

Business/Local News

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STOCKS

Monday	Close	Change
DJIA	12,741.82	-25.35
Standard&Poors 500 Index	1344.78	+1.94
NYSE Index	7662.28	-1.98
Nasdaq Composite Index	2895.33	+22.53
NYSE Market Composite	2298.09	+9.55
Russell 2000 Index	772.53	+1.21
Wilshire 5000 Total Market	14,043.10	+32.52

REGIONAL STOCKS

9 a.m. quotes from Yahoo.com

Company	Ticker	Monday	Today	Company	Ticker	Monday	Today
3M	MMM	87.13	87.72	JC Penney	JCP	24.62	22.00
American Airlines	AAMRQ.PK	0.451	0.447	JDS Uniphase	JDSU	10.10	10.60
Apple	AAPL	577.99	586.41	John Deere	DE	74.57	76.24
AT&T	T	35.79	35.415001	Kohl's	KSS	43.85	43.65
Benchmark	BHE	14.20	13.96	Lowes	LOW	28.24	28.43
Best Buy	BBY	19.955	20.82	Medtronic	MDT	37.69	38.220001
C. H. Robinson	CHRW	58.23	59.50	Oshkosh Truck	OSK	20.23	20.5318
Caterpillar	CAT	85.87	88.33	Polaris	PII	68.98	70.73
Celestica	CLS	7.17	7.68	Rochester Medical	ROCM	10.30	10.31
Delta Air Lines	DAL	10.21	10.77	Sears Hldgs Corp.	SHLD	49.95	52.47
Donaldson Co.	DCI	35.30	36.19	Southwest Airlines	LUV	8.87	9.12
Dover	DOV	55.25	56.30	Target Corp.	TGT	58.26	58.47
Fastenal	FAST	39.19	40.61	Toro	TTC	73.44	74.60
Hitachi	HIT	60.00	59.62	U.S. Bancorp	USB	31.43	31.73
HMN Financial	HMNF	3.07	3.09	Verizon	VZ	43.88	43.734
Home Depot	HD	52.09	52.845	Wal-Mart	WMT	67.73	68.18
Hormel	HRL	29.855	30.03	Wells Fargo	WFC	32.32	32.78
IBM	IBM	198.36	199.46	Western Digital	WDC	30.62	30.32

MARKETS

CHICAGO GRAIN FUTURES

CHICAGO (AP) — Futures trading on the Chicago Board of Trade Mon.:

Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.	
WHEAT					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Jul	613¼	634	612	630¼	+20¾
Sep	620¼	651¼	629½	648½	+21¾
Dec	655	675¼	653½	672¼	+21¼
Mar	674	693	673	691¼	+20¼
May	682¼	700¼	682	698½	+18¼
Jul	690	706	688	703¼	+15¾
Sep	711	715	711	714¼	+14½
Dec	718¾	732	718¾	730¼	+14¼
Mar	720¼	735	720¼	735	+14¼
May	725¼	739¼	725¼	739¼	+14¼
Jul	708½	723¼	708½	723¼	+15¼
Est. sales 122,378.	Fri.'s sales 146,458				
Fri.'s open int 436,404,	up 209				
CORN					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Jul	587	607¼	576¼	599½	+20
Sep	515½	541¾	512¼	537	+27½
Dec	511¾	539¼	510	534	+28
Mar	524½	551¼	523	546¼	+27¾
May	532	556¾	530¼	553¼	+27
Jul	538¼	565	537	558¼	+24¼
Sep	532½	550¼	532½	550¼	+25½
Dec	517¼	540	515	537	+26
Mar	528	548	528	548	+26¼
May	546	554½	545¾	554½	+26¼
Jul	548¼	561	548¼	559½	+26¼
Sep	505	527	505	527	+22
Dec	508	521½	508	521	+22
Jul	522	544	522	544	+22
Dec	519¼	520	519	519	+15¾
Est. sales 379,112.	Fri.'s sales 334,905				
Fri.'s open int 1,143,574					
OATS					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Jul	307½	321¼	305¼	316	+8¼
Sep	294	307	294	299	+5¼
Dec	282	290	279	287	+7¾
Mar	286¼	289¼	286¼	289¼	+3
May	286¼	289¼	286¼	289¼	+3
Jul	290¼	290¼	290¼	290¼	+3
Sep	294¼	294¼	294¼	294¼	+3
Dec	304¼	304¼	304¼	304¼	+3
Mar	331	331	331	331	
May	331	331	331	331	
Jul	383¼	383¼	383¼	383¼	
Sep	391¼	391¼	391¼	391¼	
Est. sales 1,824.	Fri.'s sales 1,668				
Fri.'s open int 11,412					
SOYBEANS					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Jul	1385½	1396¼	1375¼	1384¼	+8¼
Aug	1365¼	1378½	1357¼	1370¼	+13¼
Sep	1343½	1355	1336¼	1350½	+18½
Nov	1325	1341	1317¼	1339¼	+25¼
Jan	1327	1340	1322	1339	+22¼
Mar	1302½	1312¼	1296	1309¼	+19
May	1283¼	1294½	1278	1289¼	+16
Jul	1281½	1293¼	1280	1289	+16
Aug	1263¼	1280	1263¼	1280	+16¼
Sep	1224	1240¼	1224	1240¼	+16¼
Nov	1198	1207½	1196½	1204¼	+16¼
Jan	1194½	1211¼	1194½	1211¼	+16¼
Mar	1190¼	1207½	1190¼	1207½	+16¼
May	1190¼	1207½	1190¼	1207½	+16¼
Jul	1196	1212¼	1196	1212¼	+16¼
Aug	1190¼	1207½	1190¼	1207½	+16¼
Sep	1181	1197¼	1181	1197¼	+16¼
Nov	1170½	1187¼	1170½	1187¼	+16¼
Jul	1183½	1200¼	1183½	1200¼	+16¼
Nov	1158¼	1175	1158¼	1175	+16¼
Est. sales 234,890.	Fri.'s sales 201,589				
Fri.'s open int 772,429					

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK FUTURES

CHICAGO (AP) — Futures trading on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Mon.:

Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.	
CATTLE					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Jun	116.42	117.42	116.27	117.20	+1.05
Aug	116.92	118.15	116.75	117.97	+1.32
Oct	121.47	122.40	121.10	121.95	+83
Dec	124.62	125.55	124.32	125.07	+87
Feb	126.50	127.57	126.27	127.05	+45
Apr	128.07	129.02	127.82	128.45	+10
Jun	125.00	125.30	124.42	125.05	+15
Aug	125.10	125.45	124.92	125.25	+25
Oct	128.02	129.02	128.02	128.50	-1.65
Est. sales 43,933.	Fri.'s sales 46,509				
Fri.'s open int 310,795					
FEEDER CATTLE					
50,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Aug	156.02	157.65	155.15	156.12	+10
Sep	157.40	158.92	156.60	157.75	+33
Oct	158.57	159.90	157.55	158.70	+23
Nov	159.32	160.77	158.57	159.60	+28

CRIME

Suspect sought in attempted burglary

By Heather Rule

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The Mower County Sheriff's Office is investigating an attempted burglary early last Friday morning at Cedar River Golf Course in Adams.

An Adams police officer stopped by the golf course parking lot while on patrol at about 1:50 a.m. Friday and noticed a pickup truck parked on the south side of a single car garage, according to the sheriff's report. The officer also noticed that a door to the clubhouse was blocked open by a chair.

The truck took off from the area, driving through a bean field before the driver allegedly ran, according to the report. The Adams officer called for backup, and Mower County deputies and the state patrol came to set up a perimeter. A state patrol helicopter also came to fly across the area.

According to the report, a large hammer, screwdriver and pry bar were found in the back of the unoccupied truck, a 1993 Toyota T-100. Nothing was taken from the golf course, and it doesn't sound like entry was made into the clubhouse, said Mower County Chief Deputy Mark May, though a glass door in the front was busted out. The suspect was not located, and the case is still under investigation.

JAY C. HORMEL NATURE CENTER

Ecoblitz invites families to the center

By Jim Troyer

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Ecoblitz is a discovery and exploration of the natural world set for Saturday at the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center.

The free, family-focused event includes prizes.

An adult and child must pre-register and participate together for either the morning or afternoon sessions.

Six activities are being offered: A timed canoe race on the pond; trail rides of one of the center's two access vehicles; a chance to "Scoop the Pond" for Aquatic Critters; geocaching; a program on "Critters" by Wisconsin Naturalist David Stokes; and "Secrets of the Dragonfly" by dragonfly expert, Minnesota Naturalist Kurt Mead.

Participants will choose three to five activities from the six offerings. Sign-up forms are available at the Nature Center.

Morning sessions are 9-9:45 a.m., 10-10:45 a.m. and 11 to 11:45 a.m. Afternoon sessions are 1-1:45 p.m., 2-2:45 p.m. and a final prize session at 3:15 p.m.

Each Ecoblitz form will also be entered in the 3:15 p.m. prize drawings for T-shirts, books, canoe rentals and more.

The best time at the pond canoe race will win two canoe rentals valued at \$20.

The Summer Solstice Ecoblitz is co-sponsored by Austin Audubon and the Friends of the Hormel Nature Center. Austin Utilities donated compact fluorescent light bulbs, which will be given to participants who complete three of the six activities and turn in their Ecoblitz form. They will also receive Young Ikes' conservation activity books, a wildlife poster and a pack of flower seeds (one package per family).

Nature Center Intern Maria

Anderson, who worked at the ponds during last year's event, expects a strong turnout again.

"They loved canoeing and scooping at the pond," she said.

The Nature Center method uses a kiddie pool that floats on the pond to provide a place for the surprising things that kids scoop up in their nets.

"We got some big tadpoles, lots of young dragonflies and some crayfish," she said.

Anderson's duties as a summer naturalist intern include teaching children as well as helping to keep the busy nature center running smoothly.

The Nature Center is presenting a summer youth, adult and family adventures program through the summer.

Among other offerings, the items include "Nature Detectives" for ages 6-7 on June 19, 20 and 22; A "Geocache Treasure Hunt" for ages 10-11 from 1 to 3 p.m. June 25; an adult nature photography program from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 27; and a nature photography class for ages 11-14 from 1 to 4 p.m. June 29.

The Nature Center can be reached at (507) 437-7519

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RETAIL

J.C. Penney executive leaving the company

New York Times News Service

The No. 2 executive at J.C. Penney is out after only eight months on the job.

Michael R. Francis, who as president oversaw marketing and merchandising, is leaving the company immediately, the retailer said Monday.

Ronald B. Johnson, former chief of retail at Apple and Penney's chief executive, will take control of the marketing and merchandising departments.



Johnson

As Penney announced its turnaround plans only in January, it is a startlingly quick departure, particularly given the \$12 million signing bonus Francis received in October. He previously was chief marketing officer of Target.

But Penney has taken heat on the marketing front for promising to simplify pricing and to run fewer sales, then backtracking on those moves.

In January, Penney said it was unveiling a new approach to retailing. In a sleek presentation to investors and reporters, Johnson and Francis described how the company was getting rid of its nonstop sales. Instead, it said it would provide "fair and square pricing" with everyday low prices, "month-long value" specials and clearance events beginning twice a month.

But that strategy seemed to confuse consumers.

In May, Penney reported first-quarter results and said its sales at stores open at least a year had dropped 18.9 percent compared with the

same quarter a year earlier.

Last month, Johnson told investors it was jettisoning that "monthlong value" term and just calling a sale a sale.

After his appointment as chief executive last year, Johnson replaced most of the top executives.

Penney's stock was down more than 5 percent in extended trading Monday after the announcement, to \$23, a decline of almost 50 percent.

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