

PD dismissed from lawsuit

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review
A lawsuit against Portland Police Department has been thrown out. Two of its officers remain defendants in the case. Special Judge Douglas K. Mawhorr dismissed the Portland Police Department from a lawsuit filed by clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips, though claims against the city, Police Chief Dustin Mock and investigator Jeff Hopkins remain active. The order is dated Sept. 24 and was filed in Jay Circuit Court on Tuesday. On Sept. 9, Mawhorr granted a motion from Phillips for a joint case management order — it establishes a shared time-

Judge allows case against chief, investigator to move forward

line for pretrial proceedings leading to a trial — in the lawsuit and gave the parties involved 30 days to submit their proposals. No additional court dates have been set. Phillips filed suit against the city, its police department, Mock and Hopkins in July, alleging that she has been the focus of “torment, harassment and defamation” by the police

department. Her accusations include that Mock and Hopkins have threatened her; the police chief has made disparaging or defamatory statements against her; and that Mock and Hopkins reviewed and distributed video footage of Phillips exercising in the city’s exercise room that included her private telephone conversations. In mid-September, Attorney

Katlyn M. Christman filed a motion to dismiss the suit against the police department, Mock and Hopkins. In it, she argued that they cannot be sued. “The claims asserted against Dustin Mock, Jeff Hopkins and the Portland Police Department should be dismissed because the Portland Police Department is not a suable entity and Mock and Hopkins cannot be sued in their individual capacities,” the motion says. In her motion, Christman of Clark Johnson & Knight, Merrillville, referenced Indiana Code saying a county, municipality or township may be sued. She argued that because

the police department is only a division of the city, it is not a suable entity. She also argued that Mock and Hopkins can’t be sued as individuals based on the allegations in Phillips’ complaint. She cited Indiana Code again, saying “a plaintiff is barred from suing employees who were acting within the scope of their employment at the time the alleged loss was sustained.” In response to the motion, Clayton Lengerich of Miller Burry & Brown, Decatur, consented to the police department being removed from the suit. He argued that claims against the city, Mock and Hopkins should move forward. See **Dismissed** page 2



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Tailgate volunteers

Dallas Sloss and Bill Sipe carry items to place in a vehicle during a food tailgate event Wednesday morning at Jay County Fairgrounds. Sloss, who works with Humana, and Sipe were volunteering for the monthly food giveaway sponsored by United Way of Jay County and Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana.

Shutdown begins as impasse continues

All except essential duties set to pause

By ERIK WASSON and STEVEN T. DENNIS
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service
Congress blew past a midnight funding deadline, triggering the U.S. government’s first shutdown in nearly seven years — and the third under President Donald Trump. The White House’s budget office ordered agencies to begin executing their plans for a funding lapse, shuttering the government aside from essential duties, disrupting the jobs of hundreds of thousands of Americans and upending many public services. With the two parties locked in a stalemate over health care subsidies and using the moment to frame the 2026 midterm elections, the shutdown — and its economic effects — could be prolonged. If the shutdown lasts three weeks, the unemployment rate could spike to 4.6%-4.7% from the 4.3% in August as furloughed workers are counted as temporarily unemployed, according to Bloomberg Economics. Trump has suggested his administration would use this shutdown to conduct mass layoffs of federal workers beyond the temporary furloughs of an estimated 750,000 government employees. The move could worsen the economic consequences of the shutdown and extend them beyond the closure. Those job cuts would come on top of roughly 150,000 workers leaving the federal workforce as of Oct. 1 due to deferred resignation programs offered under Elon Musk’s DOGE effort. Combined with previous rounds of early retirements and layoffs this year, a recession could be triggered in parts of the country such as the Washington, DC metro area. Much of the economic impact from a government shutdown historically has been recouped after it ends, but not all. See **Begins** page 2



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On to Versailles

Members of the percussion section (from left) Alivia Grube, Megan Weitzel and Yoselin Juarez-Gomez perform during halftime of Friday night’s homecoming football game against New Bremen. The next competition for the band is slated for Saturday at Versailles. Fort Recovery will perform at 5:15 p.m.

Indiana schools report increases

College enrollment went up 2%

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com
Initial fall 2025 enrollment numbers reported by Indiana’s public colleges and universities show growth in first-year students at several campuses, even as the state continues to grapple with a consistently low college-going rate. The announcements come on the heels of new state data showing that just 51.7% of Indiana high school graduates in 2023 went directly to college, continuing a years-long dip in enrollment among Hoosier students.

State leaders have emphasized that the trend highlights a need for more aggressive recruitment, degree program realignment and increased affordability measures as Indiana reshapes its higher education landscape. The Indiana Commission for Higher Education released data that show overall enrollment at statewide public institutions increased for the fourth consecutive year, growing by over 4,200 students, or approximately 2%, from fall 2024. “Indiana’s higher education institutions continue to move the needle on increasing enrollment, particularly with resident students,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. He also touted strategic initiatives to help residents learn about Hoosier higher learning institutions.

Deaths

Garry Duncan, 76, Portland
Raymond Timmerman, 71, New Bremen
Details on page 2.

Weather

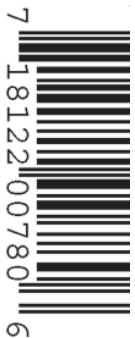
September rolled out with a high of 85 degrees Tuesday. The low was 55. Tonight’s low will be in the lower 50s. Expect clear, sunny skies Friday with a high in the mid 80s. Highs are expected to be in the 80s through Monday. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Blooms & Brews, an interactive event for those 21 and older, is set for 4 p.m. Saturday at the corn maze at Jay County Fairgrounds. Admission will be \$20, which will include sample tickets for beers and wines at various locations in the maze. Food trucks will also be available. There will also be a live band.

Coming up

Friday — Coverage of the boys tennis sectional semifinal at Jay County.
Saturday — Details from this week’s Portland Board of Works meeting.
Tuesday — Results from the Jay County High School volleyball team’s invitational.



Dismissed ...

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“The Complaint alleges specific conduct that, if proven, falls outside the scope of employment and/or was committed with malice, willfulness, wantonness, or recklessness, thereby invoking the statutory exceptions to immunity under Indiana law,” he wrote in reference to the claims against Mock and Hopkins.

While Mawhorr dismissed the claim against the police department, “the claims asserted against the City of Portland, Indiana, Dustin Mock and Jeff Hopkins remain

Five tort claims remain active against City of Portland

pending at this point,” he wrote.

Phillips’ suit stems from a tort claim she filed in April. It is one of seven claims filed against the city in the last two years and the only one that has advanced to court thus far.

The only remaining active tort claim that names the police department directly was filed by former police officer Patrick Long. That claim, which alleges coercion and threats, disregarding department police and interfering with a job application,

also names the city, Mock and Hopkins.






Last month, Mock and Hopkins issued a tort claim against the city, Phillips and her office, and council members Ron May, Mike Aker and Dave Golden. It alleges a wide range of issues including false allegations by Phillips, ethical violations by Wes Schemenaur in his role as city attorney and ongoing bias from council members.

Former wastewater department employee Brad Clayton has two claims against the city. In one, which also names Phillips, he alleges that his pri-

vate Family Medical Leave Act information was illegally made public. In the other, he says he was berated by wastewater department superintendent Brad Dues and that city officials, including the mayor, spread disinformation about him.

Former police officer Kyle Denney filed a claim against the city, Mayor Jeff Westlake, Jay County Probation Office and probation office employee Ashley Reynolds alleging statements made against him including allegations of misconduct.

Two other tort claims filed in 2024 have been resolved.

CR almanac				
Friday 10/3	Saturday 10/4	Sunday 10/5	Monday 10/6	Tuesday 10/7
 87/57 Sunny skies are expected Friday, when the high will hit the upper 80s.	 87/55 Another day of sun is expected Saturday, with the low at night hitting the mid 50s.	 87/58 Sunday's forecast shows sunny skies with a high around 87.	 87/60 Monday's weather looks like mostly sunny skies with highs around 87 degrees.	 79/52 There's a 60% chance of showers on Tuesday, when the high may reach 79.

Lotteries	
Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$174 million	Daily Three: 2-4-0 Daily Four: 9-3-5-4 Quick Draw: 5-6-8-10-11-18-23-33-36-37-41-49-51-57-58-60-63-66-71-78
Mega Millions 4-8-27-37-63 Mega Ball: 14 Estimated jackpot: \$520 million	Ohio Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 9-5-6 Pick 4: 7-5-4-9 Pick 5: 4-3-3-4-3 Evening Pick 3: 7-7-6 Pick 4: 9-7-9-4 Pick 5: 1-4-2-1-9 Rolling Cash: 8-16-18-29-30 Estimated jackpot: \$150,000
Hoosier Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 0-1-9 Daily Four: 3-5-7-7 Quick Draw: 2-3-5-13-21-24-31-33-35-36-41-42-43-44-49-60-64-69-71-75 Evening	


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Today in history	
<p>In 1789, George Washington sent copies of the proposed constitutional amendments, the United States Bill of Rights, to the states to be ratified.</p> <p>In 1919, United States president Woodrow Wilson suffered a stroke that partially paralyzed him.</p> <p>In 1938, pitcher Bob Feller struck out a record-breaking 18 Detroit Tigers. Feller later made the Baseball Hall of Fame for his accomplishments. His team, Cleveland Indians, lost in the 4-1 game at Cleveland Stadium.</p> <p>In 1950, Charles Schulz’s comic strip,</p>	<p>“Peanuts,” was published for the first time in seven newspapers around the United States. “Peanuts” — it was originally named “Li'l Folks” but was renamed to avoid questions with copyright infringement — ran for 50 years until it began printing re-runs in 2000.</p> <p>In 1957, “The Bridge over the River Kwai” was released. The movie, directed by David Lean and starring William Holden and Alec Guinness, later won the Academy Award for Best Picture the following year.</p> <p>— The CR</p>

Citizen’s calendar	
Today 5:15 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort	Tuesday 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.

Obituaries

Garry Duncan
Nov. 28, 1948-Sept. 29, 2025
Garry S. Duncan, age 76, of Portland passed away on Monday, Sept. 29, 2025, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born in Tennessee on Nov. 28, 1948, the son of Garland and Ruth (Woods) Duncan. He was married on Sept. 6, 1969, to Charlene Yaney who survives.


Duncan

Garry was an electrician with IBEW Union in Muncie. He attended Fairview United Methodist Church, was a volunteer with the food bank and enjoyed bowling and spending time with family.

Surviving are his wife Charlene; two sons, Shawn Duncan of Portland and Billy Duncan (wife: Molly) of Denver; one daughter, Edith Teegarden (husband: Aaron) of Ridgeville; three brothers, Buford, Stanley and Perry Duncan; four sisters, Ruth Ann Newton, Linda Case, Lois Cruze and Brenda Guffey; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Larry Duncan; and a sister, Willie Mae Rowland.

Funeral services will be Friday, Oct. 3, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with burial in the Gravel Hill Cemetery in Bryant. Visitation will be Friday from noon to 2 p.m.

Memorials can be made to Fairview United Methodist Church or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Sept. 28, 2025, at the Kindred Hospital in Lima, Ohio.

He was born Nov. 9, 1953, in Decatur, Indiana, to the late Wilfred and Rita (Wagner) Timmerman.

His stepmother Emily "Jean" (Hill) Timmerman preceded him in death.

On Nov. 30, 1974, at St. Peter Catholic Church in Fort Recovery, Ray married Karen (Lennartz) Timmerman who survives. Also surviving are six children, Gary and Barb Timmerman of Yorkshire, Ohio, Eric and Kari Timmerman of Minster, Ohio, Daniel and Lorna Timmerman of St. Henry, Ohio, Lisa and Bryan Roessner of Fort Recovery, Matthew and Cindy Timmerman of Minster and Lori and Craig Kremer of St. Henry; 12 grandchildren, Austin, Cory, Lucas, Nathan and Parker Timmerman, Addalyn, Emmalyn and Brayden Roessner, and Alex Timmerman; Eli, Emmitt and Bailey Kremer; 11 siblings, James and Janie Timmerman of Fort Recovery, Barbara Philpot of Russia, Ohio, Thomas and Jeanette Timmerman of Fort Loramie, Ohio, Joseph and Deborah Timmerman of Russia, Stephen and Sandra Timmerman of Burkettsville, Ohio, Paul and Patty Timmerman of Fort Loramie, Michael and Ann Timmerman of Fort Loramie, Patrick and Diane Timmerman of Minster; Norbert Timmerman of Minster; Maurice Timmerman and Ann Meyer of New Bremen and Theresa Timmerman of Minster; sisters and brothers-in-law, Linda and Tom Boeckman of Coldwater, Ohio, Tom and Cathy Lennartz of Fort Recovery, Jane and Kevin Gaerke of Sharps Chapel, Tennessee, David and Susan Lennartz of Fort Recovery, Roger and Shelly Lennartz of Fort Recovery, Duane and Amy Lennartz of Fort Recovery and Brenda and Rick Kunk of Fort Recovery; along with 67 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one infant brother, Leo Timmerman;


Timmerman

four brothers and sisters-in-law, Harry Philpot, Mary Ann Timmerman, Marcia Timmerman and Jack Keiber; as well as his father and mother-in-law, Louis and Ruth (Bey) Lennartz.

Mr. Timmerman was a 1972 graduate of Fort Loramie High School. In 2019, he retired from Crown Equipment in New Bremen where he had been employed 43 years. He was a member of Precious Blood Catholic Church, the Minster Knights of Columbus and the Crown 25 Year Club.

Ray, affectionately known as Raydog, loved his family and was especially fond of his grandchildren. He never met a stranger and could always tell a good story. He enjoyed bowling, following the Ohio State Buckeyes, NASCAR and the Cincinnati Reds. He spent many hours in his garage listening to country music while working on and repairing cars. Raydog's favorite hobby was traveling to collect autographed sports and NASCAR memorabilia that he donated as auction items to help those in need.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 6, 2025, at Precious Blood Church in Chickasaw with the Rev. Mark Hoying and Deacon Paul Timmerman presiding. Interment will follow at German Protestant Cemetery in New Bremen. Family and friends may call Sunday from 2 to 7 p.m. and Monday 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Gehret Funeral Home in Fort Loramie.

Memorials may be made to charities of choice.

Private condolences may be expressed at the gehretfuneral-home.com website.

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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.

SERVICES

Friday
Duncan, Gary: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Saturday
Derrickson, Berna: 10 a.m., Gravel Hill Cemetery, Bryant.
Carlson, David: 1 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Monday
Timmerman, Raymond: 10:30 a.m., Precious Blood Church, 35 Maple St., Maria Stein, Ohio.
Smith, June: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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The Congressional Budget Office estimated that the U.S. economy didn't recover \$3 billion of the \$11 billion in reduced economic output during the partial government shutdown in 2018-2019, which spanned five weeks and was the longest in U.S. history.

The shutdown would also delay key economic data like the Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs report due Friday.

Democrats and Republicans remain deadlocked over whether to add health care and other policy demands to a stopgap spending bill to keep the government open.

Republicans, who need at least eight Democrats to support a funding bill, say they will keep the Senate in session, with a daylong break for the Yom Kippur holiday, and repeatedly vote on the GOP proposal until Democrats back down.

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60th anniversary



Bev and Roger Inman - 2025

Roger and Bev Inman

Roger and Bev Inman are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary today.

Bev Myers and Roger Inman were married at Powers Station Congregational Church on Oct. 2, 1965.

Roger and Bev Inman retired from Inman U-Loc Storage and Inman Roofing.

They are the parents of Dean (wife: Jennifer) of Hebron, Kentucky, Doug (wife: Lori) of Berne and Rusty (wife: Elizabeth) of Portland.

The Inmans are planning an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at John Jay Café.

Open mic, karaoke night set for Oct. 9

Arts Place will host a free open mic and karaoke night next week.

Performers may join at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 9 in the green room at Jay County Campus of Arts Place. Sign-ups begin at 6:30 p.m., with performances to follow at 7 p.m. Time slots are in 10-minute increments. Folks are encouraged to bring snacks, non-alcoholic beverages and lawn chairs.

Another session is planned for 6:30 p.m. Nov. 13.

Taking Note

most Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and Tuesday evenings at 6:15 p.m. Parents or guardians may attend with babies through preschool-aged children to participate in reading, activities, songs or crafts.

Metal exhibit

There's a new metal exhibit at Arts Place.

Local artist Ron Lingo's creative metal work is on display now through Oct. 31 in the Weaver Community Gallery at Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland. The exhibit is available to view for free during regular business hours.

For questions or more information on how to be involved, call (260) 726-4809 or email visualarts@myartspace.org.

New partner shows red flags

DEAR ABBY: I am a man who was widowed 11 months ago. I met a woman on a dating site, and we clicked immediately. We have been enjoying each other's company for several months. We have a long-distance relationship. She lives three hours away. Although she indicated on the dating site her status as "separated for two years," she still lives in the marital house with her husband. She recently filed for divorce, but it could be a while before it is finalized. I've asked her why she doesn't move out now to protect her mental health. She says it would be throwing money away.

Her husband is emotionally abusive, and I'm wondering if she's really ever going to leave. Our relationship is not meeting my needs, and I don't know if I can wait much longer, hanging on to a promise of a future that may never happen. The problem is, I've fallen in love with her. How can I protect my heart and move on to a relationship that meets my needs? I'm used to going to bed each night with someone. Now I sleep alone all week, and it's taking a toll on me. What is your advice? — **BIDING MY TIME IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR BIDING: You have been a widower for only 11 months, and it appears you have

Dear Abby



glommed on to someone who really is not available. I don't know all of the circumstances of her marriage, but I have a strong hunch neither do you. Do you know for sure this person has actually filed for divorce?

Because, as you stated, this relationship is not meeting your needs, it's time to pack it in and find a single local lady with whom to pursue a relationship. I am sure if you look around, there will be many.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my husband for six years, together for eight. My husband has a kind, tender heart and knows how to bring me down to earth when I'm stressed. I love him very much, but I am becoming less attracted to him because of his lack of ambition. I'm a "chase your dreams," "work super hard

and get what you want" kind of gal, so it's hard for me to sympathize with his lazy, careless lack of ambition.

If my husband has free time, he's either napping, playing video games or watching a movie. Never does he choose to do anything productive like learn something new, work out or start a side hustle. (And God knows we could use all the income we can get.) How can I share how I feel about this with him without causing a blowout fight or hurting his feelings? — **DISAPPOINTED IN IDAHO**

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: Your husband has wonderful qualities, but if you continue keeping these feelings to yourself, one day you may explode and vent them inappropriately. The time to share your feelings is while you can still control them calmly. If you do, perhaps you can reach a compromise. However, if you can't do that, you will have to accept each other just the way you are — or not.

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

Community Calendar

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

Today

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 CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Jay County Cancer Society's office, 227 N. Meridian St., Portland. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

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

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1.

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.

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

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will hold its next meeting at noon Friday, Oct. 3, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

Saturday

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

ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on

the north side of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-8463.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - 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.

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Wednesday's Solution

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

24th Annual Jay County Tox Away Day

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Saturday, October 11, 2025

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Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition & Jay County Sheriff Dept. will be collecting all medicine

Tox Away Day is for Jay County residents only! If you plan to bring a large volume of items, please contact the district office by September 30th so arrangements can be made.

In-person discussions are the cure

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Here's a modern paradox: The very mechanism that allows people to easily connect with others drives some to isolation.

Social media has many benefits. It's never been more convenient to share information or find people with the same interests. Family and friends don't have to wait for once-a-year Christmas cards to see far-flung relatives. It's the public town square, although some social media companies have bowed to government pressure and censored some users.

Yet, for all the good of social media, there are major downsides. What can be beneficial for one hour a day often becomes destructive when used continuously. According to a 2024 Pew report, almost half of teenagers "say they're online almost con-

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stantly." In "The Anxious Generation," professor and author Jonathan Haidt details the problems this has caused in young people.

"Spending hours 'connecting' with others online produces an increase in the quantity of social interactions and a decrease in the quality of social relationships," he wrote. Further, "the Great Rewiring of Childhood pulled young people out of real-world communities, including their own families."

One result was "normlessness,

because stable and binding moralities cannot form when everything is in flux," Haidt wrote.

This would be problematic enough. It gets worse when you combine social media with politics. Social media sites seek to capture and hold your attention. That's how they make money. Their algorithms learn which videos and posts most interest users. In politics, those aren't posts in which speakers with a variety of viewpoints make brilliant points. Instead, algorithms feed users more content that confirms their own biases while making those with whom they disagree look foolish.

Continuously consuming such content makes it easy to view the "other side" as caricatures of evil, ignorance or hate. But this ignores the value of humaniza-

tion and personal interaction. Consider the story of Daryl Davis, a Black man and blues musician. In 2017, Davis revealed that over more than 30 years he had convinced 200 Ku Klux Klan members to leave the group. He didn't insult them. Instead, he learned about the KKK and had conversations with Klan members.

"That began to chip away at their ideology because when two enemies are talking, they're not fighting," he said. "It's when the talking ceases that the ground becomes fertile for violence."

Those discussions allowed them to find something in common, which built relationships and then friendships. "I didn't convert anybody," he said. "They saw the light and converted themselves."

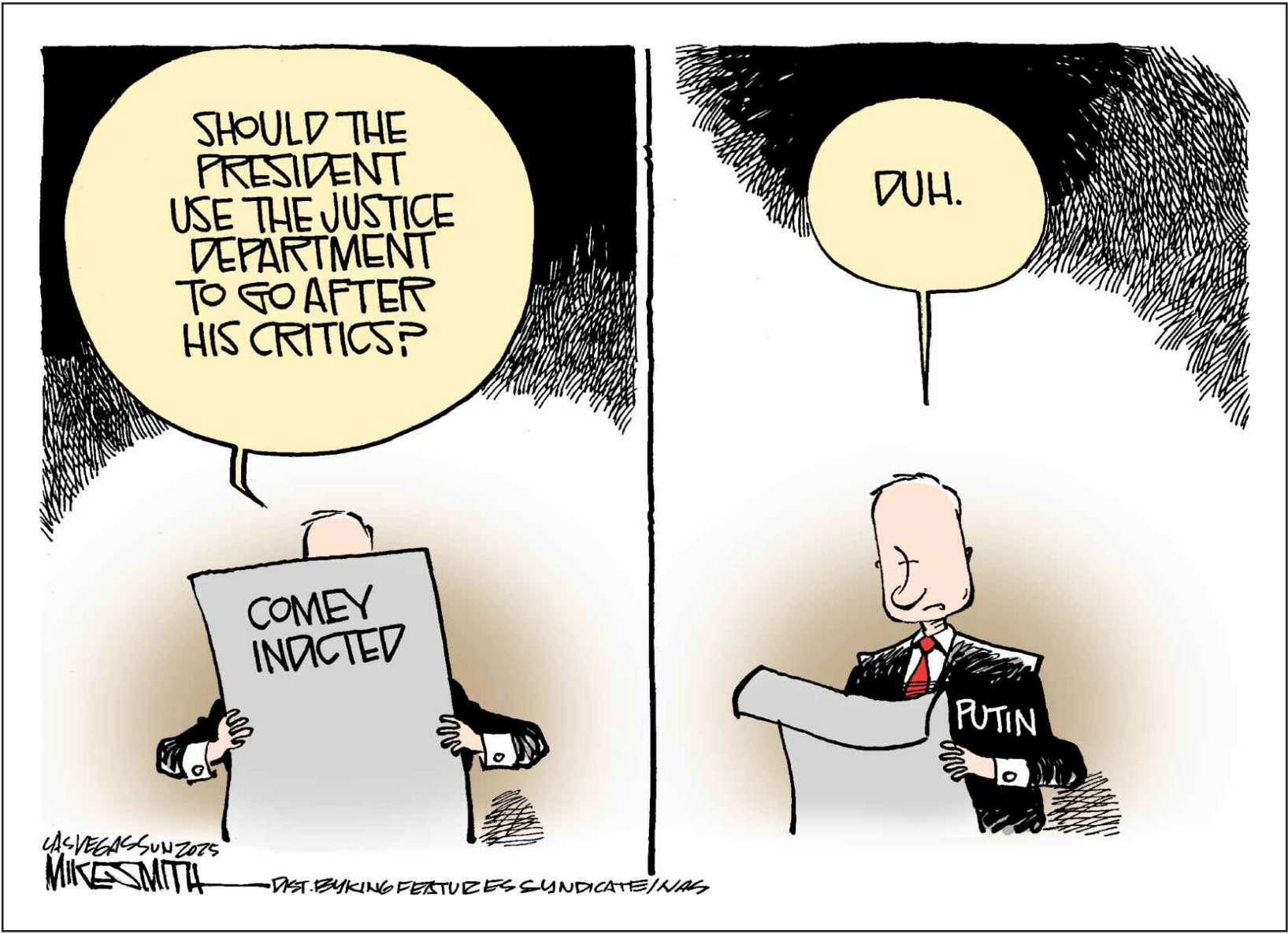
As he visited college campus-

es, Charlie Kirk took a similar approach and for a similar reason. "When people stop talking, really bad stuff starts," he once said.

This doesn't mean people won't passionately disagree. Neither Davis nor Kirk watered down their beliefs. But looking someone in the eye builds a human connection that's missing in the social media cesspools.

These debates won't happen when students at many schools and universities don't even feel comfortable expressing their opinions. Both parents and schools should do more to get children offline and engaged in face-to-face activities.

Restoring civil discourse requires breaking down the social media silos that segment society.



Keynesianism returns in a red hat

By **MICHAEL J. HICKS**

Federal Reserve's 0.25% interest rate cut, announced Sept. 17, will have little economic effect by itself. The most important aspect of the move is what it tells us about tariffs and the damage MAGA policies are having on the U.S. economy.

The Fed has a dual mandate to keep inflation and unemployment low. It cuts rates when the U.S. economy is slowing and labor markets show significant strain. Those things are happening now.

MAGA policies are affecting both the demand for, and supply of, labor.

Immigration into the U.S. has stopped and, with it, the largest source of employment growth. Higher prices on manufactured goods — particularly intermediate goods that go into the assembly of cars, consumer electronics, manufacturing equipment and other products — have already shaved 72,000 factory jobs this year. We should expect tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of more factory job losses in the coming months.

The Fed can affect only the demand side, and that capacity is weakening.

First, some of the demand for new goods and services comes from immigrants. Ending immigration will reduce economic growth in ways that are immune to the Fed's monetary policy.

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Second, tariffs make many products — homes, cars and business equipment — more expensive in ways that quickly spill over into services, like auto and home insurance and even Uber rides.

Finally, the growing budget deficit means market interest rates for cars, homes and other consumer goods will be less affected by Fed decisions.

The economic jargon for this last effect is the "transmission mechanism" for monetary policy. In a world of high federal deficits and debt, lenders price in expectations of higher inflation risk. Indeed, mortgage rates actually rose slightly after the Fed cut rates. This is the opposite of MAGA policy hopes, yet it is consistent with lenders fearing future inflation combined with slower growth.

MAGA policies will keep mortgages and consumer loan rates high — a sad fact we seem destined to live with for years.

The Fed cannot stimulate demand from families who aren't here, and it cannot reduce the effect of tariffs on prices by

changing monetary policy. So, however hard the Fed tries, its efforts to prevent a deepening economic downturn over the coming year will be muted.

Fed rate cuts will have only modest effects on growth, or none at all. But that might not even be the prime risk. The real challenge is that inflation remains too high.

Tariffs have caused prices to rise as businesses transfer the costs to consumers. So far in 2025, the tariff cost has been roughly \$900 per American. But, as I've written before, that isn't technically inflation because it doesn't affect salaries and wages — just prices.

The higher tariff prices will be a one-time price bump that reduces purchasing power of the average American by \$1,400 each year, for as long as the tariffs are in place. But they don't keep rising every year. If all the price increases we see are from tariffs, then the Fed is especially justified in cutting rates.

However, even without tariffs, getting inflation down to the Fed's 2% target has proved difficult, requiring significant increases in interest rates.

That may be because businesses and households have begun to anticipate inflation. Businesses keep raising prices, and workers demand higher wages (or change jobs) in response.

Once this trend is unleashed, it will almost certainly take a deep

recession to cleanse the economy of inflationary pressures. That is scary for anyone old enough to remember the 1970s or the 1981-82 downturn.

Another problem is the federal budget. The Big Beautiful Bill was the most inflationary piece of legislation in American history, adding more debt than the two COVID-era stimulus bills combined. This should trouble folks who remember a period of inflation that was really bad. I don't mean 2022-2024, which was a tepid bout of inflation by historical standards.

So, what Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said this week, and what the voting members revealed in their forecasts, is that the economy is slowing while inflation is far from under control. Financial markets for long-term borrowing of bonds and mortgages responded with deep concerns.

The fundamental worry is a slow-growing economy burdened by rising prices — or what economists call stagflation. The comments by Powell and the forecasts of the different Fed member banks all point towards that toxic mix of higher prices and slower economic growth.

The irony here is that it was stagflation in the 1970s that killed old-fashioned Keynesianism as a viable economic theory. Economic conservatives have been bashing Keynesian policies ever since.

The MAGA economic policies that are resurrecting stagflation are right out of the old-school Keynesianism of the '60s and '70s. High spending that results in historically large deficits, combined with higher taxes (tariffs) and a total disregard for an independent monetary policy, is making us look like Italy or Greece in the early 1970s.

MAGA economic policies have always been inconsistent and subject to the whims of the president. They have been framed in terms of fiscal probity and conservatism.

But, words alone do not make an economic policy. In its policies and actions, the huge deficits, the regressive import taxes and the rejection of monetary policy, MAGA is closer to old-school Keynesian policies than anything the U.S. has tried in half a century.

That one ended badly, whipping us back and forth between political majorities, while the economy slumped, prices rose and Americans grew furious. This time will end badly as well. The only questions are how bad, and how soon?

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Fr. Martin Sandhage
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nbholiness.com

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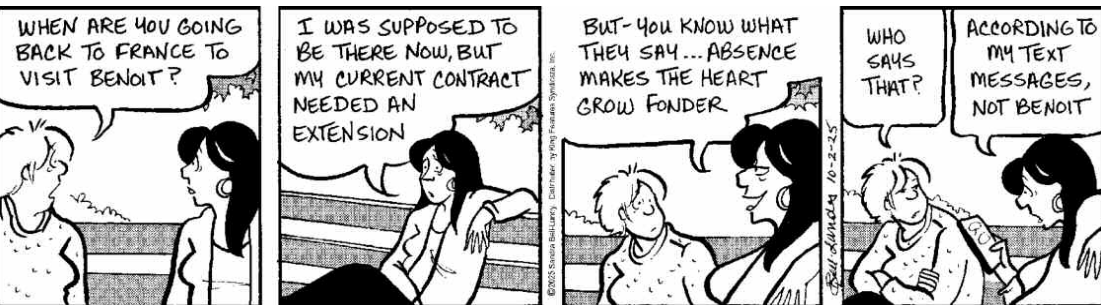
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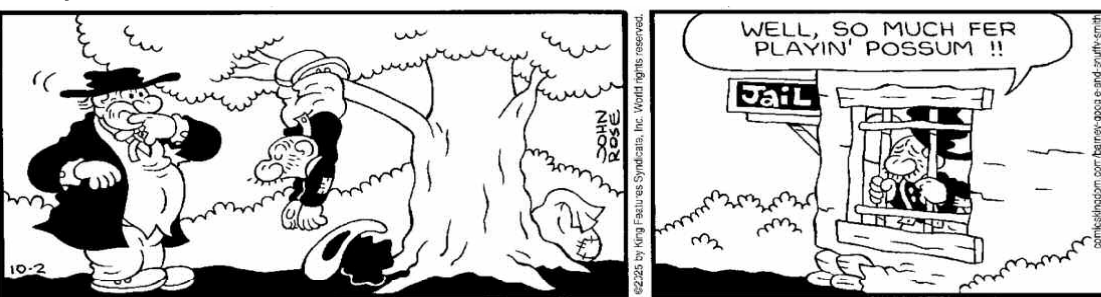
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Shifting defense

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

WEST		SOUTH	
♠ 9 5 4 3		♠ A K J 10 7	
♥ K 3 2		♥ A 10 4	
♦ A 8 5		♦ 7 6 4	
♣ K 10 7		♣ J 5	

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

Opening lead — two of hearts.
Assume you're West and that South gets to three notrump as shown. You have no clear-cut opening lead, but you decide, after considering the bidding, that the only real chance of defeating the contract is to find partner with good hearts.

So you lead a heart, and it immediately becomes apparent that you must have done something right, because when your partner plays the jack, it wins the trick. East returns the eight of hearts (his original fourth-best heart), and you

take declarer's ten with the king. You might mechanically continue with a third round of hearts at this point, but before you do, you should stop to analyze the situation.

If declarer's bidding is to be believed, he is virtually certain to have the A-K of spades and ace of hearts for his three-notrump bid. Translating that into tricks, South is sure to score a minimum of nine tricks — four diamonds, at least three spades, a heart and a club — if you return a heart at trick three.

Faced with this prospect, you arrive at the conclusion that the only chance to defeat the contract lies in finding partner with the queen of clubs. So, at trick three, you shift to the seven of clubs!

Declarer cannot cope with this deadly switch. The combination of your heart lead at trick one and your club shift at trick three renders him helpless. He cannot stop you from scoring two hearts, two clubs and a diamond before he can take nine tricks, and there is nothing he can do about it at any point in the play.

It is often said that defense is by far the most difficult part of the game. Undoubtedly it is, but as this deal illustrates so well, it is mostly a logical process. All that's required is the willingness to expend a little extra effort.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Jay County's onslaught snow-balled from there, with freshman Jacoby Penrod recording a hat trick within the first 25 minutes. Emmitt Reynolds, Raif Beiswanger and Collins also found the back of the net as Jay County took a 7-1 lead into halftime.

"It's just a hard team to beat," said Blackford (3-12-1) goalkeeper Jaden Aulbach, who recorded 10 saves in the contest but conceded all nine Patriot goals. "They play good, they pass well. It's nothing you can do about that. It's just a tough game."

Jay County's offensive outburst helped the team snap a skid of three straight losses and seven defeats in the last eight outings.

"After last game, we lost, and I feel like we had a lot of motivation coming into this game with it being Senior Night and just wanting to win it for the seniors," Penrod said.

With the result firmly in Jay County's control, the team shifted its focus to getting its younger players an opportunity while celebrating its pair of seniors, starting goalkeeper Peyton Yowell and defender Max Klopfenstein, as well as Mueller, an exchange student.

Yowell even shed his customary pink paraphernalia and donned the vacant No. 15 jersey for the Patriots, making a rare appearance playing the field in what he said might have been his favorite memory of his Jay County career. The senior made his final home game one to remember, doling out a pair of assists, first to Jaxson DeHoff before delivering the feed that led to Tony Beiswanger's late score.

"It's just so much fun," Yowell said. "I played a few minutes of JV, and asked coach, 'If we're up by a lot, can I go in?' and he was like, 'Yeah, sure.' I did what I could in the field to help my teammates (with) those assists because it's just fun to have everyone else have fun. Like that assist (for) Tony, I know that meant a lot to him."

Not only was the goal meaningful to Tony Beiswanger, it sparked elation on the entire Patriot sideline. The freshman's first career goal was even sweeter after a controversial ruling had wiped out what would have been his first junior varsity score a few matches prior.

"I was really glad that I redeemed it," Tony Beiswanger said. "Especially on varsity, and

that was my first time I've been on varsity. So I'm really glad I had that opportunity and I'm really glad that our team had that energy to keep it up and kept scoring."

While Klopfenstein didn't join his friend Yowell or Tony Beiswanger in the box score, the evening still gave the defender plenty to be happy about. Klopfenstein hadn't played soccer for several years before joining the Patriots this fall and making pivotal contributions on and off the field.

"Max is just a great leader in and out," Rodney Reynolds said. "You can hear him on the bench, when you put him in, he does what he needs to do, and for somebody that hasn't played soccer in six years, I think he's doing a phenomenal job."

Making the night extra special for Klopfenstein was the opportunity to share it with Yowell, who was instrumental in coaxing him back onto the pitch.

"A good friend of mine, Peyton Yowell, convinced me to join the team," Klopfenstein said. "For one last time, bring back some childhood memories, and I just want to thank Rodney (Reynolds) for allowing me to play today and this year."

Short ...

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LeFevre still always put himself in a position birdie every hole, but just couldn't finish the job on the green.

"He did keep himself in the round the entire day and just came up short a couple of putts," said FRHS coach Dean Sanders. "Putts just really weren't falling. I think that was for everybody today."

This was LeFevre's final round repping the Tribe.

He put together a strong senior season for Fort Recovery, earning match medalist 11 times, finishing with the third most Midwest Athletic Conference points and leading the Tribe to an 8-6 season.

Over the entire course of the season, he averaged 37.9 strokes per contest.

"Reece has meant a lot to this program," Sanders said. "He is obviously a great person. ...

He's someone who always carries our team and always uplifts our team. As in a golfer, he has worked so hard at this game. I'm so proud of everything he has done for us.

"I have never seen anybody work as hard at the game as he has and it's extremely heartbreaking to see this end today."

While LeFevre couldn't punch his ticket to Sunbury, he's walking away as one of the Tribe's more decorated golfers and with a plethora of knowledge that will help him grow his career as he moves on to college.

"I understand that there's a good chance I have four more years of golf to play collegiately," LeFevre said. "I kind of understand how the feel is and I got to take it with what I can and work off of it. ...

"I thought I was out of it after 12 holes but you just got to realize that you've gotta stay in it."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today

Jay County — Girls soccer at Muncie Central — 5 p.m.; Boys tennis hosts sectional final — 5 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Heritage — 6 p.m.; Junior high cross country at Driver/Centerville — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high football vs. Eastern Hancock — 6 p.m.; Junior high volleyball vs. Heritage — 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Volleyball (including freshmen) vs. Versailles — 4:30 p.m.; Middle school football at Marion Local — 5 p.m.; Middle school volleyball at St. John's — 5:30 p.m.

Friday, October 3

Jay County — Football at South Adams — 5 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Football vs. Marion Local — 7 p.m.

TV schedule

Today

1:08 p.m. — MLB Playoffs: Detroit Tigers at Cleveland Guardians (ESPN)

3:08 p.m. — MLB Playoffs: San Diego Padres at Chicago Cubs (ABC)

6:08 p.m. — MLB Playoffs:

Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees (ESPN)

7 p.m. — College volleyball: Creighton at Marquette (FS1)

8 p.m. — College volleyball: Illinois at Wisconsin (BTN)

8:15 p.m. — NFL: San Francisco 49ers at Los Angeles Rams (FOX)

9 p.m. — College volleyball: Utah at Arizona (FS1)

9:08 p.m. — MLB Playoffs: Cincinnati Reds at Los Angeles Dodgers (ESPN)

10 p.m. — College volleyball: Purdue at UCLA (FS1)

Friday

5:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Singapore Grand Prix (ESPN2)

3 p.m. — Premier League soccer: AFC Bournemouth at Fulham (USA)

3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: NCTS Playoff Race at Charlotte ROVAL (FS1)

7 p.m. — College football: Charlotte at South Florida (ESPN2)

7 p.m. — U20 World Cup soccer: Egypt at Chile (FS1)

10 p.m. — College hockey: Penn State at Arizona State (FOX)

10 p.m. — College football: New Mexico at San Jose State (FS1)

10:30 p.m. — College football: West Virginia at BYU (ESPN)

Local notes

Cooper to host

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Jay County boys soccer
beat up on Blackford,
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Fort Recovery volleyball
takes on Versailles today,
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Sports

Short game

LeFevre ends up two strokes away from state after struggling on greens

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review
MIAMISBURG, Ohio — Reece LeFevre had one of his toughest rounds of the season.
Yet still he had a chance on the final hole of the day to force a tie for the final state berth.
And while the determining shot came from 225 yards away from the hole, it was the greens that ultimately held the Indian senior back.
LeFevre, a Fort Recovery High School senior on the boys golf team, shot an 80 at the OHSAA Division III Southwest District tournament at PipeStone Golf Club on Tuesday to fall just two strokes short of a potential trip to the state tournament.
Only the top two teams advanced to the state tournament, which will be held at Northstar Golf Club on Oct. 13 and 14, while the two best individual scores from players not on advancing teams also made it through. While LeFevre's 80 finished just ninth overall in the district, he came up two strokes short of Russia's Leo Counts for a state berth. Matia Kastner of Seven Hills claimed the first spot at state with a one-over-par 73, which also earned district medalist honors.
"Dissapointed because I knew what needed to be done and what I can do," LeFevre said. "It was my worst round of the year unfortunately. I've been playing solid all year and just didn't have it. ... I brought about a B-instead of an A."
Despite not having the round he would have wanted — LeFevre finished with eight bogeys and 10 pars — prior to the 16th hole he realized he had a shot if he could find a way to shave two strokes off.
The FRHS senior hit the fair-



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Fort Recovery High School senior Reece LeFevre threads his golf ball through a pair of logs to give him one final shot at tying for the final state berth during the OHSAA Division III Southwest District tournament at PipeStone Golf Club on Monday.
way on both holes and found the green in regulation for good looks at birdie putts. On the 16th, his birdie putt broke right just a little early to miss by an inch and sit a few feet beyond the hole before he tapped in for par. On the 17th green, LeFevre putted from 15 feet away and had the ball rest right on the lip of the cup without falling in, forcing a second par.
If he wanted to tie Counts, he needed to eagle the 500-yard, par-5 18th hole.
"I knew I needed something special on the 18th," LeFevre said. "I understood that every

shot was just so important. To give myself a chance to tie and go into a playoff is just so important. ... Every shot is important, whether it's the end of the round or the beginning of the round."
His drive didn't help his cause as he pulled the ball so far to the left that he felt the need to hit a provisional (which would have needed to go directly in the hole had it counted). He ended up finding his ball in a red-staked area trapped between four large logs. The first log LeFevre easily moved so that he could get a clear visual on his ball, while teammates and an official helped him move a second to clear up the swing path for his club. However, there were two more, one on the ground and another two feet above, in the way of the fairway that he could not remove and would need to split.
With a potential trip to state on the line, LeFevre perfectly split the logs to punch out onto the fairway and even gained an extra 40 yards to get a clear look at the hole.
"That's not a shot you practice, but I understood from years of golfing how to hit the shot," LeFevre said.
He had one final attempt to hole the ball from 225 yards out, but the approach shot came up just 15 feet short on the green to end his chances.
He two-putted to finish hole No. 18 with a par.
Putting was what in large part held LeFevre back throughout the tournament, as he failed to one-putt a single green. The troubles started on the second hole, where he three-putted for bogey, and he just couldn't get something to fall after that.
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Review
preview
Friday - 7 p.m.



Jay County Patriots

Portland, 2-4, (1-3 ACAC)
Coach: Eddie Fields, first year (fifth overall)
Conference: Allen County
Last week at Woodlan: The Patriots' defense came through to force three turnovers in week six's 21-7 victory over the Warriors. Jay County gave up a touchdown on a 98-yard fumble return, but came back to score three times. Nick Laux punched in a pair of rushes just over 10 yards each and connected with Brady Jetmore for the other TD.
Season leaders: Passing — Nick Laux — 45-of-81 for 515 yards and five touchdowns. Rushing — Leighton Brown — 55 carries for 378 yards and two touchdowns. Receiving — Brady Jetmore — 17 catches for 260 yards and three touchdowns.

VS.

South Adams Starfires

Berne, 3-3, (1-2 ACAC)
Coach: Grant Mosser, 11th year
Conference: Allen County
Last week at Adams Central: The Starfires couldn't handle their county rivals as Adams Central claimed a 35-7 victory last week. South Adams' sole touchdown came from Tytus Lehman in the fourth quarter as he punched in a keeper.
Season leaders: Passing — Tytus Lehman — 106-of-166 for 1,382 yards and 15 touchdowns. Rushing —Will Patterson — 43 carries for 211 yards and three touchdowns. Receiving — Wesley Summersett — 34 catches for 602 yards and six touchdowns.



Last season: The Patriots couldn't take advantage of its opportunities against South Adams in a 34-14 loss. JCHS went down 14-0 at the half after getting stopped in the red zone and once again had the ball taken away in the end zone. The Patriots gained 81 yards more than SAHS, but couldn't finish drives. The Starfires had the big strike of the game on a 79-yard touchdown pass from Tytus Lehman to Derek McKean.
Game notes: This is the 12th matchup between the Patriots and the Starfires. South Adams leads the series 8-3 ... SAHS marched all the way to the semi-state tournament in 2024 before losing to state runner-up North Judson 46-0 ... Jay County has a 37.4 Sagarin rating, which is 229th overall and 46th in Class 3A. South Adams' 59.59 rating is 119th overall and fifth in Class 1A ... John Harrell projects Jay County to lose 38-14.

Bruins blitzed

Patriots rollick past Blackford on senior night

By ETHAN OSKROBA
The Commercial Review
The smile on Tony Beiswanger's face was almost as wide as the goal he'd just scored in.
The freshman's tally with just over a minute remaining in his varsity debut capped a jubilant Tuesday evening, as the Jay County High School boys soccer team blasted the Blackford Bruins 9-1 while celebrating senior night.
"Very strong outing from the guys," said Jay County coach Rodney Reynolds. "They came out, the passing was pretty phenomenal — it's going to be hard to guard. That's what we've been working up towards, is trying to make things happen, and I felt really comfortable with the way they started, the way they held the middle of the game and the end of the game. They played well."
The Patriots (6-8-1) established a rhythm as soon as the clock started rolling. Less than five minutes in, Jay County broke the ice



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when Elias Mueller converted a penalty kick after Blake Collins was dragged down in the box.
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