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**State Fair Community College Board of Trustees six-year term candidates met at Best Western State Fair Inn for a forum hosted by the Pettis County Pachyderm Club on Friday. From left, incumbent Tim Carr, Billy Foster, Amie Breshears, and Chris Guffey.**

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## SFCC candidates asked about enrollment, trust

By Skye Melcher  
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On Friday afternoon, the State Fair Community College Board of Trustees candidates attended a forum hosted by the Pettis County Pachyderm Club at Best Western State Fair Inn.

The candidates for two six-year terms are Christopher Guffey, incumbent Tim Carr and Billy Foster, all of Sedalia, and Amie Breshears, of Warsaw. Board President Randy Eaton and Board Secretary Nick La Strada did not seek re-election in the April 5 municipal election.

Voters in Pettis and Benton counties and the city of Otterville elect trustees to serve on the governing

board of SFCC.

Each candidate was allowed a two-minute introduction statement, one minute to answer each question and a two-minute closing statement.

The first question was based on the topic of enrollment and how the candidates would dive deeper into figuring out the issues that have caused enrollment to decline for the last few years.

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### Watch the Forum

To watch the whole State Fair Community College Board of Trustees forum, visit the Sedalia Democrat on Facebook.

## Work continues on Downtown Pavilion project



**Father and son cement contractors Tom and T.J. Sprinkle pour pads for the Downtown Pavilion project on Friday. The pavilion at South Ohio Avenue and West Second Street is a public-private partnership between the Furnell Companies and the City of Sedalia.**

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**The east face of the Downtown Pavilion project shows well in the bright sun Friday. Workmen are completing interior details.**



**A cement truck pours the new parking lot on the north side of the pavilion Friday. The Sedalia Municipal Hall can be seen in the background. Black posts for fencing have already been set.**

## Public invited to Steamboat Museum presentation

By Faith Bemiss  
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A presentation about the National Steamboat Museum, which will be built at Marshall Junction, will take place Monday night at Sedalia City Hall.

The 7 p.m. event is hosted by the Pettis County Historical Society and the Sedalia Preservation Commission. Carla Humphreys,

president of the Historical Society, said the event will host retired state Sen. Bill Stouffer and his daughter Katie Shannon, who will both speak. Humphreys added light refreshments will be served.

She said the Historical Society is excited the senator and his daughter are coming to Sedalia.

"They've been to other historical societies in the last couple of months and spoke to them," she

said.

Byron Matson, a member of the Historical Society and the Preservation Committee, said the Steamboat Museum will be a plus for the history of the steamboat as well as for tourism for the local area. He added he's seen the presentation by Stouffer and Shannon at the Sedalia Area Chamber of Commerce and it is excellent.

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## Laas brings nursing, education experience to CNO role

By Chris Howell  
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Michele Laas, RN, BSN, was announced as the new Chief Nursing Officer of Bothwell Regional Health Center by CEO Lori Wightman during Tuesday's Board of Trustees meeting.

Laas has been serving as Bothwell's Director of Clinic Nursing. In her role as CNO, Laas will lead a staff of almost

250 nurses while seeing to their clinical education and development.

"I am excited," Laas told the Democrat. "Folks here inspire me, we have good people who work here and I've known a lot of them for a long time."

Laas is a graduate of State Fair Community College's Associate Degree Nursing program, and started working at Bothwell as an emergency room RN.

"I've worked at Bothwell since I was

a brand-new baby nurse in 1995," Laas said.

Laas served as the emergency department charge nurse/education coordinator and later worked as infection control coordinator and patient care coordinator.

Applying for the CNO position, like any other candidate, she first faced multiple phone and WebEx interviews.

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## 2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

### Windsor ballot question seeks sales tax for sidewalks, streets

By Chris Howell  
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WINDSOR — The City of Windsor is asking voters to consider a .5% sales tax to repair sidewalks and roads.

Mayor Rick Rollins is hopeful voters will support the imposition of the tax in the April 5 municipal election.

The Democrat spoke with Rollins on what this sales tax would fund, and what would happen if it doesn't pass.

"We've been doing a lot of roadwork in Windsor, but we have a lot more work to do because of the long time that had passed since we had done

work," Rollins said. "To continue, we need more funds. The half-percent sales tax will not only go for roads but sidewalks."

Rollins noted that the City of Windsor doesn't have any existing trails except the Katy Trail and the Rock Island Trail.

"And that money can't be used for the Katy or the Rock Island as they are obviously completely separate entities, so it's roads and sidewalks," he continued. "We're hoping to use that (new sales tax) money as matching funds for grants so that we can double down on the value we get from the tax."

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### ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at Liberty Park April 9th! The horn will sound at 10:00a.m. sharp, so don't be late! The event is for children up to age 10. Look for designated areas for each age group. Don't forget to bring a basket! After the Egg Hunt, the Easter Bunny will make a special appearance (so don't forget your camera!). There will be a petting zoo from Thornl Ridge Exotics LLC!

### HECKART COMMUNITY CENTER NOW OPEN!

The Heckart Community Center is NOW OPEN! Hours of operation are 5am-9pm Monday -Friday, Saturdays 7am-7pm, and Sundays 10am-7pm! Check out the state of the art indoor aquatic facility, basketball courts, new home of the Sedalia Senior Center, community rooms, fitness center, indoor and outdoor playground, and more! Rates and membership information can be found on our website [www.sedaliaparks.com](http://www.sedaliaparks.com)!



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## OBITUARIES

### William Martin Kelley

William Martin Kelley, 80, of Conway AR, passed away on Friday, March 4, 2022. He was born November 5, 1941, to the late William and Lorene Byrd Kelley.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a son, Patrick Lynn Kelley; a brother, Johnnie Cochran; and sister, Barbara Duncan.

Survivors are his wife of 54 years, Joyce Akeman Kelley; son, Andrew Martin Kelley; daughter, Samantha Elizabeth

Hathaway; granddaughter, Abigail Elaine Hathaway; brother, Charles Snyder (Pat); sister-in-law, Anita Cochran; brother-in-law, Larry Akeman; and a host of other family and friends.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, March 9, 2022, in the Chapel of

Roller-McNutt Funeral Home of Conway.

Online guestbook: [www.rollerfuneralhomes.com/conway](http://www.rollerfuneralhomes.com/conway).



### Willa Jo McAdams

Willa Jo McAdams passed away in her mother's arms, just after birth, on March 18, 2022, at Truman Medical Center in Kansas City, MO.

Survivors include her mother, Kloie McAdams of Parkville, MO; two brothers, Ashton McAdams, and Khobie McAdams both of Parkville; maternal grandparents; Jennifer McAdams-Allen and her husband Scott of Parkville, MO; one aunt, Kyli McAdams of Sedalia;

two uncles, Stevey Kade McAdams and his wife Laney of Warsaw, and Kale McAdams of Sedalia; great-maternal grandparents, E.H. and June Fowler of Florence, MO.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Steve McAdams.

Family and friends will gather for burial at the Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery in Florence, MO on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

### Roger Dee McGinnis

Roger Dee McGinnis, 75, of Versailles, MO passed away Thursday, March 24, 2022, at his home. He was born on January 29, 1947, in Warsaw, MO the son of Owen McGinnis and Ila Bell (Kirby) McGinnis, who preceded him in death.

Roger was known as being a kind, loving, and nice man. He loved his family and especially loved spending time with his grandchildren. Roger enjoyed going to thrift stores and flea markets.

Survivors include two daughters, Christina Martin-Levin of Lathrop, MO and Jennifer Mills of Green Ridge, MO; a son, Monte McGinnis (Amy) of Osage Beach, MO; a sister, Charlotte Perry of Sedalia;

eight grandchildren, one great-granddaughter.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by five brothers, Owen Junior McGinnis, Charles "Bub" McGinnis, Ronnie Reaves, Lonnie Reaves, and Teddy Reaves; two sisters, Debra Reaves, and Linda McGinnis;

and two grandchildren, A Memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at Rea Funeral Chapel.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral chapel.

Burial will be at Concord Cemetery, Fristoe, MO.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.



### Patricia Ann Nations

Patricia Ann Nations, 73, of Cole Camp, MO, fell asleep in death at her home Friday, March 18, 2022.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 53 years, Rolla Junior Nations; five children, Vicki Skaggs of Warrensburg, Devin Nations of Sedalia, Travis Nations of Kansas City, Chris Nations of Cole Camp, Kristy Nations of Windsor; one brother, Wayne Maxwell of Windsor; three sisters, Gloria Fosnow of Windsor, Sandra Maxwell of Windsor, Karen Nolting of Linn, MO; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Buel and Maurine Maxwell; and one brother, Alan Maxwell. On July 12, 1974, Patricia

was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. Studying the Bible gave her hope of one day seeing her dead

loved ones again in an earthly resurrection as promised in John 5: 28, 29. She also had strong faith in the fulfillment of Psalm 37: 10, 11 and Revelation 21: 3, 4 when, in the future, there

will be an abundance of peace on the earth and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor pain be anymore.

No memorial service will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her honor at [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org).

Arrangements are in the care of Rea Funeral Chapel, Sedalia.



## FUNERALS

### Clark, Mason Jacob

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

### Hall, Loretta

11 a.m. on Saturday in Houstonia Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Moore Funeral Home in La Monte.

### Walje, Thomas B.

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

### Broadnax, Janice L.

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

### Crowell, Jackie Gene "Jack"

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

### McAdams, Willa Jo

2 p.m. Saturday at Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery in Florence. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

### Wilson, Michael Lee

2 p.m. Sunday, March 27 at Heckart Funeral

Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

### Craig, Lula Mae

10:30 a.m. Monday, March 28, 2022 at Heckart Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

### Lane, Irene

1 p.m. Tuesday, March 29 at Heckart Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

### McGinnis, Roger Dee

2 p.m. Wednesday, March 30 at Rea Funeral Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

### Sharp, Beverly Joan (Reese)

4 p.m. Saturday, April 2 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Prairie Village, Kansas.

### Eding, Dorothy Dee

1 p.m. Saturday, April 9 at Crown Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

### Culler, Karen L.

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

## CRASH REPORTS

### 16-year-old Centerview girl in serious condition after Johnson accident

A 16-year-old girl from Centerview is in serious condition after a 5:40 p.m. accident Thursday in Johnson County.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, she was driving west on Route VV in a 2002 Ford Ranger when she left the roadway, returned to the roadway, began to skid, left the roadway again, overturned, and came to rest in the roadway.

She was not wearing a seat belt and was taken to Western Missouri Medical Center in Warrensburg by Johnson County Ambulance District.

### Holden motorcyclist in serious condition after hitting deer in Johnson County

David L. Tripp, 53, of Holden, sustained serious injuries at 7:50 p.m. Thursday in a Johnson County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Tripp was driving north on Route B on a 2015 Harley Davidson when he struck a deer in the roadway and was ejected.

He was wearing a helmet and was transported to Research Hospital in Kansas City by Johnson County Ambulance District.

### Slater woman injured in Saline accident

Dawn A. Hager, 19, of Slater, sustained moderate injuries at 8:30 p.m. Thursday in a Saline County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, a 2018 Toyota driven north on Route 41 by Sean T. Cercone, 47, of Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, slowed for a deer in the roadway and was struck in the rear by a northbound 2010 Kia Forte driven by Hager. Both vehicles came to a controlled stop in the right lane.

Both drivers were wearing seat belts. Hager was transported by ambulance to Fitzgibbon Hospital in Marshall.

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

Compiled by Chris Howell.

## Democrat Salutes



Thursday afternoon, Tina Schroeder, left, and Sharyn Fante-Hession, both of the Pettis County Democrat Club, presented Vitaliy Shimko of the Sedalia Tabernacle Church a check made up of donations from Sedalia Democrats and others to help with the Ukraine crisis. Shimko said there would be a meeting at the church on Sunday to get updates on the situation in Ukraine. He added he would find out in the next several weeks how the community could continue to support this effort.

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### Photo Submissions

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

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# Missouri Celebrates National Agriculture Week

JEFFERSON CITY – This week, the Missouri Department of Agriculture celebrates the state's position nationally in agriculture production.

Missouri is home to 95,000 farms, employs nearly 460,000 people in agriculture, forestry and related industries, and has an estimated economic impact of \$93.7 billion. Agriculture remains the state's number one economic driver, supporting both rural and urban communities from farm to fork.

"We are excited to celebrate National Agriculture Week, and we are proud that the industry remains alive and well in the Show-Me State," Gov. Mike Parson said. "As a third-generation farmer, I'm committed to ensuring the next generations have the same opportunities we've had. We have a solid foundation in this state, and through initiatives like workforce development, infrastructure, rural broadband, and others, we can help Missouri agriculture continue to thrive into the future."

Missouri agriculture continues to advance through the agriculture technology industry in the state. St. Louis is home to the world's largest concentration of plant scientists and the Kansas City Animal Health Corridor represents more than half of total worldwide animal health, diagnostics and pet food sales. The Corridor represents a large concentra-

tion of animal health industry assets.

"We are always excited to celebrate Missouri farmers and ranchers," Director of Agriculture Chris Chinn said. "Their hard work maintains the state's position nationally and ensures a bright future for the next generation of Missouri agriculturalists."

Missouri agriculture ranks in the top 10 nationally in the following categories:

- Number of farms: second
- Hay production: second
- Beef cow inventory: third
- Rice production: fourth
- Goat inventory: fifth
- Turkey inventory: sixth
- Soybean production: sixth
- Hog inventory: sixth
- Cotton production: sixth
- Broiler chicken inventory: ninth
- Corn production: ninth
- Horse & pony inventory: 10th

To learn more about Missouri's rankings nationwide and economic impact, visit Agriculture.Mo.Gov.

Missouri celebrated National Ag Day March 22 alongside the Agriculture Council of America (ACA). The ACA set the 2022 National Ag Day theme to be "Growing a Climate for Tomorrow."

*Release courtesy of Missouri Department of Agriculture.*

# Commission has busy week, signs proclamation

**By Democrat Staff**

During daily meetings March 21 to March 25, the Pettis County Commission completed the following:

March 21: Western Commissioner Jim Marcum and Eastern Commissioner Israel Baeza attended the Central Missouri Cooperative ribbon cutting.

Presiding Commissioner David Dick attended the Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission meeting in Jefferson City.

The Commission signed a Proclamation recognizing March 22 as "Kiwans Club of Sedalia Day" in honor of the club's 100th anniversary.

Taylor Burks, United States 4th District Congressional candidate, stopped by the Pettis County Courthouse to visit with the Commission and other elected officials.

March 22: The Commission met with Hoover Concrete regarding a project

at the Road and Bridge Department. Present was Superintendent Leonard Salmons, Superintendent James Hill, Road and Bridge Office Administrator Amber Bridges, Assistant to the Commission Kristen Anderson, Prosecuting Attorney Phillip Sawyer, Hoover Excavating Elvin Hoover, W&M Welding Inc. President/CEO Gary McMullin, and Central Missouri Engineering Project Engineer Steve LePage.

March 23: Baeza chaired the Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission meeting.

March 24: The Commission attended the West Central Commissioners meeting in Westphalia, Osage County.

Baeza, Bridges, Anderson and GIS Director/Grant Administrator James Theisen joined the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law conference call with the United States Department of Transportation.

March 25: Citizen Bob

Leftwich discussed Woodland Road.

The Commission approved the purchase of two skid steers, one from Foley Equipment for \$86,800 and the other from Martin Equipment for \$78,900 for the Road and Bridge Department.

The Commission tabled the vote for a building use form for John Endries until more information can be gathered.

The census for the Pettis County Jail for the week of March 21 is 138 inmates and the census for 911 calls is 2,153 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.

# Drexel man convicted after robbery, shooting at officers

**By Democrat Staff**

A Drexel man has been convicted after shooting at law enforcement officers while fleeing a failed bank robbery.

According to a news release from the Western District of Missouri U.S. Attorney's Office, 30-year-old Jacob Allen Monteer was found guilty following a bench trial before U.S. District Judge Brian C. Wimes on Monday, March 21, bank robbery, brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence, two counts of discharging a firearm during a crime of violence, and being a drug user in possession of firearms.

Monteer remains in federal custody without bond.

On Nov. 30, 2017, Monteer attempted to rob US Bank, 401 W. Newton in Versailles. Monteer, armed with a Springfield 9mm semi-automatic pistol, walked into the bank with a bandana across his face and demanded money at gunpoint. He jumped over the teller station and opened the teller drawer, but there was no money in the drawer. Monteer fled from the bank

in a stolen pick-up truck.

As Monteer led law enforcement officers on a high-speed pursuit, he fired several shots at the Stover police chief, who had set up a roadblock. Monteer then lost control of the stolen vehicle and crashed. He attempted to flee on foot but was apprehended by the Morgan County sheriff. During their struggle, Monteer was able to fire a round from the sheriff's AR-15 .223-caliber rifle before being subdued.

Monteer later admitted to law enforcement officers that he was a drug addict and used methamphetamine on a daily basis. Officers searched his vehicle and found drug paraphernalia.

Under federal statutes,

Monteer is subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 27 years in federal prison without parole, up to a sentence of life in federal prison without parole. The sentencing of the defendant will be determined by the court based on the advisory sentencing guidelines and other statutory factors. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Supervisory Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. It was investigated by the FBI, the Morgan County Sheriff's Department, the Stover Police Department, and the Versailles Police Department.



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# Company could face millions in penalties after defrauding investors

**By Star-Journal Staff**

JEFFERSON CITY — Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft's Securities Division issued an order to show cause why restitution, civil penalties and other administrative relief should not be imposed against a company and four individuals that allegedly offered and sold at least \$760,000 in unregistered homemade "silver and gold certificates."

Between April 2018 and August 2020, Robert Craig Bridgforth, through an entity he reportedly called Liberty Gold and Silver, allegedly offered and sold securities instruments to six investors in Missouri, including four elderly residents from Warrensburg, Independence and Oak Grove.

The certificates were said to be collateralized by gold or silver.

Also named in the order, Ashley R. Wegener, Dustin Raysik and Bryan L. Cochran, all unregistered issuer agents, allegedly introduced the Missouri investors to Bridgforth and received commissions.

Bridgforth purportedly drafted his own instruments that contained graphics and

images that made false statements that the investments were secured by currency minted by the United States Treasury.

In connection with offering the investments, Bridgforth is alleged to have made material misstatements and omissions and engaged in a Ponzi-like scheme that violated multiple sections of the Missouri Securities Act.

The Securities Division is seeking a Final Order from Missouri Securities Commissioner David M. Minnick for more than \$4 million in civil penalties, more than \$700,000 in restitution with interest and cost of the investigation.

"Promising a high rate of return with promises on very official looking documents can be very enticing to investors," Ashcroft said. "Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

Ashcroft urges investors with questions about investment opportunities to call the toll-free investor protection hotline at 800-721-7996 or go to missouriprotectsinvestors.com to file a complaint.

# SFCC to adjust salaries, tuition for upcoming year

The State Fair Community College Board of Trustees voted at its regular meeting on Thursday to increase salaries and wages for employees amidst inflation and to raise tuition following the pandemic.

The compensation to employees will include a 1.2% increase to the faculty salary base and an increase in overload compensation for full-time faculty to \$650 per credit hour. Faculty will also be advanced one step on the salary schedule. Non-instructional staff wages will increase by 3% and the college will raise its minimum hourly wage to \$15 per hour. Adjunct faculty and part-time classified staff will also see increases in pay.

"Hiring and retaining

qualified employees is a top priority to the college," said SFCC President Dr. Joanna Anderson. "There is a direct correlation between having the best faculty and staff available and student success. Everything from enrollment and retention to graduation is affected by our personnel."

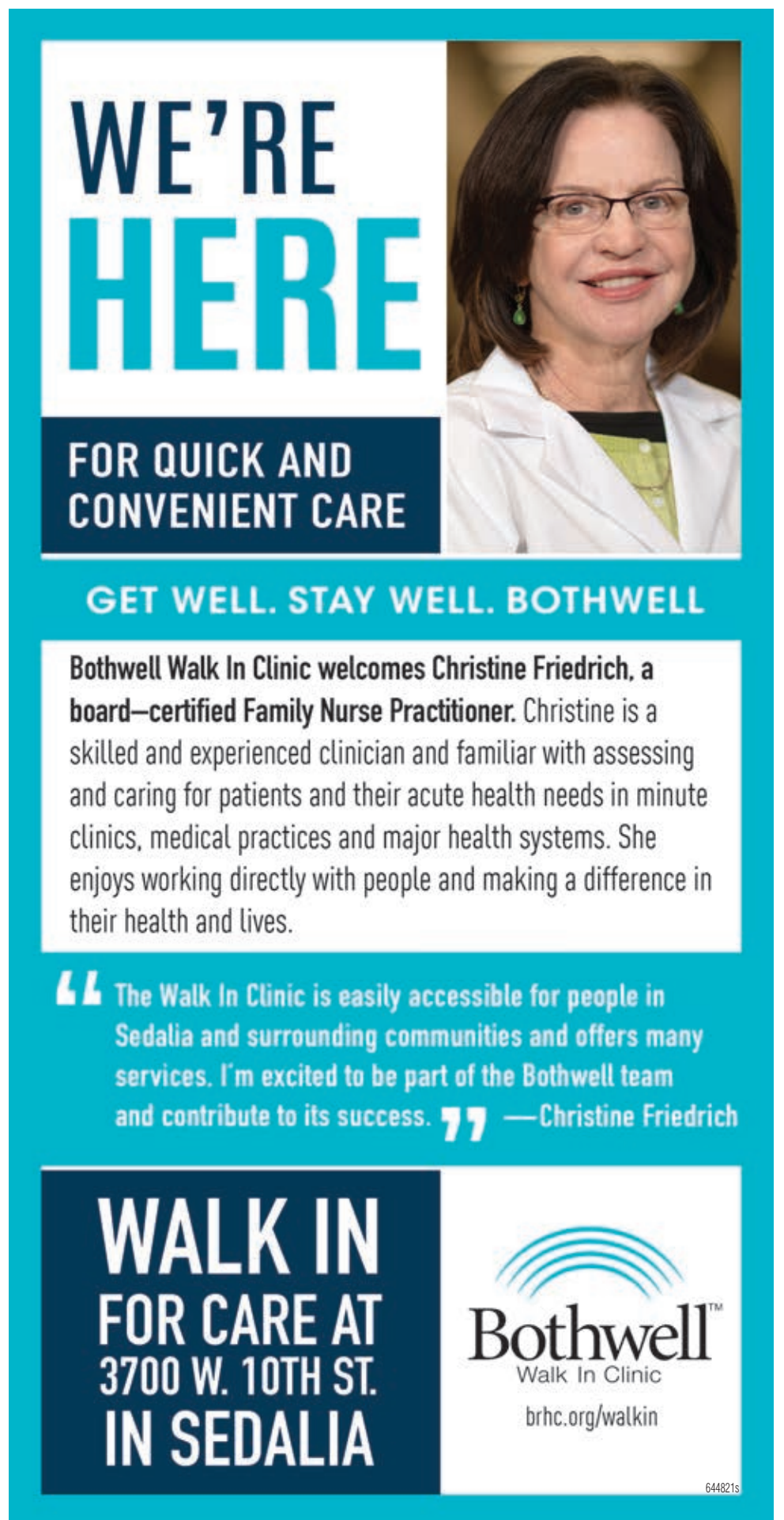
Tuition rates will increase by \$4 per credit hour for in-district students, \$8 per credit hour for Missouri residents and \$10 per credit hour for non-residents. The college will not raise tuition for dual credit students who enroll in SFCC courses while in high school, nor will there be any increase to the technology fee. The college did not increase tuition last year during the

pandemic.

"It is unfortunate that the cost of everything is going up right now, from consumables to fixed costs and utilities," said SFCC Vice President of Finance Keith Acuff. "These increases not only fall below the caps set by the governor, but they remain below the Pell grants awarded to eligible students."

Federal Pell Grants are typically awarded to qualifying undergraduate students who are working toward a professional certificate or degree. Qualifying students can receive up to \$6,895 per year by completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, commonly referred to as FAFSA.

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**“The Walk In Clinic is easily accessible for people in Sedalia and surrounding communities and offers many services. I'm excited to be part of the Bothwell team and contribute to its success.” —Christine Friedrich**

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## CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

## The inflation rate is getting scary

Inflation continues to eat away at your buying power, with the rate reaching 7.9% in February, a level not seen in more than 40 years.

As bad as that is, things are actually worse, for the Labor Department doesn't include energy and food prices in the consumer price index due to their volatility. Were they figured in, we'd be seeing a much higher inflation rate.

What is inflation? Here's a short definition: A general increase in prices and fall in the purchasing power of money. Note the important word "general." Inflation isn't just higher prices here and there, it's higher prices everywhere, impacting both goods and services.

My checkbook leaves no doubt about the direction energy prices have been moving. The last two natural gas bills I paid ran \$180 over the same period last year.

Gasoline prices have been rising as well, with the average price in Missouri now \$3.76 a gallon, according to the AAA. Prices I checked at service stations in Sedalia this week averaged a few cents under that.

While \$3.76 a gallon isn't cheap, Missourians are better off than others, as the national average cost of gasoline is a shocking \$4.23 a gallon. Rising prices for gasoline and other fuels are the quickest way to increase the price of everything, for everything must be transported.

Food prices are following the same pattern. In November, I spent \$234 on food. December came in at \$317, and January reached \$378. I divide my food dollars among Walmart, Aldi and Woods, and the things I buy don't vary significantly from month to month.

Beef seems to be in the vanguard of the food price surge. I've seen prices for ground beef at supermarkets in Sedalia that made me wonder if it was ground fillet mignon.

High public demand and limited supplies, caused to a large extent by the persistent tight labor market, are generally blamed for the rising prices. But the Fed's easy money policies and the explo-



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sion in federal spending also are factors.

The Biden administration so far has dumped \$3.1 trillion in stimulus and infrastructure spending into the economy, which can't help but add to the inflationary fires, since one of the short definitions of inflation is "too much money chasing too few goods."

President Biden and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi deny that the wide-open federal spigot contributed to inflation. Pelosi actually argued that "government spending is doing the exact reverse, reducing the national debt. It is not inflationary."

So the more the government borrows and spends (and it's virtually all borrowed money), the lower the national debt gets? With that kind of economic thinking in Washington, don't expect improvement any time soon.

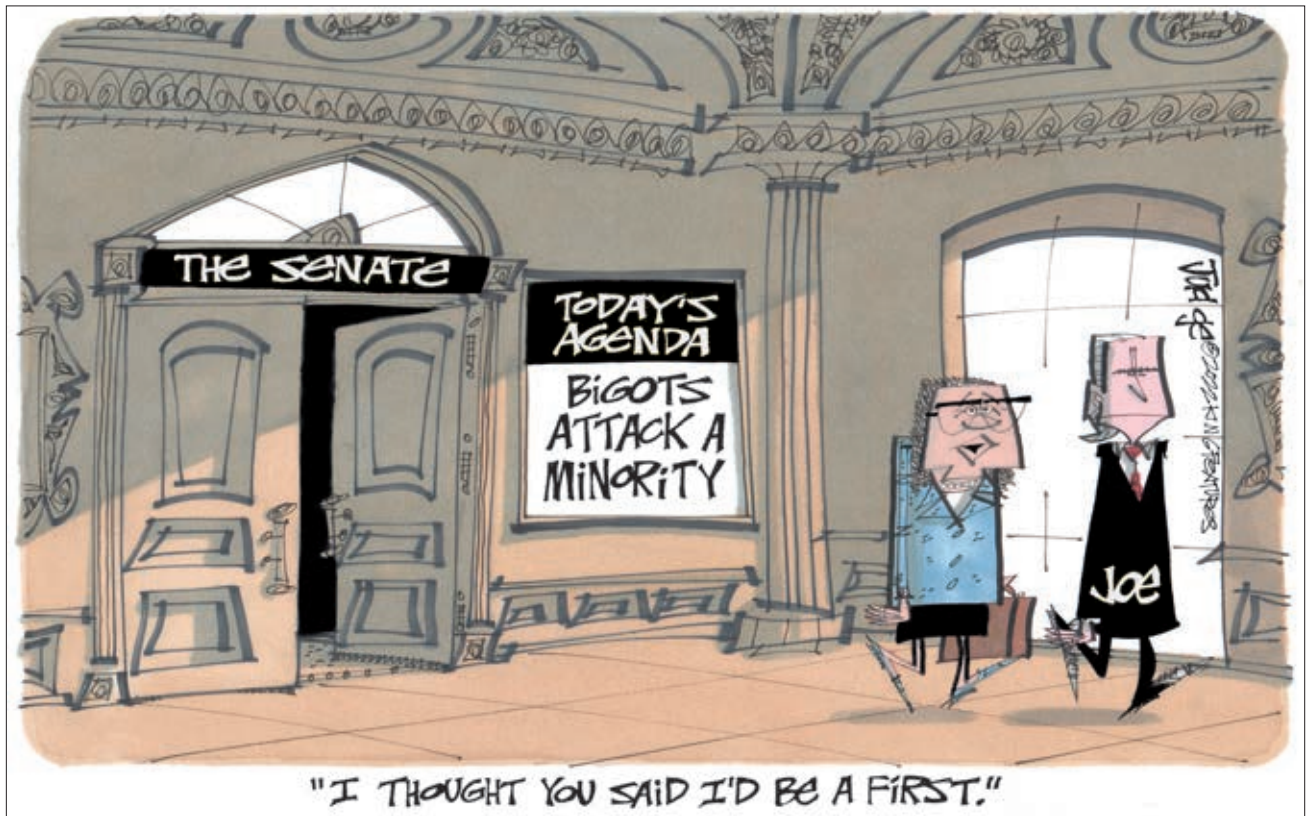
Moody's Analytics determined that the average household is paying more than \$296 a month in higher prices due to inflation. That's real money, and many people are being stretched to the limit to meet rising expenses.

Amanda Davis, executive director of Open Door, told me there's been an increase in people coming to the service center.

"We're seeing new faces," she said, "some who never knew they'd need Open Door's help."

After standing by and watching what it termed "transitory" inflation steadily notch upward, the Fed finally got around to raising interest rates by a quarter-point, with similar increases projected to kick in if needed. While better than doing nothing, that doesn't strike me as the dose of strong medicine that was needed to get serious about fighting inflation.

*Doug Kneibert is a former editor of the Sedalia Democrat.*



## CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

## Enough of yelling from senators, candidates

"Mr. Gillespie, I'm real irrigated with you," Frank Jones said to my father one day, as civics class was ending. Daddy gently corrected Frank's pronunciation and apologized for whatever he had done to "irrigate" Frank that day.

Today, I am "irrigated" because I had my column all lined out in my head, and then I watched some of the Senate Judiciary Committee hearings for the new Supreme Court Justice nominee, Ketanji Brown Jackson. I was really "irrigated" as I watched men disrespectfully and continually interrupt a woman who was trying to answer questions and explain her answers. I saw people distort her interrupted answers and then not listen to what she was saying, either because they didn't want her to answer or because they didn't want to hear her answer.

I listened to a Senator confuse the Declaration of Independence with the Constitution. Some Senators conflated the jobs of the legislature and the judiciary. Worse, the Senators on the Committee from the Republican party decided after the first day of hearings that the best way to attack the candidate was to focus on a few cases on which she had ruled and at-



**Deborah Mitchell**  
Contributing Columnist

tempt to make her sound as if she is "soft on crime," specifically possession of child pornography. They badgered her about her decisions, deriding them, even though none of them had been involved in those cases nor had heard the evidence. They ignored the existence of federal sentencing guidelines that judges must follow and chastised her for following them. One Senator shook his head and rolled his eyes as she answered.

The interesting thing, though, was that this candidate had appeared before the same committee a year ago when she was appointed to the Federal Appeals Court. She had already made those rulings, which no one questioned then. And at least one of them had voted to confirm her. It was obvious that this inquisition was simply designed to attempt to

make her look bad.

To me, those Senators were the ones who looked bad. They were just mean. And yet, the judge displayed what we call judicial temperament. She never lost her cool. She never raised her voice. She never rolled her eyes when she was asked an irrelevant question. She behaved like a judge: Respectful, quiet, sincere, clear, and calm. She withstood at least 12 hours of examination, discussing cases — or at least attempting to — her method of deciding cases, and her role as a judge. Through it all, I asked myself: Is this what we have come to?

Then I thought of our local election coming up in April, which includes electing members of the Sedalia school board. Over the past year in our school board meetings, we have witnessed behavior similar to what I saw in that televised judiciary hearing. Most of the local vitriol has centered on whether students should wear masks in school because of the pandemic. I heard a member of the school board yelling at another, people yelling at the school board because they disagreed with the board's decision, people calling each other names — acting like Senators

at a Judiciary Committee hearing.

If you read the Democrat's question-and-answer article for school board candidates, you probably got a picture of two divergent views about the way the school board should be run. What many people may not realize is that the school board must operate according to law. We don't get to just willy-nilly run the school the way we want. If I had my way, school would start no earlier than 9 a.m., and all students would have to diagram sentences every day. But that's not how it works. The law controls. If you don't like the law, well, you have another election coming up in a few months. You can start there.

When you vote for school board members, and vote you must, you should choose candidates who understand the role of the school board, who understand what it takes to make difficult decisions about our students, who know what the law requires, and who understand that yelling is not the proper way to get things done.

Elect serious school board members. I've had enough yelling.

*Deborah Mitchell is a Sedalia attorney.*

## THEIR VIEW

## Sexual assault victims are victimized again by legislature

## St. Louis Post-Dispatch

The Missouri Senate's Crazy Caucus — also known as the Republican Conservative Caucus — is at it again. Its latest victims? Sexual assault survivors. This klatch of roughly a half-dozen right-wing extremists has stalled and may yet kill legislation meant to protect the rights of survivors as they move through the medical and law enforcement systems.

That crucial bill may be doomed because the extremists have attached an amendment grandstanding about one of their favorite ideological bogeymen — "obscene" reading material in schools — as if that mostly fabricated issue is on par with the real trauma faced by survivors.

As the Post-Dispatch's Jack Suntrup reports, Sen. Holly Thompson Rehder, R-Sikeston,

seeks to create a bill of rights for sexual assault survivors to ensure they are able to consult with rape-crisis workers, to request that interviews be conducted by an officer of the same gender, that a language interpreter is provided when needed, and other protections.

These are ideas that no reasonable person could oppose. But as the Conservative Caucus has shown again and again, it's not reasonable.

These are the same folks holding up the redrawing of Missouri's eight congressional districts because the pending 6-2 Republican-Democratic split — which already slights Democrats who should, based on recent statewide election ratios, have three seats — doesn't slight them enough; the caucus wants a 7-1 map, fairness be damned. This is also the crowd that has made ending abortion

rights in Missouri their top priority, yet has prevented expansion of Medicaid coverage for new mothers, proving once again that their concern for the unborn evaporates after birth.

The sexual-assault measure in Senate Bill 775 is now stalled because Sen. Rick Brattin, R-Harrisonville, a Conservative Caucus member, attached an amendment attempting to ban distribution of "obscene material" in Missouri schools. Even if such distribution was actually happening (it isn't), what exactly does that have to do with sexual assault survivors? Brattin claims, with zero evidence, that "the sexualization of society has created little sexual predators that grow into sexual predators that act out into these sort of acts."

Whatever. The real-world effect of Brattin's amendment was to

make the sexual-assault bill unpalatable to its previous supporters in both parties, effectively shelving the whole thing, as he knew it would.

Is Brattin opposed to helping sexual assault survivors? It's certainly not a front-burner issue to this gang. Sen. Bob Onder, R-Lake Saint Louis, another Conservative Caucus member, has dismissively called this her "little" bill, according to Rehder.

A bipartisan group of legislators recently called out the extremists over this and other legislation they have stalled, often for seemingly no reason but to telegraph their extremism to a hard-right base that likes it. Most Missourians don't — but as long as they keep sending these zealots to Jefferson City, they can keep expecting demagoguery rather than productivity from their seat of government.

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Windsor is seeking a .5% sales tax to improve sidewalks in the city.

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# Ballot

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There is not a specific project set yet for the possible new tax revenue, but Rollins said some ideas are in the works.

"We are looking at mostly sidewalks with this tax, but that doesn't mean it will be exclusively sidewalks," Rollins explained. "We have other avenues for funding for the roads, but our sidewalks are in desperate need of repair, so it will allow us to do some work immediately

## City of Windsor Question

Shall the City of Windsor impose a sales tax of one half of one percent, .5%, for transportation services, including but not limited to construction, reconstruction, repair, and maintenance of streets, sidewalks, trails, and bridges?

and then to look for grants down the road for additional work?"

Rollins also offered some information about what would happen if voters don't approve the ballot question.

"If it does not pass, we'll continue to look for grants and hopefully come up with funding that way," Rollins said. "In that case, the matching funds would

have to come out of general funds, not money earmarked for those situations. It just makes the budget tighter all over the city.

Right now, we are not in the position where we can just start repairs on sidewalks without some kind of additional funding."

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

# Nurse

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The field dropped from over a dozen candidates to four, when they visited Bothwell for a busy schedule of interviews.

"I interviewed with physicians in the morning and we had our safety huddle then I had a meeting with all of the nursing leaders, that was an interview," Laas said. "Then I had another lunch, working interview with the senior leadership team, then I had another interview with the whole hospital leadership team in the afternoon and then I did a tour of the hospital."

"The CNO has an incredibly vital role at Bothwell," Wightman said in a Monday press release. "Many of our employees are nurses who are directly responsible for patient care. Michele has a demonstrated history of building relationships, driving positive clinical

outcomes, and elevating the role of nursing. She is a nurse's nurse and believes strongly in quality processes and lifelong education."

"I teach a lot of advanced courses for life support like ACLS, which stands for Adult Cardiac Life Support, and PALS, which stands for Pediatric Advanced Life Support, I teach trauma nurse core curriculum," Laas said.

She worked as a flight nurse aboard air ambulances at the University of Missouri, and was Medical Base Supervisor and Chief Flight Nurse from 2006-17.

Laas will be responsible for all in-patient nursing units, emergency department, and perioperative services.

"I'm pretty down to earth, I have always loved patient care, love nurses and all kinds of nursing. That's the great thing about nursing," Laas said. "You can do a lot of everything and never get bored. I'm a process person, so it's like I love new mouse-traps. There's always a



Michele Laas

better way to do something, and I hope that you know my door's open."

Laas begins her new position on March 28 on the Senior Leadership Team and will work with the Board of Trustees. But nurses are Laas' prime concern, and she has walked in their shoes.

"We have lots of folks here that are great, they care about the community," Laas said. "They care about their patients. Things have been hard for nurses over the past through years, so they're doing the best they can."

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

## STATE BRIEFS

### Police: 2 people found shot to death in St. Louis apartment

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Two people were found shot to death early Friday inside a downtown St. Louis apartment, police said.

St. Louis Metropolitan Police were called around 2 a.m. Friday to the apartment and found a man and a woman dead, television station KSDK reported. Both had been shot.

Police did not immediately release the victims' names, and officials have not announced any arrests or suspects in the case.

### Police shoot man accused of attacking officer with knife

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A St. Louis police officer shot and injured a knife-wielding man early Friday who attacked another officer, police officials there said.

The shooting happened just before 4 a.m. Friday in the Walnut Park East neighborhood in north St. Louis, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported.

Police said a woman had called for officers to remove her adult son from her home. Two officers who responded to the domestic disturbance call went upstairs to a bedroom to talk to the man when the attack happened, police said.

Police Chief John Hayden said the man was holding a large kitchen knife when he rushed the officers, knocking down one of them. The man was on

top of the officer and attempted to stab him, but the officer's protective vest kept him from being stabbed, officials said.

When the man tried to stab the officer a second time, the other officer shot him, Hayden said.

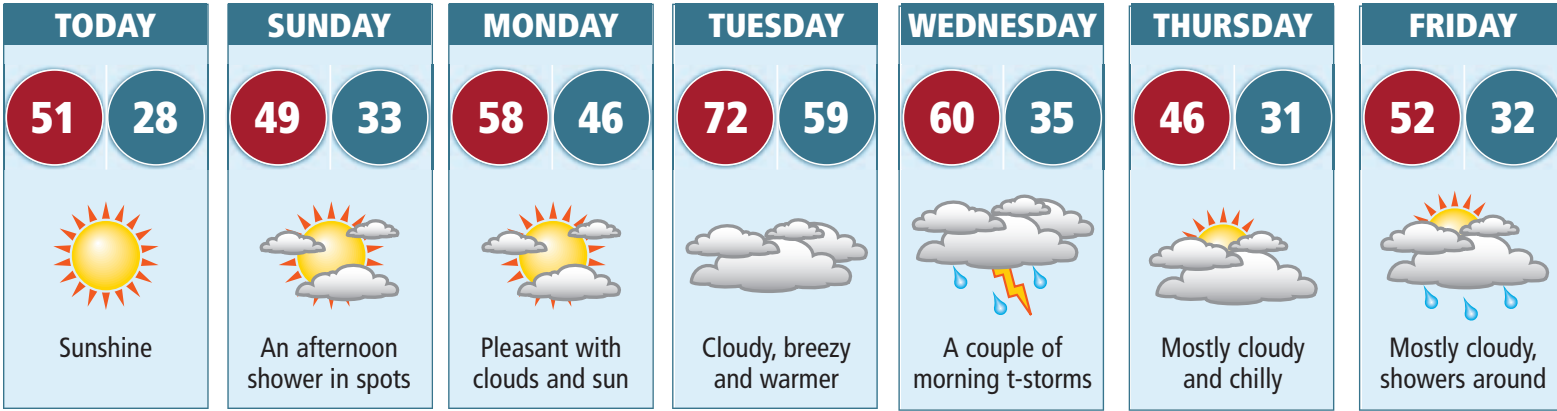
Police said the man, whose name has not been released, was critically injured. The officer attacked suffered only minor injuries.

The officer who shot the man is a rookie, having graduated from the police academy a few weeks ago, according to Hayden.

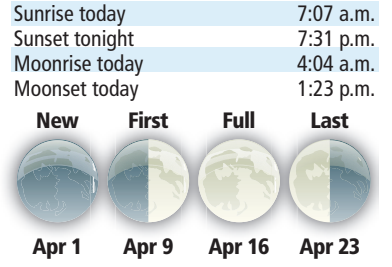
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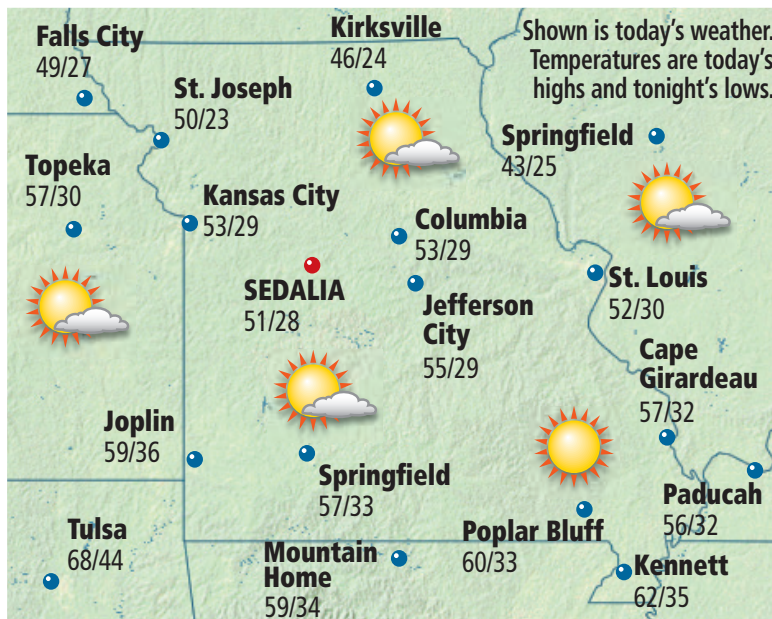
TEMPERATURES	
High	42
Low	36
Normal high	57
Normal low	34
Record high	83 in 1967
Record low	-3 in 1974

PRECIPITATION	
Thursday	0.08"
Month to date	2.55"
Normal m-t-d	2.05"
Year to date	4.15"
Normal y-t-d	6.12"

HEATING DEGREE DAYS	
Index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature was below 65 degrees for the day.	
Thursday	26
Month to date	434
Season to date	3687
Normal season to date	4628
Last season to date	4098

RIVER LEVELS	
In feet as of 7 a.m. Friday	
Blackwater	Stage 24.55 Chg -0.69 Fld Stg 24
Blue Lick	12.18 -4.66 22
Valley City	
Lamine	
Otterville	5.50 -3.01 15
Missouri	
Boonville	13.03 +4.54 21

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**BRANSON**  
High: 60. Low: 34. Sunshine and patchy clouds today. Mainly cloudy tonight. Times of sun and clouds tomorrow; great day to be outside.

**KANSAS CITY**  
High: 53. Low: 29. Mostly sunny today. Patchy clouds tonight. Clouds and breaks of sun tomorrow. Monday: pleasant with clouds and sunshine.

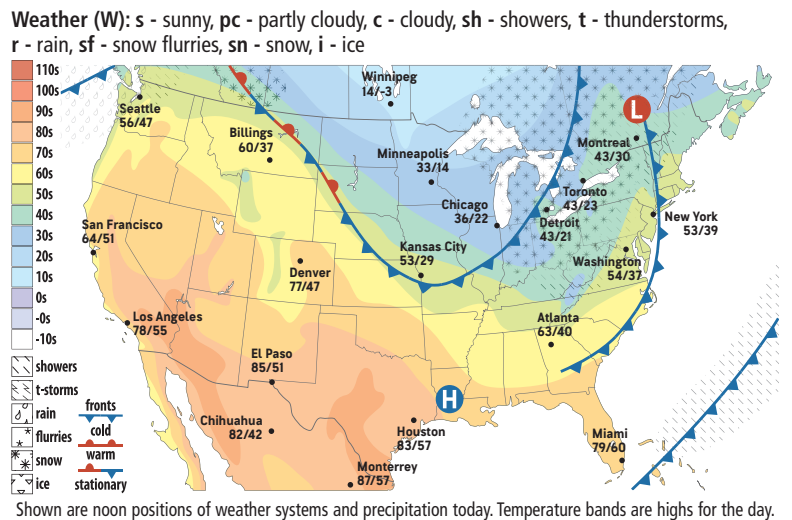
**ST. LOUIS**  
High: 52. Low: 30. Sunshine and breezy today. Mainly clear and chilly tonight. Chilly tomorrow with times of clouds and sun.

**NEW YORK CITY**  
High: 53. Low: 39. Variably cloudy today with a couple of brief showers beginning at midday. Rather cloudy tonight. A shower in places tomorrow.

**LOS ANGELES**  
High: 78. Low: 55. Times of clouds and sun today. Mainly clear early tonight, then areas of low clouds forming. Mainly cloudy tomorrow.

## NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	63/40/s	61/41/s	35/19/pc	34/20/s
Baltimore	54/36/sh	49/25/pc	59/33/pc	56/38/s
Billings	60/37/c	72/46/pc	New Orleans	76/54/s
Boston	53/39/sh	49/26/pc	Norfolk	59/40/pc
Buffalo	43/28/sn	32/17/sf	Oklahoma City	73/45/s
Charlotte	62/34/pc	59/35/s	Orlando	78/54/s
Chicago	36/22/pc	36/23/s	Phoenix	95/64/pc
Cleveland	40/25/sn	31/19/sf	Pittsburgh	41/27/sn
Dallas	85/57/s	89/59/pc	Portland, ME	50/33/pc
Denver	77/47/pc	79/48/pc	Portland, OR	64/48/c
Detroit	43/21/sf	33/16/c	Sacramento	78/50/pc
Honolulu	82/69/s	82/69/pc	St. Louis	52/30/s
Houston	83/57/s	82/60/pc	San Francisco	64/51/pc
Indianapolis	38/25/c	39/20/s	Seattle	56/47/sh
Las Vegas	91/61/pc	86/60/pc	Washington, DC	54/37/sh



**Summary:** As unseasonably cold air pours southward from Canada and across the Midwest and Northeast, areas of rain and snow showers are in store today. Most other areas will be dry as warmth holds on in the West.





## 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

**March 24**  
11:36 p.m.: Thomas L. Gibbs, 34, of the 1100 block of South Harding Avenue, was arrested after officers were dispatched to East 28th Street and South New York Avenue for a vehicle stuck in a grass patch. Contact was made with Gibbs, who was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated – drugs. He was transported to the Bothwell Regional Health Center ER and later released to Bothwell staff and a charge of driving while intoxicated (drugs) is being sought.

**Incidents**  
**March 23**  
5:30 p.m.: Officers responded to an assault report in the 1000 block of South Harrison Avenue. The vic-

tim reported that someone known to him punched him in the face.

**March 24**  
7:36 a.m.: An officer responded to the 1900 block of South Harrison Avenue for child supervision issues. It was reported that a small child had been outside in the rain wearing only a diaper. At the time it was 36 degrees. The child had returned inside the house prior to the officer's arrival. Contact was made with an adult in the child's home and a report was completed for documentation. A Children's Division hotline was created.

6:27 p.m.: Officers responded to the police department lobby for a report of identity theft, which occurred in the 300 block of West Third Street. An investigation was completed and a suspect was identified. Charges are being submitted to the Pettis County prosecutor.

7:45 p.m.: Officers responded to the 1600 block of East Broadway Boulevard for a report of a hostage

situation. When officers arrived on scene, the two parties involved were spoken with and it was determined not to be a hostage situation. A report was completed.

### Missouri State Highway Patrol Arrests

**March 25**  
12:50 a.m.: Tyler J. Hallum, 30, of Holden, was arrested in Johnson County for driving while intoxicated, driving with a suspended driver's license, failure to have two lit headlamps, displaying the plates of another vehicle, and no vehicle title. Hallum was transported to the Warrensburg Police Department and released.

2:57 a.m.: Jeffery L. Gatton, 56, of Odessa, was arrested in Johnson County for felony driving while intoxicated – chronic offender, felony driving with a revoked driver's license, and a felony Grain Valley Police Department warrant. Gatton was transported to the Johnson County Jail.

*Compiled by Chris Howell.*

## LOCAL BRIEFS

### Legacy F.C. to host tournament

Legacy F.C. and Central Bank will host a Latinos Unidos Soccer Torneo on Saturday, March 26 and Sunday, March 27 at Katy Park. The first game starts at 10 a.m. and the last game starts at 4 p.m.

Eight teams are participating and games will be played round robin.

Part of the family-oriented event's purpose is to get help promote the Sedalia Latino business community, and several local bilingual businesses will be present.

There will be local food trucks and a DJ.

For more information, contact coach Blue Ramirez at 660-281-4683.

### Stormwater improvements to cause lane restrictions

From 7 a.m. Monday, March 28 to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 12, South Park Avenue between West Broadway Boulevard and West Seventh Street will periodically be lane restricted with heavy equipment and workers present in and along the roadway while stormwater improvements are made along South Park Avenue.

Travelers in the area may want to find an alternate route to their destination to avoid delays due to the construction project. Impacts to drive approaches into residences, businesses, and alley accesses will be minimized and should allow them to remain open while work is completed in the area.

This project is weather and equipment dependent and may be delayed due to inclement weather or equipment breakdowns.

### Water project to cause roadway closures

The City of Sedalia will

close South Mildred Avenue from East 12th Street to East 16th Street to through traffic from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, March 28.

The Public Works Water Division is working with a resident on a project resulting in the roadway being unavailable to through traffic during this period as equipment will be across the roadway. Residents along South Mildred will be able to enter the area to reach their homes. Travelers in the area are advised to find an alternate route to their destination.

### Birthday Blessings to host match event

There are more than 20,000 children in the Missouri foster system, which includes about 100 at-risk kids in Pettis and Cooper counties. The goal of Birthday Blessings is to meet the physical and emotional needs of these young people, while also sending the message that they matter, according to Executive Director Shannon VonAllmen.

The organization collaborates with Missouri Children's Divisions and other nonprofits to get resources for the kids. Services are provided through donations and Birthday Blessings receives no government funding.

In 2013, Birthday Blessings started by sending birthday party supplies and wrapped gifts. Later, it began to provide duffel bags and backpacks to be used when kids move from home to home.

The nonprofit eventually expanded from its base in West Plains to cover 23 counties. It also added other services such as household goods for teens transitioning to independent living, graduation recognition gifts, care packages for socially isolated kids, Easter baskets and newborn care items for pregnant foster teens. It also assists with special needs such as bedding, clothing or items that aren't covered by other funding sources.

The nonprofit will host its annual Birthday Bash match event March 29-April 2. A donor will match up to \$10,000 in donations during this time. Checks postmarked before or during the event will be counted and can be mailed to Birthday Blessings, 429 Aid Ave., West Plains, MO 65775. Visit [www.birthday-blessings.org](http://www.birthday-blessings.org) for online payment options. For more information, call 417-372-5306.

### Public invited to learn about proposed Versailles improvements

Information is being made available regarding proposed improvements along Route 52 from the intersection of Route 5 to Fairgrounds Road in Versailles. The Missouri Department of Transportation and the City of Versailles are inviting residents and motorists to share their thoughts.

The project is necessary to address flooding concerns near the intersection of Routes 5 and 52, to improve congestion problems along Route 52, and to address the outdated signals at the junction.

Motorists and area residents can find more details, ask questions or provide feedback on this project by visiting [modot.org/Versailles-Improvements](http://modot.org/Versailles-Improvements). A public meeting will also be hosted Thursday, March 31 at the Morgan County Library, 600 N. Hunter St. in Versailles. The public may attend any time between 4 and 6 p.m.

Those in attendance will be able to express their views on the proposed improvements. MoDOT staff will be available to help answer questions and provide information on the proposed project.

For more information and updates about this project or other transportation-related matters, call 1-888-ASK-MoDOT (275-6636) or visit [www.modot.org](http://www.modot.org).

parent of high school students in Missouri to sign up for the A+ program, as it will help cover most of the cost for their first two years of college," said Acuff. "Conversely, if you are an adult learner, I would urge you to take advantage of the FastTrack program, which can help any student over 25 years of age to go back to school and finish their degree."

In addition to Pell Grants, the SFCC Foundation awards scholarships totaling more than \$250,000 each year. Students can learn more about funding options by visiting [www.sfccmo.edu/ways2pay](http://www.sfccmo.edu/ways2pay).

Students may enroll in courses for summer and fall after April 5, and applying for admission is free.

*Release courtesy of State Fair Community College.*

## Forum

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Breshears said she is not an expert in junior college enrollment, so she would need to visit with those who are the experts to learn more.

"I think from a Board of Trustees perspective, it might be to visit with the president and the other trustees about putting it on the agenda as an item to talk about and then depending on what their thoughts were and what we might find out, it might be something we work on as a committee or maybe a task force," Breshears said.

Breshears said she does not have a clear plan right now but knows there is a method the board could utilize to solve that problem.

Foster added that there should be several plans of attack for the college to recruit students both digitally and in person. Adding another sport and the upcoming completion of the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center will help draw in students, Foster said.

Carr said it's important to make a college affordable and provide the opportunities that all students need, including non-traditional students, and advertise that this is available at SFCC.

"If people don't know you exist or don't know what you offer, then they are going to walk through and look past you to someone else who has a

big internet presence or some other type of avenue," Carr said.

Guffey said he echoed what all the other candidates had said but wanted to be more precise. He offered some SFCC and state statistics, and mentioned many areas that need to be improved at SFCC like student services and housing.

Like the last SFCC candidate forum hosted earlier this month, they were asked multiple questions about the presidential search process, the strife that was caused when the board chose to interview all five semi-finalists and the lack of communication between the board and employees on why the process changed.

One of those questions included asking the candidates about their ideas to repair the relationship between the board and SFCC employees.

Carr was the first to answer the question and said the information provided to the community at the forum was not quite accurate.

"We had put a process in motion as far as having a review panel to establish candidates for us to review," Carr said. "There was never a time that said you can only give us two people or we can only have two people from Sedalia and one from New Mexico, that never happened, however, there was misinformation passed around through various individuals that kind of had an agenda and in turn, that's why we've been asked several times

about this."

Carr said the board did not deviate and that it did what was in the best interest of the college, which he said is their main task as the board.

Guffey gave the same answer from the first forum, that he wasn't in those closed meetings and was not involved in that process, so he spoke in more general terms about if this situation were to happen again.

"What I think you should ask of your board is clarity and their willingness to be open in the process to be the best of their ability," Guffey said. "In other words, on a board, the first thing you do is identify your process and how you're going to about occurring that next position and then you should not deviate from that."

Guffey added that the community should expect a clear, transparent and open process and if they deviate, there needs to be a good reason why.

Breshears agreed with Guffey about not knowing what happened behind closed doors and spoke in more general terms.

"I do think that looking ahead into the future, that crystal clear planning and communication from the top down is a necessity..." Breshears added.

Foster said he agreed with what Breshears and Guffey said but added that if he was there, the board would need to explain why they deviated and make it clear.

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



There will be a presentation at 7 p.m. Monday at Sedalia City Hall about the upcoming National Steamboat Museum to be constructed at Marshall Junction. PHOTO COURTESY OF NATIONAL STEAMBOAT MUSEUM

## Boat

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"It's really important that we have this Steamboat Museum," he noted. "It would be unique. No one's done it before and to have it right here in our own area at Marshall Junction is pretty remarkable."

Matson said 37,000 vehicles drive I-70 at Marshall Junction each day. The museum would also impact the area's universities and colleges.

"They are going to have a workshop area where students can learn the conservation and restoration of artifacts," he explained. "The short-term goal of this museum would be to have the 'Arabia' (Steamboat) moved from Kansas City here and as they eventually excavate the 'Malta' (Steamboat), there will be two on display."

The long-term plan is to have a display of steamboats from each decade spanning the years 1820 to 1880.

Peckham, Guyton, Albers & Viets, of St. Louis, are the architects for the project. Matson said PGAV has built Bass Pro Shops, and also the St. Louis Cardinals Hall of Fame and Museum.

"It's a really great firm," he noted. "In this meeting on Monday evening will showcase all of that. This presentation is really good. I hope we get a lot of people to come to City Hall at 7 o'clock."

Matson added they hope to have the museum built and open by 2025.

"Both private and public funding is going to be important in this," he said. "I'm sure Bill (Stouffer) will cover that in his presentation."

Matson added the museum "will be a Smithsonian-quality" exhibit.

"They are intending to make it absolutely world-class," he noted. Stouffer, who is overseeing the project, said the museum is the opportunity of a lifetime. He added that once Saline County passed a half-cent sales tax to provide water and sewer services to Marshall Junction and when he found out about the Steamboat Arabia needing a place for display in 2026, "it seemed like a natural fit."

"If you look at the market territory and draw a three-hour circle around Marshall Junction, it has the highest market territory of any place in the state," he said. "As far as the number of people."

He added, just as Matson said, that the educational value will be tremendous. There are 113,000 students K-12 within an hour's drive from Marshall Junction, along with numerous universities and colleges within a two-hour drive.

Stouffer said the steamboats are a "shiny object" to draw tourists to central Missouri where they can experience many other historical sites in the area.

"There's no question in my mind that St. Louis was the gateway to the West, but Saline, Lafayette, Pettis and those surrounding counties were the launching pad."

Stouffer noted the Marshall Junction area will not only be home to the museum but it will be an eventual destination with a 125-room upper-end hotel and restaurant.

"It has the potential of attracting a tremendous amount of economic development to central Missouri and for the whole region," he added.

The free presentation about the National Steamboat Museum will be presented at 7 p.m. Monday in the Council Chambers at Sedalia City Hall, 200 S. Osage Ave.

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In some cases where Pell grants don't cover all costs, Missouri students are fortunate to have other funding opportunities from the state, such as the Missouri A+ and FastTrack programs.

"I would encourage every



# Ukraine war drives US, EU deal to undercut Russian energy

By Raf Casert  
Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — With stunning speed, Russia's war in Ukraine is driving Western Europe into the outstretched arms of the United States again, especially apparent when President Joe Biden offered a major expansion of natural gas shipments to his European Union counterpart Friday.

Talking to European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, Biden said the core issue was "helping Europe reduce its dependency on Russian gas as quickly as possible." And Europe, which relies on Moscow for 40% of the natural gas used to heat homes, generate electricity and drive industry, needs the help.

An economic miscalculation with massive geopolitical consequences, many European Union nations let themselves become ever more reliant on Russian fossil fuels over the years, vainly hoping trade would overcome Cold War enmity on a continent too often riven by conflict.

That longstanding practice meant the 27-nation

bloc could not simply stop Russian energy imports as part of Western sanctions to punish Moscow for the invasion a month ago.

And changing energy policy is about as cumbersome as turning around a liquefied natural gas carrier on a rough sea. In reality, it will take years.

This is where Biden stepped in Friday. Under the plan, the United States and a few like-minded partners will increase exports of liquefied natural gas, or LNG, to Europe by 15 billion cubic meters this year. Those exports would triple in the years afterward, a necessary move if the EU can back up its claim to be rid of Russian imports in five years.

"We are right on track now to diversify away from Russian gas and towards our friends' and partners' reliable and trustworthy suppliers," von der Leyen said.

It will take huge investments, and getting more liquefied natural gas to Europe could be difficult. U.S. export facilities are already operating at capacity, and most new terminals are still only in the planning stages. Most

U.S. shipments already go to Europe.

Even if more gas can be shipped to Europe, the continent may struggle to receive it. Import terminals are in coastal areas, and Europe's pipeline system doesn't have all the connections needed to send the natural gas throughout the continent.

But Europe is looking anywhere it can for solutions. Some countries — Germany, Italy and Bulgaria among them — are more heavily dependent on Russian gas than others, complicating efforts to agree on either a faster exit or a complete boycott now.

Germany Chancellor Olaf Scholz has said an immediate embargo through energy sanctions would cost thousands of jobs and leave schools and homes unheated. Meanwhile, Europe must still replenish gas reserves that were heavily depleted during the past winter.

Yet, LNG can't simply be conjured out of thin air. It requires export terminals that turn the gas into super-chilled liquid, then a reception terminal on the other end to turn it back into gas form to go into

Europe's pipeline system. The terminals cost billions and take years to build. With gas prices high from an energy crunch and the war's jolt to volatile energy markets, terminals and tankers around the globe are fully booked already, leaving customers competing for available shipments.

Although the U.S.-EU initiative will likely require new facilities for importing liquefied natural gas, the White House said it is also geared toward reducing reliance on fossil fuels in the long run through energy efficiency and alternative sources of energy.

But climate campaigners criticized the agreement and called instead for the U.S. and EU to focus on renewable energy and reducing fossil fuel demand.

That "is a more affordable and sustainable solution that does not lock Europe into infrastructure or deals it does not need," said Raphael Hanoteaux, senior policy adviser at the Brussels-based environmental group E3G.

The U.S. has been dramatically increasing

its LNG exports in recent years, and most already go to Europe, according to the Center for Liquefied Natural Gas, an industry lobbying group. Although much of the supply is already contracted out to buyers, there are still opportunities to shift its destination.

"The U.S. is in a unique position because it has flexible LNG that can be rerouted to Europe or to Asia, depending on who's willing to pay that price," said Emily McClain, gas markets analyst at Rystad.

Under the deal, a senior U.S. administration official said the government will continue existing efforts to supply LNG, while over time, Europe will be committing to stable demand of some 50 billion cubic meters.

Germany, Europe's industrial juggernaut, has already started making major efforts to bring that gas in from coastal terminals, especially after it suspended approval of the Nord Stream 2 natural gas pipeline from Russia last month.

The government's plan to shut down Germany's last nuclear plants this

year and phase out coal-fired power by 2030 relies heavily on natural gas as a "bridge" until sufficient renewable energy can be produced for Europe's biggest economy.

Vice Chancellor Robert Habeck said Germany now expects to be able to become almost entirely independent of Russian gas by mid-2024. To do this, the government has secured the use of three "floating" terminals capable of turning LNG brought in by ship back in gas form and is working hard to build permanent LNG terminals for long-term imports.

"By the time the terminals could help us, we could already have achieved the transition" to renewable energy, youth activist Clara Duvigneau said at a climate rally in Berlin.

Associated Press reporters Chris Megerian and Sam Petrequin in Brussels, Cathy Bussewitz in New York, and Frank Jordans in Berlin contributed.

## Democrats appear united on Jackson; GOP votes may be elusive

By Mary Clare Jalonick and Kevin Freking  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Joe Manchin announced Friday that he plans to vote for Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to serve on the Supreme Court, likely clearing the path for President Joe Biden's historic nominee to be confirmed. But Democratic hopes of securing significant Republican support for Jackson's nomination appear to be fading.

The West Virginia Democrat was a key vote to watch because he has bucked his party on some of its top domestic priorities. But he has yet to vote against any of Biden's judicial nominees, and he said he will also support Jackson, who would become the first Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court.

"I am confident Judge Jackson is supremely qualified and has the disposition necessary to serve as our nation's next Supreme Court Justice," Manchin said in a statement, which came after four days of hearings in the Senate

Judiciary Committee.

He also noted that her family has spent time in West Virginia, and "her deep love of our state and commitment to public service were abundantly clear."

Manchin's announcement indicates that Jackson will likely have the support of all 50 Senate Democrats. Arizona Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, who has joined Manchin in voting against large swaths of Biden's domestic agenda, hasn't yet said whether she will support her. But she too has supported all of the president's judicial picks, including Jackson for the federal appeals court last year.

A united Democratic caucus would guarantee Jackson's confirmation in the 50-50 Senate, as Vice President Kamala Harris could break a tie. Still, Democrats seem unlikely to confirm her with a robust bipartisan vote, dashing Biden's hopes for a grand reset after partisan battles over other high court nominees.

On Thursday, just hours after the hearings came to a close, Senate Republican Leader Mitch

McConnell said in a Senate floor speech that he "cannot and will not" support Jackson for a lifetime appointment.

McConnell slammed the liberal groups that have supported Jackson, and he criticized her for refusing to take a position on the size of the nine-member court, even though that decision is ultimately up to Congress. Some advocacy groups have pushed for enlarging the court after three justices nominated by former President Donald Trump cemented a 6-3 conservative majority.

He also cited concerns about Jackson's sentencing of criminal defendants, a subject that dominated much of the four days of hearings and was part of a coordinated GOP effort to portray her as soft on crime.

McConnell's position was expected, but the leader's quick declaration could prompt many of his fellow Republicans to follow suit, thwarting Biden's efforts to bring back the overwhelming bipartisan votes that were commonplace for Supreme Court nomi-



Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson shakes hands with Chairman Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., right, as she departs following her Senate Judiciary Committee confirmation hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, March 23, 2022.

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nees when he first came to the Senate five decades ago.

"I think whomever I pick will get a vote from the Republican side," Biden said after Justice Stephen Breyer announced he would step down from the court this summer. As he started his search for a replacement, the president made a point of inviting Republican senators to the White House to hear their advice.

While many GOP senators have praised Jackson's vast experience and qualifications, it was clear at the hearings that Biden's outreach had little effect.

Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee interrogated Jackson about her nine-year record as a federal judge, frequently interrupting her answers. Jackson, supported by committee Democrats, pushed back aggressively on Republicans who said she gave light sentences to sex offenders, explaining her sentencing process in detail and telling them "nothing could be further from the truth."

One or more Republican could still cast a vote for Jackson's confirmation, but the focus on crime dovetails with an emerging GOP theme for this year's midterm elections and is likely to be decisive for many of

them.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Dick Durbin, who has been privately lobbying GOP colleagues to support Jackson, said after McConnell's announcement that it will be "sad for our country and sad as a commentary on where the parties are today."

In the final day of hearings on Thursday, a top lawyers' group said its review of more than 250 judges and lawyers found Jackson has a "sterling" reputation and "exceptional" competence and is well qualified to sit on the Supreme Court.

Jackson would be the third Black justice, after Thurgood Marshall and Clarence Thomas, and the sixth woman. She would also be the first former public defender on the court, and the first justice with experience representing indigent criminal defendants since Marshall.

During questioning Tuesday and Wednesday, GOP senators aggressively queried Jackson on the sentences she handed down to child pornography offenders in her nine years as a federal judge, her legal advocacy on behalf of suspected terrorists held at Guantanamo Bay, her thoughts on critical race theory and even her religious views.

Many of the hours of questioning were spent on the specifics of the child pornography cases, with the discussion led by several GOP senators who are eyeing the presidency.

Pushing back, Jackson said she bases sentences on many factors, not just federal guidelines. Sentencing is not a "numbers game," she said, noting that there are no mandatory sentences for sex offenders and that there has been significant debate on the subject.

Some of those cases have given her nightmares, Jackson said, and were "among the worst that I have seen."

The GOP criticism was countered by effusive praise from Democrats, and by reflections on the historic nature of her nomination.

New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker, who is Black, said he sees "my ancestors and yours" when he looks at Jackson.

"I know what it's taken for you to sit here in this seat," Booker said, as Jackson wiped away tears. "You have earned this spot."

Associated Press writers Mark Sherman, Jessica Gresko, Lisa Mascaro and Colleen Long in Washington and Aaron Morrison in New York contributed to this report.

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# Affordable housing, long overlooked, getting federal boost

**By Michael Casey**  
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — After her home flooded five times in the past year, Tilicia Owens was on edge with every impending storm and ready to leave her Detroit neighborhood behind.

But then the 40-year-old quality engineer heard the city had a program that could prevent heavy rains from inundating her basement and damaging her furniture, photos and exercise equipment. The city is tapping \$2.5 million in federal stimulus money as part of a \$15 million effort to provide pumps and other equipment to help prevent flooding in 11 neighborhoods.

"That would mean the world to me," said Owens, who has applied to the city's Basement Backup Protection Program, which would provide homeowners a pump to remove floodwaters or a valve outside the home to prevent water from entering.

"I have invested so much into my home," she added. "I want to protect that and I want to protect my investment. It would take away all my anxiety."

Detroit has turned to the \$350 billion in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to partly finance the project. Part of the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan approved last year, the money is meant to help communities recover from the pandemic and can be used for everything from job creation to child care to housing.

More than 60 states, counties and cities, including Detroit, are tapping the funds for housing programs.

With President Joe Biden's Build Back Better bill floundering and federal Emergency Rental Assistance running out in some places, the funds have become a critical source of money to address a shortage of affordable housing and a growing homelessness crisis. Prioritizing housing is also a reminder that the long-running shortage of affordable housing, especially in communities of color, has worsened during the pandemic, a time when a looming eviction crisis and rising housing prices threatened millions of families.

"There was already growing awareness before the pandemic in states and cities around the country that affordable housing problems that always existed were reaching an all time level and just had to be addressed," said Stockton Williams, the executive director of the National Council of State Housing Agencies. "The pandemic has shown a brighter light on that, especially as they relate to the most vulnerable renters and homeowners."

For many communities, the amount of money available in the state and local fiscal recovery funds is also historic and more than many have spent on housing in a year or even a decade.

"This is certainly transformational funding," Jacqueline Edwards, the director of the Maricopa County Human Services Department in Arizona, said of the nearly \$85 million it has to spend

on everything from new housing to additional shelter beds to helping homeowners repair their air conditioning and stay in their homes when temperatures heat up. Typically, the county has a few million dollars to spend each year on these services.

"We'll be able to make significant changes, not just that will impact today, but will impact lives for years to come," she added.

But advocates say it still is only a start and significant federal investment — much of it in the Build Back Better bill, passed by the House but currently held up in the Senate — is necessary to fix the problem.

According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 1 in 4 families eligible for federal rental assistance received it before the pandemic. The National Low Income Housing Coalition estimates that \$86 billion annually is needed over the next decade for universal housing vouchers and housing funds. Another \$70 billion is needed for public housing repairs.

So far, more than \$11 billion from the state and local fiscal recovery funds have been committed to housing-related programs, according to the Center, which is tracking spending.

States in the West, Midwest and East have already made significant commitments, according to a February report from the National Low Income Housing Coalition. Southern states, long known for having among the weakest tenant protections, have committed very little.

Among the biggest areas of investment is a promise to build more affordable housing.

Massachusetts has allotted nearly \$600 million to affordable housing, including \$150 million for new housing and \$150 million to maintain public housing. Colorado lawmakers have proposed spending \$400 million and Washington, D.C., has set aside \$323 million, including \$17 million for community groups to provide housing for victims of domestic violence. Clark County, Nevada, home to Las Vegas, whose tourist economy was hampered by the pandemic, plans to spend more than a third of its funds, or \$157 million, on housing.

Other states, led by Washington, Oregon and New Jersey, are working to shore up their eviction protections — something the U.S. Treasury Department has encouraged.

Washington is spending \$403 million to bolster its emergency rental assistance program and \$174 million for homeowner assistance. New York City plans to spend nearly \$329 million to increase access to rental assistance vouchers. New Jersey is spending \$750 million in rental and utility assistance and creating a state-wide eviction prevention program.

"A lot of people who never thought they would be housing unstable ... are in this situation. And so it is scary and people don't know quite where to turn," said Janel Winter, the director of New Jersey's Division of Housing and Community

Resources.

"This provides them with that assistance. ... So everybody who is in that court understands their rights, understands their responsibilities, is able to take advantage of whatever protections are there for them."

Several communities are using the funds to help the homeless.

North Carolina has set aside \$15 million to rapidly rehouse people at risk of homelessness because of the pandemic. Clark County, Washington, is spending \$4.4 million to fund homeless outreach teams while Burlington, Vermont, plans to use \$1.4 million on 30 shelter pods for people to sleep in and store their belongings.

Austin, Texas, which has hundreds of homeless encampments and upwards of 2,500 people sleeping on the street most nights, is putting more than \$106 million towards homelessness. That is in addition to the \$110 million that Travis County, home to Austin, is putting towards the problem.

The funds will help move the homeless into temporary housing and eventually into permanent units that offer services like counseling and rental assistance. There is also funding for 1,300 new housing units set aside for the homeless and the city has acquired several hotels with the money.

"We are focused on building a system that doesn't just move people off the streets into shelters but is focused on resolving their housing crisis," said Dianna Grey, the city's homeless strategy officer.

Several cities are using the funds to save homes battered by years of neglect and to ensure impoverished families can remain housed. Milwaukee wants to spend \$15 million to rehabilitate up to 150 city-owned, foreclosed houses.

Detroit has set aside more than \$83 million for housing-related spending, including \$27.5 million to repair 1,000 roofs — tripling the amount it spends on its low-income home-repair program. It's also spending \$14.2 million to renovate vacant homes and \$6.4 million to set up an online system allowing residents to find and apply for low-income housing.

Deputy Mayor Conrad Mallett said the spending priorities are aimed at preventing further declines in the city's population, which has dropped dramatically since the 1950s.

"If we are going to maintain population and attract new people to the city, it is going to be because of the housing opportunities that we can provide," he said, adding that the city also has to help those who have remained in Detroit.

"We are going to deliver service to the people who stayed," he said. "We are not simply going to say to the people who endured, that you have no place. We want you to stay. We want you to succeed."

— Associated Press writers Corey Williams in Detroit and Lisa Rathke in Marshfield, Vermont, contributed to this report.

# AP Explains: Why the 14th Amendment has surfaced in midterms

**By Gary D. Robertson**  
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — An 1868 amendment to the U.S. Constitution best known for protecting the due process rights of previously enslaved Americans has resurfaced in certain congressional races this year.

Some attorneys and voters believe a rarely cited section of the 14th Amendment dealing with insurrection can disqualify a handful of U.S. House members from seeking reelection for events surrounding the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the Capitol.

First-term Republican firebrands Madison Cawthorn of North Carolina and Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia are among those targeted. Both are strong supporters of former President Donald Trump who have pushed his unsubstantiated claims of voter fraud in the 2020 presidential election.

It's a largely untested argument working its way through election agencies in at least three states, with little success so far. But court cases and appeals could address the extent to which state officials can scrutinize the minimum qualifications for candidates for federal office.

## WHAT DOES THE 14TH AMENDMENT SAY?

There are five sections to the amendment. The best-known declares that no state can "deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

Section 3 of the amendment also declares that no one can serve in Congress "who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress ... to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same." This section was designed to keep representatives who had fought for the Confederacy during the Civil War from returning to Congress. The amendment, however, allows Congress to pass laws that can remove such restrictions.

## HOW COULD IT APPLY TO LAWMAKERS TODAY?

Voters from congressional districts where Cawthorn and Greene are seeking reelection this fall allege in legal filings that evidence shows they helped facilitate the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection that attempted to thwart the certification of President Joe

Biden's Electoral College victory. The voters want state officials to investigate Greene and Cawthorn and disqualify them from appearing on ballots this year, based on the amendment's language.

Greene, according to a challenge filed Thursday with Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, either helped plan the riot or helped plan the demonstration held beforehand, knowing that it was "substantially likely to lead to the attack, and otherwise voluntarily aided the insurrection."

In a video posted on social media, Greene said: "You can't allow it to just transfer power 'peacefully' like Joe Biden wants and allow him to become our president because he did not win this election."

Somewhat similar allegations have been lodged with the North Carolina Board of Elections by voters challenging Cawthorn. Cawthorn spoke at the "Save America Rally" before the riot, days after he was sworn into office, saying the "crowd has some fight in it."

A longshot Democrat candidate seeking to unseat Indiana Republican Rep. Jim Banks filed similar allegations against Banks with the state elections commission.

## HOW HAVE THE REPRESENTATIVES RESPONDED?

Greene and Cawthorn have said they did nothing unlawful such as encouraging political violence or participating in an insurrection.

Cawthorn, who was the first representative subjected to the challenge in January, said activists are going after "America First patriots" who backed Trump. Greene said she was targeted because she is "effective and will not bow to the DC machine."

Cawthorn proceeded to sue the State Board of Elections in federal court, saying that North Carolina's candidate challenge process violated his constitutional rights and should be overturned. His lawyers also said Section 3 didn't apply to Cawthorn because of congressional action in 1872.

Free Speech for People, a national election and campaign finance reform group, is helping represent the voters in both challenges.

The group has said more challenges could be filed against other members of Congress who are seeking reelection.

## WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE CHALLENGES?

Indiana's state elections

commission voted unanimously last month to reject the challenge against Banks. The commission's chairman, a Republican, called the Capitol riot a "regrettable mark in history" but said there was no evidence that Banks was guilty of taking part in an insurrection.

As for Cawthorn, U.S. District Judge Richard Myers ruled earlier this month that the State Board of Elections could not hear the voters' challenges on Section 3 claims.

Myers wrote that the 1872 law that removed office-holding disqualifications "from all persons whomsoever" — save for those who served in two specific legislative sessions — "demonstrates that the disability set forth in Section 3 can apply to no current member of Congress."

The North Carolina Board of Elections hasn't appealed so far. Myers previously rebuffed efforts by voters who filed challenges to participate in the litigation, but the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals told him last week to reconsider their entry. Myers' ruling could come as soon as next week.

## COULD VOTERS ULTIMATELY HAVE THEIR SAY?




Free Speech for People argues that the 1872 law applied only to former members of the Confederacy: "The right of voters to bring this challenge to Cawthorn's eligibility must be preserved," group legal director Ron Fein said this month.

Michael Gerhardt, a constitutional expert at the University of North Carolina law school, said he believes the 1872 law could be construed more broadly than how Myers ruled. But he also said the chances that candidate challenges will go forward under insurrection claims are "probably not good."

"It's really a novel theory and there's no consensus on what the actual procedure should be, and that does pose a problem," Gerhardt said.


He said it's unclear, for example, whether a declaration that someone participated in an insurrection should come from a judge hearing evidence, state officials or Congress.

If the challenges are unsuccessful or delayed, voters still will get to decide whether the subjects of the challenges should return to Congress. Greene and Cawthorn have GOP primaries in May.

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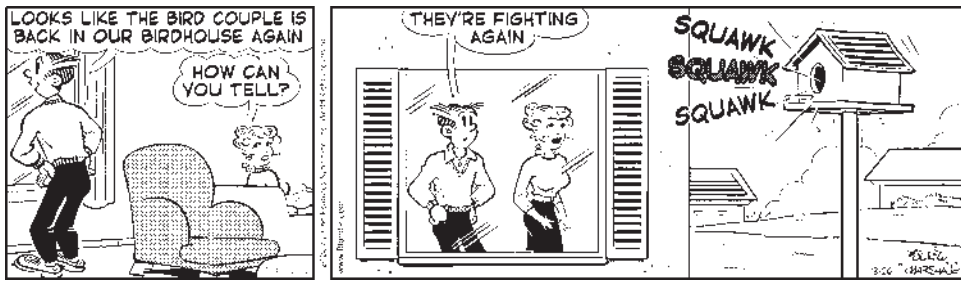
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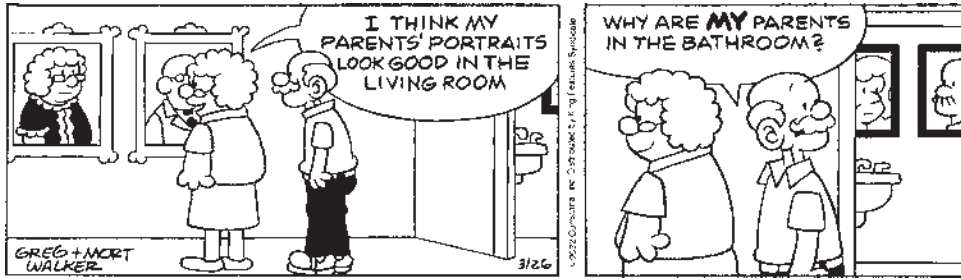
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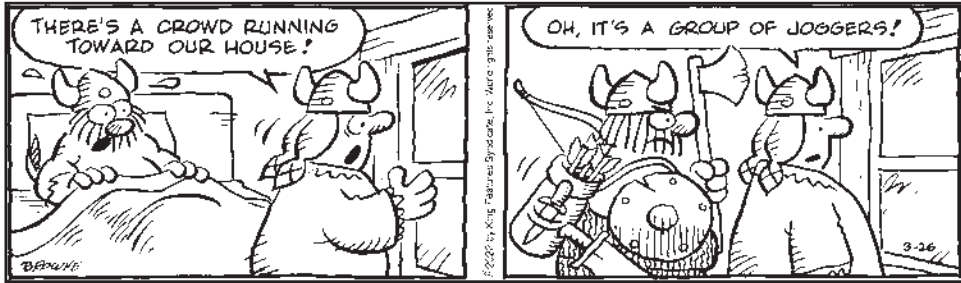
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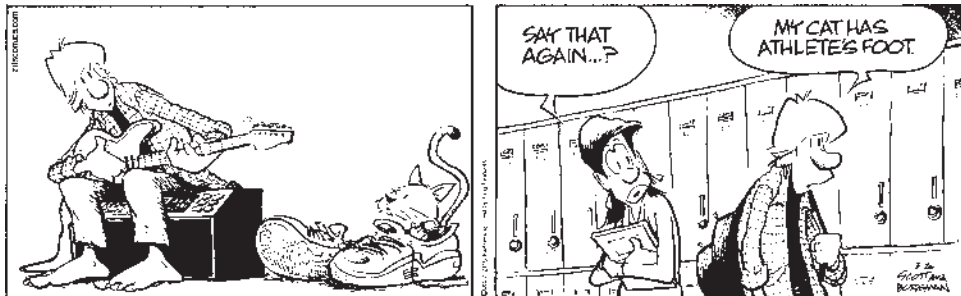
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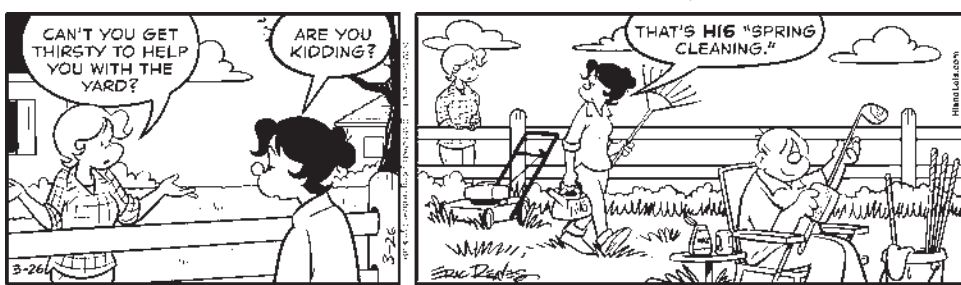
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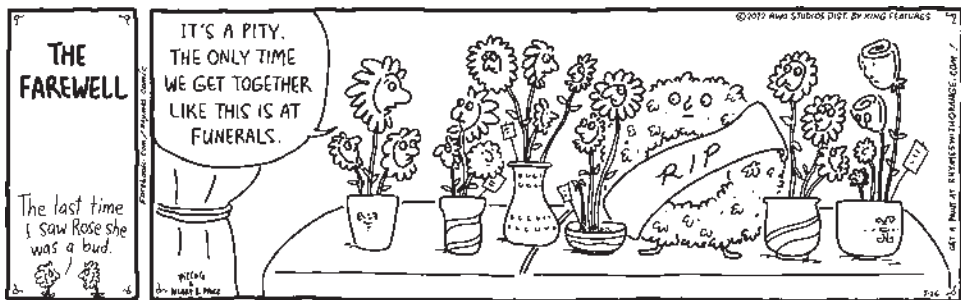
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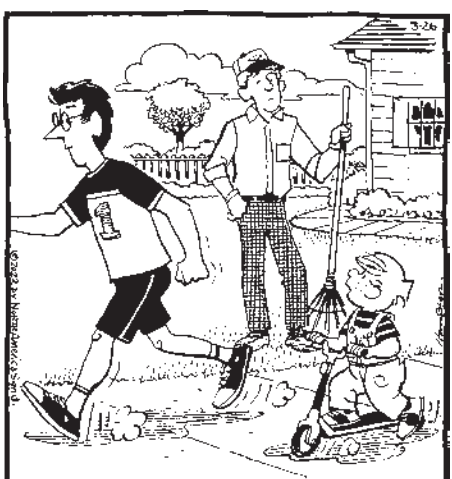
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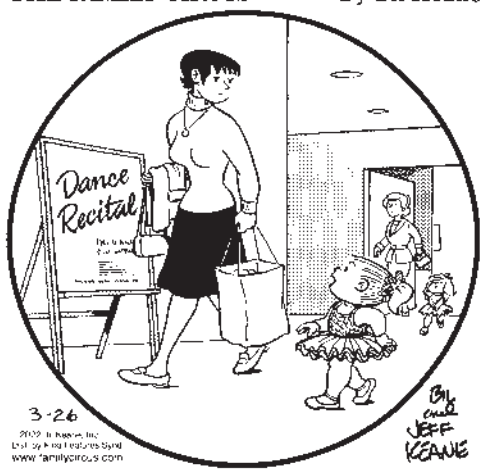
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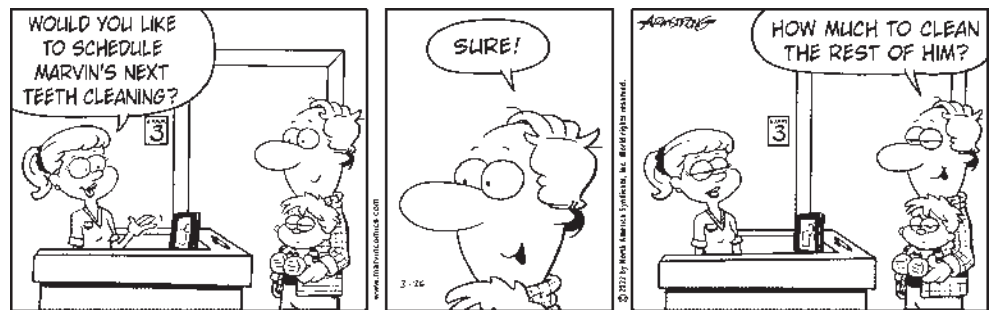
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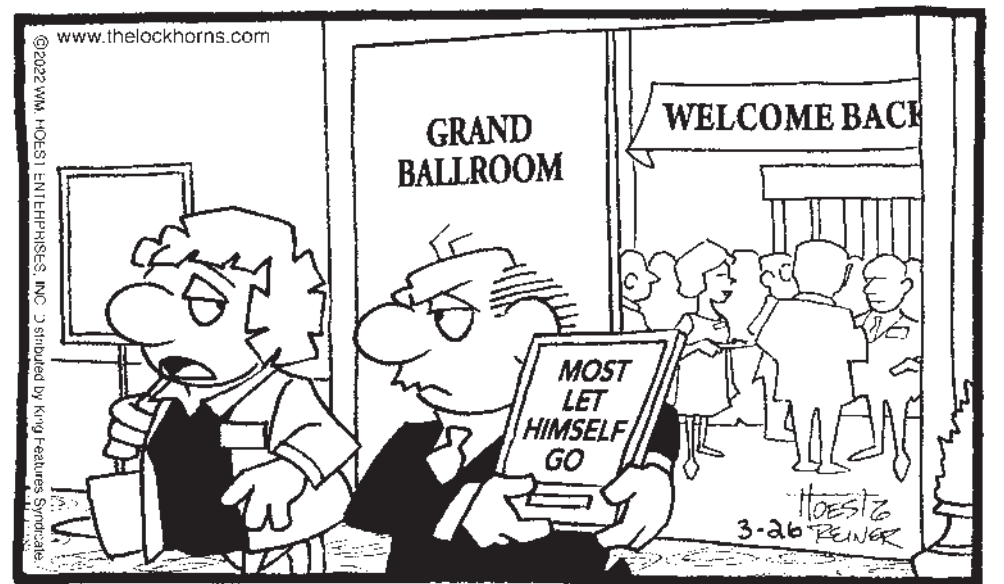
**MARVIN**

BY TOM ARMSTRONG



**THE LOCKHORNS**

BY BUNNY HOEST & JOHN REINER



**SUDOKU**

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

**Concepts Sudoku**

By Dave Green

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**Answer to previous puzzle**

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8	4	6	9	1	2	5	7	3
3	2	1	4	7	5	9	6	8
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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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## Busted brackets mark another topsy-turvy NCAA tourney

By Dave Skretta  
AP Basketball Writer

Fourth-seeded Arkansas used what amounted to a sneak attack to take down No. 1 overall seed Gonzaga, not only knocking the Bulldogs out of the NCAA Tournament but taking out a whole lot of fans still hoping to win bragging rights and office pools.

Then again, the number of busted brackets before the Elite Eight just might mean everyone gets a second chance.

Defending national champion Baylor? The first No. 1 seed to go down. Gonzaga and Arizona, two more top seeds and betting favorites, joined the Bears on the sidelines in the Sweet 16. Kentucky, Tennessee and Auburn? All ousted before the opening weekend was even done.

In the case of the John Calipari's bunch, that meant getting bumped

by No. 15 seed Saint Peter's in the opening round, a loss that probably doesn't feel any better even with the Peacocks topping Murray State to reach the Sweet 16.

It all left exasperated SportsCenter anchor Hannah Storm to say: "My bracket's busted. It's just so bad right now."

Then, after a beat: "I do have a lot of company though."

No kidding. The Bulldogs were a 10-point favorite to beat the Razorbacks and Arizona a 1.5-point favorite to beat Houston on Thursday night. Instead, they became the first 1-seeds to lose on the same day in the Sweet 16 or earlier since the 2011 tourney.

"Just being the underdog, man, use it to your advantage," Arkansas' Trey Wade said. "They never see you coming."

Very few people did anyway.

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Northwest baseball head coach Tanner McKee congratulates a player during a March 21, 2019, home game against Concordia. DEMOCRAT FILE PHOTO

## Mustangs return intact with season underway

By Bryan Everson  
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Northwest baseball was very good last spring.

The Mustangs finished with a record of 16-4. They averaged 10.1 runs per game, and allowed just 2.6. Those marks were significantly better than the two teams that went to the Final Four in the past decade, and improved over the district championship sides in 2018-19.

But 2021 was without the trophies of those aforementioned recent years.

This season, Northwest returns the entirety of its roster from last, but any lack of accomplishment then wasn't due in any part to taking for granted that those juniors would be around for another go according to head coach Tanner McKee.

"I think coming from a coaching standpoint, it wasn't so much what I had in a two-year frame, it was

more about making the most of it now," McKee said. "To not waste a year, but do some damage now, do it back-to-back."

"Unfortunately, it didn't happen."

Tipton was able to shut down an offense that put up double-digit runs in 11 games in the Kaysinger Conference Tournament semifinals, and in regular conference play, then a 4-1 loss to Prairie Home with Bunceton ended the season prematurely to what the program has grown accustomed to in districts.

"In Tipton, the Wolf kid is a phenomenal pitcher and he did a great job overpowering us and we struggled to catch up to his speed," McKee said. "When a few opportunities arise against a guy like that, you have to capitalize. As far as districts, I think we just didn't come ready to play that day. We struck out 12 times to a guy

we shouldn't have. We didn't put the ball in play enough and put pressure on. We had three errors, they had zero."

"I'd been preaching all season that just because you match up better on paper doesn't mean you win. You still have to play the game, and this is a game. You make mistakes, and good teams — especially down the stretch — will capitalize. So we're trying to play perfect baseball and preach perfect repetition. It's not going to happen, but we're trying to be as perfect as we can be."

Gavin Killion, Grant Burson and Blaine Kreisel are all names at the top of the order that can deliver at the plate, and on the mound. They're part of the returning core. Keep going down the order — Pierson Tichenor, Nick Crosswhite, Issac Nieters — and there's more run production.

McKee was encouraged by what he saw at the jambo-

ree, and likely won't be discouraged by a season opener defeat 11-4 to Pleasant Hill on Thursday. The Roosters were a district championship winner last year, and a Class 4 one at that.

"I think we're good in the arms situation as long as we stay healthy, and offensively, we have guys that can be good, but it was a struggle at times last year," McKee said. "We went over it alot [early] this year that our contact percentage isn't where I want it to be. Whether it's the mindset of trying to do too much, I don't think we're aggressive enough."

"But nothing's going to work perfectly at the start of the season."

Northwest played Concordia in the Knob Noster Panther Classic Friday, and will see the Orioles again in Concordia Monday before the Mustangs' home opener against Santa Fe the following day.



Arkansas guard Au'Diese Toney, right, scores over Gonzaga center Chet Holmgren, middle, during the second half of a college basketball game in the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA tournament in San Francisco, Thursday, March 24, 2022. Also pictured is Arkansas' Jaylin Williams, left. PHOTO BY MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ | AP PHOTO

## Sweet 16: Coach K says 'It's not the coaching.' But it is

By Jim Litke  
AP Sports Columnist

Duke keeps winning games in the NCAA Tournament and Mike Krzyzewski keeps telling anyone who will listen, "It's not the coaching."

There's some evidence to suggest he's right.

For one thing, Duke relies almost entirely on freshmen and sophomores, which means his core group of players have only had so much time to soak up Coach K's decades of gathered wisdom. For another, Krzyzewski switched to a zone defense in the second half of Thursday night's Sweet 16 game against a rugged Texas Tech team, but when the Blue Devils needed big stops down the stretch his players lobbied — successfully — to go back to man-to-man.

Finally, and most important, perhaps, those same kids who are supposed to be feeling the pressure of his impending retirement shot 71% from the floor after halftime, hitting eight straight field goals

to end the game. There's no coaching manual that covers that.

But don't be fooled. On the same night two No. 1 seeds were toppled, the reason Krzyzewski won the 100th NCAA Tournament game of his career and remains squarely on track toward a sixth national championship is ... coaching. No one does it better.

He's been recruiting kids who ooze with NBA-caliber talent for four decades now — which is a specialty all its own — and then

teaching them the difference between showing up and showing off when the game is on the line. Duke had played zone defense roughly 5% of the time during the regular season, which made it a risky gambit when Coach K threw the switch against the Red Raiders. Then he listened to his players when they pleaded to switch back, which is even riskier, and more to the point, it proved that at age 75, the old Blue Devil is still willing to learn new tricks.

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Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski celebrates after his team defeated Texas Tech in a college basketball game in the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA tournament in San Francisco, Thursday, March 24, 2022. PHOTO BY MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ | AP PHOTO

## Hill, Armstead arrive in Miami with high hopes for Dolphins

By Tim Reynolds  
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Tyreek Hill is fast on the field, fast with his words and fast at making a first impression.

Consider this list of highlights from Hill's first full day as a member of the Miami Dolphins: The wide receiver who calls himself "Cheetah" raved about new coach Mike McDaniels' offense, revealed that the record-setting value of his new contract nearly made him cry and challenged teammates to footraces.

"Wherever I go, the Cheetah, he always has to prove he's the fastest on the team, no matter what," Hill said. "I mean that."

The Dolphins hope he's going to win more than sprints.

Miami introduced the biggest two names from its offseason and free-agency makeover — Hill and offensive lineman Terron Armstead — on Thursday, and neither made any effort to hide their belief that the Dolphins are poised to take big steps forward this fall.

"Every team at this



New Orleans Saints offensive tackle Terron Armstead looks to block against the New England Patriots during an NFL football game Sept. 26, 2021, in Foxborough, Mass. Armstead announced Tuesday night, March 22, that he's signing with the Miami Dolphins. FILE PHOTO BY WINSLOW TOWNSON | AP PHOTO

point feels like a Super Bowl contender. All 32," Armstead said. "It's not true. We can talk about what it looks like on paper; I've been doing it long enough to know that doesn't really matter. ... I'm going to say we'll be Super Bowl champions, but you go see anybody else, they're going to say the same thing."

Hill got an extension from the Dolphins worth \$120 million over four years as part of the trade that landed him from Kansas City, with \$72.2

million guaranteed. He says the only time he remembers crying was when his daughter was born.

Seeing those dollar figures almost brought more tears.

"Almost," he said.

Armstead — the presumed starting left tackle — got a five-year deal worth \$75 million, possibly close to \$88 million when adding incentives, after he spent his first nine seasons with New Orleans.

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# SPORTS CALENDAR

**Saturday**

**ON TAP**

**HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL**

Crane at Lincoln  
 Russellville at Lincoln  
 10 a.m. Smith-Cotton JV at Windsor  
 11 a.m. Oak Park at Smith-Cotton  
 1 p.m. Cole Camp at St. Paul Lutheran  
 2 p.m. Miami at Windsor

**HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL**  
 Smithton, Windsor at Santa Fe Snowflake Classic  
 Macks Creek at Lincoln  
 Warsaw at Lincoln

1:30 p.m. Sacred Heart vs Buffalo (at Skyline)  
 3:30 p.m. Sacred Heart at Skyline

**HIGH SCHOOL TRACK**

Smith-Cotton at Clawson Relays

**COLLEGE BASEBALL**

1 p.m. State Fair Community College at Crowder College  
 2 p.m. Rogers State at Central Missouri  
 3 p.m. State Fair Community College at Crowder College

**COLLEGE SOFTBALL**

1 p.m. State Fair Community College at Jefferson College  
 Washburn at Central Missouri  
 3 p.m. State Fair Community College at Jefferson College  
 Washburn at Central Missouri

**COLLEGE TRACK**

State Fair Community College at Emporia State Relays

**ON AIR**

**AUTO RACING**

8:55 a.m. ESPN2 — Formula 1: Practice, Jeddah Corniche Circuit, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia  
 9 a.m. FS1 — NASCAR Cup Series: Qualifying, Circuit of the Americas, Austin, Texas  
 11:55 a.m. ESPN2 — Formula 1: Qualifying, Jeddah Corniche Circuit, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Noon FS1 — NASCAR Camping World Truck Series: The XPEL 225, Circuit of the Americas, Austin, Texas  
 3:30 p.m. FS1 — NASCAR Xfinity Series: The Pit Boss 250, Circuit of the Americas, Austin, Texas  
 9 p.m. USA — AMA Super-cross: Round 12, Seattle

**BOXING**

8 p.m. SHO — Showtime Championship: Tim Tszyu vs. Terrell Gausha (Super-Welterweights), Minneapolis  
 9 p.m. ESPN — Top Rank: Miguel Berchelt vs. Jeremiah Nakathila (Lightweights), Las Vegas

**COLLEGE BASEBALL**

2 p.m. SECN — Arkansas at Missouri  
 4 p.m. BTN — Rutgers at Penn St.  
 6 p.m. ACCN — Georgia Tech at NC State  
 7 p.m. SECN — Tennessee at Mississippi

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)**

2 p.m. CBS — NCAA Division II Tournament: NW Missouri St. vs. Augusta, Championship, Evansville, Ind.

**COLLEGE SOFTBALL**

5 p.m. TBS — NCAA Tournament: Houston vs. Villanova, Elite Eight, San Antonio  
 7:30 p.m. TBS — NCAA Tournament: Arkansas vs. Duke, Elite Eight, San Francisco

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)**

10:30 a.m. ESPN — NCAA Tournament: Notre Dame vs. NC State, Sweet Sixteen, Bridgeport, Conn.  
 1 p.m. ESPN — NCAA Tournament: Indiana vs. UConn, Sweet Sixteen, Bridgeport, Conn.  
 3 p.m. ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament: Tennessee vs. Louisville, Sweet Sixteen, Wichita, Kan.  
 5:30 p.m. ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament: South Dakota vs. Michigan, Sweet Sixteen, Wichita, Kan.

**COLLEGE BEACH VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)**

11 a.m. PAC-12N — Pac-12 South Invitational: Utah vs. UCLA, Tucson, Ariz.  
 12:15 p.m. PAC-12N — Pac-12 South Invitational: Stanford vs. Oregon, Tucson, Ariz.  
 1:30 p.m. PAC-12N — Pac-12 South Invitational: Washington vs. Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.  
 2:30 p.m. PAC-12N — Pac-12 South Invitational: California vs. Arizona St., Tucson, Ariz.

**COLLEGE HOCKEY (MEN'S)**

3 p.m. ESPN — NCAA Tournament: Minn. Duluth vs. Denver, Quarterfinal  
 5:30 p.m. ESPN — NCAA Tournament: Notre Dame vs. Minnesota St., Quarterfinal

**COLLEGE LACROSSE (MEN'S)**

11 a.m. ESPN — Duke at Syracuse  
 Noon ACCN — Notre Dame at Virginia  
 1 p.m. ESPN — Michigan at Johns Hopkins  
 2 p.m. ACCN — Bellarmine at North Carolina

**COLLEGE LACROSSE (WOMEN'S)**

11 a.m. BTN — Northwestern at Michigan  
 1:30 p.m. BTN — Penn St. at Ohio St.  
 Noon SECN — Auburn at Kentucky  
 4 p.m. ACCN — Louisville at Clemson  
 5 p.m. PAC-12N — UCLA at Washington  
 SECN — Texas A&M at Georgia  
 7 p.m. PAC-12N — Arizona St. at Arizona  
 7:30 p.m. ESPN2 — LSU at Arkansas

**FIGURE SKATING**

3 p.m. USA — ISU World Championships: Men's Free Skate, Montpellier, France  
 5 p.m. USA — ISU World Championships: Free Dance, Montpellier, France

**GOLF**


6 a.m. GOLF — DP World Tour: The Commercial Bank Qatar Masters, Third Round, Doha Golf Club, Doha, Qatar  
 9 a.m. GOLF — PGA Tour: The WGC Dell Technologies, Match Play - Round of 16, Austin Country Club, Austin, Texas  
 1 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour: The Corales Puntacana Resort Championship, Third Round, Corales Golf Club, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic  
 NBC — PGA Tour: The WGC Dell Technologies, Match Play - Quarterfinals, Austin Country Club, Austin, Texas  
 4 p.m. GOLF — LPGA Tour: The JTBC Classic, Third Round, Aviara Golf Club, Carlsbad, Calif.  
 4 a.m. (Sunday) GOLF — DP World Tour: The Commercial Bank Qatar Masters, Final Round, Doha Golf Club, Doha, Qatar  
**HORSE RACING**  
 7 a.m. FS2 — The Dubai World Cup Undercard: From Meydan Racecourse, Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
 11 a.m. FS2 — The Dubai World Cup: From Meydan Racecourse, Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
 Noon FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races  
 5 p.m. CNBC — The Louisiana Derby: From Fair Grounds Race Course, New Orleans  
**LACROSSE (MEN'S)**  
 8:30 p.m. ESPN — NLL: Colorado at Panther City LC  
**MIXED MARTIAL ARTS**  
 3 p.m. ESPN — UFC Fight Night Prelims: Undercard Bouts, Columbus, Ohio  
 6 p.m. ESPN — UFC Fight Night Main Card: Curtis Blaydes vs. Chris Daukaus (Heavyweights), Columbus, Ohio  
**MLB BASEBALL**  
 Noon MLBN — Spring Training: Tampa Bay vs. Boston, Fort Myers, Fla.  
 3 p.m. MLBN — Spring Training: Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, Scottsdale, Ariz.  
 8 p.m. MLBN — Spring Training: LA Dodgers vs. Kansas City, Surprise, Ariz.  
**NBA BASKETBALL**  
 7 p.m. NBA TV — Brooklyn at Miami  
**NHL HOCKEY**  
 11:30 a.m. NHLN — NY Islanders at Boston  
 2 p.m. ABC — Chicago at Vegas  
**RODEO**  
 1 p.m. CBS — PBR: The Lucas Oil Invitational, 15/15 Bucking Battle, Albuquerque, N.M. (Taped)  
**RUGBY (MEN'S)**  
 2 p.m. CNBC — Premiership: Bristol at Saracens (Taped)  
 6 p.m. FS1 — MLR: Houston at Utah  
**SAILING**  
 5:30 p.m. CBSN — SailGP: The Mubadala U.S. Grand Prix, San Francisco (Taped)  
**TENNIS**  
 10 a.m. TENNIS — Miami Open-WTA/ATP Early Rounds  
**VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)**  
 4 p.m. FS2 — Athletes Unlimited: Team De La Cruz vs. Team Cruz, Dallas  
**Sunday**  
**ON TAP**  
**COLLEGE BASEBALL**  
 1 p.m. Rogers State at Central Missouri  
**COLLEGE SOFTBALL**  
 Noon Emporia State at Central Missouri  
 2 p.m. Emporia State at

Central Missouri  
 6 p.m. ESPN — UCLA at Washington

**ON AIR**

**AUTO RACING**  
 11:55 a.m. ESPN — Formula 1: The Saudi Arabian Grand Prix, Jeddah Corniche Circuit, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia  
 2:30 p.m. FOX — NASCAR Cup Series: The EchoPark Automotive Grand Prix, Circuit of the Americas, Austin, Texas  
**COLLEGE BASEBALL**  
 11 a.m. ESPNNEWS — Virginia Tech at Notre Dame  
 BTN — Michigan at Nebraska  
 SECN — Georgia at Kentucky  
 1 p.m. CBSN — Army at Navy  
 2 p.m. SECN — Alabama at Mississippi St.  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)**  
 1 p.m. CBS — NCAA Tournament: TBD, Elite Eight, Philadelphia  
 3:30 p.m. CBS — NCAA Tournament: TBD, Elite Eight, Chicago  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)**  
 6 p.m. ESPN — NCAA Tournament: TBD, Elite Eight, Greensboro, N.C.  
 8 p.m. ESPN — NCAA Tournament: TBD, Elite Eight, Spokane, Wash.  
**COLLEGE HOCKEY (MEN'S)**  
 3 p.m. ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament: TBD, Quarterfinal  
 5:30 p.m. ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament: TBD, Quarterfinal  
**COLLEGE BEACH VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)**  
 10 a.m. PAC-12N — Pac-12 South Invitational: Washington vs. California, Tucson, Ariz.  
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**COLLEGE LACROSSE (MEN'S)**  
 11 a.m. ESPN — Ohio St. at Rutgers  
 6 p.m. BTN — Maryland at Penn St.  
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**MLB BASEBALL**  
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 3 p.m. MLBN — Spring Training: Chicago White Sox vs. LA Dodgers, Glendale, Ariz.  
**NBA BASKETBALL**  
 6:30 p.m. NBA TV — Utah at Dallas  
**NBA G LEAGUE BASKETBALL**  
 Noon NBA TV — Fort Wayne at Maine  
 2:30 p.m. NBA TV — Grand Rapids at Wisconsin  
**NHL HOCKEY**  
 1 p.m. TNT — Tampa Bay at NY Islanders  
**POLO (MEN'S)**  
 9 p.m. ESPN — USPA: Park Place vs. Pilot, Gold Cup Final, Wellington, Fla. (Taped)  
**RODEO**  
 11 a.m. CBS — PBR: The Kubota Invitational, 15/15 Bucking Battle, Albuquerque, N.M. (Taped)  
 7 p.m. CBSN — PBR: The Ty Murray Invitational, Round 3 & Championship Round, Albuquerque, N.M. (Taped)  
**RUGBY (MEN'S)**  
 Noon CNBC — Premiership: Leicester at Exeter (Taped)  
**SAILING**  
 4 p.m. CBSN — SailGP: The Mubadala U.S. Grand Prix, San Francisco (Taped)  
**SOCCER (MEN'S)**  
 3 p.m. ESPN — MLS: Orlando City SC at Portland  
 6 p.m. FS1 — FIFA World Cup Qualifier - CONCACAF: U.S. vs. Panama, Orlando, Fla.  
**SOCCER (WOMEN'S)**  
 Noon NBC — FASL: Tottenham Hotspur at Arsenal (Taped)  
**TENNIS**  
 10 a.m. TENNIS — Miami Open-WTA/ATP Early Rounds



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## HOROSCOPES

By Georgia Nicols

**Moon Alert:** Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. EDT today (4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Capricorn into Aquarius.

**Happy Birthday for Saturday, March 26, 2022:**

You are focused, hardworking and determined. You go after what you want. You are a perfectionist with an eye for detail. Good news! This year your chickens come home to roost. Your hard work will pay off with a promotion, raise, kudos, awards or some kind of acknowledgement. Bravo!

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

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

★★★ Today you have the power to see the subtext of things. You know what's going on beneath the surface. You will also know immediately if someone is lying to you. It's almost as if you have X-ray vision. ("I see dead people.") Tonight: Be friendly.

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

★★★★ You will be powerful if talking to someone today, probably someone younger. This discussion might relate to your goals or your position on something in a group or an organization. Possibly, you will attract someone to you who is also powerful. Tonight: You are noticed.

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

★★★ Today you will have a powerful conversation with a parent, teacher, boss or member of the police. You might express innovative ideas about how to make improvements. You might suggest they take a new approach to doing things, especially how to use their authority. (Caution: Do not offend.) Tonight: Explore!

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

★★★ This is a great day for you to study or learn something new, because your mind is focused and you have the perseverance to keep on going in order to learn what you need to know. Some of you might teach others. If so, you will be persuasive! Tonight: Check your finances.

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

★★★ Today you will be focused and productive, especially if dealing with inheritances, shared property, taxes or debt. You are determined to get to the bottom of things and find out what you're looking for. You might learn something about your partner's wealth, perhaps a secret. Tonight: Cooperate.

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

★★★★ A conversation with a partner or close friend will be powerful and to the point today. You might discuss a delicate, hidden subject. Or you might discuss how to improve the relationship itself. You will attract someone with strong views to you today, almost certainly. Tonight: Work.

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

★★★ Today you see ways to improve your work, your job or how you approach certain tasks. This is a welcome thing, because why not do things better? Nevertheless, someone else might not agree with you. They might feel criticized. (You might see how to improve your health.) Tonight: Play!

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

★★★★ Parents would be wise to be diplomatic and gentle-handed when talking to their kids today, because it's easy to go overboard or come on like Darth Vader. Likewise, romantic partners might have an intense discussion where they want to get to the bottom of things. Tonight: Home and family.

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

★★★ You have innovative ideas about how to do repairs at home today, which could spark family discussions. This is also a good day to see how to make repairs to bathrooms, plumbing and areas related to garbage and recycling. "Let's clean things up!" Tonight: Investigate.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

★★★★ You have an investigative mind today, which is why you want answers. You want to solve riddles and mysteries. In discussions with others, you will want the straight facts -- the real skinny -- nothing phony. "Tell it like it is. Don't sugarcoat things." Tonight: Count your money.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

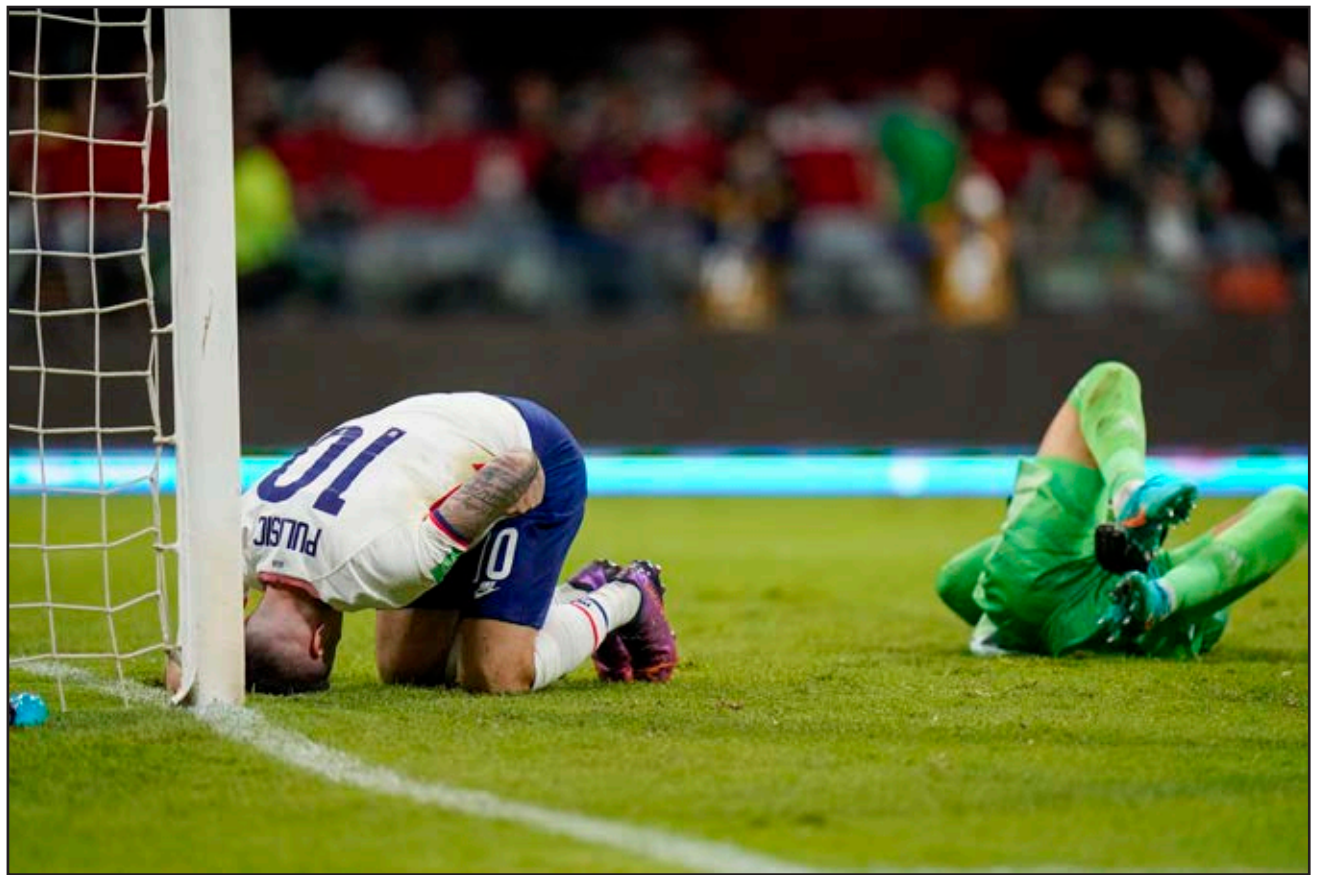
★★★ Because you're in an innovative frame of mind today, you might see new uses for something you own. How resourceful! Likewise, some of you also might see new ways to make money, or perhaps a better paying job or ways to make money on the side. Tonight: You win!

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

★★★★ Today you are intrigued by mysteries, secrets and the subtext of things. You want the facts. You want to know who the man behind the curtain is. When talking to others, you might be more forceful than usual because you want answers. Tonight: Solitude.

**BORN TODAY**

Actor, comedian Martin Short (1950), actress Keira Knightley (1985), actor James Caan (1940)



United States' Christian Pulisic, left, and Mexico's goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa grimace on the ground following a clash during a qualifying soccer match for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 at Azteca stadium in Mexico City, Thursday, March 24, 2022.

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# US gains 0-0 draw at Mexico, in strong position to qualify

By Ronald Blum

AP Sports Writer

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Christian Pulisic pounded the ground three times just past Mexico's goal line after his point-blank shot was blocked in the 35th minute.

The United States was frustrated yet pleased with a gritty 0-0 draw on Thursday night in the thin air of a half-full Estadio Azteca. The point earned pushed the Americans in place to all but clinch a World Cup berth with a victory against Panama on Sunday night at Orlando, Florida.

"We put ourselves in a position to play on Sunday and win and go to the World Cup," Pulisic said. "But of course I'm disappointed I missed a chance, and I would have loved to have won the game."

The U.S. maintained second place in North and Central America and the Caribbean with 22 points, three behind Canada, and ahead of Mexico on goal difference. The top three nations reach this year's World Cup in Qatar, and the No. 4 team advances to a playoff, likely against New Zealand.

With a victory Sunday, the U.S. would ensure that fourth-place Costa Rica could only pull even by winning its final two games. The U.S. has a plus-nine goal difference, the first tiebreaker, and the Ticos are plus-two following a 1-0 win over Canada. If Costa Rica fails to win at El Salvador and the U.S. beats Panama, which

has 18 points after being held to a 1-1 draw by visiting Honduras, the Americans would clinch outright.

The U.S. closes on March 30 at Costa Rica, where the Americans have never won in qualifying.

"We're getting close," U.S. coach Gregg Berhalter said. "Positive disappointment, that's how I would characterize it. The group is jazzed up. They're psyched."

Berhalter played his "A" team — minus five injured regulars — after debating whether to rest top players ahead of Sunday. He will face Panama somewhat depleted.

Right back DeAndre Yedlin and winger Tim Weah both were given their second yellow cards of qualifying and must serve one-game suspensions, Yedlin in the 26th for an unnecessary sliding tackle in the midfield on Edson Álvarez and Weah in the 39th for knocking over Raúl Jiménez from behind on a throw-in. The U.S. is short at right back with Sergiño Dest injured and Reggie Cannon sidelined following a positive COVID-19 test, and Berhalter said Shaq Moore already had flown from Spain's Tenerife to join the U.S. group in Orlando.

Mexico, which has 40 wins, two losses and 10 draws in qualifiers at Azteca, outshot the U.S. 11-9 and had 62.3% possession. But the Americans had the better chances, a 1.26 expected goals to Mexico's 0.40.

El Tri fans booed the home team at the final whistle.

Zack Steffen got the start over Ethan Hovath and came away with his second shutout against Mexico in qualifying, helping the U.S. extend its unbeaten streak over El Tri to four games, including three wins.

Pulisic was alone in front after Ricardo Pepi fed Weah wide and the winger got around two defenders for a cross. Sprinting toward goal with Johan Vásquez giving chase, Pulisic redirected the ball with his left foot from 7 yards only for goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa to react quickly enough to block the shot off his ribcage.

Pulisic had another close call with an angled left-foot shot that Ochoa parried in the 49th for a corner kick.

Gio Reyna, the 19-year-old midfielder who had missed the previous 10 qualifiers with a strained hamstring, replaced Weah in the 60th minute and showed explosive speed. Reyna directed Kellyn Acosta's looping pass in the 72nd minute to Jordan Pefok, who came in at the same time in place of Pepi, but Pefok misfired a left-foot shot and sent it wide from 6 yards.

Reyna dribbled half the length of the field in the 77th, starting about 10 yards from his own penalty area. He dashed right to evade a sliding Héctor Herrera, deked left to slalom past Vásquez, sprinted into the center circle and spun

around Herrera again, outran Gerardo Arteaga, dribbled past Jiménez and cut left and then right to blow past Jorge Sánchez's slide tackle. Only then was Vásquez able to knock the ball away, about 30 yards from Mexico's goal.

Berhalter thought of Diego Maradona's second goal against England in a 1986 World Cup quarterfinal played on the same field.

"I had visions of that when Gio was dribbling," Berhalter said. "Unfortunately, he didn't finish it off."

Reyna blushed when told of Berhalter's remark.

"I don't know about that, but, yeah, it was a nice run," he said. "In the end, it didn't really turn out to anything."

After FIFA ordered Mexico to play a pair of home qualifiers without fans as punishment for homophobic chants during October qualifiers against Honduras and Canada, the Mexican Football Federation limited the crowd to about 47,000 in the 87,000-seat stadium and mandated spectators present a QR Code and identification for entry.

For much of the first half, two sections of several hundred American Outlaws in the upper deck were louder than Mexico's supporters.

"I think everyone's pretty pleased with the way tonight went," Pulisic said. "Three points would have been amazing here, but we can't get too greedy. They're a great team in a difficult place to play."

## Gauff and Rogers win, more seeded women fall at Miami Open

By The Associated Press

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Seeded women continue to have major struggles at the Miami Open.

Coco Gauff isn't among them.

The 14th-seeded American, whose home is about a 45-minute drive north from where she's playing this event, got past Wang Qiang of China 7-5, 6-4 on Friday — avenging a first-round loss to her in the Australian Open earlier this year.

"I think I hit a lot of good shots on the run," Gauff said.

Gauff, who turned 18 earlier this month, made her WTA Tour debut three years ago at the Miami Open. She reached the second round that year, was ousted in the second round last year and now is in the third round at Mi-

ami for the first time.

More than half of the women who were seeded going into the tournament won't even be around for the first weekend, with two more — No. 10 Jelena Ostapenko of Latvia and No. 24 Sorana Cirstea of Romania — getting eliminated in second-round matches Friday.

Their losses meant 13 seeded women have now lost their opening matches at the tournament, after 11 — including top-seeded Aryna Sabalenka — were defeated Thursday alone.

Another four seeded women have withdrawn with either injuries or ailments, meaning no more than 15 of the original 32 seeds will get to the third round.

Shelby Rogers of the U.S. used 15 aces — and saved nine of the 10 break points she faced — to beat Ostapenko, 6-3, 7-6

(0). It was Rogers' second win over Ostapenko this month, after also topping her in a second-round matchup at Indian Wells.

"There are no easy matches out here," said Rogers, who has now made the third round at Miami for just the second time; she also did it in 2017. "Whether you play the same people week to week or not, you've still got to go out there and perform. I just tried to focus on my side of the court and did the best I could."

China's Zhang Shuai needed only 53 minutes to beat Cirstea, 6-1, 6-1.

Early women's seeded second-round winners Friday included No. 21 Veronika Kudermetova of Russia, who held a 5-1 lead in the first set when Hungary's Dalma Galfi retired.

Later Friday, No. 2 seed Iga Swiatek of Poland can

clinch the world's No. 1 ranking if she defeats Viktorija Golubic of Switzerland in a second-round match. It's Swiatek's first match of the tournament; she, like all seeds, got a bye into the second round.

Swiatek would be assured of moving into the No. 1 spot because Ashleigh Barty, who had held the top spot until her retirement announcement earlier this week, has asked to be removed from the next set of rankings. The updated list will come out after the Miami Open concludes.

"We're going to definitely miss Ash on tour," Gauff said.

In men's second-round play Friday, No. 10 Cameron Norrie improved to 12-2 in his past 14 outings by beating fellow British player Jack Draper in straight sets. No. 31 Fabio Fognini also prevailed.



# Disaster again as Italy fails to qualify for World Cup

**By Daniella Matar**  
AP Sports Writer

MILAN (AP) — When Italy missed out on the last World Cup, it was a disaster for soccer in the country.

Missing another? There are really no words to accurately describe it.

"NOOOOOOOOO!" screamed the headline on Friday in the Tuttosport newspaper, with all nine of those Os stretching all the way across the front page.

The Italians, who won the European Championship only eight months ago, can really only blame themselves for missing out on this year's World Cup in Qatar. The team failed to convert dozens of chances in the 1-0 semi-final playoff loss to North Macedonia on Thursday, with Aleksandar Trajkovski scoring in injury time to secure a shocking victory for a country ranked 67th in the world.

"Into hell," Corriere dello Sport blared on its front page.

Gazzetta dello Sport called it "Out of this world."

The loss in Palermo certainly came as a surprise to many, but it was also predictable for a team that has been in rapid decline since beating England on penalties to win the Euro 2020 title last July.

The team that set records for winning last year had won only two of its eight matches since, including losing its first match in more than three years to Spain in the Nations League.

"Our triumph at the Euros was fully deserved. But then some of the fortune we had in the tournament transformed into total and complete bad luck," Italy coach Roberto Mancini said. "It almost feels like conceding a last-minute goal was fitting."

"I don't know what to say. Maybe we shouldn't even have got to this point."

Here's a look at where it went wrong for Italy this time:

## MISSED CHANCES

Italy was in total control of its World Cup qualifying group until after Euro 2020. That's when the scoring touch seemed to disappear.

The Azzurri drew four of their final five matches and dropped behind Switzerland for the sole automatic qualifying position.

Missed opportunities cost them dearly in those games, especially against Bulgaria, where Italy had 27 attempts to its opponent's four and 71% possession but nevertheless drew 1-1.

It was the same problem in the playoffs against North Macedonia. Italy had 32 shots on goal while the visitors had only four. One of those went in, allowing North Macedonia to advance to the playoff final against Portugal on Tuesday.

Italy's lack of scoring had so concerned Mancini that he called up Mario Balotelli for a three-day training camp in January, three years after his last appearance for the



Italy's Jorginho, right, cries as his teammate walks after their team's got eliminated in the World Cup qualifying play-off soccer match between Italy and North Macedonia, at Renzo Barbera stadium, in Palermo, Italy, Thursday, March 24, 2022. North Macedonia won 1-0. PHOTO BY ANTONIO CALANNI | AP PHOTO

Azzurri. He left out the controversial forward for the World Cup playoffs, however.

## PENALTIES

Penalties saved Italy at Euro 2020. The Italians beat Spain in the semifinals and England in the final in shootouts.

But two failed Jorginho attempts from the spot in the qualifying matches against Switzerland ended up hurting bad. One match ended 0-0, the other 1-1.

If Italy had won either of those two matches, they would have finished ahead of Switzerland and gained automatic qualification to this year's tournament in

Qatar.

"Honestly, it's difficult because we have to look at the reality, and I put myself in there, too," Jorginho said after Thursday's match. "It hurts when I think about the two penalties, because I do still think about them and I'll think about them for the rest of my life, unfortunately."

"Stepping up there twice and not being able to help your team and your country is something that I will carry with me forever, and it weighs on me so much. People say now we need to move on, but it still hurts."

The Italian national team's recent poor form has been mirrored at club

level in Serie A.

Juventus and Inter Milan were eliminated from the Champions League in the round of 16, while AC Milan and Atalanta didn't even make it past the group stage. No Italian club has won a European trophy since Inter won the Champions League in 2010.

Moreover, there is a clear discord between the clubs and the national team. Serie A refused the Italian soccer federation's request to amend its calendar and move the league matches from the weekend before the playoffs, which would have allowed Mancini more time with his players.

"It's clear that there is always great resistance from the clubs towards the national team," federation president Gabriele Gravina said. "The national team is seen more as an annoyance than something that unites an entire country."

Gravina acknowledged that there needs to be institutional reforms.

"The loss this evening makes us understand that something needs to be done in Italian soccer," he said. "For example, let's start by figuring out what we can do for the many youngsters who don't get opportunities across our leagues and how we can fill this gap."

# Lamont Paris takes over Gamecocks after leading Chattanooga

**By Pete Iacobelli**  
AP Sports Writer

Lamont Paris believes he's the perfect coach to bring South Carolina back to the NCAA Tournament. And he plans to do it in a hurry.

Paris' was hired Thursday, given a five-year deal worth \$12 million and a mandate to take the Gamecocks to the Big Dance, where they've been just twice since 1998.

In his introduction at his new home building, Paris thanked athletic director Ray Tanner and administrators "for recognizing greatness when they see it."

Paris broke out in loud laughter, "I mean, what else am I supposed to say?"

Paris doesn't believe getting South Carolina to the NCAAs is a long-term project.

"I know we've been to nine NCAA Tournaments in this school's history," he said. "I would like to add to that at a fast rate."

The university's board of trustees approved the contract earlier Thursday. Paris will make \$2.2 million his first season with a built-in raise of \$100,000 each year after that.

Paris, 47, takes over for Frank Martin, who was fired earlier this month after 10 seasons and one memorable NCAA appearance — the team made a run to the Final Four in 2017.

Paris becomes the first Black men's basketball

coach in school history.

"Lamont Paris is the right choice to lead our men's basketball program," Tanner, the school's AD, said in a statement.

He's coming off the high point of his five seasons at Chattanooga. The Mocs finished 27-8 this year and won the Southern Conference regular season and tournament championships.

Paris' team took fourth-seeded Illinois down the wire in the NCAA Tournament's opening round before falling 54-53 last week.

Tanner said he was seeking a coach with a winning history and energy, passion and commitment to excellence in all areas.

"Coach Paris checks all of those boxes," Tanner said.

Paris was among several candidates South



Chattanooga coach Lamont Paris gestures after the ball went out of bounds on a bad pass against Illinois during the second half of a college basketball game in the first round of the NCAA men's tournament Friday, March 18, 2022, in Pittsburgh. PHOTO BY KEITH SRAKOCIC | AP PHOTO

Carolina talked to.

A person familiar with the weeklong coaching search said the Gamecocks also interviewed former Arizona coach Sean Miller, who decided to return to coach at his old school, Xavier; Murray State coach Matt McMahon, now at LSU; and Dennis Gates of Cleve-

land State, who landed at Missouri. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because details of the search have not been publicly released.

Paris' contract includes a \$100,000 bonus for winning the Southeastern Conference regular season and tournament titles and a \$600,000 bonus for a national championship.

The deal includes a buyout where Paris would owe South Carolina \$5 million if he chose to leave in the first year. That amount shrinks each season until a \$500,000 buyout in the final contract year. If South Carolina fires Paris while he's under contract, it would pay him 65% of his remaining salary.

Paris was an assistant at Wisconsin for seven years under Bo Ryan and Greg Gard before moving

to Chattanooga after the 2016-17 season.

Paris will likely have his hands full managing a roster in flux after the Gamecocks went 18-13 this season. Erik Stevenson, the team's second-leading scorer at 11.4 points per game, has entered the transfer portal. Leading scorer Jermaine Cousinard (12.2 points) is weighing whether to return to explore his pro options after declaring for the NBA draft a year ago.

Paris spoke with the Gamecocks earlier Thursday and plans to have individual player meetings soon.

"Some guys are not going to like me. Some guys are going to get a chance to know me and say, 'Whoa, this is a fresh start. I could really thrive in this system,'" he said.

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# Elliott searches for 1st win of season in return to Austin

By Jenna Fryer  
AP Auto Racing Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Perhaps it is at last Chase Elliott's turn to take a Hendrick Motorsports car to victory lane, where his three teammates have all visited over the last month.

The blazing start for the Hendrick stable has stretched three wins over four races — Kyle Larson won at Fontana, Alex Bowman at Las Vegas and William Byron at Atlanta — and only Elliott is still seeking his first win of the season. He's got a good shot Sunday in NASCAR's second trip to the Circuit of the Americas permanent road course, where Elliott is the defending race winner.

Elliott's victory last year came in torrential rains that shortened the event by 14 laps. It was no surprise to see the 2020 Cup Series champion pick up the road course win; he leads all active drivers with seven career victories on road courses.

The challenge this year is understanding NASCAR's new Next Gen car, which debuted in January and has been spectacular in improving the racing. The season has opened with five different winners through five races as the entire garage — except maybe the Hendrick teams — figures out the new car. Austin is the first of six road courses on this year's Cup Series schedule.

"I think it's really more questions than answers," Elliott said. "To me, COTA

is going to be that first opportunity for all the drivers to really kind of get in tune with this car on a road course. I didn't think it really drove a ton different than the old cars on the road course."

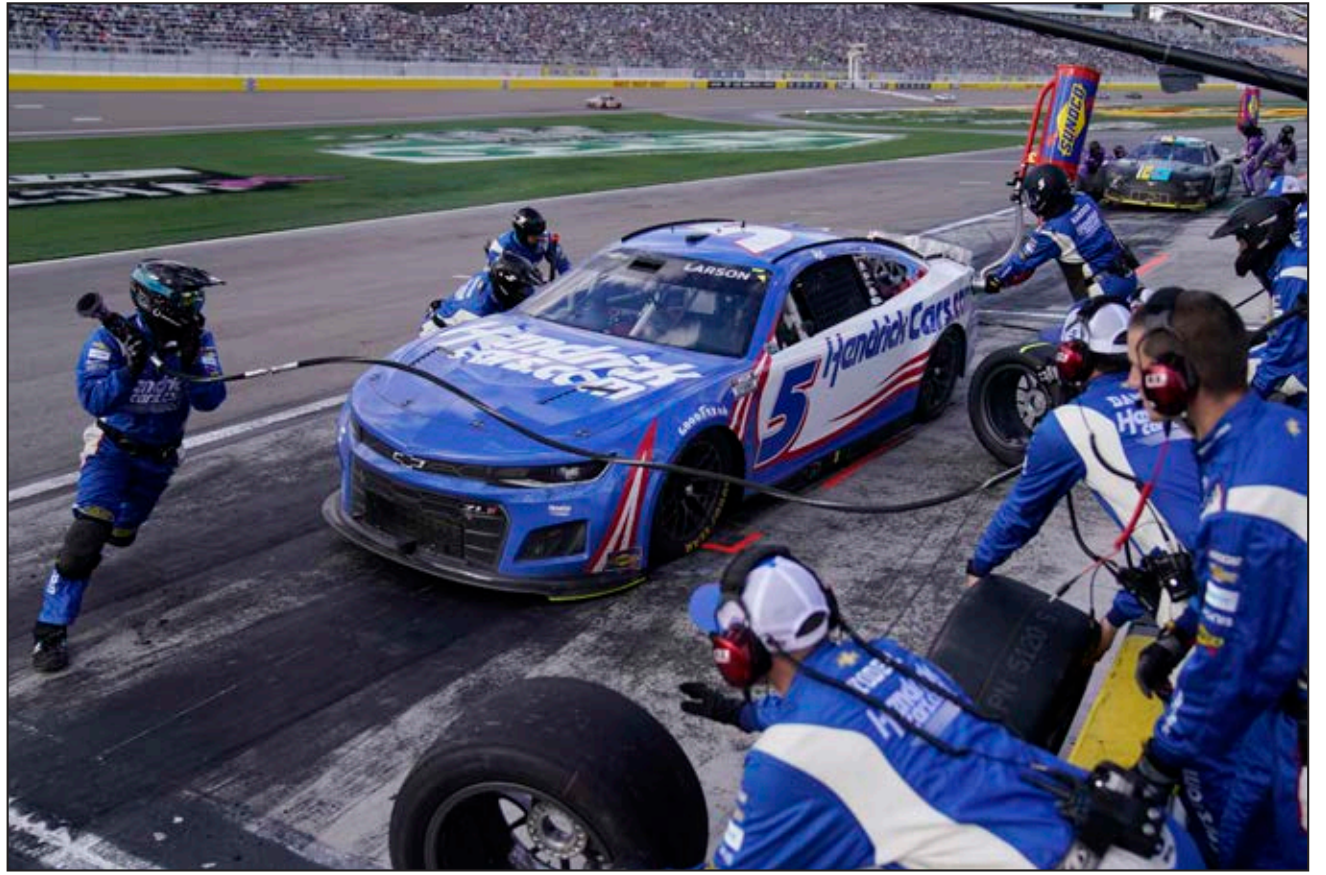
When he did get to turn laps in the Next Gen on the hybrid road course at Charlotte Motor Speedway, NASCAR's new car reminded him of the IMSA GT cars Elliott has competed against when he dabbles in sports car racing. Elliott, who is the Cup points leader despite being winless so far this year, said the Next Gen should make for a good race.

"It is almost better suited for road racing than - I shouldn't say better suited - but more normalized for road racing type vehicles than it is for oval racing cars. So, I think it will be fine," he said,

Byron, his teammate and winner last Sunday in Atlanta, said the car may be so suited for a road course that the teams who are learning the Next Gen quickest might dominate.

"Maybe the car drives so good that the race isn't as good?" Byron said. "The races on the ovals are good because the car drives so bad. We used to have all the side-force and the rear end, all the skew, and now you don't have any of that. I think it will be exciting because you'll see a lot of commitment from the drivers, but it also might be a spread-out race."

The 20-turn, 3.41-mile, multi-elevational counter-clockwise circuit uses the rolling landscape as part of



Kyle Larson (5) makes a pit stop during a NASCAR Cup Series auto race Sunday, March 6, 2022, in Las Vegas. PHOTO BY JOHN LOCHER | AP PHOTO

the course. Last year's race in a blinding rain saw 11 lead changes by 10 drivers.

Elliott is the race favorite per FanDuel Sportsbook. NASCAR's stop at COTA is promoted by Speedway Motorsports, which leases the track in an effort to add a variety of racing circuits to the schedule.

## LARSON TO LE MANS

Kyle Larson has already done the whole endurance racing thing and his 2015 victory with Chip Ganassi Racing in the Rolex 24 at Daytona fulfilled his desire for sports car racing.

Now he's interested again, piqued by last week's announcement that Hendrick Motorsports is

working with IMSA on a special project to take the Next Gen to the 24 Hours of Le Mans next season.

It's been presumed that NASCAR will try to send at least one current Cup star as part of the three-driver lineup and Larson said he's interested. Although teammate Elliott is considered the road racing ace, Larson last year won three times on road courses and has three previous 24-hour races on his resume.

He said team owner Rick Hendrick tipped him off the day before the announcement and he was floored it was the first he was hearing the team was building a car for Le Mans. "I had no clue. They

kept that one undercover really good," Larson said. "If they were taking it to the Rolex in Daytona, I probably would want to do it because I've done that before. But I've never competed at Le Mans and I would like to do that one. I've never been to France."

## ALLMENDINGER RETURNS

AJ Allmendinger, the ringer for first-year Cup team Kaulig Racing, returns for his second start of the season in a Chevrolet that owner Matt Kaulig expects to win races.

Allmendinger won on the road course at Indianapolis last summer and was fifth in the inaugural race at COTA last season. But with a clear forecast

and warm temperatures slated for Sunday, Allmendinger has no idea what to expect.

"Everybody's so good on the Cup side of it, so I wouldn't say that this car lends more of an opportunity for myself," he said. "I do like how aggressive you can be with it. You can kind of toss the car around a bit more, just a little bit more nimble, the steering is quicker, the car reacts quicker."

"It makes it enjoyable to go out there and attack a race car, especially at a place like COTA where there's so many corners, so many different types of corners that whether it's high speed or late on the brakes."

# ACC rematch and Indiana vs UConn highlight Bridgeport Region

By Doug Feinberg  
AP Basketball Writer

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP) — Wes Moore isn't worried about having to potentially face UConn in the state of Connecticut yet.

That game wouldn't occur until Monday night and would require both teams to win their Sweet 16 games on Saturday.

The coach of top-seeded North Carolina State has his team's attention on No. 5 Notre Dame, the Wolfpack's opponent in the regional semifinals. The ACC foe handed the Wolfpack their most recent defeat on Feb. 1.

"We have to worry about Notre Dame. We lost to them earlier," Moore said. "That's our focus right now."

Second-seeded UConn is facing third-seed Indiana — one of four Big Ten teams in the Sweet 16 — in the second game Saturday in Bridgeport, Connecticut. It's the 11th time that the Huskies will be playing a regional in the Northeast, including eight in the state of Connecticut. This is only the third time that UConn is in Bridgeport as a two seed.

"We've earned the right to play in Bridgeport, but you have to be good enough to do that," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "I think whoever's the best team this weekend will win and I think all four teams think they have a chance and that's all that matters and that's it."

N.C. State is also trying to erase the memory of last season's Sweet 16 loss to Indiana that ended the Wolfpack's season sooner than expected. They haven't made it to the Elite

Eight since reaching the Final Four in 1998.

"I think we need to take another step or two. We understand that," Moore said. "It's nothing to take away from what this team has accomplished. To win an ACC regular-season championship, to win the tournament ... Nothing is going to take away from that."

Notre Dame is back in the NCAAs after missing it last year for the first time since 1995.

"It was terrible. I was heartbroken. I remember sitting on my couch, my head down in the pillow just crying, honestly. That's a tough question. It's a tough thing to talk about," Notre Dame senior Dara Mabrey said. "I remember thinking especially in late-game situations that I was going to do everything I possibly could, whether it went right or wrong, to put this team in this position. And we're in the Sweet 16 now, so I think that sour taste that I had in my mouth definitely fueled me."

While Notre Dame and N.C. State are very familiar with each other, UConn and Indiana are playing for the first time in school history.

"They don't know a lot about us. We don't know a lot about them," Auriemma said. "You can watch all the film you want, study as much as you want, but until you're actually on the floor with each other, you really don't get a feel for how a team plays, how they like to play."

The Hoosiers are trying to get back to the regional final for the second straight year. Indiana lost to Arizona last season in the Elite Eight.



Notre Dame head coach Niele Ivey, left, celebrates with Sonia Citron (11) and Maya Dodson (0) in the second half of a second-round game against Oklahoma in the NCAA women's college basketball tournament Monday, March 21, 2022, in Norman, Okla. PHOTO BY MITCH ALCALA | AP PHOTO

"We do know the magnitude of this game. We've been here before a year ago, and so we do feel like we have some experience," Indiana coach Teri Moren said. "As you all know, I have a veteran group and experienced group, so I don't know if it does matter that it's UConn, but it could be any other name across the chest. We just know that we want to keep this thing going as long as we can."

## THE DORKA REPORT

UConn and Indiana, two storied basketball schools, have never before

met on court, but there is some familiarity among the players.

Senior forward Dorka Juhasz transferred to Connecticut from Ohio State, where she averaged 13 points and 10.5 rebounds in four games against the Hoosiers.

"It was exciting just when they started doing the scouting," she said. "They were like, hey, Dorka, can you help me with this? Of course, I would love to tell you about it."

Indiana knows Juhasz as well. Moren said she's impressed with how the Hungarian's passing game

has improved with the Huskies.

Juhasz likely will again be matched up with Indiana post Aleksa Gulbe, who has played against Juhasz since their days on youth national teams in Latvia and Hungary.

"After the first round, she texted me, and she was like, 'I thought I was going to get away from you guys,'" Gulbe said.

## HAUNTED HOTEL?

North Carolina State players got a bit of a scare Thursday night after arriving at their hotel in Connecticut.

Guard Diamond John-

son got to her room to find she had been locked out with the room's privacy bolt — from the inside.

A hotel worker managed to get the door open, but then yells, 'Oh, my Gosh!', apparently as a joke. That sent Johnson and a couple of other players screaming down the hallway.

"We searched under the beds, we searched in the closet, so it was all good," senior center Elissa Cunnane said. "But we were all still a little scared."

AP Sports Writer Pat Eaton-Robb contributed to this story



# NCAA

From Page 11A

There were 17.3 million brackets filled out in ESPN's Tournament Challenge and just 8.3% of them had Arkansas reaching the Elite Eight, an less than half of those have the Hogs going to the Final Four. By contrast, nearly 23% of brackets had Gonzaga winning it all.

In fact, nearly two-thirds of brackets had Gonzaga, Baylor or Kentucky advancing through their half of the bracket to reach the final in New Orleans.

Meanwhile, more brackets (19.9%) had Houston losing in the first round than advancing to the Elite Eight (14.2%), even though the Cougars made it to the Sweet 16 in 2019 and the Final Four just last year.

Houston, by the way, is now the favorite to win it all, according to FanDuel Sportsbook, ahead of No. 2 seed Duke and Kansas, the lone remaining 1-seed entering Friday.

The quest for a perfect bracket in the men's tournament? The NCAA said that was over before last weekend, the moment that No. 11 seed Iowa State beat LSU on Friday night to eliminate the final two perfect brackets remaining after the first 24 games.

And with the Cyclones playing No. 10 seed Miami on Friday night, at least one double-digit seed will be in

the Elite Eight.

"You get seeded a certain spot, who cares about that? I tell the team all the time, if you're in the dance, you've got a darned good team because you earned your way into the dance," said Miami coach Jim Larrañaga, who knows all about busting up brackets after taking No. 11 seed George Mason to the Final Four in 2006.

"To me, it doesn't matter what you're seeded. It's not reflective of who you are," Larrañaga said. "It's just a number put by your name to start the tournament. What matters is how you play and how you match up against your opponent."

Yet plenty of well-known prognosticators have had trouble figuring those matchups out.

Television star Jimmy Fallon lamented his fortunes after picking Gonzaga and Tennessee to reach the Final Four. Former President Barack Obama had the Bulldogs playing Arizona in the title game and he hasn't fared a whole lot better in the women's tournament, where he had Baylor advancing to the Final Four with South Carolina, UConn and Stanford. The Bears were upset by South Dakota in the second round.

"We don't need Barack Obama's bracket. We don't need Jimmy Fallon. We don't need none of that, OK?" said Hailey Van Lith, the star guard for the top-seeded Cardinals. "Look, we are still here. That is what it is."

# Coach

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"Whenever they can own something, they're going to do it better than if we just run it," Krzyzewski said afterward. "When they said that, I felt they're going to own it. They'll make it work, and that's probably more important than strategy during that time. So that's the way I looked at it."

Three key defensive stops that followed and two late baskets by Jeremy Roach moved Krzyzewski within one win of his record-setting 13th trip to the Final Four with a 78-73 victory. Paolo Banchemo led second-seeded Duke with 22 points, Mark Williams scored 16 and Roach, handed his starting spot back just ahead of the tournament, added 15.

Bryson Williams led No. 3 seed Texas Tech with 21. Duke will play Arkansas on Saturday with a trip to the Final Four on the line. That's after the fourth-seeded Razorbacks, who bear some

resemblance to the "40 Minutes of Hell" Arkansas teams that tore up the tournament in the mid-1990s, tore up top overall seed Gonzaga en route to a 74-68 win.

Much like those teams, coach Eric Musselman has loaded up tenacious defenders and shooters with short memories — notably JD Notae, who missed 20 shots and still scored 21 points — and has the Razorbacks convinced it's them against the world.

"We've been disrespected the whole year, so it's just another thing for us," Jaylin Williams said. "We saw everything they were saying, we felt like they were dancing before the game. ..."

"We had a chip on our shoulder," he added a moment later. "Every game we do."

Whatever the Zags had on their shoulders felt like a 40-pound weight. Entering as the top-scoring team in the nation (87.8 points per game), Gonzaga shot 37.5% and went 5 of 21 from 3-point range. NBA prospect Chet Holmgren, the Zags' skinny freshman center, was hounded all night and

spared himself a few minutes of hell by fouling out with 3:29 left.

Speaking of discomfort, fifth-seeded Houston did a pretty good job of exploiting top seed Arizona's lack of experience. The Wildcats missed seven of their first eight shots as Houston sprinted to a 14-4 advantage and led the rest of the way, riding 21 points from Jamal Shead and 19 from Kyle Edwards to a 72-60 win.

"I knew we were going to make them uncomfortable, that's what we do," Cougars coach Kelvin Sampson said. "Our team, we're a tough bunch. ... They're not afraid of anybody."

Houston lost four starters from last season and then lost Marcus Sasser, the lone returner and leading scorer who broke his left foot before Christmas. And then Taze Moore, one of the transfers Sampson relied on, got hit with his third personal foul against Arizona with 9:22 left and wound up playing only 17 minutes overall.

"Tonight, you know, he was in the witness protection program," Sampson said. "I

couldn't find him. Nowhere. We put him in there, we had to take him right back out."

That won't do against second-seeded Villanova, where coach Jay Wright has been quietly fashioning a mini-dynasty of his own. The Wildcats don't play the "no-respect" card because they win too much — two national championships since 2016 — and they put together another workmanlike performance to send No. 11 seed Michigan packing with a 63-55 victory.

Jermaine Samuels, a freshman during that last title run in 2018 — capped off against Michigan, no less — led Villanova with 22 points, and drew the unenviable assignment of battling 7-foot-1 Hunter Dickinson on both ends of the floor. Dickinson led Michigan with 15 points and 15 rebounds, but none of them came easy.

"I just wanted to stay mobile and move," Samuels said. "He's a phenomenal player, so he's going to get great looks at the basket. But that I have teammates behind me gave me all the confidence I needed."

# Hopes

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Armstead said he can't wait to see what a Dolphins receiver corps that includes two of the NFL's fastest wideouts in Hill and Jaylen Waddle can do.

"We're going to try to turn these Sundays into a track meet," Armstead said. "A physical track meet; let's not overshadow that at all. Up front, we're going to implement that physicality, that mentality. And then speed kills, man. You try to catch

them guys on the outside."

Hill has been in the NFL for six seasons, getting picked for the Pro Bowl all six times. The Dolphins have seen their entire wide receiving corps make six Pro Bowl trips — combined — in the last 37 years. Hill has had 22 games with at least 100 receiving yards in the last five seasons; the Dolphins have 17 such games over that span.

Put simply, Hill gives the Dolphins something they just haven't had.

"I don't blink, dawg," Hill said. "I don't believe in pressure, dawg. I make the pressure."

Hill was choosing between potential trades with the Dolphins and New York Jets at the end, once it became clear that he and Kansas City would be parting ways. Hill said he knew all

along he'd pick Miami, given the proximity to family and that he often has offseason workouts in South Florida.

If he had any doubts, McDaniel might have cast them aside when he explained how Hill would get the ball in his offense.

"He was like, 'Just be you, Ree. Just be you, Ree.' That's all I can ask for, man, a coach to have my back off the field," Hill said. "He went to bat for me. ... Excited to play for him."

Armstead donned a throwback No. 13 Dan Marino jersey for his first media availability as part of the Dolphins, something that surely will win points quickly with his new club.

"Always pay respect to the legends," Armstead said.

When he visited the Dolphins, Armstead saw Marino's office. He thought it was

there as a tribute, unaware that Marino indeed works for the team — he's officially listed as a special adviser, which basically means he can do whatever he wants. When Armstead walked into the offensive staff room, he was surprised to see Marino sitting there.

"He came up and introduced himself like I didn't know him," Armstead said. "Which is crazy."

Hill didn't need to introduce himself to Armstead, either.

"Listen, come on now. Most dynamic player in the league," Armstead said. "Always been a fan of his game, just watching. Now having him be a part of this offense, I think we're building something. We're building something special."

# CHS Employees Receive State Level Awards

The Center for Human Services (CHS) has a comprehensive Early Head Start program in Sedalia, MO, that focuses on providing learning and development services, for income-eligible expecting mothers and families with infants and/or toddlers. The Harris Early Care and Education Center is led by certified, talented, caring, staff and teachers that go the extra mile to deliver exceptional services.

Recently, two CHS Early Head Start employees have been recognized by the Missouri Head Start Association. Lori Smith, Early Head Start Cook, received the Support Staff of the Year award and Karen Nolting, Early Head Start Family Advocate, received the Family Advocate of the Year award. Both Karen and Lori's nominations are up for consideration for multistate awards by the Region 7 Head Start Association.

Lori Smith has held the position of Early Head Start Cook For the last 14 years. She is a National Child and Adult Care Food Program Sponsors Association Member and has worked to obtain her National Child and Adult Care Food Program Child Nutrition Professional Certification. In 14 years, she has worked hard to deliver nutritious meals that align with the USDA requirements while keeping costs down. She plays a huge role in passing monitoring inspections with no findings. She is an asset to our Family and Child Development department and comes to work every day with a positive attitude.

Karen Nolting has worked with families and community-based childcare partners in Early Head Start for five years. Karen's nominations spoke to her outstanding teamwork, strengths-based outlook, and her ability to make others feel comfortable, respected, and valued. She received letters of nomination from an Early Head Start Family and Childcare Center Director. The letters described Karen's demonstration of grace in any situation and the trust that her staff, and EHS families have developed in her. An Early Head Start parent shared that she has always admired Miss Karen's grace and how she always showed their family compassion and empathy.

Karen and Lori will be formally recognized and presented with their awards at the Missouri Head Start Association Annual Celebration in Jefferson City on May 12th. The Center for Human Services is proud to have two dedicated employees recognized for their outstanding service. They are both leaders of excellence.



Lori Smith



Karen Nolting



Center for Human Services

# Cards' Molina catches up, throws out runner in 1st action

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Yadier Molina quickly caught up for lost time.

In his first game action this spring, the nine-time Gold Glove catcher threw out a would-be basestealer Friday as the St. Louis Cardinals played against their minor leaguers.

"It's always fun to hear that ball whiz by your head and then watch a guy get thrown out," said Miles Mikolas, who was pitching at the time.

The 39-year-old Molina missed the first week of what will likely be his final

spring training to deal with a personal matter.

A 10-time All-Star, Molina went 0 for 4 in the game played on a back field, with two flyouts and two groundouts.

"I think it's a matter of just getting his legs under him in a setting that's a little more controlled," new Cardinals manager Oliver Marmol said.

Molina is targeting Sunday's game at the New York Mets for his Grapefruit League debut, Marmol said.

"As of right now he said he feels good," Marmol said.

"He's looking to travel and play in St. Lucie."

A career .280 hitter with 171 homers and 998 RBIs, Molina is entering his 19th major league season.

Marmol is certain the veteran will be ready for opening day.

"No doubt," Marmol said.

Slated to be the Cardinals' No. 2 starter, Mikolas struggled in his first inning, allowing three runs and four hits. He attributed the rough start to putting too many pitches in the strike zone and a couple of groundballs that squeaked through the infield,

Mikolas faced the minimum amount of hitters over his final three innings, thanks to Molina's throw. Efficiency afforded Mikolas the chance to throw one more inning than originally planned.

"Being able to be in that controlled environment back there is what allowed me to go that extra inning," Mikolas said. "I felt like I could have gone one more."

Mikolas' move to the back fields allowed newly acquired Drew VerHagen to make his first Grapefruit League start for St. Louis.

**NOTES:** St. Louis transferred pitcher Alex Reyes to the 60-day injured list. Last week, Reyes received a stem cell injection as treatment for a frayed labrum. Reyes had 29 saves for the Cardinals last season.



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## Almost time to carefully, thoughtfully cast your vote

In case you hadn't noticed with our numerous Facebook live streams of candidate forums and all the candidate Q&A and ballot question articles we've published recently, there is an election just around the corner.

The April 5 municipal election has no shortage of important races and issues to vote on. Every single voter in Pettis County has at least two items to vote on. Proposition A, if approved, would dedicate one-half of 1% sales tax to provide funding for current and future operations of the Pettis County Sheriff's Office. Revenues generated by this sales tax would be used to fund agency staffing, improved personnel compensation, and safety equipment, as well as future capital improvements and maintenance of the facilities. And there are four candidates seeking two six-year terms on the State Fair Community College Board of Trustees.

In addition to those county-wide ballot items, depending on where you live, you might also be voting on Sedalia City Council Ward 2, City of La Monte mayor, City of Green Ridge alderperson, Smithton Board of Education, Pettis County R-XII (Dresden) Board of Education, Sedalia School District 200 Board of Education and Pettis County Ambulance District Sub-district 4. Voters in the Windsor Ambulance District, Green Ridge and Henry County school districts, and the City of Windsor will have their own ballot questions to consider.

Absentee voting has been underway since Feb. 22, the traditional six-week period prior to any Election Day in Missouri. Those who would rather cast a ballot in person can stop by their polling location from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 5.

But before you ever pick up that ballot pen, I implore you to do your research. While I constantly preach the importance of voting in all elections, especially local elections that can have such a big impact on your daily life, it's just as important to know who or what you are voting for. Checking the box next to the name of a person you've never heard of or only recognize because you've seen their yard signs doesn't do a lot of good for the election process.

Every candidate has a reason for running and opinions on current issues in our community, so it's important you know what those reasons and opinions are before randomly selecting a name. Voting is an American right we should all exercise, but it should be exercised carefully, as these candidates could have an effect on your child's education or how your tax dollars are spent. Some candidates are more prepared or have a better grasp of what our community needs than others.



**Nicole Cooke**  
Democrat Editor

At the Democrat, we no longer endorse candidates or issues due to the fact we don't have an editorial board that produces opinion content on behalf of the paper. Yes, our opinion columnists have the opportunity to endorse a candidate, but that endorsement reflects the thoughts of the writer, not the newspaper.

What the Democrat does provide, however, is plenty of educational content during the weeks leading up to the election. We've published a Q&A article for every contested race in Pettis County. We've also published a few articles about Proposition A. We've offered a Facebook live stream of almost every candidate forum in Sedalia. We've even published a few articles about uncontested candidates because even though you don't have another candidate to vote for in those races, we still think you should know about your new representatives. We also published an article with information from Pettis County Clerk Nick La Strada about absentee voting, and we'll publish another one next weekend with Election Day information along with a list of all the candidates; the online version will include hyperlinks to all the election articles we've published to provide easy access for our readers if they want to do a little last-minute homework.

My newsroom staff in Warrensburg has been doing the same thing in the Star-Journal this month for Johnson County candidates and ballot questions.

Voter turnout for municipal elections is traditionally low, and Johnson County Clerk Diane Thompson recently told me that number has continued to dwindle in recent years. Some years, Pettis and Johnson counties see turnouts in the teen percentages, which is incredibly disappointing. Not all of us have the time or resources to run for public office, but we can offer our opinion of how our city should be run by doing the simple yet important task of voting.

So over the next 11 days, spend some time reading the Democrat's election articles. Reach out to candidates if you have questions about their views. Learn about school board and city council member responsibilities by checking out the entities' websites.

And finally, make a thoughtful decision about your vote. Don't let it go to waste.



On March 22, the Sedalia Kiwanis Club celebrated its 100th anniversary with many guest speakers and the announcement of its centennial project. PHOTOS COURTESY OF TOM OLDHAM

# Kiwanis celebrates 100 years as a civic organization

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On March 22, the Sedalia Kiwanis Club celebrated its 100th anniversary with many guest speakers, a centennial project and joyous smiles.

Kiwanis is a community civic organization that focuses on serving children. It provides service to kids and the club does it locally in a variety of ways. There is a Key Club at Sacred Heart, Bringing Up Grade (BUG) Award for third and fourth graders in the Sedalia School District 200 and an annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast that recognizes area premier youth leaders nominated by churches and parishes.

Gary Beckman, Sedalia Kiwanis Club President and Lt. Gov of Division 11 of the Mo-Ark District, said reaching the 100th anniversary is a major milestone.

"To get to a 100 year, it had to start 100 years ago and every member that was part of Kiwanis during that time frame had to commit and dedicate themselves to keeping that alive and keeping the club going," Beckman said.

The club celebrates today for what those members did for the Kiwanis Club.

"But we honor those gentlemen, our founding fathers as well as those all along the way that made this happen," Beckman added.

Kiwanis celebrated its 100th anniversary with a celebration on March 22 by honoring its past,

celebrating the present, and sharing the excitement of its future plans.

"We had Mayor (John) Kehde there, Eastern Commissioner Israel Baeza and Missouri state Rep. Brad Pollitt all present and read proclamations recognizing our 100th anniversary," Beckman said.

During the celebration, the original minutes were read from the March 22, 1922, charter meeting with some of its projects and original officers and board members that were elected that very first time.

"We also had our Mo-Ark District Governor, Carla O'Brian, in attendance and she spoke to the group," Beckman said. "The biggest reveal, the cherry on top of it all, we revealed our centennial project for this year and it's a mural..."

The mural will go on the side of the building at the northwest corner of South Ohio Avenue and Main Street. The building owner, Millie Curry, graciously offered the east side of the building to be the canvas for the historical mural that will represent the past of Sedalia.

Another part of the night that was greatly appreciated by the club was when they received a phone call from Mary McLaughlin, a former Sedalia resident.

"Her grandfather was instrumental in establishing the Kiwanis Club and her father and uncle were key Kiwanis members and she always grew up with a Kiwanis



Kiwanis's centennial project was announced as a mural that will be painted on a building owned by Millie Curry on the northwest corner of South Ohio Avenue and Main Street. This was the mural mock-up presented at the celebration.



Mayor John Kehde was the first to begin the proclamations read out during the March 22 ceremony to honor the club.

background," Beckman said. "So Kiwanis is near and dear to her heart and just to hear her share her history with her dad and grandfather and what Kiwanis meant to her is inspiring and encouraging for us to keep doing the groundwork that they placed before us."

Beckman said he see the Kiwanis Club continuing to serve its community needs for the next 100 years.

"Supporting our kids, supporting our families, providing that encouragement that they might not get elsewhere and as well as an opportuni-

ty for them to become servants to our community," Beckman said.

Beckman added that they just don't take from the community but they give back and anyone can give back.

"We're just a small membership Kiwanis Club but we're making a big impact here in Sedalia and the mural will resonate with a lot of people," Beckman said.

Beckman added that the mural will be located right where travelers coming in from South Ohio Avenue and people riding the rail coming in from the east will see it.

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The Kiwanis Club is pictured standing in front of the Uptown Theater in 1949 for National Kids Day. PHOTO COURTESY OF PAT KELLY



## CLUB NOTES

### The Daughters of Isabella

The Daughters of Isabella met March 14 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Jean Gallagher reported on the April 8 Sistine Chapel Exhibit. The trip includes a visit to the Sistine Chapel Exhibit, mass said by Fr. Joe Corel at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, lunch at the Spokes Restaurant, and a narrated tour of the Cathedral. The bus leaves Thompson Hills Shopping Center at 8 a.m. that day and arrives back in Sedalia by 5 p.m. The cost is \$98 per person. Those interested in going should contact Jean Gallagher at 660-827-4016 or faust-tour@gmail.com.

The Daughters are working the March 25 Fish Fry. Bring a baked good that can be sliced and served to the crowd. Then bring a second baked good for the bake sale. This is the major fundraiser for the year. Those who can work, contact Theresa Rider at 660-827-3762 or 660-596-5947 or Chair Cathy Korthas at 660-826-7614 or 660-287-2637. Linda Hoffmann moved that a percentage of our proceeds from the bake sale and desserts go to the Ukrainians. Susan Sanderson seconded the motion, and it passed.

The potluck salad supper will be Monday, May 9. The Daughters of Isabella will celebrate being 125 years old.

### Martin Warren Chapter SAR

The Martin Warren Chapter, Missouri Society Sons of the American Revolution, met at the RISE Café on March 19.

The program was presented by Anne Mallinson, a member of the Missouri Society, State Daughters of the American Revolution Missouri Speakers Staff for the Midwest District.

Mallinson's presentation was titled "Under Divine Protection." The program centered on the reasons our ancestors came to North America and their contributions toward America's emerging national identity. Mallinson included



From left, Anne Mallinson, a member of the Missouri Society, State Daughters of the American Revolution Missouri Speakers Staff for the Midwest District; and Doug Christie, Martin Warren Chapter SAR President.

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information about 15 different colonies that were established in North America. The reasons for establishing these colonies included, but were not limited to, trade and profit, religious freedom, escape from religious persecution in Europe and economic freedom. Mallinson included in her presentation such prominent individuals as John Smith of the Virginia Colony, William Bradford of the Plymouth Colony, George Calvert of the Maryland Colony, Roger Williams of the Rhode Island Colony and many others.

The Martin Warren Chapter meets at 10:30 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month except February, July and August at the RISE Café in Warrensburg. The December meeting occurs on the second Saturday. Anyone with an interest in history and genealogy is welcome to attend. Luncheon reservations can be made or information regarding membership can be obtained by emailing the Chapter Secretary at pchemr@gmail.com.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April 2 weekend to include Home Show, downtown events

#### By Democrat Staff

There will be no shortage of events and activities for area residents during the weekend of Saturday, April 2.

#### Home & Garden Show

The Sedalia Demo-

crat is hosting its second annual Home & Garden Show from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 2.

More than 30 regional vendors will be in the Mathewson Exhibition Center on the Missouri State Fairgrounds, ready

to talk with area residents about their home and garden needs. In addition to the vendor booths, there will be live presentations and demonstrations. Door prizes will also be given out at the top of each hour.

Thorn Ridge Exotics will have a selfie station all day and for only \$5, visitors can get a photo with a kangaroo, lemurs, alligators, or an African Spurred Tortoise.

The show is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Democrat at 660-826-1000.

#### CASA

Several events hosted by CASA will coincide with the Home & Garden Show. CASA will host an art exhibit from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the mezzanine, featuring local artists who created artwork that depicts survival of abuse, freedom, and/or impacts of abuse. At 11 a.m., Sedalia Mayor John Kehde will read a proclamation about CASA and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. CASA's inaugural 5K POKER Run, which starts at 9 a.m., will begin and end at the Mathewson Exhibition Center. Winners will also be announced at 11 a.m.

For more information, contact CASA at 660-827-5555.

#### NoBro Art Walk

The NoBro Art Walk is returning to its popular event spread throughout downtown Sedalia from noon to 4 p.m. April 2.

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## BRL2GO SCHEDULE

### Boonslick

#### Regional Library

**Monday**  
9:30 a.m. to noon:  
Cole Camp City Park.  
2 to 4 p.m.: Lincoln  
City Park.

#### Wednesday

10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.:  
Green Ridge City Park.

### Friday

9 a.m.: Otterville  
R-VI School.  
9:30 a.m. to noon:  
Smithton Diner.  
1:30 p.m.: Pilot  
Grove, Katy Manor.  
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.:  
Pilot Grove, Katy Park.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

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

Meals will be delivered by St. Vincent de Paul Parish.

### Monday

Chicken and noodles, green beans, banana, and milk.

### Tuesday

Meatloaf, posh potatoes, mixed veggies, cookie and milk.

### Wednesday

Pulled pork on bun, potato salad, apple and milk

### Thursday

Ham and beans, cornbread, tropical fruit milk.

### Friday

Pork fritter on bun, macaroni salad, orange and milk.

## POPULAR BOOKS

### Boonslick Regional Library

#### Fiction

"Robert B. Parker's Bye Bye Baby," by Ace Atkins.

"Yinka, Where is Your Husband?" by Lizzie Damilola Blackburn.

"Find Me," by Alafair Burke.

"The Last House on the Street," Diane Chamberlain.

"The School for Good Mothers," by Jaessamine Chan.

"Something to Hide," by Elizabeth George.

"Seasonal Work: Stories," by Laura Lippman.

"The Maid," by Nita Prose.

"No Land to Light On," by Yara Zgheib.

#### Nonfiction

"Stolen Focus: Why you Can't Pay Attention and How to Think Deeply Again," by Johann Hari.

"Aftermath: Life in the Fallout of the Third Reich," by Harald Jahner.

"Unthinkable: Trauma, Truth, and the Trials of American Democracy," by Jamie Raskin.

"The Rise: Kobe Bryant and the Pursuit of Immortality," by Mike Sielski.

"Camera Man: Buster Keaton, the Dawn of Cinema, and the Invention of the Twentieth Century," by Dana Stevens.

## NEW BOOKS

### Sedalia Public Library

#### Fiction

"One Italian Summer," by Rebecca Serle.

"The Tobacco Wives," by Adele Myers.

"The Chase," by Candice Fox.

"The Summer Getaway," by Susan Mallery.

"Her Last Affair," by John Searles.

"Murder at the Porte de Versailles," by

Cara Black.

"Before Buckhorn," by B.J. Daniels.

#### Nonfiction

"Burning Questions: Essays and Occasional Pieces 2004-2021," by Margaret Atwood.

"I Was Better Last Night," by Harvey Fierstein.

"In Love: A Memoir of Love and Loss,"

Amy Bloom.

## DIVORCES

These people were recently granted divorces in Pettis County Circuit Court:

Lisa M. Stathem and Philip C. Stathem;

Yuri A. Gonzalez Soto and Ernesto C. Perez;

Tanya Steel and Tyler Steele.

## MARRIAGES

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

Mark Sultanov, 18, and Daryna Matsko, 18, both of Sedalia;

Teresa Lee Deans, 57, and David Ward Glenn, 58, both of Warsaw;

Aaron Langdon Roberts, 38, and Hester Elaine Graham, 44, both of Sedalia;

Reagan Nicole Morton, 29, and Nicholas Ryan Gallagher, 38, both of Sedalia;

Michael Blaine Rogg, 65, and Jessica Margot Dalton, 49, both of Sedalia.

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# 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. Pet-

tis St. Call 660-827-1613.

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

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

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

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

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

6 p.m.: DeFeet.org has a general meeting open to the public at First Christian Church, located at 200 S. Limit Ave., in Sedalia (across from the new community center on Highway 65). For more information, contact info@defeet.org, visit www.defeet.org, or message via our Facebook page.

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

6:30 p.m.: Mid-Missouri Photo Club for all photo enthusiasts, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cole Camp.

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.: OIC Studios will present the SpoFest writing prompt/open mic event

streaming live via Zoom, Facebook and OIC Radio. Signup and event guidelines at www.oicstudios.com/spofest-online.

7 p.m.: Father Tony Kraff Assembly of Knights of Columbus, Knights Hall, 1708 Elm Hills Blvd.

7 p.m.: West Central Missouri Genealogical Society, Culp Building at the Johnson County Historical Society on Main Street, in Warrensburg.

### 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ton Track.

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

### 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.

### THURSDAY

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

1 p.m.: Sedalia Dupli-

cate Bridge Club at First Christian Church, 200 S. Limit Ave.

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

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

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

7 p.m.: Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 4286, Lincoln.

7 p.m.: Mid-Missouri Artists, Warrensburg Community Center, 445 E. Gay St.

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.

### 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.

11 a.m.: Stroke Survivors Support Group, Bothwell Education Center, 600 E. 14th St.

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

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.

7:30 p.m.: Pettis County

Storm Trackers at Denry's restaurant. For more information, contact the group at www.facebook.com/PettisCountyStormTrackers.

### SATURDAY

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

7 a.m.: Sedalia Runners Club-Group Run every Saturday at Clarendon and Katy Trail.

7 to 10 a.m.: Shrine Breakfast, Sedalia Shrine Club, 1615 Elm Hills Blvd. Cost is \$7.

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.: SPARK (Sedalia/Pettis Amateur Radio Club) Repeater Club outside during warm weather or inside at EMA Building, 1511 N. Ohio Ave.

11:30 a.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.

6 p.m.: The Place at the Lake, Benton County's domestic violence abuse resource, support meeting, located at 201 E. Main St., Lincoln. 24-hour hotline 1-866-347-9044; for other information, call 660-547-2611.

5 to 8 p.m.: Family Night at the Cole Camp Library. Tabletop 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.

# Ari Wegner: The other woman behind 'The Power of the Dog'

By Lindsey Bahr  
AP Film Writer

Next week, Ari Wegner could make Oscar history. The 37-year-old Australian has a very good shot at being the first woman to win an Academy Award for best cinematography for helping create the indelible images of "The Power of the Dog" alongside director Jane Campion.

Together, Campion and Wegner battled the extreme conditions of the New Zealand landscape to transport audiences to a desolate ranch in 1920s Montana and create an unforgettable piece about human fragility. Some of the images, like a shot of two actors silhouetted through a barn door, are the kinds that aspiring filmmakers are already studying.

And they might have never met were it not for an Australian bank commercial. Campion, an Oscar-winning auteur, had never done a commercial before, but she said yes to that one and hit it off with the young cinematographer. Yet it was still an adrenaline rush for Wegner to get a call from Campion a few years later about a potential project to adapt Thomas Savage's 1967 book. She went out that day, bought it and read it.

Wegner was already making a name for herself with work on films like "Lady Macbeth" and "Zola." But while the visual languages of the films were distinct and impactful, they did have one thing in common: They were all lower budget, independent fare.

"The Power of the Dog" was in a different league and not just because of Campion's involvement. Here they would have the backing of Netflix. The streaming company gave Campion a budget that she'd never had the chance to work with before. "It was like working with the Medicis," Campion said.

Wegner and Campion got a year of prep to drive around New Zealand, scout locations, learn about the landscape and discuss every aspect of the film, from small technical details to the themes and values they wanted to communicate.

"I had read about other filmmakers having these dream pre-productions. I thought, well, that's something that happens to other people," Wegner said. "But I had an instinct that with more time that there was another level of filmmaking out there. And that was definitely the case."

They got to know the conditions on New Zealand's South Island so that when it came time to shoot they knew what they'd be working with. But there were still challenges of shooting in the valley, which is one of the windiest places on the island.

"I can only relate it to skiing on a sunny day when the sun's coming down and it's also bouncing up at you. The air is even intense," Wegner said. "It is a really hard environment to think creatively in because a lot of the time you are just trying to keep your eyes open."

Every morning, they'd prep inside over tea and toast before heading out to brave the elements because, "It's hard to come up with a plan from scratch when your body is under assault."

And yet, the part of the shoot that Wegner was most anxious about was the interiors. She worried about creating an authentic environment in a big, sterile warehouse in Auckland worthy of a Campion film.

"In the end, it turned into one of the greatest joys of starting with a completely blank slate and being able to control absolutely everything," Wegner said. "It was a real playground."

Shooting the exteriors first was a blessing, too. She was more aware of when something felt off, like when the air was too still or clear or the light not wild enough to match the conditions in the valley, and they could adjust appropriately.

Wegner was always open to inspiration in the moment, too, like when the clouds would part perfectly and the mountains looked great. She was conscious of being attuned to "the possibility of some really beautiful iconic frames."

Campion invited her collaborators to seize on unplanned opportunities, one of which happened to be the shot in the barn, which they captured after they'd shot the scene. Wegner said Campion created a "spell of calm" on the set that allowed for improvisations.

"When you're with her, the seconds on the clock



This image released by Netflix shows cinematographer Ari Wegner, left, with producer-director Jane Campion on the set of "The Power of the Dog."

PHOTO BY NETFLIX VIA AP

kind of tick slower," Wegner said.

And while it's always the shots that get the most attention, the most ineffable part of a cinematographer's job is their relationship with actors. Wegner laughed that if she had another lifetime she'd write a thesis about the intimate, voyeuristic, one-sided relationship where you both have to be invested in the emotions of the scene while also being invisible, even while sometimes literally touching the actor as would happen with Benedict Cumberbatch in some of the handheld shots. For her, the experience is like going into a meditative state.

"You're both really present and all your senses are attuned and you're also somewhere else," she said. "During a take I would never feel temperature or pain or hunger and I'd get home at

the end of the day and wonder, 'Where did that bruise come from? I don't remember smashing my shin on something.'"

It's been a surreal ride for Wegner since Oscar nominations were announced last month, and she is not taking the honor for granted. The statistics, she knows, are grim for female cinematographers in Hollywood. In a survey of the top 250 films of 2021, only 6% had female cinematographers — a number that hasn't budged since 1998. And only two have ever been nominated for an Oscar in the 94 years of the awards. The first was Rachel Morrison, in 2018, for "Mudbound."

And yet, she does see a glimmer of hope in that second statistic. After 90 years of nothing, two women have been nominated in the past five years. Change, she

believes, is possible if people give women the opportunity to shoot big, high-profile movies.

Campion, who has worked with some of the great cinematographers over the years, from Dion Beebe to Greig Fraser (who is nominated for "Dune") said she "wanted to work with a female DP" on "The Power of the Dog." And part of that decision meant taking a chance on someone. Morrison was also hired by a woman, director Dee Rees.

"I think about how much we've missed out on. All that talent that could have been there that we never got to see in the past 100 years, not because the talent wasn't there, but the gate wasn't ever open. It's the film industry's loss," Wegner said. "Now I think it's time we can do some catch up."





At one time, there were around 13 past Kiwanis Club presidents alive.

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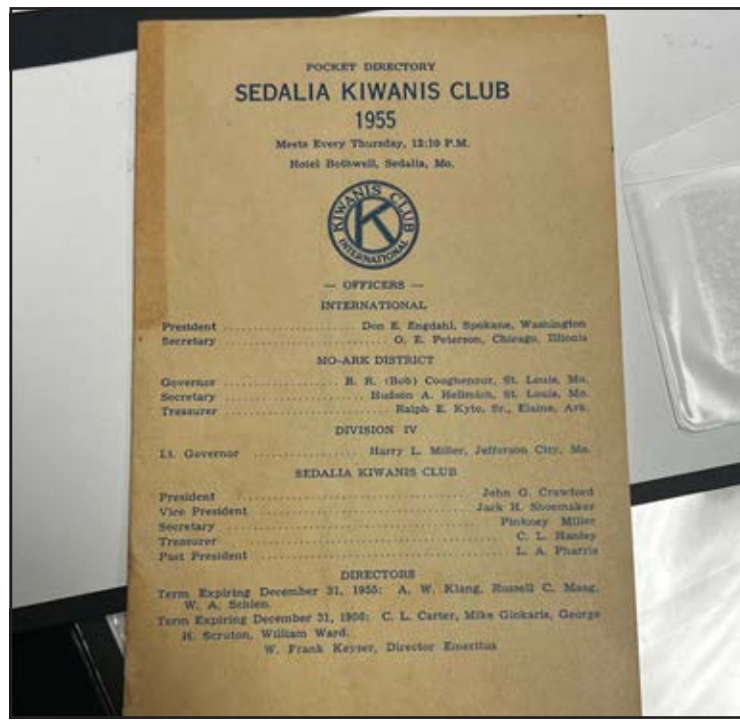
“Hopefully, it will cause them to pause and wonder, ‘Well this looks like an interesting community, we’ll maybe need to put this on our map to come to visit,’” Beckman said. “Hopefully that triggers that thought that they will want to come and see what Sedalia is all about.”

The mural is a Kiwanis Club project but the club

invites the community to be a part of it.

“When we get to the point of being ready to do the work on this, we really want to welcome the community to be a part of this because it’s coming from Kiwanis but it’s going to be an entire community project,” Beckman said. “It’s really going to showcase Sedalia on that east wall of that building.”

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



A Kiwanis Club pocket directory from 1955.

## New Orleans school board reverses little known ban on jazz

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — With its president saying it had racist origins, the New Orleans school board has unanimously reversed a little known but century-old ban on jazz in schools in a city which played a huge role in developing jazz and where it is still played nightly at various venues.

“I’m very glad that we can rescind this policy. I want to acknowledge it. It was rooted in racism,” Orleans Parish School Board President Olin Parker said during the meeting Thursday night. “And I also want to acknowledge the tremendous contributions of our students and especially of our band directors, whose legacy continues from 1922 through present day.”

The board’s resolution said it wanted “to correct the previous action of the School Board and to encourage jazz music and jazz dance in schools.”

Board minutes from March 24, 1922, said “it was decided that jazz music and jazz dancing would be abolished in the public schools.” One member — who walked out on a special meeting called at the end of the session because reporters were not allowed to cover it — abstained from voting on jazz.

Officials told The Times Picayune / The New Orleans Advocate that the 1922 board members were trying to distance students from a genre with African American origins.

A copy of a news clipping from 1922, posted on the newspaper’s website, did not mention race. It quoted the resolution’s sponsor, “Mrs. A. Baumgartner,” as saying she had seen “a lot of rough dancing” at after-school events. “This cheek-to-cheek dancing is terrible,” she said.

Ken Ducote, executive director of the Greater New Orleans Collaborative of Charter Schools, brought the policy to the board’s attention after reading about it in Al Kennedy’s book “Chord Changes on the Chalkboard: How Public School Teachers Shaped Jazz and the Music of New Orleans.”

“It was just one of those things that was buried in the books,” board member Carlos Zervigon said Friday. “Obviously it was ridiculous and never really applied. But what an opportunity to be able to go back and reverse it on the 100th anniversary of its passage and acknowledge what our schools played in the formation and development of music in our classrooms.”

## Events

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Participating businesses include Craft Beer Cellar, Ohio Hair Co., Fitters, Two-Bit Barber Co., Pro-Velo Cycle and Hotel Bothwell. Food trucks will be in the parking lot across from CBC.

Get your Art Walk card punched at each Art Walk business and enter it for a drawing of gift certificates to those businesses.

The Art Walk also features live music at CBC. The line-up includes Jayson Williams noon to 12:15 p.m., Jared 12:30 to 1 p.m., Isaac Carpenter 1 to 1:30 p.m., Keith Wood 1:30 to 2 p.m., Brie Herrick 2 to 3 p.m., Matt Hays 3 to 4 p.m., Jake Reinke 4 to 5 p.m., Luna Hawk 5:15 to 6 p.m., and Brothers K 6 to 7 p.m.

For more information, visit facebook.com/nobroarts.

### D.A.R.E. Car Show

The 31st annual D.A.R.E. Car Show fundraiser will be hosted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 2 at Second Street and Osage Avenue, across from the Sedalia Municipal Build-

ing. Visitors can vote for their favorite entry, paying a penny per vote. The first 100 entries will receive a dash plaque.

A pie auction will be at 12:30 p.m. There will also be a silent auction, plus hot dogs and drinks.

### Sidewalk sale

Sedalia Shop Local is promoting City-Wide Sidewalk Sales to be hosted on Saturday, April 2. If your business would like to be listed in this promotion, contact Debra Andresen with the Sedalia Area Chamber of Commerce at 660-826-2222 or Joleigh Cornine with the City of Sedalia at 660-851-7609 by Monday, March 28.

All participating stores are listed at <https://bit.ly/3uqEb0Y>.

Sedalia Shop Local is a partnership established between the City of Sedalia and Sedalia Area Chamber of Commerce to help highlight and support local businesses.

### Book Walk

National Library Week is April 3-9, and the Sedalia Public Library and Boonslick Regional Library are celebrating the entire month of April by hosting a Book Walk.

Plan some time to walk with your favorite young reader and tour downtown while reading one story from Boonslick Regional Library from April 1-15 and another story from the Sedalia Public Library from April 16-30.

Book check-out cards are available from participating downtown merchants and both libraries. The check-out cards will guide you through the story by directing you to the consecutively numbered posters displayed in each storefront window. Visit each store and get your card initialed. The Book Walk will end at that week’s library sponsor, where you can redeem your card for a prize.

### Team SCREAM hosts regional

Team SCREAM, the competitive robotics team comprised of students from Smith-Cotton High School, has already attended regional competitions this spring semester, but S-C will host the Central Missouri Regional from April 1-3 in the SCHS gym. The competitions are open to the public.

2019 was the first year for the event, but this is the first time for it to return since the pandem-

ic began. Thousands of people came through the school during the 2019 three-day weekend and more than 100 volunteers are needed to staff it.

For more information about volunteering, visit [firstinspires.org/ways-to-help/volunteer](http://firstinspires.org/ways-to-help/volunteer) or contact Wright at [wrightm@sedalia200.org](mailto:wrightm@sedalia200.org).

For more information about Team SCREAM, visit [www.facebook.com/teamscreamrobotics](http://www.facebook.com/teamscreamrobotics).

### Knob Noster State Park

Knob Noster State Park seeks volunteers to spend 9 a.m. to noon April 2 outdoors and assist park team members for Spring Park Beautification day. Projects will include litter cleanup, trail work, maintenance, exotic and invasive plant control and more.

Individuals, families, groups and organizations are encouraged to volunteer. Registration is required.

Knob Noster State Park is located off Highway 50 and south on Highway 23 or Highway DD.

To register or for more information, call the park office at 660-563-2463.

### Roadrunners Athletics

State Fair Community College baseball will play

against Mineral Area College at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. April 1 at Liberty Park Stadium. The team will face MAC again at noon April 2.

SFCC softball will face East Central College at noon and 2 p.m. April 2 at Centennial Park.

### ‘Fun Home’ at UCM

The University of Central Missouri Department of Theatre and Dance will host the musical production, “Fun Home.”

It will be performed at 7:30 p.m. April 1-2 and April 7-9 and at 2 p.m. April 3. Tickets are \$20 for the general public, \$10 for students and \$15 for faculty, staff, military and seniors. The April 3 matinee is Pay-What-You-Can.

When her father dies unexpectedly, graphic novelist Alison dives deep into her past to tell the story of the volatile, brilliant, one-of-a-kind man whose temperament and secrets defined her family and her life. Moving between past and present, Alison relives her unique childhood playing at the family’s Bechdel Funeral Home, her growing understanding of her own sexuality, and the looming, unanswered questions about her father’s hidden desires.

Fun Home is a refreshingly honest, wholly original musical about seeing your parents through grown-up eyes.

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

### ‘Elvis’ at Lyceum

The Lyceum Theatre in Arrow Rock will present the Missouri Professional Premiere of “Elvis the Musical.”

It will be performed at 2 p.m. March 31-April 3 and April 5-10 and at 7:30 p.m. April 1-2 and April 8-9.

This official biography-musical (formerly titled “Heartbreak Hotel”) follows the tender story of Elvis Presley in the early years of his career as he and Sam Phillips create the music that will forever change their lives. This new musical explores these pivotal moments through the perspectives of those who knew him best, spanning from his impoverished childhood in Tupelo, Mississippi, to his triumphant 1968 “Comeback Special” and his ascent to be “The King.” The musical features over 40 Elvis hits and iconic songs.

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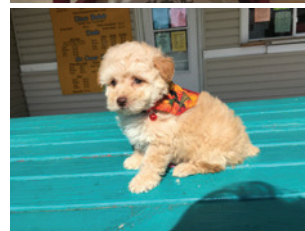
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- Current RN license in Missouri (or eligible)
- A minimum of seven years in a hospital or health system with management responsibilities.

**Benefits and Perks**

- Student Loan Forgiveness
- Tuition Reimbursement
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- \$500 Bonus for Extra 12-hour Shifts
- Weekend Program Option
- Generous Paid Time Off
- Insurance and Retirement
- New Base Pay Rate
- Additional Pay for 80-Hour Option/Shift Differentials
- \$500 Credit Toward Health Care Costs
- In-House Employee Pharmacy and more!

*Influenza and Covid-19 vaccination required. Some accommodations will be considered. Bothwell is an equal opportunity employer.*

Visit [brhc.org/nursing-leadership](http://brhc.org/nursing-leadership) or scan the QR code to learn more or call Human Resources at 660.827.9143 or 660.827.9540.



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18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29,  
2022

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  
**NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR  
SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**  
The State of Missouri to  
unknown heirs, devisees, grant-  
ees, assigns, donees, alienees,  
legatees, administrators, exec-  
utors, guardians, mortgagees,  
trustees, and legal representa-  
tives and all other persons, cor-  
porations, successors claim-

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ing by, through or under any  
one or more of the afore named  
Defendants, and any other  
unknown persons and entities,  
claiming any right, title, estate,  
lien, or interest in the real  
property described in the Plain-  
tiff's Verified Petition to Quiet  
Title, adverse to Plaintiff's  
ownership, or any cloud on  
Plaintiff's title thereof:  
You are hereby notified that an  
action has been commenced in  
the Circuit Court for the County  
of Pettis, Missouri, at Sedalia,  
the object and nature of which  
is to Quiet Title to your interest,  
whatsoever, and release any  
interest you may have in the  
certain Pettis County real prop-  
erty having the legal description  
of:  
LOT EIGHT (8) IN BLOCK  
FIVE (5) OF MCVEY'S SECOND  
ADDITION TO THE CITY OF  
SEDALIA, PETTIS COUNTY,  
MISSOURI

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In addition to the parties listed  
above, the names of all other  
parties to said action, are:  
Jonathan Keith Senteno, De-  
fendant. The name and ad-  
dress of the attorney for Plaintiff  
is Anthony Hernandez, 250 NE  
Tudor Road, Lee's Summit,  
Missouri 64086.  
You are further notified that,  
unless you file an Answer or  
other pleading or shall other-  
wise 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.

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Susan Sadler,  
Circuit Clerk  
By: /s/Rebecca Campbell,  
Deputy Circuit Clerk  
4x-3/12, 19, 26, 4/2, 2022  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI  
JUVENILE DIVISION  
In the Matter of:  
C.A.K.  
Born July 30, 2018  
KEVIN GENE LUTJEN  
And JENNIFER ANN LUTJEN  
Petitioners  
Case No 22PT-JU00012  
**NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR  
SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**  
State of Missouri to Respond-  
ent, the unknown, natural father  
of the above named child.  
You are notified that an action  
has been commenced against  
you in the Circuit Court of Pettis  
County, Missouri, the object  
and general nature of which is  
to secure a judgment for  
adoption of the named child,

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and to change her name.  
The names of all the parties to  
this action are stated above,  
and the name and address of  
the attorney for Petitioners is:  
Sean P. Pilliard  
112 West Fourth Street

**Legal Notice**

Sedalia, MO 65301  
You are further notified that,  
unless you file an answer or  
other pleading or shall other-  
wise appear and defend  
against the aforesaid petition  
within 45 days after March 5,



**now HIRING**

The Warsaw R-IX School District is accepting applications for the position of **District Bookkeeper**.

Please visit the Warsaw R-IX School District website at [warsawk12.org](http://warsawk12.org) for the full job description and to complete the application.



**ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

Pettis County R-XII (Dresden) is seeking a paraprofessional for the 2022-23 school year. Applicants must have 1) 60 college hours, 2) eligible for DESE sub certification, and 3) pass a background check.

Please send completed applications to Travis Moore, Superintendent, 22675 Depot Road, Sedalia, MO 65301 or [tmoore@pettisr12.k12.mo.us](mailto:tmoore@pettisr12.k12.mo.us). The position is open until filled.

**NOW HIRING**

The City of Lincoln has an immediate opening for a part time **Utility Billing/Deputy City Clerk**.

Successful candidate will possess advanced computer skills, a working knowledge of basic office procedures, Microsoft Word, Excel, outgoing customer service and interpersonal skills, must be bondable and pass pre-employment drug screening. Flexible hours, Monday - Friday.

Extended job description available upon request. Please submit resume to Sabrina Brown @ [lincolncityclerk@gmail.com](mailto:lincolncityclerk@gmail.com).

**Scheduling Coordinator**

Looking for an enthusiastic and self-motivated person to become a team member in our fast-paced orthodontic office. Must be organized, detail oriented, able to multi-task easily, be proficient in computers and have excellent telephone etiquette. Experience helpful but not necessary, will train the right person. Highly-competitive salary! Apply in person at our Sedalia office.

**Spencer Orthodontics**  
1716 W 11<sup>th</sup>  
Sedalia, MO 65301

**NOW HIRING**

The Pettis County R-XII School District (Dresden) is seeking applicants for a full-time **Head Cook** position. Qualifications include but are not limited to the following:

- High School Diploma or equivalency (preferred)
- High School Diploma or equivalency (preferred)
- Able to read & write
- Strong work habits
- Valid Driver's License
- Able to lift 50 lbs.
- Continuously Stand or Grip
- Positive Attitude
- Occasionally reach, stoop, kneel and crouch

The goal of this position is to plan and implement the district's nutritional program and ensures that students are provided with meals that comply with regulatory requirements. The Head Cook maintains a clean, safe and efficient kitchen and food storage area.

Interested candidates should apply online by going to our website at <https://pettisr12.k12.mo.us/> and downloading a "non-certified" application located in the Employment button on the main page or applying to the District's main office located at 22675 Depot Road, Sedalia, MO. Email superintendent Travis Moore at [tmoore@pettisr12.k12.mo.us](mailto:tmoore@pettisr12.k12.mo.us) for more information.

Benefits include full medical, vision, dental, and life insurance paid for by the district, and public school retirement.

The Pettis County R-XII School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment of employment in its programs and activities. It is an Equal Opportunity Employer

**NOW HIRING**

**PART TIME POLICE OFFICER**

Salary: starting at \$16.50/hr; The City of Knob Noster is seeking an energetic individual to take on the responsibilities of a Part-Time Police Officer. Position requires police training (POST) certification, a high school diploma or equivalent, and a Missouri driver's license. Candidate must successfully complete a background investigation and pre-employment drug screen. Applications and job descriptions may be obtained from the KN City Clerk, [aschouten@cityofkn.net](mailto:aschouten@cityofkn.net) or online at [www.cityofkn.net](http://www.cityofkn.net). First review of applications will be April 1, 2022

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**"PUBLIC AUCTION"**  
**"Roger & Pam High"**  
"Knights of Columbus"  
1708 Elm Hills Blvd, Sedalia Mo. 65301

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances this auction has been condensed down to guns, ammo, and truck

**Saturday April 2nd 10:00am 2022**

**Directions:** From 50 & 65 hwy intersection in Sedalia go South on 65 hwy. 2.3 Miles to Auction on Left watch & follow signs on sale day.

**1998 Toyota Tacoma** SR5 extended cab, 4x4, 5spd, new tires, 327k miles (runs/drives engine has knock)

**Firearms**

**Rifles**  
Winchester model 94 Buffalo Bill Cody 30-30 lever action, hex barrel, Commemorative rifle, (never fired) **Bushmaster** AR15 24" V-match barrel, target crown custom trigger, collapsible stock, quad rail system, **J. Stevens** "Rolling Block" .22 cal 1894pat, **Winchester** model 94 30-30 lever action, **Browning** 30-06 Belgium made semi auto w/clip mag & extra 5rd factory mag, **Krag-Jorgenson** 30-40 1899 US ARMY rifle w/Krag shells, **Remington** 700 bolt action .300 win-mag synthetic stock w/Burris scope lifetime warranty, **Traditions** 32cal. Squirrel gun, **Hoban** .22cal, **Mosin-Nagant** 1915 bolt action 7.65cal, **J.C. Higgins** .22cal single shot, **Remington** model 788 bolt action .243win. (Medium heavy barrel factory) detachable mag.

**Shotguns**  
**Browning** A5 12ga. semi-auto shotgun, **New England Arms** 12ga. Single shot full choke, **Marlin** 12ga. "Super Goose" bolt action 36" barrel, **thaca** 12ga. pump Model 37 "Featherlight", **Winchester** 12ga 1897 lever action w/32" barrel, **N.R. Davis & Sons** 12ga. Black Powder dbl barrel.

**Pistols**  
**Walther** P38 9mm, **Walther** 1942 German P38 w/eagle crest & swastika, **Mosin-Nagant** M1895 Russian revolver WWII 7.62mm **Smith & Wesson** .45cal US ARMY model 1917, **Romanian Torkarof** 1953 7.62mm **Smith & Wesson** model 39-2 9mm **Taurus** .38 special.  
**30 PLUS GUNS & more firearms to be added**

**Many More Items Too Numerous to Mention**  
Go to [Auctionzip.com](http://Auctionzip.com) & search #20300 for photos and details!  
**Auctioneer Note:** All Firearms are in extremely good condition. Lots of ammo. No excuses or apologies- Hope to see you there!

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**NOW HIRING**

**FULL TIME MAINTENANCE WORKER**

Salary: \$12.00-\$15.00/hr; plus full benefit program. The City of Knob Noster is seeking an energetic individual to take on the responsibilities of a Full-Time Maintenance Worker. The position requires a high school diploma or equivalent and be at least eighteen years of age. Minimum qualifications include: knowledge of safe and proper use of hand tools, string trimmers, mowers, powered equipment, trenchers, loaders and tractors. Candidate must successfully complete a background investigation and pre-employment drug screen. Applications and job descriptions may be obtained from the KN City Clerk, [aschouten@cityofkn.net](mailto:aschouten@cityofkn.net) or online at [www.cityofkn.net](http://www.cityofkn.net). First review of applications will be April 1, 2022.

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**UNRESERVED ONLINE AUCTION**

**COMMERCIAL OFFICE COMPLEX**

704 S Hancock Avenue  
Sedalia, MO 65301

**Seller: Joy S. Gronstedt**  
Contact "Your Missouri Agents"  
**JUSTIN HUBBS**  
Real Estate Sales Manager  
660.619.5816  
[justin.hubbs@bigironrealty.com](mailto:justin.hubbs@bigironrealty.com)

**GAGE SAULBEAMER**  
Real Estate Agent  
660.281.7556  
[gage.saulbeamer@bigironrealty.com](mailto:gage.saulbeamer@bigironrealty.com)

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This commercial building has so much to offer, located inside Sedalia, Missouri city limits. It is currently separated into two offices, one is wide open, and the other is currently set up for a medical office with a waiting room, lab room, front office, break room, storage, and multiple exam rooms. This auction will include all of the equipment. Some of the equipment includes exam tables, desks, chairs, computer equipment, storage cabinets, and much more. This is an opportunity to own an approximately 2,700 sq ft commercial building with major highway frontage in the fast-growing Sedalia area.

**2021 Taxes:** \$3,096.52      **Lot Area:** 0.69 Acres

**Attend the Auction**  
**Tuesday, April 12, 2022**  
8 a.m. CDT until bidding ends  
**Medical Offices**  
704 S Hancock Ave. | Sedalia, MO 65301

BigIron Realty representatives will be there to answer questions about the property and assist Buyers with bidding online. You do not have to be present to bid online, but you are required to be available by phone. Sellers: If you are thinking of selling, please attend this auction and see how it works!

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**MAR. 29- APR. 12, 2022**  
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**» OPEN HOUSE «**  
**APRIL 5 FROM 9 A.M. - 12 P.M.**  
**AT THE COMMERCIAL OFFICE COMPLEX**



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2022, the date of 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. Witness my hand and seal of the Circuit Court of Pettis County this 3rd day of March, 2022.

Susan Sadler, Circuit Court  
Pettis County Circuit Clerk  
By: /s/Mary Eberling,  
Deputy Clerk  
4x-3/5, 12, 19, 26, 2022

**NOTICE**

Bids for Renovate Restrooms and Showers, Sedalia Readiness Center, Sedalia, MO, Project No. T2140-01 and Renovate Restrooms and Showers Whiteman Air Force Base - Readiness Center Knob Noster, MO, Project No. T2134-01 will be received by FMDC, State of MO, UNTIL 1:30 PM, April 21, 2022. For specific project information and ordering plans, go to: <http://oa.mo.gov/facilities> 5x-3/23, 25, 26, 29, 30, 2022

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Sedalia School District #200 is now accepting bids on HVAC air filters for the 2022-2023 school year. For more information please contact Richie Simons at 660-460-1270. Sealed bids marked "Filter Bid" will be received at the District Office until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 6, 2022. Sedalia School District #200 reserves the right to refuse and/or reject any or all bids.  
2x-3/26, 30, 2022

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Deanna Stevens, dated March 21, 2009, and recorded on March 30, 2009, Document No. 2009-1575 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Pettis County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on March 31, 2022, at 10:00 AM, at the West Front Door of the Pettis County Courthouse, Sedalia, Missouri, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash:  
*Lot Thirty Four (34) of Cambridge Village, a Subdivision in the City of Sedalia, Pettis County, Missouri, commonly*

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known as 3229 Cunningham Dr, Sedalia, MO, 65301 subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs. SouthLaw, P.C. Successor Trustee  
First Publication: March 5, 2022. For more information, visit [www.southlaw.com](http://www.southlaw.com)

**NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permis-

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sion of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (Casefile No. 232345-969787). 4x-3/5, 12, 19, 26, 2022

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**DIRECTIONS: 4 MILES EAST OF DOVER ON 24 HIGHWAY**

**TRACTORS & CATERPILLAR:** B ALLIS CHALMERS 1938, M FARMALL 1951, M FARMALL, 1951 U MOLINE GAS, 1950 JOHN DEERE 60, 1953 JOHN DEERE A, 1952 RTU MOLINE, UTU MOLINE, MASSEY HARRIS CONVERTED TO A OMC BOAT MOTOR, JOHN DEERE B 1945, JOHN DEERE A HAND CRANK, 1941 JOHN DEERE A, 1947 CATERPILLAR, #35 STRAIGHT GAS, 1934 CATERPILLAR D 2

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**1st Saturday: Special Feeder Sale. 11:00am**  
**2nd Saturday: Cattle Sale. 11:00am**  
**3rd Saturday: Special Feeder Sale. 11:00am**  
**4th Saturday: Cattle Sale. 11:00am**  
**Small Animal Sale. 2:00pm**

**Boonville, Missouri**  
**1st Tuesday: Small Animal Sale. 5:30pm**  
**2nd Tuesday: Special Feeder Sale. 11:00am**  
**3rd Tuesday: Cow Sale. 6:00pm**  
**4th Tuesday: Special Feeder Sale. 11:00am**

**Chris Jones: 660-631-0995**  
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**NO RESERVE REAL ESTATE AUCTION**

**1300 S. HARRISON, SEDALIA, MO 65301**

We will sell the following Real Estate at public auction located: From the Junction of 16th Street and Stewart (Just east of Horace Mann School), take Stewart Ave. north 2-tenths of a mile to the property on the right. Watch for sale signs:

**THURSDAY APRIL 7TH 2022 • 6PM**

**CONTACT AUCTIONEER TO SEE HOME**

**3 BEDROOM HOME**

This 3-bedroom, 1-bathroom single story homes sits on a nice corner lot just a block west of Vermont Park. The home offers approximately 1,000 square feet of living space. It has a covered front porch, a small back deck, vinyl siding exterior, and is serviced by Sedalia city waters & sewer. The home will need to be remodeled, but would make a great "flip" property, a well-located rental, or a starter home for any small family. The home is in the Sedalia 200 School District less than 1/2 mile from Horace Mann Elementary.

**Auctioneer's Note:** This home is stripped down and ready for a remodel. It could be used to generate income as a rental or flip, or simply provide a nice place to live for a smaller family in a quiet little neighborhood. Contact the auctioneer for an opportunity to see the house and have your finances in order as this home will sell to the highest bidder with NO RESERVE on April 7th at 6:00pm!

**Terms:** The property will sell ABSOLUTE to the high bidder with NO RESERVE! We will require \$5,000 down on sale day, with the balance due at closing to be held on or before Friday, May 13th, 2022. Seller will provide an owner's title policy, and the buyer is responsible for any lender's title insurance. Taxes will be prorated at closing; the closing fee at the title company will be split 50/50. House sells in as-is condition with no warranties either stated or implied.

**Owner: David Furnell**

**AUCTIONEER: DICK HUTCHISON AUCTION & REAL ESTATE L.L.C.**

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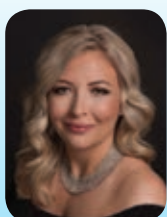
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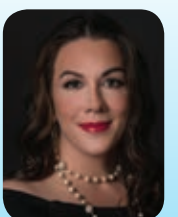
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