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Two Sedalia fugitives arrested in Warrensburg

By Star-Journal Staff

WARRENSBURG — The Warrensburg Police Department assisted the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and the Johnson County Crime Resolution Team (CRT) in arresting two wanted fugitives on Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Stewart Kimbrell and Crystal Summers, both of Sedalia, were wanted for fleeing from a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper on Monday, Aug. 8 in Pettis County.

According to information from Pettis County Sheriff Brad Anders, MSHP attempted a traffic stop and a pursuit was initiated south on U.S. Highway 65, then west on Hughesville Road. The suspects fled into a hayfield near Turkey Creek Road and ran on foot. Officers observed three individuals: 47-year-old Kimbrell, 41-year-old Summers, and Summers' 9-year-old child, who was not known to be in the vehicle at the time of the pursuit.

Anders stated a perimeter was established and multiple K9s were deployed with no success in locating the two adults. The child wandered out of

the woods after and was treated by the Pettis County Ambulance District and transported to Child Services.

Pettis County law enforcement continued working to find the missing pair and asked the public for help locating the man and woman. Law enforcement received several reports of a male and female approaching residents asking for water Aug. 8 and Aug. 9.

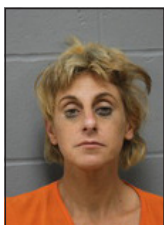
On Aug. 9, Pettis County Joint Communications received a report of a barefoot male subject matching Kimbrell's description knocking on a door in Pettis County. MSHP arrived with air support and the Sedalia Police Department's drone unit assisted. The Pettis County Fire Protection District assisted by lending two side-by-sides for deputies and troopers to utilize. Again, the search proved unsuccessful.

According to information from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, on Aug. 31, the WPD and members of the Johnson County CRT obtained information on the whereabouts of the two wanted fugitives.

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Stewart Kimbrell



Crystal Summers



Friday morning, Jennifer Shewmaker, of Ionia, places a fresh batch of chocolate chip cookies on the counter to cool while Maggie Miller, of Lincoln, fries up chopped bacon. The women own the Eats & Sweets LLC food truck and will be at the Missouri State Fairgrounds this weekend. PHOTOS BY FAITH BEMISS | DEMOCRAT

Eats & Sweets rolls out great food

By Faith Bemiss
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IONIA — On Friday, the tempting scents of bacon frying and chocolate chip cookies filled the air as Jennifer Shewmaker, of Ionia, and Maggie Miller, of Lincoln, prepped food for a weekend excursion in their new food truck.

The women who once worked together at the Sedalia UPS and who also share a love for cooking opened Eats & Sweets LLC this June. Shewmaker said her husband, Jason, took a 20-year-old Shriners trailer and gutted it. Then, the

couple completely redid the truck to create Eats & Sweets.

Miller said the food truck is going well. On Thursday, they took the truck to Marshall for the first time and planned to return. During the Missouri State Fair, they parked near Tiger Coffee on South Limit Avenue, and this weekend they will be on hand for the Midwest Dragfest at the Missouri State Fairgrounds.

While Miller prepares savory dishes, Shewmaker creates homemade ice creams,

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Jennifer Shewmaker, left, and Maggie Miller stand with their Eats & Sweets food truck Friday. Both women like cooking and decided to open the food truck in June. Shewmaker makes desserts and sweets while Miller cooks savory dishes.

Civil Air Patrol cadet promoted to Second Lieutenant

By Chris Howell
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Thursday evening, 14-year-old Andrew Douglas, a cadet and Chief Master Sergeant with the Civil Air Patrol, was promoted to Second Lieutenant. The idea of joining the Civil Air Patrol began with an outing with his grandfather.

"I mainly got interested when I was taken to an air show with my grandpa," Andrew said. "Ever since I heard about Civil Air Patrol, I really wanted to get in because I heard the opportunities it had, so I was counting down the days until I turned 12."

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Mayor Andrew Dawson presents Cadet Andrew Douglas with the Brigadier General Billy Mitchell award Thursday evening. Douglas was promoted from Chief Master Sergeant at the Civil Air Patrol Sedalia Cadet Squadron. PHOTO BY CHRIS HOWELL | DEMOCRAT

Pettis County R-V back for school

By Skye Melcher
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On Aug. 23, the Pettis County R-V (Northwest) School District started the first day of school for the 2022-23 school year.

Superintendent Amy Fagg said the first week of school for Pettis County R-V was awesome.

"The kids are back and they're excited and nervous," Fagg said. "You can almost feel like the energy is almost palpable, you can just feel it. So the first week of school is amazing."

Fagg added that there are always kinks that must be worked out at the beginning with new

kids in the high school building and new kids in the elementary building, so they all have to learn a new routine.

The upcoming school year will be largely the same for Pettis County R-V. Some changes include some new staff, a cross-county team for the junior high and high school and grants that help students learn.

"It's just nice to see the children learn new things and to see them grow, develop, change and mature," Fagg said. "It's just watching the kids grow in their education and just grow as people."

Fagg said Pettis County R-V's enrollment looks

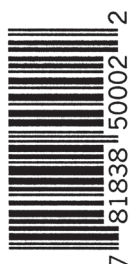
the same as the 2021-22 school year. There are fewer students in elementary school but more in high school. With the same number of students enrolled at Pettis County R-V, six new teachers joined the district.

"A couple of our teachers were people who are from community and they've retired to the community," Fagg said.

Pettis County R-V sees teachers leave the community every so often and then return after.

"That's always nice, they're coming back to the community," Fagg said. "Because being a teacher is a public service."

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DOGGIE DIVE - LIBERTY POOL

The Pools have gone to the dogs! Here's an opportunity for your pooch to beat the heat and just have a "dog gone" good time. Open to all friendly dogs and their owners. This program is only held once a year at each pool before we drain the water for the season, so don't miss out on the fun; \$5.00/dog at the gate. Voggie Dive is held on September 5th, 2022, 6-8pm at Liberty Pool! ALL DOGS MUST HAVE PROOF OF VACCINATIONS!



THINGS THAT GO!

Join us for the 10th annual Things that "Go!" on September 17th at Liberty Park! A morning of fun exploring trucks and other vehicles of all shapes and sizes. Kids can admire, wander around, climb on, and sit in all the vehicles on display. Registration not required; event is FREE. Interested in showing your vehicle? We're looking for vehicles to join us! Email Kinzie at klamb@sedaliaparks.com for more information!



GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

Did you know the Heckart Community Center offers water & land fitness classes?! Classes include water aerobics, Step N Tone, Bootcamp, Sit N Fit, POUND, Yoga, and more! Check out our group fitness schedule online at www.sedaliaparks.com

OBITUARIES

Donald Lee Eastep

Donald Lee Eastep, 88, of Sedalia, MO, passed away Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at Rest Haven Convalescent Home in Sedalia. He was born on August 7, 1934, in Dutch Mills, AR, the son of Sosby Caleb and Lillian (Johnson) Eastep, who preceded him in death.



wife went into a partnership with his brother and his wife at the Gambles store in the Thompson Hills Shopping Center. He was a loving husband and father and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. In addition to his wife, he is survived by

On December 21, 1965, in Abilene, KS, he was united in marriage to Carolyn K. (Lamb) Eastep, who survives of the home. They met at a bowling alley in Salina, KS. They enjoyed bowling for many years together.

Donald moved to Salina, KS, in the 1950s from Arkansas to work with his dad at Schilling Air Force Base as an apprentice carpenter. Later, he went to work for Gambles as a salesman and became the No. 1 salesman for many months. After that, he was promoted to manager, moved to a store in Grand Island, NE, and was there for three years. After that, he was promoted to zone manager there, which brought him to Sedalia, MO. He worked for Gambles for 20-plus years. He then became the owner of Alibi Inn in Sedalia, MO, for 10 years. After selling the Alibi Inn, he and his

his children, Mark (Lisa) Eastep from Salina, KS, Dana (Curtis) Beauchamp from Newton, KS, Meloney (Gary) Kohl of Sedalia, MO, and Joshua Eastep of Olathe, KS; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brothers Gene Whitaker, Roger Eastep, Gary Eastep; sisters Frankie Kindle, Kathy Myers, all of Sedalia, MO, Sharon Guerra of Castle Rock, CO; and his dog Sally.

Besides his parents, he is preceded in death by a sister Fran Weaverling, and stepmother Margaritte (Whitaker) Eastep.

A celebration of life gathering of family and friends was held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 27, 2022, at Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice in the care of Rea Funeral Chapel.

Richard "Jim" James Young Jr.

Richard "Jim" James Young Jr., 77, of Sedalia, MO, passed away Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at Bothwell Regional Health Center in Sedalia. He was born on September 11, 1944, in Sedalia, the son of Richard James Sr. and Mildred Iverne (England) Young, who preceded him in death.



Jim was united in marriage to Deborah (Williams) Young on October 26, 1979, in Sedalia, who preceded him in death on February 8, 2019.

Jim graduated from Smith-Cotton High School in 1962. He started working at Lamy's at the age of 16 for 37 years until they closed in 1998. After that, he worked maintenance for the Sedalia 200 School District for nine years, retiring in 2010. He also helped his brothers with the family business, Young's Auto Sales, in Sedalia.

His family was very important to him. Jim helped them to build houses, garages, and many remodels throughout the years. He enjoyed working on his cars. He enjoyed his grandkids and tried not to miss a sporting event, especially basketball. He was a quiet giver and a blessing to many people. He will be greatly missed by

all who knew him.

Jim is survived by four children, Melinda Strange (Allen) of Sedalia, Wendy Merrick of Florida, Richard Young III (Su) of Overland Park, KS, and Tammy Wolf (Brandon) of Sedalia; grandchildren, Brian, Brittany, Austin, Colten, Dylan, Hilary, Kelton, Garrett, Colby, Carson, Ky, and John; 15 great-grandchildren; brothers, Jerry Young (Annette), Jeff Young; and a sister, Jackie Allee (Irvin).

Besides his parents and wife, Jim was preceded in death by two infant daughters; a great-granddaughter, Emma; a sister, Judy Webb (John); and a brother, Joe Young (Lou).

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 9, 2022, at Rea Funeral Chapel, with Pastor Travis Battershell officiating.

The family will receive friends an hour prior to the service.

Honorary bearers will be his grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Open Door or the Central Missouri Food Bank in Pettis County.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

Janice Kay Mather



Janice Kay Mather, 78, of Sedalia, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. A celebration of life service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022, at Rea Funeral Chapel.

FUNERALS

Mather, Janice Kay

7 p.m. Thursday at Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

Young, Richard "Jim" James Jr.

11 a.m. Friday at Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

POLICE REPORTS

This list is a sampling of crime in Sedalia and the surrounding area. Information is taken from official police reports, which do not necessarily contain statements from all parties involved in each case.

Sedalia Police Department Arrests Aug. 27

11:53 p.m.: Raul Agustin, 26, of the 400 block of Henry Street, was arrested after an officer observed a vehicle swerving back and forth on West Main Street and conducted a traffic stop near North Missouri Avenue. The driver was intoxicated and was transported to the Pettis County Jail, booked, and released with a charge of driving while intoxicated - alcohol.

Incidents Aug. 28

3:43 a.m.: Officers responded to a business in the 200 block of West Broadway Boulevard in reference to a disturbance with a weapon. The suspect had left the scene, but victims stated he was a Black male who came into the store yelling and cursing at people. The victim stated the suspect pulled a firearm from his waistband before leaving. He has been identified, but no contact has been made.

Aug. 29

4:20 a.m.: Officers responded to a business in the 800 block of Thompson Boulevard for a report of a burglary. Investigation revealed that a burglar broke out a side window, gaining access

to the business and stole over \$3,000 in merchandise. The investigation is ongoing.

Aug. 31

9:38 a.m.: An officer was dispatched to a business in the 4100 block of West Broadway Boulevard for a theft report. On two different days, two subjects swapped tags on different items. The suspects have been identified.

3:38 p.m.: Officers responded to the 1800 block of South Sneed Avenue for a report of theft. A female subject reported that the previous night her garden gnomes were stolen from her garden by an unknown suspect.

Sept. 1

9:25 a.m.: An officer was dispatched to the 1400 block of South

Sneed Avenue in reference to a theft report. The victim said one of their packages was incorrectly delivered to a neighbor who since has avoided the victim.

9:55 a.m.: An officer spoke with a caller who reported her mailbox had been taken in the 100 block of West Main Street. There are no suspects.

12:26 p.m.: An officer was dispatched to the 300 block of Buckner Court in reference to a report of harassment and impersonation of a police officer. The victim said that after an argument, someone started messaging them posing as a police officer. The imposter threatened to arrest the victim after the argument.

Compiled by Chris Howell.

CRASH REPORTS

Two injured in Morgan four-vehicle accident

Calvin Taylor, 73, of Versailles, sustained serious injuries and Mary C. Fox, of Gravois Mills, sustained minor injuries at 1 p.m. Thursday in a Morgan County accident.

According to a Missou-

ri State Highway Patrol report, a 2019 Ford F130, driven by Vincent L. Kelly, 48, of Poplar Bluff, was traveling south on Route 5 when it crossed the center line and struck a 2013 Ford Fiesta driven by Taylor, a 2013 Ford Escape driven

by Fox, and a 2016 GMC Terrain driven by Baylie J. Stephenson, 27, of Stover. All three impacted vehicles were headed north.

Everyone was wearing their seat belt. Fox and Taylor were transported by ambulance to Lake Region-

al Hospital in Osage Beach.

Information is taken from preliminary Missouri State Highway Patrol reports, which do not necessarily contain statements from all parties involved.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Strongman event hosted at Lincoln Fall Festival

The Benton County Extension will host a Strongman Pumpkin Edition during the Lincoln Fall Festival on Sept. 17 at Hare Park.

There will be five events that include pumpkins, including rolling, kicking, carrying, pulling and lifting. Ages 7 to 70 are free to sign-up. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m.

The event will include a dessert auction and a pumpkin growing contest.

For more information, contact Benton County Extension at 660-438-5012.

Smith-Cotton JROTC to host 17th annual Raider Meet

The Smith-Cotton JROTC program will host its 17th annual JROTC Raider Meet on Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Missouri Army National Guard Armory on the Missouri State Fairgrounds.

A total of 30-40 teams will be competing in the Raider Meet from all over the Midwest. All competitive events will begin at 6 a.m. The awards ceremony will begin around 3:30 p.m.

The competitive events will include a 5K run, Rope-Bridge, 1-mile ruck, the Cross Country Rescue (CCR), and other activities.

The community is invited to attend.

NASA aims for Saturday launch of new moon rocket after fixes

By Marcia Dunn

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA aimed for a Saturday launch of its new moon rocket, after fixing fuel leaks and working around a bad engine sensor that foiled the first try.

The inaugural flight of the 322-foot (98-meter) rocket — the most powerful ever built by NASA — was delayed late in the countdown Monday. The Kennedy Space Center clocks started ticking again as managers expressed confidence in their plan and forecasters gave favorable weather odds.

Atop the rocket is a crew capsule with three test dummies that will fly around the moon and back over the course of six weeks — NASA's first such attempt since the Apollo program 50 years ago. NASA wants to wring out the spacecraft before strapping in astronauts on the next planned flight in

two years.

NASA Administrator Bill Nelson said he's more confident going into this second launch attempt, given everything engineers learned from the first try.

So is astronaut Jessica Meir, who's on NASA's short list for one of the initial moon crews.

"We're all excited for this to go, but the most important thing is that we go when we're ready and we get it right, because the next missions will have humans on board. Maybe me, maybe my friends," Meir told The Associated Press on Friday.

The engineers in charge of the Space Launch System rocket insisted Thursday evening that all four of the rocket's main engines were good and that a faulty temperature sensor caused one of them to appear as though it were too warm Monday. The engines need to match the minus-420 degrees Fahrenheit (minus-250 degrees Celsius) of

the liquid hydrogen fuel at liftoff, otherwise they could be damaged and shut down in flight.

"We have convinced ourselves without a shadow of a doubt that we have good-quality liquid hydrogen going through the engines," said John Honeycutt, the rocket's program manager.

Once fueling begins Saturday morning, the launch team will perform another engine test — this time earlier in the countdown. Even if that suspect sensor indicates the one engine is too warm, other sensors can be relied on to ensure everything is working correctly and to halt the countdown if there's a problem, Honeycutt told reporters.

NASA could not perform that kind of engine test during dress rehearsals earlier this year because of leaking fuel. More fuel leaks cropped up Monday; technicians found some loose connections and

tightened them.

The engine-temperature situation adds to the flight's risk, as does another problem that cropped up Monday: cracks in the foam insulation of the rocket. If any foam pieces break off at liftoff, they could strike the strap-on boosters and damage them. Engineers consider the likelihood of that happening low and have accepted these slight additional risks.

"This is an extremely complicated machine and system. Millions of parts," NASA's chief, Nelson, told the AP. "There are, in fact, risks. But are those risks acceptable? I leave that to the experts. My role is to remind them you don't take any chances that are not acceptable risk."

The \$4.1 billion test flight is NASA's first step in sending astronauts around the moon in 2024 and landing them on the surface in 2025. Astronauts last walked on the moon in

Photo Submissions

We invite readers to submit photos for "Community Snapshot," which features images of local residents and events. Images must be current, in JPEG format and must be the property of the person submitting the photo. Please include your name, city and a contact telephone number with your submission (phone numbers will not be published). Please also include the names of all persons in the photo and any additional information. Email your submissions to news@sedaliademocrat.com.

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'Devastating': Mass shootings obscure daily U.S. gun toll

By Gillian Flaccus
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Cameron Taylor was watching an illegal street race that had attracted hundreds to an intersection in Portland, Oregon, but decided to leave as the crowd got increasingly unruly. Moments later, gunfire erupted and Taylor was hit by a stray bullet as he and a friend headed to their car.

Police, who were overwhelmed with 911 calls about other shootings, couldn't control multiple street takeovers in the city that night and had trouble finding the victims of three shootings that occurred during the chaos.

"His friend who was with him put him in the car and drove him out to get him to the hospital, but he was not able to make it and that friend called his parents" to say Taylor was dead, family friend Erin Russell told The Associated Press.

Taylor, 20, died Sunday the same day that four high-profile, public shooting rampages in Bend, Oregon, Phoenix, Detroit and Houston drew national headlines. His slaying went largely unnoticed amid the daily toll of gun violence that has come to define Portland and a number of other American cities since the pandemic.

Homicide rates appear to be dropping in some major U.S. cities, such as New York and Chicago, but in others, killings are on the rise, particularly from guns. In Portland, the homicide rate surged 207% since 2019 and there have been more than 800 shootings so far this year. In Phoenix, police Chief Jeri Williams said this week the gun violence was the worst she'd seen in 33 years on the job.

"How many more officers have to be shot? How many more community members have to be killed before those in our community take a stand? This is not only a Phoenix police issue, this is a community issue," she said after a weekend that tallied 17 shootings and 11

homicides citywide. Now, police are on edge heading into Labor Day weekend, with its traditional end-of-summer festivities, and some are adding extra patrols as they brace for more potential violence.

In Portland, police busy with three killings and nine non-fatal shootings in 48 hours couldn't control three illegal street races last weekend that attracted hundreds and shut down major intersections for hours. In Houston, the day after a gunman shot five neighbors, killing three, another man shot two sisters before killing himself.

In the past two weeks, authorities in Phoenix have confiscated 711 guns and made 525 gun-related arrests as part of a targeted crackdown. Nearly 90% of homicides there this year were by gun, police said. In Detroit, where a man is accused of shooting three people at random on city streets last weekend, authorities are also cracking down on gun violence in high-crime neighborhoods through Labor Day.

"Let's stop talking about our inability to respond to crime in the community. Let's stop advertising to criminals that they're going to get away with it," Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler said, using an expletive at a City Council meeting this week after police Chief Chuck Lovell once more asked for more officers.

"I think we should stop using the messaging at every turn, that the reason we can't help our citizens with basic criminal justice issues is because we don't have the personnel," Wheeler said. "We've got to figure out better ways to address this crisis."

Last weekend's rampages — which included a heavily armed assailant who stormed a central Oregon supermarket, random shootings on Detroit streets and a Phoenix man who opened fire while wearing body armor — were shocking and scary, but they aren't representative of the broader toll gun violence is taking on American society, experts said.

Victims killed in mass

shootings make up about 1% of all those killed in gun homicides nationwide, despite headlines that instill fear in many Americans, said James Fox, a professor at Northeastern University who has created a database of mass killings stretching back to 2006 with The Associated Press and USA Today.

All four shootings last weekend didn't even meet the database's definition of a mass killing — four or more people, excluding the assailant, killed in a 24-hour period — but they nonetheless sowed fear because of the random nature of the violence, he added.

"Those don't tend to make news. They don't tend to scare people because people say, 'Well, that's not my family,'" Fox said. "We have as many as 20,000 gun homicides a year, and most of those are one victim. Sometimes two, sometimes three, (but) rarely four or more."

The pandemic and the social unrest it caused has also played a role. Eight million Americans became first-time gun owners between 2019 and 2021, said Jeffrey Butts, director of the research and evaluation center for the John Jay College of Criminal Justice at City University of New York.

"We already had 400 million guns in circulation. So when you bump that up and include a lot of first-timers in the population, you get accidents, you get precipitous behavior, you get people reacting to small insults and conflicts with their guns because they're in their pocket now," he said.

Meanwhile Taylor's friends and family mourn his death in Portland.

The car aficionado and beloved big brother who loved barbecues and spending time with his family was "at the wrong place at the wrong time," Russell said.

"He has a lot of friends and a lot of family who love him dearly, and this is a devastating loss."

Associated Press reporter Walt Berry in Phoenix contributed to this report.



From left, Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri Director of Development Cherie Beltran, Tyson Sedalia HR Manager Ben McFarlin, Tyson Sedalia Complex Manager Dustin Tippin, BGCWCM Assistant Director of Development Gabby White and BGCWCM Executive Director Gary Beckman. PHOTO COURTESY OF TYSON FOODS

Tyson truckload sale proceeds benefit Boys & Girls Club

For the third consecutive year, the Tyson Foods Sedalia facility hosted a truckload sale with the proceeds to benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri.

Tyson Sedalia Complex Manager Dustin Tippin and Tyson Sedalia HR Manager Ben McFarlin presented a \$20,000 check from the proceeds. Boys

& Girls Club volunteers, along with the help of several Tyson team members, made this sale a huge success. This year's sale proceeds exceeded last year's by \$7,000.

"We are very thankful for our partnership with our local club," McFarlin said. "It was a pleasure working with them again this year, and we thank

them for all they do for our community and our team members."

"I am blown away," BGCWCM Executive Director Gary Beckman said. "Thank you, Tyson team, for doing this for our kiddos. You truly do so much for us and our entire community."

Release courtesy of Tyson Foods.



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THIER VIEW

Missouri's stinginess toward poor kids speaks volumes

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Missouri is alone among the 50 states in its policy preventing low-income kids who participate in a federal summer meals program from taking the food off the distribution-site premises. This kind of callous stinginess toward poor children says much about the hard-hearted attitudes of the state's current leadership.

The Summer Food Service Program, funded by the federal government and administered by the states, is meant to ensure that kids who rely on school lunches during the school year are able to get comparable meals when school is out.

Low-income kids throughout the country used to be required to eat the meals on site, but during the pandemic, a "grab-and-go" option was added. That turned out to be better for adults who couldn't get their kids to the food sites at the appointed times and allowed the service providers to disperse multiple days' worth of meals to families so the kids wouldn't have to return each day. After the U.S. Department of Agriculture resumed pre-pandemic rules for the program, a provision was added allowing states to apply for waivers to allow the grab-and-go option to continue.

An NBC News analysis last week reported that just one state — Missouri — has declined to seek the waiver.

It means Missouri kids are now required to eat on premises where the meals are disbursed, while their counterparts in other

states can take the food home. The impact has been dramatic — and troubling. NBC found that in some regions of Missouri, participation in the program has dropped by more than 90%, with sites that used to serve thousands of kids now serving just hundreds. Program workers attribute the drop largely to the fact that low-income families often lack flexible transportation and work schedules to get kids to the sites at appointed times to eat.

A spokesman for Missouri's Department of Health and Senior Services, which administers the program, told the network the concern is that, "If the children aren't there (on premises), you can't always guarantee those kids are the ones getting the meals."

So they suspect, in other words, that the parents are using the kids to secure these modest meals so the adults can eat them? Is there some reason to suspect that? And if so, why is it apparently only a problem in Missouri, and not the other 49 states, where this specter of systemic cracker and fruit-juice theft apparently isn't a concern?

That's nonsense. In a state that has fought to refuse Medicaid expansion (even after voters demanded it) and is now contemplating an income tax cut that will give outsized benefits to the wealthy while refusing to pay teachers and social-service workers living wages, it's clear what's going on: Missouri's poor are, as usual, the last people on the minds of Missouri's Republican leadership. But they can still vote.

Return the money to the people

St. Joseph News Press

Gov. Mike Parson didn't encounter much pushback when he rolled into St. Joseph to promote \$700 million in income tax cuts and agricultural tax incentives for Missourians.

An audience of community leaders and area politicians — many of them Republicans from the Northwest Missouri delegation — responded favorably to what Parson describes as the largest income tax cut in Missouri history.

With Missouri sitting on an eye-popping \$4.9 billion in general revenue, it's hard to argue with the idea that some of that money ought to go back to the citizens of the state. Parson wants the legislature to reduce the top individual tax rate from 5.3% to 4.8%, increase the standard deduction by \$2,000 for individuals and \$4,000 for married joint filers and eliminate the bottom tax bracket. Every Missourian would earn their first \$16,000 tax-free. For married filers, the figure would be \$32,000.

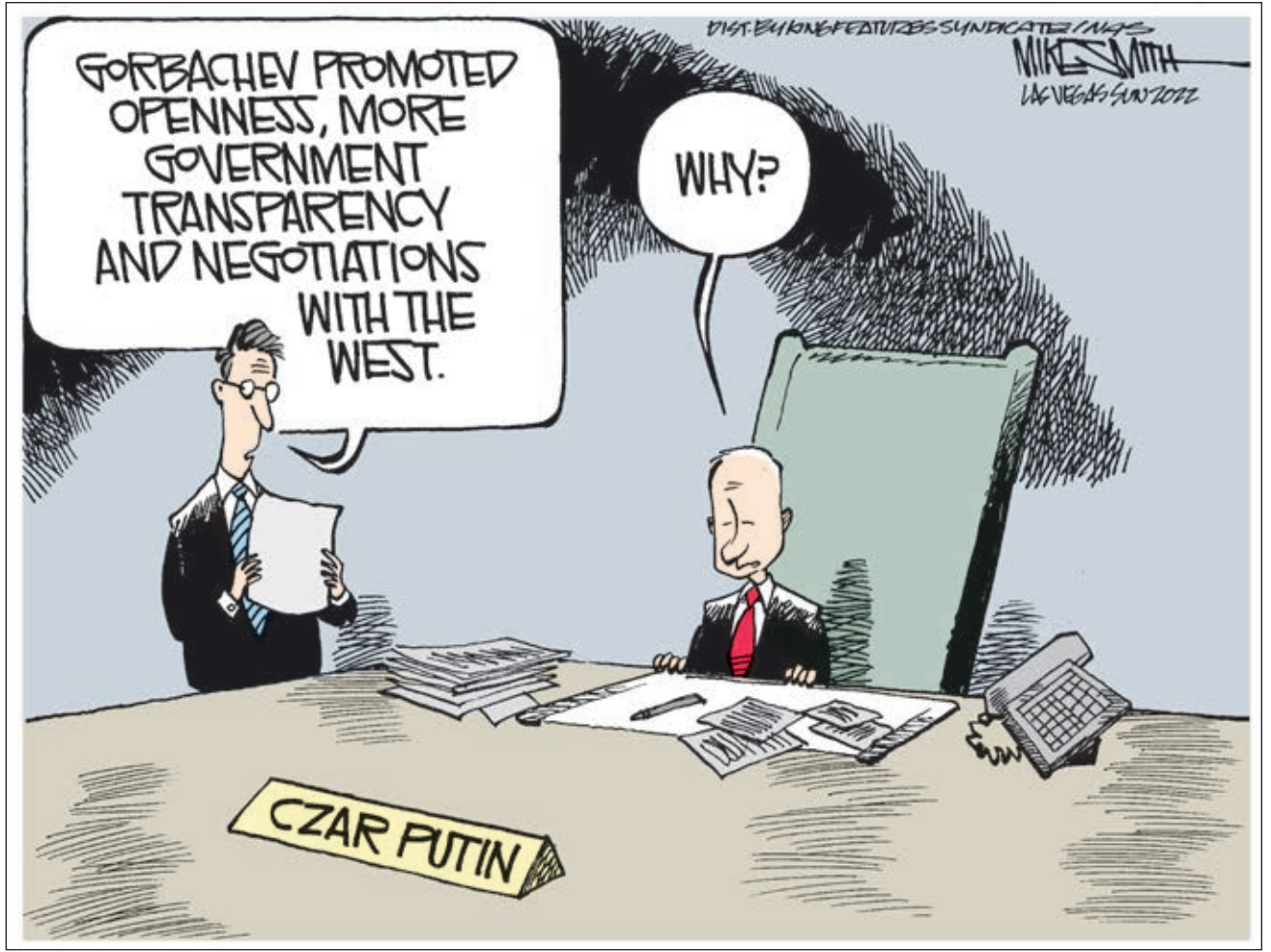
But clearly, the governor feels the need for a preventative strike before the legislative special session that begins Sept. 6. Democrats and liberal think tanks are lining up against this tax proposal, calling it a reckless path to massive budget cuts when the federal largess dries up.

In remarks in front of City Hall, Parson argues that the state's rosy financial picture, and thus the rationale for tax cuts, is not due to the smoke and mirrors of federal stimulus.

It's an argument the governor shouldn't have to make. Even if federal funds contributed to a strong budget position, where do you think that money came from? All too often, politicians see federal money as free money, but taxpayers always are the ones who foot the bill. They should be able to get some of that money back in return.

Perhaps the two sides in this debate could stipulate that Missouri's budget benefited from federal funds but also gained a certain advantage from a COVID policy, much derided in some quarters, that kept people working and the economy going more so than in states with strict lockdowns.

The pandemic (along with stimulus and monetary policy missteps) also led to sharp price increases that impact consumers at the pump, the grocery store and every time they pay a utility bill. Inflation acts as a tax on everyone — hitting low-wage earners the hardest — and further adds to the need for lasting tax relief so that Missourians can better weather this storm.



CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

Tales from COVID isolation

I told Max I am not going to ever let him forget it — and so far I haven't. Now it's in print for posterity. After escaping the clutches of COVID for over two years, I've now been in isolation twice in two weeks: once when Max shared the virus with me, and once when I was one of the lucky people to have a rebound infection. Never fear, dear readers! Because I'm healthy, vaccinated, and twice boosted, I suffered nothing worse than feeling as if I have a cold or spring/fall allergies.

It all started when Max went to "lawyer camp" in Colorado last month, where he is an instructor at The Trial Lawyers' College. Because most of their classes and weeks-long seminars are held in the mountains, Emily started calling these annual classes "lawyer camp," a pretty good way of conveying the ins and outs of his activities. He arrived home this year on a Monday, and told me all about his adventures. We made plans to see some friends that week, and then he went to bed early.

All was well until Wednesday, when I



Deborah Mitchell
Contributing Columnist

heard this weird little cough coming from his side of the bed. I asked him about it, and he said he was fine. I tried to keep my distance because I had this niggling feeling that the next day would be worse. And it was. He said he had a horrible sore throat AND the weird little cough.

He tested negative at home, but I insisted that he go to the walk-in clinic for a PCR test. In a show of good sense, he did. The next day, we got the call. I asked him where he thought he picked it up. He said, "Probably the COVID Café." I was puzzled. He explained that all the meals at lawyer camp, as well as meals of a few hundred others, were served in the cafeteria of the YMCA of the Rockies. Thus the name "COVID Café." You can

imagine my joy.

The next day, I started to feel as if I had a cold. I did my home test on Sunday morning, because if I tested positive, I would stay home from church, so as not to give this to anyone else.

I was positive. It was bound to happen. Our condo is a large space, but not large enough for an airborne virus to stay around someone's head as does the cloud around Pig-Pen in the Charlie Brown cartoons.

Fortunately for me, and for Max's continued well-being, my worst symptom was a slight cough for a day or so. Karma let Max suffer a little more than I. His sore throat was so painful that he couldn't talk very much for a couple of days.

We both took an anti-viral, though we knew a slight chance existed that we would have a rebound infection. This time, Fate had its way with me. I got the rebound; Max didn't. Again, I have suffered nothing worse than cold symptoms.

For some reason, this stint of isolation hasn't been as easy as the early days of the pandemic. I suppose

that is because I had recovered my freedom and had been able to experience the outdoors — even the movie theatre — with improving confidence. I remembered the things I liked to do and had begun to do them once again. I was walking at the Heckart Community Center, attending yoga classes, going out to dinner, watching a movie at the theatre, going through the grocery store with wild abandon — in essence, recovering a life that had been misplaced by circumstance.

Staying in now is a drag, but I certainly do not want to affect anyone else's health, so here I am. On Sunday, I will be out of isolation, and I plan to enjoy it. Regardless of this episode, perhaps because of it, I will get that next Moderna vaccine this fall when I get the flu shot. I want to up my odds of remaining healthy.

I think, however, that the COVID Café better be out of the picture next year. Max will just have to pack his own food. That ought to do it.

Deborah Mitchell is a Sedalia attorney.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Learning more about District 52 candidates

Dear Editor:

House District 52 race has two candidates, Brad Pollitt and Rene Vance. As a voter, I have been trying to get enough information on these two candidates to make an informed decision.

It seems Pollitt is for agriculture, which makes sense and is not surprising. I was surprised, however, that I did not find much about supporting educators even though he is an ex-educator himself. I attended most Sedalia 200 board meetings and never saw Pollitt at any of them, especially during the raucous mask mandate meetings. I did, however, see Rene Vance at every one I attended. I tried to find anything that would tell me Pollitt supports teachers against the onslaught of budget cuts, angry parents, COVID protocols, or standing up against the AG's threats to reduce funding to schools trying to protect staff and students against the deadly virus. I found nothing.

What I have been able to glean from the internet

is Brad Pollitt voted to decrease regulations related to gun control. While Rene Vance, retired military (18 years with deployments to South Korea), seems to take a more measured approach in regards to background checks and age requirements.

I read, and I am paraphrasing Mr. Pollitt, "I am for all Missourians." If in fact that is true, I see no mention of our senior citizens or our LGBTQ communities, both very vulnerable demographics. What about our citizens of color? Has Mr. Pollitt ever attended an event at Hubbard Park, checked in with N.O.R.T.H. (Northside Reinventing the Honor)? I have seen Ms. Vance at several events as well as volunteering at the Community Center with senior citizens.

I want a candidate that truly is for all citizens, not a candidate whose idea of "all citizens" seems limited to a certain demographic. I hope I can find more information on Mr. Pollitt's efforts to support "all Missourians" as well as see what Ms. Vance has to offer as a fresh face to politics.

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COLE CAMP FAIR

September 8th, 9th, 10th 2022

Schedule of Events

Sunday, August 28th

7:00 p.m. Cole Camp Fair Queen Contest – L.C. Schnell Auditorium

Wednesday, September 7th

3:30 p.m. Judging of Education Art

7:00 p.m. Judging of 4-H and FFA Livestock 2022 – In Front of Bandstand

Thursday, September 8th

8:00 a.m. Entries accepted in all Departments, except Educational Art department

NOON Entries in all Departments close

1:00 p.m. Judging in all Departments

1:15 p.m. Super Teen Contest - Grandstand

5:00 p.m. Wristband distribution

5:00 p.m. Public introduction of Future King & Queen with crowning – Bandstand

6:00–10:00 p.m. Carnival Pay One Price Rides (Advanced Tickets Available)

7:00 p.m. Presentation of National Colors by American Legion Post 305

7:15 p.m. Address of Welcome, President of Fair Board, Jon Burdick

Welcome to Cole Camp, Mayor Bob Meuschke

7:30 p.m. Non-Floats Coronation of the 2022 Fair Queen

Grand Parade & Judging of all floats Bandstand: The ABLeS**

8:00 p.m. Jaycee Beer Garden Opens – No Cover Charge

Friday, September 9th

9:00 a.m. Exhibits open

10:00 a.m. Adult Games on the street

1:15 p.m. Children's Contests on the street

8:00 a.m. –

6:00 p.m. Antique & Classic Tractor Show – (Old Water Tower Park)

6:00 p.m. –

10:00 p.m. Carnival Pay One Price Rides (Advance Tickets Available)

7:00 p.m. Parade of Antique & Classic Tractors & other non floats

Grand Parade of all floats – awarding of ribbons

Bandstand – Cedar Creek** (Partially Sponsored by Preuitt Insurance & Christina Brewster, Lincoln Realty)

Jaycee Beer Garden Opens

7:00 p.m. –

8:00 p.m. –

11:00 p.m. Teen Garden Dance

Saturday, September 10th

7:00 a.m. Runners assemble for the Fair 5k Run/2 mile Walk (meet at Bandstand)

7:30 a.m. Cole Camp Fair 5k Run/2 mile Walk starts

9:00 a.m. Exhibits open

Coon Dog Show (Fire House Lot) (Sponsored by Westwood Family Dental)

10:00 a.m. Kiddie Parade followed by Grand Parade of all floats
Display of floats will be on the street East of the 4-way stop until 12 noon, weather permitting

10:30 p.m. –

12:30 p.m. Adult Games (on the street)

11:00 a.m. Baby Show – Legion Building

12:00 p.m. –

4:00 p.m. Carnival Pay One Price Rides (Advance Tickets Available)

1:00 p.m. –

4:00 p.m. Jaycee Beer Garden
Loehning Family German Band Entertaining – No Cover Charge (Sponsored by Main Street Mutual & Cole Camp Jaycees)

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Children's Pedal Pull (Sponsored by Sydenstricker Nobbe Partners – Tipton)

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Cow Chip Throwing Contest – Fire House Lot

1:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Car Show – Butterfield Park

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Carnival Pay One Price Rides (Advance Tickets Available)

7:00 p.m. Jaycee Beer Garden Opens

7:00 p.m. Parade of Antique Cars and other non-floats

Grand Parade (Awarding of Grand Prize Float)

8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Teen Garden Dance

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Oreo cheesecake is one of many sweet treats found on the Eats & Sweets food truck. Jennifer Shewmaker also enjoys making all types of homemade ice cream. Almost all of the food served on the food truck is sourced locally.

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A veggie and mushroom quiche waits to be cut by Eats & Sweets owners Jennifer Shewmaker and Maggie Miller. The women often serve breakfast foods during events.

Food

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cheesecakes, cookie chillers, dessert egg rolls, and other sweets. The pair balance each other out in the business with their cooking talents.

"We've been to Marshall, we've been to Sedalia, Lincoln, and the Henry County Fair in Clinton," Miller noted. "Then we have an event in Boonville on the 17th of September."

In September, the food truck will be at Tractor Supply in Sedalia each Wednesday except for Sept. 7. Miller added they plan to start offering meal prep each week.

"So, we'll offer lasagna, meatloaf, stroganoff, chicken pot pie," she explained. "Just good homemade meals you can pick up and heat up in the oven. We're going to do that for the month of September and see how it goes."

Shewmaker noted they enjoy parking at events such as the Sedalia Parks and Recreation's event Parkapoloza.

"Just fun little things like that, where there's a lot of people around," she added. "It's more fun than just sitting there and waiting for people to drive up." When baking and cooking, the women try to use all local ingredients. Shewmaker likes to step it up by making desserts like rose-flavored ice cream.

"We do all local ingredients like local meat," Shewmaker explained. "And I try to use what's in season. So, during the rose season, I made a bunch of rose ice cream. I did a lot of blackberry stuff with local blackberries."

She also created peach ice cream and peach cobbler.

"All of our meat has been locally sourced," Miller added. "Some of it comes from Henry County and Pettis County. We really like the idea of

letting people try stuff that you wouldn't normally try," she continued. "Like rose-flavored ice cream or a bison burger. We've got our hands on some lamb, so we're going to try lamb in some Greek-style burgers."

Miller also makes the popular item called hog rolls made with pulled pork that's mixed with cheese and onion. It's deep fried in a wonton wrapper and topped with coleslaw, sour cream, ranch, and barbecue sauce.

"That's been a big hit," she added.

They change their menu each week; one week, they served what's called a "walking taco." The taco is a Chipotle-style dish where the customer picks their ingredients.

Eats & Sweets has many events scheduled this month, including an employee meal at WireCo and an event at Yeager's Cycle Sales Inc.

"We're parking at Yeager's for their food truck Friday," Shewmaker noted. "So, it's mostly just a day here and a day there, all month long."

Miller added there'd been a learning curve, but they enjoy what they are doing.

"We're learning things along the way, but it's definitely, definitely something we're having fun with," she added.

The women said they plan to offer a raffle this month. Customers may pick up a ticket on Sept. 14, 21, and 28 while the food truck is parked at Tractor Supply, 3901 W. Broadway Blvd. They will have a drawing at the end of the month, and the winner will receive a gift certificate to be used at Eats & Sweets.

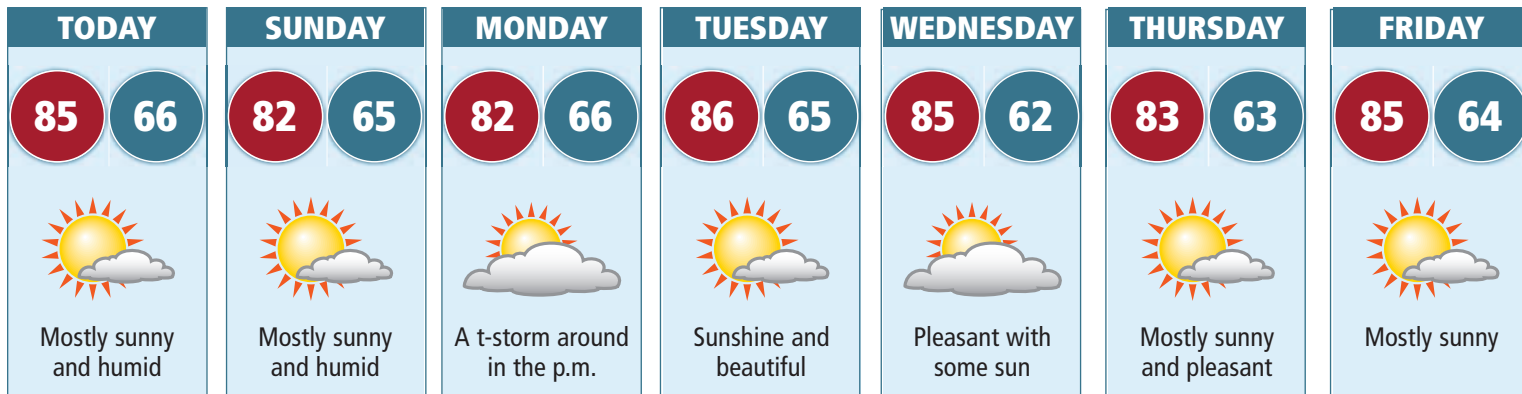
For more information about the Eats & Sweets food truck, visit the Facebook page or call 660-473-0173.

Faith Bemiss can be reached at 660-530-0289 or on Twitter @fbemiss.

THE WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST



SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:44 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:40 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:27 p.m.
Moonsset today	11:53 p.m.



WEATHER HISTORY

Denver's earliest snow on record occurred Sept. 3, 1961. City accumulations reached 4 inches. The foothills west of town were buried by wind-whipped snow more than 2 feet deep.

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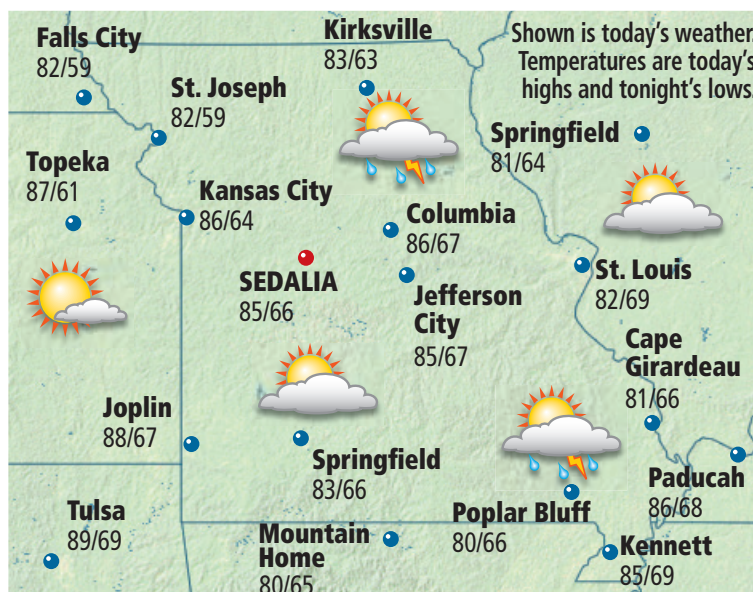
Sedalia Regional Airport Thursday

TEMPERATURES	
High	88
Low	60
Normal high	83
Normal low	61
Record high	102 in 2000
Record low	43 in 1949

PRECIPITATION	
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Normal m-t-d	0.14"
Year to date	29.22"
Normal y-t-d	30.92"

COOLING DEGREE DAYS	
Thursday	9
Month to date	9
Year to date	1431
Normal year to date	1043
Last year to date	1319

RIVER LEVELS			
In feet as of 7 a.m. Friday			
Blackwater	Stage	Chg	Fld Stg
Blue Lick	7.35	-0.20	24
Valley City	2.79	-0.14	22
Lamine			
Oterville	0.50	-0.01	15
Missouri			
Boonville	6.43	-0.02	21



BRANSON
High: 83. Low: 65. Humid today with intervals of clouds and sunshine. Partly cloudy and humid tonight. Humid with sunshine mixing with some clouds tomorrow.

KANSAS CITY
High: 86. Low: 64. Humid today with clouds and intervals of sunshine. Mainly clear and humid tonight. Sunshine and patchy clouds tomorrow.

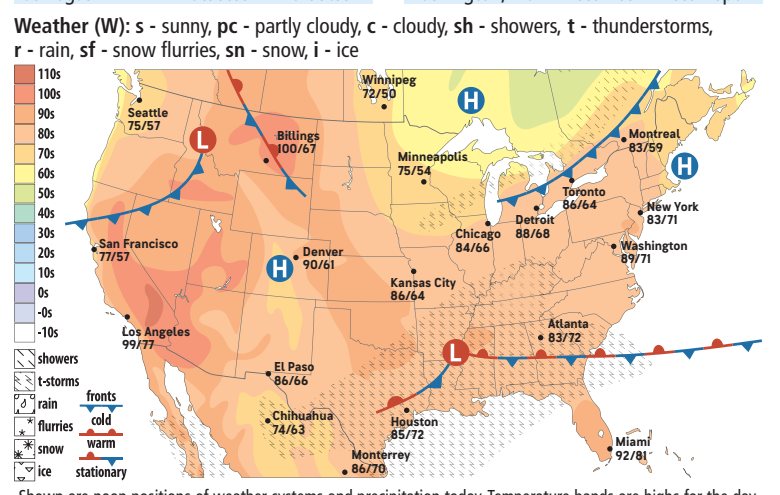
ST. LOUIS
High: 82. Low: 69. Humid today with some sun; a shower in the morning, then a thunderstorm. Partly cloudy tonight. A thunderstorm tomorrow.

NEW YORK CITY
High: 83. Low: 71. Mostly sunny today; best day of the weekend. Patchy clouds tonight. Very warm and more humid tomorrow; a thunderstorm in the afternoon.

LOS ANGELES
High: 99. Low: 77. Mostly sunny and hot today. Clear tonight. Very hot tomorrow.

NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today	Sunday		Today	Sunday
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	83/72/t	82/70/t	Milwaukee	77/64/t	72/64/s
Baltimore	88/69/pc	90/70/pc	Nashville	84/71/t	81/70/t
Billings	100/67/s	97/63/s	New Orleans	86/76/t	84/76/t
Boston	76/63/pc	83/65/t	Norfolk	86/70/s	85/71/pc
Buffalo	85/66/t	75/63/t	Oklahoma City	90/67/pc	89/66/pc
Charlotte	89/70/t	86/68/t	Orlando	93/76/t	91/77/t
Chicago	84/66/t	78/64/pc	Phoenix	107/87/s	108/87/s
Cleveland	85/68/s	79/66/t	Pittsburgh	81/67/t	78/66/t
Dallas	90/73/t	92/73/t	Portland, ME	73/57/pc	76/59/t
Denver	90/61/s	93/64/s	Portland, OR	79/59/pc	85/62/s
Detroit	88/68/t	78/65/sh	Sacramento	101/63/s	103/69/s
Honolulu	88/76/pc	88/77/s	St. Louis	82/69/t	82/71/t
Houston	85/72/t	81/72/t	San Francisco	77/57/pc	80/59/s
Indianapolis	84/68/s	80/67/s	Seattle	75/57/sh	77/59/s
Las Vegas	108/85/s	107/86/s	Washington, DC	89/71/s	89/72/pc



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation today. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

Summary: Downpours will extend from Texas to South Carolina and are forecast to expand to the Ohio Valley and break out around the Great Lakes today. A major heat wave will encompass much of the West.



Cadet

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14-year-old Civil Air Patrol Cadet Andrew Douglas was promoted to Second Lieutenant Thursday.

PHOTOS BY CHRIS HOWELL | DEMOCRAT



From left, Maj. Jason B. Unwin, father Josh Douglas, Cadet Andrew Douglas and mother Angie Douglas, and Sedalia Mayor Andrew Dawson pose for a photo Thursday night. Andrew was promoted to Second Lieutenant.

Andrew has been attending meetings at the Civil Air Patrol for two years. His study is proceeding through the program at a rapid pace.

"Flight Civil Air Patrol is a section of the is of the Civil Air Patrol, it's an official auxiliary to the U.S. Air Force," Maj. Jason B. Unwin said. "It has three primary missions; an emergency services mission, a cadet program's mission, and an aerospace education mission."

The Sedalia Civil Air Patrol Sedalia Cadet Squadron, 3315 E. Broadway Blvd., works with local communities, education facilities like schools, private schools and home schools, and other organizations in educating 14 young cadets in military rigors, science-based education, and responsibility to the community.

Unwin explained the honor Andrew received in front of his squadron friends and parents.

"He's receiving what's called the Mitchell Award," Unwin said. "That's a certificate of completion of phase two of the Civil Air Patrol leadership and cadet program. Only 10% of Civil Air Patrol cadets achieved that award."

The rank, and accompanying award, will provide benefits to Second Lt. Douglas should he pursue a

career in the Air Force, like an additional rank after the completion of basic training.

"This has been a goal of his since he's been little to get into the Civil Air Patrol," Andrew's father, Josh Douglas, said. "To see him achieve his goals has been a real blessing and I'm very proud of him."

Heather Slagle has two children in the cadet program with the Civil Air Patrol and is thankful for a program that teaches them science.

"This is a unique opportunity in rural America to get into aerospace, to science technology," Slagle said. "Mathematics is a great field to get into for anyone, especially for where that is projected to go in the upcoming job market. So, this is an entry-level way to get your foot in the door and kind of see what you might be interested in."

Andrew recalled some of the things he mastered in the past two years.

"As far as content, you must finish an encampment. It's a week-long intense drill," he explained. "It's basically a low-key basic training, but you must pass a comprehensive test on all the chapters of leadership and aerospace that all the other ranks had, so I've really been working hard for it and I'm really

glad that I've finally gotten it done."

Andrew's father Josh is impressed with the program and with how well Andrew has done in it.

"They go through character development on a monthly basis, and they get opportunities to serve their community, state, and nation as they go through the program," Josh said. "They also are working towards getting a pilot's license, that's a possibility within the program. It's rigorous, it gets them to work hard at it. You don't necessarily pass every test the first time."

In early September, cadets will be able to experience orientation flights in a Cessna 172, hopefully furthering their love for flying and the aviation industry.

Thursday, Andrew was pinned by his parents, Josh and Angie Douglas, and was presented the Brigadier General Billy Mitchell Award by Sedalia Mayor Andrew Dawson.

Young people ages 12 to 18 interested in joining the Civil Air Patrol are invited to attend a meeting held each Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sedalia Cadet Squadron, 3315 E. Broadway Blvd.

Chris Howell can be reached at 660-530-0146.

Arrest

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Due to the collaborative effort of multiple agencies, both subjects were apprehended in Warrensburg.

According to Anders, the Mid-Missouri Drug Task Force and Pettis County deputies worked on gathering information over the past few weeks, which led investigators to Johnson County.

"A lot of man hours were put into this investigation, which resulted in a much-appreciated assistance from our brothers and sisters in Johnson County and Warrensburg PD," Anders said in a Facebook post.

Anders stated Summers was taken into custody without incident, but Kimbrell fled on foot. Kimbrell was apprehended by WPD

K9 Negan and transported to Western Missouri Medical Center due to dog bite-related injuries.

Summers was transported to the Johnson County Jail to be held on several warrants: Saline County probation violation, burglary; failure to appear, receiving stolen property; failure to appear, stealing; Pettis County probation violation, possession of amphetamine; and Cooper County probation violation, fraud.

After being released from WMMC, Kimbrell was transported to the Johnson County Jail to be held pending formal charges for felony resisting arrest and on several warrants: Henry County probation violation, possession of dangerous drugs; Morgan County larceny; Laurie Police Department failure to appear, theft; Sedalia Police Department

failure to appear, property damage, littering and trespassing; and Pettis County failure to appear, possession of a controlled substance and speeding.

Anders stated both subjects would eventually be transferred to the Pettis County Jail.

While further investigating in the 400 block of East Russell Avenue in Warrensburg, WPD officers and a member of the CRT found another man in the area and made contact with him. Shawn Stevenson had an extraditable warrant out of Kentucky for failure to appear, possession of amphetamine. He fled from officers and was apprehended nearby without incident.

Stevenson was transported to the Johnson County Jail to be held as a fugitive from out of state and booked for resisting arrest.

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I mean, obviously, they

get paid, but they're doing something to better the community?"

Pettis County R-V is seeing no changes with its COVID-19 policies. The

district has been one of the few districts that has had a normal atmosphere since the beginning of the pandemic.

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Trump search inventory reveals new details from FBI seizure

By Eric Tucker

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Along with highly classified government documents, the FBI agents who searched former President Donald Trump's Florida estate found dozens of empty folders marked classified but with nothing inside and no explanation of what might have been there, according to a more detailed inventory of the seized material made public on Friday.

The agents also found more than 10,000 other government documents kept by Trump with no classification marked.

The inventory compiled by the Justice Department reveals in general terms the contents of 33 boxes and containers taken from Trump's office and a storage room at Mar-a-Lago during the Aug. 8 search. Though the inventory does not describe the content of the documents, it shows the extent to which classified information — including material at the top-secret level — was stashed in boxes at the home and mixed among newspapers, magazines, clothing and other personal items.

And the empty folders raise the question of whether the government has recovered all of the classified papers that Trump kept after leaving the White House.

The inventory makes clear for the first time the volume of unclassified government documents at the home even though presidential records were to have been turned over to the National Archives and Records Administration. The Archives had tried unsuccessfully for months to secure their return from Trump and then contacted the FBI after locating classified information in a batch of 15 boxes it received in January.

The Justice Department has said there was no secure space at Mar-a-Lago for sensitive government secrets, and has opened a criminal investigation focused on their retention there and on what it says were efforts in the past several months to obstruct the probe. It is also investigating potential violations of a law that criminalizes the mutilation or concealment of government records, classified or not.

Lawyers for Trump did not immediately return an email seeking comment Friday. Trump spokesman Taylor Budowich asserted that the FBI search was a "SMASH AND GRAB" — though the Justice Department had received court-authorized permission to search specific locations in the home.

The inventory was released as the Justice Department undertakes its criminal investigation, as intelligence agencies assess any risk to national security caused by mishandling of classified information and as a judge weighs whether to appoint a special master — essentially an outside legal expert — to review the records.

The inventory had been filed earlier under seal, but the Justice Department had said that given the "extraordinary circumstances," it did not object to making it public. Trump himself has previously called for the disclosure of documents related to the search. U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon said on Thursday that she planned to unseal the inventory and did so on Friday.

All told, the inventory shows, the FBI seized more than 100 documents with classification markings in August, including 18 marked top secret, 54 secret and 31 confidential. The FBI had identified 184 documents marked

as classified in 15 boxes recovered by the Archives in January, and received additional classified documents in a single Redweld envelope during a June visit to Mar-a-Lago.

The Justice Department has said that it searched the property in August after developing evidence that documents were likely "concealed and removed" from the storage room as part of an effort to obstruct its probe.

The court filings have not offered an explanation for why Trump had kept the classified documents, and why he and his representatives did not return them when requested.

The inventory shows that 48 empty folders with classified banners were taken either from the storage room or office, along with additional empty folders labeled as "Return to Staff Secretary" or military aide.

It is not clear from the inventory list what might have happened to any of the documents that apparently had been inside.

Separately Friday, the Justice Department said in a court filing that it had reviewed the records seized during the recent search and had segregated those with classified markings to ensure that they were being stored according to proper protocol and procedure.

"The seized materials will continue to be used to further the government's investigation, and the investigative team will continue to use and evaluate the seized materials as it takes further investigative steps, such as through additional witness interviews and grand jury practice," the department said.

It added that "additional evidence pertaining to the seized items," including the manner in which they were stored, "will inform the government's investigation."

Martin to retire from Health Center

By Democrat Staff

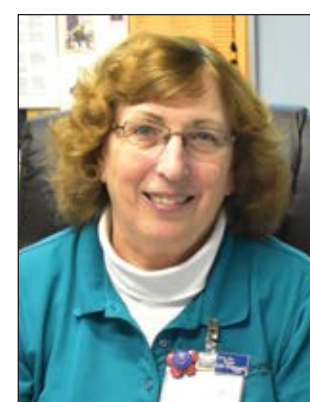
After 20 years of service, the Pettis County Health Center's administrator is retiring.

The Pettis County Health Center Board of Trustees has accepted the resignation of Administrator JoAnn Martin. An official date has not yet been set for Martin's departure, as it will depend on when the new administrator is hired. Her last day will be no later than the end of 2022.

Martin has served the health center in several different capacities, starting as the Bioterrorism Epidemiology Specialist

in 2002, which was a new position at the time. She has held additional titles, but she has served the longest as the administrator.

"JoAnn has successfully led the Center, staff, Board and, most importantly, the people of Pettis County, through many health challenges, including COVID, the flu, and various other health issues," a PCHC news release states. "She has worked tirelessly to keep local, state and federal entities informed regarding health issues in the county, while updating equipment and leading



JoAnn Martin

and training staff. Much of the Health Center's programs and services are funded through state and federal funds, grants, and service contracts she has located and spearheaded their submission."

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IAEA to have 'full picture' of Ukraine nuclear plant in days

By Yesica Fisch
Associated Press

ZAPORIZHZHIA, Ukraine (AP) — Fighting raged Friday near Europe's biggest nuclear power plant in a Russian-held area of eastern Ukraine, as inspectors from the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog agency expressed concern over the facility's "physical integrity" but didn't blame either warring side.

International Atomic Energy Agency Director-General Rafael Grossi said he expects to produce a report "early next week, as soon as we have the full picture of the situation by the end of the weekend, more or less."

Speaking to reporters in Vienna after returning from

the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, he said he will brief the U.N. Security Council on Tuesday.

"We've seen what I requested to see — everything I requested to see," Grossi said, adding that his big concerns were the plant's "physical integrity," the power supply to the facility and the situation of the staff.

"The military activity and operations are increasing in that part of the country, and this worries me a lot," he said. "It is obvious that the statistical possibility of more physical damage is present."

He noted that shelling started in August and "it is quite clearly a more recent trend," but didn't apportion blame for damage that has

been done so far.

The head of Ukraine's nuclear watchdog, Oleh Korikov, said Ukrainian officials "would like more decisive actions and statements" from the IAEA inspectors. "But let's wait until the mission is over," he added.

Local Russian-appointed authorities said Friday that staff at the plant restarted a key reactor just hours after shelling a day earlier forced it to shut down. Ukraine's nuclear energy operator, Energoatom confirmed on its Telegram channel that the reactivated reactor had been plugged back into the power grid.

Aleksandr Volga, the Kremlin-backed mayor of Enerhodar, where the

Zaporizhzhia plant is located, told the Interfax news agency that the facility now had two working reactors, out of a total of six.

The head of Ukraine's powerful National Security Council, Oleksiy Danilov, said Ukrainian authorities weren't fully aware of the situation inside the plant for now — despite the presence of the IAEA team that went in Thursday.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Danilov — a key official in Ukraine's war effort — said: "I want to emphasize that this is a challenge for the whole world, how to make this nuclear facility not dangerous."

Russia and Ukraine traded blame for the shelling

which led to Thursday's temporary shutdown of the reactor by its emergency protection system. Energoatom said the attack damaged a backup power supply line used for in-house needs, and one of the plant's reactors that wasn't operating was switched to diesel generators.

Britain's Defense Ministry said earlier Friday that shelling continued in the area near the plant, and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's office said Russian shelling damaged houses, gas pipelines and other infrastructure on the other bank of the Dnieper River — part of fighting in several areas of eastern and southern Ukraine overnight.

Russian-backed officials in Enerhodar claimed Russian forces had shot down an armed Ukrainian drone near the plant Friday.

"Ukrainian militants, apparently, continue to try to attack the plant despite the fact that there are IAEA employees there," the press service of the municipal administration said in a statement.

In its regular update on Friday evening, the Ukrainian military said it had carried out a "precision strike" in Enerhodar, but did not acknowledge or directly respond to the claims by Kremlin-backed officials. It said the attack destroyed three artillery systems, an ammunition depot and a company of personnel.

Russia and Ukraine traded accusations that the other side was trying to impede the work of the IAEA experts, or control the message.

Zelenskyy, in his nightly address on Thursday, had tough words for the IAEA delegation. While applauding its arrival at the plant, he said independent journalists were kept from covering the visit, allowing Russians to present a one-sided, "futile tour."

In a conference call with reporters on Friday, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Moscow considered "positively" the arrival of the mission, "despite all problems and difficulties caused by the Ukrainian side's provocative actions."

The 14-member delegation arrived in a convoy of SUVs and vans after months of negotiations to enable the experts to pass through the front lines. They braved gunfire and artillery blasts along the route.

Grossi said Friday that six of the agency's experts remain at the plant, and there will be a "permanent presence on site ... with two of our experts who will be continuing the work." He wasn't specific about how long exactly the two experts will stay.

"The difference between being there and not being there is like day and night," he said.

The plant has been occupied by Russian forces but run by Ukrainian engineers since the early days of the 6-month war.

Grossi said there was a "professional modus vivendi" at the site. He said it was "admirable for the Ukrainian experts to continue to work in these conditions."

"It's not an easy situation; it's a tense situation, it's not an ideal situation, it's a situation everybody is coping with," he said.

Ukraine alleges Russia is using the plant as a shield to launch attacks. On Friday, Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu rejected the Ukrainian allegations and said Russia has no heavy weapons either on the site or in nearby areas.

Shoigu said Ukrainian forces have fired 120 artillery shells and used 16 suicide drones to hit the plant, "raising a real threat of a nuclear catastrophe in Europe."

Elsewhere in Ukraine on Friday, Zelenskyy's office said four people were killed and 10 injured over the last day in the eastern Donetsk region, a key hub of the Russian invasion.

Joanna Kozłowska in London and Geir Moulson in Berlin contributed to this report.

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Prizeweek Puzzle

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Entries must be received by Noon on Wednesday. Puzzles in 2 pieces will be rejected.

ACROSS:

- When friend asks, "Don't most people naturally prefer to drink _ water?" her pal replies in the affirmative.
- Animal lover at lodge wonders why anyone would hang stuffed wildlife on a wall, especially one with such an obviously damaged _.
- On survivor reality show, narrator explains to TV viewers how contestant on uninhabited island was injured due to unseen _.
- If you're not careful, a sudden _ can result in distress.
- Recruiter informs applicant that the job can be physically arduous, and that's why lots of _ is necessary.
- Reporter intently follows testimony at committee hearing of _ recalling startling incidents involving alleged harassment by business tycoon.
- Clothing design teacher says, with climate change increasing daily temperatures, it's becoming important to sew using _ material.
- The book is filled with stories of unique individuals who choose to _ a very remote life.
- Having no way to escape.

DOWN:

- Tourist is furious her camera isn't working properly and she's missed her best opportunity to photograph _.
- Very large local crowd that turns out to political rally appreciates the great _ they have in incumbent politician.
- Older sister tells sibling, spending so much time _ her hair to be more attractive is a waste of energy.
- Uncomfortable client asks hairstylist how much longer she must sit in _ until drying time is complete.
- Children's movie character is lured by _ of sea and longs to become amphibious, so enchanted is she by water's charm.
- A foundation.
- Family doctor tells patient, "I wouldn't exactly call you _," when she was asked what shape he was in.
- Friend tells skeptical entrepreneur he'll never regret advertising his _ on the internet.
- Inexperienced gardener fears he might damage plant if he _ off delicate new shoot.
- Watching old film of hippies at outdoor concert, teen says she can't believe the _ and why hippies made them popular.
- University famous for its science and math research.

THIS LIST INCLUDES, AMONG OTHERS, THE CORRECT WORDS FOR THIS PUZZLE.

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CLEAN	LIGHT	RUSH	WASHING
CLEAR	LIKE	SEAT	WIN
FAT	LINE	SMELL	WINE
FIT	LIVE	SNAKE	WISHING
GILL	MIT	SNAPS	WIT
HATS	RASH	SNARE	WOMAN
HEAT	REST	SNIPS	WOMEN
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- When you've completed your PWP, CUT IT OUT & BRING IT OR MAIL IT TO THE ADDRESS LISTED BELOW.
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Missouri attorney general seeks journalism school records

By Margaret Stafford

Associated Press

Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt has filed an open records request seeking correspondence between two journalism professors connected to the University of Missouri and the executive director of a fact-checking group.

In a move that appears to be unprecedented in Missouri, Schmitt, a Republican running for U.S. Senate, filed a request in June asking for three years of emails sent and received by the professors while they worked at the Columbia Missourian.

Most correspondence generated at private media firms is not subject to the state's open records law, but the Missourian could be because it is attached to the University of Missouri,

which is a public entity.

The Missourian is not overseen by university officials, but most of its staff are students who are working for credits toward a journalism degree. The professional editors work as university faculty members.

David Kurpius, dean of the Missouri School of Journalism, said the school has hired outside legal counsel to determine which emails could be released to the attorney general. Some records, such as those that identify students' personal information, are protected by federal law.

Jean Maneke, an attorney with the Missouri Press Association, said the request puts the university in "unchartered territory" because most public institutions do not have journalists attached. She

was unaware of any similar requests in the past.

"There's no clear instructions for what they should do when faced with these kind of parameters," Maneke said.

The request was first reported by the Missourian, which discovered it after filing an unrelated open records request.

Schmitt's spokesman, Chris Nuelle, said in a statement that the attorney general is "simply trying to get to the bottom of the fact checking process." He declined to answer further questions.

Schmitt previously used open-records laws to seek copies of handouts, emails and other resources that address race from school districts as part of a push targeting "critical race theory." He also opened a "transparency portal" to allow parents to see his

efforts.

In the latest request, Schmitt is seeking any email correspondence starting June 15, 2018, sent to or from Mike Jenner, Tom Warhover, who previously worked with the Missourian, and Aaron Sharockman, the executive director of PolitiFact.

Warhover, an associate professor at the university, was executive editor at the Missourian for 16 years before resigning in 2017. Jenner, board member of the Missourian Publishing Association, a nonprofit that governs the Missourian, succeeded Warhover for about two years.

Warhover noted the fact-checking course involving PolitiFact hasn't been offered for about 1 1/2 years. He did not see a similar request during his years at the Missourian.

"My initial and con-

tinuing reaction is one of confusion," Warhover said. "What the attorney general would want with this is befuddling."

Sharockman told The Missourian in an email statement that Politifact doesn't use off-the-record information and publishes a list of sources with each story.

"Our methods and reporting are transparent, and we'd be happy to sit down with the attorney general at any time to discuss our work, or his ideas for continued accountability journalism," he said.

Maneke noted the attorney general's office is one of the primary entities that advises citizens and enforces the state's Sunshine Law. In this case, Schmitt appears to be using the law as a "battering ram" against the university and journalists who are housed

at the university, she said.

"It creates a real conflict in interest in what the attorney general is doing and how citizens view the office of attorney general as a Sunshine Law advocate," she said.

Kurpius said the school will comply with whatever determination its legal team makes about which records should be released. He noted that the journalism school often uses the Freedom of Information Act and strongly supports open records laws.

"We also obviously believe in the process of journalism," Kurpius said. "Fact checking, making sure we get things right is important in having the trust of the public we serve."

NOT REAL NEWS: A look at what didn't happen this week

By The Associated Press

A roundup of some of the most popular but completely untrue stories and visuals of the week. None of these are legit, even though they were shared widely on social media. The Associated Press checked them out. Here are the facts:

Posts misrepresent Biden 2020 campaign committee filing

CLAIM: President Joe Biden has officially filed for reelection with the Federal Election Commission.

THE FACTS: Biden has not formally filed for reelection, social media users are misrepresenting an updated administrative document that was recently filed with the FEC by his principal 2020 presidential campaign committee.

"BREAKING REPORT: (NOT PARODY) Joe Biden Has Officially Filed to RUN FOR RE-ELECTION in 2024," one Twitter user wrote on Tuesday. The tweet was shared over 1,900 times. "Joe Robinette Biden has just officially filed for Reelection with the Federal Election Committee today - running again with Kamala Harris as his Vice President," an Instagram user wrote, also on Tuesday.

But Biden has not officially declared his candidacy for reelection, according to FEC filings. Biden's principal campaign committee for the 2020 general election, titled Biden for President, filed a statement of organization form on Tuesday. But this form is different from a statement of candidacy form, which would indicate a candidate is officially running.

"These claims that he's declared for 2024 are flatly untrue based on these filings," said Kenneth Mayer, a professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The new filing amended the committee's statement of organization to "reflect new treasurer information," said Judith Ingram, a spokesperson for the FEC. Presidential candidates file statements of candidacy for election cycles that they are participating in, and Biden has not filed such a form for the 2024 election cycle, she said.

A Democratic National Committee official confirmed that the campaign committee's filing is "not a re-election filing."

"This is just updating

the form to change the treasurer name because the former treasurer is taking a government job," the official said in an email.

A candidate filing by the Biden campaign on the FEC website would be the "clearest indicator that Biden has 'officially' launched a reelection campaign," Barry Burden, founding director of the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Elections Research Center, wrote in an email to the AP.

But this hasn't happened yet. Candidates can also become official candidates in the eyes of the FEC if they raise or spend more than \$5,000, according to the agency. The 2020 Biden campaign committee is still active to process minor financial transactions, which is similar to what other presidential campaigns have done, according to Burden.

— *Associated Press writer Josh Keley in Phoenix contributed this report.*

UK didn't change guidance on COVID vaccines and pregnancies

CLAIM: The U.K. government recently changed its COVID-19 vaccine guidance to advise against Pfizer's shot for pregnant and breastfeeding people.

THE FACTS: The guidance has not changed.

Social media users are misrepresenting a section of a summary report about Pfizer's shot that was published by the U.K.'s medical regulatory agency in 2020. Posts circulating widely in recent days spread the false assertion that Pfizer's COVID-19 shot isn't safe for pregnancies and wrongly claimed that the U.K. government has conceded as much.

"The UK now admits it's not safe for pregnant women to get the vaccine," reads a tweet that garnered more than 1,300 likes.

But the U.K. government is in support of, not against, vaccinating pregnant people, health officials confirmed. The social media posts pointed to a screenshot of a "Toxicity conclusions" section from an online report titled, "Summary of the Public Assessment Report for COVID-19 Vaccine Pfizer/BioNTech." That report was published by the U.K.'s Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency in 2020 as part of the vaccine's initial authorization process and was last updated on Aug.

16.

The "Toxicity conclusions" section suggested that those who were pregnant or breastfeeding not be vaccinated, but also said that the recommendations "reflect the absence of data at the present time and do not reflect a specific finding of concern." However, that specific section was reflective of what was known nearly two years ago when the vaccine was first rolling out — and before additional data became available.

"The text referred to in social media posts comes from the Public Assessment Report (PAR) which reflects our assessment at the time of approval for the vaccine (2 December 2020)," the MHRA said in a statement provided to The Associated Press. "Since then new data has come to light (both non-clinical and post-authorisation 'real world' data) which supports the updated advice on vaccinating those who are pregnant and breastfeeding."

An archived version of the same page from December 2020 also confirms that the "Toxicity conclusions" section has remained the same. The MHRA specifically notes elsewhere online that the COVID-19 vaccines, including Pfizer's, are safe for those who are pregnant and breastfeeding.

Dr. Victoria Male, a lecturer in reproductive immunology at Imperial College London, told the AP that the confusion appeared to stem from the Aug. 16 update to the Pfizer documents. But that change dealt with information on booster shots, she said, as a note on a connected page indicates. Male also said that the U.K. government's advice on COVID-19 vaccines and pregnancies hasn't changed.

"Since April 2021, the UK government has offered the COVID vaccine during pregnancy," Male said in an email. "Since December 2021, pregnancy has been considered a priority condition for vaccination, because we know that COVID infection in pregnancy can cause stillbirth and preterm birth, and that vaccination protects against these and is safe in pregnancy."

An independent advisory group, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation, recommended in July that pregnant people who have been previously vaccinat-

ed be offered an autumn booster.

— *Associated Press writers Angelo Fichera in Philadelphia and Sophia Tulp in New York contributed this report.*

Video shows water tanker for bank, not Mississippi governor's mansion

CLAIM: A video shows a tanker truck outside the governor's mansion in Jackson, Mississippi, supplying the residence with water amid the city's water crisis.

THE FACTS: The tanker, which is parked across the street from the governor's mansion, is there as a standby solution for the headquarters of a bank at that location.

In the six-second video, the tanker can be seen parked on North West Street in downtown Jackson before the camera pans across the street to the governor's mansion. The widely-shared clip has sparked outrage among social media users as the city works to restore water pressure, while many residents remain reliant on water distribution centers.

"There is currently no running water in Jackson, Mississippi," one Twitter user wrote. "The heat index is over 100 degrees. Schools are closed. People can't cook, clean, drink, or bathe. But at least @tatereeves has a giant water truck providing him with clean water at the governor's mansion." The tweet garnered nearly 8,000 shares and nearly 18,000 likes.

But the water tanker is for the headquarters of Trustmark Bank, located across the street from the governor's mansion, according to Danny Shows, president and CEO of 4D Solutions, the emergency preparedness company that provided the vehicle. He told the AP that "by no means" was the tanker delivering water to the governor's mansion. Shows explained that the water tanker is a back-up solution for the building, in case Jackson's downtown area completely loses water pressure.

Melanie Morgan, director of corporate communications and marketing for Trustmark, confirmed that the bank brought in the water tanker for its building "out of abundance of caution." She told the AP that the tanker does not contain potable drinking water and is intended for building services such

as air conditioning and restroom facilities.

"We've engaged a contractor to bring in the tanker for us in order to keep our building operational," Morgan said, adding that the bank wants to be able to relieve pressure on the city's water system if necessary. She confirmed that the water tanker remains at the bank's headquarters next to the governor's mansion, but said that because the building still has "more than adequate water pressure," the tanker has not yet been used.

Shelby Wilcher, Tates' press secretary, wrote in an email to the AP that the water tanker "is not supporting the Governor's Mansion or any other state assets." She added that the residence gets its water from the Jackson water system and that many businesses have brought in their own tankers.

Jackson's water system partially failed early this week due to flooding that exacerbated long-standing problems in one of the city's two water-treatment plants, the AP reported. Reeves declared a state of emergency in Jackson on Tuesday, while President Joe Biden declared a state of emergency in Mississippi as a whole the same day.

— *Associated Press writer Melissa Goldin in New York contributed this report.*

New York law doesn't ban minors from buying whipped cream

CLAIM: A New York law that aims to crack down on nitrous oxide abuse makes it illegal for anyone under age 21 to purchase a can of whipped cream.

THE FACTS: The law doesn't apply to store-bought, disposable whipped cream cans, meaning customers of any age can still legally purchase canned whipped cream in New York stores without having to show identification.

Social media users, news outlets and operators of grocery and convenience stores have in recent days misinterpreted a year-old New York law aimed at cracking down on recreational use of the gas nitrous oxide. Commonly called laughing gas, nitrous oxide is used as a sedative in some medical situations and can also be used as a whipping agent for culinary purposes. However, the gas is also often inhaled from metal

cartridges — so-called "whippits" — to induce a euphoric effect, despite serious health risks.

The New York law, which went into effect in November, attempted to make it harder for minors to access such cartridges by prohibiting New York businesses from selling the small, gas-containing metal capsules to anyone under 21. But language in the bill describing the cartridges as "whipped cream chargers" led to widespread confusion.

"New York recently passed a state law that prohibits anyone under age 21 to purchase a can of whipped cream," wrote one popular Twitter account. The post linked to a news article making the same claim, and was shared nearly 5,000 times.

The claim was further spread through headlines and stories in dozens of news outlets as some grocery store operators recently began enforcing what they believed was language that required them to ask for identification before selling whipped cream canisters, such as Reddi-wip, to customers. However, the law doesn't apply to these types of canisters, Sen. Joseph Addabbo, the Democrat who sponsored the bill, confirmed to the AP.

"Anyone can buy, without being carded or ID'd, a can of Reddi-wip or any other canister of whipped cream," Addabbo told the AP. "What a minor can't buy is the two-inch whipped cream charger, or cartridge that is filled with nitrous oxide."

The bill amends New York general business law, and adds a new section that defines the term "whipped cream charger" as "a steel cylinder or cartridge filled with nitrous oxide, that is commonly used in a whipped cream dispenser."

Reusable whipped cream dispensers, like the ones found in restaurants or coffee shops, are powered by such metal cartridges. But those chargers are not found inside the disposable whipped cream cans that are sold in most grocery stores. Disposable whipped cream cans contain a combination of cream and nitrous oxide that's expelled under pressure through the bottle's nozzle.

— *Sophia Tulp*

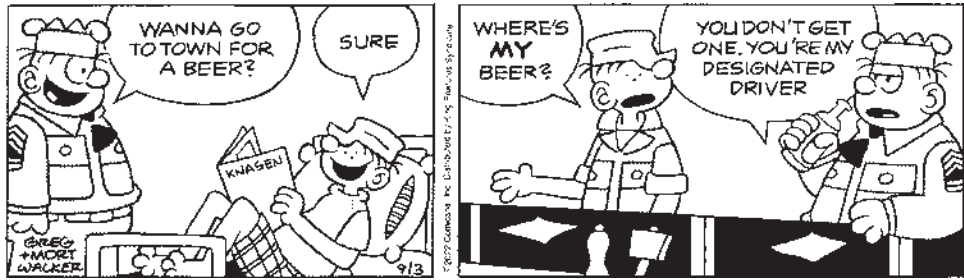
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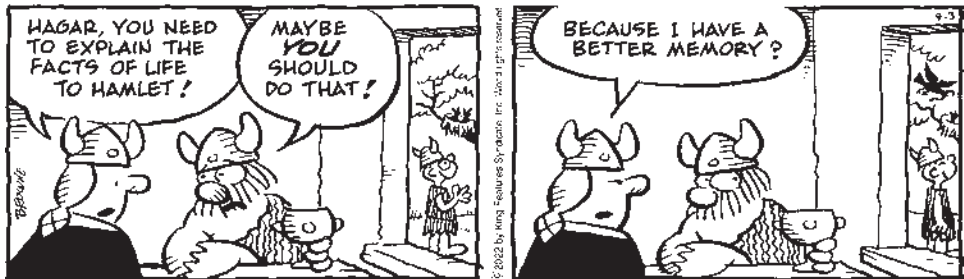
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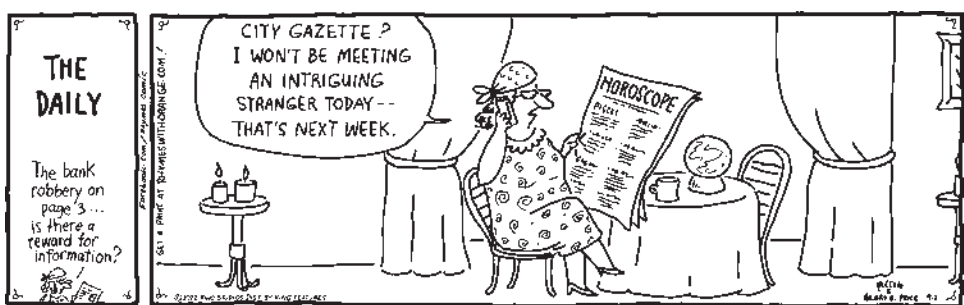
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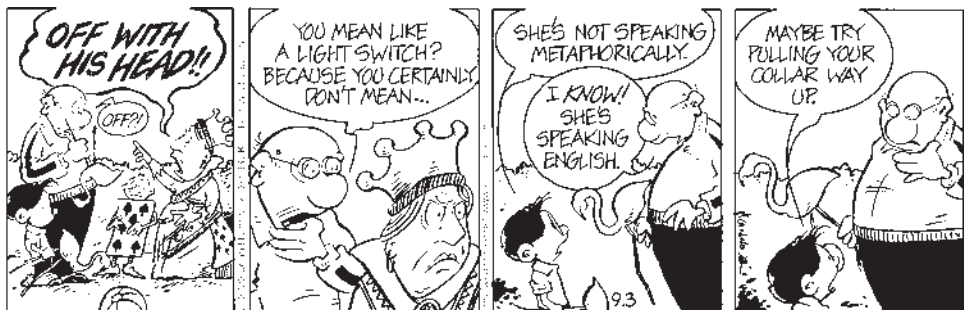
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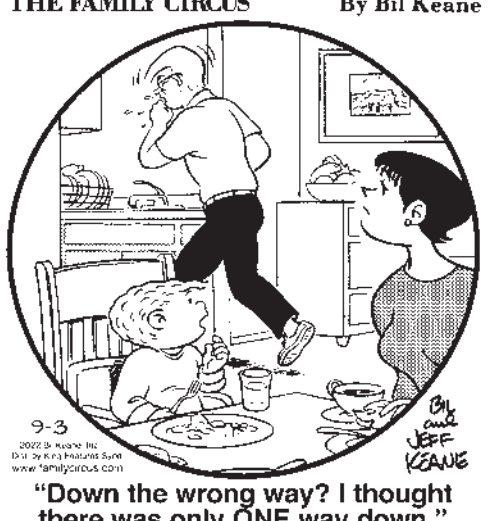
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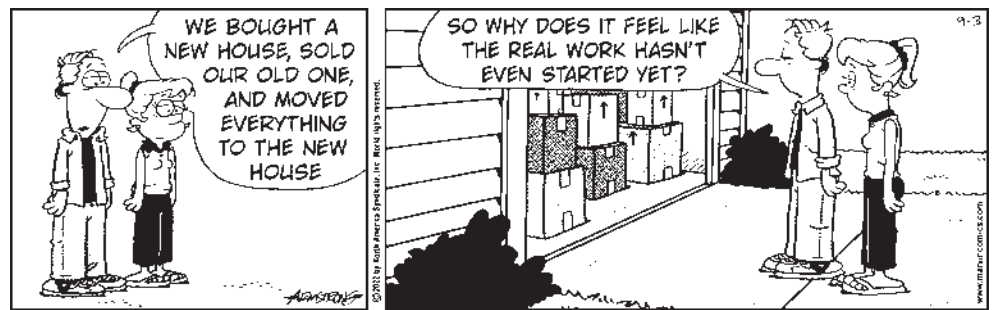
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MARVIN

BY TOM ARMSTRONG



THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST & JOHN REINER



"LEROY FLIPS HIS BAT WHEN HE DRAWS A WALK."

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concepts Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Concepts: **Sudoku**

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level: ★★ ★

9/03



Roadrunners add Lawson, new recruits

Kyle Lawson



By Bryan Everson
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State Fair Community College men's basketball has recently reloaded, complete with a new assistant coach.

Earlier this week, the Roadrunners announced the hire of Kyle Lawson, who joins head coach Matt Brown's staff as someone who brings experience from both the NCAA Division II and juco ranks.

"Coach Lawson will be a welcome addition to the Roadrunner family," Brown said. "He has had great success at the NCAA Division II, as well as the junior college level. Most importantly, he will serve as a great role model and mentor to the young men in our program."

Lawson, 27, comes from Tustin, Calif., as a graduate of Foothill High School. As a 6-foot-2 guard, he averaged 9.1 points, 2.6 rebounds and 1.9 assists at Orange Coast College before transferring to MSU-Denver. After appearing in 16 games his first sea-

son there, he played 25 games in 2017-18.

Afterward, Lawson began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Black Hills State University, spending two seasons there. He served in his first post as an assistant coach in 2020-21 at Dawson Community College, when the Buccaneers finished 23-3 and made their way to the NJCAA Division 1 National Tournament for the first time in the program's history.

Returning to South Dakota now as an assistant, Lawson also helped BHSU to its first appearance in the NCAA Division 2 National Tournament, where the team reached the Final Four. He also assisted in helping win a pair of RMAC Conference Championships and an RMAC Tournament title. There, Lawson developed scouting reports, served as recruiting coordinator, and additionally coordinated travel and served as camp coordinator.

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cess at the NCAA Division II, as well as the junior college level. Most importantly, he will serve as a great role model and mentor to the young men in our program."

Lawson earned his associate degree from Orange Coast College, holds a bachelor's degree in History from MSU-Denver, and received his master's degree from Black Hills State University in Strategic Leadership. **SFCC adds handful of players**

The Roadrunners also announced the addition of five new players to the team for the upcoming season on Thursday, including former Smith-Cotton standout Christian Finley, who red-shirted in 2021-22.

"Christian will bring quickness, athleticism and toughness to our program," said Brown.

Another point guard, the 6-foot Elijah Berstein, hails from Missouri City, Texas, and attended SEMO Prep. He played high school basketball at Houston Christian.

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College Football Playoff to expand to 12 teams by '26 season

By Ralph D. Russo
AP College Football Writer

The university presidents who oversee the College Football Playoff voted Friday to expand the postseason model for determining a national champion from four to 12 teams no later than the 2026 season.

The university leaders who make up the CFP's Board of Managers would like to have the new format in place as soon as the 2024 season, if possible.

"This is an historic and exciting day for college football," said Mississippi State President Mark Keenum, the chairman of the board. "More teams, more participation and more excitement are good for our fans, alumni, and student-athletes."

A process that started 14 1/2 months ago with an optimistic rollout of an ambitious plan, and then was derailed as conference leaders haggled over details and questioned each other's motivations, is now finally moving forward.

In a unanimous vote, the presidents approved the original 12-team propos-



Alabama quarterback Bryce Young (9) throws a pass against Cincinnati during the first half of the Cotton Bowl NCAA College Football Playoff semifinal game, Friday, Dec. 31, 2021, in Arlington, Texas. Young was named to The Associated Press preseason All-America team, Monday, Aug. 22, 2022.

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al that called for the six highest-ranked conference champions and six at-large picks, as determined by a selection committee, to make the playoff.

The top four seeds would

be conference champions and receive byes into the second round. First-round games would be played on campus and the rest at bowl sites.

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Denver Broncos linebacker Kana'i Mauga tackles Minnesota Vikings tight end Zach Davidson (40) during the first half of an NFL preseason football game, Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022, in Denver.

PHOTO BY JACK DEMPSEY | AP PHOTO

Davidson waived by Vikings, signed by Bills

By Joe Andrews

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Zach Davidson has found his next NFL organization.

The former Mules football tight end signed with the Buffalo Bills practice squad Thursday, Sept. 1, two days after he was waived by the Minnesota Vikings.

Davidson missed the Vikings' 53-man roster alongside fellow tight end Nick Muse. The Vikings opted to keep Muse within the organization on the practice squad, which can employ up to

16 different players.

Davidson spent almost the entirety of last season on the Vikings squad, with the 2021 fifth round pick being promoted to the active squad ahead of week 17. He was not active on game day.

He competed for the chance to earn his spot through the entirety of the 2022 preseason, taking advantage of the absence of injured starter Irv Smith Jr.

Davidson took active first team snaps alongside Johnny Mundt and Ben Ellefson in training camp practice sessions.

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Burden shines as Mizzou rolls past Louisiana Tech, 52-24

By Dave Skretta
AP Sports Writer

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — When things went awry for Missouri last year, the defense was usually the culprit.

It was that side of the ball that gave the Tigers a lift in their opener against Louisiana Tech on Thursday night.

With their offense off to a slow start, the new-look bunch of coordinator Blake Baker came up with a trio of first-half interceptions, including one that Joseph Charleston returned for a score. And that was all the spark needed for the Missouri offense, who got on a

roll behind heralded recruit Luther Burden III in a 52-24 victory over the Bulldogs.

"We struggled early to find a rhythm. We were not in sync," Tigers coach Eli Drinkwitz acknowledged, "but we were able to capitalize on the momentum the defense created."

Brady Cook, who won the starting job in fall camp, threw for 196 yards with an interception and a touchdown run. And the trio of Cody Schrader, Nathaniel Peat and BJ Harris in the backfield each reached the end zone.

Yet it was Burden, the five-star prospect from St. Louis, who delivered on the hype. He caught a swing

pass from Cook before making one defender miss and splitting two more for his first score, then he took a direct snap and ran for another.

Burden's only real gaffe came on a sharp throw that bounced off his hands for an interception.

"I see it every day, to be honest with you," Drinkwitz said of his freshman star. "I just didn't want to build it up too much."

Louisiana Tech's Matthew Downing threw for 184 yards with a touchdown and three interceptions in new coach Sonny Cumbie's version of the Air Raid offense.

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Missouri running back Nathaniel Peat, center, runs with the ball as Louisiana Tech defensive back Eric Randall (1) and Hugh Davis (9) defend during the first half of an NCAA college football game Thursday, Sept. 1, in Columbia, Mo.

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HOROSCOPES

By Georgia Nicols

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Sagittarius.

Happy Birthday for Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022:

People see you as confident, enthusiastic and a natural candidate for success. You are practical, inquisitive and organized. You know what's going on. This year is the time to take stock and give yourself a report card. Let go of what is no longer working in your life or benefiting you. Time to move on!

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Don't get your belly in a rash with others today, especially about politics, religion or racial issues, because it will be easy to do this! (You feel feisty and quickly irritable with others.) Actually, many people feel this way today. Stay chill. Tonight: Be gentle.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Make an effort to be understanding of others today, because this is the kind of day when people are short-tempered. In fact, you might encounter this when dealing with financial matters or discussing inheritances, taxes, debt or anything that you own jointly with someone else. This might include shared responsibilities. Tonight: Be understanding.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ Today the Moon is opposite Mars in your sign, which is an explosive energy. This is why a pleasant conversation might suddenly blow up in your face. This will affect family conversations, especially with a parent or an older family member. Stay mellow. Tonight: Study and learn.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Be patient with co-workers today or people you encounter through your work. Likewise, be patient with medical issues or anything to do with your pet or how people react to your pet. This is because today is the kind of day when arguments will easily break out. Tonight: Save money.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Parents should be extra vigilant today, because this could be an accident-prone day for their kids. However, it's also easy to be irritated with your kids today because, in general, people are impatient! Let's face it, you have to be patient around kids -- it goes with the territory. Avoid lovers' quarrels. Tonight: Stay positive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ Tread carefully today. Even though the Sun is in your sign, which gives you charisma, power and confidence, your dealings with parents, bosses and authority figures (including the police) could be challenging. Suddenly, everyone is at odds! Tonight: Easy does it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Something going on behind the scenes might rankle you today. You might feel irritated with someone but yet, somehow, you can't speak up. By nature, you are a people pleaser, and you don't like to rock the boat. Tomorrow is a better day. Tonight: No judgment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★ Quarrels about money, possessions or who owns what might erupt today. This could put you at odds with a friend or a member of a group. Whatever the case, people aren't going to back down today. You probably feel the same way. Discuss these difficulties tomorrow. Tonight: Obey authority.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★ Today the Moon is in your sign, which will make you a bit more emotional than usual. (This happens for two and a half days every month.) Keep this in mind if you are annoyed with partners, close friends, parents or bosses. Put a lid on it. Wait until tomorrow. Tonight: Stay focused.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★ Avoid controversial arguments today, because they will turn nasty very quickly simply because people are irritable and impatient. You also might encounter this with co-workers. The smart thing is to sidestep these issues. Give tough situations a wide berth. Tomorrow is a better day. Tonight: Check your finances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Don't get caught up in arguments about shared property or shared expenses with friends, your kids or a romantic partner. It's not worth it. Consider today a temporary dark cloud on your horizon. Tomorrow these problems will be solved. (Timing is everything.) Tonight: Listen.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★ You are high-viz today, which means people notice you more than usual. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, people are easily irritated today, which is why you might suddenly be at each other's throats. Don't get caught up in this. Maintain your cool. Tonight: Cooperate.

BORN TODAY

Actress, singer, socialite Kitty Carlisle (1910), author Malcolm Gladwell (1963), actor Charlie Sheen (1965)



Las Vegas Aces forward A'ja Wilson (22) shoots over Seattle Storm forward Breanna Stewart (30) during the first half in Game 2 of a WNBA basketball semifinal playoff series Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022, in Las Vegas.

PHOTO BY JOHN LOCHER | AP PHOTO

Aces, Storm relying on defense in semifinal series

By Tim Booth

AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — A series featuring some of the best offensive stars in the WNBA has so far been defined by ... defense?

Breanna Stewart and A'ja Wilson have played like the two best players in the league as Seattle and Las Vegas split the first two games of their best-of-five semifinal series. But the games have come down to which team had the better defensive effort.

The Storm were better in their 76-73 win in Game 1 by figuring out a way to keep Wilson from dominating. The Aces were better in Game 2, pulling out a 78-73 victory using a smaller lineup and limiting Stewart's supporting cast.

All of which has laid the groundwork for Sunday's pivotal Game 3 with the series shifting back to Seattle.

"We're going to continue to do whatever we need to do schematical-

ly to limit their potent offense," Seattle coach Noelle Quinn said. "But to hold this team under 80, I don't know if that's been done twice in a row this year. We will take that and continue to build on that."

To answer Quinn's question: only once in the regular season were the Aces held under 80 points in consecutive games. Las Vegas scored 79 in a win over Los Angeles and followed up a few days later by scoring 78 in a loss to Seattle.

Even with that one game where Seattle kept Las Vegas in check, defense was not expected to define the series. Las Vegas won three of the four matchups in the regular season, and in every game the winning team scored at least 85 points. That included the regular season finale, a 109-100 Aces victory.

It's usually the case that defense intensifies in the playoffs, but it's notable that neither of the two teams has topped 80 points

through the first two games.

"It's about each possession what is your smartest move, what is going to put you in the best position defensively," Aces guard Chelsea Gray said.

The Aces averaged 90.4 points during the regular season and 98 points in a first-round win over Phoenix. Seattle shot 44% from the field as a team in the regular season, but shot 41.3% in Game 1 and 40.6% in Game 2.

One of the keys for Las Vegas was the defensive effort by Gray in Game 2, when she was asked to play against post players defensively as the Aces went with a smaller lineup.

"That stretch that we went small, put Chelsea Gray on the post, her activity really changed the momentum of the game," Aces coach Becky Hammon said. "That's one of the things we want to be defensively is active and disruptive. Physical. Aggressive. I

thought she really set the tone for us."

Wilson and Stewart have in some ways offset each other. Stewart had 24 points in Game 1 and 32 points in Game 2. Wilson was limited to just eight points and 12 rebounds in Game 1, but responded with 33 points and 13 rebounds in the next game.

Part of the reason Wilson's efforts in Game 2 resulted in a win was the Aces' ability to keep Jewell Loyd from being a factor on offense. Loyd had 26 in Game 1; she had eight in Game 2.

Seattle is hoping to get a boost ahead of Game 3 with the possibility that Gabby Williams will be able to return after sitting out the first two games because of a concussion. Williams was a second-team All-WNBA defensive team selection this season.

"We did that without Gabby, and that's what I'm most impressed with ... so we're encouraged," Quinn said.

Boston Celtics say F Gallinari has torn knee ligament

By Kyle Hightower

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Celtics said Friday that Danilo Gallinari tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee while playing for Italy during a FIBA World Cup qualifier against Georgia last month.

Gallinari tore the same ligament in 2013. The Celtics didn't provide a timeline for the forward's return. But such injuries typically involve a recovery process of up to a year, meaning it would be unlikely for the veteran to play this season.

The Celtics signed Gallinari to a two-year,

\$13 million contract in July. He averaged 11.7 points for Atlanta last season.

The 34-year-old Gallinari is averaging 15.6 points over 13 NBA seasons with the Hawks, New York, Denver, the Los Angeles Clippers and Oklahoma City.

Video of the injury shows Gallinari receiving a pass on a fast break and taking a step before he starts to hobble. In the days afterward Gallinari initially expressed he was diagnosed with a meniscus injury.

In an Instagram post shortly after the team announced his new diagnosis, Gallinari said he

would work to return to action as soon as possible.

"This has been a tough week for me as I have learned the extent of my injury," the post read. "This game means everything to me and not being able to be on the court with my Celtics teammates hurts. I plan to give everything I can to the Celtics organization and my teammates as we hunt for a title."

Since being drafted in the first round by the Knicks in 2008, Gallinari bounced around before helping Atlanta make a surprise Eastern Conference finals run in 2021.

The Celtics were

hoping Gallinari and Malcolm Brogdon, another free agency pickup, could bolster their rotation after falling to the Golden State Warriors in the NBA Finals.

Gallinari said in July that assuming a reserve role the past two seasons in Atlanta has helped him enter a phase in his career in which he isn't the centerpiece of an offense.

"At that point in my career it was a move I decided to accept," Gallinari said. "It's something that you've got to adjust and you've got to be a pro. And whatever's got to be done, you've got to do it."

Analysis: Aaron Donald wasn't prepared for media tour

By Rob Maaddi
AP Pro Football Writer

Aaron Donald was scheduled for a media blitz to promote a product before he swung a helmet at opposing players during a joint practice last week.

The tour went on Wednesday, as planned. Donald wasn't prepared for it.

Given an opportunity by The Associated Press to address the incident, which occurred during a practice between his Los Angeles Rams and the Cincinnati Bengals, Donald said: "It was just a practice. It was football. I don't really wanna go back to nothing negative that happened and talk about something that happened in a practice. My main focus is Buffalo."

Naturally, the seven-time All-Pro defensive tackle and three-time AP NFL Defensive Player of the Year received more criticism for his response.

The 31-year-old Donald is already one of the NFL's all-time greatest players. He'll be a first-ballot Hall of Famer when his career is over. One out-of-control moment during a wild brawl that involved several players isn't going to tarnish Donald's legacy.

But he should've handled the aftermath more professionally.



Los Angeles Rams defensive tackle Jonah Williams (92) attempts to hold back Rams defensive tackle Aaron Donald (99) as a third scuffle escalates into a brawl during a joint preseason NFL football camp practice between the Cincinnati Bengals and the Rams in Cincinnati, Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022. Practice ended early after the third scuffle turned into a broader fight between players on both teams.

PHOTO BY SAM GREENE | THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER VIA AP

All Donald had to say to defuse critics was something like: "I regret what happened in the heat of the moment. I'm sorry."

That's all it takes. Everyone would've moved on.

Instead, he downplayed it, fueling the angry observers who want to see him suspended and fined heavily for a dangerous act. Hitting someone with a helmet

could do serious damage, especially when the force is coming from a 6-foot-1, 284-pound man with the strength to dominate even bigger offensive linemen on his way to sack quarterbacks.

Donald isn't subject to punishment from the NFL because the incident occurred during practice and teams are responsible for disciplining their players in

those settings.

Cleveland's Myles Garrett was suspended six games in 2019 for using his helmet to hit Steelers quarterback Mason Rudolph over the head, but that occurred during a regular-season game on prime-time television.

Donald told the AP he talked to his teammates and coach Sean McVay about his role in the fight and every-

thing is OK.

Surely, the defending Super Bowl champion Rams won't suspend their best player for the NFL season opener against the Bills on Thursday night. But Donald's lack of contrition won't stop people from calling for punishment.

Donald doesn't have a history of violent behavior. He's likable, pleasant and

approachable, which isn't always the case with superstars. Reporters who cover the Rams closely say Donald is a down-to-earth athlete who is always friendly and polite. He's a normal guy away from football and hasn't allowed his accomplishments and remarkable success to change his personality.

Certainly, Donald has plenty of pride. Perhaps that explains his attempt to justify his helmet swing by dismissing it as just a practice.

Someone needed to tell him ahead of an hour's worth of interviews that specific questions about the incident were coming — despite attempts by publicists to avoid the topic — and to be ready with some semblance of an apology.

Donald repeated a similar answer when asked about the brawl by CBS Sports Radio.

"It was just a practice," he said. "Obviously, people get phones out and things like that. But I'm not gonna sit and talk about negative stuff that happened at a practice. My main focus is Buffalo."

Saying people have phones suggests Donald is sorry the incident was caught on video.

That response, six days later, may be more inexcusable than the act itself.

Signed

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Of the group, Davidson proved to be a solid blocker using his 6-foot-7 height.

He also caught six passes on 11 targets for 65 yards in Minnesota's three preseason games.

He was waived by the Vikings Tuesday, Aug. 30, ahead of the NFL's deadline for teams to cut their active roster to 53.

Davidson joins a Bills tight end room that features Dawson Knox, Tommy Sweeney and Quintin Morris.

Knox is the starter and finished the 2021 season with 587 yards and nine touchdowns on 49 receptions. Sweeney is heading into this third season with the Bills, while Morris was a member of the Bills' practice squad last year.

The Bills opted to put Morris on the active roster and waived veteran tight end OJ Howard at the deadline. Howard since signed a contract with the Houston Texans.

As a player with under two seasons accrued, Davidson will make at least the NFL's minimum for practice squad members in \$11,500

per week, combining to be \$207,000 for 18 weeks.

If he were promoted to the active squad, he'd make at least the NFL minimum for a second-year player.

Two practice squad members can be promoted to fill a 54th and 55th spot on an NFL roster each week. Players can only be promoted under this mechanism twice in a season.

Under NFL policy, practice squad players can be elevated three times in the regular season before signing them to the 53-man roster.

Buffalo comes with a new environment for Davidson, who joins the practice squad of a team that's appeared in the playoffs in four out of the last five seasons, all under head coach Sean McDermott.

The stint includes three straight with an offense led by quarterback Josh Allen.

In Minnesota, Davidson's first season was played with a coaching staff and general manager that were fired at the end of the year.

Head coach Kevin O'Connell took over for Mike Zimmer in February, while Kwesi Adofo-Mehsah took over for Rick Spielman in late January.

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College

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A 12-team, 11-game postseason system to crown a champion could be worth as much as \$2 billion in media rights to the conferences that play major college football, starting in 2026.

If the new format can be implemented before the current 12-year contract with ESPN expires after the 2025 season, the conferences could make an additional \$450 million over the final two years. The current deal pays about \$470 million per year.

Beyond 2025, there is no TV contract for a playoff. The plan is to take the new format to the open market and involve multiple TV partners instead of just ESPN.

There are still issues to be hammered out by

the conference commissioners who comprise the CFP management committee, which is scheduled to meet next week.

The biggest question is whether the logistical hurdles such as dates of games, host sites, available television windows and impact on the regular-season schedule can be sorted through quickly enough for a new playoff to be up and running by 2024.

The committee also needs to determine how all that new revenue will be shared.

CFP Executive Director Bill Hancock announced in February that expanding for the 2024 and '25 seasons was off the table and attention would be turned to what the playoff would look like for 2026 and beyond. Last month, the CFP locked in sites for the championship games to be played after the 2024 and 2025 seasons.

But the presidents ultimately decide what happens with the playoff, and they took matters into their own hands to push expansion forward.

Keenum said earlier this year the presidents planned to get more involved after the commissioners had given up on trying to expand before the end of the CFP's current contract with ESPN.

Even after the February announcement, there were signs early expansion was not dead.

"It actually wouldn't surprise me once we agree on the format, if it happens before the end of the current term," Pac-12 Commissioner George Kliavkoff said at the conference's football media days in July. "Once you agree to the format, why wouldn't you?"

Kliavkoff was one of three relatively new Power Five commissioners, along with

the Big Ten's Kevin Warren and Atlantic Coast Conference's Jim Phillips, whose various objections to the 12-team proposal last year stalled the process.

That 12-team plan had been worked on for more than two years by a subgroup of the management committee that included Greg Sankey of the Southeastern Conference. Mistrust rose between the new commissioners, who had not been part of the process the previous two years, and the rest after it was revealed that the SEC could be adding Texas and Oklahoma to the powerhouse conference by 2024.

Now that the presidents have spoken and locked in a number, the assignment goes back to the commissioners. They meet again Thursday in Dallas to begin tackling those other details.

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Florida QB Richardson ready for better health, more heroics

By Mark Long
AP Sports Writer

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — No more pregame backflips. No more hotel dances. No more unnecessary hits.

Anthony Richardson is now Florida's unchallenged — and still unproven — starting quarterback, a budding star who's already become a popular name found near the top of several 2023 NFL mock drafts.

He's big. He's fast. He's got arm talent. He's smart. He's polished. He's a hometown hero who grew up in Gainesville and is eager to take over a coveted job in front of longtime friends and beloved family members.

He's everything the rebuilding Gators need and everything opposing defenses fear. He just needs to stay healthy, something he failed to do as a backup last season.

"It's always been a worry of mine," Richardson said a few days before Florida opens the season against No. 7 Utah. "It's not a good feeling when you can't contribute to the team, not being healthy, because I hate being hurt, everybody does."

The 6-foot-4, 232-pound Richardson flashed in a backup role behind Emory Jones last season, running wild against Florida Atlantic and South Florida before a hamstring injury sidelined



Florida quarterback Anthony Richardson (15) throws a pass while under pressure from Georgia defensive lineman Travon Walker during the first half of an NCAA college football game Oct. 30, 2021, in Jacksonville, Fla. Richardson is now Florida's unchallenged — and still unproven — starting quarterback, a budding star who's already become a popular name found near the top of several 2023 NFL mock drafts. But he needs to stay healthy, something he failed to do as a backup last season.

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him two games.

He got his lone start in late October against Georgia's generational defense. But he turned the ball over three times in a two-minute span late in the second quarter and then sustained a concussion after half-time.

He was scheduled to return the following week at South Carolina but tweaked his right knee dancing in the team hotel the night before the game and was scratched. He was

back in action three weeks later against Florida State and rallied the Gators to a victory. But he was done for the season following arthroscopic knee surgery two weeks later.

His season can best be described as a promising career start that never really found a rhythm because of repeated setbacks.

Nonetheless, Richardson has drawn comparisons to 2010 Heisman Trophy winner Cam Newton. Richardson welcomes the

flattery because Newton was his idol growing up.

"Honestly, it feels great," Richardson said. "He's been my favorite since like fifth, sixth grade. Just to be compared to him, it makes me feel good. It makes me feel like I'm doing something right. ... They think I'm going to be just as good as him, so hopefully I can do that and show people what I can do."

Richardson finished with just six touchdown passes and five intercep-

tions last season. He also ran for three scores.

First-year Florida coach Billy Napier has been quick to temper growing expectations surrounding the centerpiece of his offense.

"I know we all want to put a crown on his head," Napier said. "The guy has completed 33 passes in his career. The great quarterbacks at the University of Florida, they compete 33 in one game, so I think

we've got work to do there."

It starts with keeping Richardson healthy. He promised to give up pregame backflips that wowed fans and teammates. He insisted he won't be dancing "like that" during the season. And he even learned how to slide, something he rarely did in 2021.

The Gators need him to be smart and avoid taking shots in the open field. After all, backup quarterback and Ohio State transfer Jack Miller is sidelined at least the first two games of the season following thumb surgery.

Jones transferred to Arizona State in the spring, clearing the way for Richardson to take over after a year in which Florida fans clamored for him weekly. It's Richardson's show now — he had to beg teammates to get enough tickets for his friends and family to witness his first start in the Swamp — and it begins on a huge stage against the defending Pac-12 champions.

"Expecting to see great things," tight end Dante Zanders said, comparing Richardson to New York Giants dynamic receiver and 2021 first-round pick Kadarius Toney. "He's Kadarius Toney at the quarterback position. He's got an arm on him. He can do incredible throws off his back leg, run, everything."

Mizzou

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Downing didn't get much help from the Bulldogs' ground game, though, which ran 22 times for 11 yards against what was one of the worst rush defenses in the Football Bowl Subdivision last season.

"That's got to be better," Cumbie acknowledged. "I have to be more patient with the run."

Indeed, most of the focus around Missouri has been on the defense, which was rebuilt for new coordinator Baker around a slew of Division I transfers. And they got into the act right away: Florida arrival Ty'Ron Hopper and Charleston, a newcomer from Clemson, had two of the Tigers' three first-half interceptions.

It was the first time Missouri picked three passes in a first half since Sept. 4, 1982, against Colorado State.

"When you turn the football over three times on the road against a good team," Cumbie said, "and your margin for error is very

small, and you give them seven points, the momentum builds against you."

Charleston's pick-six early in the second quarter came two plays after Schrader, who transferred in after leading Division II in rushing last season for Truman State, had catapulted into the end zone to give Missouri an early 7-3 lead.

It wasn't a perfect performance by any means for the Tigers, who nonetheless led 24-10 at the break.

They were on the move after Charleston's score when tight end Tyler Stephens fumbled the ball away inside the Louisiana Tech 10. The Tigers also blew coverage on a simple slant that Griffin Herbert turned into a 75-yard TD reception, and twice spanning halftime the Tigers were stuffed on fourth-and-short conversions.

Burden's short TD run and Cook's 20-yard scoring scamper late in the third quarter put the game away.

"The thing that is kind of good for me, the mistakes are all correctable, all really correctable — lack of execution, turnovers, the penalties," Drinkwitz said. "There's

a bright future ahead of us but we have to get out of our own way."

WIN IT FOR LUPER

WR Chance Luper, who was expected to start for Missouri, went to the hospital Thursday with what Drinkwitz called "an illness" that is expected to keep him out at least six weeks. Luper is the son of Tigers running backs coach Curtis Luper.

THE TAKEAWAY

Louisiana Tech kept slinging the ball, even when the game was out of reach, and backup QB Parker McNeil was rewarded with a pair of late touchdown passes. It was a positive sign for the future of an offense designed around the pass.

Missouri will need much better offensive line play beginning with next week's trip to Kansas State. Along with failing to push the pile on fourth-and-short, the Tigers' front struggled to protect Cook and committed far too many penalties.

UP NEXT

Louisiana Tech plays its home opener against Stephen F. Austin on Sept. 10.

Missouri visits the former Big 12-rival Wildcats the same day.

Recruits

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"Elijah is a good leader at the point guard position," said Brown. "He is vocal on the floor, and I think he'll be a good floor general for us."

A combo guard, Trey Jones is 6-foot-3 from Little Rock, Arkansas. Jones played high school

basketball at Little Rock Christian.

"Trey is a super athletic and tough player," said Brown. "He will be as athletic as any combo guard in Region 16."

Six-foot-seven swingman Devon Ellis is out of Chicago, Illinois, and played for Link Year Prep.

"Devon can play the guard and forward positions," said Brown. "He played in a good program at Link Year Prep.

He has played against a lot of high-level players.

He is very athletic and can score and will be a high-level player."

A redshirt last season, Dalton Gayman stands 6-foot-7, a swingman from Nevada, Missouri.

"Dalton is a strong rebounder," said Brown. "He is a physical player, and his maturity will add leadership to our team as well."

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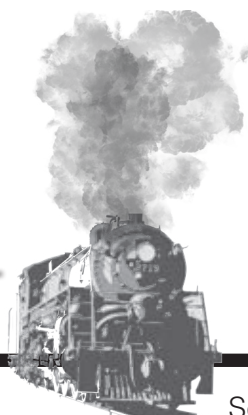


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Shopping local at the farmers' market

Shopping local is something many of us strive to do, which can sometimes be difficult in the digital age of online shopping. If you're looking for a way to support the local economy, may I suggest visiting an area farmers' market?



Nicole Cooke
Democrat Editor

I'll be honest, I don't always get out to the Sedalia Area Farmers' Market as much as I would like, but in the last few weeks, I've made my way to the Nucor Pavilion a couple of times to buy some fresh produce and baked goods.

Let me tell you, if you aren't stopping by the farmers' market, you're missing out.

We're so fortunate to have farmers' markets in Sedalia and Warrensburg that are so large. Many of the smaller neighboring communities also have farmers' markets that offer quality products, but Sedalia and Warrensburg are some of the best around. Sure, nothing compares to the huge markets in the Kansas City area, but unless you've got time for a road trip for groceries every week, Sedalia and Warrensburg's markets are your best bet.

Just this week, I was able to buy cherry and heirloom tomatoes from Triple H Family Farm, Italian and breakfast sausage from Back Yonder Farms, ground beef from Augur Livestock, cheddar jalapeno sourdough bread from Green Truck Bakery, cinnamon rolls from Mary's Kitchen, and macarons from Dolci di Marchi. I even picked up a peach pie from Vickie's Pies that will be used as a birthday dessert this weekend when my boyfriend and I visit a friend over the long weekend (his favorite dessert is peach pie, which can be hard to find, so I couldn't pass up the perfect timing).

I don't normally buy that much during a weekly farmers' market trip, but it was ahead of the long holiday weekend and I was hungry. We all know what happens when you grocery shop while hungry.

In previous weeks, I grabbed a mini caramel apple pie from Vickie for just my boyfriend and me, plus some produce from several vendors, including onions and peppers. One of these days, I'll pick up some fresh herbs because the smell alone is enticing.

Not in the market for produce, meat or baked goods? How about some kettle corn, a drink from Ozark Coffee, Mexican street corn, street tacos, pupusas, jams and jellies? You could also find handmade dolls, jewelry, beautiful wood cutting boards, and items such as candles, salves or soaps. On some market days, you can even pick up some gorgeous flower bouquets or some flowers for planting earlier in the season.

The trick is to visit early and often. The Sedalia market is open from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays from May to October at the Nucor Pavilion on the Missouri State Fairgrounds and the Warrensburg market is open from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays from May to September around the courthouse square in downtown Warrensburg. The best variety is always available closer to opening, but don't be afraid to stop by toward the end either (I did that last week and grabbed a couple of items with just a few minutes to spare). Each week you might find something new, depending on what the vendors have in stock or what produce is in season.

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All of the living women senators who have served in the Missouri Senate stand together for a group photo that was printed in "You Can, Too!" The current senators are standing in the front while the past senators stand in the back. PHOTO COURTESY OF SEN. JEANIE RIDDLE'S OFFICE

Women senators tell their story

Missouri's 36 female senators featured in children's book

By Skye Melcher
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Women of the Missouri Senate came together in 2021 to write a children's book that takes readers on a journey to how all of Missouri's 36 female senators got to the chamber floor.

"You can, Too!" tells the story of each female senator who has served in the state senate in the past 200 years. While 1,118 men have served as Missouri Senators, only 36 women have served in that time.

The book is the product of a bipartisan effort to help improve literacy in the state of Missouri.

According to state Sen. Sandy Crawford, R-Buffalo, more women senators were serving during the last legislative session than ever before in Missouri Senate history. Eleven out of the 34 senators were women.

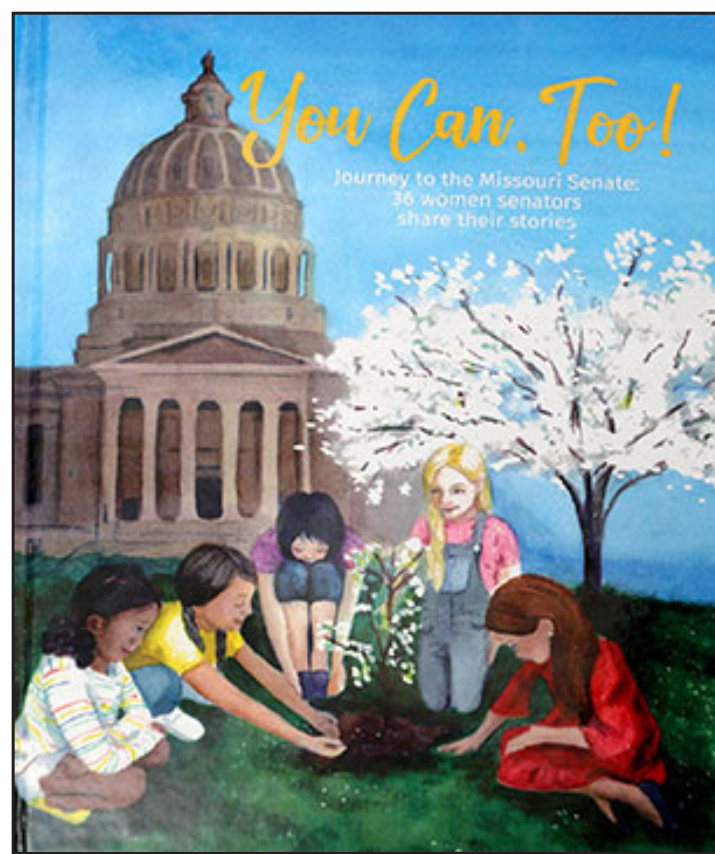
The idea for the book started during a dinner discussion that was originally focused on how the current female senators could work together to improve literacy in Missouri.

"One night, a group of them (women senators) was at dinner and they talked about writing our story and I think they talked about what path led them to Senate and their backgrounds and someone said we should write a book," Crawford said.

The dinner took place after the women had worked together to break a filibuster during the special session for the Federal Reimbursement Allowance (FRA). The senate was deadlocked over a fight with the Republicans who wanted to include a ban on state funding for Planned Parenthood and certain contraceptives in the FRA, while others wanted it passed without those provisions.

Coming from their win, the women of Missouri's Senate wanted to work together again on something important.

"(The book) is written on a fourth-grade level to encourage young ladies that it really doesn't matter what your background is, whether you're from a small town or a big city or whatever your background is, that you can make a difference, that you can do things that maybe you don't think you can," Crawford said.



A new book produced by female members of the Missouri Senate encourages childhood literacy and inspires young readers. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MISSOURI SENATE

Each past and present woman senator was given a page to write about their journey to the Missouri Senate. On that page, it shows where each senator came from and the population rate of their hometown.

Crawford said being a part of the project was interesting and that she has never done anything like this before.

Two Missouri senators helped spearhead the entire project. Sen. Jeanie Riddle, R-Calloway County, is the one who suggested that the senators should write a book together, while Sen. Jill Schupp, D-Crepe Coeur, helped remind everyone of the deadlines and other aspects of the book. Riddle and Schupp are the longest-serving female senators in Missouri Senate.

"Mary Cottom, who works in my office, is wonderful and she knows everybody in state government," Riddle said. "Her and I were talking and she contacted the Humanities Council."

The Humanities Council thought the book was a great idea and decided to fund the printing of 10,000 books. Cottom also spoke with Missouri Life magazine, which decided to print the book.

"We had it funded and

somebody to edit and publish it, so then we got into the process of writing," Riddle said.

Cottom was in charge of contacting the past female senators. Some of them have died, so family members or friends wrote their section.

"There was some things added, I think Elaine Gannon (R-DeSoto) said let's include the first lady," Riddle said.

First Lady Teresa Parson and Second Lady Claudia Kehoe wrote a foreword for the book. There is also a page about the history of women's suffrage.

"It was very much a collaborative effort," Riddle said, noting the senators bounced ideas off of each other and had fun writing the book together.

Riddle added that she hopes young girls who read the book learn they can dream big and do anything they want to do with some hard work.

Schupp said it took a lot of effort and coordination to ensure the women were updated on the project and that deadlines were met.

Schupp noted creating the book was part of the women senators wanting to leave the state in a better place than what it in before.

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The first woman to serve in the Missouri Senate, Mary Gant Newquist, signs a copy of "You Can, Too!" during a reception at the State Capitol. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MISSOURI SENATE

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Pettis County Recorder of Deeds Barbara Clevenger recently issued marriage licenses to:

Maxim Kot, 20, and Galina Sagan, 24, both of Sedalia;

Kyle Alan Meek, 28, and Sarah Kay Arnett, 24, both of Sedalia;

Johnny D. Villanueva, 66, and Aquilina M. Alegarbes, 68, both of Sedalia;

Antonio Bladimir Olivos, 24, and Alexa Marie Kettle, 22, both of Sedalia;

Ace Allen Petty, 26, and Julia Elizabeth Parker, 27, both of Sedalia;

Malakai Cody Partridge, 26, and Natasha Natalya Maksimov, 24, both of Sedalia;

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Kimberly Kay Romans, 61, and Danny Lee Staples, 50, both of Sedalia.

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Holly Curd and Phillip Curd.

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City Park.

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9 a.m.: St. Joseph Catholic School.
9:15 a.m.: Pilot Grove C-4 School.
9:30 to 11:45 a.m.: Bunceton.
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1:40 to 3:45 p.m.: Prairie Home, Duncan Diner

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"Lethal Tides: Mary Sears and the Marine Scientists Who Helped Win World War II," by Catherine Mueseche.

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"The Hunt," by Faye Kellerman.

"Love on the Brain," by Ali Hazelwood.

"Eversion," Alastair Reynolds.

"Fox Creek," by William Kent Krueger.

"The Codebreak-

er's Secret," by Sara Ackerman.

"Traitor's Dance," by Jeff Abbott.

Nonfiction

"Raising Lazarus: Hope, Justice, and the Future of America's

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"What to do Next: Taking Your Best Step When Life is Uncertain," by Jeff Henderson.

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Wednesday: Pulled pork on bun, cottage

cheese, potato chips, banana and milk.

Thursday: Ham and beans, cornbread, salad, tropical fruit and milk.

Friday: Pork fritter on bun, macaroni salad, baked beans, orange and milk.

'Monumental moment.' Billy Eichner on remaking the rom-com

By Jake Coyle
AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — It doesn't take a genius to deduce that anyone who rants in New York's Madison Square Park about "Ratatouille" not getting enough respect or gets into a shouting match on 42nd Street about Denzel Washington's stage credits might have a complicated relationship with the entertainment industry.

For five seasons of "Billy on the Street," Billy Eichner was a hysterical roving commenter on Hollywood, proclaiming his tastes to any passerby he could corral with exaggerated disdain for those who dared to disagree with him and underlining fury with himself for caring so much.

"Show business, I was always so enamored and so infatuated with it. I was really intoxicated by it," says Eichner, who grew up in Queens with middle-class parents who encouraged his passion. "I love great acting. I love the movies that I love. And, yes, 'Billy on the Street' was a way of poking fun at my own obsession with the entertainment industry."

But as much as "Billy on the Street" seemed like Eichner as himself out in the real world of midtown Manhattan, his new movie, "Bros" (in theaters Sept. 30), is a far clearer picture of who Eichner is as a comedian, actor, screenwriter and gay man. And this fall movie season, it also happens to be a landmark comedy.

Eichner stars in and wrote the Universal Pictures release with director Nicholas Stoller. (Judd Apatow produces.) The initial germ was to go further with a "Billy on



This image released by Universal Pictures shows Billy Eichner, left, and Luke Macfarlane in a scene from "Bros." PHOTO BY UNIVERSAL PICTURES VIA AP

the Street" sketch where Eichner acted as a Jets jersey-wearing sports bro with Jason Sudeikis. But as it developed, "Bros" grew in a different direction. In the classic format of an adult, R-rated rom-com, Eichner depicts an uncommonly honest and insightful portrait of life as a single gay man.

Like "Billy on the Street," it's frequently laugh-out-loud funny and packed with keen observations about Hollywood — a Hollywood where, until now, a film like "Bros" was essentially an impossibility. "Bros" is the first gay rom-com from a major studio, and the first studio film of any genre both written by and starring an openly gay man.

The cast is almost entirely LGBTQ.

"The history of it is thrilling. It really is a monumental moment," Eichner said in a recent interview. "I've been an openly gay actor and comedian my whole career, way before people knew me. I always wanted to be really successful, but I wanted it to be on my own terms, meaning as an openly gay person. That's not something that's easy to do. And that's true of every single cast member of this movie."

"Bros," which will premiere at the Toronto Film Festival, follows Bobby Lieber (Eichner) through modern issues of Tinder dating and monogamy struggles but also makes room for dialogue about how gay lives are depicted in film, and who gets to tell LGBTQ stories. Eichner plays the director of an LGBTQ museum in the film; history is very much on the movie's mind. Topics include "Bohemian Rhapsody," a pseudo "Brokeback Mountain" ("The Treasure Within"), a gay slur remembered from "The Hangover" and whether Lieber's biopic would star Benedict Cumberbatch.

"It's always been so funny to me as a gay person in Hollywood because, behind the scenes, it's

really not so liberal," says Eichner. "It was never as progressive as it claimed to be. Just because you claim to be gay friendly or vote for a Democrat or say you're for marriage equality, that was never really reflected in the actual work that Hollywood was producing. When it came to what they were accountable and responsible for, they never gave us opportunities."

"And on the rare occasions when you did see LGBTQ characters front and center in a film or TV show, the vast majority of those roles were played by straight actors or actors who were not out of the closet, perhaps," adds Eichner.

Eichner, who co-starred with Julie Klausner in the series "Difficult People" and voiced Timon in 2019's "The Lion King," has mixed feelings about some of these issues. "Brokeback Mountain" he considers "a beautiful film" that moved him deeply when it came out. But 17 years later, if that movie was made again, Eichner thinks it would be a "more affecting and a more ethical production" if those characters were played by openly gay actors.

"That's not taking away from the fact that Heath Ledger is brilliant in that movie. No one would deny that Sean Penn is magnificent in 'Milk.' No one would deny that Tom Hanks is wonderful in 'Philadelphia,'" Eichner says. "Tom Hanks, though — and I was so impressed and grateful for him saying this publicly — said recently that if 'Philadelphia' was made today, he wouldn't have gotten the role and he said that would have been the right thing to do. In 1992, you needed Tom Hanks to play a gay man dying of AIDS because the movie wouldn't have gotten the financing it required, it wouldn't have gotten a wide release and, on some level, straight people wouldn't have been comfortable with it."

Eichner, 43, is acutely aware of the not-so-long-ago Hollywood history that leads up to "Bros." Only a handful of years ago — and today isn't so hunky-dory, either, Eichner cautions — coming out for gay performers meant sacrificing their career. Eichner, himself, has previously been told by a theater agent to "tone down" his gayness.

"And those were the options up until, I don't know, a couple of years ago. 'Bros' is the antithesis to all of that," says Eichner. "It's not just a symbol because it is a living, breathing movie that I think is very successful creatively in its own right having nothing to do with representation or the historical nature of it. But on top of it being a really funny movie, it is a symbol of progress."

"It really is, honestly, just kind of a big f--- you to the history of Hollywood and how it's treated LGBTQ people behind the scenes."

The "Billy on the Street" persona of Eichner's — arch, satirical — isn't his character in "Bros," though they share some qualities. It was important to Eichner that his character and the film's love interest, played by Luke Macfarlane, be complex, three-dimensional characters, not an absurdist version of a gay man — not stereotypical sidekicks.

"Billy on the Street" opened with a mock theme song that introduced him as "making dreams come true." But with "Bros," Eichner may have genuinely done so — probably for many others but definitely for himself. "It's far and away the best thing I've ever done," Eichner says. "I'm allowed to be a fully, multi-dimensional human being. It's not identical to me but you can tell when you watch the movie, this really is the most accurate glimpse of everything that I am."

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Editor's note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some meetings may be canceled or postponed. Please call the organization for information on cancellations.

To have your event or meeting listed or changed, send details to fbemiss@sedaliademocrat.com or call 660-826-1000 ext. 1481.

SUNDAY

Each day: AA meets at 417 E. Pettis St.

Noon and 7 p.m.: Alcoholics Anonymous 12x12 Non-smoking group, Sunday through Saturday; at 417 W. Pettis St., sedalia12x12aa@gmail.com.

1:30 p.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.

7 p.m.: Narcotics Anonymous Because We Care and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday; First Christian Church, 200 S. Limit Ave

MONDAY

Labor Day holiday

TUESDAY

Each day: AA meets at 417 W. Pettis St.

8 a.m.: Central MO Business Builders (BNI), at Heckart Family Center, 903 S. Ohio Ave.

11 a.m.: Compass Club, Best Western State Fair Inn, 3120 S. Limit Ave. No meeting in July

11:30 a.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.

Noon: Never Too Old Gang, New Hope Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 664 E. 16th St.

Noon: Sedalia Optimist Club, in Room C at the Heckart Community Center, 1800 W. Third St.

12:30 to 4:30 p.m.: Birthright Pregnancy Center, 1810 W. 11th St., Tuesday through Friday; and other hours by appointment. The office number is 660-826-9060.

3 to 6 p.m.: Sedalia Area Farmers' Market, in Nucor Pavilion on Missouri State Fairgrounds by Centennial Gate along South Limit Avenue.

6 p.m.: NarAnon meetings at LifePointe Church, 2921 W. Broadway Blvd.

6 p.m.: Sedalia Runners Club-Track Tuesdays every Tuesday at Smith-Cotton Track.

7 p.m.: Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA) is a 12-step fellowship of men and women at the First United Methodist Church Celebration Center, 1701 W. 32nd St.; for more information,

call Barbara at 660-827-6522.

7 p.m.: Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary, Lincoln.

7 p.m.: Loyal Order of Moose Sedalia Lodge 1494 at the lodge, 119 Winchester Dr.

7 p.m.: Mid-Mo Speakers Club, Boonslick Regional Library conference room, 219 W. Third St.

7 p.m.: OIC Studios will present the SpoFest Open Mic Poetry and Prose event streaming live via Zoom, Facebook and OIC Radio. Signup and event guidelines at www.oicstudios.com/spofest-online.

8 p.m.: Cole Camp Steam and Antique Tractor Club, Showgrounds Clubhouse in Cole Camp.

WEDNESDAY

Each day: AA meets at 417 W. Pettis St.

9 a.m.: 1 Million Cups, at State Fair Community College.

10 a.m.: TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 958, First Baptist Church, 200 E. Sixth St. First visit is free; 816-916-6237.

11:30 a.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.

Noon: Sedalia Lions Club, Heckart Community Center, 1800 W. Third St.

3 p.m.: Sedalia Chapter of the National Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) at Lincoln Hubbard Apartments.

5:30 p.m.: Amigos de Cristo, Teen Mom Classes at 3003 W. 11th St., 660-826-2788.

6 p.m.: Central Missouri Quail Forever Chapter at the Sedalia Rod and Gun Club, 34920 Rod and Gun Club Rd.

6:30 p.m.: Sedalia RC Flyers, Central Missouri Electric, 2270 North U.S. Highway 65. Visitors welcome.

7 p.m.: Elks Lodge 125, Elks Lodge, 320 S. Kentucky Ave.

THURSDAY

Each day: AA meets at 417 W. Pettis St.

10 a.m.: Retired Masons, card playing, followed by contributive luncheon, Masonic Lodge, 601 W. Broadway Blvd.

10:30 a.m.: Fair City Garden Club, in the downstairs meeting room at Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St. New members welcome.

11:30 a.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.

Noon: Kiwanis of Sedalia, at Lamy's, 108 Pacific St.

12:30 p.m.: Friends of Boonslick Regional Library, downstairs meeting room at Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W.

Third St.

1 p.m.: Sedalia Duplicate Bridge Club at First Christian Church, 200 S. Limit Ave.

6 p.m.: Women in Crisis Group, call 660-827-5555 for location.

6:30 p.m.: Sedalia Cadet Squadron Civil Air Patrol, Civil Air Patrol building, U.S. Highway 50.

7 p.m.: Blind of Central Missouri, First United Methodist Church Celebration Center, 1701 W. 32nd St. Info 660-826-1690.

7 p.m.: Fraternal Order of Eagles 4286, Lincoln.

7 p.m.: Sedalia Bible Academy, Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St., Sedalia. For more information, call 660-826-9988. It is free and open to the public.

7 p.m.: Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2591 Ladies Auxiliary, VFW Post, 121 S. Ohio Ave.

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FRIDAY

Each day: AA meets at 417 W. Pettis St.

11:30 a.m.: The Pettis County Republican Women at 11:30 am in the open atrium area at Best Western State Fair Inn, 3120 S. Limit Ave.

11:30 a.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.



Letters from First Lady Teresa Parson and Second Lady Claudia Kehoe are featured at the beginning of the book. Both Parson and Kehoe wrote about the current women senators' drive and determination. PHOTOS BY SKYE MELCHER | DEMOCRAT



The story of Sen. Sandy Crawford, R-Buffalo, is on page 10 of "You Can, Too!" It tells about a time when she never thought she would run for office but is grateful she did.

Story

From Page 1B

"I think the biggest excitement was at the end when we all saw everything put together," Schupp said. "But along the way, a woman who served as our editor, her daughter was an intern in my office. So stories would come through me and then go to our editor and to see my colleague's stories and to hear what they determined was important to live in this book was just heartwarming and sometimes astounding."

Schupp said she hopes young women know through this book that no matter what, they can do anything.

"We know that literacy, being able to read, is part of what will move them forward," Schupp said. "So we want to encourage kids to read and we want to encourage them to have confidence in themselves no matter what their life experiences are, to trust in themselves."

Doing this project together helped the women Missouri senators build better relationships or even new ones.

"I think we were all pleasantly surprised by that because working together is all about building relationships and this project really helped us do that," Schupp said.

The women senators have traveled the state to promote literacy and to hear from educators, parents and communities about what they think is getting in the way of making sure their kids can read and what is working well.

"It's our goal as legislators to learn from people in communities from around the state and what policies

we can put into place to help with the teaching of reading," Schupp said. "I am termed out, as is Sen. Riddle, but I hope my colleagues will press forward and continue to learn from communities about what they need and help in areas where we can. I think this is not just about a book, this is about following up and making sure that our educators and our communities are receiving what they need and doing what they can to make sure all of our kids can read."

Skye Melcher can be reached at 660-530-0144.

Cooke Column

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I like to take a lap around the booths to scope out everyone's offerings. Then, I make my way back around, tote bag in hand, to make my purchases.

I know budgets are tight, including my own, but the farmers' market can help with that too. Many items are reasonably priced and some vendors offer specials week to week. For people who use SNAP/EBT, the Sedalia market will match up to \$25 per market day to use for fruits, veggies and plants that produce food. And we all know it feels good to hand over some of your hard earned dollars directly to a local business owner, baker or farmer rather than sticking it in the self-checkout at a corporate chain.

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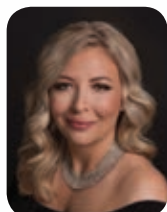
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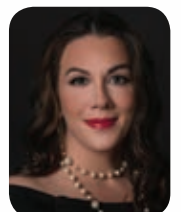
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10/25/2007, and recorded on 11/02/2007 Document 2007-7256 in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Pettis County, MISSOURI, the undersigned Successor Trustee, will on 09/26/2022 at 11:00 AM at the West Front Door of the Pettis County Courthouse, 415 S Ohio St. Sedalia, MO 65301, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash subject to the terms announced at the sale, the realty described in said deed of trust, to wit: BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE WEST LINE OF KENTUCKY AVENUE AND THE SOUTH LINE OF TWENTIETH STREET, THENCE

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REAL ESTATE & EQUIPMENT AUCTION

13088 WREN ROAD, VERSAILLES, MO ~ HOME ON 10 ACRES M/L

For health reasons I am moving and will sell the following described Real Estate and personal property at public auction located: From the Junction of Highways 52 and D (west of Versailles), go north on D Hwy 5.2 miles to Hwy BB. Turn left (west) on BB and go 3-tenths of a mile to Wren Road. Turn left (south) on Wren Rd and go 100 feet to the property on the right (west). Watch for the orange auction signs on:

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10TH, 2022 • 10AM

HOME ON 10 ACRES M/L This 10-acre property is just 5 minutes northeast of Versailles. The property is nearly all open with just enough timber to provide shade and a nice spot for the home. The property boasts a new 30' x 60' metal 3-bedroom/1-bathroom house. The home sits on a nice dry crawl space and is serviced by a well & lagoon (along with access to Co-Mo Connect). The home will need to be finished, but is insulated, sheet-rocked and ready for paint, flooring, and whatever HVAC system you prefer to install. The acreage has blacktop frontage all along the north boundary via Hwy BB, in addition to gravel frontage all along the eastern boundary via Wren Road. This is a desirable location with plenty of potential all in the Versailles School District.



OPEN HOUSE: WEDNESDAY AUGUST 31ST, 6-7PM

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AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Country properties like this seem to be few and far between. You can finish the house to suite your tastes, but what has been finished to this point is nice and you will like what you see! We will sell the Real Estate at 11am, then we will sell appliances, buildings and dog equipment after. See you at the property viewing on Wednesday the 31st, and have your finances in order as the property will sell to the high bidder with NO RESERVE!

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- 1 - Lot Stainless steel dog kennels
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- 1 - Pallet landscape stone

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- 1 - Lot yard tools
- 1 - Lot yard/outdoor equipment
- 1 - Lawn wagon
- 1 - Lot galvanized trash cans
- 3 - Shop vacuums

FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD

- 1 - Maytag electric dryer
- 1 - Samsung washer
- 1 - Small GE freezer
- 1 - Patio heater (LP)
- 1 - Pool table
- 1 - Lot household furniture
- 1 - Lot outdoor furniture
- 1 - Lot coolers
- 1 - Everlast heavy punching bag on stand
- 1 - Lot household items (décor & more)

BOAT & TRAILERS

- 1 - 1988 Bass Tracker Tournament V-17 boat with Mercury 45hp outboard & trolling motor and Tracker boat trailer
- 1 - 1984 Tracer 33' gooseneck horse trailer with living quarters, tandem axle, power jack
- 1 - WWV 16' gooseneck slant tandem axle horse trailer with divider gate



Owner: Tracy M. Sowash

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AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: We have some really nice items to sell at this auction. The trailers, sheds and dog pens are very expensive items new, and this is your chance to buy them at auction! See you Saturday the 10th!

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SAT. SEPT. 17TH, 11 AM



Beautiful acreage with approx. 50 acres of fenced open ground, approx. 27 acres of woodland. Recently, the open ground has been used only for hay production, but a few years ago it was used to run cattle, and before that it was row-cropped. The grassland consists of fescue, orchard grass, red and white clover. The woodlands have abundant wildlife, and trophy deer have been harvested from it.

cattle waterers, and Flat Creek which runs through the west side of the property.

Property is located less than a mile from a state Highway, yet at the end of a dead-end road with minimal traffic.

Terms of Real Estate: Starting bid on the property will be only \$4500. an acre and sells subject to owner's confirmation of final price. Day of sale, the successful buyer will pay 10% of purchase price as earnest money, to be held in escrow at the Title Co until closing, at which time the balance plus applicable closing costs will be due. Taxes will be prorated; seller will furnish Policy of Title Insurance.

Built in 1989, the well-built two-bedroom home has a full unfinished basement with 8" concrete walls. The kitchen has hardwood flooring. The home has central heating and cooling. The hot water heater was replaced in the last few years. Near the house is a nice garden area, and various established trees, including pecan.

Built in 2003, the 40x45 red metal shop building has a concrete floor, 2 drains, and 2 garage doors (one with auto opener).

Other outbuildings include a 36x38' machine shed/barn with 3 cribs.

There are two wells, one services the home, and a second well by the barn has piping to 3 waterers so livestock can be separated into different areas. Additional water sources are the stocked pond with

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Due to the death of James Edward and Mary Elizabeth Ridenour, the following will sell at auction located from the east city limits of Windsor, go approx. 4 ½ miles to 1st driveway east of Flat Creek bridge (or from Sedalia go south on Hwy 65 approx. 10 miles to Hwy 52 west junction, then Hwy 52 west approx. 8 ½ miles) on

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Turns 50

8 things you didn't know about the beloved sitcom

Parade Personality



GRAND SLAM!

McEnroe (streaming Sept. 2 and on-air Sept. 4 on Showtime) is an intimate portrait of one of the most explosive and compelling sports icons of all time, tennis great **John McEnroe**, who ranked No. 1 in the world four consecutive years. But he was also famously prone to self-destruction.

"[The film is] about my journey in tennis to where I am now and how it can be tough. Family and things go on with that, so a lot of people [can relate to it]," says McEnroe, 63, who is now a widely respected tennis commentator. "I'm a believer in making it the best it could possibly be, so that's what I have been trying to do."

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On the syndicated *Rosie O'Donnell Show*, she made famous the expression "What a cutie patootie!"

She owns a toy collection that includes 2,500 McDonald's Happy Meal toys.

▼ **Madonna** is one of her closest friends.

They met when they starred together in the 1992 baseball flick **A League of Their Own**.



AUDRA MCDONALD'S FINAL FIGHT

What happens on the final season of *The Good Fight* (Sept. 8 on Paramount+) isn't much of a surprise for the series that famously deals with current events. The season's first episode tackles Roe v. Wade, voting rights and the return of Cold War aggressions when Christine Baranski returns as legal eagle Diane Lockhart and McDonald, 52, revisits her role—for the last time—as tough U.S. Attorney Liz Reddick-Lawrence. "Being a part of *The Good Fight* universe for the past five years has been an honor," says McDonald, the lauded Broadway actress who starred on TV's *The Gilded Age* and co-hosted last year's Tony Awards. "These are three-dimensional characters with flaws and serious weaknesses and serious strengths. As an actress, you want to be able to play all of that."



EVERYTHING IS ROSIE

Rosie O'Donnell, 60, takes on the role of Detective Sunday in the new 10-episode series *American Gigolo* (streaming Sept. 9 and on-air Sept. 11 on Showtime), a remake of the 1980 movie that starred Richard Gere. She plays the detective investigating a murder that wrongly sent male escort Julian Kaye (Jon Bernthal) to prison. Here are some fun facts about the Emmy-winning talk show host.

O'Donnell was voted prom queen, homecoming queen and senior class president at Commack High School in Commack, N.Y., before she graduated in 1980.

◀ She began her comedy career as a teen and made her breakthrough on the competition TV series **Star Search** in 1984.

Pre-fame, she worked in the catalog department at Sears.



WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

JOSEPH GORDON-LEVITT

The star of movies including *Looper*, *The Dark Knight Rises* and *The Walk*, plus TV's *Super Pumped*, *Mr. Corman* and *3rd Rock From the Sun*, is heard but not seen in the live-action remake of the timeless classic *Pinocchio* (Sept. 8 on Disney+). Gordon-Levitt, 41, voices Jiminy Cricket, *Pinocchio*'s insect adviser, in the fanciful story of the puppet who yearns to become a real boy. Tom Hanks plays Geppetto, *Pinocchio*'s creator.

What is it about the *Pinocchio* story that still makes it relevant? I love the moral of the story, which is all about telling the truth. The image of your nose getting long when you lie is one of the most transcendent images in popular culture, and telling the truth versus lying is perhaps more important now than ever before in history.

What was your take on your character, Jiminy Cricket? Director Robert Zemeckis came up with a quintessential kernel of plain-worded wisdom. He said, "If you were telling the story to your kids and doing the voices, how would you do it?" So I sound like a dad who's a fan of the old Jiminy Cricket, telling the story to his kids and doing the voices like a goofy dad does.

What intrigued you about Uber founder Travis Kalanick in *Super Pumped: The Battle for Uber*? Oftentimes, the most inspiring roles to play are complicated characters; they're not simple heroes or villains. They're both. And Travis is a great example of a very complicated character.

People still watch *3rd Rock From the Sun*. What keeps it from aging? Even though the camera work is the classic four-camera filmed before a live audience and doesn't have any of the snazzy filmmaking that a lot of shows nowadays do, it has great writing and the energetic performance of John Lithgow. Audiences love watching such an incredible performer as him.

What is his favorite Disney film of all time? Go to Parade.com/joseph to find out.

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The Dark Wonderland of JOYCE CAROL OATES

Joyce Carol Oates is having a moment. Her classic novel *Blonde*, the story of Marilyn Monroe, heads to Netflix Sept. 23 starring Ana de Armas. And last month, after releasing her crime and suspense anthology *Extenuating Circumstances* (\$30, The Mysterious Press), Oates published *Babysitter* (\$30, Knopf), a haunting story inspired by a real-life serial killer in 1970s Detroit. It has all the thrills of a crime novel: an ignored trophy wife, an orphan and errand boy for criminals who is desperate to be loved and a serial killer (dubbed Babysitter by the press) on the hunt for children he considers “not loved and not deserved.”



“A lot of the novel takes place in that breathless space between right now and what's waiting, which could be so awful that you almost can't think about it,” says Oates, 84. “Is this really happening to me? Am I really having this experience? I try to get those experiences in my novel.”

Go to Parade.com/oates for more of our interview and for a guide to the author's collection of bestselling books. —Michael Giltz

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MAGIC

OF M*A*S*H



As the beloved sitcom marks its 50th anniversary, star Alan Alda tells *Parade* about the enduring magic in its mix of wartime drama and humor. Plus, eight things you might not know about the TV classic.

BY MARA REINSTEIN

History lessons typically aren't entertaining, let alone funny. But how about this one? A surgeon named H. Richard Hornberger wrote the 1968 book *MASH: A Novel About Three Army Doctors* (under the pseudonym Richard Hooker), based on his experiences in the Korean War. Director Robert Altman adapted it into a classic 1970 movie. Then, on September 17, 1972, *M*A*S*H* premiered on TV, in between *Anna and the King* and *The Sandy Duncan Show* on CBS. With an eclectic ensemble led by Alan Alda, Loretta Swit and Jamie Farr, it focused on the doctors and staff stationed at the 4077th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital in the early 1950s who resorted to jocular hijinks and petty rivalries to get through the traumas of the war.

The show didn't initially catch on with viewers, but it was an acclaimed critical success from the start, winning its first four Emmys—including one for Outstanding Comedy Series—in 1974. (In all, it received 109 Emmy nominations and 14 wins.)

"It was a brilliant mash-up of comedy and drama with a wonderful cast and great characters," says Television Academy senior vice president of awards John Leverence. "But it also included this emotional detachment from these real-life horrors that was, and still is, part of American culture." Though the Korean War lasted three years, one month and two days, *M*A*S*H* aired for 11 seasons, and its 1983 finale remains the most-watched TV series episode in history. In honor of its 50th anniversary, *Parade* gives this prime-time classic a proper salute with eight things you didn't know about the beloved show and an exclusive interview with Alda.

1. YES TO THE DRESS

Corporal (later Major) Maxwell Q. Klinger (played by **Jamie Farr**, now 88) could sometimes be seen in a wedding dress, including when he married Laverne Esposito. When he remarried in the series finale, his bride, Soon-Lee (**Rosalind Chao**), wore it. He gave "Hot Lips" another wedding gown in his collection when she tied the knot with Lt. Col. Donald Penobscott (Mike Henry). Farr had actually served in the Army during the Korean War.



2. NO BOOTS ON THE GROUND

Most of the time, the cast went without an important part of the Army uniform—thick combat boots. The reason? The loud clunking footsteps would ruin the on-set audio. Instead, the cast donned sneakers and cameramen made a point to shoot the characters from the waist up.



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3. RADAR'S BELOVED TEDDY

Corporal Walter "Radar" O'Reilly's stuffed bear—which Hawkeye eventually placed in a time capsule—was meant to symbolize all the boys who came overseas and then left as men. But when the show ended, the stuffed animal was lost. That is, until it turned up at an auction in 2005. It sold to a medical student for \$11,800. The student later sold it to Radar actor **Gary Burghoff**, now 79, who sold it at auction for \$14,307.50 in 2014.

4. QUITE THE GUEST LIST

Many future stars got head starts in Hollywood by appearing on the show, usually as patients. A young **Patrick Swayze** portrayed an injured soldier with leukemia. Seasoned actor **Leslie Nielsen** was a colonel.

John Ritter, Laurence Fishburne, Rita Wilson, George Wendt, **Shelley Long**, Blythe Danner and Teri Garr also guest-starred. And a teen **Ron Howard** played an underage soldier posing as his older brother to impress a girl.



5. A SAD TWIST

When **McLean Stevenson**, who played Lt. Col. Henry Blake, wanted out of the show after three seasons, it led to one of its most memorable episodes. In "Abyssinia, Henry" (season three, episode 24), not only did viewers say goodbye to the honorably discharged Lieutenant Colonel, they learned in the final scene that his plane had been shot down with no survivors. (Among the cast, only Alda knew about the twist.) "It felt like you were marching in a parade and then hit a brick wall," Leverage says of the episode. (Stevenson died in 1996.)



6. MORE THAN JUST ACTORS

Two-time Emmy winner **Loretta Swit** (head nurse Maj. Margaret "Hot Lips" Houlihan) has had only one acting credit since 1998, but offscreen Swit, 84, has written books on needlepoint and watercolor painting and is a longtime animal activist. And fan-favorite Burghoff, who originated the character of kind-hearted company clerk Radar in the movie and played him in eight seasons of the series, is an inventor—he owns patents for a special fishing pole and a toilet-seat-lifting handle!



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HAWKEYE VIEW



Native New Yorker **Alan Alda** served in the military as a gunnery officer during the Korean War. As irreverent surgeon Capt. Benjamin Franklin "Hawkeye" Pierce on *M*A*S*H*, he was the heart and soul of the series—and racked up 25 Emmy nominations for acting, writing and directing in the process. Alda, 86, has since become a prolific actor (*The West Wing*, *Ray Donovan*) and author, and he currently hosts the podcast *Clear+Vivid*. (He's also been married to his wife, Arlene, since 1957!)

How did you get to *M*A*S*H*? I was shooting a movie [*The Glass House*] in the Utah State Prison, and one day a script came in for me at my hotel. It was written by Larry Gelbart and it was the best comedy writing I'd ever seen in a half-hour script. It certainly brightened up my day in cell block 9. Right away, I knew I wanted to play in it.

When did you realize the show had become a major hit? I don't know if we ever really realized how successful the show was. We started out at the bottom of the ratings, and we just got used to concentrating on the work every day. For most of the first year, I'd proudly say, "We're in the Top 72!"

The cast—and not just the characters—always seemed to genuinely like each other. True? I think we all knew that to play these characters, we had to have the closeness of people who spent their lives eating

together, tending wounded together and sleeping, if not together, then at least nearby. So we worked at it. For the first season, every Friday night we'd stay late and eat pizza and drink beer and end many Fridays in a circle airing our complaints to one another. During the shooting day, we'd hang out together in our circle of chairs and tell stories and play games and rib each other. We'd make real contact that was open and free so that when we'd be called to the set, the connection was still happening underneath the dialogue of the scene. We're all still in touch by email, and before COVID, we'd try to get together for dinner at least once a year.



What were you doing when the last episode aired? Loretta and I were in a car on the way to a restaurant to celebrate with the rest of the cast, and we realized with a jolt that the streets were empty. Almost no cars. Then it hit us that people were home watching our last show.

***M*A*S*H* mixed humor with the realities of war. How did you approach that tricky combination?** I think a lot of what attracted people to the whole series was that even though it was mainly a comedy, we never tried to forget that real people had lived and suffered through stories like the ones we were telling. We wanted to honor that as much as we could.

How did the show change your life? I became a better actor, better writer and learned how to direct. But more than that, it thrust all of us into something that was more important than we were. I think we all feel gratitude for that and feel lucky that we got to experience it together. But 50 years is a long time ago, it almost feels like it happened to someone else. It's nice, though, that he still lets me live in his house.



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7. THAT'S NOT KOREA

California's Fox Ranch (later Malibu Creek State Park) stood in for Korea. That's where characters in the penultimate episode, "As Time Goes By," buried a **time capsule**. The cast buried one of their own that they hoped would be discovered many years later. Just two months after the episode aired, a construction worker found it.



8. THE GRAND FINALE

*M*A*S*H* provided viewers with 251 witty and warm episodes over its 11 seasons. (It's now streaming on Hulu.) A favorite was "Goodbye, Farewell and Amen" (season 11, episode 16). More than 120 million viewers tuned in to see the finale (directed and co-written by Alda), in which the war ends and the staff goes their separate ways. "It had so much substance," Leverage says. "And it had a really strong emotional component, which was necessary." Go to [Parade.com/bestmash](https://www.parade.com/bestmash) for our favorite episodes.



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Attention, allergy sufferers! Our guide will help you breathe easier this fall. *By Nicole Pajer*

Fall means pumpkin spice lattes, Halloween—and ragweed season. If you suffer from seasonal allergies this time of the year, you're not alone. Allergens affect more than 50 million Americans each year. Dee Gouveia, a 48-year-old teacher in Heath, Texas, is one of them. "When my allergies are at their peak, I get itchy eyes, a sore throat and a stuffy nose," she says. Left untreated, this can cause sinus infections and breathing issues, and in extreme situations, it requires Gouveia to reach for an inhaler.

What causes allergies and what can you do about it? Read on.

WHY ALLERGIES OCCUR

Allergies strike when a particle, like pollen or pet dander, is inhaled or lands in a person's eyes. "About 30 to 40 percent of the population has immune systems that recognize allergens as being something bad that attacks the body," says Alan Goldsobel, M.D., an allergist with Allergy and Asthma Associates of Northern California. For those people, the allergen triggers an allergic reaction. Blame the chemical histamine, says Sandra Hong, M.D., an allergist and immunologist at Cleveland Clinic. Found in the body's cells, histamine fights allergens in a sometimes irritating way: "The release of histamine causes those immediate things like a sneeze or getting a really drippy nose," she says.

WHAT ALLERGIES LOOK LIKE

In addition to sneezing and having a runny nose, allergy sufferers may have "congestion, itchy eyes, swelling of the eyes and an itchy nose," says Goldsobel. Allergens may exacerbate asthmatic symptoms, causing coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath.

Those who are allergic to plants such as ragweed or birch tree may also be susceptible to oral allergy syndrome, where certain raw fruits and vegetables make their mouths itchy. Gouveia tends to avoid melons, cucumbers, carrots and some tree fruits for this reason. "My mouth and throat will become itchy, and I get a sore throat," she says. Cooking these foods, however, changes their molecular structure. (That's why some ragweed sufferers may be bothered by raw bananas but can tolerate banana bread.) "Oral allergy symptoms are not life-threatening 99.9 percent of the time, and people don't need to avoid those foods preemptively," says Goldsobel. But be aware and avoid them if you have issues.

PREVENTION TIPS



Shut your windows and use the air conditioning at home and in the car (recirculate air instead of bringing in air from outside).



Avoid midday excursions when pollen is at its peak. You can check your area's pollen counts at pollen.com or the American Academy of Allergy Asthma & Immunology's pollen.aaaai.org.



After coming indoors, change your clothes and take a shower to wash off irritants.



Don't dry clothes outside where they'll capture pollen.

Rinse your nasal passages with a saline solution, which flushes allergens out of your sinus cavity.

Try HEPA filters, which help clear allergens like pollen and mold from the air.



Keep pets, who can track pollen indoors, out of the bedroom.



Encase your mattress in a dust- and mite-proof cover. Wash sheets weekly in hot water and dry on high to kill mites.



If you're going to be around a cat or spending time outdoors, take an antihistamine (such as pills, nasal sprays or eye drops) beforehand. Wearing a face mask also helps protect you. "I have patients who make sure to wear a mask when they cut the lawn," says Hong.



For many, allergy shots, which expose you to a small amount of your allergens, gradually building up your tolerance, work well. "Eighty percent of people feel they're really effective in controlling their symptoms," says Hong. Instead of shots, your doctor may prescribe sublingual drops (applied under the tongue) to take at home that act in a similar manner and can help desensitize you to allergens like grass, ragweed and dust mites.

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