

Nine arrested for drug sales after investigation

Suspects dealing from parks, school zones, motels

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A covert investigation by the Sedalia Police Department Crime Resolution Unit (CRU) over the past several months has led to the arrests of nine Sedalia residents found to be distributing drugs throughout the community.

“Our big idea with it is to really work on those individuals who try to avoid our normal investigative techniques in search warrants,” Sedalia

Police Chief Matthew Wirt said Tuesday, “and instead seek out people that are doing a lot of hand-to-hand transactions, secret transactions where they avoid where we might come to their house and do a search warrant.”

A statement released Tuesday by the Sedalia Police Department thanked those involved in their investigations: “Many police investigations rely on the community to provide tips to law enforcement so detectives can pursue

individuals responsible for drug distribution. We greatly appreciate our community's efforts to provide information and to support CRU drug investigations. The Sedalia Police Department would also like to express their appreciation to the Pettis County prosecuting attorney's office for their assistance in this investigation and the Pettis County Sheriff's Office for their assistance with the arrests made outside the Sedalia city limits.”

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Pettis County may see plow shortage this winter

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Pettis County residents may see delays on roads being plowed this winter due to operator shortage statewide.

Becky Allmeroth, chief safety and operations officer for the Missouri Department of Transportation, said that being short operators is nothing new to Missouri, but it is more extreme this year.

“We are dealing with just extremely high turnover and we have been for the last five years, which our turnover has been about 600 employees per year, average about 50

per month,” Allmeroth said. “This year, we’re going on seven straight months where we’ve lost 70 employees per month and then it’s been even worse the last four months where we were averaging 85 to 90.”

MoDOT is on track to lose between 800 to 900 employees this year and the primary reason is pay.

“Our pay is a little bit lower and we are competing against some of the same resources of a lot of those other companies and industries that depend on CDL operators and truck drivers,” Allmeroth added.

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The Missouri Department of Transportation is experiencing a large shortage of operators, so Pettis County residents may see delays.

Salvation Army looking for Christmas donations, volunteers

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The Christmas season is almost here, and The Salvation Army in Sedalia is in need of some help as they offer help to Pettis County residents in need.

The Salvation Army is taking applications for Christmas assistance until Dec. 3. Pettis County residents can sign up in person at 1200 E. Broadway Blvd. from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20. Applications can also be mailed or emailed to the Salvation Army. Applicants will need proof of ID, proof of address and proof of income.

Magen Hudson, of the Salvation Army, said those who qualify

will receive a Christmas meal to make at home and two toys per child in the family.

“We know Christmas can be a trying time for a lot of families who don’t have the means to make ends meet, let alone get toys for kiddos or a Christmas ham,” Hudson said. “We don’t want someone to miss out just because they’re having a hard time. We want to fill the gap for people struggling. All toys are given to the parents, and they give the gifts from themselves. We think if we help out with toys and food at Christmas, it gives them some extra money to cover those bills at a hard time of the year.”

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Characters Gabriella Montez and Troy Bolton, played by Maddison Sherwood-Salazar and Riley Wyatt sing “The Start of Something New” Monday night during dress rehearsal for the Smith-Cotton High School performance of “High School Musical.”

SCHS to perform ‘High School Musical’

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In their first musical since the COVID-19 pandemic began, Smith-Cotton High School theater students will perform “High School Musical” this weekend.

SCHS Speech and Theatre Teacher Elizabeth Carter said on Tuesday there are around 40 students in the cast, plus 10 backstage and 10 who are playing live music. She added the students are excited to be back on stage.

Carter said the musical is about the characters Troy Bolton and Gabriella Montez who meet during winter break and sing together. During winter break they find they have chemistry and a connection to each other.

“Then it turns out that Gabriella actually transfers to Troy’s school,” she added. “Which is East High, the Wildcats. When she gets there, they see each other and are super excited.”

Troy is perplexed because he hasn’t told his friends at East High that he likes to sing. During the musical, Troy and Gabriella meet other characters such as the high school diva Sharpay Evans and her twin brother, Ryan.

“And, Taylor who is

one of the really smart kids at the school,” Carter noted. “Then you find out that Gabriella, at her school, was also quite the whiz-kid. But she moved to (East High) and didn’t tell anybody because she didn’t want anybody to know.”

Eventually, Troy and Gabriella try out for the school musical and get a call-back. Carter noted the musical revolves around whether they will make the call-back or if they should.

Last weekend, S-C theatre students performed a version of the musical for the Liberty Center Association for the Arts’ worldwide performance of “All Together Now.” The performance was one of many done internationally and was globally initiated by Music Theatre International (MIT).

“There’s two versions of ‘We’re all in this together’ and the first one is with the jocks and the brainiacs deciding that Troy and Gabriella really should try out for the music call-backs,” Carter said. “So, that’s the one we performed for the Liberty Center.”

She added the performance went well and it gave her an opportunity to let the audience know the musical would be performed at S-C the



During dress rehearsal for Smith-Cotton’s “High School Musical” Monday night, teacher Ms. Darbus, played by Jaiden Clark, recites Shakespeare for East High students Ryan, played by Spencer Holman, and his twin sister, Sharpay, played by Emily Eschbacher.

following weekend.

Carter said she chose “High School Musical” because she knew her students would be excited about it.

“I knew it would be something the community would enjoy,” she added. “And I was hoping to get a few different people involved this year, and I was successful in doing that.”

She noted the SCHS theater program is growing.

“We weren’t able to do a musical last year because of COVID,” she said. “But fortunately, we were able to this year. So, my kids are super-duper excited. It’s the first musical since COVID.”

The musical is coming together well — the students recently received all of their costumes and dress rehearsals are underway.

“This is probably the third month into rehearsals,” she stated. “So, they have put in a lot of hard work and effort into it and I’m really excited to see the outcome.”

Carter added those attending the musical should come early to get seats because the curtain will go up promptly at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

“High School Musical” will be performed in the Heckart Performing Arts Center, 2010 Tiger Pride Blvd. Audience members must wear a mask. The cost is \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students.

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FUNERALS

Schlons, Justine Rose
11 a.m. today at Crown Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

Lunsford, Sheila G.
2 p.m. today at Smith Chapel Cemetery south of Marshall. Arrangements are under the direction of Weiker Funeral Home in Slater.

Kempf, Ruby Fern
10 a.m. Thursday at Olive Hill Amish-Mennonite Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

Bruce, Thelma “Lucille,”
12 p.m. Thursday at Rea Funeral Chapel, Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

Dedrick, Rene E.
10 a.m. Friday at Rea Funeral Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

DEATH NOTICE

Dedrick
Rene E. Dedrick, 71, of Sedalia, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021, at Bothwell Regional Health Center in Sedalia.
Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Rea Funeral Chapel, Sedalia.

Burial will be at Crown Hill Cemetery with full military honors performed by the Missouri Army National Guard. Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Rea Funeral Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

US population center moves 11.8 miles; still in Missouri

By Summer Ballentine

Associated Press

HARTVILLE, Mo. (AP) — Some people might describe Hartville, Missouri, as being in the middle of nowhere, but the U.S. Census Bureau on Tuesday announced that it's the closest town to the middle of the nation.

The hamlet of about 600 people in the Missouri Ozarks is located about 15 miles from the center of the U.S. population distribution, according to the Census Bureau.

The town is the type of place where families have been farming for generations, everybody knows each other and people stay for the "small-town living," said Sabrina Gilliland, 38, a paralegal for the local prosecutor, who lives on a family farm with her four children, cattle, pigs and chickens.

Gilliland joked that her mother is "related to half the people in the town." The four-block center of Hartville has a diner, barbershop, gas station and hair salon.

Pastor Melvin Moon, a Hartville City Council member, is hopeful the new designation brings tourists to the area known for Civil War history, antique shops and rivers popular for fishing, canoeing and kayaking. The Census Bureau will present a plaque to the town next spring.

"We are truly the heart of America," Moon said. "This small town represents what's great about America still: People are neighbors, people take time for each other and they help each other."

Bypassed by interstate highways and railroads, the town doesn't have a big tax base or large industry. The local school, a nursing home, the gas station and the Dollar General store are the largest employers. There used to be a lot of farmers in the area, but it's hard to make a living that way now, Moon said.

"So you have to want to live here," he said.

The nation's population center is calculated every 10 years after the once-a-decade census shows where people are living. The heart of America has been located in Missouri since 1980. Previously located in Plato, Missouri, in the neighboring county, it moved only 11.8 miles (19 kilometers) southwest from 2010 to 2020. It is the smallest distance shift in 100 years and the second-smallest in U.S. history.

It also was the southernmost shift in history, said Deirdre Bishop, the Census Bureau's chief of geography.

"That pull came from the growth in the southeast, in Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas," Bishop said.

The center is actually still closer to Plato than Hartville, but the Census Bureau likely wanted to keep it moving "since it is so tied up in our national psyche with expansion and progress," said Alex Zakrewsky, who is principal planner for Middlesex County, New Jersey, and has predicted the location after past censuses.

"Hartville also has the additional symbolic value of its name," Zakrewsky said.

To calculate the center of the U.S., the Census Bureau figures out which spot would be "the balance point" if the 50 states were located on an imaginary, flat surface with weights of identical size — each representing the location of one person — placed on it.

Zakrewsky said he wonders if the center of the U.S. is going to move a lot farther west by 2030 since California, the nation's most populous state, is losing residents.

"I sometimes speculate that Hartville may be the centroid's terminus," he said.

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Associated Press writer Mike Schneider in Orlando, Florida, contributed to this report.

LOCAL BRIEFS

License Office to close for Thanksgiving
The Sedalia License Office in the Thompson Hills Shopping Center will be closed Nov. 25-28 to observe Thanksgiving. The office will reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, Nov. 29.

SFCC to close for Thanksgiving break
State Fair Community College and extended campus locations will close at 5 p.m. Nov. 23 for Thanksgiving break. The college will be closed Nov. 24-26 and will reopen at 8 a.m. Nov. 29.

The State Fair Career and Technology Center for high school students on the Sedalia campus will close Nov. 24-26 for Thanksgiving break and reopen Nov. 29.

The Daum Museum of Contemporary Art on the Sedalia campus will be closed Nov. 24-26. The museum will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27 and Sunday, Nov. 28. Regular museum hours of 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday resume Nov. 30. Admission is free.

MMA to host meeting Thursday
All interested persons are invited to attend the 7

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. 15
9:05 p.m.: Marshall G. Buesing, 37, of the 1100 block of East 14th Street, was arrested after officers responded in reference to a domestic disturbance. The victim stated her husband was intoxicated, broke down the door and assaulted her. The suspect was identified, arrested, and transported to Pettis County Jail pending state charges for domestic assault, property damage, and knowingly burning or

exploding.

Incidents Nov. 15
9:02 a.m.: An officer was dispatched to the 1800 block of South Barrett Avenue for a burglary report. Over the weekend, an unknown suspect entered into an unoccupied residence and drank four 20-ounce bottles of Mountain Dew.

11:19 a.m.: An officer responded to the 300 block of West Fourth Street for a property damage report. The victim had property that was damaged and wished to pursue charges. A state charge of second-degree property damage was submitted to the Pettis County prosecutor's office.

12:52 p.m.: A juvenile runaway was located in the 1000 block of South Harrison Av-

p.m. Nov. 18 meeting of Mid-Missouri Artists at the Warrensburg Community Center Arts and Crafts Room. All MMA meetings/programs are free and open to the public.

Artist Stefanie Aziere-Sattler will present the program based on her creation of the mural along the Spirit Trail. The 4-mile-long, 10-foot-wide asphalt trail connects from the Warrensburg East Hale Lake Road trail and runs along state Route DD until it climbs Bristle Ridge. At Bristle Ridge, people can view the 100-foot painted visual depiction of Johnson County, past and present. Trail travel-

ers can capture a selfie or photo in front of the eagle wings, the interactive part of the mural.

Aziere-Sattler will explain how she incorporated the history and the present-day images connecting the area communities into the large mural, the challenges of painting the outdoor mural, and her art journey.

Area artists and photographers are encouraged to consider MMA membership. New members joining in November or December 2021 will have membership continued through 2022 with no additional fee. A membership form can be downloaded at www.midmissouriartists.com.

Sheriff's Office Incidents Nov. 15

3 p.m.: Deputies took a report of harassment in the 17000 block of Fristoe Road in Sedalia.

5 p.m.: Deputies took a report of stolen wiring from a house under construction in the 10000 block of state Route B.

Missouri State Highway Patrol Arrests Nov. 14
8:52 p.m.: Anita D. Dowdy, 53, of Warrensburg, was arrested in Johnson County for a felony warrant out of the El Paso County Sheriff's Department and for driving while intoxicated. She was transported to the Johnson County Jail and released.

Compiled by Chris Howell.

CRASH REPORTS

Two Sedalia women injured in Johnson accident
Lisa L. Morris, 35, of Sedalia, received minor injuries, and Carolyn E. Newbill, 40, of Sedalia, received moderate injuries at 5:25 p.m. Monday in a Johnson County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Morris was driving a 2007 Acura east on U.S. Highway 50 near state Route D when she overtook and struck Newbill who was driving a 2015 Dodge east.

Both drivers were wearing seat belts. Morris was treated at the scene while Newbill was transported by Johnson County Ambulance District to Western Missouri Medical Center in Warrensburg.

Knob Noster woman injured in Johnson accident
Kathy L. Lyons, 51, of Knob Noster, sustained moderate injuries at 3:35 a.m. Tuesday in a Johnson County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Lyons was driving north on state Route D at U.S. Highway 50 in a 2015

Chevrolet when she failed to stop at a stop sign while avoiding an animal in the roadway and traveled off the road striking a ditch.

Lyons was wearing a seat belt and was transported by Johnson County Ambulance District to Western Missouri Medical Center in Warrensburg.

Marshall man in serious condition after Pettis crash
Ryan R. Costa, 31, of Marshall, sustained serious injuries at 5:35 a.m. Tuesday in a Pettis County crash.

According to a Mis-

souri State Highway Patrol report, Costco was driving south on U.S. Highway 65 south of Georgetown Road in a 2005 Buick Lacrosse when he traveled off the right side of the road, struck a ditch, overturned, and was ejected.

He was not wearing a seat belt and was transported by Life Flight to University Hospital In Columbia.

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

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STATE BRIEFS

Missouri man sentenced for threatening 2 congressmen
SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — A southwest Missouri man who threatened two Democratic U.S. congressmen was sentenced Tuesday to 2.5 years in federal prison.

Kenneth R. Hubert, 63, of Marionville, was sentenced for threatening Rep. Emanuel Cleaver II of Missouri and Rep. Steven Cohen of Tennessee. He pleaded guilty in June to two counts of threatening to injure federal officials.

Hubert called Cleaver's office in Independence, Missouri, in January. He called Cleaver, who is Black, a racial slur and suggested putting a noose around his neck, federal officials said.

Hubert called Cohen's office in Washington D.C. in May 2019 and threatened to put a noose around his neck and drag him behind a pickup truck. He said he was offended by a comment Cohen made about former President Donald Trump.

Federal prosecutors have said Hubert made similar threats starting in 2014 to minorities, groups advocating for minorities and certain religious

beliefs and to members of the Democratic party. His targets included former President Barack Obama, the Missouri Democratic Party and the Council of American-Islamic Relations.

Before he was arrested, Hubert ignored several directions from law enforcement agencies to stop the threats, prosecutors said.

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UCM's 'Elf: the Musical' to host toy drive at performance

By Sara Lawson

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WARRENSBURG — A young orphan named Buddy mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole in "Elf: The Musical," presented by UCM Theatre and Dance.

Based on the popular Christmas movie of the same name, the musical follows the story of Buddy the Elf as he discovers what it means to be human.

The play opened last weekend and continues at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 18, 19 and 20.

An ASL interpreter will be provided for the Nov. 18 performance. Nov. 14 is a Pay-What-You-Can performance.

The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity.

Faced with the harsh realities that his father is on the naughty list and his half-brother

doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Director and Choreographer Ashley Miller-Scully said there are some notable differences in this production from the movie.

The production features original music not heard in the movie and the character of Papa Elf is not present. Santa Claus is depicted as more of a parental figure to Buddy.

"All the funny one-liners and the funny bits that are really classic in the movie and well known, those iconic moments, are captured in the musical," Miller-Scully said.

Miller-Scully decided to put an often-quoted scene back into the production, that was excluded from the musical script, where Buddy is leaving the North Pole and a narwhal says "bye Buddy, hope you find your dad."

Miller-Scully said one of her favorite numbers in the production is "Sparklejollyngletwinkly."

"There's a number

called 'Nobody cares about Santa' and we have all the Santas in Santa suits with the big bellies ... they're all complaining about how nobody cares about Santa," Miller-Scully said.

The lead role of Buddy the Elf is played by Jace Nielsen, a junior Theatre Performance major at UCM.

"Buddy the Elf is such a high energy and fun character to embody, which makes Elf: the Musical an immensely exciting show to be a part of," Nielsen said in a press release. "If you're looking for some over-the-top fun and laughs, and/or you're ready to get into the Christmas spirit, come see UCM's production of Elf: the Musical!"

A toy drive for Toys For Tots will take place for the duration of the run of the show.

Community members are encouraged to bring new or used toys to the theater when they come for the show, or drop toys off from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday in the Martin Building, room 113, on campus.

"I've always wanted to do a Christmas musical, so we thought it was a great time to do that

UCM to celebrate Highlander Theatre's 50th anniversary

WARRENSBURG — The University of Central Missouri Division of Theatre and Dance will celebrate the James L. Highlander Theatre's 50th year Nov. 19, prior to the evening performance of "Elf: the Musical."

This event takes place on the same day that the theatre opened at UCM, with the production of "Hamlet" on Nov. 19, 1971.

In celebration, a small reception with light refreshments for registered guests will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the rededication of the Highlander Theatre at 6:30 p.m. This event will include remarks by emeriti faculty, alumni and guests.

Following the ceremony, the Highlander Theatre will reopen for the first production since

the pandemic halted live indoor theatre at this UCM venue.

Before the show begins at 7:30 p.m., there also will be a special presentation of the Ed See Outstanding Theatre Alumnus Award to Carl Hutcherson, a former Eldon resident who currently resides in Warrensburg.

Ed See, on his retirement from UCM, established the Ed See Outstanding Theatre Alumnus Award through the University Foundation. The purpose of the endowment is to honor UCM Theatre alumni who have in some way distinguished themselves in theatre education, community theatre or in another area of professional theatre and have demonstrated commitment and love for the theatre arts.



Carl Hutcherson

The award recognizes those alumni who have honored their alma mater through their dedication and various theatrical achievements.

The Highlander rededication event is free but registration is required. To register, visit ucmfoundation.org/highlander-theatre-rededication.

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and knowing that it's so family-friendly and light-hearted, especially during kinda crazy times, that's exactly what our community and our students need,"

Miller-Scully said.

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tytickets.com.

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Charity Garage Sale to host final event of 2021



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRISTINA BURKE

A variety of items are seen ready for sale at 721 N. Charles St., Warrensburg, for the upcoming Charity Garage Sale to be hosted Nov. 18-20.

By Nicole Cooke

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WARRENSBURG — Thrifting-savvy customers have one more chance to shop the Charity Garage Sale this year.

The Charity Garage Sale will be hosted from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 18-20 at 721 N. Charles St., Warrensburg, in the former Gordmans building.

Christina Burke, co-owner of Axion Internet Services and a former Warrensburg Animal Rescue board member, said this will be the last sale for the year. She added that the garage sale organizers set an \$80,000 fundraising goal for the year and are now only \$7,000 away from reaching it.

"We thought we were crazy but we're almost there, so apparently we weren't as crazy as we thought," Burke said of the goal. "We had a good month last month and we hope to hit that goal if not exceed it this month."

The Charity Garage Sale, hosted by Axion, benefits Standing in the Gap Ministries and Warrensburg Animal Rescue. All money

raised is split 50-50 between the two organizations. Burke said this month, the money will go toward the Old Drum Animal Shelter's efforts to construct air-ing yards for the animals and to help expand the men's program at Standing in the Gap.

The building is donated by J.W. Franklin Co. and Axion pays the utilities, so Burke said any money spent by customers goes directly to the charities rather than expenses.

According to Burke, the facility is 22,000-square-feet and full of items.

"Everything you can think of we probably have one of it here," she said. "We've gotten everything — sinks and home improvement items, Christmas decor, clothes, kids clothes, knickknacks, furniture, we have a handmade baby crib right now that is pretty neat. We have lots of coats and winter items, and coats are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for kids."

The majority of items are priced at \$1, with furniture priced to sell. Burke said organizers want the community to be able to "come in and get what they need,"

offering the example of kids clothing being priced at 50 cents each.

"It's kind of mind-blowing honestly. ... It's amazing to think how much money we've made off of \$1 items or 25 cent items," Burke said.

Burke said the sale has been busy almost every month it has been open this year. She said volunteers add new items to the floor each day of the sale, so some customers stop by all three days to sift through new products.

"It's pretty fun," Burke said. "I see people who tell me they can't wait for the next sale. We're figuring out what we're going to do next year but this has been so fun."

"We'd love to see everyone come out, make this last sale really, really impressive," she added. "We have a lot of items that need new homes and we would love to meet or exceed that goal if possible. We look forward to seeing everyone."

For more information, visit the Charity Garage Sale (2021) Facebook event page.

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Boys & Girls Club receives \$50,000 donation

Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri recently received a generous \$50,000 donation from Shane and Phillip Smith, of Bothwell Peak Sport and Spine. The donation will help fund programs at BGC's six outlying Club Sites, specifically programs designed to increase academic success, improve healthy lifestyles and introduce members to the dangers of drugs and alcohol, particularly opioids.

"We are thankful to Shane and Phillip for this generous donation," said Executive Director Gary Beckman. "Through our Neighborhood Assistance Program, which offers 70% tax credits for business owners, we are able to reap the rewards of local supporters investing right here in the communities they live in and serve."

"The partnership with Bothwell Peak Sport and Spine not only has allowed us to expand through multiple counties, building therapy sites in underserved areas, but also allowed us the ability to give back to our hometown and other communities served by Boys & Girls Club," said Shane Smith. "We see first-hand all the great work the staff do for local children and we believe Boys & Girls Club is a blessing for our area, adding so much enrichment for so many of our youth. I'm thankful to be part of giving them a small token of appreciation for the work they do every day."

"Our parents taught us first-hand how to give; they were a big part of our community and organizations when we were growing up," said Peak Sport and Spine CEO

Phillip Smith. "I'll always remember the Optimist Club and selling Christmas trees with my dad, my mom serving food at church functions, how everyone was always welcomed in our home and them teaching us to take care of others whenever we could. Shane and I are blessed to be partnered with Bothwell Peak Sport and Spine because it's allowed us to give back to communities that gave us so much as kids."

Shane and Phillip Smith graduated from Marshall High School and work with Bothwell Peak Sport and Spine throughout central Missouri to provide outpatient therapy services, including clinics in Sedalia, Marshall, Warsaw, Versailles, Eldon and Boonville.

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Bothwell Peak Sport and Spine recently donated \$50,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri through its Neighborhood Assistance Program, which offers 70% Missouri tax credits to business owners.

STATE BIEFS

Meat processing plant could bring 1,300 jobs to Missouri

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — A Wisconsin-based company plans to build a meat processing plant in eastern Missouri next year that could bring 1,300 jobs to the region, officials announced Tuesday.

American Foods Group, which has factories in seven other states, would build the plant between Wright City and Foristell in Warren County if a final agreement can be approved.

The plant, which will process only beef, could generate

\$1 billion in economic impact, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported.

Warren County economic development director Steve Etcher said the company is in the design stage for the factory.

Gov. Mike Parson, who raises cattle in Polk County, said American Foods would potentially invest \$450 million in the region west of St. Louis.

"The process will take some time, but we feel very good about what we have seen in Warren County, Missouri," said AFG Executive Vice President Jim Rathke.

State senator from Sullivan announces bid

for U.S. Senate

SULLIVAN, Mo. (AP) — An eastern Missouri state senator is joining the long list of Republicans running for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Roy Blunt.

The Springfield News-Leader reported that Dave Schatz, who is from Sullivan and is president pro tem of the state Senate, made the announcement Tuesday.

"I'm not the fanciest guy in the race," Schatz, 57, said in an online ad. "I'm definitely not the slickest. But if you're looking for a U.S. senator who will get the job done, I'm your guy."

Schatz joins a list of GOP

candidates with greater name recognition. They include former Gov. Eric Greitens, Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt, U.S. Reps. Vicky Hartzler and Billy Long, and St. Louis attorney Mark McCloskey. Schatz is a business owner who was elected to the state Senate in 2014.

Blunt announced in March that he would not seek a third term.

Independence bans LGBTQ conversion therapy

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City suburb of Independence is the

latest in the metropolitan area to ban conversion therapy for LGBTQ youth.

The City Council voted unanimously Monday night to prohibit mental health professionals from using conversion therapy. Those who violate the ordinance could see fines of up to \$500.

The goal of conversion therapy is to change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity.

Several other area cities have banned the practice, including Columbia, Kansas City, North Kansas City, St. Louis and St. Joseph in Missouri and Prairie Village and Roeland Park in Kansas.

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Proposed account tracking goes too far

I recently read a meme on Facebook that said this:

"Imagine if my husband monitored my bank account, forced medical treatment on me that I didn't want so that I could work, charged me by the mile every time I drove... wouldn't you want me to get out of that abusive relationship? If yes, why do we let the government do it to us?"

When I first heard about President Biden's request to monitor all bank transactions over \$600, I laughed because I was certain that someone was spreading misinformation. I was wrong. It was a real proposal.

After receiving much backlash from Republican lawmakers and banking industry representatives, the Biden Administration backed down from that initial stance and is now proposing the threshold to accounts with more than \$100,000 in annual transactions. This proposal does not affect those who are paid by an employer who automatically deducts federal taxes.

This means that our small business, which will see transactions well over the \$100,000 annual mark will be subject to a breach of privacy by the federal government. We may run that much through our business account, but please understand that as the money comes in, it goes right back out for wages, tools, equipment, materials and a host of other products that are necessary for us to keep the business running. Why on earth am I to be the subject of the federal government's business? They already have our taxes on hand and those are subject to audit at any given time.

The last time I checked, we lived in a free county with life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Why is the Biden Administration taking such an interest in what we are doing and how we are doing it?

Imagine; the initial request was to monitor nearly every banking account in the country. Why? What are they looking for? Why is it their business to monitor how we earn and spend our money? Are they looking for new ways in which to "equalize" the standard of living? After all, they are perfectly willing to provide illegal immigrants with a substantial amount of money (the last report was \$350,000 per family that was separated upon entry to the United States).

Now they want to tax me for each mile that I drive? Do we not already have gas taxes in place to cover the cost of highway repairs? Do they believe this is the way in which they will make up for lost revenue when they force us into driving electric vehicles?

Force; this is the word of the day. We are being mandated to perform at every level of life by our federal government. Is this what the President said he would do when he was campaigning? No, it was not. In fact, he said



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very little about what his agenda would be. The only thing this administration could do in order to stand a chance at winning the election was to discuss the lack of tact of the former administration.

Anyone who paid attention to what was really going on could clearly see that some of these things were coming. We didn't know what they would be but we knew that the far left had its talons clamped into the sides of the Biden Administration and we knew perfectly well what their agenda was.

Too many people paid far too much attention to the rhetoric and did not perform their due diligence in researching who they were voting for. People have become naïve puppets because they mostly utilize social media as their source of news.

All of a sudden, the decision to give this administration the top authority in the country has come back to bite them in the pocketbook. Only now are voters beginning to pay closer attention to what is happening to our country.

Now the administration is mandating COVID-19 vaccinations. How nice of them!

With a country that is begging for workers (something the White House has yet to acknowledge), they are chasing more critical workers out of their jobs. Health care workers are walking out because they refuse to have their civil liberties annihilated. Federal workers are following suit and big tech is even taking a hit as their employees now understand what they voted for.

I, for one, have no problem willingly receiving the vaccination. I have done my research (as Aaron Rodgers did) and personally believe that it is to my advantage to have the vaccine on board. Aaron Rodgers did not see it that way and is now being penalized by the NFL for not following protocol. This is the very protocol that the Biden Administration called for.

Do not be deceived.

Our civil rights are being violated at every turn. Please perform your due diligence in researching the goals of the far left before the mid-term elections in 2022. We must make a change now in order to protect ourselves from these extreme violations of our rights as American citizens under our Constitution.

Stephanie Lefevers is a local business owner, former member of the Sedalia 200 Board of Education and a resident of Sedalia for more than 40 years.



CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

Stained glass windows a reminder of old church



RHONDA CHALFANT
Contributing Columnist

In his pamphlet "A Feast of Cold Facts," Sedalia booster I. Mac DeMuth described the First Christian Church dedicated in 1889 by noting the seating capacity, the range of utilities, the pipe organ, and the elaborate parlors. He fails to mention the "pictured windows" that presented images of Bible stories.

When the old building was demolished in 1964, several of the windows were moved to the new church. Here they continued to present images of stories and characters from the Bible.

Four of the windows are in a room off the hallway near the west entryway. The windows are placed in pairs on the west side of the building where they are illuminated by the afternoon sun, which intensifies the colors of the glass and causes the windows to reflect colors on the floor and walls of the room.

Each window is surrounded by a frame of white glass topped by a triangle of small colored glass panes with a floral motif at the center of the triangle.

One of the pairs of windows shows a

Bible story and a New Testament character. The window on the left refers to the story of the Good Samaritan. The window shows a man who has been beaten being cared for by a well-dressed man. The colors of the garments — pale green on the beaten man, and red, salmon orange and blue for the other man — are accented with paint that details the folds of the cloth and gives the image depth.

The second window in this pair shows St. Paul, an early Christian missionary who was executed by the Romans for his missionary work. He is depicted standing on a stone porch overlooking a large grassy area and the ocean; these images would remind the viewer of Paul's extensive travels to spread

the gospel of Jesus.

Paul is holding a sword and a book, traditional symbols that represent him. The book refers to the epistles, the 13 letters he is believed to have written to the various churches and individuals; these letters have become a part of the New Testament.

The sword represents his manner of execution. Paul was martyred in Rome at the orders of the emperor Nero; tradition says he was falsely accused of having a part in starting the great fire that destroyed the city. Under Roman law, Roman citizens who committed capital offenses were spared crucifixion and burning at the stake, the most dreadful methods of execution. As a Roman citizen, Paul was beheaded.

The next pair of windows presents two images of Jesus that show how he cares for his people. The first image refers to the familiar story of Jesus blessing the children. His white robe denotes his purity and the red stole suggests the blood he shed for the sins of the world. The children's cloth-

ing defines them as poor or rich and indicates Jesus' love for all regardless of social status. A poor child is dressed in a plain tan tunic; a wealthy child is wearing a blue gown with a gold and green scarf.

The last window shows a good shepherd carrying a lamb and followed by the sheep which know his voice and come after him. His red robe and white stole are also accented by painted lines that again show shadows. This picture is darker than the others, suggesting an evening setting when the sheep would be gathered by the shepherd and taken to their shelter for the night.

The church histories do not mention the artist who made the windows. However, his work remains as a reminder of the faith of the early church members and as a sign of the everlasting nature of the Scripture.

Rhonda Chalfant is the president of the Pettis County chapter of NAACP and a member of the Pettis County Historical Society.

THEIR VIEW

The rise of the robots?

St. Joseph News-Press

Senate Bill 176 didn't gain a lot of attention when it passed in the Missouri General Assembly and was signed into law this summer.

The legislation deals with dull-but-important matters that elected officials handle with little fanfare, like the regulation of food delivery platforms and administrative fees that vehicle dealers can charge.

One item buried in this bill might raise a few eyebrows because it sounds like something out of a sci-fi movie. This legislation legalizes robotic delivery vehicles called Personal Delivery Devices, known as PDDs.

These are small, unmanned vehicles that could deliver anything from pizza to pack-

ages to your front door. Maybe it sounds crazy, but ask your parents if they ever thought they'd be carrying a powerful computer inside their pockets.

Three things have to happen for robotic deliveries to become reality. One is for the technology to work, but another necessity is for lawmakers to create a basic regulatory framework. This is achieved with SB 176, legislation that covers how fast PDDs can go, whether they can operate on sidewalks or streets and how much liability insurance operators need to carry.

The third requirement is for the market to be ready to embrace increased automation. With employers facing a tight labor market and record numbers of Americans quitting their

jobs, it seems we're already there and are just waiting for the technology to catch up.

Bloomberg News reports that the number of robots installed in the world's factories has more than doubled in the last 10 years. It would stand to reason that the trend will only accelerate following the pandemic's impact on labor availability.

At the retail level, it was assumed that increases in the minimum wage would drive up the cost of hamburgers and retail goods, but business owners would be interested in maintaining profitability without turning off customers with higher prices. One solution is to deploy self-checkout stations in grocery stores and self-ordering kiosks at burger stands.

This has been tried

and will become a more common feature as labor becomes harder to find. We've all seen the automated floor-cleaning machines at big-box stores.

Rather than resist, it's best to create rules for the new technology — something that lawmakers addressed in a small way with the PDD legislation — and to put a focus on developing an educated workforce because it's the low-skill worker who will be left in the cold with automation.

The future will look different, maybe not with flying cars but possibly with the last mile of delivery coming from a robot instead of a person.

Who knows, maybe the day will come when Karen demands to talk to the robot in charge?

Defying inflation, Americans ramped up spending last month

By Christopher Rugaber and Anne D'Innocenzio

Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many Americans have taken a darker view of the economy as inflation has worsened. Yet so far, they appear no less willing to spend freely at retailers — an encouraging sign for the crucial holiday shopping season.

Buoyed by solid hiring, healthy pay gains and substantial savings stemming in part from government stimulus checks and other relief, Americans ramped up their spending at retail stores and online shops last month. Some of the increase reflected the impact of higher prices, and there were signs that Americans have started to seek out cheaper options.

Yet the October gain the government reported Tuesday was solid enough for most economists to anticipate holiday shopping jumping by a record

amount this year.

The data also illustrates a key factor behind the supply chain backups that have left dozens of ships waiting to unload at U.S. ports: Americans are buying a tremendous amount of goods, from appliances to electronics to furniture. Retail and food service sales have surged 16.3% compared with a year ago. That is a record high excluding several months during the spring when federal stimulus checks caused sharp spikes in spending.

From September to October, retail sales jumped 1.7%, the U.S. Commerce Department said Tuesday. That was the biggest month-to-month gain since March and was up from a 0.8% increase from August to September.

The increase occurred just as retailers face a host of challenges. Many have had to sharply raise pay to find and keep workers, thereby increasing their labor costs. And

some are scrambling amid overwhelmed supply chains to keep their shelves stocked.

"Even with all these problems, we're still on track here for a banner year," said Tim Quinlan, an economist at Wells Fargo.

After adjusting for inflation, Quinlan estimates that retail sales in November and December will be 10% higher than a year earlier, which would be the biggest such gain in seven years.

Last month, sales soared 3.8% at electronics and appliance stores and 4% among online retailers. Those increases suggested that many Americans are already doing their holiday shopping, possibly to avoid higher prices and supply shortages closer to the holidays.

Tuesday's retail sales figures aren't adjusted for inflation, which rose 0.9% in October, the government said. In some categories, such as gas station

sales, a jump in gas prices accounted for nearly all the gain. Gas sales rose 3.9% in October, while gas prices, before seasonal adjustment, rose 3.7% that month, according to the government's inflation report.

Still, two major retailers reported robust sales increases Tuesday, another sign that high prices aren't deterring many consumers from spending. Walmart and Home Depot reported rising sales and solid profits, although costs rose for both companies because of supply chain disruptions. Walmart said its consolidated gross profit rate took a hit primarily because of increased supply chain costs.

Analysts will be monitoring earnings results from other major retailers like Target and Macy's later this week for further clues about how inflation is affecting shopping habits.

There are signs, though, that rising infla-

tion is starting to affect some consumers' shopping patterns. Walmart executives said that grocery sales rose sharply in the fall, partly a reflection of purchases by some shoppers who had been stung by rising prices elsewhere. Customer traffic rose 5.7%.

In October, the government said sales at restaurants and bars were flat, even though restaurant prices surged last month by the most since 1981. Data from the OpenTable online reservation service indicates that consumers are slowly returning to restaurants. Both trends combined suggests that Americans are eating out at cheaper places, Quinlan said.

Behind the healthy retail spending are solid hiring, strong pay raises and healthy savings for many people. Most households with children have been receiving monthly payments from the Biden administration's child tax credit. Wages and salaries

jumped in the July-September quarter, compared with a year earlier, by the most in 20 years.

Still, inflation has eroded those gains for most Americans. Prices jumped 6.2% in October from a year earlier, the government said Wednesday, the most in 31 years.

Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData Retail, said he thinks many Americans are determined to spend what it takes to enjoy themselves as they make up for lost celebrations from a year ago.

"This suggests that the retail sector will be able to weather the impact of higher prices ... at least in the near term," Saunders noted. If inflation stays high, he said, it could undermine growth next year.

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D'Innocenzio reported from New York.

Army

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Toy and monetary donations are still needed this holiday season. Hudson said they tend to lack gifts for teens ages 13 to 17. She said boxed potatoes and boxed noodles are also needed for the meal boxes.

"And monetary donations, when we are in crunch time, we can go out and buy stuff at the last minute for those boxes," she added. "That's always helpful too."

For those who can help a little bit more, the Salvation Army is looking for groups to adopt a family "to provide extra special assistance for a family that could use extra help," Hudson said.

"We are matching up families with groups," she said. "Or if they want to make a monetary donation, toys, or canned goods, anything and everything can help right now."

Donations can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday

through Friday. Hudson said the doors will be locked, so donors can call the office at 660-826-1525 to let staff know they are coming.

The Salvation Army is asking the community for help from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday to assemble more than 25 new bicycles donated for children this Christmas. Those who help are asked to bring basic tools.

Hudson said the Salvation Army also needs bell ringers for red kettles at various Sedalia businesses Nov. 26 through Dec. 23. Bell ringers are needed at Walmart (both doors) from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday, JC Penney from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and West Woods from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.

"There are plenty of slots to fill," Hudson said. "Businesses and groups can come out to donate to the community. It goes toward Christmas assistance and social services in Pettis County. All funds stay local. They can call us here to sign up. If a business or group signs up, we'll have a sign on

the kettle to let people know they are sponsoring that day."

Local businesses are also needed to host counter kettles inside their stores for customers to drop in a donation.

"Whenever someone drops a donation in the kettle, we have people donate toys for Christmas, but we're always short on something or we're lacking gifts for teens," Hudson explained. "With that money, we can get those toys for kiddos to make up for what we might be lacking."

"We help out with hundreds of dollars each month in financial assistance to keep light bills paid up, gasoline, prescriptions, rental assistance. It's crucial to get these funds raised. We do one fundraiser a year and then rely on this all year to be able to provide that emergency assistance."

For more information, to volunteer or to donate, call 660-826-1525 or email TSASedaliaMo@gmail.com.

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Coming off climate talks, US to hold huge crude sale in Gulf

By Matthew Brown and Janet McConaughy

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The U.S. Interior Department on Wednesday will auction vast oil and gas reserves in the Gulf of Mexico estimated to hold up to 1.1 billion barrels of crude, the first such sale under President Joe Biden and a harbinger of the challenges he faces to reach climate goals that depend on deep cuts in fossil fuel emissions.

The livestreamed sale invited energy companies to bid on drilling leases across some 136,000 square miles (352,000 square kilometers) — about twice the area of Florida.

It will take years to develop the leases before companies start pumping crude. That means they could keep producing long past 2030, when scientists say the world needs to be well on the way to cutting greenhouse gas emissions to avoid catastrophic climate change.

The auction comes after a federal judge in a lawsuit brought by Republican states rejected a suspension of fossil fuel sales that Biden imposed when he first took office.

The Democrat campaigned on promises to curb fossil fuels from public lands and waters, which including coal account for about a quarter of U.S. carbon emissions, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. Yet even as he's tried to cajole other world leaders into strengthening international efforts against global warming, Wednesday's sale illustrates Biden's difficulties gaining ground on climate issues at home.

The administration last week proposed another round of oil and gas lease sales in 2022, in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and other western states. Interior Department officials proceeded despite concluding that burning the fuels could lead to billions of dollars in potential future climate damages.

"We had Trump's unconstrained approach to oil and gas on federal lands and Biden's early attempt to pause drilling.

Now it looks like the Biden administration is trying to find a new policy," said researcher Robert Johnston with Columbia University's Center on Global Energy Policy.

"They're being very cautious about undermining their fragile momentum" on climate issues, he added.

The energy bureau said in pre-sale documents released Tuesday that it received bids on 307 tracts totaling nearly 2,700 square miles (6,950 square kilometers). That's the largest total for a single sale since Gulf-wide bidding resumed in 2017. Those seven sales have generated almost \$1 billion in total revenue.

Environmental reviews of the Gulf of Mexico sale conducted under former President Donald Trump and affirmed under Biden reached an unlikely conclusion: Extracting and burning the fuel would result in fewer greenhouse gases than leaving it in the ground.

Similar claims in two other cases, in Alaska, were rejected by federal courts after challenges from environmentalists. Climate scientist Peter Erickson — whose work was cited by judges in one of the cases — said the Interior Department's analysis had a glaring omission: They left out greenhouse gas increases in foreign countries that would result from having more Gulf oil on the market.

"The math is extremely simple on this kind of stuff," said Erickson, a senior scientist with the Stockholm Environment Institute, a nonprofit research group. "If new leases expand the global oil supply, that has a proportional effect on emissions from burning oil. Therefore, giving out these leases in the Gulf of Mexico would be increasing global emissions."

The Interior Department's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management in recent months changed its emissions modeling methods, citing Erickson's work. But officials said it was too late to use the new approach for Wednesday's lease sale, which they said had been through "a rigorous process with specific

timelines."

"The environmental analysis for Lease Sale 257 was already complete and as such does not contain the newer approach to considering the impacts of foreign consumption of oil and gas," the agency said in a statement provided to The Associated Press.

Administration officials declined AP's interview requests. For upcoming sales, spokesperson Melissa Schwartz said Interior is conducting a more comprehensive emission review than any prior administration, as it appeals the court order that forced their resumption.

Erik Milito, president of the National Ocean Industries Association said he was uncertain that using the new approach would have changed the government's conclusions, since drilling for oil in other parts of the world is less efficient and hauling imports also adds to carbon costs. He described the Gulf as the "backbone of U.S. oil production" and said companies consider it a strong investment.

The continued use of the old analysis rankles drilling opponents who say Biden isn't following through on his climate pledges.

"We're talking about transitioning away from a fossil fuel economy and they are selling a giant carbon bomb of a lease sale," said attorney Drew Caputo with Earthjustice, which has a lawsuit challenging the Gulf lease sale pending in federal court. "That creates a property right to develop those leases. It's a lot harder to keep the carbon in the ground if you sell the lease."

Some Democrats also objected to the sale. The chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, Arizona Rep. Raúl Grijalva, said Biden promised to lead on climate issues but continues running a fossil fuel program with a long history of mismanagement.

"The administration needs to do better," Grijalva said in a statement Tuesday.

The Gulf of Mexico accounts for about 15% of total U.S. crude production and 5% of its natural gas.

2nd group of states challenges health worker vaccine mandate

By Kevin McGill

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A second set of states has filed a federal lawsuit challenging the Biden administration's COVID-19 vaccine mandate for health care workers.

The latest suit, dated Monday, was filed in Louisiana on behalf of 12 states and comes less than a week after another lawsuit challenging the rule was filed in Missouri by a coalition of 10 states.

"The federal government will not impose medical tyranny on Louisiana's people without my best fight," Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry said in a news release announcing the lawsuit.

ens to drive away health care workers who refuse to get vaccinated at a time when such workers are badly needed. They also contend the rule issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services violates federal law and unconstitutionally encroaches on powers reserved to the states.

The Louisiana lawsuit quotes from Friday's order by the New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals blocking a broader Biden administration vaccine mandate that businesses with more than 100 workers require employees to be vaccinated by Jan. 4 or wear masks and be tested weekly for COVID-19.

Borrowing language from the 5th Circuit, the Louisiana lawsuit calls

the health care worker vaccine requirement a "one-size-fits-all" sledgehammer. In addition to Louisiana, the suit covers Montana, Arizona, Alabama, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah and West Virginia.

The Missouri suit includes Alaska, Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming.

The Biden administration has not yet filed responses in either of the suits.

The Louisiana-based lawsuit was assigned to U.S. District Judge Terry Doughty, an appointee of President Donald Trump. Any appeals of a Doughty decision would go to the 5th Circuit.

Plow

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“We’re competing for that same pool of employees and that same skill set of talents. Our pay is not keeping up to pace with the market.”

Allmeroth said the department’s objectives and priorities for this year haven’t changed.

MoDOT’s priorities are interstates and high-volume roads. The second priority is all lower-volume roads.

“We do work, especially on those primary routes, those first priorities to continually be operating on those routes until they are to near normal condition,” Allmeroth said. “Typically in years gone by, we hit those routes once every two to three hours.”

This year it could take double that time.

“Those second priority routes, we try to hit those in years gone by at least once or twice in 24 hours, this year it might be 24 to 48 hours before we’re really able to make a pass on those routes,”

Allmeroth added.

Allmeroth said the objectives remain the same — primary routes mostly clear, secondary routes passable, and roads open for two-way traffic — and MoDOT won’t stop until it meets those objectives.

Allmeroth said city and county residents should expect to plan during the winter season.

“I think everybody is going to have to plan ahead. That’s part of our strategy this year. We’re going to have coordinating calls with the national weather service, with CMO, with the Missouri State Highway Patrol about 48 hours in advance of a storm,” Allmeroth added.

MoDOT will do this to see where the resources are and where there are gaps across the state. The department will then communicate that information with the public at least 24 hours before a storm.

“They’re probably accustomed to waiting a day or two for those routes to open. We try to hit them every 12 hours, sometimes it’s 24,” Allmeroth said

of residents who live outside city limits. “It might be a full 48 hours before we’re able to make a pass on some of those roads.”

Allmeroth said MoDOT looks at this on a storm-to-storm basis because some storms come through fast and short, which will be tackled easily.

“It’s really those long storms that the snow just keeps hitting in waves or the temperatures are really cold where we are fighting it for two or three days,” Allmeroth said.

Now, MoDOT will be fighting it longer, up to four to five days.

In years past, urban areas like Kansas City and St. Louis required more drivers. This year, the shortage is impacting every part of the state. Allmeroth said several hundred drivers are needed.

Employees will coordinate between all buildings in case a district is short so others can plow a little further on their routes. MoDOT will also send strike teams from parts of the state not affected as much to highly-impacted areas.

Allmeroth said the

winter season looks like it will be similar to last year.

“The one thing we really do have in our favor this year is we have plenty of salt. We didn’t have any problems with getting our refill this year,” Allmeroth added.

MoDOT is anticipating losing more drivers before the end of the year and is advertising for emergency equipment operators.

“We do have a competitive pay for those emergency equipment operators,” Allmeroth said. “Our starting pay is \$15.25 an hour, but when those operators are out plowing, we have a market adjustment in those rural parts of the state bring it up to \$18.25 and in those urban parts of the state, it’s \$21.25 an hour.”

Allmeroth said MoDOT is doing everything it can with the market adjustment to bring the pay closer to neighboring states.

For more information or to apply for a snow operator position, visit www.modot.org.

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

Drug

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- Rachael M. Gardner, 27, of Sedalia. Delivery of a controlled substance within a protected location. \$100,000 cash/surety bond.

- Gabriela M. Pascual, 22, of Sedalia. Delivery of a controlled substance within a protected location, two counts. \$200,000 cash/surety bond.

- Tammy A. Ballew, 41, of Sedalia. Delivery of a controlled substance within a protected location, two counts. \$200,000 cash/surety bond.

- Robert A. Woolery, 31, of Sedalia. Delivery of a controlled substance within a protected location, two counts. \$200,000 cash/surety bond.

- Aleksey L. Kaemper, 27, of Sedalia. Delivery of a controlled substance within a protected location, two counts. \$200,000 cash/surety bond.

- Warren R. Olson, 37, Sedalia. Delivery of a controlled substance within a protected location, two counts. \$125,000 cash/surety bond.

- Zakkry A. Comfort, 29, of Sedalia. Delivery of a controlled substance within a protected location, two counts. \$125,000 cash/surety bond.

- Lorennna J. Brockmeyer, 26, of Sedalia. Delivery of a controlled sub-

stance, \$25,000 cash/surety bond.

- Daryan M. Harrison, 25, of Sedalia, is incarcerated in the Missouri Department of Corrections. Delivery of a controlled substance within a protected location, two counts. \$200,000 cash/surety bond.

Two other individuals with active warrants are still being sought by law enforcement. Anyone with information as to the whereabouts of these individuals should contact the Sedalia police Crime Resolution Unit at 660-827-7823 ext. 1252 or cru@sedaliapolice.com.

- Travis M. Riedl, 27, of Sedalia. Delivery of a controlled substance within a protected location and delivery of a controlled substance. \$125,000 cash/surety bond.

- Sara E. Meyer, 34, of Sedalia. Delivery of a controlled substance within a protected location and delivery of a controlled substance. \$125,000 cash/surety bond.

“We want to send a message to the community,” Wirt said. “We are actively and aggressively seeking people that distribute drugs in our community and we greatly appreciate the support we are receiving from the community while we do that.”

Law enforcement urges citizens to contact them and not to take any police action.

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

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STATE BRIEF

Man fatally shot in St. Louis neighborhood on Monday

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Police in St. Louis were looking for a suspect after a man was shot and killed in the Peabody Darst Webbe neighborhood. The shooting hap-

pened around 6 p.m. Monday, when police were called. Arriving officers found a man with a gunshot wound who was unconscious and not breathing.

The man was rushed to a hospital, where he later died of his injuries. Police have not released the victim's name or details about what may have led to the shooting.

THE WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
59 33	48 27	53 39	56 41	59 29	42 27	50 38
						
Rain and drizzle in the a.m.	Cooler with plenty of sun	Times of clouds and sun	Sun and areas of high clouds	Mostly cloudy	Sunny, breezy and cooler	Plenty of sunshine

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:57 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:58 p.m.
Moonrise today	4:15 p.m.
Moonsset today	5:12 a.m.

 Full

 Last

 New

 First

Nov 19

Nov 27

Dec 4

Dec 10

WEATHER HISTORY

On Nov. 17, 1989, the temperature in Raleigh/Durham, N.C., plummeted to 29 degrees, becoming the latest first freeze on record. The previous record occurred Nov. 14, 1946.

ALMANAC

Sedalia Regional Airport Monday

TEMPERATURES	
High	66
Low	38
Normal high	54
Normal low	33
Record high	77 in 1973
Record low	5 in 1940

PRECIPITATION	
Monday	0.00"
Month to date	0.53"
Normal m-t-d	1.53"
Year to date	38.11"
Normal y-t-d	40.03"

HEATING DEGREE DAYS	
Monday	13
Month to date	244
Season to date	421
Normal season to date	682
Last season to date	553

RIVER LEVELS

In feet as of 7 a.m. Tuesday

Blackwater	Stage	Chg	Fld Stg
Blue Lick	7.55	-0.68	24
Valley City	3.48	-0.91	22

Lamine	Stage	Chg	Fld Stg
Otterville	0.55	none	15

Missouri	Stage	Chg	Fld Stg
Boonville	10.24	-0.12	21

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Falls City
50/32

St. Joseph
53/30

Topeka
55/30

Joplin
63/33

Tulsa
67/35

Kirksville
51/30

Kansas City
52/31

Columbia
61/32

Jefferson City
64/33

Springfield
64/32

Mountain Home
69/37

Springfield
62/32

St. Louis
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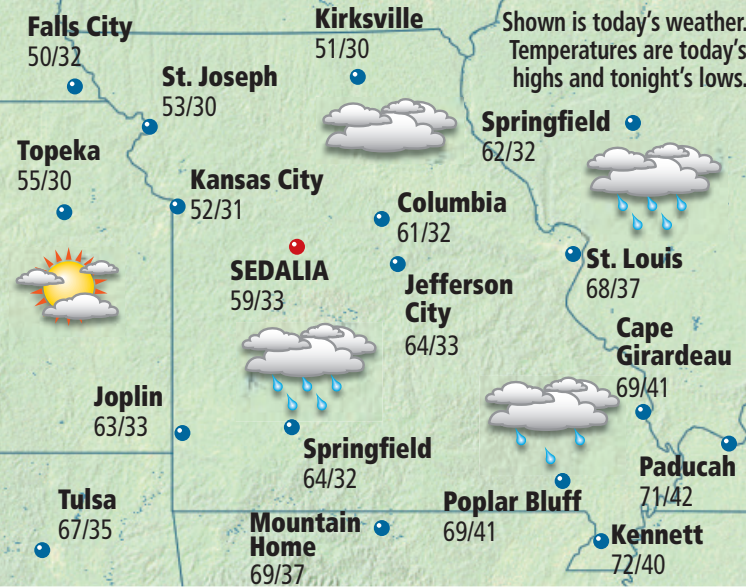
Cape Girardeau
69/41

Paducah
71/42

Kennett
72/40

Poplar Bluff
69/41

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



BRANSON

High: 68. **Low:** 36. Occasional rain and drizzle today. Rain and drizzle in the evening; otherwise, plenty of clouds tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow.

KANSAS CITY

High: 52. **Low:** 31. Mostly cloudy today. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow. Friday and Saturday: times of clouds and sun.

ST. LOUIS

High: 68. **Low:** 37. Occasional rain and drizzle today. Periods of rain in the evening; otherwise, cloudy tonight. Plenty of sun tomorrow.

NEW YORK CITY

High: 56. **Low:** 52. Sunshine mixing with some clouds today. A moonlit sky tonight. Breezy tomorrow with sun followed by increasing clouds.

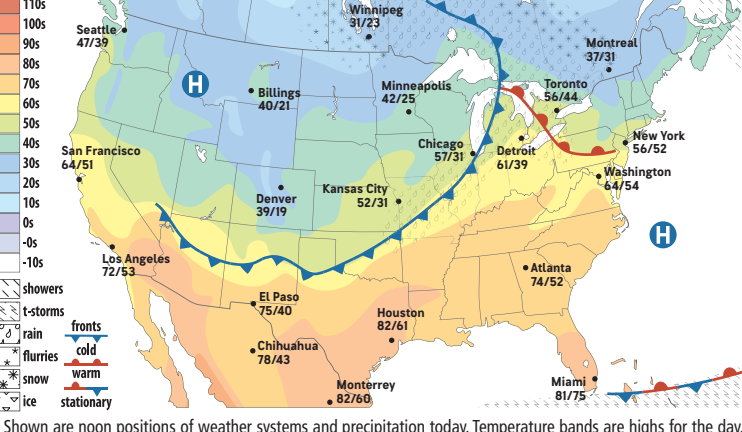
LOS ANGELES

High: 72. **Low:** 53. Low clouds, then perhaps some sun today; a thicker marine layer. Partly cloudy this evening followed by late-night low clouds.

NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today	Thursday
	Hi/Low	Hi/Low
Atlanta	74/52/s	73/39/c
Baltimore	65/51/s	71/40/pc
Billings	40/21/s	44/35/c
Boston	47/44/pc	67/41/pc
Buffalo	58/50/c	51/33/r
Charlotte	74/52/s	74/40/pc
Chicago	57/31/r	40/26/pc
Cleveland	64/44/c	48/31/r
Dallas	79/45/pc	61/37/s
Denver	39/19/pc	53/34/pc
Detroit	61/39/r	45/28/c
Honolulu	85/74/pc	86/74/pc
Houston	82/61/pc	68/48/pc
Indianapolis	64/37/r	44/25/pc
Las Vegas	71/50/s	69/50/pc
Milwaukee	54/31/r	38/26/pc
Nashville	73/50/pc	55/30/sh
New Orleans	79/64/pc	73/50/t
Norfolk	69/55/s	73/46/pc
Oklahoma City	59/34/pc	55/32/s
Orlando	82/67/pc	83/66/sh
Phoenix	81/55/pc	83/57/s
Pittsburgh	66/53/sh	54/30/r
Portland, ME	43/38/pc	61/35/c
Portland, OR	52/42/pc	49/44/sh
Sacramento	63/45/s	61/49/c
St. Louis	68/37/r	50/28/s
San Francisco	64/51/s	61/53/c
Seattle	47/39/pc	46/40/r
Washington, DC	64/54/s	72/39/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: Cold air will push southward on gusty winds across the northern Plains today as rain falls along a cold front from the Great Lakes to the middle Mississippi Valley. Most other areas will be free of rain.



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Loyola Chicago to join Atlantic 10, leave Missouri Valley

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Loyola Chicago has accepted an invitation to join the Atlantic 10 Conference and is leaving the Missouri Valley Conference.

The move announced Tuesday by the school and leagues takes effect on July 1. Adding Loyola as the conference's 15th member gives the Atlantic 10 a foothold in Chicago and a boost in men's basketball.

The Ramblers advanced to the Final Four in 2018 and reached the Sweet 16 last season. They are 2-0 under Drew Valentine, who was promoted to head coach after Porter Moser left for Oklahoma.

Loyola also won NCAA championships in men's volleyball in 2014 and 2015.

"The A-10 is widely regarded as one of the top leagues in the country for its success in competition and in the classroom," school president Dr. Jo Ann Rooney said. "This move will continue to grow our visibility at a national level, while at the same time placing us in a league with three other Jesuit institutions. We are confident this is a move that positions Loyola for even greater success, both athletically and academically, in the future."

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PHOTO BY SHAKFAT ANOWAR | AP PHOTO

Drew Valentine smiles as he speaks during a press conference where he was introduced as Loyola University's new men's NCAA college basketball head coach, Tuesday, April 6, 2021, in Chicago.

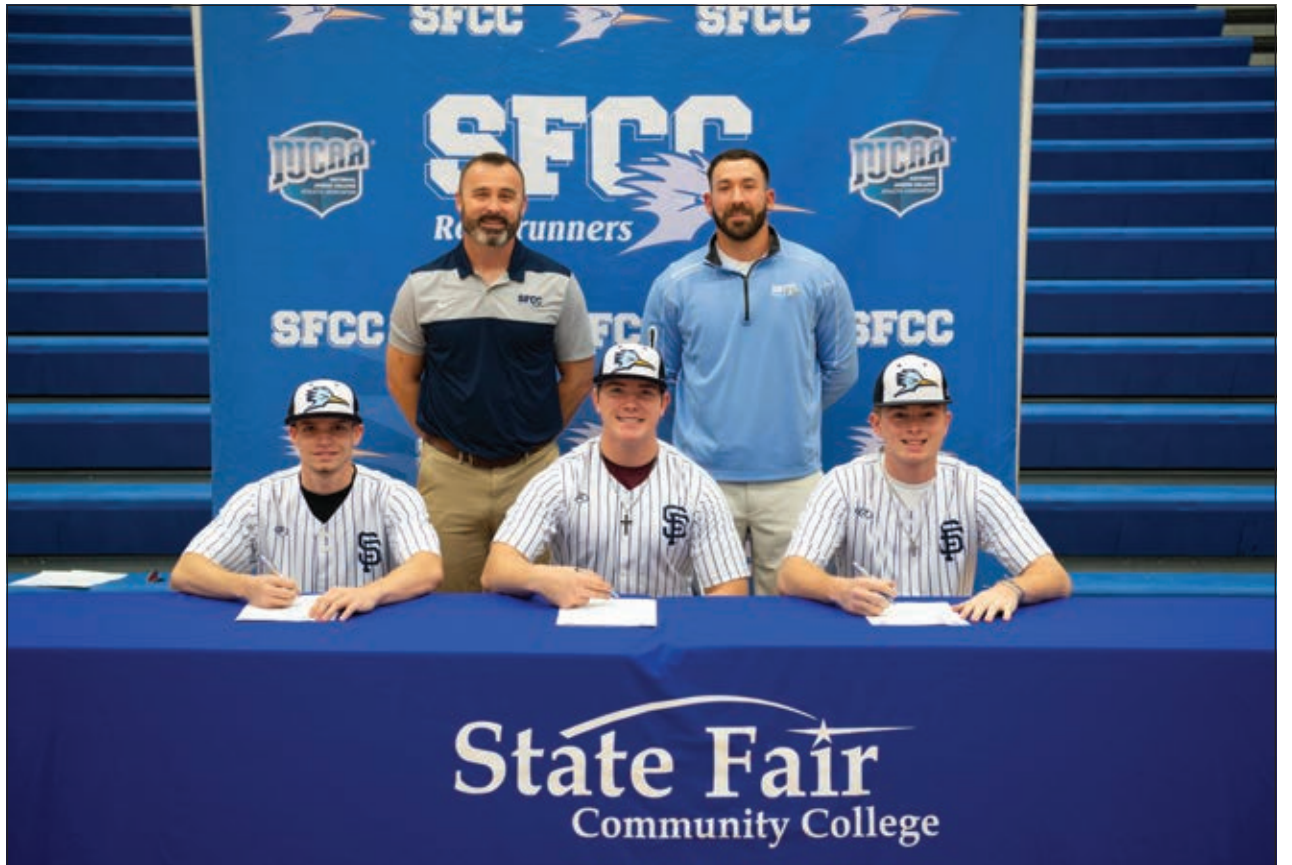


PHOTO COURTESY OF STATE FAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Flanked by State Fair Community College baseball coaches Jud Kindle and Jordan Dey, three of the new Roadrunners' additions seated are (left) Logan Miller, Evan Helton (middle) and Jacob House.

Roadrunners baseball signs four for 2021-22

By Bryan Everson

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State Fair Community College baseball announced a quartet of signings Tuesday ahead of the 2021-22 season.

The additions are Evan Helton, Jacob House, Logan Miller and Devyn Wright. All are Show-Me State natives.

"These are the first four we really honed in on, and we're fortunate to get them," SFCC baseball

head coach Jud Kindle said.

Helton possesses a sturdy frame and comes from a Strafford program that reached the Class 3 state championship during his time there. He averaged nearly two strikeouts per-inning in over 50 frames thrown.

"He's a power arm, so he's going to sit in the upper-80s, touch 90 [miles per hour]," Kindle said of Helton. "Evan's very bulldog-ish on the mound, so he'll dominate the zone."

Jacob House comes out of Glendale and also played travel ball with the same Victus team based out of Springfield as Helton.

"I really liked his arm action; there's a possibility of him coming in and being a starter for us," Kindle said regarding House. "He's going to sit mid-80s and touch the upper-80s, but I think he's got a high ceiling. He's got a good three-pitch mix."

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Mules basketball begins fitting pieces in opener

By Joe Andrews

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WARRENSBURG — Mules basketball finally had the chance to mix its old and new faces together against somebody other than itself on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at the UCM Multipurpose Building.

That somebody was Grand View, a member of the NAIA. Central Missouri won 72-63, marking the first step of putting its 2021-22 identity together.

"There were a lot of question marks with the new guys always meshing with the old guys," UCM head coach Doug Karleskint said. "We just wanted to come out and play hard, execute what we've been working on since day one and play together. For the most part I thought we did."

The Mules started things off with redshirt junior forward Gaven Pinkley, redshirt senior guard Ja'Cor Nelson, redshirt sophomore and Northern Oklahoma-Enid transfer guard Ikenna Okeke, redshirt junior and Augustana transfer guard Mat Todd and redshirt senior guard Cameron Hunter.

The five lasted around four minutes together before a substitution was made, bringing senior guard Koray Gilbert into the mix for Okeke.

The move marked one of 29 substitutions to be made in the contest as Karleskint, associate head coach Nate Johnson, assistant coach Cody San Miguel and gradu-



PHOTO BY JOE ANDREWS | WARRENSBURG STAR-JOURNAL

Central Missouri's Koray Gilbert goes up for a shot against Grand View on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at the UCM Multipurpose Building.

ate assistant Exequiel Tenorio work to grasp which pieces fit right.

"We got some talented pieces," Karleskint said. "But not always the best talent wins. Meshing them together to play the best together is a hard part. We're still figuring out our best lineups and who plays well with each other and who compliments each other well. That's what we're

trying to do."

The experimentation didn't seem to hurt much, either, in terms of the score. Central Missouri jumped out to a 14-2 lead early in the first half, with the game's differential peaking at 23 with 6:53 remaining in the first.

By halftime the Mules were on top 45-32, a 13-point separation.

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PHOTO BY FERNANDO LLANO | AP PHOTO

United States' Tim Weah celebrates scoring his side's opening goal against Jamaica during a qualifying soccer match for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 in Kingston, Jamaica, Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021. (AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

Weah's goal gains US bumpy 1-1 draw at Jamaica in qualifier

By Ronald Blum

AP Sports Writer

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Tim Weah's 11th-minute goal was matched by Michail Antonio's spectacular 34-yard strike in the 22nd minute, leaving the United States with a 1-1 draw against Jamaica in a World Cup qualifier on Tuesday night.

Coming off Friday's 2-0 home win against Mexico, the U.S. was looking to move into strong position to reach the World Cup as qualifying passed the halfway point. But a point on the road still left the Americans on track to claim one of three spots from North and Central America and the Caribbean.

The U.S., which survived a disallowed Jamaican goal in the 84th minute, has 15 points going into its final six qualifiers. Pending late games, Mexico was next with 14 followed by Canada (13), Panama (11), Jamaica (seven), Costa Rica and El Salvador (six each) and

Honduras (three).

Canada played Mexico in 20-degree weather with snow expected in Edmonton, Alberta. Costa Rica hosted Honduras and Panama was home against El Salvador.

Loud reggae played on speakers during warmups before a crowd of 1,100 at 35,000-seat Independence Park, known as The Office, where a statue of Bob Marley sits outside. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, this was Jamaica's first home game with fans since October 2019.

The scoreboard was off, and there was no visible game clock. The temperature was a comfortable 83 degrees for the 5 p.m. start.

U.S. passing was not as crisp on the rough field as it was during last week's game at the sparkling new stadium in Cincinnati, and the Americans had far fewer touches in the attacking third.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

**Wednesday
ON AIR
AHL HOCKEY**
6 p.m. NHLN — Laval at Toronto

**COLLEGE
BASKETBALL
(MEN'S)**
5 p.m. CBSSN — Boston College at Rhode Island
5:30 p.m. FS2 — LIU Brooklyn at UConn
6 p.m. BTN — George Mason at Maryland
FS1 — Michigan St. at Butler
7 p.m. ACCN — Tulane at Florida St.
CBSSN — NC State at Oklahoma St.
7:30 p.m. PAC-12N — Valparaiso at Stanford
8 p.m. FS1 — St. John's at Indiana
9:30 p.m. PAC-12N — North Florida at UCLA

**COLLEGE
FOOTBALL**
6 p.m. ESPN2 — N. Illinois at Buffalo
ESPNU — Cent. Michigan at Ball St.
**COLLEGE
VOLLEYBALL
(WOMEN'S)**
7 p.m. SECN — Arkansas at Texas A&M

**COLLEGE
WRESTLING**
8 p.m. BTN — North Carolina at Nebraska

GOLF
1 a.m. (Thursday)
GOLF — PGA Tour:

The DP World Tour Championship, First Round, Jumeirah Golf Estates - Earth Course, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

HORSE RACING
Noon FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races
NBA BASKETBALL
6:45 p.m. ESPN — LA Lakers at Milwaukee
9:05 p.m. ESPN — Dallas at Phoenix

NHL HOCKEY
9 p.m. TNT — Chicago at Seattle
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 — ATP Finals Singles Round Robin
5 p.m. TENNIS — WTA Finals Doubles Final
7:30 p.m. TENNIS — WTA Finals Singles Final
9 p.m. NBCSN — WTT: New York vs. San Diego, Indian Wells, Calif.
4:30 a.m. (Thursday) TENNIS — ATP Finals Doubles Round Robin
5 a.m. (Thursday) TENNIS — ATP Finals Doubles Round Robin

IOC gives sports new advice on transgender athlete rules

By The Associated Press

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Aiming to help sports write eligibility rules for transgender athletes, the IOC published advice Tuesday shifting the focus from individual testosterone levels and calling for evidence to prove when a performance advantage existed. No athlete should be excluded from competing based on an “unverified, alleged or perceived unfair competitive advantage due to their sex variations, physical appearance and/or transgender status,” the International Olympic Committee said. The six-page document follows years of consultation with medical and human rights experts and, since 2019, athletes directly affected to help draft guidelines promoting fairness and inclusion. It is published after the Tokyo Olympics where the first openly

transgender athlete, weightlifter Laurel Hubbard, competed at the games and defending 800-meter champion Caster Semenya was among track athletes with intersex conditions and naturally high testosterone levels excluded from their events. The new guidance updates a 2015 review that set a limit on athletes’ permitted testosterone levels leading to treatments and procedures now described as “medically unnecessary.” “Eligibility criteria have sometimes resulted in severe harm,” the IOC acknowledged in a briefing on the advice that also cautions to avoid “invasive medical examinations.” Prevention of harm is among 10 principles to guide future decision-making by sports officials. Other include non-discrimination, fairness, evidence-based decisions and protecting

athlete privacy. The IOC document is not legally binding yet clearly stated what it now expects from governing bodies responsible for regulating their own sports. Ruling some athletes ineligible in some sports is still expected with safety noted as a specific issue for combat and contact sports. “Athletes should be allowed to compete but unfair advantage needs to be regulated,” said the IOC, which will help fund research into elite performance by transgender and intersex athletes. A target of next March, weeks after the Beijing Winter Games close, was set to launch a program of online workshops with sports bodies and athlete representatives. “We have not found the solution to this big question,” IOC spokesman Christian Klaue said. “Clearly this is a topic that will be with us for a long time.”

Soccer

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Weah’s cross led to Christian Pulisic’s go-ahead goal Friday. Against the Reggae Boyz, Weah exchanged passes with Ricardo Pepe, continued his run and muscled past Bobby Decordova-Reid toward goal. From an extremely tight angle on the left side, Weah slotted the ball from 6 yards past goal-keeper Andre Blake, off the far post and in for his second international goal. Before the game, the public address announcer introduced the 21-year-old

Weah as a son of former FIFA Player of the Year George Weah — the current president of Liberia — and a mother of Jamaican descent. The goal was only the second in the first half for the U.S. in eight qualifiers. With Jamaica playing on the 24th anniversary of clinching its only World Cup appearance, Antonio tied the game with a solo effort, the longest-distance goal in the final round of qualifying. The Premier League player of the month for August with West Ham, he took a touch to his right to create space from Tyler Adams and sent the ball past the outstretched left

arm of Zack Steffen and just under the crossbar for his second international goal. Antonio had never before scored outside the penalty area for club or country. A cross ricocheted off Antonee Robinson’s right shoulder in 38th but the arm was tucked in and Costa Rican referee Juan Gabriel Calderón did not blow his whistle. Gianluca Busio had the best U.S. chance of the second half, putting a long-range shot over the bar in the 52nd, and Decordova-Reid skied an open 6-yard shot a minute later. Christian Pulisic, still getting fit followed a sprained left ankle, entered

in the 66th for Weah. Damion Lowe headed in Leon Bailey’s corner kick in the 84th but was whistled for a foul, pushing Walker Zimmerman to reach the ball. Chris Richards and Gianluca Busio entered the U.S. lineup in place of Miles Robinson and Weston McKennie, both serving one-game suspensions for cards. The lineup averaged 22 years, 341 days, second-youngest for the U.S. in a qualifier behind the 22 years, 61 days that started last month’s 2-1 win against Costa Rica. Richards and Zimmerman started in central defense together for the first time.

Curry scores 37, Durant season-low 19 as Warriors rout Nets

By Brian Mahoney
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Stephen Curry had 37 points, easily winning matchup of the NBA’s top two scorers when Kevin Durant had his worst night of the season, and the Golden State Warriors beat the Brooklyn Nets 117-99 on Tuesday. Durant came in leading the league with 29.6 points per game, but he managed only 19, the first time all season he didn’t hit 20. He shot 0 for 8 in the decisive third quarter and finished 6 for 19 after sitting the fourth. Curry almost caught his former teammate for the NBA scoring lead, making nine 3-pointers and raising his average to 28.7 per game. Durant dropped to 28.9. Curry was 12 for 19 overall, with fans loudly cheering his long shots and giving him “MVP! MVP!” chants while Durant and the home team misfired. Andrew Wiggins added 19 points for the Warriors, who bounced back from a loss in Charlotte that stopped a seven-game winning streak and improved their NBA-best record to 12-2. James Harden scored 24 points for the Nets, who came home from a 5-1 road trip and fell flat

in the nationally televised matchup that pitted Durant against his former team. He won both meetings last season, his first playing for Brooklyn after leaving Golden State. But this is a much improved Warriors team this season and showed it off during a dominant third quarter when they outscored the Nets 35-18 after a close first half. Wiggins had the first two baskets of the third and Curry the next two, pushing a five-point lead to 71-58. Both had to go to the bench during the period with their fourth fouls, but the Warriors did some of their best work without them. Golden State had an 18-5 run and held Brooklyn to just one field goal in a span of more than six minutes. Andre Igouda beat the buzzer with a 3-pointer to end the quarter, making it 98-76. Golden State shot 13 of 18 (72%) in the third, while the Nets were 5 for 22. The game was played at a high level at the start in front of a decidedly split crowd that grew louder with each make as Curry hit his first four 3-pointers. The Nets made their first six shots of the game and led 34-31 after one, with both Durant and Curry having 12 points. Wiggins made 3-point-

ers for the final two baskets of the half, one at the buzzer giving Golden State a 63-58 lead. **TIP-INS** Warriors: Curry’s first basket of the game was his 2,900th 3-pointer. He is approaching Ray Allen’s NBA record of 2,973. ... Draymond Green had 11 points, eight assists and six rebounds. Nets: Patty Mills made his first start of the season in place of Joe Harris, who has a sprained left ankle. Coach Steve Nash said Harris would probably miss a few games before his ankle was examined again. Brooklyn had used the same starting lineup in previous 11 games. ... Bruce Brown scored 14 points. **STILL THE SAME** Golden State coach Steve Kerr was asked if Durant was a better player now than during his three seasons with the Warriors, when he was twice the NBA Finals MVP before rupturing his Achilles tendon in Game 5 of the 2019 finals. “He was pretty damn good then, so he doesn’t look any different to me and that’s after an Achilles injury that kept him out for a year and a half,” Kerr said. “So that’s saying something. But I don’t think you can tell he had an injury, given his ability, his speed, his explosion.”

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By Jacqueline Bigar

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Happy Birthday for Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021:

You are intelligent and clever. You know how to motivate others and inspire them. You have a vibrant, dynamic personality. You're an excellent communicator. This is a year of service for you where you will focus on your responsibilities to others, especially family. Because of this, it's important that you take care of yourself. Perhaps it's time for a personal makeover.

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)
★★★ Be smart and double-check details related to banking, shared property, inheritances, insurance issues and anything that you share with someone else, because something unexpected could throw a wrench in things today. (And if you're in England, it's a spanner.) Tonight: Avoid quarrels.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Today you might meet someone unusual or "different." What's more likely is that a friend or your partner will throw you a curveball or suggest something that you didn't see coming. They might demand more freedom in the relationship. Expect a surprise today. Tonight: Patience.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★ Your work routine or something to do with your job will change today: staff shortages, power outages, equipment breakdowns, computer glitches -- could be anything. Therefore, be smart and allow extra time so you can have wiggle room to cope with the unexpected. Tonight: Solitude.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Parents take note: This is an accident-prone day for your kids, so be extra vigilant. Meanwhile, everyone can expect a change of plans to social occasions or anything to do with sports and the arts. You might receive a surprise invitation. A social event might be canceled. Tonight: Avoid arguments.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★ Your home routine will be interrupted today. Perhaps a small appliance will break down or a minor breakage will occur. Someone unexpected might knock on your door. It will be wise to stock the fridge -- anything could happen, and it's nice to be prepared. Tonight: Defer to authority.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Pay attention to everything you say and do today, because this is an accident-prone day for you. Your daily routine will be interrupted. New faces, new places and new ideas might create change for you. Fortunately, you're light on your feet and ready to think outside the box. Tonight: Avoid touchy subjects.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Keep an eye on your money and your possessions today to protect them from loss, damage or theft. Something unexpected might impact them. For example, you might find money; you might lose money. Tonight: Check your bank account.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ Today Fiery Mars is in your sign sitting opposite unpredictable Uranus. This will make you impulsive and will promote rash actions on your part. You might act without thinking. Remember to count to three before you say or do anything so you can avoid regrets. Tonight: Cooperate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Today you feel vaguely restless. You have that feeling that you're waiting for the other shoe to drop. Possibly, something going on behind the scenes will surprise you. A secret might come out. Today is full of little surprises for everyone. Tonight: Tread carefully.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to direct the activities of a friend or a group today. If so, think carefully about what you're doing, because things are unpredictable and will not unfold as you expect them to. Someone in the group might rebel against your suggestions. Tonight: Have patience with kids.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★ Today it's tough to predict how bosses, parents, teachers or the police will react to you. Everything might go smoothly -- or not. It's definitely a poor day to challenge authority figures. Instead, decide to sit this one out until everything is more predictable. Tonight: Promote harmony at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Travel plans will change today. Therefore, allow extra time to cope with the unexpected. Alternatively, you might suddenly have to travel when you did not expect to do so. Likewise, school schedules, especially at the university level, might change. Tonight: Listen to others.

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Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Eduardo Rodriguez during the first inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays on June 22, 2021, in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Detroit Tigers announced Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021, that it agreed to terms on a five-year contract worth \$77 million with Rodríguez.

Tigers officially add LHP Eduardo Rodríguez to boost rebuild

By Larry Lage
AP Sports Writer

The Detroit Tigers plan to be relatively aggressive in free agency and they proved that while giving their rebuild a boost, adding left-hander Eduardo Rodriguez to their rotation with a \$77 million investment.

The team announced Tuesday that it agreed to terms on a five-year contract with Rodríguez.

“Eduardo was clearly one of our top targets in this year’s free agent pitching class, and we are extremely happy to add someone of his caliber to our rotation,” Tigers general manager Al Avila said. “There are a number of strong qualities that Eduardo brings to our ballclub, including his leadership abilities, and we look forward to the positive impact he will have on our team both on and off the field.”

The 28-year-old, hard-throwing Rodríguez joins a pair of 24-year-old starters, Casey Mize and Tarik

Skubal, on a third-place team that finished with 77 wins for its best season in five years.

The A.J. Hinch-led Tigers know they have a lot of catching up to do after trailing the AL Central champion Chicago White Sox by 16 games.

Rodríguez, who is from Venezuela, should be able to his part as a veteran pitcher with a career record of 64-39 with a 4.16 ERA in six major league seasons with the Boston Red Sox.

“I am excited to be a Tiger and appreciate the commitment being made to building a winning team in Detroit,” Rodríguez said. “After some great years in Boston with amazing fans and teammates, I am blessed to be coming into a new situation where the fans in Detroit are some of the best in baseball.

“In speaking with Al and A.J., I knew this is a place that would be a good fit for me and my family. I can’t wait to join my new teammates and work towards a World Series title,” he said.

With five pitches to keep hitters off balance, Rodriguez was 13-8 with a 4.74 ERA in 31 starts and one relief appearance for the Red Sox in 2021 on an \$8.4 million, one-year deal. He struck out 185 and walked 47 over 157 2/3 innings.

In three postseason starts, he was 1-1. He beat Houston in Game 3 of the AL Championship Series after losing to Tampa Bay in the Division Series opener and getting a no-decision in Game 4.

Rodríguez missed the pandemic-shortened 2020 season because of myocarditis, heart inflammation caused by COVID-19.

Boston made him an \$18.4 million qualifying offer and will receive an additional pick in next year’s amateur draft due to the deal with the Tigers.

Negotiations for most free agents are expected to move slowly ahead of a lockout that is expected to start Dec. 2, after the expiration of baseball’s collective bargaining agreement.

Oklahoma St’s Gundy, Baylor’s Aranda turning heads in Big 12

By Cliff Brunt
AP Sports Writer

Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy and Baylor coach Dave Aranda have changed the narrative about the Big 12 this season.

Most of the chatter at the beginning was about how Oklahoma and Texas eventually will leave for the Southeastern Conference. Oklahoma was picked to win the league and Texas was picked third in the preseason poll.

Now, most of the conversation centers around No. 9 Oklahoma State and No. 11 Baylor -- upstart programs that are staying put. Gundy and Aranda have been front and center.

Kansas coach Lance Leipold and Texas Tech interim coach Sonny Cumbie also had big moments last weekend. Leipold’s Jayhawks stunned Texas and Cumbie’s Red Raiders beat Iowa State on a walk-off 62-yard field goal.

Oklahoma State was picked fourth and Baylor eighth in the Big 12 before the season, but now both are in strong position to reach the Big 12 title game. Oklahoma State, which still has an outside shot at reaching the College Football Playoff, is tied with Oklahoma at the top of

the league standings and Baylor is a game behind.

Gundy’s Cowboys are riding a relentless defense. Oklahoma State rolled past TCU 63-17 last Saturday, prompting TCU interim coach Jerry Kill to say Oklahoma — not six-time defending Big 12 champion Oklahoma — is the best in the league.

“Mike (Gundy) and Oklahoma State’s got a really great football team, I think that’s very evident,” Kill said. “They’ve got all the formulas to go a long, long way and they out-physi-caled and out played us, out coached us. There’s not a whole lot to say when you get beat like that and I’ve been in the business a long time.”

Oklahoma State has been known for its explosive offenses under Gundy, but the Cowboys rank third in the nation in total defense and fifth in rushing defense. They went 11 quarters without allowing a touchdown before giving up two in garbage time against TCU.

Gundy said the players make his job easier.

“I told them afterwards that it’s just fun for me to be along for the ride and be the coach and watch these

guys practice during the week — their focus, their discipline, their toughness, their willingness to exert themselves during the week and just play hard,” he said.

Baylor beat Oklahoma 27-14 to snap the Sooners’ nation-leading 17-game win streak. Aranda got attention for having his team kick a late field goal for tie-breaker purposes. The Baylor student section had already stormed the field with three seconds remaining, and it had to be cleared for the Bears to kick what could be a valuable 32-yard field goal by Isaiah Hankins. Aranda said because his Bears lost at Oklahoma State by 10 points, beating Oklahoma by 13 instead of 10 would be meaningful in case of a three-way tie.

Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley was upset about the decision, and Aranda talked to him about it later.

“He reached out, but any conversations I’d have with another coach, I would keep between us,” Riley said Tuesday.

Despite the loss, Riley is still a hot commodity in the coaching ranks. Rumors are running rampant that he might be interested in head-

ing to LSU. He shot those down.

“It’s pretty easy,” he said. “I coach the University of Oklahoma football team. You guys know how I feel about this place and this program. We’ve all been down this road many times before. You guys know where I stand on that and that hasn’t changed.”

Jonathan Garibay’s 62-yards field goal lifted Texas Tech to a 41-38 victory over Iowa State. It was the longest field goal in school history by five yards. The Red Raiders earned bowl eligibility for the first time since 2017. Though Joey McGuire has been hired to eventually take over as head coach, Cumbie left a mark with his first win.

Leipold had a breakthrough victory when his Jayhawks beat Texas 57-56 in overtime Saturday. The Jayhawks went for two after scoring a touchdown in the extra period and converted for the win to end their eight game losing streak this season and a 56-game skid in Big 12 road games dating to 2008.

“I’m so proud of our guys,” Leipold said. “They have been through so much.”

Roadrunners

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Ozark’s Devin Wright (front, second from left) rounded out the quartet of additions for SFCC baseball.

Another signee from a good program out of the 417 area code, the Roadrunners also added Devyn Wright of Ozark, who Kindle calls “an

extremely fast outfielder. He’s a left-handed hitter and an exciting ballplayer to watch. He sprays the ball around and has pop to right field, but [primarily] he’s a guy who will get on base and steal some bags.”

The last is Logan Miller out of Central (St. Joseph), another outfielder.

“I saw him play last summer, and he’s extremely fast, a 6.6, 6.7 (second 60-yard dash) runner,” Kindle said. “He moves well in the outfield and will be a good defensive player for sure. His bat is a work in progress, but he’s a fiery leadoff type.”

Kindle added, “All four are very good academically, and that’s something we really pride ourselves in.”

For the remainder of the incoming players to be added, the focus will be mostly on bats and gloves rather than arms.

“We need to replace guys in the infield and outfield, so defensively there’s a lot of work to do on the recruiting side,” Kindle said. “Pitching-wise, we can be a little more picky as our freshman class is really good.”

Loyola

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Loyola joins fellow Jesuit schools Fordham, Saint Joseph’s and Saint Louis in the Atlantic 10. It also renews rivalries with Dayton, Duquesne, La Salle and Saint Louis from its time in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference.

Loyola moved from the Horizon League to the Missouri Valley in 2013, after Creighton left for the Big East.

“Loyola’s commitment to the high-level scholastic achievement of all of its students, coupled with its excellent athletic profile, from success in basketball, soccer and volleyball to outstanding facilities and resources is a perfect fit for the A-10,” Atlantic 10 commissioner Bernadette V. McGlade said. “The addition expands the A-10 footprint into the Chicago market, giving the conference a presence in three of the top four media markets in the United States.”



Ikenna Okeke naviages pressure from a Grand View defender on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at the UCM Multipurpose Building.



Central Missouri redshirt junior Matt Todd awaits a screen to establish on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at the UCM Multipurpose Building.

Mules

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“We got off to a great start, and whenever you do that you’re fighting human nature a little bit,” Karleskint said. “As far as let up, I thought we let up a little bit. Credit to them. They settled into the game, took care of the ball better, got some extra possessions on the glass. We didn’t handle them

on the glass, I didn’t think we defended the three very good. But we got a lot we can learn from, which is what we wanted.”

Pinkley ended up leading the Mules with 17 points when it was all said and done. He was 7-of-9 from the field, only missing two three-point shots. He led with 11 rebounds and two blocks.

UCM had nine other scorers, with Nelson at 12, Okeke at eight, Gilbert at eight, Todd at

seven, Hunter at six, red-shirt sophomore forward and Ranger College transfer forward Mark Mayle at six, redshirt sophomore and Jacksonville transfer guard Trey Sides at five and true freshman guard Jaden Rogers at three.

The Mules made 29-of-63 shots, including 6-of-29 from the three-point range.

Central Missouri returns to action as it hosts Maryville Friday.

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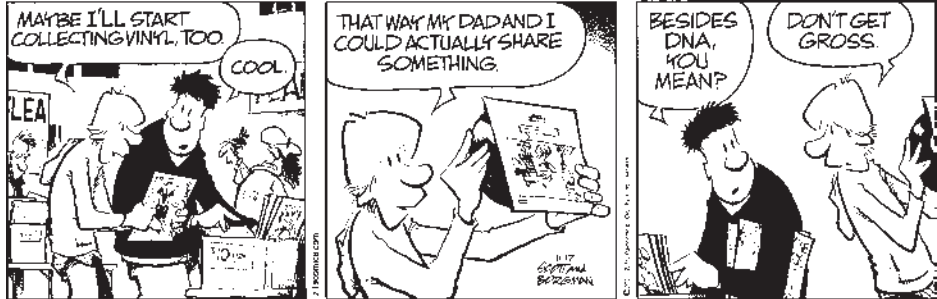
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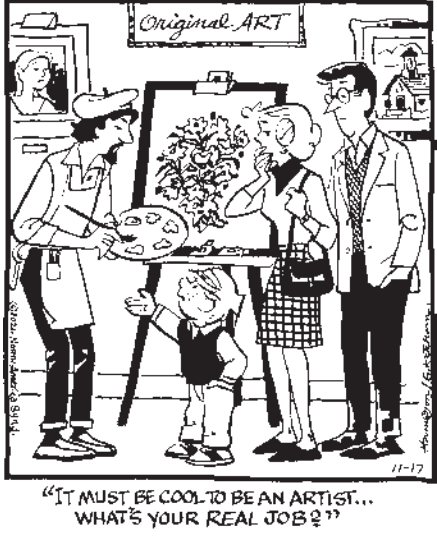
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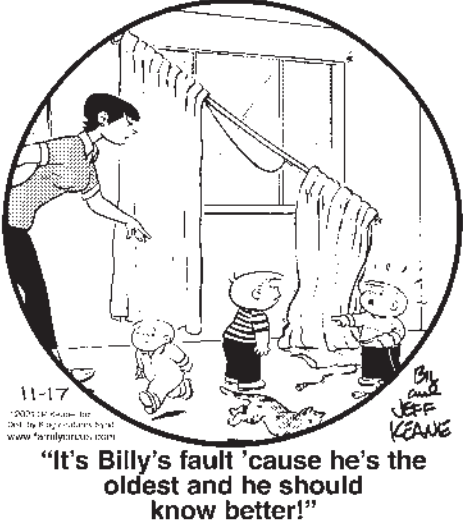
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- 5 Soccer legend
- 9 Partridge's cousin
- 11 Dead duck
- 12 City on the Mohawk River
- 13 Church feature
- 14 Maximum amount
- 15 Cable ride
- 17 Straight course
- 19 Atlantic fish
- 20 Essays
- 21 Finger count
- 22 Armistice
- 24 Compete
- 26 Main roles
- 29 Junior, to senior
- 30 Fleet owner
- 32 Special phone connection
- 34 Unmindful
- 35 Exemplary
- 36 Not napping

- 38 Cavalry stations
- 39 Soft drink buy
- 40 Muscle quality
- 41 Egg holder

DOWN

- 1 Young pigeon
- 2 Factory store
- 3 Loud lamenter
- 4 Attack command
- 5 Survey
- 6 Tempt pressure to
- 7 Apply
- 8 Misspoke
- 10 Less motivated
- 11 Stare in disbelief
- 16 Pancreas product
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- 21 Blue hue
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- 24 Haitian practice

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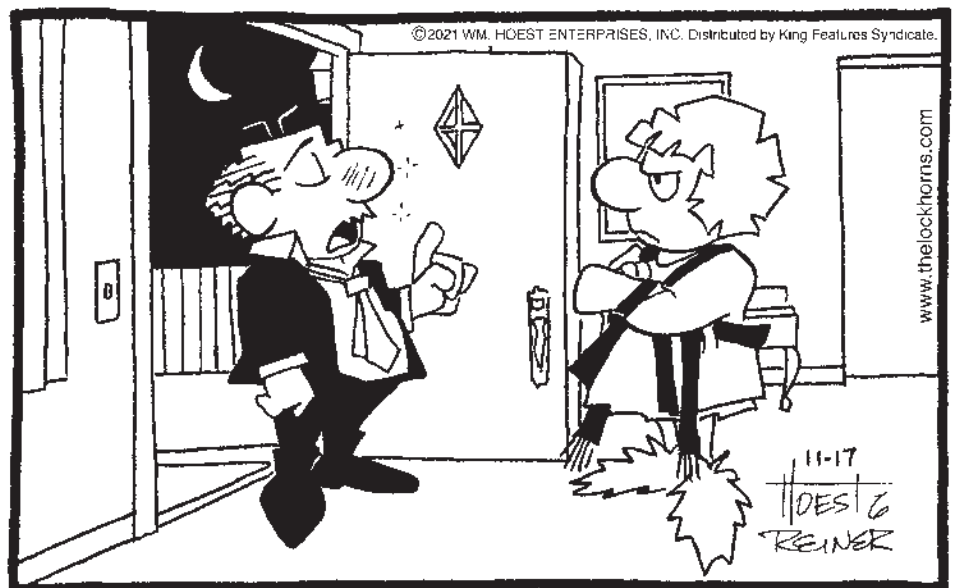
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By Dave Green

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IN THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI Judge or Division: PROBATE Case Number: 21PT-PR00175 VERNON W POORT, Deceased. **Notice of Letters of Administration Granted** (Independent Administration) To All Persons Interested in the Estate of VERNON WARREN POORT, Decedent: On 11-1-2021, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of VERNON W POORT, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Pettis County, Missouri. The personal representative's business address is: AMANDA G SOBASKI, 29663 QUISENBERRY RD, SEDALIA, MO 65301. The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court. The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: R SCOTT GARDNER, 416 SOUTH OHIO AVE, SEDALIA, MO 65301-4410, 660-827-0204. All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo. Date of the decedent's death: 10-AUG-2021 Date of first publication: 03-NOV-2021

Susan Sadler, Circuit Clerk By: /s/Darla Ebeling, Deputy Clerk 4x-11/3, 10, 17, 24, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION ESTATE OF MICHAEL EDDIE PETTIS, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 21PT-PR000177

NOTICE OF HEARING

To all persons who claim any interest in the property of Michael Eddie Pettis, deceased, as an heir of said decedent or through any heir of said decedent:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the above court by Kathy Parish for the determination of the heirs of Michael Eddie Pettis, deceased, and of their respective interests as such heirs in and with respect to the following described property owned by said decedent at the time of death or thereafter, to-wit: U.S. Bank Account

1523 0807 6057 \$1,700.31 Petitioners' attorney is R. Scott Gardner whose business address is 416 South Ohio Avenue, Sedalia, Missouri 65301-4432.

You are hereby required to appear to answer said petition on December 7, 2021, at 3:00 o'clock p.m. in the Circuit Court of Pettis County, Missouri, Division Five at Sedalia, at which time and place said petition will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment may be entered in due course upon said petition. 4x-11/3, 10, 17, 24, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of:

AALIYAH MAGALI MELGAR and

ISABELLA ELENA SANCHEZ MELGAR, Minors

Estate No: 21PT-PR00165 **NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

The State of Missouri to Respondent Pedro Martinez. You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in a the Circuit Court, Probate Division, for Pettis County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is a Petition for Appointment of Guardian for Minor. The names of all parties to said suit are stated above in

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the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for the Petitioner is Nathan G. Beard, 304 South Ohio, Sedalia, MO 65301. You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days after the 10th day of November, 2021, judgment will be rendered. WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court this 8th day of November, 2021.

Susan Sadler, Circuit Clerk By: /s/Darla Ebeling, Deputy Clerk 4x-11/10, 17, 24, 12/1, 2021

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Sedalia will receive proposals for the purchase of 1 new animal control box for the Sedalia Animal Control. Bids must be manufacturer specific for 2022 Ford F-250 with a bed delete.

Proposal forms provided by the City of Sedalia shall be used. All such proposals shall be sealed and filed with the City Clerk at or prior to November 30, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., at which time the proposals will be opened. Any proposal received after the above stated date and time will be discarded.

The City of Sedalia retains the right to reject any and all proposals submitted, and to waive any informality contained in any proposal. The City of Sedalia reserves the right to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the City. Additional details concerning the requirements for submitting a proposal may be obtained from the office of the City Clerk at the Municipal Building, 200 S. Osage Ave, Sedalia, MO 65301-4334. 1x-11/17, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE The Pettis County R-XII School District, Sedalia, MO (Dresden) is inviting General Contractors to submit sealed bids for HVAC replacement at the Pettis County R-XII School District, 22675 Depot Road, Sedalia, MO 65301. Bids are due by noon on Wednesday, December 15th, 2021. A pre-proposal walk-through will be held on December 2nd, 2021 at 4:00 pm. Instructions to Bidders and Project Specifications can be obtained by emailing the District's Superintendent at tmoore@pettisr12.k12.mo.us or picked up at the District's Central Office. Please call (660) 826-5385 x.302 if there are further questions. 3x-11/17, 24, 12/1, 2021

REQUEST FOR BID-FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT SERVICES FOR PETTIS COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT.

The Pettis County Ambulance District is soliciting sealed bids from qualified Certified Public Accounting firms for the audit of the financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2021, 2022 and 2023. Specifications are available by request at accounts@pcad.us or by calling 660-829-0777 ext. 908. Interested vendors should submit bids clearly marked Audit Bid by 2:00 P.M. CDT, November 23, 2021 to 210 W. 4th Street Sedalia, MO. Bids will be publicly opened at 6:00 P.M. in the Education Building at 400 S. Kentucky Sedalia, MO. The Pettis County Ambulance District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive any informality. The Pettis County Ambulance District also reserves the right to select the lowest and/or best bidder as determined by the District in its sole discretion. 2x-11/13, 17, 2021

TRUSTEE'S SALE IN RE: Michael Brandon Brown and Maria Engeline Brown, husband and wife, married man. Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Michael Brandon Brown and Maria Engeline Brown, husband and wife, married man. dated May 31, 2018 and recorded in the

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Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Pettis County, Missouri as Document Number: 2018-2654 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Friday, December 10, 2021 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 2:15 PM), at the West Front Door of the Court House, City of Sedalia, County of Pettis, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Pettis County, State of Missouri, to wit: LOT FIVE (5) IN GLENWOOD MANOR SUBDIVISION, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI.

to satisfy said debt and cost. MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C., Successor Trustee 612 Spirit Drive St. Louis, MO 63005 (636) 537-0110 File No 205866.121021.417225 FC

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Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 4x-11/17, 24, 12/1, 8, 2021

TRUSTEE'S SALE

IN RE: Shannon L. Elam and Richard A. Elam, her husband Trustee's Sale:

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Shannon L. Elam and Richard A. Elam, her husband dated November 6, 2009 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Pettis County, Missouri as Document No.:2009-6123 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Friday, November 19, 2021 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time

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of 2:15 PM), at the West Front Door of the Court House, City of Sedalia, County of Pettis, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Pettis County, State of Missouri, to wit: THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF BLOCK NUMBER TWENTY (20) AND TWENTY TWO AND ONE HALF (22 1/2) FEET IN WIDTH OFF THE SOUTH END OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF BLOCK NUMBER TWENTY (20) IN COTTON BROTHERS' SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SEDALIA, [PETTIS COUNTY] MISSOURI, EXCEPT FIVE (5) FEET IN WIDTH OFF THE WEST SIDE THEREOF FOR ALLEY PURPOSES; OTHERWISE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT SIXTY SEVEN AND ONE HALF (67 1/2) FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BLOCK NUMBER TWENTY (20) IN COTTON BROTHERS' SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SEDALIA, [PETTIS COUNTY] MISSOURI, RUNNING THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID BLOCK NINETY (90) FEET, THENCE WEST ONE HUNDRED THIRTY (130) FEET, THENCE SOUTH NINETY (90) FEET, THENCE EAST ONE HUNDRED THIRTY (130) FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.[THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN BRACKETS HAS BEEN ADDED TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION].

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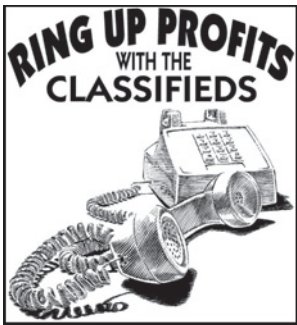
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