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Above: Riders dance in Dunkerton as RAGBRAI 2025 heads toward Oelwein on Day 6, Friday, July 25. Bottom left: Riders cycle past a race car belonging to the Snyder family in Dunkerton. Bottom right: A pack of riders rolls out of Cedar Falls.

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President Donald Trump talks with Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell on July 24 about the cost of renovations to the Federal Reserve building in Washington, DC. KENT NISHIMURA/REUTERS

Powell corrects Trump on Fed visit

President backs off on calls to fire Fed chair

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USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump and Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell clashed as they toured ongoing renovations of the Fed’s headquarters, with the chair correcting the president over the scale of cost overruns.

Still, despite past threats to fire Powell over the project, Trump said the July 24 meeting was “very productive” and said he didn’t see enough to warrant the chair’s termination.

“I don’t think it’s necessary,” Trump told reporters shortly after the tour was over.

The rare presidential visit to the Federal Reserve came as Trump has accused Powell of potential fraud related to the ballooning cost of the agency’s renovation of two historic buildings on the National Mall. Trump and several White House advisers requested the tour to inspect the work firsthand.

The original cost of the current renovation was estimated at \$1.9 billion in 2019 before increasing to \$2.5 billion. The Fed said the increase was due to design changes, costs of materials, equipment, labor and other “unforeseen conditions” such as more asbestos than anticipated and toxic contamination in the soil.

But it was Powell pushing back at Trump before the tour got underway, when the president claimed the project’s cost had swelled to \$3.1 billion.

“It went up a little bit – or a lot,” Trump said to Powell, both men wearing white hard hats.

Powell shook his head in disagreement. “I’m not aware of that, Mr. President. I’ve not heard about that from anyone at the Fed.”

The president handed him a sheet of paper. Powell took a glance and then informed the president that his higher figure included the cost of renovating the Martin Federal Building, which was completed in 2020.

Powell said the Fed does not foresee additional cost overruns and expects

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Nash Keen was born at 21 weeks – and made medical history in Iowa

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At 21 weeks gestation, a baby’s vital organs – the brain, heart, and lungs – are still developing.

Just after midnight, July 5, 2024, Nash Keen was born at the University of Iowa Health Care Stead Family Children’s Hospital. Arriving 133 days early, weighing only 10 ounces and defying all odds.

Ankeny’s Nash Keen, who just celebrated his first birthday, now holds the Guinness World Record as the “most premature baby.”

Most hospitals don’t offer resuscitation until babies are 22 weeks’ gestation. The University of Iowa Health Care Stead Family Children’s Hospital does – and on a “case-by-case basis,” 21 weeks.

“Previously at the University of Iowa, we had not offered resuscitation until babies were 22 weeks’ gestation,” said neonatologist Dr. Amy Stanford. “Over the last several years, our outcomes at 22 weeks are



Nash Keen with his parents Mollie and Randall Keen on June 4. PROVIDED BY LIZ MARTIN/UNIVERSITY OF IOWA HEALTH CARE

fantastic, and we have families asking us to try at 21 weeks... we offer what we call a ‘trial of life,’ because at 21 weeks, sometimes the babies are

just too small for our smallest equipment.”

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