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Sheriff, Juvenile Office end county budget hearings

By **Skye Melcher**
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The third and final day of Fiscal Year 2022 budget hearings began Friday morning in the Pettis County Commission chambers.

Pettis County Sheriff Brad Anders began the budget hearings Friday morning with budgets for the Sheriff's Office and Pettis County Jail. This was Anders' first time presenting a budget to the commission. He was elected in November 2020 and was allowed to join former Sheriff Kevin Bond during his budget hearing. Anders took over Jan. 1.

Anders met with the commissioners along with Kip Bartlett from the Mid-Missouri Drug Task Force, Jail Administrator Skyler Viebrock and Maj. Tollie Rowe.

Bartlett said the drug task force's budget stayed the same besides lowering his contractual service by \$2,000 and raising lubrication and fuel by \$2,000 to compete with the rise of fuel prices.

For capitol law enforcement, Anders did not request any raises but asked for elected officials to be raised to \$87,000 and road deputies to \$690,000, which would add a deputy in inves-

tigations. Anders said having three detectives would provide assistance and better turnaround times on investigations.

"We got two investigators right now that are shuffling all the cases that come in and they are way overburdened. We're not performing to the point where we can give the right investigations to everyone," Anders said. "So what we do is promote somebody from the road and put them there in a new position and fill with somebody else."

Dispatchers decreased by \$7,000 since Joint Communications opened earlier this year. Four of the previous Pettis County dispatchers are now part of the Sheriff's Office records division; two are full-time and two are part-time. Since the records division was added, office supplies also increased by \$2,000.

Anders raised the budget for the bailiff by roughly \$4,000 since that was underfunded last year.

Anders also raised the budget of fuel for patrol cars by 19% to \$83,000 for the three new patrol cars purchased in 2021, which further may increase if fuel keeps going up in price.

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Public Library introduces new director

By **Faith Bemiss**
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A lifelong Sedalian took the helm of the Sedalia Public Library this month.

Jamie Sparks took the director position at the library on Nov. 1. She replaces longtime director Pam Hunter who retired earlier this year. Sparks, a 1995 Smith-Cotton graduate, and her husband, Shad, have three children, Maggie, 19, Cooper, 16, and Jackson, 14. Sparks said before taking the director position, she worked as a teacher, an instructional coach and in reading intervention for the last 20 years at the Sedalia School District 200.

Sparks noted she was drawn to the library position because she was ready for a change and the library has always been one of her "favorite places to be."

"When I saw the director position open, I started looking into it," she said.

She noted she is still learning and is taking online classes to get her up to speed.

"For the most part we are gradually transitioning," Sparks said. "Stephanie Sneed has been the interim director for the last few months. So, she's been helping me to take over some of the roles that she's been doing."

"As of right now, I'm currently taking quite a few classes just so I can get familiar with what kinds of things I need to know," she continued. "This last week I've signed up for differ-



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Jamie Sparks, the new Sedalia Public Library director, stands outside the library this week. Sparks, of Sedalia, took the position on Nov. 1 and replaced Director Pam Hunter, who retired earlier this year.

ent webinars through the State Library."

She is taking a course on finance and budgeting and is looking forward to new directors' training in January.

"I've also been looking at different area library websites," she noted. "I have three visits planned in the next few weeks to go and visit other libraries ... that are similar to our community."

"So, I can see what programs they offer," she continued. "What services they have, and really just establish a mentorship with other directors."

She is also familiarizing

herself with all the services the library offers. One of her goals is to make library programs more easily accessible to the public.

"I feel like we have a lot of really good resources already established at the library," Sparks said. "Making people familiar with them and comfortable with them is something I want to focus on before we grow the programs."

She would like to make the website "more user-friendly" too.

"We are also trying to have more presence on social media," she explained. "Because that's an easy way to get information out

to people.

"And, really one of our big goals is trying to recover from the pandemic," she added. "The amount of people who have been in has really declined. So, we are trying to increase those numbers and get the people back in here."

A new program for adult services is the Monthly Book Club that meets at 2 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. A new book is introduced each month. Participants are given the book by the library, they take it home and come back and discuss it the next month.

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OTTERVILLE STRONG

Otterville supports teen accident victims

By **Skye Melcher**
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OTTERVILLE — The community of Otterville is coming together to raise funds to donate to the families of four teenagers who were in a car wreck on Oct. 31.

Bryce Lappatt, Alana Fletcher, Megan Bremer, and Samantha White were involved in a severe car wreck on Oct. 31 that landed them in University Hospital in Columbia in serious condition.

Otterville FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) Adviser Cindy Birdwell said Athletic Director Jay Allen came to school the



Bryce Lappatt

week after the accident and told the faculty he planned to host a goodwill offering for the affected families at the upcoming jamboree. Otterville is hosting a basketball jamboree with Cole, Russellville, and



Alana Fletcher

Slater Monday, Nov. 15 and Tuesday, Nov. 16.

"We'll have that goodwill offering to give to the families and I said, 'well they're all four FBLA members, three are active, one is alumni,'" Birdwell said.

"I said, 'our chapter, we'll put together two meals and that will make a nice benefit package.'"

Birdwell said it has just grown from there with the love and support from the Otterville community.

"I put out a list on Facebook of items that we would need to make this meal 100% donationable to the families to be split evenly — all of the items have been donated," Birdwell said.

Birdwell added that they are hoping to feed 700 people on Monday with a baked potato bar and 500 people Tuesday with a spaghetti dinner.

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Bothwell's new linear accelerator up and serving patients

By **Chris Howell**
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Since Bothwell Regional Health Center replaced the linear accelerator at the Canon Cancer Center, a steady stream of patients has been treated by the advanced tumor-blasting device.

"We started at the end of August, and we are as busy as we have ever been," Dr. William Decker said Friday. "Over the last month we have had 38 or so patients a day on the machine, so we have been very, very busy back there."

Mary Morris had suffered a bout with breast

cancer 13 years ago.

"This is a recurring breast cancer," Morris said. "I'd had a mastectomy in '08 and I was having some pain around that area."

She went to her doctor for another matter but decided to point out the painful area.

"They said 'no, that looks like it needs some attention,' so they did a biopsy," Morris said.

The cancer had returned, but technology had advanced over the years, and an appointment was made for Morris to be treated as the first patient on Bothwell's new linear accelerator.

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CRASH REPORTS

West Plains man injured in Benton accident

John W. Johnson, 50, of West Plains, sustained moderate injuries at 3:50 p.m. Wednesday in a Benton County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Johnson was driving south on U.S. Highway 65 north of Byrum Avenue in a 2000 Toyota Camry when he crossed the center of the roadway and traveled off the left side striking a fence and a tree.

Johnson was not wearing a seat belt. He was transported by Warsaw-Lincoln Ambulance District to Golden Valley Memorial Hospital in Clinton.

Johnson was arrested for a felony leaving the scene of a crash and tampering with a motor vehicle. He was released.

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

Compiled by Chris Howell.

FUNERALS

Rasa, Austin Taylor

4 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Stover Community Center. Arrangements are under the direction of Meisenheimer-Page-Dady Funeral Home in Otterville.

Luetjen, Violet Minnie

2 p.m. Sunday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cole Camp. Arrangements are under the care of Fox Funeral Home.

Kindle, Ella Marie

12 p.m. Monday at New Hope Baptist Church, Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

Tilley, Charlotte

3 p.m. Tuesday at The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Sedalia.

Lunsford, Sheila G.

2 p.m. Wednesday at Smith Chapel Cemetery south of Marshall. Arrangements are under the direction of Weiker Funeral Home in Slater.

DEATH NOTICE

Jacobs

Thomas M. Jacobs, 71, of Sedalia, died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at Heckart Funeral Home.

Lunsford

Sheila G. Lunsford, 74, of Marshall, formerly of Slater, died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021, at her home.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Smith Chapel Cemetery south of Marshall.

Arrangements are under the direction of Weiker Funeral Home in Slater.

Miller

Joseph C. Miller, 58, of Sedalia, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2021, at Bothwell Regional Health Center.

Arrangements are pending at Heckart Funeral Home.

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

Nov. 6

7:21 p.m.: Anton V. Zalkin, 18, of the 27000 block of Griessen Road, was arrested after officers observed a vehicle traveling at 65 mph in a 35 mph zone. The driver was placed under arrest for careless and imprudent driving and was released roadside with citations for vehicles to be driven carefully, and driving 26-30 miles an hour over the speed limit.

Nov. 7

7:05 p.m.: Alfredo Carlos, 24, of the 1500 block of South Grand Avenue, was arrested after a traffic stop at East Fifth Street and South Lamine Avenue for no front license plate. The driver had a suspended license and was intoxicated. Carlos was arrested and transported to the police department then the Pettis County Jail where he was booked with charges of driving while intoxicated – prior offender, and driving with a suspended license.

Nov. 9

8:09 p.m.: Justin Lee Drogsvold, 39, of the 1000 block of East Seventh Street, was arrested after a traffic stop for running the stop sign at Third Street and Engineer Avenue. He was arrested for being intoxicated on drugs, having two outstanding Benton County Warrants, and one from Pettis County. He was transported to a hospital, then to the Pettis County Jail where he was booked on the warrants and a State charge of driving while intoxicated - drugs. A charge of disobeying a stop sign is also being requested.

Nov. 10

1:24 a.m.: Jason Lee Johnson, 36, of the 100 block of Covered Bridge Road, was arrested after a traffic stop in the area of South Osage Avenue and West Broadway Boulevard for speeding and failure to maintain a lane. It was determined Johnson was intoxicated and he was transported to the Pettis County Jail and placed on a 12-hour protective custody hold pending charges of misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

4:07 a.m.: Jonathan L. Boyer, 37, of the 400 block of East 27th Street,

was arrested after officers responded to the 1800 block of East 14th Street for a report of suspicious activity. The caller reported seeing a subject looking into vehicles. It was found that multiple items were taken from multiple vehicles in the area. The suspect was located and arrested near the intersection of East 16th Street and South Monroe Avenue. Property was returned to three victims. At the time of the arrest, the suspect was also found in possession of methamphetamine. Boyer was transported to the Pettis County Jail where he was placed on a 24-hour hold pending one count of possession of a controlled substance and three counts of stealing from motor vehicles.

6:30 a.m.: Daniel Noel Schnack, 52, of Sedalia, was arrested in the 600 block of East 17th Street for a report of a burglary in progress. He was arrested at Bothwell Regional Health Center with a non-life-threatening injury and was charged with first-degree burglary, harassment to frighten or disturb another person, and an outstanding failure to appear warrant. Schnack was reportedly intoxicated.

2:40 p.m.: Travis E. Crellin, 45, of the 1100 block of South Massachusetts Avenue, was arrested after officers responded to a business in the 300 block of West Broadway Boulevard for an assault. Officers made contact with the suspect and victim, both of whom had injuries. The victim wished to pursue charges and Crellin was arrested, transported to the Pettis County Jail, and booked with charges of fourth-degree assault and harassment to frighten or disturb another person.

3:56 p.m.: Maribel Vasquez Rubio, 46, of the 300 block of North New York Avenue, was issued a summons after a caller reported a vehicle disobeyed a school bus stop sign near the intersection of Saline Street and McAnally Court. The suspect was later located at Walmart where she admitted to the violation. Rubio was issued a summons for failing to obey a stop sign and driving without a valid driver's license.

4:40 p.m.: Natasha Rose Parkhurst, 23, of the 900 block of Westwood Drive, was arrested after officers responded to the area of Winchester Drive and West Broadway Boulevard for a motor vehicle accident. Parkhurst was discovered to have a revoked license and no proof of insurance. She was issued a summons

and released on scene.

7:30 p.m.: Justin Tye Lindsay, 31, of Windsor, was arrested after a vehicle stop for improperly displayed registration and registration belonging to another vehicle near West 20th Street and South Grand Avenue. A consensual search of the passenger located methamphetamine. Lindsay was transported to the Pettis County Jail and placed on a 24-hour hold pending charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

11:17 p.m.: Stanley Walter Cotterel, 67, of the 300 block of Stewart Avenue, was arrested after a traffic stop at West Pettis Avenue and North Quincy Avenue for a vehicle swerving. It was discovered the driver had a suspended license and was intoxicated. He was arrested and transported to the Sedalia Police Department where a search warrant was obtained for a blood draw. Cotterel was transported to the Pettis County Jail and placed on a 12-hour hold pending charges of felony driving while intoxicated, driving with a suspended license, and safekeeping.

Nov. 11

12:15 a.m.: Kira P. Robinette, 22, of the 600 block of South Moniteau Avenue, was arrested after officers responded in reference to an assault. The complainant stated her juvenile daughter was assaulted by an adult female suspect. All parties were identified and Robinette was arrested, transported to the Pettis County Jail, booked and released pending State charges of third-degree assault and harassment to frighten or disturb another person.

11:12 a.m.: Devonta M. Hernton, 18, of the 400 block of North Park Avenue, was arrested after a traffic stop for a vehicle without plates near South Grand Avenue and West Seventh Street. Hernton was arrested, transported to the police department and released with a City ticket for no driver's license.

Nov. 12

12:02 a.m.: Ilya Pavel Malanin, 18, of the 900 block of East 24th Street, was arrested after a caller reported a man known to her had struck her with a belt. The caller had injuries consistent with her statement so Malanin was arrested, transported to the Pettis County Jail, and placed on a 24-hour hold pending a charge of third-degree domestic assault.

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Teens

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“This is going to be the chapter's community service project and we'll write a report for it for (FBLA) contest and the three boys that are heading this would Hayden Morrison, Noah Saltgaver, Brandon Sewell,” Birdwell said. “They are the three backbones for this community service project and are overseeing most of it.”

Otterville FBLA has received cash donations to help with purchasing additional food items and Smithton FBLA will assist with the dinner.

“Today, I went around and told my students that I need people to work the meal and went around explained to the students at school and the classes that we are a community and we are pulling together and if it was their family member that was involved in the accident wouldn't they want somebody to put this together for them,” Birdwell added.

Birdwell said the outreach from the community for the families, students, and FBLA members has been astronomical.

“I never expected anything any less but to see it in person makes you so proud to be a part, not only at the school and of the kids within my organization but of the community that I have been a part of for 22 years teaching in Otterville,” Birdwell said.

FBLA member Steven Woolery and his parents put together bracelets that say Otterville Strong. A Facebook page, Otterville Strong, was created to provide updates on the four kids. Community members and school faculty and staff are hosting a bake sale. Two silent auctions will be hosted to raise additional funds.

Along with those efforts, someone will pop kettle corn at the jamboree games and the sophomore class will be working the concession stands those evenings. There is also a GoFundMe named #OttervilleStrong made by Woolery, and there is a bank account at the Otterville Community Bank where people send donations.

According to Birdwell, after the accident, Otterville School had counselors from other schools assist with its faculty and she gathered the senior class to



Megan Bremer

talk about the accident and what the students' conditions were.

Birdwell added that everything has been very positive.

“The kids have been strong and held together, both young ladies are cheerleaders and FBLA members and both attending CTC, the young man is a basketball player and FBLA and attended Smith-Cotton at one time,” Birdwell said.

They have had a lot of outreach from outside the Otterville community, too.

Former Otterville Superintendent Matt Unger, who is now the Stover superintendent, set up a \$1 hat day fundraiser at his school. Birdwell has also heard of other possible fundraisers for the families.

“People are just coming out everywhere to assist. It's a very big family in Otterville and this has hit our community very hard,” Bird-



Samantha White

well said.

Birdwell said all donations received so far and all meal proceeds will be split evenly between all four families to go toward any expenses incurred.

Fletcher and White have come home but Lappatt and Bremer are still at the hospital recovering from injuries.

“This is going to be a long road. The kids are going to take a while to heal and so this isn't going to be we're done in 30 days. We'll be back up and running a marathon,” Birdwell said. “Of course, I'm not a doctor but what we had reported to us, I think it is going to be a little bit of a healing process.”

For more information, contact Birdwell at 660-233-3374 or at cbirdwell@ottervillervi.k12.mo.us.

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STATE BRIEFS

Arrest made in Illinois mom's death after child's body found

WHEELING, Ill. (AP) — A 26-year-old man was charged with first-degree murder in the strangulation death of a suburban Chicago woman whose 1-year-old daughter was found dead in a northwest Indiana retention pond, police said Friday.

Wheeling Deputy Police Chief Al Steffen identified the suspect as Ahmeel Fowler, of the Illinois community of Pinegroe Grove. Steffen said Fowler and Ja'nya Murphy, 21, of Wheeling, had at one point been in a “troubled relationship.”

Murphy's body was found Tuesday night in her home, and police said that her daughter, Jaclyn “Angel” Dobbs, who was initially reported missing, was found dead in the retention pond on Thursday in Hammond, Indiana.

Fowler is not the girl's father, authorities have said. He has not been charged in the child's death but Steffen said that police “anticipate additional charges.”

An autopsy was to be conducted Friday on the child's remains.

Police said a man later

identified as Fowler was last seen with Murphy at a mall on Monday and was arrested the next day in Missouri as a person of interest in her death. He was stopped by police in western Missouri while driving a minivan that was also sought by police, based on video reviewed by officers, authorities said.

Missouri works to recruit more teachers amid shortages

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Missouri school officials are boosting teacher recruitment efforts as schools struggle to fill jobs.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports that \$700,000 will be spent on a new program, known as TeachMO.org, which will act as a centralized hub for prospective teachers to explore the profession, access free resources and receive support in applying to educator preparation programs.

Education officials also are planning to invest \$50 million over the next three years on teacher recruitment and retention grants and other programs designed to get more teachers into the state's public schools.

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Incidents

Oct. 27

10:53 a.m.: A victim reported to the police that a suspect came into a business in the 500 block of West 16th Street and was provided service but did not pay. The owner wished to pursue charges. A State charge of stealing was submitted to the prosecutor's office.

Nov. 6

10 p.m.: Officers were dispatched to the 700 block of West Broadway Boulevard for a reported runaway juvenile. The juvenile returned the next morning at 2:25 a.m.

Nov. 7

2:56 p.m.: An officer was dispatched to a home in the 1900 block of South Stewart Avenue for a domestic disturbance. The caller's juvenile son had destroyed a picture frame inside the home during an argument. A referral is being forwarded to the juvenile office.

Nov. 8

5:22 p.m.: A car was stopped in the area of Driftwood Drive and Clinton Road for a license plate that did not return and a suspicion of a forged registration tab. After an investigation, it was determined the driver was displaying tabs from another vehicle. Charges of forgery and failure to register a vehicle are being requested.

Nov. 9

8:16 p.m.: An officer took a report in the police department lobby and in reference to a

harassment call in the 300 block of West Third Street. Information was gathered from the subject and a report was completed to document the incident.

Nov. 10

2:20 a.m.: Officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of South State Fair Boulevard in reference to a missing juvenile. The reporting person last spoke to the juvenile after school when he requested to go to a friend's house. The juvenile is normally home before 11 p.m. When he did not return the reporting party became concerned and contacted law enforcement.

4:38 a.m.: An officer responded to the 300 block of East 14th Street in reference to a theft from a vehicle. The victim stated her wallet and medication were stolen from her car overnight. There are no suspects at this time.

8:04 a.m.: An officer was dispatched to the 1800 block of East 12th Street for a report of theft. The caller stated someone overnighted through her unlocked vehicles stealing change.

10:17 a.m.: An officer responded to the lobby of the police department for a theft report in the 500 block of East Walnut Street. The victim reported that some personal items were stolen from her residence over a week ago. She wished to pursue charges.

10:38 a.m.: An officer spoke with a victim over

the phone regarding the theft of a pair of Apple iPods from a business in the 3000 block of West Broadway Boulevard. There is no suspect information at this time.

10:59 a.m.: An officer responded to the 300 block of North Grand Avenue regarding a possible burglary in progress. The residence was searched and cleared and there was no suspect found. The reporting party stated someone had stolen several tools from the residence valued at \$169 and had damaged part of the property valued at \$10.

11:04 a.m.: An officer met a victim in the lobby of the police department who reported a suspect failed to return a rented pickup truck to the 2000 block of South Limit Avenue. They wished to pursue charges and the vehicle has been entered as stolen.

5:04 p.m.: An officer was dispatched to the 700 block of East Broadway Boulevard for a theft report. The victim stated he set his cell phone on top of the Coinstar machine and walked away from it. He noticed it was missing and went back to get it but it was gone. He was able to track his phone when it pinged in Warrensburg.

Nov. 11

1:17 a.m.: An officer was dispatched to the 1900 block of West Ingram Avenue in reference to a runaway. The caller said she found the front door open and

when she checked on the residents, one had left. The runaway has not been located and has been entered as a missing person.

4:12 a.m.: Officers were flagged down by a subject in the 2000 block of East Seventh Street stating his niece was missing and had not returned home from work. She was entered into the system as missing.

8:14 a.m.: An officer was dispatched to the 1500 block of South Mildred Avenue for a theft report. The victim said a pair of sunglasses and gloves were taken from her unlocked car two nights earlier. The stolen items were found to already be in the police department's evidence storage after being seized from a suspect in a different case.

10:46 a.m.: Officers responded to the 1300 block of South Sneed Avenue for a report of a burglary. Contact was made with a male subject who reported that while he was gone an unknown suspect gained entry into his garage and stole several tools.

11:04 a.m.: An officer met a victim in the lobby of the police department who wanted to report that a suspect failed to return a rented pickup to a business in that 2000 block of South Limit Avenue. The vehicle has been entered into the system as stolen.

12:09 p.m.: An officer was dispatched to the 1800 block of East 13th

Street for a theft report. The victim wished to report that the night before someone went through their car and stole checks. There is no suspect information at this time.

10:12 p.m.: Officers responded to a business in the 3400 block of East Broadway Boulevard in reference to a stolen vehicle. The complainant stated that a female suspect entered a company vehicle and drove away. The female suspect has been identified but both the vehicle and suspect have not been located at this time.

Nov. 14

8:55 p.m.: Officers were dispatched to a business in the 3200 block of West Broadway Boulevard in reference to a theft. A male suspect walked out of the store with a cart full of items. A report has been completed.

Pettis County Sheriff's Office Arrests

Nov. 10

2:30 p.m.: Deputies conducted a vehicle stop near the intersection of Thompson Boulevard and West 11th Street for failure to display a front license plate. The driver was arrested for an outstanding failure to appear warrant from Sedalia was issued a summons for operating a vehicle without a valid license - third or subsequent offense, possession of marijuana - 10 grams or less, and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. A

passenger, Samuel I. Gravitt, of Sedalia, was issued a summons for possession of marijuana - 10 grams or less and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. Dixon was transported to the Pettis County Jail.

Incidents

Nov. 10

6 a.m.: Deputies took a report from a Sedalia woman that someone had used her personal information to open a credit card account.

8:30 a.m.: Deputies took a report that someone had ransacked an unlocked vehicle in the 1600 block of South Monroe Street. The investigation continues.

4:20 p.m.: Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 38000 block of Highway ZZ in Ionia.

Nov. 11

7:25 a.m.: Deputies were called to a report of shots fired in the 100 block of South Missouri Street in Green Ridge.

Missouri State Highway Patrol Arrests

Nov. 12

12:57 a.m.: Timothy G. Rhoton, 34, of Knob Noster, was arrested in Johnson County for felony fleeing, failure to yield, driving while intoxicated, careless and imprudent driving, leaving the scene of a crash, and not driving on the right-half of the roadway. He was transported to the Johnson County Jail and placed on a 24-hour hold.

Compiled by Chris Howell.

Patients

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"We have replaced our linear accelerator," Decker said. "The one previous to this was about 10-years-old or so, which is about the lifespan of the machine, so it was due for a replacement. The new one has several advantages over the old one, it allows us to make finer adjustments in multiple dimensions."

The adjustability is from the table the patient lays on being able to tilt in multiple directions.

"The machine itself has improved abilities, the imaging capability on it is clearly improved," said Decker. "Being able to see exactly the areas we are trying to see is much clearer on the new machine."

The new machine had other upgrades making it vastly superior.

"Sometimes in the past, those images have been pretty fuzzy, this machine is much, much more clear," Decker said. "This really is a fine machine here."

More precise imaging and aiming capabilities allow doctors to hit the exact area they are aiming for, causing less damage to surrounding tissue. The new machine is also faster.

"The rate at which the radiation is given may be turned up faster," Decker said, "which just decreases the amount of

time the person has to be on the table."

Morris hadn't had radiation treatment before and was dreading it.

"It's a pretty large monster-looking machine," Morris said. "I didn't have much to compare it to because I didn't have it before. I was kind of dreading that, but it turned out. Oh, my goodness, their team over there is just awesome."

Morris was out of treatment quickly.

"I am just amazed at how far they've come and it's so quick," Morris said. "It takes longer to get your gown on than the treatment itself."

She was warned to take it slow as there could be some pain and tiredness.

"They had told me that I more than likely would be tired and have a lot of fatigue," Morris said.

"After the treatment I had none, actually I couldn't really tell the difference."

Decker told Morris not to feel bad about taking a nap every day.

"I never felt like I needed to," Morris said. "I don't know if that's the new machine doing something different than their old one did but I had no problem in that respect at all. There was no pain, no problem. It was a quick procedure, in and out just really quick. But the girls there are just absolutely great and work so well together. They're so concerned about the patients that I can't say enough about them."

Morris will receive a scan in early December letting her know if the new treatment at Bothwell is helping in her fight with cancer.

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EDITORIAL

CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

Encouraging others to share the harvest

Columnist's note: I have never been happier to be informed that there was an error in my previous column. (Goodbye to donuts, 11/6/21) As it turns out, my Green Ridge neighbor with the homemade Halloween treats was NOT selling his home, nor was it his intention to cease making them permanently. Every once in a while, a journalist must eat her humble pie, or in this case, humble glazed donuts. I regret the error, and in this case, I am grateful to be wrong.



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this bounty. Anyone who is eligible for food service at Open Door can pick up a share of deer meat when it is available.

Donated venison is deeply appreciated by Open Door's clients. I worked at the organization from 2015-17, directly serving those who came to seek help, and the Share the Harvest program was many people's favorite time of year. A few clients turned up their noses at the idea of eating game, but many more waited impatiently for the venison to start rolling in. They would frequently ask if it was available before it had even been delivered. Venison from the Share the Harvest program was especially beloved by elderly folks and disabled people who used to hunt for themselves. It was a welcome taste of fresh, unique food for people who eat almost solely out of boxes and cans. It was something new to expand the palates of children and connect them to their natural environment. And for growing families, it was a much-needed source of healthy protein. (Proteins are often some of the least-donated, most asked-for items at a food pantry.)

Donated venison was so popular at Open Door when I was there, I had to learn how to say "deer meat" in two foreign languages. And one year in December, a woman in my office cried tears of joy because she was so grateful to receive the fresh wild game. She said it was her favorite food and it had been years since she'd been able to have a taste.

This is what a partnership in charity should look like: individuals, organizations, and governments coming together to deliver something wholesome directly to those who need it. Feeding the hungry, and making it as simple as it can possibly be in this complicated world.

If you get a deer this season, please consider donating it to Share the Harvest. You are loved, appreciated and blessed by hungry people at food pantries across the state of Missouri.

Liz Schleicher lives in Green Ridge and is a wife, stay-at-home-mother, writer and rare cancer survivor.

CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

Thankful for hot water and helpful plumbers

Since the kitchen is operational, it's time to have dinner guests!

We started a few weeks ago with a shrimp and grits dinner. Next, we planned a birthday celebration, so I began mapping out a dinner that would say, "Let the party begin!"

When I do a multi-course dinner, I start "prepping" a few days before. So on Wednesday, I was standing in the shower, planning my timeline, and I noticed that the water wasn't as hot as usual. Well, the dishwasher was running, and Max had showered earlier, so I disregarded and continued planning.

Thursday, when I came home from yoga, Max was standing at the kitchen sink. "I want to show you something," he said. I looked. What? He turned on the hot water. Well, he turned on the water. There was no hot water.

He had already called the plumber, who could arrive early afternoon. I had work to do and food to prepare, so I dashed over to Libby's apartment to shower and came back to begin my workday. Eventually, the plumber arrived and told us that an element in our water heater was bad and would have to be re-



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Contributing Columnist

placed. No water heater needed. Great news! Even better was that we would have enough hot water for a shower the next day. All was well.

Except. Without hot water, I couldn't run the dishwasher. A multi-course meal for eight people means that many, many dishes will be used and those used dishes will go into the dishwasher, getting them out of the way. I began pinning away for dishwasher No. 2.

I began my tasks anyway. First, I mixed a marinade for pickled shrimp. Then I prepared a rub for pork tenderloin and continued with small tasks that would lessen the work on Saturday. I loaded the dishwasher and started other work. I was calm.

Friday arrived, and so did the plumber. He started draining the

50-gallon water tank. He came back in an hour or so only to determine that the element wasn't the problem. We needed a new water heater after all, but he didn't have time to install it. He would return first thing on Saturday. I quieted my qualms. It should be an easy fix, right?

I began doing my kitchen tasks between grading papers and preparing clients' documents. I set the table. I diced vegetables. Every task required more and more dishes that were now accumulating on the countertop and in the sink. But I was reasonably calm. The plumber was arriving first thing in the morning.

Saturday arrived and finally, so did the plumber. Then, disaster.

Some valve had stuck, and so the water heater had both filled and then emptied — onto the floor. It had filled again, so it had to be drained again. I was not calm.

I was still cooking, and dishes were still piling up. An hour later, the plumber tried to remove the water heater. Notice, "tried." Something was stuck and he couldn't get it loose. Max found the valve to the water to our apartment and turned it off so water wouldn't

keep running onto the floor. We then had NO water, hot or cold. I had a glass of wine.

I paced. What to do? I texted our guests and pushed back dinner from 6 to 6:30. What if it wasn't fixed? Could I ask the birthday girl to host her own party? Should we go out?

Finally, the water heater was removed, the valve was unstuck, the new water heater was installed, and Max turned on the water. Forty minutes later, we had hot water, and I started the dishwasher. I texted the guests. 6 was back on. I considered a second glass of wine but decided against it.

I unloaded the dishwasher at 3:10. The next load would run for two hours.

In the end, all the dishes sitting on the countertop were clean or in the dishwasher by the time everyone arrived. Dinner was great. Everybody had a good time.

Everything came together in the end, but I was reminded never to take for granted the things that make our lives easier: running water, hot water, and, of course, dedicated plumbers.

Deborah Mitchell is a Sedalia attorney.

CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

Ex-Marine recalls the high price of Iwo Jima victory

We honored veterans this week, as well we should. But how many of us have any inkling of what it's like to be fighting for your life against an enemy out to kill you?

As a Marine, Sedalian Otis Thomas fought in one of the bloodiest battles of World War II — the invasion of the island of Iwo Jima. Otis, who is 96 and has a severe hearing deficit, allowed me to read a memoir he wrote about the battle.

Democrat Reporter Faith Bemiss wrote a nice feature story in 2018 about Otis' experience, but my approach is very different.

Warning: This is heavy stuff, some readers may want to turn the page. My intention is not to shock but to pay tribute to Otis and his fellow Marines who fought in that battle — and to those who died there.

Otis wrote that on Feb. 19, 1945, aboard ship off Iwo Jima, "Dawn came slowly under grey, moisture laden skies, as if God himself was shielding His eyes from the carnage that men would inflict upon each other."

Marines hit the beach in five assault waves — to no opposition. But as men and materiel piled up on the beach, "all hell broke loose," Otis wrote.

The Japanese had held their fire until the target density on the beach reached a certain level. Artillery, heavy mortar and machine gun fire took a dreadful toll.

"The beach was covered with bodies," Otis wrote. "Every shell lifted more bodies up in pieces. The waves floated our dead in, then out, and back in again."

A poignant passage in Otis' memoir describes how the landing beach was littered with valentines the Marines had received from their wives and sweethearts, and which were blown from their bodies by enemy fire.

When the 28th Marines called for help to take an enemy airfield, Otis volunteered. "Progress was measured in yards ... Every movement was greeted with a hail of machine gun and rifle fire. The northern portion of the island kept pouring its relentless fire of heavy mortars and artillery on us. The rain continued and the heavy smell of dead bodies blended with the acrid acid of exploding shells."

When a Marine was hit, no one stopped to help him. "The rest of us went on," Otis wrote, "as we had been taught: If your buddy falls, go on. If you go to him that takes two out of



DOUG KNEIBERT

Contributing Columnist

the attack."

Facing endless combat took a mental toll on Otis. "I withdrew within myself," he wrote. "I became a wild animal, living only to kill."

Because of the high losses the Marines suffered, replacements were ordered in, but Otis kept his distance. "They would come in, wanting to shake hands, saying my name is such and such, but I would ignore them," he wrote. "I didn't want to know their names, where they were from or anything about them, so when they fell the next day I wouldn't hurt."

Not all of the Marines' bullets were fired at the enemy. "If one refuses to advance, he is shot," wrote Otis. "That was common, since one doesn't risk his life for one who refuses to."

Iwo Jima appeared to be a God-forsaken island, but He was there: "During the barrage I looked around at the

boys I would be going with," wrote Otis. "Most lay face-down praying, hands folded, lips moving, some with rosary beads counting down each prayer."

Otis admitted that the "luck" he was banking on to get him through "was spelled G-O-D."

When victory finally came after 36 brutal days of fighting, nearly 7,000 Marines lay dead, with another 20,000 wounded. Just when the Marines needed them the most, heroes stepped up, with 27 Medals of Honor, the nation's highest citation for courage under fire, awarded — the most for any battle in U.S. history. Fourteen of the medals were posthumous.

After the war Otis returned to civilian life, but he took Iwo Jima with him: "The nightmares of waking up completely tense, with a machine gun pinning me down and the platoon taking heavy casualties, are fewer now. ... However, a certain sound, smell or unnatural movement brings it all back and I become instantly alert."

I think Otis' memoir should be part of the official Marine Corps history of the battle of Iwo Jima. It's that awful, and that good.

Doug Kneibert is a former editor of the Sedalia Democrat.

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Budget

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The deputies are not allowed to leave their patrol cars on in parking lots anymore besides the K-9 vehicle. Equipment repairs for the patrol cars went up by 20% with the addition of the three new vehicles.

The biggest jump in the budget was for full-time salaries in the jail. The request for three new corrections officers along with a uniform allowance for each. The kitchen staff budget went down by about \$7,000 but food services increased by \$15,000.

One of the biggest points of Anders' budget proposal was the medical expense for the jail. The county will have to make a bid to find the right medical service and nurse.

"We got to do something on the medical and get a nurse, we're having trouble with medication dispensing," Anders said. Viebrock added that

the jail has nine out of 12 who are waiting for mental evaluations or bed space. Anders said the proposed medical budget includes mental health.

The proposed medical service gives the jail a prescription pool, a 40-hour registered nurse, and a mental health professional who will address some of the inmates at the jail as needed.

The Sheriff's Deputy fund did not change besides the full-time salaries going down.

Chief Juvenile Officer Kindra Harms was next to present her budget to the commissioners.

Harms said there are not any changes in the overall day-to-day budget but she is requesting an increase in attorney fees to \$105,000 due to the Raise the Age Act.

Since the office has filed more delinquency cases, they are seeing more parents ask for attorneys.

"Not only are we seeing more cases but also the severity, we're looking at

pretty severe cases and it's not just us, it's all across the state," Harms said.

Harms spoke about the Certified Youth. At the end of the year, any youth that the Juvenile Office certifies as an adult can no longer be held in jail, which means they have to be held at the juvenile detention center in Columbia. If a youth were to sit at the detention center for a year, if they are 17 going on 18, it would cost the county \$20,000 a year per person.

The commission spoke with Harms about adding a budget amount to the juvenile budget on out-of-county detention in case of such a situation.

Johnson Soil and Water called the commission before the budget hearings began on Friday to say nothing changed on its budget.

Presiding Commissioner David Dick explained the next steps for the budget process.

The commission will look at all the budget requests, the salary number and the county's income. The commission may meet with some of the county officials again about making some changes to their budgets.

Once the budget is complete, the commission will lay a table copy out for 10 days in the commission chambers. County officials can make last-minute changes to their budget in case something comes up. Once those 10 days have passed, the commission will make the adjustments and amend the budget.

Dick said the commission hopes to have the process done before Christmas but it could take until the middle of January.

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Library

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"That's new and exciting," Sparks said. "I think they did that in the past, but there was a hole for several months. But we've got that going again."

Children's services are now going from virtual to in-person again, she added.

Sparks said some other goals are to place benches and tables on the lawn of the library to encourage people to come out during their lunch hour or after work and to relax among

the trees. She also hopes to get library tours started once again and provide classes on different topics.

She noted she was walking around the building the other day and noticed the beautiful architecture of the library.

"But one part really stood out to me, where it says, 'Free to All'" she said. "It's engraved in the front of the building ... and I just kind of stopped for a second and thought how appropriate that is for our library."

"And how it really is a place that everyone can come," she continued. "It's a place to come and learn

and grow and build our community. I love that part of the library — everyone and anyone can come and learn."

Sparks added her favorite books are fiction, but also biographies, nonfiction and as a former teacher, she has a ton of favorite children's books.

"I have several that will always be on my bookshelf," she added.

For more information, about the Sedalia Public Library visit sedalialibrary.com or call 660-826-1314.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Birthday Blessings launches campaign

Birthday Blessings, which supports the Missouri foster community, is hosting a Thanksgiving Double the Impact Campaign from Nov. 19-25. An anonymous supporter offered to match monetary gifts dollar for dollar, up to a total of \$3,500 during this time.

The faith-based nonprofit is inviting local individuals, civic groups, and businesses to get involved with their mission. For more information, visit www.birthday-blessings.org or contact Birthday Blessings Executive Director Shannon VonAllmen at 417-372-5306. Donations can be made on the website or mailed to Birthday Blessings, 429 Aid Ave, West Plains, Mo. 65775.

Changes announced for municipal election filing dates

Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft has announced changes to opening and closing dates for candidate filing for the April 5, 2022, General Municipal Election.

Candidate filing for the General Municipal Election, which includes school boards, municipalities, fire districts and other political subdivisions, has been shortened by two weeks following the passage of House Bill 271. The opening day for candidates to file will be 8 a.m. Dec. 7 and the filing period will close at 5 p.m. Dec. 28.

For more information, visit GoVoteMissouri.com.

Treasurer encourages Missourians to help return unclaimed medals

Missouri State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick is asking Missourians to help return unclaimed military medals and insignia held by the Treasurer's Office. The Treasurer's Office currently holds 251 military medals and insignia including five purple hearts, four bronze stars, and more than 100 other service medals.

"As we honor and remember America's military veterans, I want to remind Missourians of the over 200 military medals and insignia currently being held by the Unclaimed Property Division," Fitzpatrick said. "It is the Treasurer's Office policy to never sell or dispose of these medals—and it is a priority to return them to their rightful owners. I encourage Missourians to search the list and see if you recognize a name. Together, we can get these medals returned to the heroes who earned them. As always, we thank America's military veterans for their service to this great country."

Each year financial institutions, businesses, government agencies, and other organizations turn over millions of dollars in cash, securities, and the contents of safe deposit boxes to the Treasurer's Office. These entities are required to turn over Unclaimed Property to the Treasurer's Office after there has been no contact or documented transaction with the owner for five years. The contents of safe deposit boxes often contain family heirlooms and keepsakes. Some of the most precious items recovered are military medals and insignia.

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Partly sunny and chilly	Times of sun and clouds	Variably cloudy; not as cool	Partly sunny and warmer	Cooler; a little p.m. rain	Plenty of sun	Turning out cloudy

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:53 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:01 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:39 p.m.
Moonsset today	1:08 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
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TEMPERATURES

High	58
Low	42
Normal high	56
Normal low	34
Record high	81 in 1949
Record low	13 in 2019

PRECIPITATION

Thursday	0.23"
Month to date	0.48"
Normal m-t-d	1.13"
Year to date	38.06"
Normal y-t-d	39.63"

HEATING DEGREE DAYS

Index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature was below 65 degrees for the day.

Thursday	15
Month to date	159
Season to date	336
Normal season to date	597
Last season to date	476

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In feet as of 7 a.m. Friday

Blackwater	Stage	Chg	Fld	Stg
Blue Lick	7.17	none	24	
Valley City	4.00	+0.72	22	

Lamine	Otterville	Missouri	Boonville
	0.59	+0.04	15
	7.59	-0.16	21

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Falls City	48/42	Kirkville	42/35
St. Joseph	47/39	Springfield	41/33
Topeka	52/42	Kansas City	48/40
SEDALIA	46/40	Columbia	45/38
Joplin	50/41	Jefferson City	47/38
Tulsa	56/44	St. Louis	46/39
Springfield	47/39	Cape Girardeau	48/34
Mountain Home	49/37	Paducah	48/34
Poplar Bluff	49/33	Kennett	48/32

NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W	
Atlanta	56/35/s	60/40/s	Milwaukee	42/33/c	40/28/sn
Baltimore	59/34/pc	52/39/pc	Nashville	50/33/s	58/33/pc
Billings	57/37/c	55/50/c	New Orleans	62/44/s	66/49/s
Boston	57/40/pc	51/42/pc	Norfolk	66/39/s	57/42/c
Buffalo	44/35/sh	43/35/sn	Oklahoma City	62/44/s	61/39/pc
Charlotte	63/32/pc	59/39/pc	Orlando	81/56/sh	72/50/s
Chicago	40/32/c	38/26/sn	Phoenix	88/58/s	86/59/s
Cleveland	43/33/c	41/35/sn	Pittsburgh	42/31/sn	39/31/sh
Dallas	65/49/s	69/47/pc	Portland, ME	54/35/pc	51/36/pc
Denver	67/32/pc	64/45/pc	Portland, OR	57/53/r	62/55/sh
Detroit	45/32/c	38/30/sn	Sacramento	67/47/pc	66/49/pc
Honolulu	84/71/pc	84/72/sh	St. Louis	46/39/pc	51/30/c
Houston	68/45/s	75/51/pc	San Francisco	67/54/s	68/55/pc
Indianapolis	40/32/c	42/26/sh	Seattle	52/47/r	59/53/r
Las Vegas	79/57/s	79/56/s	Washington, DC	57/36/pc	53/40/pc

Weather (W): s - sunny, pc - partly cloudy, c - cloudy, sh - showers, t - thunderstorms, r - rain, sf - snow flurries, sn - snow, i - ice

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

Summary: Rain showers will mix with snow in the Great Lakes and interior Northeast today. A light accumulation of snow is expected to blanket northern and eastern North Dakota and much of Minnesota.

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Windsor tops Skyline to repeat as district champs

By **Bryan Everson**
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A game-winning touchdown in the final minute gave Windsor a 22-15 victory at Skyline in Friday night's Class 1 District 4 Championship game.

Scoreless and trailing by two scores at intermission, the Greyhounds completed the comeback on a 71-yard drive that started with 2:39 remaining after stopping Skyline on fourth down.

Running back Dalton Witherspoon had the biggest gain with a 44-yard run to the 18-yard line, and two plays later chunked out eight more yards to get to the 2-yard line. He found the end zone with 50 seconds left, and Dylan Witherspoon scrambled almost endlessly before hooking up with Payton Witherspoon on the two-point try to give Windsor its first lead.

Skyline was whistled for several penalties in its desperation drive and only just crossed midfield with several seconds left after a few laterals before being stopped as time expired.

The defending state champs, who entered averaging over 42 points, were held scoreless until a late

third-quarter drive. Dalton Witherspoon had a 30-yard third-down run to the Tigers' 12-yard line, and he didn't let an attempt at his legs on 4th-and-3 from the five stop him from twisting into the end zone for a score that made it 15-6 with 2:16 remaining in the penultimate quarter.

The Greyhounds (12-0) forced a three-and-out after the score and started at their own 30-yard line to start the fourth quarter. JJ Hall had a 22-yard sweep left to start the drive, then Dalton Witherspoon moved the marker on a 4th-and-short to get inside Skyline's 40. A 22-yard keeper by Dylan Witherspoon put Windsor at the 14, and the Greyhounds' signal caller also weaved for the final six yards of the drive. Dalton Witherspoon took the snap on the conversion and faked left before going all the way to the opposite sideline and in for the conversion, making it 15-14 with 8:21 remaining.

Skyline (8-4) ate up nearly six minutes on its drive that followed before Payton Witherspoon's tackle that gave Windsor back the ball for the winning drive.

Part of the Tigers' suc-



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Pictured throwing in the district semifinal win, Windsor quarterback Dylan Witherspoon ran six yards for Windsor's second touchdown Friday night against Skyline.

cess in keeping Windsor scoreless in the first half was simply keeping the ball out of the visitors' hands. Skyline played dink-and-dunk offense out of the spread before quarterback Dylan Mountain used a designed 24-yard touchdown run to open the scoring just over three minutes into the game, then a short quib on

the ensuing kickoff got out of Dylan White's hands and was recovered by Skyline.

Windsor put together its first quality drive late in the first quarter, but Dalton Witherspoon was inches short of converting a 4th-and-2, giving Skyline the ball back at its 11-yard line. The Tigers marched down the other way and Mountain hit Kourt Cheek in the

corner of the end zone for an 18-yard score, with a reverse tacking on the two points to make it 15-0 with 9:49 left in the half.

Mountain, constantly elusive in the first half, had a pass on the run tipped and picked off by Dalton Witherspoon at the Windsor 17-yard line, marking what seemed to be the turning of the tide.

The victory marked the Greyhounds' third district championship in a row. Last year, Windsor won 44-36 in Urbana, the go-ahead touchdown coming from Kenton Sargent with just less than nine minutes left.

The Greyhounds will travel to face Thayer next Friday in a rematch of last year's Class 1 semi-final game.

Raiders need running game to balance offense vs Chiefs

By **W.G. Ramirez**
Associated Press

HENDERSON, Nev. (AP) — Interim Raiders coach Rich Bisaccia has said it will take production from all three phases for Las Vegas to be competitive.

To compete in the AFC West, the Raiders must have both sides of the offense clicking — a diverse passing game, and power rushing game.

The passing game is doing its part, currently ranking fourth in the NFL with 2,441 yards. The rushing game is an entirely different story.

Ranked 28th with 715 yards, the Raiders struggled on the ground over their first six games, topping 86 yards just one time, a 140-yard effort in a 31-28 overtime win against Miami in Week 3. Overall during that span, they averaged 79.8 yards per game and 3.3 yards per attempt.

But if the last two

weeks are an indication of improvement, the Raiders should be optimistic heading into a huge division showdown against the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday night.

The Raiders rushed for 119 yards in a 33-22 win over Philadelphia on Oct. 24 and for 117 yards in a 23-16 loss at the New York Giants last Sunday. The Raiders' 5.9 yards per attempt against New York were a season-high in a game during which Las Vegas ran the ball just 20 times, second-fewest this year.

Leading rusher Josh Jacobs rushed for a season-high 76 yards on 13 carries (5.85 yards per attempt) in New York, while Kenyan Drake turned in 100 yards of offense, 30 of them on the ground.

Since Week 4 of the 2019 season, the Raiders have won 13 of the 20 games where they have run for at least 100 yards.

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Las Vegas Raiders running back Josh Jacobs (28) breaks a tackle by New York Giants' Adoree' Jackson (22) during the second half of an NFL football game Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021, in East Rutherford, N.J.

Poe races to inaugural POWRi Super Stock national title

By **Joe Andrews**

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Things keep getting better in the racing world of Knob Noster's Aaron Poe.

A year after capturing his first track championship at Central Missouri Speedway, Poe has added a leaderboard title at the national level. He's the first to be able to say so, holding the inaugural POWRi Super Stock Series national title.

"I've been racing since about 2000 in bigger cars," Poe said. "Last year was actually my first track championship of my career, so that was a pretty big step for us. Naturally, the next goal on our list was to get a national points championship. I really didn't think it was going to come this early and this quick."

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Knob Noster's Aaron Poe finished the inaugural POWRi Super Stock season as the national leaderboard champion.

Officials worry China's men's hockey team not Olympics ready

By **Stephen Whyno**

AP Hockey Writer

International hockey officials are hoping to avoid a Humiliation On Ice when the Chinese men's national team debuts at the Beijing Winter Olympics.

They begged the NHL to send players to the Games in China, but now they are worried that the home team might not even be able to score a goal.

The host nation automatically qualifies for every sport at the Olympics, but the Chinese men's lineup — with a handful of naturalized Americans and Canadians — will face off against virtual NHL all-star teams from Canada and the United States in the first round. The International Ice Hockey Federation fears historic blowouts could hurt Olympic hockey's image, especially after persuading the NHL to take a two-week



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break to allow the world's top players to compete. To figure out how it might all go down, the IIHF is holding an unusual test next week in Moscow, where players on the Chinese team will play against Russian professionals and attempt to be competitive. It's not clear what might happen if the team plays

as poorly as it has in recent games, which raised fears that it might not score even once on home ice in front of its own fans.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

Saturday ON TAP

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

3 p.m. Marysville at Smithton

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

1 p.m. Central Oklahoma at Central Missouri

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

7 p.m. State Fair Community College at Southeastern Community College

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

6:30 p.m. MSU-Moorhead at Central Missouri

ON AIR

AUTO RACING

8:55 a.m. ESPNEWS – Formula 1: Practice 2, Autódromo José Carlos Pace, São Paulo

11 a.m. NBC – IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Championship: The Motul Petit Le Mans, Road Atlanta, Braselton, Ga.

1:25 p.m. ESPNEWS – Formula 1: Qualifying, Autódromo José Carlos Pace, São Paulo

2 p.m. NBCSN – IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Championship: The Motul Petit Le Mans, Road Atlanta, Braselton, Ga.

BOXING

8 p.m. SHO – Championship Boxing: David Benavidez vs. Kyrone Davis (Super Middleweights), Phoenix

COLLEGE

BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

11 a.m. FS2 – Coppin St. at UConn

1 p.m. FS2 – Dartmouth at Georgetown

3 p.m. FS1 – St. Peter's at St. John's

5 p.m. FS2 – Cent. Michigan at DePaul

7 p.m. BTN – Prairie View A&M vs. Michigan, Washington

FS2 – Troy at Butler

9:30 p.m. ESPN2 – Texas at Gonzaga

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

11 a.m. ABC – Michigan at Penn St.

ACCN – UConn at Clemson

BTN – Rutgers at Indiana

CBSSN – Bucknell at Army

ESPN – Mississippi St. at Auburn

ESPN2 – Northwestern at Wisconsin

ESPNU – UCF at SMU

FOX – Oklahoma at Baylor

FS1 – West Virginia at Kansas St.

SECN – New Mexico St. at Alabama

1 p.m. PAC-12N – Utah at Arizona

2:30 p.m. ABC – Purdue at Ohio St.

ACCN – Duke at Virginia Tech

BTN – Minnesota at Iowa

CBS – Georgia at Tennessee

CBSSN – UAB at

Marshall

ESPN – Miami at Florida St.

ESPN2 – Iowa St. at Texas Tech

3 p.m. ESPNU – Tulsa at Tulane

FOX – Maryland at Michigan St.

SECN – South Carolina at Missouri

4:30 p.m. PAC-12N – Stanford at Oregon St.

6 p.m. CBSSN – Air Force at Colorado St.

ESPN – Texas A&M at Mississippi

ESPN2 – Kentucky at Vanderbilt

FS1 – Arizona St. at Washington

6:30 p.m. ABC – Notre Dame at Virginia

ACCN – NC State at Wake Forest

ESPNU – Kansas at Texas

SECN – Arkansas at LSU

7 p.m. FOX – TCU at Oklahoma St.

8 p.m. PAC-12N – Colorado at UCLA

9:30 p.m. CBSSN – Nevada at San Diego St.

ESPN – Washington St. at Oregon

ESPNU – Jackson St. at Southern (Taped)

FS1 – Utah St. at San Jose St.

FISHING

7 a.m. FS1 – Bassmaster Elite Series: The Redfish Cup Championship, Port Aransas, Port Aransas, Texas

GOLF

4 a.m. GOLF – EPGA Tour: The Dubai Championship, Third Round, Jumeirah Golf Estates, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Noon GOLF – PGA Tour: The Houston Open, Third Round, Memorial Park Golf Course, Houston

3 p.m. GOLF – PGA Tour Champions: The Charles Schwab Cup Championship, Third Round, Phoenix Country Club, Phoenix

6:30 p.m. GOLF – LPGA Tour: The Pelican Women's Championship, Third Round, Pelican Golf Club, Belleair, Fla. (Taped)

2 a.m. (Sunday)

GOLF – EPGA Tour: The Dubai Championship, Final Round, Jumeirah Golf Estates, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

HORSE RACING

10:30 a.m. FS2 – NYRA: America's Day at the Races

3 p.m. FS2 – NYRA: America's Day at the Races

NBA BASKETBALL

4 p.m. NBATV – Miami at Utah

7 p.m. NBATV – Boston at Cleveland

NHL HOCKEY

Noon NHLN – Boston at New Jersey

6 p.m. NHLN – Los Angeles at Winnipeg

SOCCER (WOMEN'S)

7:30 a.m. NBCSN – FASL: Arsenal at Tottenham Hotspur

TENNIS

9 a.m. TENNIS – Stockholm-ATP Singles Final

2 p.m. TENNIS – WTA Finals Round Robin; Next Gen ATP Finals Final

7:30 p.m. TENNIS – WTA Finals Round Robin

9:30 p.m. NBCSN – WTT: Orange County vs. New York, Indian Wells, Calif.

4:30 a.m. (Sunday)

TENNIS – ATP Finals Doubles Round Robin

5 a.m. (Sunday)

TENNIS – ATP Finals Doubles Round Robin ---

Sunday ON AIR

AHL HOCKEY

2 p.m. NHLN – Toronto at Chicago

AUTO RACING

10:55 a.m. ESPNEWS – Formula 1: The Heineken Brazilian Grand Prix, Autódromo José Carlos Pace, São Paulo

1 p.m. FS1 – NHRA: Qualifying, Auto Club Raceway at Pomona, Pomona, Calif. (Taped)

1:30 p.m. NBC – FIM MotoGP: Final Round, Valencia, Spain

3 p.m. FS1 – NHRA:

The Auto Club NHRA Finals, Auto Club Raceway at Pomona, Pomona, Calif.

5 p.m. NBCSN – FIM MotoGP: Final Round, Valencia, Spain (Taped)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

11 a.m. FS1 – Yale at Seton Hall

SECN – East Tennessee St. at Tennessee

Noon ESPN – Florida St. at Florida

4 p.m. ESPN2 – Drexel at Syracuse

ESPNU – Asheville Championship: TBD, 3rd Place Game, Asheville, N.C.

6:30 p.m. ESPN2 – Asheville Championship: TBD, Championship, Asheville, N.C.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

11 a.m. ACCN – Notre Dame at Syracuse

1 p.m. ACCN – Florida at NC State

1:30 p.m. BTN – W. Michigan at Purdue

2 p.m. ESPN – Texas at Stanford

3 p.m. SECN – Mississippi Valley St. at Mississippi

4 p.m. ESPN – Kentucky at Indiana

COLLEGE SOCCER (MEN'S)

10 p.m. BTN – Big Ten Tournament: Indiana at Penn St., Championship

FS2 – Big East Tournament: Providence vs. Georgetown, Championship, Washington

1 p.m. ESPNU – Atlantic Coast Championship: Notre Dame vs. Duke, Cary, N.C.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)

11 a.m. ESPNU – Missouri at Georgia

1 p.m. SECN – Texas A&M at Kentucky

2 p.m. PAC-12N – UCLA at Oregon

3:30 p.m. BTN – Purdue at Minnesota

FIGURE SKATING

3 p.m. NBC – ISU: The Grand Prix of Japan, Tokyo

FISHING

7 a.m. FS1 – Bassmaster Elite Series: The Redfish Cup Championship, Port Aransas, Port Aransas, Texas

GOLF

2 a.m. GOLF – EPGA Tour: The Dubai Championship, Final Round, Jumeirah Golf Estates, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

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HORSE RACING

10:30 a.m. FS2 – NYRA: America's Day at the Races

1 p.m. FS2 – NYRA: America's Day at the Races

NBA G LEAGUE BASKETBALL

Noon NBATV – Delaware at Maine

NFL FOOTBALL

Noon CBS – Regional Coverage: New Orleans at Tennessee, Jacksonville at Indianapolis, Cleveland at New England, Buffalo at NY Jets

FOX – Regional Coverage: Atlanta at Dallas, Detroit at Pittsburgh, Tampa Bay at Washington

3:05 p.m. FOX – Regional Coverage: Carolina at Arizona, Minnesota at LA Chargers

3:25 p.m. CBS – Regional Coverage: Philadelphia at Denver, Seattle at Green Bay

7:20 p.m. NBC – Kansas City at Las Vegas

SOCCER (MEN'S)

1:30 p.m. ABC – FIFA World Cup Qualifier: Spain vs. Sweden, Seville, Spain

SOCCER (WOMEN'S)

6:30 a.m. NBCSN – FASL: Manchester United at Everton

11:30 a.m. NBC – FASL: Chelsea at Manchester City

2 p.m. CBSSN – NWSL Playoff: Washington at OL Reign, Semifinal

4:30 p.m. CBSSN – NWSL Playoff: Chicago at Portland FC, Semifinal

TENNIS

4:30 a.m. TENNIS – ATP Finals Doubles Round Robin

5 a.m. TENNIS – ATP Finals Doubles Round Robin

7 a.m. TENNIS – ATP Finals Singles Round Robin

11:30 a.m. TENNIS – ATP Finals Doubles Round Robin

2 p.m. TENNIS – WTA Finals, ATP Finals Round Robin

7:30 p.m. TENNIS – WTA Finals Round Robin

8 p.m. NBCSN – WTT: San Diego vs. Orange County, Indian Wells, Calif.

4:30 a.m. (Monday)

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HOROSCOPES

By Georgia Nicols

Moon Alert: After 9:30 p.m. PST today, there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Pisces.

Happy Birthday for Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021:

You are strong-willed and courageous. You are also perceptive, astute and capable of humorous irony. You are sensitive and idealistic, and you believe in fighting for what is right. This year is slower-paced. In particular, you will focus on your closest relationships, especially where they require your kindness and consideration. You can make a difference in someone else's life.

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)

★★★ Today your mind is busy and active! Therefore, this is a gentle warning not to overlook important details with banking or issues related to inheritances, shared property, taxes or debt. Double-check everything just one more time. Tonight: A hidden surprise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ People are excitable today. That's because Mercury is at odds with wild, wacky Uranus. Although this can create a fun, electric mood in conversations, it also can lead to erratic, hasty decisions. You might attract someone to you who is unusual and "scattered." Tonight: A surprise encounter.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Your work might be interrupted today due to staff shortages, cancelled appointments, changed hours or misplaced items. Machinery might break down. On the upside, people have original ideas and solutions to old problems. Tonight: Patience with bosses and parents.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Parents: Be vigilant, because this is an accident-prone day for your kids. Everyone will experience sudden changes to social plans. Alternatively, you might receive a surprise invitation. Lovers' quarrels might occur. Avoid sports accidents. Tonight: Travel plans change.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Your home routine will be interrupted today. Small appliances might break down or minor breakages could occur. Someone unexpected might appear at your door. Be patient with family members to avoid quarrels. Tonight: Check your finances.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Please take note: This is an accident-prone day for your sign, so pay attention to everything you say and do. Slow down and be mindful. Meanwhile, new faces, new places and new ideas will be a stimulating change today! Who knew? Tonight: Someone surprises you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Keep an eye on your money and assets today, because something unexpected will impact them. For example, you might find money or you might lose money. Be smart and protect what you own against loss, theft or damage. If a gift comes your way, accept it, because this window of opportunity is brief. Tonight: Watch your pet. Work interruptions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Avoid tasks that require care, because you're a bit impatient today. You're restless (which makes anyone prone to mistakes). However, you will understand ideas fast and perceive things quickly, because you're extremely intuitive. ("Pay no attention to that man behind the curtain.") Tonight: Social plans change. It's an accident-prone time for kids.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Today you feel restless. Because people around you are edgy and moving fast, you might not know what to do first. Hey, take a moment to catch your breath and get grounded. The good news is, something unusual might be revealed to you today. A secret might come out. ("Richard Bachman is really Stephen King?") Tonight: Stock the fridge.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Today you have to control a tendency to be blunt when talking to others, because it's as if your mind doesn't have time to think before the words come out of your mouth. Major oops! Knowing this ahead of time, make an effort to count to three before you speak. Tonight: Something different!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Conversations with bosses, parents or VIPs (including the police) might go off the rails today. Impulsive, sudden words could trigger problems. First off: Never underestimate the power of courtesy. Secondly: Think before you speak. Say nothing you will later regret. Tonight: Guard what you own.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Travel plans will change today, almost certainly. This is also an accident-prone day, so pay attention to everything you say and do. Surprising news in the media might stun you or catch you off guard. News from afar also might surprise you. Stay chill. Tonight: You're impulsive!

BORN TODAY

Actor Gerard Butler (1969), actress, TV personality Whoopi Goldberg (1955), TV host Jimmy Kimmel (1967)

The economics of deer hunting

By Gerald J. Scott

Contributing Columnist

For archers—which would very much include me—deer season opened on September 15 and, except for a brief hiatus during the November portion of the firearms deer season, won't close until January 15, 2022. That's 13 days short of four full months. By way of contrast, adult firearms deer hunters across most of Missouri have "only" 31 days in which to fill their tag or, in most cases, tags.

There may be a few states with even longer open seasons, and, rather than dig through the regulations of all 50 states, I'll concede it's possible—although extremely unlikely—that some other state charges its residents less for permits than Missouri does. I'm totally confident that no other state even approaches the way Missouri treats nonresident deer hunters both in terms of over-the-counter permit availability, the lack of a requirement to first buy a separate license in order to buy the license the hunter needs and the low cost of permits.

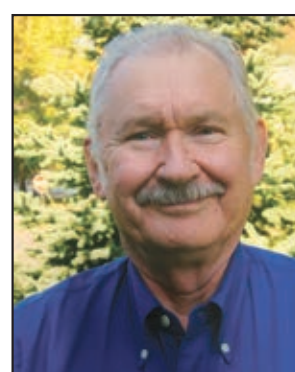
If you don't know anything about deer hunters, you might think that, given the combined length of the various portions of the season, deer hunting pressure would also be spaced more or less evenly.

That would be logical, but it sure wouldn't be actual.

November 11 is opening day of the November portion of the firearms deer season, and more than 400,000 men, women and children will be afield before sunrise. I know that's a large number, but more deer permits are sold in Missouri than all other hunting permits combined, and opening day is a tradition as old as the concept of having an open season on deer.

Deer hunters benefit themselves and their fellow deer hunters in a myriad ways, but deer hunters have a positive impact on every Missouri citizen. According to the US Fish & Wildlife Service, hunting is, in effect, a \$1.6 billion industry in Missouri. The Missouri Conservation Federation estimates that deer hunting accounts for \$1 billion of that total.

That's a tidy piece of change even in this day and age. Best of all, a disproportionate amount of deer hunting's economic impact falls directly on outstate Missouri. For the next couple of weeks, businesses as diverse as service stations, motels, restaurants, department stores, gunsmiths and shops that sell ammunition will see a noticeable surge in their businesses. Almost all of the items visiting hunters buy are subject to sales tax, the community's



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share of which will stay put when the hunters go home. In addition, the bulk of the gross profit from every purchase will be spent nearby.

One business I can think of—custom meat butchering—depends on the income it derives from processing deer to keep its doors open the rest of the year. Before you say, "So what," consider not only the number of people employed in this industry here in Pettis County, but also the tax dollars it generates.

But while deer hunting's economic impact is most visible during hunting season, it's a year round contributor. There are three factories right here in Sedalia that manufacture components used by deer hunters. Springfield's the headquarters of Bass Pro Shops, a purveyor of outdoor products, including items directly related to deer hunting. BPS has grown so large that it's one of the state's major tourist

attractions.

Most people—including many hunters—are not aware of it, but there is an 11 percent federal excise tax on long guns and ammunition and a 10 percent excise tax on handguns levied on the wholesale value of all firearms sold in the United States. Unlike so many tax dollars that somehow get lost in the wash, this tax goes directly to one federal department whose job it is to return the funds to the states to be used solely for wildlife habitat.

I'm giving deer hunters partial credit for these funds, because deer hunters buy a lot of rifles, and they'd buy a lot of ammunition if they could. However, the law says nothing about what the firearm or ammunition will be used for.

Sadly, a few anti-gun zealots are speaking out against this tax. According to their logic, the government shouldn't be showing something inherently evil like firearms in a good light by using funds derived from them for something good like nature. I honestly don't know if these same people oppose taxes on alcohol and tobacco, because the monies are used to fund health care projects, but I presume not.

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China

From Page 1B

Ice hockey is not a popular sport in China, with no pro or significant amateur league. After China won the right to host the Games, an academy was set up to nurture young talent, and Chinese officials went around the world looking for players with Chinese ancestry — or who were willing to naturalize there — who could join the team.

But China's men's team is ranked 32nd in the world, and it is in a group with the U.S. and Canada, two of the medal favorites among the 12 teams going to the Winter Games in February. It has struggled against other competition.

That's why new IIHF president Luc Tardif scheduled the games in Moscow, where the Beijing-based Kontinental Hockey League team Kunlun Red Star — which has been used as something of a proxy for the Chinese national team to get experience in a professional league — will play against Russian opponents.

IIHF and Chinese hockey officials will be watching closely, in person and online, and hoping the team isn't on its way to being embarrassed against NHL competition in February.

"The team we will have in front of us, in two games, we will just to see the score and the way the game was playing, we will quickly know if they've got the level or not," Tardif told The Associated Press in a recent interview. "It will be not only the score but the way the game was played."

It's unclear who will grade this test — or how. The IIHF said last week it will not remove China from the tournament — it does not have the unilateral authority to do that — and it would be up to the Chinese government to pull the plug.

That would be a humiliating step: A host country's team has never

been withdrawn from the modern-day Olympics for solely performance-related reasons, according to Olympic historian Bill Mallon.

There is good reason it is even being contemplated: Kunlun has lost 20 of its 26 KHL games this season and been outscored 96-57 in the process. Kunlun has played in the mostly Russian league since 2016.

Tardif said there are no such concerns about China's women's team, which is ranked 20th and in an Olympic group with less daunting competition.

The disappointing performance by the Chinese men's team so far is not for lack of effort. The Chinese Ice Hockey Association failed in its attempt to develop a homegrown roster, so the team's top players are North American — some with family ties to the country and others who have been naturalized after joining Kunlun and earning international approval to play for China.

Leading scorers Spencer Foo and Brandon Yip and top defenseman Ryan Sproul are Canadian and starting goaltender Jeremy Smith is American, though there is still some uncertainty about who will go to Beijing. The IIHF would not confirm which players on Kunlun's roster were eligible.

Stocking Olympic rosters with international players is not uncommon, certainly not since the host country started getting an automatic berth in the hockey tournament in 2006. Italy that year had nine Canadians and two Americans, and South Korea in 2018 had six Canadians and one American. Neither team won a game.

Yip, by far the most accomplished player for China with 174 games of NHL experience, hopes playing together for several years and employing a tight defensive scheme can help his team hang with Canada, the U.S. and Germany in a difficult Olympic group.

"Obviously when you look at our teams on paper, it's a big discrepancy," said

Yip, a 36-year-old from British Columbia who has played for Kunlun since 2017. "We obviously know what we're up against. They're the best players in the world, so we've got a big task in front of us."

How big a task?

Longmou Li, a longtime Chinese broadcaster who is VP of communications for Kunlun, figures the U.S. and Canada will shut out China, maybe 8-0 or 10-0, and added the focus is on the third game against Germany. Asked what would be considered success, Li said: "Score one goal and better performance. Not a disaster."

China has endured painful sporting losses before, namely in soccer when it did not qualify for the 2010 World Cup and sacked its manager after going winless on home soil at the 2008 Olympics. Susan Brownell, a professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and expert on Chinese sports, believes a poor result this time could cause an inspection of hockey for the head government level.

"If I was a hockey administrator, I'd be shaking in my boots," said Brownell, who considers the failure of China's hockey academy program a big reason for the current conundrum. "The criticism really is that you invest all this money and you can't produce results."

Much like in other sports, China brought in international coaches to help: Stanley Cup winner Mike Keenan was fired after just 36 games behind the bench with Kunlun in 2017, and the team has gone through Bobby Carpenter, Curt Fraser and Alexei Kovalev before landing on Italian-Canadian Ivano Zanatta for the Olympic job.

Li Li Ji, a Chinese national and professor of kinesiology who brings Chinese athletes and coaches to study at the University of Minnesota, said money is usually not an issue for China in building Olympic teams, but time was not on its side.

Li pointed out that it took Switzerland decades to reach the top level of international hockey, and China only put efforts into high gear after being awarded the 2022 Olympics in the summer of 2015.

The result could be similar to men's basketball, in which China lost 108-57 in the '88 Games to a U.S. team made up of college all-stars. Still, it sparked the nation's appreciation of that sport's best and the NBA-stacked Dream Team steamrolled the competition four years later while the world watched in admiration.

"It's going to be six dream teams — hockey teams — that play in Olympics in front of China fans," Li said.

Still, there could be unwelcome optics if China gets blown out of its sparkling arena by Canada and the U.S. while relations between it and those nations are chilly. And there's the possible blowback of home fans taking issue with a Chinese team full of foreigners.

Brownell, an American who represented Beijing University in collegiate track and field in the 1980s, said Chinese people will take it as an honor if foreigners perform well. If they don't, it could become a source of parody.

As one of those players who chose to play for China, Yip is trying to see the big picture. Beyond a few anticipated losses in February, he wants to set the stage for a brighter future.

"If I'm sitting on the couch 20 years from now and I flip on the TV and you see a Chinese national player getting drafted in the first round or the Chinese men's hockey team in the Olympics again, and they interview one of those players: 'Why did you get into hockey?' And they said, 'I watched the Chinese national team in Beijing in 2022 and that inspired me' — that would be really what success is determined by this whole experience," Yip said.

Race

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Last November, POWri announced it would begin sanctioning a series for Super Stock cars. Racing officially began in March, without a specific timetable in mind for an end date.

Sunday, Oct. 31 ended up marking the conclusion, with Poe and his team's No. 45 car finishing with 4,680 points.

This year, he competed in 32 events compared to the 18 or 20 he's participated in during previous seasons.

"We put in a lot of hard work this year to make sure it happened," Poe said. "It took us a little while, it took us about three quarters of the year to inch our way up to the top of the leaderboard. Once we got up there, we hit it really hard at the end of the year. We added a lot of new tracks and really solidified to make sure we were going to stay up on top."

Poe initially began his initial direct involvement in racing around 1999 in the world of Go-Karts. After acquiring his driver's license, he started competing in the modified class, now known as A-Modified.

In 2012, Poe stepped away from the racing world to pursue the development of his daytime professional career. The involvement returned in 2016

as he began competing in the late model division, driving the car of the late Allen "Cowboy" Chancellor in coordination with Allen's wife, Harriett Chancellor.

Poe made the switch to Super Stock in 2021, working his way up to a Central Missouri Speedway Track Championship in 2020 and this year's POWri Super Stock Championship.

"It's my fourth year in the class," Poe said. "Ever since I've jumped into these cars, we've had a lot of success. I've been able to work really closely with my brother-in-law (Marc Carter) on tuning and setting up these cars to get us a really good package. My brother-in-law actually builds the chassis from the ground up. It's good to be able to work directly with him on set up and be able to get all the good information up front to be successful."

Through 32 feature race starts, Poe was able to acquire seven feature wins, 22 top-five finishes and 27 top-10 finishes around 10 different tracks.

Three wins came after August, helping Poe climb to victory.

"I'm going to guess late August was really when we really started making our push to get to the top of the leaderboard," Poe said. "We were sitting about fourth or fifth and we knew with how many nights we had already run we still had a few nights to add and be able to knock



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Knob Noster's Aaron Poe celebrates a victory at the Monett Motor Speedway during the 2021 season.

off some of our lower finishes. We had a 10th and 13th finish and we were still up in the top four or five, so we knew we had a shot to make a push at the lead if we could get some really good finishes."

After Central Missouri Speedway closed for the season following Labor Day weekend, Poe's team traveled south to many tracks like Lake Ozark Speedway and Monett Motor Speedway.

He reached the top of the standings after the weekend of Oct. 1 through Oct. 2 and stayed there through the season's remainder. Poe won the title by 30 points.

West Plains's Donnie

Miller placed second with 4,650 points, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas' Tony Anglin finished third with 4,610 points and Tebbetts' Ted Welschmeyer finished fourth with 4,580 points.

"Once we took the lead, we never looked back," Poe said. "We did have some tough competition. The last month of October, it seemed like any track we went to all top-five cars were at the same track whether it was down in Harrisburg, Arkansas, or Monett, Missouri, completely opposite ends of the spectrum as far as being east and west of each other. "We were all five there, we were all racing together. It was really cool to battle those guys head to head instead of everybody being at separate tracks."

Poe's racing team consists of his father, Tim Poe; girlfriend, Jessica Bruce; and friend, Phil Sullivan. His brother-in-law, Marc Carter, and sister Andrea help in the world of car equipment. "My dad is probably one of the biggest

parts," Poe said. "He probably spends more hours working on the car than I do... My girlfriend, Jessica Bruce, she is making sure we got everything we need to go every weekend while we're traveling, taking care of our dogs and also growing a baby; we're expecting here in early January.

"My buddy, Phil Sullivan, my dad is the UCM golf coach and they were in the midst of their season late this year, so Phil really stepped up and helped when my dad wasn't able to make the race trips... My brother-in-law Marc Carter and my sister Andrea, they've really helped me out as far as race cars go. I've been fortunate enough to drive these cars that he builds. They make sure I've got the best and safest equipment I can."

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"Without all of my sponsors, I wouldn't be able to do this," Poe said. "There's just no way. I do have a good job that pays well, but even at that, this is an expensive hobby. I've got a really good group of sponsors and friends around me that help make it all possible. We were fortunate enough to add four new sponsors this year that we didn't have previously, so we were really lucky to get those sponsors on board.

"I think we've proven that we're a successful team, so hopefully they're going to be back on board. I'm really looking forward to next year with them."

Joe Andrews can be reached at 660-747-8123.



Knob Noster's Aaron Poe and his girlfriend Jessica Bruce pose for a photo following a win at the Central Missouri Speedway during the 2021 season.

Raiders

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"I think we've done some things, and they've done some things as a group, to improve," Raiders offensive coordinator Greg Olson said. "I wouldn't say we simplified it, but we're kind of trying to find an identity. I think we are closer to finding that identity as an offense in terms of (the) run game. Happy with the improvement but there is still a long way to go, and we got a lot of football left."

It's helped, Olson said, that an offensive line that was struggling with continuity earlier in the season has improved tremendously under veteran O-line coach Tom Cable.

"They were a young group of guys; I know offensive line it's about chemistry, getting a feel for everybody," defensive lineman Quinton Jefferson said. "Those

dudes work their tails off every single day. I tell them every day that I got much respect."

The Chiefs have allowed the fifth-most rushing yards this season (1,096) while the 4.7 yards per attempt they're yielding is the fourth-highest in the NFL.

Overall, the Chiefs rank dead last in allowing 6.3 yards per play and have allowed 2,337 yards passing, sixth-most in the NFL.

With a balanced attack, the Raiders have a good chance to bounce back in what is an important division showdown against the two-time AFC champs.

"The division game is always something we talk about, the best chance to get in the playoffs is win your division," Bisaccia said. "We'll be back playing at home and it's the Kansas City Chiefs. The historic rivalry, we're all very aware of that. But it's a game for us that we're coming off a game where we lost

so we're excited about the opportunity to play football again."

NOTES: The Raiders will commemorate Charles Woodson's induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame with a ceremony before Sunday night's game at Allegiant Stadium. Woodson will be joined by other Raiders Hall of Famers for the tribute. ... Bisaccia said LB Nick Kwiatkoski (ankle) and S Tyree Gillespie (hamstring) are out for Sunday. CB Keisean Nixon (ankle) and Amik Robertson (hip) are listed as doubtful.

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AAC commish 'vigorously' opposed to P5 protection in CFP

By Ralph D. Russo

AP College Football Writer

American Athletic Conference Commissioner Mike Aresco said Friday he will "vigorously" oppose a College Football Playoff expansion model that "protects" Power Five leagues with automatic access for only their champions plus one.

"I don't want to see a system that would reward privilege for the sake of privilege," Aresco said.

The CFP management committee, comprised of 10 Bowl Subdivision conference commissioners and Notre Dame's athletic director, met last week in Dallas to again discuss growing the playoff from its current four-team field. The group needs to come to a unanimous consensus on a new format before expansion can move forward. While even one dissenter can hold up the process, Aresco is confident he is not alone.

A 12-team model was proposed in the summer that would include six guaranteed spots for the highest-ranked FBS conference champions and six at-large selections, with no limit on the number of teams a conference can have in the field.

Aresco confirmed a Sports Illustrated report that an alternative model was discussed last week that provided

automatic access only to the champions of the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12 and Southeastern Conference, and only the highest-ranked champion from the so-called Group of Five conferences.

Aresco has been a vocal advocate of expansion while pushing back on the P5/G5 designation for years. He said the current CFP model doesn't give teams from outside the Power Five a fair chance to make the field.

"This branding is very harmful to us," Aresco said. "It's as if we play in a different division."

A school from the Group of Five has never been close to making the final four in the eight-year history of the College Football Playoff.

Cincinnati from the American is currently fifth in the CFP rankings, the best showing for a Group of Five team ever.

Aresco said guaranteeing access only for the wealthier Power Five leagues in a new playoff format keeps the "caste system" in place.

Expansion talks have slowed in recent months as some commissioners have expressed concerns about a 12-team model that was unveiled in June and suggested the group reconsider going to eight.

There are myriad obstacles to eight that would make it nearly impossible to gain the



Cincinnati safety Ja'von Hicks, center, recovers a fumble during the second half of an NCAA college football game against Tulsa Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021, in Cincinnati. (AP Photo/Jeff Dean)

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support needed. There was hope in the summer that the proposed 12-team model could be agreed upon and implemented by the 2024 season.

That could still be the case, but the clock is ticking. The next scheduled meeting with the management committee is Dec. 1 in Dallas. If the commissioners can at least get consensus on the number of teams in a new format, they can make a recommendation to the university presidents and chancellors who make up the oversight committee in early January.

Approval by the

presidents would set a course for expansion before the current 12-year contract with ESPN runs out after the 2025 season. CFP executive director Bill Hancock has said if consensus cannot be reached by the end of the year, expansion will likely be tabled and the current format will remain in place until the end of the deal.

Aresco said he doubts there will be enough support for the so-called five-plus-one to move forward. Not only does he expect the other G5 commissioners to oppose it, but also the P5 members of

the four-man working group that came up with the 12-team model.

SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey, Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby, Notre Dame AD Jack Swarbrick and Mountain West Commissioner Craig Thompson spent two years crafting the model presented in the summer.

The group considered various ways to populate a 12-team field, including the five-plus-one idea that former Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott publicly pushed for when the proposal was first made public.

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missioner Keith Gill declined to comment when reached Friday, but in June he responded to Scott's call for automatic access only for Power Five champions by saying "playoff spots should be earned, not given."

"If you are a deserving team, you should have no concerns being left out of the playoff," Gill said then.

Aresco said Friday that having five-plus-one put forward again by some Power Five conferences leaders so late in the process was "really disconcerting."

"It's not our job to protect them," he said.

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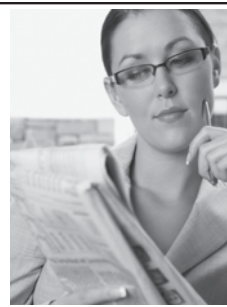
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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - CASH BASIS - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	General Funds	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Receipts:					
Local	1,451,653\$	220,003\$	197,521\$	444,114\$	2,313,291\$
County	84,337	9,117	55,658	-	149,112
State	214,747	1,678,022	-	-	1,892,769
Federal	536,944	265,557	-	-	802,501
Investment Income	4,537	79	481	674	5,771
Non-Revenue Receipts	8,000	-	-	-	8,000
Total Receipts	2,300,218	2,172,778	253,660	444,788	5,171,444
Disbursements:					
Instructional Services	486,239	1,792,138	-	3,682	2,282,059
Support Services	80,397	105,515	-	-	185,912
Instructional Staff Support	18,233	45,934	-	-	64,167
Building Administration	36,650	182,145	-	-	218,795
General Administration and Central Services	234,638	126,284	-	5,750	366,672
Operation of Plant	391,223	-	-	18,684	409,907
Transportation	206,322	26	-	-	206,348
Food Service	6,267	-	-	-	6,267
Community Service	202,621	-	-	3,840	206,461
Facility Acquisition and Construction	-	-	-	583,153	583,153
Debt Services	-	-	127,848	57,450	185,298
Total Disbursements	1,662,590	2,252,042	127,848	672,559	4,715,039
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	637,628	(79,264)	125,812	(227,771)	456,405
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	3,250,000	3,250,000
Transfers (to) from Fund	(259,264)	79,264	-	180,000	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(259,264)	79,264	-	3,430,000	3,250,000
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Disbursements and Other Financing (Uses)	378,364	-	125,812	3,202,229	3,706,405
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	2,034,990	-	267,774	99,438	2,402,202
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$2,413,354\$	-	\$393,586\$	\$3,301,667\$	\$6,108,607\$

GREEN RIDGE R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT
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1x-11/13, 2021

Legal Notice

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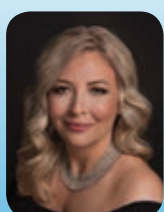
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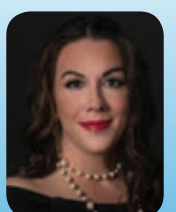
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An ode to Thanksgiving and unconventional traditions

I know there were some snow flurries this week and many people have already decorated their Christmas tree, but we still have another national holiday before the calendar turns to December: the sometimes forgotten Thanksgiving.

I've always loved Thanksgiving. I'm an amateur foodie, so I love a day centered around food. It's also a chance to focus solely on a good meal shared with loved ones. No stress about buying the perfect present or remembering if you bought enough stocking stuffers or if you're going to be a family with matching holiday pajamas. As someone who likes cooking, helping create a Thanksgiving feast isn't something I dread but rather something I enjoy.

Everyone has holiday traditions, and while some of mine have changed, others remain the same. Mine might be a little different than most, though.

This will be my ninth Thanksgiving while employed at the Democrat and my eighth not traveling to see family in the Kansas City area. I spent my first Thanksgiving as a gainfully employed reporter with my mom's entire family crammed into my aunt and uncle's home, as we did most years while I was growing up. Around midnight, I found out an explosion had happened near Hughesville, so I packed up my bags, whispered to my annoyed, confused and half-asleep parents that I had to leave for a breaking news story, and made my way back to Sedalia. I haven't been home for a Thanksgiving dinner since — someone has to put out the day-after-Thanksgiving edition of the Democrat.

Instead, my Sedalia friends, who have turned into family, have welcomed my boyfriend and me into their home for Thanksgiving. We become honorary family members for the day and always come prepared with a bottle or two of wine, my famous "Nicole's Salad," and a bouquet of flowers for the hostess. While my parents might disapprove of this statement, I've come to love my friend/family Thanksgiving each November. A new tradition.

The first year I was invited, it was a last-minute thing and all the traditional side dishes had been spoken for so my friend suggested I bring a salad. Not wanting to be the one to bring a dish that takes five minutes to throw into a bowl, I made a homemade vinaigrette, chopped up some freshly-fried bacon, and tossed it all together with sliced almonds, sliced red onion, dried cranberries and crumbled feta cheese. As a humblebrag, everyone raved about it, and I have been asked to bring it every year since. Another new tradition.

As for the flowers, my sweet dad brings my aunt flowers every year that she hosts Thanksgiving, so I continued the kind gesture when another family welcomed me into their home. An old tradition shared with a new group.

One thing I do miss, however, is my mom's homemade chicken and noodles. Maybe not the



NICOLE COOKE
Democrat Editor

most traditional side dish, but it pays homage to her father, who made the comforting meal frequently.

I barely had the opportunity to meet him as an infant before he passed away, but I've heard plenty of stories. Many are centered around the vegetable garden kept in the family's backyard that grew just about everything and his talent in the kitchen. It was no small feat cooking for a family with seven children, but from what I've been told, he made a big family meal every Sunday. Many times, it was chicken and noodles.

But these aren't just ordinary chicken and noodles. A whole chicken is cooked in a giant stockpot and then pulled apart. Noodles are made from scratch, rolled out on the kitchen table, and then laid on newspaper to dry overnight.

When I was in elementary school, my mom and one of her sisters decided to pull out Grandpa Charlie's recipe for Thanksgiving. Little did we know how difficult it would be to make such a massive batch. We clearly underestimated his ability to make this so easily. After my aunt had to get on the kitchen counter to roll out all the dough, we promptly bought a pasta maker for the following year.

The dough is still made from scratch and cut by hand, leaving uneven edges on the outside pieces, and still laid out on newspaper. We just use a pasta roller instead of a rolling pin. Every year, my mom says she knows grandpa is laughing at us for buying one. A tradition she and my sister have continued but one that I have to miss (they save me leftovers, but they aren't quite the same).

This year, my boyfriend and I will be spending the Thanksgiving holiday with his family. I have been tasked with contributing green bean casserole for our meal. Like Thanksgiving itself, I feel that green bean casserole is underrated. Some people are strong supporters of the main show, turkey, while others think that the best is saved for last: pie. I'm here to ask everyone to give green bean casserole a chance.

Sure, it's a vegetable on a holiday known for turkey surrounded by mashed potatoes overflowing with gravy, piles of stuffing, and warm, fluffy rolls. But it's a vegetable dish covered in sauce and crispy, fried onions. If you eat my mom's version, there's a little cheddar cheese mixed in. What's not to like?

If I can't convince you to take a spoonful this Thanksgiving, I think I can live with it. It just means there's more to heap onto my plate.

New venue opens outside of Sedalia

The Warehouse available for weddings, parties

By **Skye Melcher**

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A new venue has opened outside of Sedalia for guests at weddings, birthdays, and holiday parties to enjoy.

The Warehouse is at 30017 Overstreet Road, between Sedalia and Smithton, in an old feed store.

Manager Allison Asbury, 30, said Marvin and Sandy Gibson purchased the location, which is next door to their farm. Asbury works at BTC Bank as a full-time loan processor and will run the venue on the side as a new venture for her.

"It's an exciting adventure for me, I've never done something like this before. I've had manager jobs through different types of jobs but other than that nothing of this sort," Asbury added.

Asbury presented the idea of opening a venue to the Gibsons and they said to give it a try. Asbury and her husband, Nick, know the Gibsons through Nick doing some work for them in the past.

Asbury did a lot of cleaning to get the new venue ready.

"The feed store was pretty open in here after they took all their shelves and things down so what we mainly had to do was clean. We repainted the bathrooms, the kitchen, did a few updates, and then we moved the counter to use it as a bar," Asbury said.

After a few months of work, The Warehouse officially opened on Oct. 15 and has hosted one wedding. Asbury said it went great.

"The people that rented it from us took it on Friday night, decorated, had the wedding Saturday, and then had it till Sunday so they can clean everything up," Asbury said.

Prices vary based on the day of the week and the length of the rental. Asbury said this includes tables and chairs.

"I just like the affordability, I know personally myself I can't afford to go and spend that kind of money some places have," Asbury said.

Asbury explained



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Allison Asbury, manager of The Warehouse, stands alongside the bar Thursday afternoon. The Warehouse has been open for about a month and has hosted one wedding so far.



The Warehouse is located at 30017 Overstreet Road, between Sedalia and Smithton.

why The Warehouse would be a great venue for people to rent.

"I think customer service is something that I'm really good at and I think could provide superior service," Asbury said.

She added that a perk is the venue is out of town.

"I think it's better so you're not in the middle of town, in the middle of all the everyday business of Sedalia,

and we have off-street parking," Asbury said.

The venue can hold 150 people. If customers would like to host their wedding at the venue, they would need to get ready at a different location prior to the event at The Warehouse.

"I would like to eventually set up some rooms upstairs to where people can get ready or maybe turn the office into some-

thing like that. There is a pasture out front to maybe set up a tower or something for people to get married out there and then move inside for the reception," Asbury said of possible plans for The Warehouse.

The venue can host many events besides weddings such as birthday parties, holiday parties and business conferences.

Asbury wants to focus on advertising all across the Pettis County region since they are located outside of Sedalia.

Asbury added what she is excited to see at The Warehouse.

"Anything that helps people spend time with their family, COVID separated a lot of that and I would like for that to get back to normal," Asbury said.

For more information, contact Asbury at 660-619-5833 or message The Warehouse on Facebook.

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



The Warehouse is owned by Marvin and Sandy Gibson.

BRL2GO SCHEDULE

Boonslick Regional Library Monday
 9:15 to 11:30 a.m.: Hughesville, Main Street.
 1:30 to 4 p.m.: La Monte City Park.
Wednesday
 9 a.m.: Cole Camp Senior Center.
 9:30 a.m. to noon: Cole Camp City Park.
 1:30 p.m.: Lincoln Community Care.
 1:45 p.m.: Lincoln

City Hall.
 2 to 4 p.m.: Lincoln City Park.
Friday
 9 a.m.: Lakeview Health Care.
 9:15 a.m.: YMCA Early Childhood Learning Center.
 9:30 to 11:45 a.m.: Boonville, Walmart.
 1:30 to 3:45 p.m.: Blackwater, Main Street.
 4 p.m.: Stoney Ridge Village Residential Care.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels is a nonprofit organization that delivers meals to seniors, the homebound and handicapped citizens of Sedalia. The food is prepared by Superior Vendall and is delivered by volunteers. Meals cost \$3. For more information on receiving meals or becoming a volunteer, call 660-826-5039.

Meals will be delivered by Saint Vincent de Paul Church.

Monday: Meatball hoagie, coleslaw, banana and milk.
Tuesday: Baked chicken, posh potato, green bean, roll, cookie and milk.
Wednesday: Beef stew, cornbread, peaches, brownie and milk.
Thursday: Chicken pot pie, beets, pudding, applesauce, and milk.
Friday: Country fried steak, potatoes and gravy, broccoli, roll, cake, and milk.

POPULAR BOOKS

Boonslick Regional Library Fiction

"L.A. Weather," by Maria Amparo Escandon.
 "Fault Lines," by Emily Itami.
 "Friends Like These," by Kimberly McCreight.
 "Santa Cruise," by Fern Michaels.
 "Left for Dead," by Sean Parnell.
 "The Jailhouse Lawyer," by James Patterson.
 "The Wish," by Nicolas Sparks.

Nonfiction

"Misfits: A Personal Manifesto," by Michaela Coel.
 "Countdown bin Laden: The Untold Story of the 247-day Hunt to Bring the Mastermind of 9/11 to Justice," by Chris Wallace.
 "The Afghanistan Papers: A Secret History of the War," by Craig Whitlock.

CLUB NOTES

Be Forever Young

Be Forever Young met at Parkview Christian Church Monday, Nov. 8. Eighteen members and one guest attended. President Elayne Gordon introduced herself as a child of God and a follower of Jesus Christ, who had traded his life for hers. Gordon welcomed members back and recognized guest Mary Burns, and thanked them for attending.

Gordon asked the group to raise prayer needs and share blessings members had experienced and then went to God in prayer concerning the same.

"Happy Birthday" was sung by the group for Dixie Rowan, Diane Zinn and Mary Burns all with November birthdays.

Gordon read the meeting minutes. The minutes were accepted as written. The treasurer's report was delivered by Gordon as sent by text from Wanda Rasa.

The devotion was given by Rhonda Zink and an amusing poem delivered by Elaine Wood that discussed the turkey's revenge for Thanksgiving.

As a point of Old Business, Be Forever Young still needs a secretary to write minutes and submit a copy to the Sedalia Democrat. In further Old Business, the next New Theatre Play will be Jan. 26. The Play is "Johnny and June," the cost is \$39. Monies are needed by the next meeting. The cost for bus gas and maintenance is \$5 on the day of the trip.

The Christmas Banquet will be hosted on Monday, Dec. 13 at Parkview Christian Church. The meal will be catered by Colton's and will include loaded chicken, caesar salad, baked potato, green bean casserole, and apple crisp. If members have paid for at least six meetings worth of dues in the past two years, the meal is included in membership. If members have not met this requirement, then their cost for the meal is calculated taking the cost and subtracting the amount of dues

paid so far. The Christmas Banquet will also include a Greedy Santa game. Members wishing to play the game will bring a gift-wrapped present costing between \$5 and \$10.

In New Business the signup lists for 2022 are ready; these include hostessing, devotion and entertainment/informational presentations.

Gordon thanked hostesses Elaine Wood and Sydney Nolan for setting up the pot luck buffet and for cleaning up after the club's luncheon.

Gordon then handed the meeting over to Kathleen Boswell who portrayed Mildred Whiteman Rogers, in costume, as the aunt of George Whiteman. George Whiteman's aunt told of his younger years by describing him as an exceptionally curious child who during his school years was moved to the next grade a total of two times as his intellect out-shone his peers. Although George Whitman attended Rolla School of Mines for a time, his lack of funds kept him from continuing his studies there. But it seemed that all Whiteman ever wanted to do was fly airplanes like the WW1 Flying Aces. His dream came true when he was able to fly for the Army Air Corps.

Although Whiteman was initially buried in Hawaii, his body was returned to Sedalia and is interred at Memorial Park Cemetery. Whiteman Air Force Base was later renamed in his honor. Boswell is a member of the Missouri Humanities Speaker's Bureau. Gordon thanked Boswell and the members thoroughly enjoyed the presentation.

Gordon reminded the club that the next meeting would be held Dec. 13. The devotion will be given by Mary Louise Dove. The hostesses for the next meeting will be Mary Louise Dove and Sandra Ficken. Entertainment will be provided by Greedy Santa.

Gordon led in the "Lord's Prayer," and the group enjoyed a potluck luncheon. The meeting was adjourned.



RYMER ANNIVERSARY

Tom and Patsy (Early) Rymer will celebrate their 65th

wedding anniversary Nov. 24.

The couple was married Nov. 24, 1956, at the Elm Springs Baptist Church.

Due to COVID-19, an indoor celebration will not be held. Their children Sherry, Darrell, Bruce and Brenda are asking everyone to join in with a card shower. Cards may be sent to 34524 Crappie Ave., Warsaw, Mo. 65355.



SCHOUTEN ANNIVERSARY

Eddie and Virginia (Fisher) Schouten, of La Monte, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 16.

The couple was married on Dec. 16, 1961, at the bride's parents' home in Chilhowee by the Rev. David Holden.

They have four children Michael (Sherry) Schouten, Douglas (Loretta) Schouten, Richard (Amy) Schouten, and Stacy Schouten.

Family and friends are welcome to come to celebrate their anniversary from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 11 at the United Methodist Church's Jubilation Center in Knob Noster.

The couple requests no gifts.

NEW BOOKS

Sedalia Public Library Fiction

"Child of Light," by Terry Brooks.
 "Claws for Alarm," by Rita Mae Brown.
 "The Secret of Snow," by Viola Shipman.
 "The Christmas Bookshop," by Jenny Colgan.
 "Still Life," by Sarah Winman.

"The Collective," by Alison Gaylin.
 "The Apollo Murders," by Chris Hadfield.

Nonfiction

"King of the Blues: The Rise & Reign of B.B. King," by Daniel De Vise.
 "Lidia's: A Pot, A Pan, and a Bowl," by Lidia Matticchio Bastianich.
 "Make America Healthy Again," by Nicole Saphier, M.D.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Pettis County Recorder of Deeds Barbara Clevenger recently issued marriage

licenses to: Clint William Puckett, 26, and Brianna Allyn Smith, 22, both of

Sedalia; Yevgeniy I. Sonnik, 33, and Anna Maksimchuck, 33, both of Sedalia;

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SUNDAY

All day: AA Hotline number is 660-826-9608.

Noon and 7 p.m.: Alcoholics Anonymous 12x12 Non-smoking group, Sunday through Saturday; at 201 E. Sixth St., in First Baptist Church Annex, 660-829-2527.

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

3 p.m.: Call to the Nation to Pray, pray where you are during the COVID-19 pandemic.

5:30 p.m.: Video: "Only One Race." In one hour, Ken Ham of "Answers in Genesis" asks and answers: Why is skin color an excuse for prejudice? How does belief in Darwinian evolution fuel racism? and others. Broadway Baptist Church, 2119 E. Broadway Blvd., Pastor Gray 660-827-2448.

7 p.m.: Narcotics Anonymous Because We Care and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday; First Christian Church, 200 S. Limit Ave. Call 660-221-2221.

MONDAY

All day: AA Hotline number is 660-826-9608.

8 a.m.: Prayer group on the lawn of the Pettis County Courthouse. All churches are welcome. If it rains the group will meet at Ozark Coffee Co., 614 S. Ohio Ave.

10 a.m.: Show-Me Mad Tatters, University Extension Office Conference Room, 1012A Thompson Blvd.

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

Noon: Prayer for the Nations at Antioch Fellowship, 507 W. 24th St.

Noon: Sedalia Rotary Club, Best Western State Fair Inn, 3120 S. Limit Ave.

1:45 p.m.: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 0102 Sedalia meets at the Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St., in the lower level meeting room. All are welcome to attend. The first meeting is always free. Call 660-525-4142.

3 p.m.: Call to the Nation to Pray, pray where you are during the COVID-19 pandemic.

6 p.m.: Altrusa International, Inc., Sedalia, at the Katy Trail Community Health Center, community room, 821 Westwood Ave.

6 p.m.: Cornerstone Celebrate Recovery. A Bible-based 12-step program for Hurts, Habits and Hangups; Cornerstone Baptist Church, 660-827-4833.

6 p.m.: The Dream factory meeting, at Central Missouri Electric Cooperative, on North U.S. Highway 65.

6:30 p.m.: Bingo at VFW Post 2591, 121 S. Ohio Ave. Bonanza blackout starts at 6 p.m.

6:30 p.m.: Show Me Sound, Sweet Adelines International, are meeting via ZOOM during the pandemic. For more information call 660-851-2205.

7 p.m.: Al Anon, at 201 E. Sixth St. Annex. For more information call 660-473-0855.

TUESDAY

All day: AA Hotline number is 660-826-9608.

6:30 a.m.: Sunrise Optimist, Best Western State Fair Inn, 3120 S. Limit Ave.

8 a.m.: Central MO Business Builders (BNI), at Heckart

Family Center, 903 S. Ohio Ave.

8 a.m.: Prayer group on the lawn of the Pettis County Courthouse. All churches are welcome. If it rains the group will meet at Ozark Coffee Co., 614 S. Ohio Ave.

8:30 a.m.: Sedalia Literacy Council, basement meeting room, Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St.

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

11:30 a.m.: Show-Me Ladies with Hatitudes for lunch. For location information, call Maryann at 660-826-8138.

Noon: Sedalia Noon Day Optimist Club, at Lamy's, 108 W. Pacific 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.

1 p.m.: B.Y.O.L. (bring your own lunch movie event) at Cole Camp Boonslick Library, with popcorn and drinks. Event is free and for all ages.

3 p.m.: Call to the Nation to Pray, pray where you are during the COVID-19 pandemic.

4:30 p.m.: Crossroads Hospice, a monthly discussion grief group, at the Heckart Family Center, 903 S. Ohio Ave. For more information, contact Beth Hunt at 660-422-5804.

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 Ave.

7 p.m.: Masonic Granite Lodge 272 meeting, 601 W.

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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.

WEDNESDAY

All day: AA Hotline number is 660-826-9608.

8 a.m.: Prayer group on the lawn of the Pettis County Courthouse. All churches are welcome. If it rains the group will meet at Ozark Coffee Co., 614 S. Ohio Ave.

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, El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant, 3000 S. Limit Ave.

3 p.m.: Call to the Nation to Pray, pray where you are during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

6:30 p.m.: Friends of the Cole Camp Library meeting, at Cole Camp Boonslick Library.

6:30 p.m.: Sedalia-Pettis County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for executive committee; 7 p.m., meeting, Anthony Buckner Community Center, 500 Welch Ct.

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

THURSDAY

All day: AA Hotline number is 660-826-9608.

7:45 a.m.: 40 & 8 Voiture 333, Knights of Columbus Hall, 1708 Elm Hills Blvd.

8 a.m.: Prayer group on the lawn of the Pettis County Courthouse. All churches are

welcome. If it rains the group will meet at Ozark Coffee Co., 614 S. Ohio Ave.

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.

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

1 p.m.: The Whiteman Area Piecemakers in the meeting room of the Knob Noster Branch of the Trails Regional Library, 202 N. Adams. For more information call 660-647-3367 or 660-563-5247.

3 p.m.: Call to the Nation to Pray, pray where you are during the COVID-19 pandemic.

4:15 p.m.: Birthright, volunteer meeting at offices, 1810 W. 11th St.

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

6:30 p.m.: NAMI, The National Alliance on Mental Illness, will host Family to Family Support Groups at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1124 E. Broadway Blvd. For more information, call Denise Woolery at 660-287-7718 or Tammy Pittman at 660-221-3616.

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

7 p.m.: Gamma Epsilon Master Chapter. For location information, call 660-827-2299.

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.: Sedalia Photo Club, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Center.

7:30 p.m.: Central Missouri Coin Club, Farm Credit Services, 2600 S. Limit Ave.

7:30 p.m.: Central Missouri Harley Owners Group Sedalia Chapter, Yeager's Cycle Sales, 3001 S. Limit Ave.

8 p.m.: Sedalia Al-Anon Group, at 201 E. Sixth St. Annex, temporarily, due to COVID, if you plan to attend or for

more information call 660-473-1950.

FRIDAY

All day: AA Hotline number is 660-826-9608.

8 a.m.: Prayer group on the lawn of the Pettis County Courthouse. All churches are welcome. If it rains the group will meet at Ozark Coffee Co., 614 S. Ohio Ave.

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

Noon: Pettis County Pachyderms, Best Western State Fair Inn, 3120 S. Limit Ave.

3 p.m.: Call to the Nation to Pray, pray where you are during the COVID-19 pandemic.

6 p.m.: Bingo, Sedalia Moose Lodge, 119 Winchester Dr., doors open at 4 p.m.; Kitchen opens at 5 p.m.; early-bird bingo at 6 p.m.; regular bingo at 6:30 p.m.

6 p.m.: Sedalia Singles, ages 45 to 80, meets at El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant. No membership fee, activities included. Call first at 660-620-3197.

7 p.m.: Bunceton Senior Dance Melody Makers Band will perform. Bring finger food. Dance at Bunceton Lions Club. Cost is \$4 per person.

SATURDAY

All day: AA Hotline number is 660-826-9608.

8 a.m.: Prayer group on the lawn of the Pettis County Courthouse. All churches are welcome. If it rains the group will meet at Ozark Coffee Co., 614 S. Ohio Ave.

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

1 p.m.: Missouri State Fair Bikers Against Child Abuse, American Paramedical Service classroom, 400B Industrial Road.

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Big Bird backlash: Vax lands even Muppet in political flap

By Kimberlee Kruesi

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Smokey Bear taught kids the importance of preventing wildfires. McGruff the Crime Dog warned them not to talk to strangers. And in 1972, Big Bird lined up on "Sesame Street" to receive a measles vaccine as part of a campaign to get more youngsters inoculated against the disease.

But when that same iconic, 8-foot-tall children's character tweeted last weekend that he had been vaccinated against COVID-19, conservative politicians immediately pushed back.

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, a Republican, grilled Big Bird for what he called "government propaganda." Fox News contributor Lisa Boothe described it as "brainwashing children" and "twisted."

"My wing is feeling a little sore, but it'll give my body an extra protective boost that keeps me and others healthy," Big Bird tweeted.

"Sesame Street" has long faced grumbles from conservatives unhappy with its connections to U.S. public broadcasting, which receives federal funding. Yet this latest fallout marked a new contentious flashpoint that has plagued previous rollouts of the vaccine, just as the shot becomes available to children between the ages of 5 and 11.

Nearly 50 years ago, when the show was in its third season, "Sesame Street" encouraged kids to get the measles vaccine by showing Big Bird and other children getting the injection. The move was similar to other public service campaigns that used beloved characters to help teach children life lessons, including discouraging lit-

tering, wearing seatbelts and looking both ways before crossing the street.

"What Big Bird is doing is part of a long tradition. But what's different now, of course, is that everything is political and everything is contentious," said Thomas Doherty, an American studies professor at Brandeis University. "Something that we all wanted a year ago, the vaccine, is now this matter of great contention."

Controversy at the intersection of TV and politics has popped up here and there for decades. In 1952, "I Love Lucy" didn't use the word pregnant once in an episode that focused on the title character, Lucy Ricardo, having a baby after executives determined that doing so would be too scandalous.

The 1970s TV series "Maude," a spinoff show of "All in the Family," which explored all manner of political and racial issues in the household of a bigoted man from the New York City borough of Queens, showed the character Maude opting to get an abortion. The storyline was aired a year before the U.S. Supreme Court made Roe vs. Wade the law of the land. Multiple affiliates refused to air reruns of the episode.

In the early 1990s, the sitcom "Murphy Brown" found itself in a high-profile tiff during the 1992 presidential campaign when Dan Quayle, vice president to George H.W. Bush, lambasted the unmarried Murphy's pregnancy as a mockery of fatherhood and American morality.

In "The Puppy Episode" of "Ellen" that aired in 1997, Ellen DeGeneres made history as the first prime-time lead on network TV to come out as gay. It was a huge cultural moment, but it also sparked attacks from

religious groups. ABC later placed a warning about "adult content" when DeGeneres' character kissed another woman in a separate episode.

Nearly 15 years ago, PBS was denounced by the nation's education secretary after it spent money on a cartoon with lesbian characters. The episode of "Postcards From Buster" featured two lesbian couples while the title character, an animated bunny, was on a trip to Vermont — a state at the time that was known for recognizing same-sex civil unions when many others did not. PBS later decided not to distribute the episode to its stations.

"When you get a mass medium as dominant and powerful as television ... that's always going to be a battleground over what messages get out there," said Robert Thompson, director of the Bleier Center for Television and Popular Culture at Syracuse University.

Big Bird's tweet ruffled others' feathers at a time when educational messages directed toward children are under increased scrutiny. Schools have seen an uptick in heated debates from frustrated parents and elected officials over how racial and social justice issues are handled in classrooms and instructional materials. Most recently, Republican Glenn Youngkin won the Virginia governor's race after seizing on conservatives' frustrations with schools.

Meanwhile, education officials have faced multiple conflicts on how they should handle mask and testing requirements during a pandemic. Some Republicans have pushed back against marketing the COVID-19 vaccine directly to minors.

"The whole 'Sesame Street' embrace

of diversity, inclusion, being nice, paying attention to people of poverty and of different colors, that is all a form of education directed at kids that most people would think is a really good thing and a great contribution. Then comes the vaccines," Thompson said. "And now, this idea of getting a vaccine is no longer a celebration. It's become something else."

In Tennessee, the state briefly halted its vaccine outreach to children and fired its top vaccination director after GOP leaders threatened to dissolve the health agency over marketing efforts to get children vaccinated against the disease. During a meeting with department heads, Republican Rep. Scott Cepicky held up a printout of the ad featuring a smiling teen with a Band-Aid who had recently been vaccinated and called it "reprehensible."

The GOP-controlled General Assembly later passed legislation banning certain minors as young as 14 from getting the shot without parental consent — an option that was previously available, albeit used infrequently. The measure, which Republican Gov. Bill Lee promised to sign this week, has only a handful of exceptions.

"It's not surprising that the pandemic, vaccination and following public health advice might fall into this cultural battle or effort to leverage emotive issues to your political advantage if you're a senator or a political candidate," said Colin Woodard, author of "American Character: The History of the Epic Struggle Between Individual Liberty and the Common Good."

"The flashpoints in our culture wars," Woodard said, "are often flashpoints between an individual liberty and a common good perspective."

Who's going back to the movies? So far, not everyone

By Jake Coyle

AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The movies are clawing their way back in theaters, but, so far, not everyone is showing up like they used to.

While certain segments of moviegoers are closer to pre-pandemic levels, older moviegoers and family audiences have been slower to return. That's shrunk already narrow opportunities for non-franchise films to find audiences. Well before the pandemic, superheroes and spectacles were already a bigger and bigger slice of the box-office pie. Right now, they're closer to the whole meal.

David A. Gross, who runs the movie consultancy Franchise Entertainment, estimates that while superhero films are back to about 75% of pre-pandemic levels, adult character-driven genres are down 66% to 75% from normal, and family films are at least 50% off. That can naturally be attributed to COVID-19 concerns. Older ticket buyers are more likely to be cautious

about the virus. Vaccines are only just rolling out for those under 12.

But if the trend is more than temporary, it wouldn't be a surprise to those who have long forecast that the theatrical movie — once the most powerful pop-culture juggernaut on the planet — has split into two increasingly separate camps: Blockbuster and boutique.

"It's a little early to make long-term projections. But the trend was already in place where blockbusters were making up a bigger part of the box office. Like other things that were in place, the pandemic accelerated some of those trends," says Rich Gelfond, chief executive of IMAX. "When people go out, they want something that's more special. People got used to watching different kinds of content on their couches."

Hollywood is tracking closely just how many moviegoers it might have lost in a pandemic interim where streaming services made major inroads into homes and exclusive

theatrical windows splintered. Bob Chapek, Walt Disney Co. chief executive, said on an earnings call Wednesday that the studio is watching "very, very carefully" how different demographics return to theaters.

"We're still unsure in terms of how the marketplace is going to react when family films come back with a theatrical first window," said Chapek, whose studio will later this month release the animated "Encanto" first in theaters for 30 days. Change in consumer behavior, Chapek said "will be more permanent" than the virus.

Lately, younger and often male audiences are driving the top box-office performers — films like "Venom: Let There Be Carnage," "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings," "Free Guy," "Dune" and "Eternals" have led a theatrical revival. None of those films have performed as they might have pre-COVID-19, but the fall-off is nothing compared to the low turnout for, say, Ridley Scott's "The Last Duel"

(\$10.5 million in four weeks), a star-led medieval drama from Disney's 20th Century Studios. Edgar Wright's "Last Night in Soho," a stylish thriller, has

amassed a modest \$8.1 million in two weeks. Last weekend, the Oscar-tipped "Spencer," starring Kristen Stewart as Princess Diana, opened with \$2.1 million.

DIVORCES

These people were recently granted divorces in Pettis County Circuit Court: Terry L. Hutchings and Tom L. Hutchings; Jonathan W. Wirtz and Angie L. Wirtz.

THE Payne Twins



Meet twins Liam & Bennett Payne who were born unexpectedly in December 2019 at 27 weeks each weighing only 2lbs 3oz. Parents Lauren and Nick spent 139 days with the boys in the NICU. Once both boys were released, they were signed up for MO First Steps through CHS.

The boys are now almost two years old, and both attend Early Head Start (EHS) at the CHS Harris Center and receive therapy twice a month with First Steps. They also receive different services to help them reach their milestones. Liam works with physical therapy and gets orthotic inserts in his shoes. He also wore a helmet that helped shape his head from craniosynostosis. Bennett is better with motor function, while Liam excels in communication. Bennett utilizes sign language with First Steps, EHS, as well as home to help him communicate his needs.

Lauren states, "Liam and Bennett are doing great and are almost reaching all of their milestones for their actual age. Liam loves the farm and riding the combine, while Bennett loves golf and playing with his toy golf set. Both have the sweetest personalities and always love helping out!"

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WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

MINDY KALING

The star of *The Office* and *The Mindy Project*, 42, goes behind the camera as the

creator and a producer of *The Sex Lives of College Girls* (Nov. 18 on HBO Max). The new comedy-drama series follows four freshmen roommates at a prestigious New England college.

How would you describe the female roommates at Essex College? I wanted to show young women who come in with a really strong point of view. Kimberly [Pauline Chalamet] wants to be a Supreme Court justice. Leighton [Reneé Rapp] will be in [Phi Beta] Kappa. Whitney [Alyah Chanelle Scott] wants to go pro [soccer]. None of them are demure, standing in the shadows. They come in with real purpose, and one is to have a lot of sex.

Was your main goal in college to write for the humor magazine? One thing that I share with Bela, the character that Amrit Kaur plays, is my single-minded desire to become a comedy writer. I've had that urge since I was 16 years old.

How much of the show is based on your real-life college experience at Dartmouth, where you drew a comic strip for the school newspaper? It's not autobiographical. The campus magazine in this show is a mix of a lot of different inspired literary [publications] that these colleges take a lot of pride in, that are hard to get into and that attract a certain kind of people.

Do you feel like this is the spiritual sister to your Netflix series *Never Have I Ever*? One thing that a lot of my shows and projects have in common is young women who have big personalities and big ambitions.

Did you keep diaries in high school and college from which you can now pull story ideas? No, I wish I had. Even to this day, I have no sense of self-reflection. That's why [research] trips to colleges were incredibly useful because they triggered memories, and we also got to hear the experiences of now. We didn't want to be one of those nostalgia shows where you hear [the rock band] Chumbawamba, and you're like, "Is this 2001?" We really did want to make sure that we nailed it for 2021.

How does she think her sexy new show will go over with her old alma mater? Go to [Parade.com/mindy](https://www.parade.com/mindy) to find out.



MEET THE 'MAYOR'

In *Mayor of Kingstown* (Nov. 14 on Paramount+), **Jeremy Renner**, 50, stars as Mike McLusky, the middle son of three brothers in a family of power brokers in Kingstown, Mich., a small town dominated by its enormous prison system. **Kyle Chandler**, 56, plays older brother Mitch, a "fixer" who knows his way around the maze of incarceration regulations, and **Dianne Wiest**, 73, is Mariam, the family matriarch, who teaches at the women's prison. "Every character is a product of the environment," says Renner, who also stars as the Marvel bow-and-arrow character Hawkeye in movies and in his own spinoff series. "And the environment is bleak."

KING OF THE COURT

King Richard (Nov. 19 in theaters and on HBO Max) is the dramatization of a dad's determination to write his daughters—tennis sensations Venus and Serena Williams—into history. **Will Smith**, 53, plays dad Richard, who raised two of the most gifted players in history with a 78-page plan and training that included playing on the abandoned courts of Compton, Calif., with used tennis balls. "Richard Williams is a lot like my father," says Smith. "When I first read the script, I understood what it's like to want your kids to succeed. I had done it a little bit with my kids," including son Jaden and daughter Willow, both of whom have appeared in films with their father.



CRASH LANDINGS

In *Yellowjackets* (Nov. 14 on Showtime), a girls' high school soccer team survives a plane crash in a remote northern wilderness and morphs into savages competing for resources. Sound familiar? Check out a few other plane-crash/survival dramas.

The Mountain Between Us (2017) **Idris**



Elba and Kate Winslet are stranded when their flight crashes in the wilderness.



The Grey (2011) If your plane goes down and wolves are closing in, wouldn't you be glad **Liam Neeson** was on board?



Cast Away (2000) It features **Tom Hanks** and possibly the most horrifyingly realistic plane crash of any movie.



The Edge (1997) After a crash, Anthony Hopkins and Alec Baldwin try to outsmart an angry Kodiak bear.

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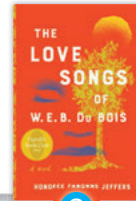
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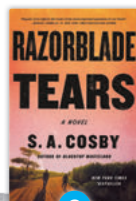
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1 For the Foodie A Prohibition-era cocktail in New Orleans. A massaged persimmon in Japan. Steam-brewed beers in North Korea. That's just a sampling of more than 500 dishes, ingredients, traditions and cooking practices from every corner of the world in the new culinary book **Gastro Obscura: A Food Adventurer's Guide** (Workman) by Cecily Wong and Dylan Thuras. **\$43**

2 For Readers of the Great American Novel Set against the backdrop of the American South, Honorée Fanonne Jeffers' **The Love Songs of W.E.B. Du Bois** (Harper) is an epic tale of adventure that follows a young Black girl struggling with her own identity, alternating her own story with those of her ancestors. **\$29**

3 For the Mafia Buff In **Leave the Gun, Take the Cannoli: The Epic Story of the Making of The Godfather** (Gallery Books), a thorough, page-turning "making of" story nearly 50 years after the film's release, Mark Seal writes of the revolutionary film that "sparked a war between two of the mightiest powers in America: the sharks of Hollywood and the highest echelons of the Mob." **\$29**

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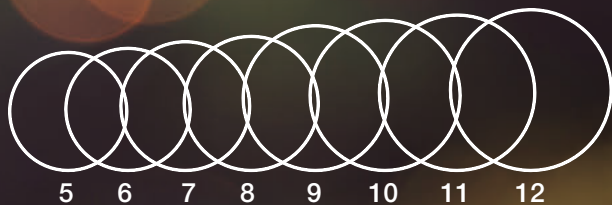
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5 For the Book Clubber

In **Dava Shastri's Last Day** (Nov. 30, Grand Central Publishing) by Kirthana Ramisetty, one of the world's wealthiest women has just received a cancer diagnosis. Now a dying billionaire matriarch, she decides to leak the news of her death so she can read her obituaries, horrifying her children and inadvertently exposing secrets she spent years burying. **\$28**

6 For the Armchair Detective

Two dads (and ex-cons) attempt to solve and avenge the gruesome murders of their sons in S.A. Crosby's bestselling thriller **Razorblade Tears** (Flatiron). **\$27**

7 For the Rom-Com Lover

When **Harry Met Sally** buffs will bask in the warm and witty comfort of Emily Henry's **People We Meet on Vacation** (Berkley). The 2021 rom-com hit follows a travel writer who reconnects with the best friend she might be in love with. **\$16**

8 For the Martini Maker

Unveiling an entire untold history of female distillers, brewers, drink makers and more, screenwriter Mallory O'Meara's **Girly Drinks: A World History of Women and Alcohol** (Hanover Square) is a fun and fiercely feminist look at the women who changed drinking. **\$28**

9 For the Budding Imagination

A tale of magic, mischief and monsters, **Beasts of Prey** (G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers), the first in Ayana Gray's fantasy trilogy (which is also being developed into a film by Netflix), follows two teenagers hunting down a vicious creature. **\$19**

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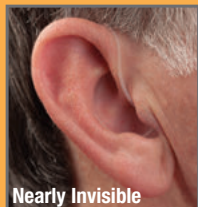
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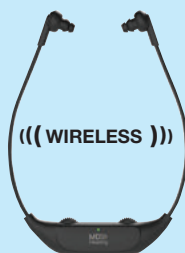
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10 For Fans of Wicked

The first book in an all-new magical Wicked spinoff series, **The Brides of Maracoor** (William Morrow) by Gregory Maguire welcomes back a few familiar faces from Oz as well as Elphaba's vibrantly green-skinned granddaughter, Rain, who washes ashore on a foreign island where a compelling cast of seven "brides" takes her in. \$29

11 For the Environmentally Friendly

With glowing reviews from Bill Nye, Leonardo DiCaprio, Greta Thunberg and more, world-renowned climatologist Michael E. Mann's **The New Climate War: The Fight to Take Back Our Planet** (PublicAffairs) debunks deniers and sets out systemic measures to combat the global problem. \$29

12 For Historical Fiction Fans

For anyone on your list who cherishes books, **The Paris Library** (Atria) by Janet Skeslien Charles is based on a true story and takes readers to World War II-era France, where a group of heroic international librarians defies Nazi rule to hand-deliver books to Jewish readers. \$28



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This savory pie is a fun twist on a traditional turkey main dish. If you go the full-bird route, this is a tasty way to use those next-day leftovers. Parcooking the bacon renders out most of the fat before you weave it into a lattice atop the pie. The number of bacon slices needed depends on how tightly woven you like your lattice.

Tips: Use center-cut or regular (not thick-cut) bacon for this recipe. Want to make this keto-friendly? Skip the crust and pour the filling into a well-greased pie plate.

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When it comes to holiday spreads, we think pie is the best part! And it's even better when your options are savory as well as sweet. That's why we built an entire Thanksgiving menu of pies of all shapes and sizes. Pie lovers can pick and choose from among our six seasonal recipes or build an entire pie-tastic meal—appetizer, sides, main and dessert.

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CRANBERRY-BRIE PUFF PASTRY BITES

With just three ingredients (four, if you go for the rosemary garnish), you can serve up this bite-size, savory-sweet appetizer. It may not officially be pie (go ahead and eat it with your hands!)—but it's baked in a mini muffin tin and has pastry, so we think that qualifies. Use canned or your favorite homemade cranberry sauce for this.

Tip: Freezing the brie for 15 minutes makes it easier to cut up.

Preheat oven to 400°F. Cut 6 oz **brie cheese** into 18 (approximately 1-inch) pieces. On a lightly floured work surface, unfold 1 (17.3-oz) pkg **frozen puff pastry**, thawed. Cut each sheet into 9 squares. Press into mini muffin cups. Fill each with 1 piece brie; divide ½ cup **cranberry sauce** evenly among squares. Bake 15 minutes or until pastry is golden and brie is gooey. Cool 10 minutes before removing from pan. If desired, garnish with **fresh rosemary**. Serve warm or at room temperature. **Makes 18.**



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CANDIED SWEET POTATO PIE

In many African American families, the tradition of sweet potato pie on the holiday table goes back generations. "Chances are, there's someone in your family who makes the best sweet potato pie," says Great American Baking Show winner Vallery Lomas of this recipe from her new cookbook, *Life Is What You Bake It*. "In my family, it's my mom. Hers is light and tender, and it captures all the goodness of candied yams without being too sweet."

Lomas adds orange zest and almond or orange liqueur, plus toasted pecans for crunch and to balance the sweetness. "With this recipe," she says, "it might just be you who becomes the person in your family who makes the best sweet potato pie."

Tip: Refrigerate the cooled pie and whipped cream separately, covered, up to 3 days.

Arrange rack in middle of oven. Preheat oven to 375°F. Wash and pierce 2–3 **sweet potatoes** all over with a fork. Wrap in foil; place on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake 60 minutes or until a fork pierces the flesh with ease. Set aside until cool enough to handle; slip off skins. (Cool and refrigerate up to 3 days in advance.)

Lower oven temperature to 350°F.

Fit ½ recipe **Flaky Pie Crust** (Parade.com/crust) or ½ (14.1- to 22-oz) pkg **refrigerated rolled pie crust** (or frozen, thawed) into a 9-inch pie plate, fluting or crimping edges as desired; chill 30 minutes. Prick dough all over with tines of a fork. Fit a piece of foil into crust, leaving an overhang. Fill with pie weights or dried beans. Bake 20 minutes or until bottom of crust is dried out (foil will come away easily). Remove from oven; carefully remove foil and pie weights.

Place sweet potatoes and ¼ cup (½ stick) **unsalted butter**, melted, in a food processor; pulse 5–6 times or until well combined (don't overprocess or they'll become gummy). You should have about 2 cups pureed sweet potatoes. Use a rubber spatula to scrape bottom of food processor. Add ½ cup **granulated sugar**, 6 Tbsp firmly packed **light or dark brown sugar**, 1 cup **evaporated milk**, 2 Tbsp **almond liqueur** or **orange liqueur** (optional), 1 Tbsp **vanilla extract**, 1 tsp **ground**

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SPINACH AND MUSHROOM GALETTE WITH EVERYTHING CRUST

A galette is a freeform tart that can be topped with savory or sweet filling. This veg-centered pie from Parade chef Jon Ashton works as a side dish or vegetarian entree.

Adjust oven rack to lower-middle position. Preheat oven to 375°F.

In a large skillet over medium, melt 1 Tbsp **butter**. Add 1 **leek**, white and light green parts only, sliced ½ inch thick; 2 tsp minced **fresh thyme**; and **kosher salt** and freshly ground **black pepper** to taste. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, 3–5 minutes or until leek is tender and just beginning to brown. Scrape into a large bowl.

Return pan to medium-high; melt 1 Tbsp butter. Add 1 lb **cremini (baby bella) mushrooms**, thinly sliced, and a pinch of salt. Saute 5–7 minutes or until mushrooms have released their liquid and are golden brown. Add to bowl with leeks. Stir in 1 (5.2-oz) pkg **Boursin cheese** until melted. Stir in 2 (10-oz) pkgs **frozen spinach**, thawed and squeezed dry, and 1 Tbsp **whole-grain mustard**. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Unroll ½ (14.1- to 22-oz) pkg **refrigerated rolled pie crust** (or frozen, thawed) on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. If desired, stretch into an oblong shape. Sprinkle 1 cup shredded **Gruyere or Emmentaler cheese** over crust, leaving a 1¼-inch border. Top cheese with spinach mixture. Fold edges of crust over filling, overlapping slightly, leaving center of filling exposed, pleating edges as you go. Brush crust with 1 **large egg**, lightly beaten. Sprinkle crust with 1–2 Tbsp **everything seasoning**. Bake 30–35 minutes or until crust is golden brown. If desired, sprinkle with minced **chives** and/or finely grated **Parmesan cheese**. Let stand 5 minutes before slicing. Serve warm or at room temperature. **Serves 6.**

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VEGAN SAUSAGE TASTES LIKE THE REAL THING



PLANT-BASED PUMPKIN, SAUSAGE AND KALE PIZZA

In our book, pizza definitely counts as a pie, and this one welcomes vegetarian and vegan guests to the table with all the hearty flavors of fall. Use any type of plant-based sausage you like, either ground (such as *Impossible Sausage*) or links (such as *Beyond Sausage* or *Field Roast*).

One hour before baking, place a pizza stone on rack in top third of oven. Preheat oven to 500°F.

Meanwhile, heat 1 tsp **extra-virgin olive oil** in a large nonstick skillet over medium. Cook ¼ pound **vegan sausage** (any variety) according to package directions, stirring to crumble if using ground sausage; transfer to a paper-towel-lined plate. (If using links, transfer cooked sausage to a cutting board and slice or dice.)

Return pan to medium-high heat. Add 2 tsp extra-virgin olive oil, swirling to coat pan. Add ½ (7-oz) bunch **Tuscan kale**, stemmed, washed and torn into bite-size pieces; ⅛ tsp **red pepper flakes** (if desired); and **kosher salt** and freshly ground **black pepper** to taste. Sauté 5–7 minutes or until well wilted; set aside.

In a small bowl, combine ½ cup **canned pumpkin puree**; 1 large clove **garlic**, grated; and salt and pepper to taste.

On a lightly floured work surface, use your hands or a rolling pin to shape 1 lb **refrigerated pizza dough** (or frozen, thawed), at room temperature, into a 13-inch circle. Transfer dough to a pizza peel or rimless baking sheet sprinkled with **cornmeal**. Spread with pumpkin mixture. Top with ¾ cup **shredded Italian-blend cheese** or **vegan mozzarella**, kale, sausage and ¼ cup thinly sliced **red onion**. Slide onto preheated pizza stone. Bake 8 minutes. Turn on broiler; broil pizza 1–2 minutes or until cheese is bubbly and edges are puffed and browned. Drizzle with oil before slicing and serving. **Makes 1 [13-inch] pizza.**



A NEW RECIPE FROM MARTHA STEWART!

CRANBERRY-MERINGUE TARTLETS

This stellar holiday treat from the new cookbook *Martha Stewart's Fruit Desserts* features a brown-butter press-in crust filled with jewel-toned, sweet-tangy cranberry curd. Make sure the tartlets are well chilled before piping or spooning on the meringue.

Tip: No piping bag or pastry tip? No worries. Spoon the meringue into a zip-top plastic bag, snip a ½-inch hole in one corner and pipe away!

CRUST In a small saucepan over medium, melt ¾ cup (1½ sticks) **unsalted butter**, cut into pieces. Cook, stirring frequently, 5–8 minutes or until deep golden brown. Cool to room temperature. Stir in 1½ tsp **vanilla extract**.

In a medium bowl, whisk 1½ cups **all-purpose flour**, ¼ cup **sugar**, ¾ tsp **baking powder** and ¼ tsp **kosher salt**. Add brown butter mixture; stir just until combined. Divide among 6 (4-inch) tart pans with removable bottoms; pat into bottoms and up sides. Arrange on a rimmed baking sheet. Refrigerate 1 hour or until firm.

Preheat oven to 350°F. With a fork, pierce bottom of each tart shell all over. Line each with parchment paper; fill with pie weights or dried beans. Bake 20 minutes or until edges are golden. Remove weights and parchment. Bake 8 minutes or until crust is golden. Transfer to a wire rack; cool completely.

FILLING In a medium saucepan over medium-high, bring 3½ cups (12 oz) **fresh or thawed frozen cranberries**, ⅔ cup **fresh orange juice** (about 3 oranges), ½ cup water and ½ tsp **kosher salt** to a boil. Reduce heat to medium, cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, 10–15 minutes or until berries are very soft. Strain through a fine-mesh strainer (you should have about 1½ cups); discard solids. Return mixture to pan. Add 1½ cups **sugar**; cook over medium-high, stirring, until sugar dissolves. Add 4 Tbsp (½ stick) **unsalted butter**, cut into pieces; whisk until melted.

In a heatproof bowl, whisk 1 whole **large egg** and 2 **large egg yolks** (reserve whites for meringue). Gradually whisk in half of hot cranberry mixture; pour back into pan. Place over medium heat. Simmer, stirring constantly, 8 minutes or until mixture coats the back of a wooden spoon. Strain through a fine-mesh strainer into a heatproof measuring cup. Pour

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Preheat oven to 425°F.

Unroll ½ (14.1- to 22-oz) pkg refrigerated rolled pie crust (or frozen, thawed). Fit into a 9-inch deep-dish pie plate or oven-safe skillet. Crimp or flute edges as desired. Chill at least 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, arrange 10–12 slices **bacon** on a rimmed baking sheet (it's OK if some pieces overlap). Bake 13–15 minutes or until bacon renders most of its fat and is cooked but still pliable and not crisp. Transfer bacon to a paper-towel-lined plate.

Reduce oven temperature to 375°F.

Heat oil in a skillet over medium. Add 1 **onion**, diced; 1 **carrot**, finely chopped; and a generous pinch of **kosher salt** and freshly ground **black pepper**. Cook 6–8 minutes, stirring occasionally, or until tender. Set aside to cool slightly.

Prick bottom of chilled pie crust all over with a fork. Line pie crust with foil. Fill with pie weights or dried beans. Bake 25 minutes. Remove from oven; remove foil and pie weights. Return crust to oven; bake 5 minutes or until it is light golden.

In a medium bowl, whisk 5 **large eggs**, at room temperature; 1¼ cups **half-and-half**, at room temperature; 2 tsp minced **fresh herbs** (rosemary, thyme and/or sage); and salt and pepper to taste. Stir in vegetables, 1½ cups diced **roast turkey** and 1 cup shredded **sharp cheddar cheese**. Pour into parbaked pie crust. Bake 20 minutes or until filling is starting to set. Remove from oven, arrange parcooked bacon in a lattice pattern on top, trimming edges as needed. Bake 20–25 minutes or until bacon is crisp and filling is set. Let stand 15 minutes before slicing. Serve warm or at room temperature. **Serves 6.**

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cinnamon, ¼ tsp freshly grated nutmeg, ¼ tsp ground ginger, ⅓ tsp ground cloves, ⅓ tsp kosher salt, 3 large eggs and grated zest from ¼ orange. Pulse until combined, about 10 times. Use spatula to scrape bottom of processor; pulse 2–3 more times.

Remove processor bowl from machine; remove blade. Use spatula to stir mixture until smooth; fold in ½ cup toasted pecans, roughly chopped. Pour filling into parbaked pie crust; smooth top. Bake 50–55 minutes or until filling is set. Remove from oven; cool completely. Refrigerate until completely set.

Place 1 cup heavy cream, 2 Tbsp powdered sugar and 1 tsp vanilla extract in bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a whisk attachment (or in a medium bowl, using a hand mixer). Whisk or beat on medium speed until soft peaks form. Reduce speed to slow; whisk or beat until stiff peaks form. Serve pie dolloped with whipped cream and, if desired, a cinnamon stick or dusting of ground cinnamon. **Makes 1 (9-inch) pie.**

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into tart shells. Press plastic wrap directly onto surface of filling; refrigerate until cold, at least 2 hours and up to overnight.

MERINGUE In a heatproof bowl set over (not in) a pot of simmering water, whisk reserved 2 egg whites and ½ cup sugar until mixture is warm to the touch and no longer feels grainy when rubbed between two fingers. Remove from heat. Beat on medium-high speed 6 minutes or until soft peaks form. Transfer meringue to a piping bag fitted with a ½-inch tip. Remove tartlets from pans. Pipe dots or swirls onto tartlets. If desired, lightly toast meringue with a kitchen torch.

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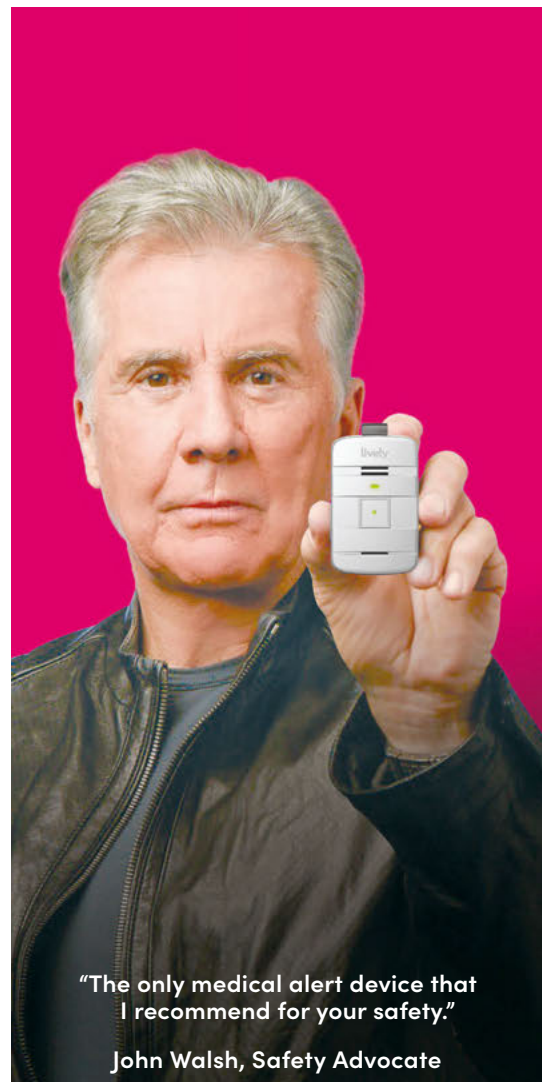
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