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House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., said Wednesday he agrees there is no evidence the FBI planted a 'spy' in Trump's 2016 presidential campaign in an effort to hurt his chances at the polls.

## On FBI informant, Ryan parts with Trump

### Speaker also says president shouldn't pardon himself

By Mary Clare Jalonick  
Associated Press

#### WASHINGTON

In a break with President Donald Trump, House Speaker Paul Ryan said Wednesday he agrees there is no evidence the FBI planted a "spy" in Trump's 2016 presidential campaign in an effort to hurt his chances at the polls.

He also issued a careful warning about Trump's recent assertion that he has the authority to pardon himself.

"I don't know the technical answer to that question, but I think obviously the answer is he shouldn't and no one is above the law," Ryan told reporters Wednesday.

The comments come after Trump insisted in a series of angry tweets last month that the agency planted a spy "to help Crooked Hillary win," referring to his Democratic opponent Hillary Clinton.

There is a growing sense that Republicans are uncomfortable with those statements. Ryan, R-Wis., is one of three congressional Republicans who have now contradicted Trump on the spying matter, including House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., and Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Richard Burr, R-N.C.

Ryan, Gowdy and Burr all attended classified briefings on the matter late last month, following reports that the FBI used an informant in its Russian election meddling investigation to speak to members of the Trump campaign who had possible connections to Russia.

The Department of Justice held two briefings on Trump's orders after House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes, R-Calif., had asked for documents concerning the informant. Trump said it was "starting to look like one of the biggest political scandals in U.S. history."

Gowdy said afterward that the FBI was doing its duty.

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## Landlords suggest mixing up market

### TIF deals could stimulate rental development, they say

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#### JANESVILLE

To solve Janesville's housing shortage, two real estate developers encouraged the city to consider using tax increment financing to spark new residential activity.

That suggestion was one of the biggest takeaways from Wednesday's community housing and development forum. The city and Forward

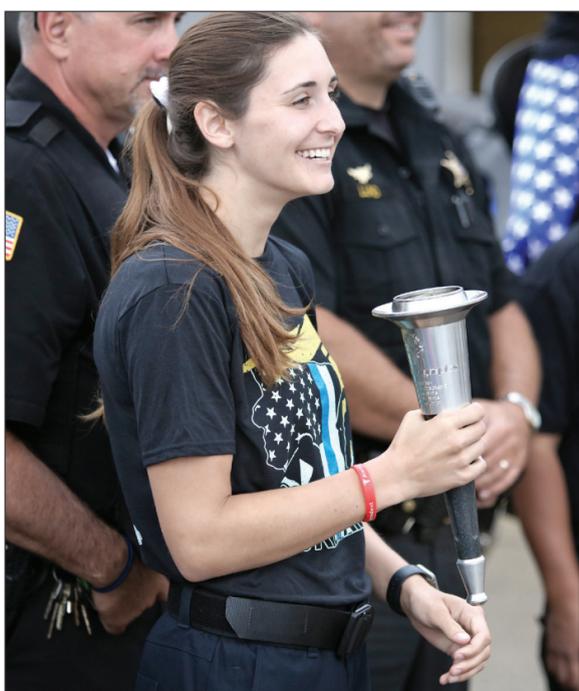
Janesville co-sponsored the event at the Pontiac Convention Center.

The forum, which drew about 75 people, explored the city's need for multiple types of housing. It included a small-group brainstorming session, but when the event ran long, organizers decided to table the groups' sharing of ideas for another date.

During an opening panel, Hovde Properties President Mike Slavish said developers are

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### Officers help pass along Special Olympics torch



**Above:** Members of the Rock County Sheriff's Office and the Milton, Edgerton and Evansville police departments jog past a puddle in between rainstorms at the start of the law enforcement 'torch run' fundraiser for Special Olympics on Wednesday in Janesville. It was the fifth year the sheriff's office sponsored the local leg of the run. Funds raised will go toward providing year-round sports training and competition for about 10,400 Wisconsin athletes with intellectual disabilities, according to a news release. **Left:** Rock County Sheriff's Office intern Morgan Stalker holds the torch during a group photo before the run.

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### Craig girls soccer advances



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Janesville Craig's Kaitlyn Shanks and Hannah Dunlavy hug after Shanks scored in the first half of a WIAA Division 1 sectional semifinal Wednesday in Middleton. The Cougars beat the Cardinals 1-0 on Shanks' goal to advance to a sectional championship game, where a state tournament berth will be on the line Saturday. **Story on Page 1B**

## Gazette at a Glance

LOCAL • 3A, 5A, 8A

### SHINE gives progress report

SHINE Medical Technologies is on pace to break ground on its medical radioisotope production facility in Janesville later this summer, CEO Greg Piefer said Wednesday, saying the company is pivoting from project engineering to construction. Piefer said SHINE later this week will start moving particle accelerator prototype equipment into a demonstration facility that SHINE finished building earlier this year.

### Incorporation push continues

The Beloit Town Board has approved spending \$25,000 to apply for permission to incorporate as a village, finalizing months of paperwork and advancing its petition to the state Incorporation Review Board. The review process could take up to six months, according to the release.

STATE • 2A

### Walker: Work will stay on track

The state of Wisconsin will be receiving \$86 million less than what it requested from the federal government to pay for upgrades and expansion of Interstate 94 south of Milwaukee, but Gov. Scott Walker said Wednesday work will still be done by 2021.

NATION/WORLD • 7B-8B

### Senators target tariff rule

A bipartisan group of 10 senators introduced longshot legislation Wednesday that would require Congress to sign off on tariffs imposed in the name of national security, defying President Donald Trump on a bedrock issue that once defined the GOP. Congressional Republicans are mostly at odds with what they view as Trump's protectionist instincts on trade.

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• Helen M. Herman/Janesville

INSIDE

MDA Tub Run ready to roar through Rock County for 24th consecutive year. **kicks**



## Finding her fit: Senior flourished at Rock University High School

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#### JANESVILLE

The magic of Makenna Barry might be her gratitude.

Or maybe it's her empathy—her ability to transform bad experiences into kindness for others instead of anger.

Or perhaps it is her willingness to see and articulate the other side of a story.

Whatever it is, Makenna's teachers at Rock University High

I was here for like a week and a half when I got an email from my teachers telling me how well I was adjusting. They care about you so much, and not just about your grades. They care about what's going on in your personal life, too.

**Makenna Barry on her teachers at Rock University High School**

School recognized that magic and picked her as the school's standout senior.

Makenna will graduate Satur-

day. She wants to attend school for welding, but first she plans to work to pay off her car and save for college.

For the first two and half years of high school, Makenna went to Craig.

"Not to bash on them, but I was miserable there," she said. "It wasn't the right fit."

She didn't like attending school for eight hours, and she thought her classes were tailored to taking a test and passing it. It was both too easy to learn and too hard to be there.

Then there was the bullying. Her taste in clothes and hair

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