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CBS Says Work Needed On Daniels Interview

NEW YORK (AP) — The CBS News chief says that a “60 Minutes” interview with adult film star Stormy Daniels is on its way but that the story needs more journalistic work.

News President David Rhodes’

statement at a conference in Israel Tuesday was the first time CBS publicly confirmed it had interviewed Daniels, who has alleged an extramarital affair with Donald Trump before he became president.

Trump has denied this. Daniels’ lawyer last week had tweeted out a picture of himself, Daniels and CBS interviewer Anderson Cooper.

Rhodes, in remarks reported by Variety, also said he could not

imagine what the basis would be for any legal action by Trump’s team to prevent the interview from airing. BuzzFeed had reported that Trump’s lawyers were considering seeking an injunction to stop it.



Stormy Daniels



SUN PHOTO BY NICK SHEPHERD

Sammy Southerland’s farm in Chuckey. Southerland had his contract with Dean Foods terminated.

CONTRACTS

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decision. Farms in Tennessee, Indiana, Ohio, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky and Ohio have been notified of the cancellations. Dean will continue to purchase milk from 12,000 producers across the country, including some in the state.

Greene County University of Tennessee Extension Director Milton Orr said farmers affect-

ed in the county were informed about the decision.

“Some of our farmers got letters as much as 10 days to two weeks ago as far as the intent of the matter goes,” he said. “It’s something that’s been brewing for a little while. The company’s actually not letting a lot of information out about it other than just contacting the farmers.”

Orr said it was a business decision but did not come at a good time for producers. Milk is currently selling at \$2.33 a pound. Sammy Southerland was one

of those producers who lost his contract. His family has been milking since the early 1960s on their farm in Chuckey. The letter he received came out of the blue.

“I’m just kindly at awe about this,” he said. “I don’t know what to do. I’ve never been in this position in this agriculture field in my life. This kindly blows our mind.”

Southerland said he does not have another contract for his milk. He’s hopeful he find a company to buy his milk, but there is a high level of uncertainty about

his future.

Dean is not the only company terminating contracts with dairy farmers. Piedmont Milk Sales in Blountville is also cutting back on contracts, but the company is looking into forming a co-op with dairy farmers. Orr said it basically means Piedmont is moving out of the transportation business.

A number of different things will happen with area farmers whose contracts were terminated. The first route any farmer would take would be to find someone who will pick up their

current contracts, Orr said.

A few producers may have the opportunity to market some cows. Orr said one or two Greene County producers were looking at the possibility of going to less strenuous production due to age or health problems. He said cancellation of contracts was the final decision-maker for them.

“That would be the least invasive and cause the least amount of change,” he said. “I think most all of them, it is so new to them they can’t tell you exactly what is set in concrete right now.”

CLOSING

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of slate, which places too much pressure on the structure under it.

“An alternative material will be used and that will help with long-term preservation,” Steinhorst said.

The tailor shop operated by Andrew Johnson before he became president is adjacent to the visitor center and museum, at the corner of College and East Depot streets.

The roofing work will require temporary closure of a lane of East Depot Street to ensure public safety.

“We will need to barricade some of the sidewalk,” Steinhorst said. “The work is only being done on the memorial building, but because it’s attached to the rest rooms and visitor’s center, it’s being shut down. It is going to prevent visitors from accessing the visitor’s center. So functionally, everything along that corridor of National Parks buildings is closed.”

Barricades should go up

Tuesday in the work area. The Andrew Johnson Early Home and visitor center parking lot will also be closed.

The public can still take a virtual tour of the house through the Google Cultural Institute. Visit <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/andrew-johnson-national-historic-site>.

A temporary visitors center is set up in a building at the Andrew Johnson National Cemetery, 121 Monument Ave. Staff will be on hand to answer questions about Andrew Johnson. Brochures and some gift items are available there.

Work has been completed on a new heating and cooling system at the Andrew Johnson Homestead on Main Street operated by the National Park Service.

“We had a successful HVAC installation there. We’re currently moving the presidential artifacts back into the house so we are getting ready for it to be cleaned and reopened,” Steinhorst said.

Homestead tours will



SUN PHOTO BY KEN LITTLE

The Andrew Johnson National Historic Site visitor center and museum is closed for about two weeks while a new roof is installed on the memorial building at 101 N. College St. Work begins Tuesday.

resume in April. The National Park Service, in conjunction with the

Greeneville-Greene County History Museum, will host the annual Presi-

dential Easter Egg Roll at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 24, on the grounds of the

Andrew Johnson Homestead.

DEATH

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had dealt with a candidate passing away during the primaries. County Commissioner Ted Hensley died in February 2016 while serving in office, and Earl Fletcher was elected to the commission in 2014 but died before being sworn in.

“I can’t recall this situation happening before,” she said. “So I wanted to get guidance from the state office to make sure we handled it properly.”

Because of Sandstrom’s death, Tennessee law will extend the qualifying deadline for the 5th Commission District. The new deadline will be Thursday, March 22, at noon. The deadline extension

will only apply to candidates in the Democratic primary.

In order to get on the ballot, candidates must pick up a petition from the Greene County Elec-

tion Commission and get 25 registered voters in their district to sign it.

It is recommended that a candidate get at least 50 signatures, because some people may not be reg-

istered voters, may have become ineligible to vote or have not changed their address with the election office.

Office staff at the election commission will

verify those signatures. The commission then has the legal responsibility to place on the ballot names of candidates who have met all necessary qualifications.

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