

# Attachment 5

## NEWS / BUSINESS

## Farmer Rudolph's Sir Farmer wins Best in Show at PA Farm Show cheese competition

**HARRISBURG, Pa.** — Farmer Rudolph's Creamery of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, won Best in Show with its Dutch-style cheese, Sir Farmer, during the recent 2020 Pennsylvania (PA) Farm Show cheese competition.

Goat Rodeo Farm and Dairy, Allison Park, Pennsylvania, received Second Best in Show for its Hootenanny goat's milk Gouda, and Oak Shade Cheese LLC, Kirkwood, Pennsylvania, won Third Best in Show for Conebella Farm Cheese Sharp Cheddar.

Judges evaluated 57 entries from 18 Pennsylvania creameries entered in the contest's 15 categories. Cheeses were judged on flavor and aroma; appearance and packaging; body and texture; and cheese-specific characteristics.

Visitors to the 104th PA Farm Show, which took place earlier this month, were able to sample cheeses from the competition and purchase other Pennsylvania-produced cheeses.

Winners in each category were:

**COW'S MILK CHEESES****• Cheddar, Colby and Monterey Jack**

*First:* Oak Shade Cheese LLC, Kirkwood, *Conebella Farm Cheese Sharp Cheddar*

*Second:* Oak Shade Cheese LLC, Kirkwood, *Green Tree Colby Cheese*

*Third:* Kirchenberg Farm LLC, Fleetwood, *Conebella Farm Cheese Cheese Curds*

**• Soft Cheeses**

*First:* Valley Milkhouse LLC, Oley, *Clover*

*Second:* Keswick Creamery at Carrock Farm, Newburg, *Quark*

*Third:* Keswick Creamery, Newburg, *Whole Milk Ricotta*

**• Mold Ripened Cheeses**

*First:* Clover Valley Creamery LLC, Quarryville, *Blooming Clover*

*Second:* The Farm at Doe Run, Coatesville, *Hummingbird*

*Third:* Valley Milkhouse LLC, Oley, *Thistle*

**• Semi-soft, Semi-hard and Hard Cheeses**

*First:* Farmer Rudolph's Creamery, Lebanon, *Sir Farmer*

*Second:* Farmer Rudolph's Creamery, Lebanon, *Cape Cod*

*Third:* Farmer Rudolph's Creamery, Lebanon, *Baby Gouda*

**GOAT'S MILK CHEESES****• Soft Cheeses**

*First:* Cheese Goatees, Waynesboro, *Chevre*

*Second:* Goat Rodeo Farm and Dairy, Allison Park, *Fresh Chevre*

**• Mold Ripened Cheeses**

*First:* Clover Valley Creamery LLC, Quarryville, *Milky Way*

**• Semi-soft, Semi-hard and Hard Cheeses**

*First:* Goat Rodeo Farm &

Dairy, Allison Park, *Hootenanny SHEEP'S MILK CHEESES*

**• Open Class**

*First:* Revittle LLC, Harrisburg, *Olivia's Smile Tomme*

*Second:* Clover Valley Creamery LLC, Quarryville, *Sheep Dreams*

**ALL MILK CHEESES****• Pasta Filata Cheeses**

*First:* Caputo Brothers Creamery LLC, Spring Grove, *Fior di Pizza*

**• Blue-veined Cheeses**

*First:* Birchrun Hills Farm, Chester Springs, *Birchrun Blue*

*Second:* Valley Milkhouse LLC,

Oley, *Blue Bell*

*Third:* Clover Creek Cheese Cellar LLC, Williamsburg, *Pirate Blue*

**• Washed Rind and Smear****Ripened Cheeses**

*First:* The Farm at Doe Run, Coatesville, *Battled in Victory*

*Second:* Goat Rodeo Farm and Dairy, Allison Park, *Bamboozle*

*Third:* Calkins Creamery LLC, Honesdale, *Elsa Mae*

**• Smoked Cheeses**

*First:* Caputo Brothers Creamery LLC, Spring Grove, *Smoked Mozzarella*

*Second:* Farmer Rudolph's Creamery, Lebanon, *Smoked Gouda*

*Third:* Whispering Brook Cheese Haus, Chambersburg, *Smoked Horseradish Cheddar*

**• Flavored Cheese from Goat's Milk, Sheep's Milk or Mixed Milk**

*First:* Goat Rodeo Farm and Dairy, Allison Park, *Wild Rosemary*

*Second:* Birchrun Hills Farm, Chester Springs, *Figgy Blue*

*Third:* Calkins Creamery LLC, Honesdale, *Hop and Spicy Cheese Curdz.* **CMN**

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## Pennsylvania Man Charged In Case Involving Trickling Springs Creamery

Philadelphia, PA—United States Attorney William M. McSwain has announced that Philip Elvin Riehl, of Bethel Township, Berks county, PA, has been charged by Information with conspiracy, securities fraud, and wire fraud, stemming from an investigation into a Ponzi scheme worth approximately \$60 million.

Riehl, an accountant, is alleged to have fraudulently solicited tens of millions of dollars in investments, from his accounting clients and others, into a bogus investment program that he operated.

Riehl then allegedly diverted funds from the program to Trickling Springs Creamery, LLC, a Franklin county, PA-based creamery of which he was the majority owner. Riehl also allegedly fraudulently solicited direct investments in Trickling Springs Creamery.

The Information further alleges that Riehl made material misrepresentations about the safety and security of these investments in his program and about the performance of the program, as well as misrepresentations and omissions about the creamery's business and financial condition. Trickling Springs Creamery announced it was ceasing operations in September 2019 and filed a bankruptcy petition in December 2019.

The allegations constitute what is sometimes referred to as "affinity fraud," which typically involves investment scams that prey upon members of identifiable groups, such as religious or ethnic communities, according to a press release from the US Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

These types of scams exploit the trust and friendship that exist in groups of people who share common interests or beliefs.

The victims of Riehl's alleged scheme were generally members of the Mennonite or Amish religious communities who wanted a safe and secure investment, operated within their community and in a manner consistent with their religious principles, the press release noted. The charges note that Riehl was a co-religionist in the Mennonite religious community.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael J. Rinaldi.

"So long as there are people with money to invest, there will be swindlers ready to take their money under false pretenses," said Michael T. Harpster, special agent in charge of the FBI's Philadelphia Division.

## USMCA Signed

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nate class 6 and class 7 milk goods, including their associated milk class prices, within six months after the USMCA enters into force.

The USMCA has been praised by numerous dairy organizations, including the IDFA, NMPF, US Dairy Export Council and others.

"Mexico and Canada are crucial trade partners for maintaining the strength of the US dairy industry. The past few years of marketplace and trade instability create challenges for dairy farmers and processors," noted John Umhoefer, executive director of the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association.

"This is great news for US dairy farmers," said John Rettler, a Wisconsin dairy farmer and president of

FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative. "It was no small feat in getting this trade agreement across the finish line."

Only after the USMCA is fully implemented will dairy farmers "receive the full benefit of these hard-won trade details," said Jeff Lyon, FarmFirst's general manager. Now "it is up to our trade ambassadors to ensure this agreement is fully implemented to its full potential."

"This is a tremendous victory for America's dairy farmers. In preserving the well-established markets of Mexico and Canada, and providing opportunities for even more exports there, USMCA will help bring the long-term economic stability necessary for farmers to not only survive but thrive," said Brody Stapel, a Wisconsin dairy farmer and president of Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative.

"USMCA is a win for Midwest dairy farmers. Not only does this deal allow the dairy community to build on two of our strongest export markets, Mexico and Canada, it helps ensure our US dairy farmers will not be harmed by Canada's domestic management systems in the global dairy marketplace," said Mitch Davis of Davis Family Dairies, Belle Plaine, MN.

Legislation was introduced in Canada's House of Commons this week to implement the new USMCA.

"We are very pleased to take the next step in Canada's domestic ratification process so that Canadians can take advantage of the benefits of this agreement," said Chrystia Freeland, Canada's deputy prime minister and minister of intergovernmental affairs.

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broader organization, as women make up approximately 65 percent of our total team members. We also recognize that there is still work to be done and we challenge leaders to continue championing gender parity throughout their organizations.

**CSNews: What are some of the ways Casey's has been able to achieve having women occupy 55 percent of the seats on its corporate board?**

**Petru:** We are focused on casting a wide net for diverse leaders who have the experience and background to help us be a better retailer. Our board recruitment process is first focused on the right professionals to provide the oversight we need, along with a diverse perspective.

**CSNews: Are there any new initiatives planned for 2020 around gender parity?**

**Petru:** At Casey's, we are committed to being an inclusive and diverse workplace. There are a few great examples to help demonstrate this. Women Inspired to Lift and Lead (iWILL) is one of our employee resource groups that focuses on educating, inspiring and encouraging women to set goals, strive to move higher in the organization, become more active in the community, and foster healthy work relationships. We regularly hold professional development events and offer philanthropic opportunities. For example, later this month, we're hosting an event on financial literacy. In addition, our talent management team has strategic relationships with groups like Women in Technology to help identify and attract talent from different backgrounds. *csn*

*Is your company leading the way in championing gender parity? If so, we want to hear about your efforts. Contact Editor-in-Chief Linda Lisanti at [llisanti@convenienceiq.com](mailto:llisanti@convenienceiq.com).*

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Innovative Ideas for Dairy Processors

# Dairy

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NEW PRODUCTS

# Nielsen Unveils 2019 Breakthrough Products

Nielsen Global Connect in December unveiled its Top 25 Breakthrough Innovation winners for 2019; 15 of them were in the food & beverage category.

The winners (in alphabetic order) and some of why they were chosen:

- **Bubly Sparkling Water**, PepsiCo – “A billboard at shelf, Instagrammable.”
- **Caulipower**, Caulipower LLC – “Identifying a white space and being among the first to act upon it.”
- **Dave’s Killer Bread Bagels**, Flower Foods – “Supports second chance employment, hiring those with a criminal background but are ready to change their lives.”
- **Devour**, Kraft Heinz Co. – “A brand grower.”



- **Dunkin’ Donuts Bottled Iced Coffee**, Coca-Cola Co. – “A brand grower.”
- **Just Crack an Egg**, Kraft Heinz Co. – “Immediate consumption packaging.”
- **Kinder Joy**, Ferrero – “Bigger than just a chocolate treat, creates a parent-child bonding opportunity.”



- **Lamb Weston Grown In Idaho** – “A brand grower.”
- **Lay’s Poppables**, Frito-Lay North America – “A crowd pleaser.”
- **Mtn Dew Dew-S-A**, PepsiCo – “A short-term play.”
- **Oui by Yoplait**, General Mills – “Sustainable packaging, ingredient transparency.”
- **Red Bull Summer Edition**, Red Bull North America – “A short-term play.”
- **Ritz Crisp & Thins**, Mondelez International – “A brand grower.”
- **RxBar**, RxBar – “An obsession with transparency” and few, simple ingredients.
- **White Claw Hard Seltzer**, Mark Anthony Brands Inc. – “Massive growth in hard seltzer [but] outpacing the rest of the category.”



The other 10 include such non-food hits as Arm & Hammer Clump & Seal Slide, Flonase Sensimist and Harry’s razors.

Of the new items launched each year, approximately 21% are truly new brands (like White Claw Hard Seltzer), 9% are new sub-brands of existing brands and 70% are variety extensions of existing brands, such as new sizes, flavors, colors, or scents, according to a *Forbes* analysis.

For this year’s crop of Breakthrough Innovation winners, Nielsen ([www.nielsen.com](http://www.nielsen.com)) reviewed close to 45,000 product launches introduced to the market in 2017.

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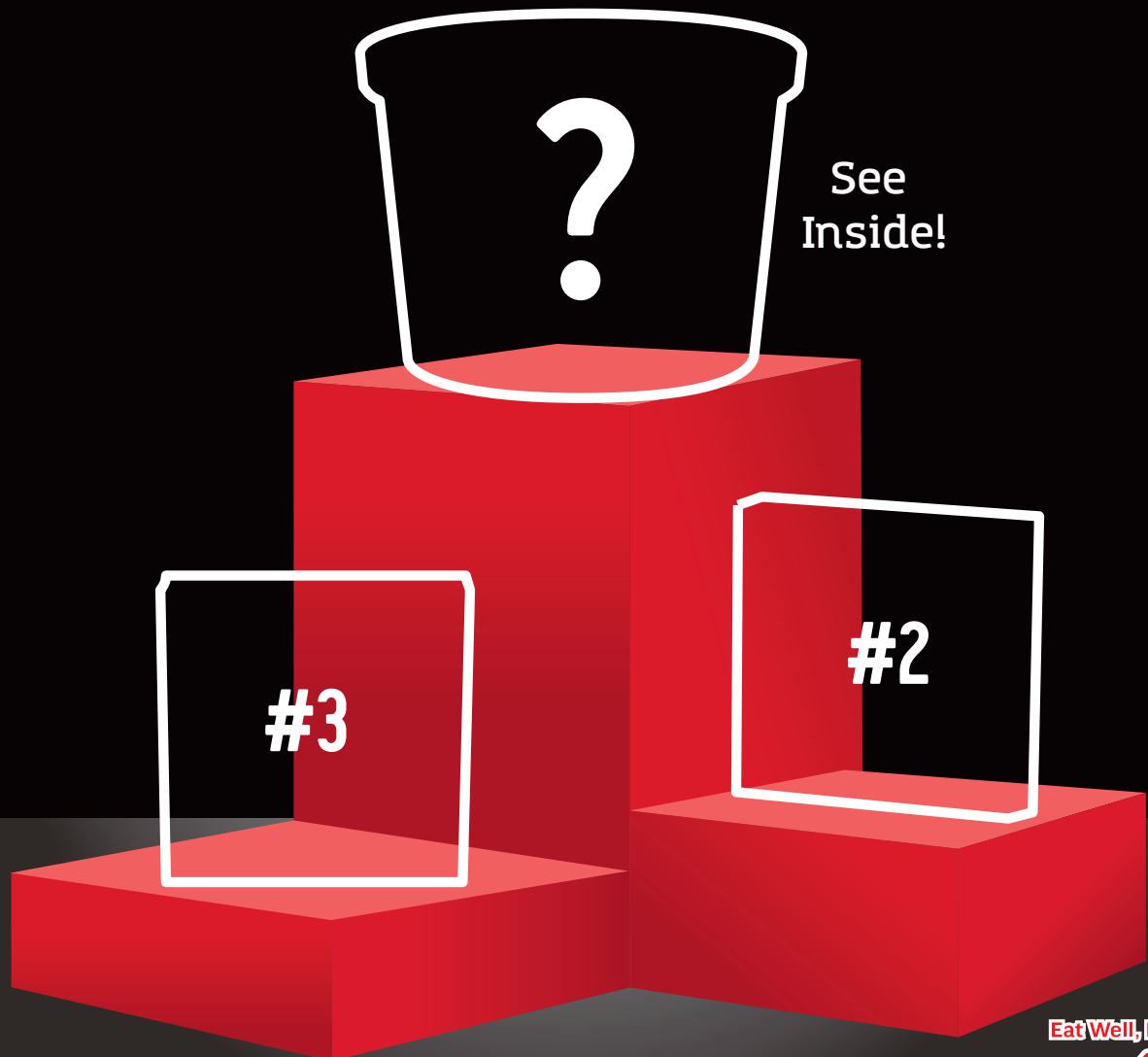
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**Veggie Cakes**

Veggies Made Great (veggiesmadegreat.com), Rahway, N.J., expands its line of chilled Superfood Veggie Cakes



with three new allergy-friendly, veggie-first flavors: Quinoa (with kale and carrots), Butternut Squash (with carrots and brown sugar) and Harvest Root (with

beets, carrots and sweet potatoes). Free of gluten, soy and nuts, the versatile, low-cal “savory muffins” make a great breakfast, snack or side dish. Packed eight to a case, each 27-ounce package includes a dozen 2.3-ounce veggie cakes. SRP is \$9.99 to \$14.99.

**Flavored Coffee Creamers**

Nestlé USA, Glendale, Calif., adds two new flavors to its Coffee mate (coffeemate.com) lineup. Inspired by the popular cereal brand, Cinnamon Toast Crunch tastes like the “cinnamilk” left in your bowl while Funfetti features notes of vanilla, cake batter and frosting. Both are offered in 32-ounce bottles (packed six to a case) with a \$3.99 SRP. The company also expands its all-natural, non-GMO Natural Bliss creamer collection with three new offerings: plant-based Original Cashew Milk, sweet frosting-inspired Whipped Buttercream and keto-friendly Unsweetened Half & Half (with zero grams of sugar). All three come in 16-ounce bottles with a \$3.29 SRP.



**Oat-Based Frozen Desserts**

Bologna, Italy-based Valsoia (valsoia.com), distributed in the states by Dr. Schar, Lyndhurst, N.J., expands its collection of plant-based frozen desserts with a



trio of oat-based gelato pints and novelties. Made in Italy in a completely dairy-free, non-GMO facility, the newcomers include: Oat Milk Italian Cones (in four-

count, 15.2-ounce packages) featuring vanilla gelato in a crunchy waffle cone topped with cocoa and lightly toasted coconut, Oat Milk Italian Sandwiches (in eight-count, 19.2-ounce packages) made with creamy vanilla gelato between cocoa wafers, and Oat Milk Cookies & Cream Gelato Pints (in 13.2-ounce containers) filled with vanilla bourbon gelato blended with cookie pieces. The novelties carry a \$5.99 SRP; the pints, a \$4.99 SRP. All three come six to a case.

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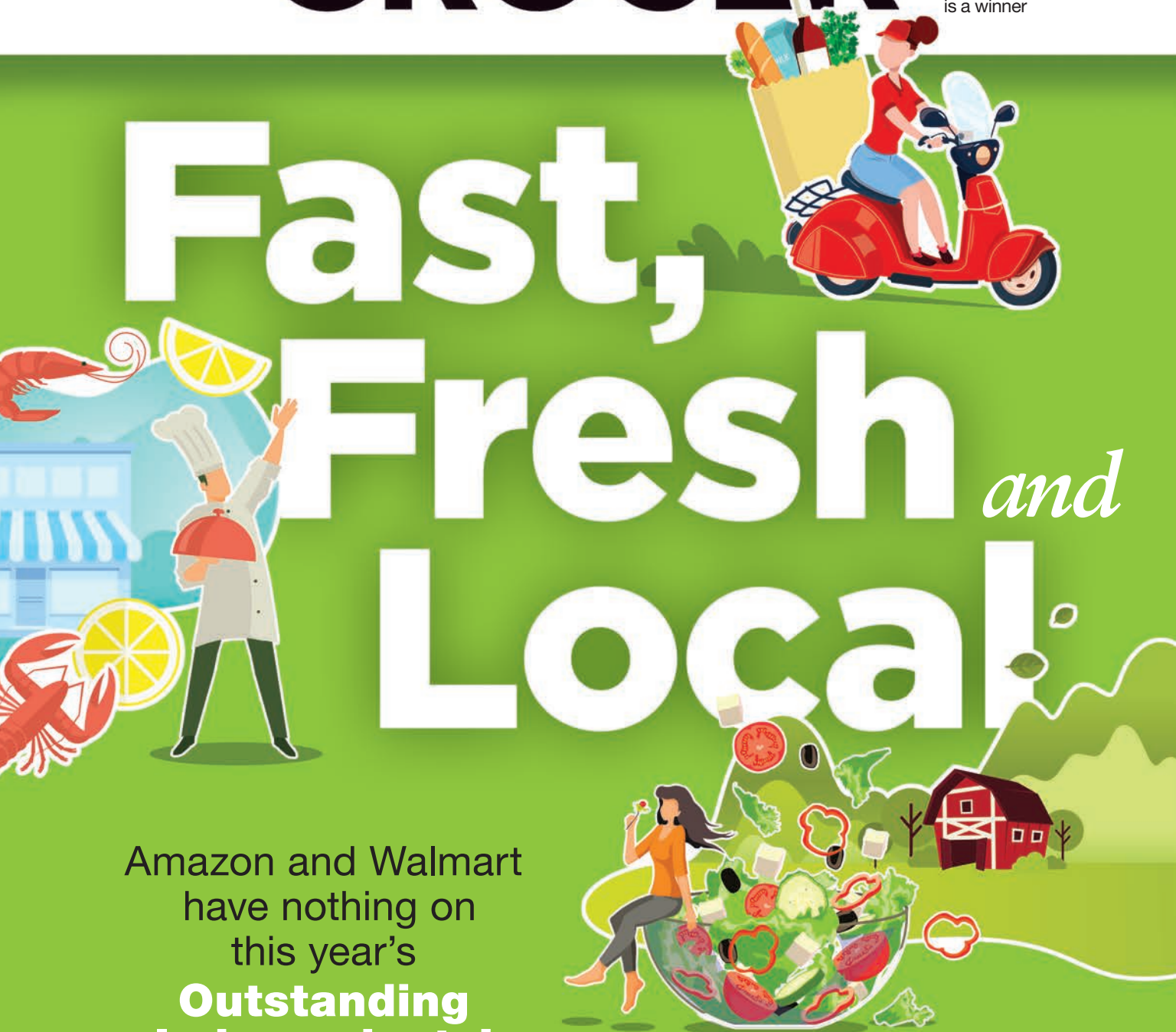
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## Oliver's Market Santa Rosa, Calif.

**L**ong before consumers' appetites for local foods exploded, Oliver's Market started believing in "the power of local" back in 1988, when Steve Maass founded the grocer in Sonoma County, Calif. Not only has there been huge growth in the number of farm-to-table restaurants and farmers' markets since then, but even large grocery chains and big-box retailers have been aggressively expanding and marketing their own locally grown offerings. Exactly how "the power of local" is leveraged by grocers large and small has changed over the years, but the core values upholding Oliver's Market remain the same:

- ▶ Provide customers with choice
- ▶ Keep the focus local
- ▶ Offer fair prices, great quality and service
- ▶ Support our community
- ▶ Value and support employees

The grocer's mission remains to strive to offer customers the finest selection of natural, conventional and specialty products. This quest begins with a commitment to support hundreds of local partners, including farmers and producers. Oliver's carries more than 6,000 locally produced items, which account for 26% of sales annually.

"I didn't know a lot about the grocery business when I started out, but I wanted to create a store where people enjoyed shopping," Maass says. "I thought if they enjoyed the store, they would spend more time there." Oliver's Market now has four locations and more than 1,100 employees.

In 2019, Oliver's became a Social Purpose Corporation, a type of for-profit entity in some U.S. states that enables, but does not require, considering social or environmental issues in decision-making. Accordingly, the grocer issued its first Social Purpose Corporation Annual Report this year.

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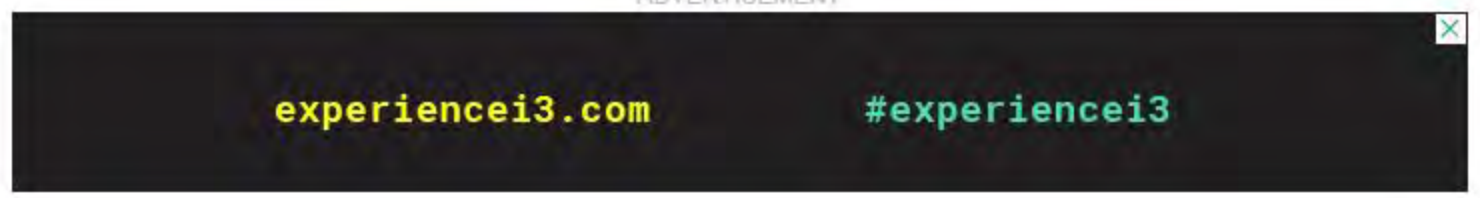
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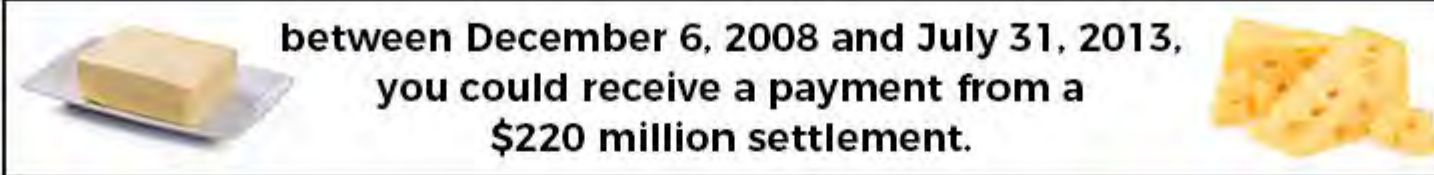


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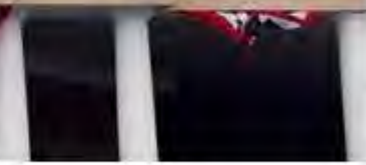
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**Trip to the Minneapolis Home & Garden Show featuring Mike Rowe from Dirty Jobs.** Spend the day browsing stunning displays, shopping, and attending special presentations. Get



inspired for your next home project! Saturday, Feb 29. The \$49 fee includes show admission, special events including Mike Rowe, motor coach bus, drop-off and pickup at the front doors. Pre-register with Community Ed by February 17.

**'All My Love' Bouquet** – Create a romantic garden arrangement in a terra cotta pot in this fun, hands-on class. It will be perfect to give for Valentine's Day or to keep for yourself! All materials and tools provided. Feb 10 from 6-7:30 p. Fee \$19 to Comm Ed, pre-register. Materials Fee \$25 to instructor at class.

**Piano for Youth and/or Adults** offers beginning youth (grades 1+) or adults the opportunity to be introduced to the piano in a one-on-one experience. 5 Tuesdays; Feb 11 -Mar 10. 30-minute time slots available between 4:15 and 6:45 p. Register by calling Community Ed (715-268-9771 x220) to sign up for a specific time slot. Online registration is not available. Youth must be accompanied to class by a parent or guardian. Fee \$79.

**Handmade Bath & Body Products:** Making your own personal care products is simple, inexpensive, rewarding, and good for you! This class offers an overview of several items you can make at home, including soap, deodorant, lotions, herbal sachets, balms, body

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**Metal Etching and Patina Workshop:** Necklace or Keychain – Learn the process of etching your own personal design into metal, and how to use a variety of patina options to create your own personalized copper pendant. Feb 13 from 5:30-9 p. Fee \$40, pre-register with Community Ed by Feb. 9. Materials Fee \$15 to instructor at class.

**Trips upcoming** – Tickets on sale now for the following – join us!

- THE MUSIC MAN matinee at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre on Wednesday, April 1; \$95.
- COME FROM AWAY matinee at the Orpheum Theatre on Sunday, August 23; \$71.
- Pre-register for all trips through Community Ed. Trips often fill quickly, so don't wait!

**Basketball Winter Recreation for Youth and Families:** For boys and girls grades 4-12. Bring your own ball; enter through North doors. No fee. Sundays through March 15 from 1:30-3:30 p in the Middle School gym

**Open Gym for Families sponsored by PowerUp:** Open gyms are a chance

for kids and families to bounce a ball, shoot some hoops, play catch or just run around and be active together. Select Sundays: Feb 2 & 16, Mar 1 from 1:30-3:30 p in the Intermediate School – enter through the doors facing the NORTH parking lot. No fee – just show up!

**Rumble Jumble Open Gym sponsored by PowerUp** for toddlers and preschoolers to run, burn energy, and have fun. Parents/Guardians are expected to stay in the gym. No fee – just show up. Tuesdays through March when school is in session from 11 -11:45 a. Intermediate School.

**Pickleball – Open Gym:** Join us on Wednesday nights to play the fastest growing recreational sport in the nation. Wednesdays through March from 6-8 p in the High School. No fee – just show up.

**YOUTH REC FAIR Open House for Families:** Learn more about the many opportunities available in the Amery area for our youth - some opportunities are available to children as young as 4 years old! Expect to meet representatives from many of the following: Little League Baseball, Fast Pitch Softball, Youth Spring Volleyball, Youth Golf, Piano Lessons, Martial Arts, Track & Field Club, Youth Football, Youth Boys & Girls Basketball, and potentially more. Feb 11 from 6-7 p at the High School.

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**Amery Free Press:** extra point  
**Amery Hospital & Clinic:** fieldgoal  
**Berghammer Builders:** fans  
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**Indigo Iris:** tackle  
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# Clear Lake FCCLA state officer visits Madison

MADISON – Students from around the state were in Madison, Wisconsin on Thursday, February 6, 2020, for CTSO Government Day, an event organized by an initiative known as All CTSO, which is a partnership of Wisconsin career and technical student organizations.

Clear Lake FCCLA state officer Samantha Kelly, along with the other five CTSOs, learned about civic leadership and citizenship while meeting with and asking questions of

legislators and government officials on career and workforce topics. Over 60 student state officers from across Wisconsin attended this state event.

“Wisconsin’s career and technical student organizations have a long and proud tradition of serving students,” said Governor Tony Evers. “By participating in these organizations and events like CTSO Government Day, students are learning about citizenship, teamwork, and other leadership skills that will help them

graduate from high school ready for both college and careers.”

The six career and technical student organizations are DECA, an association of marketing students; FBLA, an association of business students; FCCLA, an association of family and consumer science students; FFA, an association of agriculture education students; HOSA, an association of health science students; and SkillsUSA, an association of technology education students.

February is CTE month and the celebration of FCCLA & FFA weeks at Clear Lake High School. CTSOs are the intra-curricular student organizations that enhance the career and technical instruction offered in more than

300 Wisconsin high schools. These groups help students develop civic, social and technical skills for high-skill and high-demand careers.

Clear Lake FCCLA is run by adviser Mrs. Erika Hunter.



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Local CTSO group from the northern region, consisting of area state officer members from FCCLA, FFA, SkillsUSA & FBLA.



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The WI State Officers from FCCLA including, Clear Lake's Samantha Kelly, at the Capital on CTSO Government Day.



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The WI FCCLA State Officer team after visiting with state Senators and Legislators on Feb.6th, 2020.

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## NOTICE OF SPRING PRIMARY

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**ALL POLLING PLACES OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.**

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#### TOWN OF CLEAR LAKE

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Voting at: Vance Creek Town Hall  
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Glennis Lynch, Clerk,  
715-455-1432

#### VILLAGE OF CLAYTON

Voting at: Municipal Building  
133 Clayton Ave. East, Clayton  
Dave Fall, Clerk,  
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#### VILLAGE OF CLEAR LAKE

Voting at: Clear Lake Village Hall  
350 4th Ave., Clear Lake  
Al Bannink, Clerk,  
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## Pizza

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ing in March of 1960. It would be exactly 60 years since we moved into this building that we'd be reopening," he said.

There are a lot of details that have to be ironed out before reopening day – licenses, permits and inspections – so he hasn't inked an exact date.

He has calls in to city building inspectors asking what's grandfathered in on the building and what has to be changed.

The business will have a new website, Facebook page and phone number.

### What stays the same

Customers have been knocking on the pizzeria's door, asking about its reopening, ever since Riley took down the closure signs.

"Frank's Pizza Palace is one of Appleton's greatest landmarks," said Jim Sensenbrenner, a loyal customer since his Xavier High School days in the early 1960s. "I pray that the restaurant reopens soon."

Those who loved Frank's should know that "anything that was good will stay the same," Riley said. "I don't plan on changing my grandpa's pizza recipe whatsoever or the sausage recipe."

Pizzas will still be baked in the original massive Faulds Oven, a gas-breathing behemoth with six shelves that rotate like a Ferris wheel.

The restaurant's layout and decor will remain the same. Its old-school pizzeria feel will just be freshened up.

"I've done nothing but cleaning in the past year," he said.

One welcome change: when the restaurant reopens, it will accept credit cards.

Riley said his mom won't be involved in the reopening. Her lease on the building ends on Leap Day, Feb. 29.

"It's not due to her inability to be involved. There were some things that she was really, really good at. She knew how to have an absolute stranger walking in the door feel like family," he said. "But as far as operating this place, something needed to change. I think it had to start with ownership and management."

Riley and Jeannie avoid making negative comments about each other despite the fact that they do not see eye to eye on changes in the restaurant and the



Riley Brice, founder Frank Pierrri's grandson, will reopen the restaurant later this spring. In this July photo, he is shown painting a mural in honor of his grandfather on the building's alley side.

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reopening.

"He has his own ideas. He's so independent. I'm trying to give him the freedom to do what his heart desires," Jeannie said. "I'll be there to do whatever he needs, if he asks me."

She said was happy that her son had a desire to carry on the family tradition.

"I now know how my father felt when he experienced both the excitement and the apprehension when transitioning to my generation," she said.

Part of the apprehension, she said, was a fear "that you've created a duplicate recipe for eliminating free nights and virtually every weekend."

Aside from staffing issues, Riley said he figured one reason why his mom didn't reopen the restaurant over the

last 15 months was that she knew there would be no time off. The commitment to reopening is a commitment to unfor-giving hours.

### History

Frank's Pizza Palace opened in 1955 as Frank and Pat's, founded by friends Frank Pierrri and Pat Earle. It moved to its current location in 1960 and opened branches elsewhere in the greater Fox Valley. Pierrri and Earle parted ways in 1977, and Pierrri kept the Appleton restaurant, and Earle created Cranky Pat's in Neenah, Oshkosh and Green Bay.

Jeannie bought Frank's Pizza Palace from her father in 1999, and operated it for 20 years. Frank died in 2000.

Riley, 26, grew up in the business. He has memories of his grandfather from kindergarten.

"I would go to half days of kindergarten and he'd pick me up off the bus stop and we'd come here and do dough prep," Riley said. "I was supposed to be helping out, but I'd really just get a dough ball and run off with it. For kids, it's pretty much like Play-Doh. It was something to keep me busy. Better than going to a daycare."

Over a period of nearly 10 years, he worked as a server, cook, delivery driver and manager at the restaurant. He studied hospitality operations at University of Wisconsin-Stout and University of Nevada-Las Vegas, then returned home to work in the family business.

Riley said his mother's stated reason for closing – a staffing shortage – is a legitimate concern with unemployment so low.

He doesn't know if any past employees will come back or if it will be an all-new crew. To get and keep good people, he knows he has to pay more than before.

"Maybe we didn't pay enough to keep people," he said. "As for cooks, I don't think I could pay someone less than \$12 an hour."

He'll hire at least 14 people to start, divided evenly between cooks and servers. Applicants can knock on the door when the lights are on, put a note in the mailbox or email him at pierrripizza@gmail.com.

With some family financial support, "enough to get the doors open," and his plan to take a minimal salary, he figures he can make it work. He has three cousins – out of Frank's seven grandchildren – who are willing to help out.

The initial investment to get it open will be \$30,000 to \$50,000. Over the two years, he figures it will be close to \$200,000 for maintenance, beautification and new equipment. He'd eventually like to renovate the back two dining rooms in the nearly 5,000-square-foot place. He knows he needs to make technology improvements.

"This is the benefit of having a young owner," he said on living frugally and reinvesting in the business.

"I know I won't have a day off for a year," he said. "I want to dump everything back into this place."

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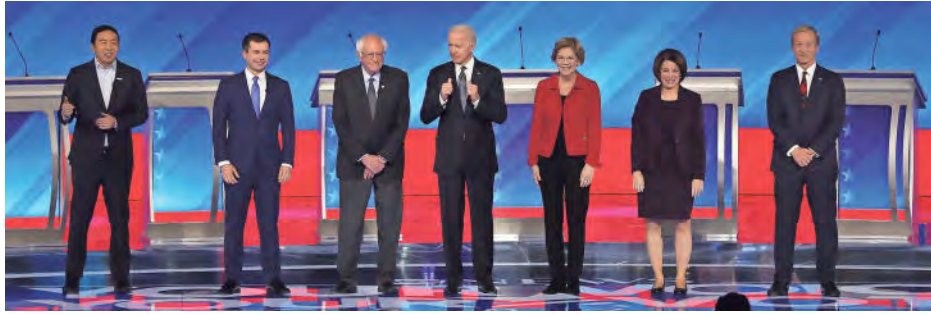
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## FACT CHECK



From left, Democrats Andrew Yang, Pete Buttigieg, Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden, Elizabeth Warren, Amy Klobuchar and Tom Steyer. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

## Dems skew record on health care, Iraq

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WASHINGTON – Democratic presidential contenders stretched beyond the facts on policy and sometimes on their own records Friday in their debate in New Hampshire, New Hampshire.

Amy Klobuchar called out Pete Buttigieg for an evolution on health care that he didn't acknowledge. Joe Biden told only part of the story when he boasted about a success as vice president in getting troops home from Iraq.

A look at how some of their claims compare with the facts:

### Health care

KLOBUCHAR, on Buttigieg's evolution on health care: "And Pete, while you have a different plan now, you sent out a tweet just a few years ago that said henceforth, forthwith, indubitably, affirmatively, you are for 'Medicare for All' for the ages."

BUTTIGIEG: "Just to be clear, the truth is that I have been consistent throughout in my position on delivering health care for every American."

THE FACTS: Klobuchar, a Minnesota senator, is right. Before his campaign, Buttigieg sounded supportive of "Medicare for All." The former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, isn't now.

In February 2018, he expressed his support after tweeting out a column he wrote as a Harvard University senior, saying he'd "been on record on this one

since 2004."

He wrote later that day, "Gosh! Okay ... I, Pete Buttigieg, politician, do henceforth and forthwith declare, most affirmatively and indubitably, unto the ages, that I do favor 'Medicare for All,' as I do favor any measure that would help get all Americans covered. Now, if you'll excuse me, potholes await."

### Troops in Iraq

BIDEN, saying President Barack Obama asked him to get 156,000 troops out of Iraq: "I did that."

THE FACTS: True, but that's not all of the story. Obama asked Biden to lead efforts to withdraw troops and coordinate efforts to maintain stability in Baghdad. Biden did not mention that some troops had to go back in 2014 after the rise of the Islamic State group.

### Corporate profits

ANDREW YANG, tech entrepreneur: "We have record high corporate profits in this country right now."

THE FACTS: Corporate profits are high, but they're not at record levels.

Companies earned \$1.84 trillion in profits in 2018, slightly below the \$1.86 trillion earned in 2014, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. But as a share of national income, corporate profits were 6.6% in 2018. That's down from 7.6% in 2012 and well below the peak of 8.9% in 1929.

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## Johnson

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tomers in parts of Florence, Queen Creek and the San Tan Valley.

The latest conflict centers on a construction job to fix a leaking 8-inch waterline near Quartzite Road and Hunt Highway.

EPCOR Vice President of Arizona Operations Jeff Stuck said the work was scheduled for Jan. 28, but when they asked for a Johnson Utilities' worker to shut off the water to the line, the worker was unavailable.

Stuck told regulators that Johnson Utilities had sent the worker to Johnson Estate Farms, another business entity owned by the Johnson family, who owns the water and wastewater utility and its affiliated management companies.

"Because the JU staff was working for the owner on non-utility work, the EPCOR lead had to postpone the project and call in additional contractors to take the place of the utility staff," Stuck said. "This caused the repair work to be delayed and prolonged and added additional costs to the project."

Johnson Utilities' lawyer Jeffrey Crockett filed a letter with the commission refuting EPCOR's claims. It said the workers were not notified of the waterline repairs, which is why a worker was not immediately available to shut the water off.

Crockett said Tuesday that Johnson's owners have not interfered with EPCOR's work.

"We simply don't see the facts the way they've been presented here," Crockett said. "I will admit there are potentially some communication issues that could be worked out."

### Regulators impatient with Johnson

The commissioners, who struggled to get Johnson Utilities to comply with orders to allow EPCOR to serve as the interim manager in 2018, seem to be losing patience with the company.

Commissioner Boyd Dunn said he "would be comfortable even with incarceration for a violation" of the commission's orders, which could be the result of sending the case back to the Pinal court.

"Something narrow like that will end the 'he said, she said' situation," Dunn said. "It is an absolute. They must be available during normal working hours."

Commission Chairman Robert Burns requested the commission staff write up

an order for commissioners to consider Feb. 20 that will force Johnson Utilities to ensure certain workers are available when needed. If they aren't, the commission will file an "order to show cause" with the court declaring Johnson is not following the court order.

"We are in a situation where if we can't have an interim manager that can respond quickly to problems in the utility, you are going to have a health and safety issue," Burns said.

### Company organization problematic

Part of the problem is that Johnson Utilities doesn't have its own employees. It is owned by George Johnson, and utility work is done by a company called Hunt MGT, owned by his children, Chris and Barbara.

Prior to EPCOR taking over as manager, Hunt was paid to run the utility while another company controlled by the Johnsons, Ultra Management, was paid about \$15 million a year in management fees, according to Corporation Commission filings and a state lawsuit against the companies.

EPCOR officials said since they took over the utility they pay Hunt and Ultra only for legitimate utility expenses with no additional management fees.

But EPCOR can't control the Hunt contract workers since they are not technically employees of the utility they are managing.

The chief lawyer for the commission shared some concerns with Johnson owners overseeing workers that are managed by EPCOR.

"We have an injunction that says that EPCOR, as interim manager, runs the utility," General Counsel Robin Mitchell said. "I see issues with having Johnson, the ownership part, having any say over these employees because we will find ourselves back in this position. They are just going to slow roll it and slow roll it and here we are back saying do we need to go back to Pinal and say they are in contempt?"

Dunn said the owners should not have a choice in whether the workers respond to orders from EPCOR.

"I don't know if we need to negotiate anything," Dunn said. "If we have another incident ... I think the next step is to send it to Pinal County and have it be heard."

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### Double Blind Clinical Results

A double blind clinical study was conducted on OxiTrim's active ingredients. The study was reviewed and analyzed by scientists from the University of California, Davis.

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**Sales Frenzy:** The newly released OxiTrim pill from France is set to break sales records nationwide this week. In clinical studies, users taking the pill's active ingredients lost up to 5 inches from their waistline in 8 weeks without strict dieting.

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# Secret Service may leave DHS and rejoin Treasury

Colleen Long ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON – The White House is throwing its support behind a plan to transfer the U.S. Secret Service back to the Treasury Department to focus better on the growing threat of online financial crimes.

Shifting the agency from within the Department of Homeland Security to the Treasury would require action from Congress, but President Donald Trump is confident enough that he plans to include the Secret Service under the Treasury in a budget proposal expected Monday, according to five administration officials with knowledge of the move. The officials spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity to discuss ongoing negotiations.

The Department of Homeland Security's intense focus on immigration has only added to the growing divide between what the Secret Service sees as its dual missions – protecting the president and investigating financial crime – and the mission of its parent department. But there are strong concerns the Secret Service's departure could lead to the eventual dismantling of DHS, which was formed after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks as a counterterrorism agency bringing together security agencies across the government.

The Secret Service is best known as the agency responsible for protecting the president, but its original purpose when it was formed in 1865 was to investigate financial crimes such as the counterfeit money proliferating during the Civil War. It was housed under the Treasury until 2003, when it was transferred to the new Department of Homeland Security.

Only about half of the Secret Service's budget is spent on protective services. It also has a robust cybercrime division, state-of-the-art forensic labs and a threat assessment center that studies how to mitigate and train against threats. The agency's annual budget of about \$2.3 billion would shift from one department to another under Trump's proposal.

In the Trump era, DHS has been highly focused on immigration, one of the Republican president's top priorities, leaving agencies unrelated to immigration out of the spotlight.

"The biggest challenge has been the president's immigration focus," Rep.

Bennie Thompson, the head of the House Homeland Security Committee, told the AP. "The immigration focus takes up a lot of the resources for DHS. It's been very difficult for Secret Service to be fully funded."

Department of Homeland Security officials initially pushed back against shifting the Secret Service back to the Treasury, concerned it could spark an exodus from other agencies contained within DHS, a 240,000-person department that also includes disaster relief, the U.S. Coast Guard and the Transportation Security Administration, according to the officials. DHS referred questions to the White House.

The Secret Service is "part of a unique cohort that gets lost in the massive bureaucracy," said Breanne Deppisch, who studies the topic for the Aspen Institute think tank.

Deppisch said she feared the news could be a blow to other non-immigration agencies at Homeland Security, specifically the newly formed Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, tasked with election security. She worried it could deepen recruitment problems at other agencies and lower morale, which is already low department-wide.

It's not the first time such a move has been considered in recent years. After a high-profile prostitution scandal in 2012 and other missteps, Democrats and Republicans in Congress debated whether the agency should be relocated, broken up or shrunk.

A feasibility study was completed last year from a working group of Homeland Security, the Treasury and the White House, and the results found that moving the Secret Service would help enhance collaboration in the Treasury and would put the Secret Service back on the map as a large law enforcement agency, though it could harm morale at Homeland Security.

"DHS employees, members of Congress and staff, the homeland security committee – may perceive a weakened DHS with the loss of Secret Service," the working group wrote in the report. "Such a loss could open DHS up to additional reforms or reorganizations, perhaps even some involving the transfer or dismantling of other operating components, further weakening the department at a critical time in its development."

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## Obituary

Sheldon Jay Jessup, (84), returned to his sweetheart Rita, on January 30, 2020. Sheldon was born May 16, 1935 to Frank and Rosa (Limb) Jessup in Adamsville, Utah. He was the youngest of 7 children. His father died when he was only 15, and from then on Sheldon was a dairy farmer. His children often joked that we never took any family vacations because we couldn't take the cows with us. He loved his farm! When farming became too much, he stepped back and became the overseer. He spent his days out on his porch, keeping an eye on things, and occasionally sleeping. Not only did the farm keep Sheldon busy, but he also worked full time at the Cheese Plant in Beaver, Utah.

He married his sweetheart, Rita Velate Francom, on September 10th, 1954 in the Manti Temple. Rita passed away in 2003, just before their 49th wedding anniversary.

Sheldon wore many hats and touched many lives. He filled the role of Scoutmaster for 25 years, served as Bishop for 6 years, and served as a ward missionary with his wife after his retirement. He was a mechanic, builder, farmer, cheesemaker, and manager. Sheldon's hands were never idle, if something was broken, he figured out a way to fix it.

For Sheldon's children, the lyrics to the song, "Daddy's Hands" hold great meaning, they describe the man that they will forever love and hold dear. "I remember daddy's hand folded silently in prayer." We will remember the silent lessons of faith he taught through his example of service, prayer, and sincere humility. "You could read quite a story in the callouses and lines, Years of work and worry had left their mark behind, I remember daddy's hands workin' 'til they bled, Sacrificed unselfishly just to keep us all fed." Our dad worked hard, and was hard to keep up with. He got up at 12:45 a.m. to milk the cows, then put in a full day at the Cheese Plant, only to come home and work on the farm again. "Daddy's hands were hard as steel when I'd done wrong." Each of us remembers of at least one time being disciplined by our father, but once was all it took, because we didn't want to disappoint him again. "I remember daddy's hands how they held my mama tight." None of his children will forget the immense love and respect he had for our mother. He has really missed her these last 16 and a half years, and we find joy in the fact that he is now with her again.

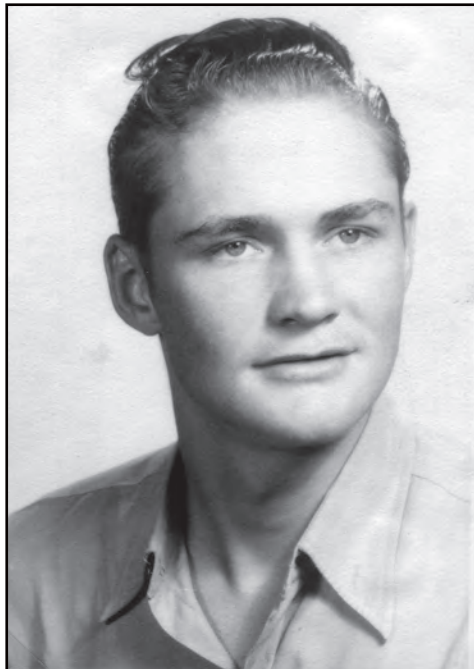
Sheldon was proud of, and grateful for his large posterity. He felt that each member of his family blessed his life, and made him rich beyond all things money could buy. He leaves a legacy of faith, hard work, and love to his ten children: Nita (Bryon) Walston, Kevin (Marcy) Jessup, Velate (Merwin) Taylor, Theron (Linda) Jessup, Phillip (Ralyn) Jessup, Anthony (Gregoria) Jessup, Eric (Lisa) Jessup, Rishel (Milton) Stewart, Jill (David) Burrell, and Micah (Lili) Jessup; to his 52 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and all of his siblings: Delora Stephens, Lealand Jessup, Beulah Farnsworth, Thomas Jessup, Dave Jessup, and Frank Jessup.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. in the Beaver 1st-2nd Ward building located at 15 North 100 West, Beaver, Utah. A viewing will be held at the same location on Friday, February 7th from 6:00-8:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 9:00-10:30 a.m. prior to funeral services. Interment will be held at the Mountain View Cemetery, under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary.



SHELDON JAY JESSUP



"There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of Nature -- The assurance that Dawn comes after Night, and Spring after Winter."

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## THOUGHTS ON FREEDOM

### The Pretended Articles of Impeachment Against a President

by Jake MacAuley  
theAmericanView.com

We recently received the following inquiry at Institute on the Constitution:

"One of the Articles of Impeachment delivered to the Senate was a charge of obstruction of justice because Trump didn't cooperate with the investigation. But isn't there protection from self-incrimination in the Bill of Rights? Does a sitting president (or anyone, for that matter) have to cooperate with an investigation?"

Assuming that many others may have similar questions, we thought we would share with you the response of our founder, Michael Anthony Peroutka.

The two charges leveled at the 45th President are:

- Abuse of power
- Obstruction of Congress

Frankly, in our view, neither of these makes any sense for at least the following reasons:

Firstly, neither of these Articles contains an accusation of criminal conduct on the part of the President.

Article II, Section 4, of the Constitution provides, "The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high

Crimes and Misdemeanors."

Since the specific language of the Constitution states two crimes (treason and bribery) and then contains a clause, which contains the words "other crimes," it seems clear that criminal conduct is contemplated by the drafters of the Constitution for this impeachment clause to become operative.

Therefore, I believe these are really "pretended articles of impeachment" because they fail to make a case for impeachment even if they were true.

Secondly, both "pretended" articles of impeachment lack what I believe is necessary, specificity. For example, "abuse of power" is so broad that it may be considered to be "void for vagueness." Moreover, the argument of those advancing the impeachment of the president seems to center on the idea that he has somehow "hijacked" the foreign policy of the United States.

The difficulty with this argument is that the president is the only person in all of the constitution who is charged with developing and implementing foreign policy. Therefore I don't see how it's possible for him to "hijack" foreign policy since all the decisions are ultimately his to make.



Lastly, "Obstruction of Congress" seems to be the silliest charge of all.

The president has every right and privilege to disagree with Congress and owes them no duty that supersedes his duty to keep his Oath to the Constitution. And, of course, he has no legal obligation to participate, encourage, or aid and abet the mischief of Congress.

Remember, Congress is the body with a secret slush fund that according to the Office of Compliance has reportedly paid victims of harassment, sexual or otherwise, more than \$17 million since its creation in the 1990s.

It is also the body that provides funding to murder the most innocent and defenseless among us.

It is also the body that exempts itself from the rules it makes for others.

The Constitution grants Congress no special privilege that requires the president to cooperate in their corruption or immorality.

Again, I prefer a president who acts independently and provides a check and restraint on the excesses and "pretended" authority of the legislative branch.

In fact, one could argue that "obstructing Congress" is not only NOT a crime; it is the Constitutional DUTY of the President.



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## THOUGHTS ON FREEDOM RON PAUL: IS THE DRAFT COMING BACK?

*A military draft violates the principle that individuals have inalienable rights that no government should violate*

During recent increased US-Iran confrontation, so many people viewed the Selective Service website to find out about the draft that the website crashed. People were right to be concerned about a return of the draft.

With the ongoing military conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan unlikely to end any time soon, and the possibility of the US being neoconned into war with Iran and possibly even Russia or China, the demand for troops is likely to rise. At the same time, soldiers return home with lifelong medical problems, including psychological problems, causing a horrifying number of veterans to commit suicide. All this can make it more difficult for the military to attract recruits. And it can leave a Congress unwilling to pursue nonintervention with a choice: increase spending on troops' pay and benefits or bring back the draft. A Congress facing an over 25 trillion dollars debt may reinstate the draft instead of further increasing spending on the troops.

Any future draft will probably include women, thanks to judges, politicians, and feminists who think women should have the "opportunity" to be forced to join the military.

A military draft violates the principle that

individuals have inalienable rights that no government should violate. A draft also puts all of our rights at risk. If we accept that the government has the legitimate authority to force individuals to fight, kill, and die

in a war, then how can we argue that the government cannot force citizens to pay high taxes, purchase health insurance, or submit to TSA screenings? How can we argue against the government forbidding people from smoking marijuana or owning "assault" weapons? Many traditional conservatives, including Ronald Reagan, opposed the draft, pointing to its threat to individual rights.

Some antiwar individuals have endorsed the draft on the theory that a draft makes politicians less likely to support war. But the draft did not stop politicians from supporting unnecessary wars like World War One, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. While the draft helped galvanize opposition to the Vietnam War, it took almost a decade of American casualties for opposition to reach critical mass. More importantly, the draft violates the nonaggression principle, which is the moral heart of libertarianism. Advocating use



of force to advance even as noble a goal as peace is itself immoral and sets back the cause of liberty. Some antiwar progressives oppose a military draft but support forcing young people to participate in a "national service" program. Some conservatives join these progressives to say that national service is a way for young people to "pay back" government for the privilege of living in a free society, as if our rights and liberties are gifts from government. Mandatory national service will likely gain support when the next market meltdown occurs, as it would serve as a jobs program for young people.

All those who support liberty must be prepared to fight any attempt to reinstate the military draft or to mandate any other type of national service. We must mobilize as many people as possible to tell the politicians it is unacceptable for the US government to enslave people in the military or otherwise. We must also support those who engage in civil disobedience. As Ronald Regan stated, the draft "rests on the assumption that your kids belong to the state.... That assumption isn't a new one. The Nazis thought it was a great idea." *This article first appeared at [RonPaulInstitute.org](http://RonPaulInstitute.org).*

## Obituary

Melvin R Stewart unexpectedly returned to his loving Heavenly Father on February 3, 2020 in the mountains he loved at the age of 71. He was reunited with the love of his life, Carla Jean Stewart, who preceded him by 19 months. Their reunion was highly anticipated and sure to be sweet.

Mel was born in Milford, Utah on October 16, 1948 to William Junior and Shirley Jane Stewart. He was the second of five children, and he always cherished being raised on a farm where he was taught to work hard and always get the job done. As a child he loved visiting Glenwood, Utah with his maternal grandparents, Loren and Alverda Paul. He loved spending time in Grandpa Paul's orchard, where he developed an interest and skill for cultivating fruit trees, as well as a taste for watermelon and cherries. Some of his most treasured moments were spent at the Glenwood fish hatchery with his grandfather and enjoying his grandmother's pies and sugar cookies. Mel always credited his mother and father and loving grandparents for teaching him the value of hard work and how to be a good father and grandfather.

When he was fourteen-years-old he met Carla for the first time at a rodeo, and he "fell head over heels." They were inseparable forever afterward. Mel and Carla were married February 24, 1967, and later sealed for Eternity in the St. George Temple on December 19, 1968. They first lived in Salt Lake City, where he attended Utah Technical College and became a highly skilled mechanic. After graduating they moved to Parowan, Utah for a couple of years while Mel worked as a mechanic in Cedar City. Their next move was home to Milford, Utah to raise their family. Mel and Carla had nine children in 15 years and loved hunting, picnicking, and spending time together in the outdoors.

In October 1976 he hired out on the Union Pacific Railroad, where he soon became an engineer, although he continued to work as a mechanic out of his home. Mel had a career with the Railroad for 32 years. Around the time he retired, they moved to Beaver, Utah, but he never stopped working. Mel spent all of his time tirelessly and compassionately serving others, and looking for work that needed to be done. His children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren will always remember him as being kind, generous, and unconditionally loving.

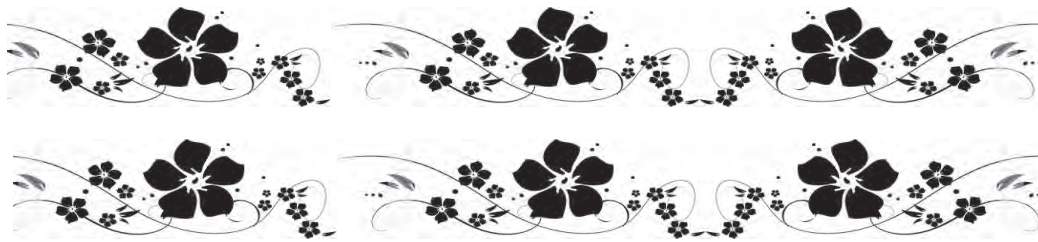
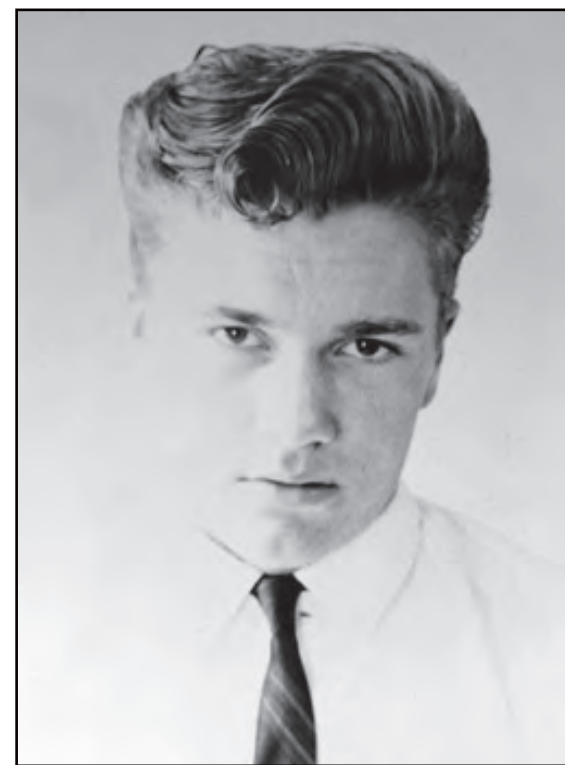
Mel was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and he served in many callings including the bishopric, scouts, home teaching and ministering, and most recently as a Beaver Utah Stake Missionary. He enjoyed serving in the Cedar City Utah Temple where he met many cherished friends. He also loved genealogy and family history work, and he spent many hours learning about his ancestors. Mel was an example of Christ-like love and service to his family and everyone around him. He had a powerful testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and knew that families can be eternal.

He is survived by his children, Ramie Haddenham, Stacy Pearson (Chett), Hollie Morwood (John), Julie Brown (Rodney), Destry Stewart, Dallas Stewart (Malina), Mitch Stewart (Shandra), Luke Stewart (Bobbi), and Reggie Stewart (Melissa), 33 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his grandson Zachory Hymas, his beautiful wife Carla, and many other loved ones who've gone on before.

Funeral services were held February 10, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Beaver Utah Stake Center, with a viewing from 11:00-12:30 p.m. Interment at the Mountain View Cemetery in Beaver, Utah.



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# HARD LESSON

Villanova's Wright stresses turning a loss into learning experience

**AARON BEARD**  
Associated Press

Villanova coach Jay Wright knows his 10th-ranked Wildcats have youth and inexperience that can lead to inconsistent play in some of the biggest games.

A recent loss offered a reminder that his team still is learning as it enters a tough week with two ranked Big East opponents.

First comes a trip to No. 19 Butler on Wednesday, followed by a visit from league-leading and 12th-ranked Seton Hall. Those games headline the week's AP Top 25 schedule as college basketball claims the post-Super Bowl spotlight at the start of a roughly six-week run to Selection Sunday.

Villanova (17-4, 7-2 Big East) enters the week a game behind the Pirates despite Saturday's loss at home to Creighton, which allowed the Bluejays to re-enter Monday's poll at No. 21.

"It's learning experience for this team," Wright said afterward. "You have to know how to do that every night, and that's what great teams do. Average teams play tough one night, don't play the other night. Sometimes when you're young, you have to lose a game to know that. I wish we didn't."

Villanova has freshmen or sophomores as three of its top four scorers in Saddiq Bey (15.0), Justin Moore (11.1) and Jeremiah Robinson-Earl (11.0). But the inability to make consistent stops was a common thread in losses to current No. 1 Baylor, Creighton, Ohio State and Marquette. Those teams combined to shoot 50% overall and 46% from 3-point range, and they averaged 77.5 points with nine made 3s.

"It's kind of our job as coaches to make sure we don't have to lose a game to learn that," Wright said about getting a young team to bring the same every-game edge. "We've got to take some responsibility, too."

**Tigers vs. Tigers**

Auburn joined No. 9 Maryland in jumping a week-best six spots in the



MATT SLOCUM, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Villanova coach Jay Wright yells to his team during Saturday's loss to Creighton in Philadelphia.

latest poll, climbing to No. 11 after a weekend win against Kentucky.

The Tigers traveled to Arkansas on Tuesday before hosting No. 18 LSU on Saturday in another marquee Southeastern Conference matchup.

Auburn (19-2, 6-2 SEC) has been perfect this year season from a losses to Alabama and Florida in a four-day stretch last month, but LSU (17-4, 8-0) has won 10 straight games entering Wednesday's game at Vanderbilt to sit alone atop the league.

**Road rivalries**

Ranked teams play a total of 15 road games this week starting Tuesday, though three stand out as in-state rivalry matchups.

Each comes Saturday. Tom Izzo's Spartans follow their Tuesday game against Penn State by traveling to Michigan after claiming the first meeting. Out West, No. 14 Oregon visits Oregon State in the Pac-12. And in the Atlantic Coast Conference, seventh-ranked Duke visits North Carolina in the renewal of the fierce rivalry between tradition-rich neighbors with a combined 11 NCAA Tournament championships.

**Baylor still rolling**

Baylor started the week by strengthening its grip on the No. 1 spot, then extending its school-record winning streak.

The Bears (20-1) remained on top for a third straight week with 49 of 65 first-place votes, five more than the previous week. Later Monday, they won at Kansas State for their 19th consecutive win to remain unbeaten in Big 12 play.

The Bears next host Oklahoma State on Saturday.

**Watch list**

It's Tulsa, not No. 25 Houston or previously ranked Wichita State, leading the American Athletic Conference. Wins this week could inch Frank Haith's Golden Hurricane (15-6) closer to the poll, first at home Thursday against Connecticut followed by Sunday's trip to UCF.

Sitting a game behind No. 6 Dayton in the Atlantic 10, Rhode Island (16-5) has won eight straight entering games against Massachusetts on Tuesday and at George Washington on Saturday.

**ASSOCIATED PRESS TOP 25**

| TEAM (FIRST-PLACE VOTES) | RECORD | PTS  | PRV |
|--------------------------|--------|------|-----|
| 1. Baylor (49)           | 20-1   | 1608 | 1   |
| 2. Gonzaga (15)          | 23-1   | 1567 | 2   |
| 3. Kansas (1)            | 19-3   | 1472 | 3   |
| 4. San Diego St.         | 23-0   | 1447 | 4   |
| 5. Louisville            | 19-3   | 1352 | 6   |
| 6. Dayton                | 20-2   | 1271 | 7   |
| 7. Duke                  | 18-3   | 1242 | 9   |
| 8. Florida St.           | 19-3   | 1188 | 5   |
| 9. Maryland              | 17-4   | 999  | 15  |
| 10. Villanova            | 17-4   | 959  | 8   |
| 11. Auburn               | 19-2   | 926  | 17  |
| 12. Seton Hall           | 16-5   | 900  | 10  |
| 13. West Virginia        | 17-4   | 827  | 12  |
| 14. Oregon               | 18-5   | 758  | 11  |
| 15. Kentucky             | 16-5   | 660  | 13  |
| 16. Michigan St.         | 16-6   | 624  | 14  |
| 17. Iowa                 | 16-6   | 604  | 18  |
| 18. LSU                  | 17-4   | 572  | 22  |
| 19. Butler               | 17-5   | 437  | 16  |
| 20. Illinois             | 16-6   | 373  | 19  |
| 21. Creighton            | 17-5   | 372  | -   |
| 22. Penn St.             | 16-5   | 356  | 24  |
| 23. Arizona              | 15-6   | 164  | -   |
| 24. Colorado             | 17-5   | 134  | 20  |
| 25. Houston              | 17-5   | 85   | 21  |

**Others receiving votes:** Texas Tech 66, Marquette 31, Ohio St. 19, Tulsa 19, Rhode Island 18, N. Iowa 17, Wichita St. 17, BYU 14, Rutgers 12, Stanford 7, Stephen F. Austin 3, Bowling Green 1, Michigan 1, Virginia 1, Winthrop 1, Yale 1.

**THIS WEEK IN HISTORY**

**Feb. 5, 2003:** Bob Knight won his 800th game, becoming the fourth Division I men's coach to reach the mark in guiding Texas Tech past Nebraska 75-49.

**Feb. 7, 1970:** Pete Maravich scored 69 points, including 47 in the second half, to set a NCAA record, but LSU lost to Alabama 106-104.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

**32** Arkansas junior Mason Jones averaged 32 points and 8.5 rebounds in the Razorbacks' loss to South Carolina and win at Alabama last week. The guard earned co-Player of the Week honors in the SEC for his efforts.

**19** Baylor's 19-game winning streak is the third longest in Big 12 Conference history. Kansas enjoys the two longest — 22 consecutive during the 1996-97 season and 20 straight during the 2007-08 campaign.

**2.2** Valparaiso's Javon Freeman-Liberty entered the week leading the Missouri Valley Conference with 2.2 steals per game. He led the MVC in steals last season. He's trying to become the first player since Bradley's Hersey Hawkins in 1986-87 and 1987-88 to lead the conference in steals in back-to-back seasons.

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## READY TO CLEAR PLANE WRECKAGE FROM TURKEY CRASH SITE

Workers prepare to remove the wreckage of a plane on Friday that skidded off the runway Wednesday at Istanbul's Sabiha Gokcen Airport, in Istanbul. Flights resumed Thursday after the airliner skidded off a runway, killing three people and injuring dozens.

## U.S. hiring surges in January

225K positions added; jobless rate rises as more people counted

CHRISTOPHER RUGABER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hiring jumped last month as U.S. employers added a robust 225,000 jobs, bolstering an economy that faces threats from China's viral outbreak, an ongoing trade war and struggles at Boeing.

The Labor Department also said Friday that a half-million people streamed into the job market in January, though not all of them found jobs. That influx meant that more people were counted as unemployed, and it boosted the jobless rate to 3.6% from a half-cen-

tury low of 3.5% in December.

The government's monthly jobs report signaled that businesses remain confident enough to keep hiring, with the pace of job growth accelerating from a year ago. Solid consumer spending is offsetting drags from the trade war and declining business investment.

The job gains also give President Donald Trump more evidence for his argument that the economy is flourishing under his watch. The Democratic contenders vying to oppose him, who will debate Friday night in New Hampshire, have embraced a counter-argument: That the economy's benefits are disproportionately benefiting wealthier Americans.

Economists cautioned that a large chunk of January's job growth reflected temporary in-

creases from unseasonably warm weather. Construction firms, hotels, and restaurants, which benefit from better outdoor conditions, accounted for about one-third of last month's gains.

January's jobs report doesn't appear to reflect any economic damage from the coronavirus, which has sickened thousands in China, closed stores and factories there and led many international businesses to suspend operations involving China. The virus' impact likely came too late in the month to affect Friday's jobs data.

Nor did Boeing's decision to halt production of its troubled 737 MAX appear to have much impact on last month's hiring gain. But the repercussions could begin to restrain job growth in the coming months.

## DIGEST

### China faces public anger over virus

BEIJING — China's ruling Communist Party faced public anger and recrimination Friday over the death of a doctor who was threatened by the authorities after trying to sound the alarm about the new coronavirus back in December. The death toll, meanwhile, rose to nearly 640, and the number of people infected worldwide climbed past 31,400.

Cruise ship passengers faced more woe as Japan reported 41 new cases on one quarantined vessel and turned away another. President Xi Jinping spoke with President Donald Trump and urged the U.S. to "respond reasonably" to the outbreak, echoing complaints that some countries are overreacting by restricting Chinese travelers.

More people evacuated from China began arriving Friday at military bases across the U.S. to begin a two-week quarantine. U.S. officials said on Friday that more than 800 people have been brought to the United States from Wuhan on recent flights.

## BRIEFLY

**CAUCUSES:** The Iowa Democratic Party extended until Monday a deadline for presidential candidates to request a review of the results of the Iowa presidential caucuses, following a debacle that led to a dayslong results delay and inconsistencies. The Associated Press said Thursday it is unable to declare a winner based on the available information.

**LAWSUIT:** A federal appeals court in Washington on Friday dismissed one of several ongoing lawsuits charging that President Donald Trump has illegally profited off the presidency. The lawsuit the court dismissed was filed by Democratic members of Congress in 2017. The ruling said the members of Congress lack the ability to sue.

**SECRET SERVICE:** The White House is throwing its support behind a plan to transfer the U.S. Secret Service back to the Treasury Department — where it was until 2003 — to better focus on the growing threat of online financial crimes. The proposal is expected Monday.

### Thousands flee fighting in Syria

BEIRUT — Turkey on Friday sent more troops and tanks to bolster its military presence in northwestern Syria, where President Bashar Assad's forces have been advancing in a devastating, Russian-backed offensive that has sparked a massive wave of people fleeing in winter weather.

Syria's Idlib region near the border with Turkey is the last rebel-held bastion in the war-ravaged country.

Meanwhile, Russia's Defense Ministry said Friday that Israeli air forces nearly shot down a passenger jetliner in Syria during a missile strike on the suburbs of Damascus a day earlier. Syrian government forces, backed by the Russian military, have clashed with Turkish troops that support the opposition there after failing to observe a cease-fire.

**IMPEACHMENT:** The decorated soldier and national security aide who played a central role in the Democrats' impeachment case against President Donald Trump was escorted out of the White House complex on Friday, according to his lawyer, who said Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman was asked to leave for "telling the truth."

**CRASH:** Wreckage from the helicopter that crashed and killed Kobe Bryant, his daughter and seven others did not show any sign of engine failure, the National Transportation Safety Board said Friday.

**ELECTION 2020:** Former Illinois congressman Joe Walsh ended his Republican primary challenge to President Donald Trump on Friday, abandoning an effort that faced long odds and financial struggles from the start.

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# 2019 Drunk Driving Stats in Darlington

Over 250,000 Americans are injured or killed by drunk drivers annually in the U.S. making it one of the top public safety threats many Americans will face in their lifetime. The City of Darlington Police Department recognizes the risks associated with impaired driving and recently released its stats on drunk/drugged driving arrests in the city for 2019. In total, officers arrested 7 people for operating while under the influence of drugs and 36 people for operating while under the influence of alcohol.

The average blood alcohol content (BAC) of those arrested for operating while under the influence of alcohol was .18, which is over double the legal limit. To put this in perspective, a 180-pound person would have to drink 9 beers in three hours to reach

a .18 BAC. A 200-pound person would have to drink 10 beers to do the same. According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA), people with a BAC of .18 suffer from substantial impairment in critical driving tasks such as braking, steering, lane changing, judgment, and divided attention, thereby increasing their odds of being involved in a fatal crash by 20 times.

According to Darlington Police Chief Jason King, while occasional arrests do occur, Officers place a priority on prevention when it comes to drunk driving enforcement. For decades, Officers have patrolled the downtown district more heavily during those hours when drunk driving offenses are more likely to occur. Chief King pointed out the extra patrol is intended to

deter fights, vandalism, drunk driving and other violations, not to make arrests. "We'd much rather deter people from driving drunk than arrest them for it," said Chief King. "However, if someone is caught driving under the influence, they will be arrested since Officers have an ethical obligation to preserve public safety," King added.

Darlington Police Officers point out there are more options today than ever before when it comes to getting home safe after having a few drinks. For instance, Officers are willing to give rides home and there's a Safe Rides Program. The most important tip Officers can provide the community is to plan ahead and know in advance how they are going to get home safely after consuming alcohol. Since alcohol impairs judgment, people should not risk waiting until after they have consumed it to make such decisions.

# HONOR ROLL

The 2nd quarter honor roll for Darlington School District was released recently. Students achieving honors include the following:

Freshmen – Ellie Fitzsimons, Cayla Golackson, Limon Hernandez, Logan Leahy, Lane Leopold, Octavia Meylor, and Parker Shager.

Sophomores – Jaiden Goebel, Sadie Gollmer, Liberty Ihler, Axel Mendez, Allyson Meyers, Brycen Mullen, Rhett Reuter, Ashley Sanchez, Kaylee Schwartz, Heather Thuli, and Jenna Torstenson.

Juniors – Sydney Beasley, Enni Canales-Irias, Cristian Gutierrez, Haile Johnson, Carter Lancaster, Layla McDermott, Katie Riechers, Elliana Ruiz, and Rebecca Thompson.

Seniors – Cody Crist, Margaret Huseman, Ryley Lancaster, Katie Leahy, Laine McLenan, Bailey Schwartz, Yasmin Solorazano-Mendoza, Atticus Stauffacher, Carter Wiegel, and Ian Wolfe.

Students receiving high honors are as follows:

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Sophomores – Scarleth Canales-Irias,

Tomi Daly, Braden Davis, Easton Evenstad, Brenna Grossen, Alan Guzman, Natalie Jensen, Mariah Kendall, Judith Meister, Emma Rielly, Kylie Schilling, Jayci Schliem, Josie Thomas, Ethan Thompson, Taylor Wedig, and Lin West.

Juniors – Brooke Douglas, Kyler Johnson, Kaylyn McGuire, Victorria Meylor, Xandria Olson, Emma Tuescher and Kelly Wick.

Seniors – Leif Bredeson, Anna Carper, Aliyah Gould, Marissa Gould, Brittney Jacobson, Claire Leahy, Carson Lobdell, Magen Lyne, Gracey McDermott, Brenna McDonald, Alayna McGuire, Michelle Meylor, William Riechers, Natalie Soper, Allison Thompson, Martin Williams, and Yu Han Wu.

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Sophomores – Zulia Diaz, Mila Gille, Ellie Hemming, Michelle Koeller, and Greta Volkening.

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- Married again

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- Fiddling emperor
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- Levels
- Adjusts again
- Frequently, to Keats
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- Imitated
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- Bride's walkway
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- Pester
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- Proceed slowly
- Blemish
- Garden walk
- Voice range
- Munches
- Skirt length
- Piglets' mothers
- Rocker \_\_\_ Clapton
- Actress \_\_\_ Moore
- Televised again
- Regrets
- Archie Bunker's wife
- Maker
- Begins
- Closer
- Kind of acid
- Whittled down
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- Operate a car
- Pen fluids
- Declare
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# Two Lafayette dairy farms platinum winners from Dairy Reproduction Council

LAFAYETTE COUNTY – Two dairy farms in Lafayette County have bragging rights after becoming platinum award winners from the Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council.

Schilling Farms of Darlington, managed by Bill, Andy and Brian Schilling and Holmesville Dairy of Argyle, operated by Tim and Travis Holmes and family, were presented the awards in November 2019 to 24 dairy operations that excel at reproductive efficiency, fertility and well-implemented management procedures.

Both farms were nominated by B.J. Jones, veterinarian at Center Hill Veterinary Clinic in Darlington, who works with the farms

The Schilling family farm 1,700 acres, planting corn, soybeans, alfalfa and winter wheat. In 2019 they aerial-seeded cover crops on more than 500 acres. The Schillings milk 590 cows three times daily, with a rolling-herd average at 32,800 pounds with 3.9 percent fat and 3.29 percent protein.

Virgin heifers are bred starting at 13 months of age. Conception rate of sexed semen in the heifers is 57 percent and conventional semen is 61 percent. To reduce amount of heifers born, they have begun using beef sires. The cows are ultra sounded at 33 days and then checked

again at 60 days to confirm pregnancy, determine fetal sex and check for twins.

They used 90 percent sexed semen for the first two services. For third and greater conventional semen is used. Cows are bred for the first time with the Ovsynch system, a technology developed at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. It involves injecting cows with gonadotropin-releasing hormone—GnRH—a week before administering prostaglandin. They have seen positive results in conception rates and peak milk by backing off their voluntary waiting period from calving to breeding from 60 to 87 days, slowly raising the period over the years.

The first 20 days after calving fresh cows are monitored and checked between five and 11 days after for

blood beta-hydroxybutyrate acid levels to see if they are ketosis or metritis.

On Holmesville Dairy, heifers are bred at 14 months of age with sexed semen on the first two breedings, using 90 percent sexed semen; after that they then use beef semen. Conception rate for sexed semen is 52 percent and 62 percent for conventional semen. They ultrasound cows at 32 days after breeding and then are rechecked at 55 days to confirm. The heifer groups are checked weekly at the same intervals.

Once they have calved, they provide a liquid drench that contains calcium and 12 ounces of propylene glycol mixed with five gallons of lukewarm water. They monitor fresh cows daily for feed intake. After calving, all the cows are bred at 88 days

whether they are on their first lactation or producing high volumes of milk.

Also receiving an award at the annual meeting was the Rielly Dairy, operated by Mark Rielly of Darlington, one of two Wisconsin farms receiving the bronze award.

The awards program, sponsored by Hoard's Dairyman magazine, recognizes dairy producers whose herds excel in getting cows safe in calf. DCRC's Herd Reproduc-

tion Award judges considered many criteria when reviewing finalists' applications, including pregnancy rate, voluntary waiting period, interbreeding intervals, heat detection, conception rate, value of reproduction and culling rate.

The Dairy Cattle Reproduction Council is focused on bringing together all sectors of the dairy industry – producers, consultants, academia and allied industry professionals – for improved reproductive

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**ACROSS**

- Raise
- Heroic tales
- Knowledgeable about
- Wheel shaft
- Fable writer
- Maize
- Wrestling pads
- Garbage
- Emanate
- Greek philosopher
- Model Moss
- Floor model
- Took long steps
- Gem weight
- Beer
- Set free
- Revenue Service
- More ashen
- Zodiac lion
- Solemn
- Paddle's kin
- Actress Blair
- Appetizers
- Shirt arms
- Store away
- Spanish title
- Military command (2 wds.)
- 43,560 square feet
- Astonished
- Truckers' vehicles
- Fleshy fruit
- Inexpensive
- Little children
- Prepare copy
- Savor
- Famed canal
- Cincinnati team
- Direct
- Hideaways

**DOWN**

- Highway entrances
- Praise
- Church feature
- Renovate
- Dine
- Added incentive
- Singer Hayes
- Fellow leading actor
- Orb
- Summer drink (2 wds.)
- Alaskan city
- Informed of
- Bloodhound's clue
- Ages and ages
- Swiss mountain
- Make lace
- Healing plant
- Char
- Slips up
- Misfortunes
- Singer Diamond
- Quality of sound
- "Viva Vegas"
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- Computer fodder
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- Deteriorates
- Chirped
- Legislates
- "Who cares?" (2 wds.)
- Actress Della
- Love, in Rome
- Certain protest (hyph.)
- Some curves
- One who mimics
- Give over
- Surprise attack
- Escort
- Part of mph

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# TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 5, the 36th day of 2020. There are 330 days left in the year.

**Today's highlight in history**

On Feb. 5, 2001, four disciples of **Osama bin Laden** went on trial in New York in the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa. (The four were convicted and sentenced to life in prison without parole.)

**On this date**

In 1811, **George, the Prince of Wales**, was named Prince Regent due to the mental illness of his father, Britain's **King George III**.

In 1918, during World War I, the Cunard liner **SS Tuscania**, which was transporting about 2,000 American troops to Europe, was torpedoed by a German U-boat in the Irish Sea with the loss of more than 200 people.

In 1937, President **Franklin D. Roosevelt** proposed increasing the number of U.S. Supreme Court justices; the proposal, which failed in Congress, drew accusations that Roosevelt was attempting to "pack" the nation's highest court.

In 1971, Apollo 14 astronauts **Alan Shepard** and **Edgar Mitchell** stepped onto the surface of the moon in the first of two lunar excursions.

In 1993, President **Bill Clinton** signed the Family and Medical Leave Act, granting workers up to 12 weeks unpaid leave for family emergencies.

In 1994, white separatist **Byron De La Beckwith** was convicted in Jackson, Mississippi, of murdering civil rights leader **Medgar Evers** in 1963, and was immediately sentenced to life in prison. (Beckwith died Jan. 21, 2001 at age 80.)

In 1999, Former heavyweight boxing champion **Mike Tyson** was sentenced in Rockville, Md., to a year in jail for assaulting two motorists following a traffic accident (he ended up serving 3 1/2 months).

In 2009, Supreme Court Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** underwent surgery for pancreatic cancer.

## Ten years ago

Toyota's president, **Akio Toyoda**, emerged from seclusion to apologize and address criticism that the automaker had mishandled a crisis over sticking gas pedals.

## Five years ago

Jordan stepped up its air attacks on Islamic State facilities in Syria and expanded its airstrikes into Iraq for the first time after a captured Jordanian pilot was burned to death by the militant group.

## One year ago

In his State of the Union address, President **Donald Trump** called on Washington to end what he called "ridiculous partisan investigation" and cast aside "revenge, resistance and retribution;" Trump accepted no blame for the rancorous atmosphere and refused to yield on the hard-line immigration policies that had infuriated Democrats and forced a government shutdown.

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# LOTTERIES

The winning numbers for Tuesday:  
**Mega Millions: 32-48-50-51-64**  
**Mega Ball number: 10**  
**Megaplier number: 2**  
 Estimated jackpot: \$168 million.  
**SuperCash: 6-16-22-23-28-33-Y**  
**Daily Pick 4: 8-4-9-3**  
**Daily Pick 3: 3-6-6**  
**All or Nothing: 1-2-4-6-7-10-12-16-17-19-21**  
**Badger 5: 1-3-11-17-25**  
 Estimated jackpot for today's drawing: \$10,000.  
**Megabucks:** Tonight's estimated jackpot, \$8.8 million.  
**Powerball:** Tonight's estimated jackpot, \$50 million.

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# Running onto field was highlight of trip

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"Congratulations on being selected to represent the Green Bay Packers in the NFL Next 100 Super Bowl Commercial," Packers President Mark Murphy said in a letter to Braylon. "Your highlight video was awesome and we know that you will do a great job rocking the green & gold on TV!"

The hard part, Cassandra said, was keeping the whole thing a secret from Braylon, friends and family for several weeks following official notification from the Packers. His parents kept telling their son that he must have only been a finalist.

Meanwhile, Cassandra, a Minnesota Vikings fan, found herself secretly pulling for the Packers to make it to the Super Bowl so the trip would be even more special for her son, whose allegiance is clear. "The Packers are my favorite team. They always have been and always will be," he said.

On Jan. 23 the family

finally got the go-ahead to break their silence, so they created a ruse to get Braylon to join the whole family in the living room while Taylor supposedly filmed the crew singing along with Cassandra's father for a church event. At some point, the family played a video on their TV that was created by the Packers for Braylon.

The boy's eyes widen and he exudes disbelief as Packers star running back Aaron Jones, standing in front of the team's four Lombardi trophies, addresses him: "Hey, what's up, Braylon?" and proceeds to tell him he has had been selected to be in the commercial.

"I'm going to the Super Bowl!" an astonished Braylon asks, prompting his dad to nudge him and declare, "You're going."

"Yes!" Braylon says, raising his arms in triumph. "I'm going to the Super Bowl. That is awesome."

The Packers posted a video of the joyful moment on the team's official website.

"That's just who Braylon is. He's so genuine," said Laura Simonson, principal at Red Creek Elementary. "He's just a wonderful kid."

Taylor, the proud uncle, agreed and said he was thrilled that Braylon earned the trip and hopeful the story could inspire other youths to believe that "big things can happen even to a kid from a small town like Black River Falls."

The recognition came with an all-expenses-paid trip for two to the Super Bowl, so Joe accompanied his son to Miami, where they reveled in the hubbub surrounding the big game and even got to see Demi Lovato practice singing the National Anthem while boys and girls representing the teams rehearsed their part in the commercial.

Joe noted that Braylon had the opportunity to get autographs or selfies with several current and former NFL players, including retired Baltimore Ravens star wide receiver Steve Smith Sr. and Dol-

phins quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick.

Braylon also got to catch a pass from Arizona Cardinals quarterback and No. 1 overall pick in the 2019 NFL draft Kyler Murray, whom the fifth-grader explained won the Heisman Trophy in college and was named NFL rookie of the year.

"It was all pretty amazing," Joe said. "It was very exciting for all of us."

The highlight for the whole family, however, was the moment Braylon ran onto the field. Watching on TV back home with other family members in Black River Falls, Cassandra was overwhelmed seeing her son burst onto the screen and dance in the middle of field in front of a stadium filled with cheering fans.

"I kept thinking, 'Is this really happening?' He was just living a dream," she recalled. "This is a story we'll tell for the rest of our lives."

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# Technical issues produced a day of chaos

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"We don't know all of the numbers, but we know this much: A campaign that started a year ago with four staff members, no name recognition, no money, just a big idea — a campaign that some said should

have no business even making this attempt — has taken its place at the front of this race," Buttigieg declared, his voice filled with emotion, as he campaigned in next-up New Hampshire.

Youtube video thumbnail

While each campaign was eager to spin the

results to its advantage, there was little immediate indication that the incomplete results erased the confusion and concern that loomed over the Iowa contest. It was unclear when the full results would be released.

During a private conference call with campaigns earlier in the day, state

party chairman Troy Price declined to answer pointed questions about the specific timeline — even whether it would be a matter of days or weeks.

"We have been working day and night to make sure these results are accurate," Price said at a subsequent press conference.

# SOTU comes on eve of impeachment verdict

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And what Trump calls an unprecedented boom is, by many measures, not all that different from the solid economy he inherited from Obama. Economic growth was 2.3% in 2019, matching the average pace since the Great Recession ended a decade ago in the first year of Obama's eight-year presidency. Trump had promised much higher.

The White House promised an optimistic speech that would look past the impeachment trial that has consumed Washington in favor of a recitation of accomplishments and promises. But Trump often veers from his script and may not be able to resist using the moment to claim exoneration and settle scores. And even in the moments when Trump has struck a tone of bipartisanship and cooperation, he has consistently returned to his scorched earth rhetoric within days.

Even for a Trump-era news cycle that seems permanently set to hyper-speed, the break-neck pace of events dominating the first week of February offered a singular backdrop for the president's address. Yet Trump told TV anchors at a midday meal that his address would be "extraordinarily low key."

Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, who has presided in the Senate over only the third impeachment trial in the nation's history, was on hand Tuesday night — this time in his more customary seat in the audience. Trump stood before the very lawmakers who have vied to remove him from office — and those who are expected to acquit him when the Senate trial comes to a close.

And over his shoulder, visible in nearly every camera shot, was House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a frequent thorn in Trump's side who autho-

rized the impeachment proceedings that charged the president with abusing the power of his office to push Ukraine to investigate a political

foe. Pelosi created a viral image with her seemingly sarcastic applause of the president a year ago. When Trump entered the chamber this time, he did

not take her outstretched hand but it was not clear he had seen her gesture. Later, as Republicans cheered, she remained in her seat.

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# Backyard chicken owners take different approaches to winter

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MANDAN, N.D. (AP) — Ashley Eisenbeis sent her chickens from Mandan to Minnesota for the winter.

She grew up on a hobby farm near St. Joseph, Minnesota, where her four hens — Dorothy, Blanche, Brenda and Molly — are spending the season with her parents, who have more chickens. Her hens will come back in April.

"I call them 'the girls,'" Eisenbeis said of her hens that hatched in March and began laying eggs in September. She's always liked homegrown or locally sourced food, and tends a garden, too.

Eisenbeis is one of nine permittees for backyard chickens since the Mandan City Commission adopted an ordinance in March 2019 allowing the poultry in city limits after requests from residents who wanted to raise the birds for fresh eggs. The Bismarck Tribune reported.

The ordinance allows up to four hens, but no crowing roosters, and outlines setbacks from property lines and adjacent neighbors. The chickens, coop and run also must not be visible from the street. Permittees must build or buy a coop in compliance with certain specifications. Permits are \$100, revocable, good for a year and cost \$50 to renew.

Other permittees say their hens have handled the winter's cold well so far.

Adriane Tschida had already insulated her family's coop before



This photo taken Jan. 22, 2020, shows Andrea Soule watching as her daughters, Gemma, 9, left, and Malaya, 11, hold a pair of the family chickens in the backyard coop in Mandan, North Dakota. (AP)

winter and also installed a heat lamp and a temperature gauge. Her hens — Betty, Agnes, Pearl and Florence — likely get bored in their coop and they don't like the snow, she said.

"I'm sure they're ready for spring just like everybody else," Tschida said. She's been careful to check at least twice daily for

eggs so they don't freeze in the coop's box.

Kaylee Krause's family jumped at the opportunity to raise backyard chickens, both to raise animals and to have fresh eggs.

Krause, 17, is an agricultural student and has a passion for animals but couldn't keep anything other than a cat or a dog in town

before the commission adopted the ordinance.

Now her family has four hens, named Ava, Charlotte, Daisy and Snowball.

To brace against the cold, her family wrapped the hens' coop in a clear, heavy-duty shower curtain liner and placed straw bales on the coop's north side to mitigate wind

and blowing snow.

Their coop also has extra bedding and curtain insulation and even interior cameras "so when it's super cold out we can watch them to make sure they're still doing OK and keeping warm," Krause said.

Chickens tolerate cold better than heat, said her mother, Heidi

Sivertson-Krause. But little sunlight in winter has decreased their egg production, she added. Laying hens' physiology has a direct relationship with daylight hours.

"We're excited for a little bit more sunlight so we can get back to our egg production," she said.

Andrea Soule said the biggest problem so far this winter has been keeping water thawed for her family's hens, named Chicken Nugget, Chicken Pot Pie, Lily and Lollipop.

"They're out every day in the snow and the sun, and they don't seem to mind the cold at all," she said.

Mandan City Planner John Van Dyke expects springtime to bring more applications for backyard chicken permits when coops and chicks go on sale.

He'll be sending reminders in coming months to permittees regarding the permit renewal.

Mandan Police Deputy Chief Lori Flaten said she's aware of two complaints to police regarding chickens, including one of a chicken running loose and one complaint of people not having a permit. Neither complaint related to anyone with a permit, she said.

Tschida, who had been interested in raising chickens for years, is glad the birds "got momentum finally" in Mandan.

Her hens have been "a great deal of fun," running around the backyard in summertime, finding bugs and chasing away wild birds.

"They have bigger personalities than I thought they would," Tschida said. "They're really fun."

## Drug

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Minnesota has a particularly low rate of opioid prescriptions, but the state has still had its issues with the opioid crisis. According to the Minnesota Department of Health, opioid prescription overdose deaths rose by an astonishing 681% from 2000 to 2017.

Certain regions of the state, especially northern Minnesota, have been hit harder by the opioid crisis. Locally, Rice County Family Services Collaborative received a \$210,000 Opioid Response grant from the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

As the report notes, synthetic opioids have become the primary driver of the opioid

crisis. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, increased fentanyl use drove 47 percent increase in synthetic opioid-involved deaths from 2016 to 2017.

Often sold as counterfeit prescription drugs, fentanyl and similar synthetic opioids have become the deadliest illicit drugs in the U.S. From 2014 to 2017, forensic lab reports of fentanyl have increased by more than tenfold across the country.

Fentanyl is the largest killer nationally, with a particular concentration in Ohio and Pennsylvania. It's particularly lethal when mixed with other drugs, such as heroin. Cocaine, the nation's second deadliest illicit drug, has also made a bit of a comeback in recent years.

Cocaine overdose deaths increased by a third from 2016 to 2017, according to the CDC. In Colombia, the primary supplier

of Cocaine to the U.S., Coca production has reached record highs, increasing access to the drug and reducing its price.

Locally, fentanyl, heroin and cocaine are all starting to make their way into the region, largely by way of the Twin Cities metro area. Yet the biggest issue remains meth, according to the Minnesota River Valley Drug Task Force's Jeff Wersal.

"We just haven't gotten the opioid issues that other parts of the country are seeing," Wersal said. "Meth is still 90% of what we're seeing."

Wersal said that meth usage has increased dramatically throughout the area within the last decade. That's due to a significant increase in access and dramatic decrease in the cost of imported meth over the last 5-6 years, he noted.

The meth epidemic is hardly new, although it is reaching his-

toric levels. Andrew Drenth of the South Central Drug Investigation Unit said that locally meth has been the leading cause of drug seizures for more than a decade.

On the other hand, locally produced meth has continued to fall, as it has consistently since the

passage of the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005, which put restrictions on key ingredients. Wersal said that his task force has busted just one meth lab in the last two years.

"No one's cooking it anymore, because the imported meth is

cheaper and better quality," he said.

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## Green

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At the time, Living Greens Farm noted that the facility's lack of adequate water supply already prevented the facility from completing necessary watering and cleaning processes in an efficient, simultaneous manner.

This time, Living Greens Farm came to the city in hopes not of securing a loan, but for permission to temporarily place refrigerated containers and trailers and trailers on its lot, to address its processing and storage needs.

Faribault's Development Review Committee, which is composed of staff from city departments involved in land and zoning issues, threw its support behind the proposal, noting that the city has granted IUPs to other fast growing businesses in the past.

In recommending Planning Commission approval of the proposal, City Planner Dave Wanberg highlighted Living Greens Farm's commitment to achieving a long term solution after a fixed timetable of two years.

"It's not like (Living Greens Farm) is applying for the IUP to save money," Wanberg said. "They're going to spend substantial dollars and energy into this temporary solution, so they can grow."

With little dispute, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve Living Greens Farm's request for the IUP. Com-

mission member Chuck Ackman praised the company for using the process in a proper manner to grow its business.

"This is the poster child for how this system should work," he said. "Have a short term solution while you design and execute a permanent solution."

### Denial

In other business, the Planning Commission voted to deny developer Todd Nelson's request to replace promised playground equipment at a multi-family residential site on the north side of Faribault, near Daikin Applied.

In 2014, Nelson received the city's blessing to build 28 units on the 2.7-acre site, located along 23rd Street NW. The original design included two six-plex buildings with two- and three-bedroom apartments, and a pair of eight-unit buildings with two-bedroom apartments.

Nelson and the city later agreed to alter the designs, adding three additional units to the plan. The buildings were completed in 2017, and Nelson added landscaping and additional amenities in 2018.

However, the landscaping installed didn't follow the agreed upon site plans, as Nelson requested a number of changes. The most major of those was the elimination of playground equipment at the site.

With no other playgrounds in the area, Nelson originally agreed to install playground equipment in anticipation that young fami-

lies might move into the apartments. However, Nelson has stated that due to the economics of the project, it quickly became dominated by senior residents.

Seeing the playground equipment as an unnecessary expense and a potential target for vandalism, Nelson asked to scrap the plans. At the Planning Commission's request, he proposed installing a horseshoe pit and shuffleboard court.

At its Jan. 20 meeting the Planning Commission evaluated the proposal. While members said they understood Nelson's perspective, they wanted to see additional details. City staff were unmoved, recommending rejection of the proposal.

Parks and Recreation Director Paul Penansky's Department originally evaluated the site and recommended the playground equipment. In written comments, Penansky said the Department stands by the recommendation and criticized Nelson's alternative as inadequate.

"We have numerous horse pits around town and they do not get used much anymore," he said. "The Community Center used to have shuffle board and removed it due to lack of use. I would not recommend them."

Criticizing Nelson's lack of specific plans along with his absence from the meeting, Planning Commissioners voted to recommend denying the IUP. The City Council could override the recommendation if it so chooses.