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Officials are seeking solutions to slow mail

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SPRINGFIELD — The future of Springfield’s postal distribution center remains uncertain, but leaders in affected industries are in talks to find so-

lutions within their control over the delays in the delivery of mail.

U.S. Rep. Nikki Budzinski, D-Springfield, met with a group of people including those with businesses that send or receive mail, U.S. Postal Service employees and leaders, farmers, union

leaders, and legislators. They met at Lincoln Land Community College on July 28.

A new U.S. Postmaster General got to work in July, stepping into turbulence

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Trade talks intensify as Aug. 1st deadline approaches

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USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — With President Donald Trump’s Aug. 1 tariff deadline fast approaching, countries whose exports are facing stiff fees have been in a scramble to ink trade deals with the United States that preserve as much access as possible to American markets.

The European Union and its 27-member nation bloc became the latest of the United States’ top trading partners to come to an agreement with Trump on July 27, joining the Philippines, Japan and Indonesia in announcing deals during July. The United Kingdom and Vietnam have also reached agreements with Trump.

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney said July 28 that his country was in the “intense phase” of the complex negotiations as it sought to avert a promised 35% tariff on imports that fall outside of an existing trade pact with the United States.

“There is a landing zone that’s possible but we have to get there. We’ll see what happens,” Carney told reporters during a news conference.

A baseline tariff of 10% is currently in place for most countries, some two dozen of which received letters from Trump this month informing them that higher rates are on the way. They include Brazil, which Trump says he’ll hit with a 50% levy; India, to which he said he’ll apply a 26% rate; Canada, at 35%; and Mexico, which faces a 30% tariff.

Mexico, Canada and the EU are the the largest exporters of goods to the United States along with China, which

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Part of a crowd of about 75 to 80 people get ready to release balloons in honor of Rekeea Jackson-Mason of Chatham at Southwind Park in Springfield on July 26. Jackson-Mason, a mother of three children, was fatally shot on the city’s southeast side on July 19. STEVEN SPEARIE/THE STATE JOURNAL-REGISTER

‘She was my sunshine’

Family, friends gather to remember woman fatally shot in Springfield

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SPRINGFIELD — Rekeea Jackson-Mason was Nickey Alexander’s oldest child.

Alexander said she taught her how to be a mom.



Jackson-Mason

first love. I fell in love with her the moment she was in my womb.”

Jackson-Mason, 36, was fatally shot at a residence in the 1900 block of Holly Drive, on the southeast side of Spring-

field early on July 19. Alexander, a former Springfield restaurateur who is now a celebrity chef and cook in Hollywood, California, organized a balloon release in Jackson-Mason’s honor at Southwind Park on July 26.

About 75 to 80 people, including family members of Sonya Massey--the Springfield woman fatally shot by a now-former Sangamon County Sheriff’s deputy who is facing first-degree

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