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The Root Cellar to close next month

Local grocer looking to find buyer

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A Columbia grocer focused on providing food sourced from the local area has announced it is closing in a little less than one month.

The Root Cellar at 1203 Rogers St. made the announcement on Instagram Sunday evening, Nov. 16. Unless owners Chelsea and Jake Davis find the right buyer for the business and/or its weekly

food subscription service, the shop and service will fully close Dec. 13.

All business operations, including Thanksgiving turkey orders, food box subscriptions and regular business hours will continue until that date. The Davises are still open to finding a buyer before the planned closing date.

The Root Cellar got its start roughly 15 years ago and the Davises expressed appreciation for their customers and the

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A view inside The Root Cellar at 1203 Rogers St. The grocer, which sources its goods from local area farmers, is set to close due to federal funding losses.

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FAA capacity reductions at airports ramped up during the government shutdown. JACK GRUBER/USA TODAY

FAA lifts flight cuts at 40 major U.S. airports

Duffy thanks workers for enduring shutdown

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The Federal Aviation Administration has ended all restrictions on commercial flights at 40 major U.S. airports that had been imposed as a result of air traffic control safety concerns amid the

longest government shutdown in history.

The FAA lifted the flight-reduction emergency order at 6 a.m. ET Nov. 17, and normal operations resumed across the nation. The agency also removed restrictions on space launches and general aviation flights at 12 airports, accord-

ing to a news release.

"I want to thank the FAA's dedicated safety team for keeping our skies secure during the longest government shutdown in our nation's history and the country's patience for putting safety first," Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said in a statement. "Now we can refocus our efforts on surging

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Missouri moves to resume full SNAP benefits

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The Missouri Department of Social Services announced Thursday, Nov. 13, that it will continue to issue partial payments of federal food benefits for November, while updating its systems to resume paying full amounts.

The announcement comes after President Donald Trump on Wednesday, Nov. 12, signed legislation funding the federal government through the end of January and ending the shutdown he cited as the cause of delayed payments from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP.

"With federal funding back in place, our team is moving swiftly to issue full November benefits," said Jess Bax, director of the department, in a press release.

Baylee Watts, the department's media director, said in an email that the department is working with its electronic benefits vendor to distribute full November benefits.

"As soon as we have confirmed the timing and what that will look like for different participants, we'll be able to share more," Watts said.

States across the country scrambled to comply with rapid-fire changes to federal guidance on whether and how to issue SNAP payments while Congress remained gridlocked on expiring healthcare tax credits.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture threatened on Nov. 8 to impose financial penalties on states that had paid

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