

Trump says tariffs with Canada, Mexico are 'going forward'

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A carton of a dozen eggs sits on the counter at Café Belle Epoque on Monday in St. Joseph.

Cameron Montemayor | News-Press NOW

Soaring costs for coffee, eggs weigh on St. Joseph businesses

By CAMERON MONTEMAYOR
News-Press NOW

With upwards of half of her menu featuring eggs as a main ingredient, Diana Hartzler is one of many local restaurant owners bearing the brunt of sky-high prices for eggs and other food items. “I wake up every morning and wonder what I’m going to do about it because I don’t want a reduced quality,” said Hartzler, owner of Café Belle Epoque and Chocolat. “I want to provide all the products that we do to our customers. Almost every single item we have on brunch has eggs.” As of February, the average cost of a dozen Grade A

large eggs stood at \$4.95, up 15% from December and 50% higher than where it was a year ago according to data from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. In St. Joseph, the cost of a dozen eggs can range as high as \$6 depending on the store. The main culprit? Nearly 20 million chickens have died in recent months as the result of a highly pathogenic bird flu wreaking havoc on the U.S. poultry industry, slashing supply and forcing businesses like Hartzler’s to take a hard look at ways to navigate through it. “In the past two weeks I’ve walked into the grocery

store stands where they had none of their cases,” Hartzler said. “I’m still looking at how to address it. I am not going to make smaller portions. I’m not going to raise my prices. I’m not going to buy lower quality products.” On any given day, Café Belle Epoque can easily go through six to ten dozen eggs to prepare items like French toast, eggs Benedict and a host of desert items. Rising food prices add to what’s already been a challenging winter season for many local businesses facing a decrease in foot traffic due to extreme weather. Please see **EGGS/Page A3**

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL DISTRICT

School board discusses snow days, expenditures, open enrollment

By LEAH RAINWATER
News-Press NOW

From snow days to finances, the St. Joseph School District Board of Education discussed a laundry list of items at Monday night’s meeting. With the district utilizing all of its snow and alternate methods of instruction (AMI) days, the district looked at backup plans in case another unexpected event causes classes to be canceled this year. “We don’t anticipate any weather, but if there is weather, we have a work day right now scheduled on March 10,” said Gabe Edgar, SJSD superintendent. “And then, if we had to, we would look a possibly a day or two on on Spring Break.” SJSD started the year off with three school days and five AMI days, where support staff was only paid for the snow days. Edgar wants support staff to get paid more than just the three days if school does get called off. “If you’re sitting there, and you’re thinking, and you’re a support staff employee and you know you only have three days and you see the forecast and it might be seven days worth of snow,” said Edgar. “That creates anxiety.” When asked if this would be something the district’s

budget would be able to support, Edgar answered in confidence. “That would be a very minimal piece,” said Edgar. “I think its something that needs to be a high priority.” The board also looked at February’s expenditures and revenues, as both have seen an increase. Revenues were increased using the new assessed valuation, which was not yet known when the original budget was made. Expenditures include budget increases to the special education department and student services. The largest budget increase will be to raise pay and benefits to adjust for Proposition C salary schedules. House Bill 711, was also discussed. The bill would allow for open enrollment in the state of Missouri. The St. Joseph School Board voted to sign a document which would show it would not support the proposed legislative measure. Assistant Superintendent of Academics, Ashly McGinnis also delivered her monthly academics report. February’s report included taking a look at academic offerings given at each high school. The report showed Central High School offering a

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Safety Council offers adult driving course



Adult driver's education students will have the opportunity to learn rules of the road with a program put on by the St. Joseph Safety Council.

By JENNA WILSON
News-Press NOW

The St. Joseph Safety Council is seeking sign-ups to begin their adult driving course next week. From 5 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4 and Wednesday, March 5, the Safety Council is offering a two-night adult driving education program, teaching residents the general rules of the road so they can acquire their drivers licenses. The total cost of the course is \$275 per person. Student drivers must complete the classroom portion of the course the first two days and schedule their individual driving lessons on the road with an instructor for two hours. “Right now, we only

have one person signed up for it,” said Frank Till, executive director of the Safety Council. “We had a lot of people ask for it, but since we’ve opened registration, we haven’t had a lot of people fill out registration. So, we encourage people that are interested in this program to get on our website, register, and hopefully the weather’s going to be good and we’ll help them get a leg up on taking their driver’s test.” The only requirement to sign up for the course is paying the entry fee and obtaining an operators permit by going to any of the State of Missouri Department of Motor Vehicle locations to complete an online test. Till says with more teens choosing to delay

or get a valid drivers license, many don’t understand the legal rules of the road. “Now maybe they’re 18, 20, or 21-years-old and maybe haven’t had a parent take them out in a while and sit down with them to really go through all the proper rules,” Till said. “This class will be instrumental for that.” The course is also targeted to assist immigrants who may be new to the country and aren’t familiar with the rules of the road or how to navigate them. The adult driving course will have language interpreters if needed. For more information on the drivers education course and how to sign up visit, stjosafetycouncil.org/drivers-education.

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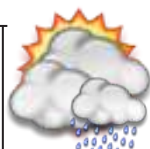
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Low: **40°**
Mostly sunny, mild and dry.




WEDNESDAY

High: **56°**
Low: **33°**
Partly sunny, 20% chance morning showers.




THURSDAY

High: **57**
Low: **34**
Mostly sunny, mild and breezy.



FRIDAY

High: **66**
Low: **35**
Warm and breezy with sunshine.



SATURDAY

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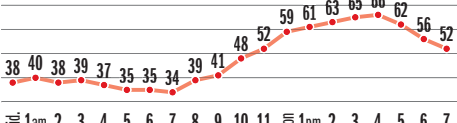
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High	73 (2002)	46	67
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Yesterday's Hourly Temperatures



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	Normal	Actual
24 hours ending 6 p.m. yest.	--	Trace
Month to date	0.78"	0.06"
Year to date	1.49"	3.65"

Maximum winds yesterday SSE at 7 mph
Barometer at noon 29.83", falling
Average Soil Temperature* 32°

*Source: Buchanan County Extension Center

RIVER BULLETIN

River stages as of 7 a.m. yesterday

River	Flood Stage	Yesterday
Missouri River		
Omaha	29 ft	7.83 ft.
Nebraska City	18 ft	3.79 ft.
Rulo	17 ft	1.61 ft.
St. Joseph	17 ft	0.28 ft.
Kansas City	32 ft	3.80 ft.
Platte River		
Agency	20 ft	6.90 ft.
Grand River		
Chillicothe	20 ft	4.60 ft.
Gavins Point Release		14,000 cfs.

LAKE BULLETIN

Lake levels as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake	Full Pool	Yesterday
Lake of the Ozarks	660 ft	656.49 ft.
Stockton Lake	867 ft	861.35 ft.
Truman	706 ft	705.52 ft.

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Across the **NATION** and around the **WORLD**

Pope Francis shows slight improvement and resumes some work, while still critical, Vatican says

ROME | Pope Francis remained in critical condition Monday but showed slight improvement in laboratory tests and resumed some work, the Vatican said, including calling a parish in Gaza City that he has kept in touch with since the war there began.

The Vatican's evening bulletin was more upbeat than in recent days, as the 88-year-old Francis battles pneumonia in both lungs at Rome's Gemelli hospital. It was issued shortly before the Vatican's No. 2 led the faithful in a somber night-time recitation of the Rosary prayer in St. Peter's Square that evoked the vigils when St. John Paul II was dying.

"For 2,000 years the Christian people have prayed for the pope when he was in danger or sick," Cardinal Pietro Parolin told the rain-dappled piazza. Standing on the same stage where Francis usually presides, Parolin said ever since Francis had been hospitalized, a chorus of prayers for his recovery had swelled up from around the world.

"Starting this evening, we want to unite ourselves publicly to this prayer here, in his house," Parolin said, praying that Francis "in this moment of illness and trial" would recover quickly.

The Argentine pope, who had part of one lung removed as a young man, has been hospitalized since Feb. 14 and doctors have said his condition is touch-and-go, given his age, fragility and pre-existing lung disease.

But in Monday's update, they said he hadn't



Associated Press

Nuns pray Monday at the Agostino Gemelli Polyclinic, in Rome, where Pope Francis has been hospitalized since Friday, Feb. 14.

had any more respiratory crises since Saturday, and the supplemental oxygen he is using continued but with a slightly reduced oxygen flow and concentrations. The slight kidney insufficiency detected on Sunday was not causing alarm at the moment, doctors said, while saying his prognosis remained guarded.

Francis received the Eucharist Monday morning and resumed working in the afternoon.

"In the evening he called the parish priest of the Gaza parish to express his fatherly closeness," the statement said.

For over a year, Francis has checked in daily via videocall with the Argentine priest, the Rev. Gabriel Romanelli, who leads the Catholic community at the church, which during Israel's war had served as a shelter for Palestinians.

More pressure on Rwanda as Congo says rebel uprising has killed over 7,000 people this year

KINSHASA, Congo | More than 7,000 people have died this year as Rwanda-backed M23 rebels have captured unprecedented amounts of territory in mineral-rich eastern Congo, Congo's prime minister said Monday, as the European Union announced it would review an agreement with Rwanda on critical raw materials.

Judith Suminwa Tuluka told the U.N. Human Rights Council that the security and humanitarian situation in the region "has reached alarming levels."

The conflict has accelerated in recent weeks, with the rebels taking the key city of Goma in January and Bukavu, another provincial capital, this month. M23 is the most potent of the many armed groups vying for a foothold in Congo's east, which has trillions of dollars of mostly untapped mineral wealth crucial to the world's technology.

Pressure grew on Rwanda. The European Union's top diplomat, Kaja Kallas, called Con-

go's territorial integrity "non-negotiable" and said EU defense consultations with Rwanda have been suspended — they cooperate on missions in Mozambique and elsewhere — and their memorandum of understanding regarding critical raw materials will be under review.

The EU and Rwanda a year ago signed the memorandum of understanding to "nurture sustainable and resilient value chains for critical raw materials," noting that Rwanda "produces tin, tungsten, gold and niobium, and has potential for lithium and rare earth elements."

The EU announcement comes as the government of Congo, far richer in minerals, has accused Rwanda of looting its resources, and after the United States last week urged an "immediate cessation of sourcing of minerals from areas controlled by M23."

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Pick 3 - 1 PM	1-9-6
Pick 3 - 9 PM	0-4-2
Pick 4 - 1 PM	7-3-0-5
Pick 4 - 9 PM	4-2-8-0
Show Me Cash	4-5-18-29-37
Cash4Life	15-36-47-52-56 (CB 2)

KANSAS	
Pick 3 - 1 PM	6-5-0
Pick 3 - 9 PM	4-2-1
2 by 2	RED 3-26, WHITE 3-6
Cash Lotto	6-16-26-29-32 (CB 7)

MULTISTATE	
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Trump says Canada and Mexico tariffs are ‘going forward’ with more import taxes to come

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Monday that his tariffs on Canada and Mexico are starting next month, ending a monthlong suspension on the planned import taxes that could potentially hurt economic growth and worsen inflation.

“We’re on time with the tariffs, and it seems like that’s moving along very rapidly,” the U.S. president said at a White House news conference with French President Emmanuel Macron.

While Trump was answering a specific question about the taxes to be charged on America’s two largest trading partners, the U.S. president also stressed more broadly that his intended “reciprocal” tariffs were on schedule to begin as soon as April.

“The tariffs are going forward on time, on schedule,” Trump said.

Trump has claimed that other countries charge unfair import taxes that have come at the expense of domestic manufacturing and jobs. His near constant threats of tariffs have already raised concerns among businesses and consumers about an economic slowdown and accelerating inflation. But Trump claims that the import taxes would ultimately generate revenues to reduce the federal budget deficit and new jobs for workers.



President Donald Trump speaks to reporters next to Air Force One on Feb. 2 after arriving back at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.

“Our country will be extremely liquid and rich again,” Trump said.

In an interview with Fox News late Monday, Macron said he hoped he had convinced Trump to avoid a possible trade war, noting the difficulty of taking on a traditional ally such as Europe while simultaneously using tariffs to challenge China’s industrial might.

“We don’t need a trade war,” Macron said. “We need more prosperity together.”

Most economists say the cost of the taxes could largely be borne by consumers, retailers and manufacturers such as auto companies that source globally and rely on raw materials such as steel and aluminum that Trump is already, separately, tariffing at 25%.

Still, Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum appeared confident Monday that her administration would reach agreements with the U.S. government before the deadline set by Trump.

“We would need to be reaching important agreements this Friday,” Sheinbaum told reporters Monday morning before Trump’s remarks. “On all of the issues there is communication and what we need is to complete this agreement, I believe we’re in a place to do it.”

If necessary, she said she would seek to speak directly with Trump again. In high-level discussions between both governments, Mexico has insisted that the U.S. also take a hard look at the drug distribution and consumption in its own country

rather than pointing only at production in Mexico, Sheinbaum said.

Companies like Walmart have warned about uncertainty, while the University of Michigan’s latest consumer sentiment index plunged by roughly 10% over the past month in part due to fears about tariffs and inflation worsening. In the 2024 presidential election, voters backed Trump on the belief that he could cool inflation that had spiked to a four-decade high in the aftermath of the coronavirus pandemic during President Joe Biden’s time in office.

But Trump has persistently threatened tariffs and kept up those calls even as Macron, standing beside him, had previously suggested that talks on trade had produced some common ground.

Eggs

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Eggs aren’t the only items on the shelf weighing heavily on costs for local businesses, coffee shops like Mokaska Coffee are seeing the trickle-down effect of soaring prices for its go-to Arabica coffee beans.

Driven by droughts and the prospect of diminished harvests in Brazil, the popular coffee product — which makes up 60% of global consumption — hit an all-time high of \$4.38 a pound on Feb. 13, nearly triple the cost many coffee shops paid during the previous decade.

“This is new and pretty unprecedented. We’re used to seeing some fluctuation in the markets, but what you’re seeing in the last three or four months is just this extreme volatility in the market,” Andi Montee, owner of Mokaska Coffee said. “It’s really hard to deal with because we make all of our future decisions based on some

of the pricing that we get.”

The longtime coffee shop owner is exploring a variety of options, including increasing store hours to boost foot traffic and diversifying with new community events in an effort to generate revenue in new ways.

“Maybe before we tried to say, how do we sell 100 cups of coffee in a day? Now we say we’re going to sell fewer cups of coffee. What else can we do to bring in business?” Montee said.

The impact of coffee disruptions also extends to Mokaska’s local business partners, as nearly a third of its business includes wholesale supply to local cafes, grocery stores and restaurants.

Based on current conditions, Montee shared that it is difficult to predict when coffee prices could fall.

“It doesn’t look like prices are going to be going down any time soon. So we’re just trying to prepare for the worst,” Montee said.

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variety of different academic and athletic opportunities, compared to Lafayette and Benton.

When asked if a two-high school model would help level the playing field, McGinnis said it’s all about the numbers.

“I think for sure, there would be a better

possibility, there’s going to be a much stronger opportunity to provide all of these courses to all of our kids,” said McGinnis.

The SJSD Board of Education will hold its next work session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 10 at the Troester Media Center.

March’s Board of Education meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 24 at the Troester Media Center.

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U.S. refuses to blame Russia for Ukraine war, splitting with European allies in UN votes

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — In a dramatic shift in transatlantic relations under President Donald Trump, the United States split with its European allies by refusing to blame Russia for its invasion of Ukraine in votes on three U.N. resolutions Monday seeking an end to the three-year war.

The growing divide follows Trump's decision to open direct negotiations with Russia on ending the war, dismaying Ukraine and its European supporters by excluding them from the preliminary talks last week.

In the U.N. General Assembly, the U.S. joined Russia in voting against a Europe-backed Ukrainian resolution that calls out Moscow's aggression and demands an immediate withdrawal of Russian troops.

The U.S. then abstained from voting on its own competing resolution after Europeans, led by France, succeeded in amending it to make clear Russia was the aggressor. The voting was taking place on the third anniversary of Russia's invasion and



Associated Press

The UN Security Council votes on Monday at the United Nations headquarters.

as Trump was hosting French President Emmanuel Macron in Washington.

It was a major setback for the Trump administration in the 193-member world body, whose resolutions are not legally binding but are seen as a barometer of world opinion.

The U.S. then pushed for a vote on its original draft in the more powerful U.N. Security Council, where resolutions are legally binding and it has veto power along with Russia, China, Britain and France. The vote in the 15-member

council was 10-0 with five European countries abstaining — Britain, France, Denmark, Greece and Slovenia.

The dueling resolutions also reflect the tensions that have emerged between the U.S. and Ukraine. In escalating rhetoric, Trump has called Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy a "dictator" for not holding elections during wartime, when much of Ukraine is under Russian occupation and many of its soldiers are on the frontlines.

Trump also has falsely

accused Kyiv of starting the war and warned that he "better move fast" to negotiate an end to the conflict or risk not having a nation to lead. Zelenskyy responded by saying Trump was living in a Russian-made "disinformation space."

In a whirlwind of diplomacy, Trump's meeting with Macron will be followed by a visit on Thursday from British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, key U.S. allies who were in lockstep with Washington on Ukraine just over a month ago. They now find

themselves on opposite sides on the best pathway for the UN to call for an end to the war.

The General Assembly first voted 93-18 with 65 abstentions to approve the Ukrainian resolution. The result showed some diminished support for Ukraine, because previous assembly votes saw more than 140 nations condemn Russia's aggression, demand an immediate withdrawal, and reversal of its annexation of four Ukrainian regions.

The assembly then turned to the U.S.-drafted resolution, which acknowledges "the tragic loss of life throughout the Russia-Ukraine conflict" and "implores a swift end to the conflict and further urges a lasting peace between Ukraine and Russia," but never mentions Moscow's aggression.

In a surprise move, France proposed three amendments, backed by more than European countries, which add that the conflict was the result of a "full-scale invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation." The amendments reaffirm the assembly's commitment to Ukraine's sovereignty, in-

dependence, unity and territorial integrity, and call for peace that respects the U.N. Charter.

Russia also proposed an amendment calling for "root causes" of the conflict to be addressed.


All the amendments were approved and the resolution passed 93-8 with 73 abstentions, with Ukraine voting "yes," the U.S. abstaining, and Russia voting "no."

Ukrainian Deputy Foreign Minister Mariana Betsa said her country is exercising its "inherent right to self-defense" following Russia's invasion, which violates the U.N. Charter's requirement that countries respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of other nations.

"As we mark three years of this devastation — Russia's full invasion against Ukraine — we call on all nations to stand firm and to take ... the side of the Charter, the side of humanity and the side of just and lasting peace, peace through strength," she said. Trump has often stated his commitment to bringing "peace through strength."



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Business BRIEFS

Trump administration due in court over AP lawsuit

WASHINGTON | A federal judge is due to hear arguments Monday afternoon in The Associated Press' lawsuit against three staff members of President Donald Trump, whose administration has barred the news agency from presidential events.

The AP is appearing in federal court in Washington over its emergency motion to undo the administration's move to shut its journalists out of the Oval Office, Air Force One and other areas where the outlet has long operated as part of the White House press pool.

The dispute stems from the news agency's refusal to conform to Trump's renaming of the Gulf of Mexico to the "Gulf of America."

Retailer Joann to close all stores

NEW YORK | Fabric and crafts retailer Joann Inc., which has been a destination for generations of quilters, knitters and lovers of crafts projects for 80 years, is going out of business and shuttering all its stores.

The announcement comes after the Hudson, Ohio-based retailer filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in January, the second time in a year. It cited sluggish consumer demand and inventory shortages. At the time it vowed it would keep all of its stores open.

Starbucks lays off corporate employees

Starbucks plans to lay off 1,100 corporate employees globally as new Chairman and CEO Brian Niccol streamlines operations.

In a letter to employees released Monday, Niccol said the company will inform employees who are being laid off by midday Tuesday. Niccol said Starbucks is also eliminating several hundred open and unfilled positions.

Apple announces \$500B investment in United States

NEW YORK | Apple announced Monday that it plans to invest more than \$500 billion in the United States over the next four years, including plans to hire 20,000 people and build a new server factory in Texas.

The move comes just days after President Donald Trump said Apple CEO Tim Cook promised him that the tech giant's manufacturing would shift from Mexico to the U.S. Trump noted the company was doing so to avoid paying tariffs. That pledge, coupled with Monday's investment commitment, came as Trump continues to threaten to impose tariffs that could drive up the cost of iPhones made in China.

—From AP reports

Fired federal workers hunt for new jobs but struggle to replace their old ones

Associated Press

NEW YORK — HIRING: Park ranger. **SEEKING:** Nuclear submarine engineer. **WANTED:** Sled dog musher.

If they seem unlikely postings, they probably are. But a laid-off federal worker can dream.

Axed from jobs not easily found outside government, thousands of federal workers caught in President Donald Trump's cost-cutting efforts now face a difficult search for work.

"If you're doing, say, vegetation sampling and prescribed fire as your main work, there aren't many jobs," says Eric Anderson, 48, of Chicago, who was fired Feb. 14 from his job as a biological science technician at Indiana Dunes National Park.

All the years of work Anderson put in — the master's degree, the urban forestry classes, the wild-fire deployments — seemed to disappear in a single email dismissing him.

He's hoping there's a chance he's called back, but if he isn't, he's not sure what he'll do next. He was so consumed with his firing that he broke a molar from grinding his teeth. But he knows he's caught in something larger than himself, as the new administration unfurls its chaotic cost-cutting agenda.

"This is someone coming in and



Associated Press

Eric Anderson, a biological science technician for the National Parks Service, who was fired last week poses for a photo on Feb. 20 in Chicago.

tossing a hand grenade and seeing what will happen," he says.

The federal job cuts are the work of the Department of Government Efficiency, headed by billionaire Elon Musk, who has been tearing through agencies looking for suspected waste. No official tally of firings has been released, but the list stretches into the thousands and to nearly every part of the country. More than 80% of the federal government's 2.4-million-person civilian workforce is based outside of the Washington area.

Cathy Nguyen, 51, of Honolulu, was laid off last month from her

job at USAID, where she helped manage the PEPFAR program, which combats HIV/AIDS.

Her firing not only brought the turmoil of finding new health insurance, halting saving for retirement and her kids' college education, and trimming spending for things like the family subscription to Disney Plus — it also has forced her to reconsider her career goals.

PEPFAR is a landmark effort that stretches across dozens of countries and is credited with saving some 26 million lives. Nothing rivals it. So where does a former PEPFAR worker go?

FDA moves to rehire medical device staffers fired only days earlier

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Barely a week after mass firings at the Food and Drug Administration, some probationary staffers received unexpected news over the weekend: The government wants them back.

Beginning Friday night, FDA employees overseeing medical devices and other key areas received calls and emails notifying them that their recent terminations had been "rescinded effective immediately," according to messages viewed by The Associated Press.

Three FDA staffers impacted by the decisions spoke with the AP on condition of anonymity because they planned to continue working for the agency and weren't authorized to discuss its internal procedures.

The reversal is the latest example of President Donald Trump and billionaire Elon Musk's chaotic approach to cost-cutting, which has resulted in several agencies firing, and then scrambling to rehire, employees responsible for nuclear weapons, national parks and other government services.

The FDA reinstatements followed pushback by lobbyists for the medical device industry, which pays the agency hun-

dreds of millions of dollars annually to hire extra scientists to promptly review products. The industry's leading trade group said Monday "a sizeable number" of device reviewers would apparently be returning to FDA.

"This would be welcome news, and I appreciate the administration for acting quickly," AdvaMed CEO Scott Whitaker said in an emailed statement. "We all share the same goal — an efficient, effective FDA review process that helps advance the medical technologies American patients depend on."

FDA staffers said entire teams of five or more medical device reviewers had been reinstated. There did not appear to be a similar effort to rehire staffers in other parts of the agency, including its food and tobacco centers.

The agency hasn't released official numbers on the terminations, but former FDA officials have pegged the number at roughly 700, with more than 220 coming from the medical device center. That would represent roughly 10% of the program's total staffing.

The FDA did not respond to requests Monday about how many employees were being reinstated.

Wall Street holds steadier but still falls following last week's tumble

Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks drifted lower on Monday to compound their sharp losses from last week.

The S&P 500 dipped 0.5% after flipping between small gains and losses several times through the day. The relatively modest moves followed its 1.7% tumble on Friday, which came after several weaker-than-expected reports on the U.S. economy.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 33 points, or 0.1%, while the Nasdaq composite fell 1.2%.

Berkshire Hathaway climbed 4.1% for one of the market's bigger gains after Warren Buffett's company reported a jumped in operating profits for the latest quarter. But even there, the good news came with a bit of caution.

The owner of Geico, BNSF railroad and other businesses said over the weekend that it's sitting on a mountain of \$334.2 billion in unused cash. Such a large amount could indicate Buffett, who's famous for buying stocks when prices are low, may not see much worth purchasing in a market that critics say looks too expensive.

Starbucks rose 1.3% after saying it would cut 1,100 corporate jobs and leave several hundred more positions unfilled as new CEO Brian Niccol tries to make it a leaner operation.

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Compared to last week, on a light test steers sold unevenly steady 2.00 lower to 2.00 higher, while heifers sold 4.00 to 8.00 lower.

Demand for the feeder steers was strong across all weight classes, despite extreme cold weather. Producers took the opportunity to capitalize on high market prices. Cash fed cattle at 198.00 to 201.00 did not deter cattle feeders from chasing the feeder cattle market higher. Very good demand on replacement weight and quality heifers with spring rapidly approaching.

Cash fed cattle dipped lower toward convergence with the Feb CME Live Cattle contract. Monthly cattle on feed report was released on Friday with no big surprises with placements larger than a year as the last January placements were recorded at a record low due to weather interruptions in contrast to this year in which January movement was very good. Actual number came in at 101.7 which was below the average pre report estimate of 103.00 Marketing's were reported at 101.4 which was a bit less than expected and on feed numbers were right on at 99 percent of last year. Report was neutral to slightly bullish.

Negotiated sales of slaughter steers and heifers in the Southern Plains sold at 199.00. In Nebraska, live sales were 3.00 to 3.50 lower at 199.50 to 200.00, while dressed sales sold 5.00 to 6.00 lower at 315.00.

For the week, Choice Boxed beef closed on Friday at 310.77, 3.93 lower and Select closed at 302.56, 4.58 lower.

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Judge blocks Trump immigration policy allowing arrests in churches for some religious groups

Associated Press

GREENBELT, Md. — A federal judge on Monday blocked immigration agents from conducting enforcement operations in houses of worship for Quakers and a handful of other religious groups.

U.S. District Judge Theodore Chang found that the Trump administration policy could violate their religious freedom and should be blocked while a lawsuit challenging it plays out.

The preliminary injunction from the Maryland-based judge only applies to the plaintiffs, which also include a Georgia-based network of Baptist churches and a Sikh temple in California.

They sued after the Trump administration threw out Department of Homeland Security poli-



Associated Press

The Department of Homeland Security logo is seen during a news conference in 2015 in Washington.

cies limiting where migrant arrests could happen as President Donald Trump seeks to make good on campaign promises to carry out mass deportations.

The policy change said field agents using “common sense” and “discretion” can conduct immigration enforcement operations at houses of worship without a supervisor’s approval.

Plaintiffs’ attorneys argue that the new DHS directive departs from the government’s 30-year-old policy against staging immigration enforcement

operations in “protected areas” or “sensitive locations.”

A coalition of Quaker meetings from states including Maryland, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Virginia sued DHS and its secretary, Kristi Noem, on Jan. 27, less than a week after the new policy was announced.

Many immigrants are afraid to attend religious services while the government enforces the new rule, lawyers for the congregations said in a court filing.

“It’s a fear that people are experiencing across the county,” plaintiffs’ attorney Bradley Girard told the judge during a February hearing. “People are not showing up, and the plaintiffs are suffering as a result.”

Government lawyers claim the plaintiffs are asking the court to interfere with law-enforcement activities based on mere speculation.

“Plaintiffs have provided no evidence indicating that any of their religious organizations have been targeted,” Justice Department attorney Kristina Wolfe told the judge, who was appointed by President Barack Obama.

More than two dozen Christian and Jewish groups representing millions of Americans have also filed a similar but separate lawsuit in Washington, D.C.

Plaintiffs in the Maryland case are represented by the Democracy Forward Foundation, whose lawyers asked the judge to block DHS enforcement of the policy on a nationwide basis.

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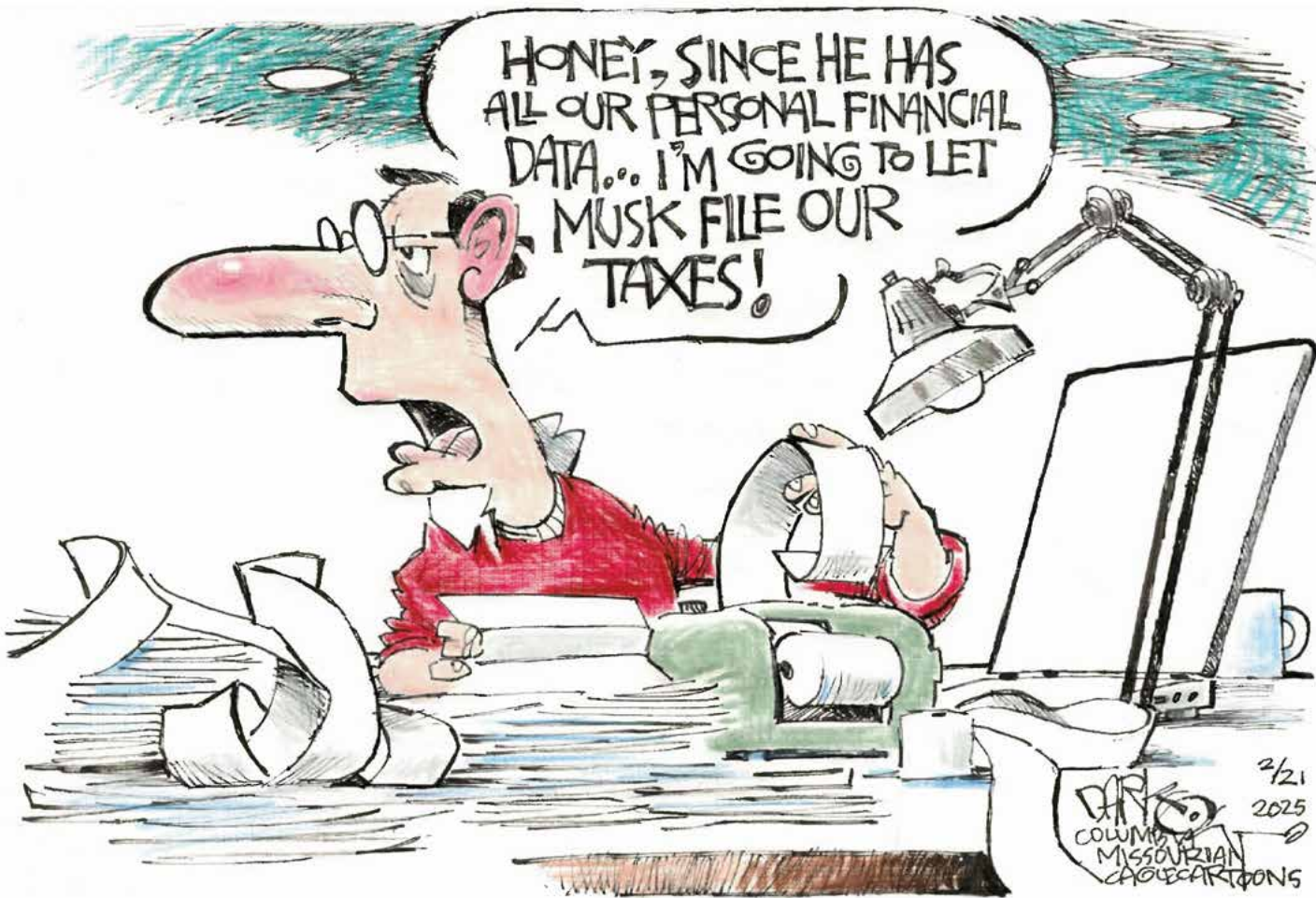
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Did they say the same about Biden?

One caller suggested that Vice President Vance should invoke the 25th to impeach President Trump for mental health reasons. I wonder, did he make the same call when Biden couldn't find his way off the stage, climb up the steps of Air Force One, or complete a sentence? And in response to Trump and Musk gutting the government so they can afford to retire, let's see. They're both billionaires, with Musk being the richest man in the world. Don't think they need the money from the government to retire to their villas.

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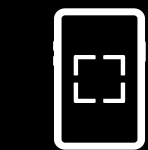
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THE CONVERSATION

Trump's moves to strip employment protections from federal workers threaten to make government function worse – not better

By JAMES L. PERRY
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The Conversation via AP

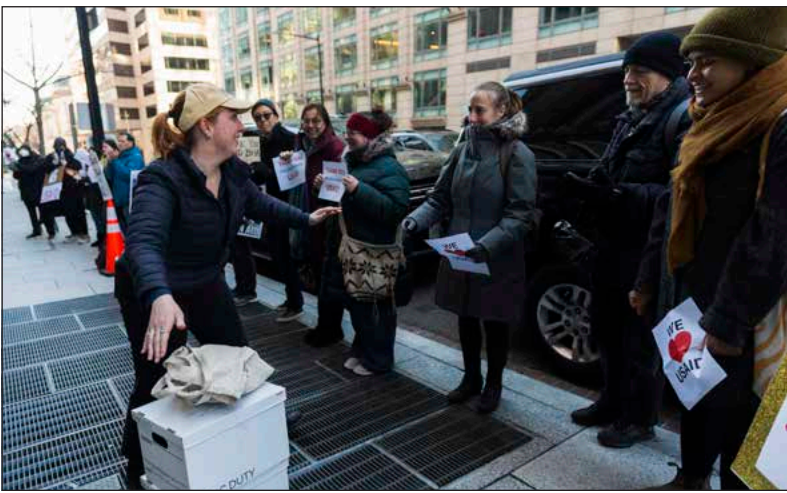
On top of efforts to fire potentially tens of thousands of federal workers, an early executive order from President Donald Trump's second term seeks to reclassify the employment status of as many as 50,000 other federal workers – out of more than 2 million total – to make them easier for the president to fire as well.

The order has already been challenged in court by two federal workers' unions and other interest groups, though no judge has yet issued any orders. The Trump administration is drafting rules to put the order into effect.

The Conversation U.S. politics editor Jeff Inglis spoke to James Perry, a scholar of public affairs at Indiana University, Bloomington, to understand what the order is trying to achieve and how it would affect federal workers, the government and the American public. What follows is an edited transcript of the discussion.

What is the standard situation for government employees?

In the 1820s and 1830s, President Andrew Jackson popularized the idea that the president could, and should, hire supporters into government jobs. But by



A United States Agency for International Development worker puts her personal belongings down to greet their supporters on Friday outside the USAID's Bureau of Humanitarian Affairs office in Washington.

the early 1880s, there was concern on the parts of both Democrats and Republicans that the victor would control a lot of workers who would serve the president, not the American people whose tax dollars paid their salaries.

So the parties came together in 1883 to pass the Pendleton Act stipulating that government workers are hired based on their skills and abilities, not their political views. That law was updated in 1978 with the Civil Service Reform Act, which added more protections for workers against being fired for political reasons.

Those rules cover about 99% of

staff in the federal civil service. Currently, there are just about 4,000 political appointees. I've seen various estimates that this new executive order would shift at least 50,000 positions from career positions to the political-appointments list.

Some states, such as Mississippi, Texas, Georgia and Florida, have moved to strip employment protections from state government employees, turning protected employees into at-will workers, who can be fired at any time for any reason. These are largely red states, with strong control by Republican governors. Supporters of this move at the federal lev-

el argue that at-will employment can work in federal civil service.

This argument is not backed by strong evidence. The evidence supporters offer is that human resources directors, who are often appointees of the governor who changed the statute, claim no one has complained about the change in policy. But that doesn't include people who are likely to have a different perspective.

It could be that nobody is talking about people being fired for political reasons in these states because they are afraid of getting fired themselves.

What does this executive order change, and why?

The rationale for the new policy is that the administration wants to get rid of federal workers whom leaders perceive as either intransigent or insubordinate – or who they fear might oppose Trump's policy initiatives. This sets up a conflict between how government workers see their duties and how Trump appears to view them.

Federal employees interviewed by sociologist Jamie Kucinskas during Trump's first term say they are obligated to look beyond the president's bidding: They took an oath to the Constitution when they started their jobs, and their salaries and benefits are paid for with taxpayer dollars.

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Memory Lane and Financial Planning

By Nick Gertsema, CFP®, ChFC®, RICP®, AIF®
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I had some time to sit East of St. Joseph where I had a great panoramic view of the part of town I grew up in. As I looked to the right, I saw the steeple of Wyatt Park Baptist Church. My mind immediately went to the memories of the hill that was there before the church was built. Since I grew up on Rainbow Court, it was a short ride to the intersection of Gene Field and Leonard. Whenever we'd get a lot of snow, the sledding on that hill was epic. Being that I was fairly young, I might remember the hill being bigger than it actually was.

I looked a little further south where "The Zoo" was. I remembered being a disappointed 8-year-old when we moved to town and finding out that the zoo was actually just a neighborhood with streets named after exotic animals, not an actual zoo. I remember riding my bike over to my good friend's house and going as fast as possible down the hill on Safari. I remember my sister using her brand-new shoes for brakes rather than using her bike brakes. I also remember how my parents reacted to that!

The more I looked, the more memories came back to me. I remember spending a lot of time at Our Lady of Guadalupe as a member of the Youth Group. I remember playing home run derby on the softball field behind St. Paul Lutheran. As I sat there, I started thinking about the things that happened that were not in my line of sight, but just beyond the horizon. I remembered my years at Bishop Leblond High School and playing football. I remembered the afternoons my brother and I would spend at Krug Park in the paddle boats catching turtles. I also remembered my time spent at my favorite haunt, The Rearview, singing karaoke.

I realized just how many memories happened in just a few square miles. I started thinking about how many memories were being made within St. Joseph. Then it dawned on me how carefree those times in my life were, primarily because I knew that I'd be taken care of.

I grew up in a household where my needs were met. I may not have gotten every toy I wanted or to go wherever I pleased, but I had a great childhood. It's a good feeling to know that you're taken care of and that there are other people who care about you who are handling things for you so that you can focus on living.

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JD 8650, 4wd, 3pt, 1000, CHA
JD 8640, 4wd, F/R Dis, 3pt, 1000,
9354hrs
JD 8420, 4wd, CHA, PS, 4200hrs
JD 8320, MFWD, 4RR, 1000, CHA,
PS, 8250hrs
JD 8285R, MFWD, IVT, F/R Dis, 4RR,
1000, CHA, 7588hrs
'11 JD 8260R, MFWD, IVT, R.Duals,
CHA, 4RR, QH, 1000, 6200hrs
JD 7810, LDR/Grple, MFWD, LHR,
CHA, 10k hrs
JD 7800, LDR, 2wd, 3RR, Int pto,
CHA, PS, 7235hrs
'93 JD 7800, 2wd, 3RR, Int pto,
CHA, PS, 10,688hrs
JD 7520, LDR/Grple, MFWD, CHA,
6800hrs
JD 7420, LDR, CHA, 20spd, 9000hrs
JD 7410, LDR/Grple, CHA, 20 spd,
10k hrs
JD 7320, LDR/Grple, MFWD, 3rr,
Int PTO, R.Wts, CHA, LHR, PPS,
8125hrs
JD 7220, 673 LDR, 2wd, 3RR, Int
PTO, CHA, PPS, LHR, 6979hrs
'01 JD 7210, LDR, MFWD, 2RR, Int
pto, CHA, 6244hrs
JD 6430, 673 LDR, MFWD, 3RR, Int
pto, LHR, CHA, PPS, 3286hrs
JD 6420, LDR, 2wd, 2RR, Int pto,
CHA, LHR, 6031hrs
JD 6420, MFWD, 2RR, Int pto, CHA,
PPS, LHR, 6723hrs
JD 6400, 640 LDR, MFWD, OS, 2RR,
Int pto, 7411hrs
JD 6230, 2wd, 2RR, Int PTO, CHA,
367hrs loader ready
JD 6175M, MFWD, 3RR, QH, Int
PTO, CHA, PPS, LHR, 7021hrs
JD 6175M, MFWD, 3RR, QH, Int
PTO, CHA, PPS, LHR, 5223hrs
JD 6140R, LDR, MFWD, CHA,
7000hrs
JD 6130M, LDR, MFWD, CHA,
24spd, 5000hrs
JD 6130R, LDR, MFWD, 3RR, QH,
CHA, LHR, PPS, 691hrs
JD 6115M, LDR, MFWD, 3RR, Int
pto, CHA, LHR, 7304hrs
JD 6115D, LDR, MFWD, 2RR, Int
pto, CHA, LHR, 2251hrs
JD 6115D, LDR, MFWD, 2RR Int pto,
CHA, LHR, 2579hrs
JD 5410, LDR, MFWD, 2RR, 540,
CHA, LHR, 4433hrs
JD 5320, 541 LDR, MFWD, 3RR,
540, CHA, 600hrs
JD 5300, JD LDR, 2wd, OS, R.Wts,
2RR, 540, 2650hrs
JD 5105, LDR, 2wd, OS, 2RR, 540,
351hrs
JD 5100E, LDR, MFWD, 3RR, CHA,
390hrs
JD 4960, MFWD, F.Wts, 3RR, 1000,
CHA, PS, 6950hrs
JD 4650, 2wd, 3RR, 1000, R.Dis,
CHA, PS
JD 4630, 260 LDR, 2wd, OS,
R.Duals, 2RR, QH, 540, 2617hrs
JD 4430, 2wd, 2RR, Int pto, F.Wts,
CHA, 9114hrs
JD 4240, 2wd, 2RR, Int pto, 9100hrs
JD 4230, LDR, 2wd, OS, 2RR, Int
pto, 9000hrs
JD 4020, LDR, 2wd, OS, Int PTO
JD 3020, 2wd, OS, 1RR, Int pto,
6649hrs
(2x) '23 JD 5060E, MFWD, OS, 1RR,
540, LDR ready, 500hrs
'23 JD 5050E, 2wd, OS, 1 RR, 540,
833hrs
JD 3320, 300cx LDR, 72" belly
mower, 1RR, 540, hydrostat, canopy,
736hrs
JD 2950, LDR, 2wd, 2RR, Int pto,
CHA, 4475hrs
JD 1520 2wd, Gas, OS
JD 2305, MFWD, Belly mower, QH,
540, 951hrs
- '18 JD 3025E, LDR, OS, 88hrs, 5'
frontier mower
JD 1023E, MFWD, 60" belly mower,
QH, 540, 548hrs
**CASE/INTERNAL/
FARMALL**
CIH MX255, MFWD, R.Duals, QH,
4RR, 1000, F/R Wts. CHA, PS, LHR,
3836hrs
CIH MXM190, LDR, MFWD, 6000hrs
CIH MX125, LDR, MFWD, CHA, Int.
pto, 3500hrs
CIH 7130, MFWD, 3RR, 1000, QH,
R.Dis, 7328hrs
CIH Farmall 115A, LDR, MFWD,
2RR, Int pto, LHR, CHA, 233hrs
CIH Farmall 75C, LDR, CHA, 500hrs
CIH 5250, 520 LDR/Grple, MFWD,
3RR, Int pto, CHA, PPS, LHR,
4503hrs
CIH 5230, LDR, MFWD, 3RR, Int pto,
CHA, PPS, LHR, 7771hrs
'92 CIH 5140, MFWD, 2RR, Int pto,
LHR, PPS, 10955hrs
CIH JX95, MFWD, 2RR, 540, CHA,
2185hrs
JI Case 2390, 2wd, R.Dis, 4RR,
1000, CHA
JI Case 1070, LDR, 2wd, 2RR, 540,
PPS, cab, 6781hrs
IH Farmall 756, 2wd, gas, 2RR, dual
pto, cab
Farmall M, gas, wide front, 1RR, 540
CAT CHALLENGER
'19 Challenger MT795E, 4wd, F/R
Wts, 6RR, PS, CHA, Scraper hitch,
3994hrs
'19 Challenger MT865E, Tracks, 4RR,
PS, F.Wts, 7084hrs
Challenger MT765, Tracks, 5RR,
1000, 7359hrs
Challenger CH65, Tracks, PS, CHA,
4RR, excellent tracks/UC, 3923hrs
MASSEY FERGUSON
MF 5711, MF LDR, MFWD, 3RR, Int
PTO, R.Wts, CHA, PS, 338hrs Nice!
MF 4710, MF LDR, MFWD, 2RR, Int
PTO, R.Wts, CHA, LHR, 258hrs Nice!
'06 MF 492, LDR, MFWD, CHA,
3300hrs
MF 65, LDR, 2wd, 1RR, 540
KUBOTA
'21 Kubota M8-201, MFWD, LDR,
3RR, Int PTO, R.Dis, CHA, 870hrs,
Clean!
Kubota M7-151, LDR, MFWD, 4RR,
Int Pto, CHA, PS, 2917hrs
Kubota M5140, LDR, MFWD, CHA,
750hrs
Kubota M5400 HSTC, 1RR, 540,
CHA, 320hrs
Kubota L3400, 4wd, OS, hydrostat,
540, 430hrs
Kubota B2910, MFWD, OS, 540,
971hrs
NEW HOLLAND/FORD
'16 NH T8.350, F.Suspension,
guidance, 1700hrs
NH TG245, MFWD, F/R Dis, CHA,
3600hrs
'08 NH T5060, LDR/Grpl, MFWD,
2RR, Int pto, CHA, LHR, PPS,
6618hrs
Ford 4000, 2wd, OS, 1RR, 540,
643hrs
AGCO/ALLIS/DEUTZ/OTHER
Agco RT100, LDR, MFWD, 4RR, Int
pto, CHA, PPS, 4881hrs
'97 Agco Allis 9435, MFWD, 3RR, Int
pto, CHA, Detroit, 6957hrs
AC 200, 2wd, 2RR, 540, cab,
3987hrs
AC 200, 2wd, 2RR, 540, cab,
5184hrs
AC 5050, 2wd, OS, 1RR, 540,
3566hrs
AC G, belly mower, cultivator, plow
Deutz 80-06, 2wd, 2RR, Int. pto
Mahindra 5005-Di, LDR, 2wd, OS
1RR, 540, 1324hrs
Zetor Major HS80, LDR, MFWD,
2RR, 540, CHA, LHR, 362hrs
White 2-155, 2wd, CHA, good rubber
**CONSTRUCTION
SKIDSTEERS**
- BOBCAT**
'21 Bobcat T770, 2spd, aux hyd,
HQA, ISO/H, CHA, 591hrs
'22 Bobcat T76, aux hyd, HQA, CHA,
ISO/H, 2spd, 1619hrs, new tracks
'18 Bobcat S650, wheel, OS, aux
hyd, HQA, ISO/H, 3914hrs
'15 Bobcat T650, 2spd, CHA, aux
hyd, HQA, tooth bucket, 650hrs
'15 Bobcat T450, 2spd, aux hyd,
HQA, ISO/H, CHA, 1704hrs
Bobcat T190, aux hyd, HQA, tooth
bucket
Bobcat S300, wheel, OS, aux hyd,
foot controls
Bobcat T250, HQA, aux hyd, CHA
Bobcat 873, wheel, aux hyd, HQA,
hand/foot
Bobcat 743, wheel, OS, aux hyd,
2038hrs
Bobcat 943, wheel, aux hyd, foot
controls, OS, R.Wts, 1757hrs
Bobcat MT100 Mini SS, aux hyd,
1162hrs
CASE
'12 Case Sv300, wheel, H pattern,
5480hrs
'12 Case SV250, wheel, 2spd, OS,
aux hyd, hqa, 3093hrs
Case TR310, 2spd, aux hyd, HQA,
Iso, CHA, 1828hrs
CATERPILLAR
'15 Cat 257D, 2spd, aux hyd, hqa,
CHA, 3393hrs
'08 Cat 262C, wheel, aux hyd, hqa,
CHA, 3000hrs
Cat 287B, OS, aux hyd, 3000hrs
Cat 236D, wheel, aux hyd, hqa, CHA,
1136hrs
Cat 289D, 2spd, aux hyd, hqa, CHA,
Wts, 1846hrs
DEERE
Deere 324G, wheel, Wts, aux hyd,
hqa, CHA, 2spd, 332hrs
Deere 325G, 2spd, aux hyd, hqa,
CHA, iso, 1089hrs
Deere CT322, aux hyd, hqa, foot
controls, CHA, 4200hrs
KUBOTA
Kubota SVL90-2, 2spd, aux hyd,
hqa, tooth bucket, CHA, 1901hrs
NEW HOLLAND
NH C337, 2spd, Hi-Fllo, hqa, iso,
tooth bucket, 1124hrs
NH LS170, wheel, aux hyd, OS, foot
cont, 2291hrs
DOZERS
Fiat Allis 14C
Caterpillar D6C, PS, limb risers,
600hrs on OH, new turbo, sprockets
'14 Caterpillar D6N, T4 LGP Dozer,
CHA, PS, 11k hrs
MINI EXCAVATORS
Takeuchi TB285, hyd thumb, aux
hyd, CHA, 2spd, 6295hrs
Deere 502T5, CHA, aux hyd,
2186hrs
Kubota U35-4, hyd thumb, hyd back
fill blade, CHA, 2spd, 6358hrs
EXCAVATORS
Deere 892 Excavator, 12k hrs
WHEEL LOADERS
Deere 204K, 2spd, OS, hqa, aux hyd,
2762hrs
TELE-HANDLERS
Lull 644E-42, 42' reach, 4wd,
Cummins diesel
Terex TH844C, OS, 4wd
Gehl RS6-42, AWS, 42' reach,
6600lb, 3488hrs
'02 Deere 3200, aux hyd, CHA,
2077hrs Clean!
(2 x) '16 JCB 507-42, CHA, 42'
reach, 7k lb. Lift, 3400-3700hrs
BACKHOES
Ford 555B Backhoe, cab
HAY EQUIPMENT
BALERS
'18 McHale V640 Baler, net, 540,
13k bales
NH 326 Square baler w/Hoelscher
Accumulator/Grapple
JD 375, twine, 540
JD 530, twine, 540
JD 535, twine, 540
- JD 375, twine, 540
JD 560M, net/twine, 1000
JD 569, net/twine, 1000
JD 569, net/twine, 1000, hyd pickup,
12k bales
JD 568, net/twine, bale kicker, 13k
bales
Vermeer 604 K, net/twine, gath.whls
Vermeer 604F, twine
Vermeer 605 XL, gath.whls, twine,
540
Hesston 565A, net/twine, gath.
whls, 1000,
Ford 14-80 Square Baler, 540
Ford 532 Square Baler, always
shedded
MF 1560, 5x6, 540
SWATHERS
'07 JD 4995 Swather,
2876hrs/12123hrs, autotractor, CHA,
16' head
CIH WD2303 Series II swather,
RD163 head, CHA, 1326 hrs
HAY MOWERS
JD C450, windrow merger, 1000,
145" JD 956 MoCo, steel rollers, 1000,
14'
JD 265 Disc mower, 3pt, 540, 7'
'19 Kubota DM1022, 3pt, 540, 7'
'20 Kubota DM5032, PT, 1000, 10.5'
Kuhn GMD 3550 TL, PT, 540
'21 Kuhn GMD 3151 TL, PT, 10'2"
cut
'08 Vermeer TM800, PT, 10.5' cut
Vermeer TM800, PT, 540, 8' cut
CIH SMX91 disc mower, PT, 9'
RAKES
Vermeer R2800 twin rake, 28' Nice!
Vermeer WR20, 8-wheel rake
Vermeer R23A twin rake
Vermeer WRX 12-wheel rake
Vermeer WR22 Rake
NH 1225 Duravee, 12-wheel, kicker
Hesston 12-wheel rake
H&S 1460/1660, 14 wheel rake
JD 700 twin rake
JD 705 twin rake
Kubota RA2076 Rotary Rake, 2pt, 540,
25.5'
TEDDERS
MF TD1638 6 basket Tedder, 3pt,
540
Sitrex RT5800H 4 basket Tedder, PT,
540
Dutch Allis 2 basket Tedder, 3pt, 540
OTHER HAY EQUIPMENT
Kewanee 500 bale elevator
Better Built Goose Neck Bale Trailer,
12 bale
Stoltz/Plas BC30 Bale trailer, 41'x8'
FEED EQUIPMENT
Haybuster 2100 processor, 2 Point,
1000
Vortex 3000 Bale King processor
Highline 6800 Bale Processor, 1000
John Deere 840 Bale Processor
540 pto
'25 Rissler Creep Feeder, 3T, Unused
'25 Rissler portable bulk bin, 2T,
Unused
'25 Rissler Bulk bin, 3T, Unused
'12 Lucknow 2260 TMR Mixer,
scales, new discharge conveyor
Highline 7120 Bale Processor, 1000
Kuhn Knight Reel Auggie 3130,
scales, 540
Knight Reel Auggie 2300, 540
Kuhn Knight Vertical Maxx VT156,
scales
Patz 1100 V500 mixer, scales, 1000
NH 358 Grinder mixer, extra
screens, 540
Arts-Way 425-C grinder mixer, 540
TILLAGE EQUIPMENT
DISC
'21 Landoll 7510-14 Disk, 14ft, 7"
spacing
CIH 3900 disc, 32' width
CIH 496 disc, 32' width
CIH 496 disc, 27' width
JD AW disc, 10' width
JD 210 disc, 16' width
JD 230 disc
- JD 630 disc, 26' width
JD 630 disc, 24' width
Kewanee 1010 disc, 20' width
CULTIVATORS
JD 980 rear harrow, 24'
Landoll 7130 To the Max Rolling
Cultivator, 32'
Landoll 1430, rear harrow, 24'
IH 4600, Rear harrow, 24'
CIH 4800 Vibra Shank, rear harrow
CIH 4800 Vibra Shank, rear harrow,
32'
OTHER TILLAGE
'19 Kelly Diamond 4614, 46'
diamond disc harrow
Kelly Diamond 45 Harrow
JD 2623VT, rolling baskets
Landoll 2320 Weatherproofer, 5
shank
Phoenix Rotary Harrow, 3pt, 24'
'24 IA 10VPT Aerator, unused
'24 IA F10 Box Blade, pull type 10'
'24 IA 120R Grader Blade, 6 Way,
12' Unused
JD 915 Ripper, 3 pt, 5 shank
JD 3600 plow, 6 bottom, on land
hitch
Landoll One pass finisher, rear
harrow
Sheyenne Cyclone Ditcher, Pull Type
IH 314, 3 bottom plow, snap hitch
JD RM6-30 Front Mount Cultivator
PLANTERS
JOHN DEERE
JD 7000 4R 30", no till, fert. boxes
JD 7200 12R 30", trash whips,
JD 7240 6/11
JD 1750 6R 30", no till, trash whips,
dry fert
'03 JD 1790, 16/32, no till, ISO, 2yr
rebuild
JD 1790 16/31, spiked closing
wheels, seed firmers
KINZE
'13 Kinze 3600asd, 12/23R, bulk,
no till
'09 Kinze 3660, 16/31R, liquid fert,
pto pump
'07 Kinze 3600, 12/23R, no till
Kinze 3600 16/31R, box, no till
Kinze 2600 12/23, no till, markers
Kinze 2600 12/23, no till, markers
Kinze 2600, 8/15 wide, 36/18", no
till, corn/bean
'05 Kinze 3600 12/23, no till, liquid
fert
Kinze 2000 6/11R, 30/15" corn/bean
Kinze PT6, 6/11R, 30/15" no till,
corn/bean
**CORN/BEAN
DRILLS/SEEDERS**
Great Plains 35F30 Drill, grass
seed, 30'
Great Plains SS1500, no till, rear
harrow
Great Plains SS24, 7.5" space, 24'
JD 1520, no till, 15'
JD 750, 7.5" space, no till, 15'
JD 750, 7.5" space, no till, 15'
'95 JD 750, grass seed, 7.5" 15'
markers
IH 5100, 7.5" space, grass seed,
front cultivator
Land Pride NTS2507 seeder, small
grass seed, pull type
COMBINES
JD 9600, 3282E/19155 hours, CHA,
JD 9560, bin extension, CHA,
JD 8820, 4wd, 1700hrs
Challenger 660, 4467E/3273 hours,
CHA
Gleaner M2, 2475hrs, bean/corn
head
FORAGE HARVESTERS
Lacerator Rotary Flail Forage
harvester, 3pt, 540, with Bucktons
wagon
**HEADS/PLATFORMS/PICKUP
PLATFORMS**
JD 925F platform, 25'
JD 630F platform, 30' single point
JD 625F platform, 25'
CIH 1020 platform, 20'
CIH 1020 platform, 20'
- DRAPERS**
'17 MacDon FD75S Draper, CIH
mounts, 30'
'10 CIH 2162 Draper, 35'
'08 NH 84c, Fie Draper 30'
CORN HEADS
JD 893, 8R 30" CM shafts
JD 893, 8R 30" poly snouts
JD 643, 6R 30"
'10 CIH 3408, 8R 30" CM shafts
IH 1063, 6R 30"
PICKUP HEAD
JD 615P Pickup head, 15' Clean!
HEADER TRAILERS
'24 Industrias America 840R,
unused, 40'
'24 Industrias America 440, unused
40'
'24 Industrias America 435, 35'
unused
Industrias America 435, 35'
Industrias America 842, 42'
Unverferth HT25, 25'
Unverferth HT36, 36'
**GRAIN CARTS/GRAIN
HANDLING**
Brent 776, tarp, hyd spout, 1000
Unverferth 8250
Demco 850, tarp, 1000
'14 Kinze 1100, tarp, scales, 1000
'12 Kinze 1100, tarp, scales, 1000
'21 J&M 1112-20S, tarp, scales,
1000, Nice!
A&L 47, tarp, 1000
WAGONS
Heider wagon with hoist
Heider wagon, box extensions,
hoist
J&M 275, Gravity Wagon, box
extension
SEED TENDERS
Patriot 220 seed tender, talc
container, long auger, Honda engine
GRAIN AUGERS
Sheyenne 1410 auger, 70"x10", 540
SPRAYERS
'09 Spra-Coupe 4460, 80' booms,
Perkins engine, Raven smart tax,
2203hrs, Nice!
Spra-Coupe 4440, 60' booms,
3500hrs
Ag-Chem Rogator 854, 60' booms,
stainless tank, trimble controls,
6540hrs
Demco 850 Sprayer, 60' booms,
hyd pump, foam mark, raven 4040
**MANURE SPREADERS/
APPLICATORS**
'23 NH 155, slop gate, poly floor,
540, UNUSED
Roto-Spread 532-16, vertical
beaters, hyd end gate, 1000
NH 512 manure spreader, 540
NH 513, Box Extensions, 540
JD 40 Manure Spreader, 540
JD 872 side sling spreader, 540
Dempster Clipper-560B, 540
BRUSH CUTTERS
JD R15 Batwing, 1000, pneumatic
tires, 15'
JD 1518 Batwing, 1000, 15'
JD CX15 Batwing, 1000, 15'
JD HX15 Batwing, 15' Low Use!
Bush Hog 2715Legend, laminate
tires, 15'
Bush Hog 2010, 3pt, 540, 10'
Woods 3160 Batwing, 540, 15'
Land Pride RCR3510, 3pt, 540, 10'
5' Brush Cutters 3 pt.
6' Brush Cutters 3 pt.
TRACTOR LOADERS
JD H340, bucket
JD H340, bucket, R series brackets
Kent 1500, bucket, brackets
- RIDING MOWERS/UTV/ETC.**
Scag SCZ61V-378V-EFI Cheetah,
zero turn, 61" deck, 1458hrs
Landpride ZSR54 Zero Turn,
54inch, gas
VEHICLES/TRAILERS
1973 Hyster Lowboy, ramps, 30 ton
1993 Fruehauf enclosed trailer
2024 Forest River 24' enclosed
trailer
1997 Trailstar End Dump
1997 Road Boss goose neck, 24'
2001 End Dump trailer, 27'
2022 High Country enclosed
trailer, 20'
1994 Chevy Kodiak Service truck,
Cat 6.6 engine, 424k mi.
2002 Ford F-350, crew cab, service
bed, power stroke, 213k mi.
2002 Dodge Ram 1500, V8, 2wd,
126k mi.
1999 Dodge Ram 1500, V8, 325k
mi.
2006 IH ProStar Semi, 13spd, wet
kit, long frame
2011 Chevy 2500, diesel, crew cab,
4x4, 20k on engine
2004 IH 4400 Dump Trk, short
sides, auto, 209k mi.
2005 IH 4400 Dump Trk, short
sides, auto, 227k mi.
98 GMC C5500 Water Trk, single
axle gas eng, 136k mi.
85 C60 Dump Trk, gas eng, 142k
mi.
OAKS FARM ESTATE
NH 688 Baler, net/twine, 2400 bales
NH 617 Disc mower, 3pt, 540 9'
M&W 10 wheel rake
10 bale hay trailer
New Idea Manure Spreader
**GRACE FARMS
RETIREMENT**
'14 JD 6140R, LDR, MFWD, 20spd,
CHA, 7100hrs
'24 Vermeer TM1200, PT, 1000'
'22 Vermeer VR1224 Rake, 12
wheel, double kicker wheels
Vermeer 605N Select Baler
'18 NH Pro-Tend 3417, 4 basket hyd.
fold, tedder
'11 JD 2520, LDR, MFWD, OS,
Hydrostat, 87hrs
Frontier GN1072E Finish Mower,
3pt, 72"
OTHER EQUIPMENT
(2x) 1000 Gallon Fuel tank,
containment, with pump
Bush Hog Boss 72HF Skid Steer
Brush Cutter
Stout Grapples, Lowe Auger Kits
40' Shipping Containers, one trip, 4
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Good Dads 2.0 program to launch in St. Joseph

By PATRICK HOLLERON
News-Press NOW

A new non-profit organization for family men is coming to St. Joseph.

“The Good Dads” is a father focused program that aims to help men improve and grow in all aspects of parenting.

New members are placed in a 16-week course that provides fathers with parenting skills to foster a calm, dependable household.

Qualities the program helps boost include helping kids improve in school, creating relationships with reduced friction, lower crime rates and assisting in economic flourishing.

While the name of the group implies it’s only for current fathers, the group is open to any men want to join. “It’s really important that we realize this isn’t just for guys who are currently fathers,” Good Dads Director Tim Doyle said, “Men who have influence in any situation, have the opportunity to make a dif-

ference to influence the kids in your sphere of the world. I think this is going to be a great tool for all the young men and single men who one day want to be a dad.”

The Good Dads branch in St. Joseph joins over 20 communities in which the program is established throughout Missouri.

They group hopes to make an immediate impact in St. Joseph and already has ideas on how to support the community.

“Beyond the 16-week course, we would love to do some other activities,” Doyle said. “I’m dreaming of potentially being at Mustangs game day to get the dads together. I hope this is an impetus to bring more programing to our city, because I really believe what’s going to happen is as we coach men up, we can also encourage them.”

The first Good Dads course in St. Joseph will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, at the Restoration Natatorium.

Agriculture Department tries to rehire fired workers tied to bird flu response

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — The Agriculture Department is scrambling to rehire several workers who were involved in the government’s response to the ongoing bird flu outbreak that has devastated egg and poultry farms over the past three years.

The workers were among the thousands of federal employees eliminated on the recommendations of billionaire Elon Musk ‘s Department of Government Efficiency, which is working to carry out Trump’s promise to streamline and reshape the federal government.

Republican Rep. Don Bacon said the administration should be more careful in how it carries out the cuts.

“While President Trump is fulfilling his promise to shed light on waste, fraud, and abuse in government, DOGE needs to measure twice and cut once. Downsizing decisions must be narrowly tailored to preserve critical missions,” said Bacon, who represents a swing district in Nebraska.

The bird flu outbreak has prompted the slaughter of roughly 160 million birds to help control the virus since the outbreak began in 2022. Most of the birds killed were egg-laying chickens, so that has driven egg prices up to a record high of \$4.95 per dozen on average. The federal government has spent nearly \$2 billion on the response, including nearly \$1.2 billion in payments to farmers to compensate them for their lost birds.

A USDA spokesperson said the department “continues to prioritize the response to highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI)” and several key jobs like veterinarians, animal health technicians and



File photo | Associated Press

Chickens walk in a fenced pasture at an organic farm in 2015 in Iowa.

other emergency response personnel involved in the effort were protected from the cuts. But some employees of the USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service were eliminated.

“Although several APHIS positions supporting HPAI were notified of their terminations over the weekend, we are working to swiftly rectify the situation and rescind those letters,” the department spokesperson said. Politico and NBC News reported that the jobs that were eliminated were part of an office that helps oversee the national network of labs USDA relies on to confirm cases of bird flu and other animal diseases. It wasn’t immediately clear how many workers the department might be trying to rehire and whether any

of them worked at the main USDA lab in Ames, Iowa.

“At a time when producers are already grappling with the bird flu, the public is facing high prices, and all Americans are on edge about what broader spread of this virus could mean, the last thing the administration should have done was to eliminate these positions,” Democratic Sen. Amy Klobuchar said. “USDA must rehire these crucial personnel immediately.”

Trump administration officials said this week that the USDA might change its approach to the bird flu outbreak, so that maybe entire flocks wouldn’t have to be slaughtered when the disease is found, but they have yet to offer many details of their plan.

United Cerebral Palsy Chili Cook-Off set for Sunday

News-Press NOW

With temperatures warming up, there’s still a chance to get your chili fix while also helping local people with special needs this weekend.

United Cerebral Palsy will have its 39th Anniversary Chili Cook-Off Sunday, March 2, at the Civic Arena, Fourth and Felix streets. The event is a major fundraiser for the agency, and all the proceeds stay in Northwest Missouri to benefit children and adults with special needs.

More than 50 entries will be part of the competition, and judges will rate samples on taste, palatability and appearance. Members of the public will be able to sample chili as well and can vote for their favorite for the People’s Choice Award.

Doors open at 11 a.m., and chili



File photo | News-Press NOW

A previous United Cerebral Palsy Chili Cook-Off is shown in this photo. This year’s event will take place Sunday, March 2, at the Civic Arena.

samples will be distributed to the public at 2:30 p.m., with the winners being announced later in the day. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for children.

The cook-off includes activities for children and adults and will

feature musical entertainment from Michael Shaun Brown performing southern country rock all afternoon. An online auction also is available at ucpnwmo.org/chili-challenge.

Northwest Missouri State University mourns death of freshman

News-Press NOW

Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri is mourning the death of a first-year college student who died on Sunday in a car crash.

According to NWMSU, Jase Wilmes was an agricultural business major from New Market, Iowa.

The Iowa State Patrol responded to the vehicle crash around 3 a.m. on Sunday, February 23.

According to the Patrol’s report, Jase Wilmes, 19, of New Market, Iowa, was traveling eastbound on 210th Street just east of Willow Avenue, in Clarinda, Iowa, when he came up over a hill and lost control of the vehicle.

Wilmes’ vehicle ran off the road to the left into a ditch, then a wooded area, striking multiple trees, vaulting and then overturning before

coming to a rest within the wooded area, engulfed in flames, facing west.

The Patrol reported that Wilmes’ was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. However, he was pronounced deceased at the scene and transported to the Iowa State Medical Examiner.

Northwest is offering counseling through Wellness Services at 660.562-1348 or through University Police at **660-562-1254**.

Faculty and Staff who may need assistance are asked to contact the University employee assistance program at **1-800-964-3577** or Dacey Hassey, a certified counselor at Family Guidance Center, at dhassey@fgc-now.org or **816-261-3091**.

The University is also advising anyone who may need crisis counseling to contact 988.

Maryville fire leaves one man dead

News-Press NOW

A man is dead and the Missouri State Fire Marshal’s Office is investigating after an early morning fire Monday in Maryville, Missouri.

Crews from the Maryville Fire Department arrived shortly after

4 a.m. to a home on Chick Avenue after a passerby reported seeing flames coming from the home, officials said. A woman confirmed to firefighters that her husband was trapped inside a bedroom.

While firefighters were able to locate the man and get him out of the home, he was pronounced dead

at a hospital.

The Missouri State Fire Marshal’s Office is investigating the cause of the fire. Anyone with information about the fire or security camera footage that may have captured the incident is asked to contact Maryville Fire Chief Jace Pine at **660-562-3209**.

Cemeteries ask for items to be removed for cleanup

News-Press NOW

St. Joseph Memorial Park and Mount Auburn Cemetery will conduct its semi-annual cemetery cleanup on Monday, March 3.

Cemetery staff will clear all flowers, decorations and additional items off every grave to mow and conduct maintenance of the cemetery grounds.

Community members are asked to remove any items that they wish to keep

by the evening of March 2. All items left behind are subject to disposal.

The cemeteries conduct two general cleanups annually. Once the first Monday in March and once the Monday following Memorial Day.

Water main break closes section of U.S. 59

News-Press NOW

A section of U.S. Route 59 just north of St. Joseph is closed due to a water main break.

Route 59, also known as Savannah Road, is

closed from Route DD to County Line Road until further notice, according to the Missouri Department of Transportation. Traffic will be directed on to Route DD.

ST. JOSEPH DEATHS

Norman D. Akers

Marvin D. Harmon

Casey L. Jackson Sr.

Nancy Rullman

Margie E. Strautman

Wanda VanVacter

Late Notices

David W. Cluck

HIGHLAND, Kan. — David Wayne "Weenie" Cluck, 64, of Highland, died Feb. 21, 2025. www.chapeloaksfuneral-home.com

Patrick Fetty

Patrick Fetty, 38, St. Joseph, died Feb. 23, 2025. Services pending Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory.

Janice M. Nolan

STANBERRY, Mo. — Janice Nolan, of Stanberry, Missouri, died Feb. 23, 2025. Funeral 1 p.m.

AREA DEATHS

Faye E. Atkins

Savannah, Mo.

E. Lucille Boswell

Maitland, Mo.



E. Lucille Boswell
1929-2025

MAITLAND, Mo. — E. Lucille Zachary Boswell, 96, of Maitland, Missouri, passed away Feb. 22, 2025, at Tiffany Heights nursing home, in Mound City, Missouri.

Services: Friday, Feb. 28, 2025, with visitation starting at 10 a.m. and services starting at 11 a.m. at the CrossPointe Church, 2501 S. Belt Highway, St. Joseph, MO. Interment: Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorials: Bu An Co Garden Club or the Mount Hope Cemetery.

A full obituary may be found and condolences left at www.chamberlainfuneral.com.

Marvin D. Harmon
1946-2025

Marvin "Dan" Daniel Harmon, 78, of St. Joseph, passed away Friday, Feb. 21, 2025, in a St. Joseph hospital. He was born April 21, 1946, in Albany, Missouri, son of the late Carrie and Frankie Harmon.

Dan was an over the road truck driver for many years. He served in the Army during the Vietnam era, the United States Air Guard retiring from the U.S. Air Force as a Tech Sergeant. He enjoyed riding motorcycles, playing Santa Claus for 39 years at the Noyes Home and for other organizations. Dan took great pride participating with graveside military honors, and spending time with his family. He was a member of Marine Corp League, Freedom of the Road Riders Local 6, the VFW, American Legion #359, and the Eagles Aerie Lodge #49.

Dan was preceded in death by his wife, Vicki Lynn Harmon and his parents.

He is survived by children: Pam (Robbie) Betts, Sherry Harmon, Ricky (Roxanne) Harmon, and Terri Harmon, all of St. Joseph; sisters, Ruth Lee and Elva Morse; 23 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren. The family received

friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday at the Rupp Funeral Home, Funeral services and public live stream: 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2025, Pastor Will Purinton officiating. Military honors under the auspices of the Marine Corp League. Memorials are requested to the Noyes Home in the name of Santa Dan.

Online condolence and obituary at www.ruppfuneral.com



Casey L. Jackson Sr.
1971-2025

Casey Lamar Jackson Sr., 53, of St. Joseph, passed away Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025, in a St. Joseph hospital. He was born Feb. 28, 1971, in Wetumpka, Alabama. He worked at BlueScope Buildings for four years. He was a workaholic, and liked taking care of his family. He enjoyed lifting weights, playing basketball, and boxing.

Casey was preceded in death by father, Rush Lewis; sister, Patricia Jackson.

Survivors include: wife, Myra Hallasgo, of the home; mother, Joyce Stewart, of Wetumpka; sons, Demetri Jackson (fiancée Hannah), and Casey Jackson Jr.; daughter, Dashauna Jackson; siblings: Ronnie Jackson, of St. Joseph, Melissa Graves, of Alabama, and brother, Boris Stewart, of Kentucky.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday with funeral services and public live stream at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, 2025, at the Rupp Funeral Home.

Online condolence, obituary and public live stream at www.ruppfuneral.com.



Nancy Rullman
1945-2025

Nancy Rullman, 79, of St. Joseph, passed away on Feb. 20, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of love, kindness, and unwavering dedication to her family and community.

Born on Nov. 3, 1945, in St. Joseph, to Ed and Ella Roberts, Nancy was a woman of warmth and resilience. She dedicated over 30 years of her career

to Family Guidance Center, where her compassion and commitment made a lasting impact. Even up to the time of her passing, she continued to work, demonstrating her strong spirit and dedication to helping others.

Nancy shared a beautiful life with her late husband, Richard Rullman, building a family rooted in love and togetherness. She was the devoted mother of Tonya Butler (Dusty), Tracy Sowell, Brad Rullman (Nichole), and Stephanie Butler. She adored her grandchildren, Ryan (Nicole), Dakota, Andi (Travis), Tyler, Tanner, Zack (Chelsea), and Mac (Rachel), and took immense pride in her role as a great-grandmother to Gannon, Brensley, Bryson, Paiten, Parker, Bre, Geo, Kohen, Knox, Nash, Finn, and Tate. Nancy also leaves behind a brother, Larry Kerns; sister, Kathy Walker; a beloved niece, Lanie Fuehrer; and beloved nephews, Logan Walker and Lance Walker.

Nancy found joy in family gatherings, attending her grandkids' sporting events, and vacationing—especially in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, a place that always held a special spot in her heart. She had a gift for bringing people together, whether through her presence at a game, a trip filled with adventure, or the simple joy of a home-cooked meal. Her homemade tenderloins were legendary, a true staple of comfort and love in the Rullman household.

Her love extended to her cherished dogs, Ollie and Stewart, who were her constant companions and provided endless joy.

Nancy's warmth, strength and unwavering support for those she loved will forever be remembered. She leaves behind a family that will carry on her traditions, her kindness, and the deep love she gave so freely.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Rullman; her parents; her son, Billy Sowell; and her infant daughter, Tina Sowell.

A Rosary Prayer Service will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Heaton-Bowman Smith Sidenfaden, followed by visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

Farewell Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday Feb. 27, at Heaton-Bowman Smith Sidenfaden. Interment will follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery. The family will gather with friends from 3 to 6 p.m. Eagles Lodge for dinner. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to The American Kidney Foundation.



Margie E. Strautman
1921-2025

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Margie Ellen (Beaty) Strautman, 103, Kansas City, Missouri, passed away Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025. She was born June 11, 1921, to Louis C. and Myrtle (Tennis) Beaty, in St. Joseph.

Margie graduated from Benton High School, St. Joseph, in 1939, and Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, in 1941.

She married Everett Lee Strautman on Nov. 16, 1945. They were married for nearly 40 years before his death in 1985.

Margie and Everett were engaged in the grocery business for decades in Atchison and Holt counties

in northwest Missouri, as owners of the Market Basket in Tarkio, Missouri, and the Hy-Klas grocery in Craig, Missouri.

After relocating to Kansas City in the early 1980s, Margie worked at Farmland Industries, retiring in 1996.

She was preceded in death by her parents; stepmother, Minnie Hochenauer Beaty; stepbrother, William Hochenauer; and her husband.

Survivors include her children: William L. "Bill" Strautman, Grandview, Missouri, Randolph (Randy) Strautman and his spouse, Marni, The Villages, California, Ellen A. Strautman and her spouse, Cheryl Duncan, Columbia, Missouri, and James Alexander "Alex" Strautman and his spouse, Kevin Spier, Tacoma, Washington.

Private Farewell Services & Interment, Mount Mora Cemetery.

Online guest book and obituary at www.meierhoffer.com.



Wanda VanVacter
1946-2025

Wanda (Turpin) VanVacter, 78, of St. Joseph, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025, at Mosaic Life Care, in St. Joseph. She was born May 12, 1946, in Robinsville, North Carolina, daughter of Rosie Turpin and David Birchfield. She graduated from Mainland Senior High School, in Daytona Beach, Florida, in 1964, where she met her future husband Don. On May 8, 1965, she married Donald VanVacter in St. Joseph. In high school Wanda was a part of the school swimming team and was Runner-Up for Miss Daytona Beach. Wanda worked at Sherwood Medical and Johnson Controls. She was a devoted lifelong Christian and was an active member of King Hill Christian Church.

Wanda's hobbies consisted of candle making, crafting and taking care of her plants. She owned Wanda's Candle Room, where she shared her love of candles with many.

Wanda was preceded in death by her parents; son, Matthew VanVacter; and infant daughter, Dawn Renee'.

Survivors include husband of nearly 60 years, Donald Van Vacter Jr., of the home; children, Deborah (Victor) Flores, Sherri Gutierrez, Tonya VanVacter, Aaron Van Vacter, all of St. Joseph; brother, David Birchfield Jr., of Robinsville; sisters-in law, Connie (Bobby) Heflin and Michelle (Greg) Yelton; eight grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025, at Rupp Funeral Home, where the family will receive friends from noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday. Pastor Rich Piper officiating. Ms. VanVacter will be cremated following services. Inurnment will take place at Memorial Park Cemetery at later date. Memorials are requested to the Wanda VanVacter Memorial Fund, c/o Rupp Funeral Home.

Online condolences, obituary and public live stream at www.ruppfuneral.com.



FAREWELLS

YOLANDA E. PEREGRINE

Farewell Services and Public Livestream 1 p.m. Tuesday, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. Father Johnathan Davis officiating.

ROBERT EARL JONES

Farewell Services and Public Livestream 10 a.m. Thursday, St. Peter Lutheran Church. Rev. Richard Cody officiating. Interment Savannah Cemetery. The family will gather with friends 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory.

FRANCES M. JEFFERS

Farewell Services and Public Livestream 1 p.m. Friday, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. Pastor Brian Kirk officiating. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. The family will gather with friends 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory.

NORMAN D. AKERS

Farewell Services and Public Livestream 10 a.m. Saturday, Ashland United Methodist Church. Pastor Doug Walter officiating. Interment Fairview Cemetery, Bedford, Iowa. The family will gather with friends 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory.



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WANDA BELL WEDDINGTON

St. Joseph Chapel

Wanda Bell Brott Weddington, 96, passed away peacefully on Feb. 16, 2025.

Services will be Friday, Feb. 28, 2025, at 1 p.m. at Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel. Interment will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will precede the service beginning at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers memorial may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

For the full obituary or to leave an online condolence to the family; please visit: heatonbowman-smith.com

NANCY RULLMAN

St. Joseph Chapel

Nancy Rullman, 79, of St. Joseph, passed away Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025.

Farewell Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday Feb. 27, at Heaton-Bowman Smith Sidenfaden. Interment will follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery. The family will gather with friends from 3 to 6 p.m. Eagles Lodge for dinner. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to The American Kidney Foundation.

For the full obituary or to leave an online condolence to the family; please visit: www.heatonbowman-smith.com

MELANIE WALDROFF

St. Joseph Chapel

On the morning of Feb. 21, 2025, Melanie Jean Waldroff "Nana" passed away surrounded by her husband and children. Services will be Saturday, March 1, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel. Visitation will precede the service beginning at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

For the full obituary or to leave an online condolence to the family; please visit: www.heatonbowman-smith.com

RONNIE LAWRENCE

St. Joseph Chapel

Ronnie Lawrence, age 83, formerly of Trenton, Missouri, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Feb. 6, 2025.

Interment at Leavenworth National Cemetery with full military honors will be held Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2025, at 10 a.m.

For the full obituary or to leave an online condolence to the family; please visit: www.heatonbowman-smith.com

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Norman D. Akers
1936-2025

Norman Dale Akers was born on March 17, 1936, on a farm northeast of Gravity, Iowa. He passed away at home surrounded by his family on Feb. 19, 2025.

When he was four his family moved to a farm 10 miles east of Bedford, Iowa. He attended Bedford High School where he graduated in 1954 in a class size of 66 and was especially gifted in math.

A friend of Norm's set-up a blind double date. On that date he met his future bride, Karen Irene Price. Their first date was a candy bar and a bottle of pop. Their other dating activities consisted of roller skating and movies. Norman proposed to Karen at her high school prom. They planned a summer wedding and were married on June 27, 1956. They were happily married for over 68 years.

Norman started his career as a carpenter in Bedford. He was also volunteer fireman in that community and spent 10 years as a Staff Sergeant in the Iowa National Guard. He changed careers and sold life insurance for a time, and moved his family to Springfield, Illinois. Norman made another career change and relocated to St. Joseph where he was hired by Gilbert Pickett to be an estimator for Lawhon Construction. In

time, he became part of the company's ownership group and eventually became president of the company. He was instrumental in establishing the Labor Relations Council which later became the St. Joseph Construction Association where he served a term as president. Norman was highly respected for his expertise, integrity, and honesty in business. He will be missed by the St Joseph construction community.

Norman was a member of Ashland United Methodist Church for over 55 years and served the church for numerous years on the Board of Trustees and he participated in various improvements made to the church.

He was a supporter of Habitat for Humanity and Interserv. He was also a 50-year member of the Moila Temple of the Shriners International Fraternity.

Norman loved bass fishing and visited many lakes with the Bass Club. He spent many summers at the Lake of the Ozark entertaining family and friends. Norman had a keen sense of humor and enjoyed playful pranks. He also enjoyed NASCAR, the Kansas City Chiefs, Harley Davidson motorcycles, and red convertible corvettes.

His family would want you to know that he was a kind and compassionate man who was generous with his time and resources. He often would learn of a need and would quietly endeavor to see that those needs were fulfilled. He found great satisfaction anonymously doing things for others.

Norm was preceded in

death by his parents, Lester and Myrtle (Stephens) Akers, of Bedford; and sister, Janet (Akers) Livingston, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Surviving him are wife, Karen (Price) Akers, of St. Joseph; and his three adult children, Rick (Sheryl) Akers, Roger (Tammy) Akers and Julie (David) McFarland; grandchildren include Ryan Akers, Kevin (Miranda) Akers, Tara (James) Dohrmann, Jonathan Akers, Samuel (Anna) Akers, Alison (J.J.) Dorrell, Julia (Aaron) Prentice, Laura Akers, Mark (Meredith) McFarland and Sarah McFarland; great-grandchildren include Payton Akers, Natalie Akers, Sierra Akers, Isaiah Akers, Meier Dohrmann, Beckett Dohrmann, Easton Dohrmann, Hudson Dohrmann, Phoenix Akers, Harrison Akers, Ellis Akers, Henry Akers, and Elijah Prentice. Norm will be missed by many dear extended family and friends.

Visitation will be Friday, Feb. 28, 2025, at Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory from 6 to 8 p.m. Farewell Services and Public Livestream will be Saturday, March 1, at Ashland United Methodist Church at 10 a.m. with Interment following at Fairview Cemetery in Bedford, Iowa. Memorials may be made on behalf of Norman to Ashland United Methodist Church.

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Loss and heartbreak have been family's reality of late

DEAR ABBY,
Over the last few years, my family has faced a lot of loss, especially my mother. In the span of three years, she has lost her parents, my father and my brother. We had a little joy with my son being born. He brought a lot of happiness when everybody was heartbroken.

Right after my brother's death, we found out we were unexpectedly pregnant again. We thought this would bring more joy for Mom, but we are getting bad news from the doctors, and the baby may not make it to term or survive very long after birth. I'm not sure how to break this news to Mom, and my wife is getting to where we can no longer hide that she's pregnant.

We are getting a second opinion, but although we are holding out hope, I'm not sure it will change the situation. We know we have to tell Mom something. Any advice on how to tell her without breaking her heart?

— **WITHHOLDING IN NEW ENGLAND**

DEAR WITHHOLDING,
My condolences to your mother, who has experienced a lot of loss in recent years. However, she is an adult and deserves to be a full participant in your lives and treated as such. For her sake (and yours), tell her what is going on and give her the chance to be supportive of you. If you do, of course the news will be sad, but she won't be deprived of the chance to do for you what you have been doing for her.

DEAR ABBY,
My son-in-law is never on time for anything. He's in charge of driving his young son to elementary school and is consistently late by four or five minutes. He and my daughter have gotten letters reminding them of the importance of being on time. I witness this because we share a home. He was fired from his last job due to lateness.

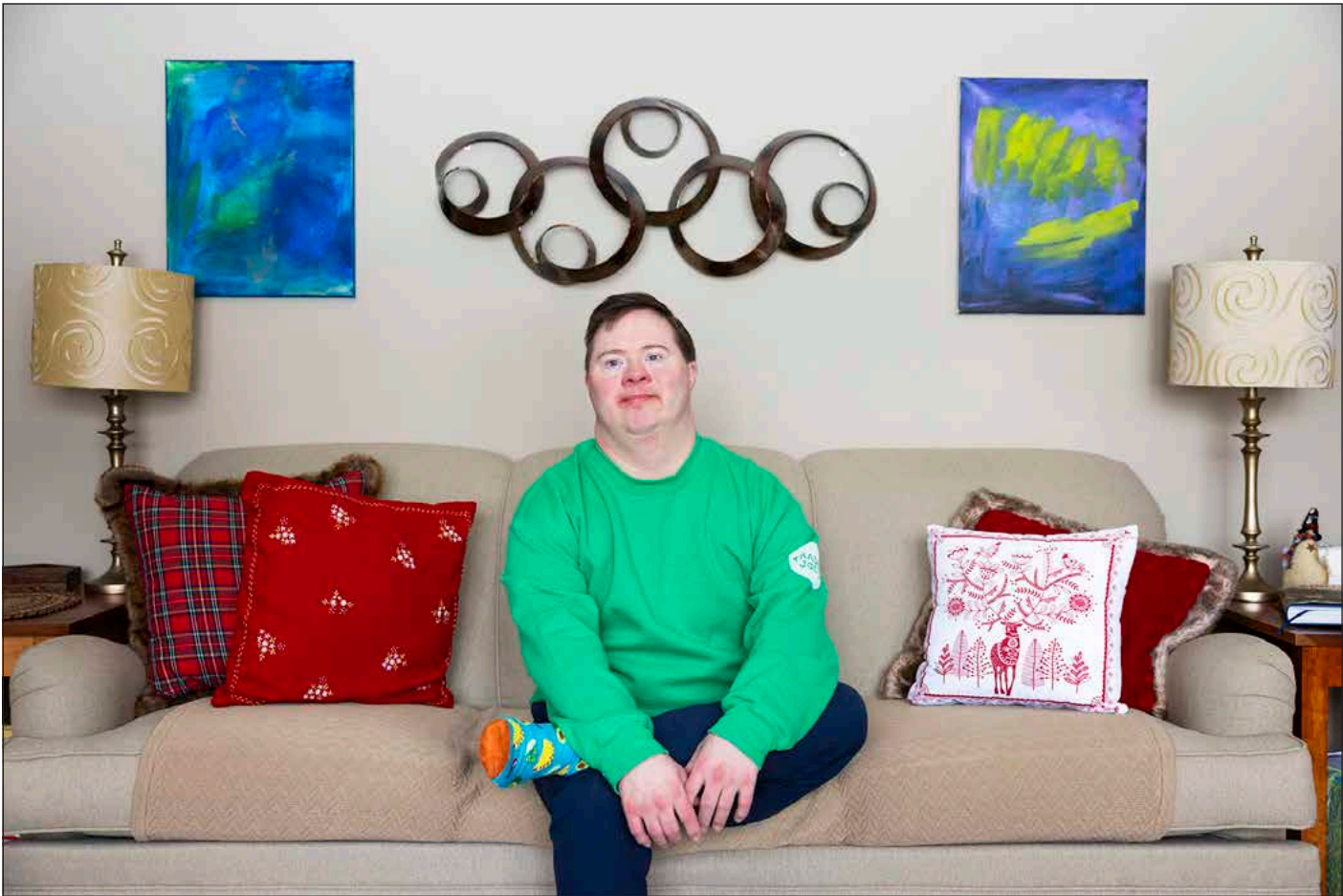
I am a very punctual person, so his lateness for everything drives me crazy. I have tried to lightheartedly address it, to no avail. My husband and I are retired, and I suggested to my husband that I could offer to take our grandson to school, but my husband says I should stay out of it. How do I cope with this?

— **PUNCTUAL IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR PUNCTUAL,
Your grandson should not have to suffer because of his father's irresponsibility. It is important that he get to school on time, with no black marks for tardiness on his record. If that means your daughter, you or your husband sees that he gets there in a timely fashion, so be it.

Of course, this does not solve the problem of your son-in-law's habitual lateness. But perhaps he will learn better habits when word gets around that he can't punch a clock on time when prospective employers ask for references.

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Paul Safarik, 32, is photographed in his home on Feb. 12 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

These bank accounts allow Americans with disabilities to save and invest

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Paul Safarik, 32, of Lincoln, Nebraska, has worked in the food industry since he was 21, delivering for quick service restaurants like Raising Cane's and stocking groceries at stores like Trader Joe's. With his earnings, Safarik, who has Down syndrome, recently bought a treadmill to stay active when the weather's bad and helped cover the cost of braces for his teeth.

That's unusual, financially speaking, and it's thanks in part to a little-known savings account called an ABLE account, which lets people with disabilities save money beyond the \$2,000 asset limit that's linked to benefits like Supplemental Security Income and Medicaid. Without the account, Safarik could have risked losing government assistance if he had more than \$2,000 in assets saved at one time in a given month.

"With this ABLE account, we don't have to worry as much," said Deb Safarik, 71, Paul's mother, with whom he lives. "It's nice that he can work and save, and not have that be held against him."

Named for the 2014 law that created them, the Achieving a Better Life Experience Act, ABLE accounts have been available since 2016 to individuals

identified by a doctor as having a disability before the age of 26. Next year, they'll become available to those identified before the age of 46, which will increase access to an additional 6 million people, including 1 million veterans, according to Indiana State Treasurer Daniel Elliott, who administers the accounts in his state. An estimated 8 million people nationwide already qualify.

"The fact that it used to be that individuals could only save up to \$2,000 or they could lose benefits — that was really restricting a lot of families," Elliott said. "People were forced into a position where they couldn't save for their futures. Now we're seeing average account balances of (ABLE accounts) between \$11,000 and \$12,000."

Generally, ABLE accounts may reach totals of \$100,000 without affecting Supplemental Security Income. Lifetime balance limits for the various state ABLE accounts can range from around \$300,000 to over \$500,000. They're administered by state treasurers, and the vast majority can be set up online via their websites. Some ABLE plans accept paper applications as well.

Anyone can contribute to an ABLE account — including the account owner, friends, family, organizations, nonprofits, and employers — up to \$19,000 per year in 2025. If the account owner

is able to work and not already contributing to a workplace retirement plan, they can contribute an additional amount equal to their yearly gross income. For 2025, that amount is up to an additional \$15,560 to \$18,810, depending on the state administering the account.

There are also tax advantages. Investment earnings from ABLE accounts remain untaxed as long as money taken from the account is used for "qualified disability expenses," such as medical treatment, education, tutoring and job training. Account holders may choose from a number of investment options for the funds in their accounts or hold and save the money without investing it further.

Elliott said raising awareness of the accounts is the biggest challenge for the National Association of State Treasurers (NAST), for which he's also the secretary treasurer.

"Many people are used to the idea that, 'If I have a disability or my child has one, it could endanger their benefits to save money,'" he said. "We as a state and as a country need to start reaching out to people and saying, 'Look, you actually can save money now. You could save towards the purchase of a home.' The hardest thing right now is getting that message out. We need more people to be aware things have changed."

Guilty PLEASURES | Entertainment stories from The Associated Press

Roberta Flack, Grammy-winning singer, dies at 88

NEW YORK | Roberta Flack, the Grammy-winning singer and pianist whose intimate vocal and musical style made her one of the top recordings artists of the 1970s and an influential performer long after, died Monday. She was 88.

She died at home surrounded by her family, publicist **Elaine Schock** said in a statement. Flack announced in 2022 she had ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, and could no longer sing.

Little known before her early 30s, Flack became an overnight star after **Clint Eastwood** used "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face" as the soundtrack for one of cinema's more memorable and explicit love scenes, between the actor and **Donna Mills** in his 1971 film "Play Misty for Me." The hushed, hymn-like ballad, with Flack's graceful soprano afloat on a bed of soft strings and piano, topped the Billboard pop chart in 1972 and received a Grammy for record of the year.

"The record label wanted to have it re-recorded with a faster tempo, but he said he wanted it exactly as it was," Flack told The Associated Press in 2018. "With



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Singer Roberta Flack poses for a portrait in 2018 in New York.

the song as a theme song for his movie, it gained a lot of popularity and then took off."

In 1973, she matched both achievements with "Killing Me Softly With His Song," becoming the first artist to win consecutive Grammys for best record.

A classically trained pianist so gifted she received a full scholarship at age 15 to Howard, the historically Black university, Flack was discovered in the late 1960s by jazz musician **Les McCann**, who later wrote that "her voice touched, tapped, trapped, and kicked every emotion I've ever known." Flack was versatile enough to summon the up-tempo gospel passion of **Aretha Franklin**, but she favored a more mea-

sured and reflective approach, as if curating a song word by word.

Lester Holt to step down as anchor of NBC's flagship 'Nightly News'

NEW YORK | NBC's veteran **Lester Holt** is stepping down as anchor of the network's flagship "Nightly News" broadcast in the coming months.

Holt, who has been the face of "Nightly News" for a decade, won't be leaving NBC altogether, however. In a memo to staff Monday, he said he would be expanding his work on NBC's "Dateline," taking

on a full-time role.

The transition is expected to take place early this summer. No firm date or successor for "NBC Nightly News" has been named yet.

Wu-Tang Clan announces final North American tour

NEW YORK | Wu-Tang Clan is forever, but their touring days are coming to an end.

The legendary rap group — made up of **RZA**, **GZA**, **Method Man**, **Raekwon**, **Ghostface Killah**, **Inspectah Deck**, **U-God**, **Masta Killa** and previously, the late **Ol' Dirty Bastard** — will kick off their final tour this summer.

The "Wu-Tang Forever: The Final Chamber" tour launches June 6 in Baltimore at the CFG Bank Arena and concludes on July 18 at Philadelphia's Wells Fargo Center.

The tour will also hit Raleigh, North Carolina; Tampa, Florida; Atlanta; Fort Worth, Texas; Houston; Austin, Texas; Tulsa, Oklahoma; Phoenix; Ontario, Canada; San Diego; Los Angeles; San Francisco; Sacramento, California; Seattle; Vancouver, Canada; Portland, Oregon; Greenwood Village, Colorado; Chicago; Detroit; Columbus, Ohio; Boston; Laval, Canada; Toronto; New York and Newark, New Jersey.

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Sounds Fun!

by Rebecca Goldstein

ACROSS

1. Get out of a mess?
5. Walkway
9. Puritanical person
14. Frozen beverage brand
15. Cookies-and-cream cookie
16. Los Angeles public transit
17. Faucets?
19. "Not today, ____!"
20. Shenanigans
21. Hyundai competitor
23. A spider has eight of them
24. To the ____ degree
25. Sends to as an FYI, maybe
27. Smug smile
29. Bores?
33. Barack or Michelle
36. Butt of a joint
37. One, in San Juan
38. Avocado or mango centers
39. Tries to get a reaction out of
40. Potbellied pets
41. Self-importance
42. Dress style that's good for twirling
43. Perceive

44. Dents?
47. Gives a mouthful?
48. Crop that may be drought-resistant: Abbr.
49. Lose elasticity
52. Web dev code
53. Down in the dumps
56. Jenna of "Beetlejuice Beetlejuice"
58. Regions
60. Seats?
62. Approach excitedly
63. Bend at a barre
64. Sound that 40-Across make
65. Digital ____ (break from screens)
66. Stop or Yield
67. Exams scored on a 400-1600 scale
DOWN
1. Saturn's largest moon
2. "Sorry, busy that day"
3. Swimming pool measurement
4. Abominable Snowman
5. Physics documentary's genre, informally
6. Creative pursuit
7. Pool deck wood
8. Southwestern tribe known for coiled basketry
9. Afternoon hrs.

10. Certain driver's license
11. Complete bankruptcy
12. Performers who may wear fake mustaches
13. Geological time periods
18. Ghana's capital
22. Avia alternative
26. Ankle injury
28. Speedometer letters
29. Contacts privately on Insta
30. Accomplishing
31. Appropriate for all ages
32. Strike that!
33. Take in the Times, say
34. "That would be huge!"
35. Theme of Yom Kippur
39. Sheer ecstasy
40. Square ____ in a round hole
42. Tack on
43. Apt rhyme for "bore"
45. Frozen ristorante dessert
46. "Pass me the ball"
49. Photography tint
50. Customer service ____
51. Stares with an open mouth
52. Tough
54. Starter dishes, for short
55. Sandwich shop
57. Pairs
59. Red ____ (Fenway Park team)
61. Faux hair

Universal Sudoku

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California/Nevada desert

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Answers to Monday's puzzle: KNUCKLE WRIST ANKLE ELBOW KNEE / QUARTER NICKEL PENNY DIME / MERCURY URANUS MARS / GHANA TOGO / EVEREST

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RECIPE OF THE DAY — Spicy Oven-Fried Cod Fillets



Getting Started

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When weather begins to warm, home cooks start migrating from the heartier soups, stews and casseroles that are so popular in winter to something lighter. Seafood is an option families can turn to that is both high in protein and leaner than other dinner-time staples. Cod is a popular saltwater fish that is mild in flavor with firm meat. This means it may hold up better than some other white fish in different meals, like a fish fry. This recipe for "Spicy Oven-Fried Cod Fillets" (The Pampered Chef®) from The Pampered Chef® Test Kitchens is a flavorful dish that can mark a transition to

lighter, springtime meals.

Spicy Oven-Fried
Cod Fillets

4 servings

Sauce

- 2 teaspoons thinly sliced green onion with top
- 1 small garlic clove, pressed
- 1/2 cup reduced-fat Thousand Island salad dressing
- 1/4 teaspoon chili powder
- Dash cayenne pepper

Cod fillets

- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup dry Italian-style bread crumbs
- 1/4 teaspoon chili powder

- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1½ pounds cod fish fillets

- Preheat oven to 450 F. For sauce, thinly slice green onion. Press garlic. Add onion, salad dressing, chili powder, and cayenne pepper; mix well. Cover; refrigerate at least 1 hour to allow flavors to blend.
- For cod fillets, lightly beat egg in a small bowl. Combine bread crumbs, chili powder and salt in a shallow dish. Dip fillets into egg, then into bread crumb mixture, coating evenly. Arrange fillets on a pan; lightly spray with nonstick cooking spray.
- Bake 15 to 18 minutes or until cod flakes easily with a fork. Remove from oven; serve cod with sauce.

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Colorado wide receiver Travis Hunter warms up for the Alamo Bowl against BYU in 2024 in San Antonio.

Travis Hunter gives scouting combine a different look

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Travis Hunter will arrive at the NFL's annual scouting combine listed as a cornerback.

By the end of this week, he could be so much more.

Hunter's emergence as potentially the top defensive back and the top receiver in this year's draft class has created an unprecedented situation

with workouts about to begin.

Many will be watching to see if he opts to work with the defensive backs, the receivers, neither or perhaps both at the invitation of NFL Football Scouting president Jeff Foster.

"To my knowledge he's the first guy who has ever done that," Foster told The Associated Press. "But we have to assign him to a group and the defensive backs come first. We

made him the offer to stay overnight and work with the receivers, so we are projecting him as a defensive back and a wide receiver. But we had to assign him to a group, logistically."

The Heisman Trophy winner's answer could come before the scheduled workouts for Friday and Saturday. He's expected to speak with

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Auburn atop AP Top 25 for seventh straight week

Associated Press

Auburn remained atop the AP Top 25 for the seventh straight week on Monday, while preseason No. 1 Kansas dropped out of the men's basketball poll for the first time in nearly four years, ending the Jayhawks' ranked run at 80 consecutive weeks.

The Tigers earned all 60 votes from the national media panel after beating Arkansas and Georgia last week. They were followed by Duke and Florida, which traded places in the poll, with Houston and Tennessee rounding out the top five. Houston has the nation's longest active streak in the Top 25 at 102 weeks.

The Jayhawks were dropped from the poll for the first time since Feb. 8, 2021, when the season was played amid the COVID-19 pandemic. That had ended a record 231 consecutive weeks in the

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Auburn forward/center Johni Broome celebrates by getting the crowd pumped during the second half against Georgia on Saturday in Auburn, Alabama.

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North Platte junior Brenden Matt drives in for a layup during a 66-53 win over West Platte in the Class 3 District 15 tournament on Monday at East Buchanan High School.

Panthers end West Platte's season in districts

By **JACOB MEIKEL**
News-Press NOW

A strong second half performance led to North Platte boys basketball ending West Platte's season 66-53 in the Class 3 District 15 Tournament on Monday night.

Heading into Monday night's con-

test in the Gower, the two schools had faced three times prior. North Platte had won the two most recent matchups, but West Platte was able to give the team from Dearborn a fight in the last contest, falling by just four points back in late January in the Panthers' home tournament.

Both teams traded blows through-

out the course of the first half. West Platte was able to match the offensive firepower of the Panthers, jumping out to an early 9-3 lead and keeping pace throughout the second quarter.

North Platte junior Brenden Matt

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Jaguars expect inexperienced staff, including GM, to 'grow into it'

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Jacksonville Jaguars owner Shad Khan has no concerns about the experience — or inexperience, really — of his leadership team.

Khan hired a first-time

head coach (Liam Coen, age 39), a first-time general manager (James Gladstone, age 34) and a first-time executive vice president (Tony Boselli, age 52) in the past month. Adding to the team's youth movement, Coen brought in two first-time

coordinators, 29-year-old Grant Udinski on offense and 42-year-old Anthony Campanile on defense.

A gamble? Maybe. Khan is counting on it leading to a brighter future for a franchise that is coming off its 10th losing season in his 13 years as owner.

"Even though they might be in the position for the first time, I think collectively they're going to have great success," Khan said Monday while introducing Gladstone. "I think we're all aware that they're new, but a huge amount of the potential to

really grow into it."

Khan said he talked to his revamped staff about the "Peter Principle," which is based on hierarchy research and states that people who are competent at their job will continue to earn promotions until they rise to a

level of incompetence.

"I asked everyone not only here but our coaching staff that are in that position for the first time, just to be aware of that concept," Khan added.

But the owner insists the notion won't become

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Unidentified team proposes banning the tush push

INDIANAPOLIS | One NFL team is proposing an end to the tush push play the Philadelphia Eagles have used so successfully at the goal line and in short-yardage situations, including during their victory over the Kansas City Chiefs in Super Bowl 59.

According to NFL Network and the Washington Post, league executive Troy Vincent said Monday that a team submitted a proposal to ban the play, a modified quarterback sneak where two teammates behind Jalen Hurts push him forward to help him try to gain the yardage necessary for a first down or touchdown. Vincent didn't identify the team.

NFL owners could vote on the proposal when they meet next month in Florida.

The tush push has become synonymous with the Eagles. Perhaps no example summed up how much the play can be a challenge for Eagles opponents quite like when Philadelphia used it against Washington in the NFC championship game. The Commanders jumped offside four times in a sequence of five plays while trying to stop the tush push — earning them a warning from the referee that he could award the Eagles a touchdown if the Commanders did it again.

Cleveland Guardians owner Lawrence J. Dolan dies at 94

CLEVELAND | Lawrence J. Dolan, owner of Cleveland's Major League Baseball team since 2000, has died. He was 94.

Dolan died Sunday night of natural causes, the Cleveland Guardians said Monday in a statement.

"Mr. Dolan invested his entire life in Greater Cleveland and impacted our community on so many levels," Bob DiBiase, the Guardians' senior vice president of public affairs, said in a statement. "From his service to our country as a First Lieutenant in the United States Marines, his many philanthropic acts of kindness, career in law, business, education, and sports, many benefited from his engagement, influence, and passion. Especially in the world of sports."

Dolan, a Cleveland native, purchased the team from Richard Jacobs in 2000 for \$320 million. The Dolan family has a 75% stake in the club and is the longest-tenured ownership group in Cleveland franchise history.

Texas is No. 1 in women's AP Top 25

Texas is No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25 women's basketball poll for the first time in 21 years and the third different team to hold the top spot in the past three weeks.

The Longhorns moved atop the poll Monday after previous No. 1 Notre Dame lost in double overtime to North Carolina State. UCLA had been No. 1 the 12 prior weeks to the Irish.

"I'm so happy for my kids, they've earned where they are today," Texas coach Vic Schaefer said in a phone interview hours before his team faced Georgia late Monday.

It is only the fifth time since 2001 that three different schools have been No. 1 in a three-week span. Add in South Carolina being No. 1 to start the season and there have been four teams atop the rankings this season, just the sixth time that has happened since the poll began in 1976. It has never happened with five schools.

Broncos assistant coach Michael Wilhoite arrested

DENVER | An assistant coach for the Denver Broncos is facing a felony assault charge after being accused of punching a police officer in the face at Denver International Airport.

Outside linebackers coach Michael Wilhoite was arrested on suspicion of second-degree assault on a police officer and booked into the Denver jail on Sunday, according to jail records. A judge set a \$5,000 bond on Monday.

The Broncos issued a statement saying, "We are aware of a situation involving Michael Wilhoite that occurred Sunday and are in the process of gathering more information."

According to a police affidavit, Wilhoite pulled up to the airport's drop-off lane Sunday afternoon and left his vehicle unattended. A uniformed police officer approached Wilhoite when he returned and told him he couldn't do that.

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Top 25

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Top 25 for Kansas.

The Jayhawks' were dropped this week after a 74-67 loss at Utah and a 91-57 blowout loss at BYU, the biggest margin of defeat in school history for a ranked Kansas team against an unranked opponent. BYU entered the poll at No. 25 this week.

Kansas took out its frustration on Oklahoma State on Saturday, rolling to a 96-64 victory in Allen Fieldhouse.

"We're 1-0," Jayhawks coach Bill Self said afterward. "That's what we're talking about. And everybody's stat sheet in what they're averaging this year is exactly what happened today. And we're not even gonna talk about the other stuff right now."

Alabama fell two spots to No. 6 this week and was followed by St. John's and Michigan State, which jumped six spots after back-to-back ranked wins over Purdue and Michigan. Iowa State and Texas Tech rounded out the top 10.

Kansas dropped out along with Ole Miss, which had been ranked the last 13 weeks and 15 of the last 16. That made room for Saint Mary's, which beat Portland and Gonzaga to enter at No. 23, and BYU, which followed its win over the Jayhawks by beating then-No. 19 Arizona 96-95 on Saturday thanks to two free throws by Richie Saunders with 3.2 seconds left.

It was the first time the Cougars had beaten ranked teams



Associated Press

BYU guard Trevin Knell reacts to a play against Kansas during the second half on Feb. 18 in Provo, Utah.

in consecutive games since 1988.

"My message to our group is, you know, whatever the next challenge in front of us, we're trying to attack it, whether that's practice, whether that's shoot-around, whether that's a game," first-year BYU coach Kevin Young said. "I know that sounds cliché but that's really been the recipe for us, to not look any further than what we have to do at that moment."

Rising and falling

Louisville joined Michigan State in making the biggest jump in this week's poll, climbing six spots to No. 19. The Cardinals beat Florida State in their only game last week for their fifth consecutive win,

and they head into this week tied with No. 13 Clemson for second in the ACC behind the second-ranked Blue Devils.

Purdue fell seven spots to No. 20 after losses to Michigan State and Indiana, but the Boilermakers held onto a spot in the Top 25 for the 55th consecutive week. That is now the third-longest active streak behind Houston and Tennessee (76 weeks).

Preseason Top 25 checkup

Kansas isn't the only team ranked highly in the preseason poll to drop out altogether this season.

Two-time defending national champion UConn was No. 3 with 11 first-place votes in October but

did not appear on any ballots this week. Gonzaga was sixth, Baylor eighth and North Carolina ninth in the preseason poll — and all are unranked.

In all, more than half of the teams in the preseason poll — 13 of them — failed to crack this week's Top 25.

Conference watch

The SEC continued its dominance with three of the top five and eight total in the Top 25 this week. The Big 12 had three in the top 10 and five ranked teams, while the Big Ten also had five teams in the poll. The ACC had three, the Big East had two and the American and West Coast conferences had one team apiece.

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reporters Thursday.

Doing double duty in Indianapolis usually comes with a different kind of significance on Memorial Day weekend when a race car driver tries to complete both the Indianapolis 500 and NASCAR's Coca-Cola 600 in North Carolina on the same day.

This time, though, it could happen on the football field.

Hunter could choose to follow the trend of top-rated draft picks opting out of some or all of the work on the field, waiting instead until Colorado's pro day to give NFL scouts some tangible measure of the talent he possesses in the only town that's hosted the combine.

If he does try both, though, it seems unlikely Hunter would be asked to repeat some of the drills, such as the 40-yard dash or bench press, twice. But the buzz of the first true two-way star coming to town certainly has people such as Foster contemplating options.

"We'd give him that option, we could make one for him right here," Foster said when asked whether Hunter would receive a T-shirt representing both positions. "If he wants to work out as a receiver and wants a receiver's jersey, I'll do it myself if I have to."

The truth is Foster has a whole team ready to take care of such requests. His job is to create the best environment for each of the 329 combine invitees to perform. So each year Foster sprinkles in some new wrinkles.

Previous changes have in-

cluded revised schedules, new workout routines and the addition of lounges for rest and recovery.

This year, organizers are bringing part of the Lucas Oil Stadium turf draft prospects will use to the players' performance center. It's intended to help players get acclimated to the stadium's newest turf.

"Only one other stadium has it, so a lot of these players have never been on it," Foster said. "So we're taking one of the end zones and putting that in the performance center so they can work on their starts (for the 40-yard dash). We tried to create an exact replica for the surface and the start lines."

Some players and agents choose not to work out because they claim Lucas Oil Stadium is a "slow track" though former Texas receiver Xavier Worthy had no trouble setting

a combine record last year with his 4.21-second 40. That showing helped convince the Kansas City Chiefs to use a first-round pick on Worthy.

Hunter's college coach, Hall of Fame cornerback Deion Sanders, is already advising teams not to select Hunter unless they intend to use him as a two-way player. Sanders famously split his time between Major League Baseball and the NFL.

So what will Hunter do? Stay tuned.

"He hasn't said yes or no, but it's not something we ask the players because we want them to train right up till they get here," Foster said, acknowledging he's also seen plans change after players come to town. "But he's has earned opportunity to do both here and I'm sure fans would like to see it, too."

Jaguars

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a reality.

"I think the brainpower, the bandwidth, the different experience are really complementary," he said. "This is a team of football people, executives who are going to be successful. No one is a perfect human being. This isn't about, 'Hey, I've got X years of experience in something.'"

"A lot of times it turns out to be one year of experience X times over. I just think the brain matter here is going to be great for the Jaguars."

Gladstone is the second-youngest general manager in NFL history. He spent the past nine years working for the Rams under GM Les Snead. He took an unusual path to get there.

Gladstone was teaching at Clayton High School near St. Louis and serving as the team's offensive coordinator under his father, Gene. James Gladstone was coaching Les Snead's son Logan when his methods caught the Snead family's attention.

Nearly a decade later, Gladstone has a job he never envisioned. He accepted the position Friday, was introduced Monday and then was scheduled to fly to Indianapolis for the NFL combine later in the day.

And he sounds different from traditional NFL executives.

"I have a fresh perspective, I'd say, a deep understanding of really the modern tools and mechanisms that are revolutionizing the sport," Gladstone said. "The current mode of operation is in rhythm, the cadence is in place.

My intent here through this initial spring is to really calibrate my own mode of operation to the current mode of operation, insert some specific efficiencies that will help me better understand our group's insights and perspectives, and then assess at the end of this spring what types of things we can roll out into the future.

"But we'll certainly put the pedal to the metal on a lot of advanced modes of operation."

And he plans to "prioritize people and players that are intangibly rich."

"They will elevate our ecosystem, our team, by being nothing more than themselves," he said. "It's as simple as that."

No one can fault Khan for trying something different. He's hired retreads (Mike Mularkey, Doug Marrone, Trent Baalke, Doug Pederson, Tom Coughlin) before and went young when he paired first-time GM Dave Caldwell with first-time head coach Gus Bradley in 2013. He even gave three-time college national championship-winning coach Urban Meyer a chance.

Now he's taking a swing with Boselli, a Hall of Fame left tackle, and two guys under 40 (Coen and Gladstone) and hoping his latest rebuild will be more sustainable than the others.

"It's not about any one individual," Boselli said. "No egos, agendas. It's about what happens on the grass. We're going to keep the main thing the main thing, and that's winning football games, and that's what we're going to do."

"At the end of the day, we're going to be judged by wins and losses, and that's what we're going to focus on."



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Brenden Matt led North Platte in scoring with 24 points, with 18 of those points coming in the first half.

Panthers

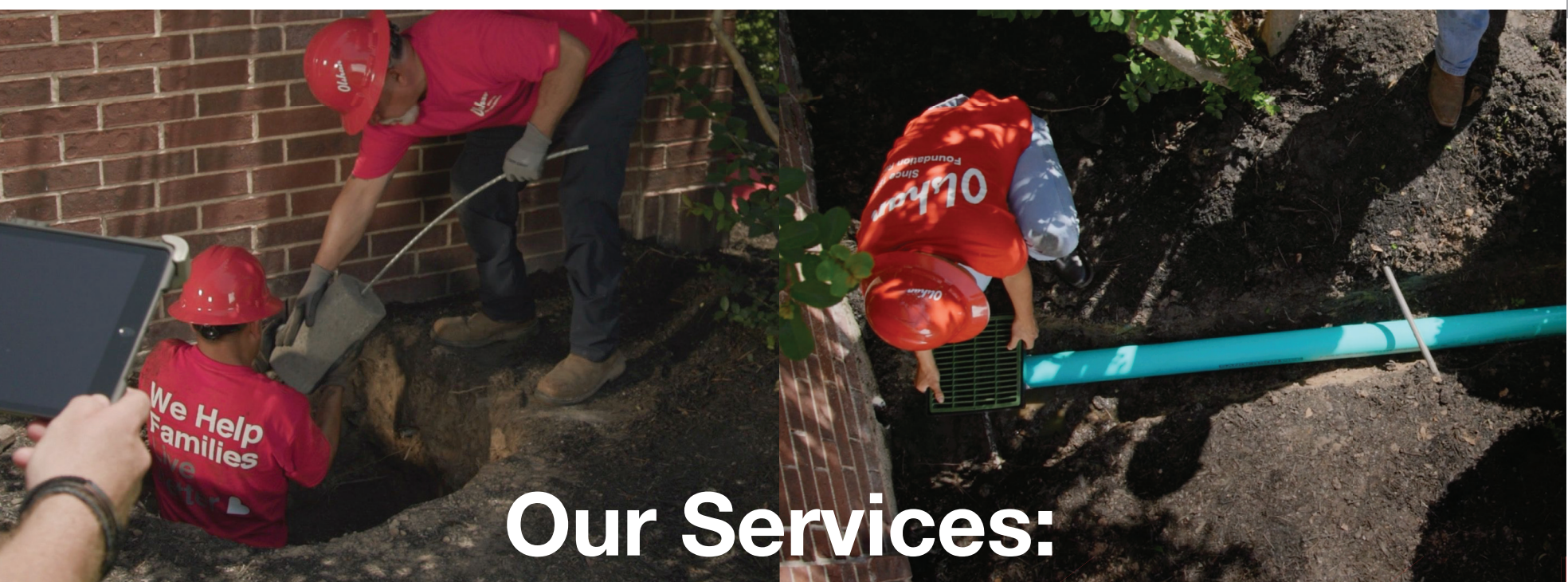
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became a pivotal piece of the Panthers' ability to keep pace with the Blue Jays in the first half. After being assessed a warning for being unsportsmanlike early in the first quarter, Matt would find his offensive groove. Matt did a large chunk of damage on offense in the first half, scoring 16 of his game-high 24 points in the first 16 minutes of action.

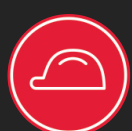
Out of the halftime break, the West Platte offense went awry. The Blue Jays would go scoreless until the 3:35 mark of the third quarter, while the Panther offense seamlessly translated from half to half.

With the win, the Panthers set themselves up for a marquee rematch against top-seeded East Buchanan on Wednesday. The two teams met last week for the KCI Conference regular season title, in which the Bulldogs prevailed 70-61.

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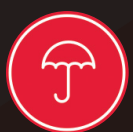
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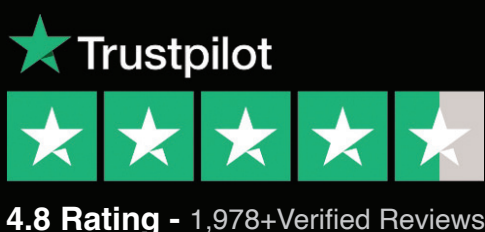


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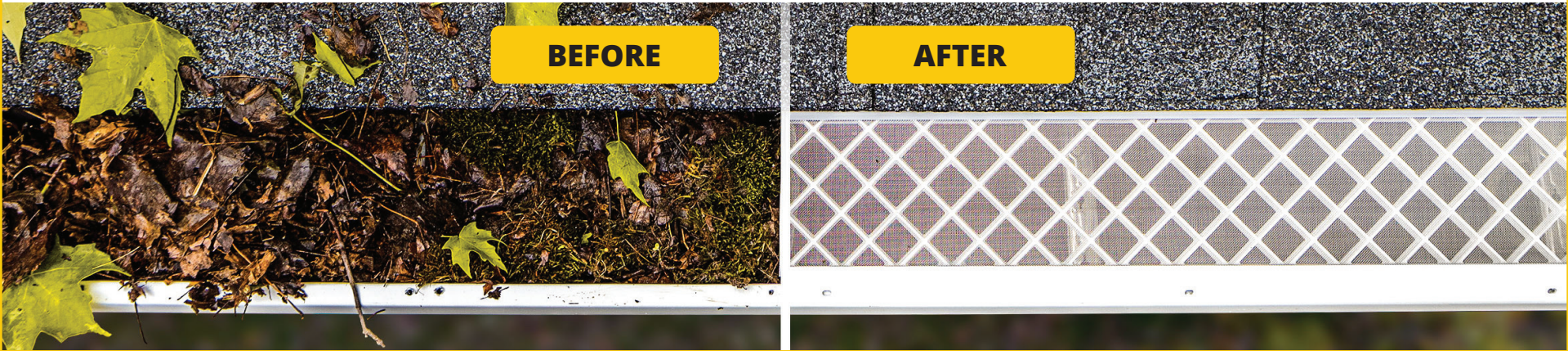
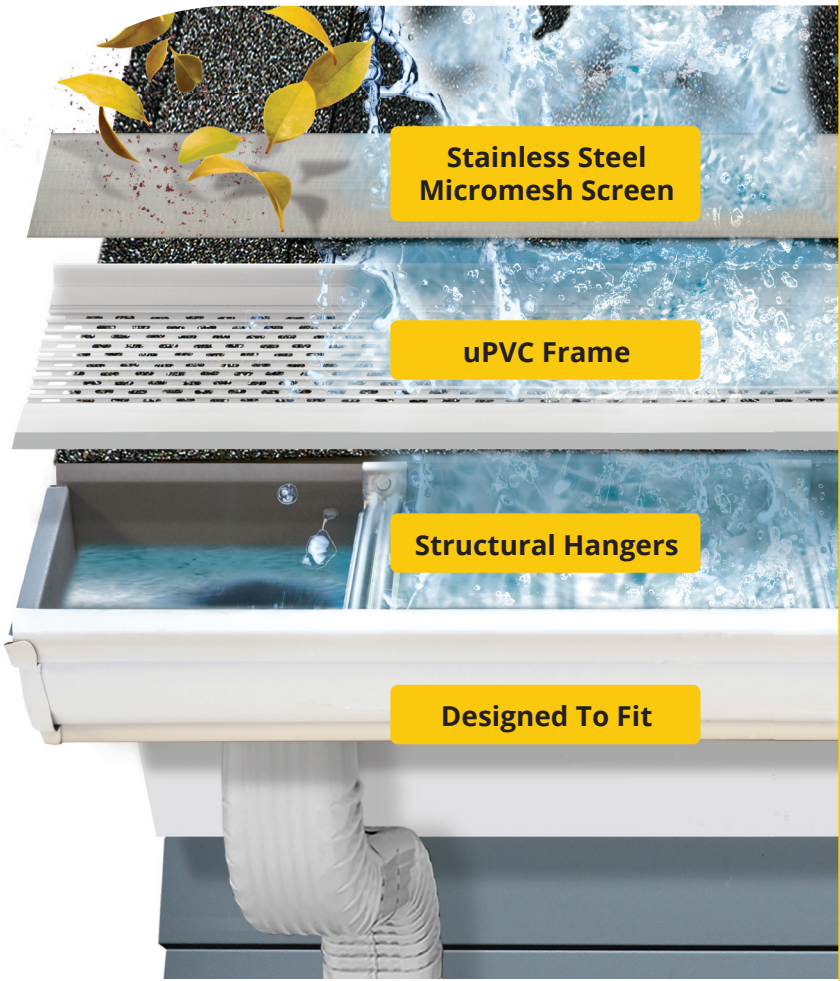
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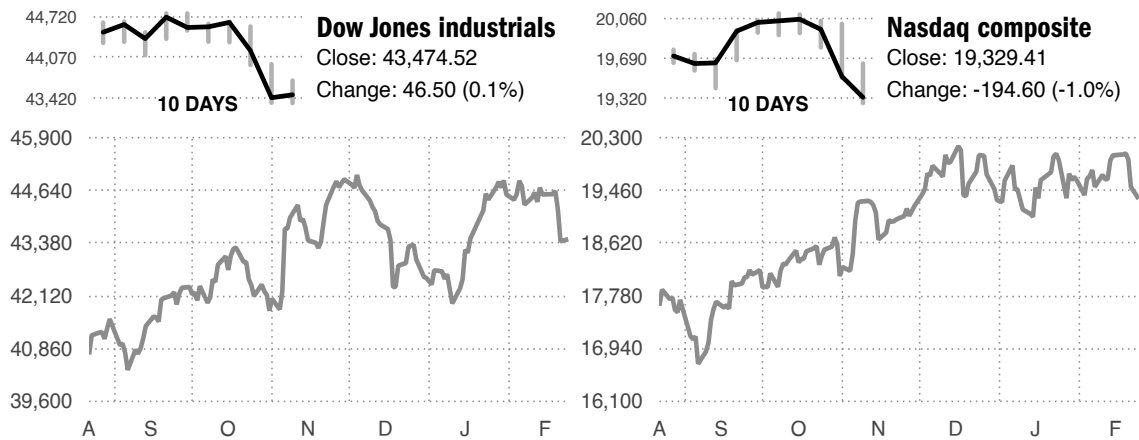
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S&P 500	6,043.65	5,977.83	6,013.13	-22.56	-0.38%	—	▼	▲	+18.16%
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Crude Oil (bbl)	70.80	70.40	+0.57	-0.7
Ethanol (gal)	1.78	1.78	-0.14	+5.5
Heating Oil (gal)	2.45	2.43	+0.53	+6.0
Natural Gas (mm btu)	4.01	4.23	-5.20	+36.7
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.02	2.03	-0.35	-0.1
METALS				
Aluminum (lb)	1.22	1.22	+0.07	+6.3
Copper (lb)	4.52	4.56	-0.94	+13.8
Gold (oz)	2949.20	2937.60	+0.40	+11.2
Platinum (oz)	978.30	978.30	-0.96	+8.5
Silver (oz)	32.85	32.98	-0.37	+13.3
AGRICULTURE				
Cattle (lb)	1.99	1.98	+0.39	+3.2
Coffee (lb)	3.89	3.89	-0.17	+23.6
Corn (bu)	4.83	4.91	-1.73	+7.1
Cotton (lb)	0.67	0.67	-0.19	-3.1
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	626.50	622.50	+0.64	+7.2
Orange Juice (lb)	3.07	3.12	-1.73	-36.3
Soybeans (bu)	10.29	10.39	-0.99	+2.9
Wheat (bu)	5.79	5.90	-1.86	+7.0

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6 MO AGO	8.50	5.38
1 YR AGO	8.50	5.38

TREASURIES	LAST	PVS	NET CHG	WK	MO	QTR	1YR AGO
3-month T-bill	4.31	4.31	0.00	▼	—	▼	5.09
6-month T-bill	4.34	4.34	0.00	▼	▲	▼	4.84
1-year T-note	4.15	4.15	0.00	▼	▼	▼	4.36
2-year T-note	4.17	4.20	-0.03	▼	▼	▼	3.87
5-year T-note	4.26	4.26	0.00	▼	▼	▲	3.63
10-year T-note	4.40	4.43	-0.03	▼	▼	▲	3.84
30-year T-note	4.65	4.68	-0.03	▼	▼	▲	4.13
CONSUMER RATES							
	NAT'L AVG		WK AGO	6MO AGO	1YR AGO		
48 month new car loan	7.45	▲	7.31	7.26	7.84		
Money Market Account	0.85	—	0.00	0.00	0.97		
1 year CD	2.73	▲	1.95	1.95	2.98		
\$30K Home equity loan	7.33	—	0.00	0.00	7.99		
30 year fixed mortgage	6.93	—	0.00	7.15	6.57		
15 year fixed mortgage	6.20	—	0.00	6.34	5.85		

Foreign Exchange

Japanese Yen rose 0.356%, leading gains. South Korean Won fell most at -0.378%. Mexican Peso increased 0.260%, while Taiwan Dollar decreased -0.183%.



MAJORS	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	6MO AGO	1YR AGO
USD per British Pound	1.2623	-0.0008	-0.06%	1.3211	1.2678
Canadian Dollar	1.4261	+0.0027	+0.19%	1.3523	1.3484
USD per Euro	1.0465	+0.0002	+0.02%	1.1207	1.0835
Japanese Yen	149.751	+0.5310	+0.36%	144.36	150.48
Mexican Peso	20.4743	+0.0530	+0.26%	19.094	17.101
EUROPE/AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST					
Israeli Shekel	3.5767	+0.0113	+0.32%	3.6872	3.6284
Norwegian Krone	11.1282	-0.0159	-0.14%	10.460	10.444
South African Rand	18.3792	+0.0170	+0.09%	17.709	18.868
Swedish Krona	10.6634	+0.0158	+0.15%	10.174	10.251
Swiss Franc	.8973	-0.0003	-0.03%	.8478	.8805
ASIA/PACIFIC					
Australian Dollar	.6348	-0.0005	-0.08%	.6791	.6493
Chinese Yuan	7.2476	-0.0024	-0.03%	7.1221	7.1944
Hong Kong Dollar	7.7749	+0.0050	+0.06%	7.7962	7.8221
Indian Rupee	86.6520	+0.1236	+0.14%	83.813	82.881
Singapore Dollar	1.3393	+0.0046	+0.35%	1.3004	1.3425
South Korean Won	1428.97	-5.420	-0.38%	1326.6	1326.6
Taiwan Dollar	32.7129	-0.0601	-0.18%	31.747	31.602

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