

Business TICKER



(AP) — U.S. stocks plummeted Friday, pulling down the Dow Jones industrial average by more than 650 points and handing the market its worst week in two years.

Technology, banks and energy stocks accounted for much of the broad slide. Several major companies, including Exxon Mobil and Google's parent company, Alphabet, sank.

Fears of rising inflation sent bond yields higher and contributed to the stock market swoon after the government reported wages grew last month at the fastest pace in eight years.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 59.85 points, or 2.1 percent, to 2,762.13. That's the biggest loss for the benchmark index since September 2016. The S&P 500 has lost 3.9 percent since hitting a record high a week ago.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 665.75 points, or 2.4 percent, to 25,520.96. The Nasdaq slid 144.92 points, or 2 percent, to 7,240.95.



WASHINGTON (AP) — Two government studies that bombarded rats and mice with cellphone radiation found a weak link to some heart tumors, but scientists and federal regulators say don't worry — it is still safe to use your device.

Previous studies of cellphone users had found little reason for concern, but the newest research took a closer look at the effects of super-high doses in animals to address some lingering questions that could not be tested on humans.

The lead author of the research, John Bucher of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, is not changing his cellphone use or advising his family to.

Outdoor Accessories provides place for stuff



If there's one thing we need in life, it's more stuff. The only drawback to that train of thought is it also means we need more storage.

That's where Outdoor Accessories enters the picture. This new business has been open for two weeks next to the bridge at 415 Beersheba Street. It offers everything you need to protect your prized possessions from the elements, including carports, buildings, garages, and animal shelters. For your backyard enjoyment, there are gazebos and playsets.

"I used to do this for two years at a corporate office in Murfreesboro so I know the business," said Cheyenne Maddox, who owns Outdoor Accessories with her husband, Justin. "This is something we've thought about for some time."

Justin said they considered different scenarios in different cities, but in the end they both decided to keep their full-time jobs and open the business right here in McMinnville.

"We're an authorized dealer for Mountain Barn Builders," said Justin. "Everybody wants the best price and this is a good product at a good price. We did a lot of shopping around and found this is the best company out there."

With tax return money about to hit wallets everywhere, Justin said now is the time to consider buying a building. He has metal buildings starting at \$1,595 and wooden buildings starting at \$1,995. There are a variety of sizes and some buildings even come with a front porch to



Justin and Cheyenne Maddox have opened Outdoor Accessories at 415 Beersheba Street. The business is located next to the bridge and can be reached at (931) 304-8711.

give it a down-home touch. The porches are great if you're using the building as a workshop or want to make it look more distinct.

"Some people don't want something that looks like a storage building in their yard," said Cheyenne.

If you don't want to spend your tax return money all in one spot, Outdoor Accessories offers a rent-to-own option with at least \$100 down. Payment options include 36, 48 or 60 months. You can also pay cash or use a credit card.

Outdoor Accessories offers free delivery within a 30-mile radius. Justin said customer service is the No. 1 priority.

Justin says he plans to remain a firefighter with McMinnville Fire Department, which he calls his dream job. Cheyenne works full-time at McMinnville Workholding.

Business hours at Outdoor Accessories are Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and

Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The phone number is (931) 304-8711.

BYPASS LAND BRINGS QUESTIONS

It has been almost exactly 10 years since heavy equipment crews worked feverishly around the clock to clear and prepare some 30 acres of land on the corner of the bypass and Spring Street. To my amazement, that property still remains empty today.

For years, folks said it would be a great spot for Target. Now that retail shopping is fading ever so slightly, I'd like to suggest that spot would be a great location for Amazon's HQ2. I realize McMinnville didn't make the list of 20 finalists, but I can still dream aloud.

I've received several recent questions about the property, mainly because people have noticed work being done there. The fence row has been cleared and there was some work done to the front corner.

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Outdoor Accessories has a wide range of merchandise including gazebos, carports, buildings, playsets and animal shelters. Prices start at \$695 for carports and \$1,595 for buildings.

BEFORE



This building at Cumberland Plaza served as home to Rafael's Italian Restaurant for 17 years.

AFTER



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The open acreage on the corner of the bypass and Spring Street continues to stir interest, but a deal has yet to be reached.

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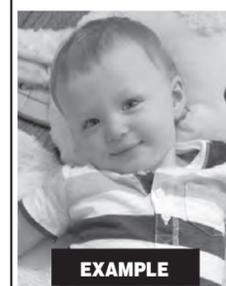
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