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TREE CARE: Tips offered in wake of storm damage. **3A**

BASKETBALL: Summer league available in Webb City. **1B**

Joplin to provide removal of storm debris

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Joplin and Duquesne residents who sustained tree and limb damage from Saturday night's windstorm can stack that debris on the curb for free city pickup.

The Joplin City Council agreed at a meeting Monday night to provide free curbside removal by Monday, July 6, for the two communi-

ties. The city's public works staff or a contractor will make a single pass through designated areas to collect curbside tree limbs and foliage. Residents are asked not to put the debris on sidewalks or in streets.

For residents who have a whole tree down, the city recommends cutting the tree stump off flush with the ground. City crews can haul away the stump, but

cannot haul root balls.

The city will provide updates on where the free pickup will occur as crews move through neighborhoods. Maps of the areas and estimated dates for pickup will be given by the city when the collections are to begin.

Elderly and disabled residents who cannot move their debris can obtain help from volunteers by calling

Joplin City Hall at 417-624-0820, ext. 1542 or 1539.

The National Weather Service said the Joplin damage was caused by straight-line winds. Speeds as high as 90 to 95 mph were recorded, according to Peyton Camden of the Springfield weather service office. The storm's path was 9 miles wide, which Camden said explains the widespread damage in Southwest Mis-

souri. Those speeds "are really significant straight-line winds," she said.

Three small tornadoes occurred that night, but they were outside Joplin.

As the storm traveled east in the area of Seventh Street, an EF1 tornado was recorded at 11:24 p.m. Saturday in Fidelity. The tornado traveled 1.2 miles and then turned south. EF0 tornadoes were recorded a short time

later in Purdy and Butterfield. The Purdy tornado, recorded at 11:48 p.m., traveled 4.8 miles, with the Butterfield spinner noted at 11:54 for 1.7 miles.

According to the city's plan for storm recovery, homeowners should contact their insurance company first about coverage for tree damage and cleanup.

SEE **STORM**, 2A

Joplin man sentenced after pleading guilty to child exploitation

BY JOHN HACKER
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A Joplin man was sentenced to 33 years in federal prison after pleading guilty in December 2025 to sexual exploitation of a minor and distributing child pornography.

Joshua Stanley Miloszewski, 37, received sentences of 300 months, or 25 years, for the charge of sexual exploitation of a minor and 100 months, or eight years and four months, for activities regarding material containing child pornography.

The sentences run consecutively. He will be under supervised release for the rest of his life.

According to a stipulation of facts signed by Miloszewski after he pleaded guilty, "beginning on an unknown date but as early as March 18, 2024, and continuing through February 5, 2025," Miloszewski "employed, used, persuaded, induced and enticed a minor ... to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purposes of producing a visual depiction of such conduct."

Prosecutors said the material was transported over interstate and foreign commerce in violation of federal law.

The stipulation said Joplin police were called to Miloszewski's home Feb. 5, 2025, regarding the abuse of a child.

Officers spoke to a minor child in the home and learned the minor had moved into the residence over a year earlier after she started babysitting Miloszewski's children. The child told police Miloszewski shared a bedroom with the girl.

Police seized the minor's phone Feb. 6, 2025, obtained a warrant to search the phone Feb. 13, 2025, and found explicit images and videos of the minor and Miloszewski.

They received a search warrant Feb. 14, 2025, for Miloszewski's phone. The data extracted showed explicit images of himself and the child.

Miloszewski pleaded guilty in December. A pre-sentence investigation was completed in March, and sentencing memoranda were completed June 1.

Terms of the supervised release after he serves his sentence call for Miloszewski to be placed on the sexual offender registry and provide DNA samples when requested by a probation officer.

POWER PLANNED

Solar generation, battery storage project proposed for area

BY JOHN HACKER
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LAMAR, Mo. — An Arizona company hopes to build a solar generating and battery storage operation on 1,500 acres of southwest Barton County in 2029 and 2030.

Representatives with Arevon were in Jasper and Barton counties last week to talk to local officials and residents about its Rabbit's Foot Energy Project, a proposed solar farm with battery storage on leased land south of Mindenmines and northeast of Opolis, Kansas.

Pat McDonnell, senior manager for Arevon, the parent company, said the company has leasing commitments from about 75% of the landowners needed to take the next steps.

"No single farmer is giving up their entire farm," McDonnell said at an open house last week at Tractor's Barbecue in Lamar. "It's like a small percentage of their



Meiyang Jin (right), development manager of the proposed Rabbit's Foot Energy Project in Barton County, explains the plan during a recent open house in Lamar.

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overall farm that they are committing, and we're leasing it, not buying it. So it's really early in the planning stages.

"This is our second visit to the community. We were here last October or No-

vember, that time frame. We need about 1,000 acres of buildable land, and we're looking at 1,500 acres because there's some percentage of that for setbacks, waterways and things like that that we won't be able

to actually build on. We're going to put on lease more land than actually we'll have panels. Not every inch of ground will have panels." McDonnell said if

SEE **POWER**, 2A

Election officials go with congressional map despite uncertainty

BY RUDI KELLER
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Missouri election officials will begin mailing Aug. 4 primary ballots Tuesday to military and overseas voters using the state's gerrymandered congressional districts, even as the legal status of those districts remains unresolved.

Missourians in 28 counties have been assigned to a different congressional district than they were in 2024, thanks to a

map that was drawn by Republicans last year as part of a plan to unseat Democratic U.S. Rep. Emanuel Cleaver in the 5th District. Voters can check their registration through the secretary of state's office to see whether their district changed.

Along with the changes that added voters in 14 counties to the 5th District, boundaries for five of the state's seven other districts shifted as well. For example, St. Charles and Warren counties in

eastern Missouri, previously split between the 2nd and 3rd districts, are now entirely within the 3rd District.

Boone County Clerk Brianna Lennon, who in May said she would not update her voter lists until Secretary of State Denny Hoskins decided whether there will be a referendum on the new map, said Monday that she has her lists ready with voters assigned to the districts that will be used in the primary.

"There isn't anything that we could do at this point, and I talked to all of the boards of elections in the St. Louis and the Kansas City areas," Lennon said. "They all met last week, and they have all elected to go with the new maps, and so, in the interest of making sure that we're all consistent at the local level, I am also going with the new maps, because it's going to cause chaos if the locals are not consistent." When Lennon pres-

sured Hoskins for a decision on the referendum, she objected to going through the time-consuming process of reassigning voters if the new districts were never used. In turn, Hoskins accused Lennon of violating election law.

Other local election officials defended Lennon's stance, urging Hoskins to make a decision on the sufficiency of a petition filed by a political action

SEE **VOTE**, 2A

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