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Russia declares martial law in illegally annexed regions

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KYIV, Ukraine - Russian President Vladimir Putin doubled down Wednesday on his falterillegally annexed regions and military administration replaced began Feb. 24. preparations within Russia for draconian new restrictions and crackdowns.

his grip on Ukrainians and Russians follow a series of embarrassing setbacks: stinging battlefield more than 250,000 people with defeats, sabotage and troubles with his troop mobilization.

The martial law order belies the Kremlin's attempts to portray life front lines could largely freeze for ing invasion of Ukraine with a in the annexed regions as returndeclaration of martial law in four ing to normal. The reality is that a sia has held during the war, which

civilian leaders in the southern city of Kherson and a mass evacuation from the city is underway Putin's drastic efforts to tighten as a Ukrainian counteroffensive grinds on.

The battle for Kherson, a city of key industries and a major port, is a pivotal moment for Ukraine and Russia heading into winter, when months. It's the largest city Rus-

A trickle of evacuations from the city in recent days has become a flood. Local officials said Wednesday that 5,000 had left out of an expected 60,000. Russian state television showed residents crowding on the banks of the Dnieper River, many with small children, to cross by boats to the east – and, from there, deeper into Russian-controlled territory. In announcing martial law ef-

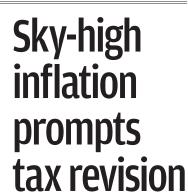
fective Thursday, Putin told his

Security Council, "We are working to solve very difficult largescale tasks to ensure Russia's security and safe future."

Putin's army is under growing pressure from a Ukrainian counteroffensive that has clawed back territory. The Russian leader is also faltering after the sabotage of a strategically important bridge linking Russia with Crimea, assassinations of Kremlin-installed

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Vicki Hulse stands at the gate to 151 acres of land she and her husband, Bill, own north of Moville, Iowa, near the Woodbury/Plymouth county line. Hulse is resisting efforts by Navigator Heartland Greenway to have surveyors enter her land in preparation for a possible carbon dioxide pipeline to be routed through the property.

'You can stand up and say no'

Moville landowner sets example in resisting CO2 pipeline

OVILLE, Iowa - As it relates to her legal battle against a carbon dioxide pipeline developer, you could call Vicki Hulse a number of things.

Concerned landowner. Property rights defender. Underdog

Just don't call her a hero, a title she emphatically rejects.

Her fight against Navigator Heartland Greenway isn't

about her, and she's not seeking land." publicity, she said. Rather, it's

about doing what she be-NICK lieves to be right. **HYTREK** If you want to call her some-

thing, call her an example to landowners whose property is along the route of Navigator's proposed CO2 pipeline. She wants others to know they're not powerless.

"I just want to be an example that you can stand up for yourself," Hulse said. "You can stand up and say no, this is my

In June, when Navigator's agents, accompanied by the sheriff and a couple deputies, sought entry onto a piece of land that's been in her husband Bill's family for three generations, Hulse told them no. Navigator sued her and Bill two months later.

"I think that's why they chose me," Hulse said. "I was standing up to them and they didn't like that. They're going to make an example of us."

Round 1 in the case went to the Hulses when, on Oct. 7, District Judge Roger Sailer denied Navigator's request for an injunction to allow them on the land to complete surveys. Next up is a trial, as yet unscheduled, on the Hulses' counterclaim that Iowa laws giving pipeline companies the right of entry to private land to survey it are unconstitutional.

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IRS increases standard deductions, tax brackets

FATIMA HUSSEIN Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Taxpayers will get fatter standard deductions for 2023 and all seven

federal income tax bracket levels will be revised upward as the government allows people to shield more of their money from taxation because of persistently high inflation.

For couples who file jointly for tax year 2023, the standard deduction increases to \$27,700 up \$1,800 from tax year 2022, the IRS announced. Single taxpayers and married people filing separately will see their the standard deduction rise to \$13,850, up \$900, and for heads of households, the standard deduction will be \$20,800, up \$1,400.

The adjustments come as inflation accelerated in September, with the Consumer Price Index rising 0.4% last month after just 0.1% in August. Inflation is up 8.2% for the past 12 months.

Some items that were indexed for inflation in the past will remain unchanged, such as the personal exemption, which remains at zero. And the limitation on itemized deductions was eliminated under President Donald Trump.

The government adjusts a variety of benefits and indexes based on inflation.

Last week, the Social Security Administration announced a 8.7% cost of living adjustment increase for benefits recipients beginning in January 2023.

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THE MINI: It's nice that us seniors and disability are getting a cost of living raise! But what I don't understand is why do some disability people get more money than some of us who worked 40-plus years? - Barb Smith, Sioux City

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Iowa House District 10 race pits incumbent against independent

public school system.

"I think it needs to be sup-

ported and my opponent just

once just pushes the private

school vouchers left and right.

I don't see where he thinks our

schools are going so wrong and

need to be pushed into a pri-

vate voucher system. I think my

tax money should stay with my

public schools," Wahl said. "It

just seems like you know, he's,

he's doing whatever the agenda

his party is telling him to do and

Wahl then added he has "no

not listening to the people."

JARED MCNETT

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SPIRIT LAKE, Iowa - The race for Iowa House District 10 is something of a rarity. It's one of only six races, among more than 150 in the entire state, where a no-party independent is officially listed on the ballot.

In the district, which includes Spirit Lake, Milford, Emmetsburg and West Bend, four-term Republican incumbent Rep. John Wills is running against farmer and fellow Spirit Lake resident Dan Wahl.

Wills, 56, works outside of the legislature as a "clean water alliance coordinator" in Dickinson County. He said he's vying for a fifth term, in part, to further advance past achievements in the Iowa House of Representatives.

"I will tell you that I don't think we're done with taxes yet," Wills said after touting his involvement in passage of the \$1.9 billion state income tax cut in the 2022 legislative session.

He then emphasized the need for Iowa to continue to address workforce issues.

'That has all kinds of ramifications, from childcare, to school, to health care, to mental health," Wills said. "The whole gamut of things really revolves around the workforce. So we need to really have a robust plan for developing our workforce and keeping people here and bringing more people to the state."



Wahl, 55, said his proudest accomplishment as a farmer on small family farm with a wife and two children is surviving the industry through all of its ups and downs.

"I think that has really made me who I am today as far as weathering the storm," Wahl said.

According to him, Wahl didn't intend to throw his hat into the electoral ring until he heard about plans to run a portion of the Summit Carbon Solutions carbon-capture pipeline through his land. Wahl said he and a group of fellow concerned citizens raised the issue at a political forum and didn't like what they heard. Now he's seeking office and said he has a lawsuit against him from Summit.

"I'm the face of what it looks like to stand up to big corporate money," Wahl said. If elected, he said the stopping construction of the pipeline would be the issue.

Dividing lines

Wahl said one of the major interest in being the politician" things that differentiates him while Wills has served as Speaker the QR Code and tap the link. from Wills is support for the Pro Tempore in the Iowa House.

Iowa House District 10



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"I feel like he is living with the elites and I'm down on the common ground with the people in our community," he said.

Wills believes those lawmaking bona fides are crucial to getting things done that will help folks in House District 10.

"Because I have those groups of people that I work with, I can really say that I can get things accomplished that a lot of people

interview with Rep. John Wills, point your smartphone camera at **NEWS**VU

Coming next

The Journal today begins its previews of contested legislative races in Northwest Iowa.

Today: Iowa House District 10

Friday: Iowa Senate District 6

Saturday: Iowa House District 13

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Thursday, Oct. 27: Iowa House District 1

Friday, Oct. 28: Iowa House **District 2**

don't," Wills said.

Wills then heralded his defense of the Bills of Rights, particularly the First, Second and Fifth Amendments.

"I believe the Constitution is what it says. So I guess people can take me at face value and know what they're getting."

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🖸 🕵 🖸 WATCH: To see a video interview with Dan Wahl, point your smartphone camera at the QR Code and tap the link. **NEWS**VU

Ratings shift away from Grassley in Senate race

CALEB MCCULLOUGH

Journal Des Moines Bureau Two major election-rating outlets have changed their projections of the U.S. Senate race in Iowa, shifting their predictions slightly away from incumbent Republican Chuck hand. Grassley.

Cook Political Report Grassley ad and Sabato's Crystal Ball both changed their ratings from



of likely voters said Grassley's age is a concern.

Franken also pulled ahead of Grassley in total fundraising as of the latest reporting period, though Grassley leads with three times as much cash on

compares Franken to Biden

U.S. Sen. Chuck Grass-"solid" ley's campaign has released Republican a new ad criticizing Dem-

Moscow

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officials in Kherson and mistakes he himself has admitted in his partial troop mobilization.

Putin's martial law declaration authorized the creation of civil defense forces; the potential imposition of curfews; restrictions on travel and public gatherings; tighter censorship; and broader law enforcement powers in Kherson and the other annexed regions of Donetsk, Luhansk and Zaporizhzhia.

Ukraine.

Putin put areas nearest Ukraine on medium alert, including annexed Crimea, ansk, Kursk, Rostov. Local leaders are authorized to organize territorial defense, ensure public order in many cases, they have portation, communication use these resources to help thorities can force evacumeet the Russian military's

areas can also carry out resettlements of residents and Putin opened the door for restrict freedom of moverestrictive measures to be ment. Leaders in other areas Ukrainian population to the extended across Russia, too. have been granted similar depressed regions of Russia That could lead to a tougher powers, depending on their

The severity of new re- ing positions in the region's strictions inside Russia main city, which backs onto pear to be hoping that the wide, deep waters will serve as a natural barrier against the Ukrainian advance.

Russia has said the movement of Ukrainians to Russia or Russian-controlled territory is voluntary, but no other routes out, and no other choice.

Under martial law, auations. Ukraine's national security chief, Oleksiy Leaders in these border Danilov, said on Twitter that Putin's declaration "preparation for the is mass deportation of the to change the ethnic composition of the occupied

territory."

cials deported thousands of Ukrainian children to be raised as Russian.

Ukraine's Foreign Ministry said Putin's decree is illegal, calling it part of his effort "to deprive the inhabitants of the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine of even basic human rights."

Russian authorities played up fears of an attack on Kherson, seemingly to persuade residents to leave. Text messages warned residents to expect shelling, Russian state media reported.

Leaflets told evacuees they could take two large suitcases, medicine and food for a few days.

Andriy Yermak, head of the Ukrainian presidential office, called the evacuation "a propaganda show" and said Russia's claims that

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depends on proximity to the river, Russian forces ap-

Krasnodar, Belgorod, Bryand safety, safeguard transand energy facilities, and

needs.

In the Kherson region

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Grassley



Franken

as Senate races in Utah and Florida. The ratings change

comes after the latest Des Moines Register/Mediacom Iowa Poll, conducted by J. Ann Selzer, had Grassley with just a 3-point lead over Democratic challenger Mike Franken, down from 8 points in July. In the poll, 46% of likely voters said they would vote for Grassley, while 43% said they would vote for Franken.

Grassley led the poll with 46% of support among political outsider who likely voters to Franken's 43%.

An article accompanying one change by Kyle Kondik and J. Miles Coleman of Sabato's Crystal Ball noted Grassley's age, at 89, could be affecting his electability. In the Iowa poll, 60%

to "likely" ocratic challenger Mike Republi-Frankens's support of President Joe Biden. can, sig-

The ad, which will air а more difonline and on television, ficult race begins with a clip of Franfor incumken saying Biden is "doing Rea fabulous job," then says publican Biden's policies are leading Sen. Chuck to a recession and a high cost of living. Grassley "This November, we

the have the opportunity to stop the Biden agenda and get our country back on track. That starts and ends with ensuring that Senator Chuck Grassley is re-elected to the U.S. Senate," Grassley's campaign spokesperson Michaela Sundermann said.

> In a statement, Franken's campaign spokesperson C.J. Petersen said Grassley has spent his career opposing efforts to lower costs.

"He's spent this entire campaign bragging about his seniority in the Senate-yet somehow wants Iowans to believe that a spent his career serving our country in the Navy is to blame for high prices," Petersen said. "Senator Grassley has clearly spent decades too long in his Washington bubble and is badly out of touch with what Iowans need."

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For Hulse, it's a simple fight. She doesn't think companies like Navigator should be able to use eminent domain to gain access to land for pipelines when landowners don't want them.

After receiving notice in November that their land was in the proposed route, Hulse researched the \$3 billion pipeline, which would carry liquid CO2 through five states before pumping it underground in Illinois. She didn't like what she learned, and liked it even less after at tending an informational meeting in Sioux City with neighbors whose land also was in the pipeline's path.

"We all had the same idea," Hulse said. "We didn't want this."

At the meeting's conclusion, Hulse said, a Navigator representative told her she needed to sign a piece of paper before she could see a map showing the pipeline's route across the 151-acre piece of ground. Hulse refused, and didn't learn of the proposed route until that June day when she met the agent who brought surveyors to the land north of Moville near the Woodbury/Plymouth county line. Though Hulse denied them entry, the agent allowed her to look on his laptop computer at the map, which showed the pipeline route going south to north through the property, 110 acres of it in the Conservation Reserve Program,



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Vicki Hulse walks though Conservation Reserve Program ground on 151 acres she and her husband, Bill, own north of Moville, Iowa. Hulse is resisting efforts by Navigator Heartland Greenway to have surveyors enter the land in preparation for a possible carbon dioxide pipeline to be routed through the property.

the rest leased for farming.

It's land Bill's grandfather Clarence Hulse bought and farmed, then passed it down to Paul Hulse, who raised Bill and his six siblings on it. Bill farmed it, too, until about six years ago, when Parkinson's Disease made his work too difficult. Exposed to Agent Orange while fighting in Vietnam in the early 1970s, Bill also has dementia and now lives in the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown. Knowing it would only upset him, Vicki hasn't told her husband of 44 years about the pipeline and the lawsuit.

Without Bill by her side, Vicki sometimes feels she's fighting alone, but she's not. She's in contact with other landowners who won't let Navigator's surveyors on their land.

Navigator sued Hulse and three others, the company's attorney calling their actions delay tactics.

"It's not delaying tactics. It's helping the people of Iowa to see what's going on," Hulse said. "As it drags on, people are more aware."

She denied Navigator's claims that the company mailed her notices requesting permission to survey her land. It was revealed during a court hearing that surveyors without her knowledge or permission entered the property on at least one occasion to perform one of their studies.

Those are among the reasons Hulse is fighting.

"I'm not sitting back, just cowering to them and letting them walk over me. I'm doing something," she said. "I've had some sleepless nights. It

hasn't been easy, but it's been worth it."

It paid off with the early legal victory, a win Hulse says wasn't just for her, but for all landowners who have said no to Navigator and developers of a second CO2 pipeline being proposed in the area.

"Maybe landowners can see that there is hope, that there is a choice that they can say no to eminent domain. That they can say no to surveyors. That you don't have to roll over."

Hulse continues to stand up for her rights, and those of other landowners. If she has any doubts, you won't hear them in her voice.

You'll hear only strong words showing a willingness to go as far as needed to protect what's hers.

Words some might say sound heroic.

than \$140 extra a month beginning in January, the Social Security Administration said. The maximum amount of earnings subject to Social Security payroll taxes for 2023 is \$160,200, up from \$147,000 in 2022.