

LOCAL NEWS

MARKET WATCH

Dow	25,850.63	▼ 103.81
Nasdaq	7,459.71	▼ 29.36
S&P	2,774.88	▼ 9.82
Russell	1,575.55	▼ 6.11
NYSE	12,621.77	▼ 51.89

COMMODITIES REVIEW

Gold	1,323.50	▼ 19.80
Silver	15.791	▼ .366
Platinum	826.30	▼ 7.90
Copper	2.9025	▼ .0275
Oil	56.96	▼ 0.20

MARKET MOVERS

• **Avis Budget Group Inc., up \$5.04 to \$34.45:** Higher pricing helped boost revenue for the car rental company and its quarterly profit beat forecasts.

• **Community Health Systems Inc., up 42 cents to \$4.49:** The hospital operator's revenue jumped in the fourth quarter, narrowing its loss and beating Wall Street forecasts.

BRIEF CASE

WASHINGTON
Average US mortgage rates fell this week

U.S. long-term mortgage rates dipped this week to the lowest average in more than a year, providing a possible boost to the start of the Spring homebuying season in March.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac says the average rate on the benchmark 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage declined to 4.35 percent from 4.37 percent last week. The key 30-year home borrowing rate averaged 4.40 percent a year ago. This week was the lowest average since the week of February 8, 2018.

The average rate this week for 15-year, fixed-rate loans declined to 3.78 percent from 3.81 percent.

ANN ARBOR, MICH.
Domino's shares tumble after growth falls short

Domino's Pizza shares tumbled Thursday after the company's same-store sales growth fell short of expectations in the U.S. and abroad.

Ann Arbor-based Domino's said sales at established U.S. stores grew 5.6 percent in the fourth quarter, its 31st consecutive quarter of positive same-store sales. But Wall Street was forecasting growth of 6.8 percent, according to analysts polled by FactSet.

Same-store sales growth at international stores slowed slightly to 2.4 percent. Domino's CEO Ritch Allison said sales were strong in some key markets, including Russia and Brazil, but fell in others.

"We are still quite confident in the opportunity going forward," Allison said in a conference call with analysts and investors.

Domino's shares fell nearly 10 percent to \$251.50 in morning trading.

WASHINGTON
Applications for jobless benefits fell to a low 216K

Fewer Americans sought unemployment benefits last week, a sign that layoffs declined and hiring is likely strong.

The Labor Department said Thursday that weekly applications for unemployment benefits fell 23,000 to a seasonally adjusted 216,000, a very low level by historical standards. The four-week average, a less volatile measure, rose to 235,750.

The Associated Press

UNH Organic Dairy Research Farm strikes gold for milk quality

DURHAM — The Organic Dairy Research Farm, a facility of the NH Agricultural Experiment Station at the University of New Hampshire, has received a 2018 Gold Quality Award for outstanding milk quality from the Organic Valley Cooperative for the second year in a row.

The national award program honors organic dairy farmers who produce milk of the highest quality. Nominees are evaluated on their systems of monitoring udder health, milking routine, protocols for detection and treatment of clinical and subclinical cases, treatment protocols, and strategies for overall herd health and welfare.

In the last two years, the Organic Dairy Research Farm has increased organic milk production by nearly 127,000 pounds as a result of management practices

implemented by the farm's manager Ryan Courtright, who joined the farm in April 2017. A dairy farmer originally from Pennsylvania, Courtright has improved management practices and reduced feed costs at the farm.

"Our farm produces some of the highest quality organic milk in the country," said Jon Wraith, director of the NH Agricultural Experiment Station and dean of the UNH College of Life Sciences and Agriculture. "Our dairy manager, staff, and students are committed to using the most effective and efficient organic dairy management practices so that our research farm can be a model for organic producers nationally. Their care for our herd ensures our cows are among the healthiest in the nation."

To receive the Gold Quality Award, the organic

dairy achieved an average somatic cell count of less than 100,000. Dairy herds with a low somatic cell count tend to be more profitable herds since they have reduced treatment and veterinary costs for mastitis, which is the most common and costliest disease for dairy cattle, higher milk production per cow, and higher milk quality premiums. As a result of receiving the award, UNH is paid the highest price for its organic milk. Milk from the organic dairy goes to the Organic Valley Cooperative, America's largest cooperative of organic farmers, representing more than 2,000 organic farms in 34 states, Canada and Australia.

The first of its kind at a land-grant university in the nation, the Organic Dairy Research Farm is home to about 100 registered Jersey cows, heifers, and calves



An overview of the Organic Dairy Research Farm, a facility of the NH Agricultural Experiment Station at the University of New Hampshire College of Life Sciences and Agriculture. [UNH PHOTO]

and is managed as an integrated agro-ecosystem that includes the biological, physical and human-related components. A primary focus of the farm is to undertake relevant research to serving the organic dairy

community. Areas of study include dairy nutrition and feeds, pasture quality, forage production, compost production, and management of the associated streams, soils, woodlands, and other natural resources.

Spring Village of Dover welcomes additions to staff

Pointe Place facility to open in June

DOVER — Maria Sherman will serve as director of community relations and Jacki Brewster as memory care program director for Spring Village at Dover, which is expected to open early June.

Spring Village will be a new 56-bed assisted living community specializing in memory care located at 35

Pointe Place. "Woodbine Senior Living, LLC, a nationally recognized management and development company with over 40 years of experience in the senior living arena, has designed Spring Village at Dover as a model community for seniors living with the challenge of dementia," said Jacki Brewster, memory care director. "The community will be a safe and supportive

environment where residents can live out their lives with the dignity, independence, and comfort they deserve."

Sherman brings 30 years of experience in property management, real estate, and the healthcare field to her new position, according to Brewster. "She is already helping prospective residents and their families navigate the challenges of moving into an assisted

living community." Sherman is currently a member on the board of directors of the Friends of Hyder Family Hospice House in Dover.

Brewster herself recently joined Spring. She says she is thrilled to have the opportunity to work with a population she is particularly drawn to, people with a diagnosis of dementia. Brewster adds that she truly believes

in the ability of people with dementia to continue to live a satisfying quality of life.

In addition to facilitating three dementia caregiver support groups each month, Brewster writes a blog for the Spring Village at Dover website.

For more information, visit www.springvillagedover.com. Spring Village is located at 35 Pointe Place off Dover Point Road.

Dover Chamber to host 'Bridge to our Future' session

DOVER — On Wednesday, March 20 at 3:30 p.m., the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's Business & Education Partnership will present Bridge to our Future: Connecting Students and Business.

This event will provide high school students the opportunity to explore potential career paths,

engage with future employers and contribute to the future workforce. Students will be able to meet with employers from various industries, including healthcare, public safety, trades, and more.

According to Don Cichon, financial advisor with Coheco Financial Group in Dover, who has annually

sponsored the event and chaired its planning committee, "This will be the 6th year we have held and sponsored this event. We continue it because the participating students show tremendous enthusiasm and interest at the event and they overwhelmingly report afterwards that they derive a wealth of information

and contacts from it that help their career planning. The volunteer business and professional participants also have become repeat participants because of the value they both give and get from the event. We very much appreciate the time and energy they give to the students."

The event will be held at

the Wentworth-Douglass Hospital Garrison Wing Conference Center and is sponsored by Coheco Financial Group. Refreshments and light snacks will be served. For more information or to register a student, please visit www.dovernh.org/bridge, call (603) 742-2218, or email Kim Lindquist at kim@dovernh.org

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