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## County builds Spring Fork bridge in record time

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The Spring Fork bridge in southern Pettis County was unexpectedly closed after an inspection by the Missouri Department of Transportation a year ago. Pettis County Western Commissioner Jim Marcum said MoDOT usually lowers bridge weight limits gradually, giving the county time to plan for replacement.

"It was a surprise to us, usually the MoDOT people coming inspect it and they lower the weights," Marcum said. "That kind of starts giving us two or three years to look. Well, they have a new inspector that came, he said, 'man, we're going to flunk this and right now,' so that shut the whole world down."

Several homes were now shut off, except for a low-water crossing that flooded three days last year.

"They literally couldn't get out or into their houses," Marcum

said. "Out of 365 days, I mean, three days is still a lot."

The county usually funds bridges with BRO funding (Bridge Replacement Off-System). Taking federal money would have been the preferred method of funding the Spring Fork bridge replacement, but as time was essential, the county took a different approach.

"We built it ourselves," Marcum said. "Instead of using BRO monies, which is the best way. That's a half-million-dollar bridge, it would normally cost us \$100,000, but it would take two years to do it. We just used our reserve fund and built it ourselves right now and it only took us a year. I think they're all happy with it right now, it had been out for a while."

Construction was accomplished even faster, according to a press release from Eastern Commissioner Israel Baeza:

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The new Spring Fork Bridge is seen Tuesday. The Missouri Department of Transportation unexpectedly closed the unsafe bridge last year. Pettis County funded a new \$500,000 bridge out of the reserve fund. PHOTO BY CHRIS HOWELL | DEMOCRAT



Nicki Rice stands in her newly reopened downtown shop, Bleak to Chic LLC, on Friday morning. Rice previously operated the shop in Hughesville. Bleak to Chic, specializing in handcrafted home décor, hosted an open house Friday. It is located at 106 W. Seventh St. PHOTOS BY FAITH BEMISS | DEMOCRAT

## Bleak to Chic LLC reopens in Sedalia

By Faith Bemiss  
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Sedalia has gained a new downtown shop with the opening of Bleak to Chic LLC, formerly of Hughesville.

The décor shop, specializing in handcrafted items, hosted an open house Friday. It plans to be open each Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Owner Nicki Rice said she's repurposed furniture and other items for around 10 years, but she opened the first Bleak to Chic about a year ago in

Hughesville. Although the decision to move to Sedalia was prompted by needing a "bigger and better location." She added she's happy to be located downtown.

"I'm excited," she noted. "I'm ready for a new adventure."

Rice explained to the Democrat about the items in the store.

"Everything in here I have done myself," she noted. "So, I have basically refinished, repurposed, and touched up (everything) myself."

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Christy Goalder, of Sedalia, shops at the newly opened Bleak to Chic LLC in downtown Sedalia on Friday. The shop is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

## Smith-Cotton senior walks inspire young students

By Skye Melcher  
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In the 2016-17 school year, Sedalia School District 200's communications director was inspired by videos of seniors in their caps and gowns walking through their elementary school hallways, which led to creating the Grad Walk at Smith-Cotton High School.

Six to eight seniors are invited back to the elementary school they attended when they were younger to provide a message to

younger students about what took them from sitting on the floor at their elementary school to being ready to walk across the commencement stage. The talks happen during the last two weeks of school for seniors prior to graduation.

Communications Director Bob Satnan said Smith-Cotton High School has been fortunate to have seniors tell phenomenal stories, provide real inspiration, and a nugget of what the young kids need to hear.

"We had a student at Washington a few years

ago and he told the kids you have to be your own superhero," Satnan said. "It's just such a great message and a simple concept that you have to advocate for yourself, you can't wait around for other people to do things for you."

Satnan said there was another student, a 2021 graduate, who told the story of how she came to the United States in second or third grade and barely spoke any English. She explained how she was embraced and how it's important to accept other differences.

"It's about more than you're going to have to study hard because that's the easy message to provide," Satnan said. "Every year we have students who step up and provide something that's truly unique and inspiring."

It's not just the students who become inspired. In many cases, multiple staff members at the elementary schools had those seniors in their classes. In other cases, a parent who is an administrator or a teacher gets to see their child's growth.

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Smith-Cotton Class of 2019 seniors, from left, Kyler Simoncic, Colby Edgar, Jenna Rapp, Akaycia Mather, Maria Aonzo and Ethan Beard offer high fives to Skyline Elementary School students after delivering their Grad Walk talks in May 2019. PHOTO COURTESY OF SEDALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 200



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### SUMMER FUN IS ON THE WAY!

Outdoor Pool Season Passes and Outdoor Pool rentals are available now! Stop by the Heckart Community Center to purchase your 2022 season pool pass or book your next pool party!



### SUPERHERO PARTY

Superheroes are coming to town May 14th! Join us for our annual Superhero Party! Dress up and show off your SUPER skills! Superheroes from Just-Us-League will be visiting us! Registration is \$10 and can be done online at [www.sedaliaparks.com](http://www.sedaliaparks.com)! We can't wait to see your SUPER skills! Limited space!

### FAMILY OLYMPICS NIGHT!

Enjoy an evening of fun with your family at our Olympic themed date night event! Our guests will enjoy a night of dancing, dinner, inflatables, games, activities, and a photo to remember this special night! Fun for the whole family and all ages! Hosted on May 20th at the Heckart Community Center! Pre-registration is required and is \$12 per person! Register online!



## OBITUARIES

### Jerry A. Collins, Sr.

Jerry A. Collins, Sr., 76, of Sedalia, MO, passed away Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at Fair View Nursing Home in Sedalia. On September 21, 1945, he was born in West Plains, MO, the son of Lawrence E. Collins and Janice L. (Hooten) Collins, who preceded him in death.



In 1965 he was united in marriage to Judy Points, who resides in Sedalia.

After high school, Jerry enlisted in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. After his military service, he was co-owner with his dad and brother at Collins Camper Sales in Sedalia. Jerry also was a talented carpenter and worked in various construction jobs. In addition, he owned and operated Collins Mobile Home Transporting, in Sedalia, for many years until his retirement in 2007.

Jerry had a passion for music. He started playing the drums with his dad at the age of thirteen. Jerry played backup for famous country artists throughout his music careers, such as Waylon Jennings, Merle Haggard, Barbara Mandrell, Marty Stuart, Connie Smith, Lynn Anderson, and Leona Williams. In addition, he went on the road many times with Dave Dudley. Jerry loved fishing, hunting, and mushroom hunting and especially loved spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include his companion of 30 years,

### Elizabeth "Betty" Rose Hayes

Elizabeth "Betty" Rose Hayes, 88, of Green Ridge, MO passed away Saturday, April 30, 2022, at Warrensburg Manor in Warrensburg, MO. She was born on February 22, 1934, in Sedalia, the daughter of Gordon Baslee and Mabel (Ransdell) Baslee, who preceded her in death.



On October 16, 1954, in Olathe, KS, she was united in marriage to Robert A. Hayes, who preceded her in death on August 23, 2020.

Betty Rose was a 1952 graduate of Otterville High School. She owned and operated the Country Cottage Arts and Crafts in Sedalia, where she taught painting classes, sold art supplies, and her son, Rick, did the matting and framing. She enjoyed art, music, and visiting with people. Betty Rose was baptized at the Broadway Baptist Church in Kansas City, MO and later became a member of the Windsor Assembly of God Church. She was active in church, teaching Sunday School, making dinners, decorating, and teaching ladies at church how to make bread and rolls.

Survivors include a daughter, Cindy Kay Wilcher and her husband

Sharon Keele of the home; a daughter, Angela Lee (Larry) of Sedalia; a step-son, Justin Bremer (April) of Florence, MO; a grandson, Shain Kaiser; a granddaughter, Paige Mallinson (Dakota); and two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Connie Koering (Steve) of Sedalia; Phyllis Prussia (Ed) of Greenwood, MO; two aunts, Lucille Trullinger of Willow Springs, MO, and Shirley Putman of Van Buren, AR; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Jerry A. Collins, Jr.; a brother, Carl Collins, Sr.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at Rea Funeral Chapel, with Pastor Chris Guffey officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral chapel from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Monday, May 9, 2022.

Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery, Sedalia, MO.

Pallbearers will be Frank Warmbrodt, Norman Wood, Ed Prusia, Marty Woosley, Shain Kaiser, and Carl Collins, Jr.

Honorary bearers will be Steve Koering, Kevin Pfetcher, Jason Pfetcher, and Justin Bremer.

Family and friends may make memorial contributions to Cornerstone Baptist Church in the care of Rea Funeral Chapel.

Norman of Warrensburg, MO and son, Rick Hayes of Green Ridge, MO; four grandchildren, Lisa (Scott), Steve (Lauren), Becky (Jimmy), Robert (Jesyca), Heather (Patrick), Minde; thirteen great-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Sharon Hayes of Sedalia; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Dale Baslee and a sister Wilma Gimple.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, May 12, 2022 at Rea Funeral Chapel, with Pastor Robin Paul officiating.

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

Burial will be at Hickory Point Cemetery, Green Ridge, MO.

Honorary bearers will be Sean Wilcher, Bobby Hayes, Jimmy Durnal, Robby Baslee, Mike Baslee, Gary Hayes, Darren Paul, David Slocum, David Doyle, and Richard DeFord.

Memorial contributions may be made to Crossroads Hospice in the care of Rea Funeral Chapel.

Daryl Lee Cook, 75, of Sedalia, MO, passed away Thursday May 5, 2022, at Bothwell Regional Health Center in Sedalia. He was born on July 20, 1946, in Marshall, MO the son of Ralph H. Cook and Drucilla I. (Hanning) Cook, who preceded him in death.

He was united in marriage to Sandra J. Wasson for forty years, who survives of the home.

Daryl was a 1964 graduate of Smith-Cotton High School. Following high school, he enlisted into the United States Navy. He served his country

honorably from 1965 until 1971 during the Vietnam War and served aboard the Destroyer USS Power. Daryl attained the rank of Gunners Mate 3rd Class. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Daryl worked at Alcan Cable. He started as a machine operator and worked his way up to Shift Electrician and retired after 35 years of service. He was a member of the Sedalia



American Legion Post #642 and volunteered for the Sedalia Police Department Auxiliary as a Sergeant and Lieutenant for many years. Daryl enjoyed fishing, hunting, walking out at State Fair Community College with friends, and going to the local farmer's market.

Along with his wife, he is survived by several cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his step-

mother, Juanita (Utt) Cook; two aunts, Mary Virginia Cook and Shirley Cook; and an uncle, Morris Cook.

A graveside service and burial will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at Crown Hill Cemetery, with Pastor Rusty Thomas officiating. Military honors will be conducted by the United State Navy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, the American Cancer, or to a charity of the donor's choice in the care of Rea Funeral Chapel, Sedalia.

### Daryl Lee Cook

### Karen Ann Diefenderfer

for over 30 years. She was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Karen was an avid quilter and member of the Sedville Quilt Guild. She enjoyed reading, sewing, needlework and bird watching. She was outgoing, giving and loved her family.

Survivors include: two daughters, Sarah Huec-

hteman (husband, Randy), of Melissa, TX, and Jennifer Walsh (husband, Michael), of Alamo, CA; three grandchildren, Emily Huec-



hteman, Andrew Huechteman (wife, Courtney), and Carly Walsh; a great-grandson, Knox; and a sister, LeAnn Fletcher, of Lee's Summit.

In addition to her parents

and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Eugene Jaeger.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Heckart Funeral Home.

Visitation will be 9:30 a.m. until service time Saturday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Warrensburg Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Sedalia Animal Shelter, in care of Heckart Funeral Home.

### Jack L. Gold

take place at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 14, 2022, at the Laurel Oak Cemetery, Windsor. A visitation will be held before the service from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Hadley Funeral

Home, Windsor. Those wishing to honor Jack with a memorial donation are asked to consider the Windsor High School Master Scholarship Endowment Fund (WHS

MSEF) to establish a scholarship in his memory, or to the Good Shepherd Hospice. Memorials may be left in care of the Hadley Funeral Home, Windsor.

## FUNERALS

### Gabriel, Holly Michele

1-3 p.m. Saturday at 2525 Somerset in Prairie Village, Kansas.

### Griffin, David and Becky

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

### Oehrke, Charlene Gladys Ebeling

1 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cole Camp. Arrangements are under the direction of Fox Funeral Home.

### Nau, Stephen E.

1:30 p.m. Saturday

at IOOF Cemetery in Otterville. Arrangements are under the direction of Meisenheimer-Page-Dady Funeral Home in Otterville.

### Shown, Goldie Faye

2 p.m. Saturday at Wilma and Mike's in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of the Fox Funeral Home of Cole Camp.

### Haley, Ray D.

3 to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Sedalia Country Club. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

### Hill, Norma Jean

11 a.m. Monday at Heckart Funeral Home. Arrangements are under

the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

### Collins, Jerry A.

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

### Cook, Daryl Lee

1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Crown Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

### Hayes, Elizabeth "Betty" Rose

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

### Diefenderfer, Karen Ann

10:30 a.m. Saturday,

May 14 at Heckart Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

### Gold, Jack L.

11 a.m., Saturday, May 14 at the Laurel Oak Cemetery in Windsor. Arrangements are under the direction of Hadley Funeral Home in Windsor.

### Schwermer, Linda Lou

1 p.m. Saturday May 14 at Broadway Presbyterian Church.

### Magdaleno, Deborah Jean "Debby,"

1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 4 at Heckart Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

## 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 May 2

5:20 a.m.: William Michael Chapman, 37, of the 900 block of South Quincy Avenue, was arrested after a traffic stop for no front license plate in the area of South Osage Avenue and West 16th Street. The driver had a suspended driver's license and was released on scene with a citation.

### May 5

9:22 a.m.: Tammy J. Reed, 53, of California, met with an officer at the police department regarding a stolen vehicle from September 2021. Reed was arrested and transported to the Pettis County Jail where she was booked on charges of

stealing a motor vehicle and placed on a 24-hour hold.

7:42 p.m.: Bridgette M. Satrang, 38, of the 600 block of West Seventh Street, was arrested after an officer performed an investigative stop on a vehicle in the area of West Main Street and South Park Avenue. Satrang was aware of her suspended driver's license and was released on scene with a citation.

9:50 p.m.: Mason Alexander Comfort, 18, of Green Ridge, was arrested after a traffic stop for no front license plate in the 2100 block of South Limit Avenue. Investigation revealed the driver was in possession of marijuana and related paraphernalia. Comfort was issued a municipal citation for possession of marijuana.

### May 6

2:33 a.m.: Matty L. Hood, 30, of the 1800 block of Warren Avenue, was arrested after an investigative stop was made in the 1800 block

of South Warren Avenue for a female suspect that had no license and a Sedalia warrant. Hood jumped from the car, walked away ignoring police commands, and resisted arrest. A search of the car revealed marijuana and drug paraphernalia. She was transported to the Pettis County Jail and placed on a 24-hour hold pending state charges of misdemeanor resisting arrest, driving without a valid driver's license, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and the warrant.

### Incidents May 5

9:07 a.m.: Officers responded to a business in the 100 block of Thompson Boulevard in reference to a stolen vehicle. A van belonging to the business was stolen overnight. The vehicle was later recovered in the 2600 block of East Broadway Boulevard. The catalytic converter had been removed. No suspects have

been identified at this time.

10 2 p.m.: Officers were dispatched to a hit-and-run accident at East Broadway Boulevard and South Engineer Avenue. The reporting person stated she was on East Broadway and was stopped at the light when her vehicle was struck from behind. The suspect vehicle fled but was later located a short time later and was found to have had a juvenile driver at the time of the crash. There was no report of injuries. The case has been referred to the Pettis County Juvenile Office.

7:47 p.m.: An officer was dispatched to Bothwell Regional Health Center for a cat bite that happened approximately 35 hours prior in the area of Arlington Avenue and East Broadway Boulevard. The victim sustained puncture marks, which started swelling. A report was made documenting the incident.

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# Commission meets with Pettis County mayors

**By Democrat Staff**

During daily meetings May 2 to May 6, the Pettis County Commission completed the following:

May 2: The Commission hosted a meeting for the mayors of Pettis County in the Commission Chambers for the purpose of opening communication between the County and the smaller cities within it. Present were IT Director Luke Goosen, Facilities and Grounds Coordinator Bret Manuel, EMA Director Trisha Rooda, Deputy EMA Director Erin Matheny, County Clerk

Employee Samantha, GIS Director James Theisen, Assessor Employee Kylie Sidwell, La Monte Mayor Ronnie McNeive, Ionia Mayor William Smart, Green Ridge Mayor James Dove, Smithton Mayor Damien Lemons, and Sedalia Mayor Andrew Dawson.

GIS Director James Theisen discussed ongoing and possible future bridge projects in Pettis County.

May 3: The Commission hosted the Missouri University Extension Council Legacy Awards Ceremony and regular meeting for the Extension

Council. Present were Council President Patty Wood, Council Vice President Billie Long, Council Secretary Dana Binder, Council Treasurer Jennifer Boatright, Council member Nancy Sellers, Council member Jane Henderson, Nutrition Program Associate for Extension Kate Hanlon, Leader Honor Roll Recipient Don Weaver, and Century Farm Award Winners Glen and Rick Johnson.

The Commission read and approved the Missouri University Extension Council proclamation and presented it to the Council.

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May 4: Citizen Kevin Lujin visited with the Commission.

Pettis County Collector Marsha Boesch visited. Pettis County Recorder of Deeds Barbara Clevenger visited.

May 5: U.S. Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler, R-District 4, visited the Pettis County Sheriff's Office. The Commission accompanied Hartzler to the Sedalia Police Department.

The Commission attended the National

Day of Prayer event in the Pettis County Courthouse lobby.

May 5: The Commission met with 911 Director Danyne Lauder to discuss Joint Communication staffing and pay rates.

Present were Theisen and Payroll and Benefits Specialist Marie Kringle. The Commission went into closed session for legal counsel and discussions.

Mayor Andrew Dawson visited with the Commission.

Clell Furnell requested a Building Use Form and discussed a car show for

September with the Commission.

The census for the Pettis County Jail for the week of May 2 is 124 inmates and the census for 911 calls is 2,133 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.

## SFCC Ag program hosts first tractor cruise



State Fair Community College's Ag Program Coordinator Brad Driskill visits with participants about his 1951 John Deere MT before the cruise begins. The first SFCC Agriculture program Tractor Cruise took off from the Sedalia campus on April 30 around 9:30 a.m. Twelve tractors participated in the route from Sedalia to Green Ridge with participants from Sedalia, Alma, Concordia, Lone Jack, Warrensburg, Smithton, and Tuscumbia.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF STATE FAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE



SFCC's Academic Records and Registrar Director Jennifer Wilbanks drove a 1949 Farmall C in SFCC's first tractor cruise. The Ag program plans to host another cruise next year.



Garrett Lammers, an SFCC Ag student, drove a Ford 1715 in SFCC's first tractor cruise from the Sedalia campus to Green Ridge.

### POLICE REPORTS From 2A

**Pettis County Sheriff's Office Arrests April 5**

8:30 p.m.: Deputies initiated a traffic stop at Highway M and Goodwill Chapel Road and found the driver had a suspended

driver's license. He was arrested and transported to the Pettis County Jail.

**Missouri State Highway Patrol Arrests April 5**

Richard D. Tabor, 39, of Sedalia, was arrested in

Saline County for felony driving with a revoked license, and possession of certain weapons - brass knuckles. He was transported to the Saline County Jail and released.

Compiled by Chris Howell.

## EXPLAINER: More pressure on the Fed from April jobs report

**By Christopher Rugaber**

AP Economics Reporter

WASHINGTON (AP) — Friday's jobs report for April provided mixed signals on the economic issue most on the minds of Americans: Chronically high inflation.

On the one hand, the proportion of people either working or looking for work slipped in April after a string of increases. Having fewer people in the workforce means employers need to raise pay to try to fill a record-high number of open jobs. Companies typically then pass on those higher labor costs to consumers in the form of higher prices.

On the other hand, average hourly pay increases slowed last month and have weakened over the past three months, a trend that could ease inflationary pressures.

The offsetting trends come as the Federal Reserve has accelerated its fight against inflation, which has surged to a four-decade high. This week, the Fed raised its key interest rate by a half-percentage point — its most aggressive move since 2000 — and signaled further large rate hikes to come. Higher rates can slow borrowing and spending but also risk causing a recession.

How inflation and the economy evolve

in the coming months will be key to whether the Fed can succeed in slowing price increases without torpedoing growth.

Friday's report from the Labor Department showed that employers added 428,000 jobs in April, the 12th straight month of 400,000 or more gains. The unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.6%, just a tenth above its pre-pandemic level, the lowest rate in 50 years.

Here are five takeaways from the jobs report:

**SMALLER LABOR FORCE COMPLICATES FED'S JOB**

The proportion of Americans who are either working or hunting for a job fell in April to 62.2% from 62.4% after three months of increases. April's decline, though just one month, ended a trend toward rising numbers of job seekers. Fewer workers and higher pay could make inflation harder to restrain.

"If the supply (of workers) is not picking up, then those wage pressures are not going to be easing," said Peter Hooper, Deutsche Bank's global head of economic research. "And that means the Fed is going to have to do more" — that is, keep raising its key short-term rate, which would mean more expensive borrowing across the economy.

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**Here's mommy!**

"I opened my eyes  
And looked up at the  
rain,  
And it dripped in my  
head  
And flowed into my  
brain,  
And all that I hear as I  
lie in my bed  
Is the slishity-slosh of  
the rain in my head.



**Liz Schleicher**  
Contributing Columnist

I step very softly,  
I walk very slow,  
I can't do a  
handstand—  
I might overflow,  
So pardon the wild  
crazy thing I just said—  
I'm just not the same  
since there's rain in my  
head."

"Rain," by Shel  
Silverstein

One rainy day is cozy. It's a time to work to the pleasant background noise of thunder and metallic drumming on the roof. Read a novel, watch a scary movie, make some tea, bake cookies. Play board games with your kids.

A week of rainy days is distressing. Traces of mud seem to seep into your home even when the doors are closed. Tea and board games lose their allure. The cute rain boots you bought become passé and cause a blister. Your socks are always wet, and your soul feels like a wet sock, as well.

We've had about 4.5 inches at our house since last weekend. I have to wear muck boots to step off the back porch. A low place out in the front yard has filled with enough rain to cause a pleasant, if redneck, water feature effect. We have affectionately dubbed it "Lake Schleicher." I may buy some koi.

This much rain has dripped into my head. Indeed, I fear this meteorological pattern has affected the delicate balance of my sanity. The children are dull and petulant, the hens upset, the dog nearly unbearable. My husband lives in quiet fear of being served another bowl of "cozy, warming" soup. The garden languishes — the weeds, of course, continue to grow no matter what the weather.

I might be losing it. I went out and walked around in the downpour the other night with a kerchief on my head, desperate for some fresh air but still unwilling to get my head wet. I have a flower I'm watching every day as it gets ready to bloom, a big orange poppy. It's the most exciting thing that's happened to me all week. I started binge-watching some British history show about castles. The best part is teaching the kids to boo loudly whenever they see Henry the Eighth.

It's supposed to be 90 degrees and sunny by Monday, and then all week after. I'll be able to put out my plants, mow my yard, take a walk, wear a sundress. I could wash my floors without fear. And the van. And the dog.

No more soup.

No more soup for months.

I'll be free.

But it might be too late by then. The damage has been done. The rain is in my head, slishity-sloshing even as I try to write this column. It's too easy to break my concentration, to distract me, and then it takes me time to get back where I was. You understand?

The moral of the story, I guess, is that all rain and no sun makes Jack a dull boy.

All rain and no sun makes Jack a dull boy.

All rain and no sun ... wait. Where was I going with this?

Send help. And some koi. They'll look real pretty in the lake out front.

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



**CONTRIBUTING COLUMN**

*Dreary and gray will hopefully lead to sun, soon*

I'd like to write today about the Supreme Court opinion leak, but I will reserve most of my judgment until I can read the final opinion. I'll complain, however, about two parts of this opinion, and then I'll move on to another topic.

Part of the opinion points out that the word "abortion" does not appear in the Constitution, and therefore, is not an "enumerated right." That is correct. That word was not written in the Constitution. One must consider, however, that though "arms" appears, the "arms" in those days were muskets. "AR-15" does not appear, nor does the word "handgun." "Birth control" does not appear, nor does "travel," nor does "woman." Starting down the road of deciding what rights we have based on the actual words in the Constitution seems to me to be pretty foolhardy. We shall see.

The second part I quarrel with is the part of the opinion saying that the 14th Amendment protects only those civil rights that are "strongly rooted in U.S. history and tradition." The Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights



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Act were passed in the 1960s. In the 1970s, a married woman could not have a credit card in her name unless her husband agreed in writing, and a pregnant teacher — married or not — could be fired from her job. Interracial marriage was legalized in *Loving v. Virginia* in 1967. The right to privacy and to use birth control legally was established in 1965. Schools were fully integrated in the 1960s. Marriage equality was decided in 2015.

All of these cases and personal freedoms occurred around the same time as *Roe* — or later. Under the opinion's reasoning, all these freedoms that we now take for granted are not strongly rooted in U.S. history and tradition. I find that reasoning faulty and disingenuous. If "strongly rooted in U.S.

history and tradition" stays in the opinion, then fasten your seat belts. It's going to be a bumpy ride.

Moving along. It's May, and who would know it? As I try desperately to keep high spirits during these dreary and gray days, I try to remember that just a few years ago, I took a picture and posted it on Facebook. The photo showed our Weber grill with about five inches of snow on the lid. I believe it was May 7. So I hang on, believing in my heart of hearts that someday soon, we will see the sun and feel its warmth. I assume that will be Tuesday or so, when temperatures are forecast to be sweltering.

I try to soothe myself with the knowledge that we are more fortunate than my aunt and her husband, who live in the hinterlands of Wisconsin. They had snow around Easter, and last week, she reported a temperature of 38 degrees. She says that their blooming season is about three weeks behind ours, but I haven't seen anything blooming when she sends photos.

Even Hue the Cat is down in the dumps. While she usually

studiously ignores me, casting baleful backward glances over her shoulder as I try to pet her, she has taken to hiding under the bed when the threat of rain hangs heavy in the air. She then tries to quietly jump up on the bed so that I will not notice. I have even awakened during the night to find her sleeping on the corner of the bed.

I think she just wants company because she doesn't like the weather, either. Max is gone for a few days, and he is Hue's favorite, so her tantalizing me with the promise of a closer relationship will end soon. But she does seem to want attention that she has not requested before. Occasionally, she will look out the window, gazing at the pink dogwood, but she tires of that very quickly.

I know she is waiting for the day that we will open the patio door so she can scoot out the kitty door that Max installed last year. Just like a 5-year-old, she will go in and out, over and over, all day long. Just like we do, she enjoys basking in the sun.

And so we wait. Soon, sunshine, soon. Please.

*Deborah Mitchell is a Sedalia attorney.*

**CONTRIBUTING COLUMN**

**Mornings at sea**

It has been many years since I stood on the deck of a ship in the morning, with a cup of hot coffee in my hand, staring out across an ocean, but the memory of doing so is still strong in my mind.

I had a lot of those mornings as a sailor, but I don't think I appreciated them near as much when they were happening, as I believe I would now. In my family room, there is a big picture of the first ship I served aboard for the first four years of my Navy career; the aerial picture of the U.S.S. *Hawkins* was taken while it was deployed to the Mediterranean Sea.

I look at the old picture that was taken during the time I was on board, and as I look at it, I can't help but think about where I would have been as the plane took the picture. I have studied the picture with a magnifying glass,



**Jack Miller**  
Guest Columnist

trying to see the faces of those who were on deck, hoping I was one of them, but no such luck. I was probably in the engine room at the time or somewhere else inside the ship. The picture was taken during my first cruise, which means I was a cocky 17-year-old sailor, who probably thought he knew it all; all I really knew at the time was how to chip paint in the bilges (the bottom of the ship).

In boot camp, when the people who decide

which job you will be doing on a ship told me I was mechanically inclined and was going to be an engineer, I thought it was a compliment, but when I found myself laying in oil and looking up at the greasy underside of machinery with a chipping hammer in my hand, I knew it wasn't. That is why I took every opportunity to get into the sunshine on the main deck whenever I could. I learned quickly that to maximize my time out of the bilges and get up on deck where the coffee drinkers gathered, I needed to be willing to drink a lot of coffee.

I guess that is when my love for morning coffee mixed with an ocean breeze started.

I still love my morning coffee today, but some mornings I long to feel an ocean breeze and a moving deck as I'm drinking it. I thought about this a few morn-

ings ago, as my wife and I were drinking our morning coffee and a breeze blew in through the open door. For a second, I was back on the ship staring across the sea again.

As I do with many of the things I love, I wrote a poem to maybe explain my feelings better.

**Morning at Sea  
I still remember  
mornings at sea  
Haze grey decks  
rolling under me  
The smell of the coffee  
in my hand  
Scanning horizons for  
sight of land  
The feeling of bow  
spray on a breeze  
Oh, how I miss those  
mornings at sea**

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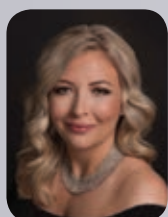
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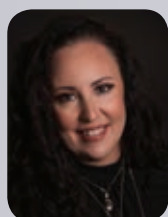
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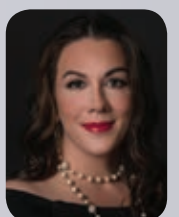
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# Chic

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"Nothing is outsourced," she continued. "Everything is done by me."

Rice offers hand-painted signs, repurposed furniture, mirrors, floral arrangements, knick-knacks, shelves, and other items. She added she loves "everything" about creating this type of decor.

"It's making something out of nothing," she stated. "It's stuff that people would throw away or look past, and (I'm) making it something beautiful again."

One particular piece of furniture, a white chest with drawers decorated with wood flowers, is Rice's favorite piece.

"It took me three days to make every individual flower," she stated. "Each flower is a mold. So, it took me three days just to make the flowers and then another three days to put them on

there like a puzzle.

"But, I absolutely had to do it," she added. "It was in my head, and I had to do it. I absolutely love that. That's one if I had room for it, it would've stayed at my house."

During Friday's open house, Beth Douglas, of Hughesville, was perusing the unusual items at the shop. She said she is a frequent shopper at Bleak to Chic.

"I love her work," Douglas noted. "I like the uniqueness of it and I know she does it herself."

She added that Rice's move to Sedalia worked out well since she works down the street at the Pettis County Courthouse. Douglas said she'd bought a little bit of everything from Rice.

"I haven't bought furniture. I've bought signs," she said. "She's actually making me a sign, and she's made me more than one sign."

She added she likes buying "whatever catches her



**Bleak to Chic LLC customer Beth Douglas, of Hughesville, looks over handcrafted items at the shop on Friday. Douglas is a regular customer of the store and often shopped there when it was in Hughesville. Owner Nicki Rice and her son Noah Rice are on the right.**



**Bleak to Chic owner Nicki Rice creates all her work by hand and refurbishes all of the furniture in the shop.**

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eye" to redecorate her home.

"I like shopping local too," Douglas said.

Christy Goalder, of Sedalia, said it was her first time shopping at the store. Goalder was purchasing an upcycled decorative flower vase made from trash. Rice

explained the trash was clean and one would never know its origins because of its beautiful design.

"I never got to her place in Hughesville. I like it," Goalder said of the shop. "Cute pieces, it's very unique."

Rice noted she adds new items every week and said she wants to become involved with activities downtown.

"I go crazy for holidays," she added. "Any kind of holidays, I go overboard."

"It's just a unique place," she continued. "I don't think there's any place in town where everything is made by

one person — shop small, shop local."

Bleak to Chic, 106 W. Seventh St., is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call 660-281-7327.

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

# Bridge

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"Thanks to our team's commitment, this is one of the fastest bridges completed in Pettis County History. With a construction period of five months and a total completion time of 11 months from the moment it was closed by MoDOT. For reference a typical bridge replacement takes 24 to 30 months from start to finish."

Marcum admits funding the bridge through the reserve fund wasn't optimal, but it was a matter of safety and what county citizens needed.

"With the other \$400,000 we used, we could have done four more BRO bridges," Marcum said. "But that's probably 10 years' worth of work criteria. So, we just made it work because

that's what the public wants."

Dylan Sanders, of Warsaw, was busy casting a line off the Spring Fork Lake dock Tuesday.

"I bring the wife out here and while we're in Sedalia and try to catch some fish," Sanders said. "When we drove across, I said to my wife I said, 'Oh yeah, I just saw that they finished this bridge on Facebook the other day and it looks real nice.' It's definitely nice to have a new bridge out there."

County officials are pleased the bridge was completed in such a timely manner and can safely serve residents and visitors.

"It's all open, they're using it right now, it's safe, you can get a fire truck across it, any kind of emergency services can meet now on this bridge," Marcum said. "It's a far safer environment for the people that are living there."

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

# Senior

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"It's just a really nice experience for everyone involved as we head into graduation season and let those younger students know what's up," Satnan said.

Satnan send a survey out to the S-C seniors asking them where their Sedalia 200 academic career began. Then he and Principal Wade Norton look at the list sorted by school to figure out which students would have a good story to tell and be comfortable talking in front of a crowd.

The seniors are told they all shouldn't speak about the same general story but instead to share something important to them.

This is one of the things Satnan enjoys the most because every year the stories are different. He said it's also great to see the seniors blossom into adults.

Norton, who used to be the Heber Hunt Elementary principal, added that it's been fun to see several of the students who he had in elementary school go back and speak.

"Some of them have grown," Norton said. "I knew I left the elementary and there was a squirrely boy or girl and I got to watch them grow up but their elementary building did not."

Norton added that it's great to see the elementary teachers' faces when they realize their students have grown up and that they had such a big impact on that student's life.

Senior Ramey Kempton will be one of the students presenting at Heber Hunt Elementary.

"My DECA project this year, I worked with kindergarten students and we went to all the elementary schools," Kempton said. "Heber Hunt has a special place in my heart but it's crazy because I haven't been back in so long."

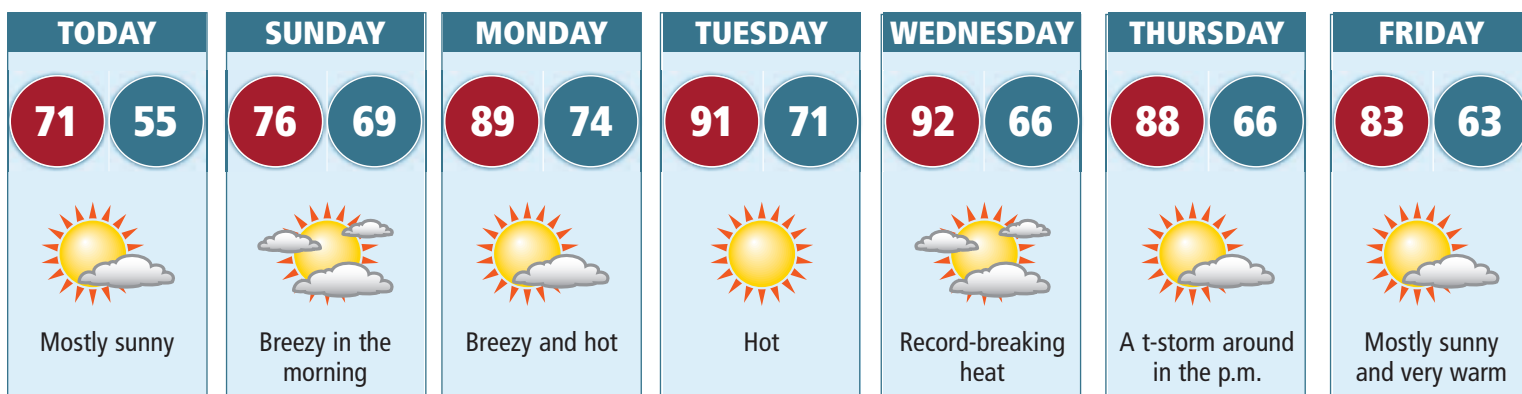
Kempton is excited to speak with the younger students and see what the school is like now. She will be giving advice to these younger students on how to speak to teachers, navigate more people in their class, speak to their counselors, advocate for themselves, ask questions, challenge themselves and try new things.

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

# THE WEATHER

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## SEVEN-DAY FORECAST



## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:09 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:11 p.m.
Moonrise today	11:09 a.m.
Moonsset today	1:44 a.m.



## WEATHER HISTORY

The most deadly and destructive tornado in the United States occurred on May 7, 1840. "The Great Natchez Tornado" destroyed Natchez, Miss., killing 340 people. Most died by drowning in the Mississippi River.

## ALMANAC

Sedalia Regional Airport Thursday

TEMPERATURES	
High	61
Low	59
Normal high	71
Normal low	49
Record high	91 in 1952
Record low	32 in 1944

PRECIPITATION	
Thursday	0.09"
Month to date	1.61"
Normal m-t-d	0.89"
Year to date	12.02"
Normal y-t-d	12.34"

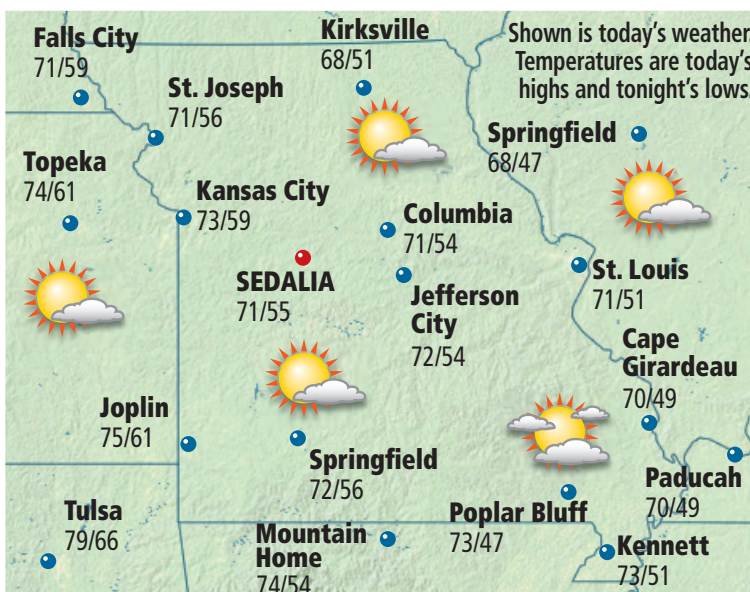
COOLING DEGREE DAYS	
Index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature was above 65 degrees for the day.	
Thursday	0
Month to date	0
Year to date	20
Normal year to date	26
Last year to date	41

RIVER LEVELS			
In feet as of 7 a.m. Friday			
Blackwater	Stage	Chg	Fld Stg
Blue Lick	23.84	-0.84	24
Valley City	20.70	+4.11	22

Lamine		
Otterville	17.67	+12.62
15		

Missouri		
Boonville	14.64	-1.12
21		

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**BRANSON**  
High: 76. Low: 57. Mostly sunny and pleasant today. Mainly clear tonight. Partly sunny and very warm tomorrow. Monday: hot with plenty of sunshine.

**KANSAS CITY**  
High: 73. Low: 59. Mostly sunny today. Clearing and breezy tonight. Breezy tomorrow with times of clouds and sun. Monday: mostly sunny and hot.

**ST. LOUIS**  
High: 71. Low: 51. Mostly sunny and beautiful today. Mainly clear tonight. Some sun, then turning cloudy and breezy tomorrow.

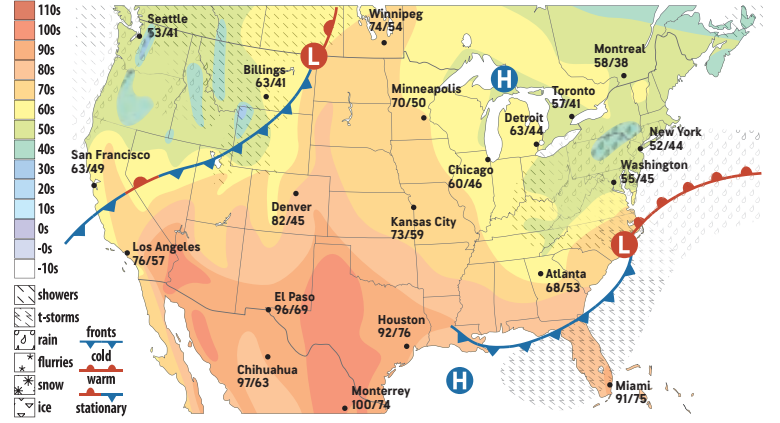
**NEW YORK CITY**  
High: 52. Low: 44. Winds gusting past 45 mph today; periods of rain. Windy with a little rain this evening followed by a shower late.

**LOS ANGELES**  
High: 76. Low: 57. Areas of low clouds, then sun today. Clear early tonight, then areas of low clouds forming. Areas of low clouds early tomorrow, then sunny.

## NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today	Sunday	Today	Sunday
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	68/53/pc	74/54/s	Milwaukee	58/44/s
Baltimore	54/44/r	56/44/r	Nashville	66/50/c
Billings	63/41/c	56/35/c	New Orleans	88/72/pc
Boston	50/45/c	52/45/pc	Norfolk	72/53/t
Buffalo	56/39/c	61/42/s	Oklahoma City	82/69/s
Charlotte	72/52/t	66/46/pc	Orlando	88/71/pc
Chicago	60/46/s	65/55/pc	Phoenix	100/73/s
Cleveland	53/44/sh	59/48/pc	Pittsburgh	52/43/r
Dallas	97/75/s	99/74/s	Portland, ME	52/39/pc
Denver	82/45/pc	79/47/s	Portland, OR	55/43/r
Detroit	63/44/pc	62/48/pc	Sacramento	73/47/pc
Honolulu	84/73/pc	85/73/pc	St. Louis	71/51/s
Houston	92/76/s	98/75/s	San Francisco	63/49/s
Indianapolis	64/45/pc	70/53/c	Seattle	53/41/r
Las Vegas	94/65/s	84/55/s	Washington, DC	55/45/r

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



Summary: Rain will soak areas from the central Appalachians to the mid-Atlantic coast today. Winds and surf will build on the coast as well. As heat surges over Texas, rain and snow will sprawl over the Northwest.





# Missouri lawmakers pass \$48 billion state budget

**By Summer Ballentine**  
Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Missouri's Republican-led Legislature on Friday passed a roughly \$48 billion state budget packed with extra funding for teacher pay, school busing, Medicaid and public colleges and universities.

The budget package earned largely bipartisan support, although some Republicans criticized spending so much money on government programs.

GOP heartburn over the uptick in spending was somewhat eased with a \$500 million tax refund added to the budget Thursday.

Middle-income taxpayers are slated to get tax credits up to \$1,000 for married couples filing jointly or \$500 for single adults under the proposal, although the exact amount available per taxpayer is unclear and also depends on individuals'

tax liability.

"This is giving money back to taxpayers when we're in a situation where we have too much of it," House Budget Committee Chairman Cody Smith said.

Under the program, refunds would go only to individuals earning less than \$150,000 and couples making less than \$300,000 annually. Refunds will be prorated, meaning taxpayers might not get the full amount if enough people qualify.

People must pay taxes to be eligible for a refund. In practice, people would receive a \$1 refund for each \$1 of tax owed until their tax bill reaches the refund limit of \$500.

Other provisions in the budget include a new program to raise teacher pay to a minimum of \$38,000 a year, with the state kicking in 70% of those costs if local school districts agree to pitch in the other 30%.

Parents and other caregivers could get up

to \$1,500 in grants or reimbursements to pay for tutoring and other resources to help K-12 students catch up after falling behind during the coronavirus pandemic.

Lawmakers bulked up funding to fully pay the state's share of public K-12 busing costs, which have been underfunded since 1991. The extra money could help prevent long walks to school for K-12 students and four-day weeks.

"Additional transportation dollars from the state allows school leaders to shift local funds to other high-priority areas to further support students, teachers, and staff," Commissioner of Education Margie Vandeven said in a statement.

Public four-year colleges and universities are set to get a 5.5% funding increase, along with tens of millions more for construction projects at university and college campuses across the state. Republican lawmakers

caved and included money to pay for Medicaid expansion under the terms of the 2010 federal health care law signed by former President Barack Obama, as approved by Missouri taxpayers in 2020.

Despite voter approval, GOP lawmakers — who have cautioned against promising more people health care without knowing whether the state will be able to afford it — continued to fight the expansion, refusing to fund it last year.

They conceded after a judge last year ordered Republican Gov. Mike Parson's administration to allow newly eligible adults to enroll.

Republicans once again also banned any public funding from going to Planned Parenthood centers, including clinics that do not provide abortions.

Lawmakers were able to stop money from going to Planned Parenthood in the 2019 fiscal year by forgoing some federal funding to avoid require-

ments that the clinics be reimbursed if low-income patients go there for birth control, cancer screenings and other preventative care.

But the Missouri Supreme Court ruled in 2020 that lawmakers violated the constitution by making the policy change through the state budget, forcing the state to reimburse Planned Parenthood for health care provided to Medicaid patients.

Republicans have said they're hopeful this year will be different because they're working to pass laws outside the budget banning public funds for abortions. Democrats argued the effort is still unconstitutional.

Yamelsie Rodríguez, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri, called on Democratic President Joe Biden's administration to step in and enforce federal Medicaid law, which provides for patient access to all

willing Medicaid providers.

"The Biden administration must put their words into action and enforce the law," she said in a statement.

An Associated Press request for comment to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which oversees the federal Medicaid program, was not immediately returned Friday.

Missouri lawmakers also set aside more money in the upcoming budget for in-home care for seniors and people with disabilities, as well as \$12 million more for opioid addiction treatment programs.

About \$250 million in one-time federal funding will go to grants to expand high-speed internet, plus another \$20 million to equip cell towers for broadband, particularly in underserved areas.

Associated Press writer David A. Lieb contributed to this report.

## Jobs

**From Page 3A**  
**WAGES GROWING MORE SLOWLY**

Average hourly pay rose 10 cents to \$31.85 in April, a decent gain and a solid 5.5% higher than a year ago. Still, that pace is well below the latest year-over-year inflation rate of 8.5%. As a result, most Americans are losing purchasing power even as their pay rises.

That said, wage gains appear to be cooling, which could help reduce inflation. April's average wage increase of 0.3% was below the March rise of 0.5%. And over the past three months, hourly pay has grown 0.9%, the slowest three-month pace in a year.

Higher wages are of course good for workers. But if they rise too fast, without an increase in worker productivity, it tends to accelerate inflation. Slower wage growth, on the other hand, can be more sustainable because it helps hold down inflation and allows the Fed to implement fewer rate hikes.

**STRONG HIRING MAY BE COOLING**

In Friday's jobs report were other signs, aside from wages, that job growth might be slowing a bit after a year of robust gains. One indicator of where the labor market may be headed is the number of temporary workers being hired. Typically, employers use temporary employees to handle rising demand until they can find the permanent workers they need.

In both March and April, the number of temporary jobs was unchanged, after increases in January and February. Such a pullback may suggest that employers are seeing somewhat less need for workers.

And overall hiring, while strong, has been easing slightly. Employers have added an average of 523,000 jobs over the past three months, down from a three-month average of 549,000 in March and 602,000 in February.

Finally, the government revised down its estimate of job gains for February and March by a combined 39,000. That's a relatively small number that doesn't really change the overall picture. But revisions can signal which direction the

economy is headed, and nearly all the revisions in previous months had been positive.

A slowdown is somewhat inevitable given the pace of rapid hiring and the limited supply of workers and may simply signal a shift to smaller, but more sustainable, gains.

"We couldn't maintain the same pace as the past year," said Aaron Sojourner, a labor economist at the University of Minnesota. "We do have to slow down."

**BLACK AMERICANS SEE SOLID GAINS**

In April, the gap between Black and white workers narrowed, with more Black Americans looking for and finding work, while the number of white people in the workforce declined. Racial employment gaps have been steadily narrowing since the pandemic recession struck.

Unemployment for African Americans dropped to 5.9%, down from 6.2% in March. For white workers, it was unchanged at 3.2%. And the proportion of Black Americans who either have a job or are seeking one rose to 62.3%, above the rate for white Americans at 61.9%. The white rate has declined in recent years in part because of retirements.

Though the figures are volatile from month to month, this is only the second time that Black workers have topped white ones in labor force participation since 1972, after having first done so in June.

**MEN FARE WORSE THAN WOMEN**

Women initially took bigger hits in the workforce than men after the pandemic slammed the economy, in part because industries with many female workers — retail, health care, restaurants — shed many millions of jobs. Some women also quit or stopped looking for work as schools closed and implemented online learning.

Since then, things have evened out a bit. In April, the unemployment rate for men rose from 3.6% to 3.8%. For women, it dipped from 3.6% to 3.5%.

Men are still more likely to be in the workforce. But their participation rate has risen less in the past year than women's has. Men's participation rate rose four-tenths of a point to 68%. Women's has risen six-tenths to 56.7%.

# Advocates worry other rights at risk if court overturns Roe

**By Lindsay Whitehurst and Zeke Miller**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Little doubt remains about what the Supreme Court plans to do with Roe v. Wade. But uncertainty abounds about ripple effects as the court nears a final opinion expected to overturn the landmark 1973 case that created a nationwide right to abortion.

A leaked first draft of the majority opinion in the case, authenticated Tuesday by the Supreme Court, suggests that a majority of justices are poised to toss out Roe. The draft's provocative rhetoric also is generating concern that LGBTQ advances and other matters based on the right to privacy could be vulnerable in a newly hostile political environment.

"This is about a lot more than abortion," President Joe Biden warned Wednesday, saying the court's draft opinion could jeopardize same-sex marriage, access to contraception and LGBTQ rights.

"What are the next things that are going to be attacked? Because this MAGA crowd is really the most extreme political organization that's existed in recent American history," Biden said.

Court opinions can change in ways big and small throughout the drafting process. So while the eventual ruling in the abortion case appears all but assured, the written rationale — and its implications — may still be a hotly debated subject inside the court's private chambers.

The draft's potentially sweeping impact could be tempered by the other justices, or it could emerge largely unchanged — with what advocates and Biden say could bring even more severe consequences.

The draft opinion, written by Justice Samuel Alito, a member of the court's 6-3 conservative majority, argues that unenumerated constitutional rights — those not explicitly mentioned in the document — must be "deeply rooted in the Nation's history and traditions." And it says



A person holds a sign referencing the U.S. Supreme Court as they take part in a rally in favor of abortion rights on the steps of the Temple of Justice, which houses the Washington state Supreme Court, Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at the Capitol in Olympia, Wash. PHOTO BY TED S. WARREN | AP PHOTO

abortion doesn't meet that standard.

Biden and others are sounding alarms that the same logic could be used to toss out other protections.

The president said he believed the conservative justices on today's court would, like failed Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork in 1987, disagree with the court's ruling in *Griswold v. Connecticut*, which said that a right to privacy exists that bars states from interfering in married couples' right to buy and use contraceptives.

Cases like *Lawrence v. Texas*, which struck down sodomy laws criminalizing same-sex intimacy, and *Obergefell v. Hodges*, which legalized gay marriage, are based at least in part on that same right to privacy.

Alito, in the draft opinion, explicitly states that the court is only targeting the right to abortion, not those other matters.

"We emphasize that our decision concerns the constitutional right to abortion and no other right," the draft states. "Nothing in this opinion should be understood to cast doubt on precedents that do not concern abortion."

Obergefell is different from Roe in that hundreds of thousands of same-sex couples have relied on it to wed and created legal bonds, like shared property, inheritance rights and "settled expectations about the future," said Teresa

Collett, a professor at the University of St. Thomas School of Law and director of its Prolife Center.

Courts are usually loath to undo that kind of precedent. It stands in contrast to abortion, which is usually "a response to unplanned circumstances," Collett said.

Obergefell, moreover, relies on the Constitution's Equal Protection Clause as well as the right to privacy.

The current Supreme Court abortion case specifically concerns a Mississippi law that bans abortion after 15 weeks — before the "viability" standard set in the 1992 case *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, which itself moved beyond Roe's initial trimester framework for regulating abortion.

At arguments in December, all six conservative justices signaled they would uphold the Mississippi law, and five asked questions suggesting they supported overturning the right to abortion nationwide, leaving the issue up to individual states.

Only Chief Justice John Roberts seemed prepared to take the smaller step of upholding the 15-week ban, in essence overturning the court's ruling in *Casey*, while leaving in place the right to an abortion in *Roe*.

Until now, the court has allowed states to regulate but not ban abortion before the point of viability, around 24 weeks. The court's three liberal justices appeared certain to be in

dissent.

Still, the language and tone Alito uses overall could encourage more challenges, said Jason Pierceson, professor of political science at the University of Illinois, Springfield. "If the right to privacy is deconstructed or is hollowed out, or is minimized, then those cases in particular have less standing," Pierceson said.

A challenge to same-sex marriage could come before the high court on religious liberty grounds, for example, such as someone arguing their religious faith prevents them from recognizing same-sex marriage. Cases along those lines have been mostly about exceptions to anti-discrimination laws so far, Pierceson said, "but one could see potentially a broadening of the argument to the fact that maybe same-sex marriage laws are unconstitutional in the first place."

LGBTQ rights have made rapid progress over the past decade, and public opinion overall has become much more supportive. But especially over the past year there has been a wave of bills in state legislatures aimed at transgender youth sports and healthcare, as well as talking about LGBTQ issues in certain classrooms. Backers of those bills generally argue they're needed to protect kids and the rights of parents.



# Motherhood deferred: US median age for giving birth hits 30

By Mike Schneider  
Associated Press

For Allyson Jacobs, life in her 20s and 30s was about focusing on her career in health care and enjoying the social scene in New York City. It wasn't until she turned 40 that she and her husband started trying to have children. They had a son when she was 42.

Over the past three decades, that has become increasingly common in the U.S., as birthrates have declined for women in their 20s and jumped for women in their late 30s and early 40s, according to a new report from the U.S. Census Bureau. The trend has pushed the median age of U.S. women giving birth from 27 to 30, the highest on record.

As an older parent celebrating Mother's Day on Sunday, Jacobs feels she has more resources for her son, 9, than she would have had in her 20s.

"There's definitely more wisdom, definitely more patience," said Jacobs, 52, who is a patients' services administrator at a hospital. "Because we are older, we had the money to hire a nanny. We might not have been able to afford that if we were younger."

While fertility rates dropped from 1990 to

2019 overall, the decline was regarded as rather stable compared to previous eras. But the age at which women had babies shifted. Fertility rates declined by almost 43% for women between ages 20 and 24 and by more than 22% for women between 25 and 29. At the same time, they increased by more than 67% for women between 35 and 39, and by more than 132% for women between 40 and 44, according to the Census Bureau analysis based on National Center for Health Statistics data.

Decisions by college-educated women to invest in their education and careers so they could be better off financially when they had children, as well as the desire by working-class women to wait until they were more financially secure, have contributed to the shift toward older motherhood, said Philip Cohen, a University of Maryland sociologist.

In the past, parents often relied on their children for income — putting them to work in the fields, for example, when the economy was more farm-based. But over the last century or more in the U.S., parents have become more invested in their children's futures,

providing more support while they go to school and enter young adulthood, he said.

"Having children later mostly puts women in a better position," Cohen said. "They have more resources, more education. The things we demand of people to be good parents are easier to supply when you are older."

Lani Trezzi, 48, and her husband had their first child, a son, when she was 38, and a daughter followed three years later. Even though she had been with her husband since she was 23, she felt no urgency to have children. That changed in her late 30s, once she'd reached a comfortable spot in her career as an executive for a retail company.

"It was just an age when I felt confident all around in the many areas of my life," said Trezzi, who lives in New Jersey, outside New York City. "I didn't have the confidence then that I have now."

Over the last three decades, the largest increases in the median age at which U.S. women give birth have been among foreign-born women, going from ages 27 to 32, and Black women, going from ages 24 to 28, according to the Census Bureau.

With foreign-born women, Cohen said he wasn't quite sure why the median age increased over time, but it likely was a "complicated story" having to do with their circumstances or reasons for coming to the U.S.

For Black women, pursuing an education and career played roles.

"Black women have been pursuing higher education at higher rates," said Raegan McDonald-Mosley, an obstetrician and gynecologist, who is CEO of Power to Decide, which works to reduce teen pregnancies and unwanted births. "Black women are becoming really engaged in their education and that is an incentive to delay childbearing."

Since unintended pregnancies are highest among teens and women in their 20s, and more of their pregnancies end in abortion compared to older women, ending *Roe v. Wade* would likely shift the start of childbearing earlier on average, in a reverse of the trend of the past three decades, "although the magnitude is unknown," said Laura Lindberg, principal research scientist at the Guttmacher Institute, a research group that supports abortion rights.

"The burden will fall disproportionately on women of color, Black women, people without documentation, people living in rural areas, people in the South — where there are a lot of Black women — and in the Midwest," said McDonald-Mosley, who also has served previously as chief medical officer of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Motherhood also has been coming later in developed countries in Europe and Asia. In the U.S., it could contribute to the nation's population slowdown since the ability to have children tends to decrease with age, said Kate Choi, a family demographer at Western University in London, Ontario.

In areas of the U.S. where the population isn't replacing itself with births, and where immigration is low, population decline can create labor shortages, higher labor costs and a labor force that is supporting retirees, she said.

"Such changes will put significant pressure on programs aimed at supporting seniors like Social Security, Medicaid, and Medicare," Choi said. "Workers may have to pay higher taxes to support

the growing numbers of the retired population."

Although the data in the Census Bureau report stops in 2019, the pandemic over the past two years has put off motherhood even further for many women, with U.S. birth rates in 2020 dropping 4% in the largest single-year decrease in nearly 50 years. Choi said there appears to have been a bit of a rebound in the second half of 2021 to levels similar to 2019, but more data is needed to determine if this is a return to a "normal" decline.

During the pandemic, some women at the end of their reproductive years may have given up on becoming parents or having more children because of economic uncertainties and greater health risks for pregnant women who get the virus, she said.

"These women may have missed their window to have children," Choi said. "Some parents of young children may have decided to forego the second ... birth because they were overwhelmed with the additional child-caring demands that emerged during the pandemic, such as the need to homeschool their children."

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**SEDALIA DEMOCRAT**

## Missouri senators back \$500 tax refund for individuals

By David A. Lieb  
Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Many Missouri taxpayers could get a one-time refund of up to \$500 per individual under a plan endorsed by state senators as a way to help offset inflation while whittling down a state surplus.

The Senate proposal is similar to one passed previously by the House but would apply to fewer people at a lower cost to the state. The plan still needs a final Senate vote to go to the House and then on to Gov. Mike Parson.

Individual taxpayers earning up to \$150,000 annually and married couples with adjusted gross incomes of up to \$300,000 could get a one-time refund of up to \$500 per

individual and \$1,000 per couple, under the Senate plan. The refunds could be prorated to keep the total costs below a cap of \$500 million.

The House plan contains a similar-sized refund but no income-eligibility limits and a total cap of \$1 billion before proration kicks in. Democrats who opposed the Republican-backed House plan had argued it was tilted toward the wealthy.

Under either plan, people must pay taxes to be eligible for a refund. In practice, people would receive a \$1 refund for each \$1 of tax owed until their tax bill reaches the refund limit of \$500.

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Dan Hegeman, a Republican who sponsored the

plan, described it as "a rebate of your hard-earned (tax) dollars." He said inflation was driving up the cost of living and cutting into people's earnings.

Senate Minority Leader John Rizzo, a Democrat, added the income-eligibility limitation. He said it focused the tax relief on "middle-income people" who "have been through the ringer the last few years" with the coronavirus pandemic.

Lawmakers are considering tax breaks as they are wrapping up work on a record-large state budget, swelled by strong state tax collections and an influx of federal pandemic aid.

The two chambers face a May 13 deadline to agree on the legislation.

## STATE BRIEFS

### Man faces federal charges for 2021 Missouri church fire

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. (AP) — A man is facing federal hate crime and arson charges for a fire that destroyed the Church of the Latter-day Saints in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

The U.S. Department of Justice on Thursday announced the charges against Christopher Scott Pritchard, 46, of Cape Girardeau. Pritchard already faced state charges of property damage motivated by discrimination, arson, burglary and stealing. His state trial is scheduled for October.

A phone message left Friday with Pritchard's lawyer was not immediately returned. The fire broke out in April 2021 and quickly engulfed the church. No one was inside and no one was injured, but the building was destroyed.

Authorities have said church officials sought extra police patrol two days before the fire after Pritchard threatened to assault a church bishop and "burn the church down." Police said officers found more than \$1,000 in items in Pritchard's backpack that belonged to the church, including a laptop, hand tools and 21 apples.

### Missouri man guilty of killing 94-year-old woman in his care

CLAYTON, Mo. (AP) — A St. Louis man has been found guilty of killing of a 94-year-old woman in his care nearly five years ago.

A jury found Tommie Coffey Jr., 58, guilty of first-degree murder and armed criminal action in the death of Geneva Richardson in her Florissant home in December 2017.

Prosecutors said Coffey killed the older woman after she confronted him over accusations that he had forged several of Richardson's personal checks to pay himself \$7,000. Police said Coffey beat the woman to death with a skillet, then stabbed her to death.

Prosecutors said Coffey used a ride-share service the night Richardson was killed to leave her home, and records show he was dropped off at an intersection in Ferguson. Police found evidence tied to the crime scene — including a bloody pillowcase belonging to Richardson — at spots close to where Coffey was dropped off, prosecutors said.

Coffey faces life in prison when he's sentenced next month.

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**SEDALIA DEMOCRAT**



# COVID coverage for all dries up even as hospital costs rise

**By Heather Hollingsworth and Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar**

Associated Press

For the first time, the U.S. came close to providing health care for all during the coronavirus pandemic — but for just one condition, COVID-19.

Now, things are reverting to the way they were as federal money for COVID care of the uninsured dries up, creating a potential barrier to timely access.

But the virus is not contained, even if it's better controlled. And safety-net hospitals and clinics are seeing sharply higher costs for salaries and other basic operating expenses. They fear they won't be prepared if there's another surge and no backstop.

"We haven't turned anybody away yet," said Dr. Mark Loafman, chair of family and community medicine at Cook County Health in Chicago. "But I think it's just a matter of time ... People don't get cancer treatment or blood pressure treatment every day in America because they can't afford it."

A \$20 billion government COVID program covered testing, treatment and vaccine costs for uninsured people. But that's been shut down. Special Medicaid COVID cover-

age for the uninsured in more than a dozen states also likely faces its last months.

At Parkland Health, the frontline hospital system for Dallas, Dr. Fred Cerise questions the logic of dialing back federal dollars at a time when health officials have rolled out a new "test-to-treat" strategy. People with COVID-19 can now get antiviral pills to take at home, hopefully avoiding hospitalization. Vice President Kamala Harris, who recently tested positive but is back working at the White House, is an example.

"Test-to-treat will be very difficult for uninsured individuals," predicted Cerise, president and CEO of the system. "If it's a change in strategy on the large scale, and it's coming without funding, people are going to be reluctant to adopt that."

Officials at the federal Department of Health and Human Services say the new antiviral drugs like Paxlovid have been paid for by taxpayers, and are supposed to be free of charge to patients, even uninsured ones.

But they acknowledge that some uninsured people can't afford the medical consultation needed to get a prescription. "We hear from state and local partners that the lack of funding for the Unin-

sured Program is creating challenges for individuals to access medications," said Dr. Meg Sullivan, chief medical officer for the HHS preparedness and response division.

The nation has not pinched pennies on the pandemic before.

"We're well short of universal health coverage in the U.S., but for a time, we had universal coverage for COVID," said Larry Levitt, a health policy expert with the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation. "It was extraordinary."

Recently an urgent White House request for \$22.5 billion for COVID priorities failed to advance in Congress. Even a pared-back version is stuck. Part of the Biden administration's request involves \$1.5 billion to replenish the Uninsured Program, which paid for testing, treatment and vaccine-related bills for uninsured patients. The program has now stopped accepting claims due to lack of money.

That program, along with a less known Medicaid option for states, allowed thousands of uninsured people to get care without worrying about costs. Bipartisan support has given way as congressional Republicans raise questions about pandemic spending.

The Uninsured Program

was run by the Health Resources and Services Administration, an HHS agency. Medical providers seeing uninsured people could submit their bills for reimbursement. Over the last two years, more than 50,000 hospitals, clinics, and medical practices received payments. Officials say they can turn the program back on if Congress releases more money.

The Medicaid coverage option began under the Trump administration as a way to help states pay for testing uninsured people. President Joe Biden's coronavirus relief bill expanded it to treatment and vaccine costs as well. It's like a limited insurance policy for COVID. The coverage can't be used for other services, like a knee replacement. The federal government pays 100% of the cost.

Fifteen states, from deep blue California to bright red South Carolina, have taken advantage of the option, along with three U.S. territories. It will end once the federal coronavirus public health emergency is over, currently forecast for later this year.

New Hampshire Medicaid Director Henry Lipman said the coverage option allowed his state to sign up about 9,500 people for COVID care that includes the new antiviral drugs that can be taken at

home. "It's really the safety net for people who don't have any access to insurance," said Lipman. "It's a limited situation, but in the pandemic it's a good back-up to have. It makes a lot of sense with such a communicable disease."

With COVID cases now at relatively low levels, demand for testing, treatment and vaccination is down. But the urgency felt by hospitals and other medical service providers is driven by their own bottom lines.

In Missouri, Golden Valley Memorial Health-care CEO Craig Thompson is worried to see federal funding evaporate just as operating costs are soaring. Staff have gotten raises, drug costs have risen by 20% and supply costs by 12%.

"We've now exited this pandemic ... into probably the highest inflationary environment that I've seen in my career," Thompson said. The health system serves a largely rural area between Kansas City and Springfield.

In Kentucky, Family Health Centers of Louisville closed a testing service for uninsured people once federal funds dried up. The private company they were working with planned to charge \$65 a test.

Things are manageable

now because there's little demand, said spokeswoman Melissa Mather, "but if we get hit with another omicron, it's going to be very difficult."

Floridian Debra McCoskey-Reisert is uninsured and lost her older brother to COVID-19 in the first wave two years ago. In one of their last conversations, he made her promise she wouldn't catch the virus.

McCoskey-Reisert, who lives north of Tampa, has managed to avoid getting sick so far. But she's overshadowed by fear of what could happen if she or her husband get infected.

"If either one of us get sick with COVID, we don't have a way to pay for it," she said. "It would likely bankrupt us if we can't find some other help."

Retrenchment on the uninsured mirrors some of the bigger problems of the U.S. health care system, said Chicago hospital physician Loafman.

"Quite frankly, we as a society take care of the uninsured for COVID because it's affecting us," he said. "You know, a gated community doesn't keep a virus out ... that's sort of the ugly truth of this, is that our altruism around this was really self-motivated."

Hollingsworth reported from Mission, Kansas.

# GOP works to get out the vote after calling elections rigged

**By David Klepper and Jeff Amy**

Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Republican David Perdue has made election fraud the centerpiece of his run for Georgia governor. But if he hopes to win in this year's midterm elections, his supporters will have to use the same democratic system he says they shouldn't trust.

The only way to win a rigged election, he says, is to turn out in such high numbers that the Democrats can't get away with cheating.

"If we get out the vote, if everybody votes, we will win," Perdue told his audience at a campaign speech last month.

Across the nation, Republicans who have embraced discredited conspiracy theories about the 2020 election are attempting a similar high-wire act: campaigning for votes by preaching skepticism about elections.

For GOP contenders, it's a tricky calculus. If they continue spreading former President Donald Trump's lies that the election was stolen, they risk undermining faith in democracy and having their supporters stay at home. But those who reject Trump's false claims face the wrath of the former president and his supporters, who wield sizable influence in many GOP primaries.

The tactic of campaigning on a distrust of democracy can confuse voters on whether their vote matters or not. Joe Kent, a Republican running for Congress in Washington, said voters sometimes ask him why they should bother voting at all, if elections are rigged. Kent said he believes Trump won and has said he would work to overturn President Joe Biden's win if elected,

even though there is no legal mechanism for doing so.

"I don't have a perfect answer for you," is what Kent said he tells voters who say they no longer trust voting. "I wish there was a remedy. If you buy into 'It's all rigged' and 'I'm not going to vote,' we are 100% going to lose."

In the 18 months since Biden defeated Trump, other issues have bubbled up to compete for the attention of candidates and voters: inflation, the bloody exit from Afghanistan, Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and debates over vaccines and masks in schools.

Trump's false statements about the election, meanwhile, have been roundly disproved — by courts, law enforcement, elected election officials from both parties, and independent investigations.

"We need to move on to solving problems for citizens," said Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, the Republican from southwest Washington state facing a primary challenge this year from Kent. Beutler has said she supported Trump's right to bring legal challenges, but there's no evidence of widespread voter fraud.

Beutler is one of 10 House Republicans who supported Trump's second impeachment. She also voted to certify Biden's election victory, making her a major target for Trump and his supporters.

The former president began spreading doubts about the 2020 election years before the first votes were even cast, saying he would only accept the results if he was the victor. He's spent the last year and a half repeating those same claims, despite an absence of evidence. Now, he's using

his power within the GOP to punish candidates for being insufficiently loyal.

When Rep. Mo Brooks of Alabama, a stalwart Trump backer, told a crowd of Trump supporters that it was time to move on from 2020, he was jeered. Trump ended up pulling his endorsement of Brooks in Alabama's Senate race.

"He wanted the election rescinded and a do-over," Brooks later said. "But there's no legal way to do it."

Many Republicans have leaned into Trump's conspiracy theories. In Missouri, Rep. Billy Long, who is running for the U.S. Senate, released a 30-second ad claiming the "Democrats rigged the election." YouTube later removed the ad from its platform for violating its rules on misinformation.

In Texas, one survey of 143 Republican candidates for Congress this year found that only 13 stated that Biden was the election's rightful winner.

Georgia is perhaps the best example of how Trump's self-serving conspiracy theories continue to resonate with Republican voters, and the candidates hoping for their support.

Republican turnout in Georgia dropped in the January 2021 runoff amid Trump's barrage of voter fraud claims in his own election defeat, leading many Republicans to conclude that Trump's messaging cost their party control of the Senate when Democrats Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock beat Perdue and fellow Republican Kelly Loeffler.

Perdue, now running for governor at Trump's behest, has made election fraud the centerpiece of his challenge to incumbent Gov. Brian Kemp. Perdue and Trump blame Kemp's refusal to attempt to overturn Trump's



Former Sen. David Perdue speaks during a gubernatorial republican primary debate on May 1, 2022, in Atlanta. Perdue has made election fraud the centerpiece of his run for Georgia governor. But if he hopes to win in this year's midterm elections, his supporters will have to use the same democratic system he says they shouldn't trust. The only way to win a rigged election, he says, is to turn out in such high numbers that the Democrats can't get away with cheating.

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defeat in Georgia during the 2020 campaign for their losses.

In his campaign speech, Perdue pledged to eliminate Georgia's Dominion voting machines, which Trump has falsely accused of flipping votes against him. But Perdue also said concerns about the machines shouldn't discourage Republicans from voting, noting that Democratic-leaning Virginia elected Republican Glenn Youngkin with votes recorded on Dominion machines.

"Let's give you some hope. In Virginia, we just elected a Republican governor using these same machines," Perdue said. "How did we do it? Well, Trump told people, he said: 'Look, they fixed some rules. We still use the machines. It's not perfect yet, but we can overwhelm it if we all get out and vote.'"

Perdue has also touted Republican efforts to recruit more poll watchers, saying they will help prevent fraud,

although Perdue's accusations have focused on the disproven claim that fraud in Georgia centered on absentee ballots that were returned in drop boxes.

Running for the U.S. Senate in Georgia, Herschel Walker has taken a different tack, saying he doesn't want to look backward at the 2020 election. During an April 20 interview with

radio station WDUN-AM in Gainesville, Georgia, Walker acknowledged concerns about election fraud among Republican voters. He sought to reassure voters that Georgia's restrictive 2021 election law will put to rest worries about absentee ballots by requiring driver license numbers on ballot applications and by limiting ballot drop boxes.

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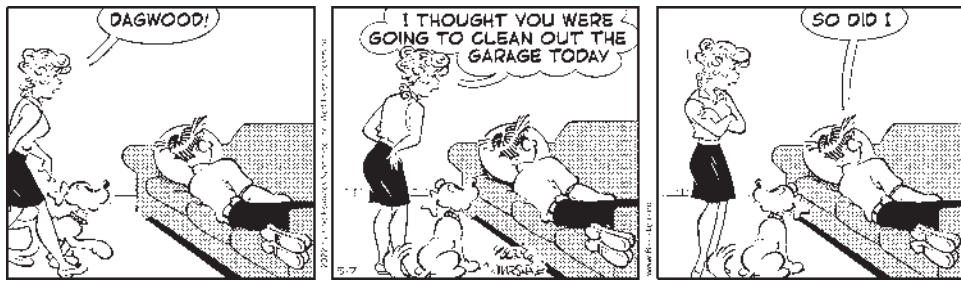
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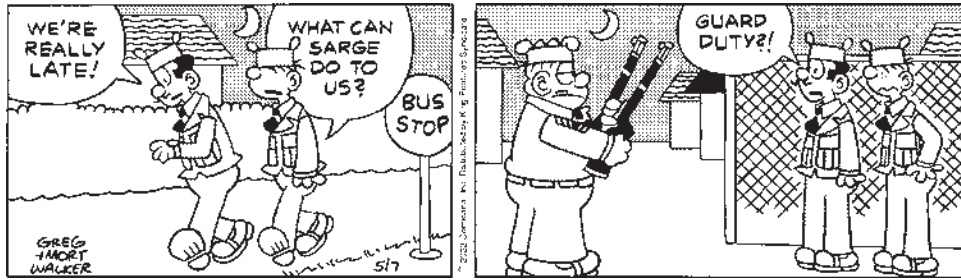
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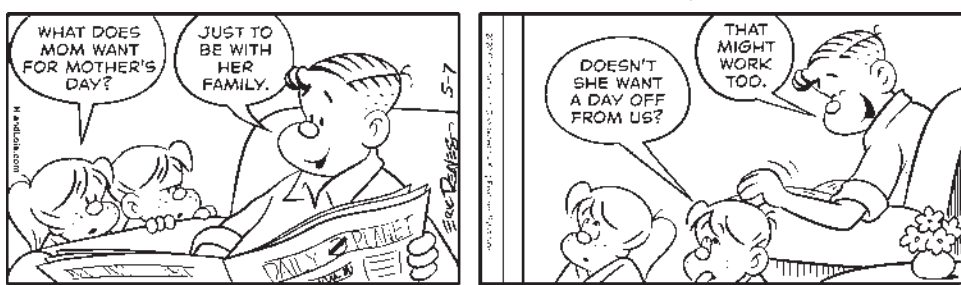
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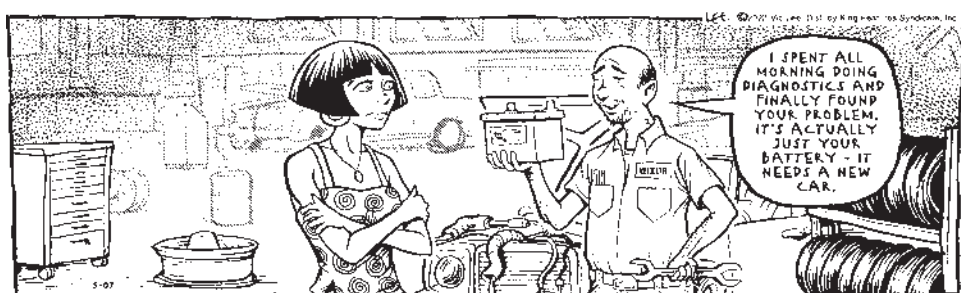
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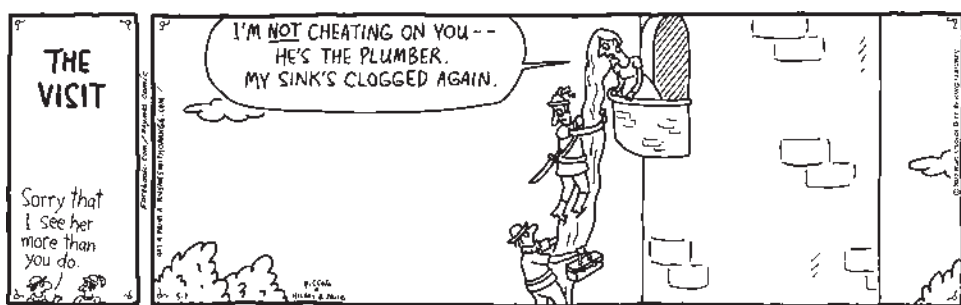
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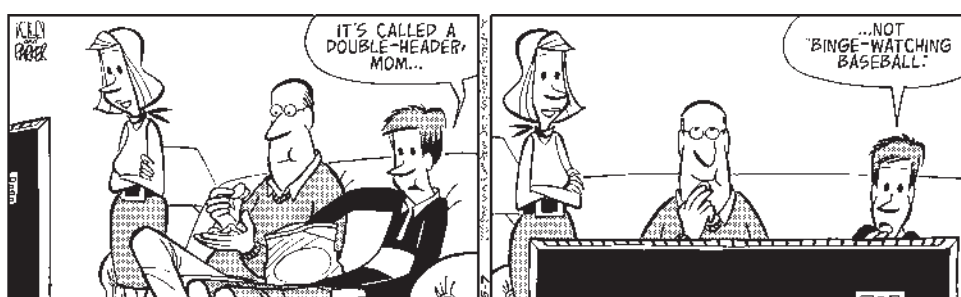
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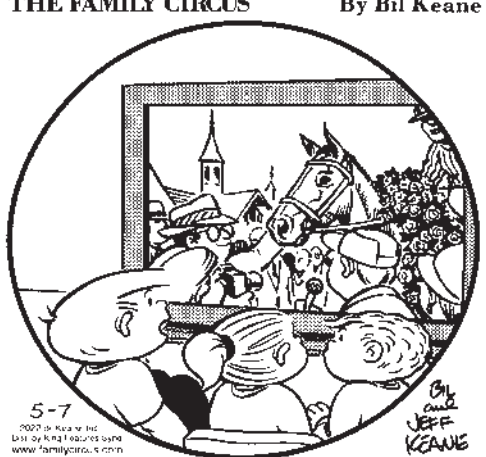
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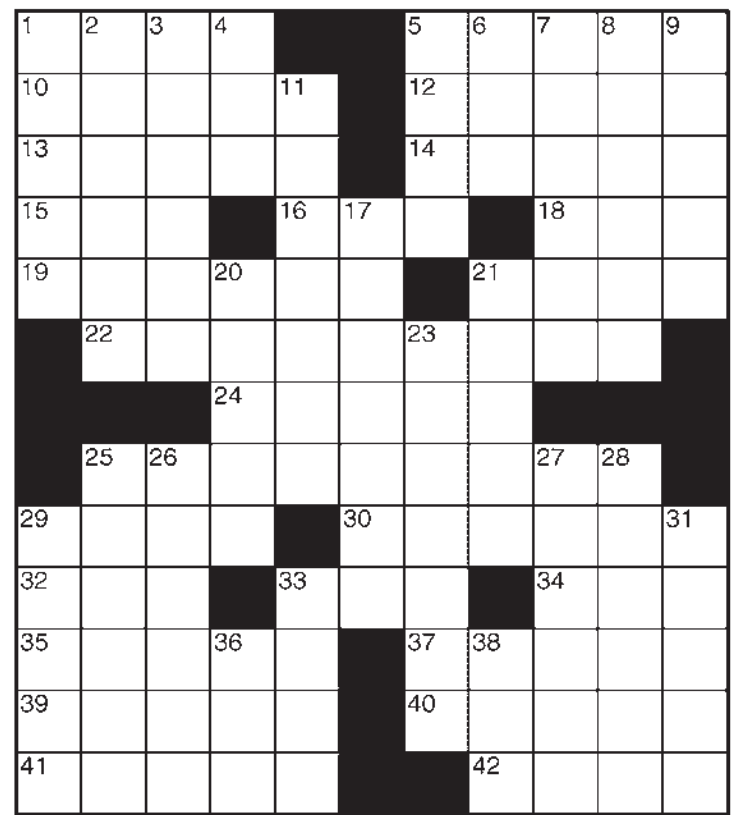
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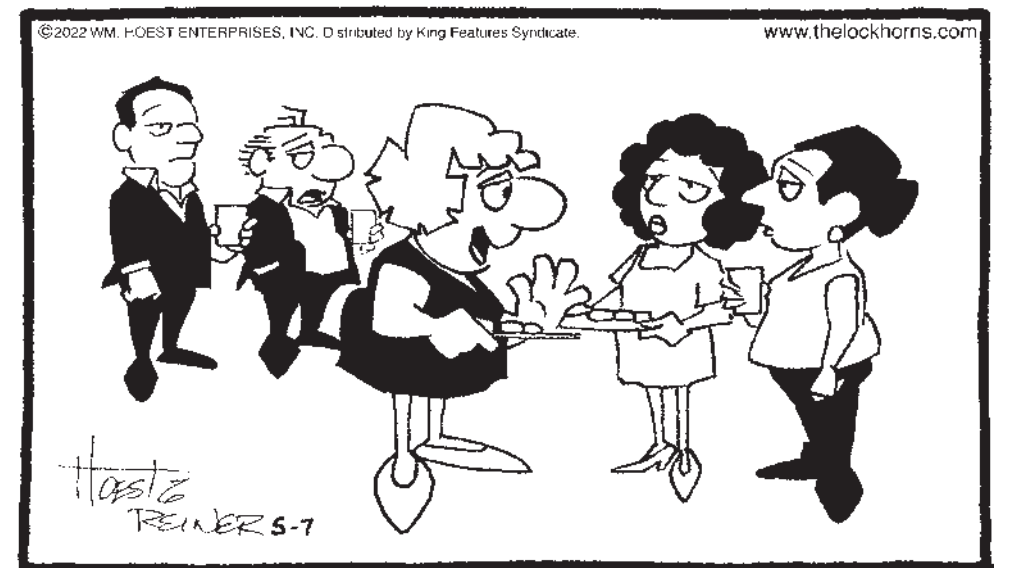
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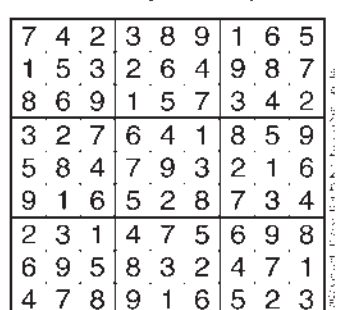
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Concepts Sudoku

By Dave Green



Answer to previous puzzle



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## Sporting KC extends young goalkeeper Puskamp

By Bryan Everson  
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While the club may be short on options at the moment in other spots, manager Peter Vermes said that Sporting Kansas City is lucky to have three very good goalkeepers at a position where typically at least two are desired.

On Thursday, Sporting announced that one of the three, John Puskamp, had reached an agreement on a three-year MLS contract extension through 2025 that includes an option for 2026.

"It really just came down to me thinking about how happy I am here and looking forward to the coming years," Puskamp said during Friday afternoon's press conference. "I think it's very important I'm in a place that has a plan in place for me, [has] goals for me and sees the potential I see. I feel at Sporting I have a lot of room to grow."

"I think I can continue that trajectory while here and help the team even more. Additionally, I think my personal values and mindset align very well with the club's core

values and what the club's trying to do from top to bottom that Peter instills within the club."

The 21-year-old has appeared in a total of 37 matches for Sporting Kansas City and affiliate Sporting KC II following his arrival in April 2019 from the LA Galaxy Academy, where he also played at the U-17 and U-19 levels in the U.S. Soccer Development Academy and spent time on trial with English Premier League side AFC Bournemouth.

Last April, Puskamp made his MLS debut, becoming the third-youngest netminder in league history to win a regular season match in SKC's 2-1 win at New York Red Bulls. Getting more time due to an injury to starter Tim Melia, Puskamp finished the 2021 season with a 3-2-1 record, including his first clean sheet in a 2-0 home victory against LA Galaxy on Oct. 27.

Puskamp mentioned the camaraderie within the Sporting goalkeeper collective of Melia, himself and Kendall McIntosh as a positive in his advancement.

See KC | 16A



Smith-Cotton High School senior Everett Wood has accepted an athletic scholarship to wrestle and play sprint football at Quincy University in Quincy, Ill. Seated with him are his parents, Samantha and Everett Wood; back, from left, Smith-Cotton Principal Wade Norton, S-C Wrestling Head Coach Joe Hulsey, S-C Football Offensive Coordinator Mike Franklin, and S-C Athletic Director Rob Davis. PHOTO COURTESY OF SEDALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 200

## Area Roundup: Weather delays softball districts

By Democrat staff

Postseason softball has been pushed back in both districts involving Kaysinger Conference teams after being initially pegged for starting Friday and Saturday.

Both sets of districts will now get underway on Monday, including Class 1 District 7, which boasts matchups of Lincoln-Oterville, Smithton-Green Ridge, Sacred Heart with La Monte-Bunceton with Prairie Home, and Northwest-Sweet Springs with Malta Bend. Semifinals as of now for that district are set for Wednesday, followed by the district final at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 12.

Monday's games in Class 2 District 8 begin with host Warsaw playing Stover at 2 p.m., followed by Windsor-Lone Jack at 3:30 p.m. Cole Camp is scheduled to face Butler at

5 p.m., then Adrian-Tipton marked for 6:30 p.m. Semifinals are both to be played in that district at 4 and 6 p.m., with the title game set for 8 p.m. that night.

### S-C announces trio of signings

Smith-Cotton announced a trio of senior student-athletes this week who will advance to compete at the collegiate level.

Everett Wood accepted a scholarship to wrestle and play sprint football at Quincy University in Quincy, Ill.

Wood was a four-year varsity letterman for the S-C wrestling program and a two-year captain, and as a senior he was district champion at 195 pounds and a state qualifier. During his Tigers football career, he earned second team All-District recognition as a junior and first team All-District as a

senior. He was named to the KMZU Dream Team twice, was the Tigers' leading tackler both his junior and senior years and was named the team's Defensive Player of the Year as a senior.

Wood will be part of two teams in their inaugural seasons for the Hawks, who are launching both sprint football and wrestling in 2022. Sprint football uses standard American football rules but emphasizes quickness and agility over size and strength. The players' weight limit is 178 pounds.

"Sprint football is an opportunity for people who aren't the biggest on the field to be able to go out and still do what they love," Wood said.

Peyton Kuhlman accepted a scholarship to play golf at Park University in Parkville.

Kuhlman is a three-year

varsity letter winner in golf, earning All-District recognition in 2021 as well as qualifying for the state championship. She also earned two varsity letters in soccer, one in basketball and two on the Math Team. She was a national qualifier in DECA, served as a class representative and has been involved in HOSA, National Honor Society, Smith-Cotton Unified Foreign Language, and Spiz, the S-C fan section.

"Peyton is a talented young lady," Smith-Cotton golf head coach Chris Guffey said. "She got started in golf late, but worked hard and became one of our leaders. This past season she was a team leader on and off the golf course. I look forward to seeing her progression under coach Martha (Linscott) at Park."

See DELAYS | 16A



Sporting Kansas City goalkeeper John Puskamp (1) reacts at the end of an MLS soccer match against the New York Red Bulls, Saturday, April 17, 2021, in Harrison, N.J.

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## Clemson's Justyn Ross aims to earn roster spot with Chiefs

By Dave Skretta  
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Chiefs have an idea when it comes to their expectations for their first-round draft picks, defensive back Trent McDuffie and defensive end George Karlaftis, at their rookie minicamp this weekend.

The same goes for the rest of their draft class, most of whom they scouted and interviewed on numerous occasions.

But there also are some intriguing rookies who were not selected in last week's draft that could carve out a roster spot with the defending AFC West champions, beginning with Clemson wide receiver Justyn Ross, a once-budding star whose career was threatened by a congenital spine disorder that ultimately required surgery.

"Like a lot of these guys," Chiefs general manager Brett Veach said, "whether you're a first-round pick or second-round pick, you've got to come in here and



Clemson wide receiver Justyn Ross (8) carries the ball upfield during the first half of the Fiesta Bowl NCAA college football game against Ohio State in Glendale, Ariz., on Dec. 28, 2019, file photo. Ross was bypassed by every team in the draft, mostly due to his medical history but also poor testing at Clemson's pro day. But he's a proven big-play commodity and could help out a position of need for the Kansas City Chiefs.

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learn the playbook. You've got to have confidence in the coaching staff to execute your assignments. You have to have the confidence in Pat (Mahomes) for him to trust you to execute your assignment, and if he can do that, I'd say talent-wise, as long as he stays healthy, he'll have a shot."

Ross should have had more than a shot; he

should have been a first-round pick in his own right.

The tall, lanky wide receiver rose to stardom as a freshman when he helped the Tigers win the national championship, catching 301 yards worth of passes and four TD throws in wins over Notre Dame and Alabama.

See EARN | 16A

## Triple threat: Hall of Famer Martin honored at Darlington

By Pete Iacobelli  
AP Sports Writer

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) — Hall of Famer Mark Martin will be a major presence at Darlington Raceway, just like he usually was during his stellar NASCAR career.

Martin will have not one, not two but three commemorative throwback schemes in his honor when the "Lady In Black" celebrates NASCAR history with its races this weekend.

"It means so much, I can't even tell you," Martin told The AP by phone this week leading up to NASCAR's three top series running at Darlington.

After Friday night's trucks race, the Xfinity Series races on Saturday before the main event takes place on Mother's Day with the Goodyear 400.

Martin will be remembered much of the weekend. Brad Keselowski, in his first season driving the No. 6 for Roush Fenway,

will drive a blue-and-white scheme that Martin ran for Jack Roush in 2004.

Alex Bowman, in Hendrick Motorsports' No. 48, will pilot a red-white-and-blue machine that looks like the one Martin used in 1993 to win the first of his two Southern 500s at Darlington. Brett Moffitt went way back in Martin's

history with his No. 2 car in the Xfinity race, mimicking the car Martin ran his rookie year in 1982.

Darlington, NASCAR's oldest superspeedway that opened in 1950, has found a niche on the Cup Series schedule with its yearly throwback celebration, a sort of "Old Timer's Day" for the sport's history.

See HONOR | 16A



Mark Martin sits in his car during practice for the NASCAR Daytona 500 auto race in Daytona Beach, Fla., Feb. 25, 2012. Martin will be a major presence at Darlington Raceway, just like he usually was during his stellar NASCAR career. Martin will have not one, not two, but three commemorative throwbacks schemes in his honor when the "Lady In Black" celebrates NASCAR's history with its races this weekend.

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# SPORTS CALENDAR

## Saturday ON TAP

### HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Smith-Cotton at Glendale

Smith-Cotton vs Republic (at Glendale)

Tipton at Northwest

Crest Ridge at Northwest

Tipton vs Crest Ridge (at Northwest)

St. Paul's at Sacred Heart

Lincoln at Sacred Heart

### HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

### COLLEGE BASEBALL

Noon

State Fair Community College at St. Charles Community College

3:30 p.m. State Fair Community College at St. Charles Community College

### COLLEGE SOFTBALL

11:15 a.m. State Fair Community College vs Three Rivers Community College (at Maryville University)

### ON AIR

### AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL

4 a.m. FS1 — AFL Premiership: West Coast at Brisbane

FS2 — AFL Premiership: Hawthorn at Essendon

1:30 a.m. (Sunday)

FS2 — AFL Premiership: Adelaide at Carlton

### AUTO RACING

9:30 a.m. FS1 — NASCAR Cup Series: Qualifying, Darlington Raceway, Darlington, S.C.

11:55 a.m. ESPNEWS — Formula 1: Practice, Miami International Autodrome, Miami

12:30 p.m. FS1 — NASCAR Xfinity Series: The Mahindra ROXOR 200, Darlington Raceway, Darlington, S.C.

2:55 p.m. ESPN — Formula 1: Qualifying, Miami International Autodrome, Miami

6:30 p.m. CNBC — AMA Supercross: Final Round, Salt Lake City

### COLLEGE BASEBALL

11 a.m. BTN — Purdue at Iowa

1 p.m. ACCN — Florida St. at Boston College

ESPN — North Carolina at NC State

4:30 p.m. SECN — Arkansas at Auburn

6:30 p.m. ESPNU — Florida at Mississippi St.

7:30 p.m. SECN — LSU at Alabama

8 p.m. PAC-12N — Oregon at Oregon St.

### COLLEGE BEACH VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)

1 p.m. ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament: TBD, Elimination Bracket, Gulf Shores, Ala.

2 p.m. ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament: TBD, Elimination Bracket, Gulf Shores, Ala.

3 p.m. ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament: TBD, Semifinal 1, Gulf Shores, Ala.

5 p.m. ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament: TBD, Elimination Bracket, Gulf Shores, Ala.

### COLLEGE LACROSSE (MEN'S)

9 a.m. ESPNU — Metro Atlantic Tournament: Manhattan vs. St. Bonaventure, Championship, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

11 a.m. ESPN2 — Duke at Notre Dame

ESPNU — America East Tournament: UMBC vs. Vermont, Championship, Burlington, Vt.

3:30 p.m. CBSSN — Big East Tournament: Villanova vs. Georgetown, Championship, Washington

7 p.m. BTN — Big Ten Tournament: Rutgers vs. Maryland, Championship, College Park, Md.

### COLLEGE LACROSSE (WOMEN'S)

1 p.m. CBSSN — Patriot League Tournament: Navy vs. Loyola (Md.), Championship, Baltimore

FS2 — Big East Tournament: Georgetown vs. Denver, Championship, Denver

2 p.m. PAC-12N — Pac-12 Tournament: Colorado vs. Southern Cal, Championship, Tempe, Ariz.

5 p.m. ACCN — ACC Tournament: Boston College vs. North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.

### COLLEGE SOFTBALL

10:30 a.m. SECN — Auburn at Tennessee

11 a.m. ACCN — Pittsburgh at Duke

12:30 p.m. SECN — Mississippi at Georgia

2 p.m. BTN — Northwestern at Minnesota

2:30 p.m. SECN — Ar-

kansas at Texas A&M

4 p.m. BTN — Indiana at Nebraska

ESPNU — Oklahoma St. at Oklahoma

PAC-12N — Oregon at Stanford

6 p.m. PAC-12N — UCLA at Arizona St.

### COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (MEN'S)

7 p.m. ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament:

Hawaii vs. Long Beach St., Championship, Los Angeles

### FISHING

8 a.m. CBSSN — Sport Fishing Championship: The CNSD White Martin Classic, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

### GOLF

7 a.m. GOLF — DP World Tour: The Betfred British Masters, Third Round, The Belfry (Brazazon Course), Sutton Coldfield, England

Noon GOLF — PGA Tour: The Wells Fargo Championship, Third Round, TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm, Potomac, Md.

2 p.m. CBS — PGA Tour: The Wells Fargo Championship, Third Round, TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm, Potomac, Md.

GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: The Mitsubishi Electric Classic, Second Round, TPC Sugarloaf, Duluth, Ga.

### HORSE RACING

9:30 a.m. FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races

11 a.m. USA — Kentucky Derby Prep: Preliminary Races, Churchill Downs, Louisville, Ky.

1:30 p.m. NBC — The Kentucky Derby: From Churchill Downs, Louisville, Ky.

3 p.m. FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races

### LACROSSE (MEN'S)

9:30 p.m. ESPNU — NLL West Quarterfinal: Philadelphia at San Diego

### MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

7 p.m. ESPN — UFC 274 Prelims: Undercard Bouts, Phoenix

### MLB BASEBALL

Noon MLB — Regional Coverage: Texas at NY Yankees OR Pittsburgh at Cincinnati (12:30 p.m.)

3 p.m. FS1 — Detroit at Houston

6 p.m. FS1 — St. Louis at San Francisco

6:05 p.m.

BALLY KC — Kansas City at Baltimore

9 p.m. MLB — Regional Coverage: Tampa Bay at Seattle OR Washington at LA Angels (Joined in Progress)

### NBA BASKETBALL

2:30 p.m. ABC — Eastern Conference Semifinal: Boston at Milwaukee, Game 3

7:30 p.m. ABC — Western Conference Semifinal: Memphis at Golden State, Game 3

### NHL HOCKEY

Noon ESPN — Eastern Conference First Round: Florida at Washington, Game 3

3:30 p.m. TNT — Western Conference First Round: Colorado at Nashville, Game 3

6 p.m. TNT — Eastern Conference First Round: NY Rangers at Pittsburgh, Game 3

8:30 p.m. TNT — Western Conference First Round: Calgary at Dallas, Game 3

### RUGBY (MEN'S)

6 p.m. FS2 — MLR: Old Glory DC at New England

### SOCCER (MEN'S)

6 a.m. CBSSN — SPFL: Heart of Midlothian at Celtic

9 a.m. USA — Premier League: Wolverhampton at Chelsea

11:30 a.m. NBC — Premier League: Manchester United at Brighton & Hove Albion

1:45 p.m. USA — Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur at Liverpool

8 p.m. FS2 — Liga MX Qualifier: Atlético San Luis at Monterrey

### SOCCER (WOMEN'S)

Noon CBS — NWSL Challenge Cup: Washington at North Carolina, Final

### TENNIS

6:30 a.m. TENNIS — Madrid-WTA Singles and Doubles Finals, Madrid-ATP Singles and Doubles Semifinals

4 a.m. (Sunday)

TENNIS — Rome-ATP Early Rounds, Madrid-ATP Doubles Final

5 a.m. (Sunday)

TENNIS — Rome-ATP Early Rounds, Madrid-ATP Doubles Final

### USFL FOOTBALL

6 p.m. FOX — Tampa Bay vs. Birmingham, Birmingham, Ala.

### WNBA

### BASKETBALL

5 p.m. ESPN — Connecticut at New York

7 p.m. CBSSN — Atlanta at Dallas

### Sunday

### ON AIR

### AUTO RACING

9 a.m. CBSSN — FIM Motocross: The MX2, Maggiora, Italy

10 a.m. CBSSN — FIM Motocross: The MXGP, Maggiora, Italy

1 p.m. ABC — Formula 1: The Miami Grand Prix, Miami International

Autodrome, Miami

2:30 p.m. FS1 — NASCAR Cup Series: The Goodyear 400, Darlington Raceway, Darlington, S.C.

### BOWLING

Noon FOX — PBA Playoffs: Semifinals, Lake Wales, Fla.

### COLLEGE BASEBALL

1 p.m. SECN — Vanderbilt at Georgia

### COLLEGE BEACH VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)

11:30 a.m. ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament: TBD, Semifinal 2, Gulf Shores, Ala.

3 p.m. ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament: TBD, Championship, Gulf Shores, Ala.

### COLLEGE LACROSSE

8 p.m. ESPNU — NCAA Men's and Women's Lacrosse Selection Show

### COLLEGE LACROSSE (MEN'S)

11 a.m. CBSSN — Patriot League Tournament: TBD, Championship, Boston

ESPNU — Ivy League Tournament: TBD, Championship, Providence, R.I.

### COLLEGE LACROSSE (WOMEN'S)

11 a.m. BTN — Big Ten Tournament: TBD, Championship, Piscataway, N.J.

### COLLEGE SOFTBALL

11 a.m. ACCN — Florida St. at NC State

SECN — Kentucky at South Carolina

1 p.m. ACCN — Louisville at Notre Dame

ESPNU — Missouri at Alabama

1:30 p.m. BTN — Penn St. at Illinois

2 p.m. PAC-12N — UCLA at Arizona St.

4 p.m. PAC-12N — Oregon at Oregon St.

3:30 p.m. BTN — Northwestern at Minnesota

### COLLEGE WATER POLO (WOMEN'S)

3 p.m. ESPNU — NCAA Tournament: TBD, Championship, Ann Arbor, Mich.

### GOLF

7 a.m. GOLF — DP World Tour: The Betfred British Masters, Final Round, The Belfry (Brazazon Course), Sutton Coldfield, England

Noon GOLF — PGA Tour: The Wells Fargo Championship, Final Round, TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm, Potomac, Md.

2 p.m. CBS — PGA Tour: The Wells Fargo Championship, Final Round, TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm, Potomac, Md.

GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: The Mitsubishi Electric Classic,

Final Round, TPC Sugarloaf, Duluth, Ga.

### HORSE RACING

Noon FS1 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races

1 p.m. FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races

### MLB BASEBALL

10:30 a.m. NBC — Chicago White Sox at Boston

12:35 p.m.

BALLY KC — Kansas City at Baltimore

1 p.m. MLB — Regional Coverage: Detroit at Houston OR Oakland at Minnesota

4 p.m. MLB — Regional Coverage: Washington at LA Angels OR St. Louis at San Francisco (Joined in Progress)

6 p.m. ESPN — LA Dodgers at Chicago Cubs

### NBA BASKETBALL

2:40 p.m. ESPN — Western Conference Semifinal: Phoenix at Dallas, Game 4

7 p.m. TNT — Eastern Conference Semifinal: Miami at Philadelphia, Game 4

### NHL HOCKEY

11:30 a.m. ESPN — Eastern Conference First Round: Carolina at Boston, Game 4

3:30 p.m. TBS — Western Conference First Round: Minnesota at St. Louis, Game 4

6 p.m. TBS — Eastern Conference First Round: Toronto at Tampa Bay, Game 4

9 p.m. TBS — Western Conference First Round: Edmonton at Los Angeles, Game 4

### RUGBY (MEN'S)

Noon CNBC — European Champions Cup: Leinster at Leicester, Quarterfinal (Taped)

2 p.m. CNBC — European Champions Cup: Sale at Racing 92, Quarterfinal (Taped)

### SOCCER (MEN'S)

8 a.m. USA — Premier League: Everton at Leicester City

10:30 a.m. USA — Premier League: Newcastle United at Manchester City

1:45 p.m. CBSSN — Serie A: AC Milan at Hellas Verona

6 p.m. FS1 — MLS: LA Galaxy at Austin FC

### SOCCER (WOMEN'S)

Midnight (Monday)

FS2 — CONCACAF U-17 Championship: TBD, Final, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

### TENNIS

4 a.m. TENNIS — Rome-ATP Early Rounds, Madrid-ATP Doubles Final

5 a.m. TENNIS — Rome-ATP Early Rounds, Madrid-ATP Doubles Final

11:30 a.m. TENNIS — Madrid-ATP Singles Final

4 a.m. (Monday)

TENNIS — Rome-ATP Early Rounds

5 a.m. (Monday)

TENNIS — Rome-ATP Early Rounds

### USFL FOOTBALL

2 p.m. NBC — Houston vs. New Orleans, Birmingham, Ala.

### WNBA

### BASKETBALL

7 p.m. ESPN2 — Washington at Minnesota

9 p.m. ESPN2 — Seattle at Las Vegas

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By Georgia Nicols

**Moon Alert:** Avoid shopping or important decisions from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. EDT today (3 a.m. to 5 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Cancer into Leo.

**Happy Birthday for Saturday, May 7, 2022:**

You are charming and personable. You appreciate the arts in all forms. You are generous to others, because you want to make the world a better place. This is the last year of a nine-year cycle, which means you will be wrapping things up and clearing the way for new beginnings next year.

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

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

★★★★ This is an excellent day for financial negotiations. You might ask for a raise or figure out how to make more money. You might propose moneymaking ideas to someone. You will be equally vigorous if shopping for something important. Tonight: Socialize!

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

★★★★ This is a powerful day for you, because the Sun is in your sign dancing with fiery Mars, which will help you accomplish all kinds of work. Your energy is high, and you believe in what you can do. Even though you're confident and assertive, you will work well with others. It's a win-win! Tonight: Home and family.

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

★★★★ You can get a lot done working alone or behind the scenes today. Nevertheless, with Mercury in your sign, you're keen to talk to others and share your ideas and opinions. Whatever you do will advance your agenda in the eyes of someone in authority. Tonight: Talk to someone.

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

★★★★ This is the perfect day to rally your forces and set them marching! You will be enthusiastic and invigorating when dealing with friends and groups today. You will work well with others and derive great personal satisfaction when interacting with clubs and organizations. Tonight: Count your money.

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

★★★★ You look fabulous in the eyes of bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs today, because they see that you have the energy to get things done. You will inspire and enthuse others to follow your lead. You will be self-assertive and effective in everything you do! Tonight: You win!

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

★★★★ This is a fantastic day to explore opportunities in publishing, the media or anything related to the law and medicine. People will definitely listen to you! You might influence a partner or close friend to go along with your ideas. You also have the energy to study today. Tonight: Solitude.

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

★★★ You'll have no trouble taking care of your own best interests regarding shared property, taxes, debt and financial matters today, especially when dealing with banks, because you are confident and assertive. Not only will you protect your own interests, you will protect the interests of others as well. Tonight: Set goals.

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

★★★★ Conversations with those who are close to you will be lively and vigorous today. In fact, you might attract someone to you who has high energy. When talking to others, you won't back down; however, you'll have the skillful means to find a working compromise. Tonight: You are noticed.

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

★★★★ You will be amazingly productive today! For starters, you are motivated to work hard and be effective in everything you do. Because the Sun is energized by fiery Mars today, you will have lots of energy for all kinds of physical activity. Tonight: Explore!

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

★★★ Enjoy times with children today. This is also a great day for a wonderful social outing, especially activities that require lots of energy. Physical sports will be a perfect choice. If you're on a vacation, get active! This is also a great day for creative projects and work in the entertainment world. Tonight: Check your finances.

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

★★★★ You will accomplish a lot at home or when dealing with family members today, because you have the energy to do this. In particular, discussions with a parent will go well. You will stand your ground yet bring everyone together. Tonight: Cooperate.

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

★★★★ Study and learning will appeal to you today. This is also a fantastic day for those of you in sales, marketing, teaching, writing or acting, because you will express yourself with vigor and enthusiasm. Tonight: Work.

**BORN TODAY**

YouTuber MrBeast (1998), actor Gary Cooper (1901), actor Alexander Ludwig (1992)



Kentucky Derby entrant Simplification works out at Churchill Downs Thursday, May 5, 2022, in Louisville, Ky. The 148th running of the Kentucky Derby is scheduled for Saturday, May 7. PHOTO BY CHARLIE RIEDEL | AP PHOTO

# 20 horses, full house: Kentucky Derby returns with no limits

By Beth Harris

AP Racing Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Twenty eager colts breaking from the starting gate, a full house for the first time in three years, and a Kentucky Derby lacking a dominant favorite.

Things could get interesting Saturday at Churchill Downs, where the winners in 2019 and 2021 were disqualified.

The biggest question for these 3-year-olds is whether they can handle running 1 1/4 miles while jostling for position in front of the biggest crowd they'll ever see and hear.

"Things can get a little dodgy throughout the race, having to go through holes and take dirt and take some bumps along the way," trainer Chad Brown said. "You just never know what's going to happen when you open the gate."

Zandon is the early 3-1 favorite and breaks from the No. 10 post, which has produced the second-most winners with nine. The dark bay colt is trained by Brown, seeking his first Derby win after six losses.

"It would mean everything," said Brown, who has had his own stable for 15 years. "It's so hard to get these Derby horses, especially the favorite."

After two years of COVID-19 restrictions, the Derby returns in all

its noisy, colorful glory. Attendance is back to full capacity, which means about 150,000 people jammed into Churchill Downs, dressed to the nines and fortified by mint juleps served in souvenir glasses. Post time is 6:57 p.m. EDT.

"You want to adopt the philosophy that it's just another race, but of course most definitely it's not just another race," said Barbados-born trainer Saffie Joseph Jr., who saddles White Abarrio.

In 2019, winner Maximum Security was disqualified for interference and Country House wore the garland of red roses.

In 2020, an eerie silence enveloped the track when no fans were allowed because of the pandemic and the race was pushed back to September. Last year, the Derby returned to its usual spot on the first Saturday in May with attendance limited to about 52,000.

Steve Asmussen has won more races in North America than any other trainer, but he's never won the Derby in 23 tries. He'll saddle Epicenter, the early 7-2 second choice that earned his first career victory at Churchill Downs last fall.

"You have no control over how 20 3-year-olds will handle this volume of crowd for the first time," Asmussen said. "None of them obviously has been

in a race that's had that many runners in it."

The 148th Derby is missing horse racing's household name: Bob Baffert. The Hall of Fame trainer with a record-tying six victories was banned by Churchill Downs this year and next after last year's winner, Medina Spirit, flunked a post-race drug test.

Baffert's shadow still looms large over the Twin Spires. Two colts previously trained by him will be in the starting gate: Messier, the early 8-1 third choice named for hockey Hall of Famer Mark Messier, and 12-1 shot Taiba.

Taiba, the least experienced colt in the field, has the most experienced jockey on his back in 56-year-old Mike Smith. He could break Bill Shoemaker's record as the oldest winning jockey.

"If I can knock out a good clean trip for him then inexperience won't get in the way so much," Smith said.

Taiba will try to become the first horse to win the Derby in just his third start since Leonatus in 1883, and the first horse to win in his third start after not racing as a 2-year-old. Both Messier and Taiba are trained by Tim Yakteen, Baffert's one-time assistant.

"We're going to need some luck, like every horse in the Derby does," Yakteen said.

Baffert told The Associated Press he plans to watch the race remotely with family and friends.

United Arab Emirates Derby winner Crown Pride could make history as the first horse from Japan to win the Derby. The dark bay colt has won three of four career starts for trainer Koichi Shintani.

"I want to see the same race start to finish that we saw in the UAE Derby," Shintani said, "including the being first across the wire part."

Todd Pletcher, a two-time Derby winner, saddles three starters: Mo Donegal, Charge It and Pioneer of Medina.

Louisville-born Brad Cox won his first Derby belatedly when Mandaloun was elevated to first place after Medina Spirit's disqualification in February. Cox has three shots to make the winner's circle in person this year: Cyberknife, Tawny Port and Zozos.

"I don't think it's going to be a blazing, blazing hot pace," Cox said.

Two-time Derby winner Doug O'Neill saddles 30-1 shot Happy Jack.

"Touch wood we're going to shock the world," he said.

Saturday's forecast calls for a 30% chance of morning showers and then mostly cloudy skies and a high of 64 degrees (17 Celsius).

## MVP Jonquel Jones embraces role as a new face of the WNBA

By Pat Eaton-Robb

AP Sports Writer

UNCASVILLE, Conn. (AP) — Jonquel Jones had experienced a certain level of anonymity off the basketball court, only occasionally recognized outside the Mohegan Sun arena as one of the best players in the WNBA.

That's all changing.

Thanks in part to an MVP season and a popular insurance commercial, the 6-foot-6 forward from the Bahamas is being introduced to a much wider audience.

"I'm happy to be a face of the league," Jones said. "It comes with the territory. It comes with the hard work and everything that I've put in."

Jones was not a big name in college at George Washington, but she has been traveling the road to stardom since she was selected in the first round of the 2016 draft. She has gone

from role player, to the WNBA's most improved player in 2017 to the league's sixth player of the year in 2018, to the anchor of a title-contending team.

"You just could always see it in her from her rookie year," Sun guard Jasmine Thomas said. "I still feel like she still hasn't even tapped into all of her greatness and her potential. I'm just super proud of her and happy to see how she handles it all with so much grace."

She enters Saturday's season opener at New York as the reigning MVP, coming off a season in which she averaged 19.4 points, 11.2 rebounds and 2.8 assists.

The versatile Jones has 3-point range, can post up inside and shut down her opponent on defense.

"She truly is a workaholic when it comes to adding tools to her tool bag," said Curt Miller,

the Sun's coach and general manager. "Every single year since being in the WNBA, she's come back and added something."

While she's widely respected by players

and coaches, she hasn't been a marquee name. Jones and others noted on Twitter in December that months after being named MVP, her jersey wasn't even for sale in the WNBA's online store.

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Connecticut Sun's Jonquel Jones (35) goes up for a shot against Chicago Sky's Courtney Vandersloot (22) and Candace Parker right, during the second half of Game 4 of a WNBA basketball playoff semifinal, Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021, in Chicago. Jones says she's had a certain level of anonymity off of the basketball court, only occasionally being recognized outside the Mohegan Sun arena as one of the best players in the WNBA. But now, thanks in part to an MVP season and a popular insurance commercial, the 6-foot-6 forward from the Bahamas is being introduced to a much wider audience. FILE PHOTO BY PAUL BEATY | AP PHOTO



# Teams get creative crossing US-Canada border in NHL playoffs

By Stephen Whyno  
AP Hockey Writer

NHL teams are taking different approaches to crossing the U.S.-Canada border during the first round of the playoffs with the U.S. still requiring a negative COVID-19 test for all passengers arriving on international flights.

The Edmonton Oilers flew to Vancouver and took buses into Washington state before flying to Los Angeles to avoid U.S. virus testing requirements, and the Toronto Maple Leafs took buses to Buffalo, New York, before flying to Florida for the same reason. The Tampa Bay Lightning, Dallas Stars, Los Angeles Kings and Calgary Flames all opted to test and fly direct when their respective series shifted from Canada to the U.S. late this week.

Choose your own travel adventure has become the latest pandemic wrinkle to the fight for the Stanley Cup. Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly said the NHL did not make any particular recommendations but has no problem with the creative arrangements.

"We have no objec-

tion or issue with them utilizing the rules and policies that have been put in place by the applicable health authorities to their maximum advantage," Daly said in an email Friday.

The situation is nothing like the past two years when cross-border travel was a major headache for the NHL. In 2020, the league held a 24-team postseason in Toronto and Edmonton with strict quarantines in place and no fans. Last year, facing uncertainty over border restrictions, the league temporarily realigned its divisions for a shortened season, with all seven Canadian teams playing only each other through the first two rounds of the playoffs.

Oilers coach Jay Woodcroft said players were involved in choosing the itinerary for what amounted to a longer trip. The Oilers spent a night in a Vancouver hotel before crossing the border and flying from Bellingham, Washington, to California on Thursday ahead of Game 3 against the Kings on Friday night.

"I think what you want to do is you want to make the best decision possible for your group and was one that

we gave a lot of thought to," Woodcroft said. "The players are energized by how we traveled and being in the California sunshine."

The Oilers have the only unvaccinated player in the NHL playoffs: Josh Archibald, whose cardiologist was able to secure a medical exemption for the 29-year-old forward because of a heart condition known as myocarditis. Archibald played in only eight games during the regular season but is available in the playoffs on either side of the border and was in the lineup for Game 2 when Edmonton evened its series against the Kings.

The Maple Leafs' trip to Buffalo took only a couple of hours before flying to Florida. It's the same path the NBA's Toronto Raptors took during their first-round series against Philadelphia.

The Lightning, Kings, Stars, and Flames all chose COVID-19 testing and a direct flight to enter the U.S.

"We didn't cross the border by bus," Tampa Bay coach Jon Cooper said Friday before Game 3 against Toronto. "Everybody passed the tests."



Spain's Rafael Nadal, right, congratulates Spain's Carlos Alcaraz after their match at the Mutua Madrid Open tennis tournament in Madrid, Friday, May 6, 2022.

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# Change of guard? Alcaraz overpowers Nadal at Madrid Open

By Tales Azzoni  
AP Sports Writer

MADRID (AP) — This time, the Spanish player being celebrated on center court wasn't Rafael Nadal.

The loud cheers from spectators at the Caja Mágica in Madrid were, instead, directed at the teenage sensation considered the Spanish successor to the all-time great Nadal.

In a clash of generations, 19-year-old Carlos Alcaraz overcame an injury to defeat his idol 6-2, 1-6, 6-3 in the Madrid Open quarterfinals on Friday.

The teen recovered from a bad ankle twist early in the second set to earn his first victory against Nadal, marking what could be the beginning of a change of guard in Spanish tennis.

"It's obvious there's (a change in guard)," Nadal said. "He turned 19 yesterday, I'm almost 36 years old. If (the change) begins today or not, we will find out in the next months. I'm happy for him. He was better than me in several aspects of the game."

Nadal also was loudly supported throughout the match, and the five-time champion received a huge ovation as he left the court.

Alcaraz was emotional afterwards.

"It means a lot to me to beat Rafa, to beat the best player in the history on clay," he said. "This is the result of all the hard work I've done."

It was Nadal's first loss to a Spaniard in six years, since to Fernando Verdasco at the 2016 Australian Open. He had a 138-21 record against

his countrymen before facing Alcaraz for a third time.

The ninth-ranked Alcaraz is the youngest ever semifinalist in Madrid. He will next face top-ranked Novak Djokovic, who eased past Hubert Hurkacz 6-3, 6-4.

Still far from his best form after a six-week injury layoff, Nadal predicted a hard time keeping up with the energy of Alcaraz. He was right early on, as the youngster overpowered him to easily win the first set with three breaks.

But Alcaraz lost momentum after needing medical attention for his right ankle, losing 20 of the next 22 points as Nadal cruised through the second set.

"It was a little bit painful, but it was no reason to do the second set that I have done," Alcaraz said. "I think that I have let myself go. I was thinking of my ankle all the time and not on playing the match."

The match also was interrupted in the second set after a fan became ill in the stands.

Both players got off to a great start this season; both have a tour-leading three titles already.

Nadal's run was hampered by a rib stress fracture he sustained in his semifinal win against Alcaraz in Indian Wells. Nadal saved four match points to get past David Goffin in a third-round match that lasted more than three hours on Thursday.

He said it was a positive balance for him after winning two matches following his injury layoff.

"It's an easy loss to digest in that regard, because we knew what

we could expect here," he said. "My only dream is (to) be in Paris (for the French Open) healthy enough and physically good enough to compete at the highest level possible."

Three-time Madrid champion Djokovic had little trouble against Hurkacz. The Serb took advantage of Hurkacz's slow start and took a 3-0 lead after the Polish player ceded his first service game by hitting long.

Another spate of unforced errors cost Hurkacz a second-set break when he smacked a forehand long. Djokovic's dominance was never ended and he won on his fourth match point.

Djokovic is trying to regain his best form after not being allowed to play in the Australian Open because he was not vaccinated.

"It's definitely a positive indication that I am on the right track in terms of getting to the desired level of tennis, being in one of the best tournaments in the world where all the best players are playing," he said. "It does give me confidence, and it encourages me to keep going. I have a lot of positives to take from the last couple of days."

Djokovic beat Gael Monfils in straight sets to start his campaign at the outdoor clay tournament, and a walkover after Andy Murray withdrew because of a stomach illness before their match on Thursday.

Djokovic praised Alcaraz after arriving in Madrid this week, and said his son had already replaced Nadal with the young Spaniard as his favorite player.



Fans and players stand for the national anthems before Game 2 of an NHL hockey Stanley Cup playoffs first-round series between the Tampa Bay Lightning and the Toronto Maple Leafs on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, in Toronto.

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# MVP

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She put herself in the spotlight in 2019, helping raise money for relief efforts when Hurricane Dorian slammed into the Bahamas.

And now she is getting noticed for a State Farm Insurance commercial, during which she helps Atlanta Hawks All-Star guard Trae Young get some pickles off a high shelf at a food warehouse store, only to need help herself from 7-4 Dallas Mavericks center Boban Marjanović to get a jar of mustard.

Jones got the call to make the ad while Connecticut was in the stretch run last season. With permission from the team, she flew to Los

Angeles at 3 a.m. after a home game, shot the commercial and then took a red-eye flight back across the country.

State Farm, a sponsor of both the NBA and WNBA, has had a long relationship with NBA guard Chris Paul and last year paired him in spots with New York Liberty guard Sabrina Ionescu.

Patty Morris, the company's assistant vice president of brand and acquisition, said the idea of both ads is to appeal to both male and female basketball fans and show the respect the players in both leagues have for each other.

"We're happy to bring WNBA players into that because it does represent the broader landscape of basketball," she said. "You see them really support each other and encourage each other, so

it makes it really easy as a sponsor to put them together in compelling stories that I think the fans really love."

Jones acknowledged she's gotten some teasing over the commercial, especially if she's reaching for something on a shelf, but she's happy with the recognition.

"I believe this is just the start and that JJ is very, very marketable," Miller said.

But as her visibility increases, Jones said she also wants people, especially girls, to realize how much work it has taken to get where she is.

"I want to make sure they understand that is part of it too," Jones said, "and not just give them sunshine and rainbows all the time."

Hard work is certainly paying off for Jones.



# Column: Spring football league's time has come ... and gone

**By Paul Newberry**  
AP Sports Columnist

Pro football in the springtime.

An idea that once had so much promise.

Now, no matter how many of these leagues keep popping up, there's little chance of carving out even a tiny niche on the American sports scene.

Give it up, USFL.

Ditto for you, XFL.

This isn't the 1980s anymore.

A revived United States Football League — borrowing the moniker and team nicknames from a league that went out of business 36 years ago — launched last month with all regular-season games being played in Birmingham, Alabama.

USFL, The Sequel is following a familiar formula for spring football in recent years: a bunch of unknown players, sloppy play and games played in front of mostly empty seats.

Sadly, this watered-down version of the USFL has done little more than rekindle memories (at least for those of us old enough to remember) of the last upstart league in a major American sport that actually had a chance to make it.

The original USFL, which played for three seasons beginning in 1983, was a concept that made a whole lot of sense, only to be undone by the hubris of owners such as future President Donald Trump, who saw the fledgling organization mainly as a conduit to the NFL.

The league might still be around today if it had stuck to the plan laid out by New Orleans businessman David Dixon, who believed there was a market for pro football in the spring and early summer.

His vision led to a promising setup with plenty of NFL-caliber players.

"I would say that four teams in our group could have competed on an NFL level," recalled Tom Banks, a longtime NFL center who played the first two seasons with the original Birmingham Stallions.



**Michigan Panthers wide receiver Joe Walker (8) receives a punt during the second half of a USFL football game against the Houston Gamblers Sunday, April 17, 2022, in Birmingham, Ala. A revived United States Football League — borrowing the moniker and team nicknames from a league that went out of business 36 years ago — launched last month with all regular-season games being played in Birmingham, Alabama.**

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"We had a lot of good players and a lot of good coaches."

Dixon envisioned a league with teams in major U.S. markets, playing in NFL-caliber stadiums, boosted by a national television contract but keeping costs under control with a salary cap-style mechanism.

The Stallions were a team that largely stuck to that philosophy, assembling a roster that included Banks, running back Joe Cribbs, quarterback Cliff Stoudt and receiver Jim Smith.

The USFL wasn't intended to be a direct challenger to the NFL like those that came before it, such as the American Football League (which forced a merger with the NFL) and the World Football League (which failed miserably).

But it could've worked — especially given the state of American sports when the USFL debuted:

—The NFL, while enormously popular, had not

yet become the year-round behemoth it is today.

—Major League Baseball had yet to expand to Phoenix, Denver or Tampa Bay, which all landed teams in the original USFL.

—Michael Jordan's NBA debut was still a year away, and nearly half of the league's 23 teams failed to average even 10,000 fans a game in 1982-83.

—The NHL was largely a regional operation, basically unknown outside the Northeast and Midwest and lacking a major TV deal.

—The North American Soccer League was on its last legs and would fold in 1984. Major League Soccer didn't come along until 1996.

In that setting, there was room for another football league.

Not anymore.

Spring football has no chance of succeeding in a timeframe now ruled by the NBA and NHL playoffs, the start of baseball season, college basketball's

NCAA tournaments and an NFL that never really takes an offseason.

Throw in Major League Soccer, which will grow to 29 teams next year, and the increasing popularity in the U.S. of England's Premier League and Europe's Champions League.

If the USFL had stuck to Dixon's plan, there's a chance it would still be around to this day, perhaps stifling the growth of basketball, hockey and soccer.

Instead, the league expanded too quickly, took in dubious owners and basically sealed its fate with an ill-fated plan pushed by Trump and others to move to the fall and compete directly against the NFL.

That led to an anti-trust suit won by the USFL in 1986, but it was a hollow victory to say the least. The jury awarded a single dollar in damages, which was automatically tripled to \$3 under federal law.

The USFL quietly went out of business. Apparently, it never even cashed the

check the NFL dutifully sent along to cover the judgment.

Since then, none of the myriad efforts to start a spring football league has been as bold as the original USFL.

The World League of American Football lasted only two seasons with U.S. teams. The original XFL folded after one year. The Alliance of American Football went out of business after just eight weeks. The relaunch of the XFL was short-circuited by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now, we have this new version of the USFL, with a third attempt at the XFL supposedly on tap for 2023 (we're not holding our breath for that one).

The Fox-owned USFL is holding down costs by playing in a single city. But that has created the embarrassing spectacle of games not involving the hometown Stallions being played largely before family and friends.

"You've got to draw more people to the games,"

Banks said. "It's got to be depressing for the guys trying to play. You feed off the energy of the crowds."

Like every other spring league since the original USFL, there is no pretense about landing big-time players. These are the leftovers, pure and simple.

"They really haven't emphasized the players," Banks said. "I don't know very much about these guys individually, and I still follow the game pretty well."

Fox, NBC and their affiliated networks have been jamming four games a weekend down our throats, pumped up by over-the-top announcers trying to con us into believing this is actually a worthwhile pursuit. But the ratings through the first three weeks have been largely abysmal.

Thanks to the court decision that finished off the original USFL, it will forever be known as "The \$3 League."

The new USFL is not even worth that much.

## Twins get good news: Correa's finger not broken just bruised

**By Dave Campbell**  
AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Twins have avoided a scare with star shortstop Carlos Correa, whose right middle finger is not broken as initially feared following a hit-by-pitch in the previous game.

The CT scan Friday confirmed that he did not suffer a fracture, president of baseball operations Derek Falvey said. He's just bruised and sore.

"Thank you Lord," Correa tweeted.

His status will be evaluated day to day, and he won't have to go on the injured list.

"The reality is it's just going to be inflammation and soreness management," Falvey said.

For now, top prospect Royce Lewis will replace Correa. Lewis was recalled from Triple-A St. Paul to make his major league debut, filling the roster spot of infielder Luis Arraez, who was placed on the COVID-19

list.

Correa was plunked twice in Minnesota's loss at Baltimore on Thursday. The first one in the fifth inning appeared to graze off his left forearm and get him in the right shoulder. The second one in the eighth inning hit his right hand while it was on the handle of the bat with him in the middle of a half-swing. The ball went into fair territory, and Correa was easily retired on a groundout.

After a slow start at the plate to his first season with the Twins, Correa was just getting going with a .412 batting average (14 for 34) and eight RBIs in his last eight games.

After signing a three-year, \$105.3 million contract with the Twins that comes with an opt-out clause after this season and next, Correa has provided instant leadership and a steady presence at shortstop where he won the 2021 AL Gold Glove Award.

The Twins, who took

a 2 1/2-game lead on Cleveland in the AL Central entering their game against Oakland on Friday, have been stretched thin this week.

The 22-year-old Lewis, a native of Southern California, has been sidetracked a bit on his way to the majors since the Twins made him the top pick in the 2017 draft.

After a year without minor league competition in 2020 due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Lewis then tore the ACL in his right knee while doing an agility drill in an offseason workout before reporting to spring training last year. He sat out the entire 2021 season recovering from reconstructive surgery.

Lewis is the top Twins prospect, ranked 44th overall by MLB.

"We're pressed into a situation now where he's got to step up and go," Falvey said. "He's going to have some good days, and he's going to have some bad days."

## Tyler O'Neill, Cardinals go to salary arbitration hearing

**By The Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — Two-time Gold Glove-winning outfielder Tyler O'Neill went to a salary arbitration hearing with the St. Louis Cardinals on Friday, asking a three-man panel to award him \$4.15 million rather than the team's \$3.4 million offer.

A decision from arbitrators Mark Burstein, Brian Keller and John Stout is not expected for several weeks. The three heard the case remotely.

O'Neill set career bests last year with a .286 average, 34 homers and 80 RBIs, finishing eighth in NL MVP voting. He is hitting .213 with two homers and 19 RBIs this season.

In his fifth major league season, O'Neill has a .256 average with 57 homers and 157 RBIs.

He made \$604,700 last year and is eligible for arbitration for the first time. No statistics or evidence from after March 1 are admissible other than contract and salary comparisons, timing set when Major League Baseball and the players' association

agreed to the deal that ended the lockout.

O'Neill's case was the third argued after Milwaukee right-hander Adrian Houser and Seattle second baseman/outfielder Adam Frazier.

Seventeen additional players remain eligible for arbitration, with hearings scheduled through June 24. Players scheduled for hear-

ings include New York Yankees outfielder Aaron Judge, Atlanta outfielder Adam Duvall, shortstop Dansby Swanson, pitcher Max Fried and third baseman Austin Riley, New York Mets pitcher Chris Bassitt, Kansas City outfielder Andrew Benintendi, Minnesota catcher Gary Sánchez and Philadelphia pitcher Zach Eflin.



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# KC

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“Any goalkeeper will tell you the goalkeeping union within the club has a massive effect on personal growth, personal development and just your enjoyment of coming in every day,” Pulskamp said. “Away from the field, me, Kendall and Tim, and [SKC goalkeeping coach Alec Dufty], we get along great. That really helps. We all kind of support each other and it really is a healthy environment to progress in. It’s not like that at every club, and it’s not [been] like that everywhere I’ve been.”

He expanded on his relationship with Melia, who also had to bide his time to become a starter in the league. Melia didn’t grab a job in the top flight until coming to Sporting in 2014, and the next year grabbed the job and went on to become MLS Comeback Player of the Year at the age of 29.

“A lot of [what Tim has helped with] has been more mental, off-the-field stuff,” Pulskamp said. “How to balance things, how to keep your body

healthy, where to put your energy and effort into things so it’s not 100 miles an hour into every aspect all the time. And then just certain ideas or actions we might come across in games, he’s definitely had his input with that as well. We have a lot of group discussions within the goalkeeping group and we all just bounce off each other [different scenarios] and talk about what we’d personally do in those situations. That kind of open dialogue in the group I think has helped all of us. I know it’s helped me quite a bit.”

In December, Pulskamp got his first senior call-up to the U.S. Men’s National Team for the two-week training camp in his native California. While he was an unused substitute in the 1-0 friendly win against Bosnia and Herzegovina, Pulskamp seems to believe his future could see more inclusions with the national side.

“I like to set lofty goals for myself and do everything in my power to achieve those,” the 6-foot-4 keeper said. “In my discussions with [Sporting], they see the same potential as I see and now it’s about me getting down

to business and proving that every single day.

“[Becoming the No. 1 goalkeeper at the club is] obviously the big one that I’m working towards. With the national team, I got my first taste with the senior team in December. It was a phenomenal experience, and frankly, I think I’m there, I’m close to it. If I continue to progress, I can definitely be further integrated with the national team and make my case in that area for sure.”

Until then, Pulskamp says he’ll remain patient and keep believing in himself. But he doesn’t view himself as being stuck behind the veteran Melia. “Every day, I come in with the idea and belief that I’m battling to be in the starting XI on the weekend,” he said. “As a young player who is eager, it is tough sometimes to keep that patience, but I’ve worked very hard to have good mental strength and develop habits that can pull me back when my head starts to go a little bit.”

Following a pair of consecutive draws, Sporting KC plays reigning MLS Cup winner New York City FC on the road Saturday at 6 p.m.



Dan Ventrelle, of the Oakland Raiders, speaks to the media, on June 5, 2019, at a press conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Ventrelle, the team president, has left the organization less than a year after taking over the job, owner Las Vegas Raiders Mark Davis announced in a statement Friday, May 6, 2022.

FILE PHOTO JOHN WOODS | THE CANADIAN PRESS VIA AP

## Dan Ventrelle out as Raiders team president

By Josh Dubow  
AP Pro Football Writer

Las Vegas Raiders team President Dan Ventrelle has left the organization less than a year after taking over the job.

Owner Mark Davis announced in a statement Friday that Ventrelle “is no longer with the Raiders organization” but divulged no details around the decision.

Ventrelle took over as team president on an interim basis last July after Marc Badain resigned. Ventrelle was promoted to the full-time role after the season ended in January.

Ventrelle and Badain played key roles in the Raiders’ move from Oakland, California, to Las Vegas but both are gone

before the team starts its third season in Nevada.

Ventrelle is the latest in a string of high-ranking business executives to leave the team in the past year. Chief Financial Officer Ed Villanueva and controller Araxie Grant left with Badain over the summer in what Davis later called an issue of “accounting irregularities.”

Three other senior vice presidents have also left the team in the past year: Tom Blanda, Mark Shearer and Brandon Doll.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal reported Thursday that chief operations and analytics officer Jeremy Aguero resigned after seven months.

The Raiders have also

undergone significant changes on the football side of the organization with coach Jon Gruden resigning last October following the publication of offensive emails he sent before taking the job. General manager Mike Mayock was fired after the season.

Despite the turmoil, the Raiders made the playoffs last season for the second time in 19 seasons. Davis solidified the football operations department by hiring Josh McDaniels as head coach and Dave Ziegler as general manager.

Ventrelle joined the Raiders in 2003 and worked his way up to general counsel and executive vice president before taking over as president.

# Earn

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And he followed up with a sophomore season in which he had 865 yards receiving and eight touchdowns.

Then came the hit from a linebacker two years ago that left Ross feeling tingling in his arms.

He was taken for tests to his spine and neck, which is required by the program for any such injury, and thought nothing more of it. In fact, Ross was feeling good enough a couple days later to return to practice. But the tests revealed something entirely unexpected — a condition called Klippel-Feil syndrome that causes the fusion of spinal bones.

Several surgeons said Ross would never play football again, but he refused to accept their opinions. Eventually, he got in touch with spinal specialist Dr. David Okonkwo at the University of Pittsburgh. It was Okonkwo, who is also the Steelers’ neurosurgeon, who performed a surgery in June 2020 that removed a disc to free up space in the spinal cord.

Even after the procedure, Ross wasn’t sure football

was still in the cards. He had to wait for the bones to heal, sitting out the entire 2021 season. It took almost a year after the surgery before he was cleared to play.

Ross wound up catching 46 passes for 514 yards and three touchdowns last season.

Those are numbers that would usually get a player drafted. But along with his spinal condition, Ross dealt with a foot injury last season, then tested poorly at the Clemson pro day, causing many teams to take him off their board entirely.

Then the Chiefs came along.

Veach has a good working relationship with Ross’ agent, Tory Dandy, who also represents former Chiefs wide receiver Sammy Watkins. The two stayed in touch as the draft went on, and when nobody selected Ross, the Chiefs offered him a free-agent deal that was too good to pass up: Not only would he get to catch passes from Mahomes in a pass-happy offense, Ross has a good shot to make the team given the status of the wide receiver corps.

The Chiefs traded Tyreek Hill before the draft, and they lost Byron Pringle and Demarcus Robinson in free agency. And while they drafted Skyy Moore

in the second round and signed veterans Juju Smith-Schuster and Marquez Valdes-Scantling in free agency, there remains an opportunity for Ross to earn a spot on the roster as a rookie.

“I know our docs at (The University of Kansas Health System) spent a lot of time talking to the experts that dealt with Justyn, and he’s cleared,” Veach said. “I think really when you take away the neck situation, and again, our docs did a great job of exhausting all of the information, I think for me it’s a little easier on how I operate.”

There are plenty of undrafted free agents in a similar situation as Ross this weekend, trying to earn a coveted spot on a team that has hosted four consecutive AFC championship games. But few offer the proven ability at a position of need for a team that continues to have Super Bowl aspirations heading into next season.

“It’s really a combination of talent, being smart, staying on top of the training — and that means when you’re away from the facility, too,” Veach said. “Like a lot of these young guys, if he does those things, given the talent that he has, he should be able to come here and potentially contribute.”

# Honor

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“We’ve had lots of Hall of Famer racers honored at Darlington,” raceway president Kerry Tharp said. “But I can’t remember anyone getting three tributes the same weekend.”

It was enough to lure Martin away from his enjoyable life as a retiree in Montana to make a rare on-track appearance at Darlington.

“It was Moffitt,” Martin said about why he came East. “He took a time when no one knew who I was or wanted anything to do with me. I had to show up.”

Not too soon after Martin’s start, he routinely showed up on everyone’s radar. He finished with 40 wins in the Cup series, good for 20th all-time. Martin was a modern-day

master at Darlington, where the egg-shaped, 1.366-mile layout is an acquired taste for NASCAR’s best.

In 12 races at Darlington between March 1989 and April 1994, Martin had 10 top-five finishes and only once ended worse than sixth. In 2009, the then 50-year-old Martin outraced Hendrick teammate Jimmie Johnson to capture the Southern 500.

Martin holds the record for Xfinity wins at Darlington with eight, all accomplished over a 15-race span between 1993 and 2000.

His secret? Simple, he says, just use the same setup each time. “It was the magic,” he said.

Martin loved Darlington’s tight straightaways and the challenge of its two different corners that force drivers to come oh-so-close to the wall if they want to run up front. He’s grateful for the success he’s had here, but when asked about

Darlington memories, he pointed to a couple of runner-up finishes — both to the late Dale Earnhardt — in 1989 and 1990.

They were among Martin’s six second places in his Darlington Cup career.

“We ran good but it wasn’t good enough,” Martin said. “That’s what I think about more than any of those wins we had.”

Martin, now 63, was elected to the NASCAR Hall of Fame in 2017 and has largely remained out of the spotlight as a former racing star.

Keselowski said he and Martin speak every so often, mostly about life. Few understand what it’s like to be the face of Roush Fenway Racing, as Martin was during the bulk of his career. Martin won 35 of his 40 Cup events with Roush.

“It’s always good catching up with him,” Keselowski said.

# Delays

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Finally, Jamar Clark accepted a scholarship to compete on the Esports team at Central Methodist University in Fayette.

Clark played on S-C’s varsity Overwatch team for two years. He also was a member of Team SCREAM, Smith-Cotton’s competitive robotics team.

S-C Esports head coach Michael Stehwien and assistant coach Justin Furnell praised Clark’s positive attitude and leadership.

“Jamar has always been an enthusiastic member of the team,” Stehwien said. “I appreciate his willingness to propose different ideas and to think outside the box. I think that this ability and matching thought process will benefit him and his team in an Esports career.”

CMU Esports head coach Darren Jones said Clark will bring leadership and maturity to the team, and that his friendship with fellow S-C senior Skylar Ray, who also signed on with the Eagles, is another positive.

“It’s going to be a really easy transition when they get to college because we won’t have to take time to build that chemistry,” Jones said. “I think they

are going to be great additions to the team off the rip in their freshman year.”

Jones also praised the S-C Esports program and how it is building up students to compete at the next level. “We can’t be thankful enough that Smith-Cotton has an Esports program ... and makes it an easy transition to get kids from the area into a school that is less than an hour away so they can stay close to family and get to compete for a collegiate Esports team,” he said.

## S-C tennis gets postseason assignments

Smith-Cotton boys tennis will open its run in Class 2 District 5 on Monday against Jefferson City at 1:30 p.m. in Columbia at Capital City High School. A victory in that 4-5 matchup would set up a semifinal the following day against Helias in what would also be a rematch of last year’s district championship that S-C, then the No. 1 seed, won 5-1.

Matchups of Rolla-Camdenton and Capital City-Lebanon on the other side of the bracket foreshadow potential opponents if the Tigers were able to reach Wednesday’s final.

## SFCC shooting sports team signs Anderson, Van Vactor

The State Fair Community College Shooting Sports team announced

on Tuesday the signing of Xane Anderson and Will Van Vactor, both of Marshall.

“I am excited for this new opportunity to compete on the State Fair Community College Shooting Sports Team. I look forward to looking back at this event and comparing the person I am now to the person I will become,” said Anderson.

“I’m excited about studying precision machining at State Fair Community with Justin Wright,” said Van Vactor. “I’m looking forward to starting my college athletic career as a Roadrunner with the Shooting Sports Team and Coach Manuel.”

The shooting sports team at SFCC is in its second year at the college. In its inaugural season, the SFCC squad competed against teams across multiple states and attended the Clay Target National Championships at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio, Texas.

SFCC competed in men’s and women’s American Trap, American Skeet, Sporting Clays, Super Sporting, Double American Skeet, and Double American Trap.

“Our team is fortunate to sign these two young men,” said Head Coach Sarah Manuel. They are high caliber shooters, and I can’t wait to see them compete in the fall.”





## When you're at a loss for words

When I first decided to take over Bob Sattan's column space on this page last year, I figured it was a good idea. For several years since I became the Democrat's editor, I had a goal of writing a column more than just a few times a year but never quite got around to it. As one former editor's column ended, it seemed to make sense to have the current editor take over.

Let me tell ya — this turned out to be tougher than I realized.

Who knew it would be so difficult to find a column topic every week? I have a newfound appreciation for my weekly columnists, and columnists at much larger papers that write even more frequently.

I've been a professional journalist for just shy of a decade and was a college journalist for a few years before that. I've always been tasked with developing story ideas for news and feature articles. It's become one of my talents. Oh, we need another story for the next edition? Here are a dozen ideas I came up with in about 30 minutes.

But column topics are a whole other story. They're approached and written differently. As long as it's based in fact, your blatant bias is allowed to show in an opinion column. While many of our readers disagree with our columnists' views, that's kind of the point. Opinion writing is meant to make you think, to challenge your current point of view. If we all had the same thoughts and our weekly columnists shared the same perspective, life would be boring (although probably easier).

My ideas for columns come in waves. I had nearly all of April's columns planned out, but my mind became blank once my calendar turned to May. My usual trove of news story ideas didn't include any column topics. And yes, I realize the world is on fire at any given moment, both literally and figuratively, but it doesn't mean that's something I want to write about. Sometimes those big topics take more time to write about than I have available between publishing seven newspaper editions each week in Sedalia and Warrensburg.



**Nicole Cooke**  
Democrat Editor

I thought about writing something on the Supreme Court leak regarding the potential end of *Roe v. Wade*, but I gave myself too little time to write this week's column on such a significant issue.

As I sat in my new office at 111 W. Fourth St. this week, I had the idea to write another column about the Democrat's move and new chapter, this time from our new building, but I figured our readers were tired of that topic at this point. And after also writing several times about my personal moving experience over the last six months as my boyfriend and I navigate being new homeowners, the words "moving" and "new building" or "new house" have been banned from my vocabulary for a while.

I had also been given a suggestion to write about all the recent rain we've been inundated with, but when I saw Liz Schleicher and Deborah Mitchell already had that topic handled with their columns this week, that idea went out the window too.

I even have a list of column topic ideas saved in a note on my iPhone, but none of them struck my fancy today or required more work than I had time for. Some ideas were deleted because I already used them, the opposite of what I was hoping for when I opened that note.

Sometimes being a journalist and editor is exciting and fast-paced. On other days, I spend hours staring at my laptop trying to figure out my column for the week while procrastinating by editing everyone else's work. This is your glimpse into the more mundane parts of my job.

So, here we are. You're stuck reading my ramblings about not having any good column ideas. Apparently, it is true that I can write a column or article on just about anything — even nothing at all.

# President Anderson says goodbye to SFCC

By Skye Melcher  
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Dr. Joanna Anderson has been on State Fair Community College's campus as president since July 2013 and has changed how residents, potential students and community members see community college.

In August, Anderson announced she would be retiring at the end of the 2021-22 school year. She will be retiring to her farm in Trenton, after spending almost 15 years away from her family. After a months-long national search for her replacement, the Board of Trustees selected Vice President of Educational and Student Support Services Dr. Brent Bates as SFCC's next president. He will start July 1.

Anderson grew up on a family farm outside of Trenton and had a grandmother and parents who loved education, so the kids were always pushed to learn and do more.

She went to Trenton Junior College, now North Central Missouri College, before transferring to the University of Missouri

where she earned a bachelor's degree in Agriculture Journalism.

"The values of having a community college in your hometown is just tremendous because my grandma attended classes at Trenton Junior College, my mom went, all of my siblings and I graduated from Trenton Junior College and two of my three children did," Anderson said. "It just perpetuates the higher education and lifelong learning that is so important."

From MU, Anderson went to work as a reporter and then in radio before earning her master's degree in curriculum and instruction from William Woods University and then her doctorate in educational leadership and policy analysis from MU.

Anderson was hired to serve as SFCC's president after being the vice president of student service at Casper College in Wyoming.

Anderson said she applied to be SFCC's president after realizing she had developed leadership skills over the years and because it was an opportunity to influence the direction of the college.



**Dr. Joanna Anderson**

"I think that's kind of some of the best things I have been able to do," Anderson said. "Is the planning that we did early on, in 2014 and '15, we did a new strategic plan and many of those things have gotten accomplished and we're on to the next strategic plan. We did a campus master plan looking at our facilities."

In the master plan, leadership saw the campus was out of space for career

and technical training. "That groundwork of developing that master plan, which included community input, has really driven a lot of activities and projects and initiatives that we put forward," Anderson said.

Projects that were done in the master plan include:

- Revitalizing the grounds.
- Renovations in the Hopkins Student Service Center.

- Added additional space to the automotive technology program from the former childcare facility.

- The Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center, which will grow the welding and precision machining programs. A ribbon cutting is scheduled for June.

Things that were addressed in the strategic plans include:

- The Navigator program for career advising. SFCC was the first community college in Missouri that fully implemented it.

- Expanded the nursing program along with the addition of surgical tech and behavioral health.

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On Dec. 14, 2020, State Fair Community College President Dr. Joanna Anderson, left, presents the daughters of former resident Olen Howard, Darlene Bradbury, center, and Shirley Rowden, the Missouri Community College Association Award of Distinction. The women received the award during groundbreaking ceremonies for the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center.

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State Fair Community College President Dr. Joanna Anderson, left, and Bothwell Regional Health Center CEO Lori Wightman stand together after being named the 2021 Women of the Year by the Sedalia Business Women on Nov. 4, 2021, at the Shrine Club.

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## SEDALIA SENIOR CENTER MENU

The menu at the Sedalia Senior Center for May 9-13 includes:

### Monday

Ham salad, peaches, carrot raisin salad, wheat bun and vanilla pudding.

### Tuesday

Swiss steak, scal-

loped potatoes, peas, wheat roll and cherry starburst cake.

### Wednesday

Fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, wheat roll and coconut pie square.

### Thursday

Lasagna, Italian vegetables, roasted asparagus, garlic roll and cherry starburst cake.

### Friday

Tamale pie, black beans and corn, stewed tomatoes, tortilla and cook's feature.

## 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 First Christian Church.

### Monday

Pork riblet on bun, baked beans, cookie and milk.

### Tuesday

Spaghetti, corn, breadsticks, brownie and milk.

### Wednesday

Stuffed pepper casserole, hominy, tropical fruit and milk.

### Thursday

Beef and noodles, green beans, pudding and milk.

### Friday

Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas and cake.

## CLUB NOTES

### Beta Alpha Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa

The Beta Alpha Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honorary sorority for women educators, met Monday, April 25 at Christ & Trinity Church and via Zoom. Thirty-seven members were present.

President Marina Scheiner called the meeting to order.

Rena Vanderpool gave the devotion titled "A Volunteer's Creed."

Minutes from the March meeting from Secretary Holli Goodrich were approved. The treasurer's report from Mary Beatty was approved.

Jenny Crane reported correspondence received was thank-you notes from Dustin Rambo and Mary Beatty.

Marina Scheiner and Mary Beatty told highlights of the State Convention they attended in Columbia earlier in the month. Chapter awards received included: 25-year membership certificates for Kristee Lorenz, Mary Watkins, Cathy Roesch, and Marty

Graves, and a 50-year certificate for Mary Folkerts. Also, the chapter received the 2020 "Seven Pearls Award" and the 2021 "Six Pearls Award." Mary Beatty, Marina Scheiner and Andrea Eppenauser will hold state offices for the next two years.

Patty Ferguson and Lorin Thierfelder gave details on the Garage Sale on Friday, June 3, at Our Savior Lutheran Church.

The following officers were elected for the next two years: President Mary Beatty; Vice-president Robin Blackburn; Recording Secretary Hannah Yonce; Treasurer Andrea Eppenauser; Corresponding Secretary Rena Vanderpool; Historian Lisa Young; and Chaplain Kristee Lorenz.

Pat McKinney, Louise Rouchka, and Pat Jennings handed out material and gave information to get ready for the Relay for Life activities on Saturday, June 11.

The Beta Alpha chapter will serve at the Community Café on July 22.

## Ms. Pac-Man clears path to World Video Game Hall of Fame

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — More than 40 years after blazing a trail for female video game characters, Ms. Pac-Man was inducted Thursday into the World Video Game Hall of Fame, along with Dance Dance Revolution, The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time and Sid Meier's Civilization.

The Hall of Fame considers electronic games of all types each year — arcade, console, computer, handheld and mobile. Inductees are recognized for their popularity and influence on the video game industry or pop culture over time.

The Ms. Pac-Man arcade game was released in 1981 as Midway's follow-up to Pac-Man, which entered the hall as part of the inaugural class in 2015. The Pac-Man sequel reimagined the main character to acknowledge the original game's female fans, according to the hall. After selling 125,000 cabinets within the first five years, it became one of the best-selling arcade games of all time.

There was nothing inherently gendered about early video games, said Julia Novakovic, senior archivist at the hall. But "by offering the first widely recognized female video game character," she said, "Ms. Pac-Man represented a turn in the cultural conversation about women's place in the arcade, as well as in society at large."

The Class of 2022 was chosen from a field of finalists that also included

Assassin's Creed, Candy Crush Saga, Minesweeper, NBA Jam, PaRappa the Rapper, Resident Evil, Rogue, and Words with Friends. It is the eighth class to be inducted since the World Video Game Hall of Fame was established at The Strong National Museum of Play in Rochester, New York.

Konami's Dance Dance Revolution, first seen in arcades in Japan in 1998, was recognized for helping to pave the way for other music-centered games like Guitar Hero and Rock Band. The fast-paced game put players on a dance floor with a screen in front to direct their moves.

"Music has been an integral part of human life since prehistoric times, so it comes as no surprise that DDR enjoyed a unique popularity that spanned ages, genders, and regions," said video game curator Lindsey Kurano.

A home version of the game followed on the Sony PlayStation in 1999.

The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time, also first released in 1998, came out for the Nintendo 64 gaming console and defined what a 3D action video game could be, Hall of Fame officials said. The award-winning game sold more than 7.6 million copies worldwide and continues to be recognized by some players and critics as one of the best video games ever made.

"Even today, developers throughout the world credit The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of

Time as influencing the way they create games," digital games curator Andrew Borman said. "The game's sprawling 3D world, fluid combat, complex puzzles and time-shifting story combined to inspire a wonder in players that they have never forgotten."

Sid Meier's Civilization, released in 1991, was recognized as an influential simulation and strategy game. The game, which invited players to develop their own empires, launched a series of successor games, including the most recent Civilization: Beyond Earth and Civilization VI.

"The addictive nature of the game, which creator Sid Meier himself called the 'one more turn' quality, and its nearly unlimited choices that prevented repetitive gameplay, earned Civilization recognition from Computer Gaming World as the best video game of all time in 1996," said Jon-Paul Dyson, director of The Strong's International Center for the History of Electronic games. "Altogether — and given the extraordinarily long periods of play the game afforded — players have engaged with the Civilization series for more than a billion hours."

Anyone can nominate a game for the World Video Game Hall of Fame. Final selections are made on the advice of journalists, scholars and others with knowledge of the history of video games and their role in society.

## RICHMOND ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Richmond will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house, hosted by their daughters, from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 14 at Abundant Harvest Worship Center.

Nancy Josephine Blaylock and Leon Richmond were married May 13, 1972, at Olive Branch Baptist Church by the Rev. James Allen.

Mr. Richmond is employed at MFA Agri Services in Sedalia. Mrs. Richmond is self-employed at Encore Apparel in Sedalia.

The couple has three children, Anita Norton, of Lincoln, Amy Cox, of LaPlata, and Lora McQueen, of Sedalia; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends and relatives are invited to the open house. The couple request no gifts.



## BIRTHDAYS

### Jones

Donald "Donnie" Jones will observe his 86th birthday May 9.

He was born May 9, 1935, in Sedalia.

Before retiring, Donald was a clerk. He enjoyed walking and watching television.

Birthday cards may be sent to Donald at the Sylvia G. Thompson Residence Center, 3333 W. 10th St., Sedalia, Mo. 650301.

### Myers

Judith Myers will observe her 76th birthday May 10.

She was born May 10, 1945, in Harrisonville.

Before retiring, Judith was a teacher.

She has two children, Michelle Sparks and Roy Myers, both

of Sedalia.

Birthday cards may be sent to Judith at the Sylvia G. Thompson Residence Center, 3333 W. 10th St., Sedalia, Mo. 650301.

### Williams

Janice Williams will observe her 74th birthday May 10.

She was born May 10, 1947, in Windsor.

Before retiring, Janice was a dairy farmer. She enjoyed raising Yorkie dogs, reading, cooking and baking.

She has two children, Matthew Williams and Michelle Schnakenburg.

Birthday cards may be sent to Janice at the Sylvia G. Thompson Residence Center, 3333 W. 10th St., Sedalia, Mo. 650301.

## POPULAR BOOKS

### Boonslick Regional Library Fiction

"Good Intentions," by Kasim Ali.

"Phantom Game," by Christine Feehan.

"The Chase," by Candice Fox.

"Listening Still," by Anne Griffin.

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

"The Darkest Place," by Phillip Margolin.

"Fear Thy

Neighbor," by Fern Michaels.

"The Bone Orchard," by Sara A. Mueller.

"The Tobacco Wives," by Adele Myers.

"The Shop on Royal Street," by Karen White.

### Nonfiction

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

"To Walk About in Freedom: The Long Emancipation of

Priscilla Joyner," by Carole Emberton.

"The Trails of Harry S. Truman: The Extraordinary Presidency of an Ordinary Man, 1945-1953," by Jeffrey Frank

"The Other Side of Yet: Finding Light in the Midst of Darkness," by Michelle D. Horde.

"Brighter by the Day: Waking Up to New Hopes and Dreams," by Robin Roberts and Michelle Burford.

## NEW BOOKS

### Sedalia Public Library Fiction

"22 Seconds," by James Patterson.

"The Homewreckers," by Mary Kay Andrews.

"City on Fire," by Don Winslow.

"Shadow Fallen," by Sherrilyn Kenyon.

"Book Lovers," by Emily Henry.

"The Hacienda," by Isabel Canas.

"Summer Love," by Nancy Thayer.

### Nonfiction

"Finding Me," by Viola Davis.

"Easy Beauty," by Chloe Cooper Jones.

"The Palace Papers: Inside the House of Windsor — the Truth & the Turmoil," Tina Brown.

### New DVDs

Belfast

Desperate Riders

### New Audiobooks

"Kingdom of Bones," by James Rollins.

## BRL2GO

## SCHEDULE

### Boonslick Regional Library Monday

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

1:15 to 3:45 p.m.: Warsaw, Drake Harbor.

### Wednesday

No run.

### Friday

No run.

## DIVORCES

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

Jonathan T. Highland and Jennifer R. Highland;

Natalia Waldo-Fernandez and Pedro Marcos-Gonzalez;

Crystal S. Burton-Cooper and Brandon J. Cooper.

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# Community Calendar MAY

**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., sedalia12x-12aa@gmail.com.

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

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

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

## MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1:45 p.m.: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 0102 Sedalia meets at the Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St., in the low-

er level meeting room. All are welcome to attend. The first meeting is always free. Call 660-525-4142.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 p.m.: American Legion Post 642, 2016 W. Main St. (executive meeting at 6 p.m.)

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

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

## TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

Noon: Katy Trail Sedalia Inc. Call 660-826-6461 for location.

Noon: Sedalia Business Network meets at Colton's Steak House, 4101 W. Broadway Blvd.

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.

2 p.m.: Book Club at Sedalia Public Library, 311 W. Third St.

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

3 to 6 p.m.: Sedalia Area Farmers' Market, in Nucor Pavilion on Missouri State Fairgrounds by Centennial Gate along South Limit Avenue.

5:30 p.m.: Diversified Community Outreach, True Vine Church of God in Christ, 600 N. Moniteau Ave.

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

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

6 p.m.: Sedville Crazy Quilters Guild at Central Bank Annex Building, in the basement, 403 W. Broadway Blvd.

6:30 p.m.: Pettis County Chapter of Missouri Right to Life, at Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St.

6:30 p.m.: Sedalia Shrine Fun Kor, Sedalia Shrine Club, 1615 Elm Hills Blvd.

6:30 p.m.: Sedville Petal Pushers, University of Missouri Pettis County Extension Office, 1012 A Thompson Blvd.

6:30 p.m.: Women's Democrat Club, Deer Brook Villas, 960 Mitchell Rd.

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

7 p.m.: Women of the Moose, Moose Lodge, 119 Winchester Ave.

7:30 p.m.: Sedalia Chapter No. 57, Order of the Eastern Star, Masonic Temple, 601 W. Broadway Blvd.

## 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, Heckart Community Center, 1800 W. Third St.

1 p.m.: Helen G. Steele Music Club meets with a program, at the Heard Memorial Club House, 200 W. Broadway. Visitors are always welcome. Soro-sis.TheHeardHouse@gmail.com

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

4 to 7 p.m.: Knights of Columbus Council No. 831, Family Night Buffet. Located at U.S. Highway 65 and Elm Hills Boulevard. The public is invited. Cost for adults is \$8; for children 6 to 12 years, \$4.

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

6:30 p.m.: West Central Beekeepers Association meeting at the Pettis County Extension Office, 1012-A Thompson Blvd.

7 p.m.: Sedalia Lodge 236, Sedalia Masonic Center, 601 W. Broadway Blvd.

## 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.

10 a.m.: Retired Masons, card playing,

followed by contributive luncheon, Masonic Lodge, 601 W. Broadway Blvd.

10:30 a.m.: Fair City Garden Club, in the downstairs meeting room at Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St. New members welcome.

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.

12:30 p.m.: Friends of Boonslick Regional Library, downstairs meeting room at Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St.

1 p.m.: Sedalia Duplicate 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.: The Place at the Lake, Benton County's domestic and sexual violence abuse resource, monthly meeting, located at 201 E. Main St., Lincoln. 24-hour hotline 1-866-347-9044; further information, call 660-547-2611.

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.: Blind of Central Missouri, First United Methodist Church Celebration Center, 1701 W. 32nd St. Info 660-826-1690.

7 p.m.: Fraternal Order of Eagles 4286, Lincoln.

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

7 p.m.: Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2591 Ladies Auxiliary, VFW Post, 121 S. Ohio Ave.

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## 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.

11:30 a.m.: The Pettis County Republican Women at 11:30 am in the open atrium area at Best Western State Fair Inn, 3120 S. Limit Ave.

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

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

3 to 6 p.m.: Sedalia Area Farmers' Market, in Nucor Pavilion on Missouri State Fairgrounds by Centennial Gate along South Limit Avenue.

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.

6 p.m.: Warsaw Marine Corps League Leathernecks, 607 E. Jefferson St. in Warsaw.

## 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.

8 to 11 a.m.: All-you-can-eat breakfast, American Legion Post 642, 2016 W. Main St. Cost is \$6.

8 a.m.: Pettis County Democrat Breakfast Club, pancake breakfast, at FCS office, 2600 S. limit Ave.

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

8 a.m.: United Methodist Men, Golden Corral, 2004 W. Broadway Blvd.

10 a.m.: Valley of Hope Support Group for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren meeting at Community of Christ Church, 2000 S. Ingram 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

# Art shows, downtown tasting featured during May 14 weekend

### By Democrat Staff

Numerous events will be happening in the area during the weekend of Saturday, May 14.

#### Karaoke contest

Jay Tunes Entertainment will host a karaoke contest on Friday, May 13 at Sedalia Moose Lodge 1494, 119 Winchester Dr.

Regular karaoke and music with DJ Jay will be from 7 to 9 p.m. and after the contest. Check-in for the contest is at 8 p.m., with the performance at 9 p.m. Winners will advance to the Warsaw Jubilee Days Karaoke Contest.

Contestants must be 18 or older and an amateur, non-professional singer. Two winners will be chosen by a three-judge panel.

The event is open to the public. For more information, contact Jay Tunes Entertainment on Facebook.

### MMA Fine Arts Show

Linda Hoover of Houstonia is the featured artist for the 2022 Mid-Missouri Artists Fine Arts Show May 14-15. Hoover will have a special display of her work and will be available to discuss her art with show visitors.

The 2022 Fine Arts Show will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 14, and from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 15, in the Warrensburg Community Center gymnasium. The show is open to the public. Live music will be provided Saturday by Gary Moege and Sunday by the Sunday Schoolhouse Jammers.

### Spring Fling Art Show

The Spring Fling Art Show at the Hayden Liberty Center is available for viewing through Friday, May 13.

The annual juried show

is hosted by Sedalia Visual Art Association and gives awards in two-dimensional, three-dimensional and junior categories. The judge for the show was Hannah Reeves, the co-owner of Sager Reeves Gallery in Columbia.

The Hayden Liberty Center, 111 W. Fifth St. The center is open from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

### Street Food Throwdown

Multiple food vendors will be at the Missouri State Fairgrounds Handicap Parking Lot off 16th Street. The event is hosted from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Visit facebook.com/sfthrowdown for up-to-date times and vendor lineups.

**Come, Sip, Shop** Warrensburg Main

Street and the Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce will host Come, Sip, Shop from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 14 in downtown Warrensburg.

Visitors can enjoy a day of sipping on regional wines, beer, and spirits at various downtown locations. The day will feature a variety of alcoholic beverages to taste while shopping in downtown storefronts.

Tickets are \$25 per person prior to the event and include a stemless cup to use during the stroll through downtown. Only a limited number of tickets will be sold. Participants must be 21 or older. Identification will be verified at check-in.

Purchase tickets at warrensburgmainstreet.org/forms/#sipshop.

For more information, contact kdavenport@

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### Cruise Night

301 Street Cars will host its monthly Cruise Night from 3 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 14.

Bring your car, truck, jeep, bike out to Goody's Steakhouses, 901 S. Limit Ave.

There will be a 50/50 drawing and other raffle drawings.

### Wildly Cute

Powell Gardens and Storm Dancer Farms will

host Wildly Cute from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14 and Sunday, May 15 at Powell Gardens, 1609 NW U.S. Highway 50 in Kingsville.

The event is included with admission.

Celebrate the emergence of spring with the season's newest creatures. Baby goats, bunnies, chicks, and lambs from Storm Dancer Farms will be onsite for the whole family to cuddle and pose with.



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SFCC President Dr. Joanna Anderson stands alongside Sue Heckart during a reception hosted in Anderson's honor on May 1 at the college. The reception was hosted as a way for the community to say goodbye to Anderson before she retires this summer.

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SFCC President Dr. Joanna Anderson and Vice President of Educational and Student Support Services Dr. Brent Bates pose for a photo during a reception hosted for Anderson on May 1. Bates will replace Anderson as president starting July 1.

# Goodbye

From Page 1B

"Out of the strategic plan and the campus master plan, it became obvious that we needed more space and that one of the strengths of State Fair Community College is the really strong career and technical programs that we offer," Anderson said.

Anderson is also proud of supporting the expansion of the athletic department.

"When I came here, we had men's and women's basketball (and the spirit squad), and while those programs are foundational and really important, the athletic director had ideas to start expanding sports programs and I was very supportive," Anderson said.

SFCC brought back men's and women's soccer and added baseball, softball, trap-shooting, e-sports, golf, men's and women's track and field and men's and women's cross country. Anderson said she is proud of those programs and thinks it's exciting to offer those opportunities at SFCC.

"We did it for enrollment purposes and to be attractive to regional athletes," Anderson said. "One of the goals at a community college is we want the best regional local athletes to choose to come here and play their sport and then go on."

Another aspect Anderson is extremely proud of doing at SFCC is working with the staff, faculty and board members.

"I have really been rewarded throughout my 36-year career to work with phenomenal people," Anderson said.

During a reception hosted for Anderson on May 1 at the college, former Board of Trustees President Randy Eaton made a speech in her honor.

"Many people will always say you've been a great cheerleader at each and every institution you've been to and we're all very proud of that," Eaton said.

Eaton said Anderson did a tremendous job developing a great campus master plan and strategic plans.

Another individual who had a lot to say about Anderson is current Board of Trustees President Patty Wood.

"In searching for the right words to accept Joanna's announcement to retire, this was bittersweet news for our college, our students, and our communities," Wood said. "The bitter part of this announcement is we will certainly miss Joanna's passion, commitment, integrity, guidance, and friendship. The sweet part is the well-deserved and earned career achievement that is on Dr. Anderson's horizon. She has given us nine years of outstanding leadership and accomplishments and is a champion for our students and the mission of SFCC."

Wood added that Anderson has made an incredible difference in all of their lives and has left her own personal mark throughout the SFCC region.

"You have created a personal legacy that will forever be honored and praised," Wood said. "Now it is time for you to pursue the enrichment of your own life just as you have enriched countless other lives."

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



SFCC President Dr. Joanna Anderson opens a gift from many faculty, staff and Board of Trustees members. She received a T-shirt blanket made of SFCC gear.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

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

Jonathan Taylor Highland, 27, and Laurie Francine Cook, 37, both of Sedalia;

Wyatt Dustin Yelton, 26, and Adriana Valeri Croom, 22, both of Sedalia; Harold Dean Wienberg, 71, of Ionia, and Paula Diane Goosen, 65, of Cole Camp;

Tyler Francis Beckerman, 26, and Cami Lynn Dowson, 26, both of Knob Noster;

Thomas Philip Payne, 29, and Mikenzie Lynn Farris, 25, both of Sedalia; Meghan Marie Westbrooks, 31, and Annessa Lynn Turpin-Giannone, 29, both of La Monte.

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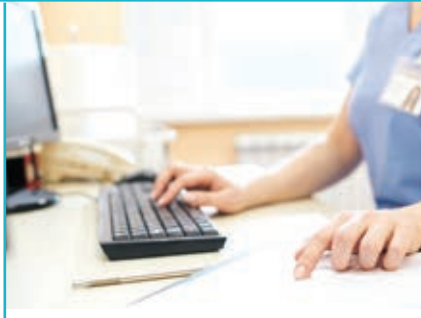
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The Cole Camp R-1 School District is seeking bids for various concrete work around campus. Projects include sidewalk repair and parking lot repair. Call 660-668-4427 for further details or to make an appointment for a site visit. Project desired to be completed by July 31st. Bids can be mailed to Cole Camp R-1 School District, 500 S. Keeney Cole Camp, MO 65325 or emailed to Steve Hubbard at [hubbards@colecamp.k12.mo.us](mailto:hubbards@colecamp.k12.mo.us). Bids are due by May 13th. The district reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 4x-4/30, 5/4, 7, 11, 2022

**Notice to Bidders**

The Cole Camp R-1 School District is seeking bids for asphalt resealing and striping around campus. Areas to be serviced include 2 asphalt parking lots, an asphalt drive, an asphalt highway approach and an asphalt playground area. Call 660-668-4427 for further details or to make an appointment for a site visit. Project to be completed by July 31st. Bids can be mailed to Cole Camp R-1 School District, 500 S. Keeney Cole Camp, MO 65325 or emailed to Steve Hubbard at [hubbards@colecamp.k12.mo.us](mailto:hubbards@colecamp.k12.mo.us). Bids are due by May 13th. The district reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 4x-4/30, 5/4, 7, 11, 2022

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The Cole Camp R-1 School District is seeking bids for the removal and replacement of the metal roof and gutting on the district bus barn. Call 660-668-4427 for further details or to make an appointment for a site visit. Project desired to be completed by July 31st. Bids can be mailed to Cole Camp R-1 School District, 500 S. Keeney Cole Camp, MO 65325 or emailed to Steve Hubbard at [hubbards@colecamp.k12.mo.us](mailto:hubbards@colecamp.k12.mo.us). Bids are due by May 13th. The district reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 4x-4/30, 5/4, 7, 11, 2022

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Harold D Dilthey, dated August 24, 2001, and recorded on August 24, 2001, Document No. 2001-6039, in Book No. 111, at Page 126 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Pettis County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on June 3, 2022, at 9:00 AM, at the West Front Door of the Pettis County Courthouse, Sedalia, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash: LOTS NUMBER TWENTY NINE (29) AND THIRTY (30) IN BLOCK NUMBER THIRTY ONE (31) OF THE SECOND PART OF WEST VIEW, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI, commonly known as 1421 S Beacon, 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: May 7, 2022. For more information, visit [www.southlaw.com](http://www.southlaw.com)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI JUVENILE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF: E. T. S., Minor. 22PT-JU00023

**NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO: JOHN DALTON McCURDY YOU ARE HEREBY notified that an action has been commenced in the Juvenile Court, Pettis County, Missouri, by petition, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of adoption of the above-referenced minor by Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs are represented by James P. Buckley, BUCKLEY & BUCKLEY, 121 East Fourth Street, P.O. Box 348, Sedalia, Missouri 65302-0348. You are further notified that unless you file an answer or other pleading or otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days after the 16th day of April, 2022, a decree of adoption may be rendered in favor of Plaintiffs. IT IS ORDERED that a copy hereof be published according to the law in the Sedalia Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation published in Pettis County, Missouri. A true copy from the record. Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court of Pettis County, Missouri, this 13th day of April, 2022.

Susan Sadler, Circuit Clerk /s/Mary Eberling, Deputy Clerk

4x-4/16, 23, 30, 5/7, 2022

**Legal Notice**

**TRUSTEE'S SALE**

In Re: Cody J Young, a single person TRUSTEE'S SALE - Under the terms of the Deed of Trust executed by Cody J Young, a single person dated 09/04/2015, and recorded on 09/08/2015 Document 2015-4494 in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Pettis County, MISSOURI, the undersigned Successor Trustee, will on 05/23/2022 at 11:00 AM at the West Front Door of the Pettis County Courthouse, 415 S Ohio St. Sedalia, MO 65301, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash subject to the terms announced at the sale, the realty described in said deed of trust, to wit: THE NORTH FOURTEEN (14)

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FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF LOT 84; ALL OF LOT 85; AND THE SOUTH FIFTEEN (15) FEET OF LOT 86 IN HIGHLANDS FOURTH ADDITION TO THE CITY OF LAMONTE, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI. Eastplains Corporation SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE In Re: David A Carter, surviving spouse TRUSTEE'S SALE - Under the terms of the Deed of Trust executed by David A Carter, surviving spouse dated 08/05/2019, and recorded on 08/12/2019 Document 2019-3622 in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Pettis County, MISSOURI, the under-

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signed Successor Trustee, will on 05/09/2022 at 11:00 AM at the West Front Door of the Pettis County Courthouse, 415 S Ohio St. Sedalia, MO 65301, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash subject to the terms announced at the sale, the realty described in said deed of trust, to wit: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF BLOCK "L" IN ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SEDALIA, COUNTY OF PETTIS, MISSOURI, 360.0 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK "L"; THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK "L", 72.25 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK "L"; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID BLOCK "L", 372.55 FEET TO A POINT 229.0 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK "L"; THENCE EAST PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK "L", 215.89 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST HALF OF SAID BLOCK "L"; THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 221.58 FEET TO A POINT 150.0 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK "L"; THENCE WEST PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK "L", 143.98 FEET; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID BLOCK "L", 150.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; EXCEPT: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF BLOCK "L" IN ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI, 360.0 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK "L"; THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK "L", 72.25 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK "L"; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID BLOCK "L", 134.44 FEET; THENCE EAST PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK "L", 72.06 FEET TO A POINT 360.0 FEET WEST OF THE EAST LINE OF SAID BLOCK "L"; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL WITH SAID EAST LINE, 134.44 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Eastplains Corporation SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE 4x-4/16, 23, 30, 5/7, 2022

**"LIVING ESTATE AUCTION"**

**"Clo Cass"**  
444 North East FF, La Monte Mo. 65327  
As Mother has moved to assisted living, we will sell the following at public Auction on:  
**Saturday May 14th 10:00am 2022**

**Directions:** East of Knob Noster at intersection of FF & 50 hwy. go North on FF 1 1/2 mile to Auction on Left watch for signs on Sale day.

**1998 Buick LeSabre** Limited 205k miles, 3800 v6, auto, leather, luggage rack  
5'x10' utility trailer w/ramp gate,  
**Household & Misc.**  
**Haier** chest freezer, **Maytag** dryer, **Kenmore** washer, antique tiger oak hall tree, Round oak kitchen table w/8 chairs & two leaves, 2 - iron swivel bar stools, Queen size iron bed, chest of drawers w/matching night stands, white, dresser, Early American four post Queen size bed w/ matching night stands, 2 - chest of drawers, Wingback upholstered chair, cream sofa w/matching love seat, coffee & end tables, 2 - upholstered wing back recliners, Wooden 4 drawer file cabinet, metal day bed, steamer trunk, **Yamaha** ele. key board, antique kitchen clock, 5gal Ruckels crock, 1gal crown crock, Lot **Jim Shore** in boxes, 2gal diamond crock, lot 5+ "**Edna Hibel**" signed prints, lg ceramic Christmas village, lg lot holiday décor, Lg lot misc. books, misc. pottery & glass (some **Roseville & Hull**), 2- silver plate tea pots & serving platter,  
**Tools & Misc.**  
**Craftsman** 8hp. chipper shredder, **Craftsman** 10" drill press on stand, **Craftsman** 10" table saw, **Honda** (Mantis style) tiller, **Craftsman** disk/belt sander on stand, small pancake compressor, **Craftsman** planer/joiner, Remington ele chain saw, **Craftsman** cordless Lithium ion 20v chain saw, **Craftsman** chain saw w/case, US General roll around tool box, lot plastic poli tables, 2 wheel dolly, 6" grinder on pedestal, Router table w/**porter cable** router, Lot misc plastic shelving, garden wagon, wheel barrow, shop vac, air hose, lot long handled tools,  
**Many More Items Too Numerous to Mention**  
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**Auctioneer Note:** This is a very nice clean Auction many more items yet to be discovered

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**"PUBLIC AUCTION"**  
**"David & Dianne Withers"**  
18006 Hwy 0, Sedalia Mo. 65301  
As we are moving to a smaller home & downsizing, we will sell the following at public Auction on:  
**Wednesday May 11th 4:00pm 2022**

**Directions:** From 65 & 50 hwy intersection in Sedalia go North on 65 hwy 3.3 miles to HH hwy (North 65 Cafe) Turn Right (East) on HH hwy go 6 miles to Hwy, turn Left (North) on 0 hwy go 5 miles to Auction on Right watch for signs on sale day.

**2014 Ford Focus**, auto, 4 door, 108k miles.  
**Household & Misc.**  
**Kenmore** cross top refrigerator, Maytag washer, **Kenmore** dryer, **Kenmore** upright freezer, Dorm fridge, **Hoosier** cabinet base w/enamel top, ele organ, 2 - wood rocking chairs, Queen size sleigh bed, Chest of drawers, Childs wooden antique toy dresser & chest of drawers, China hutch w/ plate rails, mirrored back curio, Sedalia "Queen City" steamer trunk w/tray, 1960s **Schwinn** "Fair Lady" girls "Sting Ray" Bicycle, Vintage **Schwinn** "Speedway" cruiser bicycle, Next **BMX** Rampage hardtail Bicycle, mirrored antique dresser, old vintage chainsaw, lot misc. vintage die cast & pressed metal toys, antique "**Fairbanks**" counter top scale, misc. wooden boxes w/graphics, lot precious moments, lot misc. occ tables, old porcelain dolls, old jars, **Milwaukee** 1/2" drive 18v cordless impact wrench, **Montgomery Wards** sled, 3 - aluminum cots, prelude trumpet, **Bissell** carpet cleaner, Shop vac, Fishing tackle boxes, Wishon golf clubs, 2 - new in box furniture dollies, Vintage school desk, misc. coolers, old table saw, lot Christmas décor, **Stanley Bostitch** nail gun & lot nail coils, 4 wheeled yard cart,  
**Many More Items Too Numerous to Mention**  
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**Auctioneer Note:** Very nice & clean weekend Auction, hope to see you there.  
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**"DUAL ESTATE AUCTION"**  
**"William Walter & Constance Thompson"**  
1008 South Missouri, Sedalia Mo. 65301  
We have combined two nice & clean small Estate Auctions, to bring you this Sale on  
**Sunday May 15th 1:00pm 2022**

**Directions:** From 50 & 65 hwy intersection in Sedalia go East on 50 hwy. (Broadway) go 1 Mile to South Missouri Ave. turn Right (South) on Missouri to Auction on Right, watch for signs on sale day.

**Lawn-boy** push mower.  
**Household & Misc.**  
Glass top dinette set w/4 wicker chairs, 2 - 4 drawer file cabinets, Matching floral sofa & love seat, coffee, sofa & end table set, 2 - office chairs, Panasonic microwave, **Magnavox** stereo w/cd changer, lg lot ladies clothing & shoes (Many new), lot pots pans & kitchen ware, lot misc. pictures, mirrors & wall art, lg lot books, lot CDs, lot floral arrangements, Lot wood shelves, **Magnavox** TV w/DVD & 4hd hifi stereo built in, triple oval wall mirror, **Hoover** upright sweeper, lot misc. linens & towels, **Lowery** "Carnival" ele organ, lg lot Christmas décor, sofa, Faux leather over stuffed recliner, wooden glass front hutch, walnut drop leaf gate leg table, sofa & end tables, misc. table & floor lamps, chest of drawers, old glass front curio, lg Lionstone Western whiskey decanter collection, glass front cabinet, Complete **DJ set up - Sony** "CDP CX53" (50+) CD changer, **Peavey** power amplifier, speakers, tri pods, Audio-Technica 200 series cordless mic & receiver, 100s of CDs, Fiber glass step ladder, 6' Stainless steel table, lot long handled,  
**Many More Items Too Numerous to Mention**  
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**Auctioneer Note:** We are honored to conduct this dual Auction, many treasures yet to be discovered. See you there. ....  
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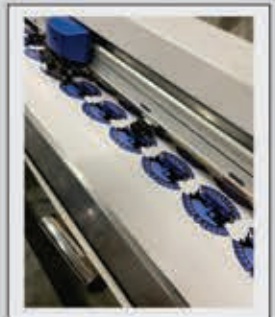
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# Personality Parade



## ALL HAIL THE KING!

Who is the king of books made into movies or TV shows? It's **Stephen King**.

74, whose novels and stories have been adapted for the screen some 90 times, more than any other living author. One of those popular book-to-film adaptations is being remade: The new **Firestarter** (May 13 on Peacock and in theaters) revisits the story of the little girl with impressive incendiary skills. (Maybe you remember Drew Barrymore in the 1984 original.) Here are some fun facts about the bestselling horror author.



- ▶ He worked for a dry cleaner and as an English teacher before becoming a professional writer.
- ▶ In 1999, King was hit by a van, which he later purchased for \$1,500 in order to destroy it with a sledgehammer.



◀ Who's that guitar player? He gigged with other authors (including Dave Barry, James McBride and Amy Tan) in the charity "supergroup" the Rock Bottom Remainers.

- ▶ He tries to write a minimum of 2,000 words a day, old-school—using paper and a fountain pen.
- ▶ A huge fan of the Boston Red Sox, he co-authored *Faithful*, about the 2004 season when the Sox finally won the World Series.
- ▶ King received his first literary award when his short-story collection *Night Shift* was named a 1978 American Library Association Best Book for Young Adults.

WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

## MELANIE LYNKEY

The award-winning star of *Yellowjackets*, 44, segues from the dark Showtime series to a role in the true-crime drama **Candy** (May 9 on Hulu). Set in 1980, it's the story of two female friends—Candy Montgomery (**Jessica Biel**) and Betty Gore (Lynskey)—whose relationship leads to a murderous breakup.



**Who are Candy and Betty?** Two women who were frustrated; neither was particularly happy. The circumstances of the time meant that they both had to be housewives and stay in marriages that weren't especially fulfilling. So they acted out in different ways.



**You've said you care deeply about Betty. How so?** She's a woman living this complicated existence, and then it's cut short. She didn't get to see her babies grow up. There's so much of her life that she missed out on. I wanted to treat her with love and respect.

**What's it like on *Yellowjackets* to play Shauna, who can chop up her boyfriend in a bathroom?** It's hard to play Shauna sometimes because her PTSD and her trauma are so great that she doesn't allow herself to feel a lot. If I was thinking about chopping up my lover, I would be weeping, I would be losing my mind. She can put things into a different part of her brain so that she can get through it. But it's not very much like me.

**What's on your to-do list now?** In my life, I would love to have another baby [she has a 3-year-old daughter with husband Jason Ritter], but I don't know how possible that is at this stage. I'm a bit older. In my career, I would love to do a rom-com; that's my next dream. It just seems so fun to do something so silly and light and just have fun all day.

Why isn't she squeamish about scenes with blood? Go to [Parade.com/lynkskey](https://www.parade.com/lynkskey) to find out.



## CLAIRE DANES HUNTS A MONSTER

Danes, 43, follows up her role as CIA agent Carrie Mathison on *Homeland* to go back in time for **The Essex Serpent** (May 13 on Apple TV+). Based on Sarah Perry's bestselling novel set in the late 1800s, it tells the story of a London widow (Danes) and her relationship with a married village vicar (Tom Hiddleston) as they search for a legendary sea monster. The series marks the first TV project for Danes since completing the eight-season run of *Homeland*, for which she received two Emmys.

## LAUGHING WITH JUSTIN HARTLEY

He's brought us to tears many times on *This Is Us*. Now Hartley, 45, is going for laughs in the new comedy **Senior Year** (May 13 on Netflix), about a cheerleader (**Rebel Wilson**) who falls off a pyramid and into a 20-year coma. When she wakes up, she's 37 and discovers that her dreamy high school boyfriend (Hartley) has married her mean-spirited cheer rival. "It's always fun to work with supremely talented people," says Hartley. "Rebel is that, and such a kind spirit as well. Keeps you laughing."



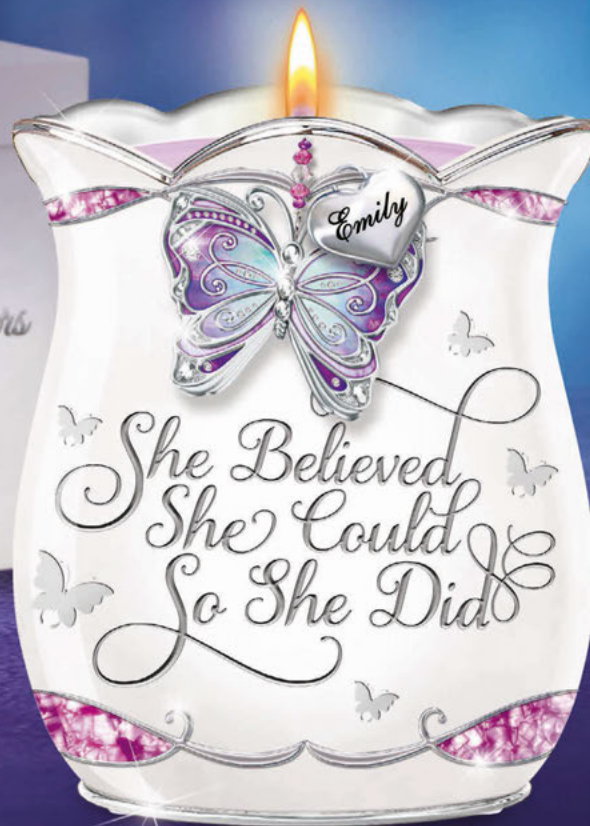


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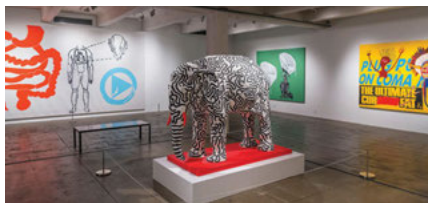
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# Eat



## Pesto WITH A TWIST



Buttery olives add creamy richness to this easy pesto. The recipe is from the new cookbook **Eitan Eats the World** by Eitan Bernath, 20, the TikTok-famous chef best known as the go-to food guy on *The Drew Barrymore Show*. Thanks to their sweet, meaty, not-too-briny qualities, "Castelvetroanos are the gateway olive for the olive hater," Bernath says. The pesto is just as tasty on pizza or sandwiches.

### CASTELVETRANO OLIVE PESTO WITH CAVATAPPI

Bring a large pot of heavily salted water to a boil. Add 1 lb **cavatappi** or other small, spiral-shaped pasta; cook according to package directions until al dente. Drain.

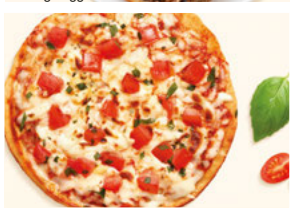
Meanwhile, in a high-powered blender or food processor, pulse 1½ cups **Castelvetroano olives** (such as Mezzetta or DeLallo), pitted; ⅓ cup **pine nuts**, toasted; and 3 cloves **garlic**, crushed, until roughly chopped. Add 3 cups tightly packed **fresh basil leaves** and ¾ cup freshly grated **Parmesan cheese**. Blend on low speed while slowly streaming in 1 cup **olive oil**. Add 3 Tbsp **lemon juice** and ½ tsp **red pepper flakes**. Taste, then season with **kosher salt** and freshly ground **black pepper**. Blend until fully combined. Scrape pesto into a large bowl. Add pasta; stir to fully combine. (Refrigerate leftovers in an airtight container up to 3 days; pasta also can be served cold.) **Serves 4.**

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**J**ean Smart has always loved the stories that old stuff tells. “I’ve been fascinated by where it’s been, who’s owned it before and what their lives were like,” says Smart, 70, of the items she’s been scooping up at garage and estate sales for years. “It excites me!” It’s why she appreciates that her Los Angeles home was once a tiny farmhouse in the 1920s “with a fireplace in the kitchen that you could cook a cow in!”

There’s no cow in the fireplace today, but she’s sitting in that kitchen with her two kids—Connor, 32, and Forrest, 13—and her dog, Foxy, as she speaks with *Parade* after a long day of work. The veteran actress, who got her big break in the 1980s sitcom *Designing Women*, is in demand. “The last four or five years, it’s just kind of incredible,” she says of roles in *Fargo* and *Mare of Easttown* and starring in the hit HBO dramedy *Hacks*. “I mean, sometimes I think, *Goddang—where were you 20 years ago?! But I’m not complaining!*”

What’s behind her recent wild success? “I don’t know, maybe other women my age are just starting to retire,” she says with a laugh. “I was all that was left!”

On May 12, Smart brings that snappy humor back to season two of *Hacks* (HBO and HBO Max), reprising her role as Deborah Vance, a stand-up comic forced to energize her act with the help of a young television writer, Ava (Hannah Einbinder, who is herself a stand-up comic and the daughter of *Saturday Night Live* original cast member Laraine Newman). When Smart first read the script for *Hacks*, she was all aboard. “Between that opening scene where she’s doing stand-up, and then



# Laughing HARD and LETTING GO

**Actress Jean Smart on her hit TV series *Hacks*, what she loves about being 70 (nothing!) and life after the death of her husband. By Amy Spencer**

the scene where she meets Ava—which is just hilarious but excruciating to watch—I said, ‘I have to do this; I *have* to.’”

The show revolves around the relationship between the women, so radically different on the outside, but with similar internal struggles.

Heading into season two of a hit show

feels like there’s a target on their backs, says Smart, who won an Emmy last year for her role. “Like we have to prove ourselves,” she says, admitting she wondered about the feisty fun and caustic chemistry of the characters’ relationship. “I was worried that would be gone, but [the writers] have replaced it with equally funny stuff!”

Plus, she has settled into playing Deborah. “I’m a lot like her. We’re both vain and we both like leopard print,” she says, laughing. “But in the deeper levels, we’re not at all the same. [Deborah] kind of feeds off her bitterness; it almost energizes her, which is very sad.” Smart considers herself “a very optimistic person. I’m not bitter. I don’t hold grudges, and I’m *all* about my kids.”

## Designing a Career

Smart grew up in Seattle, Wash., the second of four siblings. “I was the family ham” with a classic middle-child personality, she says. “You know, don’t rock the boat, and be the one that’s always good.” She de-

voured old movies featuring stars like Susan Hayward and was a good student with an untroubled childhood.

“I know it makes me sound like an old fuddy-duddy, but I lived in a neighborhood where every day after school, we’d get on our bikes or we’d play kick the can, and in the summer, we’d put on plays in our neighbor’s garage.”

Her parents, who served in World War II, taught her a strong work ethic. Her mother, Kathleen, was a homemaker and a seamstress who would make beautiful clothes for her kids; her father, Douglas, worked as a high school history teacher, sold encyclopedias door-to-door, painted

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houses and taught night school. Smart initially saw herself pursuing nursing, social work or veterinary medicine. But drawn to the stage during her senior year of high school, she decided to major in drama at the University of Washington.

She thrived in the spotlight, performing in the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, regional theater and on Broadway, then was off to Hollywood, where she secured guest spots and short-lived series roles—until she broke out playing sweet-but-scattered Charlene Frazier from 1986 to 1991 on the hit sitcom *Designing Women*. “There really wasn’t a show like that,” Smart says of the series about strong Southern belles running their own interior design firm. She recalls how she and her co-stars (Dixie Carter, Delta Burke and Annie Potts) “would get weird questions from reporters, like, ‘Oh boy, what’s it like with four women on a set together?’ I finally said, ‘Would you ask the guys on *Barney Miller* that question?’”

Smart met her husband, actor Richard Gilliland, when he played Potts’ character’s boyfriend on the show. “He was hilarious,” she says. “He would riff on something to the point where I was gasping for air, you know? He had that kind of mind.” She and Gilliland wed in 1987 in Carter’s rose garden in Hollywood. The two were married for 43 years, until Gilliland passed away suddenly last March.

Following five successful seasons on *Designing Women*, Smart went on to win Emmys for a recurring guest role on *Frasier* and as a regular on *Samantha Who?* and nab Emmy nominations for her role on *24*. “Then I went through a little dry spell,” she says. “I wasn’t getting offered things or auditions.” She took on a role she wasn’t crazy about for a comedy pilot. Then, after much deliberation, she decided to pull out. About 24 hours later, she was asked to audition for the juicy role of a crime matriarch in the second season of the gritty FX TV series *Fargo*.

“I felt like the universe was rewarding me for being true to myself.”

Smart’s *Fargo* role as Floyd Gerhardt earned her critical acclaim and began a career resurgence. She was a superhero turned FBI agent in the comic-book saga *Watchmen*; she played the sharp-tongued mother of Kate Winslet’s character in *Mare of Easttown*; and her starring turn in *Hacks* earned her top honors from several critics’ associations. “If I can



From office manager (*Designing Women*) to crime boss (*Fargo*) and classroom crush (*Frasier*) to curmudgeonly mom (*Mare of Easttown*), Jean Smart has kept us entertained for four decades.

hear the character in my head,” she says, “and I can do something fun and it isn’t something I’ve really done before,” she’s all for it. This winter she’ll appear with Brad Pitt and Margot Robbie in the film *Babylon* from *La La Land* director Damien Chazelle. Then she’ll play Olma Macy Harwell, a real woman who ran an Alabama charm school, in *Miss Macy*.

So now that she’s hitting her professional prime, what else is good about being 70? “Ha ha! *Nothing!*” She cackles.

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# SMART stuff

**Earliest movie crush:** “Sal Mineo. I had a picture of him cut out of a movie magazine and taped to my wall in grade school.”

**Secret talent:** “I do a really good Woody Woodpecker impression. I like to do it on the set occasionally to startle people if everybody needs to wake up a little bit.”

**What I’m reading:** *In Order to Live*, a recounting of a young woman escaping from North Korea into China with her mom. “It’s hair-raising. And you realize, ‘God, other people are going through so much. And they still manage to find joy and humor in things and just put one foot in front of the other.’”



**Favorite drink:** Like her *Hacks* character, Deborah, Caffeine-free Diet Coke. “And we both like a vodka martini, slightly dirty.”

**Music I listen to:** “I’ll always listen to the oldies from the late ‘60s—the Turtles, the 5th Dimension. And Frank [Sinatra]—as dreadful a person as he was—I’ll always listen to him.”

**Actresses I admire:** “I love Sarah Paulson, Meryl Streep and, oh gosh, [my *Hacks* co-star] Hannah Einbinder.”



**Favorite time of day:** “Late morning on a Sunday, my favorite day, when I get up. I’m not a morning person, so it’s ironic that sometimes I get up at 4 a.m. and go to work. But I have always said the only reason to get out of a nice, cozy bed is if you’re getting paid, or taking a child to school. That’s my philosophy of life.”

**Guilty pleasure:** “Ruffles potato chips, chardonnay and watching HGTV.”



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“What are you, *nuts?*” She says old age was foretold to her, sort of. “A million years ago, I had two separate psychics tell me I was gonna live to be 98, so I’ve decided I’m going to live to 98. That’s made me really happy. Until last year.”

Losing her husband “was so shocking on so many levels,” she says. “I just assumed we would grow old together, and now I feel like I’m just going to grow old alone. I mean, I’m gonna have my children, obviously, but they have their own lives.” Her older son, Connor, is interested in sound editing, her younger just got into a great high school. And as the three of them are finding their new normal as a family, Smart is finding new ways to laugh. Luckily, her kids are funny. And her *Hacks* co-star Einbinder always gets her going. “Our favorite thing in the world is to make each other and other people laugh,” she says.

Now, after a life telling stories in TV and film, Smart is looking at her own story differently. She’s even considering a move out of her beloved former farmhouse. “The older I get, I realize I don’t need all this stuff.” She’s talking about the treasures she’s collected but also about all that pressure she’s felt since childhood to not rock the boat, to be a good girl. She wants to shed that too.

“You can’t please everybody all the time. I worry too much about that,” she says. “All you can do as an adult is make sure you have a handful of people around you that you love and truly wish you well.”

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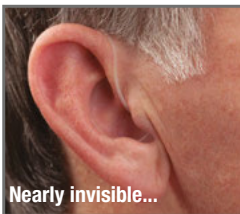
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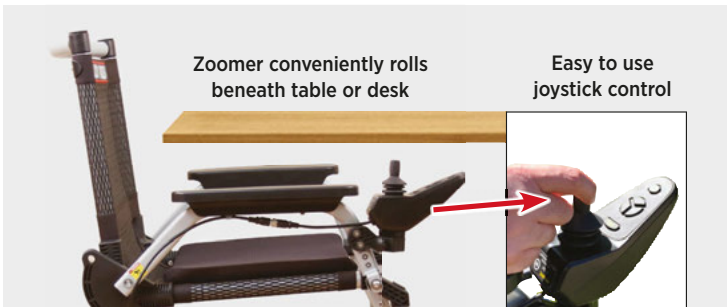
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