

Trump looks at slashing federal workers

President indicates possibility of cutting 'thousands' of jobs

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President Donald Trump is weighing slashing "thousands" of federal jobs ahead of a meeting with his budget director, Russell Vought, as the White House looks to ratchet up pressure on Democrats to end a government shutdown that has entered its second day. "It's likely going to be in the thousands," White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt told reporters on Thursday, saying that the "entire team at the White House" was working to identify possible cuts. "We're going to look at agencies that don't align with the administration's values, that we feel are a waste of the taxpayer dollar," she added. Leavitt's comments came after Trump on social media earlier Thursday said he planned to meet with Vought to "determine which of the many Democrat Agencies, most of which are a political SCAM, he recommends to be cut, and whether or not those cuts will be temporary or permanent." Republicans have sought to use the threat of permanent cuts to the federal bureaucracy to encourage Democrats to vote to reopen the government, and the White House has said firings could happen imminently. But some budget experts have argued that spending money to conduct permanent layoffs during a shutdown is illegal. House Speaker Mike Johnson defended Trump's move, saying that the president has the power to fire workers and cut spending during a shutdown. He pinned blame for the lapse in appropriations on Democrats. "If they keep the government closed it will get more and more painful," Johnson told reporters. The White House, he added, is "going to look to the administration's priorities and make sure they are funded." Vought has begun withholding spending for New York City transit projects and clean energy programs in states that voted for Democrat Kamala Harris in 2024. It's not yet clear what the scale of the federal downsizing could be, but Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, a West Virginia Republican, predicted there could be sizable cuts. See Slashing page 2



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Steed extinguishes

East Jay Elementary fifth grade teacher Jessica Steed puts out a controlled fire during a demonstration Thursday at Jay County Fairgrounds. Classes visited the fairgrounds for Jay County Safety Day, learning about safety protocols from various agencies, including Portland Fire Department and Jay Emergency Medical Service.

Braun downplays shutdown's impact

By WHITNEY DOWNARD
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Hours after Congress failed to advance a stopgap measure to prevent a government shutdown, Gov. Mike Braun minimized the potential impact on Hoosiers, saying Indiana "isn't as dependent on federal government largess." "We will get through it," said Braun at a public safety event Wednesday. "If Indiana does lose some benefits in the short run, if it's essential, we would look at maybe doing something to keep (them) in place." Indiana is the third-most reliant state when it comes to federal dollars. The former, one-term U.S. sena-

Governor says state would look at keeping essential benefits in place

tor harped on congressional budgeting — specifically, the nation's level of debt. "We're spending 30% more than we're taking in at the federal level," said Braun, noting that the nation's interest payments exceed annual spending on Medicare or defense. "... that explodes geometrically each year going forward. So they are going to have to figure out how they're going to start living within their means so that we're not putting that burden on future generations." A short-lived shutdown will likely have a minimal impact on the day-to-day lives of Hoosiers, with the exception of Indiana's 24,000 federal employees. Some of those will stop being paid or could even be laid off following threats from President Donald Trump. The last partial

government shutdown in 2018 lasted 35 days. However, as detailed by the IndyStar, lengthy shutdowns can hurt Hoosiers accessing government services, including food benefits, national parks or passport applications. On Wednesday afternoon, White House officials indicated a nutrition program for women, infants and children could "lapse." Indiana Congressman Jefferson Shreve, R-6th, said he will donate the equivalent of his shutdown pay to the Johnson County Boys and Girls Club. "Hoosiers deserve a government that works for them — not political games," he said. See Downplays page 2

Leaders push for peace plan

Arab, Muslim nations see campaign as a threat

By SAM DAGHER
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service
Arab and Muslim national leaders are pushing Hamas to accept the Gaza plan unveiled by U.S. President Donald Trump this week, saying the need to end the fighting surpasses concern about the finer details. See Plan page 2

While some aspects of the 20-point proposal differ from what Trump agreed with those leaders at a recent meeting in New York, they are united behind the goal of ending Israel's military offensive in the shattered territory, according to people with knowledge of the situation. The leaders see Israel's campaign in Gaza since the October 2023 Hamas attacks and the assertion of military hegemony over the Middle East as a threat to their own national security, said the people, who asked not to be identified in order to speak freely. See Plan page 2



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Evening harvest

A farmer harvests soybeans in a field on the south side of Tyson Road on Thursday evening. Farmers have had no problems getting into the fields with dry conditions and temperatures consistently in the upper 70s or 80s this fall.

In review

The Portland Foundation is accepting applications for its Jay County Agriculture 2025 grant cycle. Grants are available to tax-exempt organizations operating or proposing programs to benefit agriculture in Jay County. Applications are available at portlandfoundation.org. The deadline is Nov. 6.

Weather

The high temperature was 81 degrees Wednesday in Jay County. The low was 56. Tonight's low will be in the upper 50s. Expect sunny skies Saturday with a high in the mid 80s. Highs will continue to be in the 80s through at least Monday. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available from 9 a.m. to noon today in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, the parking lot east of Redkey Post Office and the parking lot south of Salamonina Fire Station.

Coming up

Saturday — Details from this week's Portland Board of Works meeting.
Tuesday — Results from the Jay County High School volleyball team's invitational.
Wednesday — Coverage of next week's Portland City Council meeting.



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“Do I think Russ Vought wants to shrink government in a dramatic way? Absolutely. He’s pretty clear about that,” Capito told CNBC Thursday.

The White House’s moves to pull back funding and dismiss federal workers aims to put pressure on Democrats to vote to

reopen the government. The hardball tactics go well beyond what is common in a shutdown, where typically many federal workers are furloughed and then receive back pay once the government is funded.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that about 750,000 employees will be furloughed during

the shutdown at a cost of \$400 million per day in lost compensation.

Neither the House nor Senate were scheduled to vote on Thursday, in observance of the Yom Kippur holiday. The Senate was slated to return on Friday, but it was not clear if they would work through the weekend. The House won’t

return to Washington until Tuesday.

Rep. Byron Donalds, a Florida Republican, said that he expects the impasse to continue into early next week, at least.

“I think it probably goes into next week, could be longer. It’s really up to Chuck Schumer,” Donalds said in an interview on Fox

Business Thursday, referring to the Senate Democratic leader.

Democrats are pushing for an extension of Affordable Care Act subsidies that expire at the end of the year. Republicans say they want to fund the government first before engaging in any negotiations on that issue.

“None of these shutdowns, whether they were Republican or Democratic inspired, have ever achieved their objective,” Rep. Tom Cole, the Oklahoma Republican who chairs the House Appropriations Committee, told Fox Business. “It’s a really dumb thing to do.”

Downplays ...

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One federal agency that won’t be impacted is Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE. That includes the millions slated to come to Indiana following a recent agreement to use empty prison bed space to house federal immigrant detainees at a profit.

“From the beginning, I said Indiana is going to be a state that’s going to cooperate with ICE. We’re not going to be a sanctuary state; we don’t have sanctuary cities,” said Braun.

“We still, though, suffer from the consequences of four years of open borders.”

He again emphasized his personal policy of “worst first,” meaning that immigration officials should prioritize removing criminal offenders. Early figures indicate that many of those arrested by ICE have no criminal background.

WTHR reported that the Miami Correctional Facility is set to start receiving detainees, with less than 100 scheduled to arrive this week as clergy con-

tinue to protest. The state agreed to appropriate nearly \$16 million for facility upgrades last month.

Though Republicans are still drumming up support for mid-decade redistricting in a special session, Braun said that such a session wouldn’t include a legislative follow-up to Senate Enrolled Act 1. The priority bill limited how much local government units could collect in property taxes, shifting some of the taxing burden to local income taxes.






But those local income taxes need to be approved annually, threatening the credit rating of some municipalities. Braun said he didn’t think it would be dealt with because “generally, taxpayers are happy with the results of it.”

In contrast, legislative leaders said last month that changes to the law would be a top priority, such as delaying certain deadlines to better assess the bill’s impact. Many governments, public schools and libraries have cut services

in response to the funding cuts.

Despite nearly two months of constant pressure from the White House, including private meetings with Vice President JD Vance and Trump himself, no special session on redistricting has been scheduled. Previously, Braun floated the possibility of an early November special session.

When asked, Braun said redistricting was a daily topic among lawmakers and “evolving.”

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Saturday 10/4	Sunday 10/5	Monday 10/6	Tuesday 10/7	Wednesday 10/8
 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.	 86/63 Monday's weather looks like mostly sunny skies with highs around 86 degrees.	 78/51 There's a 60% chance of showers on Tuesday, when the high may reach 78.	 65/38 Mostly sunny skies are expected Wednesday when there's a low around 38.

Lotteries	
Powerball 8-17-22-28-55 Power Ball: 14 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$195 million	Daily Four: 4-9-2-7 Quick Draw: 2-8-14-15-22-28-29-30-35-42-45-49-53-59-63-65-66-70-74-79 Cash 5: 7-10-12-21-43 Estimated jackpot: \$361,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$520 million	Ohio Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 1-5-7 Pick 4: 2-3-3-2 Pick 5: 9-0-9-4-9 Evening Pick 3: 0-6-1 Pick 4: 0-0-9-8 Pick 5: 5-9-4-9-4 Rolling Cash: 1-4-10-21-32 Estimated jackpot: \$163,000
Hoosier Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 3-9-0 Daily Four: 2-6-1-6 Quick Draw: 5-10-12-19-22-33-35-37-45-47-51-52-53-54-56-67-70-71-72-73 Evening Daily Three: 1-6-3	

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Today in history	
<p>In 1941, Adolf Hitler declared in a speech in Berlin that Russia had been “broken” and would “never rise again.”</p> <p>In 1970, the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration was established under the Department of Commerce.</p> <p>In 1974, Frank</p>	<p>Robinson was named Major League Baseball’s first Black manager as was he hired by the Cleveland Indians.</p> <p>In 2022, Jay County Council agreed to incorporate raises ranging from 6% to 31% into the county’s 2023 budget.</p> <p>—The CR</p>

Citizen’s calendar	
Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	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.
Tuesday 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community	7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, School-house Community Center.

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Israel has been seeking to destroy Hamas for almost two years, devastating Gaza in the process and precipitating a humanitarian crisis, with scenes of dying and starving Palestinians broadcast around the world.

The conflict has expanded over that time to include Israeli campaigns in Lebanon, Syria and Yemen, as well as direct exchanges of missile fire with Iran. Last month, Israel struck Qatar in an attempt to kill Hamas officials present there. On Monday, as part of the U.S. peace initiative, Netanyahu made a joint call with Trump to Qatar’s prime minister and expressed “deep regret” for the strike. The attack killed a Qatari security guard and enraged the Gulf state, a key mediator between Israel and Hamas.

One senior regional official, who was

in New York last week and was fully briefed on Trump’s meeting with Arab and Muslim leaders at the United Nations General Assembly, said it was expected that the plan announced by Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu would diverge in some ways from what they had agreed with the Americans. The official declined to elaborate, stressing that it’s important not to lose sight of what he called wins for Palestinians and Arab and Muslim nations, including an end to the idea of displacing Gazans from the territory.

The document doesn’t answer a number of questions, particularly those associated with transitional governance of Gaza and the deployment of a so-called International Stabilization Force to train and support Palestinian police forces.

Capsule Reports

Combine fire
A Bryant farmer’s combine caught on fire Tuesday.

Bryant Fire Department received a call about 3:41 p.m. about a 1993 Case IH 1666 combine on fire at the intersection of county roads 700 East and 400 North, Portland.

A belt had come loose, and the friction and dust caused it to ignite in a few spots.

Firefighters put out the flames in about 10 minutes. Damage was mostly limited to the combine’s belt.

A/C fire
An outdoor air conditioning unit was damaged Tuesday in a fire.

Portland Fire Department responded to Accelerated Curing, 304 E. 100 North, Portland, about 3:34 p.m. for an air condi-

tioning unit on fire. Three firetrucks and seven firefighters arrived on scene, extinguishing the flames in about 3 minutes.

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New club

Jay Noon Connections Optimist Club has been formed in Jay County. This Optimist Club includes business leaders meeting the needs of children in our community and bringing out the best in Jay County youth. Pictured above are Vice President of Middle America Optimist International Sandy Doyle swearing in members of the new club.

Younger neighbors make backhanded compliments

DEAR ABBY: I am 54 and already facing ageism. Some of my neighbors who are in their 30s and 40s make ageist statements aimed at me. These people do not know me but happen to live in my building. One time, I was wearing a brand-new purple winter coat I loved. It was a gift from a close friend. A woman complimented me on my coat, followed by, "I didn't know you could wear something like that at your age." I was offended but remained silent and didn't react emotionally.

The next incident occurred in front of a group of people in the elevator. I was going down with my new mountain bike ready to take it for a spin when a young couple got on. The man said, "Nice bike! I didn't know

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people your age could still ride mountain bikes." His girlfriend covered her mouth with her hand, and everyone collapsed into laughter. Again, I chose not to react.

Abby, it's getting to the point where I just pop on headphones and focus on my music when I'm in the elevator or common areas of my building. Are there any good comebacks to these ageist barbs? I haven't reacted because my dignity is important to my personal growth and

well-being. Is it best to remain silent? What do you suggest? — GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY

DEAR GROWING OLD: At 54, you aren't over the hill. I see people in their 70s and 80s who are active, vital and attractive. You aren't going to teach classless younger people any lessons, so keep your reaction good-humored. When it happens again, and it may, smile and tell the "youngster" you hope they are lucky enough to (do this, wear this, etc.) when they reach your age. Then keep on walking (or biking) and don't look back.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a neighbor who lets his young son ride his small but still fast motorcycle up and down our street with-

out a helmet. The boy appears to be around 8 years old. The father is also a rider, and I'm surprised he allows this. Every time I see it, I feel angry at the parent and terrified for the kid. I'm on the verge of calling child protective services. Isn't this against the law? What should I do as a responsible adult? — TERRIFIED NEIGHBOR

DEAR TERRIFIED: Have you spoken to the boy's father about your concerns, which are valid, and been ignored? In most states, helmets are mandatory for minors. (Only 13 states do not require that they be worn.) Go online and check whether your state requires helmets. If it does, and the father is resistant, contact child protective services.

While this may seem extreme, as I read your letter, I was reminded of a conversation I once had with the director of an organ donation organization. In the course of our conversation, I wondered aloud who the "ideal" organ donor might be. His response floored me. He said, "A 19-year-old man on a motorcycle." In that vein, I am sure organs from a younger child would be just as welcome, if not more.

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Community Calendar

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

Today

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

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.

CININNATUS 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 – BRANNA'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.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

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

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

Tuesday

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

A BETTER LIFE – BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

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Thursday's Solution

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By MORTON J. MARCUS

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Don’t get me wrong. I admire Costco and the excess I describe above are items in my home. The store makes shopping an infrequent adventure. Frequent changes of product location, conjoined with the absence of signage indicating the contents

Morton J. Marcus



of each aisle, makes shopping a safari searching through stacks of sustenance.
With nearly 30% of housing units occupied by one person in Indiana and the United States as a whole, Costco fits right in with the lifestyles of the relatively wealthy who need time for the internet and don’t get joy from establishing relationships with

food and grocery vendors. Costco is not for people who consume small quantities on a small budget and do not have massive SUVs to transport home their gargantuan gobbles of goodies.
It’s another example of the dehumanizing effects of economies of scale. The more we buy, the less contact we have with the people who are selling or making the products.
Across the world, the American-sized refrigerator is a luxury item. But if your kitchen is big enough, you can have a refrigerator and a freezer in one massive unit, the surface of which can be used for photos, cartoons, and reminders of

what you need on your next excursion into the wilds of Costco.
Because we seek extensive space for our domestic activities (including working at home or searching for a job at home, on line), the average size of our dwellings had been growing annually. Even the decline attributed to the high costs of production and purchase, over from 2022 through 2024, was only 5%. During that period, the median size of a single family home built in this nation was 2,200 square feet. The average had been 2,422 square feet.
Apartments and other attached units, which are two-thirds of all units constructed

in the past three years, have offered, on average, 1,055 square feet. Contrast that with the cozy units Ikea showcases at 300 to 500 square feet or the cute tiny fantasy units featured on TV for aspiring hermits.
America has become a victim of consumer sovereignty. We can neglect our potholes, destroy public education and allow our libraries to collect dust, as long as we have our smart phones charged, ready for instant communication with people we hardly know.
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Let’s put end to shutdowns

By ANDY BARR
Lexington Herald-Leader
Tribune News Service

Every year, hardworking American families sit around their kitchen tables and make sure their bills are paid.

They don’t get to “shut down” their household if they miss a deadline. They make adjustments, tighten their belts, and do what’s necessary to keep the lights on and food on the table. Congress should be held to the same standard.

Unfortunately, Washington has developed a dangerous habit of letting partisanship produce government shutdown after government shutdown. In this recent episode of the government shutdown saga, House Republicans did our job; we passed a plan endorsed by President Trump to keep the government open and funded. But because of Senate Democrats and Chuck Schumer, we are staring down the possibility of another disastrous government shutdown later this month.

These shutdowns delay paychecks for more than 800,000 Americans, including military members. Government shutdowns keep our TSA employees and air traffic controllers working without certainty and create chaos for families who rely on basic government services.

Goldman Sachs estimates that each week of a shutdown can reduce the quarterly Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth by approximately 0.2%age points. A 2019 report in the U.S. Senate showed that shutdowns in 2013, 2018, and 2019 cost taxpayers \$4 billion. Government shutdowns undermine confidence in our institutions, rattle our economy, and send the wrong message to our adversaries abroad.

It’s time to put an end to this once and for all. That is why I’ve introduced the End Government Shutdowns Act. Under my bill, if Congress fails to pass regular appropriations on time, an automatic continuing resolution takes effect. This means federal agencies remain funded at 99% of the prior year’s funding level for 30 days. If Congress still cannot agree on a new budget, funding is reduced by an additional 1% every 30 days until a budget is passed.

So not only will we ensure that we keep paychecks flowing to the families of hardworking military and law enforcement families, but we also will put pressure on Congress to strike a new deal.

Andy Barr



Critics of shutdowns often point to the staggering costs they impose. During the 2018-19 shutdown — the longest in our nation’s history — federal employees missed paychecks, small businesses waiting on federal permits were left in limbo, and there were billions of dollars in estimated lost economic output.
Beyond the numbers, the damage to morale and trust was immeasurable. It is unconscionable to ever again ask a young soldier deployed overseas or a Border Patrol agent on duty to secure finances for their families through costly short-term loans or borrowing money to cover expenses because politicians can’t do their jobs.

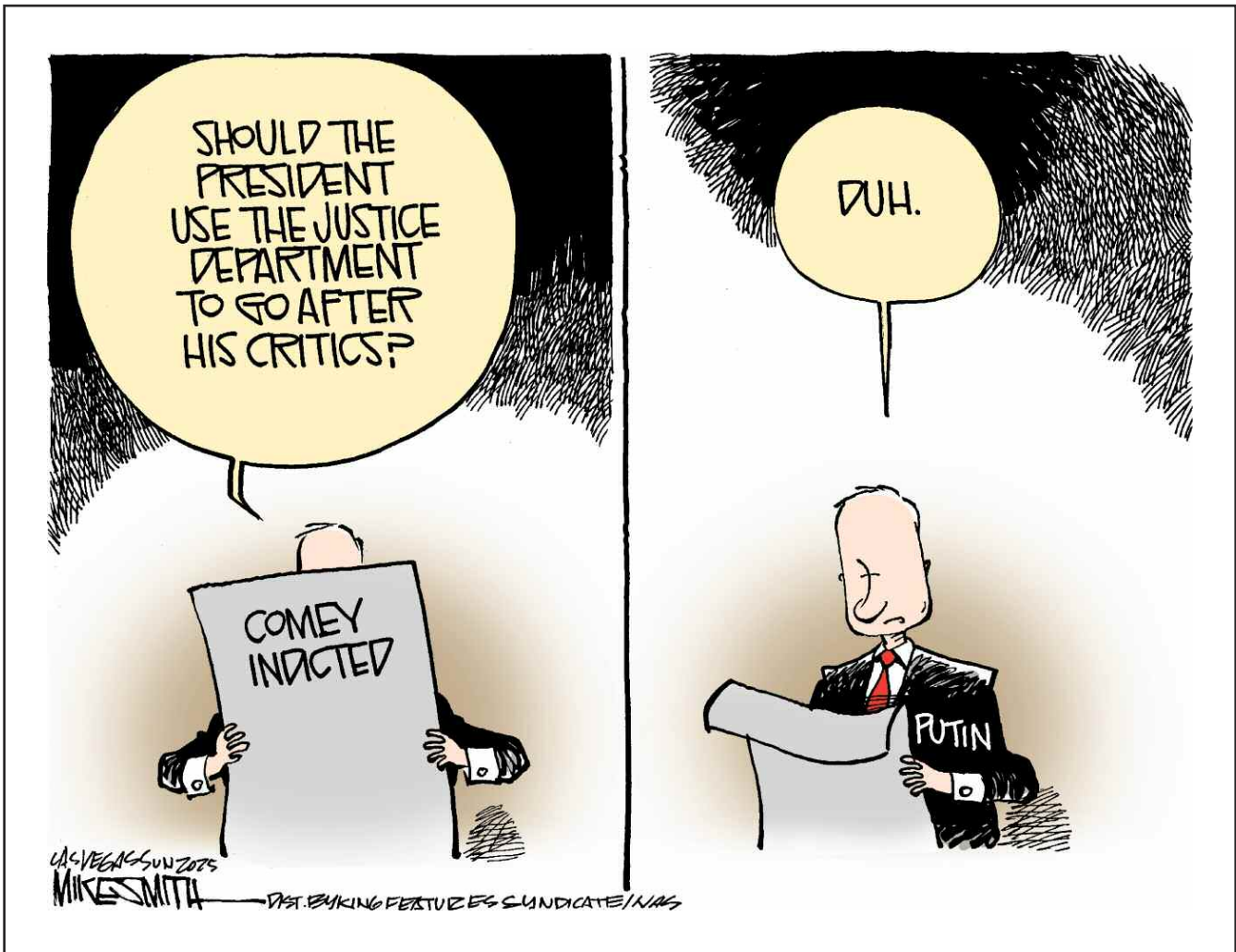
Some will say Congress shouldn’t need an automatic mechanism to do its job. I agree. In a perfect world, the threat to American families’ livelihoods alone would lead to timely budgets. But history has shown otherwise. My legislation is not about giving one side an advantage, it is about protecting Americans from harm and restoring accountability to the process.

The stakes are too high to continue lurching from crisis to crisis. Our men and women in uniform should never be pawns in political fights. Our families shouldn’t wonder whether they will receive their next paycheck to keep the lights on and food on the table. Americans shouldn’t wonder if the airport security line will be staffed. Our veterans, seniors, and taxpayers deserve predictability, not uncertainty.

The End Government Shutdowns Act is about responsibility — responsibility to the people we serve, to the men and women who defend us, and to the principles of good governance. It keeps the lights on in Washington, but more importantly, it keeps faith with the American people.

It’s time we put an end to government shutdowns for good.

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City can’t become a prop

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Let’s be clear: There is zero cause or justification for President Donald Trump to send federal troops to Portland and authorize “full force.”

Despite Trump’s bluster over the very limited protests outside the Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in South Portland, the city is not “war ravaged,” nor is the ICE building “under siege” by “domestic terrorists.”

Portlanders, of course, know this already, because we live, work and raise our families here. We know from our daily routines — school drop-offs, commutes through the city and evening get-togethers — that Trump’s characterizations are divorced from reality. While the modest protests outside the ICE building have occasionally resulted in arrests and have frustrated neighbors, the reality does not remotely match what Trump has described. And some scuffles, according to Portland Police, appear to have been provoked by federal officers themselves.

We also recognize, however, that millions of people outside of Portland may not know what to believe. Some conservative outlets have further distorted the picture by airing cherry-picked footage from 2020, when protests regularly turned destructive.

That makes our next steps as a community all the more critical. Oregonians must resist reacting impetuously to Trump’s bombast or actions, which will only feed negative narratives used to discredit our values. We cannot allow Portland to be turned into a prop for Trump’s authoritarian theatrics.

Gov. Tina Kotek and Portland Mayor Keith Wilson are setting the right tone, with sober leadership that emphasizes strategy over rhetoric. At a press conference in downtown Portland yesterday, as people biked and

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walked past in the background, Kotek and Wilson emphatically refuted the need for federal troops while urging people to remain calm. Kotek also said she would not approve deployment of the Oregon National Guard in Portland and is talking with Attorney General Dan Rayfield about next steps.

But they can take other actions as well. Kotek and Wilson should acknowledge that federal agencies have the right to ensure their own security even as the city and state object to immigration enforcement. While Portland Police has been assessing and reassessing how to keep the peace without supporting ICE activities, they should ensure that business owners’ and residents’ concerns are factored in. And they can encourage Oregonians to take actions like flooding the White House with messages objecting to Trump’s decision or continuing the grassroots social media campaign that shows the beauty of living in Portland. Staying coolheaded while showing Oregonians that they are looking at all legal and logistical ways to protect Oregon’s interests will help keep the temperature down.

We hope to see other elected officials, including Republicans, also push back on the misleading narratives and advocate for the Trump administration to engage with Oregon’s leaders rather than send in troops. Republicans who disagree with Oregon’s sanctuary status can voice their positions while still supporting broad deference to local communities’ autonomy over public safe-

ty and protest policies. The handful of criminal incidents connected with the ICE demonstrations do not merit the president’s five-alarm-fire treatment, which seems more about using Portland as an effigy for liberal values than a legitimate exercise for federal interests.

Unfortunately, we’re seeing some politicians jump on the Trump bandwagon. Labor Secretary Lori Chavez-DeRemer, bounced by voters in 2024 from her Oregon congressional seat, praised and parroted Trump, alleging that she has seen “how lawlessness has transformed Portland from a beautiful place to live to a crime-ridden war zone.” Oregon House Republican Leader Christine Drazan similarly offered dystopian language warning of “violent mobs” and “domestic terrorists.” These characterizations are neither accurate nor helpful in defusing a situation that begs for statesmanship.

But Portlanders must do their part and not play right into Trump’s hands. It’s unclear even at this stage whether Trump will follow through with sending troops. “At the end of the day, this may be a show of force. But that’s all it is, it’s a big show,” Wilson said. Portlanders should not give it the audience that the Trump administration craves.

Certainly, Portland, like other cities across the country, has its problems. Some of those problems stem from Portland’s mishandled protests in 2020, which caused damage that continues to plague our economy and reputation.

But those setbacks only reveal how profoundly dedicated Portlanders are to our city. Challenges and mistakes aren’t reason to abandon the city — rather, they lead people to work even harder.

That commitment and grit have carried the city through crises and change. They can carry it through this moment as well.

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Fewer resources available

Options limited for soybean farmers affected by tariffs

By **BROOKS JOHNSON, CHRISTOPHER VONDRACEK and COLE REYNOLDS**
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The White House came to farmers' rescue during President Donald Trump's first trade war.

This second time around a bailout isn't so simple.

That's because this summer, Trump's big tax and spending bill drained the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), a \$30 billion financing arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), to instead fund crop-stabilization programs.

Now the White House and Congress are scrambling to deliver emergency aid to row-crop farmers after the administration's trade war with China tanked their soybean markets.

"I don't know if [farmers] can expect what happened last time to happen this time," said Gbenga Ajilore, a former USDA staffer and chief economist at think tank Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

In 2018 and 2019 during the previous trade war with China, Trump paid farmers by tapping \$28 million from the CCC. Former President Joe Biden also used the fund to offset fertilizer price



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Soybean pods dry out before harvest in a field outside Redwood Falls, Minnesota, on Sept. 10. China is not buying U.S. soybeans this year in retaliation for tariffs on its exports, leaving a lot of beans without a buyer and prices so low farmers are asking for extra assistance from the federal government to get by.

increases after the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

China, in retaliation for tariffs on its exports, isn't buying U.S. soybeans this year. That's pushed prices well below break-even for most farmers, especially given the rising costs of farming, from fertilizer to machinery.

When Republicans, via the spending bill, spent a large chunk of next year's CCC funds on price-loss programs this summer, it

left very little for tariff relief. And soybean farmers are hurting now.

"Everyone's talking about, 'How do we get farmers through to October of '26,'" said Jennifer Ifft, an agriculture economist at Kansas State University. "They might have to go to Congress."

Joel Schreurs, a farmer in Tyler, Minn., recently did the math on crop prices for corn and soy.

"If you farm 1,000 acres, you could be looking at a

\$170,000 deficit," he said. "I don't think people realize how much of a need there is for more markets, higher prices or some kind of compensation."

Schreurs, also a Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council board member, said a friend summed it up well: "It's the perfect storm of ugly."

Some politicians have floated sending tariff revenue to farmers, but those billions are on hold while

the Supreme Court weighs whether Trump's tariffs are legal.

"Not only did we get nailed on the product we're trying to sell, we've also been paying extra for a lot of the chemicals that come out of China or other countries," Schreurs said.

Any aid package will take careful engineering in a closely divided Congress.

"If we're going to be used as a bargaining chip," he said, "there's got to be some type of compensation."

Last week, USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins spoke about aid for farmers who, in her words, "are facing very very difficult times."

"We are currently in conversations here at the White House, across the government, on a farmer aid package," Rollins said.

Sen. Amy Klobuchar, the highest-ranking Democrat on the Senate Agriculture Committee, said Congress should approve aid for soybean farmers but called any action a "short-term fix."

She'd prefer pairing a bailout with restoring SNAP payments through a new farm bill and enacting year-round sales of E-15 fuel.

"The farmers I know would rather have trade [than aid]," Klobuchar

said. "The number one thing is to get rid of these tariffs."

Trump himself acknowledged farmers' pain when he brought up redirecting tariff revenue to farmers.

"We're going to give it to our farmers who are, for a little while, going to be hurt," Trump said last week. "Until it kicks in, the tariffs kick in, to their benefit."

Rep. Brad Finstad, a southern Minnesota Republican who sits on the House Agriculture Committee, told WCCO Radio last week he has experienced the soybean market crunch on his own family farm.

"We have sat with our head in the sand being content that China was gobbling up 60 percent of our soybeans, and we did nothing to diversify our partners and our trade opportunities," Finstad said.

Finstad did not respond to a request for further comment.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen said farmers deserve to know how long the pain will last.

"What does that mean to him, how long?" he said. "Because a lot of our farmers, on the calls I'm getting, they don't have a lot of time."

Take time to consider software options

By **CHERI BURK**
Michigan State University Extension

Running a successful farm today requires more than just agricultural know-how; it also demands smart financial management.

Whether you are managing a small family farm or a large-scale agribusiness, choosing the right accounting software can streamline operations, improve decision-making and ensure compliance with tax regulations.

Here is a guide to help you select the best accounting software for your farm:

Understand needs

Before diving into software options, assess your farm's specific requirements:

- Size and complexity: Does the operation involve multiple crops, livestock or locations?
- Employees and payroll: Is there a need to handle payroll, benefits or seasonal workers?
- Inventory tracking: Should feed, seed, fertilizer or equipment be tracked?
- Financial reporting: Are

Right choice can help with decision-making and compliance

detailed reports required for lenders or tax purposes?

Key features to look for

When evaluating accounting software, identify which features are most important for your farm's needs:

- Farm-specific chart of accounts and units of measure: Tailored categories and units for agricultural income and expenses.
- Inventory and asset tracking: Manage livestock and crop inventory and/or track machinery purchases.
- Payroll integration: Easily handle wages and benefits for seasonal and full-time employees.
- Mobile access: Ability to

update records from the field or barn.

•Cloud-based vs. desktop: Access your data anywhere from the web or use desktop software if internet service is unreliable.

•Multiple users: Define roles for each user and have multiple users using the application at the same time.

•Tax compliance: Generate reports for Schedule F and other farm-related tax forms.

•Integration with banks and credit cards: Automate transaction imports and reconciliations to reduce data entry.

Consider budget

Prices vary widely — from free or low-cost options for small

farms to premium solutions for large operations. Consider:

- Subscription fees: One-time purchase or subscription costs per month or year.
- Add-ons: Payroll, inventory, or mobile access may be included or may cost extra.
- Support and training: Some platforms offer free onboarding, while others charge for support.

Software options

There are various choices for accounting software, some of which are focused on agriculture while others are more broad-based.

Software packages that are designed for agriculture include PCMars, Ambrook, EasyFarm, FarmRaise, Traction and Center-Point Accounting.

More general accounting software options include QuickBooks Online, Quicken and Wave.

Test before you commit

Most software providers offer free trials or demos. Use this time to:

•Explore the interface and its ease of use.

•Test key features such as invoicing, expense tracking, and reporting.

•Evaluate how responsive customer support is.

Work with accountant

Involve your accountant, bookkeeper or farm business management professional in the decision. They can:

•Recommend software that integrates with their systems, possibly saving time and money or facilitating tax planning and reporting.

•Help set up your chart of accounts to best match your farm's needs.

•Ensure compliance with tax laws and reporting standards.

Choosing the right accounting software is an investment in a farm's future.

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Snow ...

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“I was just kind of ready,” said Snow, who had played in two varsity matches this season. “I knew he might not be able to play today. I got the call last night. ...

“I was out here right after school ... warming up ... and locking in.”

“We were really just getting them over the net and making them make the errors,” he added. “And then playing up on the net as well.”

As he walked off the court Wednesday night, Snow wasn’t sure if he’d be back Thursday or if Carpenter would be available to return. Either way, he was happy to be able to contribute to what the Patriots hope will be another sectional title.

“Anything that helps the team,” said Snow. “Anything that I can do that helps the team is really what I’m here for.”

Paul Dirksen walked off the court a minute later with another 6-0, 6-0 victory for the Patriots. The freshman No. 1 singles player did essentially whatever he wanted against Union City junior Gabriel Thomas, who

played at the No. 3 spot when the teams met in August.

“He’s just a strong player overall,” Gar-ringer said.

A win at No. 2 doubles secured a spot in the sectional final for the Patriots. Up 5-2 in the second set, Gabe Overton double faulted on his opening serve. But he and teammate Brock Was-son didn’t have to do much after that as they earned the next four points off of Union City errors to beat Gabriel Tapp and Asa Vaughn 6-1, 6-2.

“We came with the understanding that this was probably what the outcome was going to be,” said UCHS coach Charlie LaFuze, whose team lost 5-0 to Jay County during the regular season.

It took Henry Dirksen some time to get going, but he was able to overcome Luis Nieto at No. 2 singles. He dropped the first set to Nieto, who played at No. 1 in the first meeting, before rallying for a 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 triumph.

The lone loss for the Patriots came at No. 3 singles, where Clark Wellman fell 6-1, 6-3 to Levi Clark.



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Four ...

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The Tribe’s best score came from Mallory Evers, who shot her season best 94 to place 28th. (Her previous best 18-hole score of 95 came at both the sectional and Midwest Athletic Conference championship.)

Evers shot a bogey and two double-bogeys during the opening crawl before finding her groove. She finished the back nine with five straight bogeys and a par on the 403-yard, par-5 18th hole.

At the turn, Evers picked right back up where she left off with the more bogeys. On hole No. 1, a 302, yard, par-4, the senior aimed her drive off to the left to land in the center of the fairway on the dogleg left.

Sitting 100 yards away, Evers over-shot the green to land on the back fringe. Her first putt traveled just over half of the 25-foot distance to the cup and a second put her within inches before tapping in for bogey.

“I was actually proud that I hit my drive somewhat straighter than I had all day,” Evers said. “I chipped it on and I ended up three putting, but again, the greens were up-and-down and side-to-side, so it was hard to read, but I just kept going.”

Evers had two more hiccups in her

round, but otherwise played bogey golf.

Olivia Knapke posted the second best score for Fort Recovery with 101 strokes. The senior had an up-and-down match with highs that included five pars and a birdie on the 413-yard, par-5 and lows that included a double-par on hole No. 2 and a 10 on the par-4 10th hole.

“I really credit their mental fortitude,” Steinbrunner said. “Olivia goes out there and has a rough hole one, puts two of them out of bounds to start and takes a 10, and is able to back that up with a par and a birdie.

“That girl can go out and just play every stroke like she’s having the most fun in the world. That’s what golf’s about and that’s what all these girls are about.”

Joining Evers with season lows in 18-hole contests were Evvie Briner with a 103 and Cora Pearson, who shot a 109.

Briner put up a 51 on the back nine that included a par on the 13th hole and a bogey on No. 12, while five bogeys led to a 52 on the front.

Pearson’s day started slower with three bogeys on the back line, leading to a 56 and three pars on the front to net the sophomore a 53. One of those

Fort Recovery High School’s Mallory Evers chips onto the third green at PipeStone Golf Club during the district tournament on Wednesday. Evers, who led the Tribe with 94 strokes, is one of four seniors along with Olivia Knapke, Evvie Briner and Georgia Wenning were the other three seniors that gave Fort Recovery its first Midwest Athletic Conference championship and second district appearance.

pars came on the final hole of the day, a 269-yard, par-4.

She striped her tee shot on the ninth hole down the right rough about five yards off the fairway and 125 yards to the green. Her approach shot put her on within nine feet of the cup and she two putted to make par.

FRHS senior Georgia Wenning finished just behind Pearson for a 110 that didn’t impact the final score. The highlight of her round was a par on the first hole.

While the Tribe wasn’t able to make a run to state, the four seniors, who were all a part of the 2024 squad that earned the first Midwest Athletic Conference title in program history and earned the second trip to the district tournament in program history. (The first trip to the district came in 2020, when the Tribe competed in the northwest.)

“It was definitely really exciting and I think we’ve really been through so many fun things together and we just appreciated it,” Briner said. “We’ve had a lot of opportunities and the fact that we made it this far was crazy to us and MAC champions last year; that was really awesome. We still talk about it and how unexpected it was.”

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Football at South Adams — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Football vs. Marion Local — 7 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Cross country at Ed Lease Classic — 9 a.m.; Boys soccer at Huntington North — 10 a.m.; JV boys soccer at Huntington North — 12 p.m.; JV volleyball in Patriot Invite — 9:30 a.m.; Junior high cross country at Winchester Invitational — 9 a.m.; Junior high volleyball in Patriot Invitational — 9:30 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Cross country at Lions Meet at Coldwater — 9 a.m.; Volleyball at Ansonia — 10 a.m.; JV football at Marion Local — 10 a.m.; Middle school cross country at Lions Meet at Coldwater — 9 a.m.

TV schedule

Today
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)

Saturday
3 a.m. — MotoGP: Grand Prix of Indonesia (FS1)
5:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Singapore Grand Prix (ESPN2)
7:30 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Leeds United at Tottenham Hotspur (USA)
9 a.m. — Extreme E: Desert X-Prix (FS1)
10 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Manchester United at Sunderland (USA)
12 p.m. — College football: Kentucky at Georgia (ABC); Wisconsin at Michigan (FOX); Illinois at Purdue (BTN); Clemson at North Carolina (ESPN); Iowa State at Cincinnati (ESPN2); Air Force at Navy (CBS)
12 p.m. — Horse racing: America's Day at the Races (FS1)
12:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Chelsea at Liverpool FC (NBC)

3 p.m. — College football: Oklahoma State at Arizona (TNT)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Vanderbilt at Alabama (ABC); Texas at Florida (ESPN); Penn State at UCLA (CBS); Washington at Maryland (BTN); Virginia at Louisville (ESPN2); Boise State at Notre Dame (NBC)
4 p.m. — College football: Michigan State at Nebraska (FS1)
4 p.m. — NHL: Anaheim Ducks at Los Angeles Kings (FOX)
7 p.m. — College football: Texas Tech at Houston (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Miami at Florida State (ABC); Colorado at TCU (FOX); Kansas at UCF (ESPN2)
10:30 p.m. — College football: Duke at Cal (ESPN)

Local notes

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Snow steps in

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Their coach was home sick. Half of their No. 1 doubles duo was sidelined. For the Patriots, it just didn't matter.

Nick Snow smoothly slid into the open No. 1 doubles spot and the Jay County High School boys tennis team didn't need much advice Wednesday as it swiftly secured the three points it needed to advance on the way to a 4-1 sectional semifinal victory over the Union City Indians.

"We won against them the first time we played them this year, so I really felt pretty confident we could win again," said JCHS assistant coach Andrea Garringer, filling in for the ailing Donald Gillespie.

Though she did admit concern about the change at No. 1 doubles, with Snow joining Alex Miller. That worry was for naught.

"I thought that they played well together," she said. "I thought they were communicating well. ... Alex has been really well up at the net. ... Nick's serves were going in. I just thought they played well together."

The Patriots advance to play Randolph Southern at 5 p.m. Thursday as they seek their fourth consecutive sectional championship. The Rebels pulled a slight upset to advance, knocking off Winchester 3-2 in Wednesday's other semifinal after losing to its county rival twice previously this season.

Snow, a sophomore and first-year tennis player, was thrust



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School sophomore Nick Snow hits a shot during his match with Alex Miller at No. 1 doubles during the Patriots' 4-1 sectional semifinal win over Union City. Snow, who had just two varsity matches under his belt this year, filled in for the injured Kadyn Carpenter in the sectional match.

into the lineup Wednesday after Miller's regular partner Kadyn Carpenter hurt his ankle while playing basketball. The change made little difference, as Miller and Snow made quick work of Union City juniors Charles Beam and Kolton Shelby. They blitzed through the first set in a hurry and were off the courts in just 38 minutes, hitting winners left and right and dominating at the net. A Miller winner that split Beam and Shelby ended the blowout.

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Jay swept Raiders

PONETO — The Allen County Athletic Conference championship is still in range for the Patriots. Beating the Raiders just got them one step closer.

The Jay County High School volleyball team swept the Southern Wells Raiders 25-19, 25-21, 25-19 on Tuesday to remain undefeated in the ACAC.

Hallie Schwieterman led the Patriots (15-8, 4-0 ACAC) with nine kills, while Paisley Fugiett added seven. Both Maria Hemmelgarn and Mya Kunkler had six kills apiece.

Schwieterman also led with two of the team's six aces.

Brenna Schmiesing had a team-high five blocks to power the defensive efforts at the net.

Lani Muhlenkamp dug out 10 balls, while Fugiett had 20 assists.

Allred lifts

HARTFORD CITY — Kady Allred scored the lone goal to lead the Jay County girls soccer team past the Blackford Bruins on Tuesday 1-0.

Allred's goal came with 2 minutes, 13 seconds, remaining in the first half after Raylin Hummer found her for an assist.

Maleah Parsons only needed to make one save to keep the Bruins (7-9) scoreless.

The Patriots (9-4-1) travel to Muncie Central tonight in the regular season finale before taking on host Yorktown in the sectional opener Tuesday.



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Fort Recovery High School senior Olivia Knapke hits out of a bunker on the 16th hole at PipeStone Golf Club during the OHSAA Division II district tournament on Wednesday. Knapke finished with 101 strokes on the day.

Final Four

Season, career ends at district for decorated Tribe golfers

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

MIAMISBURGH, Ohio — The Tribe didn't have its leader for the district meet.

Still three Indians shot season lows as four golfers that saw the most team success got to have their swan song.

Four athletes competed for the final time on Wednesday as the Fort Recovery High School golf team finished eighth with a 407 at the OHSAA Division II Southwest District tournament at Pipe-Stone Golf Club.

The Indians' score tied with Roger Bacon, while Madeira (332) and Bishop Fenwick (333) clinched the state berths out of the 12-team field. The two individual berths went to Sophia Fink of

Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy, who shot a one-under-par 71 and Mariemont's Charlotte Soller, who carded a 77.

While the Tribe's top five golfers hit the links, FRHS coach Jeff Vaughn couldn't make the trip due to a funeral.

"It's a fun group of girls and to come out here on a nice day and get to see them compete at the district level is an honor," said principal Ryan Steinbrunner, who filled in for Vaughn alongside athletic director Aimee Pottkotter. "At this point, Jeff's done all the coaching and I was able to just come out here with Aimee and watch the girls play, give them a little advice here and there, but let them go out there and have some fun."

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