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Travis Shafer, heavy equipment operator with the Joplin Public Works Department, loads one of many trucks equipped to spread road salt and plow streets on Friday in advance of what is expected to be a major snowstorm in and around Joplin.

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Dangerous cold, snow to continue through weekend, beyond

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Cold temperatures are expected to continue through the weekend, making travel difficult and prolonged exposure outdoors dangerous. Saturday's high will be around 12 degrees, according to the National

Weather Service in Springfield, with a low Saturday night around 7 degrees. The high Sunday will be 16 degrees. The coldest will be minus 4 degrees, forecast for Sunday night. "Very cold wind chills as low as 17 below expected," according to NWS. "The cold wind chills ... could result in hypothermia or frostbite if precautions are not taken." Between 6 and 13 inches of snow are forecast for the region. A winter storm warning remains

in effect until 6 p.m. Sunday.

WARMING CENTERS

• **SOULS HARBOR**, 817 S. Main St., is open for warming when the temperature falls to 32 degrees or lower. Overnight and overflow shelter is offered when temperatures are 32 degrees or below from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. at Souls Harbor and The Next Step, 915 S. Main St. Visitors can bring pets during the day, but not overnight. Souls Harbor refers anyone with a pet to the Minnie Hackney

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Corporate officers, others sentenced in undocumented workers case

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Eleven defendants — including the CEO, president, CFO and controller of a Joplin corporation — were sentenced in federal court this week for their role in a conspiracy to "hire, harbor, and transport" undocumented workers in several Midwestern states. Each defendant with Specialty Foods Distribution "admitted to taking part in a RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations) conspiracy from January 2018 to August 2021, that transported and employed Mexican, Guatemalan and El Salvadoran nationals who were not authorized to live or work in the United States. Conspirators also harbored and encouraged the unauthorized workers to remain and reside in the United States by providing them with housing and, in certain circumstances, fraudulent identification documentation," according to a statement by the U.S. attorney for the Western District of Missouri. Among those sentenced: • **JOSE LUIS BRAVO**, 55, of Claremore, Oklahoma, CEO, who was identified as "the leader and organizer of the racketeering conspiracy." He was sentenced to 36 months in prison, a three-year term of supervised release, and was ordered to pay or otherwise provide approximately \$5.76 million, representing proceeds obtained from the enterprise, property acquired or maintained as part of the enterprise, and/or property that afforded a source of influence over the racketeering enterprise. The forfeiture amount includes funds from five bank accounts, his share of 12 properties, including one personal residence and 11 commercial buildings, and his share of over 20 business entities, including a portion of SFD. • **JOSE GUADALUPE RAZO**, 44, of Carl Junction, president, who was "a supervisor and manager of the racketeering conspiracy." He was sentenced to a 30-month term of imprisonment, a three-year term of supervised release,

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Joplin Globe to move to new Main Street location Feb. 2

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After more than a century downtown, The Joplin Globe will relocate to new offices in Hafeez Plaza, 2613 S. Main St. The Globe's downtown building will be put up for sale. "I am very nostalgic about 117 East Fourth St. It is where I began my career and met so many amazingly talented and wonderful people. But it

is time for a new chapter in The Joplin Globe saga and I am very excited to see what the future holds," Publisher Katherine Miller said. "Although our location is changing, we will continue to serve our community keeping it informed and entertained." The move takes place Feb. 2. "I invite everyone to stop in and say hello," Miller said. Much of the building

has not been used since the Globe transferred the printing of the newspaper from its downtown location to the Tulsa World in 2024, although the newsroom, advertising and business operations remained in the building at 117 E. Fourth St. Those three departments will continue to operate from the new location. It was just after the beginning of the 20th

century that former Globe owner Gilbert Barbee built a two-story brick home for the paper, founded in 1896, at the northwest corner of Fourth Street and Virginia Avenue. At one time, the Globe occupied the south portion of the building and City Hall occupied the north part. Hurlbut Undertaking and Embalming also had offices in the bottom floor of the

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