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## Coin collector finds rare, possibly valuable cent

### Only 10 1995-D double-die cents ever auctioned

By Chris Howell  
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Robert West, of Sedalia, has been interested in rare coins since he was a teenager. Now, at 80, he is still fascinated by coins, especially misprints.

"Curiosity killed the cat, because you never know what you're going to find," West said. "Last Friday, I bought \$100 worth of coins and what I was really looking for was wheat pennies for my collection, which I did find a lot, I mean a lot of wheat pennies."

Looking at a pile of pennies, one immediately stood out to his trained eye.

"I raked them around and I looked down and all of a sudden this one coin just stood out, just like stared at you, and I said, 'My God!'"

The penny West found looked different from the others and he knew he found a very rare coin.

"You dream about something all your life and you think it always happens to the other person, never to you," West said. "Maybe God is looking over my shoulder this time because when I looked down at that penny I didn't see nothing else, all I seen was that 'D' hit me in the eye. It's like a flashlight shining at you and I reached down and picked it up. I've got a pace-maker and it's a wonder it didn't go off."

The 1995 cent coin, marked with "D," for the



Robert L. West found this 1995-D doubled die coin while searching for wheat back cents. The coin, if authenticated, could be worth an untold sum to the proper collector. PHOTO BY CHRIS HOWELL | DEMOCRAT

Denver mint, had strange lettering, which West recognized.

"I couldn't believe it, I picked it up and I knew right away what it was, that it was a double-die misprint from the Denver mint," West said. "I couldn't believe it, I picked it up and I knew right

away what it was, it was a double-die misprint from the Denver mint. I wondered what I got, so I pulled it up on a tablet and they called it a mystery coin."

According to PCGS, Professional Coin Grading Service, leaders in coin-grading, the 1995-D

doubled-die cents found in circulation are not misprints, but part of a group of intentionally struck double-dies from the Denver mint. Knowing that the 1995-D doubled-die Lincoln cents were struck intentionally only adds to the mystery of these coins. See COIN | 6A

## Candidates asked about remote learning, proficiency scores

By Skye Melcher  
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On Friday afternoon, the Pettis County Pachyderm Club hosted a Sedalia School District 200 Board of Education candidate forum at Best Western State Fair Inn.

Five candidates are vying for two three-year terms on the board. 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 in April. Michelle Quattlebaum, who ran for the board in 2021, Brian Smith and Serena Cronk have also filed.

Each candidate was given three minutes for opening introductions, one minute to answer each question and two minutes for closing remarks. Cronk, Schrader, Nichols sat on one side of the podium while Smith and Quattlebaum

sat on the other. To begin the afternoon, the candidates were asked, due to the pandemic, what percentage of students were affected when remote learning was needed and what the district can do to help those students in the future.

"Fortunately here in Sedalia, what we heard from our community, what we heard from our teachers and staff, is they wanted our students in-person learning and we agreed with that," Schrader said. "We were very fortunate during the past school year to be able to enact in-seat learning and we had our students in-seat every day for the year."

Many people wanted students to attend in-person school because remote learning can be difficult for families. Students who did not have internet access could check out hotspots and Chromebooks from the district. See SCORES | 5A



On Friday afternoon, the Pettis County Pachyderm Club hosted a Sedalia School District 200 Board of Education forum at Best Western State Fair Inn. From left, candidates Serena Cronk, Barbara Schrader, and Diana Nichols sit on one side of the podium. Schrader and Nichols are both incumbents. PHOTO BY SKYE MELCHER | DEMOCRAT

## Holden Superfund meeting to discuss future land use

By Sara Lawson  
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HOLDEN — Nearly 40 years after improperly stored chemicals contaminated land, the Johnson County Economic Development Corporation and Kansas State University Technical Assistance for Brownfields program are heading a discussion regarding the future use of 25 acres in Holden.

The community input

session is open to the public and will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 29, at Holden City Hall/Hallar Building. The meeting was originally scheduled for March 10 but was postponed due to weather.

The land is part of the Superfund Redevelopment program, which was established to reclaim and reuse contaminated land.

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation

and Liability Act, also known as Superfund, was passed in 1980 to allow broad federal authority to respond to instances of releases of hazardous substances considered harmful to the public or environment and gives the Environmental Protection Agency funds and authority to clean up contaminated sites.

JCEDC Executive Director Tracy Brantner said the process leading up to the meeting has been in

the works for more than a decade.

"We started with the Holden business park," Brantner said. "Like all the business parks here in Johnson County, we had to take responsibility with the development of those and we work closely with the community or the property owner to get those in a place where their highest and best use for the creation of jobs and investment."

Brantner said the land

was originally marketed for use as the Holden business park.

"At the time, we knew it had kind of a rich history as the Martha C. Rose Chemical Company site," Brantner said.

Rose Chemical is reported to have failed to properly dispose of polychlorinated biphenyls, storing the hazardous materials while falsifying reports to the EPA. Rose Chemical closed in 1986 after officials learned

about the false reports.

In 1989, owner Walter Carolan and five others pleaded guilty to fraud and falsifying documents.

"The EPA stepped in to clean up the site ... they did that back in the 1990s," Brantner said.

The site is currently owned by the City of Holden.

"Twelve years ago, we started working on the project to get it certified," Brantner said.

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## OBITUARIES

### Janice Louise Smallwood Gibson Broadnax

Janice Louise Smallwood Gibson Broadnax, 78, departed this life December 19, 2021, while a resident at the Pillars of North County, in St. Louis County, MO.

Janice was born March 26, 1943, in Sedalia, Missouri. She was a 1961 graduate of C.C. Hubbard High School.

Janice was preceded in death by her husband: Frederick Broadnax; her parents: Clarence and Emma Smallwood; her brothers: Clarence Smallwood Jr., Harold Smallwood and Robert Smallwood; and grandparents: Robert and Agnes Jackson and Elijah and Mary Smallwood.

Janice is survived by: her daughter Dierdra Cox, her

grandchildren: Noa Gibson and Angel Cox; great-grandson, Merrick Gibson; her sister: Evelyn Shaw



(Robert) and three nephews: Robert Smallwood Jr., Alvin Smallwood, Brian Shaw (Robin) and a sister-in-law: Brenda Johnson.

A memorial service will be held at Taylor's Chapel United Methodist Church, 400 North Lamine, at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 26, 2022. Following services, Mrs. Broadnax's remains will be interred in the family plot at Crown Hill Cemetery. Following the interment, there will be a repast at the Event Center.

"Death is nature's excellent advice to get plenty of life." — Goethe

### Thomas Brian Walje

Thomas Brian Walje, 48, of Sedalia, MO, passed away Saturday, March 5, 2022.

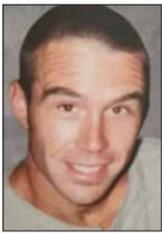
He was born July 3, 1973, a son of Thomas Joseph Walje and Patricia Ann Hatfield.

During his life, Brian enjoyed many things, such as skateboarding, video games, music, and drawing. He was very intelligent and loved reading a good book. He was a loving father with a heart of gold. He was also a talented artist and had a passion for art and all things creative.

Brian worked for a few years in construction and later turned his passion for

art into being a tattoo artist.

Survivors include two children; Aris Paige Walje and Thomas Ian Walje; two sisters, Racheal York and Marcella Walje; two nieces, Miami Abigayle York and Shelby Christeen York.



Brian was preceded in death by both of his parents.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until service time on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. A private inurnment will be held at a later date at Highland Sacred Gardens.

## FUNERALS

### Catron-Smith, Deborah Leona

11 a.m. Saturday at Rea Funeral Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

### Bedgood, Glenn David (Dave) Jr.

2 p.m. Saturday at Sweeney-Phillips & Holden Funeral Home in Warrensburg. Arrangements are under the direction of Sweeney-Phillips & Holden Funeral Home.

### Miller, Mary Ellen

2 p.m. Saturday at the Moore Funeral Home in La Monte. Arrangements are under the direction of Moore Funeral Home.

### Baslee, Wayne

2 p.m. Sunday at Heckart Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

### Hawkins, James Rodney Jr.

2:30 p.m. Monday at the Smithton Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

### Zehner, Steven W. "Steve"

3:30 p.m. Monday at Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of

Heckart Funeral Home.

### Hutcheson, Anita L.

10 a.m. Tuesday at Rea Funeral Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

### Burkey, Joan Daisy

1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at Crown Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Heckart Funeral Home.

### Walje, Thomas B.

11 a.m. Saturday, March 26 at Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

### Broadnax, Janice L.

1 p.m. Saturday, March 26 at Taylor's Chapel United Methodist Church in Sedalia.

### Sharp, Beverly Joan (Reese)

4 p.m. Saturday, April 4 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Prairie Village, Kansas.

### Culler, Karen L.

2 p.m. Saturday, April 9 at Show-Me Christian Youth Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

## DEATH NOTICE

### Zehner

Steven Wayne "Steve" Zehner, 60, of Sedalia, died Monday, March 7, 2022, at University of Missouri Hospital in Columbia.

A memorial service will be at 3:30 p.m. Monday, March 14, 2022, at Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia where the family will receive friends from 2:30 p.m. until service time. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

# Missouri ethics panel finds Greitens followed election laws

## By Summer Ballentine

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Former Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens' state campaign did not violate state campaign finance laws by spending money on his U.S. Senate bid, an oversight agency ruled Friday.

Washington-based nonprofit campaign finance watchdog group Campaign Legal Center filed a complaint with the Missouri Ethics Commission in December 2021 claiming

that Greitens was using leftover funds from his gubernatorial bid to kickstart his U.S. Senate campaign.

Greitens resigned as governor in 2018 amid a sex scandal and claims of campaign finance misconduct. He's now running for retiring U.S. Sen. Roy Blunt's seat in a crowded GOP primary.

Greitens, a prolific fundraiser during his 2016 gubernatorial bid, had more than \$1 million left in his state campaign committee bid when he stepped down. State campaign

funds cannot be used for federal campaigns.

But the Missouri Ethics Commission found that payments made by Greitens' state campaign committee after Greitens announced his U.S. Senate intentions in March 2020 were for services provided in 2020 or services specifically for the state campaign.

For example, the Campaign Legal Center had claimed Greitens' state campaign committee spent \$7,500 on media services March 20, 2021, that was used to book him March 22,

2021, on Fox News for his federal campaign announcement. The Ethics Commission instead found that the March 10 payment was for services provided to the state campaign back in August 2020.

"It was clear from the beginning no wrongdoing ever took place," Greitens' Senate campaign manager Dylan Johnson said in a statement Friday.

An Associated Press request for comment to the Campaign Legal Center was not immediately returned Friday.

## STATE BRIEFS

### Family of Black man shot by Kansas City police sues for \$10M

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The family of a Black man who was shot and killed by a white Kansas City police officer in 2020 is suing the officer and the Board of Police Commissioners for at least \$10 million.

The federal lawsuit filed Thursday by Donnie Sanders' family accuses the officer, Blayne Newton, of using excessive force when he shot Sanders on March 12, 2020. It also accuses the board, which oversees the Kansas City Police Department, of not properly training or disciplining officers in the use of deadly force, The Kansas City Star reported.

Leslie Foreman, a spokeswoman for the police, said the department does not comment on pending litigation.

Sanders' death is one of the prominent cases in Kansas City involving Black people cited by civil rights activists when pushing for changes to the Police Department.

Newton shot Sanders, 47, three times after he followed Sanders' vehicle into an alley. Sanders parked the vehicle and ran, with Newton chasing him, police have said.

Police dashcam video records Newton yelling commands at Sanders to stop and show his hands but the video does not capture the shooting. Kansas City police were not wearing body cameras at the time but have since begun doing so.

Newton told investigators he believed he saw a gun in Sanders' hand. No weapon was found; investigators said Sanders had only a cellphone in his jacket pocket.

Two witnesses reported they saw Newton walking backward while yelling commands as Sanders approached with his arm extended.

## POLICE REPORTS

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

### Sedalia Police Department Arrests Feb. 24

4:18 p.m.: Don C. Soriano-Palmerin, of the 1400 block of East Ninth Street, was arrested after an officer was dispatched to a business in the 200 block of West Broadway Boulevard for a two-vehicle accident with no reported injuries. Soriano-Palmerin had a suspended driver's license and was transported to the Pettis County Jail where he was booked and released.

### March 7

2:30 a.m.: Shea Tyler Archibeque, 29, of the 300 block of Seventh Street, was arrested after a vehicle stop at Broadway Boulevard and South Kentucky Avenue for defective equipment. The driver was intoxicated and was taken to a hospital, the Pettis County Jail, and booked on a state charge of driving while intoxicated.

### March 9

2:45 p.m.: Nicole S. Bierschbach, 39, of the 1500 block of South Missouri Avenue, was arrested after a traffic stop at South New York Avenue and East 13th Street. A passenger in the vehicle, Bierschbach, had a warrant out of Sedalia for failure to appear and a subsequent search of the vehicle revealed a felony amount of marijuana. Bierschbach was transported to Pettis County Jail and was booked for possession of marijuana and the warrant and released.

### March 10

5:03 a.m.: Teresa L.

Deans, 57, of Warsaw, was arrested after a vehicle stop at West Broadway Boulevard and South Limit Avenue. A consent search resulted in the driver being found in possession of dangerous drugs, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, tampering with evidence, and unlawful use of a weapon. She was transported to the Pettis County Jail and placed on a 24-hour hold pending state charges.

8:47 a.m.: Jade M. Diaz, 18, of the 400 block of North Ohio Avenue, was arrested after an officer observed a car that had slid into a ditch on Clinton Road near Katy Park. A computer check showed Diaz had no driver's license, and a small child was also in the vehicle unrestrained. No car seat was found. Diaz was arrested and transported to the Sedalia Police Department. The child was released to family. Diaz was issued citations for no driver's license and the unrestrained child.

11:19 a.m.: An officer was dispatched to the SPD lobby for a report of stealing. The reporting party stated someone entered his vehicle in the 3200 block of West Broadway Boulevard and stole \$295 worth of items. There are no suspects.

3:28 p.m.: Officers took a report in reference to a possible scam phone call in the 1600 block of East Fourth Street. The subject reported the caller obtained a large amount of personal information. The subject was not missing any money and a report was completed for documentation purposes.

12:21 p.m.: Pia L. Montgomery, 54, of the 100 block of East Johnson Street, was arrested after an of-

ficer was dispatched to a business in the 1700 block of West Broadway Boulevard for a report of theft. The employee making the report stated a woman came into the store and stole \$99 worth of alcohol. The officer recognized the suspect on the surveillance video and knew she drove the vehicle the employee described. The officer got a copy of the video for evidence and went to the 100 block of East Johnson Street to make contact with the suspect. Montgomery was taken into custody and placed on a 24-hour hold for stealing third-offense.

9:56 p.m.: Christopher W. Mathis, 44, of Sedalia, was arrested after officers were dispatched to a business in the 3400 block of West Broadway Boulevard in reference to trespassing. Investigation revealed Mathis was in possession of methamphetamine and was transported to the Pettis County Jail and placed on a 24-hour pending charges of drug possession.

### Incidents Feb. 23

6:13 p.m.: An officer was dispatched to 1600 block of South Engineer Avenue in reference to a theft that took place earlier the day at Smith-Cotton High School. A student at the high school reported her Apple headphones valued at \$200 were stolen from her backpack. Through investigation, the headphones were recovered from another high school student. A referral has been forwarded to the Pettis County Juvenile Office.

### March 9

5:26 p.m.: A sex crime was reported that occurred seven to eight years ago in the 300 block of West Third Street involving a juvenile.

### March 10

8:03 a.m.: Officers took a report of theft from a vehicle near the 900 block of East Broadway Boulevard. The caller reported a magnet attached to her vehicle was taken valued at \$250. No suspects have been identified.

6 p.m.: Officers took a report of sexual assault in the 900 block of North Engineer Avenue. The suspect is known.

6:36 p.m.: Officers responded to West Main Street and South Osage Avenue for a motor vehicle crash. The suspect vehicle had left the scene and information was collected from a witness for a report.

7:14 p.m.: Officers responded to the 400 block of South Ohio Avenue for a report of a hit-and-run accident. A witness stated that a black GMC truck was southbound on South Ohio Avenue, crossed the centerline and struck a parked car prior to leaving the scene. The victim's vehicle sustained moderate damage.

7:56 p.m.: Officers responded to the Bothwell Regional Health Center emergency room for a report of an animal bite. A subject stated he was outside when a dog came up to him and bit him twice. Information was collected and a report was completed.

Compiled by  
Chris Howell.

### Spring Forward

Don't forget to change your clocks before heading to bed Saturday night. Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 13. Clocks should "spring forward" one hour.

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Sedalia School District 200 Superintendent Steve Triplett, right, presents Washington Elementary paraprofessional/substitute teacher Britney Stone with the Superintendents' Bell Ringer Award on Wednesday, March 9, at the school. At left is Washington Principal Lisa Volk.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SEDALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 200

## Washington's Stone named Bell Ringer winner for February

Washington Elementary paraprofessional/substitute teacher Britney Stone is the recipient of the Superintendent's Bell Ringer Award for February.

The monthly award is a way for Superintendent Steve Triplett to honor Sedalia 200 staff members who put the district's mission statement into action and those who display exemplary effort in celebrating student success. Winners are selected from nominations made by staff members and administrators.

Stone's nominator wrote: "Britney is a paraprofessional who has become our building substitute due to shortages with subs/staff members sick. She is so positive, great with

kids, and develops such a positive connection with students and staff. ... Since she is going to school to be a teacher, this is also great practice. She is going to be such a great future teacher for Sedalia 200 and we are truly building our own within our own buildings. Support staff see teachers and want to become them."

Triplett said, "Schools across the country are challenged trying to fill teaching and support staff openings. Ms. Stone's work as a para has been important, but her ability and willingness to fill in for teachers at Washington has been a true asset for that building and its students. Her connections with Washington's students ensure their

learning will remain on track when she steps in for an absent teacher. We are fortunate to have her in Sedalia 200."

Other nominees for February were: Stephanie Jackson, Parkview Elementary; Kara Klein, Angie Meyer, Margie Meyer and Amy Woolery of Heber Hunt Elementary; Lisa Young, Kaitlyn Evans, Angie Logan, Misty Tow and Laura Beth Fisher, Smith-Cotton Junior High; Lindsey Fish, Shelley Lutjen, Melissa Wissman and Jessica Watson, Sedalia Middle School; and Julie Willadsen, Smith-Cotton High School.

Release courtesy of Sedalia School District 200.

## Pettis County Commission establishes ARPA committee

### By Democrat Staff

During daily meetings March 7 to March 11, the Pettis County Commission completed the following:

March 7: Sedalia Mayor John Kehde discussed transportation issues.

March 8: No action taken.

March 9: The Commission established the ARPA Committee as proposed to develop the process and application for the allocation of funds to be recommended to the Commission for final decision. The committee will be GIS Director James

Theisen, Assistant to the Commission Kristen Anderson and Road and Bridge Office Administrator Amber Bridges. Theisen will serve as chairman.

Accounting Solutions Managing Partner Robert Wilson and Accounting Solutions Partner Nathan Thomas presented the Single Audit findings and report for 2020.

March 10: No action taken.

March 11: Citizen Phil Clevenger visited with the Commission and inquired regarding ARPA funding processes.

Theisen visited with

the Commission and updated regarding ongoing projects in the County.

The census for the Pettis County Jail for the week of March is 152 inmates and the census for 911 calls is 2,027 calls.

The Pettis County Commission meets at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday in Commission Chambers on the second floor of the Pettis County Courthouse. To make an appointment or to request an issue be placed on the commission's agenda, call Kristen Anderson, assistant to the commission, at 660-826-5000 ext. 410.

## Land

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The project so far has gone through several phases, assessments and studies through the Department of Natural Resources and the EPA.

"The city didn't have any financial responsibility in those what-so-ever," Brantner said. "Now we're sitting here 12 years later. We want to ask the community

what they want to do with that 25 acres. It probably doesn't make sense now for a business park."

Brantner said the land could be used as a business park but other uses for the land could include a single-source site, parks and recreation or housing.

"We're really just truly asking the community, 'what is it that you want to do with this 25 acres,'" Brantner said.

Though efforts have been made over the last

12 years, the site still has work to be done.

"It is not an absolute, 100% clean site," Brantner said. "There are some things we have to mitigate."

For more information about Superfunds, visit [epa.gov/superfund-redevelopment](http://epa.gov/superfund-redevelopment).

For more information about the meeting, contact Brantner at 660-747-0244 or [brantner@growjocomo.com](mailto:brantner@growjocomo.com).

Sara Lawson can be reached at 660-747-8123.

## STATE BRIEF

### Southwest Missouri man charged in shooting death in Seymour

SEYMOUR, Mo. (AP) — A southwest Missouri man has been charged with second-degree murder after a man was shot to death near Seymour.

Gage Bittner, 23, of Hartville, was also charged Thursday with armed criminal action after prosecutors say he shot a man Wednesday at a home near Seymour, The Springfield News-Leader reported.

Webster County sheriff's officials have not identified the victim or disclosed a possible motive for the shooting.

Teresa Ireland, of Seymour, was charged with hindering the prosecution of a felony. Prosecutors say she threw the murder weapon out of the car as the two drove away from the shooting scene.

Ireland and Bittner were being held in the Webster County Jail. Bittner is being held on a \$1 million bond and Ireland on \$50,000. Online court records do not list attorneys for them.

## 40+ YEARS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AUCTION

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- Building #1 3200 sf Office/Shop/Warehouse With 20' X 40' Mezzanine and 20' X 60' Covered Storage Area. 3 Phase Power, City Water and Sewer, 2 Overhead Drive Inn Doors.
- Building # 2 2800 sf Metal Storage Building ( former car wash ) Four open bays, Two enclosed Bays 3 Phase Power.
- Building # 3 16' X 20' Metal Storage Building with 8' Roll Up Door On approximately 3.1 acres of land Just outside of the East Entrance of Whiteman Air Base.

### Tract # 2

- 1305 South State St Knob Noster, Mo. 65336
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  - Upper Level Divided into 4 Retail/Office Suits
  - Lower Level Warehouse / Storage area with 10' ceiling height and Roll Up Door.
  - 3 Phase Power, City Water and Sewer
  - approximately 2.3 acres of Land just outside of the East Entrance to Whiteman Air Base.
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### Trucks

- 2007 International 7500 HT 570 Dump truck w/OX Bodies 15.6-barrel bed tandem w/steerable tag axle 8 speed trans. Double lan - air gate & elect tarp
- 2003 Ford F250 4x4 ext. cab 7.3 power stroke engine 199,500 miles - straight no-rust
- 1996 International 2-ton box truck 24ft box rollup door alum walk board V8 engine 6 speed trans.
- 2002 Peterbilt 385 C-12 Cat engine 48" sleeper tandem 9 speed trans 878,687 mi.
- 2011 Dodge 3500 crew cab 4x4 dually flatbed Cummings engine diesel auto trans - tool-boxes 177,000 miles
- 2013 Ford work van E-series white auto trans 197,373 miles
- 1968 Ford 2-ton cab & chassis 10ft bong gas power

### Trailers

- 20ft flatbed gooseneck tandem dual axels, ramps, good floor
- 16ft enclosed trailer Wells Road Force tandem axle, will organize shelves
- 14ft enclosed trailer
- 5'x10' single axle flatbed trailer
- 16ft flatbed trailer tandem (no title)

### Semi-Trailer/Storage Tandem

- 18ft Tilt bed trailer, 8-hole axles, pintle hitch
- 10ft Bobcat trailer
- 12ft flatbed trailer tandem axles

### Shop Equipment

- Esab Crossbow C&C plasma cutting machine with 5ftx10ft water table - tips 7 supplies
- HD worktable 1 1/4 metal top on casters
- Lincoln power mig 255 - 220 volt w/spool gun & bottle
- Miller syncrowave 250 AC-DC tig welder w/PC 300 pulse controls - foot peddle controls w/coolant tower
- Ellig commercial band saw 220 volt w/new blades
- 10HP 2 stage horizontal air compression 120-gal 3 phase
- Grizzly manual bender w/ discs
- Grizzly toolbox upper & lower cabinet
- Elect/hydro lift table 36"
- Craftsman drill press elect model 48" shop fan
- Torch set on cart with bottles
- Approx. 300ft of 220 ext. cords
- Banding tools
- Rigid pipe threader
- Simpson 3000psi power washer, gas power
- Viber plate packer, gas power
- Scottsman ice machine & bin

### Construction Equipment

- Case 580 SK turbo backhoe cab 4x4 ext.-hoe 3 stick 7125hrs works great - left side window broken, serial #JG0175474
- Case 580 super M backhoe 4x4 ext.-hoe 3 stick 6467hrs serial#JG0281785
- Gehl 553 dymalift tale handler foam filled tires 4x4 2150hrs
- Bobcat 331 minihoe 12" & 16" buckets 2600 hrs.
- Snorkel lift 41G swivel basket 4x4, dual fuel - propane/gas
- Evolution metal cold saw 20"
- Bobcat S150 skid loader tire machine diesel 1305 hrs.
- 3" Walker trash pump & hoses, gas power
- Toyota forklift propane
- Miller MB21 Scootcrete, gas power
- Core drills & bits of all sizes
- Hydro - core bits
- Air hydro cut off saw
- Ingersal - Rand XP-185 portable air compressor, commercial with diesel engine (nice)
- Air compression Grimmer Schmidt - portable on trailer
- Skid loader hydro-post hole digger
- Skid loader 36", 16", 12" angle bits & hex shaft ext.
- Skid loader hydro compactor/sheepsfrat
- Skid loader 54" sweep brush hydro
- Skid loader double sided concrete vat
- Skid loader Harley power Rav S-6 w/new tires
- Back base hoe 12" - 3' buckets
- Minihoe 16" bucket & 12" buckets
- Gar-bro 1/4 yard concrete bucket
- Skid loader 5 1/2' buckets smooth
- Stanley 5570 quick attach peeking hammer hydro
- Dock loading plate
- Hydro pack leads & ring saw partner HP 40 10"
- Knack job box
- Supplies & Misc.
- Lots of I-beam various sizes &

- lengths
- 20 pcs of railroad track 30' long
- New & used chain link fences & posts
- New old stock metal 3" channel 1000's of feet
- 12"-30" seep culvert pipe, several
- Lots of wall stones
- Lots of limestone
- Lots of landscaping stone
- Lots of pallet racking, various amount
- Misc. piles of scrap iron & tin
- 60 sheets of plywood
- Lots of safety lights 7 barrels
- Lots of concrete blankets
- Commercial garage door openers
- 10,000lbs dually trailer axle "new"
- Lots of rally wheels & misc. wheels & tires
- Lots of metal floor grating
- Tools
- Air jack hammers & lots of various bits
- Lots of cordless DeWalt tools & sets
- Levels, various lengths
- DeWalt hammer frills, spline drive
- Milwaukee SD drive hammer drill
- Metabo hammer drill
- Hillman roller deluxe kit
- Bosch hammer drill spline drive
- Air impacts - 1" long shaft to 3/8" drive impacts, several
- Crescent wrenches & hand tools - wrenches - etc.
- Vise grips - clamps - lots of various small to large
- Choker chains & lift straps
- Sledgehammers
- Tripods & transits - grade sticks - Simpson - Top com - laser
- Impact sockets & lots of socket sets
- EdCo - power pole air chisel
- EdCo 9" floor grinder gas power
- Wall jacks
- Concrete Tools
- Simmons concrete forms approx. 2000 ft of 8-6-4-3ft forms & fillers with hardware
- Curb forms (flat forms in racks, 12"-6"-4" forms)
- Concrete Stakes
- Hand tools of all kinds
- Vibrators - drags - finishing tools - bull floats, etc.
- Stone portable mortar mixer on trailer model 1235pm
- 40ft aluminum truss screed w/ winches, gas power
- 16ft aluminum concrete chute
- Lots of concrete stakes
- Target pro 35 III concrete saw walk behind, diesel
- Target pro 35 II concrete saw walk behind, gas power
- CM 400 24ft hydro curb roller
- Finishing trowel gas power 4ft
- Bartell
- Finishing trowel gas power 3ft edge MBW
- Finishing trowel pro 1200 8ft rider "like new"
- Pizza pans for trowels
- Concrete stamps, cobblestone & brick
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# EDITORIAL

## CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

### The Suffering Olympics

Gas prices are fast approaching \$4 per gallon here. On the West Coast, the average gallon is climbing past \$5.72. The prices of other goods, from groceries to gifts, will soon follow suit. So will energy costs. And health care costs. And all the other costs. The longer Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues, the higher prices will likely go. The rich will get richer, the poor will get poorer, and the poorest Americans of all will have trouble commuting to work, traveling to medical care and maybe even feeding their kids.

People will struggle right here in Pettis and Johnson counties.

But don't you dare talk about it.

That is, unless you have something positive to say, like, "At least I'm not getting bombed in Ukraine," or "If you want lower gas prices, buy an electric car," or "Shut up and stop complaining, it could always be worse."

We're off to the races in the Suffering Olympics, that favorite American pastime.

The rules of the Suffering Olympics are as follows:

1. You are only allowed to be stressed or talk about your hardships if they are worse than every other group of people in the news and within earshot of your conversation.

2. If you do talk about your own hardships, you must downplay them with a disclaimer that of course you could have it worse, like starving children in China or the St. Jude patients in those sad commercials.

3. If you talk about your hardships publicly, other people are allowed to berate you for forgetting how good you actually have it.

As a cancer survivor, I'm very familiar with these Games. Upon my diagnosis in 2017, other people were quick to note that it could be much worse. I could have more cancer in more places. I could lack health insurance. Heck, I could be dead already. All these things were true, and I consider myself blessed. But the bigger truth is that when someone tells you how bad they have it, assuring them it's not very bad after all is not a solution to their problem. In fact, it's demeaning. And inconsiderate. It's like throwing a suffocating blanket of despair over a problem instead of trying to make it better. No complaining. Be quiet. Bottle it up. Deal with it.

We're doing this to each other locally right now over the cost of gasoline and the price of food. Just yesterday I saw people hating each other on Facebook. I'll paraphrase their comments instead of reprinting them directly, for privacy's sake, because they should be ashamed of themselves. They said things like,

"Nobody here should be hungry. Just go to the food banks."

"You shouldn't have had so many kids and then complain. You should have planned



**LIZ SCHLEICHER**  
Contributing Columnist

for an economic crisis. Ukraine has it much worse."

These kind of statements are as ridiculous as they are cruel. Nobody can plan for two years of viral pandemic and the brink of World War III right on its heels. Nobody should be relying on Open Door to magically feed more and more of the community as prices rise higher and higher. Yes, we should all be prudent and prepared. Yes, we should all be grateful and thankful. But we should also be compassionate and oriented toward problem-solving in our own communities. The fact that other people in other places have it worse is not an excuse for apathy and mean-spiritedness toward our own neighbors. In fact, if you're a Christian, the Bible specifically commands we take care of those in our own towns:

"If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be." — Deuteronomy 15:7

The Suffering Olympics has no winners, because the more you suffer, the more miserable you are. In fact, everyone in the Games is miserable. Everyone ends up hurting and scared and judgmental and stressed, but afraid to talk about it, lest they be seen as insufficiently grateful they don't have it worse. And someone is always worse. Hungrier, sicker, poorer, more abused. Everyone loses. Always.

This week, a man named Father Clinton Sensat wrote a fabulous Facebook sermon about comparative suffering and compassion. It is much too long to reprint here, but the best part is this:

"On the Cross he opened all suffering to his divine presence. He didn't say, as so many of his followers do, 'Look how much I'm suffering for you. Stop complaining!' Instead, he made his Passion the supreme act of compassion. In every moment of our suffering, he has been with us."

We can either imitate His mercy or wait in quiet despair for someone to hang the heavy medal of the Suffering Olympics around our necks.

Misery? Or mercy? Our choice.

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



## CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

### Thinking about the importance of family

A bouquet of quince blossoms showed up on my Facebook page today, a picture I took five years ago. That means on March 11, 2017, our quince bushes were heavy with redolent, deep rose-colored blooms. Today? All I see is white fluffy stuff. Yuck.

Because we aren't able to enjoy its finest feature in Sedalia right now, Emily convinced Max to let her have the convertible for a while. Yesterday, when we were watching snow fall, then stop, then fall again, she sent us a selfie. She was in the car, the top was down, and her hair was flying in the wind. I'm hoping she took the picture while she was stopped at a light and the wind was blowing. If that wasn't the case, I don't want to know.

This highlights a bad thing about visiting Florida and other points south in February: coming back to Missouri and suffering through March. Milder weather is on its way, but getting there is a pain. Surely by the first day of spring, we will be able to enjoy the outdoors most days, and Hue the Cat can bask in the sun on our balcony.

The first day of spring,



**DEBORAH MITCHELL**  
Contributing Columnist

now only days away, means that Easter is around the corner. Unfortunately, this will be the third Easter that my family will not be gathering for its usual fun fest. COVID has had its way with our tradition, and now, we are all two years older, which isn't such a big deal for those in their 40s but is more concerning for those in their 70s.

We have, however, talked about moving Easter to June. In June, the youngsters would be able to play in the pool, their parents would be able to watch them and play with them, and the elders would be able to watch from afar, under an umbrella, with a cool, refreshing beverage in hand. We could enjoy the outdoors and have a picnic — or eat somewhere with a patio so we could

do it for long.

And new things are happening! Our family will welcome new members in July, when my nephew marries a lovely young woman with two delightful children. Everyone wants to meet her, but not everyone in the family will be able to attend their wedding in Florida. Sedalia is a more central location for all family members to celebrate, so a June get-together here makes sense. Additionally, no one has met my cousin's girlfriend, and not everyone has met Emily's significant other, James. A reunion this year is a must.

As I start looking forward to that happy time, I am brought back to earth by the continued fighting in Ukraine. I think of the families who are being separated or torn apart, and of those who are dying as Russians continue their inhumane attack on a country that has done nothing to provoke the atrocity of war. I think of our Ukrainian friends and neighbors whose family members or friends are half a world away and likely suffering — or will be suffering — at the hands of a remorseless murderer. Though I try to distract myself, I cannot

While our lives continue on a level plane, while we sleep comfortably at night, while we dream about fun times ahead, others' lives are being annihilated by bombs and deadly explosions. I see video — a pregnant woman being carried from the rubble of a maternity hospital on a stretcher, a hospital that the Russian UN ambassador, lying, called a hospital for wounded soldiers, making it an appropriate target; a 16-year-old girl who begins talking and then starts crying in the middle of her sentence as she describes the nights in Kyiv; children being thrown by their parents onto trains headed for safety; mothers carrying their babies on their backs as they trudge down a snow-covered road, headed for who knows where.

Their lives are being upended. Ours go on. It seems almost sinful to anticipate joy knowing that others cannot, and yet we know not what lies ahead for us. I will be grateful for what we have now, today, and pray for a merciful, quick end to the tragedy in Ukraine.

*Deborah Mitchell is a Sedalia attorney.*

## THEIR VIEW

### State pay hikes welcome

#### Jefferson City News Tribune

We commend the Missouri Legislature and Gov. Mike Parson for approval of a supplemental budget that will give state workers a 5.5% cost of living raise and ensure they make a minimum of \$15 an hour.

As we reported, the bill also accounts for wage compression for those employees already making above \$15 an hour. Other sections of the bill appropriate funds for education and the state's Medicaid program.

It's an expensive cost for the state, but it's also long overdue

and in the state's best interest.

As of Jan. 10, about 4,500 jobs were unfilled and open in state government.

The state's turnover rate is high. That means the state is paying to constantly retrain workers who aren't staying long. And, in some departments, the state has to pay overtime to the ones who do stay.

Missouri pays its government workers less than just about every other state. Ultimately, that's costing our state more to constantly hire and retrain employees. Meanwhile, the state can't provide Missourians with the level of service they

expect, such as keeping state-maintained roads cleared of snow during winter.

"We are happy to sign the supplemental budget bill into law today," Parson said in a statement. "This bill not only gives our dedicated state team members a long-overdue pay increase, but also appropriates critical funding to our K-12 schools and child care system. We thank the General Assembly for working to get this important piece of legislation passed and to my desk."

The only major change from the governor's proposal on the pay-plan side was the removal of language

setting an official minimum wage for the sector, instead funding the \$15 an hour baseline without parameters attached. The omission was a compromise between the House and Senate budget leaders, said House Budget Committee Chairman Rep. Cody Smith, R-Carthage, a sponsor of the bill.

The bill undoubtedly will help the state hire and retain the number and the quality of workers it needs. We commend the governor and lawmakers for taking the action, especially our Mid-Missouri delegation that championed the proposal on behalf of state workers.

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# Scores

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Nichols added that the entire nation realized there was a problem with remote learning due to broadband access, plus the internet could run slow in homes where many family members were online for work or school.

She said Missouri has made progress on increasing broadband so students could learn from home.

"So we are more prepared now to give alternative methods of instruction even for those who don't have the internet and even if they have Chromebook provided to them, they don't have internet access at home so we have alternative methods of instruction in place," Nichols said.

Smith said the real answer is not to shut schools down — why solve a problem a district doesn't need to have.

"Kids need to be in school and I think everybody, not everybody knew that but many many people knew that but there are many many things that were felt by a certain part of the population that didn't need to be in schools," Smith said. "Masks don't need to be in schools and we tried to discuss this openly with the board and were dismissed and ridiculed and their attitude was condescending and I will just tell you, internet question or not, boards are not healthy if they won't listen to their constituents and the people they answer to..."

Quattlebaum agreed with Smith about not needing much remote learning and that the last two years proved it hasn't been successful.

"I think the more we cannot just do virtual learning is what's going to be best for all students. As for having internet access, I'm not that tech-savvy on that," Quattlebaum said. "I know people have their mobile hotspots and their Chromebooks but if that's not working for them, is there someone they can reach out to where they can come and have internet hooked up to their home? I'm not sure, that's something we'll have to look into, I'm just not the expert on that."

Cronk said remote learning worked well for her high-risk children but they were able to have high-quality



School board candidates Brian Smith and Michelle Quattlebaum sit on the other side of the podium during the forum Friday afternoon. This is Quattlebaum's second time running for school board and Smith's first time.

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internet.

"It does work when the parents work with them if it's needed," Cronk said. "But obviously we need to keep our kids in school, face to face as much as possible and I believe Sedalia 200 did well with that last year..."

Another question addressed to the candidates was based on a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education statistic that less than 50% of Sedalia 200 graduates are proficient in English and math. The question stated this rate has decreased over the past decade and asked what the candidates would do about the problem.

Nichols said the district's curriculum directors monitor student needs and state testing results, plus educators are given professional development in the areas that are needed.

"We address issues, we don't turn our back to it, it is something our curriculum directors and our administrative team very much keeps on top of and works with the educators, even students and families, to try to get those test scores up," Nichols said.

Smith said the question was too difficult to answer in 60 seconds and adapted it from a different question.

"Excellence comes with the attitudes of the people and that they feel like they are part of something successful and big. Again, you'll hear no goals, you'll hear no statistics from the other side of the table," Smith said. "Why not make this school in the top 10% of schools in the state of

Missouri, why not make that a goal?"

Smith added that the board should set goals over time to get the district in the top 10% of Missouri schools, referencing the district's current ranking in the top 40% according to U.S. News & World Report. He said focusing on government statistics is not the answer.

Quattlebaum based her answer on her recent experience substitute teaching at her child's school.

"It was nice to actually be in the position of a teacher because you don't understand until you're actually there," Quattlebaum said. "So I think it can be a multiple of things; is it because there wasn't one-on-one learning, was it because people were doing virtual. There were a lot of kids in the class, most of them would get it but there were two or three that just didn't get it and needed a bit more time."

Quattlebaum said the board needs to look at the system itself but believes a conversation with the educators needs to come first so they understand what is going on.

Cronk said she believes there is room for improvement and would have to do more research on the topic before giving a full answer.

Schrader said that as a former public school educator, teachers work with the students they get, who come in with different levels, abilities and skillsets, and then teachers mold and build from there.

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

# GOP split on alternative to Greitens in Missouri Senate race

By Jim Salter

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — For all their angst about the possibility of former Gov. Eric Greitens winning the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate in Missouri, GOP leaders haven't coalesced behind an alternative.

Greitens resigned in 2018 while facing multiple investigations, including one into whether he blackmailed a woman during an extramarital affair. Yet the former Navy SEAL officer maintains a base of GOP support, has solid fundraising numbers and remains a threat to win in a multi-candidate primary.

That worries GOP leaders, who fear Greitens would be a weak candidate in the November general election and lose to the Democratic nominee, costing Republicans a seemingly safe seat in a red state and potentially a chance at control in a narrowly divided Senate. Their anxiety comes amid a series of recent GOP missteps that includes recruiting stumbles, weak fundraising and infighting that is threatening what had been considered a smooth path to the Senate majority.

Nevertheless, Republicans are split on their choice to replace GOP Sen. Roy Blunt, who is retiring after two terms. One potential 2024 presidential contender, Sen. Josh Hawley of Missouri,

has endorsed U.S. Rep. Vicky Hartzler. Another possible White House hopeful, Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, has backed Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt.

Others haven't made an endorsement at all, including Blunt, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and Gov. Mike Parson. Most importantly, neither has former President Donald Trump, who won the state over Democrat Joe Biden by 15 percentage points in 2020.

Missouri Republican Party Chair Nick Myers said the party will not endorse a candidate for the Aug. 2 primary. GOP strategist James Harris doesn't think the party needs to.

"We have credible, conservative alternatives to disgraced candidate Eric Greitens, and I expect the Party trusts that voters will choose one of these other candidates," Harris said in an email.

Greitens, speaking to reporters last month in Jefferson City after filing for the primary, said he doesn't need the support of "RINOs" — Republicans In Name Only — to win the nomination.

"The people of Missouri are with us, and that's what they're going to see on primary day, and that's what they're going to see in November at the election," he said.

McConnell has suggested he could get involved in state primaries if an "unelectable" gen-

eral election candidate becomes poised to win.

"People are thinking there's no way we could screw this up. Well, it's always possible," McConnell told reporters recently. "Part of my job is to try to prevent us from screwing this up by nominating people for the Senate who can win the primary but can't win the general."

Republicans are still haunted by the Senate race in Missouri a decade ago, when Democrat Claire McCaskill coasted to reelection in the Republican-leaning state after her conservative opponent, Todd Akin, said that women's bodies have a way of avoiding pregnancies in cases of "legitimate rape."

The Democratic field this time features candidates with little statewide name recognition, though one of them, Yale-educated Marine veteran Lucas Kunce, has raised more money than anyone else — Democrat or Republican. Kunce is running as a populist.

The one endorsement that would carry the most weight in Missouri isn't a certainty, either, though the GOP Senate hopefuls are pushing hard for Trump's backing. U.S. Rep. Billy Long and Schmitt attended fundraisers at Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence in Florida, and Hartzler and lawyer Mark McCloskey have repeatedly praised the former president.

## Vaughn is Standing Tall



For most, standing tall and navigating life at eye level may seem habitual but to others, this may be an imaginable dream or goal. The Center for Human Services (CHS), Service Coordination serves as the connecting link to critical resources and services and helps people with intellectual or developmental disabilities in the community, reach their objectives and dreams. CHS Service Coordination in the Kansas City area, recently helped one middle schooler reach one of his goals of standing tall with ease at his home.

Over the last year, Service Coordinator, Amy Petersen has worked diligently with 15-year-old Vaughn and his family, along with Mobility First, to provide the necessary equipment to get him closer to reaching his goal of standing tall. After over a year of Amy advocating for Vaughn, he is now all smiles as he just received his new equipped stander. Amy stated, "When I walked in the house to see him for his quarterly visit, not only was he in his stander, but he expressed how comfortable it was. Vaughn's new stander at home is great because it will grow with him as years go on."

Outside of the everyday service array, Amy also works in conjunction with Vaughn's family and the SB40 Developmental Disability Resource Board to host an event during the holiday season. For the last five years, the event for clients at CHS and others in the community with an intellectual or developmental disability has provided hours of fun where they can meet Santa, play games, and do various activities.

Service Coordination provides case management services to over 2,600 people in 9 counties. Service Coordinators work hard to provide critical services, and link people to needed equipment, and resources. For more information on Service Coordination services, please call 660-826-4400.



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A regular cent coin, left, has raised lettering. A doubled-die coin has flattened features due to being stamped twice. PHOTOS BY CHRIS HOWELL | DEMOCRAT



West bought \$100 in coins last week and found the doubled-die coin. He has since purchased \$100 more in coins hoping for more numismatic fortune.

# Coin

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“In ‘95, they originally ran regular-strike ‘95 double-die,” West explained. “Employees ran some intentionally to show some new employees what a double-die looks like. They look weird, normally the letters are narrow, raised up, mine is flat like it’s been mashed and spread out, which means that it was struck twice. On the one that I have everything is double, even ‘Liberty,’ which is not on the original. If you look at the tail-side, everything on mine is double.”

According to PCGS, “the 1995-D doubled-die Lincoln cent has significantly strong

## West is thrilled by his numismatic find and keeps it in his pocket for fear of losing the find of a lifetime.

doubling in the inscription ‘In God We Trust,’ on the date ‘1995’ and on the ‘D’ mintmark. As of today, the 1995-D doubled-die Lincoln cent is considered a very scarce variety. Despite the varieties’ scarcity many collectors don’t even realize this doubled-die exists, and many confuse it as being the more common 1995-P doubled-die Lincoln cent. The difference between the

two coins is easy to spot, particularly as the Denver coins have the ‘D’ mintmark while the Philadelphia doubled-die Lincoln cents have no mint mark.”

PCGS CoinFacts states only 10 total examples of a 1995-D double die Lincoln cent have ever been sold at auction, and it may be a long time before another example shows up. “If you are one of the fortunate collectors who

have been able to buy one in the past, congratulations on owning a very scarce variety that has some great mystery behind it as we will probably never know if they were intentionally struck by the Denver mint,” The PCGS website states.

West is thrilled by his numismatic find and keeps it in his pocket for fear of losing the find of a lifetime.

“Tomorrow I’m



The 1995-D doubled-die Lincoln cent, if authenticated, is exceedingly rare as only 10 have ever been seen at auction.

going to be driving a Mercedes-Benz,” West joked. “No, it’s the thrill of finding it. By having this article, that will show that I found it and I had it no matter what I do with it later.”

West said he has already gone back to

the bank to purchase another \$100 in coins and is pouring through them, hoping to find another rare coin.

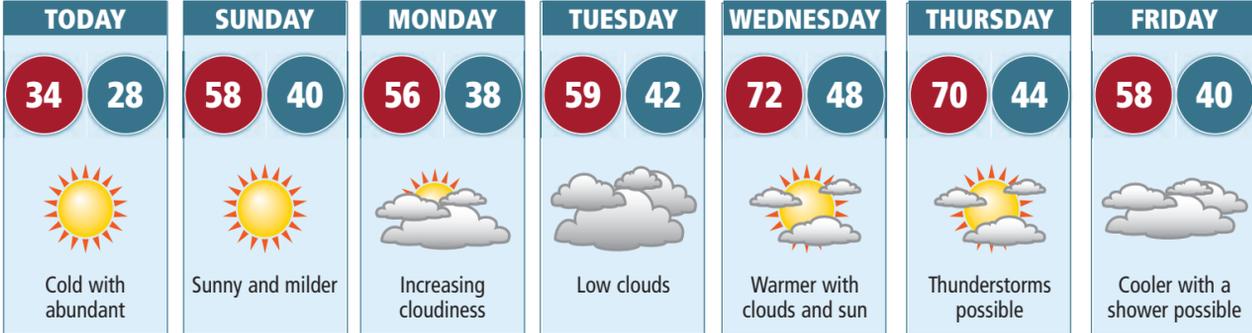
To speak with West about the rare coin, call 660-221-0089.

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

# THE WEATHER

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## SEVEN-DAY FORECAST



## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:29 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:17 p.m.
Moonrise today	12:37 p.m.
Moonsset today	3:25 a.m.



## WEATHER HISTORY

The famed “Blizzard of 1888” peaked on March 12. The mammoth storm dumped over 4 feet of snow on parts of New England; 70-mph winds created rooftop-high drifts in New York City and Philadelphia.

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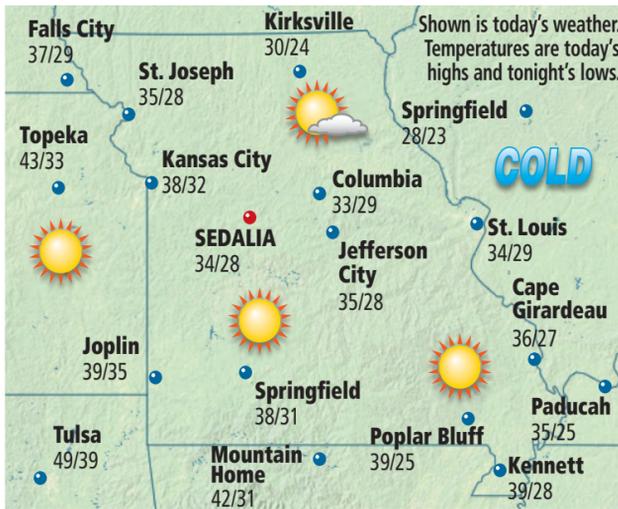
Sedalia Regional Airport Thursday

TEMPERATURES	
High	31
Low	21
Normal high	52
Normal low	30
Record high	79 in 1967
Record low	9 in 1998

PRECIPITATION	
Thursday	0.16"
Month to date	0.96"
Normal m-t-d	0.82"
Year to date	2.56"
Normal y-t-d	4.89"

HEATING DEGREE DAYS	
Index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature was below 65 degrees for the day.	
Thursday	39
Month to date	200
Season to date	3453
Normal season to date	4327
Last season to date	3872

RIVER LEVELS			
In feet as of 7 a.m. Friday			
Blackwater	Stage	Chg	Fld Stg
Blue Lick	8.17	-0.60	24
Valley City	4.10	-0.12	22
Lamine			
Otterville	2.55	-0.51	15
Missouri			
Boonville	5.40	-0.29	21



**BRANSON**  
High: 43. Low: 33. Chilly today with plenty of sunshine. Clear tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow. Monday and Tuesday: cloudy.

**KANSAS CITY**  
High: 38. Low: 32. Sunny and cold today. Clear tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow. Monday: mostly cloudy. Tuesday: mostly sunny.

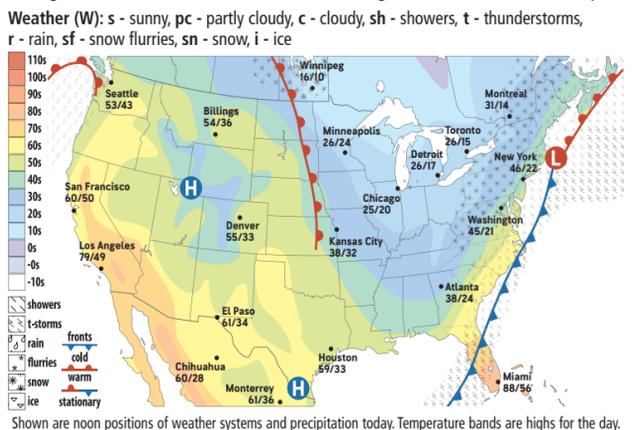
**ST. LOUIS**  
High: 34. Low: 29. Plenty of sunshine, but cold today. Mainly clear and cold tonight. Breezy tomorrow morning; otherwise, pleasant with plenty of sunshine.

**NEW YORK CITY**  
High: 46. Low: 22. Winds gusting past 40 mph today; periods of rain changing to snow, accumulating a coating to an inch. A couple of flurries tonight.

**LOS ANGELES**  
High: 79. Low: 49. Mostly sunny and pleasantly warm today. Partly cloudy tonight. Sun and areas of high clouds and nice tomorrow.

## NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W		Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	38/24/c	54/33/s	Milwaukee	24/20/s	50/33/pc
Baltimore	47/20/r	42/29/pc	Nashville	32/20/s	54/35/s
Billings	54/36/c	49/31/c	New Orleans	53/37/s	60/50/s
Boston	48/23/r	38/30/s	Norfolk	61/25/r	45/36/s
Buffalo	27/16/sn	34/33/sn	Oklahoma City	54/34/s	63/43/s
Charlotte	49/20/r	52/33/s	Orlando	77/39/t	64/53/pc
Chicago	25/20/s	52/35/s	Phoenix	77/51/s	81/53/s
Cleveland	25/17/sn	44/37/sf	Pittsburgh	24/12/sn	38/33/pc
Dallas	56/37/s	67/49/s	Portland, ME	42/20/r	34/24/pc
Denver	55/33/s	61/34/c	Portland, OR	56/45/sh	53/46/sh
Detroit	26/17/pc	44/33/sf	Sacramento	71/48/s	67/42/pc
Honolulu	84/70/pc	83/70/pc	St. Louis	34/29/s	64/41/s
Houston	59/33/s	66/52/s	San Francisco	60/50/s	63/47/pc
Indianapolis	26/20/s	50/35/s	Seattle	53/43/sh	51/45/sh
Las Vegas	70/47/s	75/51/s	Washington, DC	45/21/r	44/34/pc



**Summary:** A rapidly strengthening storm will cause snow and a freeze-up to press toward the coastal Northeast today. Severe storms will push across the Florida Peninsula. Rain will wet coastal Washington and Oregon.





## Missouri fires hoops coach Cuonzo Martin after 5 seasons

By **Dave Skretta**  
AP Basketball Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Missouri fired basketball coach Cuonzo Martin on Friday night, one day after the Tigers finished a 12-21 season with a 76-68 loss to LSU in the second round of the Southeastern Conference Tournament.

Tigers athletic director Desiree Reed-Francois said in a statement that the search for a new coach would begin immediately, and that longtime coach and administrator Eddie Fogler would assist in the process.

It will be the first major coaching hire at Missouri for Reed-Francois, who was hired by the school in August.

"Coach Martin represented the university with an extremely high level of class and dignity," Reed-Francois said. "We are grateful for his contributions to our program, on and off the floor. He is not only a coach, but is a teacher, and he has impacted the lives of every student-athlete who came through the program over the last five years."

Martin was hired five years ago following the failed three-year tenure of Kim Anderson, promising to bring an exciting style of play along with high-level recruits. But most of those recruits, such as Michael Porter Jr., struggled with

injuries and the pieces never seemed to come together in Columbia, where Martin had a record of 78-77.

"Last game coaching? I'm good to go," he said Thursday night. "I'm at peace with whatever. I don't get consumed with that. I don't worry about that. If that's the best thing for both parties, then that's the best thing for both parties. But I won't waste any time with that. Whatever happens, happens."

"I'm going to let the chips fall where they may," Martin added, "but I have a tremendous peace of mind, and I'm going back to the hotel to relax with my family and then go from there."

Martin certainly had support from many of his rival coaches, including South Carolina's Frank Martin.

"Last time I checked they went to the NCAA Tournament last year, if I'm not mistaken," he said Thursday. "I don't know what this business is coming to when men like him get questioned on what they can and can't do, and get judged this year in this league coming off the year he had last year. We got major issues in this business if somebody that had that team top 20 in the country pretty much all season last year and went to the NCAA tournament (gets fired)."

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PHOTO BY CHRIS O'MEARA | AP PHOTO

Missouri head coach Cuonzo Martin calls a play during the second half of an NCAA men's college basketball Southeastern Conference tournament game against Mississippi Wednesday, March 9, 2022, in Tampa, Fla.



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Smith-Cotton senior Ayden Perkins fields a grounder in front of teammate Chase McMullin during a 2021 victory at Liberty Park Stadium in Sedalia.

## S-C baseball counting on growth, consistency

By **Bryan Everson**  
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A positive attitude and a hope that the kind of growth that occurred as last season wore on could determine what spring looks like for Smith-Cotton baseball.

The loss of the 2020 campaign seemed to hinder the Tigers as much as any program. With a record of 11-19, it was their first losing season since 2013. They scored an average of just 4.6 runs and allowed 8.1, both the lowest and highest since 2012, respectively.

"We didn't have nearly as much experience as what we've had in the past," said S-C head coach Kyle Zimmerman, regretful like many others that his team last year didn't get it when needed the year before. "We only had two or three guys that had extensive varsity experience before last year, so obviously it was disappointing compared to what we were hoping for. I think it was unexpected to have the year we had, but given how little we knew of what to expect, that's maybe what made it more shocking, not un-

knowing how guys would do in a game setting [as opposed to practice], and maybe we had higher expectations set than what was realistic."

Add to it that the competition was increasingly more difficult in the Central Missouri Activities Conference on top of a torrid non-conference slate.

"It's hard to say at the high school level, but I felt like we had one of the toughest schedules in the state of Missouri last year playing several teams that won their district and a couple that made it to the Final Four at different levels," said Zimmerman, referencing teams like Willard, a Class 5 state champion, and Blair Oaks, the Class 4 runner-up. "I think that'll stay true moving forward as well, and actually, our schedule may have gotten tougher this year."

Picking up more wins is going to require gains not just physically and in skills, but mentally.

Among those who will be missed from 2021 on the mound are Trint Grotzinger, who Zimmerman said became the

Tigers' go-to guy on the mound by the end of the year, as well as Jeff Goodson and Zach Simmons.

Otherwise, shortstop Adam Webb is the biggest loss, one that was felt prematurely after his senior season was cut short due to a wrist injury.

Included in the faces toeing the rubber this spring will be senior Ayden Perkins, who was limited there last season due to some arm soreness and fatigue. Also a senior, Bryce Crawford, is one of the team's better hitters and will be looked to on the hill despite having his 2021 season cut in half with a knee ailment.

The continuity in the batting order will come from senior first baseman Elias Washington, who can deliver power in the heart of the order, another all-CMAC selection, IF Carson Hunolt, and center fielder Sam Cash. Senior catcher Andrew Lazenby is another that can be included under that umbrella of constants.

Zimmerman believes one of the things that sets this year's group apart from others is its attitude.

"It's early and we're only practicing, but I've seen a much better attitude, and I think hopefully that'll lead to more consistency throughout games," he said. "We'll still have a decent amount of inexperience at the varsity level; [we're] turning over almost a whole new infield, but I think they're talented. When you haven't seen them, you don't know until they go do it."

The belief from Zimmerman is that there's the potential to finish well in the CMAC. Assessing how the Tigers might finish in districts will have to wait until they're released next week by MSHSAA.

"Goal number one is to do better than last year, but that's every year," Zimmerman said. "But I think if we play to our abilities, we can push for at least a top-3 finish in the conference. Our goal is to win it, but I think we can be a real player as long as everyone stays healthy and we put it together at the right time."

Weather cooperating, Smith-Cotton opens its season at home March 18 against Warrensburg.

## MLB spring camps open, Bieber in Guardians gear, Vlad Jr set

By **David Brandt**  
AP Sports Writer

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona Diamondbacks catcher Carson Kelly and manager Torey Lovullo shared a hug, a grin and a few slaps on the back under the bright blue sky that the Cactus League is known for providing.

The bickering is over. Baseball is back.

A day after owners and players reached agreement to end a 99-day lockout, all 30 spring training camps opened across Arizona and Florida. Now the four-week sprint begins in earnest to get ready for an April 7 opening day.

"We've been waiting for this for a while," D-backs infielder Josh Rojas said

before Friday's workout. "It's good we got everything done. I did my best to stay ready for this day, whenever it came. It happened fast."

Cleveland ace Shane Bieber limbered up in Guardians gear, Toronto

Blue Jays star Vladimir Guerrero Jr. began taking grounders and new St. Louis Cardinals manager Oliver Marmol signed autographs as spring training for major leaguers finally began.

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PHOTO BY MATT YORK | AP PHOTO

Arizona Diamondbacks' Pavin Smith, left, and Jake McCarthy report to the first day of spring training baseball, Friday, March 11, 2022, in Scottsdale, Ariz.

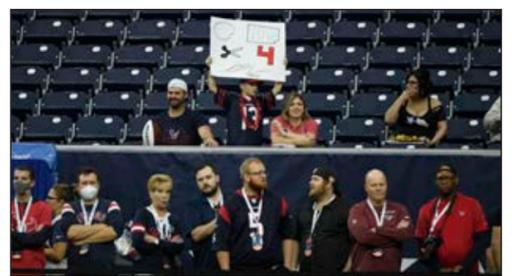
## No indictment for Texans QB Watson over sex assault claims

By **Juan A. Lozano**  
Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — A grand jury on Friday declined to indict Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson following a police investigation sparked by lawsuits filed by 22 women who have accused him of sexual assault and harassment.

The grand jury's decision came about a year after the women first filed their suits, accusing Watson of exposing himself, touching them with his penis or kissing them against their will during massage appointments. One woman alleged Watson forced her to perform oral sex.

Houston police began investigating Watson in April 2021 after a criminal complaint was filed. The FBI also was reviewing the allegations.



FILE PHOTO BY JUSTIN REX | AP PHOTO

A fan holds a sign about Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson before an NFL football game between the Houston Texans and the Tennessee Titans Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022, 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.

Prosecutors presented evidence and testimony to the grand jury for over six hours on Friday related to nine criminal complaints against Watson, Johna

Stallings, chief of the adult sex crimes and trafficking division with the Harris County District Attorney's Office, said.

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## SPORTS CALENDAR

### Saturday ON AIR

#### AFRICA LEAGUE BASKETBALL

8 a.m. NBATV — SLAC (Guinea) vs. CFV - Beira (Mozambique), Diamniadio, Senegal

#### AUTO RACING

9 a.m. FS1 — NHRA: Qualifying, Gainesville Raceway, Gainesville, Fla. (Taped)

10:30 a.m. FS1 — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Qualifying, Phoenix Raceway, Avondale, Ariz.

12:30 p.m. FS1 — NASCAR Cup Series: Qualifying, Phoenix Raceway, Avondale, Ariz.

1 p.m. FOX — NHRA: The NHRA Top Fuel NHRA All-Star Shootout, Gainesville Raceway, Gainesville, Fla.

3:30 p.m. FS1 — NASCAR Xfinity Series: The United Rentals 200, Phoenix Raceway, Avondale, Ariz.

6 p.m. FS1 — NHRA: Qualifying, Gainesville Raceway, Gainesville, Fla. (Taped)

7 p.m. CNBC — AMA Supercross: Round 10, Detroit

#### COLLEGE BASEBALL

3 p.m. ACCN — Virginia at Duke

SECN — Texas at South Carolina

6 p.m. ACCN — Boston College at Miami

#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

10 a.m. ESPN2 — America East Tournament: UMBC at Vermont, Championship

ESPN — Ivy League Tournament: Cornell vs. Princeton, Semifinal, Cambridge, Mass.

Noon CBS — Big Ten Tournament: TBD, Semifinal, Indianapolis

CBSSN — Atlantic 10 Tournament: TBD, Semifinal, Washington

ESPN — Southeastern Tournament: TBD, Semifinal, Tampa, Fla.

ESPN2 — Mid-Eastern Athletic Tournament: TBD, Championship, Norfolk, Va.

1 p.m. ESPN — Ivy League Tournament: Penn vs. Yale, Semifinal, Cambridge, Mass.

2 p.m. ESPN — Southeastern Tournament: TBD, Semifinal, Tampa, Fla.

ESPN2 — American Athletic Tournament: TBD, Semifinal, Fort Worth, Texas

2:30 p.m. CBS — Big Ten Tournament: TBD, Semifinal, Indianapolis

CBSSN — Atlantic 10 Tournament: TBD, Semifinal, Washington

3 p.m. ESPN — Metro Atlantic Tournament: TBD, Championship, Atlantic City, N.J.

4 p.m. ESPN2 — American Athletic Tournament: TBD, Semifinal, Fort Worth, Texas

5 p.m. CBS — Mountain West Tournament: TBD, Championship, Las Vegas

ESPN — Big 12 Tournament: TBD, Championship, Kansas City, Mo.

ESPN — Southwestern Athletic Tournament: TBD, Championship, Birmingham, Ala.

5:30 p.m. FOX — Big East Tournament: TBD, Championship, New York

6:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Mid-American Tournament: TBD, Championship, Cleveland

7 p.m. ESPN — Big Sky Tournament: TBD, Championship, Boise, Idaho

7:30 p.m. CBSSN — Conference USA Tournament: TBD, Championship, Frisco, Texas

ESPN — Atlantic Coast Tournament: TBD, Championship, Brooklyn, N.Y.

8 p.m. FOX — Pac-12 Tournament: TBD, Championship, Las Vegas

8:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Southland Tournament: TBD, Championship, Katy, Texas

9 p.m. ESPN — Western Athletic Tournament: TBD, Championship, Las Vegas

10:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Big West Tournament: TBD, Championship, Henderson, Nev.

#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

10 a.m. CBSSN — Mid-American Tournament: TBD, Championship, Cleveland

ESPN — Metro Atlantic Tournament: TBD, Championship, Atlantic City, N.J.

4 p.m. ESPN — Ivy League Tournament: TBD, Championship, Cambridge, Mass.

4:30 p.m. CBSSN — Conference USA Tournament: TBD, Championship, Frisco, Texas

#### COLLEGE GYMNASTICS (WOMEN'S)

4 p.m. PAC-12N — UC Davis at UCLA

#### COLLEGE HOCKEY (MEN'S)

5:30 p.m. BTN — Big Ten Tournament: Notre Dame at Michigan, Semifinal

8 p.m. BTN — Big Ten Tournament: Penn St. at Minnesota, Semifinal

#### COLLEGE LACROSSE (MEN'S)

2:30 p.m. BTN — Notre Dame at Ohio St.

#### COLLEGE SOFTBALL

11 a.m. SECN — Mississippi St. at Florida

1 p.m. ACCN — Florida St. at Georgia Tech

SECN — Tennessee at Missouri

6 p.m. SECN — Texas A&M at Auburn

#### GOLF

Noon NBC — PGA Tour: The Players Championship, Third Round, Players Stadium Course, Palm Valley, Fla.

12:30 a.m. (Sunday)

GOLF — LPGA Tour: The Honda LPGA Thailand, Final Round, Siam Country Club - Pattaya Old Course, Chonburi, Thailand

#### HORSE RACING

Noon FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races

#### MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

8 p.m. SHO — Bellator 276: Adam Borics vs. Mads Burnell (Featherweights), St. Louis

#### NBA BASKETBALL

7:30 p.m. ABC — Milwaukee at Golden State

#### NHL HOCKEY

11:30 a.m. NHLN — St. Louis at Nashville

2 p.m. ABC — Philadelphia at Carolina

6 p.m. NHLN — Seattle at Montreal

#### PARALYMPICS

2:30 a.m. USA — Para Snowboarding (Men's & Women's Banked Slalom Finals)

4 a.m. USA — Sled Hockey Semifinal (U.S. vs. China) (Taped)

6:05 a.m. USA — Sled Hockey (Bronze Medal Game)

8 a.m. USA — Women's Para Cross-Country Skiing (7.5km Sitting) (Taped)

Noon NBC — Daytime: Paralympics Coverage (Taped)

2:30 p.m. USA — Para Cross-Country Skiing (Finals); Men's Para Alpine Skiing (Slalom); Para Snowboarding (Banked Slalom Finals) (Taped)

7 p.m. NBC — Primetime: Paralympics Coverage (Taped)

8 p.m. USA — Para Cross-Country Skiing (Mixed Relay Final)

8:45 p.m. USA — Men's Para Alpine Skiing (Slalom) (Taped)

10:05 p.m. USA — Sled Hockey (Gold Medal Game)

12:30 a.m. (Sunday) USA — Men's Para Alpine Skiing (Slalom) (Taped)

2:30 a.m. (Sunday) USA — Para Cross-Country Skiing (Open Relay Final) (Slalom)

4:30 a.m. (Sunday) USA — Paralympic Coverage (Taped)

#### PWHPA HOCKEY

3 p.m. NHLN — Rivalry Rematch: U.S. vs. Canada, Pittsburgh

#### RUGBY (MEN'S)

9 a.m. CNBC — Six Nations: Wales vs. France, Round 4, Cardiff, Wales (Taped)

11 a.m. CNBC — Six Nations: Italy vs. Scotland, Round 4, Rome (Taped)

1 p.m. CNBC — Six Nations: England vs. Ireland, Round 4, London (Taped)

11 p.m. FS2 — NRL: Gold Coast at Parramatta

7 a.m. CBSSN — UEFA Champions League: Paris Saint-Germain at Real Madrid, Round of 16 Leg 2 (Taped)

9 a.m. USA — Premier League: Burnley at Brentford

2:30 p.m. FOX — MLS: LA Galaxy at Seattle

#### SOCCER (WOMEN'S)

7 p.m. FS2 — CONCACAF U-20 Championships: Puerto Rico vs. Canada, 3rd Place Game, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (Taped)

9 p.m. FS2 — CONCACAF U-20 Championships: U.S. vs. Mexico, Final, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (Taped)

#### TENNIS

Noon TENNIS — BNP Paribas Open-ATP/WTA Early Rounds

#### Sunday ON TAP BASEBALL

Noon State Fair Community College at St. Charles Community College

1 p.m. Emporia State at Central Missouri

3 p.m. State Fair Community College at St. Charles Community College

4 p.m. Emporia State at Central Missouri

#### COLLEGE SOFTBALL

2 p.m. State Fair Community College at Crowder College

4 p.m. Central Missouri at Missouri Southern

State Fair Community College at Crowder College

6 p.m. Central Missouri at Missouri Southern

#### ON AIR AHL HOCKEY

3 p.m. NHLN — Grand Rapids at Chicago

#### AUTO RACING

2:30 p.m. FOX — NASCAR Cup Series: The Ruoff Mortgage 500, Phoenix Raceway, Avondale, Ariz.

6 p.m. FS1 — NHRA: The AMALIE Motor Oil NHRA Gatornationals, Gainesville Raceway, Gainesville, Fla. (Taped)

#### BOWLING

Noon FOX — PBA: The WSOB World Championship, Wauwatosa, Wis.

#### COLLEGE BASEBALL

5 p.m. PAC-12N — Southern at UCLA

#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

11 a.m. ESPN2 — Ivy League Tournament: TBD, Championship, Cambridge, Mass.

Noon CBS — Atlantic 10 Tournament: TBD, Championship, Washington

ESPN — Southeastern Tournament: TBD, Championship, Tampa, Fla.

2:15 p.m. ESPN — American Athletic Tournament: TBD, Championship, Fort Worth, Texas

2:30 p.m. CBS — Big Ten Tournament: TBD, Championship, Indianapolis

5 p.m. CBS — NCAA Men's Basketball Championship Selection Show

8 p.m. ESPN — NIT Selection Special

#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

11 a.m. CBSSN — Patriot League Tournament: Bucknell at American, Championship

ESPN — Northeast Tournament: TBD, Championship

1 p.m. CBSSN — Patriot League Tournament: TBD, Championship, Katy, Texas

ESPN2 — Big 12 Tournament: TBD, Championship, Kansas City, Mo.

ESPN — Missouri Valley Tournament: TBD, Championship, Moline, Ill.

7 p.m. ESPN — NCAA Women's Basketball Selection Special

ESPN2 — NCAA Women's Basketball Selection Special

#### COLLEGE GYMNASTICS (MEN'S)

2:30 p.m. BTN — Michigan at Illinois

#### COLLEGE LACROSSE (MEN'S)

3 p.m. ESPN — Syracuse at Johns Hopkins

#### COLLEGE LACROSSE (WOMEN'S)

2 p.m. PAC-12N — Colorado at Arizona St.

3 p.m. PAC-12N — Oregon at Southern Cal

#### COLLEGE SOFTBALL

11 a.m. ACCN — Boston College at North Carolina

1 p.m. ACCN — Notre Dame at Virginia

SECN — Georgia at South Carolina

3 p.m. ACCN — NC State at Duke

SECN — Mississippi St. at Florida

#### COLLEGE TRACK AND FIELD

8:30 p.m. ESPN — NCAA Men

#### GOLF

Noon NBC — PGA Tour: The Players Championship, Final Round, Players Stadium Course, Palm Valley, Fla.

#### HORSE RACING

2 p.m. FS1 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races

3:30 p.m. FS1 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races

#### NBA BASKETBALL

Noon ABC — New York at Brooklyn

2:30 p.m. ABC — Dallas at Boston

8 p.m. ESPN — LA Lakers at Phoenix

#### NBA G LEAGUE BASKETBALL

2 p.m. NBATV — Iowa at Austin

#### NHL HOCKEY

3 p.m. TNT — Toronto at Buffalo

#### PARALYMPICS

2:30 a.m. USA — Para Cross-Country Skiing (Open Relay Final) (Slalom)

4:30 a.m. USA — Paralympic Coverage (Taped)

6:30 a.m. USA — The 2022 Paralympic Winter Games Closing Ceremony: From Beijing

11 a.m. NBC — Daytime: Paralympics Coverage (Taped)

2 p.m. USA — Sled Hockey (Gold Medal Game) (Taped)

#### RODEO

4 p.m. CBSSN — PBR: The U.S. Border Patrol Invitational, Championship Round, Glendale, Ariz.

#### RUGBY (MEN'S)

6 p.m. FS2 — MLR: Utah at Los Angeles

#### SOCCER (MEN'S)

6 a.m. CBSSN — UEFA Champions League: TBA (Taped)

8 a.m. CBSSN — UEFA Champions League: TBA (Taped)

9 a.m. USA — Premier League: Aston Villa at West Ham United

11:30 a.m. USA — Premier League: Leicester City at Arsenal

3:30 p.m. FS1 — MLS: Charlotte FC at Atlanta United FC

4 p.m. ESPN2 — USL: Tampa Bay at Birmingham

8 p.m. FS2 — Liga MX: Tijuana at Santos Laguna

#### SOCCER (WOMEN'S)

7:30 a.m. CNBC — FASL: Manchester City at Tottenham Hotspur

#### TENNIS

Noon TENNIS — BNP Paribas Open-ATP/WTA Early Rounds

## Murray outlasts Daniel at Indian Wells for 700th career win

### By The Associated Press

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) — Andy Murray outlasted qualifier Taro Daniel 1-6, 6-2, 6-4 on Friday in the first round of the BNP Paribas Open for his 700th career victory.

"It does mean a lot to me because I know how difficult it's been, certainly the last few years," Murray said, referring to numerous injuries and a bout with COVID-19. "When you look at the players that have done it, most of the players that are up there and have won that many matches are certainly the best players of the last sort of 30, 40 years."

Murray, who received a wild card into the desert

tournament, twice came from behind in the nearly two-hour match. He overcame a 1-3 deficit in the third set, winning five of the final six games.

"There were points in the match where I did play pretty well," Murray said. "But there's also times in the match where it was poor. I really need to try and find that consistency."

Murray broke Daniel to tie the set 3-all. The 34-year-old Scottish star led 40-love in the last game before closing it out on his third match point.

It was their third meeting this year. Ranked 106th, Daniel won at the Australian Open. Murray, who is 88th in the world, won in Doha last month.

Murray has never won at Indian Wells. His best finish came in 2009, when he lost to Rafael Nadal in the final. He was a semifinalist in 2007 and 2015, losing to Novak Djokovic both times.

Emma Raducanu followed Murray on the stadium court 1 and beat Caroline Garcia 6-1, 3-6, 6-1. Murray has been supportive of the 19-year-old Brit who won the U.S. Open last year.

They shared a fist bump when Murray exited the court and Raducanu was waiting to go on.

"It's always like a weird one when you're following someone who has just won," she said. "You're like, 'I really want to do the

same.' It kind of gives you the extra fuel. I was really happy for him."

In other women's action, No. 3 Iga Swiatek beat Anhelina Kalinina 5-7, 6-0, 6-1. The first set featured seven combined service breaks. From there, Swiatek dropped just one game.

"I think at the beginning, I was too focused on the conditions. I was a little bit distracted by what was going on with the wind," Swiatek said on court after the match. "I'm pretty happy that I could turn my hat on to fight mode and really stay focused because that was the key."

No. 7 Karolina Pliskova served seven aces in losing to Danka Kovinic 2-6, 7-5, 6-4 in her season debut.



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Andy Murray, of Britain, returns a shot against Taro Daniel, of Japan, at the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament Friday, March 11, 2022, in Indian Wells, Calif.

Pliskova missed the first two months of the season with her arm in a cast from an offseason training injury.

Petra Martic beat No. 19 Tamara Zidansek 7-5, 7-6 (6). No. 24 Simona Halep and No. 26 Sorana Cirstea also won.

## HOROSCOPES

By Georgia Nicols

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

**Happy Birthday for Saturday, March 12, 2022:**

Basically, you are a gentle and easygoing person who gets along with others. You are skilled with words and know how to make others feel comfortable. This year you have a strong zest for life, which is why you will enjoy socializing and interacting with others. It's to let your hair down and listen up a bit. Enjoy!

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)**

★★★★★ This is a lovely, upbeat day! Even though you might prefer to stay in the background, you will have a pleasant day. Some of you will cocoon at home or have an important conversation with a female family member. Tonight: Enjoy home life.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

★★★★★ Today you feel optimistic and it shows. You will enjoy errands, short trips and busy chores. You also will enjoy touching base with friends, especially younger people, as well as members of clubs and organizations. Everyone is in a positive mood today! Tonight: Fantasize and dream.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

★★★★★ This is an excellent day for business and commerce. Explore financial negotiations as well as ways for you to perhaps boost your income. If shopping, you might shell out for big-ticket items. Be smart and save your receipts so there are no regrets. Tonight: Save your money.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

★★★★★ This is a feel-good day for you because the Moon is in your sign dancing with lucky Jupiter. This means you will enjoy interactions with family, as well as tidying your home so that you have a warm feeling in your tummy. Explore travel plans and exchanges with people from other cultures. Learn something new! Tonight: Relax.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

★★★★★ Today you are happy to keep a low profile because it feels better. You want to step outside of the busyness of your surroundings so you can catch your breath. This is the day to enjoy time to yourself because it will make you feel pampered and relaxed. Tonight: Sympathize.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

★★★★★ This is a wonderful day to socialize with others because everyone is more easygoing than usual. People have a friendly disposition and are willing to converse. In particular, you will enjoy interacting with conferences, conventions or clubs. Tonight: Listen to a friend.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

★★★★★ You make a wonderful impression on others today, especially bosses, parents, teachers and the police. Because you look so good in their eyes, this is obviously the right time to make your pitch or ask for permission or approval for what you want. Tonight: Clarify your position.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

★★★★★ Travel plans or chances to explore further education and training appeal to you today. This is also a good day to check out opportunities in publishing, the media, medicine and the law, because all these areas hold opportunities for you today. Tonight: Think for yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

★★★★★ When it comes to money and assets, information is power. This is an excellent day to figure out what you owe and what you own. Conversations about shared property, estates, wills and insurance matters will be supportive and beneficial to you. Tonight: Be generous.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ With tact and tolerance, this can be a positive day for you. Someone close to you might introduce you to a new friend. Basically, people are warm and friendly today; however, because the Moon is opposite your sign, you have to go along to get along. Tonight: Be caring.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ This is an ideal day to deal with pets. It's also a great day to work. In fact, many of you are involved in work-related travel. Because people will be supportive of you, this is a good day to form working units to get any task done. Domestic peace and happiness are important today. Tonight: Listen.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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Texas A&M guard Tyrece Radford (23) drives around Auburn guard K.D. Johnson (0) during the second half of an NCAA men's college basketball Southeastern Conference tournament game Friday, March 11, 2022, in Tampa, Fla.

## Surging Texas A&M stuns No. 4 Auburn 67-62 in SEC tourney

By Fred Goodall

AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Texas A&M isn't done reviving its season after an arduous, month-long tailspin threatened its chances of earning a spot in the NCAA Tournament.

The Aggies improved to 7-1 since an eight-game skid, bolstering their case to get at least an at-large berth with a 67-62 victory over fourth-ranked Auburn in the quarterfinals of the Southeastern Conference Tournament.

"It's something that we needed to go through. Everything that we went through earlier in the season literally has prepared us for now. Every game that we lost was a test," Aggies leading scorer Quenton Jackson said.

"At some point you've got to pass the test," Jackson added. "You study, you study, you study, you study. We failed eight times. But the ninth time, we won."

Tyrece Radford scored 19 points and Jackson made five throws in the

final minute Friday as Texas A&M won its sixth straight and avenged a 75-58 loss in February to the SEC regular-season champions.

Jackson also had a dunk and a key block late, finishing with 17 points as Texas A&M (22-11) followed up an 83-80 overtime victory over Florida with another strong outing. Auburn (27-5) was presented with the regular-season trophy before the game, then struggled mightily.

The Tigers missed 15 of their first 17 3-point attempts. They finished 9 of 36 behind the arc while shooting 30.4% overall.

"Give A&M credit. They played inspired. They played like their hair was on fire because they're trying to get into the NCAA Tournament," said Auburn coach Bruce Pearl, who urged his team to keep the loss in perspective with the start of the NCAAs less than a week away.

"We wanted to win this championship. We wanted to build momentum going in, and we got beat

by a really good team," Pearl added. "But our guys are pretty humble and pretty hungry. We still are."

Jabari Smith led Auburn with 17 points. Walker Kessler had 16 points, while Wendell Green Jr. made four long 3-pointers to fuel a late comeback that fell short when Jackson delivered a dunk coming out of a timeout and went 5 of 6 from the foul line down the stretch.

Auburn, ranked No. 1 much of the winter, fell to 3-3 over its last six games.

"They're one of the most talented teams — not only in our league, but in our country," Texas A&M coach Buzz Williams said. "Their talent overwhelms you, and it's hard to decide how you're going to play them."

Texas A&M won 15 of 17 games to start the season and was 4-0 in the SEC before hitting its tough stretch. The final loss in the skid was at Auburn, and the Aggies have been on a mission to rescue their season ever since.

Williams said he's doesn't know if the Aggies have already accomplished enough in Tampa to ensure a bid when the NCAA Tournament field is announced on Sunday.

"We've won two games. Is that enough? I don't know," the Aggies coach said. "I am wise enough to understand that if we would not have won seven of our past eight, it wouldn't even be a conversation."

For the second straight day, the Aggies started strongly in building a double-digit halftime lead. But unlike Thursday, when Florida rallied to force overtime, Auburn was unable to fully overcome 16% shooting that left the Tigers trailing 37-21 at halftime.

Green made four long 3s from the same spot on the court to help Auburn get back in the game after missing seven of his first eight shots.

Henry Coleman had 16 points, helping Radford carry Texas A&M much of the afternoon while Jackson was riding the bench with three fouls.

## Agbaji leads No. 6 KU past TCU 75-62 in Big 12 semifinals

By Dave Skretta

AP Basketball Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Ochai Agbaji curled off a screen and was wide open for a rim-rattling ally-ooop dunk, the inbound play perfectly executed if only Kansas teammate Dajuan Harris had lofted him the ball in the Big 12 quarterfinals.

Harris didn't make the same mistake against TCU in Friday night's semifinals.

This time, Agbaji soared through the air of T-Mobile Center and caught Harris' pass well above the rim, throwing it down with a one-handed slam. It punctuated a 22-point performance by the Big 12 Player of the Year, and a 75-62 victory over the Horned Frogs that sent the Jayhawks into Saturday night's championship game.

"It kind of happened so fast. It didn't really set in until I was at half court and everyone was going crazy," Agbaji said. "I just watched replay of it and it was crazy. That was just a really good pass."

One that should have been delivered the previous day, too.

"We've run it a few times," Jayhawks coach Bill Self said. "I got into him for not throwing it — he was even more open yesterday than he was today. But Juan threw a perfect pass and Och gave it a pretty good finish."

It was a pretty good game all around for the Jayhawks (27-6), who will play Texas Tech or Oklahoma for their 16th league tournament title and 12th in the Big 12 era. Mitch Lightfoot added 15 points while getting extended minutes in place of injured big man David McCormack, and Remy Martin had 10 points in a confidence-building performance of his own.

"I felt great just being out there, doing anything I can to contribute to the win," said Martin, the Arizona State transfer who has battled injuries all season. "I'm here to win a national championship. I'm here to win the tournament."

Chuck O'Bannon had 15 points to lead TCU (20-12), whose own

NCAA Tournament resume includes five wins over ranked teams this season. Mike Miles shook off a shooting slump to add 14 points for the Horned Frogs.

"I anticipated us playing better than we did but they really took it to us, a far more physical team than us tonight, far more aggressive," TCU coach Jamie Dixon said. "I like how we battled and stayed with it, but it just wasn't our night."

The Horned Frogs and Jayhawks played two tough games just last week, thanks to a COVID-19 rescheduling. They split them, with each team winning at home, but the Jayhawks needed every bit of Allen Fieldhouse magic that they could muster to escape with a 72-68 win in Lawrence.

Self spent about 10 minutes afterward lamenting the myriad matchup problems TCU presents.

There weren't any problems — matchup or otherwise — in the Big 12 semifinals.

TCU scored the game's first four points,

but Kansas soon pulled ahead 10-9 on Braun's 3-pointer. That was the start of an 11-0 run that forced Dixon to call timeout.

Kansas also had five- and six-point bursts to extend the lead later in the first half, and the Jayhawks cruised into the locker room with a 44-30 advantage.

The dominance came largely at the defensive end, where Kansas forced three shot-clock violations in the first half.

The Jayhawks forced another in the second half after TCU had narrowed the gap to 54-44 with about 16 minutes to play. The Jayhawks answered with eight straight points, the last two coming from Martin after a shot-clock violation, and that gave Self's squad all the room it needed to cruise through the final 10 minutes and into the title game.

"They're a great team, they have great players — Agbaji is great," Miles said. "You have to give credit to them. They just played better than us."

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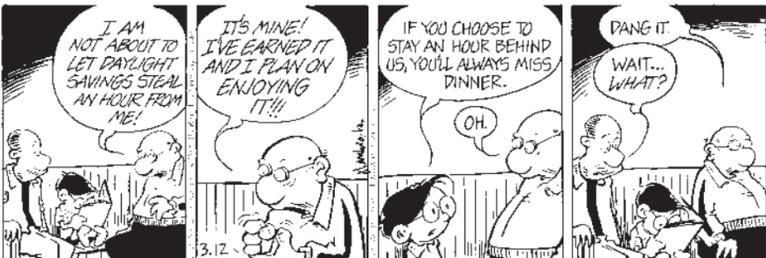
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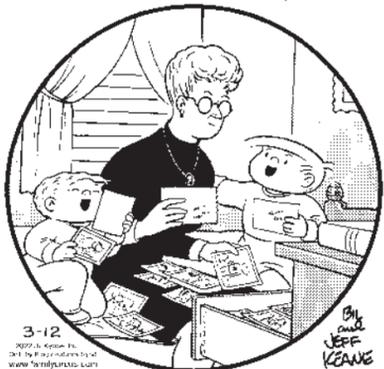
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**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

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"DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME? WHERE DO THEY PUT ALL THE DAYLIGHT WE'RE SAVING?"

"These are FUNNY, Grandma! I like lookin' at pictures of Daddy when he was little."

**CROSSWORD**

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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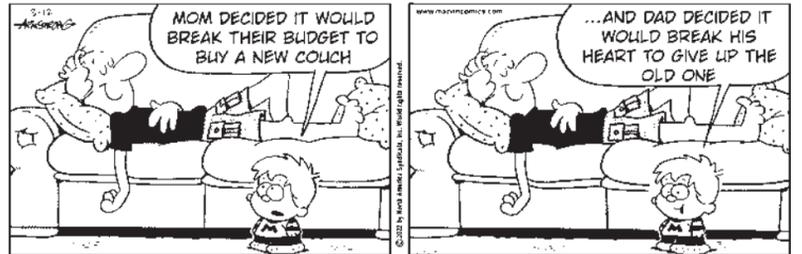
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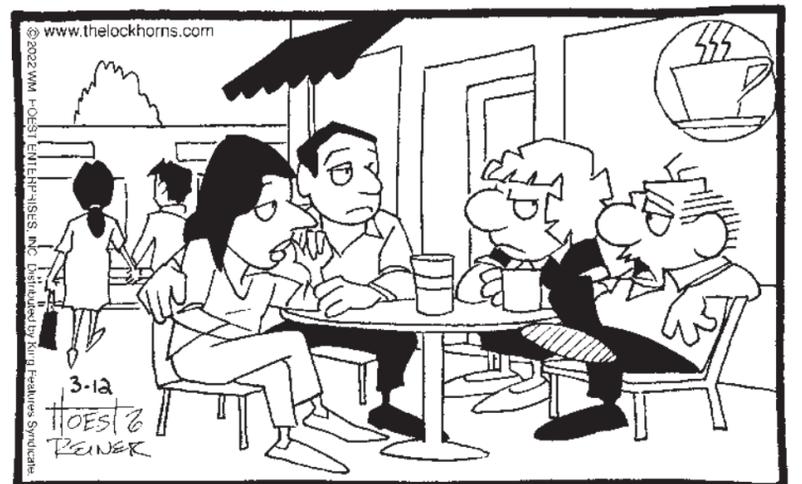
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**SUDOKU**

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

**Conceptis Sudoku**

By Dave Green

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# Coach K reaches ACC championship in his final tournament

**By Ralph D. Russo**  
AP College Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Paolo Banchero had 18 points and 11 rebounds and No. 7 Duke held off Miami with free throws in the final minute as the Blue Devils and retiring coach Mike Krzyzewski advanced to the Atlantic Coast Conference championship with an 80-76 victory Friday night.

Top-seeded Duke (28-5) will face the winner of the second semifinal between third-seeded North Carolina and seventh-seeded Virginia Tech in Saturday night's championship at Barclays Center.

AJ Griffin scored 21 points, including three free throws in the final 20 seconds to seal Coach K's 22nd appearance in the ACC title game.

Krzyzewski has won

a conference-record 15 ACC championships.

Kameron McGusty scored 24 points to lead the Hurricanes (23-10), who beat the Blue Devils on the road earlier this season and appear to be in solid shape for an NCAA Tournament bid.

The size and strength of the Blue Devils in the paint was hard to handle for the Hurricanes. Banchero, coming off a poor shooting game against Syracuse, was 8 for 10 from the field with almost all of his damage coming inside.

But Krzyzewski has been complaining about Duke's defensive play recently and this was another soft performance on that end — until the last five minutes.

McGusty and Jordan Miller (17 points, 11

rebounds) got plenty of good looks on mid-range jumpers and getting to the hoop. The two combined to shoot 19 for 35 as the Hurricanes finished 47 percent from the floor.

Sam Waardenburg made a corner 3 for Miami with 5 minutes left that tied the score at 65 with 5:00 left. The "Canes then went more than four minutes without another field goal.

Wendell Moore Jr. made two free throws for Duke with 58.6 seconds left to put the Blue Devils up 72-69.

Duke nudged the lead up to 77-71 with more free throws before another corner 3 by Waardenburg cut the lead to 3 with 16.7 seconds left, but the Hurricanes never got another chance to tie or take the lead.



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Duke's Paolo Banchero (5) celebrates scoring and drawing a foul in the first half of an NCAA college basketball game against Miami during semifinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference men's tournament, Friday, March 11, 2022, in New York.

The Hurricanes led by as many as 11 in the first half, but Griffin scored 12 straight points late for Duke and Jeremy Roach

closed the half with a full-court dash and layup to tie it at 36.

Duke last won the ACC Tournament in 2019

with Zion Williamson. The Blue Devils also won the first ACC Tournament played in Brooklyn in 2017.

# Penguins' GM Hextall not in a rush ahead of trade deadline

**By Will Graves**

AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ron Hextall doesn't sound like a man in a hurry to make a deal.

The Pittsburgh Penguins general manager said Friday he is happy with his team's depth and while he will search for moves that make sense by the NHL's March 21 trade deadline, he's not in a rush with the Penguins firmly in playoff position with less than two months to go in the regular season.

"Would we like to add a little bit up front? Yeah, that would be a fair statement," Hextall said. "But I feel good. I don't feel like I have to do anything. But if we can get better, we're certainly going to try."

Hextall inherited a talented roster but a somewhat depleted prospect pool a year ago when he was hired to replace Jim Rutherford. He's made an effort to bolster that pool while surrounding stars Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and Kris Letang — all in their mid-30s — with enough talent to keep the franchise's Stanley Cup window open.

To make any sort of splash by the deadline would likely require parting with the few high-end prospects who are on the cusp of the NHL — such as defenseman P.O. Joseph, or a first-round draft pick, which they've had just one of since 2014. It's not exactly a route Hextall seems particularly willing to go down.

The Penguins are also tight against the salary cap, meaning they may have to give up an expensive asset to get one. That may be easier said than done at the moment. Enigmatic forward Kasper Kapanen, with a \$3.2 million contract, has just nine goals in 57 games this season and was demoted during a loss to Florida on Tuesday night.

Pittsburgh coach Mike Sullivan demurred when asked if Kapanen would be in the lineup for Friday night's visit by Vegas, saying only that all players available would be game-time decisions.

Kapanen is hardly alone among a group

of supplemental scorers who are struggling at the moment. Evan Rodrigues, who helped carry the Penguins through the team's injury-marred first half of the season, has just one goal since Jan. 8. Zach Aston-Reese has one goal all year. Dominik Simon only three.

Hextall's remedy is for those players to do a better job of getting to the net in an effort to make something happen.

"I think when you're not scoring, you need to dig in a little bit more and get to the net," he said. "I think we can do a better job with that. That said, we have confidence that if we can't do something (in a trade) that we do have enough scoring. Would we like to add a little bit, as I've said, 'of course.'"

The problem is the kind of player that Hextall covets — someone who has no issues wreaking havoc near the goal crease — is hard to come by and the market for any available will be fierce.

"I mean you'd love all your players to be 6-2 and 220 pounds, skilled, fast and everything else," he said. "It's just not the way it works."

Hextall also pointed to his team's play against the

bigger, somewhat more physical New York Islanders in last year's postseason as proof the Penguins can't be easily pushed around. New York won the series in six games, thanks in large part to shaky play by Pittsburgh goaltender Tristan Jarry and not because they were intimidated or pushed around.

"You can look and say, 'Well, we probably deserve to win that series,'" Hextall said. "And it's like we played against a big, heavy, hard team that we played through and played very well. So I like the way we play."

Hextall added the team has been in talks with Malkin and Letang about contract extensions. Both of the three-time Stanley Cup winners are in the final year of their current deals. Hextall called the franchise fixtures "two of our top priorities."

"Hopefully at some point, we can make something happen that works for both sides as well as (forward Bryan Rust)," Hextall said. "So we'll continue those talks, whether we shut them down at the trade deadline or not, I'm not sure yet."

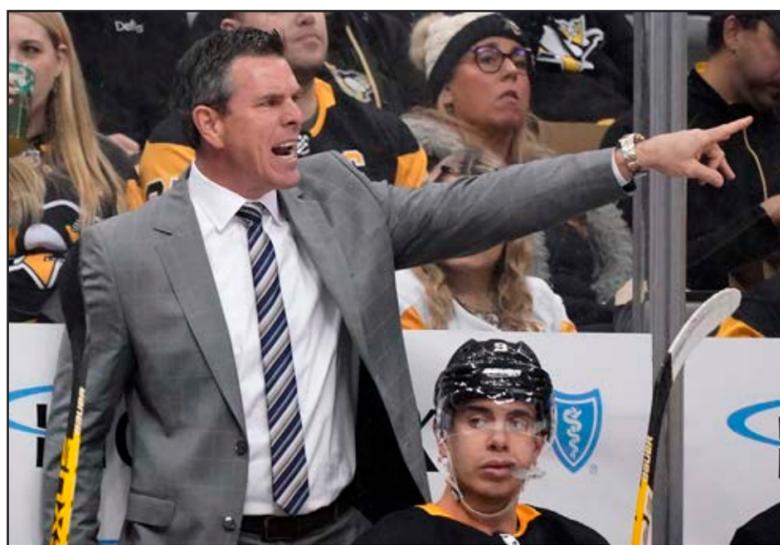


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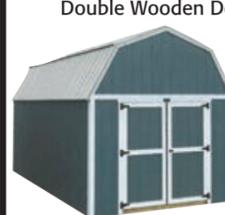
Pittsburgh Penguins coach Mike Sullivan directs a power play during the second period of the team's NHL hockey game against the Florida Panthers in Pittsburgh, Tuesday, March 8, 2022. The Panthers won 4-3.



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# Claims

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She declined to say what possible charges were presented to the grand jury for consideration.

"We respect the grand jury's decision," Stallings said.

Stallings said that decision ended criminal proceedings related to Watson in Harris County, where Houston is located.

Watson's lawyers have said "some sexual activity" happened during some of the massage appointments but that he never coerced anyone.

At a news conference outside his lawyer's office building, Watson said he was grateful for the grand jury's decision.

"It's definitely a very emotional moment for me. We're far from being done handling what we need to handle on the legal side but today is definitely a big day and I thank my lord and savior Jesus Christ for letting the truth be heard ... I'm going to continue to just keep pushing forward and build my name back to where it was if not better," Watson said.

Rusty Hardin, Watson's lead attorney, said that the NFL star "has not done a single thing wrong and this is the first step for that."

Tony Buzbee, the attorney representing the 22 women, said the criminal case is separate from the civil cases and he will continue the process of questioning Watson as the lawsuits move toward trial.

Earlier Friday, Buzbee

questioned Watson during a deposition, the first the NFL star has given as part of the lawsuits.

"The civil cases will continue to gather steam. We take Mr. Watson's deposition again Tuesday. Respect the process," Buzbee said.

Eight of the women who sued Watson filed criminal complaints against him with Houston police and had been set to appear before the grand jury. Two other women who didn't sue Watson also filed police complaints.

Watson's lawyers have sought to balance their defense of the NFL star while simultaneously condemning sexual violence against women. They have called the lawsuits a "money grab" and claimed that all 22 women who sued 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.

Hardin said Friday that he always urged the women to file criminal complaints so they could be heard and police could investigate.

"We were vindicated in the sense that ...if law enforcement thoroughly looked at these matters, that we'd have the result we had today," Hardin said.

Even before the lawsuits were filed in March 2021, Watson had asked to be traded. The trade request and the lawsuits kept Watson out all last season. The Texans were expected to try and trade Watson this offseason.

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said the league is "closely monitoring all developments" and that matter "remains under review of the personal conduct policy."

No trial date has been set for the lawsuits.

The deposition of Watson for the civil cases took place in the offices of Hardin's law firm, located about half a mile (0.8 km) away from the Harris County criminal courthouse in downtown Houston, where the grand jury met.

Watson invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination during the deposition, Hardin said.

"No lawyer in America would let their client testify in a court case with the same matters being considered by a grand jury," Hardin said.

With the criminal investigation over, "we are happy to move forward with the civil case depositions" Hardin said.

Buzbee said that Watson's refusal to answer his questions Friday only bolstered the women's allegations.

"If he did nothing wrong, why not just say that?" Buzbee said.

Hardin said Buzbee's only goal on Friday was to ask Watson "salacious questions" and release transcripts to the media to make him look bad.

Hardin and Buzbee are two of the best-known lawyers in Texas. Hardin is a civil and criminal defense attorney who represented ex-pitcher Roger Clemens when he was acquitted in 2012 of charges that he lied to Congress by denying he used performance-enhancing drugs.

# MLB

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At the complex in Good-year that Cleveland shares with the Cincinnati Reds, some big names got loose.

Bieber, the 2020 AL Cy Young Award winner, and All-Star third baseman José Ramírez were among the players sporting Guardians garb who went through light workouts following check-in physicals. The team formally changed its name from Indians following last season.

Bo Bichette and José Berríos were among those joining Guerrero in getting busy at the Blue Jays' camp in Dunedin, Florida. Sunday is the mandatory reporting date for players, but many were eager to get to work early.

Rojas was among a large contingent of Diamond-backs players who reported to camp in Scottsdale. Like many players, he had been attending informal workouts at various fields in Arizona while labor talks intensified. The union had even set up a makeshift base in Mesa, Arizona, at a multi-purpose sports facility, but that was starting to clear out on Friday as players reported to their regular camps.

"We did a really good job staying ready," Rojas said. "There were lots of places where 15, 20, 30 guys were meeting up, running our own practices. Groundballs, live bullpens, live at-bats, hitting on the field."

In Tampa, Florida, New York Yankees star DJ LeMahieu was among a multi-team group working out for the last time at a high school field less than a mile from New York's complex. Boston's Rafael Devers and Philadelphia's J.T. Realmuto, Didi Gregorius and

Andrew McCutchen also have been taking part over the last month.

LeMahieu hugged and shook hands with some of the other players after the session.

"For sure, officially the last unofficial workout," he said.

St. Louis outfielders Harrison Bader and Tyler O'Neill were at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter, Florida, where the Cardinals and Miami Marlins share the complex. Last week, Mets star Max Scherzer was at the ballpark, too, as part of the negotiating teams working on a new collective bargaining agreement.

"It's good to be back, to be out here, fans, everything. Back is all you can ask for," Marlins outfielder/first baseman Garrett Cooper said as he drove away.

"I'm glad it all came together and we're going to finish 162 games. That was big for a lot of people just to play a full season in front of everybody and to be back here with COVID and all that stuff past us. Just to have a normal 162 games is big for us," he said.

On this day, with temperatures in the 80s under partly sunny skies on Florida's east coast, most everyone seemed ready to turn the talk from the CBA to ERAs and RBIs.

"Fans have been through quite a bit lately," Texas Rangers president Jon Daniels said.

Said Yankees slugger Luke Voit: "I just didn't want to lose fans. They deserve for us to be out there already."

Ron Hoskins and son Shawn had made the trek from St. Louis to Jupiter two weeks ago when it appeared Major League Baseball and the union were close to reaching a deal. The settlement came too late for them to see any

Grapefruit League play — they're scheduled to return home Saturday, and the exhibition season begins next Thursday.

"Unfortunately, I will not be able to see a spring training game here this year," Hoskins said.

The trip wasn't a complete loss for Hoskins.

Donning his white Yadier Molina replica jersey, Hoskins wheeled Shawn, who has Down syndrome, to the ballpark. They were among a group of a dozen or so fans and autograph seekers waiting outside the gates, hoping to catch a glimpse of anything major league baseball.

While they didn't see any big leaguers, Hoskins and his son got to meet Marmol, who was promoted from bench coach to Cardinals manager after last season.

Reaching through the gate, Marmol squatted and reached his arm through the fence to sign the shirt of 37-year-old Shawn.

"I liked it," Shawn said.

Cardinals CEO Bill DeWitt was disappointed to hear Hoskins and his son will miss out.

"Sorry it worked out this way. It's too bad they can't stay a few more days and see the workouts and so forth. It's obviously disappointing that we didn't start on time," DeWitt said.

At George M. Steinbrenner Field in Tampa, Yankees fans were asking about spring training tickets, with games set to begin next week. Inside the team store, new shirts with "Grapefruit League 22" were in stock and new TVs were being put up in the restaurants inside the park.

Many players also have work to do.

Freddie Freeman, Carlos Correa and Clayton Kershaw were among more than 100 free agents without a contract as camps opened.

# Fired

From Page 1B

"When is the last time you read about Cuonzo Martin's teams in any kind of negative connotation? You're not," Martin continued.

"When is the last time you read a player for Cuonzo Martin in any kind of negative connotation? You're not. He just came off an NCAA Tournament, and people start talking like that? That's sad. This business isn't right if that's the way we go."

After stints at Missouri State, Tennessee and California, Martin's best season with Missouri was his first, the 2017-18 season, when Porter led the Tigers to a 20-12 record and the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The Tigers went 15-16 the following season, when they were ineligible for postsea-

son play, and 15-16 during the COVID-19-shortened 2019-20 season.

They finally returned to the NCAA Tournament last season, squeaking into the 68-team field with a 16-9 record, but were edged by former Big 12 rival Oklahoma in their first-round matchup.

Missouri has struggled to find success since the retirement of beloved coach Norm Stewart.

Quin Snyder had a few good years — including an Elite Eight appearance — that were ultimately tainted by controversy, and he went 12-16 during his final season in Columbia. Mike Anderson took the Tigers to the Elite Eight but left Missouri in a lurch after five seasons when he departed for Arkansas. And Frank Haith also courted controversy during his up-and-down tenure at Missouri.

If nothing else, Martin led the program with grace and class though widespread social unrest on campus, including protests during the Black Lives Matter movement that came to be defined by the football and basketball programs.

Martin just didn't win enough games in a business where that is usually the bottom line.

"I believe that Mizzou is one of the best men's basketball coaching jobs in the country," Reed-Francois said in her statement. "We have and will continue to invest in our men's basketball program, and I look forward to introducing the new leader of our program to our community in the near future. We will work quickly and expeditiously to find the candidate who is the best fit to continue building our championship culture."



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**Legal Notice**

A Minor, dob 03/15/2006  
RAEQUAN NICHOLAS WILLIAMS, Petitioner  
Case No. 21PT-PR00180  
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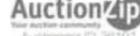
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child. The names of all parties to said action are stated above and the name and address of the attorney for Petitioner is: Myron J. McNeal, 501 South Ohio Avenue, Sedalia, Missouri 65301.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear to defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days after February 26, 2022, the date of the first publication of this notice, judgment by default will be taken against you.

It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Sedalia Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation published in Pettis County, Missouri.

Dated: 2/24/2022  
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK  
PROBATE DIVISION  
CIRCUIT COURT OF  
PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI  
Susan Sadler,  
Circuit Clerk  
By: /s/Darla Ebeling, Deputy

4x-2/26, 3/5, 12, 19, 2022

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDDERS SEDALIA HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Apartment Unit Exterior Door Replacement & Exterior Building Lighting Additions PWA Project No. 202016.05 Sealed Bids for Lump Sum Contract will be received by Sedalia Housing Authority, 500 Welch Court, Sedalia, MO 65301 no later than 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 30, 2022. PROJECT: SEDALIA HOUSING AUTHORITY APARTMENT UNIT EXTERIOR DOOR REPLACEMENT & EXTERIOR BUILDING LIGHTING ADDITIONS Documents available 03/08/2022 from ADS, Phone: 573-446-7768; fax 573-355-5433 / www.adsmo.net for \$50.00 refundable deposit made payable to Sedalia Housing Authority. Contract Documents will be on file for review at the office of the Housing Authority of the City of Sedalia, at the offices of Peckham & Wright Architects, Inc. and ADS. A list for Planroom locations is available by link through the ADS website.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday March 16, 2022, at the Sedalia Housing Authority, 500 Welch Court, Sedalia, Missouri 65301 Contact for bidding procedural questions: Erik Miller, AIA, Peckham & Wright Architects, Inc., 2120 Forum Blvd Ste 101, Columbia, MO 65203 Phone: 573-449-2863 Fax: 573-442-6213 Email: emiller

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI  
200 S. Osage Ave. Sedalia, MO 65301  
Plaintiff,  
Vs.  
JONATHAN KEITH SENTENO, et al.  
Defendants.  
Case No: 22PT-CC00013  
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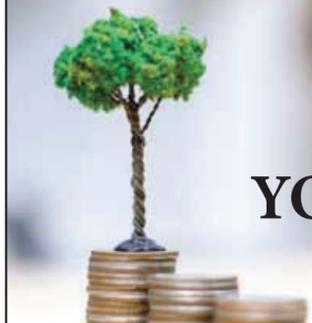
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**ANTIQUES & MISC.** Oak wall telephone (complete), 5 – **Aladdin** Lamps, Agal "Crown" ice water crock w/lid, **McCormick Deering IH** Cream separator, 4 – "Maytag" hit & miss engines & parts, 4 – **Maytag** oil cans, **Coca-Cola** vintage metal cooler, Cast Iron dinner bell, **Griswold** No. 8 waffle iron w/base, Lot misc. kerosene lamp parts (**Many Aladdin**), "White Mountain" ice cream freezer (hand crank), **Vogelzang** boxwood cast iron stove, **Charter Oak** enamel green and Cream wood cook stove, Vintage Lubester oil pump & tank, 2 – cast iron pots, cast iron water pump, **Stanley** No. 45 combination wood plane w/both cutter boxes, vintage No. 2 & 3 coffee grinders, Lot Knives (**K-bar, Solingen, Kinfolks** etc.), lot wooden block & tackle, cast iron baking pan, 3 – vintage lightning rods, 3-train sets – one wind-up (**Marx & Lionel**) 4x8 sheet plywood w/track, brass scale, **Suncraft** face tanner w/goggles & case, lot misc. car and motor cycle manuals, cow weather vane, Dandy glass lined kerosene jug, Lot primitive items, antique **Ford** square nut sockets, Huge lot small Antique items (Many rare & unique), lot duck decoys, "Peters Victor" wooden ammo box, Several porcelain dolls, old "Dr ET McKim" safe, park bench, Antique corn re-planter, galvanized bath tub w/wood trim, 4' primitive wooden bar clamps, Lot misc. steel and wood implement wheels, 4' church pew, lot misc. enamel ware, lot vintage galvanized buckets cans & misc., lot advertising pieces, 6gal Illinois crock, old vegetable scales, lot misc. kerosene lamps, two push plows, section of three folding wood chairs, 2 – milk cans w/implement seat tops, 3 – galvanized sprinkle cans, **Western Flyer** toy wagon, Vintage **Western Flyer & Shelby** bikes, two-seater bicycle, vintage bubble wheel balancer, Cast iron tub w/slipper feet, metal implement seats, vintage pedal grinder, 3 – manual grinders, Copper fire extinguisher, section of 5 theater seats, antique 2 burner kerosene stove, **Planet Jr** planter, **Monitor** pump jack, lot fish and minnow traps, 2 – two bottom pull type plows

**TOOLS, HARDWARE & MISC.** Grizzly G0514X 19" band saw, Grizzly H4380 buffer on pedestal, Delta 12" portable planer, **Craftsman** HD drill press, Machinist vice, 6 – bench grinders & buffers, disk belt sander, **Craftsman** 12" wood lathe, **Craftsman** router table, **Craftsman** 10" table saw, lot drill bits, lg lot C-clamps, **rotozip**, Lg lot electric hand tools, **Milwaukee** cordless hammer drill, router bits, **Milwaukee** saw-z-all, 6'-fiberglass step ladder, 2 – **Coleman** storage cabinets, 2-ton cherry picker, engine stand, hyd. Shop bumper jack, lg floor jack, lot log chains, lg lot organizers & misc. hardware, **B&D** cordless drill, **B&D** cordless pole saw, shop vac, **Craftsman** 5 1/2" bench vice, lot tables & work benches, lot lead sinker molds, lot lead, Lot oil fluid & lube, lot misc. receiver hitches, lot misc. jack stands & bottle jacks, assorted battery chargers, lot long handle tools, folding aluminum ATV ramps, Shepard No.68 bench vice, **Clarke** parts washer, metal roll around cart, chop saw, Lg lot Mechanic tools sockets, wrenches, assorted pullers, etc., propane heater, metal rag can, 20' fiberglass extension ladder, lot misc. scrap metal.

**Many More Items Too Numerous to Mention**  
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**Auctioneer Note:** Through Life you only meet so many men who are true role models, deserve admiration and respect for all their accomplishments & guidance. For me Elbert Smith was this man and is a true Hero, Auction will begin 10:00am with Antiques & smalls at 11:00 o'clock we will sell large items (Furniture, Buildings, Tractors, mowers, equipment etc.) after that we possibly will go to two rings selling tools & parts in one & finishing Antiques household & Misc. in other.  
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We will offer the following described real estate at public auction located: From the junction of Highways 65 & HH (north of Sedalia) go east on HH 9.5 miles to Hwy 135. Turn left (north) on 135 and go 1 mile to Hwy JJ. Turn left (north) on JJ and continue 2.2 miles to Lamine Road. Turn left (west) on Lamine Road and go 8-tenths of a mile to the farm on the right. Watch for the orange sale signs on:

**SATURDAY MARCH 19TH, 2022 • 10AM**

**TRACT 1**  
This 40 acres m/l is 70% open grassland with the balance in about 9 acres of timber along with a 3.25 acre stocked lake. The lake provides a beautiful setting to build a home and adds tremendously to the recreational opportunities this tract provides. The tract is fenced on the east & north sides, has .25 miles of Lamine Road gravel frontage on the south side, and is in the Smithton School District.

**TRACT 2**  
This 101 acres m/l is a little over half open with the balance in timber. There is 35 acres of terraced crop ground on the south side, and 15 acres of fenced open pasture on the north side. The tract has .4 miles of Lamine Road gravel frontage on the south & west sides and is in the Smithton School District. This tract offers a good mixture of crop ground, pasture and recreational ground. There are two deer stands that will come with the property; one is a tree stand and the other is an elevated platform blind on posts.

**PROPERTY VIEWING: MARCH 12TH, 2:00-4:00 PM**

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**TRACT 1:** This 20 acres of open farm ground lays well and is terraced with desirable Hartwell soils. The property has 2-tenths of gravel road frontage via Hollenbeck road along the boundary.

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1 – Dining table & 5 chairs 1 – Lot end tables 1 – Lane cedar chest 1 – Full bed set with dresser

1 – Rocker 1 – Lot misc. furniture 1 – Sofa  
2 – Rocker/recliners 1 – Lane cedar hutch (nice)  
1 – Wood desk 1 – Chest of drawers  
1 – Small chest freezer  
1 – Full bed

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**  
1 – Old Singer sewing machine w/ metal base  
1 – Lot collectable plates

1 – Lot luggage  
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1 – Lot glassware 1 – Lot linens 1 – Small lot antiques & collectibles 1 – Small lot crocks 1 – Small lot milk cans 1 – Wooden Pepsi crate  
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1 – Lot buttons & sewing

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You are further notified that, unless you file an Answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid Petition to Quiet Title within forty-five (45) days of the date of first publication, on or about March 12, 2022, or such longer time as the Court may fix by Order, Judgment by Default shall be rendered against you.

Witness my hand and seal of the Circuit Court on this 10th day of March, 2022.

Susan Sadler,  
Circuit Clerk  
By: /s/Rebecca Campbell,  
Deputy Circuit Clerk  
4x-3/12, 19, 26, 4/2, 2022

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Petitioners  
Case No 22PT-JU00012  
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## Epple helping to build community with new Heckart Center

When Amy Epple began as the Recreation Supervisor at the Sedalia Parks and Recreation Department on April 28, 2007, she met Mayor Bob Wasson on her first day.

“(Parks and Rec Director) Mark (Hewett) talked about, ‘we hired you to get the recreation program going;’ they talked about hopefully we’re getting a community center. It’s just amazing to me; I can remember the first day meeting the mayor,” she recalled. “He was like, ‘we want your background from Warrensburg Parks and Rec, we’re going to get this community center.’”

Fast forward to today, and Epple is the Parks and Recreation director who will get to cut the ribbon on the new Heckart Community Center next Friday morning. While the physical work has taken place in the last few years, overall, the project has been decades in the making.

“There’s so many people in this whole community that invested time and energy and it just took a little while,” Epple told me last month after she took me on a tour of the new center. “Sue (Heckart) talks about how bad her mom wanted a community center and how she wanted a community center. It’s just so exciting. When I think about all those people, I think, ‘I’m just a piece of this puzzle.’ It gets a little emotional to think about how much people have worked to make it happen and here we are, 19 days away from opening. It’s crazy. I think it’s because it’s a place for everyone. It’s not just for kids, it’s not just for seniors. It’s for everybody.”

Even though I’m sure Epple has given dozens of tours at this point, she was still proud to point out many of the center’s features during our tour. She said a quick “hello” to the crews working on the pool and setting up fitness equipment and checked in with her Parks and Rec supervisors who were making their rounds.

“It’s crunch time. There’s just last-minute things to do. Every time the contractors see me, I’m sure they’re like, ‘Ugh, not again! We’re getting to it!’” she said laughing as we stood in the aquatic center.

Everything has been meticulously planned and with intention, from the open entryway layout to the wide hallways with enough space for crowds during tournaments. Epple said some ideas came from her and her team; others came



**NICOLE COOKE**  
Democrat Editor

from Epple’s research of 52 other facilities across the country.

“Everyone says learn from your mistakes. I say learn from other people’s mistakes,” she said smiling. “Parks and Recreation, we’re so good to each other from other communities. I told them, ‘tell me your top five things in your facility and the things you wouldn’t do again. ... Nothing is perfect, but I wanted to make sure I was doing my homework and research.’”

Epple said the Heckart Center is one piece of a larger long-term plan to continuously improve the parks and recreation offerings in Sedalia. She and her staff strive to be one of the best parks and rec departments around, and she said the new center puts them on “a whole other level.” It allows for more year-round activities with an indoor pool and more basketball, volleyball and pickleball courts.

While Epple doesn’t have a favorite feature in the new center, she said her overall favorite aspect is that there’s something for every age to enjoy.

“I want a place for Sedalia so bad, and now we have it, where people can just come and gather. Stop and visit,” she added. “... Building that community.”

The department has increased the number and quality of employees, programs, and facilities in the last decade.

“My staff is very passionate about what they do. They love it,” Epple said. “They’re here right now at 6 o’clock in the morning, some were here at 4:30 in the morning. I was here until 11 last night with some staff. They’re dedicated. Sometimes we talk about careers and it’s about money, but sometimes it’s just as rewarding that yes, it pays your bills at home, but it also gives back to the community. My staff can look back and tell their grandkids, ‘yeah, I was working here when it first started. I was helping pick out the carpet and the colors.’ And they’re doing their job of a normal park employee as well. It’s a lot on their plate.”

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### Heckart Community Center Grand Opening

The ceremony on Friday, March 18 will begin with speakers at 10 a.m., followed by a ribbon cutting at 10:45 a.m. The facility will officially open at 11 a.m.

Tours will be offered throughout the day and the Sedalia Senior Center will have a limited quantity of free meals. KC Wolf will be available for photos.

A time capsule will be filled with notes, articles and photos from the opening and construction process. It will be opened on the 20th anniversary.

For more information, visit [sedaliaparks.com](http://sedaliaparks.com).

# The era of a small-town doc comes to an end

## Dr. Donald K. Allcorn retires

By Faith Bemiss

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After 37 years of caring for generations of patients, holding the hands of the sick, and praying with them, a small-town doctor has retired, leaving his Lincoln practice with bright memories and a reflection of the God he serves.

### A calling at a young age

Dr. Donald K. Allcorn, a physician with Bothwell Regional Health Center, is known for his love of family and the Bible. He began his practice with Lincoln Family Medicine almost four decades ago, following in the footsteps of his father, Dr. Donald J. Allcorn, a Sedalia physician.

“I actually started with my dad,” Allcorn said. “He started that practice in Lincoln when he knew that I was leaving my residency ... he started the practice hoping I would come back, and I told him I would.”

Allcorn added his father was his role model. He noted he went into the medical field because he enjoyed watching his father interact with people.

“There was a time I thought I’d go into education and teach,” Allcorn said. “But I stayed with medicine and always enjoyed it, and enjoyed people and I think I had an infinity for that.”

“I started wanting to do that when I was about 14 or 15,” he continued. “When I was in high school I worked half days in the afternoons in my dad’s office — and all that experience helped out.”

### The love of faith and family

Allcorn added with a smile he’d always had a



Dr. Donald K. Allcorn, a long-time Bothwell Regional Health Center physician in Lincoln, retired Feb. 1 after 37 years. A family practice doctor known for his love of family and the Bible, Allcorn turned the reins of Lincoln Family Medicine over to Dr. Matthew Roehrs. PHOTO BY FAITH BEMISS | DEMOCRAT

dream of raising a family on a small farm and having his sons work the hay fields.

“So, to do that you had to be in family medicine, you couldn’t be in a larger city,” he explained with a laugh. “So, family medicine and a rural area fit my career path — then I had four daughters instead.”

Although Allcorn and his wife, Brenda, an R.N. who has a master’s degree in nursing education and worked in the office, didn’t have sons, they were happy to have daughters Sara Allcorn Scalzitt, Katie Allcorn Lotz, Alyssa Allcorn Crabb, and Ashton Allcorn Wedemeyer. They also have nine grandchildren.

Allcorn, who holds faith and God close to his heart, is an elder and teacher at Maplewood Church in Sedalia. When asked about his faith in God, Allcorn cited poet Robert Frost.



Dr. Donald Allcorn, center, recently stands with Dr. Matthew Roehrs and Nurse Practitioner April Ream. Since Allcorn’s retirement, Roehrs has taken the helm of Lincoln Family Medicine. PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. DONALD ALLCORN

“Robert Frost said that he came to the woods and there was a fork in the road,” Allcorn noted. “He said, ‘I took the road less traveled.’”

“And I think at 13 years of age I took that road less traveled, and it’s made a great difference,” he continued. “I wouldn’t change anything with that decision. I would have spent more time at home with my family, but I think if you gauge success, as success being what you leave behind, I think we’ve been successful.”

He added he has a wonderful family, good friends and has been able to do many things for God. Allcorn noted he decided to retire at 68 because his children live in various places and he and his wife want to spend more time with them.

### Medicine has changed over the years

Allcorn said over the last 37 years, medicine has changed dramatically, including infectious diseases. When he was in medical school, there were bacteria, fungi and A-typical bacteria. But then viruses appeared.

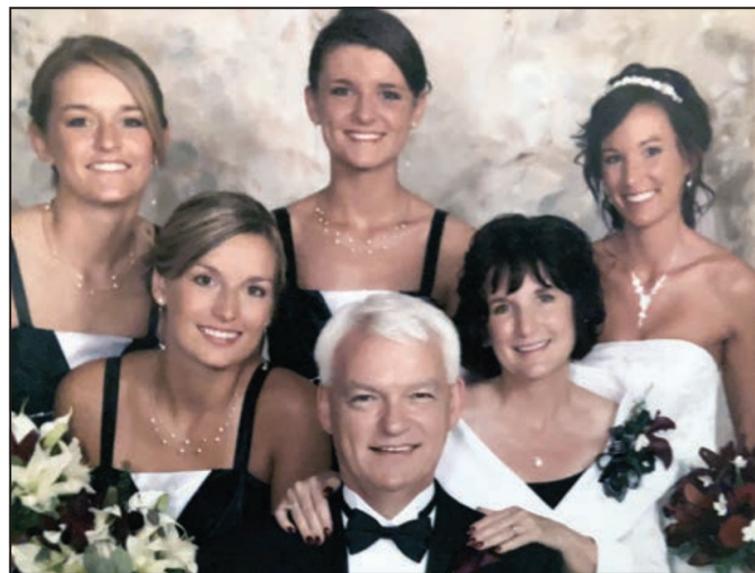
“We just called them viruses, they had no name,” he added. “Now we have names of viruses, there is just so much in virology right now.”

Other significant changes are the increase in the number of medications and how physicians have transferred from handwritten records to the digital age. Allcorn records slow down health care, making it difficult for doctors to see as many patients as in the past.

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*“God heals people and we as physicians take the credit. And I think we need to balance our medical education and experience with the fact that God is in control of all life.”*

— Dr. Donald K. Allcorn



Dr. Donald Allcorn and his wife, Brenda, and daughters, from left, Alyssa Allcorn Crabb, Katie Allcorn Lotz, Ashton Allcorn Wedemeyer, and Sara Allcorn Scalzitti are a close-knit family. PHOTO COURTESY OF SCHLOMER PHOTOGRAPHY

# Community Calendar

## MARCH

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

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

### SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

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

### MONDAY

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

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

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

10:30 a.m.: Be Forever Young, Parkview Christian Church, 1405 E. 16th St.

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

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

Noon: Sedalia Rotary Club,

Best Western State Fair Inn, 3120 S. Limit Ave.

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

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

5 p.m.: Sedalia Public Library Board of Trustees at Public Library, 311 W. Third St.

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

6:10 p.m.: Daughters of Isabella for Rosary; meeting at 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Hall, 1708 Elm Hills Blvd.

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

6:30 p.m.: Show Me Sound, Sweet Adelines International, in-person rehearsals at Wesley United Methodist Church basement, 1322 W. Broadway Blvd. All women are welcome, for more information call 660-851-2205.

7 p.m.: Al Anon, at 417 W. Pettis St, 660-473-0855.

7 p.m.: Cole Camp Area Historical Society, Cole Camp Jung Memorial Library in Cole Camp.

7:30 p.m.: Windsor School Board, High School Library, 210 North St.

### TUESDAY

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

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

8 a.m.: Prayer group on the lawn of the Pettis County

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 p.m.: Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA) is a 12-step fellowship of men and women at the First United Methodist Church Celebration Center, 1701 W. 32nd St.; for more information, call Barbara at 660-827-6522.

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

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

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

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

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

### WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

Noon: Sedalia Lions Club, El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant, 3000 S. Limit Ave.

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

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

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

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

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

### THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### FRIDAY

Each day: AA meets at 417

W. Pettis St.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

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

5 to 8 p.m.: Family Night at the Cole Camp Library. Table-top Gaming, VR games and experiences, family escape room games and full access to the library after hours. Light refreshments will be provided. Call 660-668-3887 for reservations.

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During a 2004 visit by President George W. Bush in Sedalia, Dr. Donald Allcorn, left, discusses medical issues with the President as he takes questions while on the Missouri State Fairgrounds.

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# Doc

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Before retiring, Allcorn still maintained handwritten records because he preferred to spend more time with his patients.

"When a patient came to see me, I could look them in the eye and talk to them," he noted. "And they felt worthy, they felt like their visit with me was worthwhile.

"It really does limit that personal one-on-one relationship with your patients," he said of computerized records. "I didn't want that to happen, I'd rather leave at this point than to have to deal with that."

## Saving lives and crediting God

He added some of his most memorable moments while practicing were "stumbling upon" a diagnosis that saved someone's life.

"And I really believe God



Family is paramount for Dr. Donald Allcorn. He and his wife have nine grandchildren and Allcorn said since he is now retired, they plan to travel and spend more time with their family.

was in control of that," he said. "I firmly believe that."

Allcorn said he prayed for his patients all the time.

"That's one thing that's been most rewarding, is

patients who have come back and said, 'thank you so much for praying with me during this crisis in my life,'" he noted. "That has been a tremendous reward.

"God heals people and we as physicians take the credit," he continued. "And I think we need to balance

our medical education and experience with the fact that God is in control of all life. If we lose sight of that, then we become little gods ourselves and that is not what medicine is to be."

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



Always involved in community and church activities, Dr. Donald Allcorn went on a mission trip to Haiti with two of his daughters, Alyssa Allcorn and Sara Scalzitti.

## NEW BOOKS

### Sedalia Public Library Fiction

- "Run, Rose, Run," by Dolly Parton and James Patterson.
- "Shadows Reel," by C.J. Box.
- "Caramel Pecan Roll Murder," by Joanne Fluke.
- "High Stakes," by Danielle Steel.
- "The Lightning Rod," by Brad Meltzer.

"Calder Grit," by Janet Dailey.

"The Golden Couple," by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen.

### Nonfiction

- "The Trials of Harry S. Truman," by Jeffrey Frank.
- "Hell's Half-Acre," by Susan Jonas.
- "The Irish Assassins," by Julie Kavanagh.

### Movies

"Redeeming Love"

## POPULAR BOOKS

### Boonslick Regional Library Fiction

- "Road of Bones," by Christopher Golden.
- "Reckless Girls," by Rachel Hawkins.
- "Where the Drowned Girls Go," by Sean-an McGuire.
- "Undermoney," by Jay Newman.
- "Goliath," by Tochi Onyebuchi.
- "Desolation Canyon," by P.J. Tracy.
- "A Flicker in the Dark," by Stacy Willingham.

### Nonfiction

"Full Out: Lessons in Life and Leadership from America's Favorite Coach," by Monica Aldama.

"Empower: Conquering the Disease of Fear," by Tareq Azim.

"The Steal: The Attempt to Overturn the 2020 Election and the People Who Stopped it," by Mark Bowden.

"It Could Happen Here: Why America is Tipping from Hate to the Unthinkable - and How We Can Stop It," by Johnathan Greenblatt.

"Making Numbers Count: The Art and Science of Communicating Numbers," by Chip Heath.

"For Such a Time as This: My Faith Journey Through the White House and Beyond," by Kayleigh McEnany.

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

Meals will be delivered by Maplewood Church.

### Monday

Chicken breast file, potatoes and

gravy, peas, banana and milk.

### Tuesday

Chili, pimento cheese sandwich, crackers, apple and milk.

### Wednesday

Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, broccoli, orange and milk.

### Thursday

Chicken Alfredo, broccoli, cauliflower and carrot mix, cookie and milk.

### Friday

Pork chop, posh potatoes, green beans, cake and milk.

## BRL2GO SCHEDULE

### Boonslick Regional Library

#### Monday

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.: Fristoe, The Place Cafe.

1:15 to 3:35 p.m.: Warsaw, Drake Harbor.

#### Wednesday

9:20 a.m.: Cole Camp R-1 School.

9:30 a.m. to noon: Cole Camp City Park.

Noon: Cole Camp Senior Center.

1:30 p.m.: Lincoln Community Care.

1:45 p.m.: Lincoln City Hall.

2 to 4 p.m.: Lincoln City Park.

#### Friday

9 a.m.: Lakeview Health Care.

9:15 a.m.: YMCA Early Childhood Learning Center.

9:30 to 11:45 a.m.: Boonville, Walmart.

1:30 to 3:45 p.m.: Blackwater, Main Street.

4 p.m.: Stony Ridge Village Residential Care.

## BIRTHDAYS

### Walker

Patricia Walker will observe her 91st birthday March 17.

She was born March 17, 1931, in Cherokee, Iowa.

Patricia is a retired CNA/CMT and she enjoys reading, crossword puzzles and church.

She has four children, Joyce Miller, of La Monte, Lynda Yates, of Florida, Robert Moore, of Washington, and Dennis Moore, of Moberly.

Birthday cards may be sent to Patricia at the Sylvia G. Thompson Residence Center, 3333 W. 10th St., Sedalia,

Mo. 65301.

### Hartley

Tammy Hartley will observe her 64th birthday March 18.

She was born March 18, 1958, in Germany.

Tammy was a gas station clerk and she enjoys coloring.

She has three children, Heather Emillo, and Sarah Hartley, both of Sedalia, and Larissa Hartley, of Columbia.

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# Dolly Parton, James Patterson — in words and music

By Hillel Italie

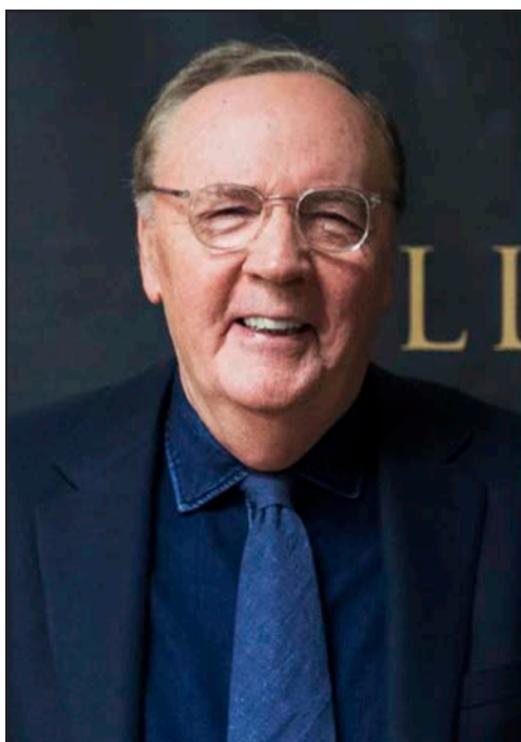
AP National Writer

LA VERGNE, Tennessee (AP) — Sometimes even Dolly Parton has a hard time keeping up with the legend of Dolly Parton.

"I often go into my museum in Dollywood, you know, because I'm in the mood to be there or we're in there doing something or putting something new in. And I look at all that stuff and think 'When, how did that happen?'" she says. "I shake my head when I see, like a documentary or something. I think how did I do all that, how did I get all that done?"

The singer, songwriter, actor and philanthropist is speaking from another wing of her empire, one of two sound stages at a 7,200-square foot studio complex outside of Nashville, with assistants and technicians moving about and Parton herself in a characteristically cheerful mood on an otherwise overcast afternoon. Seated next to her — and wearing a dark tuxedo jacket touched with black and red to match the pattern of her dress — is a novelist as prolific in his field as she is in songwriting, James Patterson.

He is among the best selling authors in history and, like Parton, a champion of literacy programs. He is 74 and has written or co-written hundreds of books. She is 76 and has written thousands of songs. Until a couple of years ago, they were mutual admirers who had never met. Now,



Author James Patterson appears at an event to promote his novel in New York on June 5, 2018, left, and Dolly Parton performs in concert on July 31, 2015, in Nashville, Tenn. The pair completed a project with words and music, "Run, Rose, Run," an Amazon.com bestseller even before publication, and the work of fiction to arrive with an accompanying soundtrack. AP PHOTO



they have completed a novel that comes out this week, "Run, Rose, Run," an Amazon.com bestseller even before publication and the rare work of fiction to arrive with an accompanying soundtrack.

"He'd give me ideas for the songs. I gave him ideas that he expanded on for the characters and incorporated in the book," says Parton, whose "Run, Rose, Run" album includes 12 new songs. "So it really was a magical team."

The collaboration began as just one of countless ideas for Patterson, who reliably turns out several books a year, from children's stories to

a biography of the Kennedys to two best-selling thrillers written with former President Bill Clinton. Patterson spent a lot of time in Nashville in the 1960s while attending Vanderbilt University and thought of an archetypal story — a young, promising and frightened country singer, AnnieLee Keyes, facing a "million to one odds," and her bond with a retired country superstar, Ruthanna Ryder.

As Patterson and Parton both recall, Patterson contacted Parton's team and the two soon spoke in Nashville.

"We liked each other right away. And we kind of made the deal right

there — no lawyers. We didn't want anybody in the way," Patterson says.

"Run, Rose, Run" is a close look at the Nashville music scene, through the eyes of women. The narrative has music and romance and cheering crowds, and lyrics to Parton songs such as the mid-tempo rocker "Big Dreams and Faded Jeans." On the darker side are unscrupulous executives, unwanted physical advances and the male-oriented ways of the market, defined by a radio consultant's "salad" theory, in which men are the essential artists, "the lettuce," the women more like tomatoes, "to be sprinkled into

airplay now and again as garnish."

Parton, who famously rose from a cabin in the Great Smoky Mountains of East Tennessee to international acclaim, says her back story differs from AnnieLee's. But she did endure "having bad managers and having to, you know, just squirm, trying to get out of situations." AnnieLee's struggles to take control of her career reminded Parton of her early work with Porter Waggoner, who helped her break through professionally in 1967 when he brought her on to his popular television show. They recorded and toured together for seven years, their battles well

publicized, before she announced her departure. The end of their working partnership inspired her classic "I Will Always Love You."

"Oh God, I used to fight all the time with Porter Waggoner," she says of the late singer, who died in 2007. "We were known for, you know, for our disagreements. But he gave me a big hand up and I always appreciated that. But I (also) had always wanted to be my own star, and I said that at the start. I didn't want to be just a girl singer in somebody else's group."

Parton's life now is much closer to Ruthanna's, "one of country music's grandest queens." But Parton is a bit gentler. When Ruthanna first meets AnnieLee, at a small table in the back of a bar, Ruthanna praises her talent as "something special" before advising her to "get the hell out of Nashville" and be spared ending up broke and on her own.

"I would never, ever tell somebody not to follow their dream," Parton says. "I would just say, 'If you're dead serious about what you're doing, you got to buckle up and take it. You've got to sacrifice as far as you can and compromise, but don't ever sacrifice your soul and your principles and your values.' That's where Ruthanna and I differ. I would never tell a young person not to follow their dream because I would crush somebody. Even if they weren't that talented, I wouldn't tell them that."

## 'The Batman' gives movie theaters a new hope with big launch

By Lindsey Bahr

AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Batman has his fair share of pressures, from saving Gotham to saving movie theaters. And while they're both still decidedly works in progress, "The Batman," starring Robert Pattinson, managed to give a little glimmer of hope to both by grossing \$128.5 million in North America, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The latest relaunch of the 80-year-old comic book character is well above Warner Bros.' conservative estimates going into the weekend, which had the film pegged for a debut in the \$90 million range. It's the best opening of 2022 and the second best of the pandemic, though it's more than \$100 million shy of "Spider-Man: No Way Home's" still unbelievable \$260 million opening weekend in December.

"The Batman" opened this weekend exclusively in theaters in 4,217 locations on over 12,500 screens in North America. There were some fan events on Tuesday and Wednesday leading into Thursday pre-shows in about 3,300 locations. All told, by the close of Friday, "The Batman" had already grossed \$57 million. No other major studio dared compete with their own new film.

Internationally, "The Batman" earned \$120 million, bringing its global total to \$248.5 million. Warner Bros. halted its release in Russia following the country's invasion of Ukraine, saying that the company would monitor the situation as it evolves. Many major studios made similar decisions with their films.

Reviews have been largely positive for this new iteration of the caped crusader. Director Matt Reeves and co-writer Peter Craig set "The Batman" in Bruce

Wayne's second year of donning the cape. Corruption is rampant in Gotham and some well-known villains are not yet fully formed, but there's a serial killer afoot and Pattinson's Batman and Gordon, played by Jeffrey Wright, are on a mission to find the mysterious Riddler (Paul Dano).

It's been a long road for "The Batman" to make it to theaters. The original plan was for it come out in June 2021, but that was pushed several times due in part to COVID-related production shutdowns.

The film cost around \$200 million to produce, not to mention the millions spent on marketing and distribution. And a lot is riding on "The Batman," with future films and an HBO Max spinoff series both planned.

As the omicron variant surged in December, Warner Bros. was faced once more with a hard decision: Delay the release further or commit to the March opening. Under the advice of epidemiologists, in January they decided to go forward and start spending significant money on marketing.

"We knew the movie was exceptional. We knew fans would embrace it. But we didn't know what the pandemic would hold," said Jeff Goldstein, Warner Bros.' president of domestic distribution. "Theater owners really stepped up and showed their showmanship ... it was really a collective win."

"The Batman" is also the first movie in over a year that Warner Bros. has released exclusively in theaters. In 2021, the studio adopted a hybrid release strategy debuting films from "Dune" to "Suicide Squad" in theaters and on HBO Max simultaneously, which may have helped streaming subscriptions, but not the box office or movie theaters.

"The box office is back with a

vengeance," said Paul Dergarabedian, Comscore's senior media analyst. "This is a real turning point for the industry. The box office year has been moving in fits and starts. There have been some solid performances but no blockbuster breakout opener in 2022. This is great for movie theaters."

So how does Pattinson's stack up against his predecessors? It's the fourth biggest opening for a Batman movie in North America. As far as lifetime profits, only time will tell, but Batman as a \$1 billion franchise is a relatively recent phenomenon.

Tim Burton's "Batman" starring Michael Keaton and released in 1989, made around \$252 million in North America and just over \$400 million worldwide. None of the Batman movies crossed \$500 million worldwide until 2008. Christopher Nolan's "The Dark Knight," starring Christian Bale, broke the \$1 billion mark, which repeated with "The Dark Knight Rises." The Ben Affleck/Zack Snyder era peaked with "Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice," which grossed \$873 million worldwide.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Comscore. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. "The Batman," \$128.5 million.
2. "Uncharted," \$11 million.
3. "Dog," \$6 million.
4. "Spider-Man: No Way Home," \$4.4 million.
5. "Death on the Nile," \$2.7 million.
6. "Sing 2," \$1.5 million.
7. "Jackass Forever" \$1.4 million.
8. "Cyrano," \$682,607.
9. "Scream," \$570,000.
10. "Marry Me," \$530,000.

## Center

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Next week, the Epple family will have multiple milestones: just a few days before the grand opening, her daughter will celebrate her sweet 16. Making time for loved ones has been challenging for the department's staff as they make it down the home stretch, but Epple said she's stressed the importance of family.

"I wouldn't lie, me and my staff, it's taken away from family time. I've told them to keep a balance ... and make sure you're spending time with them," she said. "Some of us have brought our kids over here and jumped in the pool and done different things. ... (Recreation Supervisor) Tanner's kids came and he sent

us a video of them oohing and aahing, and that is so worth it. I think everyone's families understand the hard work they're putting in right now."

Nearly every time I've seen Epple give a presentation or received an email from her, she's included her Heckart countdown; it reached the single digits this week. She said she's excited to see the project come to fruition but even more excited to see people finally step foot in the facility for more than just a tour among the dust and construction equipment.

"We're at that finish line. ... You're almost there and you can't believe it, but it's taking forever to get there," she said. "The last two weeks have been really long, but we'll get there."

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Pettis County Recorder of Deeds Barbara Clevenger recently issued marriage licenses to: Brent Harland Bird, 46, and Haley Trishanne Wheeler, 27, both of Sedalia; Brandon Michael Lynch, 21, and Erica Javonta Grant, 32, both of Sedalia; Jessica Jane Woodard, 30, and Alyssa Scott Howery, 34, both of Sedalia; Shannon Dean Albright, 37, of Moberly, and Ashley Irene Moore, 34, of Vandalia; Michael Jacob Murphy, 23, and Jessica Elaine Stratton, 25, both of Sedalia; Daniel Allen Younce, 41, and Chandra Dawn Pingleton, 47, both of Sedalia; Ganai Pintor Sanchez, 37, and Rocio Rosales, 40, both of La Monte.

## DIVORCES

These people were recently granted divorces in Pettis County Circuit Court: Wendy L. Whitford and Phillip E. Whitford; Kimberly L. Miller and Ryan M. Miller; Amanda R. Dotson and Eric W. Dotson.

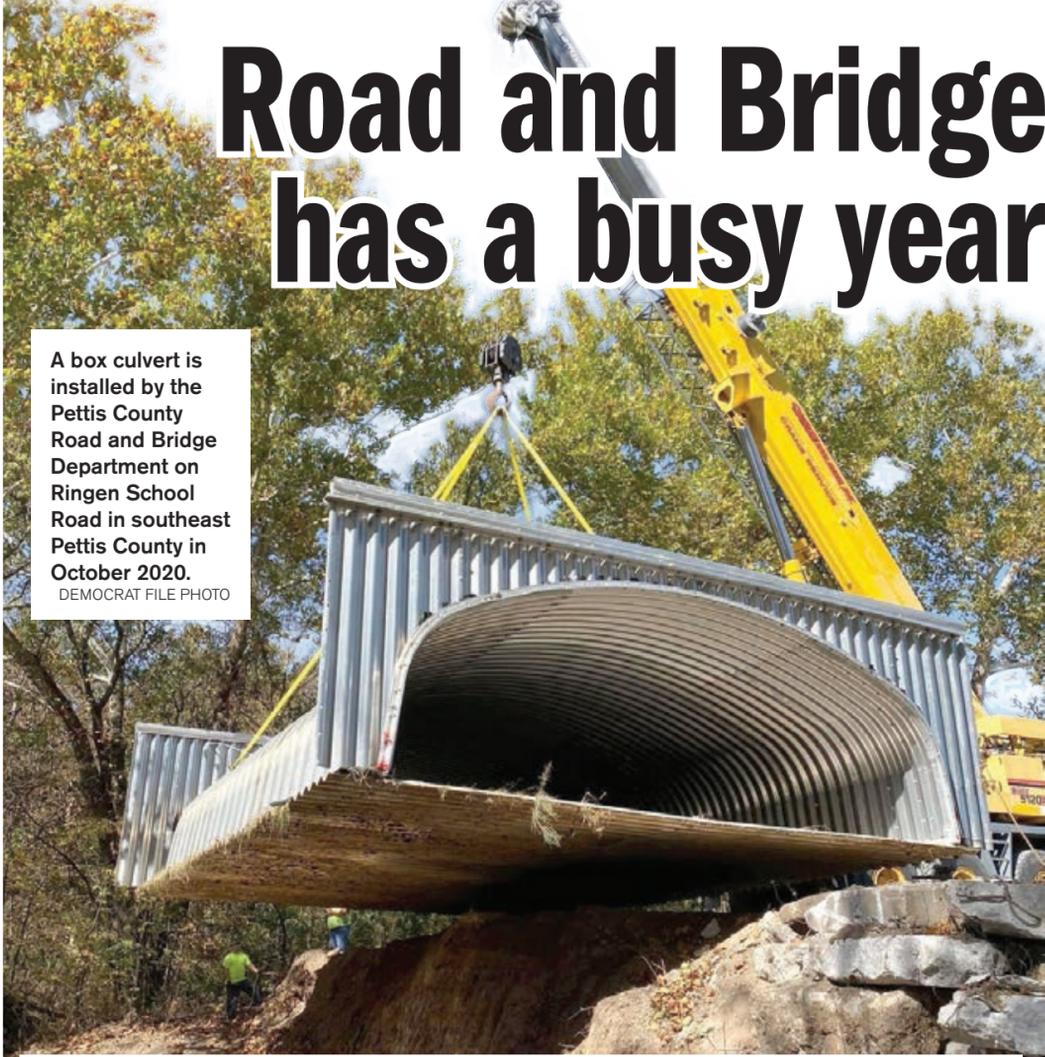
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## Road and Bridge has a busy year

## The expansion of technology in small schools

A box culvert is installed by the Pettis County Road and Bridge Department on Ringen School Road in southeast Pettis County in October 2020. DEMOCRAT FILE PHOTO



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Third grade student Ethan Twenter works on his computer during class Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020, at Green Ridge School. Because he was practicing social distancing by staying at his desk, which was more than 6 feet from his fellow classmates, he was allowed to lower his mask while he worked.

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Schools have had it tough in the last three school years, working their way through a pandemic and also keeping kids learning when they can't be in the classroom.

During the pandemic, many small schools started building up their technology base so students could still be able to learn.

Examples include expanding Chromebook grants so each and every student could have access to school work and building their broadband internet so students would have better access when they are sitting in the classroom.

School districts have

been running into issues when expanding technology, such as industry restraints like shipping and product availability.

Green Ridge R-8 School District Superintendent Jamie Burkhart said the district's one-to-one program allows each student in the school to have a Chromebook during the class day.

"We have also updated our business lab with new computers for that department," Burkhart added. "Because of these technology upgrades, we are also upgrading our bandwidth through MOREnet from 100 megabytes to 250 megabytes. Through eRate, we are upgrading our Wi-Fi access points as well."

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The Pettis County Road and Bridge Department had a busy year fixing county roads and bridges for residents.

Pettis County had placed a significant emphasis on the county bridges and maintenance of county roads.

Eastern Commissioner Israel Baeza added that over the last two to three years, the county has wanted to make sure it is addressing the deterioration of current roads before adding more roads.

"The other piece I want to touch on again is on the bridges,"

Baeza said. "We're a county that's very aggressive on bridges and to put into perspective we currently have 21 bridges on a list that could be considered poor condition."

These are bridges that need to be addressed in the near future. Out of the 21 bridges, the county is currently working on seven, meaning 14 remain that need to be worked on.

Pettis County has 166 bridges and currently, four are closed.

"The issue you run in with bridges is you can fix five bridges and then maybe next year you have another seven added to that list," Baeza said. "It's a never-ending battle but again, we are

trying to stay on top of it."

During the pandemic, the Missouri Department of Transportation wasn't doing bridge inspection so, in 2021, the Pettis County Commission was hit with a list of bridges that needed to be addressed immediately.

An issue the department has seen in the past few years is a labor shortage.

"I do want to commend our crew at the Road and Bridge and the people who are there," Baeza said. "They have been able to keep us on schedule with everything that's been proposed and everything we want to do."

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## Water and sewer get major upgrades

### Solar power helps reduce rates

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The past year has seen city streets torn up for months as major upgrades to sewer and water systems are being completed.

"We started in 2018 with a major upgrade of all of our water mains," City Administrator Kelvin Shaw said. "Particularly around downtown, the oldest part of town where the water mains were the oldest."

A water department project set out to rehab an aging water system.

"We went out and issued a certificate of participation, so basically part of \$13 million and through the water department and part of that was rehabbing them," Shaw said. "Part of that was getting them moved out of the streets and under the sidewalks, which makes them easier and more



PHOTO BY CHRIS HOWELL | DEMOCRAT  
The City of Sedalia's Main Street lift station, 3000 W. Main St., seen Monday, Feb. 28, received major work this past year including a solar array intended on keeping energy costs, and water rates, lower.

cost-effective to maintain going forward."

Public Works Director Brenda Ardrey explained the scope of the multi-year project.

"We actually finished the nearly \$13.7 million, project three and four

of phase one of water improvements," Ardrey said. "Project three was a fairly large project in an older area of town, project four was around the Main Street water tower, started there and went down Mill Street to Third, on Third

from Mill to Washington." Moving everything from under the streets to under the sidewalks kept streets torn up around town for months, but once water mains were finally under the sidewalk, the unseen infrastruc-

ture is now good for many decades.

"As far as the water mains, obviously you've got to have the infrastructure there to handle the growth and to continue to provide the services," Shaw said. "Some of the

water mains were so old that they basically grew shut. We were spending so much money on doing repairs because you'd repair it and months later, you're digging up 10 feet further down because it busted there, you're just putting band-aids on top of band-aids."

Getting them out from under the streets will keep workers from having to tear up the street every time there is a break, or a water tap is needed.

"It's tough to tear up the sidewalk, but it's a whole lot cheaper to put the sidewalk back and patch that than it is the streets," Shaw said. "It makes the streets a lot easier to maintain. With the modern technology of being able to do boring and all of that, it's less disruptive and so they put the new pipes in, which will hopefully last another 100 years."

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# 2021-22 sees higher county revenues, new landfill ordinance

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The Pettis County Commission has had a busy year as it is getting back to normal after the pandemic has begun to turn around.

Presiding Commissioner David Dick said it has been a little different year and that every year after COVID has been a different year.

“We ended up with CARES money last year and the ARPA funds came; that was a little bit of a process to get those,” Dick said.

The county has received one of two payments of \$4.1 million and the commission is still trying to figure out how to distribute it because rules have been changed several times in the process.

“Again, that is not meant to sit on, we don’t want to sit on it. We didn’t want to spend it and have to give it back because that would have us upside down financially,” Dick said.

An important aspect that returned in the past year was bridge inspections done by the Missouri Department of Transportation. Bridge inspections are done every two years.

“They’re back in process of doing that and we wound up with several bridges closed by them and another little bit of that aspect is the inspector that had been doing them had retired,” Dick said. “So we got a new inspector, so you got different eyes looking at things and that’s OK but we weren’t ready for that.”

The Democrat previously reported there were several bridges abruptly closed in the spring and summer that are in the process of being fixed.

One of the biggest things on the commission’s radar this past year has been the proposed waste management ordinance that was passed on Feb. 24.

The landfill had county residents and the commission going back and forth for months on whether there should be a new landfill in Pettis County. Residents driving down U.S. Highway 50 could see the multitude of signs and hay bales stating “Farms Not Landfills.”

“I would equate it as two things, an educational process,” Dick said. “That’s actually kind of more than two aspects



Pettis County Commissioners Israel Baeza, David Dick and Jim Marcum hosted Concerned Citizens of Pettis County Mark Rieckhoff and Britni Schorran on Thursday, May 13, 2021, in the commission chambers at the Pettis County Courthouse.



Pettis County Commissioners Jim Marcum, David Dick and Israel Baeza hear from local farmer David Gerken and people concerned about the proposed landfill Thursday, Feb. 24. An overflow crowd barely fit in the third-floor courtroom at the Pettis County Courthouse.



The Pettis County Commission hears from Steve Jeffery during the public hearing Feb. 24.

because the commission doesn’t normally put forward a lot of ordinances like this and so we have to learn the process and do that right.” Then the content is up for discussion.

Once the ordinance was passed, Eastern Commissioner Israel Baeza posted some key points on his Facebook page:

- Completely eliminates an exclusion for a host agreement.
- No solid waste management facility shall be located less than 3 miles from a city, school, church, platted subdivisions, or any parks.
- No solid waste management facility shall be located

closer than three-quarters of a mile of an occupied dwelling.

- No solid waste management facility shall be located closer than 200 feet of the property line of the solid waste management facility.
- Protects the geologic or hydrologic conditions within and around the boundaries of a solid waste management facility.
- There shall be no more than one solid waste management facility operating at the same time in Pettis County.
- Any person or company violating the provisions of this section shall not be permit-

ted to establish and operate a solid waste management facility within Pettis County.

Another high point for the county is that revenue has been up in the past year. Dick thanked residents because they have chosen to spend their money at home in Pettis County, which benefits the county.

The Commission has also given all county employees a \$1 raise in the 2022 budget.

Dick also noted the opening of the 911 Joint Communications Center and Sheriff Brad Anders’ first year in office.

Dick mentioned offered another highlight of the last year: how many elected offices

chose to handle the pandemic.

“I think just the ability of the folks here at the courthouse to respond creatively to the ways that folks needed to engage as they chose to do so with COVID,” Dick said. “We looked outside of the box.”

That includes an updated Recorder of Deeds website that allows people to apply for marriage licenses online and look for deeds easier. The website is still being updated with county records.

“I think it just makes the information accessible in whatever form they choose to use it,” Dick said.

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Pettis County Road Department worker Daniel Sparks stands on a top stone spreader as it lays down a layer of rocks on Rattlesnake Road near Smithton in October 2021. In front, a truck lays down a layer of prime oil. This is part of the process of turning a gravel road into a chip and seal road.

## Roads

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Baeza added that residents don’t realize that when it snows, there are nine or 10 people who cover the entire county when it comes to plowing the roads.

“These guys come to work every day, they’re dedicated to what they do and they go out on the job and do the best they can with what they have,” Baeza said.

The crews did have a long stretch of nice weather to work with this past year. Much of the work the road and bridge crews do is dependent on the weather and how hot and cold the roads will be.

Western Commissioner Jim Marcum talked about the \$2.7 million budget for the Road and Bridge Department and the cost it takes to fix a road.

“We spend probably a million dollars a year just on asphalt repairs and about \$700,000 to \$800,000 to put road rock on top of them...” Marcum said.

Along with this, about \$1 million is spent on payroll for road and bridge employees. This leaves a little bit of money for equipment purchases.

The Road and Bridge department may see a possible increase in supply costs, such as road

### 2021 Road and Bridge Stats

#### BRO Bridges

- BRO #35 Myers: \$376,329 (construction and engineering)
- BRO #36 Elm Branch: \$382,845 (construction and engineering)
- BRO #37 Swisher: \$386,794 (construction and engineering)

#### Soft Match Credit

- Springfork Bridge: \$401,322 construction, \$59,900 engineering. Project began Dec. 13 and expected to be completed in early 2022. Eighty percent back in soft match credit to be used on future BRO Bridges.

#### Roads

- County-wide chip seal roads: Estimated 50 miles.
- County-wide new roads: Estimated 7 miles.
- County-wide mill and asphalt relay: 3,098 feet or about a half-mile

rock. The county will find out as the commission starts opening bids, which can affect how many roads they are able to fix.

“We try to still do it, it’d just be less roads to fix but we still do our same standards,” Marcum said. “We do so much rock, like if we do the regrinding it’s 4 to 8 inches depending on what the road is. It’s just we have to do one less road if we run out of money.”

During the last year, the department was OK with supplies but Marcum is more concerned for 2022.

Marcum spoke on some high points for the department over the past year, mentioning that the crews completed quite a few roads.

“I believe we’ve done really well for what we

have,” Marcum said.

Regarding the current labor shortage, Marcum said the county needs around 34 people and they have around 17 at the moment.

“We’re doing the best we can with what we got,” Marcum said.

Residents can fill out road maintenance request forms at [pettiscommission.com/contact-us](http://pettiscommission.com/contact-us) or contact Baeza directly at [baezai@pettiscomo.com](mailto:baezai@pettiscomo.com) or 660-620-0213.

“It’s very important when people reach out because we can be proactive when it comes to addressing it,” Baeza said. “We do appreciate people having that open communication with us and it does help us serve them better.”

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# COVID leads to changes in small schools

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The pandemic has affected school districts across the country since March 2020 when it forced them to shut down and move to online learning.

When students returned to in-person learning for the 2020-21 school year, they were met with many changes that later relaxed in the 2021-22 school year. Some of the school districts that were greatly affected by the pandemic were small schools.

While some didn't have mask mandates, many had to spread classes to being taught in cafeterias and school libraries to follow social distancing guidelines.

All the Pettis County superintendents meet every two weeks with the Pettis County Health Center to discuss how COVID is looking for schools.

Pettis County R-V (Northwest) Superintendent Amy Fagg said every school district had to have a Safe to Return school plan.

"Last spring, we had a lot more mitigating strategies in place than what we do this school year," Fagg said.

During the spring semester of the 2021 school year, students were required to wear masks during school and during sports. Pettis County R-V had to spread out to the cafeteria and the school library.

Once the 2021-22 school year began, students were not required to wear masks at school.

"This school year, it went from a 6-foot rule to a 3-foot rule. Because of our size of the student population and the size of our classrooms, we could do 3 feet without putting people in the cafeteria..." Fagg said.

Other policies and procedures that have also changed at Northwest are the contact tracing and quarantine guidelines and no longer taking everyone's temperature every day.

"Now the only time we do the contact tracing is if you yourself test positive or somebody who lives in your house with you," Fagg said.



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ABOVE: Pettis County R-V students sit together in class during the 2021-22 school year. Some students are still wearing masks after the district's policy changed from requiring masks to being optional. LEFT: Students from the Pettis County R-V (Northwest) School District wear masks as they read together in the 2020-21 school year. Students were required to wear masks during this school year before switching to mask optional in 2021-22.



If someone is fully vaccinated and comes in contact with someone who is positive, they don't have to quarantine.

"Basically overall, everything is a relaxing of everything," Fagg said.

Morgan County R-1 (Stover) Superintendent Matt Unger said his district never had a mask mandate and stayed mission-focused.

"We were able to offer online for those parents that had fears and we offered full in-person," Unger said. "We stayed mission-focused. Teachers wanted students to remain active and we took reasonable precautions and tried to separate students the best we could in the classrooms."

Unger said one of the benefits of Morgan County is it has great high-speed internet, which helped assist in the delivery of instruction for students who were online.

Morgan County also changed the way it hosted some events



PHOTO COURTESY OF MORGAN COUNTY R-1 SCHOOL DISTRICT

Morgan County R-1 students sit together while they dissect in class. Superintendent Matt Unger said the district is back to business as usual for the 2021-22 school year.

between the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years.

"Last year, we did not do as many grandparents days, muffins with moms and we did not have those events," Unger said. "This year has been more business as usual when it comes to activities at school. We're having regular awards assemblies and

inviting parents in for those. I still think that in some of the extracurricular contests you're not seeing some of the crowds pre-COVID."

Unger added that his community was ready to get back to as much normal as possible in the 2021-22 school year and that a lot of the initial fear was gone.

One of the things both schools had in common throughout the last few years was a small number of COVID cases. Both schools experienced a couple of days this year where they had to shut down due to high COVID numbers in staff.

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## Tech

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Green Ridge has also purchased additional equipment for classrooms that can be used to support instruction and learning, including document cameras, projectors, headphones and microphones.

"Since our students all have devices in class, we have many programs that we use like Evaluate, Es-park, Brain Pop, Aimsweb and Boardworks for instruction or assessments," Burkhart said.

Through grants, Green Ridge has also received three 3-D printers, interactive smartboards, photo equipment, science probes, and GPS equipment.

"Our teachers are receiving professional development for these items and are using them with our junior high students," Burkhart said.

Burkhart continued by saying how thankful Green Ridge is that the staff and students have many opportunities to use technology as another tool to support learning and exploration.

Another school district that has worked on its technology since the beginning of the pandemic

is the Smithton R-VI School District.

Smithton Superintendent David Bray said that when the school first closed, the school had to think about remote education, so the district started amassing Chromebooks as quickly as possible, which allowed the district to do one-to-one.

Once students were allowed to come back from the shutdown, the school continued to use those Chromebooks in the classroom.

"It really changed the way our teachers were able to give students access to the materials and resources," Bray said.

Bray added that no matter what, inside or outside the classroom, the teachers organize everything around the district's digital platform, Google Classroom.

"It has really bridged a few things there as far as students connecting to resources and classrooms outside of that one 45-minute block of time during the day," Bray said.

Bray said the access allows students to support students in the classrooms and eliminates some of the barriers that used to be there like students losing work.

Smithton has also increased its connectivity across campus and is still

working on that.

"Our tech plan has improved and we have high-level access points throughout the building," Bray said.

Bray added that this has helped continue education when students are out due to illness, especially COVID-19.

"Having one-to-one technology has allowed us to stay connected to our students when they are not here," Bray said. "That's certainly the biggest advantage we have seen to date but as we find ourselves moving, hopefully, away from the current pandemic, we hopefully will see greater advantages to that one-to-one technology."

This one-to-one technology allows teachers to have more mobility than they ever have in the past.

Every year, the school replaces a set of Chromebooks, which means that one is being replaced roughly every five years.

Smithton continues to work on building its technology across campus outside of Chromebooks, such as introducing an augmented reality table that will help students have more hands-on learning and a C-Pen that will help students who have been diagnosed with dyslexia.

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Crystal Williams answers a question for Hayden Grose while subbing at Smithton High School Monday, Nov. 2, 2020. Monday was Williams' second day to substitute in the school that year. Williams, who babysits, worked in the school district for 16 years.

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# Sedalia alternative learning reaches 25 years

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In 2022, Whittier High School is marking its 25th anniversary after expanding its class sizes, graduation sizes and learning possibilities.

Whittier began as an alternative school with a small class load and it has gone full circle since then. The school has more than 90 kids split between the day and night classes.

Whittier Assistant Director BJ Curry said the school has gone through a lot of transition through the years.

“But basically it’s here to help students that for one reason or another that struggle in the regular high school setting,” Curry said. “It’s where we had students who discipline problems and things to now, where we’re more of a credit recovery school (for those who struggle academically).”

The 25th anniversary is something nobody ever imagined at Whittier.

“I think it was stopgap for a period of time they envisioned much shorter than this,” Curry said. “We’ve been lucky to have a school board extremely supportive of us and through the last 25 years, especially since I’ve been here, a central office that’s extremely supportive of here.”

In turn, Whittier students have reaped the benefits of the support by those two entities and throughout the community. Each year, Whittier’s graduating classes get larger.

Many students who attend Whittier were students who struggled at Smith-Cotton High School for various reasons; a common reason is how large the school is.

“That’s what we do over here, we’re a family,” Curry said. “We treat our students like family and that’s one reason we feel like it’s so successful because our staff makes those connections to those students.”

Director Martin White said Whittier has a lot of bright students, they just lack structural skills, so the school tries to sharpen those skills.

Most students who attend Whittier High School tend to graduate early and while school is important to them, it may not be the most important thing in their lives.

“Most kids want to get in and out as quick as possible,” Curry said. “We try to accommodate that but the main reason we accommodate that is because if we can get a student in and out, that opens a spot for somebody else to get in.”

Curry added that they are trying to help as many students as they. School officials have to turn students down every year,



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A large motto hangs across the wall at Whittier School stating “We are the Whittier Family.” Family is a big component of how Whittier operates.



Students at Whittier School sit together in math class. The school has more than 90 kids split between the day and night classes.

so they want to get those students in as soon as possible.

Whittier is helping students learn how to be job-ready once they graduate from high school, whether it be going to college to earn a degree for a career or working once they graduate. The goal is to get even more students ready for a career after graduation.

Curry said the people who deserve the most credit for getting kids to walk across the

graduation stage are the educators within Whittier school.

Two of the longest-standing educators at Whittier are Jennie Guerrini, 22 years, and Kelly Birdsong, 18 years.

Birdsong and Guerrini echoed Martin and Curry’s sentiments that Whittier is like a family, even more now than before.

Guerrini said she’s excited about Whittier being open for 25 years. She added that Whit-

tier is seen as more positive in the community and they have more graduates.

“Just seeing them go across that stage is really what we’re happy about,” Guerrini said.

Birdsong added that it’s an incredible feeling of satisfaction.

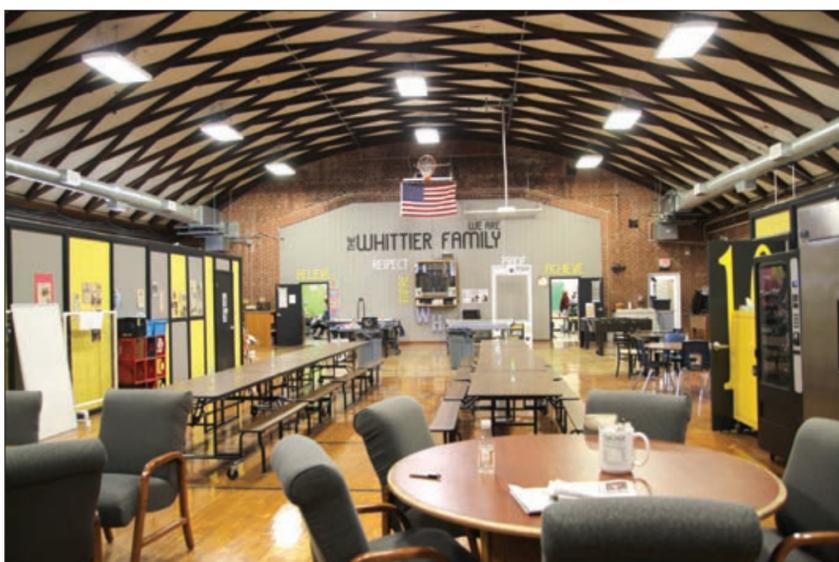
“I could probably speak for everyone here, I know for me, I worry more about my failures than my successes,” Birdsong said. “That’s probably not the best way to look at it. It’s a very

rewarding place to see these students develop and grow and get that shot.”

Birdsong added that there have been more students and staff added.

“We could do more, we still have more demand out there that we can usually meet,” Birdsong said. “They shell shocked me today saying 25 years and I was like, ‘where did it go?’”

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Whittier School began as an open plan room before the addition of classrooms and offices in later years.



This kitchen was a more recent addition at Whittier School to expand its classes to home economics.

## Upgrades

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“We did lose a contractor during that project,” Ardrey said. “The bonding company took over and provided us a new contractor and it did not cost the city any additional money. We were thrilled with the replacement contractor, he actually brought that project in

nearly on time after a 60-day hiatus in the middle of the project.”

“We also worked from Sixth Street from Ohio to Lafayette, that is all new piping and we did from Third Street to Saline Avenue and under the Union Pacific rail, that is the first new water pipe under the rail in over 50 years in the City of Sedalia, so we’re proud of that,” Ardrey said.

Wastewater projects are fewer, however, there is a rehab project on the Main

Street lift station, 3000 W. Main St. The city is just beginning construction on the nearly \$2 million Central lift station that’s going to replace the Menards lift station as development moves west. The Thompson Meadows north lift station, which is roughly 50 years old, is being replaced by the new Pelham Drive lift station. Those are due to come online in the next six to eight months.

“We did see a nearly \$1 million solar project in the city of Sedalia this year,”

Ardrey said. “We now have solar arrays at our Main Street lift station, the 16th Street water tower, the Pelham Drive lift station, the water filtration plant and two of our wells, as well as the animal shelter. We put those solar arrays in place to hopefully reduce our overall electric usage from the grid, which will reduce our power cost to the community.”

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# Merged systems increase efficiency at Joint 911 Call Center

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Pettis County Joint Communications assumed responsibility for all 911 calls in Pettis County at 11 a.m. Aug. 16, 2021. The combined communication units of the Sedalia Police Department and the Pettis County Sheriff's Office merged into the new Pettis County Joint Communications facility housed in the basement of the Sedalia Municipal Building. The merger eliminated the redundancy of dual systems and provided better service.

"That was a huge deal for us being able to pull that together," City Administrator Kelvin Shaw said. "Under the old system, it basically would know where you were calling from and then it could route the call."

Sedalia and Pettis County 911 response was fragmented, leading to a host of issues.

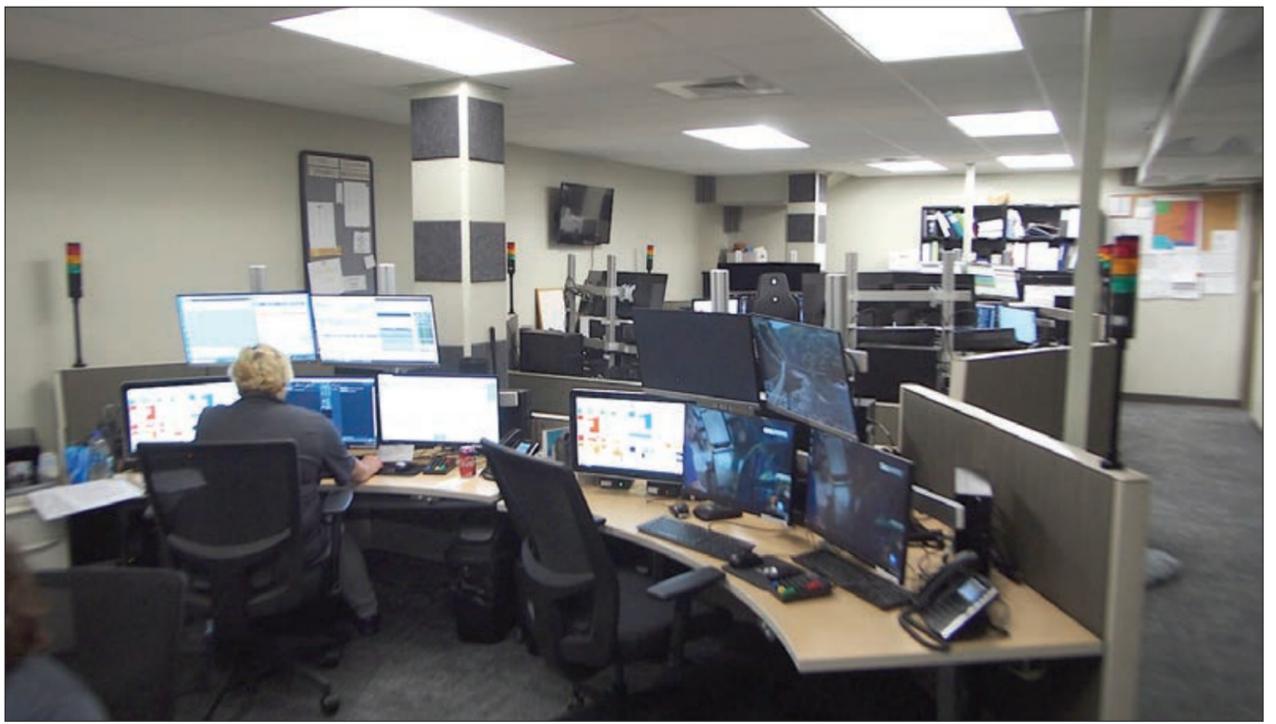
"The city was doing the city police, city fire, as well as the ambulance district for the county," Shaw explained. "The county was doing the rest of it, the Sheriff's Department and the County Fire."

When a call was received from outside the city limits, the system would know and automatically send it to the county dispatch. If they needed an ambulance, then they would physically transfer the call to the city dispatch to dispatch the ambulance.

"Maybe the reason why they needed an ambulance is they were stabbed," Shaw said for an example. "Well is the person still there? Now we need to transfer you back to get the Sheriff's Department to send a deputy. In those situations, seconds count."

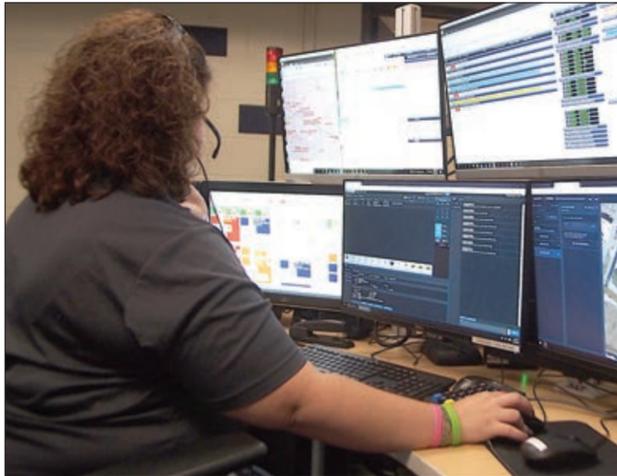
Equipment was past its lifespan and the city was scrambling to get parts.

"We literally were getting



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The Pettis County Joint 911 Call Center, seen in late August 2021, began county-wide operations Aug. 16, 2021. Calls for Sedalia Police, Sedalia and Pettis County Fire, Pettis County Ambulance and the Pettis County Sheriff's Office all are now answered there.



Communications Specialist Brianna Kimball operates one of seven identical dispatch positions at the Joint 911 Call Center in late August 2021.

spare parts out of museums for the 911 equipment," Shaw said. "And so it was to the point where we really had to do something, that equipment was

eventually going to fail and, you know, when they upgrade the systems, the software no longer works, so you have to upgrade the hardware to get

the new software."

The City and County worked together to get an Any Device fee passed.

"You used to have landlines and that was where the tax for the 911 came," Shaw said. "People are getting rid of their landlines and have gone to cell phones, so the better way to fund the 911 is an Any Device fee, which the voters were good enough to pass."

The dollar-a-month fee now helps the joint 911 center service the area.

"Of course, that doesn't pay for all of the 911 cost," Shaw said. "It doesn't even come close, but it does give us the ability to upgrade our equipment, combine the two systems together and now each of the three agencies, the primary agencies are contributing to the rest of the cost. We did a joint dispatch agreement

where the city puts in around \$300,000, the county puts in \$200,000, I believe Pettis County Ambulance District puts in \$150,000."

"I can tell you that we have received compliments and support from all of the responder agencies," said Dannelle Lauder, Director of Pettis County Joint Communications. "They have reiterated over and over again that the service they are receiving from dispatch has expanded and improved tremendously over the split systems that we previously had. From an administrative standpoint it is easier to track personnel and administrative as well as technical issues and concerns," Lauder continued. "The system overall is working smoother, better and faster than it has in the past."

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## Agriculture progress slows

### High fuel, forage and fertilizer contribute to a hard year

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When asked about progress over the past year in Pettis County agriculture, Amy Breshears with the MU Extension Office opened with one of the few successes in what has been a hard year.

"I'd say one of the successes I've seen at least is with COVID money for example helping meat processors out," Breshears said. "So maybe a little more return to people looking locally for food and trying to find local food sources."

With COVID shuttering meat processors, local cattle producers were forced to find local, smaller butchers able to process their livestock.

"I think in some cases for producers who are ready, and I'm thinking of meat protein, that could be a benefit if that was something that they wanted to do," Breshears said.

Unfortunately, the past year has had few bright spots with farmers being hit from all sides.

"We're seeing some hard things like cost of fertilizer or cost of fuel going up," Breshears said. "It's hard to find labor, so that sounds terrible to say on the heels of some successful things."

The mixed bag of good and bad news made Breshears' next statement both easier to comprehend and also indicative of the plight facing farmers in these difficult times.

"It's sort of been great," Breshears said, "and then it's been really hard, and frankly, I just think it's going to get harder."

MU Extension Office field specialist in livestock Gene Schmitz has a unique view of the squeeze being put on cattle



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John Detherage, seen Monday, Feb. 28, delivers hay to his cattle. Rising feed and fuel costs cut into Detherage's profit margin.

and crop producers alike.

"I work primarily with cattle producers, but I pick up things from the forage side as well," Schmitz said. "Fertil-

izer and chemicals are up, and certain chemicals that are in very, very short

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## Local pastors discuss challenges and hope in 2021



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Sedalia pastors with the Pettis County Ministerial Association recently met with the Sedalia Democrat. Back row from left, PCMA President the Rev. Chad McMullin, the Rev. Rob Hughes, the Rev. Steve Graff, Bishop Paul Jones, Chaplin Chris Traffanstedt, the Rev. Bob Wauchope, and the Rev. Don Satterwhite. Front row, Fr. Joe Corel, the Rev. Dennis Harper, the Rev. Marilyn Grechus, and the Rev. Jon Church.

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Area churches have struggled to survive for the last two years while going through a pandemic. In 2020, each had their own way of bringing God's word to their congregations; in 2021, churches saw a roller-coaster of gathering and not gathering, still due to COVID, but each although weary, see signs of hope on the horizon.

Fifteen pastors of the Pettis County Ministerial Association recently spoke to the Democrat about this past year — their challenges and hopes for the future in a landscape filled with COVID.

### A continuation of COVID adjustments

PCMA President Pastor Chad McMullin, of First Christian Church, noted he feels each pastor is "continuing to be forced

to make adjustments" at a pace they are "growing more accustomed to."

"I think our church members have really done well in carrying these ministries in difficult times," he added. "I think many of us are seeing somewhere between 50 to 75% of our worship people coming back for in-person (services)."

McMullin said in his congregation, the online ministries are continuing to "blossom" as well.

"The opportunities for service and outreach continue to be things that the churches try to do," he said. "We try to be connected to all of those things."

"I think it's been pretty incredible what the people of the church have been able to do through a pandemic and in a pandemic," he continued. "I think we'll be stronger — I don't think we are there

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## Heckart Community Center ready to open

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The progress on the Heckart Community Center has been remarkable since its groundbreaking ceremony June 11, 2020, and on March 18, the Grand Opening ceremony will mark its completion.

"It has come a long way," said Sedalia Parks and Recreation Director Amy Epple. "We are now days away from opening, so it's getting real. I'm right now over here doing the walkthrough."

As Paric Construction just finished construction, and Epple walks her final inspection, the pride of accomplishment is

evident in every worker and community center employee.

"It was a dream of Sue Heckart and a lot of the citizens in Sedalia to have something like this," Epple said. "It's been a long time coming and has been in the works for over 20 years. I can't really speak for Sue, but I do know that she's very excited to see a dream and vision that her mom and dad had really happening. It's going to be such

a crown jewel for Sedalia."

City Administrator Kelvin Shaw said plans for a community center had been kicked around since before he was on the job, but they could never get enough traction.

"We couldn't have done it without the generosity of Sue Heckart," Shaw said. "Her foundation gave a gift that gave us the kind of base to where we

could put it in front of the voters and the voters passed that by roughly 80%, which was just phenomenal. It really is heartening to know that the voters wanted it that much and were willing to pay for it. Finally the stars all aligned and we were able to get this done."

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The new sign at the Heckart Community Center, seen Monday, Feb. 28. The 90,000-square-foot facility will open March 18.

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supply are necessary for production systems. Feed prices are also high and those are all big-ticket issues that impact the ability of producers to match the production they had last year or the year before.”

Schmitz warns that cutting back on the input side in agriculture always leads to diminished yields.

“If you’re a producer, when the cost of your inputs goes up and what you sell for doesn’t or maybe declines, that puts the squeeze on you,” Schmitz

said, “but when we start pulling out inputs because you can’t afford them in production, there’s a cost. If you’re cutting back on fertilizer on your hay ground, your yields will go down, where do those extra nutrients come from? Where does the extra hay come from that you may need? You either buy it and cover more acres or cut back on your livestock numbers.”

John Detherage was moving bales on his Pettis County farm Monday, trying to stay ahead of both rising feed and diesel costs.

“They’ve all went up,” Detherage said. “I was buying ground corn to feed some calves, a little over a year ago I was paying around \$3 a bushel, it got up as high as \$8 a bushel and

now it’s back down to between 6 or 7. Diesel was 2 something, now it’s almost \$4.”

The fluctuating prices of farming inputs like fuel, fertilizer and feed and the pressures of COVID and the closure last year of the Central Missouri sales barn.

“That will be felt as a loss and they’ll have to go elsewhere maybe further to sell their animals so that’s another cost,” Breshears said. “They’ll be picked up by other sale barns, but there’s that whole learning curve that you have to do when you go somewhere new.”

Breshears says the ag community is dealing with the ever-increasing pressures facing farmers and is reaching

out with resources.

“These stressors are maybe getting more stressful, especially with COVID and everything on top of all that,” Breshears said. “To know that we as an ag community are really taking a closer look at mental health and taking care of our neighbors and just really focusing on wellness.”

MU Extension workers say taking time to focus on ag workers themselves will eventually yield increased productivity and wellness.

“Just to focus on community,” Breshears said. “On caring, on taking care of our neighbors, on taking care of ourselves.”

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# Churches

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yet in terms of this congregation, but we’re on our way.”

McMullin said the last year has seemed like a step forward and then two steps back for many congregations.

## Give and take and COVID conversation

Wesley United Methodist Church Pastor Dennis Harper added there “is a lot of give and take.”

“Things are going good with no (COVID) cases one week and then the bottom falls out,” he noted.

Harper said in his congregation they are not “broke” but the “cash flow is out of whack.”

“We’ll have a good month and then we’ll have a low month,” he added. “Part of that’s because of the pandemic because when everybody’s healthy, people come.

“I would say in the last year, there’s still just a lot of give and take,” he continued. “It’s challenging no matter what. We’re learning how to deal with that challenge ...”

Katy Park Baptist Church Pastor Jon Church noted for him, COVID “dominates the conversation at church.”

“We don’t get on to what we really need to be talking about,” he added. “That’s disappointing. There are more things in life than COVID — let’s get on to faith, and practice and missions.”

Church said as far as finances, Katy Park is fine but he’s finding complacency among some.

“We’re not back where we were but, we’re getting there,” he said. “It’s also reflective in the attitude of people. People have gotten used to being not



busy at church and that has affected programs, nursery (and) children’s activities.

“People have just gotten comfortable,” he continued. “And I think that’s just been disappointing to see.”

## Moving back into church activities

Pastor Don Satterwhite, with Calvary Baptist Church, said his church is seeing new faces and old faces and he’s planning for the summer months already.

“We’re back to all

of our activities,” he noted. “We’re taking a group of our folks to Montana on a mission trip this summer. I’m excited about that. It’s not just our people but people from other local churches. But, we’re still not back ...”

He said two-thirds of the congregation have returned, but he knows the final third may never come back to in-person services.

“I tell them on the air, ‘you can’t do church on the couch like you can do it in-person,’” he stated. “Hebrews said, ‘Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together.’”

Maplewood Church Pastor Bob Wauchope said their church has done well.

“I think we’ve felt like everybody else, we tried a bunch of different things,” he added. “For us, we’re not as afraid maybe as we were before to make changes. To make them quickly and to make mistakes.”

“If you make a mistake on something, you can recover from it,” he continued. “It’s OK.”

Since last summer Maplewood has focused on missions, and being more involved in the community.

“We’ve tried to keep the people busy with opportunities to serve, minister and love other people,” Wauchope noted. “If we do that, the conversation’s not about COVID anymore. We’ve seen probably 90% come back, we’ve started to grow beyond what we were before.”

## COVID drives low church numbers, lower

Fr. Joe Corel, with St. Vincent de Paul Parish, said attendance was declining before COVID.

“Then COVID hit and the people who were here, it declined even further,” he noted. “We were already hurting as far as participation numbers

(and) ministries prior to COVID.

“We need to at least get back to where we were prior to COVID so we can start growing,” he continued. “Trying to be a new pastor just as COVID hits — you can’t get to know the people, you can’t gather with the people.”

Corel added ministry through Zoom isn’t as effective as face-to-face ministry.

“Now that we’ve been in COVID for two years, we’re hammering pretty hard,” he said.

“We need participation. And we think participation starts with anything we can get them involved with ... So, we are offering a plethora of ways to be socializing and ways to be involved with ministries ...”

## Creativity is important

Broadway Presbyterian Church Pastor Rob Hughes noted an important point stated by Wauchope is “a willingness and almost a desire for more creativity.”

He said churches have upped the ante by being creative and trying different things in worship and programming.

“But there doesn’t seem to be a desire of, let’s go back to exactly who we were in 2019,” he noted. “Let’s try some new things, let’s experiment, let’s be more creative and I think that’s exciting to see.”

Marilyn Grechus, the pastor of Community of Christ Church, added COVID has brought out some people who are participating online who she hasn’t seen in person in the church for a long time.

Pastor Steve Graff, with Antioch Fellowship, said he would “echo not letting COVID be the only issue and to look for ways to minister.”

## ‘Stick and move’ through difficult times

McMullin added he’s found it’s been a “very difficult time to be a pastor.”

“I’ve been a pastor for 20 years and the last two have been exponentially more difficult,” he noted. “When you think about the divi-

sion in our culture over things political, racial, especially those two for me, it becomes very difficult to speak without somebody mishearing or putting words in your mouth — it’s a real challenge.”

The decisions the pastors have had to make the last two years concerning COVID have also been difficult, he said.

Satterwhite added that according to statistics, 38% of pastors are ready to quit.

“And on the other hand, it feels like spring is right here,” McMullin stated. “I think that’s the great part of Christian faith is you can’t ever count it as over — there’s hope, a lot of hope.”

Bishop Paul Jones, with Burns Chapel Free Will Baptist, said ministers are like boxers.

“And one of the things that a trainer tells us is ‘you’ve got to be able to think on your feet — stick and move,’” he noted. “Watch out for that uppercut.”

“We’re in a battle right now,” he continued. “And we’re in the middle of the ring and we have to get in shape. And be able to stick and move to endure until the bell rings.”

Chaplin Chris Trafanstedt, with Tyson Foods, stated he felt the biggest opportunity right now is social media and online services.

“There’s a really big opportunity for churches to really step out and find new creativity,” he added. “When I help run the video at our church where we only have five to 10 to 12 people watching. But after about a week I can look back and I see there’s well over 100, 150 views ...”

“But the fact of the matter is, there’s that many people that are checking out what you have placed online,” he continued. “So, for me, I think it’s a very big opportunity for churches to expand and utilize that.”

He explained online services are not a replacement for in-person services, but it does create a way to stay connected.

“It’s all about influencing our little world, however big that may be, with the truth of God’s word,” Trafanstedt said.

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# Pavilion project to bring events to downtown

## Public-private partnership hailed

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This past year saw a public-private partnership between the City of Sedalia and Furnell Companies work to build a pavilion, shelter, and restrooms on the lot at South Ohio Avenue and East Second Street.

“The City is redoing some of the streetscape and sidewalks and concrete work their part of the project,” Community Development Director John Simmons said. “It’s a big asset for downtown to have a new event pavilion for their weddings as well as they’ve agreed that the city will have use of that pavilion for the Scott Joplin Festival so the Scott Joplin Festival uses the pavilion during their festival and then also 20 additional dates throughout the year that the city can use it for city events.”

Furnell Vice President Erica Eisenmenger is spearheading the project and, with the city, is creating a space capable of drawing more people to the heart of Sedalia.

“Our hope is to drive some more foot traffic, some more activity, downtown in general,” Eisenmenger said. “It will spread out where people will travel downtown. There’s a lot to see and do so we hope people take



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The Downtown Pavilion Project, at Ohio Avenue at Second Street, seen Monday, Feb. 28, is a public-private partnership designed to bring more events, and people, to downtown Sedalia.

advantage of that. For our pavilion, we’re envisioning weddings, gatherings, performances, and other community events like having Santa there during the holiday season. The Parks Department has also expressed some interest in hosting community events there.”

City Administrator Kelvin Shaw is pleased with how the public-private partnership with

Furnell has worked to the advantage of the people of Sedalia.

“It’s just another opportunity to draw people downtown, to enjoy our historic downtown, and keep things vibrant,” Shaw said. “It really does create a synergy because we can do a whole lot more together than we could individually.”

Furnell is currently

constructing the pavilion, and the City will provide sidewalks, lighting, a shelter and restrooms, which will be available to the public when there are no events.

“Probably in the next week or so we’ll start pouring spaces for the diagonal parking along the corners of the lot and we will have access there for food trucks and things like that,” Eisen-

menger said.

“It’s a good way to get a project done,” Simmons explained. “We were looking at building a pavilion there as the City and we were struggling with ways to fund it. The Furnell Companies came forward and said they had an idea, they’d like to build a pavilion there, so it just all made sense.”

Furnell Companies representatives say they

are pleased with the city and the partnership formed for the Downtown Pavilion project.

“We were lucky to be able to come together with the city to work on this project,” Eisenmenger said, “and we’re grateful to be able to do the public-private partnership and we’ve had nothing but a good experience.”

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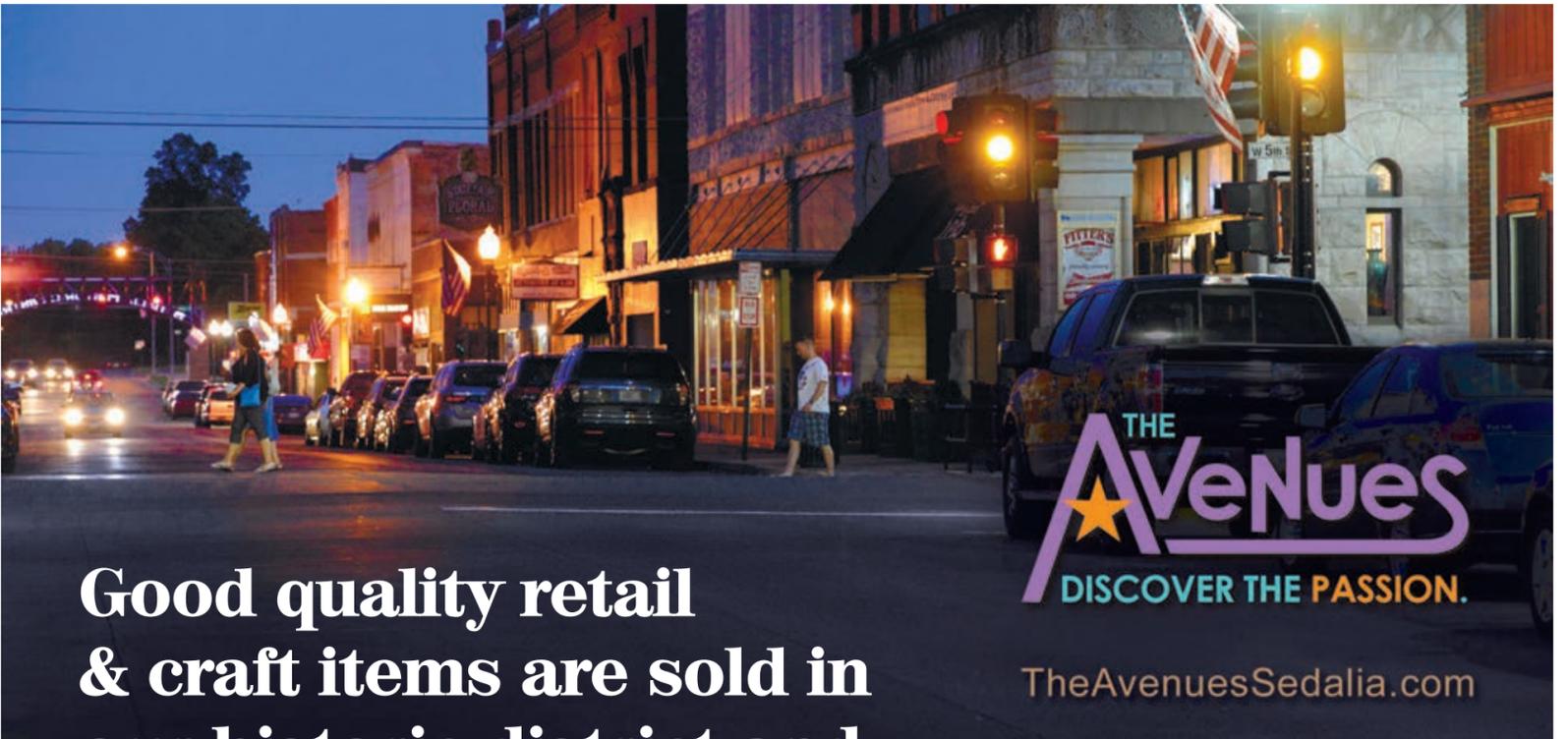
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# Completed Katy Trail now spans Missouri

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The Katy Trail opened in its entirety in August 2021 as a large section through Sedalia was finally completed. In cooperation with state, county and city governments, funding was obtained and rights-of-way were finalized.

“Sedalia happened to be the only place where there was a break in the trail,” City Administrator Kelvin Shaw explained. “We got that fixed and we’re no longer known for that, we’re actually known for being one of the hubs along the trail. Now we get a lot of activity, a lot of folks coming through that you know going down and seeing the historic Katy Depot and all those kinds of things.”

In May 2019, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources hosted a groundbreaking ceremony at the Katy Depot to commemorate the beginning of a \$2.5 million infrastructure project.

The project to close the approximately 3-mile gap in Sedalia, the only gap in the 240-mile Katy Trail State Park, was decades in the making.

The City of Sedalia announced in October 2018 it had received a \$1 million grant from the federal Recreational Trails Program. DNR invested another \$1.3 million in its share of the project outside city limits. The department also covered the 20% matching costs for the city’s grant.

The Katy Trail previously broke off on East Griessen Road north of Sedalia, directed visitors with signs to go south along North Engineer Avenue and continued west until it reconnected at the Katy Depot. Local officials had said it was dangerous for bicyclists, horseback riders and pedestrians to share these streets with vehicles.

Walkers and cyclists can now make their way east from the Katy Depot along widened and specially marked sidewalks that lead to improved trails and rest areas.

“It kind of fits in with the Community Center as well in keeping people healthy and giving them opportunities for recreation,” Shaw said. “Tourism as well. It took a lot of work and planning getting it routed down the city streets and along a sidewalk, working with the citizens, they deserve credit for helping continue this project.”

One of those widened sidewalks is on the trail along Fourth Street in front of Timothy Staten’s house.

“It’s just a little bit wider, it really doesn’t bother me,” Staten said. “I mean, it’s just a normal sidewalk, I can understand why they wanted this.”

Negotiations had to be made with property owners, land rights had to be obtained and the construction of the modified sidewalks, trails and signage had to be completed.

“We had very patient homeowners in that area because it rained so much that year,” Public Works Director Brenda Ardrey said. “It took longer than expected. We got some frustrated calls and rightly so. Construction is not something you want in your front yard in a wet year. Everyone was very good to work with, we found fixes and workarounds, sometimes we just need a plate in their driveway. It’s a good neighborhood to work with.”

The Katy Trail is the world’s longest rail-to-trail project at 240 miles and runs from Clinton to Manchens. Staten frequently sees people exploring the trail, which passes in front of his home.

“There’s been a lot of bicycles, there’s been people walking up and down it too,” Staten said. “It gives me a little bit more to shovel but it doesn’t bother me at all, you know, people riding up and down. My grandkids really love it because they can ride up and down on their bikes.”

More information on Katy Trail State Park can be found at MoStateParks.com.

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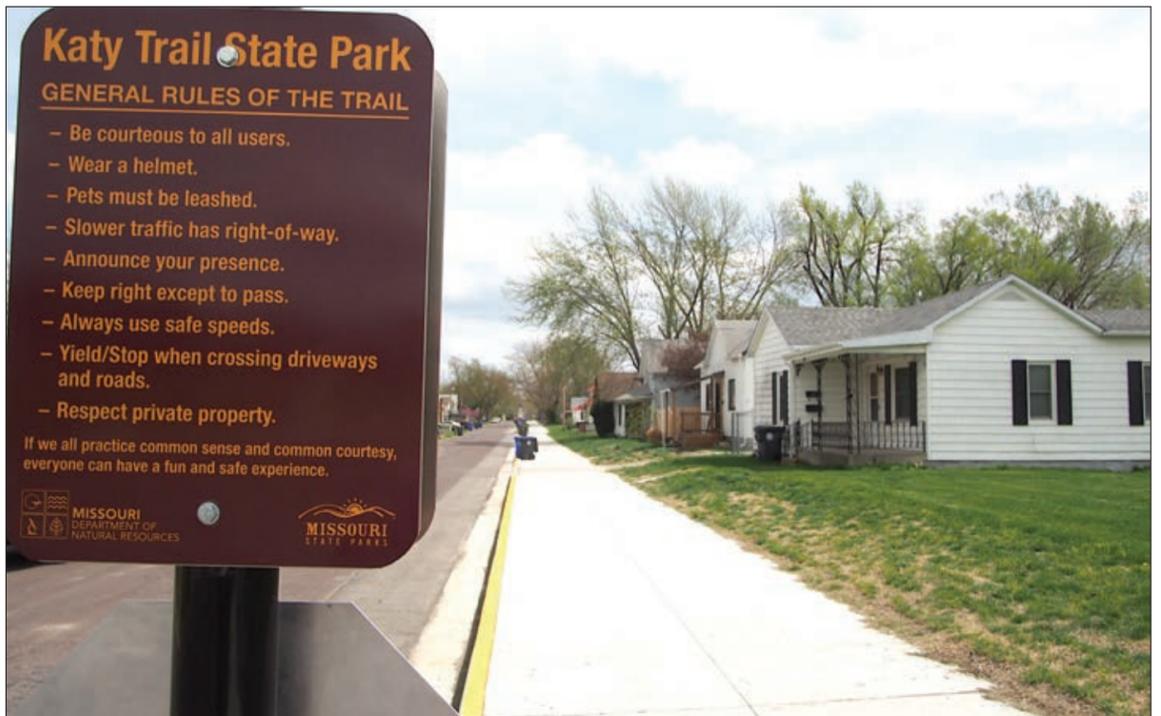


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Widened sidewalks and new signage along Fourth Street helped complete the Katy Trail through Sedalia. The trail officially opened in August 2021.



LEFT: Pettis County Presiding Commissioner David Dick holds the ribbon for Missouri Department of Natural Resources Director Carol S. Comer as local and state dignitaries opened the completed Katy Trail at the Katy Depot during a ceremony in May.

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State, county and local officials turn the first shovels of dirt during a groundbreaking ceremony for the Katy Trail connection project in Sedalia in May 2019 at the Katy Depot. From left, Sedalia Mayor John Kehde, state Rep. Brad Pollitt, Missouri Department of Natural Resources Director Carol Comer, Gov. Mike Parson, Pettis County Presiding Commissioner David Dick, Katy Trail Sedalia Inc. President Dave Brown, and Missouri State Parks Director Ben Ellis.



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From left, Sedalia Parks and Recreation Director Amy Epple, Paric Project Manager Dan Close, Gracyn Imboden, Avery Epple, and Gabby Fatka tour the lobby of the Heckart Community Center in April 2021.

# Heckart

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The idea of a Sedalia community center has been discussed for more than a decade. It began to really take shape in 2019, and voters approved two tax issues in August 2019 that helped make the project possible, along with the Heckart Family Foundation's donation.

With roughly 80% voting yes on both questions and 24.2% registered voter turnout, the

one-eighth cent park sales tax increase and removal of the June 30, 2026, sunset provision on existing capital improvement sales taxes passed with flying colors during the August 2020 special election.

"In life, we need to embrace moments and milestones that bring people together," Heckart said during the 2020 groundbreaking ceremony. "Today is one of those moments. The Heckart Community Center has always been a dream of mine because it is an opportu-

nity to honor the legacy of my parents, Del and Stella Heckart, while investing in the people of Sedalia...

"Our community deserves a place where we can come together and create shared experiences and memories," she added. "A community center is a representation of what our community can do together. It is made possible by your approval of the tax levy and I thank you."

The 90,000-square-foot facility features basketball courts, swimming pools, a fitness center, a senior center



Sue Heckart, left, toured the Heckart Community Center with Sedalia Parks and Recreation Director Amy Epple in mid-January.

and rooms for a variety of activities.

"This is a place that's for everyone in Sedalia," Epple said. "It doesn't matter what your age or your interest is, there's something here for everyone."

Shaw has toured the facility several times and can't wait until the Grand Opening where he can share the Heckart Community Center with an eager public.

"I have looked at it when we were reviewing the plans and designing it and all of that kind

of good stuff," Shaw remembered. "And yeah, 'this is gonna be pretty cool, this can be pretty neat, and it's gonna be pretty big,' but there's nothing like going in it, and seeing how big it really is. Every time I've taken anybody in there, they just kind of go, 'Wow.' You know, it's the most general comment."

Epple and her staff are worn out by the amount of work but are also hoping to soon can share the Heckart family's vision.

"We're very excited, we're anxious for the

public to get inside and see what you invested in," Epple said. "This is an investment by the taxpayers and in memory of Sue Heckart to her family as well. I know my staff has worked extremely hard and they're still pushing through to the finish line to get everything ready for the Grand Opening. We're just really excited to see all the laughter and memories that are going to be made inside this facility."

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From left, Ward 1 Councilman Jeff Leeman, Parks and Recreation Director Amy Epple, Parks and Recreation Board President Jerry Case and Sue Heckart participate in the groundbreaking ceremony for the Heckart Community Center in June 2020.

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## Economic development growing in Sedalia, Pettis County

### Great manufacturing year despite COVID pandemic

By Chris Howell  
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Sedalia and Pettis County's economic development is diverse and robust thanks to larger industries expanding or moving into the area. "When a lot of folks say manufacturing is dying, it's not a growing industry, I'd beg to differ," said Jessica Craig, Executive Director of Economic Development Sedalia-Pettis County. "In Sedalia-Pettis County, we're seeing a lot of growth."

Coming out of a difficult two years, Craig finds pride that local companies faced the pandemic and emerged intact and have even expanded.

While many plants were shut down in other countries, Pettis County actually saw growth.



DEMOCRAT FILE PHOTO

WireCo employees pose next to spools of 5" cable in October. WireCo recently invested \$15 million to update equipment, making the facility more modern and efficient.

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## Katy Trail Health builds, opens new facility



PHOTO BY FAITH BEMISS | DEMOCRAT

Katy Trail Community Health opened a new 13,800-square-foot facility on West Main Street on Feb. 28. The facility has one physician, Dr. Alicia Albers, and one nurse practitioner, Jenie Bruce, on the first floor. Optometry is on the lower level and administrative is on the second floor.

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A new \$2.5 million, downtown Katy Trail Community Health facility opened on Feb. 28 on West Main Street featuring 13,800 square feet and offering several new services.

Chief Executive Officer Chris Stewart said the building was constructed with funds strictly from Katy Trail, not with funds from grants. Jodi King, the assistant to the chief medical officer, dental officer and operations officer, said the lower floor houses an optometrist and staff education room, while the first floor has one physician, Dr. Alicia Albers, one nurse practitioner, Jenie Bruce, and their care teams consisting of a patient services representative and a care coordinator.

"The care coordinator helps with any social determinants of health," King explained. "So, any transportation, any language barriers, any food, clothing insecurities. They're just a great resource."

"Our care coordinators also do Medicaid applications," she continued. "They help with those, they are certified to assist

with that application. And also, when it comes time for marketplace enrollment, they are able to assist with that."

The first floor has a radiology department, a pharmacy with a drive-thru plus a behavioral health department and telehealth. The second floor houses administrative offices.

"I've been with Katy Trail now for almost four years now," King said. "And we've had our mobile units that we've put in place, but yes, this is the first construction project of any type."

She added the decision to build the facility downtown is so the services can be more centrally located and more accessible.

"Katy Trail, we're a federally qualified health center and we reach a diverse population," she noted. "And we just felt the need in this area, the center of Sedalia."

Although the medical area of the building opened on Feb. 28, King said the pharmacy and optometrist will not be ready to go until April or May. The Imaging Department will be open in late March.

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## Bothwell gets certifications, continues COVID treatments



*New education programs to help with staffing*

By Nicole Cooke  
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As Bothwell Regional Health Center continues to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, it has seen many challenges and accomplishments along the way.

### New pandemic problems

When looking at COVID patients from 2020 compared to 2021 and 2022, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Phillip Fracica said the biggest differences are the severity and acuity of the illness. Last winter, Bothwell had all nine ICU beds filled with ventilated and critically ill COVID patients, and the hospital was close to running out of ventilator beds. This winter, he said there are generally two or three COVID patients in the ICU.

"However, that didn't mean this was an easier winter because there were some other differences," he said. "Two years into COVID, there's been steady erosions of staffing and people who were exiting the health care workforce. Some were health professionals close to retirement and decided this was a good time to get out. Some of them were people who were attracted by national shortages and would rather do contract labor. Some of those people could double or triple their income by doing that. Paradoxically, after a year of doing that, I'm way ahead of the game of where I thought I'd need to work five more years but now I can retire."

He said those staffing challenges mean fewer open beds.

Last winter, people were avoiding health care facilities, canceling elective surgeries and not coming to the Emergency Department. Now, the ED has about two-thirds of the volume it did before the pandemic.

"(Last winter), it was very intense on severe acuity COVID but better staffing and lower overall demand for service," Fracica said. "This winter, we haven't seen critical COVID illness, but we've had multiple times where we don't have enough staff to fill beds, so we have to transfer patients to other facilities that are also short. Not an easier winter but a different type of problem."

Fracica said the impact of vaccination and new COVID treatments is seen in the lower acuity cases.

Fracica also said influenza cases are back up after an almost non-existent flu season in 2020-21.

### Coping with staffing issues

Fracica noted that contract labor is much more expensive than full-time



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOTHWELL REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER

From left, Brittany Marshall, Mags Gutierrez and Brittany Marshall. The trio are third-year medical students at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine and are spending a year at Bothwell Regional Health Center learning about treating patients across the spectrum of care from a variety of Bothwell providers.

employees, leading to roughly double the cost of caring for patients in the hospital.

"We made a strategic decision that we were not going to reduce critical services, so whatever it took, we were going to make sure we had adequate staffing in ICU and in key critical areas," he said. "We didn't need to do that. We could have taken the position some other hospitals have taken to not use the outside expense of contract labor and staff as much as we can with full-time. ... That wasn't the decision we made, for better or for worse."

"The consequences of that, we've done quite well with higher revenue than we've ever had, things are going quite well, but that's offset by a crippling financial burden of a large expenditure on the contract labor in order to keep those critical services open."

He said there were several months where it was difficult to transfer patients, so Bothwell decided to "do whatever it takes" to provide care for patients in the community, regardless of the financial burden.

"Knowing that there's not a good option to transfer a patient somewhere else, they are depending on us," he added.

### Gaining certifications

Bothwell earned certification as a Level III acute stroke-ready hospital by The Joint Commission in November 2019. In March 2021, Bothwell was designated a Level III Missouri ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) Center by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Time Critical Diagnosis Unit. According to a news release, STEMI is a serious type

of heart attack where one of the heart's major arteries that supplies oxygen-rich blood to part of the heart muscle is blocked.

The hospital is nearing the end of the process to be certified as a Level III trauma center. In late February, Fracica said the trauma survey had been completed and the hospital had already implemented recommended changes. Now Bothwell is awaiting official notification from the state.

Fracica said the certifications help reduce confusion about where ambulances can take patients. He explained that ambulance services typically take trauma, stroke or STEMI patients to a care center with that specific certification, so now patients have more care options closer to home.

"That will also allow EMS to take patients from the community who want to get treated here; we're the closest facility," Fracica said of trauma certification. "Previously, if they were able to, there was some interpretation of state laws and rules that they had to pass our hospital on the way to the next community, which sometimes didn't have the services we had. We had an on-call orthopedic surgeon and if the patient had a fracture, they went to a trauma-certified hospital, but it didn't have an orthopedic surgeon on call; that creates complications. We think that will make a big impact."

He further stated that regulations state if it is a devastating, life-threatening emergency trauma, EMS is instructed to bring the patient to the closest health care facility, regardless of certification.

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# Planning places PCHC at the forefront of COVID

## Community programs return to health center

By Faith Bemiss

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It was beneficial as the pandemic unfolded for the Pettis County Health Center to fall back on the strategic plans that had been put in place years before COVID-19.

PCHC Administrator JoAnn Martin said during 2021 the center focused on COVID and trying to protect the community. PCHC provided information to people and families on how to protect themselves and it provided immunizations.

Vaccine program on target  
“We as a community actually had a very exemplary vaccine program,” Martin noted. “And it was the result of all of those years of emergency preparedness planning that we had been doing since this became a public health issue, which was all the way back in 2002 when I started to work here.”

She added when the center was presented with the opportunity to provide vaccines to the community the partnership between Katy Trail Community Health and Bothwell Regional Health Center, the Health Center “came into play very quickly.”

“We each looked at where our strengths were and how we would best contribute to providing vaccines to all those who wanted to be vaccinated,” Martin said.

When they got the message that the Missouri National Guard was coming, the staff at BRHC were able to present the Guard with a vaccination plan.

“We were ready to go as soon as the vaccine became available,” she said. “Which, I think, was really great evidence of all that planning we had done for all those years.”

“That has obviously been a major focus of 2021 for the Health Center,” she continued. “The vac-

cine, and just the general notifying people of their positive cases, providing instructions, answering questions, lots and lots of questions — and we tried to provide the best available information.”

Martin said they were aware that it seemed like the “guidance was changing.”

“Even though it seems like we’ve been living with COVID forever, it’s only been two years,” she explained. “So, the science will change as we understand more about what the virus does.”

She added the Health Center and the community have also been through various variant outbreaks.

“Delta and omicron being the most challenging,” Martin stated. “That’s kind of been an overriding focus for the Health Center in 2021. Although, despite all of those, we have basically been able to transition back to do a lot of other programs that we did before the pandemic started.”

Programs begin again  
One program that has received more attention this past year is the PCHC’s Narcan Distribution Program. The Health Center received a supply of Narcan that was distributed to first responders, “primarily to law enforcement and fire.”

“In 2021, with assistance from the United Way and some other funding, we were able to increase our supply to create the community program,” Martin said. “The community program allows anyone to come in (and) request Narcan.”

PCHC offers a brief education program that explains how to use it and the staff provides a small bag with the Narcan along with resources for those struggling with substance abuse.

Along with the Narcan Program, the Health Center



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**Pettis County Health Center Administrator JoAnn Martin is tested for COVID in June 2020 at the Missouri State Fairgrounds. Martin recently said that pre-planning helped with implementing COVID vaccines in a prompt and timely manner in 2021.**

continued its Women’s Wellness Program, the regular Immunization Program, the Safe Kids Program, the Positive Youth Development Program and the Teen Outreach Program.

PCHC has also added a prevention specialist position. Tia Smith will work on substance abuse prevention for young people ages 13 through 18.

“Then, we are continuing our work with the Mental Health Coalition,” Martin said. “We’ve probably not been able to do as much in 2021 as we would have liked to.”

“But one thing we were able to do to enhance our referral program,” she added. “Working with Sedalia PD so that if law enforcement officers meet someone who is in need of mental health services, they can make a direct referral to our mental health coordinator, Dawn Williams.”

Moving forward into 2022  
Plans for 2022 include working on PCHC’s Community Health Assessment.

“We’re going to take a little dif-

ferent approach,” Martin said. “In that, we’re going to look at what we call some of the social determinants of health.”

“Those are things such as housing, access to food, the access to the opportunity for recreation,” she continued. “Those kinds of things that have a significant impact on an individual’s health and wellbeing, but are a little bit different than what we traditionally think of.”

The program will address issues concerning obstacles to seeing a doctor or dentist or finding employment.

“We’re going to be focusing on those when we do our community health assessment,” Martin added. “Then we will use the information ... to work with our partners to develop what is called a Community Improvement Plan.”

She added it will take most of 2022 to complete the plan.

In the last two years, PCHC hasn’t been able to focus on some of its Chronic Disease Prevention activities.

“Some of those things unfortunately has been sat on the back burner trying to get through COVID,” Martin explained. “But we have approval from our board to hire an additional staff member to focus primarily on those areas.”

Women’s health and moving into digital age

She added another “exciting program” that began last year and will be put into “high gear” this year is the Women’s Health Outreach Program.

“We know a lot of women put off preventative health services during the pandemic for a variety of reasons,” she noted. “And we also know there are parts of our county where there are transportation issues and timing issues to get into Sedalia.”

Martin said they have a grant through the Department of Health and Senior Services to go into the smaller communities in the county to bring services closer to women who may need them.

She noted a “big change” for PCHC this year is the transition to an electronic health management system this year. With the system, the center will be able to better track everything they do and provide the community with better data. Currently, the center uses all paper records but through funding, it can move into the digital age.

“We are in the process of training for it now,” she said. “So, hopefully by the summer, we’ll be up and running and ready to go.”

PCHC will continue with its in-person WIC services, Vital Records Services and its Child Care Health Consultation Program. The center is also working to revive its Medical Reserve Corps.

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# Local funeral homes navigate through the pandemic

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The COVID-19 pandemic caused challenges for nearly every industry, including the funeral home industry. Those effects were felt locally at Sedalia's numerous funeral homes.

## Heckart Funeral Home

Navigating through the pandemic has been a challenge for the funeral industry and Jeff Page, who co-owns Heckart Funeral Home with his wife Megan, said he still remembers the home's first COVID death in 2020.

Page noted 2020 was when "everything changed."

"I will always remember the first COVID death we had," he said. "I was called by the coroner in the county, and it was in the middle of the night.

"I remember to this day the fear in his voice," Page continued. "Because it was uncharted territory. He even asked me, 'do you want to take care of this?' I said, 'well of course.'"

Page added he remembers going to the hospital and everyone including himself was "smocked up from head to toe."

"We were all just scared," he said. "From there, of course, we've had many, many more COVID deaths, sadly."

As time went on, he and the staff became more accustomed to handling COVID deaths, but they still remain careful and wear PPE.

"But it's become fairly commonplace by this point," he said. "So, the fear factor is gone, thankfully."

Early during the pandemic, Page said they had crowd-size limitations.

"At one point, we were down to only 15 people per gathering," he noted. "And that was very hard, because most families, the immediate family is at least 15 or more people."

He added people were good about following the rules for the most part, but some didn't understand why.

"It was very difficult," Page said. "Very difficult on the families."

Eventually, funeral homes were allowed to have 25 people and then for a while it went to a percentage of the building's fire

occupancy.

"But thankfully none of those things lasted very long," he said. "We made it through."

Page said the home has "implemented a few things" during the pandemic to help alleviate crowds. Live streaming the funeral service has become prevalent.

"It's not a perfect solution," Page noted. "Because it is so very public — a lot of families don't want it because anybody in the world could watch it."

Heckart offers live streaming, although the more popular option is recording the service and then sharing it with family.

"Another thing we did for a while was called 'Hugs from the Heart,'" he explained. "People could ask for a balloon to be present at the service with a message from them.

"And we'd tell families that this balloon represents this person or family that wishes they could be here with you today, but can't," he continued. "And that was very popular."

Currently, Heckart is back to having regular services, but for those who wish to not be in crowds, the live stream and recordings are there for them.

"Another thing I noticed in 2020... when the pandemic first began, I noticed how important viewing was to families," Page said. "What I was finding, when nursing homes shut down, people weren't able to see their loved ones for weeks, maybe months.

"When the person actually died, this setting was the first opportunity to see their loved one," he continued. "So, we had quite an emphasis on viewing, whether it be burial or cremation."

He added it was and is extremely important for families to spend time with their loved ones.

Heckart also has software that allows staff to do funeral arrangements via email and/or over the phone if people aren't comfortable coming to the home in person or if they can't travel due to the pandemic.

## Rea Funeral Chapel

For Rea Funeral Chapel, COVID caused owners Brad and Sarah Rea to postpone building a new facility on West 16th Street.



PHOTO COURTESY OF HECKART FUNERAL HOME

Jeff and Megan Page, owners of Heckart Funeral Home, stand with their children Jonah and Jude.

Brad Rea told the Democrat when COVID hit in 2020, they decided to purchase land at 3510 W. 16th St. The land was purchased in 2021 but they decided to wait on construction.

"It was planned, started, and COVID hit and we postponed it," he noted. "Instead of doing both land and construction, we just did the land purchase only until all of the pandemic calmed down.

"And then material prices went out the roof, now they are starting to come back down again," he continued. "So, we're still right now in the process of building and hopefully we'll break ground this year."

The current building on South Limit Avenue is around 5,000-square-foot with parking for 55 vehicles. The new facility will be 9,400-square-foot and have parking for 85.

Rea noted the chapel is seeing an increase in the families they are serving. He said, just as Jeff Page of Heckart said, he believes the increase is not due to COVID as much as it is due to the Baby Boomer generation growing older and dying.

He added as for COVID deaths, he's finding often people are no longer COVID positive but are passing due to the effects of COVID.

"People who are getting COVID, they are making it through the COVID," he noted. "And they're not in the COVID protocol anymore, but they still have the effects... that's affect-

ing them and they can't get over it.

"So, basically the death is due to COVID, but it's past COVID," he explained. "But it's still a COVID death."

He added COVID hasn't affected them business-wise, although in 2020, people who wanted to do a traditional funeral opted for cremation because their families were quarantined and couldn't attend a funeral.

"So, they had to wait two, three weeks out so their families could come to the service," Rea explained.

Staff at Rea's was also low during the beginning of the pandemic due to two employees leaving. One left due to concerns about COVID and one left for employment elsewhere. Rea said because the chapel is an essential business, they couldn't close.

"We were short-handed, but we made it through," he noted.

He added his wife, Sarah, came on board full-time instead of part-time, which was helpful.

Rea said they opened Rea Funeral Chapel in 2009 and he'd seen changes in the funeral industry before COVID hit.

"Cremation for the last 15 years is becoming more popular," he noted. "And it's not because of people that can't afford traditional (funerals), it's just because that's what they prefer.

"And I think a lot of that is your Baby Boomers, that era," he added. "Back 20, 25 years ago, your parents and your grandparents put



PHOTO COURTESY OF REA FUNERAL CHAPEL

Brad and Sarah Rea, the owners of Rea Funeral Chapel located on South Limit Avenue, have plans to break ground on a new facility this year.

back or had a life insurance policy for burial."

He said he remembered in the early 1990s they would see about five cremations a year. Last year Rea Funeral Chapel handled 291 deaths with 60% of those being cremations.

He said nowadays, people choose cremation to save land or because they don't want to be buried. Rea added there is no wrong or right decision when it comes to traditional burial or cremation.

"You can have a memorial service or a funeral service to honor and pay tribute to your loved one no matter what you do," he said. "It's respectful and dignified — it's not wrong either way."

## McLaughlin Funeral Chapel

Information provided by Jason Weiker, the owner of McLaughlin Funeral Chapel, stated the Chapel, located in Downtown Sedalia since 1880, "has always had a reputation for, and will be long remembered for their excellent business practices, great kindness and caring, and civic pride."

The funeral chapel, which originally was paired with a furniture store, had access to cabinet makers who provided the funeral home with caskets.

After being owned by the McLaughlin family for 130 years, McLaughlin Brothers Funeral Chapel was purchased in December 2009 by Jason and Bethany Weiker, who own Weiker Funeral Home in Slater.

"Upon the purchase, the name of the business was changed to McLaughlin Funeral Chapel; however only the name has changed, as the Weikers honor, and continue the strong traditions of service, caring, and respect for which the McLaughlin family was known," Weiker noted.

Following the purchase of the funeral chapel, the Weikers did extensive remodeling and updating with new paint, lighting, carpeting, furniture, and a new state-of-the-art selection/arrangement room, which offers families a large selection of caskets, urns, and vaults. The fleet of automobiles is continually being updated, as are the practices in the funeral service industry. The funeral chapel continues to offer families the traditional services of full-viewing visitations and funeral ceremonies at the funeral home and churches, as well as graveside services at cemeteries.

"In addition to those services, the practice of cremation is seen as a growing trend nationwide, and the chapel is there to service that need as well," Weiker said. "As the funeral industry changes and progresses, the staff at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel remain up to date with those changes, while honoring and continuing the strong traditions of service, caring and respect for the families they serve."

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"There's some irony in that," he said. "The really severe cases that needed a full trauma team and heart surgeon to open up the chest, those were coming to us because they couldn't wait for transport to Columbia and then the ones we were perfectly capable of handling and should've come here were going to other communities because of certification. It was almost backward."

## Training the next generation

Fracica said from his perspective, some of the biggest recent developments at Bothwell are the education innovations with the University of Missouri-Columbia.

About three years ago, Bothwell became a cooperative site where MU medical students could do some basic third-year training. MU then created a pilot program for a new way of providing third-year education. Fracica said traditionally, the first two years of med school is mostly classroom learning, then the third year is learning how to deal with patients. It's usually divided into various sections such as internal medicine, OB/GYN, etc.

"There's been a national and

international movement to have kind of a different way of doing that training for integrated curriculum. That involves the student going into a primary care clinic that sees all patients — some need surgery, some need hospital care," Fracica explained. "They spend the whole year based in that primary care practice. Instead of three months then a different assignment, they're basically in that practice the entire year... It's a whole different way of structuring things."

Bothwell is the first hospital providing that training for MU. Next year Hannibal will be added, followed by St. Joseph. He said he's excited about the program and that it's going well.

Fracica said data indicates students who go through that type of third-year training are more likely to practice primary care medicine and in a rural community, so it's an effort to improve health care staffing in those areas.

"Other research is on empathy and sensitivity and the idea of keeping a focus on the patients as people and not as a disease and conditions," he added. "Students who go through that training seem to keep a lot more of that and are less likely to be impersonal and see patients as diseases and not as people."

Bothwell is also less than a month away from finding out

which two fourth-year med students will be matched with Bothwell for its new residency program. The program's first year will be spent at MU with one day per week at Bothwell. The second and third years will be spent entirely working at Bothwell, seeing patients in clinic and the hospital.

"One of the reasons why we wanted to participate in that is because we felt that down the road in three years, we would be starting to see people graduate from the residency program who went through training in our community," Fracica said. "One of the issues with where people choose to practice, it's not at all unfrequent that the place where people do their training, if given the opportunity to stay, they've been living there last several years, their instructors and professors would now be their colleagues and partners. That can be attractive to have someone who taught you how to be a doctor to now want you in their practice."

He said the challenge previously was that local students would go to med school and not return to the area. Now, they will be familiar with Bothwell's facilities and staff.

"Every year we'll have two new residents practicing in our community," he added. "They're free to go wherever they want, but since they trained here, we could recruit them."



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Operating room nurse Audra Reichert, of Illinois, travels to Bothwell Regional Health Center each week as a traveling nurse.

Over the last eight years, Bothwell has recruited seven primary care physicians and two remain. In the last year, five new physicians have joined Bothwell practices and Fracica said all of them indicated one of the reasons they chose Sedalia was because they were excited about participating in the residency program.

## New cancer technology

In 2021, Bothwell obtained a new linear accelerator for the Cancer Center. The equipment allows for more precise imaging and aiming capabilities, which helps cause less damage to surrounding tissue. The new machine is also faster.

Fracica also talked about Bothwell's three lung specialists, Dr.

Gabriel Anders, Dr. Dan Woolery and Dr. William Woolery. He said Anders and Dan Woolery were trained in advanced diagnostic techniques.

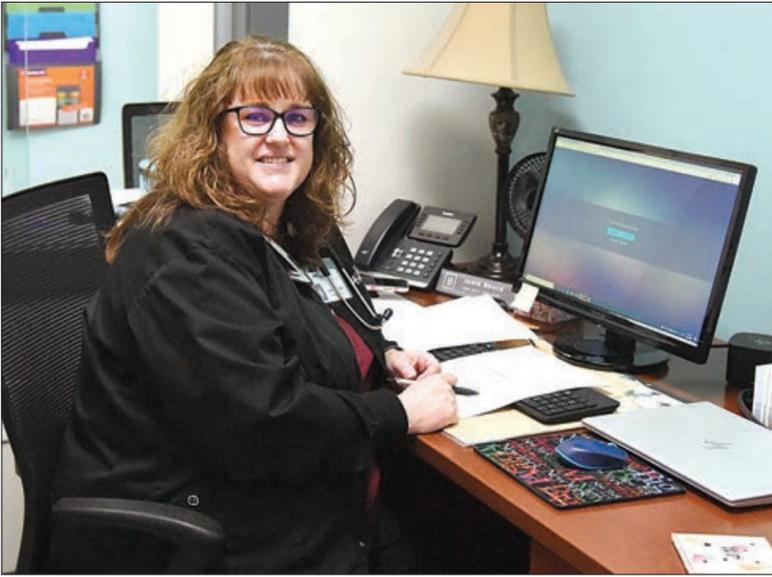
Using ultrasound imaging with a scope while looking at breathing passages of the lungs helps identify lung cancer. Fracica said this could lead to an early-stage diagnosis, which leads to an enhanced ability to treat with radiation.

Periodic low-dose CT scans can also help locate small growths that could be lung cancer in patients with a significant smoking history or a high risk of developing lung cancer.

"The combo of the low dose CT, the ultrasound and the new radiation oncology accelerator have upped our game in cancer care," Fracica said.

Fracica said Bothwell has also started to work with an organization that provides personalized genetic testing of cancers. When a biopsy is taken, a doctor looks under a microscope to see what kind of cancer it is, but it is now also sent off for genetic analysis. Fracica said the doctor gets a report of all the genetic mutations specific to that cancer, "which has a huge role in being able to get more precision in customizing the drug therapy."

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Jenie Bruce, the nurse practitioner at Katy Trail Community Health's new facility, sits in her office on opening day, Monday, Feb. 28.



Dr. Alicia Albers sits in her office in the new Katy Trail Community Health facility, 305 W. Main St.

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# Katy Trail

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The new facility will have increased technology such as Smartboards and televisions that can be used for presentations. On the medical floor, there are a total of six exam rooms and a lab.

There is no walk-in clinic at the new facility, but it is accepting new patients. Those wishing to become patients may call Katy Trail at 660-826-4774.

After three years of planning, Katy Trail Community Health hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for its second Sedalia site in August 2020. It was constructed by Preferred Construction in conjunction with Rob Rollings Architects.

"We have been planning to open a second site for about three years when we officially grew out of our 821 Westwood site," Stewart said during the 2020 ceremony on behalf of Katy Trail Board President Mary Nell Strautman, who was unable to attend due to illness. "Our staff, patient as ever, has been finding creative ways to operate in a very tight space. We



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Local officials involved with the new Katy Trail Community Health location help kick off the project during a groundbreaking ceremony hosted by the Sedalia Area Chamber of Commerce in August 2020.

have four care coordinators in a small office, we had three nurse practitioners working out of the same office, our nurses have had to share a space where they are literally shoulder to shoulder for the last several years."

Once the new facility is complete, that will allow part two to begin: renovations at the current facility. Stewart previously told the Democrat that plans include adding a dental operatory designed to serve people in

a wheelchair and redesigning the medical areas.

Katy Trail Community Health's downtown facility, 305 W. Main St., is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The clinic at 821 Westwood

Ave. will be the only clinic open on Saturday. Katy Trail also has locations in Marshall, Versailles and Warsaw.

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# New rail spur helps bring Nucor online

By Chris Howell

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After two and a half years of grants, applications, regulatory approvals and construction, the Sedalia Rail Industrial Park was officially connected to Union Pacific rail in 2021.

“The city is looking towards the future,” Public Works Director Brenda Ardrey said. “We view Nucor as the anchor tenant in a large industrial park. There’s potential for others to connect to that rail spur, it’s not limited to just Nucor.”

Working with the Federal Rail Administration, which provided Sedalia \$10 million in grant funds, the rail spur was constructed.

“We have nearly \$1.75 million remaining,” Ardrey said. “We could put a transload facility in that would allow for community manufacturing that does not have enough business perhaps to warrant their own rail spur. This was our first experience at railroad construction, but Sedalia has a long history with rail. We did have a rail engineer, someone with lots of experience that was involved in that, but the day-to-day management of a construction project was very similar to roadway construction.”

Large industries are now looking at Sedalia as a potential manufacturing site that offers the infrastructure they need.

“With the new rail park coming online companies are looking for more than one way to move their product,” said Jessica Craig, Executive Director of Economic Development Sedalia-Pettis County. “Now with rail and road access along with having a large area of potentially developable acres that can be served with water, sewer, natural gas, and electricity, those are all pieces of the recipe and why we are being asked to compete for these large scale development mega-projects.”

The Sedalia Industrial Rail Park, located east of North U.S. Highway 65, was established in December 2018 as a joint venture between the City of Sedalia, Pettis County, and EDSPC.

The idea to create a rail-served industrial park began several years ago after Craig heard from numerous large-scale companies looking for rail-served property to construct new facilities. At the time, such property didn’t exist in Pettis County. Craig and city and county officials began looking at available land with proximity to the highway and railroad.

Multiple lines spurred off the UP mean easier on and offloading of material within the rail park and plenty of room for future growth.

“Our new \$240 million rebar micro-mill in Sedalia



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The Sedalia rail spur completion now serves Nucor Steel as the industrial park’s anchor tenant. Three spur tracks connect to the UP live line and will serve the rail park’s additional industries.

uses recycled scrap to produce up to 380,000 tons per year of steel rebar for construction in the Kansas City region,” Ron Kessel, Nucor General Manager, said. “Nucor chose this location, in part, due to the logistical advantages that can be realized from the region’s rail system. Manufacturers like us rely heavily on an effective rail system for transporting our inbound scrap and outbound shipments of finished to steel.”

Craig said that in some of the recruitment projects EDSPC is working on, Pettis

County is the only Missouri location with the site attributes a company is seeking. She noted the new industrial park is creating excitement for the Missouri Department of Economic Development as well for that exact reason.

In addition to attracting new companies, Craig said the new rail line will benefit existing Pettis County companies that have expressed interest in utilizing rail service.

“The rail was built with more than Nucor in mind. They are the anchor tenant but it was

built with three different rails, so it can serve as more than just Nucor,” City Administrator Kelvin Shaw said. “It gives them a real efficient way to get railcar traffic off the rail live line and then put it back onto the live line. That was a little over a \$10 million grant that we received from the federal government, and it was tough to manage, but we got it all pulled together and got it done. It’s now open and Nucor’s getting a lot of use out of it.”

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## Economic

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“It’s been a successful year, we were able to announce two major expansion projects, the Prysmian group expansion and then the WireCo expansion,” Craig said. “Prysmian Group has been known as Alcan Cable, General Cable, that company is part of the Prysmian Group. They have over 29,000 employees globally. That’s a great example of a company that could have invested anywhere, but because the environment locally is supportive of growth, they chose to invest in the plant in Pettis County. I think that speaks volumes to our proactive business climate.”

In February, Prysmian Group announced plans to expand its manufacturing facility at 20213 Whitfield Road in Pettis County, just outside the city limits of Sedalia. Prysmian Group celebrated its 50-year anniversary in 2018 and has been known locally as Alcan Cable and General Cable. Prysmian Group acquired the company in 2018.

According to a news release, it is a world leader in the design, manufacture and sale of wire and cable products for power distribution, specialty, telecoms, trade and installers and energy projects.

According to the release, the Sedalia facility employs 175 people and manufactures aluminum building wire products for commercial and institutional construction markets.

Prysmian Group planned to expand the facility in two phases, according to the release. Phase one, which was completed prior to the announcement, was a \$3.5 million investment for new equipment purchases, existing building renovations and additional jobs. A new machine was installed that processes aluminum building wire, which is in high demand, and will increase capacity. This addition included an expansion of distribution operations in Sedalia. Prysmian Group planned to hire 30 new employees in Pettis County

for phase one.

Phase two was expected to have a similar plan to add equipment and personnel.

Other local businesses have invested in capital equipment as well as they have invested in Sedalia.

“WireCo World Group chose to invest \$15 million to update 60-year-old equipment, making that facility even more efficient, productive, and competitive,” Craig said.

In August, WireCo WorldGroup Inc. announced a \$15 million expansion of its facility on Oak Grove Lane in Sedalia.

At the time, WireCo employed more than 160 employees in Sedalia and with the expansion, planned to hire around 18 more employees.

WireCo WorldGroup is a global leader in manufacturing and distributing steel wire rope, synthetic rope and electromechanical cable for use in industrial markets including rigging, oil and gas, and mining industries.

WireCo WorldGroup has facilities in Chillicothe and Kirksville as well as its manufacturing and distribution center in Sedalia.

The Missouri Works program helps companies such as WireCo expand and retain workers by providing access to capital through withholdings or tax credits for job creation. WireCo also received assistance from Missouri One Start, a division of the Missouri Department of Economic Development, with its recruitment and training needs.

Improvements in Sedalia such as the Heckart Community Center are attractive to industry looking to relocate here and Craig uses Sedalia’s modern features to lure them.

“That helps us tell a story about the livability features,” Craig said. “A lot of projects are being driven by where people are, and where the talent is, and where job seekers are. The more the community can be viewed as attractive to talented people, the more likelihood

we can grow our industrial footprints. The new Community Center is a tremendous asset that we see coming online as well as the (Olen Howard) Workforce Innovation Center, that’s a huge milestone asset that we are showcasing in our recruitment efforts.”

In the last five years, Economic Development has worked with companies to expand their facilities or build new locations in Pettis County resulting in 1,398 new jobs, 1,630 retained jobs, and capital investment of \$426 million. Those new jobs now result in a net payroll of \$80 million to the community with an average annual salary of more than \$56,000.

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In August, Gov. Mike Parson congratulates employees of WireCo WorldGroup on the announcement of a \$15 million expansion at their Sedalia manufacturing and distribution facility. Pettis County Presiding Commissioner David Dick listens to Parson address the crowd of more than 100.

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## Facilities, expansion help move SFCC athletics forward

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Soon enough, nearly all State Fair Community College athletes who step foot and compete in it will have been born after the opening of the Fred E. Davis Multipurpose Center.

It's not as though the school didn't have plenty of athletic history prior to that point when the facility ushered in teams in 2001, but it was a significant step forward, and the start of a new Roadrunners' era.

Call it the first move from the Renter's Era into the Owner's Era.

When current athletic director Darren Pannier was hired in May 1998 as volleyball coach, the college rented the Agricultural Building on the Missouri State Fairgrounds. Unfortunately, it didn't boast standards for the sport.

"We had to figure out how

wed insert the standards to the floor," Pannier said. "We came up with an idea, but they wouldn't allow us to drill a pin in the concrete."

Just as he did to field a full roster months after being hired, Pannier explained the drilling and anchoring that made the accommodations to play work, as well as that transitional period. His volleyball team practiced at Convention Hall and in front of the area for what would be the Multipurpose before it was even conceived. The program's first match was at what's now Smith-Cotton Junior High.

"What a breath of fresh air [the Multipurpose] was for our campus, the students and student-athletes," Pannier said, adding the reminder that it allowed for practices early in the morning, not just when the Fairgrounds gates were open.

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The Lady Roadrunners play their final regular season game Feb. 22, 2001, in the Birdcage on the Missouri State Fairgrounds. The move for State Fair Community College athletics, including both men's and women's basketball, into the Fred E. Davis Multipurpose Center later that year marked a new chapter for the institution's sports.

## Liberty Center and Sedalia Symphony revive programs

By Faith Bemiss  
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After much uncertainty during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic, arts and entertainment slowly returned in 2021 and 2022.

### Liberty Center Association for the arts

After a year of a complete shut-down in 2020 due to COVID, the Liberty Center Association for the Arts is finding a comeback for 2021 and 2022.

LCAA Executive Director Diane Burnett said January and February in 2021 were slow but by March, programs and events were being hosted again at Hayden Liberty Center. She added last year was almost a "normal year" compared to 2020.

In March 2021, Studio A Dance Conservatory gave a dance performance and Sacred Heart School hosted an event at the center. LCAA also hosted the Sedalia Visual Art Association "Spring Fling" art show reception on March 26.

"We really took off after that," she noted. "Looking back, it wasn't as bad as we thought it was."

In April 2021, LCAA presented a play, "Too Much Light Makes the



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After a long hiatus, the Liberty Center Association for the Arts presented a live play, "Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind," April 29-May 2, 2021. During a rehearsal at LCAA, actors Megan Dranis, left, Melissa Turner and Marco Caesar shout "long live this play" as they perform "Zenith," one of 30 two-minute plays in the production.

Baby Go Blind."

During the summer and fall, the center introduced five outdoor concerts, which were well received.

"Sometimes we had a big crowd," Burnett said of the concerts. "We had like over 300 something for Dirt Road Addiction."

"We had smaller crowds for some of the other ones, but boy

they (the audience) liked them," she continued. "The bands were well-liked and the people that were there seemed to really enjoy them."

Also during the summer, the LCAA Junior Theatre presented "We Will Rock You," along with another junior production, "Something to do with William Shakespeare," in October.

"And of course, we've had art shows all along," Burnett said. "A big one was the Trail's End show and we're doing that again ..."

The Trail's End show was a juried art exhibit that included prizes. It was on exhibit in September and October last year.

In November, LCAA presented the play "All Together Now."

Moving forward into 2022, Burnett said the play "Calendar Girls" brought in a crowd in February. The largest crowd for one night was around 153 people.

"We had bigger audiences than we've had since I've been here," Burnett said with a smile.

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Sedalia Symphony member Cindy Decker portrays a Cuckoo with her instrument during the performances of "Le Carnaval des animaux" Feb. 27.



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The Scott Joplin International Ragtime Festival will return this year after canceling for the last two years due to COVID. The festival will be hosted from June 1 through 4.

## Scott Joplin Festival gets green light for 2022

By Faith Bemiss  
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After two seasons of COVID, the Scott Joplin International Ragtime Festival will return this year and will be hosted June 1 through 4 in downtown Sedalia. The theme is "Women of Ragtime."

Scott Joplin Ragtime Foundation Board President Doug Freed said the decision was made by the 14 board members during a meeting on Feb. 28, after a discussion on declining pandemic case numbers.

Featured performers this year include Clint and Ramona Baker, Anne and Jeff Barnhart, Taslimah Bey, Danny Coots, Bill Edwards, Marty Eggers, Virginia Eskin, Frederick Hodges, Brian Holland, Dave Majchrzak, Marilyn Nonken, David Reffkin, Joyce Richardson, Martin Spitznagel, Squeek Steele, Adam Swanson, Virginia Tichenor, Stephanie Trick, and Bryan Wright.

"One of our board members Bill Edwards ... works for the Veterans Administration and he gets a monthly report from the CDC," Freed said. "It looks good, (cases) are going down and the federal government is eliminating all mask mandates."

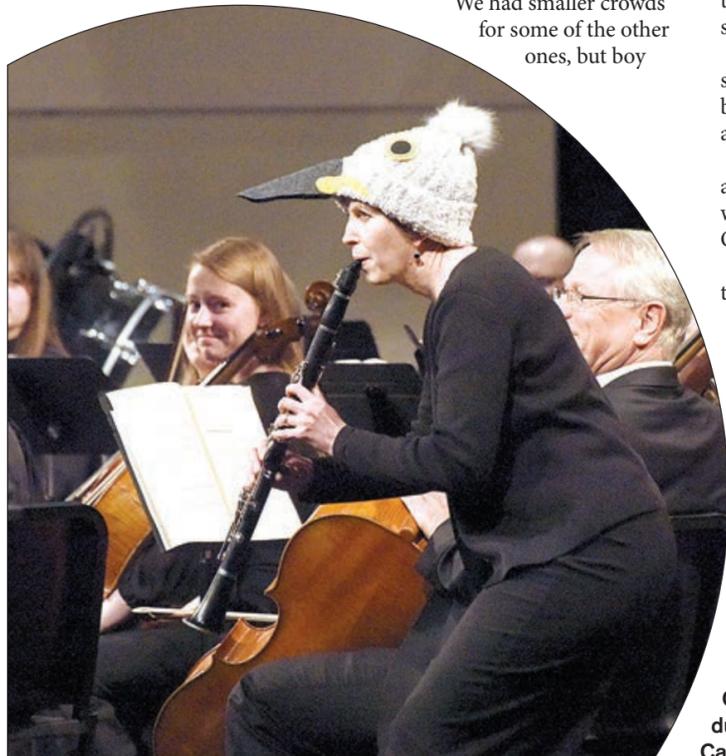
Freed said at present, masks will not be required at the festival and the decision on vaccinations will be made in May.

One item he and the board are excited about is the new pavilion at Second Street and South Ohio Avenue being built by the Furnell Companies.

"The festival headquarters will be at (Hayden) Liberty Center, as it's always been," he explained. "Then, of course, we'll continue to have the Stark Pavilion under the tent ... on Fifth Street as it's always been."

"The real new thing that I'm really excited about is the Furnell pavilion," he continued. "Underneath the roof, that platform is 2,000 square feet of space — it's big. Then out front, they think there will be seating for 300."

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During the Winter Children's Concert with the Sedalia Symphony Feb. 27, Sarah Kehl, 9, was selected to conduct "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" on stage at the Heckart Performing Arts Center.

# Sedalia Symphony

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Auditions are completed for the upcoming musical, "Legally Blonde," which will be presented the last weekend in April and the first weekend of May.

"That's exciting," Burnett noted. "We had a good group audition for that and it's going to be a big musical."

She added "Legally Blonde" will be the first traditional musical at the Hayden Liberty Center in eight years.

LCAA also hosted its fundraising gala the "Celebration of the Century" on March 5, something that hasn't been done in more than 20 years.

This summer, the LCAA Junior The-

atre will present "Matilda" and committees are already planning a new lineup of outdoor concerts for 2022. Burnett said plans are moving forward for a permanent outdoor stage and workers have poured the footings for the stage.

She added she and the LCAA Board feel like everything is moving in the right direction for 2022.

"This year looks great," she noted.

### Sedalia Symphony Orchestra

In the last year, the Sedalia Symphony has seen many changes, including a new conductor, in-person performances again, and prospects of a history book

along with a documentary.

In October 2021, after more than 18 months, the Sedalia Symphony Orchestra presented its first live performance since the pandemic began in March 2020. The 87th season opened with many new symphony members and a new director, Conductor Jerrode Marsh.

Marsh, who is the director of music at Saint Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, came on board last summer. Information provided by the Sedalia Symphony said since coming to the school, she founded the award-winning Saint Paul Chamber Choir, developed the Saint Paul Orchestra, and in 2018 led her concert choir on its first international choir tour through five European countries. In addition to leading ensembles and community events, she teaches the dual credit Music Appreciation course and maintains a private piano studio in her home.

Marsh has a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance from Portland State University and a Master's and Doctorate in Piano Performance from the University of Texas at Austin. She came to Concordia in the fall of 2015 from Frankfurt, Germany, where she worked for nearly two decades as a professional musician, performing extensively as a piano soloist, collaborative artist, and conductor throughout Germany, Austria, and England. She replaced former conductor Luke Lyons, who resigned to pursue a doctorate.

Marsh said last summer she was excited to be working with the Sedalia Symphony. She once worked as a vocal coach, accompanist, and chamber musician for the Frankfurt Opera, the Austrian American Mozart Academy in Salzburg, and the Undergraduate Operate Program at The University of Texas in Austin, and is looking forward to working with professional musicians once again.

In February, Marsh conducted the Winter Children's Concert with the Sedalia Symphony. The performance highlighted fun, musical numbers specifically geared toward youth along with the chance for one child to help conduct a number on stage. Sarah Kehl, age 9, was selected to come on stage and conduct "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

Marsh said she believes that was the first time for a child to have the opportunity to direct a selection during a concert.

"We are hoping that this will give

students an opportunity to feel what it is like to be 100% involved in the concert — nothing like taking that baton and getting sound back," Marsh noted.

Symphony Board member Anne Tempel is also working on two projects for the Symphony, a history book that will be written by Sedalia historian Beck Imhauser and a documentary that will be produced by KMOS-TV in Warrensburg.

Tempel said the idea for a history book on the Sedalia Symphony came to her when she visited Reader's World last year. While there, she saw a shelf with all types of books on the history of Sedalia but no book on the symphony's history.

"I was thinking there should be a space on this shelf for the Sedalia Symphony," she explained. "Why is there no book about the history of the symphony? It is the second oldest symphony in the state, behind St. Louis — one of the oldest in the country."

She added that over the years, the symphony has kept many scrapbooks with all sorts of history enclosed within their covers, and she knows many people who have historical knowledge about it.

"That's how I got the idea," she added. "And it's not originally my idea, because I talked with (board member) Barbara Schrader about it, and she has thought about it before as well."

Tempel said KMOS-TV agreed to film the February concert, so she inquired if they would want to shoot a documentary of the symphony also.

"I reached far into the stratosphere and they came back even more excited about the possibility of a documentary," she said. "That's where we're heading next."

Tempel has already amassed interview material from Willis Ann Rosenthal Ross, the daughter of Abe Rosenthal, and Francis Johnston, the wife of Harold Johnston. She's also spoken with Schrader and Betty Sue Viterna.

"This could be a really neat documentary," she added. "With all the scrapbook material and extensive archives from all the past year's materials."

She added she was thankful to the Symphony Board, Marsh and the orchestra members for their help in getting the projects off the ground.

For more information or to donate Sedalia Symphony historical items, visit [sedaliasymphonyorchestra.com](http://sedaliasymphonyorchestra.com).

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Art supplies are organized and ready to go in the Cooney Studio, upstairs at the Hayden Liberty Center. Liberty Center Association for the Arts Executive Director Diane Burnette said 2021 was almost a normal year for LCAA.

# Daum support stays strong during the pandemic



During the pandemic, Daum Museum of Contemporary Art Director and Curator Thomas Piche' Jr. stands next to a painting at the museum wearing a mask.



Vicki Weaver, Daum Museum of Contemporary Art director of education, talks to students during one of the museum's "Daum Escapes," an art program for school children. The program was discontinued temporarily in 2020 due to COVID.

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The Daum Museum of Contemporary Art continues to make its way through another year of COVID with fewer restrictions as was seen in the 2020-21 school year, all the while retaining the support of its members and community.

Daum Museum of Contemporary Art Director and Curator Thomas Piche' Jr. said one of the things that's been encouraging throughout the pandemic is that the Daum's membership program has stayed steady.

"And our members have stayed very steadfast," he said. "I think philanthropic giving overall has dropped, and we have not experienced that to a great degree."

"The Missouri Arts Council continues to be very supportive," he added. "The (State Fair Community) College is supportive. So, in terms of our economic community, support has remained steady and we're really grateful for that."

Piche' said during 2020, at the height of COVID, the museum resorted to virtual programs and people would hear from the museum on a regular basis. He believes keeping the line of communication open helped keep the members involved.

"And now that we're back with exhibitions, they're getting announce-

ments again," he said. "We've tried to keep our Facebook ads up-to-date ... and I think a lot of people have strong feelings about the value of having this museum in Sedalia."

As restrictions eased, Piche' said the museum opened three shows, including "The Rule of Three," last spring. All three shows were from the permanent collection since the Daum still wasn't accepting off-site exhibits due to the pandemic. "The Rule of Three" exhibit remained up through last summer.

"We decided that because the visitation had been so reduced that it hadn't been seen by a lot of people," he noted. "So, we kept it on view."

"Then in the fall we did our first show with outside artists since the Jane Booth (show) went up in the start of 2020," he continued. "That was the 'Regeneration' exhibition with nine artists from Kansas City."

He added, the Daum hasn't had any in-person public programs since March 2020, including art receptions, due to the pandemic. "We've done a few very small tours, primarily with the college students," Piche' said.

The popular "Daum Escape" geared toward school children from across the area was also stopped in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID.

"We keep pushing



In February, Daum Museum of Contemporary Art Director and Curator Thomas Piche' Jr. stands beside a large charcoal drawing by Erica Daborn. Piche' said throughout the pandemic, the Daum's support has remained strong.

forward," he noted. "We have had exhibitions up, we've been open to the public during our regular schedule."

"We keep looking at all the information we can get on the pandemic," he continued. "As far as I can reckon, that is telling us what we should be doing and not doing."

Piche' said plans moving forward include the new show "Dialogues with Mother Earth," which was installed in February in the Freed Gallery.

The large charcoal drawings measuring up to 72-by-175-inches were

created by Erica Daborn, who was born in England and now resides in Mexico. The 10 narrative pieces were created on canvas over a 10-year time span and will exhibit at the Daum until May 29. Alongside each piece, Daborn includes a statement about the art that presents scenarios to the viewer. Information provided by the museum said the drawings place the viewer into the future and challenge them to "examine deeper issues."

The show was delayed in opening in January due to a surge of the COVID omicron variant after

Christmas break.

"We put it off a month and our team is all vaccinated and boosted," he explained. "So, we decided that we could go forward."

He added the museum is hoping to have Daborn come in April and have an outdoor reception. Depending on how the pandemic is this spring, Piche' also hopes to have small groups of school children tour the exhibit because of its "strong teaching component."

The Daum will celebrate its 20th anniversary this year and plans are in the works for a fall exhibit.

"In the fall, they will be doing a big show, looking at 20 years of collecting at the Daum," Piche' said. "So, that will be a permanent collection show. But they are hoping to bring out old favorites and the most significant works collected during that time."

He is also hoping "Daum Escape" will also resume in the fall.

"It's typically been an October/November program," he noted. "We'll see what happens with that in the fall."

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## Joplin

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He added the festival only plans to set up 200 chairs at both the new pavilion and at the Stark Pavilion. The new pavilion will replace the small gazebo and chairs will be set up underneath a 40-by-80-foot tent. The Stark Pavilion stage is inside a 30-by-70-foot tent. Both will be safe from extreme sun and rain.

"I think that's going to be a wonderful, wonderful addition to our festival," Freed said of the new pavilion.

He said the board members are thankful the contract with Furnell states the festival will not have to pay to use the pavilion during the event each year.

"That's a really incredible thing," he added. "To even put up a tent is about \$3,000, so that is really wonderful. And I think that will really improve the festival."

The board has also decided to add a third venue in the Women's Waiting Room at the Katy Depot. It will serve as a practice space for entertainers and will be open to the public. Freed said they haven't made the final decision on where the



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Besides ticketed events hosted at the Hayden Liberty Center, the Scott Joplin International Ragtime Festival will host many free events inside the Stark Pavilion and the pavilion being built by the Furnell Companies.

Scott Joplin Bookstore will be, but he noted it possibly will be either at the Katy Depot or the Hayden Liberty Center.

"One of the reasons we're having the Katy Depot is we get a lot of correspondence from musicians across the country that want to come here and perform," he explained. "And they'll even do it for free, but what they want is an opportunity to play before the festival crowd. And it's a great resume item for them."

He said they used to offer that option to musicians years ago and it was always successful, so it will be added to this year's festival.

On Wednesday night, June 1, the festival will host a meet and greet with

an open bar from 6 to 8 p.m. at the new pavilion. Freed also noted since the floor is smooth, they also plan to host a live band with dancing.

Festival planners have 24 musicians lined up this year and Freed believes there may be more added by June 1. Ticketed venues will take place at the Hayden Liberty Center with all the free events at the other sites. Ticketed events will cost \$26 for afternoon performances, \$31 for Thursday and Friday night performances and \$36 for the Saturday evening performance.

Chris Robinson will oversee the special free events for non-festival performers. At past events, the Supermatics, a dance band

from Kansas City, and a local gospel choir performed at the Stark Pavilion.

"That's a new thing and that's our way of reaching out to the community," Freed said.

He added the one thing that helped the Scott Joplin Festival survive that two years was the implementation of Syncopated Saturday Nights.

Due to the pandemic and no in-person festival, an online concert series was established and viewed on YouTube or Facebook. It was hosted every other month and featured two musical artists and a host. Freed said it was well-received — the last Syncopated Saturday Night, before the festival, will take



At present, 24 musicians are slated to perform at this year's Scott Joplin International Ragtime Festival. Scott Joplin Ragtime Foundation Board President Doug Freed said that number may increase before the event begins June 1.

place the last of March.

"We've tried to keep it (the festival) alive by having Syncopated Saturday Night," Freed said. "It has been an incredibly successful festival program. We had no idea when we created it."

"It has been successful in the sense of the number of people who are listening to it and then also the amount of donations we're getting for those performers," he continued. "The foundation doesn't keep a penny of any of that ..."

Freed added due to the series, the foundation grew its donor's list and noted he believes that will benefit this year's festival.

"I'm excited about that, to see how it will impact the festival," he said. "But at

least it kept it alive during these dreadful two years."

A media release sent out on March 1 stated Scott Joplin Artistic Director Bryan Wright is compiling concert schedules and Symposia Director Bill Edwards is working on arranging symposia presentations. Special events this year will include an Early Bird Social/Dance, a Donor Party, and the traditional After Glow.

As soon as all details are finalized, a festival schedule and ticket order form will be made available via email distribution database, on the website, and a mailing to others on the Sedalia festival fan list.

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# Tourism beginning to rebound after 2020-21 decrease



A young girl yells in glee as she rides the Bumble Bee Bop at the Carnival at the 2021 Missouri State Fair. With pleasant weather and the humidity down, the Carnival was full of families with children. 2021 marked a return to a full-scale fair after pivoting to a Youth Livestock Show in 2020 due to the pandemic.

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Sedalia-based tourism has been extremely down since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is impacting local communities across the state from a financial perspective as well as a direct impact on tourism-related jobs.

Sedalia Convention & Visitors Bureau Executive Director Carolyn Crooker added that in 2020, there was a statewide decrease in visitation and spending that resulted in a \$682.9 million decline in local and state taxes collected.

"Our Sedalia area lodging taxes in 2020 were down over \$332,000 from 2019 but have rebounded in 2021 to pre-pandemic lodging tax levels," Crooker said. "In 2021, we had 136,500 visitors and \$78,544,858 in revenue from our tourism-related businesses." This is according to the Department of Revenue classification codes reported by

Pettis County tax receipts.

Crooker added that Sedalia is fortunate to have good outdoor attractions such as the Katy Trail, Missouri State Fairgrounds, and Sedalia Parks, as well as venues that are capable of comfortably accommodating social distances for attendees. All of these signs indicate growth in visitors in Pettis County.

"However, there is some concern expressed. Hotel managers are wary of inflation and maintaining supplies to operate their hotels," Crooker said.

She added that there has been a change in the demographics of the hotel guests in the past year:

- The leisure guests increased due to short "staycations" as travelers wanted to stay closer to home and had stimulus money, which may be gone now.
- The business traveler as well as military groups that maintained normal travel had a room of their own versus a shared room,



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Sedalia tourism is rebounding after COVID caused many cancellations and numerous events will return to Sedalia in 2022, such as the Midwest Stud Ram Sale to be hosted this summer.

which increased occupancy for the hotels. The government and many companies have been cleared for double occupancy, which will result in fewer rented rooms.

• The business traveler is still down, and the business group market is practically extinct.

Many of the events that were canceled due to the pandemic in 2020 and 2021 are coming back in 2022.

"Many of these events returning have a tremendous economic impact to the Sedalia area, some as high as \$2 million," Crooker said.

- The Regional Robotics Competition April 1-3 at Smith-Cotton High School will be back after being canceled for two years.
- The Scott Joplin Inter-

national Ragtime Festival will June 1-4 in downtown Sedalia in outdoor venues and the Hayden Liberty Center. It is also back after canceling for two years due to COVID.

• The Stud Ram Show will be hosted June 14-18 in the Swine Barn and Sheep Pavilion on the Missouri State Fairgrounds. The annual event will include its first youth show in the Suffolk breed, which will make it an even larger event. The show was hosted in 2021 after being canceled the previous year due to COVID.

• After a four-year absence, the Master Amateur Retriever Club is coming back to Sedalia for an event from May 21-27.

• The Missouri State Festival Square & Round

Dance will be back Oct. 7-9 in the Mathewson Exhibition Center after canceling due to COVID.

• Battle on the Katy is a high school-age wrestling tournament that was canceled due to COVID but is back on for Dec. 16-17.

Many of the events that Crooker listed are revenue boosters for the city of Sedalia, but one of the biggest revenue boosters is the Missouri State Fair. After having a modified year in 2020, the fair was back in full swing in 2021, bringing in thousands of travelers and dollars.

The 2022 funding requests to the Sedalia Area Tourism Commission have been approved for the Missouri State Fair for \$80,399 and to the CVB

for \$397,195.80 for a total of \$477,594.80. Funding requests for the CVB take in eight entities:

- Sedalia Destination Marketing and Administration: \$298,034.84
- Daum Museum Destination Marketing: \$21,251
- Scott Joplin Destination Marketing: \$31,620
- Katy Depot Destination Marketing: \$11,650
- Sedalia Parks Department Destination Marketing: \$6,224
- Liberty Center Destination Marketing: \$21,656.24
- Sedalia Visual Art Destination Marketing: \$850
- Downtown Sedalia Historic District Destination Marketing: \$5,889.72

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# Girls wrestling's growth seen in local programs



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Tipton junior Lily Burns wrestles William Chrisman senior Mary-Mae McMillian in the third round of 194-pound wrestlebacks at the 2022 MSHSAA State Championships.



PHOTO COURTESY OF COLE CAMP ATHLETICS

Lady Bluebirds senior Lacey Brandt, right, takes on an opponent this season, the first for boys or girls' wrestling at Cole Camp.

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The Midwest is notorious for its wrestling riches, but ask anyone to name an individual and you're more likely to get a name like pro wrestling's Alexa Bliss.

All that may change soon, however, if women's amateur wrestling continues its meteoric rise, one being witnessed at high schools locally.

Across the Show-Me State and beyond, schools have been part of the movement that seemed unheard of before the turn of the century. According to the website for the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), participation rose from just under 5,000 in 2005 to nearly 7,500 in 2010. A recent NFHS participation survey revealed that number had jumped to more than 21,000 for 2018-19, then grew to over 28,000 the following year.

"[The numbers have] exceeded MSHSAA's expectations for girls who have started and are now participating," Smith-Cotton Athletic Director Rob Davis said.

History can look fondly upon the girls' wrestling roots at S-C, and the school can serve as a microcosm of the sport's blossoming. A 2019 inductee into the school's hall of fame for athletics, Emily Webster (Class of 2011) was a two-time state qualifier who became an inspiration by finishing a perfect 118-0 in four years at Oklahoma City University.

Last year, senior Kali Butts became the first state medalist for the Lady Tigers program by taking third place. As a freshman, she was the only girl on the

boys' team.

"I think what's helped too is that we've had female coaches on staff even before we had a separate girls wrestling program, and that it inherently led to larger recruitment," Davis said. "The girls that want to come out for the first time know that maybe they won't be the only girl in the room."

S-C wrestling coach Joe Hulsey said the number of participants this winter doubled from 2021, and next year could push to nearly 30.

"A lot of girls who came out this year have said they've loved it and are bringing friends with them," he said. "It's definitely a big up-and-comer for girls [in terms of] an opportunity to go to college."

On introducing the dedicated girls' program, Davis said, "We were excited about it from Day 1 since throughout our history it seems we've always had two or three girls that have wanted to wrestle. We were able to use the fact that we've had it to have more kids come out, so I think we're a little ahead of the game compared to other schools."

That paid off for S-C, becoming the first program at the school to claim a CMAC Championship since the Sedalia school joined the conference.

Kaysinger Conference schools are at varying stages of the process.

Tipton, for example, shares similarities with Smith-Cotton. Athletic Director Jason Culppeper certainly isn't elderly, but said girls have been grappling at the school "ever since I've been there." He referenced Makayla Morris, who began competing as just a junior in 2015 before



FILE PHOTO BY HAL SMITH | DEMOCRAT

Smith-Cotton's Emily Webster tries to keep Warrensburg's Malacai Collins from breaking free from a hold during their bout at 103 pounds during a 2010 match in Sedalia. The 2019 S-C Athletics Hall of Fame inductee was a pioneer years before the Lady Tigers got a program of their own.

signing to wrestle at Wentworth Military Academy and College, then current student-athletes both male and female at the school, including Lily Burns, a state qualifier this year for the Lady Cardinals.

"Not everybody is going to be a basketball player," Culppeper said. "Luckily, Tipton and some of the other schools are getting on board with wrestling, and it's great we get to give kids more opportunities to do what they're passionate about, to build that same work ethic and family ones on the football or basketball team do."

"It also provides those girls a chance to stay in shape for other sports. Girls like Lily, a three-sport athlete, it helps them

continue to build speed and quickness. It's huge for them, and I think it just shows we care about all kids."

Cole Camp got on board this past year with wrestling for both boys and girls.

"I think it was acceptable [participation] for the first year," Bluebirds AD Kevin Shearer said. "We'd like to see our female numbers grow. It's best to keep students in extracurricular activities, and it did that."

As Culppeper did with Tipton, another Class 3 school, Shearer boasted about how Cole Camp added it to the wide range of sports offered there for its size.

"If you go look, I don't know how many schools our size have as many programs," he said.

"You do have to understand that you only have so many athletes. You sometimes lose kids that will help you in other programs. At this time, we're choosing to make decisions based on more opportunities for more kids. Sometimes that does come at the cost of some success, but we've been notoriously doing that for a long time."

To that extent, he added, "This football coach enjoys it because there's a development for a certain kind of athlete."

Windsor as well as Stover appear to be the next to join the fray. Those Kaysinger schools with football programs will continue to affiliate with the same schools they face on the gridiron to continue filling out their wrestling schedule.

## SFCC

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There was a lot to figure out in those days for Pannier, who also was an assistant and eventually head coach for Lady Roadrunners basketball for over a decade.

"You learn on the fly how to handle odds and ends," he said. "Some I handled poorly, some great. The unknown is unknown. You don't know until it hits you. But you try to overcome the bad things."

What Pannier did know immediately is that he wanted to add to SFCC's portfolio of sports, a mission for which the gates opened with the Multipurpose.

"You had to sell [the vision]," Pannier recalls. "People think athletics drains an institution, so it's like being a door-to-door salesman selling encyclopedias. Not everyone's going to buy a set. But you have to communicate the bottom line. What's in the best interest for an institution?"

He explained how with the help of the late Ron Ditzfeld, the business formula was put together to help pitch all the way up until 2015 when the SFCC Board of Trustees



DEMOCRAT FILE PHOTO

SFCC athletic director Darren Pannier patrols the sideline as part of his five-year stint as women's basketball head coach.

allowed for the addition of four new sports: baseball, softball, and men's and women's soccer.

As the sixth academic year for those programs carries on, the Roadrunners have experienced plenty of growth under Pannier, including the eight most recent teams which began competing in the current school year. Among them are track and field — Pannier points out the Roadrunners are the only JuCo school in Missouri with a full field for events — as well as Esports, one he said he had visions of bringing to State Fair over a decade ago when it was more in its infancy.

"Esports was a no-brainer," Pannier said. "It's expanding at all levels. I tried to push that carrot in [in the late 2000s] and I wanted us

to be the first in Missouri. We weren't but for track and field, yeah, we were. I truly love State Fair, and want it to be on top, and I want to be on top, to be the first."

His next visions for the Roadrunners have little to do with firsts, but they'd be big steps nonetheless. According to Pannier, the next phase is getting all the teams playing on campus — baseball competes at Liberty Park, softball at Centennial Park — with fields of their own, and perhaps nearby a soccer pitch surrounded by a track. He notes how well the relationship with Sedalia Parks and Recreation has worked, but how having sole ownership of a field would allow for expanding those programs.

"I hope it's way before five years," said Pannier, pointing to adding revenue

to the school, which was a driving factor for leaders to approve the four sports in 2015. "We could add more students, add to enrollment. Fields aren't cheap. All the buildings [on campus] have been built here by the grace of community members and the blood, sweat and tears from employees who give to our foundation to build on it. Hopefully, it'll work out

[that way] with fields, too."

Right now, the Roadrunners have more than 280 student-athletes. When fields are a reality rather than a dream, an auxiliary gym that's further down the path could grow that number significantly. Pannier says that could facilitate the return of volleyball; tennis and rodeo are on the list, also.

"We need to take care of

the [sports] we have right now, but I expect sooner or later if we have fields on campus, we'll be over 500 student-athletes in a heartbeat," Pannier said.

He added, "But at the end of the day, no matter what, the main goal is retention and graduation. In two years, we want everyone to walk across the stage. That's when we're successful."

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| <p><b>Picnic n' Pickin' in the Park</b><br/>Sunday, May 22, 2022<br/>Ezekial Williams Park, 609-401 W Grother St, Cole Camp</p>                             | <p><b>Booze &amp; Bluegrass in the Gardens</b><br/>Saturday, June 25, 2022<br/>Cole Camp Jaycee Garden</p>   | <p><b>Cole Camp Fair</b><br/>Sept. 8 – 10, 2022<br/>Downtown Cole Camp</p>  | <p><b>American Legion Homestyle Supper</b><br/>Sat, Nov. 12, 2022, 5pm – 7pm<br/>American Legion Post 305, 201, N Maple St, Cole Camp</p>   |
| <p><b>Triple Creek Golf Course Memorial Day Tournament</b><br/>Monday, May 30, 2022<br/>Triple Creek Golf Course - Cole Camp</p>                            | <p><b>St. Paul's Ice Cream Social</b><br/>Sun, June 26, 6pm – 8pm<br/>St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 205 W Jefferson St, Cole Camp</p>  | <p><b>Jaycee Fair Beer Garden</b><br/>Sept. 8 – 10, 2022<br/>J.C. Gardens - Cole Camp<br/>Thursday 8 pm - 1am, Friday 7 pm - 1 am, Saturday 11 am - 6 pm and 7 pm - 1 am.<br/>Live entertainment every day.</p> | <p><b>Christbaumfest Christmas Theme Craft Show</b><br/>Sat, Nov. 19, 2022, 9am – 5pm<br/>Lutheran School and J.C. Building - Cole Camp</p> |
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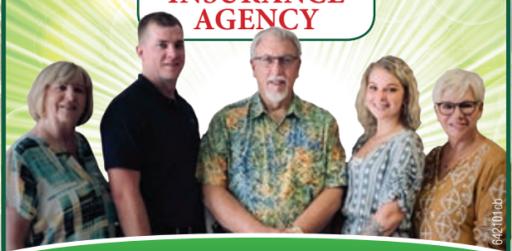
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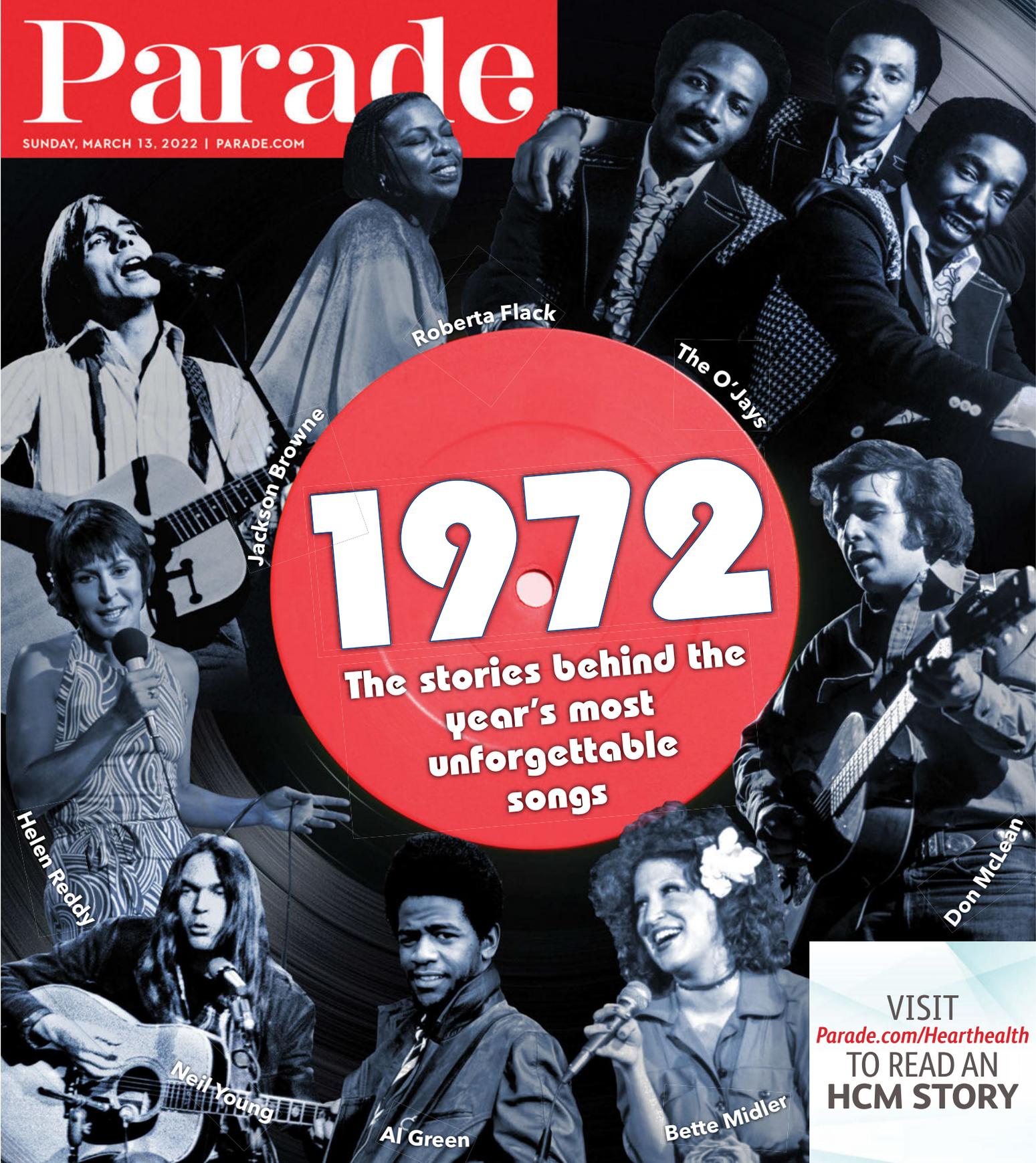
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## AUBREY PLAZA'S SPY GAME

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## WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

## TED DANSON

A two-time Emmy winner for *Cheers* and three-time nominee for *The Good Place*, Danson, 74, returns as fictional Los Angeles Mayor Neil Bremer in the second season of *Mr. Mayor* (March 15 on NBC). The comedy series continues the tale of the inept politician, who angers his staff, faces a potential recall election, begins dating again and tries to successfully parent his teenage daughter.

**What do you like about Neil?** I love that he is good-natured, he is kind, he is so self-absorbed in his little orbit of being a billionaire that he just takes for granted that he can pull off being mayor—and he can't. He's in way over his head, but he's doing it to prove to his daughter he's still got it.

**You're a father. How would you judge him as a dad?** A smidge self-absorbed. But you know what? So was I at times. When my kids were young, I was doing *Cheers* and running off and doing films and stuff like that. I wasn't absentee,

What surprising turn of events happened when his wife, Mary Steenburgen, guest-starred on *Mr. Mayor*? Go to [Parade.com/danson](https://www.parade.com/danson) to find out.



but I was gone a lot. But Neil absolutely loves his daughter. He quit his job just so he could be around her and raise her. So there's a lot of love and good intention.

**What's it like working with Holly Hunter, who plays Neil's adversary, Arpi?** It's like playing tennis with somebody who's better than you: You end up having to improve your game. Holly's very much that for me, Ted—and for Neil as well.

**The *Good Place* got people to think about what it means to do the right thing. Are you satisfied with that as its takeaway?** Yes: Try to be the best you can every day. We're not going to become monks or philosophers overnight, but you do know what's ethically right, especially the longer you've been on the planet.

**You're a longtime environmentalist. What is your current focus?** I'm on the board of directors of Oceana and have been pretty much since its inception. I've been doing it since the mid-'80s.

## HEYYY... IT'S HENRY WINKLER

What does it mean to be human? Winkler, 76, provides the voice of Keith From Grief in the new animated workplace-comedy series *Human Resources* (March 18 on Netflix), about a group of creatures that help humans navigate through various emotions and phases of life. Here are some fun facts about the former Fonz from *Happy Days*.

He won his first Emmy at age 72 for his supporting role as acting teacher Gene Cousineau in the HBO dark comedy *Barry*.

Winkler co-wrote, with Lin Oliver, the *Hank Zipzer* book series, featuring a boy with dyslexia.



He revealed that he didn't actually ride the motorcycle on *Happy Days*. After he crashed it on his first attempt, it was mounted on a board with wheels and pulled.



He's godfather to **Bryce Dallas Howard**, the daughter of Ron Howard, co-star. ▼



## THE CRITICS CHOOSE

**Nicole Byer**, 35, the co-host of TV's *Wipeout*, joins **Taye Diggs**, 51, as he returns to host the 27th annual Critics Choice Awards (March 13 on TBS and the CW), for which winners are voted by broadcast, print and online journalists who review television and film. The movies *West Side Story* and *Belfast* lead the film nominations with 11 each, while *Succession* is the top contender for TV honors with eight. "Oooh!" says Byer. "The gowns, the stars, the attention... I'm very excited for all of it."



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## Seth Is Unafraid!

An easily petrified bear and his brave, strong-willed rabbit friend go on a silly adventure in ***I'm Not Scared, You're Scared!*** (March 15, Flamingo Books), \$19, the first picture book by writer, comedian and *Late Night* host **Seth Meyers**. The *Saturday Night Live* alum, 48, tells *Parade* how his kids help the writing process and about his favorite childhood books. —Megan O'Neill Melle



### Where did the idea for a friendship between a scared bear and a fearless rabbit come from?

I'm fascinated by what kids are afraid of—sometimes their instincts are great; other times they're irrational. So that was the approach: when it's right to be afraid and when it's not.



Meyers with sons Ashe (left) and Axel in 2019. Daughter Adelaide was born in September 2021.

**What do your older children, now 5 and 3, think of the story?** Kids are not only the toughest critics, they're brutally honest. I started by telling them the story at night, and they've been very helpful. My fear is that they'll be a little over it when they actually get their hands on the book. But I dedicated it to them and, knowing their own egos—I don't know where they got those from, by the way; can you inherit egos?—I might get one or two extra reads.

**Who would play these characters in an SNL skit?** I'm going with John Goodman right away for the bear. And I need a fearless woman, maybe Amy Schumer, for the rabbit. That's a good pairing right there.

**What was your own biggest fear writing this book?** I'm acutely aware that the key to writing a children's book is making one that parents won't hate.

**What book do your kids always turn to?** I'm pretty heartbroken by the fact that Sandra Boynton has a book [*Blue Hat, Green Hat*]—we call it the "Oops" book—that makes my kids laugh harder than anything I've ever said or done.

**What excites you about the world of children's literature?** I'm so impressed that people wrote books I loved as a kid that are now, almost 50 years later, still appealing. When they're tiny, [kids are] infatuated with *Goodnight Moon*. They get a little older, it's Richard Scarry books. Then they like books with a little more depth, like William Steig's *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*. It's really incredible that you can take the same journey you were on, now with your kids, all these years later.

Visit [Parade.com/meyers](https://www.parade.com/meyers) for the story behind his popular *Late Night* segment "Jokes Seth Can't Tell."

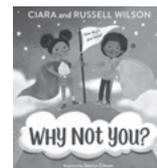
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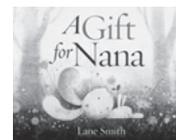
In ***Why Not You?*** (Random House Books for Young



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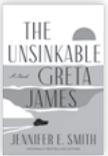
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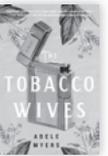
In honor of Women's History Month, we share our favorite new books by female authors.

—Megan O'Neill Melle

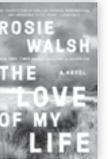
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# 1972

## THE STORIES BEHIND THE SONGS

Sex, love, feminism, retro jive, Clint Eastwood, human rights, reggae, an enduring riddle, smoke and ashes—we have the scoop on the most memorable groundbreaking music of 50 years ago. *By Jim Farber*

The pop charts sang some different tunes in 1972. New points of view arrived on the radio to serenade the blossoming feminist movement (Helen Reddy's "I Am Woman"), the emerging world of gay rights (Mott the Hoople's "All the Young Dudes") and fresh global perspectives (with the breakthrough of reggae artists, including Johnny Nash with his No. 1 smash "I Can See Clearly Now"). Other new stars went on to become cultural touchstones, including Bette Midler, Roberta Flack, Al Green and Jackson Browne. We go behind the scenes of some of our favorite 1972 tunes.

### "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face"

#### ROBERTA FLACK

Flack's recording of "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face" from her 1969 debut initially floundered. All that changed after she got a call from actor Clint Eastwood, who said he wanted to use "First Time" in the 1971 film that would mark his directing debut, *Play Misty for Me*. "He called me at home," Flack told *The Guardian*. "I almost passed out. He wanted to use my song only in a part of the movie where there was pure and absolute love. I told him OK, but that I wanted to re-record it because I thought it was too slow. He said, 'No, it's not.'" Clearly, Eastwood was right, because the song became *Billboard's* top song for 1972. It also took the prizes for both Song and Record of the year at the Grammys.



Few lyrics have inspired more speculation than "American Pie." It's as much a pop quiz as a pop song, a rhyming riddle bursting with veiled references to kings (Elvis?), queens and court jesters (Bob Dylan?), as well as possible allusions to bands of the era (the Byrds and the Rolling Stones). The song's refrain—"the day the music died"—points to the 1959 plane crash that took the lives of entertainers Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper. McLean kicks off the song alluding to his time working as a paperboy at 13 when he delivered headlines that reported Holly's death to his local community. The song wound up making its own headlines for its length: a whopping 8 minutes and 42 seconds. For nearly half a century, it held the record as the longest cut to hit No. 1, until Taylor Swift broke it in 2021 with her 10-minute-plus remake of her song "All Too Well." Over the years, McLean confirmed some of the identities of the stars alluded to in the song, but not all. He said that his lyrics are "beyond analysis. They're poetry."

### "American Pie"

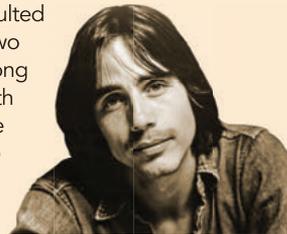
#### DON MCLEAN



### "Doctor, My Eyes"

#### JACKSON BROWNE

Like "American Pie," Browne's breakthrough song used a buoyant beat and a fetching melody to soften a tough message. The singer notes that his sight needs healing after all the harshness he's witnessed in his life. To contrast the gloom, Browne hired guitarist Jesse Ed Davis to create the song's barreling solo, which he recorded in one take. He also paired his own voice with the harmonies of friends David Crosby and Graham Nash. The latter suggested the song serve as the single from Browne's debut album, which resulted in a Top 10 hit. Two months later, a song Browne wrote with Glenn Frey, "Take It Easy," gave the Eagles their inaugural hit.



### "Go All the Way"

#### RASPBERRIES

Raspberries' leader **Eric Carmen** knew he wanted to write a song about sex when he penned "Go All the Way." But he gave the tune an uncommon point of view, with a girl begging her guy to "go all the way," a twist in those sexist, male-dominated times. Among the first "power pop" songs—a genre that mixes sweet melodies with hard-driving rhythms—the Top 5 hit also boasted an unusual structure: a chorus that lasts far longer than the verse. And the album cover featured scratch-and-sniff raspberries.



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## "I Am Woman"

HELEN REDDY

The same year that Gloria Steinem launched her groundbreaking *Ms.* magazine, a song arrived that could have served as its soundtrack. "I Am Woman," first released on Reddy's debut album in 1971, had a rebirth the next year when it was featured in a feminist film titled *Stand Up and Be Counted*, starring Jacqueline Bisset. Though the film bombed, Reddy's record company felt the song could be a hit, given the nascent women's movement. In 2003, Reddy told Australia's *Sunday Magazine* that she was inspired to write the lyrics by the "strong women in my family who had gotten through the Depression and world wars and drunken, abusive husbands." Song co-writer Ray Burton matched Reddy's words to rousing music, helping it bound up the charts to *Billboard's* No. 1 spot, making Reddy the first Down Under artist to achieve that feat. In a memorable moment at the next year's Grammys, she accepted the prize for Best Female Performance by thanking "God, because she makes everything possible."



## "Love Train"

THE O'JAYS

Released in the last weeks of 1972, "Love Train" broke into the Top 40 the same day that the Paris peace agreement was signed. The timing couldn't have been

more apt, as the song called for every nation to get on board with its message of getting in the groove of love. The music, driven by the sound of Philadelphia soul with rich strings, a danceable beat and soulful vocals, matched its strong message. As the group's **Walter Williams** told *The Guardian*, "Vietnam was rumbling on, the rich were getting richer... so it was the perfect time to sing about social issues." The result gave the O'Jays their most successful single ever, crowning *Billboard's* Hot 100.



## "I Can See Clearly Now"

JOHNNY NASH

Reggae broke big in the U.S., thanks in part to Johnny Nash. He wasn't the first star to have a major island-style hit here, but 1972 greatly expanded the reach of reggae, beginning in September when



the very American group Three Dog Night went No. 1 with a cover of the Maytones' reggae hit "Black and White." Two months later, Nash (one of the first non-Jamaican artists to record reggae music in Kingston, Jamaica) topped the charts with a song that stands as one of pop's most optimistic anthems. "The rain is gone," Nash sings. "All of the bad feelings have disappeared / Here is that rainbow I've been praying for." The same year, Jimmy Cliff released the song "The Harder They Come," which doubled as the title track to the seminal reggae film starring the singer. And all this took place three years before Bob Marley's global breakthrough.

## "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy"

BETTE MIDLER

A strange thing happened in the early '70s: Stars began scoring hits with songs from the 1940s. The Pointer Sisters had "Salt Peanuts," based on a 1942 riff from Dizzy Gillespie, and Bette Midler found her first smash with a jivey cover of a song made popular in 1941 by the Andrews Sisters. Midler says two oldies compilation albums, given to her by her parents as a child, introduced her to vintage music. Her record company initially intended "Bugle Boy" as the B-side of another song, "Delta Dawn." But when Helen Reddy released her version of "Delta Dawn," they flipped the sides, resulting in a Top 10 hit.



## "Smoke on the Water"

DEEP PURPLE

The lyrics to Deep Purple's monster hit couldn't have been more literal. They tell the true story of "some stupid with a flare gun" whose reckless act reduced to ashes the casino in Montreux, Switzerland, where the band was supposed to record their new album. Instead, they recorded in a mobile recording unit used by the Rolling Stones, writing "Smoke" at the last minute as filler to complete the album. Later, guitarist **Ritchie Blackmore** admitted that he based his iconic recurring riff—one of the most famous in rock history—on the first movement of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

## "All the Young Dudes"

MOTT THE HOOPLE

When David Bowie got word that Mott the Hoople—a struggling British cult band at the time—was about to break up, he offered a song to keep them together. First, he suggested the super-charged "Suffragette City," a song meant for his own upcoming album. But the band rejected that in favor of another tune, "All the Young Dudes," an unrecorded ballad Bowie performed for them. "I knew that one was special," Mott's lead singer, **Ian Hunter**, told *Billboard*. Bowie even offered to produce the single, which cracked the U.S. Top 40. More than a hit, "Dudes" became an anthem for the era's glam-rock style and the emerging gay rights movement, inspired by a same-gender sexual relationship in the lyric. That same year, Lou Reed scored a hit with the equally edgy "Walk on the Wild Side," which name-checked Andy Warhol's cast of underground stars. Together, those two songs made 1972 a watershed year for pop's new sexual expressiveness.



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## "Let's Stay Together"

**AL GREEN**

It's hard to imagine a vocal performance with more passion and grace than Green's in "Let's Stay Together." As it happened, "Stay" became his only No. 1 hit. Charles Hodges, who played organ on the track, told *Mojo* magazine that, to give Green an audience for his performance, a bunch of people who'd been hanging outside drinking were invited into the studio. "When you sing, if you look at people, you can relate to the song a little more compassionately," Hodges said. The song proved so potent that Tina Turner's version, cut 11 years later, got to No. 30, paving the way for her post-Ike comeback, which culminated in the No. 1 smash "What's Love Got to Do With It."



## "Heart of Gold"

**NEIL YOUNG**

A back injury played a part in inspiring Neil Young to write the biggest song of his career. Standing up with an electric guitar hurt, so he sat down and created a series of softer ballads, including the sentimental "Heart of Gold." He recorded it at a Nashville session the day after making an appearance on Johnny Cash's ABC variety show, which was taped at the famous Ryman Auditorium, the home of the Grand Ole Opry. Two other artists on that episode—James Taylor and the not-yet-superstar Linda Ronstadt—were invited to the Music Row studio to sing backup. The song hit No. 1, but the scale of its success irked Young. In the liner notes for a later album, he wrote, "This song put me in the middle of the road. Travelling there soon became a bore, so I headed for the ditch." Young may have shunned the mainstream, but a new vocal band, America, fully embraced it with their debut single, "A Horse With No Name"—which sounded a *lot* like Young's song and wound up replacing "Gold" at No. 1.



## "I'll Take You There"

**THE STAPLE SINGERS**

Mavis Staples took the pop charts to church with this uplifting hit. Her group, led by her father, Roebuck "Pops" Staples, and featuring her sisters, Yvonne and Cleotha, came from the righteous world of gospel to record the song at the temple of Southern soul, Muscle Shoals Sound Studio. They were brought there by Stax Records chief Al Bell, who wrote the piece after the murder of his younger brother, using its healing words to seek solace from his pain.

Spurred by Mavis' resounding lead vocal, the single went all the way to No. 1. The singer told *Uncut* magazine, "The only thing that was rehearsed was the verse. All of the other stuff just came to me in the studio. It all comes from what you feel."

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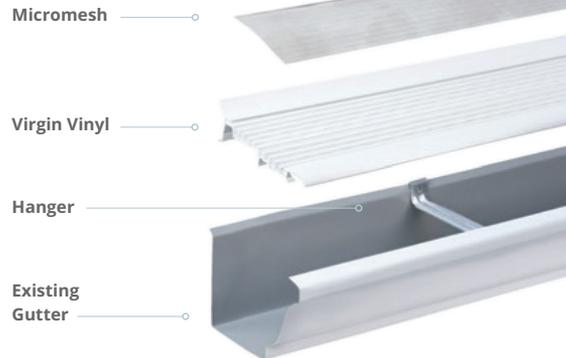
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In a shallow bowl, beat 2 **large eggs**. In a separate shallow bowl, combine 1½ cups **shredded unsweetened coconut**, ½ cup **panko breadcrumbs**, 2 Tbsp **all-purpose flour**, 2 Tbsp **sesame seeds**, ½ tsp **smoked or sweet paprika** and a pinch of **fine pink Himalayan salt**.

Add 2 lb **large, raw tail-on shrimp**, peeled and deveined, to eggs; toss well to coat. Working with 1 shrimp at a time, remove from eggs, allowing excess to drip off. Dredge shrimp in coconut mixture, pressing gently to adhere. Place on prepared baking sheets. Lightly brush or mist shrimp with oil. Bake, rotating baking sheets halfway through, 8–12 minutes or until coating is light golden and crisp. Serve with **Honey Pepper Sauce** (recipe follows), **honey mustard** and **lemon and/or lime wedges**. **Serves 6.**

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