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Candidate filing begins for primary election

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Candidate filing began Tuesday for the Aug. 2 primary election in Missouri. County candidates can file at the Pettis County Clerk's Office while state and federal candidates file

with the Missouri Secretary of State's Office. Filing ends March 29. Candidates must list a political party. Those who win their party's race in August will go on to the General Election on Nov. 8. **U.S. Senate** Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., announced last year that he would not be seeking

another term after serving since 2010. That announcement led to a long list of candidates making their own announcements to seek Blunt's vacant seat in 2022. Republicans who filed Tuesday include Patrick A. Lewis, Eric Schmitt, Billy Long, Eric Greitens, Bernie Mowinski, C.W.

Gardner, Deshon Porter, Vicky Hartzler, Dave Sims, Mark McCloskey, Eric McElroy, Dennis Lee Chilton, Robert Allen, Dave Schatz and Hartford Tunnell. Democrats who filed Tuesday include Lewis Rollen, Scott Sifton, Gena Ross, Carla Coffee Wright, Josh Shipp, Spencer Toder, Lucas

Kunce and Jewel Kelly. **Missouri Auditor** Auditor Nicole Galloway, a Democrat, announced last year she was not seeking re-election after serving in her position since 2015 and a failed gubernatorial campaign against Gov. Mike Parson in 2020. Republicans who filed Tuesday include Da-

vid Gregory and Scott Fitzpatrick. One Democrat, Alan Green, filed on Tuesday. **U.S. House District 4** The state Senate is still debating the new congressional map for 2022, so the eight U.S. House districts could change.

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Council continues FY23 budget talks

By Nicole Cooke
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The Sedalia City Council is a month away from approving the Fiscal Year 2023 budget, and discussions continued during Tuesday night's meeting. City Administrator Kelvin Shaw gave a budget presentation, offering a look back at Fiscal Year 2022 and a preview of the upcoming fiscal year. He said "the state of the city is great" with an S&P credit rating of AA-, a \$44.5 million budget, \$14.7 million in the General Fund, and a General Fund balance of 65%.

"What you appropriate funds for sends a clear message to staff for what your priorities are and the community," Shaw told the council. "The budget really does become a policy-making document."

Over two weeks, department heads met with Shaw, Finance Director Dawn Jennings, Mayor John Kehde, and Ward 2 Councilman Andrew Dawson, who was the only candidate to file for mayor in the April election, to present their proposed budgets. Some council members were present at various meetings. Council rankings from the strategic planning session in January were taken into consideration.

Shaw explained that local taxes make up 48% of overall revenue for the city, followed by service charges.

Based on tax revenue over the last year and the pandemic economic recovery experienced during FY22, Shaw recommends the city budget for a 2-4% growth in sales tax in FY23. He said the draft budget is based on a 2% increase.

As for expenses, personnel costs take up 74% of the city's budget. Shaw said December unemployment in Pettis County was a near-historic low of 2.5% in December, compared to the pandemic-high of 13% in April 2020. He referenced the "great resignation" that occurred late last year, with the country seeing millions of workers resigning from their jobs. He said that is something the city will need to consider as the budget is drafted. He said the city's wages need to be competitive as the job market shifts.

The draft budget shows a 62% General Fund balance, meaning the city will be spending down from its current level of 65%.

"That's still a healthy fund balance, still within our fund balance policy," Shaw said, adding that he will go into detail on the draft during next week's work session.

As part of his presentation, Shaw had Callis representatives share an update on the city's branding campaign that started last year. Megan Hartman, Director of Operations, said the past year laid the foundation for the ongoing project.

"A brand is not just a logo and tagline. It's your story and your community," Hartman said.

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SCEA announces Associate, Educator of the Year

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On Tuesday evening, the Sedalia Community Educators' Association announced the Sedalia School District 200 Associate and Educator of the Year in the Heckart Performing Arts Center at Smith-Cotton High School.

SCEA President Shelley Lutjen began the evening by introducing each building-level Associate of the Year, followed by the building-level winners for Educator of the Year. Each winner received a flower, certificate, trophy, and a \$25 SCEA grant. District-wide winners are included on a plaque that is displayed in Central Office.

"These winners were nominated on and voted on by staff members within their own building. Thank you to all of you who have been nominated for the work you do," Lutjen said.

Sedalia 200's associate of the year is behavioral interventionist Kathy Burnett from Heber Hunt Elementary.

Burnett has been with the district since 1986 and has been at Heber Hunt since around 1999 or 2000.

"Mrs. Kathy does an outstanding job keeping the recovery room a Heber Hunt flowing throughout the day," an SCEA member said during the introductions.



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Sedalia Community Educators' Association President Shelley Lutjen, left, presents Heber Hunt Elementary behavioral interventionist Kathy Burnett with the district-wide Associate of the Year award Tuesday afternoon in the Heckart Performing Arts Center. Burnett has worked in the Sedalia School District 200 since 1986.

"Every day she is upbeat and positive and has a smile on her face. Mrs. Kathy always has a good morning or have a nice day to say, she builds positive relationships with all the students at Heber Hunt. Teachers can depend on her to help change behaviors so when they come back to the classroom they are successful and back on track."

Burnett is greatly relied on when it helps to better a student's behavior.

"Well it's always an honor, I work with so many awesome people," Burnett told the Democrat after the awards ceremony. "Any of the associates would have, what I consider, well deserved also."

While Burnett has won building Associate of the Year before, this is the first time she has received the honor of being district Associate of the Year.

"I don't know if anyone could tell but I was crying, it's just a very big honor," Burnett said.

Burnett will use her \$25 grant to buy snacks for her check-in, check-out students that she provides every week.

Lutjen explained that the district Educator of the Year was chosen by a Human Resources representative from Inter-State Publishing & Studios, Dr. Michael Scott, a retired superintendent from Warrensburg, and Sedalia Board of Education President Diana Nichols.

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Building Associates of the Year

- Loftus Early Childhood Center: Sheila Goodwin
- Washington Elementary: Hannah Satnan
- Horace Mann Elementary: Julie Abney
- Skyline Elementary: Trena Woolery
- Heber Hunt Elementary: Kathy Burnett
- Parkview Elementary: Sarah Walker
- Sedalia Middle School: Stephanie Hayworth
- Smith-Cotton Junior High: Denise Woolery
- Smith-Cotton High School: Kayla Sharp
- Whittier High School: Chase Johnson
- Central Office: Tony Neth

Building Educators of the Year

- Loftus Early Childhood Center: Angie Camirand
- Washington Elementary: Holly Redd
- Horace Mann Elementary: Angela Richardson
- Heber Hunt Elementary: Allison Stucker
- Parkview Elementary: Kathy Zink
- Sedalia Middle School: Erica Shippman
- Smith-Cotton Junior High: Chris Yeager
- Smith-Cotton High School: Stacey Steinkuhler

School board candidates meet in forum

By Nicole Cooke
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In between awarding the Associate and Educator of the Year awards, the Sedalia Community Educators' Association also hosted a candidate forum for the Sedalia School District 200 Board of Education on Tuesday afternoon in the Heckart Performing Arts Center at Smith-Cotton High School.

Board of Education President Diana Nichols, who has been on the board since 2013, and Secretary Barbara Schrader, who is in her first

term, are up for re-election. Nichols, Schrader, Michelle Quattlebaum, Brian Smith and Serena Cronk will all appear on the April 5 ballot. Quattlebaum also ran for the board in 2021.

Terms are for three years.

SCEA President Shelley Lutjen moderated the forum, asking a short list of questions and allowing each candidate two minutes to answer each one.

Cronk said she is a nurse at Bothwell Regional Health Center, a former educator, and a mother of four. Nichols is a Sedalia native, a 1976

Smith-Cotton graduate and a dietetics buyer and office manager at Bothwell. Nichols also serves on the Sedalia School District Foundation board as the Alumni Committee chair. Quattlebaum owns The Venue, has lived in Sedalia for 13 years, and is a mother of three. Schrader is a native Sedalian and spent 32 years in public education in Missouri. Smith owns several construction-related companies in Sedalia and is a Smithton graduate.

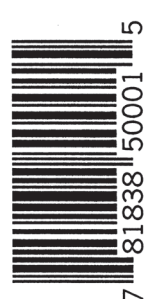
After asking them to introduce themselves, Lutjen then asked what ideas the candidates would bring to recruit

and retain teachers and staff.

Nichols listed several items being considered at the state level, including increasing salaries, studying an alternative to the traditional salary schedule, and creating a blue ribbon committee to make recommendations to the state board and legislature.

"I have no clue how that's going to play out but I'm intrigued. I'm going to be paying close attention to see how this goes," Nichols said. "The shortage isn't just in Sedalia, it's the entire state and nationwide."

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Cole Camp FFA



Cole Camp FFA chapter currently has 66 members from grades 8-12.



Members from the Chapter also had the chance to go to the National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis.

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Kody Potter, Avyn Burkhart, Alexis Millington, Chloe Jenkins, Cheyenne Kepley, Seth Roberts, Alexis Ridenour, Camden Harrison, and Alex Bauer working as a team in the human ladder game at Ag Olympics.



Trent Richey, Logan Terry, Wes Lloyd, Peyton Rice, Aidan Ridenour, Dylan White, and Christopher Adams are cutting up a deer that was processed in Mrs. Cooley's Advanced Animal Science class.

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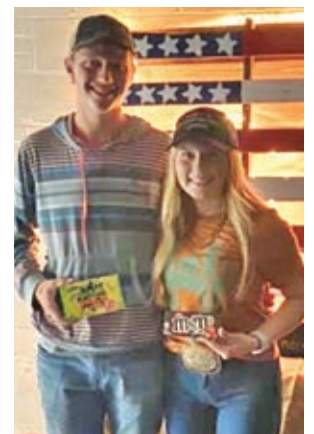
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The chapter attended the area 8 barnwarming in Climax Springs where Chase Stone and Gracie Thompson were crowned king and queen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The chapter will also host a Farmer's Breakfast on February 21st from 6am-10 am in the school cafeteria which will be dine in or carry out, and a labor auction and Businessman's dinner on February 25th starting at 6:30 pm in the old gym

FEBRUARY 19-26, 2022

Lincoln FFA



Lincoln Greenhand/Chapter Degree Ceremony

Back Row: Brandi Maddux (Advisor), Taylor Davis, Kaitlyn Corcoran, Hailey Bohon, Kaylee Simons, Audrey Keuper, Lexie Dulaban, Lexxis Matthews, Wyatt Woods, Gracyn Eifert, Mackenzie Yearout, Shelby Lutjen, Madison Hoehns
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It's a new year which means new opportunities for the Lincoln FFA. There are 32 members and 1 advisor. The Chapters officer team consists of Kristen Manning as President, Christian White as Vice President, Alexis Simons as Secretary, Allie Keuper as Treasurer, Audrey Sassmann as Reporter, Hunter White as Sentinel, and Brandi Maddux as the FFA Advisor. So far we have worked at the sports concession stand, we have stayed after games to clean the field and bleachers, we went to farm fest, we have worked with Adopt-A-Highway to keep the highway clean, and a few Lincoln students went to the National Convention in Indianapolis. So far this has been a productive year and we aren't done yet. The Lincoln FFA will be participating in the Contests that are held every year, we will be going on our annual float trip, we will be having our FFA week at the school, and our next Adopt-A-Highway is scheduled in spring.

The Lincoln FFA is currently celebrating FFA week and we have so many activities planned. On Sunday the chapter will be attending church at Mt. Pleasant. Monday there is no school and the FFA chapter will be helping with the farmers dinner. On Tuesday it is Drive your Truck/Tractor to School and Wear your Coveralls. Wednesday is Carhart and Camo day. Thursday is Rock your Flannel. Friday is Blue & Gold/ Jacket Day: and the Staff Breakfast.



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Warsaw FFA officers 2021-22

Front row: President Sarah Johnson, Historian Autum Walton, Vice President Natalie Johnson **Back row:** Sentinel Jeremiah Johnson, Reporter Haley Long, Secretary Dakota Steinhoff



Benton Breshears is pictured working the children's barnyard at the Missouri State Fair. Warsaw FFA helps run the barnyard during the fair.

American Degree recipients Lerran Yoder and the late Austin Rosser.

Lerran was presented his FFA American Degree at the 94th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Lerran also accepted Austin's FFA American Degree on behalf of Austin's family.

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Lerran and Austin's FFA advisors during their WHS FFA careers were Mrs. Amanda Smith and Mr. Stan Adler.

Congratulations and well done, Austin and Lerran!



Pictured left to right: Donna Pitts, LaMonte Yoder, Haven Collins, Lerran Yoder, and Rachelle Yoder.

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COVID cases down but influenza cases increase

By Democrat Staff

Pettis County added 83 confirmed cases of COVID-19 on Tuesday, bringing the total number of cases to 11,753, according to the Pettis County Health Center.

“The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Service website is reporting Pettis County has a positivity rate of 15.6% for the past seven days through Feb. 15, which is a decrease from 25.3% for the previous week with PCR testing,” the Pettis County COVID-19 Task Force briefing stated on Tuesday. “The case count per 100,000 for the past seven days is 217/100,000. This week there were 639 PCR tests and 380 antigen tests for a total of 1,019. Last week there were 904

tests. At this time, the counts do not include home test results.”

The vaccine breakthrough for the week ending Feb. 20 is 55 out of 141 cases counted for a breakthrough rate of 39%. Of the vaccinated cases, 25 had received a booster dose.

Influenza cases continue to increase. As of Feb. 16, there were 683 cases of influenza reported. There were 651 cases of Type A and 31 cases of Type B.

As of Friday, there were 1,645 hospitalized in Missouri with COVID as compared to 2,204 hospitalized with COVID last week. There are 33 people in ICU as compared to 469 people in ICU last week.

There are 10 individuals hospitalized at Bothwell Regional Health Center as

compared to 12 last week. There is one patient on a ventilator. Sixty percent of those hospitalized were not vaccinated.

The DHSS website reports 117 deaths in Pettis County with a confirmed PCR test and 28 deaths with a positive antigen test. This is an increase of three since last week. Two additional deaths have been reported this week.

Approximately 47% of the population of Pettis County residents have started vaccination. According to the state website, 19,914 Pettis County residents have started vaccination and 17,827 have had at least two doses, which is approximately 42.1% of the population. Pettis County is falling behind the state rate of 63% who have started

vaccination and 55.9% who have received at least two doses.

The state is reporting 74% of the population over 18 has started and 65.9% have received at least two doses. For Pettis County, 58.6% of the population 18 and older have started vaccination (18,687) and 52.7% (16,795) have received at least two doses. According to the DHSS website, 16.2% (1,224) of 5-17-year-olds have started vaccination and 13.6% (1,021) have received two doses. For the 65 and older age group, 79.8% (5,782) have started vaccination and 72.7% (5,267) have received at least two doses. There were 124 Pettis County residents who received a vaccine last week.

Pettis County Health

Center has regular walk-in clinics from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, from 8:30 a.m. to noon Thursdays and from noon to 3 p.m. Fridays. Starting March 1, the Health Center will provide vaccines from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

This week's Bothwell COVID-19 vaccine clinic for the Pfizer two-dose primary series and booster doses is from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24 at Bothwell Health Center-Truman Lake in Warsaw. People may walk in, however, appointments are encouraged by calling 660-829-8888.

There is no charge for the vaccine.

Due to decreased demand, Bothwell is no longer offering the Moderna vaccine. People who want the Moderna vac-

cine should contact Pettis County Health Center, Katy Trail Community Health or retail pharmacies that offer vaccines.

Katy Trail Community Health is providing Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines to community members from 1 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at 816 Westwood Drive. Visit www.katyhealth.org to schedule an appointment. The acute care clinic is open at the 821 Westwood Drive site, for residents to be tested and seen by a clinician if necessary. Testing appointments are also available online. It is open Monday through Saturday.

PCAD Board discusses Strategic Plan

By Faith Bemiss
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Tuesday evening, the Pettis County Ambulance District Board of Directors met and discussed plans made by the Strategic Planning Committee and heard an update from Medical Director Dr. David Gustafson.

EMS Chief Eric Dirck reported there was a decrease in pre-hospital COVID patient contacts in February with only 29 this month compared to 65 at the same time in January.

He also discussed the snow and ice removal costs. He brought up the suggestion of hiring out versus owning a UTV with a blade.

“I did want to put a bug

in the board's ear about looking at some cost analysis on spending it on snow removal versus doing it ourselves,” he noted. “It may be something down the road a little bit that we might want to look at.”

Dirck also presented a maintenance report to the board and discussed vehicle mileage. Under Building and Grounds, Dirck reported on gutter damage at PCAD Headquarters due to heavy recent snowfall and ice accumulation. He also provided a photo of the damage for the board to assess.

“I don't know what the fix is for it at this point,” Dirck said. “But, I'd like to go ahead and get some estimates or at least an evaluation to see what it's

going to take to keep that from happening.”

Both Dirck and Board Treasurer John Fritz said they believe the gutter will need to be replaced.

Under Education, PCAD is now receiving regular follow-up information on trauma patients transported to Bothwell Regional Health Center, Dirck said. This information is being implemented into the CQI program; updates are sent within this system to the responding crews and to Gustafson for review.

“This much-appreciated information is essential in developing evidence-and outcome-based prehospital protocols and procedures, as well as providing training opportunities for EMS

providers,” Dirck reported. “This information sharing is part of BRHC's efforts to obtain Trauma Center III certification.”

“Evidence-based medicine is where we want to be right now,” he continued. “And this is the best way to get that evidence, is to find out the outcome on these patients — could we do anything to improve their care? So obviously we are very interested in that.”

In his report, Gustafson noted that he and Division Chief of Training Justin Cross have worked on medical protocols for several months.

“This afternoon we finalized that,” he noted. “We have changed the format so it's easier to go between problems. Technology

has also made it easier for us to have links within a protocol.”

“It's going to be a lot easier with this electronic version for our medics to use,” he continued. “And very happy that we finally got it all together.”

In a report by the Strategic Planning Committee, Dirck noted they met last week and the draft is laid out and “completely restructured.” He added the summary page will outline goals, recommendations and objectives.

Recommendations will take in non-action items.

“Some of those issues might include our involvement or lack thereof of legislative efforts,” he explained.

This could include lob-

bying, emergency services partners and community needs, economic considerations, and the philosophy and administration of the board.

Goals will be items that carry forward, Dick noted. Goals would include PCAD's mission viability, how well PCAD recruits and retains employees, clinical patient care and operational objectives.

“The objectives is where the tall grass starts,” Dirck noted. “This would be the flip side ... objectives are going to be very specific and measurable — are we accomplishing our goals, is the chief accomplishing?”

He said the board would be able to see if the items were accomplished or not.

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EDITORIAL

CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

U.S. should focus on drugs coming over the border

There are varying views about our southern border crisis. Some do not believe it to be a "crisis" at all. They believe that people should be able to enter our country freely, without vetting because they are human. They believe that it is the right thing to do.

Other people believe that the problem with immigrants coming across the border will be the loss of jobs that are currently available for citizens of the United States. Personally, I hardly see this as an issue because as of Dec. 31, there were a staggering 10.9 million jobs available. People have chosen, for whatever reason, not to accept those positions.

Yet others believe that the seriousness of allowing immigrants to enter the country unchecked will allow variants of COVID-19 to continually strike us.

Human trafficking is an issue that I can hardly stand to think about. It is atrocious at a minimum. It is horrifying to think about the children who are being sold to strangers for who knows what. My heart hurts and fears for them. I can only pray that God protects them.

There are "visitors" entering our country who have previously been deported for acts of violence or other crimes. They are not coming here for amnesty based on severe trials they have faced by their country of origin. They are coming here to commit acts of violence, potentially terrorism, and they are being handed a free pass to do so. In itself, that should be enough reason to close the southern border and strengthen the border to our north with Canada.

Perhaps the biggest negative impact is the drugs that are making their way into this country.

In fiscal year 2019, there were a reported 34,057 deaths caused by opioid overdoses. In 2020 the number grew to 53,243 and in 2021 that number hit 64,749, nearly double the number from 2019.

The federal government has cracked down on the prescription use of opioids due to these drastically increasing numbers, but they are misleading us when they suggest that over-prescribing is the sole problem.

I do understand that many people become addicted to opioids after being prescribed; I will not dispute that. But what we are missing is that the majority of these deaths occur from synthetic opioids.

Fentanyl is the No. 1 killer of all synthetic opioids. Heroin is the next leading cause of synthetic overdose.

Although Fentanyl is used in hospitals to control major pain and is often used in chronic pain situations, the overwhelming majority of Fentanyl overdoses are seen in the form of



STEPHANIE LEFEVERS
Contributing Columnist

illegal substances that are crossing our southern border.

Last month, a man crossing the border was apprehended with a half-pound of Fentanyl pills found in his rectum. After testing these pills, it was released that 4 out of 10 of them contained lethal doses of Fentanyl.

These pills are being sold on the streets to the citizens of the United States. They are not properly metered in their dosing. These criminals simply pour a bunch of substances together, stir them in a pot and press the pills in whatever way they come out.

It has been reported that border patrol has seized enough tainted Fentanyl since the beginning of this year to potentially kill 10.9 million people. Can you imagine the amount of illegal drugs that are making it through?

The worst of this is that people in our own community are dying from these and other illegal substances such as tainted heroin.

Because the federal government has focused on the prescribing end of these mass casualties, people who truly suffer with chronic pain are not receiving the medication they need to function. In turn, these individuals seek out illegal forms of pain medication because they can no longer tolerate this debilitating pain.

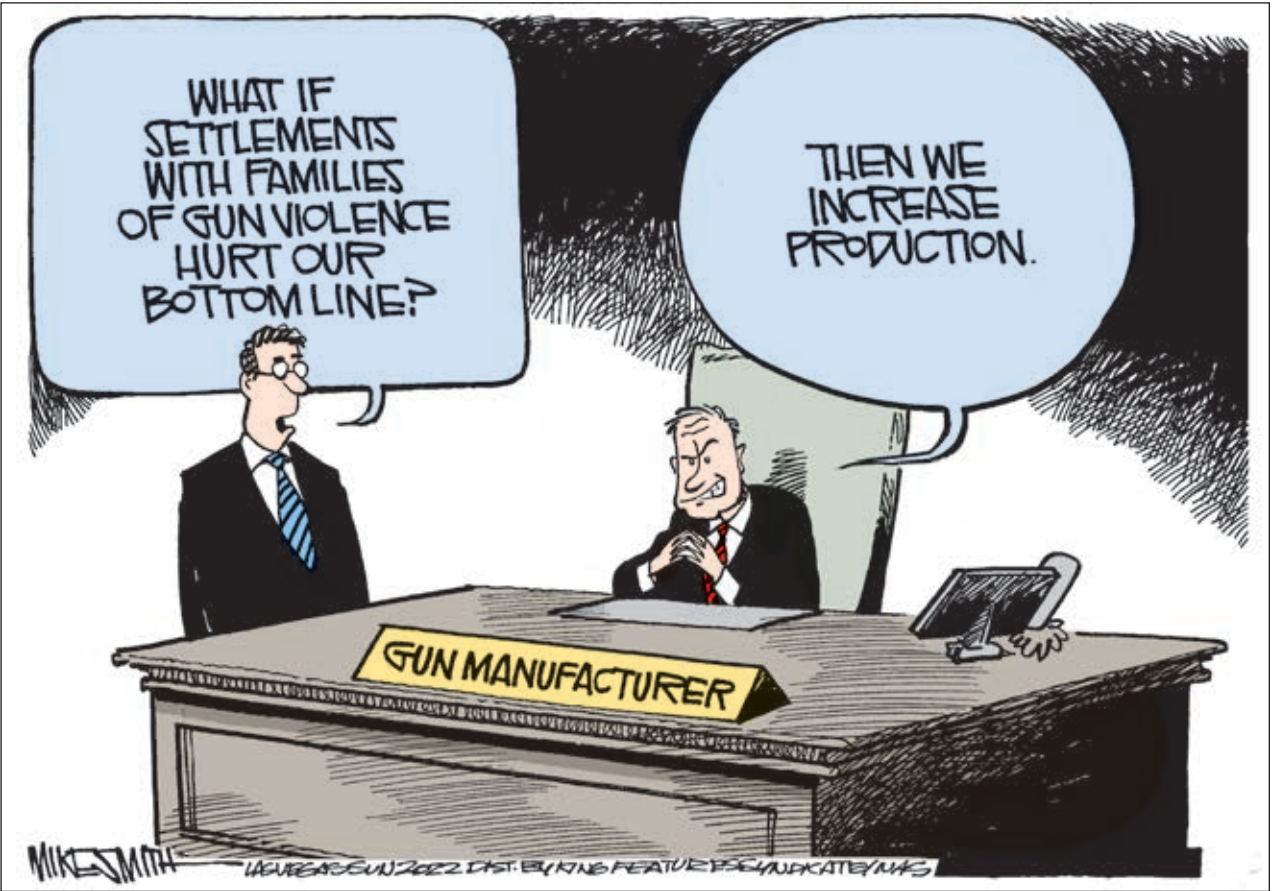
It is a catch-22 for those of us who suffer with chronic pain.

Doctors are forced to neglect their suffering patients due to the threat of the government suspending or terminating their licenses. The physicians are held captive by an outside force that prohibits them from treating their patients with medications that would prevent them from seeking pain relief illegally. They struggle with their oath to "First, do no harm" on a daily basis.

And yet, here we are.

The Biden Administration must be held accountable for this mass infiltration of people of unknown origin and purpose. Instead, they focus on a war that has nothing to do with us. Perhaps they should start paying attention to the war that is going on within our own country before sending our soldiers into a battle that we and NATO were never invited to attend.

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

Part 3B: The fate of some Sedalia houses

Orestes A. Crandall worked as a banker, first establishing the Pettis County Bank and then the Missouri Trust Company, which was reorganized in June 1901 as the Sedalia Trust Company. He was working here at the time of his death in July 1901. He also worked as an attorney, arguing cases before the Circuit Court and the District Court.



RHONDA CHALFANT
Contributing Columnist

In 1877, he was able to combine his skills in finance and law to save Sedalia's credit rating, and according to his obituary, to save the city's taxpayers over \$200,000 in interest payments. In another case, he was able to save the county approximately \$100,000.

According to Crandall's obituary, which cites the 1882 History of Pettis County, in the early 1870s, Sedalia had made several poorly thought-out decisions regarding spending. In its haste to complete various city improvement projects such as the water works, the city had developed a bonded indebtedness of \$265,000 at 10% interest. The total amount

of interest was \$26,500.

The city had to scramble to raise the money to pay the interest on the debt each year. Property taxes provided most of the money to pay what was owed. The City Charter limited the amount of taxes to \$2 per \$100 value of the property. The city coped with that regulation by overstating the properties' value.

In 1875, Missouri ratified a new state Constitution. The new Constitution forbade cities from assessing properties at a higher value than their actual worth. As a result, the value of the properties in the city dropped to \$1 million. A levy of 2%

could not raise the money needed to pay the interest on the debt.

The city's credit rating, and thus its ability to borrow money, as well as its reputation, was in danger.

Sedalia's mayor Dr. Clark and the Chair of the Ways and Means Committee of the City Council Dr. T.T. Majors worked desperately to "protect the credit of the city." They reduced expenses and cut spending, but the city was still not able to raise the money to pay the debt. The holders of the bonds on which the debt was made were demanding their interest.

Sedalians were unhappy at the taxes they were being assessed and at the city's financial condition. Crandall stepped up and volunteered to visit the creditors in the east and work out a way of settling the debt.

In Boston, he arranged for the bondholders to re-finance the whole debt for 20 years at 2% interest. This action reduced the amount of interest Sedalia owed to \$14,000.

The city accepted the

arrangement Crandall had negotiated and was able to pay off the bonds and the interest. The city recognized Crandall as a financier and lawyer of exceptional skill. His career as a lawyer and banker benefitted.

Crandall's home life was stable and happy. His obituary noted that he spent his time away from work at his "handsome" house at 203 W. Broadway surrounded by his "devoted wife" and his children.

In 1889, daughter Emma married Charles C. Evans, treasurer of the Missouri Trust Company. Stella and Arthur did not marry. They continued to live in the family home.

Unlike many of the elaborate houses on Broadway, the Crandall house escaped demolition for many years. Next week's column continues the story of the house and its ultimate destruction.

Rhonda Chalfant is active in the Sedalia/Pettis County chapter of NAACP and the Pettis County Historical Society.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Commission rushing into landfill agreement

Dear Editor:

The Pettis County Commission is rushing the county into an agreement with the Pettis County Development Corporation (PCDC) to allow a new landfill to open in western Pettis County, near Dresden.

A draft of a county ordinance governing the development and a draft of a Host Agreement with PCDC are very recently made available for public viewing online and in the Pettis County Courthouse. The County Commissioners are scheduled to vote the proposal into effect on February 24th. This will commit Pettis County to an agreement over which we will have little control going forth and which has the potential to create serious environmental damage to our county while severely limiting our ability to recover damages or to alter the agreement.

- First, the Host Agreement overrides the proposed County Ordinance, so there is no point in considering the ordinance if the Host Agreement is approved.

- "This agreement contains a binding arbitration provision which may be enforced by the parties." If we accept this condition, we will surrender our right to pursue damages or remediation in a court of law should damages occur: (i.e. the water table becomes contaminated by toxins, or waste escapes from transport to the landfill or the landfill itself, or an underground fire that can't be extinguished develops, as

in St. Charles, MO).

- The Host Agreement requires PCDC to keep records for only two years. Such records would identify the types of waste accepted at the landfill, how the waste was handled, etc., as well as all citizen complaints. This would make it very difficult to prosecute PCDC violations and assess damages. PCDC should be required to hold all records for at least 10 years.

- PCDC guarantees the county a \$2,000 per year Host Fee and \$1.50 per ton of waste. The county cannot assess additional charges, including higher fees for "special waste," such as asbestos (named in the Host Agreement) and other "industrial wastes."

- "Hazardous Waste" will not be accepted, but "Special Waste" requiring "special handling" will be accepted, according to "... PCDC's sole and absolute discretion. ... [and] shall include, without limitation, sludges, asbestos, powders, ashes and other manufacturing or industrial by-products."

- The Host Agreement prohibits Pettis County from denying any "reasonable request" for expansion, both horizontal and vertical.

We need broader examination and discussion of these documents. And we need organized, thoughtful conversation with the County Commissioners before we allow them to commit us to a long-term agreement which may negatively affect our health, safety, and county resources.

Cindy Claycomb
Hughesville

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Talks

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Over the last year, Callis and the city have talked with stakeholders such as residents and business owners. That led to a new logo and tagline, "Let's cross paths." Callis worked to integrate that new brand into community events such as the Missouri State Fair, Fourth of July activities, the Smith-Cotton homecoming parade and the Sedalia Area Chamber of Commerce's Christmas parade.

A new website is set to launch this summer. Branding and signage have begun, including co-branding opportunities with city departments. Sedalia Shop Local was also launched.

"What's still to come – being aware of the brand is just one thing, that's different than them sharing it and feeling it, seeing themselves be part of that brand," Hart-

man said. "That's the next step – how do we get people to feel a part of it?"

Those next steps include digital advertising, such as commercials on YouTube and other streaming services, and sponsored social media posts. Other plans include working with the Democrat and local radio stations to share the city's story.

During the strategic planning session in January, the council ranked "Continue brand identity messaging" as the No. 10 General Fund priority with a potential budget of \$150,000.

The council will have a budget work session at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28. A public hearing will be hosted March 21 and the council will consider adopting the budget after the hearing. The final approval can be delayed up to March 31 if the council wants further discussions.

Ward 2 Councilwoman Tina Boggess said work is underway to find an

alternate location for the proposed Mercy Rest Stop. Currently, the board plans to construct the facility at 314 W. Benton St. next to the Open Door Kitchen.

The search for a new location comes after a tense and emotional town hall meeting in January where North Sedalia citizens expressed concerns about the site.

"We have one other location that we have talked about. However, we are going back to the board to look at other locations," Boggess said. "We want the community to understand we are not against the Mercy Rest Stop. We are understanding this is something needed in the Sedalia area. We just want to make sure it's placed in the correct area in city limits so it can be utilized by the people who need the services they plan to offer. We will come back to council with some other options that may work better than West Benton Street."

Finance Director Dawn Jennings reported that overall tax revenue for December was up 19.2% from the prior month. Fiscal year to date, she said sales tax is up 15.1% from this time last year.

Shaw said December 2021 was a record month for December sales tax revenue in the last decade.

During the meeting, the council also:

- Recognized two Sedalia Fire Department firefighters who had a badge pinning at the beginning of the meeting, Nathaniel Nevels and Cameron Smith.
- Approved the purchase of Microsoft Exchange 2019 email software from Shi International Corporation for \$16,180.98.
- Approved the renewal of a one-year contract of desktop and server anti-virus software from Blue Tree Technology for \$7,275.45.
- Approved an ordinance adopting revised Financial Management Policies and repealing Ordinance 11341.

• Approved an ordinance amending Ordinance 11500 to amend wording regarding the number of worker offenders to state "up to 15 worker offenders per day" provided by Tipton Correctional Center.

• Approved an ordinance authorizing an agreement for the implementation of Brazos Solution E-Ticketing software and associated hardware for Code Enforcement and Animal Services.

• Approved an ordinance authorizing a cooperative agreement for K-9 basic training services between the Sedalia Police Department and the Boone County Sheriff's Office.

• Approved a resolution authorizing an increase in budgeted expenditures for FY22 relating to the vehicle and equipment repair and parts and landfill expenses for the Sanitation Department.

• Approved an ordinance amending sections 60-95 through 60-108, 60-123 through 60-136, 60-160

through 60-163 and 60-195 through 60-199 of the Code of Ordinances related to sewers and local limits.

• Approved an ordinance authorizing a professional services agreement with Alliance Water Resources Inc. for operational oversight, maintenance and management of wastewater facilities and collection system for \$218,376.

• Approved an ordinance establishing a stop sign on Mitchell Road at the intersection of West 10th Street.

• Approved a resolution supporting the submission of a Marketing Heritage and Cultural Tourism in Rural Missouri Grant application for downtown alleyway revitalization.

• Approved new and renewal liquor licenses.

The council had a closed session for legal advice and real estate.

All members were present.

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STATE BRIEFS

Missouri GOP rejects filing fee from candidate over views

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Missouri Republican Party on Tuesday rejected a filing fee from a Kansas City-area man who has been criticized in the past for his racist and homophobic views.

The party announced on Twitter that it rejected a filing fee from Steve West, who has faced opposition from his own children when he ran for the Missouri House in 2018 and 2020.

It was not immediately clear what office West tried to file for Tuesday, which was the first day of candidate filing in Missouri.

His children have said he espoused racist and homophobic views and criticized Jews and Muslims. West has said his comments were taken out of context and denied he was bigoted.

"West's past statements are vile and conflict with the fundamental values of our platform," the party said. "The Missouri Republican Party believes there is no room for hate or divisiveness and the Missouri Republican Party will not associate with anyone who promotes these abhorrent ideas."

Despite also being disavowed in past races by the GOP, West won the Republican primaries in 2018 and 2020, only to lose to the Democratic candidates for Missouri House District 15, which covers Gladstone and part

of northern Kansas City.

Missouri House backs bills against COVID-19 vaccine mandates

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Missouri House passed a pair of bills Tuesday pushing back against requirements for people to get vaccinated against COVID-19 as a

condition of employment or to receive an organ transplant.

One of the bills would prohibit public employers from requiring COVID-19 vaccinations, with exceptions for nursing homes and other health care facilities that need to mandate vaccines in order to get federal funding.

The other bill would require employers to make reasonable accommoda-

tions for those with sincerely held beliefs against COVID-19 vaccines. It also would ensure those who are unvaccinated can still get unemployment benefits if they're fired for not getting the vaccine, and it would prohibit people from being disqualified for organ transplants for declining to get the COVID-19 shots.

Both bills overwhelmingly passed the Repub-

lican-led House and now advance to the Senate, where similar measures have been proposed.

Republican Gov. Mike Parson's administration has not imposed any COVID-19 vaccination requirements. But Missouri lawmakers this year have proposed more than three dozen bills pushing back against vaccination requirements from the federal government.

PCAD

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After he explained the plan to the board, Dirck asked if they would consider a work session sometime around the third week of March to discuss the items.

"This would be for the committee to go over the outline of the plan," he added. "... Basically, to put the finishing touches on it as a board."

Under unfinished business, Chief Financial Officer Jamie Luebbering spoke to the board about ambulance, vehicle replacement, equipment and building fund transfers. PCAD Chair Nick Gerke asked the board to approve the fund transfers; the motion was approved.

The board went into closed session for legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body.

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Generations of Missouri

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St. Louis Arch Chapter Seven

Dorothy, age 45 & Barbara, age 18 | 1964

Barbara watched men scaling the construction ladder. They climbed high above the Mississippi River. Only halfway built, the Gateway Arch's legs stood 300 feet above the ground. She clutched her homemade protest sign which read NO JOBS, NO ARCH.

Barbara had lived in St. Louis for her entire life. But it was at St. Louis University that she learned about the city's history of racial inequality. While attending SLU, she'd seen historically black neighborhoods fall into disrepair. White friends and neighbors were moving west to the suburbs. She had been attending meetings of a group that was acting on some of these issues, the Congress of Racial Equality or CORE.

Today's protest was taking place on the construction grounds of the Gateway Arch to address issues of racial inequality surrounding its construction. For most of Barbara's life, people had talked about the plans for the Arch, a monument dedicated to the westward expansion of the United States. The Arch would be a feature of the St. Louis skyline. It was fascinating to watch workers stack shiny blocks of steel, one atop the

other, implementing architect Eero Saarinen's elegant design. This massive project employed many people, yet very few were Black. CORE's protest centered around this issue. She and friends marched through the construction grounds carrying their signs and chanting, "Skilled jobs now! Skilled jobs now!"

Suddenly two of CORE's leaders, Percy Green and Richard Daly, began climbing the Arch's construction ladder! Barbara held her breath in the July heat as they made their way skyward. The protest was taking place at noon while the construction workers were on their lunch breaks. This gave Percy and Richard access to the ladder. Police officers gathered at the base of the construction elevator while deciding what to do.

"Will they stay up there all day," Barbara asked. "What's their plan?"

"They're making a point, they'll come down in a few hours," someone answered.

Three sweltering hours later, the men did come down. When they reached the ground, the two men lay down. This passive resistance move made it necessary for police officers to carry them.

"I read in the newspaper that Richard got 30 days in jail and Percy is out on bond," Barbara told her roommate, Molly, the next day.

"I can't believe you saw them climbing the Arch. That's crazy!" Molly answered.

Barbara was proud of witnessing and making history. "Sometimes you've got to do something crazy to get things done." She nodded at the poster board and paint.

"Percy's protesting tomorrow at the Old Court House," Barbara said. "Care to join?"

Molly smiled and the two women began to paint.

NEWSPAPER CONNECTIONS

Search your newspaper for words related to economics, jobs, worker salaries, and create a crossword puzzle to share with others.

Award

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The district Educator of the Year is Early Childhood and Special Education teacher Angie Camirand from the Loftus Early Childhood Center. “Mrs. Angie has worked for the district for eight years and is a very dedicated teacher,” an SCEA member said during the introductions. “Mrs. Angie

has a strong desire for every child to succeed. Mrs. Angie’s kind and quiet personality is very effective in reaching the needs of her students and building rapport with families. She loves her students and has high expectations for them.”

Camirand is known for being someone her colleagues can count on and cares deeply for her students. “I am very surprised and very honored,” Camirand told the Democrat.

“It’s awesome to win for them and that all the teachers and parents felt like I deserved that honor.” Along with winning a \$25 grant to go toward her classroom, Camirand also won a \$350 grant for being the district winner. “I think it will be awesome to get some cool stuff for my classroom,” Camirand said. “Our kids love to get new toys, new seating to help them, and other things.”
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Sedalia Community Educators’ Association President Shelley Lutjen, left, presents Early Childhood and Special Education teacher Angie Camirand with the district-wide Educator of the Year award Tuesday afternoon in the Heckart Performing Arts Center. Camirand has been with the Sedalia School District 200 for eight years.

Filing

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Currently, Pettis County is part of District 4. U.S. Rep. Vicky Hartzler, R-Harrisonville, is running for Blunt’s Senate seat, leaving her House seat open for a new candidate.

Republicans were the only candidates to file Tuesday: Jim Campbell, Rick Brattin, William (Bill) Irwin, Mark Alford, Kalena Bruce, Taylor Burks and Sara Walsh.

State Senate District 28
The Senate Independent Bipartisan Citizens Commission is still debating the new state Senate map for 2022, so the 34 districts could still change. Currently, Pettis County is part of District 28.

State Sen. Sandy Crawford, R-Buffero, is up for reelection in 2022. If she wins, this will be her last four-year term in the Senate due to term limits.

Crawford filed on Tuesday, along with fellow Republican Bill Yarberry, of Fair Play.

State House District 52
After the House Independent Bipartisan Citizens Commission unanimously approved a new House map in January, the northern portion of Pettis County remains represented by District 52. However, the county is no longer represented by Districts 48, 51 and 54.

State Rep. Brad Pollitt, R-Sedalia, was first elected to the state House in 2018 and is up for reelection in 2022. Pollitt was the only candidate to file Tuesday.

State House District 54
After the House Independent Bipartisan Citizens Commission unanimously approved a new House map in January, the northern

portion of Johnson County remains represented by District 54. However, the county is no longer represented by Districts 51, 52 and 53.

State Rep. Dan Houx, R-Warrensburg, is up for reelection in 2022. If he wins, this will be his last two-year term in the House due to term limits.

Houx was the only candidate to file Tuesday.

State House District 57
The southern portions of Pettis and Johnson counties will now be represented by District 57 based on the House Independent Bipartisan Citizens Commission’s new House map. The position is currently held by state Rep. Rodger Reedy, R-Windsor. Currently, District 57 covers portions of Benton, Cass, and Bates counties, but it will now cover portions of Johnson, Pettis and Benton counties.

Reedy filed for reelection on Tuesday along with fellow candidate James Mahlon White, of Warsaw. Libertarian William Truman (Bill) Wayne, of Warrensburg, also filed.

Pettis County Presiding Commissioner
Presiding Commissioner David Dick, a Republican, is up for re-election this year. Dick was first elected in 2014.

Dick and fellow Republican Bill Taylor, of La Monte, filed on Tuesday.

Pettis County Auditor
The seat of Auditor Beverly Dillion, a Republican, is up in the 2022 primary election. Dillion was first elected in 2014.

Dillion was the only candidate to file Tuesday.

Pettis County Circuit Clerk
Circuit Clerk Susan Sadler, a Republican, is up for re-election in 2022. Sadler has served as Circuit Clerk since 2006. Sadler was the only can-

didate to file Tuesday.
Pettis County Clerk
County Clerk Nick La Strada, a Republican, is up for re-election in 2022. La Strada was elected as County Clerk in 2010. La Strada was the only candidate to file Tuesday.
Pettis County Collector
County Collector Marsha Boeschen, a Republican, is up for re-election this year. Boeschen has served Pettis County residents since she was elected in 2010.

Boeschen was the only candidate to file Tuesday.
Pettis County Prosecutor
Prosecutor Phillip Sawyer, a Republican, has served Pettis County since being elected in 2014. Sawyer’s seat is up for election in 2022.

Sawyer was the only candidate to file Tuesday.
Pettis County Recorder of Deeds

Recorder of Deeds Barbara Clevenger, a Republican, will see her four-year seat up for election this year. Clevenger has served as recorder of deeds since 2010.

Clevenger was the only candidate to file Tuesday.
Associate Judge Division 5

Judge Paul Beard, a Republican, is up for reelection to 2022. Beard was first elected in 2006.

Beard was the only candidate to file Tuesday.
Associate Judge Division 6

Judge Jeff Mittelhauser, a Republican, is up for reelection again this year. Mittelhauser was first elected as an associate judge in 2014 after serving as Pettis County Prosecutor.

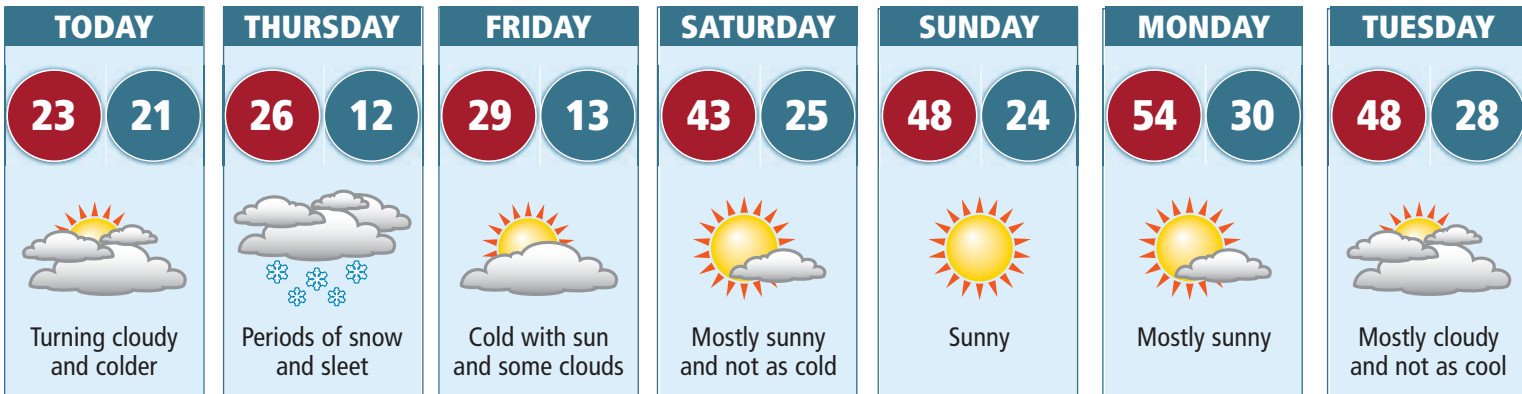
Mittelhauser was the only candidate to file Tuesday.
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Sunrise today	6:54 a.m.
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Moonrise today	12:42 a.m.
Moonsset today	10:45 a.m.
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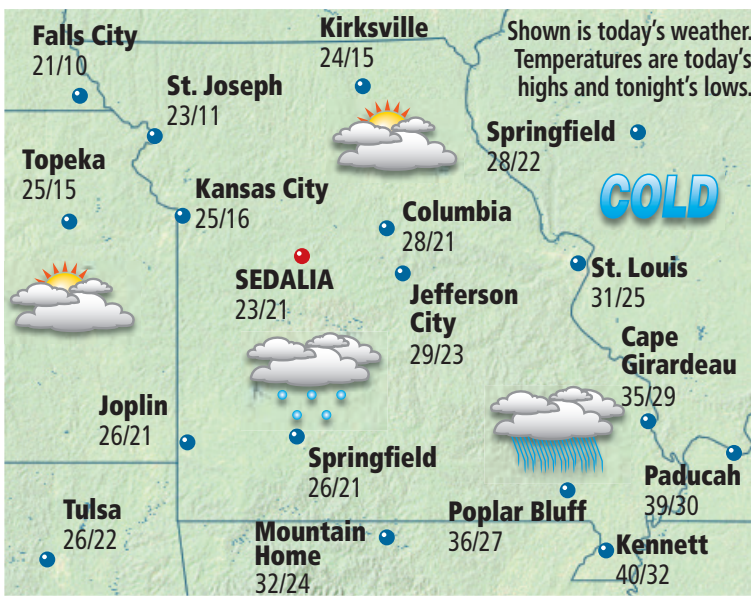
Sedalia Regional Airport Monday

TEMPERATURES	
High	73
Low	44
Normal high	45
Normal low	25
Record high	73 in 2022
Record low	-4 in 1939

PRECIPITATION	
Monday	0.00"
Month to date	0.84"
Normal m-t-d	1.57"
Year to date	1.49"
Normal y-t-d	3.49"

HEATING DEGREE DAYS	
Monday	6
Month to date	639
Season to date	3001
Normal season to date	3869
Last season to date	3591

RIVER LEVELS			
In feet as of 7 a.m. Tuesday			
Blackwater	Stage	Chg	Fld Stg
Blue Lick	13.79	+5.38	24
Valley City	8.61	+2.36	22
Lamine			
Otterville	4.52	+2.44	15
Missouri			
Boonville	5.01	+0.23	21



NATIONAL WEATHER

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thursday Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	71/58/sh	77/62/c
Baltimore	70/34/c	40/36/r
Billings	1/12/pc	18/5/pc
Boston	63/24/c	35/29/pc
Buffalo	35/17/sn	31/22/pc
Charlotte	72/55/sh	65/52/c
Chicago	25/20/pc	28/22/sn
Cleveland	33/21/pc	30/26/sn
Dallas	33/28/i	38/25/i
Denver	15/3/sn	20/5/c
Detroit	30/17/pc	30/22/pc
Honolulu	82/70/s	81/69/s
Houston	69/53/r	72/46/r
Indianapolis	33/26/c	35/26/sn
Las Vegas	50/35/pc	53/34/s

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thursday Hi/Lo/W
Milwaukee	24/20/c	27/20/sn
Nashville	50/40/c	56/42/t
New Orleans	79/66/t	79/66/pc
Norfolk	69/43/sh	44/40/sh
Oklahoma City	24/17/sn	31/11/sn
Orlando	86/63/s	88/64/s
Phoenix	55/41/sh	59/41/s
Pittsburgh	42/22/c	36/33/c
Portland, ME	59/17/c	31/17/pc
Portland, OR	39/25/s	44/25/pc
Sacramento	57/27/s	58/28/s
St. Louis	31/25/sn	33/24/sn
San Francisco	55/40/s	56/41/pc
Seattle	38/29/s	43/27/pc
Washington, DC	70/37/sh	42/38/r

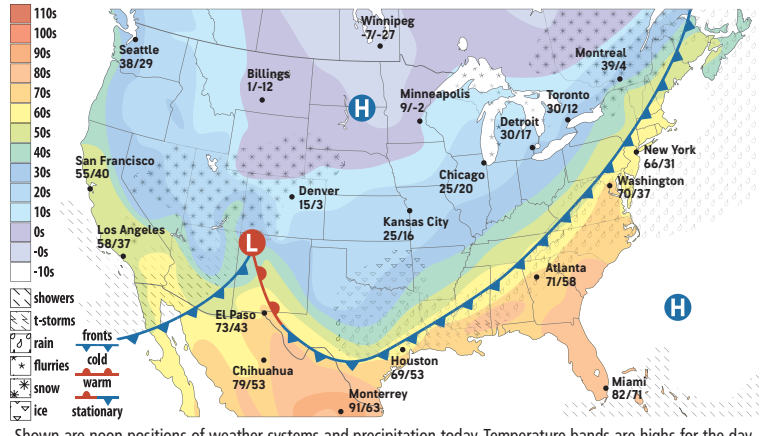




PHOTO BY BRYAN EVERSON | DEMOCRAT

State Fair Community College guard Jamar Madge attempts a mid-range jumper over Moberly's Dorian Staples in Saturday night's game in Sedalia.

AREA ROUNDUP

LADY ROADRUNNERS PREPARE FOR PLAYOFFS

By Bryan Everson

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The 86-49 loss to visiting Moberly Area Community College Saturday night marked the end of the regular season for State Fair Community College women's basketball.

Ranked No. 10 in the nation, the Lady Greyhounds pounced out to a 30-4 lead after the first quarter and forced 25 turnovers,

several more than the season average for the Lady Roadrunners, who stand at 9-15 overall and finish 5-10 in Region 16 play.

"We're not playing team ball right now," SFCC head coach Nicole Collier said. "We need to get back to that."

Collier intimated that mistakes may have been attributed to nervousness, but those same players who suited up will have to be the ones who get it done

on March 1 when Jefferson College visits Sedalia for a Region 16 Tournament play-in game.

The Vikings are playing with a short bench like the Lady Roadrunners, who count leading scorer Quincenia Jackson (ACL) and Tieriney Echols (ankle) among their injured. The two account for roughly 40% of the team's offense, and about a third of the rebounding, too.

See **ROUNDUP** | 6B

Chandler paces No. 17 Tennessee in 80-61 rout of Missouri

By Joe Walljasper

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Kennedy Chandler scored 23 points to lead No. 17 Tennessee to an 80-61 victory over Missouri on Tuesday night.

Chandler, a freshman guard averaging 13.2 points, eclipsed that average with 14 points in the first half for the Volunteers (20-7, 11-4 Southeastern Conference). The 6-foot, 172-pound Chandler was far too quick for the Tigers' big, bulky backcourt players. He made 9 of 12 shots and added eight rebounds and six assists without a turnover.

Santiago Vescovi made 4 of 6 3-pointers and scored

14 points, and Victor Bailey Jr. added 11 points for Tennessee.

Javon Pickett led Missouri (10-18, 4-11) with 16 points, and Kobe Brown had 12 points and nine rebounds.

Tennessee's talent barely dipped when coach Rick Barnes went to his bench as the reserves had their way with Missouri.

In the first half, the Volunteers outscored the Tigers 15-3 in bench points on the way to a 36-27 lead. The Tigers went seven minutes without a basket early in the second half as Tennessee opened a 21-point lead to put the game out of reach.

See **MIZZOU** | 6B



PHOTO BY L.G. PATTERSON | AP PHOTO

Missouri's Kobe Brown, left, dunks past Tennessee's Victor Bailey Jr., right, during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022, in Columbia, Mo.



FILE PHOTO BY JUSTIN REX | AP PHOTO

Texasans quarterback Deshaun Watson (4) practices with the team during NFL football practice Monday, Aug. 2, 2021, in Houston. A judge has declined efforts by attorneys for Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson to delay all his depositions in connection with lawsuits filed by 22 women who have accused him of sexual assault and harassment. During a court hearing Monday, Feb. 21, 2022, defense attorney Rusty Hardin asked that depositions be delayed until the end of a criminal investigation.

Judge: Deshaun Watson depositions can begin in assault suits

By Juan A. Lozano

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge has declined efforts by attorneys for Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson to delay all his depositions in connection with lawsuits filed by 22 women who have accused him of sexual assault and harassment.

During a court hearing on Monday, defense attorney Rusty Hardin had asked that depositions in the case be delayed until after an ongoing criminal investigation of the allegations against Watson concluded.

Hardin said Houston police have already forwarded their findings to the Harris County District Attorney's Office and he believed a grand jury could make a decision in the case by April 1. Eight of the women filed criminal complaints against Watson. The FBI is also reviewing the allegations.

"I know that Deshaun is more than willing to give his testimony and to give depositions. I'm saying as his lawyer I think it would be crazy to allow it until we know what's going to happen on the criminal side," Hardin said.

In their lawsuits, the 22 women accuse Watson of exposing himself, touching them with his penis or kissing them against their will during massage appointments.

Watson and his lawyers have denied the accusations. His lawyers have said "some sexual activity" happened during some of the appointments but that he never coerced anyone.

Tony Buzbee, the attorney representing the 22 women, argued that most of the women have already given their depositions and it was only fair for Watson to be deposed according to an agreed upon schedule. A previous court order has set Watson's depositions

to begin on Thursday.

"You would think that someone who's legal team has called every one of these women liars, has criticized me and has loudly declared his completely innocence would be ready to speak publicly under oath as he originally agreed," Buzbee said. "But instead, he ducks and runs for cover."

Judge Rabee Collier ruled that those women who did not file a criminal complaint against Watson can have their lawyer depose the quarterback while the others will have to wait until after April 1.

Buzbee said he expected depositions of Watson on behalf of nine of the women to begin within 10 days.

"Mr. Watson can continue to seek delay but it's inevitable that he will eventually and ultimately have to answer questions about his conduct under oath," Buzbee said.

See **WATSON** | 6B

Another day runs off clock in MLB talks to save opening day

By Ronald Blum

AP Baseball Writer

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Another day ran off the clock on talks to salvage opening day when locked-out baseball players proposed what they considered a small move forward in drawn-out labor negotiations and management termed it a third straight step backward.

Management again proposed a federal mediator enter the negotiations, but the union immediately turned down that idea, leaving Major League Baseball on track to lose regular-season games to a labor dispute for the first time since 1995.

Less than a week remains until the sides reach what management says is a Monday deadline for a deal that would allow the season to start as scheduled on March 31. Players have not said whether they accept that timeframe, and there remains a sense both sides are awaiting more time pressure to force more major moves by the other.

Still, the sides agreed to meet for a third day in a row Wednesday, the 84th day of the second-

longest work stoppage in baseball history.

Players made a tiny shift toward management Tuesday on their proposal for increased salary arbitration eligibility, lowering to the top 75% by service time among the group with at least two seasons in the majors but less than three.

The union last week came off its prior demand that all two-year players be eligible — the level from 1974-86 — and instead proposed the top 80% by service. Teams have said any movement in this area is not significant because management maintains it will never agree to any increase.

Players took a step back from clubs in their proposal for major league minimum salaries, which had been for \$775,000 this season with \$25,000 annual increases during a five-year deal to \$875,000 in 2026. The union instead proposed a \$30,000 rise each year, to \$895,000 in the final year.

MLB has proposed a rise from \$570,500 to \$630,000 and then by \$10,000 annually, to \$670,000 by 2026.

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PHOTO BY RONALD BLUM | AP PHOTO

Major League Baseball Players Association executive Tony Clark, left foreground, and chief negotiator Bruce Meyer, second from left, arrive at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter, Fla., Monday, Feb. 21, 2022. Baseball labor negotiations moved to the spring training ballpark from New York as players and owners join the talks, which enter a more intensive phase with perhaps a week left to salvage opening day on March 31.

HOROSCOPES

By Georgia Nicols

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 4 a.m. to 9 a.m. EST today (1 a.m. to 6 a.m. PST). After that, the Moon moves from Scorpio into Sagittarius.

Happy Birthday for Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022:

You are passionate and determined, as well as considerate and sensitive. You are both logical and intuitive. You are also multitasking. It's time to create some solid foundations in your life. This means some of you will physically build something this year. However, all of you will strengthen inner structures in your world as well.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Today, because your inner idealism is aroused, it might soften your ambition. Yes, you want to achieve something. And yes, you want to make your actions count, but you want them to benefit others as well. Tonight: Explore!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Today you might admire a friend or the efforts of someone in a group to which you belong. It's good to admire people you respect, because your admiration will then influence your own efforts, your motivation and your future choices. Tonight: Check your finances.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ Today others perceive you as sensitive and caring. (You must be doing something to earn this reputation.) You might use your influence to help someone in need. You might use your influence to lobby others to help those who are less fortunate. Tonight: Cooperate.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Today your ideals are aroused. Perhaps they are aroused because you're aware of the challenges and suffering that people in foreign countries are undergoing. You might use your influence with someone to make a difference. Tonight: Work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You're in work mode! You're putting out energy to accomplish your goals. Today you want to help others, especially those in need. You might do fundraising or convince people to join your charitable efforts. Tonight: Socialize!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Discussions with partners and close friends will be mutually sympathetic today. It will be easy for each of you to grasp and understand what the other person is dealing with. Now you know what it's like to walk a mile in someone else's wedges. Tonight: Home and family.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ In various ways, your ideals are aroused today. Personally, you might want to improve your health. You might come up with an exercise regime or a change to your diet so you can improve your body and general well-being. It's never too late to make a positive difference! Tonight: An interesting conversation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Today you feel sympathetic toward children. This might be about your own kids or children anywhere who are in need. (There is enormous suffering of children in the world.) Since you are a doer, if you can see a way to help kids today, you will act on it. Tonight: Count your wealth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ There is a softening influence in the air today, which many of us can feel. This could cause you to feel particularly sympathetic toward a family member. You might want to help them. Or perhaps you feel great admiration for them. You might even want to improve your home. Tonight: You win!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Today you might spend a lot of time daydreaming or being lost in a fantasy world. That's OK, because we all need to do this. Because your ability to visualize is strong and your imagination is heightened, this can be a productive time for those involved in creative projects. Tonight: Seek solitude.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You are a modern idealist who secretly wants to save the world before bedtime. Today some kind of activity going on behind the scenes or perhaps a private effort on your part might generate new income. You might use this income to benefit others. Tonight: Be friendly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You have been inspired to benefit those in need by working with a group recently. This has been a rewarding experience for you, and today the realization of this is more clear and obvious to you. It feels satisfying to do something worthwhile and to make a difference in someone's life. Tonight: Take a bow.

BORN TODAY

Actress Emily Blunt (1983), actress Dakota Fanning (1994), actress Kelly Macdonald (1976)

Column: Mickelson needing the greatest escape of his career

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The commercial slogan associated with Phil Mickelson for years is never more true than it is now, minus the anticipation of something extraordinary.

What will Phil do next? Whether his true intentions were chasing Saudi Arabian money or gaining more control over how he thinks the PGA Tour should be run, Mickelson has been exposed for manipulating people to get what he wants.

Once seen as leading the charge of players poised to join a breakaway Saudi golf league, Lefty is now on his own among those with real influence.

Dustin Johnson declared his support for the PGA Tour on Sunday, and Bryson DeChambeau quickly tagged along by default. None of the top 12 players in the world — and that doesn't include Brooks Koepka and Jordan Spieth — have indicated any interest.

What's the point of joining a league that doesn't have A-list players?

"I'm sure he's sitting at home sort of rethinking his position and where he goes from here," Rory McIlroy said.

For Mickelson, it's not as easy this time as a simple apology.

That worked when he complained in 2013 about paying too many taxes in California. And when he was involved in an illicit stock trade that led to him giving back to the government the \$931,000 (plus interest) he made in one week.

Mickelson was a relief defendant and never charged, but most telling was what he pledged when it was over: "I have to be responsible for the people I associate with."

Ahem. This time, he left plenty of wreckage behind him.

Greg Norman and his LIV Golf Investments, which is trying to create a rival league by offering unrivaled riches, have every reason to be furious. Mickelson made it clear in his explosive interview with author and golf writer Alan Shipnuck at The Fire Pit Collective that his threat to join a "Super Golf League" is about getting leverage to change the PGA Tour.

"I'm not even sure I want it to succeed," Mickelson said of the Saudi-financed league. "But just the idea of it is allowing us to get things done with the tour."

And here Norman thought he was using Mickelson to exact his own vendetta against the tour.

As for the Saudis? Imagine the reaction of those who control the purse strings of this proposed league, the Public Investment Fund, chaired by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. In the interview, Mickelson referred to them as "scary mother (expletive)s to get involved with."

Not to be overlooked are the fans he has cultivated over 30 years with thumbs-up gestures, hours of signing legible autographs, six major championships and countless thrills and spills.

This is how he explained his pursuit of the Saudi league in the interview with Shipnuck:

"We know they killed (Washington Post columnist Jamal) Khashoggi



FILE PHOTO BY JOHN MINCHILLO | AP PHOTO

Phil Mickelson greets spectators as he walks onto the 16th tee in the first round of play at the Northern Trust golf tournament, Thursday, Aug. 19, 2021, at Liberty National Golf Course in Jersey City, N.J. Whether his true intentions were chasing Saudi Arabian money or gaining more control over how he thinks the PGA Tour should be run, Mickelson has been exposed for manipulating people to get what he wants.

and have a horrible record on human rights. They execute people over there for being gay," he said. "Knowing all of this, why would I even consider it? Because this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reshape how the PGA Tour operates."

How to recover from that?

Would a corporate sponsor want to be associated with that line of thinking?

This is not as excusable as someone making a mockery of the rules by stopping a moving ball on the green as he did at Shinnecock Hills in the 2018 U.S. Open. This is not someone who thinks California is taking too much of his money.

Mickelson has not played since the Saudi International, where he blasted the PGA Tour for "obnoxious greed" while collecting a seven-figure

appearance fee. He is not playing this week and no one is sure where he will show up next, much less what he will do or what he will say.

The PGA Tour does not disclose disciplinary action. Still, there is chatter about whether Mickelson would face suspension for his damaging remarks (where to start?) and for saying in the interview that he and three other unnamed players paid attorneys to write the operating agreement for a rival golf league. He said the players would have control. Of course.

Still to be determined is whether Mickelson has lost the locker room or lost his marbles.

Maybe both.

He hasn't announced he is leaving. There is no evidence he has signed up with the Saudis.

DeChambeau was said to be leaning that way, with a reported \$130 million

offer and plenty of tales of his ill will toward the tour. But he said — after Johnson put his cards on the table — that as long as the best players are on the PGA Tour, that's where DeChambeau plans to be.

Anyone who joined the new league risked being banned from the PGA Tour, and by extension, was unlikely to take part in another Ryder Cup. Mickelson has always been looked upon as the natural choice for captain at Bethpage Black in 2025.

New York has always loved Lefty. Does it still? The bigger question is whether he can regain the respect of the players.

Justin Thomas referred to Mickelson's comments as "egotistical." McIlroy was particularly strong even while trying not "to kick someone while he's down." That was unavoidable.

"Naive, selfish, egotistical, ignorant. A lot of words to describe that interaction with Shipnuck," McIlroy said. "It was just very surprising and disappointing."

And he offered one other word: sad.

The last amateur to win on the PGA Tour. The leap when he finally won his first major. The unthinkable when he won his sixth major at age 50, a moment that defined his sublime talent, his longevity and his enthusiasm for the game.

Mickelson had it all — the adoration, the wealth.

With his most daring and audacious play for control, Mickelson might only be able to salvage the latter at a great cost.

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US women's team players see settlement as turning point

By Anne M. Peterson and Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writers

U.S. women's national team players who spent years battling for pay equity lauded as historic an agreement by U.S. Soccer to pay \$24 million to settle a discrimination dispute with the team...

"I think we're going to look back on this moment and just think, 'Wow, what an incredible turning point in the history of U.S. Soccer that changed the game and changed the world, really, forever...'"

The two sides announced a deal early Tuesday that will have players split \$22 million, about one-third of what they had sought in damages. U.S. Soccer also agreed to establish a fund with \$2 million to benefit the players in their post-soccer careers...

The proposal went further, with American soccer's governing body pledging to equalize pay — including World Cup bonuses. It effectively brings to a close the gender discrimination lawsuit players filed in 2019.

But there's one more hurdle: Collective bargaining agreement with the players' unions. Negotiations with the women continue following the Dec. 31 expiration of the last CBA, with a deadline set for March 31.

The settlement was a victory for the women, whose fans chanted "Equal Pay!" when they won their second straight World Cup title in France in 2019.

"I just think it's so difficult sometimes to talk about and to articulate the kind of discrimination, abuse, inequity and disrespect that so many women feel so often in their job,"

Rapinoe said. "And I think we were able to start to put a voice to that, put a face to it, put talking points to it and put a sort of movement behind it."

The agreement was also a success for federation President Cindy Parlow Cone, a former player who became head of the federation in March 2020.

"Now we can start to work with the players in growing this game because not only are they the best players in the world, they're the best ambassadors for our sport," Cone said. "I'm so glad we got this done. And I'm so looking forward to just working together and turning the page."

Cone replaced Carlos Cordeiro, who quit after the federation made a legal filing in the case that claimed women had less physical ability and responsibility than male counterparts. Cordeiro is currently seeking to regain the job from Cone when the USSF National Council meets on March 5 to vote on a four-year term.

The legal battle began when five American stars, including Rapinoe, Becky Sauerbrunn and Alex Morgan, filed a complaint with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in April 2016. The players sued three years later, seeking damages under the federal Equal Pay Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.

The sides settled the working conditions portion in December 2020, dealing with issues such as charter flights, accommodations and playing surfaces. They were scheduled to argue on March 7 before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in an attempt to reinstate the equal pay portion thrown out by a U.S. District Court.

The players and the federation asked the appeals court on Tuesday morning to take the case off its cal-

endar. The \$22 million will be split into individual amounts proposed by the players, subject to the district court's approval.

"Every generation has taken on that fight to close the gap and every generation has left this program better for that fight, and we as the current players are thrilled that this fight has led to the closing of that gap," Sauerbrunn said. "There are a lot of on-field accomplishments like World Cups and Olympics, league championships, but this will really stand out as one of the most meaningful moments."

Cone said the federation's method of equalizing World Cup bonuses has yet to be determined. The federation has until now based bonuses on payments from FIFA, which earmarked \$400 million for the 2018 men's tournament, including \$38 million to champion France, and \$30 million for the 2019 women's tournament, including \$4 million to the champion U.S.

"Until FIFA equalizes it themselves, we need both the men's PA and the women's PA to come together with US Soccer to find a solution to equalize it," Cone said.

The men have been playing under the terms of a CBA that expired in December 2018. The women's union was at the bargaining table on Tuesday afternoon.

The U.S. women have won four World Cups since the program's start in 1985, while the men haven't reached a semifinal since 1930.

"It's really been incredible to stand alongside all these women on the national team and feel like we are making a difference, not only for ourselves, but for the next generation, for the women we stand alongside across sport and workforces," Morgan said. "I feel like it's just been exponentially bigger than I could have ever anticipated, in a good way."

Pulisic, Havertz supply Chelsea CL goals with Lukaku dropped

By Rob Harris
AP Global Soccer Writer

LONDON (AP) — Chelsea could rely on Christian Pulisic and Kai Havertz for goals with misfiring Romelu Lukaku rested.

The London club resumed its Champions League title defense by cruising to a 2-0 victory over Lille on Tuesday to take control of the round of 16 matchup heading into next month's second leg.

Relishing an attacking role, Havertz took only eight minutes to head Chelsea in front by meeting Hakim Ziyech's corner.

"We have a lot of good strikers, so it is also good to have a change and not make it easy for the opposition," Havertz said. "Today it worked good and I enjoy every forward position."

The second in the 63rd minute was created by the dynamism of N'Golo Kante, who ran half the length of the pitch unchallenged before feeding Pulisic to finish with a shot clipped into the bottom corner.

"When N'Golo is driving like that, it's just a question of keeping up with him," Pulisic said, "and I managed to do that and finish it off."

Kante's contribution particularly pleased Chelsea manager Thomas Tuchel.

"He's struggled with belief and intensity in recent matches so it was good he stepped up today," Tuchel said. "You can see how big an impact he has when he's in good shape."

The ease of Chelsea's victory reflected their status this season. While Chelsea is third in the Premier League, Lille is mid-table in its French title defense.

"We lacked a little quality in the final ball and

that cost us," Lille forward Jonathan David said.

Tuchel said fatigue was the reason for leaving out Lukaku, the club-record \$135 million offseason signing who touched the ball only seven times in Saturday's 1-0 win over Crystal Palace. Lukaku didn't come off the bench against Lille.

"After the match where everyone was focused on his few touches ... it was not the moment to put him into the next fire," Tuchel said. "It was the moment to take a step back, that was the decision and that's it."

"We have now had a strong win and a strong performance. We have now had a good win and all the questions are still about Romelu, so the focus is huge."

And it's easier to rest Lukaku when there's another forward who cost over \$90 million to be able to rely on. Havertz, who scored Chelsea's winner in the Champions League final last season, also scored the goal that sealed the Club World Cup title earlier this month.

"He has really stepped up," Tuchel said. "His work rate is immense, and the volume, the areas of the pitch that he covers for us is very, very good. He was again decisive, he created chances, got involved and was never shy of defending."

"We played with a very aggressive high line with Hakim, with all three offensive players together. It was the formation to have intensity, and a high work rate consistently throughout the whole match and they all did very well."

In the night's other first leg, Dusan Vlahovic scored 31 seconds into his Champions League debut as Juventus drew 1-1 at Villarreal, which leveled through Dani Parejo in the second half.



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Chelsea's Christian Pulisic celebrates after scoring his side's second goal during the Champions League round of 16, first leg, soccer match between Chelsea and LOSC Lille at Stamford Bridge stadium in London, Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022.

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MLB

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The union calculated its movement for the day as \$25 million over five years. The \$5 million average amounts to just over 0.1% of player compensation that totaled \$4.05 billion last season, down from a record high of just under \$4.25 billion in 2017.

The sides drew closer on their proposals for a lottery that would determine the early picks in each year's amateur draft, with the union lowering its proposal to the top seven selections from eight, a day after management raised from three to four. The union also is asking for other adjustments that management hasn't been interested in.

There were two sessions, a main meeting followed by caucuses and then a two-on-two discussion among union lead negotiator Bruce Meyer, Deputy Commissioner Dan Halem, Colorado CEO Dick Monfort and New York Mets pitcher Max Scherzer.

The sides had met on consecutive days just once before, on Jan. 24 and 25.

There was no movement on the biggest issue: luxury tax thresholds and rates.

The union made its last proposal just before the lockout started Dec. 2, dropping from \$248 million to \$245 million for this year, with a rise to \$273 million by 2026.

Teams have been offering an increase from last season's \$210 million to \$214 million in both this year and next and they have not moved off that. On Feb. 12 they upped their proposal by \$2 million annually in each of the final three seasons of a

deal: \$216 million in 2024, \$218 million in 2025 and \$222 million in 2026.

Teams have told the union they will not decrease revenue sharing and will not add new methods for players to accrue service time, which players said are needed to prevent teams from holding players back to delay free agency.

There also was no change in the proposals for a pool of money devoted to players not yet eligible for salary arbitration. The union is at \$115 million and clubs at \$20 million.

Management termed this a step backward because the union increased its plan by \$15 million on Feb. 17, five days after teams accepted the union concept and offered \$10 million. Clubs upped their offer to \$20 million on Monday, when negotiations were shifted from New York to Roger Dean Stadium, the spring training home of the Miami Marlins and St. Louis Cardinals.

While much of the focus is on the deal's impact on the top of the market, the union also asked Tuesday for increases in the minor league minimum, which was \$46,600 last year for a player signing his first big league contract and \$93,000 for a player signing a second or later major league contract.

The union increased Tuesday from \$65,200 to \$66,000 for initial contracts this year and from \$130,400 to \$131,200 for later contracts. The figures would climb to \$73,400 and \$145,900 by 2026, up from \$71,400 and \$142,700 in the players' Feb. 17 proposal.

Management also accuses the union of moving backward on service-time proposals.



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St. Louis Blues' Ivan Barbashev scores an empty-net goal during the third period of the team's NHL hockey game against the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022, in Philadelphia.

Tarasenko breaks tie in 3rd, Blues beat skidding Flyers 4-1

By Aaron Bracy
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Vladimir Tarasenko scored the go-ahead goal in the third period and Jordan Binnington made 25 saves to lead the St. Louis Blues to a 4-1 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday night.

Ivan Barbashev had a goal and an assist, and Brayden Schenn and Brandon Saad also scored for the Blues, who completed a 3-1 road trip. St. Louis avoided losing to two of the NHL's worst teams in less than a week, following Thursday's 3-2 overtime defeat at Montreal that ended the Canadiens' 10-game losing streak.

St. Louis, which was playing in Philadelphia for the first time since Jan. 7, 2019, has won two straight and four of five. Binnington got his first career start on the Blues' last trip to Philly, a 3-0 shutout in which he made 25 saves. And he was sharp again in the City of Brotherly Love.

Oskar Lindblom scored for the Flyers, who lost their sixth in a row and 19th in the last 21.

Tarasenko notched his team-

leading 19th goal to put the Blues up 2-1 with 11:09 remaining, finishing from the slot as he fell to the ground. It also was his 46th point, which is tops on the Blues.

The goal came just 42 seconds after Philadelphia had tied it on Lindblom's slap shot from the point through a screen.

That was all Binnington allowed. St. Louis' goalie was solid, if not spectacular, and his best stop might have been a glove save of Max Willman's chance with 12:03 left in the second period.

Schenn opened the scoring 11:50 in when he finished a wild sequence in front of the net for his 15th goal. Jordan Kyrou's initial shot caromed off the post and went to Barbashev, whose attempt from the middle of the ice was denied with a stellar stick save by Martin Jones. But then Schenn pounced on the rebound. Officials initially ruled the puck didn't cross the goal line before the decision was reversed after video review.

The Blues outshot Philadelphia 11-7 while controlling the second period. They had several chances to go up more, but couldn't convert. St. Louis' best opportunities came

when Tarasenko's try caromed off the post two minutes into the period and Ryan O'Reilly was denied from close range by a good save from Jones.

Philadelphia's Claude Giroux nearly tied it with 11:38 left in the second, but his slap shot on a 2-on-1 also went off the post.

Barbashev and Saad converted empty-netters in the final minute.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Blues: Tarasenko returned after a one-game absence due to an undisclosed injury.

Flyers: G Carter Hart (eye infection) missed his second straight game. Hart skated on Tuesday, and is day-to-day.

GIVING BACK

The Flyers partnered with UNCF (United Negro College Fund) to give college scholarships to Philadelphia-area students involved in hockey. The club presented a \$40,000 donation to UNCF to fund the scholarship over the next four years.

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Mizzou

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BIG PICTURE

Tennessee: The Volunteers rank fourth in the country in steal percentage — coming up with steals on 13.9% of their opponents' possessions — which was bad news for a turnover-prone Missouri team without a true point guard. Tennessee came up with five steals in the first half and scored nine points off turnovers to take control of the game.

Missouri: A season that

has turned into a slog for coach Cuonzo Martin and the Tigers continued with a home loss in front of another sparse crowd at Mizzou Arena. After losing eight players from a team that made the NCAA Tournament in 2021, Martin's attempt to reload with four transfers and four freshmen has fallen flat. Missouri is headed to its third losing season in Martin's five years at the school.

UP NEXT

Tennessee: Returns home for a Saturday game against No. 3 Auburn.

Missouri: Travels to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to face LSU on Saturday.

Watson

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Hardin said while there is still an ongoing criminal investigation, "it is only fair" to wait and see if it results in any charges before having Watson give a deposition.

"I'm hoping and trusting that the public will listen to us when we say he didn't do what he is accused of doing. I'm hopeful and trust that'll be the conclusion of a grand jury," Hardin said.

Watson's lawyers have sought to balance their defense of the NFL star while simultaneously con-

demning sexual violence against women.

But Watson's attorneys have called the lawsuits against him a "money grab" and fired back that all 22 women who have filed suit are lying, a strategy some experts and advocates say relies on long-used tropes designed to minimize such accusations. Buzbee has said some of his clients have faced criticism and even death threats.

Watson's future with the Texans remains unclear.

Even before the lawsuits were first filed in March, Watson had asked to be traded. The trade request and the lawsuits kept Watson out all last season.

Roundup

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"We had a pretty good rotation going as far as people knowing their roles and what was expected of them, but with Q going down, it's really thrown us for a whirl," Collier said. "We've got a lot of turnover in that area. I've tried to push Autumn [Wallace] to the five and it's definitely not a strength of hers, so we've got different kids rotating in different spots. I still think we're looking for our identity without certain people on the floor."

Collier spoke of the minutes a short rotation is getting and the toll it's taking, about balancing the need for rest with continuing to strive for improvement even this late in the season. On the definition of what would define a successful end to her first year, she said, "If we have a nice play-in game, figure some things out as far as rotation who we're depending on. To say we're eight-deep right now would be a stretch."

"I fully intend on JeffCo to be a dog fight, but we're not the same program that played them the first three times and we're going to exploit some weaknesses. They're playing six people right now and we're kind of in the same boat, so who wants it more? They've just been playing with that rotation longer than we have."

SFCC men's basketball kept its postseason alive Tuesday evening with a 96-63 win at MSU-West Plains, avenging a six-point loss from less than a week prior.

The Roadrunners (14-13) led by four at halftime but outscored the Grizzlies 56-26 in the second half by shooting an electric 69%. Will Wilson ended with a game-high 26 points, while Cam Tweedy finished with 22 and a team-high 10 boards to help halt a four-game losing streak.

State Fair will travel to Lincoln University for the Region 16 semifinals with a game Friday at 1 p.m. The title game is Saturday at 7 p.m.

Smith-Cotton learns district opponents

Brackets were released for Class 6 District 7 as Smith-Cot-

ton teams learned of their task to advance in the playoffs.

S-C's boys will battle district host Blue Springs (24-4), ranked No. 10, on Monday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. The Tigers (1-23) fell Tuesday night to Capital City at home, 63-59, despite 20 points from Carson Hunolt and 10 each by Sam Cash and DaMareon Poindexter.

On Saturday, the Lady Tigers are pitted against top-seeded Rock Bridge, the No. 2 team in Class 6. That game, slated for 1 p.m., will be a rematch of a recent game in Sedalia where S-C was handed a 93-27 defeat.

District basketball continues for smaller classes

In Hughesville, second-seeded Otterville defeated Sacred Heart 61-50 Tuesday night in the Class 1 District 9 girls basketball bracket. Josie Neal led the way with 22 points for the Lady Eagles, who will match up with Leeton in Friday's championship game.

At Cole Camp, Russellville boys basketball defeated Windsor 61-48 to earn a place in the Class 3 District 8 semifinal against the top-seeded hosts Thursday.

Fury says heavyweight title defense vs. Whyte on April 23

By The Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Tyson Fury's world heavyweight title defense against Dillian Whyte will take place on April 23, the WBC champion said Tuesday while announcing a social-media blackout until after the all-British fight.

Details of the fight haven't been announced by either boxer's promoter.

However, Fury took to Twitter to reveal the date of the bout,

hours after saying Whyte had signed a contract.

Accompanying the announcement by Fury was a video in which he said he was "out of bounds until May."

"Gonna go into training camp to give Dillian Whyte all the respect in the world that he needs," Fury said. "I'll never underestimate anybody in my life, and I'll give this man all the respect he deserves."

The fight is set to be held in Britain.

Fury (31-0-1, 22 knockouts) hasn't fought since his dramatic 11th-round knockout of Deontay Wilder in Las Vegas in October, which completed their entertaining trilogy.

After months of drawn-out negotiations, Frank Warren, Fury's U.K. promoter, won a purse bid for the bout at just over \$41 million. That's the richest purse bid in boxing history.

Whyte is the mandatory challenger for Fury's belt and is getting his first world title shot.

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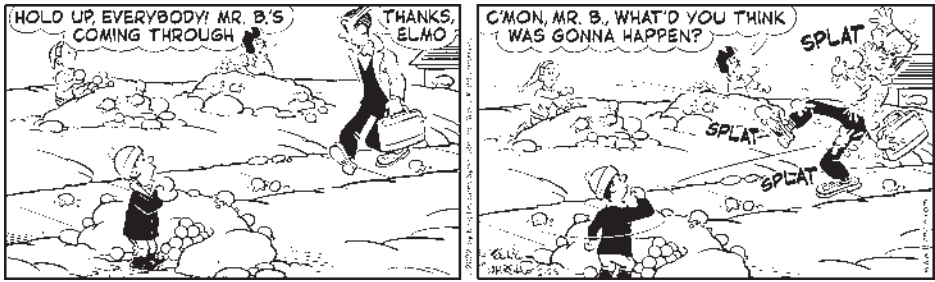


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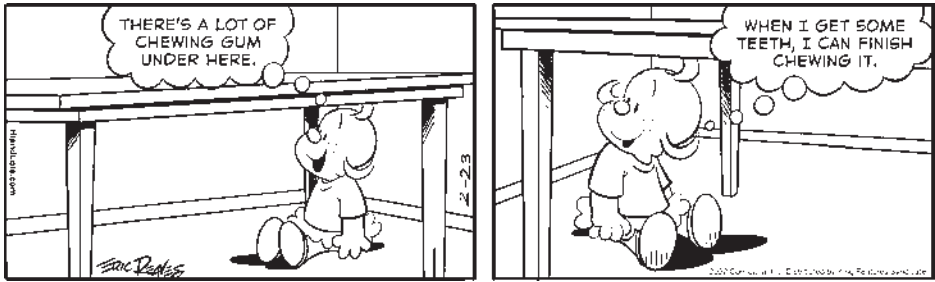
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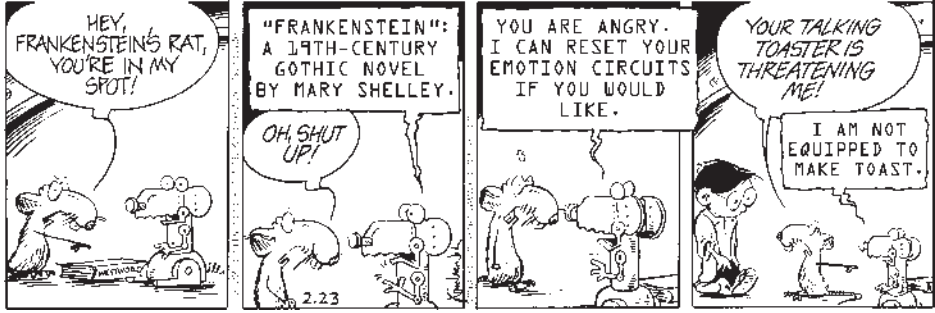
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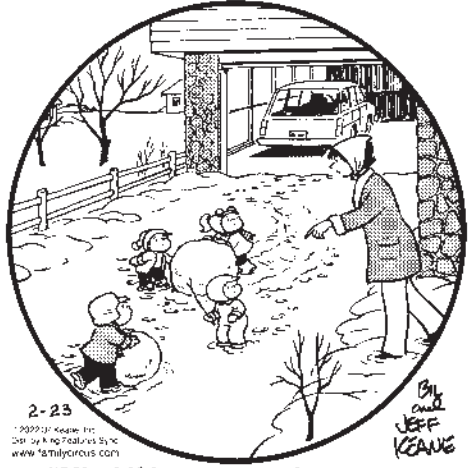
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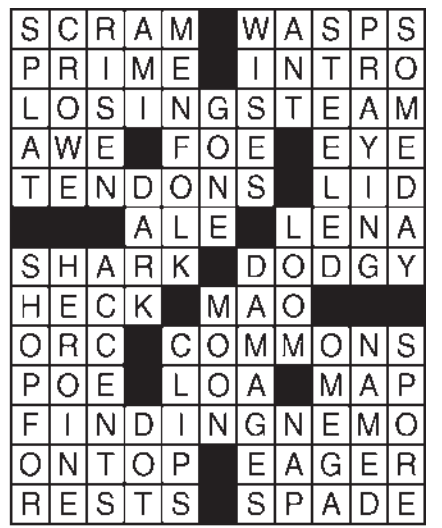
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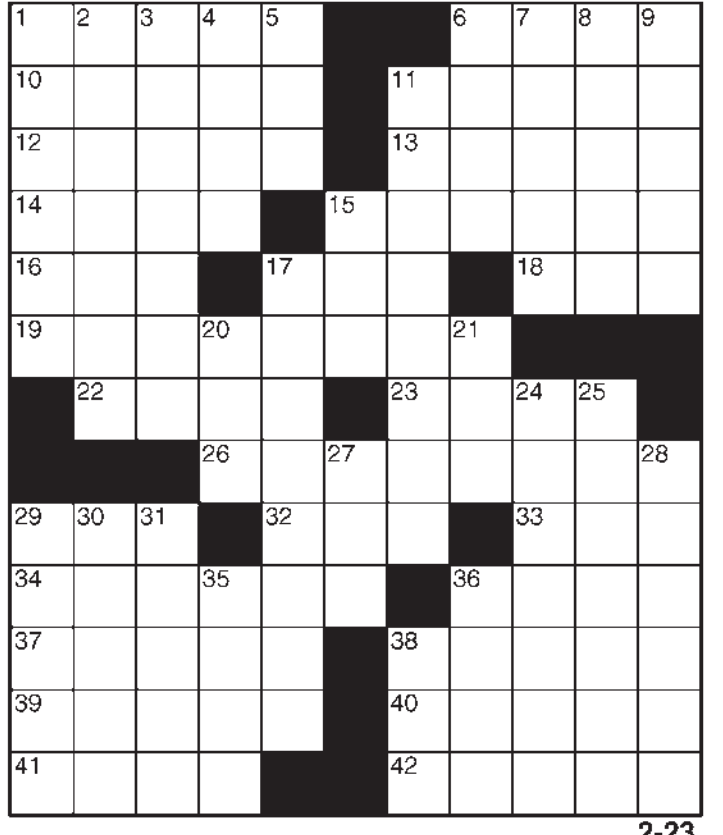
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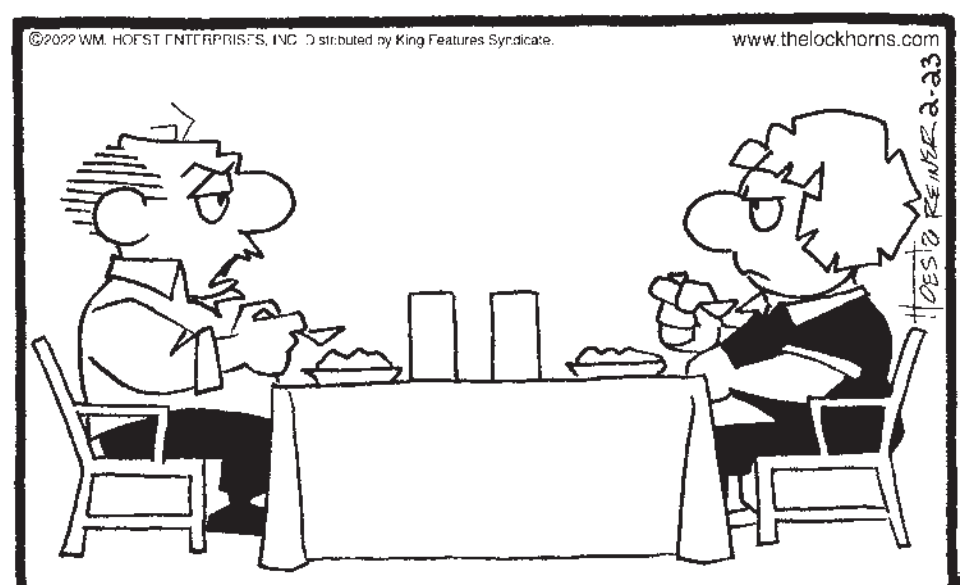
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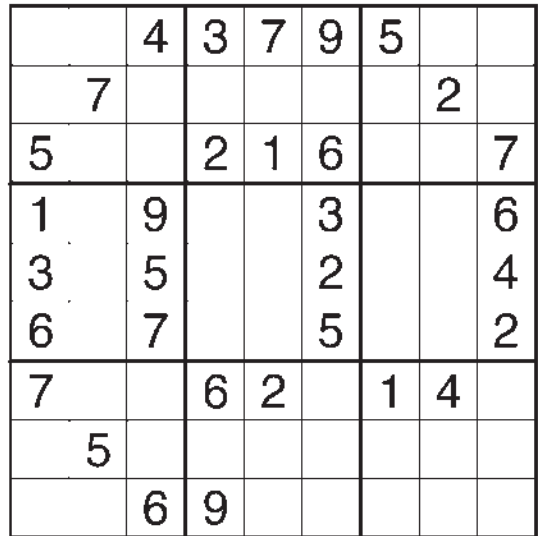
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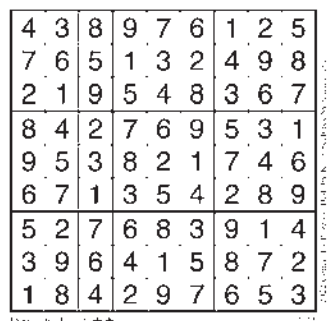
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For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Jerome James Dieckman and Kasi Dieckman, dated April 24, 2017, and recorded on April 25, 2017, Document No. 2017-2005 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Pettis County, Missouri, the undersigned Trustee will on March 15, 2022, at 10:00 AM, at the West Front Door of the Pettis County Courthouse, Sedalia, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash: LOT FOUR (4) IN VOLL-RATH'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SEDALIA, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, commonly known as 2604 E 16th St, Sedalia, MO, 65301 subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs. SouthLaw, P.C. Trustee First Publication: February 16, 2022. For more information,

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NOTICE PURSUANT TO §456.5-505

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF KAREN L. CULLER, deceased. The undersigned, JUDITH K. CULLER CRAWFORD and TYRONE JORDAN CULLER, are acting as the Co-Trustees under the L. Gale Culler and Karen L. Culler Family Trust dated March 15, 2001, as amended, terms of which provide that the debts of the decedent may be paid by the Co-Trustees upon receipt of proper proof thereof. The addresses of the Co-Trustees

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are: Judith K. Culler Crawford, 1914 W 4th Street, Sedalia, MO 65301 Tyrone Jordan Culler, 1201 Cambridge Drive, Warrensburg, MO 64093 All creditors of the decedent are notified to present their claims to the above Successor Trustee or Attorney for Trust within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or be forever barred. JUDITH K. CULLER CRAWFORD TYRONE JORDAN CULLER ELTON W. FAY Grimes, Fay, & Kopp, LLC 11 North Fifth Street Columbia, MO 65201 (573) 449-2969 Attorney for the Trust 4x-2/16, 23, 3/2, 9, 2022

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2021 Financial Statement of Pettis County

The Financial Statement for Pettis County, Missouri, for the year ending December 31st, 2021

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A. The Total Valuation of Pettis County for the purpose of taxation for the year of 2021:

- a. Real Estate 493,865,519
- b. Personal Property 162,144,935
- c. Railroad and Utilities:
 - i. Personal (State) 8,361,241
 - ii. Real Estate ((State) 36,167,297
 - iii. Personal (Local) 1,341,943
 - iv. Real Estate (Local) 1,462,842

B. Maximum constitutional rate permitted by the County's purpose is \$.5000 cents per \$100.00 of assessed valuation including Railroad and Corporation.

C. The tax rate levied by the County Commission for the Year 2021 was 0.0900 cents per \$100.00 assessed valuation.

D. Maximum constitutional rate permitted for Road and Bridge purpose is \$.3500 cents per \$100.00 assessed valuation.

E. The tax rate levied by the County Commission for the year 2021 for Road & Bridge purposes was \$.2850 cents per \$100.00 assessed valuation.

2021 PUBLIC OFFICIALS

WESTERN COMMISSIONER Jim Marcum (R) 826-5000 x407	PRESIDING COMMISSIONER David D. Dick (R) 826-5000 x405	EASTERN COMMISSIONER Israel Baeza (R) 826-5000 x406
AUDITOR Beverly Dillon (R) 826-5000 x409	ASSESSOR Christopher Woolery (R) 826-5000 x412	COLLECTOR Marsha L. Boesch (R) 826-5000 x425
COUNTY CLERK/ELECTION AUTHORITY Nick La Strada (R) 826-5000 x400	CIRCUIT CLERK Susan Sadler (R) 826-5000 x453	CORONER Robert (Skip) Smith (R) 827-0052 x408
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY Phillip Sawyer (R) 826-5000 x446	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR Charli Ackerman (D) 826-5000 x 433	RECORDER OF DEEDS Barbara Clevenger (R) 826-5000 x431
SHERIFF Brad Anders (I) 827-0052 x241	SURVEYOR Kerry Turpin (D) 287-4104	TREASURER Kim Lyne (R) 826-5000 x408

2021 JUDGES

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE DIVISION 4 Robert Koffman (R) 826-5000 x465	ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT JUDGE DIVISION 5 R. Paul Beard (R) 826-5000 x924	ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT JUDGE DIVISION 6 Jeff Mittelhauser (R) 826-5000 x924
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US CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES	MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	MISSOURI SENATE
District #4 US Representative Vicky Hartzler (R) 2235 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 202-225-2876	District 48 MO State Representative Dave Muntzel (R) Room 317-B 573-751-0169	District 28 Sandy Crawford (R) Room 426 573-751-8793

COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS	
District 51 MO State Representative Dean Dohrman (R) Room 303-A 573-751-2204	EMA Trisha Rooda 827-4800 x317
District 52 MO State Representative Bradley Pollitt (R) Room 201-CA 573-751-9774	GIS James Theisen 827-4800 x320
District 54 MO State Representative Dan Houx (R) Room 235-BA 573-751-3850	IT ADMINISTRATOR Luke Goosen 827-4800 x305
	DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES & GROUNDS Bret Manuel 827-4800 x311

OTHER NUMBERS

COUNTY HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR JoAnn Martin 827-1130	PUBLIC DEFENDER 530-5550	PETTIS COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT Central Office 829-0777
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES 826-3316	SEDALIA POLICE 826-8100	SEDALIA FIRE 826-8044

Statement of Revenues and Disbursements PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

Fund	Fiscal Year 2021			
	1/1/21	12/31/21		
	Beginning Cash Balance	Revenues	Expenses	Ending Balance
001 - GENERAL FUND	\$3,406,731.82	\$8,137,845.68	\$8,367,897.44	\$3,176,680.06
002 - SHERIFF	\$0.00	\$2,268,623.38	\$1,402,391.99	\$866,231.39
003 - ROAD & BRIDGE	\$5,594,396.85	\$7,847,470.43	\$9,587,090.31	\$3,854,776.97
004 - COVID 19	\$262.72	\$4,117,265.49	\$0.00	\$4,117,528.21
005 - ASSESSMENT	\$0.00	\$538,843.28	\$538,843.28	\$0.00
006 - SPECIAL ELECTIONS	\$0.00	\$13,383.82	\$14,105.22	(\$721.40)
007 - JOHNSON GRASS	\$161,975.26	\$48,509.01	\$33,284.39	\$177,199.88
008 - HAVA GRANTS	(\$41.99)	\$2,102.05	\$2,102.05	(\$41.99)
009 - PROSECUTINGATTY TRAINING	\$10,666.33	\$3,712.32	\$0.00	\$14,378.65
010 - SHERIFF DEPUTY FUND	\$17,736.94	\$44,286.43	\$64,936.32	(\$2,912.95)
011 - SHERIFF'S TRAINING	\$19,312.03	\$6,956.63	\$15,394.40	\$10,874.26
013 - JUVENILE-INCENTIVE SUBSID	(\$1,757.36)	\$23,969.43	\$26,035.67	(\$3,823.60)
014 - CO EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	\$0.57	\$327,684.07	\$327,683.59	\$1.05
015 - EXTRADITIONS	\$1,992.45	\$13,454.50	\$26,826.18	(\$11,379.23)
016 - INMATE SECURITY	\$183,172.74	\$107,867.65	\$118,796.21	\$172,244.18
018 - SHERIFF'S CIVIL FEES	\$58,793.48	\$53,302.53	\$77,070.34	\$35,025.67
019 - COUNTY SHERIFF'S REVOLVIN	\$46,411.68	\$31,200.28	\$28,938.64	\$48,673.32
020 - DRUG TASK FORCE	\$8,834.08	\$324,459.94	\$329,247.50	\$4,046.52
022 - VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE PROGR	(\$9,875.41)	\$47,927.41	\$51,298.35	(\$13,246.35)
023 - LAW ENFORCEMENT RESTITUT	\$25,063.11	\$15,391.57	\$13,794.95	\$26,659.73
024 - SRO-SCHOOL RESERVE OFFICE	\$99,330.18	\$111,325.37	\$120,377.83	\$90,277.72
025 - P A DEL TAX FUND	\$3,479.16	\$11.21	\$1,230.00	\$2,260.37
027 - FOOD ACCOUNT PROGRAM	\$26,735.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,735.29
029 - ADMIN HANDLING COST FND	\$44,007.68	\$4,370.00	\$90.00	\$48,287.68
035 - TAX SALE ESCROW	\$10,335.30	\$9,654.13	\$4,575.78	\$15,413.65
045 - COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT	\$0.00	\$57,284,179.58	\$57,543,956.63	\$0.00
046 - TAX MAINT & CITY CONTRACT	\$0.00	\$128,671.71	\$126,193.46	\$0.00
055 - PAYROLL	\$0.00	\$481.84	\$0.00	\$0.00
060 - SCHOOLS	\$0.00	\$52,829,361.45	\$52,829,361.45	\$0.00
061 - BOONSLICK REGIONAL LIB.	\$0.00	\$1,124,632.26	\$1,124,632.26	\$0.00
062 - PETTIS COUNTY FIRE DIST.	\$0.00	\$1,344,376.17	\$1,344,376.17	\$0.00
063 - SHELTERED WORKSHOP	\$0.00	\$1,069,493.14	\$1,069,493.14	\$0.00
064 - GOOD SAMARITAN NH	\$0.00	\$19,407.24	\$19,407.24	\$0.00
065 - LINCOLN NURSING HOME	\$0.00	\$28,115.87	\$28,115.87	\$0.00
066 - SWEET SPRINGS AMB DIST	\$0.00	\$165,155.26	\$165,155.26	\$0.00
068 - COLE CAMP AMB DIST	\$0.00	\$35,359.15	\$35,359.15	\$0.00
069 - WEST CENTRAL FPD	\$0.00	\$34,524.39	\$34,524.39	\$0.00
070 - WINDSOR AMBULANCE	\$0.00	\$103,685.88	\$103,685.88	\$0.00
071 - FINANCIAL INST TAX-CITIES	\$23,564.22	\$150,949.74	\$23,901.23	\$150,612.73
072 - CITIES INCLUDING SUR TAX	\$0.00	\$4,761,752.05	\$4,761,752.05	\$0.00
073 - PETTIS COUNTY HEALTH CTR	\$0.00	\$1,082,412.38	\$1,082,412.38	\$0.00
074 - LINCOLN FIRE DISTRICT	\$0.00	\$9,465.61	\$9,465.61	\$0.00
075 - SEDALIA PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
080 - OTHER GRANTS	(\$158,303.89)	\$355,179.98	\$196,876.09	\$0.00
085 - PILOT	\$0.00	\$34,856.10	\$34,856.10	\$0.00
090 - MONUMENT MAINTENANCE FUND	\$8,319.50	\$7,508.22	\$0.00	\$15,827.72
093 - 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE	\$706,810.36	\$1,276,129.05	\$1,593,192.81	\$389,746.60
094 - COURTHOUSE MURAL	\$1,686.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,686.49
095 - GRANTS	\$14,737.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,737.32
101 - SHERIFF'S GRANTS	\$2,309,075.21	\$4,076.98	\$2,321,245.32	(\$8,093.13)
102 - SHERIFF POLICE FUND	\$40,418.32	\$196,058.78	\$213,213.61	\$23,263.49
TOTAL	\$12,653,870.44	\$146,145,449.44	\$145,813,186.54	\$13,242,950.30

Vendor	Total
A&B AUTO TRIM	\$600.00
ACCOUNTING SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC	\$20,000.00
ACKERMAN, CHARLI	\$350.17
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE, INC	\$75,936.28
AFLAC GROUP ACCT #3922	\$4,389.48
AFLAC: ACCT#23719	\$14,996.45
AG CO-OP SERVICES, INC.	\$2,985.00
AG POWER, INC I	\$21,363.62
AGUILAR, JENNIFER	\$525,000.00
AIRSPRING	\$19,898.70
ALARIS LITIGATION SERVICES	\$77.50
ALLSTATE WORKPLACE DIVISION	\$1,181.04
ALM ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & CONSTRUCTION, LLC	\$3,570.00
ALMA REINE TRUST FOR ALBERT	\$29,550.00
ALRO STEEL CORPORATION	\$8,812.84
AMANDA MCELHANY	\$960.83
AMEREN MISSOURI	\$866.24
AMERICAN ACCESS INTEGRATION	\$125.00
AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INC	\$290.00
ANDERSON ENGINEERING INC.	\$839,004.74
ANGELA DODSON	\$30.89
APCO INTERNATIONAL, INC	\$4,136.75
APEX MECHANICAL LLC	\$649.60
APPLIED CONCEPTS INC.	\$12,746.00
ASBURY,TODD	\$420.00
AT&T	\$84,420.63
AT&T MOBILITY	\$33,782.14
AUTO GLASS EXPRESS	\$1,717.00
AUTOMASTERS	\$308.90
AXON ENTERPRISE, INC	\$10,230.36
B & B CONST/ B & B PORTABLES	\$1,020.00
B & B TRUCK REPAIR, LLC	\$16,408.47
BALLEW, TAMMY	\$222.00
BANKCARD CENTER	\$126,904.19
BELKER BANKLOCK SERVICE CO	\$425.00
BELL PLUMBING SUPPLY, INC	\$1,008.04
BERRY COMPANIES INC	\$391.95
BEST CARPET CARE SYSTEM	\$1,200.00
DISASTER RESTORATION	\$1,190.10
BI INC	\$3,650.00
BIDDLE CONSULTING GROUP INC	\$8,909.28
BIG ASS HOLDING LLC	\$1,525.26
BILL GREER COLLISION CENTER	\$900.00
B-LINE ENGRAVING	\$2,994.13
BLUE VALLEY PUBLIC SAFETY,INC.	\$7,506.81
BOB BARKER COMPANY,INC.	\$178.55
BOESCHEN, SHANNON	\$300.00
BOONE COUNTY TREASURER	\$376,818.74
BOONE QUARRIES	\$1,265.79
BOONSLICK LIBRARY	\$250.51
BOPP, CAROLYN	\$273.32
BOYER RIDGE MFG INC	\$884.36
BRANDY'S PAPER & MORE	\$703.21
BRYANT MOTORS CORP	\$695.00
BUCKLEY AND BUCKLEY	\$37,940.00
BUCKS NORTH LLC	\$15,362.24
C & E EXCAVATING INC	\$2,041.80
CALIBRATED PRODUCTS, INC.	\$110.00
CAMDEN COUNTY TREASURER	\$1,120.35
CAMDEN ON THE LAKE RESORT	\$10.36
CAMPBELL, REBECCA	\$402,160.37
CAPITAL MATERIALS LLC	\$2,185.00
CAPITAL MORTUARY SERVICE	\$3,230.00
CAPITAL SAND COMPANY	\$400.54
CARR, TIM	\$9,992.77
CASA INC	\$150.51
CENTER POINTE HOSPITAL	\$5,671.23
CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS	\$4,603.68
CENTRAL MO ELECTRIC COOP	\$1,719.06
CENTRAL PS & S HOLDINGS LLC	\$3,776.00
CENTURYLINK	\$2,920.22
CERF	\$201,104.71
CERTIFIED Labs	\$14,233.04
CERTIFIED REPAIR SERVICE	\$15,005.15
CHAMPION BRANDS,LLC	\$13,106.35
CHARM-TEX INC	\$7,213.40
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	\$1,913.14
CHATEAU ON THE LAKE	\$254.06
CHUBB	\$524.00
CINCINNATI LIFE INSURANCE CO	\$510.00
CIOX HEALTH	\$36.17
CITY OF GREEN RIDGE	\$67,800.00
CITY OF HOUSTONIA	\$42,450.00
CITY OF HUGHESVILLE	\$26,100.00
CITY OF LAMONTE	\$149,000.00
CITY OF SEDALIA	\$400,973.60
CITY OF SMITHTON	\$82,978.15
CITY SAFE AND LOCK SERVICE	\$938.90
COGDILL, MARSHALL	\$180,000.00
COLLYOTT, JEREMY	\$83.01
COLUMBIA CREMATION CARE CENTER	\$415.00
COLUMBIA INTERPRETING SERVICES	\$304.00
COMMENCO INC.	\$17,469.90
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES OF MISSOURI	\$1,850.00
COOK-JOHNSON, JENNIFER R	\$115.50
COOKS CORRECTIONAL	\$199.00
COOPER COUNTY TREASURER	\$1,651.20
CORONER M E	\$325.00
COTT SYSTEMS INC	\$25,190.00
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI	\$1,800.00
COUNTY OF CAMDEN	\$2,387.16
COUNTY OF PETTIS - STATE WH TAX ACCOUNT	\$194,479.00
COUNTY OF PETTIS-TAX ACCOUNT	\$1,502,770.76
CRAFICO INC	\$13,159.84
CRAIG PLUMBING & HEATING	\$1,394.40
CREATIVE FORMS & CONCEPTS	\$1,363.10
CRESCENT PARTS & EQUIPMENT CO	\$2,349.88
CROW-BURLINGAME COMPANY	\$741.26
CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	\$363.48
CUMMINGS, MCGOWAN & WEST, INC	\$1,383.00
CUNNINGHAM, JASON D	\$30.00
CUSTOM AUTO GRAPHICS	\$2,638.00
D C BATTERY INC	\$1,672.68
DAKE,JOEL E ATTORNEY AT LAW	\$1,560.00
DANIEL L SCOTTEN	\$11,200.00
DAVIESS/DEKALB REGIONAL JAIL	\$336.00
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$90.00
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$14,535.00
DEVNET INCORPORATED	\$24,188.85
DICK, DAVID	\$113.47
DILLON, BEVERLY	\$146.74
DIRECTOR OF REVENUE	\$50.00
DITZFELD CONTAINER, INC	\$12,131.92
DON'S TRUCK TOWING INC	\$3,227.92
DOVE, DENNIS	\$50.00
DRURY PLAZA HOTEL CAPE GIRARDEAU	\$400.00
CONFERENCE CENTER	\$400.00
DUGAN GLASS OVERHEAD DOOR CTR	\$2,165.94
DUGAN PAINT, INC	\$2,662.95
ECOLAB INC.	\$1,087.43
ECONO SIGNS	\$10,944.70
ED ROEHR SAFFETY PRODUCTS	\$4,859.53
EDWARD J RICE COMPANY, INC.	\$40,222.02
EDWARDS, MARK	\$300.00
ELECTRONIC OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC	\$625.80
ELEVATOR SAFETY SERVICES, INC.	\$540.00
ELKINS-SWYERS, INC.	\$659.66
ELLIOTT DATA SYSTEMS INC	\$509.00
ELLIS ELLIS HAMMONS & JOHNSON PC CORP	\$6,281.00
EMBLEM ENTERPRISE, INC	\$408.81
EMERALD COURT REPORTING, LLC	\$147.75
ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC	\$9,661.21
EQUIPMENT BLADES INC	\$17,994.46
EVERBRIDGE, INC.	\$2,934.75
EVERGY MISSOURI WEST, INC	\$135,694.36
EXPRESS SERVICES INC	\$2,596.44
EXTRA MILE AUTO & DIESEL LLC	\$25,888.25
FAMILY SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$14,316.67
FAS-BREAK	\$89.90
FASTENAL COMPANY	\$1,678.31
FLINK COMPANY	\$570.22
FOLEY EQUIPMENT COMPANY & INDUSTRIES CORP	\$45,773.69
FOX, CHRIS	\$1,100.00
FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE #16	\$11,650.00
FRITZ, STEVEN A	\$120.00
FURNELL COMPANIES INVESTMENTS, INC	\$7,200.00
GADT, NICOLE	\$52.91
GALL'S INC.	\$780.95
GERBER SMALL ENGINE SERVUCE	\$78.62
GERKE, NICK	\$50.00
GIBSON, JEREMIAH	\$170.89
GLOCK PROFESSIONAL INC.	\$500.00
GOODSON, DAVID & JULIE	\$123,250.00
GOVCONNECTION, INC	\$15,329.58
GRAVES MENU MAKER FOODS	\$14,733.81
GREAT-WEST TRUST COMPANY, LLC	\$112,526.43
GREEN PRINTERS INC	\$88.00
H.T. MAY & SON FUNERAL HOME	\$2,400.00
HECKART FUNERAL HOME INC.	\$1,400.00
HENDERSON PRODUCTS, INC	\$53,966.00
HENRY M. ADKINS	\$11,860.00
HERITAGE REPORTING SERVICE	\$112.10
HERRINGTON, KATHERINE F	\$50.94
HIGGINS CONCRETE LLC	\$19,482.60
HIGGINS MATERIALS LLC	\$85,702.71
HIMES, MARTY K.	\$450.00
HOLIDAY INN AND SUITES JEFFERSON CITY	\$127.33
HR DIRECT COMPLYRIGHT, INC	\$239.97
HY-FLO EQUIPMENT COMPANY	\$669.40
IAAO	\$225.00
IBT, INC.	\$371.73
ICE MASTERS INC	\$2,147.52
IMPACT SIGNS AWINGS WRAPS, INC	\$453.51
INDEPENDENT ELECTRIC	\$1,081.04
INDEPENDENT EYE CARE PROFESSIONALS	\$9,238.47
INDEPENDENT SALT CORP	\$18,788.64
ING LIFE INSURANCE	\$1,090.00
INSURANCE & BENEFITS GROUP LLC	\$154,610.00
INTERPRETERS, INC	\$318.40
INTER-STATE ALL BATTERY CENTER	\$285.00
INTOXIMETERS INC.	\$218.50
IRON MOUNTAIN TRAP ROCK CO	\$95,505.81
J & K TRUSS & LUMBER	\$3,074.35
JEFFREY RAYMOND NILSON	\$375.00
JIM HAWK TRUCK TRAILERS, INC	