay County Fairgrounds. The event will feature live chainsaw carving, axe throwing, food and other activities. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Coming up

Thursday — Results from the JCHS girls soccer game against Wapahani.

Friday — Details from this week's Jay County Council meeting.

Saturday — Coverage of the JCHS football game against Class 2A No. 1 Adams Central.

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He also noted areas of the budget that have been pulled back, including a reduction of \$25,000 from the original proposal for contractual work related to developing the next five-year park plan.

Ison added that the park board continues to work on partnering with outside organizations, such as the Portland Rockets, Portland Junior League and Jay County Pee Wee Football, to split the cost of facility upgrades.

The board also addressed the budget as related to Portland Water park, with Ison noting that the board was already under water on its \$20,000 budget for repairs and maintenance before

the facility opened for 2025. Its budget request for 2026 is \$70,000.

To help control the budget, Ison asked the board and parks staff to think about staffing at the water park. He brought up the possibilities of limiting the number of features that are open in order to reduce the number of lifeguards needed as well as adjusting staffing at the concession stand.

He said if any changes are to be made, it will be important to make them in advance and communicate with all involved.

Ison reminded the board that the public hearing and first reading of the budget is slated for Monday, with a vote on adoption planned for Oct. 6.

During his update, parks manager Ronnie Reynolds said work has started on the basketball court at Milton Miller Park and tree trimming at Haynes Park is scheduled to begin Friday. The only other project slated for this fall involves electrical upgrades at Portland Memorial Park's Runkle-Miller Field.

In other business, the board:

- Discussed installing security cameras in the area of the east gazebo at Hudson Family Park.
- Learned from street and parks department superintendent Matt Shauver that plans are to turn a bank of lights from the baseball/softball diamond at Milton Miller Park to cover the pickleball courts. They will be






Obituaries

Raiden Azaiah Clark, Hartford City, the grandson of a Portland man, was stillborn on Sept. 8. A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at IOOF Cemetery in Montpelier.

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac				
Friday 9/12	Saturday 9/13	Sunday 9/14	Monday 9/15	Tuesday 9/16
 83/56 <small>Friday's weather looks like sunny skies with highs in the mid 80s.</small>	 86/63 <small>Saturday's forecast shows a 5 to 10 mph wind. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.</small>	 88/57 <small>There's a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms Sunday with slight winds expected.</small>	 83/53 <small>Sunny skies are in the forecast for Monday when there's a 5 to 10 mph wind.</small>	 84/54 <small>Tuesday's weather looks like mostly sunny skies with a high in the mid 80s.</small>

Lotteries	
Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$33 million	Daily Three: 7-2-0 Daily Four: 8-7-2-3 Quick Draw: 3-9-10-21-24-30-38-40-43-59-61-62-64-69-70-71-72-77-78-80
Mega Millions 6-43-52-64-65 Mega Ball: 22 Estimated jackpot: \$381 million	Ohio Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 3-2-9 Pick 4: 4-5-6-2 Pick 5: 6-9-0-3-9 Evening Pick 3: 2-8-5 Pick 4: 5-0-2-0 Pick 5: 9-6-4-0-2 Rolling Cash: 5-18-29-32-39 Estimated jackpot: \$140,000
Hoosier Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 4-9-9 Daily Four: 5-3-1-0 Quick Draw: 7-8-10-12-15-18-25-28-33-38-42-45-46-48-49-50-51-53-72-73 Evening	

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Today in history

In 1941, construction started on the Pentagon in Virginia. The building serves as the United States Department of Defense headquarters.

In 1967, “The Carol Burnett Show” debuted on CBS. The comedy show became a regular program each Saturday night for years, lasting 11 seasons.

In 2001, an American Airlines Boeing 767 crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. A second plane crashed into the south tower less than 20 minutes later,

and another plane crashed into the west side of the Pentagon military headquarters in Washington, D.C. A fourth plane — the passengers fought the hijackers to gain control — crashed into a field in Pennsylvania. The infamous attack by terrorist group Al-Qaeda led to the war on terrorism.

In 2008, a fire broke out in the Channel Tunnel connecting England and France, leading officials to close the “Chunnel” until the following year.

— The CR

Citizen’s calendar	
Monday 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4:30 p.m. — Jay County Election Board public hearing, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council	chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Local Schools, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St. Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North.

INDOT asks feds for waiver

By **LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ**
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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Indiana’s Department of Transportation has asked its federal counterpart to temporarily excuse it from diverse contractor requirements, which the state’s attorney general has dubbed “unconstitutional.”

The Hoosier State is the first to request a waiver, filing with the U.S. Department of Transportation late last month, according to a Tuesday news release. The move was prompted by a preliminary injunction in a federal case featuring a disgruntled Indiana subcontractor.

“I am a firm believer in offering equal opportunity for all to compete and succeed,” Gov. Mike Braun said in the release. “If

granted, this waiver will further position Indiana as a state one would want to do business with and as a place to grow your business.”

U.S. Department of Transportation regulations require state and local transportation agencies that receive highway, transit and airport assistance to establish contracting goals for the participation of “disadvantaged business enterprises” that are majority owned and controlled by “socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.”

Anyone can qualify as disadvantaged — subjected to racial, ethnic or cultural prejudice — on a case-by-case basis. But some are presumed to be disadvantaged: women and Black, Hispanic, Native and Asian Americans.

There are personal net worth, business size and gross receipts standards, however.

“Forcing INDOT to prioritize contractors based on race or gender is unconstitutional and undermines fair competition,” said Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita, who authored a Friday letter in support of the agency’s waiver request.

The letter, also signed by the attorneys general of 16 other states, argued that white or male business owners don’t benefit from the “race and gender presumption.” That’s “plainly” discriminatory and therefore unconstitutional, the letter added.

In the release, Rokita said a granted waiver “would be a critical step toward ensuring that Indiana’s transportation proj-

ects are awarded based on merit, not arbitrary classifications, and aligns with our constitutional duty to uphold equal protection under the law.”

Under its proposed waiver, INDOT would go “race- and gender-neutral.”

A new methodology for setting goals and certifying businesses would consider how available economically disadvantaged small businesses are in certain geographies and industries, according to the release.

The agency asked for a three-year exemption, which would end around the time the agency’s next disparity study is expected to be complete. The results will be used to create a new disadvantaged business goal based “solely” on economic criteria.

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Phillips, who is suing the city, its police department, Mayor Jeff Westlake and Police Chief Dustin Mock, alleges that she has been the focus of “torment, harassment and defamation” by the city’s police department. In that claim, she says Mock and Hopkins reviewed and distributed video footage of Phillips exercising in the city’s exercise room and that those recordings included her private telephone conversations.

Other claims

The city is currently facing three other tort claims, including another by Clayton — Miller, Burry & Brown of Decatur is representing him in that action — in which he alleges he was berated by wastewater department superintendent Brad Dues and

that city representatives, including mayor Jeff Westlake, spread information about him and his job.

It also says allegations made during the Dec. 17, 2024, board of works meeting regarding his work, attitude and missed time were untrue and unsubstantiated.

At that meeting, Phillips reported that Clayton had been working for another department while taking time off from Portland. Dues also provided a letter to the board of works regarding the situation. Phillips noted communication issues between Clayton and Dues, and Westlake said he had consulted with city attorney Wes Schemenaur and he agreed there were grounds for termination based on city ordinance and policies. The board of works voted unanimously to terminate Clayton’s employment.

Former police officer Patrick Long alleges incidents of harassment and other issues. He alleges attempts to coerce him to misrepresent facts during an investigation and says leadership of the police department disregarded policy on various occasions.

Kyle Denney, another former police officer, alleges that Westlake made statements that included allegations of misconduct against him. It adds that Jay County Probation Office employee Ashley Reynolds made defamatory statements about Denney to his superiors in the police department.

Additional tort claims filed by former Portland police officer Chris Jack and Angel Cox, who was a Jay County Sheriff’s Office employee, in June 2024 are no longer active.

Gaza ...

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Qatar agreed to host a political office for Hamas at the request of the U.S. government, it says, and has hosted repeated mediation efforts between Hamas and Israel over the last 23 months of the war in Gaza.

In its statement, the Israeli military said, “Measures were taken in order to mitigate harm to civilians, including the use of precise munitions and additional intelligence.”

But Qatari Foreign Ministry spokesman Majed Al Ansari, in a furious statement on X, described the strike as “a criminal assault (that) constitutes a blatant violation of all international laws and norms, and poses a serious threat to the security and safety of Qataris and residents in Qatar.”



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‘Safe Sitter’ classes are available

By MELANIE VINSON

Healthy Beginnings is a program at IU Health Jay that supports expecting families in Jay and Blackford counties. Support is provided during pregnancy and the postnatal period through the child's first 18 months of life. Free prenatal classes are offered along with a car seat program, diaper and food assistance, bereavement support as well as many events in the community.

What is Safe Sitter?

Safe Sitter is a program developed in the 1980s by a doctor named Patricia Keener. Keener worked in an emergency department that received a small child whose adult babysitter

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didn't know what to do when she began to choke. By the time the child arrived at the hospital, it was too late, and she had passed away. Keener became inspired, knowing that many young teens watch their younger siblings and family members. She decided to create Safe Sitter, where teenage caregivers can learn safety and rescue skills for babysitting.

What topics are covered during the class?

Safe Sitter covers a wide range of topics to prepare young individuals for responsible caregiving. Safety skills include indoor, outdoor, online (which is increasingly important) and personal safety. Participants also learn childcare skills like diaper changing, age-appropriate behavior management techniques and engaging activities.

The program includes first aid and rescue skills, from handling minor issues like nosebleeds to responding to choking incidents and more serious injuries that may require emergency services. Students are also

trained in infant and child CPR.

In addition to caregiving, Safe Sitter teaches valuable life and business skills. These include how to evaluate job opportunities, set fair rates for services, understand when it's appropriate to cancel and how to do so professionally.

Who can enroll?

The recommendations for enrollment are children and teens aged 11 to 14 years. However, children as young as 10 and teens up through age 15 have taken the class. Anytime an older sibling or child will be supervising younger children, it is recommended they take the class.

How long is the class?

Class lasts six hours, with a short graduation demonstration at the end. This allows guardians to observe the students demonstrate the safety and rescue skills they have learned. Training is completed in a classroom setting but includes lots of games and activities to keep them engaged and help retain the information. Students also receive a safe sitter kit at the graduation ceremony that is very useful during their babysitting jobs.

Are there any prerequisites?

Anyone can enroll, even if they have no intention of babysitting. They will

still learn important skills that can be useful in other areas of life.

How can someone find out more about Safe Sitter?

For more information on local classes, email Melanie Vinson at mvinson3@iuhealth.org or call (765) 760-2773. There are also several classes available in Muncie. To see availabilities or register, visit iuhealth.org/child-birth.

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Vinson is the Healthy Beginnings childbirth education coordinator and clinical nurse-ambulatory navigator at IU Health Jay and IU Health Ball Memorial hospitals.

Man continues to harass with rude comments

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I walk around a local lake three times a week. We met another couple there who seemed pleasant until the husband tried to give me his doctor's name so I could "Get that 'thing' removed." ("That thing" being the beauty mark next to my smile.) I told him I wasn't interested.

The next time we met, he brought it up again. The third time he raised the subject, he told me most people would get mad at him for his advice, but "You're tough, you can take it." The last three times we've run into them, he has questioned my body language. "What's going on with your hands?" "Why are you doing that with your fingers?" "Look at you! You look like you're ready to strangle me." Or he'll comment on my clothing: "What are those, socks?"

Dear Abby



Abby, I am not thin-skinned, but I've had enough. This guy smiles and laughs, amusing himself while making me uncomfortable. I've begun to walk past the couple while smiling and wishing them a pleasant day.

Yesterday, the man called out, "Stop!" I continued, but my husband paused to talk. I find the man to be obnoxious, but he clearly thinks I'm the one with bad behavior. I see this escalating into a real problem, and I'd like to avoid trouble. The only way to quietly

solve this is to find somewhere else to walk in the morning. My husband disagrees.

Abby, what is the best way to handle this? I no longer look forward to our morning walks. Just because I'm "tough and can take it" doesn't mean I should be subjected to his teasing. I'm becoming the bad guy in this scenario, and I don't like it. Please advise. — AVOIDING IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR AVOIDING: You are not the bad guy. Frankly, the man seems a little off. You are not required to interact with anyone who makes you uncomfortable. If your husband wants to chat with him, he should do it when you are not present. If he isn't sensitive enough to recognize that, you should keep walking or find another route.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are in our 70s. We are in reasonably good shape. That said, I have hip replacements, and my knees and hips have become sore from the stairs I must climb every day.

We have a lovely large home, but I know it's time to move to senior living like my many friends who are making the transition now.

My husband ignores my entreaties. "I will leave this house only feet first," he retorts every time I say the stairs are too much for me. Abby, I bring my clothes downstairs in a bag every day to avoid another climb. I am making every accommodation I can and am now considering divorce as an option.

The bottom line is, my husband is a selfish old man.

Every social group he belongs to and the beautiful home he refuses to leave have all been my doing. I have also been an equal breadwinner. Forget counseling. He has a counseling degree. Have any advice? — END OF MY ROPE IN MICHIGAN

DEAR END: I sure do, and it's going to cost your selfish husband a bundle. Start pricing stair chair lifts or small elevators for your lovely large home. If your husband is reluctant, point out that it will be cheaper than a divorce.

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

Community Calendar

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

Today

SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call

Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

Friday

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.

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 breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

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

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

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, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

THE LIFE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy, as

well as help with the needs of the family. The center is located at 1209 S. Shank St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday 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.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR SUICIDE GRIEF — Meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month. The support group serves to help individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. To register, contact Stephanie Patterson at (260) 251-3259.

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.



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Justice should release Epstein files

The Detroit News
Tribune New Service

When Republicans believed former President Bill Clinton was immersed in the Jeffrey Epstein sex trafficking scandal, they were all about demanding the Biden administration Justice Department to investigate him.

Now that Democrats are convinced the files implicate Trump, they are willing to risk throwing Clinton under the bus and have replaced Republicans in the chorus demanding full transparency regarding the Epstein probe.

There's only one way to end the rampant speculation, damaging to both presidents and a host of other individuals whose names have been tied to Epstein's sex ring. And that's to release the files.

There's really no reason not to make them public. Epstein died of an apparent 2019 suicide while being held in a New York City jail,

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where he was awaiting prosecution on the child sex trafficking and exploitation charges.

His accomplice and paramour, Ghislaine Maxwell, was convicted of child sex trafficking and is serving a 20-year sentence.

If there are ongoing criminal investigations against any other individuals, the Justice Department has the ability to redact or withhold any related materials.

The rest should be made public.

Of most interest would be the client list, if it exists, of those who flew on Epstein's Lolita Express jet along with the underage girls who were on board. Both

Trump and Clinton appear on the jet's flight logs.

Maxwell told a Justice Department lawyer she never saw Trump "in an inappropriate setting," according to transcripts of the interview.

Of Clinton, the former socialite says he was her friend, not Epstein's, and said she had no knowledge of him visiting the island. When officers arrived at Epstein's home to arrest him, they found a painting of Clinton in a blue dress and red heels prominently displayed.

In February, Attorney General Pam Bondi claimed the Epstein client list was "sitting on my desk." But in July, the Justice Department and FBI said there is no such incriminating inventory of individuals who frolicked with Epstein.

Which is true?

Last Wednesday, women who

say they were exploited by Epstein and Maxwell stood outside the Capitol and demanded the release of the Epstein files. They were joined by a host of Democratic lawmakers, as well as Republicans Thomas Massie of Kentucky and Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia.

Massie and California Democrat Ro Khanna are attempting to gather the 218 representative signatures required for a discharge petition to move a bill demanding the release of the files to a full House vote. They are four names short. Nancy Mace of South Carolina and Lauren Bobert of Colorado are the only other Republicans to sign the petition.

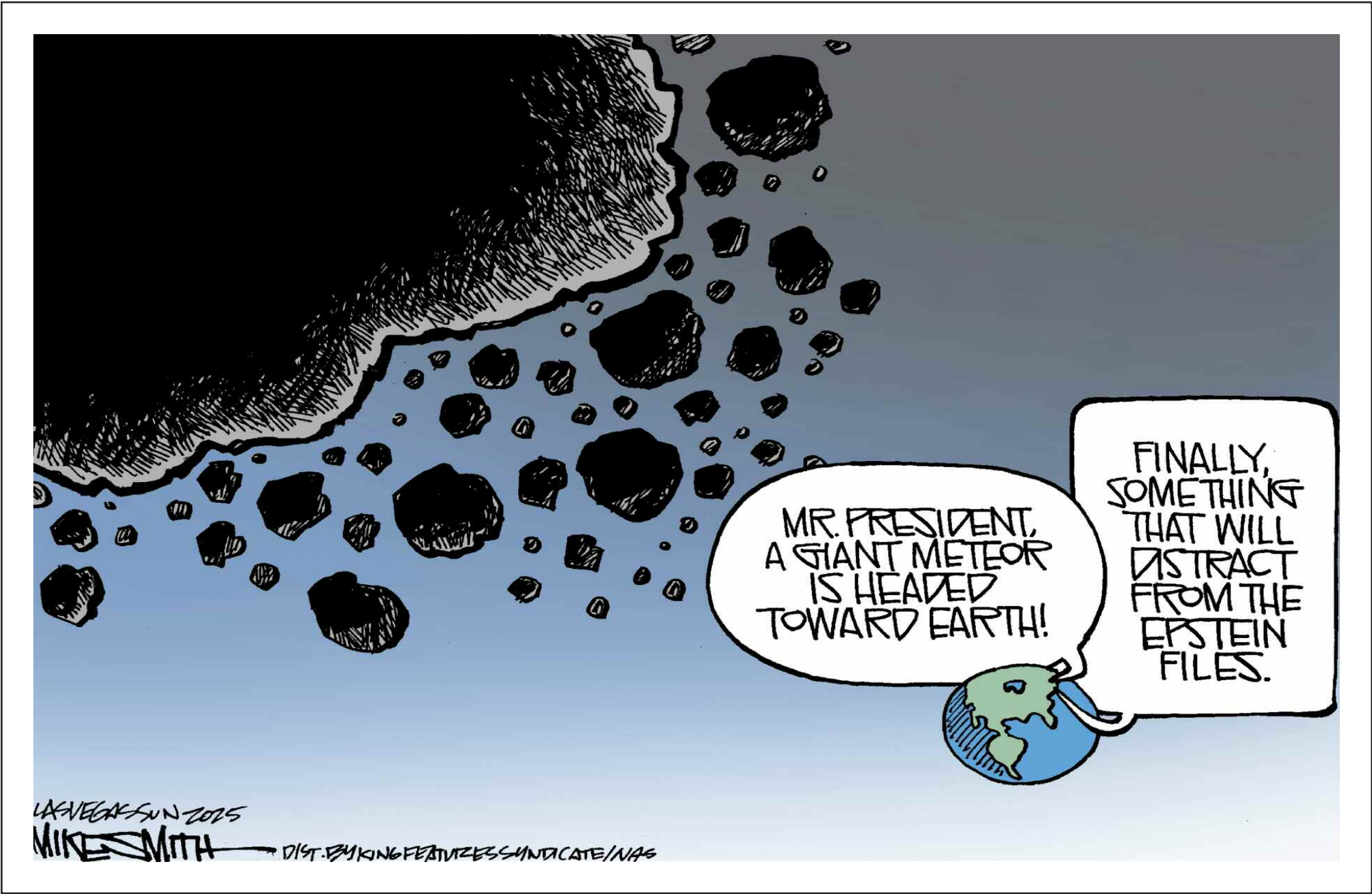
The discharge effort is opposed by Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson, who at one time was a proponent of transparency in the Epstein case. Republicans tried to head off the petition by

releasing 30,000 pages of Epstein documents, which reportedly contain mostly old information.

As for Trump, when asked about the discharge petition, he repeated his recent claims that the whole matter is "a Democratic hoax." The president had previously said he was open to releasing the files. Now he says there's nothing of interest in them. Trump says his friendship with Epstein broke when the financier recruited young women staffers away from his Mar-a-Lago resort.

A House committee continues to examine the Epstein files, but seems to have lost its sense of urgency.

If there is nothing in the files to incriminate Trump, it would be in his best interest to have the files opened and put the rumors to rest. He should order Bondi to release them.



Our factory jobs are not coming back

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

A fantastically high share of our debate over economic policy involves a false lesson of the China Shock and its effect on factory jobs and communities. The real lesson is that education matters — and that has been decidedly ignored.

In 2001, the U.S. fully opened trade with China, which had slowly been growing its imports worldwide. From 1990 until 2007, when the recession stopped the growth of imports, the U.S. lost 4.2 million factory jobs. That was the China Shock.

Most of the job losses during the China Shock were due to automation of factories, not trade with China. Here's the big picture: While we lost factory jobs, the economy was actually booming. From 1990 to 2007, America created 29 million new jobs overall. The problem? These new jobs required different skills than factory work.

All 29 million of those new jobs went to people with college degrees or some college training. Workers with only high school diplomas were left

Michael J. Hicks



behind. So, men (and it was mostly men) who lost factory jobs between 1990 and 2007 had few good labor market options other than going back to school.

The educational divide of the China Shock is so pronounced that it appears in regional data across cities and states. We can see this by dividing urban counties into two groups — those with above-average college graduation rates and those below. The educated counties captured more than 100% of economic growth from 1990-2007. The other half actually shrunk.

This educational divide is driving much of our current populist policy debate. We're focusing on "left behind places" with policies designed to bring back factory jobs;

however, the places that felt the bulk of job losses from 1990-2007 were simply not prepared for a modern economy. Schools were weak and ineffective, and a scant share of young people headed off to college. When jobs disappeared, the educated left.

Still, the human toll of neglecting places is trivial compared to the neglect of individuals and families. The real tragedy isn't that some communities declined, it's that we failed to give people the education they needed to adapt and thrive elsewhere.

The grand lesson of the China Shock was that well-educated workers living in cities full of better-educated workers thrived, even when facing deep factory job losses. Education made these places more resilient, causing new businesses to relocate there and acting as a magnet for displaced workers.

The uniquely disappointing aspect is how ill-prepared most places were for change that announced itself in the 1950s and 1960s. Judging from the number of elected officials

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who think prosperity is just one more tax cut away, most Hoosiers haven't made the mental leap to the 21st century.

But, in the nearly two decades since the China Shock ended, too many elected leaders are foisting that old lie on young people — that factory jobs will return. They won't.

Worse still, Indiana has cut spending on education of all types. In fact, our state hasn't spent this small a share of our GDP on education for several decades. At the moment that it became blindingly obvious that prosperity would only

attach itself to well-educated places, we decided to follow a different path.

I sure hope this time is different, but if there's one thing I've learned in researching local economic growth for more than a quarter century, the next time is almost never different.

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p.m. Thursday

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Wednesday

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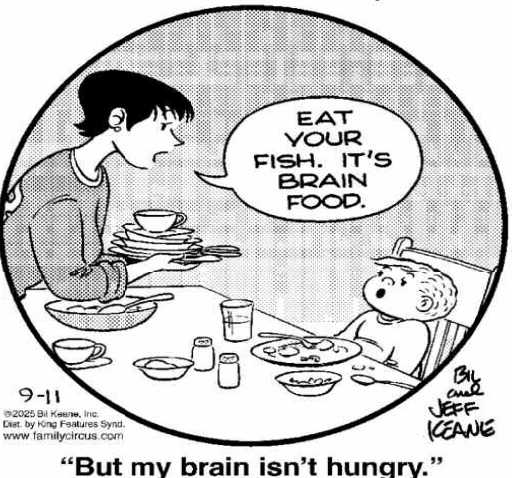
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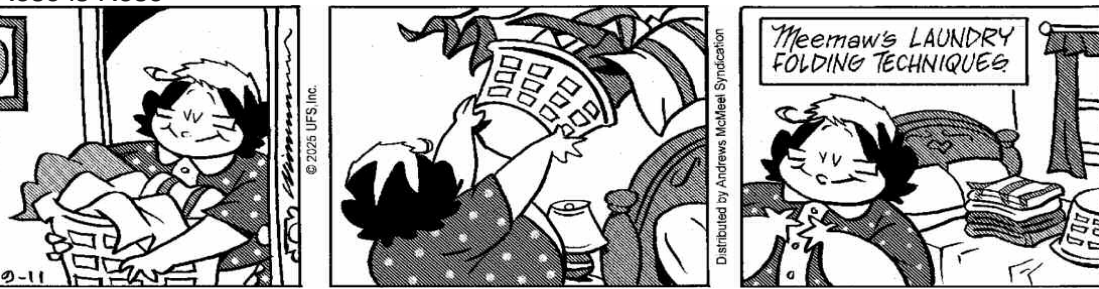
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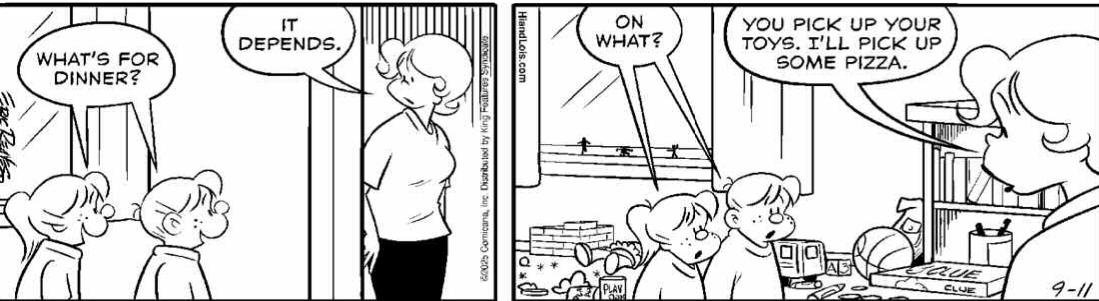
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Trump mismanagement

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North-South vulnerable.

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♠ 8 2
♥ K J
♦ K Q J 9 6 3
♣ A J 4

WEST
♠ Q J 4
♥ 10 9 8 6
♦ 10 2
♣ K 8 6 3

EAST
♠ 10 9
♥ A Q 5
♦ 7 5 4
♣ Q 10 7 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 7 6 5 3
♥ 7 4 3 2
♦ A 8
♣ 9

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♦ Pass 3 ♣ Pass
4 ♣

Opening lead — ten of hearts.

The great advantage of playing a hand in a suit contract, rather than notrump, is that the opponents can't run off a long suit. Declarer can ruff in one hand or the other to put a halt to the procession of winners. But this advantage can sometimes be lost if declarer mismanages his trump suit.

Consider this case where South was in four spades and West led a heart. East took dummy's jack with the queen, and, in an effort to stop heart ruffs in dummy, returned the ten of trump. South won with the ace and returned a heart, still hoping to negotiate a heart ruff in dummy.

East took dummy's king with the ace and led the nine of trump. South had no choice but to win with the king and attempt to run dummy's diamonds. But when he played the A-K-Q, discarding a heart, West ruffed with the queen and cashed the nine of hearts to put the contract down one.

The outcome was traceable not only to East's defense, but also to South's mismanagement of his trump suit. He should have realized, at trick two, the futility of trying to ruff a heart in dummy. It was clear that East was determined to prevent this. To win the trump return and play a heart was an idle gesture.

Instead, South should have ducked the ten of spades lead at trick two. Had he done this, he would have coasted home. If East played another trump, South would cash the A-K, run the diamonds and finish with 11 tricks.

Indeed, the best East could do if South ducked the first spade would be to cash the ace of hearts to hold declarer to 10 tricks.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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1 Damage
4 Belgrade resident
8 Trawler gear
12 Texter's "I think"
13 On — with
14 Lotion ingredient
15 Culinary herb
17 Tora —, Afghanistan
18 Japanese ruler, for short
19 NASA, e.g.
21 Singer Clark
24 "A spider!"
25 Industrious insect
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28 Free tickets
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39 Identify

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1 Soviet space station
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4 Small taste
5 Clean air org.
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8 "Lolita" author
9 North Carolina university
10 Whig's rival
11 Line of fashion?
16 Ostrich's kin

20 VCR button
21 Eggplant — (Italian dish, for short)
22 New Age singer
23 In the style of
27 Clean the floor
29 Audra McDonald's "Gypsy" role
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Quickly ...

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Maria Laux had the break-out day of her young career, getting her first goal in the first half and then notching the only score for the Patriots in the second.
Three minutes after Lopez put JCHS up 3-0, Peters took a corner kick from the right side and put the ball in front of the net. A cluster of Raiders and Patriots scrambled to try to get control of the ball. Laux won that battle and finished past Koger to put her first tally in the scorebook.
“Maria ... yesterday in practice, she scored one of

her first goals in practice,” said Muhlenkamp. “And it was off of a corner, she crashed. Maria’s got a good instinct on finding the ball.”
At halftime, Muhlenkamp asked her players to work on some different aspects of their game, knowing they are in for a challenge Thursday when they host undefeated Oak Hill (7-0-1). She wanted them to shoot from distance or work the ball to the corners for crosses.
Laux delivered on one such opportunity.
Corralling the ball in some open space in Raider territory, she eschewed the option

of trying to dribble closer. Instead, she launched an arcing, left-footed shot that floated over Koger and under the crossbar into the back of the net.
“Amazing,” said Laux. “I’m just a freshman, so I never scored until this game. So that was my second career goal ever. And to see it just be that beautiful, hit the back of the net, it was so amazing.”
"I saw an opportunity," she added. “There was an opening. And I just thought, there's no point of trying to dribble through and lose the ball or pass to a teammate if

I have an opening there and I have an opportunity. I just felt like I may as well shoot it. There's no reason not to. If I miss, I miss; if I make it, then great.”
On a night when the Patriots played everyone — they made multiple massive line changes, including pulling everyone except goalie Maleah Parsons with 9:40 left — Ayla Jackson and Lloyd also added goals. Elly Byrum and Lopez each had an assist.
Parsons was credited with two saves as the Raiders never really mounted a scoring threat.

Roundup ...

Continued from page 8
Grace Turner of Yorktown earned match medalist honors with 42 strokes, while Elizabeth Brunswick and Alexa Ridenour led the way for the Patriots (2-9) with rounds of 56. Brunswick shot bogeys on the fourth and seventh holes, while Ridenour made par on the fourth and a bogey on the seventh.
Erin Aker followed one stroke behind with a 47. She also had two bogeys on the third and fourth holes.
Crystal Swartzentruber rounded out the team score with a 59 in her first varsity appearance since Thursday.
Reny Lingo carded a 60 and Taven Bently shot 61, but neither score affected the team’s final.
Wes-Del also competed, but didn’t have enough for a team score.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls golf at Delta – 5 p.m.; Boys tennis at Bluffton – 5 p.m.; Girls soccer vs. Oak Hill – 5:30 p.m.; Volleyball at Woodlan – 6 p.m.; Boys soccer at Yorktown – 7:30 p.m.; JV boys soccer at Yorktown – 5:30 p.m.; Junior high cross country vs. Adams Central/Bluffton – 5:30 p.m.; Junior high volleyball vs. R.J. Baskett – 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys golf at St. Henry – 4 p.m.; Girls golf vs. St. Henry – 4:30 p.m.; Volleyball vs. New Bremen – 5:30 p.m.; Middle school football at St. Henry – 5 p.m.; Middle school volleyball at Arcanum – 5 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Football vs. Adams Central – 7 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Football vs. St. Henry – 7 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
5:30 p.m. — ARCA Menards Series: Bush’s Beans 200 (FS1)
7:15 p.m. — MLB: Kansas City Royals at Cleveland Guardians (FOX)
8 p.m. — College football: N.C. State at Wake Forest (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: UNOH 200 presented by Ohio Logistics (FS1)

8:15 p.m. — NFL: Washington Commanders at Green Bay Packers (FOX)

Friday
2:30 p.m. — Bundesliga soccer: Bayer Leverkusen at Eintracht Frankfurt (ESPN2)
6:30 p.m. — College football: Indiana State at Indiana (BTN)
7 p.m. — College volleyball: Utah at Nebraska (FS1); Wisconsin at Georgia Tech (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Colorado at Houston (ESPN)
9 p.m. — College football: Kansas State at Arizona (FOX)
10 p.m. — College football: New Mexico at UCLA (BTN)
10:05 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Athletics (FSDN Indiana)

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.
For more information, email kim.tormbley@adamshealthnetwork.org.

Chamber to host
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Participation costs \$250 per team with lunch included. A \$20 team mulligan golf ball can be purchased as well.
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The Schedule of Reassessments made by the Jay County Drainage Board has been filed and is available for public inspection in the office of the Jay County Surveyor.
The proposed increase for the Darst Watershed per acre assessment is an increase from \$0.50 per acre to \$1.00 per acre and the minimum lot/plot assessment proposed is from \$3.74per lot/plot to \$10.00 per lot/plot.
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OCTOBER 6, 2025

6:00 P.M.

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Doubles teams led Jay County past RSWS, see roundup below

Jay County volleyball travels to Woodlan today, see Sports on tap



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

London Lloyd of Jay County High School lines up a shot during the first half of the Patriots' 8-0 victory Tuesday over the host Wapahani Raiders. Lloyd scored the sixth goal of the game for the Patriots, who put two on the board in the first 37 seconds.

Patriots strike quickly

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review
SELMA — Kendra Muhlenkamp wanted her team to be aggressive.

The Patriots took their coach's request and got on the board within 19 seconds.

If that wasn't assertive enough, their second goal came one second faster.

Scoring twice in the first 37 seconds and seven times in the first half, the Jay County High School girls soccer team cruised to an 8-0 victory Tuesday over the host Wapahani Raiders.

"One of the things I said to the girls was we need to show dominance as a team," said JCHS coach Kendra Muhlenkamp. "It's not in our conference, it's not in our sectional; it's a team for us to practice to

get better. We wanted to show from the get-go that we are the better team. Scored two goals in the first 40 seconds. That was great to see them connect."

Off the opening kickoff, Charlee Peters got control of the ball and sent a drop to Aixa Lopez. The senior midfielder worked down the center of the field before sending a through ball back to Peters, who easily beat Wapahani goalie Zoey Koger.

Lopez took care of the

second tally, taking a pass from London Lloyd and going right up the middle for a 2-0 lead with the clock showing 39:23. It was the first of her three goals on the evening as she recorded her second hat trick of the season.

While JCHS added five more goals before halftime, the scoring pace slowed down significantly as Wapahani coach Tanner Elrod made a defensive adjustment to shift Addison Denney to sweeper with a four-play-

er defensive line in front of her.

"I come in with a game plan, willing to adjust it as needed," said first-year WHS coach Tanner Elrod. "I try to have two or three things in my back pocket. I just saw they were quick, they had good touches on the ball. Once they got that second one and it was directly just through (the middle), I just knew I had to at least change up the defense ..."

See **Quickly** page 7

JC scores twice in first 37 seconds in victory over host Wapahani

Jay county boys tennis picks up sixth win over Rebels

LYNN — The Patriots have seen a pair of their potential sectional opponents. They have also tallied two wins against the postseason rivals.

The Jay County High School boys tennis team beat the Randolph Southern Rebels 3-2 on Tuesday.

Clark Wellman got a free victory via forfeit at No. 3 singles due to Randolph Southern not being able to field the position after an injury.

Both doubles teams picked

Local Roundup

up wins for Jay County (6-3) as well.

Kadyn Carpenter and Alex Miller beat Jacob Flaugh and Diego Soria 6-3, 5-7, 6-2. Gabe Overton and Brock Wasson

didn't need a third set, but still needed a tiebreaker to defeat Grady Coyle and Chevie Parsons 6-1, 7-6 (7-1).

Paul Dirksen and Henry Dirksen both suffered losses at the No. 1 and 2 singles positions, respectively. The former fell to Noah Allen 7-6 (7-3), 6-4, while the latter lost to Braden Austin 6-4, 6-4.

Pats sweep

Jay County's volleyball team swept the Bluffton Tigers 25-14,

25-17, 25-18 in the Allen County Athletic Conference opener for both teams Tuesday.

Jay County's middle blockers provided a bulk of the offense with Maria Hemmellgarn and Mya Kunkler earning eight kills and Brenna Schmiesing adding seven. Elizabeth Barnett also put down six balls.

From behind the line, the Patriots (6-4, 1-0 ACAC) had three aces with Schmiesing, Kayla Jetmore and Paisley

Fugiett each dropping one in.

Schmiesing also led at the net by blocking Bluffton (4-9, 0-1ACAC) three times.

Lani Muhlenkamp had the team-high in digs with 15, while Fugiett's 20 assists was the most of JCHS.

Jay defeated

YORKTOWN — The Jay County girls golf team fell to the Yorktown Tigers 198-228 at The Players Club on Tuesday.

See **Roundup** page 7



Review
preview

Saturday - 1 p.m.



Jay County Patriots

Portland, 1-2, (0-1 ACAC)

Coach: Eddie Fields, first year (fifth overall)

Conference: Allen County

Last week at Southern Wells: The Patriots dropped its first match to the Raiders since 2019 after falling 21-14. JCHS only had 113 yards of total offense, while Southern Wells scored three touchdowns on a pair of runs and a pass. SWHS had 303 total yards in the game. Jay County's sole score came in the second quarter on a Carter Fugiett reception.

Season leaders: Passing — Nick Laux — 21-of-40 for 298 yards and four touchdowns. Rushing — Leighton Brown — 29 carries for 182 yards and two touchdowns. Receiving — Brady Jetmore — eight catches for 181 yards and two touchdowns.

VS.

Adams Central Jets

Monroe, 3-0, (0-0 ACAC)

Coach: Michale Mosser, 17th year

Conference: Allen County

Last week at Muncie Central: Adams Central let the Bearcats find the end zone one time in both the first and fourth quarters and otherwise locked them down for a 41-13 week No. 3 victory. The Jets scored four times in the opening frame before being held to nothing in the second. ACHS came out of the lockerroom to put up 13 more points in the third period to ice the game away. the Jets gave up 121 yards in the air and another 117 on the ground.

Last season: The Jets had every answer to kill any Jay County momentum in the 39-8 defeat last season. ACHS scored five times in the first half, while the Patriots' offense failed to score. The Patriots' points came off of a blocked punt by Lucas Strait in the second quarter and a 2-yard pass from Sean Bailey to Isaac Dues in the fourth. JCHS finished with just 45 passing yards and another 128 on the ground.

Game notes: This is the 12th matchup between the Patriots and the Jets. Adams Central has won all 11 of the previous games by a combined 512-110 ... Adams Central lost three straight state championship games in Class 1A before winning the 2025 Class 2A title ... Jay County has a 39.33 Sagrin rating, which is 259th overall and 54th in Class 3A. Adams Central's 79.16 rating is 23rd overall and 1st in Class 2A ... John Harrell projects the Jay County to lose 38-7.

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