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A busy Saturday brings out the crowds

On Right: Princesses Mirabel, Moana, Elsa and Anna, also known as Richelle King, Isabel Robb, Melody Throckmorton and Molly Cook with Upon a Dream Princess Parties, were caught strolling South Ohio Avenue after finishing a meet and greet at the new Heckart Community Center.

Bottom Left: Lori Copas, of Sassy and Crafty, put a table out on the sidewalk in front of The Chubby Hairstylist & Co. on Saturday to greet shoppers walking into stores and viewing art inside businesses like the Pro-Velo bike shop as part of the NoBro Art Walk.



Photos by Chris Howell | Democrat



The 31st annual D.A.R.E. Car Show on Saturday in downtown Sedalia raised money for materials used to keep kids off drugs and will help pay for D.A.R.E. camp this summer.

By Chris Howell
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Saturday was filled with activities around Sedalia, and with fantastic weather, people were out and about.

The Home and Garden Show, sponsored for the second year by the Sedalia Democrat, was at the Mathewson Exhibition Center and Sedalia Mayor-Elect Andrew Dawson and Pettis County Presiding Commissioner David Dick read a proclamation for the staff at CASA, praising the work they do for survivors in abusive situations. April is

Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

"It's really great to have both the City and the County officials show up," Lori Haney, Executive Director of CASA, said. "We have to work with both our city and county government to raise awareness and try to connect with those that need our services. Like the commissioner said in his proclamation, to prevent these events from ever occurring in our community."

Dawson had only enough time to greet people at the Home and Garden Show before he was off to another event.

"There's a lot of things going on around town today," Dawson said. "You've got FIRST Robotics out at Smith-Cotton High School, the D.A.R.E. Car Show downtown, and the NoBro Art Walk, it's a great day."

At the Smith-Cotton gym, FIRST Robotics was raising the roof as 30 teams from schools in Missouri, Kansas and even Minnesota pushed the robots they created to gather basketballs and shoot baskets faster than the competition.

Senior Athena Keys and junior Kylee Copeland from Rolla controlled their

robot through the fierce competition.

"It is an amazing opportunity, it builds friendships and bonds and a network," Keys said. "I have job opportunities waiting for me. It's a great experience."

"This is a celebration of all their season's worth of work," Martha McCabe, Executive Director with the KC STEM Alliance, said. "Building a robot, mechanical, electrical, the programming, but also learning how to work together as a team and understanding how each person contributes."

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Easter @The Mathewson returns this year

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A special community Easter service returns this year to the Missouri State Fairgrounds. Easter @The Mathewson, sponsored by the First United Methodist Church, will once again be hosted inside the Mathewson Exhibition Center.

The last Easter service at the Mathewson Center was in 2019 before the COVID-19 pandemic. FUMC Lead Pastor Candace Fowler said on Monday there was no service in 2020, although in 2021, the church hosted an outdoor

event. She added it's exciting to bring the service back indoors.

"I'm excited and hopeful," she noted. "I think it's a beautiful opportunity to unite the community for such an amazing occasion of the celebration of Jesus rising from the dead."

"I think it's a great opportunity to invite our people together," she continued. "It's been so many years. It's painful to think it's been years when we all thought it would be a few months. It's amazing to be able to gather again in a beautiful, community-wide celebration for Easter."

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Swank shares joys of theatre, debate with students

By Skye Melcher
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Smith-Cotton Junior High's theater teacher shows students the joys of being on the stage as well as some debate skills.

Theater and Speech teacher Rylan Swank has been with the Sedalia School District 200 for eight years. He first started as a theater teacher and then moved over to the vocal music department before moving back to the theater department at

A look inside Sedalia 200

This article is part of a multi-part series that will take a look at the faculty and staff who make up the Sedalia School District 200. Each Tuesday, the Democrat will profile a different job in the district and share employees' stories.

the junior high.

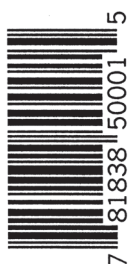
Swank grew up in St. Joseph before going to Culver-Stockton College to earn his music education degree.

See SWANK | 3A



Theater and Speech teacher Rylan Swank builds a set at Smith-Cotton Junior High for a musical that will premiere April 7 and 8. Swank has worked for the Sedalia School District 200 for eight years.

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OBITUARIES

Carl Lewis Folkerts Jr.

Carl Lewis Folkerts Jr., 83, of Sedalia, passed away Saturday, April 2, 2022, at Bothwell Regional Health Center, surrounded by his family.



Carl was born December 24, 1938, in Glenwood, Iowa to the late Carl and Hilda (Gross) Folkerts, Sr. He attended schools in California and Tipton, MO and was a graduate of Tipton High School class of 1956. He went on to attend Jefferson City Community College.

On June 22, 1960, he married Mary Evelyn Pedego in Tipton, MO. She survives of the home.

Carl was a devoted member of Our Savior Lutheran Church since 1964. Over his many years of service there he served as usher, Elder, and President of the congregation.

Carl worked as a foreman of a gas crew for Missouri Public Service for 42 years. He belonged to IBEW, Local 814, for 60 years, serving as Chairman of the Executive Board for many years.

Carl and his wife enjoyed traveling in their retirement years with friends and taking many golf trips. He especially loved taking his grandchildren to Disney World and traveling through

Europe with his family. He anticipated the arrival of the purple martins every spring and on most nice days, he could be found meticulously working in his yard.

Additional survivors include his daughters Lori Ciersdorff

(Mark) of Overland Park, KS, Lynn Weber (Dave) of Camdenton, MO, and Carla Jones (Dan) of Weatherby Lake, MO; brothers John Folkerts of St. Louis, MO and David Folkerts of Carthage, MO; along with six grandchildren Ali Ciersdorff, Tessa Weber, Maeven Weber, Greta Jones, August "Gus" Jones, and Levi Jones.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Janet Elaine Folkerts and Carolyn Clifford.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 9, 2022, at Our Savior Lutheran Church. A graveside service will follow in Highland Sacred Gardens Cemetery. The family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the church. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Our Savior Lutheran Church. Memorials may be left at or mailed to McLaughlin Funeral Chapel, 519 S. Ohio St., Sedalia, MO 65349.

DEATH NOTICE

Dangler

Kari Anne Dangler, 60, of Sedalia, died Sunday, April 3, 2022, at Bothwell Regional Health Center in Sedalia.

A private family memorial will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

FUNERALS

Conrad, Grace Lucille "Lucie"

11 a.m. Wednesday at Heckart Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

Folkerts, Carl Lewis Jr.

11 a.m., Saturday at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Arrangements are under the direction of McLaughlin Funeral Chapel.

Eding, Dorothy Dee

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

Ehlers, Shelly Ann

1 p.m. Saturday at I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Otterville. Arrangements are in the direction of Meisenheimer-Page-Dady Funeral Home in Otterville.

Culler, Karen L.

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

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.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Rules change at Heckart Community Center

The Sedalia Parks and Recreation Department announced that effective Friday, April 1, all youth 15 and younger wanting to use the facility without their parent will need to sign a contract/memo of understanding along with their legal guardian before they can enter the facility. This must be done in person.

The rules are simple and will be strongly enforced. Those who can't follow the rules will lose their rights to use the facility and all other park amenities. The fitness area and track will not be accessible to those 15 and younger without a guardian unless approved by full-time staff.

"This is our first step to make things smoother and nicer for all who enter the

facility," Parks and Rec stated in a news release. "Please talk to your children about their behavior and the behavior of their friends. This is our first step and we want it to be our last. We want everyone to enjoy the facility, especially the teens. ... Together we can do this and we hope that everyone will support us and work with us to make this happen."

For more information, contact Amy Epple at aepple@sedaliaparks.com, visit the Sedalia Parks & Recreation Office at 1800 W, Third St., or call 660-826-4930. **Pavement repair to impact travel on Route 50**

To create a smoother driving surface, Missouri Department of Transportation crews will be making pavement repairs on U.S. Route 50 near Tipton.

Crews will close one lane of Route 50

CRASH REPORTS

Two injured after Truman Lake boat capsizing

Dakota L. Sade, 29, and David C. Dinwiddie, 66, both of Marshfield, sustained minor injuries at 2:28 p.m. Saturday near the Sparrow Foot boat ramp of Truman Lake when their boat swamped.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Dinwiddie was traveling west on Truman Lake toward the ramp when the boat took water over the bow, swamped and capsized.

Dinwiddie was not wearing a life preserver, but Sade was. Both were transported to Golden Valley Hospital in Clinton.

Warrensburg woman in serious condition after Johnson accident

Karen L. Carter, 78, of Warrensburg, sustained serious injuries at 12:20 p.m. Sunday in a Johnson County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Carter was driving south on the Northwest 800 block of Highway 13,

but had a medical issue and left the road and came to rest after striking trees.

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

California man in serious condition after motorcycle accident

Travis L. Davis, 27, of California, sustained serious injuries at 6:39 a.m. Monday in a Moniteau County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, a 2016 Toyota Tacoma driven by Carol J. Winter, 58, of California, was traveling east on Route 87 at U.S. Highway 50 when she attempted to negotiate a turn and drove into the path of a southbound 2008 Harley-Davidson motorcycle driven by Davis.

Davis was wearing a helmet and was transported to University Hospital in Columbia by Mid-Mo Ambulance District.

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

Compiled by Chris Howell.

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 April 2

12:38 a.m.: Tracy L. Bellew, 41, of Kansas City, was arrested after a vehicle stop at West Broadway Boulevard and South Kentucky Avenue. She was transported to the Pettis County Jail for several charges including possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and concealing a drug in a county jail.

2:14 a.m.: Crystalline C. Dodson, 43, of Ionia, was arrested after officers responded to the 400 block of West 16th Street for an accident. Dodson was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated, transported to the SPD, and released with a charge of driving while intoxicated.

1:31 p.m.: Rebecca S. Eidson, 59, of Stover, was arrested after officers responded to a business in the 1400 block of South Limit Avenue in reference to a subject check. The caller was concerned about a subject's behavior near the business and did not believe they should be driving. Officers made contact with the subject and a consent search was conducted on the subject and their vehicle. Officers discovered methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. The subject was transported to the police department and released pending charges of possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

9:19 p.m.: Anthony J. Skutnik Jr., of Sedalia, was arrested after officers responded to the 1600 block of East Seventh Street in reference to a physical disturbance. The officer spoke with two victims and several

witnesses claiming Skutnick assaulted a woman known to him, then assaulted a male at the residence along with damaging the male's truck. The suspect then left the area on foot. After the investigation was concluded, a subject in the 1000 block of East Fifth Street called 911 and stated a subject was banging on his front door. The officer arrived on the scene to find Skutnick, who began to walk away from the officer and ignore their commands. He was apprehended a short time later and was transported to the Pettis County Jail and placed on a 24-hour hold for third-degree domestic assault, third-degree aggravated assault, felony resisting arrest, felony escaping custody while under arrest, first-degree property damage, second-degree property damage, first-degree trespassing, and third-degree assault.

1:02 a.m.: Michelle Lee Wansing, 49, of the 1600 block of East Ninth Street, was arrested after being stopped at Ninth Street and South Montgomery Avenue for failing to maintain a lane. It was determined Wansing was intoxicated and she was transported to the Pettis County Jail and booked for a state felony charge of driving while intoxicated.

1:24 a.m.: Ashley N. Black, 30, of the 400 block of East Broadway Boulevard, was arrested after an officer responded to a physical domestic. It was determined that a physical altercation had occurred and Black was the primary physical aggressor. She was taken into custody, transported to the Pettis County Jail, and placed on a 24-hour hold pending charges of third-degree domestic assault and second-degree endangering the welfare of a child.

3:41 a.m.: Patricia Carlos, 28, of the 400 block of South Montgomery Avenue, was arrested after a vehicle stop in the area of East 10th Street and Montgomery Avenue

for failure to maintain a lane. She was transported to the police department and released with municipal charges of driving while intoxicated and improper lane usage.

10:38 p.m.: Katila Marie Pitts, 24, of the 200 block of South Ohio Avenue, was arrested after a traffic stop at Gentry Avenue and Main Street for speeding. Pitts was intoxicated and had four young children, including two young ones not properly restrained in the car. She was placed under arrest, transported to the Pettis County Jail, and charged with driving while intoxicated and four counts of child endangerment.

Incidents March 31

4:43 p.m.: An officer responded to the 3000 block of West Broadway Boulevard in reference to a three-vehicle crash. One of the vehicles involved had left the scene without providing information. Two victims had minor injuries. The other vehicle has not been located.

April 1

2:05 p.m.: Officers initiated a traffic stop for a traffic violation in the area of Missouri Avenue and Wilkerson Street. The odor of marijuana led to a probable cause search where marijuana and vaping-related paraphernalia were located. Both juveniles were released to an adult on scene. The items located were seized for destruction.

5:26 p.m.: Officers took a call in reference to a possible domestic assault involving a juvenile. The caller believed she had sustained internal injuries after a disturbance between her and a juvenile known to her. She did not wish to seek medical treatment and a report was submitted to the juvenile office.

April 2

10:52 a.m.: A cell phone that was found on the street in the 1100 block of West Broadway Boulevard was brought to the police station

after attempts to locate the owner were unsuccessful. It was placed into evidence storage.

5:54 p.m.: Officers were dispatched to the 1200 block of South Osage Avenue for a report of theft. Information was collected and the report was completed.

8:32 p.m.: Officers responded to the 900 block of East Fourth Street for an accident report. The caller stated he noticed someone had backed into his car. Information was collected and a report was completed.

Missouri State Highway Patrol Arrests April 2

1:23 a.m.: Maxx R. Perkins, 29, of Sedalia, was arrested in Pettis County for driving while intoxicated and no insurance. He was transported to the Pettis County Jail and released.

1:26 a.m.: Tyler S. Blaylock, 20, of Sedalia, was arrested in Johnson County for driving while intoxicated, possession of a controlled substance – marijuana, speeding, and a seat belt violation. He was transported to the Warrensburg Police Department and released.

11:17 p.m.: Jesse A. Youravish Hardiman, 29, of Holden, was arrested in Johnson County for driving while intoxicated and speeding. She was transported to the Warrensburg Police Department and released.

April 3

2:26 a.m.: Christina R. Meredith, 38, of Windsor, was arrested in Pettis County for driving while intoxicated. She was transported to the Pettis County Sheriff's Office and released.

8:42 p.m.: Jose L. Marcos, 25, of Sedalia, was arrested in Pettis County for a felony Wisconsin probation violation warrant, driving while intoxicated, and operating a vehicle without a driver's license. He was transported to the Pettis County Jail and released.

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Hanger Cattle joins American Angus Association

Hanger Cattle, of Sedalia, is a new member of the American Angus Association, reports Mark McCully, CEO of the national breed organization headquartered in St. Joseph. The American Angus Association, with more than 25,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef breed association in the world. Its computerized records include

detailed information on over 19 million registered Angus. The Association records ancestral information and keeps production records and genomic data on individual animals to develop industry-leading selection tools for its members. The programs and services of the Association and its entities — Angus Genetics Inc.,

Angus Media, Certified Angus Beef LLC and the Angus Foundation — help members advance the beef cattle business by selecting the best animals for their herds and marketing quality genetics for the beef cattle industry and quality beef for consumers. *Release courtesy of American Angus Association.*

Missouri SBDC, UCM, The LearningForce to host training

State Fair Community College's Missouri Small Business Development Center, The LearningForce and University of Central Missouri will host a no-cost Electric Arc Safety training from 2 to 5 p.m. April 19 in Thompson Conference Center on the Sedalia campus in Heckart Center. The training was developed and funded under OSHA Susan Harwood Grant and is available only to participants from small businesses (250 employees

or less). Seating is limited, and registration is required. This interactive training provides participants with knowledge of electric arc behavior and injury prevention by using laboratory and real-life arc videos. Participants will learn the different types of electric arcs and hazards and the fundamentals of protection. Upon successful completion of the training and evaluations, participants will receive training certificates in accordance with

the OSHA grant requirements. Even though there is no cost for the session, participants need to register by 8 a.m. April 19 at missouri.eccenterdirect.com/events/23646. For assistance or additional information, contact Kelly Asbury, SBDC director, at kasbury1@sfcemo.edu or 660 596-7350, UCM faculty Steve Bloess at bloess@ucm.edu or 660-281-4154, or Miaozong Wu at miawu@ucmo.edu or 660-543-4411.

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. The Missouri SBDC at SFCC is made possible by a funding partnership through the federal Small Business Administration, the University of Missouri Extension and State Fair Community College's The LearningForce. *Release courtesy of State Fair Community College.*

Easter

From Page 1A
FUMC sponsors the event each year and Fowler noted the service usually draws a crowd of 3,000. "It's the only time our entire church body is on one campus together for a worship experience," she explained. "We have four different worship services, so this is a time that everybody can gather at the same service. "We use worship leaders from all of our services," she added. "So, it's a combined service." The service will focus on worship, music, scripture, prayer and a message by Fowler. There will also be a couple of surprises at the end of the event. The theme this Easter is "Life in the Garden." Fowler

said Easter is coming at the end of their Lenten series, "The Ways of the Gardener." "In John 15:1 it says, 'I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener,'" she said. "So, our Lenten series was the ways that God cares for us." The series began with God creating the garden and the church thought it was a great opportunity on Easter to talk about life in the garden, with God being the gardener. "We are going to focus on and talk about the way God cares for us, each and every day amidst the pandemic or illness or troubles and trials in our relationships," she noted. "(And) how do we see God working in our lives right now?" She added that she doesn't believe that "God is something that people are getting tired of." "I believe that they don't understand who God is,"

she explained. "When they understand the relationship that you can have with Christ, it does make each day look different." At the event this year, there will be an opportunity for baptism. Fowler said they offered baptism at the service for the first time in 2019, and 30 people were baptized. She added that the church invites the community to be a "part of this joyous experience." FUMC will sprinkle, pour, or immerse. Those who want to be baptized should bring a towel and a change of clothes. Fowler added that the service is free and for the community. "We want everyone to feel welcome to attend with friends and family," she noted. "We want everyone to feel comfortable. If they've never attended and they are not sure of what to expect, they can call the church office and we'd be glad to

answer any questions they may have." Easter @The Mathewson begins at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 17 inside the Mathewson Exhibition Center. The doors will open at 9 a.m. Handicap parking can be found on the northeast corner of the Mathewson. An ASL interpreter will be present to sign during the service, and it is recommended that guests who need this service should sit on the northeast side of the stage at floor level. Coffee and cookies will be served and a nursery is provided for children 5 and under. Children will also receive activity bags. For more information, call the First United Methodist Church at 660-827-2993. *Faith Bemiss can be reached at 660-530-0289 or on Twitter @fjbemiss.*

Swank

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He got his position at the junior high right after graduating from college and hasn't looked back since. Swank plans to get his ministry certification soon to be a pastor. Swank teaches multiple theater and speech classes at the junior high while also being in charge of all the theater productions. Swank explained why he loves theater and why he loves teaching it. "It is something I always did growing up and I actually went to school to be a music teacher," Swank said. "Then I got brought to this area and there weren't any music positions open but this position was open and I have an extensive theater background and latched onto it." During his time as the sixth grade vocal music teacher, Swank said he missed being in the theater so he moved back into his position after the end of the

2020-21 school year. Swank said the reason he loves to teach is being able to work with the students. "I like building relationships with them, especially at the seventh and eighth grade level," Swank said. "I did sixth grade for a few years and it was just a little harder to connect with them for me. So with seventh and eighth grade, it's easier to be more personable and I just like building relationships with them and being someone positive in their life who pushes them." On the speech side of his job, Swank teaches public speaking classes and also coaches the speech and debate team at the junior high. He talked about the team's season. "It was actually kind of a funny season. We ended up going to one tournament due to lots of schools cancellations or COVID cancellations," Swank said. "We went to one tournament and it was actually the same weekend as a show choir competition so I had one student compete in that tournament."

Swank added that the student who competed did well and it was her first time competing in a speech and debate competition. Swank is working on building and producing a musical called "Press Start," which is a spoof on video games. "Classic video game characters have run out of lives so they're doing a big televised fundraiser with songs and dances to raise gold rings to keep playing," Swank said. For copyright reasons, the musical has characters like Marco the Plumber, Lorenzo, Speedy the Hedgehog and Princess Pomegranate. Smith-Cotton Junior High Principal Stacy Curry has seen Swank in two dif-

ferent roles during her time at the school. "He does a really nice job with both," Curry said. "His concerts were of high quality and I look forward to seeing his play. You can tell he put a lot of time into making that all run smoothly." Curry said Swank is committed to the job and takes the time to put on quality production. She added that he is a good communicator with parents and students alike. "Press Start" will premiere at 6:30 p.m. April 7 and 8 at Smith-Cotton Junior High. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and free for ages 5 and under. *Skye Melcher can be reached at 660-530-0144.*

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

- March 28**
Oran Keyth Hartt Jr. to James W. and Maurita M. Rissler, sections 33, 34; township 45; range 21.
Gordon Scott and Kimberly Rieckhoff and Lea Anne and Larry Bell to Virginia A. Taylor Trust, sections 14, 4; township 46; range 23.
Igor and Liudmyla Erenciuc to Vitaliy and Lily Feytser, section 5; township 45; range 22; section 32; township 46; range 22.
Patrick E. and Chong H. Dillions to Matthew A. Dreiman, Subdivision Map6, lot 93.
Michael C. and Monica F. Johnson to Ebbin P. Cook, section 3; township 45; range 21.
Matz Properties Partnership to Scott and Belinda Manion, Subdivision Belle, lots 29, 30, block 4.
March 29
Sikoutris Properties LLC to Chad J. and Leslie D. Wimer, section 6; township 45; range 21.
Charlene Rhoads to Christopher and Chelsea Riley, section 29; township 45; range 23.
March 30
Matz Properties Partnership to Servando Diaz Tejada and Mayra Olmedo, Subdivision Arlingh3, lots 2, 3, block 6.
March 31
Everett Joseph Walker to Everett Joseph Walker, Subdivision Mckee, lots 7, 8, block 5.
April 1
Debra A. Williams to Jose Luis Rubio Herrera, Marits G. Ubaldo Rita and Isidro Rubio Herrea, section 33; township 46; range 21.
Dallas C. Boatman to Brianna P. Ditzfeld, Subdivision Westview, lot 20, block 17.
CBC Sedalia Properties LLC to Richland Properties LLC, Subdivision, Rainbo1 lot 22, block 1; section 3; township 45; range 21.
Subdivision Martsm2, lot 4, block 30; section 9; township 45; range 21.
Subdivision Martsm2, lots 5, 6, block 30.
Subdivision Westsid, lots 10, 11, 12, block 2.
Subdivision Hast, lot 1, block 1.
Subdivision Westvie, lots 6, 28, 26, block 2.
Subdivision McVey3, lot 7, block 1.
Subdivision Westvie, lot 3, block 12. Subdivision Martsm2, lots 3, 4, 5, 6, block 30.
Subdivision Pacif, lots 11, 12, block 9.
Subdivision Hillca, lots 25, 26, 27, 28.
Subdivision Rainbo, lot 16, block 2.
Subdivision Ritter, lot 5, block 1. Subdivision Leshb1, lot 1, block 2.
Subdivision Stewjrc, lot 8, block 2. Subdivision BARM, lots 4, 5, 6, 8, block 11.
Subdivision Pleasa, lots 11, 12, 13, block 3; lots 16, 17, block 4.
Subdivision Arlingh, lots 2, 3, block 7.
Subdivision Camp, lot 9, block 10.
Subdivision Arlingh3, lot 9, 10, block 6.
Kathy L. Scott to Ethan Sarver, Subdivision Felix, lots 7, 8, block 1.
Thomas Brody and Allison Amy Kempton to Mark T. and Krista R. Kempton, Subdivision Walthccr1, lot 56.
Calvin E. Dillion to Gary Stone Construction LLC, Subdivision Pacific, lot 11, block 11.
Golden Valley Developing LLC to TPD LLC, Subdivision Chapwoods, lots 73, 70, 76, 77, 69.
6310 Raytown Road LLC to Austin L. Blackburn and Tyler Emerson, Subdivision Estvie2, lot 10, block 24.
Home Quality Rentals LLC to Brandi and Scott Cole, Subdivision Smithcott7, lot 7, block 2.

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Team SCREAM wins Central Missouri Regional

It was a weekend of firsts for Team SCREAM.

The Smith-Cotton High School competitive robotics team captained the winning alliance at the FIRST Robotics Central Missouri Regional on Sunday, April 3, in the S-C gym; joining them on the top-ranked alliance were the Broncobots from Lee's Summit North High and the Jesubots from Rockhurst High in Kansas City. In the finals, they defeated the No. 3 alliance, featuring teams from the Park Hill School District and the Barstow School, both in Kansas City, and the Burger Bots from Warrensburg.

It was the first time that Team SCREAM entered regional elimination play-offs as the overall No. 1 ranked team. The victory marked the first time Team SCREAM has won more than one regional in a season; it also was on the winning alliance at the Oklahoma Regional a few weeks ago.

Team SCREAM Jr., composed of mostly freshmen, finished the qualifying rounds as the third-ranked team, and became the captain of the No. 2 alliance for the playoffs when the second-ranked Broncobots accepted Team SCREAM's invitation to join its alliance. Michael Wright, head coach of both Team SCREAM units, beamed with pride at the end of the competition.

"It's a great feeling," he said. "Both teams performed fantastically at this regional. ... There are a lot of firsts for us this year, especially with the junior team. They were ranked very high all throughout the weekend and we thought there was a chance we would see them in the finals."

The teams competed in "Rapid React," which requires alliances of three robots to deliver cargo (playground balls) to a lower hub and upper hub to score points; at the end

of the match, the robots can climb tiered bars for additional points that increase with the height of the bar. The alliance that wins a regional earns spots in the FIRST World Championships later this spring in Houston.

Team SCREAM Captain Levi Barth-Fagan, who is one of the robot operators during competition, was pleased not only with the victory but also with Team SCREAM's ability to host a regional competition for the first time since 2019.

"It feels really good," he said. "Finally hosting (a regional) again and winning, as well. This is the first time ever Team SCREAM has won two blue banners in one season, so it's kind of exciting."

Barth-Fagan said the key to victory Sunday was Team SCREAM's and Broncobots' ability to consistently shoot into the high goal, which Jesubots made easier for them by playing tough defense.

Team SCREAM also received the regional Excellence in Engineering Award, which celebrates the team that demonstrates a professional approach to the design process. The team won that award at the Oklahoma Regional, too, and the Quality Award at the Heartland Regional in Olathe, Kansas.

"Those awards really are meaningful to us, especially that Excellence in Engineering Award," Wright said. "That is what we try to do, have a program of excellence and to see the kids be recognized for that makes me really proud."

It also was a good weekend for Stealth Panther Robotics from Knob Noster High School, which brought home the regional Chairman's Award, the most prestigious award in FIRST Robotics. Head Coach Chris Adams said it is "an incredible honor for our team."



Team SCREAM, the Smith-Cotton High School robotics team, displays the banner it earned as members of the winning alliance at the FIRST Robotics Central Missouri Regional on Sunday, April 3, in the high school gym. PHOTOS COURTESY OF SEDALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 200

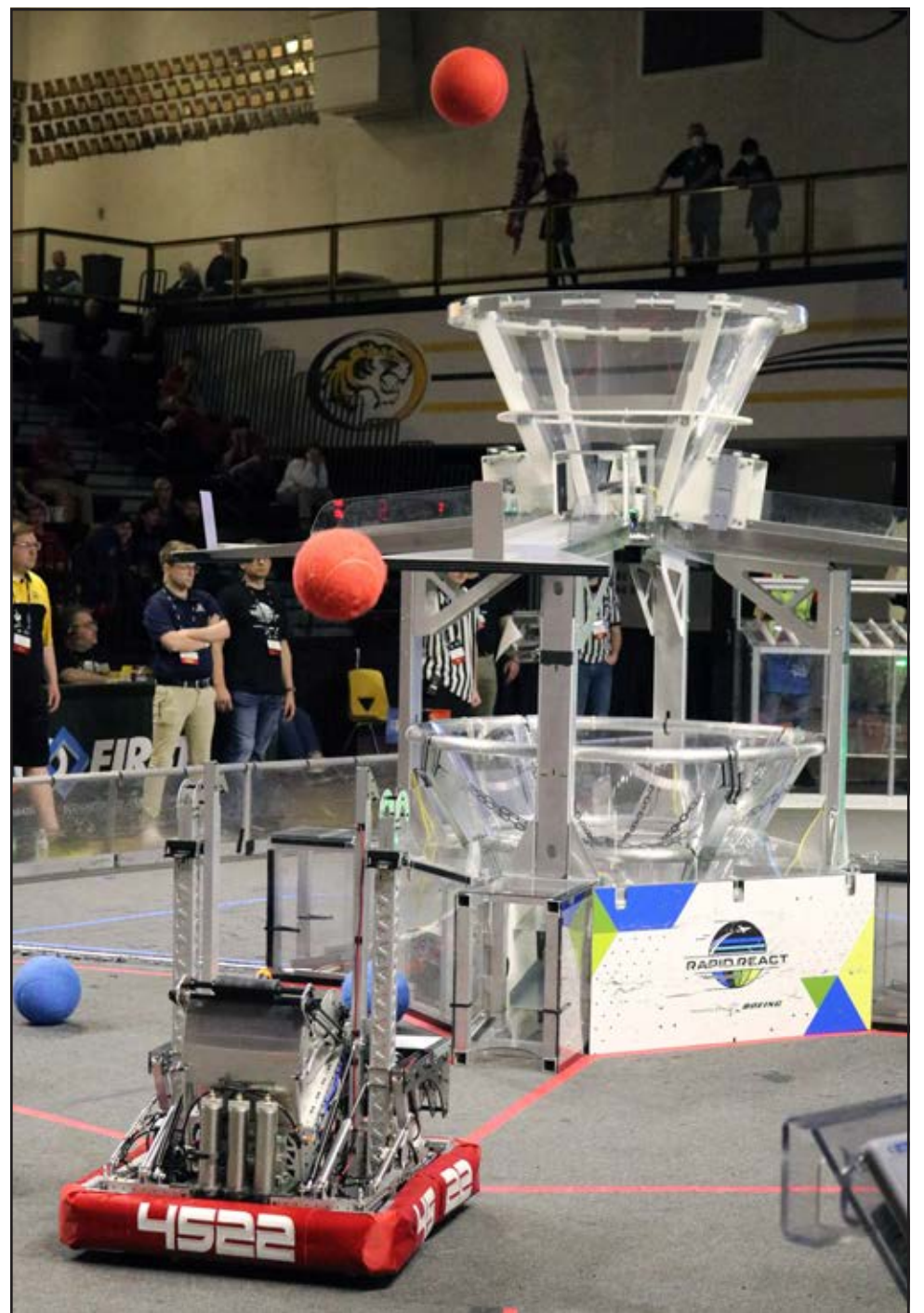
"Having our team as a whole recognized for their dedication to advancement of STEM education in our school district, community, and in our nation is the culmination of our hard work and dedication over the past six years and helps cement a legacy for future Knob Noster students," Adams said.

Being from a smaller rural community, Stealth Panther Robotics consistently competes against larger teams; Adams stressed that "yearly, as a group, we put in over 10,000 man hours designing, building, promoting our team and the importance of education for the future."

Before competing in the FIRST World Championships April 20-23 in Houston, Team SCREAM will make some repairs and updates to its robot, which many local residents got to see in action Saturday and Sunday.

"I am so happy to see the amount of support we had from the community," Wright said. "Sedalia rolled out the red carpet again; teams were talking about that all weekend. We love robotics and we love showing everybody what it is all about."

Release courtesy of Sedalia School District 200.



Team SCREAM's robot (4522) shoots two balls into the high goal during a match Sunday, April 3, as part of the FIRST Robotics Central Missouri Regional at Smith-Cotton High School. Team SCREAM's top-ranked alliance won the event.

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Medicare enrollees to get free COVID-19 tests at drug stores

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid worries that the latest coronavirus variant could spark another rise in cases, Medicare announced Monday that millions of enrollees will finally have access to free over-the-counter COVID-19 tests at drug stores.

More than 59 million people with Medicare's "Part B" outpatient coverage will be able to get up to eight free at-home tests per month, or enough for an individual

to test twice a week, as some doctors have recommended.

Medicare has lagged private insurance in following the Biden administration's directive to cover at-home tests because rules and regulations stood in the way, and officials had to find a work-around. This is the first time the health insurance program for older people and those with disabilities has covered an over-the-counter test at no cost to recipients.

Medicare's move could turn out to be prescient. The BA.2 omicron

variant now accounts for more than half of U.S. cases, having rapidly overtaken the original strain. That initial omicron wave this winter caused the biggest spike yet in virus cases, straining many hospitals to the limit. Since then, cases nationally have rapidly dropped to the lowest level since before last summer's delta surge. Coronavirus restrictions have been largely lifted. But some areas where BA.2 took hold early are seeing increasing cases.

Monday's announcement followed another precautionary move last

week, when government health officials authorized a second round of booster shots for people 50 and older as well as those with weakened immune systems.

National pharmacy chains participating in Medicare's give-away include: Albertsons Companies, Inc., Costco Pharmacy, CVS, Food Lion, Giant Food, The Giant Company, Hanaford Pharmacies, H-E-B Pharmacy, Hy-Vee Pharmacy, Kroger Family of Pharmacies, Rite Aid Corp., Shop & Stop, Walgreens and Walmart.

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Sedalia Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet

Chamber Upcoming Events

Congratulations to all the Sedalia chamber Award Winners:

President's Award:
GUESA ~ Jorge Guevara

Volunteer of the Year Award: MAC (Military Affair Committee) (Karl Kramer)

Small Business of the Year: ReMax of Sedalia

Young Professional of

the Year: Lauren Thiel-Payne

Sedalia Community Connection: LifePointe Church

Committee of the Year: The Christmas Parade Committee (Det. Mark Cherry, Det. Overstreet, Rick Andresen, and Kyle Herrick)

Ambassador of the Year: Lora Hilburn

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Debbie Gant 25 years.

Spirit Award: SMSgt. Jamie Kolakowski

Outstanding Citizen Award: Senator Jim Mathewson

Chamber Champions:

- *Shop Local (Joleigh Cornine)
- *Parks & Recreation (Amy Epple)
- *Central Bank of Sedalia ~ Community Blood Drive (Greg Eby)

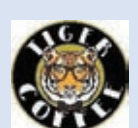
Best Dressed: Byron Matson

Chamber Breakfast
April 14
Time: 7:30 a.m.
Location: LifePointe Church

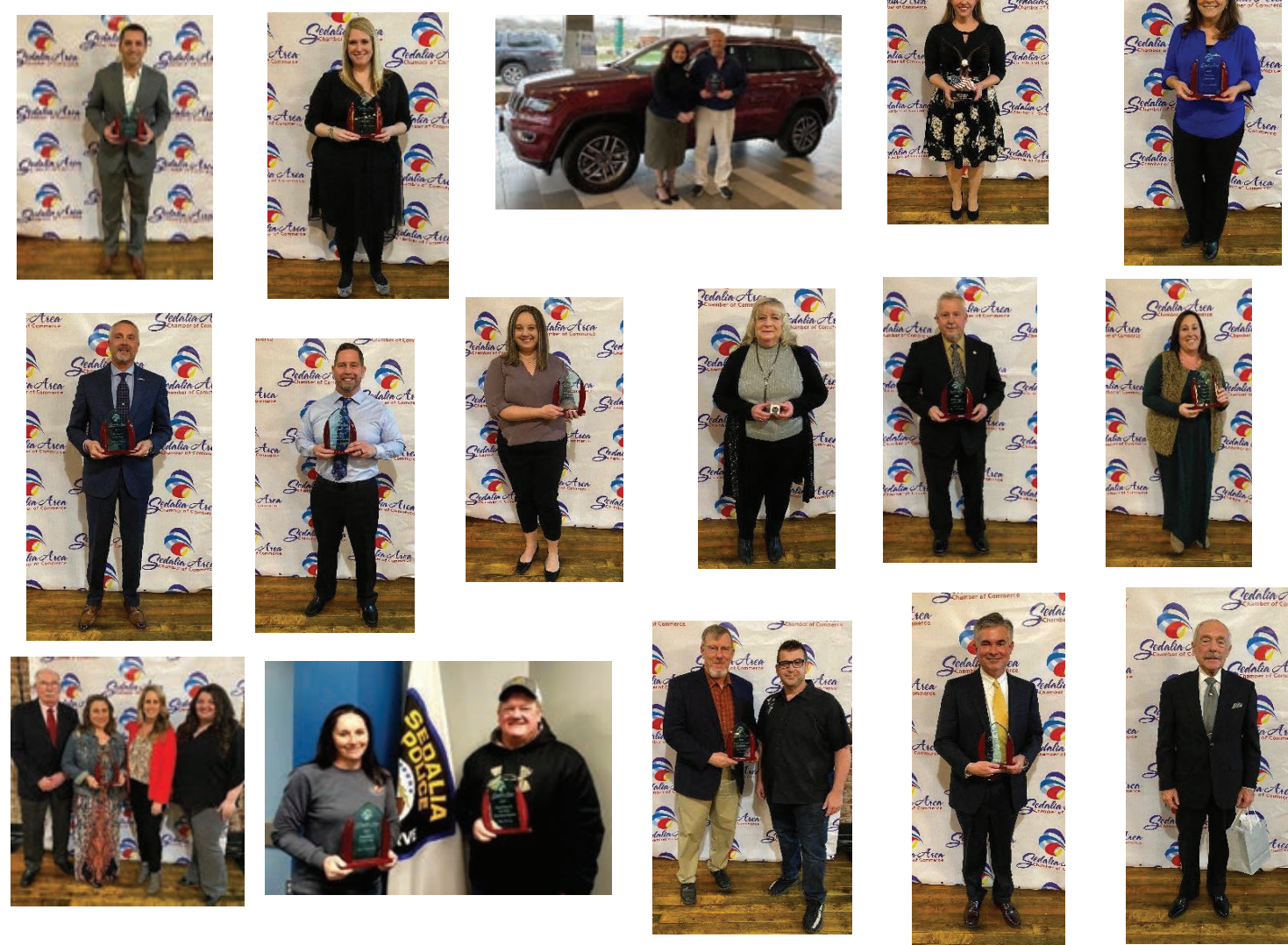
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Crowd

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Elementary students from Clinton Christian Academy won a Team Model Award for a detailed Lego-likeness of the First Robotics competition.

Princesses Mirabel, Moana, Anna, and Elsa, played by Richelle King, Isabel Robb, Melody Throckmorton and Molly Cook with Upon a Dream

Princess Parties, were caught strolling South Ohio Avenue after finishing a meet and greet at the new Heckart Community Center.

Lori Copas of Sassy and Crafty put a table out on the sidewalk in front of The Chubby Hairstylist & Co. to greet shoppers walking into stores and viewing art inside businesses like the Pro-Velo bike shop as part of the NoBro Art Walk, which coincided with sidewalk sales across the city.

At the Municipal Building, the D.A.R.E. Car Show was showing classic cars and raising money to keep kids off drugs.

"The funding that we receive from this event that Bob Hiller's organized for many, many years that goes to support our D.A.R.E. program," Sedalia Police Chief Matt Wirt said. "It's what we use to purchase all the materials to teach D.A.R.E., it also helps us with our scholarships and it's also going to help with

the first annual D.A.R.E. camp that we're going to have this year."

"This is my 31st year of doing this," Hiller said. "It's a great program to help with the education to teach our kids eight ways to say no to drugs and seven ways to deal with peer pressure and bullying."

D.A.R.E. now gives out two scholarships per year, which were both awarded Saturday.

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



Riley Twenter gets to sit in a Pettis County Sheriff's Office vehicle Saturday at the Home and Garden Show hosted by the Democrat in the Mathewson Exhibition Center. PHOTOS BY CHRIS HOWELL | DEMOCRAT



Cale McCollister views art displayed at Pro-Velo Bike Shop Saturday during the NoBro Art Walk. NoBro stands for "North of Broadway."



Incoming Sedalia Mayor Andrew Dawson reads a proclamation Saturday at the Home and Garden Show praising CASA and Executive Director Lori Haney for the work they do helping survivors of domestic and sexual violence.



Robots from 30 schools shoot basketballs Saturday at Smith-Cotton High School for the Central Missouri Regional FIRST Robotics Competition.

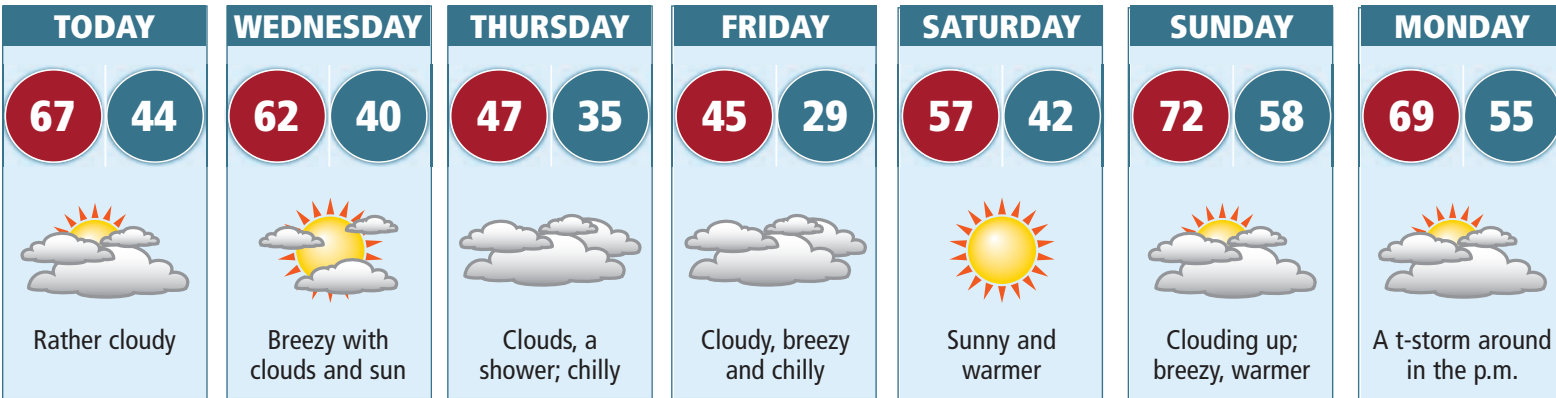


Clinton Christian Academy students Samantha Asbill, Caleb Hilario, Owen Brown, Gabriel Hanson, and Jonah Forman won medals for "Team Model" Saturday at the FIRST Robotics Competition at Smith-Cotton High School.

THE WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST



SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:52 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:40 p.m.
Moonrise today	9:15 a.m.
Moonsset today	none



Apr 9 Apr 16 Apr 23 Apr 30

WEATHER HISTORY

Tambora, a volcano in Indonesia, erupted on April 5, 1815, sending 30 cubic miles of dust into the atmosphere. The resulting reduction in sunlight was blamed for causing the "year without a summer" in 1816.

ALMANAC

Sedalia Regional Airport Sunday

TEMPERATURES

High	71
Low	39
Normal high	61
Normal low	38
Record high	86 in 2011
Record low	17 in 1975

PRECIPITATION

Sunday	0.13"
Month to date	0.13"
Normal m-t-d	0.36"
Year to date	5.52"
Normal y-t-d	7.19"

HEATING DEGREE DAYS

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

Sunday	10
Month to date	47
Season to date	3868
Normal season to date	4803
Last season to date	4238

RIVER LEVELS

In feet as of 7 a.m. Monday

Blackwater	Stage	Chg	Fld Stg
Blue Lick	10.93	-1.37	24
Valley City	5.85	-0.54	22

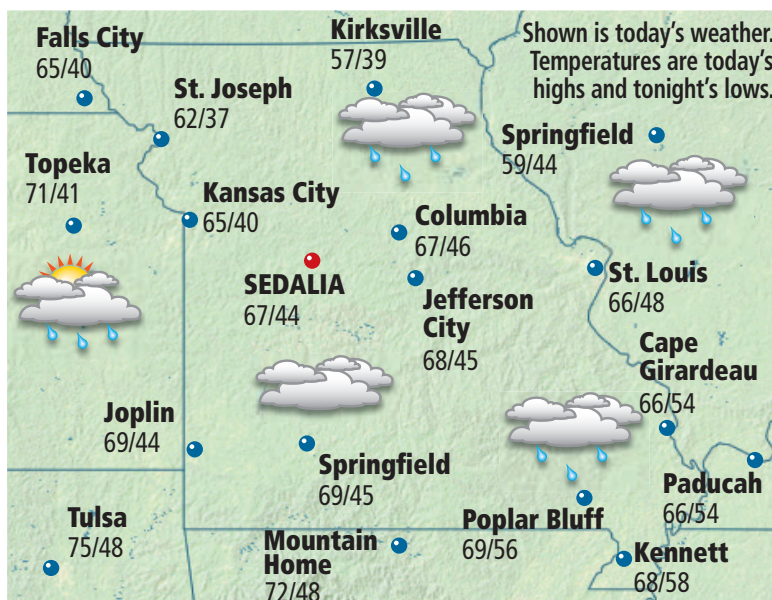
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Otterville	2.89	-0.49	15
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Missouri

Boonville	9.40	-1.71	21
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BRANSON
High: 74. Low: 48. Cloudy today. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with late-night showers. Intervals of clouds and sunshine tomorrow.

KANSAS CITY
High: 65. Low: 40. Clouds and sun today with a couple of showers in the afternoon. A passing shower this evening. Sun and some clouds tomorrow.

ST. LOUIS
High: 66. Low: 48. Occasional rain and drizzle today. A couple of showers followed by a steadier rain tonight. Times of sun and clouds tomorrow.

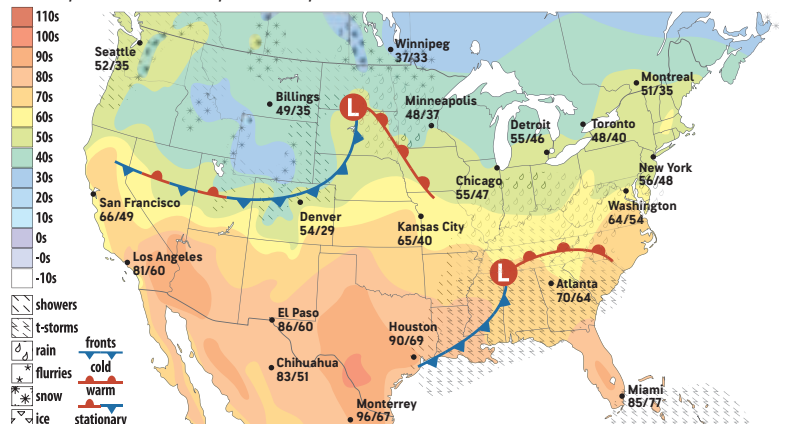
NEW YORK CITY
High: 56. Low: 48. Rather cloudy today with a little rain in the afternoon. Occasional rain followed by a steadier rain tonight.

LOS ANGELES
High: 81. Low: 60. Sunny and pleasant today. Clear tonight. Very warm tomorrow with plenty of sunshine. Thursday: hot with plenty of sunshine.

NATIONAL WEATHER

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wednesday Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	70/64/t	79/56/t
Baltimore	59/52/r	66/48/r
Billings	49/35/c	48/30/pc
Boston	55/43/pc	48/43/r
Buffalo	59/45/c	63/46/r
Charlotte	70/60/r	81/64/pc
Chicago	55/47/r	60/42/r
Cleveland	58/47/pc	60/43/r
Dallas	89/56/s	73/47/s
Denver	54/29/sh	46/28/pc
Detroit	55/46/c	55/42/r
Honolulu	81/70/sh	82/70/pc
Houston	90/69/pc	83/55/pc
Indianapolis	56/48/r	58/42/r
Las Vegas	90/63/s	80/58/s
Milwaukee	44/42/c	53/39/r
Nashville	67/57/t	69/45/t
New Orleans	82/71/t	86/60/t
Norfolk	73/60/r	72/57/pc
Oklahoma City	77/45/pc	67/42/s
Orlando	88/71/t	89/72/t
Phoenix	92/67/s	95/67/s
Pittsburgh	60/46/r	65/44/r
Portland, ME	53/36/pc	44/38/r
Portland, OR	54/34/c	64/43/s
Sacramento	75/51/s	86/52/s
St. Louis	66/48/r	64/44/pc
San Francisco	66/49/s	76/55/s
Seattle	52/35/pc	59/42/pc
Washington, DC	64/54/r	67/54/pc

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



Summary: As severe thunderstorms rattle the Southeast, rain will soak areas from the Ohio Valley to the mid-Atlantic coast today. Rain, snow and strong winds will extend from the Northwest to the northern Plains.





Cards duo Wainwright, Molina keep chasing history in opener

By Chuck King
Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Primed to become the most prolific battery in baseball history, St. Louis Cardinals stars Adam Wainwright and Yadier Molina didn't always agree on everything.

During one of their earliest outings at Triple-A Memphis, Wainwright kept shaking off Molina's signs.

"He came out to the mound, and he was like, 'Dude, you are shaking me off every pitch. What is the deal?'" Wainwright said, recalling the conversation. "It was just one of those days where whatever he called I felt like I had a better plan."

After the game, Wainwright said the catcher got in his face. The pitcher went right back at Molina.

The two reached an agreement, and for the better part of the past decade-and-a-half, the duo's been on the same page.

"They've been together so long it's almost like one person," manager Oliver Marmol said.

"They know how each other thinks. They have a Plan A going into the game, but that could easily flip to B, C, D; and they'd be on the same page the whole way

throughout."

For the 40-year-old Wainwright, the on-field relationship with the 39-year-old Molina comes down to trust.

"The main reason for that trust is we know each other is prepared," Wainwright said. "I know he's putting in hours and hours to prepare for each game watching the film, breaking down hitters."

The threat of rain forced Wainwright to the back fields Saturday for his final tune-up of the spring. The right-hander threw 89 pitches in five simulated innings, often working through game-specific situations.

Afterward, Marmol made official what had long been surmised: Wainwright will make his seventh career opening day start on Thursday when St. Louis hosts Pittsburgh. Unless something shocking happens in the next few days, Molina will be catching him.

Wainwright said Marmol formerly informed him of the opening day pitching plans quite informally.

"We were talking about something else and he was like, 'Oh, by the way, you're starting opening day,'" Wainwright said.

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St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Adam Wainwright (50) pitches in the first inning of a spring training baseball game against the Houston Astros, Wednesday, March 23, 2022, in West Palm Beach, Fla.

PHOTO BY SUE OGRÖCKI | AP PHOTO



Several Bluebirds gather with the second-place trophy from the Sacred Heart Tournament after Cole Camp, the 4-seed, finished runner-up.

PHOTO COURTESY OF COLE CAMP BLUEBIRDS

S-C golf second in Columbia

By Bryan Everson
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Smith-Cotton boys golf came narrowly close to taking first place in Monday's Columbia Classic Invitational, the team's first tournament action of the season.

S-C collectively shot a 336, edged by just four strokes by Gold Division winner Hickman in a field that also included CMAC opponents Battle and Rock Bridge. Keaton Mateja shot an 80, which tied for second individually, while Karson Weymuth took fifth with an 82.

It followed up a second-place finish last Wednesday in a tri-meet at Marshall with Helias at Indian Foothills Golf-course where the Tigers shot a 159, 13 strokes behind Helias. There, Boyd Callis shot a 38, and the trio of Mateja, Jax Boesch and Chad Altis all carded a 40.

More impressive for S-C head coach Chris Guffey was how the entire team shot. Cole Gilmore, Weymuth and Carson

Hunolt were all under 45 as well.

"In my six years of coaching, I've never had my worst score be a 43," Guffey said. "I'm very proud of these young men and how they responded to the adversity of Monday night. Tonight, they embraced the wind, rain, and cold and showed up. I was concerned going into the match that we might struggle. These were probably the worst conditions this group has played in. That said, they really focused and embraced the challenge."

Guffey was referring to a quad match two days prior at Sedalia Country Club, in which the Tigers picked up a conference win by beating out Capital City by three strokes, scoring a collective 169. Mateja and Weymuth each led the way there by each shooting a 40, but Guffey commented that the aim is to be finishing in the 150s after the team had shown that kind of potential in early season practices.

"Going forward, we've got to continue to get



Sacred Heart's Donovan Dobson (pictured) worked on the hill in two of the Gremlins' tournament games over the weekend in Sedalia.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SACRED HEART GREMLINS

better to achieve our goals," Guffey said. "This team has state qualification aspirations. In order to achieve those goals, we still need to clean things up."

Cole Camp runner-up in Gremlins' tourney

Cole Camp battled as the fourth-seeded team in the inaugural Sacred Heart Invitational at Centennial Park before falling to No. 2 Pilot Grove, 9-5, in Saturday's title game.

See GOLF | 12A

Bueckers can't do it all as UConn comes up short for title

By Dave Campbell
AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — At the tail end of the third quarter, Paige Bueckers picked up her first personal foul and plopped down on Connecticut's bench for her only break of the night — a whole 53 seconds of game time.

The Huskies had to lean on their sophomore star as hard as they could against superior South Carolina on Sunday, and against any other team in the country she might have been enough.

But despite another all-out effort by Bueckers, UConn still came up well short — the first loss in program history in the title game — and fell 64-49 to the Gamecocks for the national championship.

"I don't think from the beginning of the game our offense ever looked like it

was in any kind of rhythm, any kind of flow," coach Geno Auriemma said. "Then Paige tried to take it upon herself — that never works, when one person is trying to."

Bueckers, playing just 10 miles from where she honed sharp-shooting, slick-passing and ace-ball-handling skills at Hopkins

High School, finished with a team-leading 14 points on 6-for-13 shooting with six rebounds, two assists, one block and one steal.

"Now we know how to get here and how hard it is and how hard we have to work all throughout the season and how much we have to overcome,"

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UConn's Paige Bueckers tries to get past South Carolina's Brea Beal during the first half of a college basketball game in the final round of the Women's Final Four NCAA tournament Sunday, April 3, 2022, in Minneapolis.

PHOTO BY CHARLIE NEIBERGALL | AP PHOTO

Bader agrees to \$10.4M, 2-year contract with Cardinals

By The Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Gold Glove-winning outfielder Harrison Bader and the St. Louis Cardinals agreed to a \$10.4 million, two-year contract and avoided salary arbitration.

Bader gets a \$1 million signing bonus as part of the deal announced Sunday and salaries of \$4.7 million in each of the next two seasons.

Bader's 2023 salary can increase by an additional \$2.25 million: \$250,000 each for 350 plate appearances or 85 starts, 400-98 and 450-111, and \$500,000 apiece for 500-124, 550-137 and 600-150.

He had bests of a .267 average, 16 homers and 50 RBIs in 103 games last season and has a career average of .244 with 47



St. Louis Cardinals' Harrison Bader (48) doubles in the first inning of a spring training baseball game against the Washington Nationals, Wednesday, March 30, 2022, in West Palm Beach, Fla.

PHOTO BY SUE OGRÖCKI | AP PHOTO

homers, 147 RBIs and 40 stolen bases in parts of five seasons.

Bader, who played collegiate ball at Florida, was selected in the third round by the Cardinals in 2015,

and received a mid-season call-up to the majors in 2017 due to an injury to Dexter Fowler, still earning the organization's Minor League Player of the Year Award.

Tommy Davis, 2-time NL batting champion with Dodgers, dies

By Beth Harris
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tommy Davis, a two-time National League batting champion who won three World Series titles with the Los Angeles Dodgers, has died. He was 83.

He died Sunday night in Phoenix, the Dodgers announced Monday without providing a cause. They were informed of his death by his daughter, Morgana.

Davis was an athletic standout at Boys High School in Brooklyn, where he was a basketball teammate of future Hall of Famer Lenny Wilkins. Davis also played baseball and was a long jumper on the school's track and field team.

Davis was set to sign with the Yankees in 1956 when a phone call from Jackie Robinson changed his mind.

Robinson was playing what would be his final

season with the Dodgers that year when he called Davis' house and encouraged him to sign with the Brooklyn organization. Scouting director Al Campanis knew Davis' mother was a Dodgers fan.

"My mother wondered who was calling," Davis said in 2019. "I pointed to the receiver and mouthed the words, 'It's Jackie Robinson!' I couldn't believe I was speaking to one of my heroes, although I don't remember doing much talking."

Davis received a \$4,000 bonus for signing with the Dodgers.

A happy Davis was smiling in his publicity photos for his first full season in 1957. That had former Brooklyn batting champion Pete Reiser worried that Davis was too nice.

"I want him mad at everyone in the world when he goes up there, including me," said Reiser, who was

managing in the minors at the time.

That season, Davis batted .357 with 17 home runs, 104 RBI and 68 stolen bases in 127 games.

Born Herman Thomas Davis in Brooklyn, he was the franchise's first batting champion after the Dodgers moved to Los Angeles. He won consecutive titles in 1962, when he hit .346 and led the NL in hits and RBI, and 1963, when he hit .326.

Davis' 230 hits and 153 RBI in 1962 remain L.A. single-season records. He won World Series titles in 1959, 1963 and 1965.

Besides his eight years with the Dodgers, Davis played another 10 for the New York Mets, Chicago White Sox, Seattle, Houston, Oakland, Chicago Cubs, Baltimore, California Angels and Kansas City. The three-time All-Star retired in 1976.

He had a career .294 average in 1,999 games



Former Los Angeles Dodgers great Tommy Davis throws out a ceremonial pitch before an exhibition spring training baseball game against the Seattle Mariners, Saturday, March 9, 2013, in Glendale, Ariz. Davis, a two-time National League batting champion who won three World Series titles with the Los Angeles Dodgers, died Sunday night, April 3, 2022, in Phoenix, the Dodgers announced Monday. He was 83.

FILE PHOTO BY MARK DUNCAN | AP PHOTO

with 153 home runs and 1,052 RBI.

The Dodgers planned a moment of silence for Davis at their exhibition game against the Los An-

geles Angels on Monday night.

Davis worked in the team's community relations department until moving to Arizona about a

year ago.

Besides Morgana, he is survived by wife, Carol, daughters Lauren, Carlyn and Leslie, and son Herman Thomas II.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Tuesday ON TAP HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

La Monte at Stover
Smithton at Lincoln
Cole Camp at Windsor
Tipton at Green Ridge
Northwest at Sacred Heart

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOLF

Smithton, Calvary Lutheran, Versailles at Cole Camp

Green Ridge, Sacred Heart at Windsor

Lincoln at Concordia

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TENNIS

Smith-Cotton at Boon-

ville

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Smithton at Lincoln

Cole Camp at Windsor

Tipton at Green Ridge

Northwest at Sacred

Heart with La Monte

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Smith-Cotton at Pleasant Hill Invitational

Smithton at Hoefler-Husker Invitational

Cole Camp, Green Ridge, Otterville at Lafayette County Meet

College

COLLEGE BASEBALL

1 p.m. North Central Missouri College at State

Fair Community College

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

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

4 p.m. State Fair Community College at Metropolitan Community College

ON AIR

COLLEGE BASEBALL

6 p.m. ACCN — Georgia at Clemson

8 p.m. PAC-12N — Loyola Marymount at UCLA

COLLEGE

SOFTBALL

2 p.m. BTN — Penn St.

at Ohio St.

4 p.m. ACCN — Northwestern at Notre Dame

4:30 p.m. BTN — Penn St. at Ohio St.

MLB BASEBALL

Noon MLBN — Spring Training: Detroit vs. NY Yankees, Tampa, Fla.

3 p.m. MLBN — Spring Training: Cleveland vs. Colorado, Scottsdale, Ariz.

NBA BASKETBALL

7:15 p.m. ESPN — Milwaukee at Chicago

9:30 p.m. NBATV — LA Lakers at Phoenix

NBA G LEAGUE BASKETBALL

7 p.m. ESPN2 — Eastern Conference Playoff:

Long Island at Delaware, Quarterfinal

9:35 p.m. ESPN — Western Conference Playoff: Santa Cruz at South Bay, Quarterfinal

SOCCER (MEN'S)

2 p.m. CBS — UEFA Champions League: Atlético Madrid at Manchester City, Quarterfinal Leg 1

9 p.m. FS1 — CONCACAF Champions League: Cruz Azul at Pumas UNAM, Semifinal Leg 1

TENNIS

9 a.m. TENNIS — Charleston-WTA Early Rounds

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HOROSCOPES

By Georgia Nicols

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

Happy Birthday for Tuesday, April 5, 2022:

You are assertive and outgoing. Many of you have a strong personality. You are enthusiastic about life, multitasking and versatile. This is a year of change for you, which means you have to stay light on your feet and be flexible. Be ready to grow in new ways and pursue new directions.

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)

★★★ Starting today and for the rest of this month, you will be more selfless in all your relationships. You might be called upon to take care of someone, perhaps a loved one or anyone who needs your help. Your generosity to others will bring you a sense of satisfaction. Tonight: Stay positive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ All your friendships will be more meaningful and more precious to you this month. In particular, the rest of this month is an excellent time to relate to groups and organizations, including business conferences, because you will find it easy to cooperate with others. Tonight: Solitude.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ For the rest of this month, you have favorable circumstances in your business and professional life because you will attract people who will help you. Major bonus! You also might be temporarily involved in design work or something to do with redecorating. Tonight: Solitude.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ For the next several weeks, you will enjoy any chance to travel or to have a consciousness-expanding experience that broadens your world. You will enjoy the arts and the experience of other cultures. You also might be attracted to someone who is different from you. Tonight: You are admired.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Romantic relationships will be particularly intense and affectionate in the next three to four weeks. This is also a wonderful window of opportunity for you to deal with financial institutions, especially if you are seeking a loan or a mortgage. Doors will open for you. Tonight: Explore!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Fair Venus is directly opposite your sign for the rest of the month, and this will beautifully improve all your relationships. This is because you will be more in tune with the needs of others, which means you will know how to relate to them better. Tonight: Check your finances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your work, your job and even your health will improve for the rest of this month. However, don't go overboard with desserts or sweet and fattening foods, because they will be a temptation! Remember: A minute on the lips is a lifetime on the hips. Tonight: Cooperate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Your relations with your kids will be excellent for the rest of this month. This is also a wonderful time to explore your creative talents. Romance will be favored, along with social opportunities and chances to have a good time. This is a great month for a vacation! Tonight: Work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Enjoy opportunities for quiet times at home for the rest of this month. You might entertain some friends. You will certainly be interested in redecorating or doing whatever you can to make your home look more attractive. This will also be an excellent window for real estate opportunities for you. Tonight: Socialize!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You have a marvelous opportunity in the next several weeks to make money from your words, which is good news for those in sales, marketing, writing, acting or teaching. You will also have a chance to really appreciate the beauty of your daily surroundings. Tonight: Home and family.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Financial matters will be more favorable than usual for you for the rest of this month. Money will come easily to you! However, you will be tempted to be extravagant, especially when buying beautiful things for yourself and loved ones. Tonight: Stay busy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Venus will be in your sign for the rest of the month, which will improve all your relations with everyone, because you will be warm, caring and agreeable. Obviously, this is the perfect time to make your peace with others. Meanwhile, relax and enjoy yourself, because Venus ranks pleasure above work. Tonight: Respect your possessions.

BORN TODAY:

Actress Lily James (1989), actress Shin Min-a (1984), actor Gregory Peck (1916)



Duke assistant coach Jon Scheyer and head coach Mike Krzyzewski work during the first half of a college basketball game in the semifinal round of the Men's Final Four NCAA tournament, Saturday, April 2, 2022, in New Orleans. PHOTO BY DAVID J. PHILLIP | AP PHOTO

Duke's Scheyer ready for program's 'pivotal' coaching change

By Aaron Beard

AP Basketball Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP)

— Jon Scheyer tried to soak up every possible nugget and detail he could as retiring Mike Krzyzewski's designated successor in their final season together on the Duke sideline. Conversations on everything from game strategy to motivating players turned into an endless stream of notes and ideas, studiously documented on his iPad.

"He's got his madness with all his papers everywhere," Scheyer said with a chuckle. "And I've got my iPad. It's all right there."

Now it's time for the former Blue Devils player to call on every bit of that knowledge and experience. As of late Saturday night, Scheyer is Duke's new head coach after a Final Four loss to North Carolina ended Krzyzewski's Hall of Fame career. And Scheyer, 34, knows he's taking over at a crossover to sustain the Blue Devils' perch near the top of college basketball.

"I've really just positioned it for (recruits) where it's as pivotal of a moment in any program in the history of college basketball," Scheyer told a small group of reporters before the UNC loss. "I really feel that if you look through, there have been different teams in different eras that have been the best. But to sustain it, this is Duke's opportunity to continue to do that."

The Blue Devils have been building to this moment since Krzyzewski's announcement last June that he would coach one final season, representing a seismic change that comes along only generationally with greats like John Wooden, Phog Allen or Dean Smith.

Scheyer was tabbed as the coach-in-waiting, extending his long-running Duke ties dating to his 2006 campus arrival, including as the leading scorer on the 2010 NCAA title winner and Krzyzewski's staff member since the 2013-14 season.

Scheyer has thrice stepped in for his mentor to guide Duke to wins, once last season due to COVID-19 protocols and twice this year against Wake Forest — the second coming after halftime — when Krzyzewski was ill.

"He's better prepared to be the head coach after going through this year," Krzyzewski said earlier this week, adding: "He's not good. He's like really, really good."

That endorsement and belief means a lot to a former player like Arizona State coach Bobby Hurley, the point guard on Krzyzewski's 1991 and 1992 NCAA championship teams.

"That carries a lot of weight to it, certainly," Hurley said Sunday. "Not only does (Krzyzewski) know how to identify talented players, but he knows when someone has the right stuff to be prepared for that type of

responsibility.

"There's no one that loves Duke basketball more than Coach K, so everyone should just be on board to know that he wouldn't really make a decision like that or be involved in it if he didn't think it was in the best interest of the program."

Scheyer aims to keep the conversations going with Krzyzewski, even though he expects the 75-year-old retiree will "try to never be around" to give Scheyer space to make this program fully his own.

"I just know him, and he's going to be so sensitive to what his presence does," Scheyer said of Krzyzewski. "For me, I guarantee this summer, I'm going to call him one day and say, 'Can you please come to a practice and watch us, and see what you think?'"

"We're going to be in close touch. I have a feeling it's going to be me reaching out to him more than it is him reaching out to me. ... No matter what his official title or role, responsibility is, I'm going to lean on him as we go forward."

Besides, Scheyer and his staff had already taken over recruiting duties fully while Krzyzewski stayed with the team in his final season.

One look at his first recruiting class illustrates the perfect-case scenario for how things could go, and why the Blue Devils aren't going anywhere anytime soon even as the

sport's winningest coach leaves the game.

Duke will be stacked again with the nation's No. 1-ranked class according to 247sports. That includes the top overall prospect Dereck Lively II (7-foot-1 center from Bellefonte, Pennsylvania), No. 3 prospect Kyle Filipowski (6-11 center from Wilbraham, Massachusetts) and No. 5 prospect Dariq Whitehead (6-6 wing from Newark, New Jersey).

The first weeks on the job for Scheyer will include getting back to recruiting while also beginning work to hire an assistant coach to fill his own now-vacant position. He must also figure how many of the current players will return, with NBA prospects like Paolo Banchemo and A.J. Griffin possibly taking the one-and-done route to the pros.

Change is coming. Scheyer is ready for it.

"In a lot of ways, I feel more prepared than any coach ever because I've known and I've been able to prepare for this specific job," he said. "And in other ways, I don't know what to expect a little bit."

"But I do know it's going to be a roller-coaster, and I'm prepared for that. I know it's going to be ups and downs along the way. But I believe overall in what we're doing. I believe in the long-term success, getting it set up the right way. We'll be in a great position."

Raiders sign QB Nick Mullens, DT Johnathan Hankins

By Josh Dubow

AP Pro Football Writer

The Las Vegas Raiders signed quarterback Nick Mullens to be the backup to Derek Carr on Monday and brought back defensive tackle Johnathan Hankins for a fifth season with the team.

Mullens has made 17 starts for San Francisco and Cleveland since being signed by the 49ers as an undrafted free agent in 2017. He gives the Raiders an experienced backup after Marcus Mariota left in free agency.

Hankins has been an anchor on the defensive line since joining the Raiders in 2018 and has been one of the team's better run defenders inside.

Mullens has completed 64.6% of his passes over his career, with 26 TD passes, 22 interceptions and an 87.3

passer rating. He averaged 7.7 yards per attempt and averaged 267.8 yards passing in his 17 starts.

Mullens made his debut against the Raiders in 2018 when he went 16 for 22 for 263 yards, three TDs and a 151.9 passer rating in a 34-3 win. He also made his only start last season for the Browns against Las Vegas, going 20 for 30 for 147 yards and one TD in a 16-14 Cleveland loss.

The 30-year-old Hankins has started 60 of 65 games since joining the Raiders. He has 172 tackles, 2 1/2 sacks, 13 tackles for loss, two passes defended and three fumble recoveries during that time.

Hankins was originally drafted in the second round out of Ohio State by the New York Giants in 2013 and spent his first four seasons



Cleveland Browns quarterback Nick Mullens warms up before an NFL football game against the Cincinnati Bengals, Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022, in Cleveland. The Las Vegas Raiders signed quarterback Nick Mullens to be the backup to Derek Carr on Monday, April 4, 2022. Mullens has made 17 starts for San Francisco and Cleveland since being signed by the 49ers as an undrafted free agent in 2017. FILE PHOTO BY DAVID RICHARD | AP PHOTO

there before playing in Indianapolis in 2017.

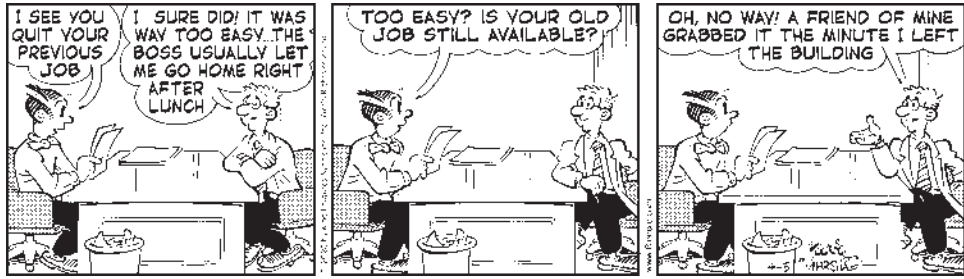
Over his nine-year career, Hankins has played in 128 games with 356 tackles, 14 1/2 sacks, 36 tackles for loss, nine passes defended, three

forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries.

New Raiders defensive coordinator Patrick Graham was Hankins' position coach in 2016 with the New York Giants.

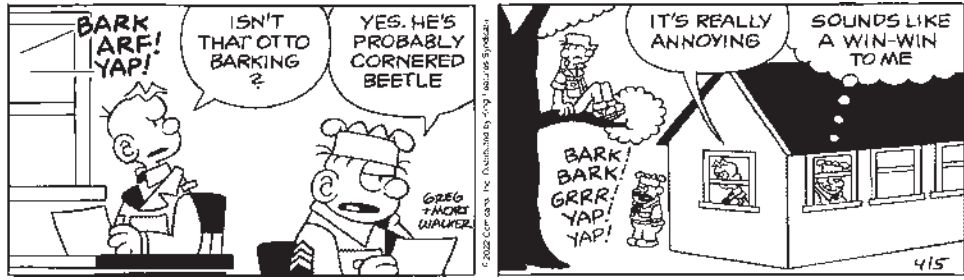
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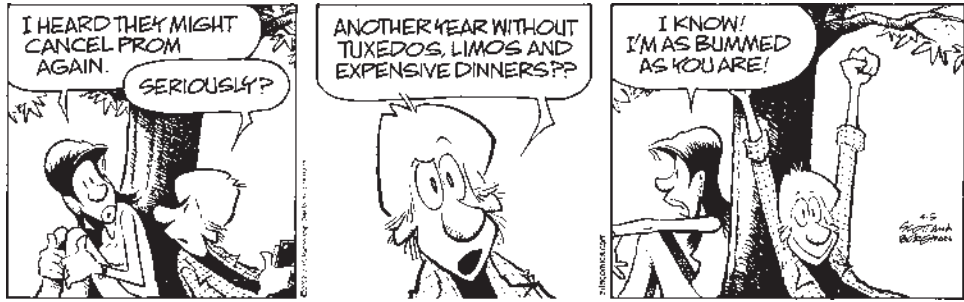
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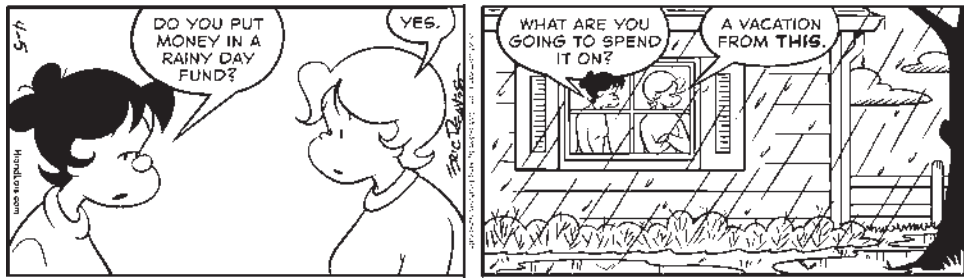
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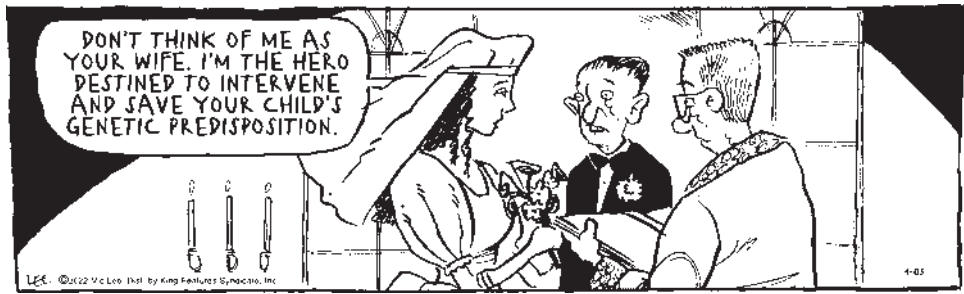
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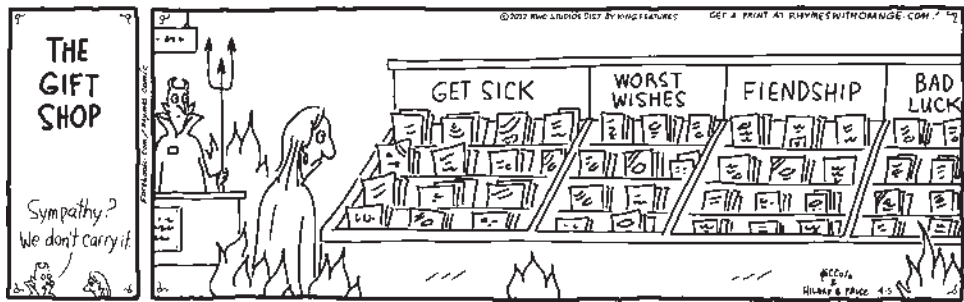
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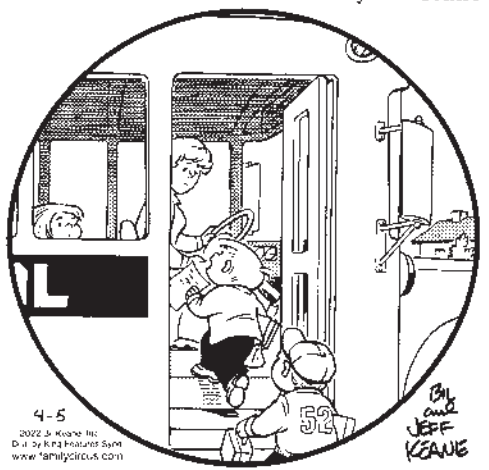
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- 15 Peony part
- 16 New driver, often
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- 24 Finale
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- 26 Regret
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- 29 Play group
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- 32 Grass cutter
- 34 Cell phone annoyance
- 40 Days gone by
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- 43 Like some winter days

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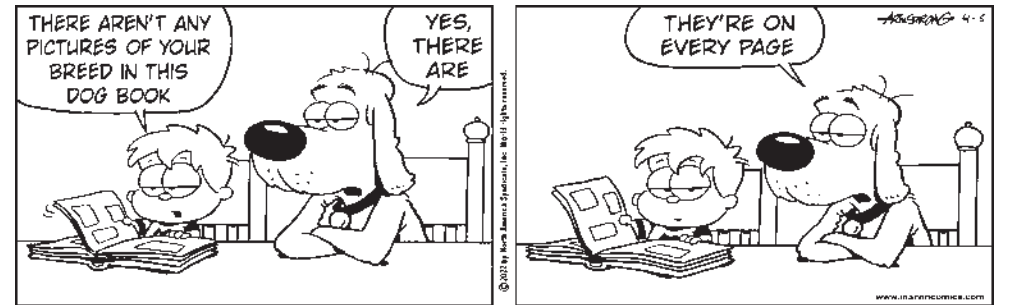
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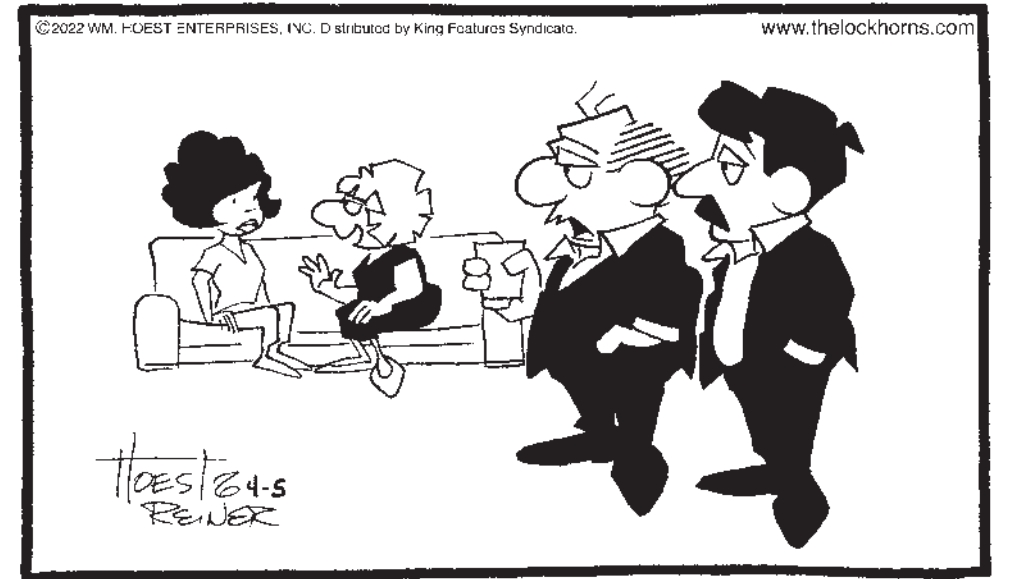
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Concepts Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Answer to previous puzzle

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By Next Friend,
Reynaldo Martinez Figueroa,
Individually,
Petitioners.
NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
You are hereby notified that by interlocutory judgment entered on the 8th day of March, 2022, in the Circuit Court of Pettis County, State of Missouri, the name of Eva-Galilea Martinez-Vazquez was changed to Galilea Martinez Vazquez.
3x-3/22, 29, 4/5, 2022

Legal Notice

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and as next friend of
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Petitioners,
v.
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Respondent.
Case No. 17PT-DR00438-01
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The State of Missouri to: Matthew Thomas Sprinkle, Respondent.
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Golf

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The Bluebirds couldn't erase the 6-0 lead that the Tigers built in their first two trips to the plate despite pulling it to within a pair of runs by the end of the third inning. Several of those came courtesy of a two-run shot by Wyatt Bryan.

Regardless, Cole Camp got there thanks to an early lead it established in the semifinal against the tournament's top-seeded team, Lone Jack. After getting out to a 2-0 lead in the first, the Mules walked in a run, then Elias Huber singled in Ethan Shearer and Reid Harrison for the only runs the Bluebirds would need in a 5-4 win.

After being edged 8-7 by Cole Camp in the opener, the host Gremlins rebounded with a pair of victories, including a 4-3 win over Smithton Friday.

George Bain's walk-off single that drove home Donovan Dobson put the game to rest in the bottom of the eighth. Carter Rice also drove in two runs and Alex Karigan pitched four innings of one-run ball, while Derick Shull allowed just three hits and one walk while striking out 10 for Smithton. Skyler Perry and Alex Walsh each had a pair of hits for the Tigers.

Bain didn't allow an earned run in four frames and Karigan went 3-5 with four RBIs as Sacred Heart defeated Smith-Cotton's JV 14-10 on Saturday.

Home sweet for Lady Roadrunners

State Fair Community College made the best of the team's first home games of the season Saturday, picking a pair of victories, 18-9 and 19-9, over East Central College.

East Central's pitching and perhaps the home confines were just the

remedy for SFCC's hitting, which clubbed eight balls over the fence after just nine in its first 20 games.

In the first game, a five-inning affair, left fielder Rylee Hagens went yard twice, finishing 4-4, and the tandem of Haley Mackey and Makinzi Harris each finished 3-3 with a homer each and a combined seven RBIs. Hallie Russell also ended 3-4 as Kennidi Harris picked up the victory.

State Fair collected 15 hits in the second game, led by Kelsey Webb's six-RBI performance. Besides her, Hagens, Paige Clines and Kalyn Smith also drove balls over the fence. In relief, Tabitha Imhoff went four innings, allowing just two earned runs.

The Lady Roadrunners have a pair of mid-week doubleheaders before returning to Sedalia for two games Saturday with Crowder College.

Duo

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With 20 more starts together, Wainwright and Molina will have 325, passing Detroit's Mickey Lolich and Bill Freehan for most career starts as a battery.

"It's a pleasure to be here in this position and I'm going to try to enjoy it," said Molina, who has said this will be his final spring training.

During their 16 years together as major leaguers, Wainwright and Molina played parts in some of the

greatest of moments in Cardinals' history.

None is more iconic than Wainwright's bases-loaded strikeout of Carlos Beltran for the final out of the 2006 NL Division Series. The Cardinals advanced to defeat Detroit to claim their 10th World Series title.

Wainwright, Molina and the Cardinals won another title in 2011.

"We've got a bunch of memories together," Molina said. "Definitely that's one of the good memories we have together. Hopefully we can do that this year, too."

Wainwright smiles at the thought of that strike-

out — Beltran would later become a teammate. But Wainwright would rather talk about a friendship with Molina that began when they were in the minor leagues and developed through plane rides, bus trips and hotel rooms.

"The relationship started as pitcher and catcher — baseball only, at the field only — to 18 years later, 19 years later, doing Thanksgiving with him in his house in Puerto Rico," Wainwright said. "Honestly, we were kids and now we're old men — not old men, but older guys — and we grew up together."

MLB looking at electronic system for calling pitches

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GLENDAL, Ariz. (AP) — Imagine Clayton Kershaw on the mound in Game 7 of the World Series, peering in at his catcher at a big moment. And his catcher flashes ... no sign at all.

That day could be coming very soon.

Major League Baseball is stepping up its experimentation with an electronic communication channel for pitchers and catchers. After trying out the PitchCom system at Low-A West in the second half of last season, big league clubs are tinkering with the technology during spring training.

If the development is met with widespread acclaim, the system could be used in the majors this year. But the current plan is to work it in at the Double-A level this summer.

"Very much in favor. I think it speeds the game up," said Tony La Russa, the 77-year-old Hall of Fame manager of the Chicago White Sox. "Wondering, hoping they make it official. But our experience has been a good one."

With the PitchCom system, the catcher wears a wristband with nine buttons for calling the pitch and location. There is a receiver in the pitcher's cap, and another one in the catcher's helmet. Multiple languages are available for the encrypted channel.

No need for traditional signs — forget the wiggling fingers.

New York Yankees manager Aaron Boone even tried a little experiment with the experiment. An hour before Saturday's game against Atlanta, he told starting pitcher Luis Severino they would try the system with catcher Kyle Higashioka.

"We sprung it on Sevie at

12:15 before he was going out. He was game for it but we sprung it on him, no hiccups. No problems, and that's our first game doing it, so that's good thing. Hopefully it's something that we can get better at doing," Boone said.

Severino seemed fine, too, pitching four innings of one-hit ball.

As far as using it someday in the regular season, "I want to keep flushing that out the best we can. But my first impression of it, I feel like we're on to something. I thought it was really good," Boone said.

Baltimore Orioles pitcher Bruce Zimmermann concurred.

"It was not as awkward as I thought it was going to be, and actually I think it's really nice because you can speed up the game at your own will," Zimmermann said.

"I don't think it will be too much of a learning curve for a lot of the guys. I was initially against it until I actually used it," he said.

Orioles catcher Anthony Bemboom also offered a positive report, with a few concerns.

"It's just a little bit bulky on your wristband. It didn't happen the other day, but the ball could hit the wristband on a block. It could bounce one way or the other," he said.

"There was a couple of times when I hit it on my shin guard giving regular signs with no one on. ... It said 'knuckleball' and he's throwing a fastball, but other than that, everything was fine."

The PitchCom system is one of several potential changes MLB is exploring this year. There will be bigger bases, pitch clocks and limits on pickoff attempts for every full-season affiliate in the minors. Defensive shifts have been banned

for each Class A level and Double-A.

College baseball is already using an electronic system for calling pitches. With Game Day Signals, the calls are relayed from the dugout to a receiver on the pitcher's wrist.

"Shaving time off the college game is, I would think, a good thing for everyone, especially the consumer, and especially when it's 25 degrees on a Friday night in Nashville," Vanderbilt coach Tim Corbin said.

MLB also wants to speed up play. The average time of a nine-inning game during the 2021 regular season was a record 3 hours, 10 minutes, 7 seconds, up from 3:07:46 for the pandemic-shortened 2020 season and 3:05:35 in 2019.

When players are on base, especially at second, the game can bog down as pitchers and catchers switch up signs in an effort to shield the calls from their opponent. With an electronic channel, that would no longer be an issue.

"I like it. It's nice. ... It gives the hitters zero chance of knowing what's coming," White Sox right-hander Dylan Cease said.

The system also could eliminate sign-stealing altogether, a major perk for MLB after the Houston Astros' 2017 championship was tainted by a sign-stealing scandal.

MLB's investigation found Houston used a video feed from a center-field camera to see and decode the opposing catcher's signs during home games. Players banged on a trash can to signal to batters what was coming, believing it would improve the batter's odds of getting a hit.

Cease said sign-stealing has been a concern for him for the past couple of years, especially with a runner on second.

Short

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Bueckers said at the interview podium afterward, her voice wavering and her eyes reddened.

After grinding through an unwelcomed midseason rehab following the left knee injury that cost her 19 games and hitting her stride in the NCAA Tournament, the 2021 AP National Player of the Year had 14 points and five assists in UConn's semifinal victory over Stanford.

The Target Center lobby was packed two hours before tipoff, several rows deep on both sides of the red carpet rolled out for the players to stroll down upon their entry into the arena. Judging by the handheld signs from the adoring kids and teens, Bueckers was by far the VIP of the entourage, even with Auriemma and his 11 national championships.

The Gamecocks have one of the fiercest defenses in the game, and they promised to send multiple defenders at Bueckers to keep her from getting comfortable.

She never struggled, really, but she couldn't find any kind of a rhythm, either, because of all the rebounds that were gobbled up by the Gamecocks and all the turnovers and misses by her teammates. The rest of the Huskies were 16 for 41 from the floor and totaled 14 turnovers.

Azzi Fudd had an illness that kept her away from the morning shootaround and had only three points

in 17 minutes. Olivia Nelson-Ododa, who had four points and four fouls, played through a groin injury. South Carolina had a whopping 49-24 rebound advantage.

"We wanted to box out really well, push the ball in transition to get them running, get them tired," Bueckers said. "But South Carolina is a great team. They had a great game."

After South Carolina sprinted to a 13-2 lead, Bueckers didn't get a shot off until a jumper that bounced off the back rim with 3:21 left in the first quarter — her only attempt of the opening period. She didn't score until midway through the second quarter.

"We usually don't have any problem getting Paige shots, but tonight it was a problem, and I think South Carolina had everything to do with that," Auriemma said.

Brea Beal and Destanni Henderson spent most of the night guarding Bueckers. She tried to scrape off screens for catch-and-shoot opportunities or find space for her favored pull-up jumpers, but there wasn't much room in the half court for the Huskies to maneuver. All six of her makes were jump shots. She made one of three tries from 3-point range.

"I knew I had to use my speed and make sure I stayed with her," Henderson said. "I think that's what we've been practicing all along. The first time we played them, that really worked out well for us, so I knew I needed to come into this game and bring that same momentum."

Bueckers had 19 points on 8-for-19 shooting on Nov. 22 in UConn's 73-57 loss to South Carolina.

With the imposing Aliyah Boston, who succeeded Bueckers as the Player of the Year award winner, and her friends patrolling the paint, getting to the basket was tough for the Huskies — unless they found a backdoor pass from Bueckers to a cutting teammate.

As if that wasn't enough, Bueckers also spent much of her night chasing around Henderson on the other end, as the Gamecocks senior went out on quite the high note with a career-high 26 points.

The Huskies lost to Arizona in the Final Four last year. Bueckers was denied the chance to play for a championship in 2020 by the COVID-19 pandemic that halted the Minnesota state high school tournament before Hopkins made it to the title game. Bueckers led the Royals to the 2019 title during her junior season, a few miles away at Williams Arena, but Hopkins lost in the 2018 championship at Target Center.

"Just being able to be here with my team and spend more time with each other, build more memories, and to do it at home was amazing," Bueckers said. "Nobody in my position would be happy right now, so I'm obviously upset just with the way things ended. Super proud of this team for how far we've come and all the adversity we've dealt with and all we've overcome to get to this point. But at UConn, it's national championship or nothing."



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