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The Wehar family sits in line waiting to get a spot on the Missouri State Fair campgrounds on Friday morning. The Wehars have three campers for all of their family and arrived at the fairgrounds at 7 a.m.

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## Camping begins for the Missouri State Fair

By Skye Melcher  
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Friday began the first day of camping for the Missouri State Fair, with only 100 unreserved hook-up spots open for the line-up.

Every year, the fair limits how many unreserved spots are open for campers who don't make a reservation online. This helps control traffic and fighting over spots.

The 100 spots are located west of the fairgrounds on Clarendon Road; each of the spots is on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the 100 are filled, dry camping will be offered. The dry camp spots have three sewage waste

dump stations, restrooms, showers, and Wi-Fi.

Camper Connie Wehar, of Hume, said she and her family have been camping at the fairgrounds for around 50 years. She said her family comes from all different parts of Missouri and meets at the fairgrounds for family time.

"When our kids were little, they wanted to ride things (fair rides), so they rode things and so, we, as parents, rode with them," Connie explained as to why they started to visit the fair.

The Wehars don't know how long they will stay at the fairgrounds in their three campers.

"It just all depends on what all is going on. If



Campers line the parking lot outside of the Mathewson Exhibition Center on Friday, waiting to get one of the 100 unreserved camping spots. By noon, there were only around 40 spots left open.

there is enough to keep us interested, we'll stay, if not, then we'll go home," Connie said.

Tami Wehar, of Cairo, said they were at the fairgrounds when the gates opened and were

still waiting for a spot at 11 a.m.

"We've waited up to eight hours before to get into the campground, in the 90-something degree heat," Tami said.

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Burrell Behavioral Health Director of Crisis Services Carisa Kessler poses with a plaque received on behalf of Burrell during a 988 kickoff event. PHOTO COURTESY OF BURRELL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

## U.S. launches 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

By Abram Tabor  
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On July 16, the United States officially made the transition of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline from a 10-digit dial to 988. The new 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is more easily accessible in moments of crisis and allows a broader network for mental health crisis response across the U.S.

"988 is a three-digit national number for all mental health, suicide and substance use crises that operates through what was formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline," Burrell Behavioral Health Director of Crisis Services Carisa Kessler said. "It will serve as a sort of universal entry port so that, no matter where you live in the United States, you can reach a trained crisis counselor."

Burrell Health serves as one of six call centers in Missouri for 988. 988

works by inspecting the area code and prefix of your phone number and directing the call to the closest call center.

"If somebody calls and they have an area code and a prefix from Burrell's coverage area, they will be received by Burrell," Kessler said. "If that call is unable to be answered, it is directed to Missouri's backup center and if it is unable to answer, it is routed to the National backup center." Knowing this system is important, according to Kessler, as this means that if you have a Missouri number but call 988 while vacationing in California, you will still be directed to your Missouri call center.

"The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline has created a wide network of resources, so we are able to quickly and easily route those calls to the correct place, if necessary," Kessler said.

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## Community Baby Shower to be hosted Saturday

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The Pettis County Breastfeeding Coalition will host a free Community Baby Shower at Centennial Park Shelter No. 1, next to the pool, Saturday in celebration of World Breastfeeding Week.

The event begins at 10 a.m. and is open to families who are expecting a baby and have children up to 2 years of age.

Bothwell Regional Health Center Lactation Consultant Janice Johnson said the annual Community Baby Shower would feature education, nutrition, breastfeeding, and health care resources available in the community to help



Mayor Andrew Dawson, center, presents a breastfeeding proclamation Friday to Bothwell OB/GYN Associates and Pettis County Health Center staff. PHOTO COURTESY OF BOTHWELL REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER

families as they grow.

The Community Baby Shower will be hosted at the Bothwell Education Center if it rains.

"We invite different resources from our community to come and be vendors," she noted.

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## Socket to expand fiber-optic to residential customers

By Sara Lawson  
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WARRENSBURG — The Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for Socket, a Missouri-based telephone and internet service provider, on Thursday, Aug. 4, at Arwood's Furniture.

Socket is based in Columbia but has been servicing the Warrensburg area for almost 25 years.

"We're just grateful to the Warrensburg community for the warm embrace we've received here in the market," Socket President and CEO Carson



Socket President and CEO Carson Coffman cuts the ribbon during a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, Aug. 4, at Arwood's Furniture. PHOTO BY SARA LAWSON | STAR-JOURNAL

Coffman said. "We were chatting here with some of our original customers and we've been here in Warrensburg right around 25 years now. A lot of peo-

ple didn't think we would make it, but here we are."

Coffman said Socket has about 165 employees based out of central Missouri.

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### OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT "ENCANTO"

Bring your blankets and chairs and join us for an outdoor movie night in Liberty Park August 20th! Start time is approx. 8:15pm or when it is dark enough to see the screen. This event is free! Special thank you to WILS for the grant to make this happen! Use the hashtag #WILSMovieNight when posting your photos from the movie night for a chance to win a Sedalia Parks prize pack!



### SENSORY FRIENDLY PLAYTIME

This time will provide children and families with varying abilities the opportunity to enjoy play time in a sensory friendly and safe environment! This play time will be hosted 1:30am - 1:30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. It will also take place the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at the Heckart Community Center. This program is included in a Heckart Community Center membership or the daily pass. This is NOT a drop off program - an adult must stay with the child during play time.



### YOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Have a youth interested in playing volleyball? Register for youth volleyball league! Open to players in 3rd-6th grades. Games will be played in September - October. Practice starts in late August! Register by August 15th online at www.sedaliaparks.com or by calling 660-826-4930!



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## OBITUARIES

### Jamie Ray Paul Franklin

Jamie Ray Paul Franklin, 25, of Sedalia, passed away Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at University of Missouri Hospital in Columbia. He was born on November 30, 1996, in Sedalia, Missouri, a son of Eric Ryan and Amanda Lynn (Davis) Franklin.



He grew up in Sedalia and attended Skyline Elementary School, Sedalia Middle School, Smith-Cotton Junior High and Smith-Cotton High School, where he was a member of the football team. In his youth, he enjoyed riding his four-wheeler at his grandparents' house at the lake. He also enjoyed fishing for catfish and bass and playing cards like poker and Uno.

Jamie loved the Kansas City Chiefs and watched the games on television and listened to podcasts to get all the stats and info about the team and its players. Another of his favorite things to watch on television was the WWE. He loved taking care of his dog River and taking her for walks.

One of his favorite sayings was, "Can I bother you?" and he had a big heart and was a very good person who never met anyone he didn't like. Jamie loved spending time with his family and drinking iced coffee with his sisters.

He is survived by his parents, Eric Franklin and Katy of Sedalia and Amanda Curry and Jim-

mie of Sedalia; sisters, Haley Franklin, Erica Franklin, and Kasey Franklin, all of Sedalia; step-brother, Liam Curry of Sedalia; grandparents, Alvin Franklin and Joann of Sedalia, David Davis of Lored, and Rebecca Davis of the State of Oklahoma; aunts, Emily Dobbins and Clayton of the State of Oklahoma and Samantha Mather and Marcos of Columbia; and his beloved dog, River.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Barbara Ann Pettis Franklin, and two uncles, Jamie Ray Stober and Brett Elliot Franklin.

In memory of Jamie, the family would love if everyone would wear Kansas City Chiefs attire and colors to his funeral services, which will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at the Fox Funeral Home in Cole Camp with Rev. Johnny Medlock officiating. Burial will be in Inman Memorial Cemetery near Cole Camp.

Pallbearers will be Dallas Showman, Travis St. Cyr, Dave Hern, Jimmie Curry, Danny Brown, and Mark Dawson.

The family suggests memorial contributions be given to Inman Memorial Cemetery in care of the Fox Funeral Home, Cole Camp. Online condolences may be left at [www.foxfuneral-homecolecampmo.com](http://www.foxfuneral-homecolecampmo.com).

### David Edward Pierce

David Edward Pierce, 64, of Sedalia, MO, passed away Saturday, July 30, 2022, at his home. He was born on March 13, 1958, in Tacoma, WA, the son of Edward Ellis Pierce and Donna Rae (Humphrey) Pierce, who preceded him in death.



On October 5, 2002, in Las Vegas, NV, he was united in marriage to Janet Leigh.

Dave to his friends, was a man who let his heart guide him. A Pisces, he loved being underwater. He enjoyed body surfing in California and snorkeling in Hawaii. He was an advanced skydiver and a passionate sports fan. He always supported his favorite football team, the Chargers. Throughout his life, he spent his free time listening to music, taking vacations and riding motorcycles.

Dave was a hardworking and reliable individual for NASSCO in California, Hans Olsen in Nevada, and Pepsi in Missouri. His

regard for his fellow workers improved the atmosphere wherever he was.

Along with his wife, David is survived by a son, Jesse David; a sister, Wendy Lynn; two nieces, Heather and Hilary, and a nephew, Benjamin.

In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by a sister, Tracy Ann.

Be free! Be proud of who you have been! Know you will be missed, that NO ONE can replace you! That you loved and are beloved! Return to the Womb of Life to soak in the Cauldron of Rebirth! Rest! Heal! Grow YOUNG again!

A celebration of life gathering of family and friends will be Saturday, August 20, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Fitters 5th Street Pub, 500 S. Ohio Ave., Sedalia, MO.

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

Danny Ray Routon, 66, of Sedalia, MO, passed away Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at Bothwell Regional Health Center in Sedalia. He was born on September 26, 1955, in Sedalia, the son of William George Routon and Vera Mae (Richardson) Routon, who preceded him in death.

On June 5, 1977, in Sedalia, MO, he was united in marriage to Susan Jane Bergmann, who resides in the home.

Danny was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. He enjoyed playing pitch at Family Game Night. After 20 years, he retired from River Valley Animal Foods. Danny was a hardworking man who enjoyed hunting, fishing, drag-racing, rebuild-

ing cars, and spending time with his grandkids. He was crazy about fast Chevy's and his old lady. He loved watching the San Francisco 49ers and when his kids would cook Sunday dinners. Danny will be truly missed.

Along with his wife, Danny is survived by three children, Brandy Whitley, Randy Routon, and Chelsea Younce (Nick) all of Sedalia; two brothers, Terry Routon (Carolyn) of Warsaw, MO and Bill Routon (Ronda) of Rocky Mount, MO; three sisters, Lisa Allee (Tim) of Sedalia, Ginger Porter (Donald) of Eldon, MO, and Penny Chambers

(Joe) of Lebanon, MO; seven grandchildren, Lexus Lawson, Carter Routon, Tavaris Whitley, Lily Routon,



Nick Younce Jr. (Cheyenne), William Younce, and Emily Younce; a great-grandson, Tennesyn Younce; a step-mother, Bobbie Witt (Ronnie) of Barnett; a brother-in-law, Tom Bergmann (Angie) of Weatherford, TX; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews; and his good buddies, Olan Boatcher, and Stan Dallar.

In addition to his parents, Danny was preceded in death by a brother, Ricky Routon.

Funeral services will be

held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at Rea Funeral Chapel with pastor Jeremy Freeman officiating.

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

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

Pallbearers will be Nick Younce Sr., Nick Younce Jr., William Younce, Stan Dallar, Kyle Wagoner, Michael Routon, Donald Porter Jr., and Timmie Allee.

Honorary bearers will be Lexus Lawson, Carter Routon, Tavaris Whitley, Lily Routon, and Emily Younce.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family for Danny's grandchildren's college education fund in the care of Rea Funeral Chapel.

### Lavera Lillian "Fritz" Harrell

Lavera Lillian "Fritz" Harrell, 91, of Sedalia, passed away Friday, August 5, 2022, at Sylvia G. Thompson Residence Center.

She was born November 26, 1930, in Florence, daughter of Walter and Emma (Schultz) Semkin.

On September 6, 1952, in Stover, she married Melvin Ray "Bud" Harrell, who preceded her in death on February 7, 2013.

Fritz was a 1949 graduate of Stover School. She worked as a secretary for Sammons and Buller Architects for 20 years.

She was a devoted mem-

ber of First United Methodist Church, where she was the longtime coat ministry coordinator and member of United Methodist Women. She also volunteered with the Bothwell Auxiliary.

Fritz enjoyed sewing, camping, square dancing with Bud, and playing Mahjong. To know her was

to love her. She never knew a stranger and was the glue that held her family together.

Surviving are two children, Greg Harrell (Judy) of

Sedalia, and Diane Rothen (Jeff) of Olathe, KS; four grandchildren, Miles (Madie), Alex (Allison), Andrew and Izzy; and a great-grandson, Sutton.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Dorene Zimmerschied; a brother, Lenny Semkin; and a

sister in infancy. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at Heckart Funeral Home, with Rev.

Candace Fowler officiating.

Casket bearers will be Jeff Rothen, Alex Harrell, Andrew Harrell, Miles Steele, Todd Harrell, Brett Atkinson and Blake Atkinson. Izzy Rothen will be an honorary bearer.

Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, August 8, 2022, at Heckart Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church.

## DEATH NOTICE

### Flowers

Arthur C. Flowers, 78, of Sedalia, died Friday, Aug. 5, 2022, at his home.

Graveside service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Sedalia.

## FUNERALS

### Gaunt, Dr. James Mead

10:30 a.m. Saturday at Speaks Buckner Chapel in Buckner. Arrangements are under the direction of Speaks Buckner Chapel.

### Cunningham, Judith

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

### Anderson, Von Darlene

1 p.m. Saturday at United Methodist Church in Calhoun. Arrangements are under the direction of Fox Funeral Home in Cole Camp.

### Moore, David Dee "Dave,"

1 p.m. Saturday at

Convention Hall at Liberty Park in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia.

### Vansell, Lizzabelle Phoebe

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

### Taylor, Virginia Elizabeth Ann

10 a.m. Monday at Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

### Bierschbach, Bernard "Bernie" Nicholas

6 to 8 p.m. Monday at

Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

### Harrell, Lavera Lillian "Fritz,"

10 a.m. Tuesday at Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

### Routon, Danny Ray

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

### Franklin, Jamie Ray Paul

1 p.m. Tuesday at the Fox Funeral Home in Cole Camp. Arrange-

ments are under the direction of Fox Funeral Home.

### Knox, Donny Ray

11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13 at Union Cemetery in Cole Camp.

### Pierce, David Edward

2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 at Fitters 5th Street Pub in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia.

### Stohr, Mary Ann (Kuhlman)

2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 at Bopp Chapel in Kirkwood. Arrangements are under the direction of Bopp Chapel.

## Democrat Salutes



Sedalia Optimist Club member Brenda Atkinson, left, presents a check for \$250 to scout leader Amanda Iracheta, right, of Girl Scout Troop 30199. The donation is toward the troop's upcoming trip to Savanna, Georgia, where Girl Scouts was founded. The scouts recently helped with the Optimist fish fry hosted in July. Also pictured here are scouts from the troop and Optimist Club Vice President Charlotte Scholl.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SEDALIA OPTIMIST CLUB

### Photo Submissions

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

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**A Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri member takes aim at putting out a small flame in a burn house with a little help from a Pettis County Fire Protection District firefighter during National Night Out on Aug. 2.**  
PHOTO COURTESY OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI

# Boys & Girls Club hosts National Night Out event

Police, ambulance and fire trucks, carnival games, back-to-school haircuts and delicious grilled hot-dogs were just a few of the highlights at Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri's National Night Out, presented by Rick Ball Ford, on Aug. 2.

Despite the high temperatures, many Club families came out to enjoy the community-oriented event, which also featured information booths from area nonprofits, a book

giveaway and more.

"National Night Out is always a fun event for our Boys & Girls Club community," said Director of Operations Tyler Hudson.

"We're thankful for everyone who volunteered their time and talents to make the event a success and, of course, to our Club families who took time out of their evening to attend."

Special thanks to Sedalia Police Department, Pettis County Sheriff's Department, Sedalia Fire

Department, Pettis County Fire Protection District, Missouri State Highway Patrol, CASA, Child Safe of Central Missouri, Pettis County Health Center, Burrell Behavioral Health, Walmart Pharmacy, Tyler Utz and Utz Racing, Cargill, Tyson, Coca-Cola, Missouri Job Center, Sarah Rea and WIN volunteers and several local salons and stylists.

*Release courtesy of Boys & Girls Club of West Central Missouri.*

## CRASH REPORTS

**Warsaw woman hit by towed boat**

A pedestrian from Warsaw received moderate injuries in a vehicle accident at 7:30 a.m. Friday in Benton County.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, pedestrian Darlene S. Sitton, 75, was walking behind a

vehicle and was struck by the boat being towed behind it. The vehicle, driven by Larry G. Anderson, 76, of Warsaw, was being backed down a boat ramp at State Park Road East at Truman Reservoir Boat Ramp.

Sitton was transported by Warsaw-Lincoln Ambulance District to

Golden Valley Memorial Hospital in Clinton.

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

*Compiled by Faith Bemiss.*

## 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 Aug. 3**

5:41 p.m.: Officers were dispatched to a business in the 1800 block of West Third Street in reference to a physical disturbance. On arrival, a male subject suspected of assaulting one of the employees was leaving the scene. Officers gave several commands to the male subject, which were disobeyed. Ultimately, Cal A. Childers, 40, was taken into custody after a brief struggle for failure to obey/resisting arrest and protection of persons and property. Based on his actions and his intoxicated state, he was transported to the Pettis County Jail on a 12-hour protective custody hold. The employee did not wish to pursue charges for assault.

**Aug. 4**

12:12 a.m.: Christopher Wayne Henry, 42, of the 900 block of Winchester Avenue, was charged with driving while intoxicated, driving while suspended and failure to register annually with the Department of Revenue. Henry was driving a blue GMC Yukon eastbound on West Broadway Boulevard when an officer conducted a traffic stop due to expired registration. Henry was transported to the Sedalia Police Department, where

he provided a breath sample that showed his BAC above 0.08. He was then transported to the Pettis County Jail, booked and released. A request for the charges of DWI, DWS and failure to register a motor vehicle has been submitted to the prosecutor.

8:40 p.m.: Officers responded to the 1200 block of South Stewart Avenue in reference to an intoxicated subject with a weapon. Upon arrival, officers noted the subject was carrying a BB gun. The victim stated the subject pointed the gun at them. Sergio Marcos, 44, was arrested and transported to the Pettis County Jail and placed on a 24-hour hold pending state charges.

**Incidents Aug. 3**

3:17 p.m.: An officer met with a victim in the SPD lobby in reference to a hit-and-run accident. The victim stated on July 30, her vehicle was struck while parked in a private lot at a business in the 3200 block of West Broadway Boulevard. The vehicle had minor damage to the front passenger side. At the time of the report, the suspect has not been identified.

4:47 p.m.: An officer met with a caller at the SPD who wished to report her wallet was taken from her car while it was parked in the 1000 block of South Harrison Avenue. There are no suspects at this time.

**Aug. 4**

3:19 p.m.: An officer was dispatched to a vehicle theft report in the 1100 block of West 10th Street. The victim

stated between 8 p.m. Aug. 3 to 3 p.m. Aug. 4, his motorcycle was stolen. The vehicle was entered into NCIC and MULES as stolen.

5:59 p.m.: Officers responded to the 1000 block of Royal Boulevard in reference to a theft. The victim stated a man known to her stole some cash from her residence. Officers were able to make contact with the subject and he was charged with stealing and issued a municipal citation with a court date.

**Missouri State Highway Patrol Arrests Aug. 4**

11:08 a.m.: Jason L. Scott, 48, of Marshall, was arrested in Carroll County for felony possession of a controlled substance, unlawful use of drug paraphernalia and operating a vehicle without a valid license. He was transported to the Chariton County Jail and placed on a 24-hour hold.

5:35 p.m.: Zachary R. Hendrix, 41, of Marshall, was arrested in Saline County for felony possession of a controlled substance, felony unlawful use of a weapon and possession of drug paraphernalia. Hendrix was transported to the Saline County Jail and released.

10:37 p.m.: Robert C. Register, 23, of Warsaw, was arrested in Cooper County for unlawful possession of a firearm and a felony warrant in Polk County for stealing and robbery. He was transported to the Cooper County Detention Center with bond.

*Compiled by Faith Bemiss.*

# 'What recession?': US employers add 528,000 jobs in July

**By Paul Wiseman**  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. employers added an astonishing 528,000 jobs last month despite flashing warning signs of an economic downturn, easing fears of a recession and handing President Joe Biden some good news heading into the midterm elections.

Unemployment dropped another notch, from 3.6% to 3.5%, matching the more than 50-year low reached just before the pandemic took hold.

The economy has now recovered all 22 million jobs lost in March and April 2020 when COVID-19 slammed the U.S.

Biden credited the job growth to his policies, even as he acknowledged the pain being inflicted by inflation. He emphasized the addition of 642,000 manufacturing jobs during his watch.

"Instead of workers begging employers for work, we're seeing employers have to compete for American workers," the president said.

Biden has boosted job growth through his \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package and \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure law last year. Republican lawmakers and some leading economists, however, say the administration's spending has contributed to high inflation.

The president has received some other good economic news in recent weeks, as gasoline prices have steadily fallen after averaging slightly more than \$5 a gallon in June.

On Wall Street, stocks dropped after the employment report came out. While a strong job market is a good thing, it also makes it more likely that the Federal Reserve will continue raising interest rates to cool the economy.

"The strength of the labor market in the face of ... rate-tightening from the Fed already this year clearly shows that the Fed has more work to do," said Charlie Ripley, senior investment strategist at Allianz Investment Management. "Overall, today's report should put the notion of a near-term recession on the back burner for now."

The Labor Department also reported that hourly earnings posted a healthy 0.5% gain last month and are up 5.2% over the past year. But that is not enough to keep up with inflation, and many Americans are having to scrimp to pay for groceries, gasoline, even school supplies.

"There's more work to do, but today's jobs report shows we are making significant progress

for working families," the president said.

Job growth was especially strong last month in the health care industry and at hotels and restaurants.

The number of Americans saying they had jobs rose by 179,000, while the number saying they were unemployed fell by 242,000. But 61,000 Americans dropped out of the labor force in July, trimming the share of those working or looking for work to 62.1% from 62.2% in June.

New Yorker Karen Smalls, 46, started looking for work three weeks ago as a member of the support staff for social workers.

"I didn't realize how good the job market is right now," she said shortly after finishing her fifth interview this week. "You look at the news and see all these bad reports ... but the job market is amazing right now."

A single mother, she is weighing several offers, looking for one that is close to her home and pays enough to let her take care of her two children.

Two years ago, the pandemic brought economic life to a near standstill as companies shut down and millions of people stayed home or were thrown out of work. The U.S. plunged into a deep, two-month recession.

But massive government aid — and the Fed's decision to slash interest rates and pour money into financial markets — fueled a surprisingly quick recovery. Caught off guard by the strength of the rebound, factories, shops, ports and freight yards were overwhelmed with orders and scrambled to bring back the workers they furloughed when COVID-19 hit.

The red-hot numbers reported Friday by the Labor Department are certain to intensify the debate over whether the U.S. is in a recession.

"Recession — what recession?" wrote Brian Coulton, chief economist at Fitch Ratings, after the report came out. "The U.S. economy is creating new jobs at an annual rate of 6 million — that's three times faster than what we normally see historically in a good year."

Economists had expected only 250,000 new jobs last month, in a drop-off from June's revised 398,000. Instead, July proved to be the best month since February.

The strong figures are welcome news for the Biden administration and the Democrats at a time when many voters are worried about the economy.

Inflation is raging at its highest level in more than 40 years, and the economy has contracted for two quarters in a row, which is the common — but informal — definition of a recession and does not take into account a host of other factors economists consider, such as the job picture.

At the White House,

ronments, cyanobacteria can multiply quickly, creating blooms that spread across the water's surface. These blooms can create toxins that are harmful to humans and pets. An algae bloom of this type is not unusual.

Several years ago, the City discontinued the use of Spring Fork Lake as a source of public drinking water. Therefore, the City offered reassurances that this bloom presented no hazard to the drinking water supply.

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

*Compiled by Faith Bemiss.*

## LOCAL BRIEFS

### Calvary Baptist to host Block Party on Sunday

Calvary Baptist Church, 1015 W. 16th St., is hosting a Block Party/ Backpack Giveaway from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7. There will be food, fun and games, a sign-up opportunity for AWANA and much more.

Spring Fork Lake reopens after two months

After evaluating the condition of Spring Fork Lake on Friday, Aug. 5,

the City of Sedalia determined the lake would reopen for public recreational use beginning on the same day. The City closed the lake on June 13 for public use in what was believed to be in the best interest of public health due to a concern related to an algae bloom.

The concern was that the bloom was a blue-green algae, also known as cyanobacteria, which are microscopic organisms found naturally in all types of water. In warm, nutrient-rich envi-

ronments, cyanobacteria can multiply quickly, creating blooms that spread across the water's surface. These blooms can create toxins that are harmful to humans and pets. An algae bloom of this type is not unusual.

Several years ago, the City discontinued the use of Spring Fork Lake as a source of public drinking water. Therefore, the City offered reassurances that this bloom presented no hazard to the drinking water supply.

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## CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

## What I learned picking blackberries

Picking blackberries was my favorite summer job. Fifteen years ago, my aunt's friend hired me to work early mornings on her blackberry farm. They were thornless blackberries, set out on a gentle slope in long, dense rows upheld by metal T-posts. I generally hated getting up early, but for some reason, I loved this. I would roll out of bed and drive over the hills in the summer fog to the farm. Shortly after the August dawn broke, I would be in the thick of it: plucking blackberries and listening to my favorite music on my iPod. Alone, at peace, and on autopilot. It was hot and itchy, and my hands became stained purple, but I was usually done by 10 a.m., and the work came with built-in snacks. I was paid by the pint box.

Fast-forward 15 years.

We have an unusually long blackberry season here in our little neighborhood. It's probably because there are just so many of them. Low, south-facing canes in both sun and shade. Thornless dewberries that dip their tips into the dirt and pop back out again, skipping across our yard. Wild briars in huge thorny stands rising taller than my head, loaded with food enough for wildlife and people. And last to ripen, the canes hidden among my neighbor's cedar trees.

We pick and pick and sweat and slap mosquito nets and pick some more, pausing here and there to painfully untangle from the thorns. We harvest mostly in the early morning or close to nightfall. Otherwise, the necessary armor of long sleeves, long pants, gloves, boots and bandanas is just too hot. When we get home, we spread the blackberries on a cookie sheet and freeze them, then add them to the pile that will become our bubbling fruit crisps, sweet seedy pies, and single frozen berries floating in an old-fashioned on the rocks or a cold pitcher of lemonade.

All these hours alone on autopilot in the blackberries have given me some time to contemplate. Picking produce can actually teach you some worthwhile life lessons. Here are a few gems I've plucked during my years in the briars:

• **Solitude is a human need:** Just like the air we breathe and the water we drink, time to be alone with one's own thoughts is a necessary building block of a healthy life. As a broke teenager out in the berry canes, I'd never before had work that also afforded me time to think. I was always waitressing or working the PA at the waterpark, constantly meeting other people's needs and drowning out their noise. In fact, up until then, I hadn't really thought about the value of solitude at all — how it jump-starts the creative process, gives people time to sort out their thoughts and emotions,



**Liz Schleicher**  
Contributing Columnist

and puts the body at peace. Now, as a stay-at-home mother and writer, a bit of aloneness is one of the experiences I cherish most.

• **Hard labor is the mother of intellect:** I'd grown up thinking that my life and career choices were to work hard with my hands or work hard with my brain. But not both, because the two weren't closely related. Out in the blackberries, that divide wilted away. There's no rule that says you can't be thinking about literature or music or philosophy while you're sweating and working hard. In fact, I would argue now that the experience of physical labor makes you a smarter, more creative person. Some of the wisest, most imaginative people I know are not full-time writers or artists, but farmers and waitresses.

• **Greed will always end in disaster:** Picking blackberries in the briars here at home, I have to be careful not to get in over my head. There are the easily accessible fruits at the front, and I am free to pluck these without much resistance. Then there are those berries that are slightly out of reach. I'm an ambitious picker, and I have visions of pies, so I'll reach into a thorn bush or stand on tip-toe a little bit, even if it means a small scratch or a quick snare or a thorn in my finger. But there are some beautiful blackberries shining deep within the bush or high above my head. They're the most perfect berries you've ever seen, of course, and you can just imagine how good they'll taste all warmed in the sun. But I won't reach for them. I've learned my lesson about being hopelessly ensnared by my goals and desires. Quite literally, as I've stood alone and panicked in the briars, wondering if someone will come along to free me, caught fast and slashed by at least five different thorny canes, including by the hair. If that's not a metaphor, I don't know what is.

I'll keep picking blackberries until September, when the very last of them hiding in the cedar trees sour and shrivel up. I'll keep humming songs to myself and thinking my thoughts and enjoying my aloneness. And hopefully this winter, I'll pull out my frozen berries or my homemade jam, taste all those summers, and write down a few more lessons learned.

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



## CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

## Revisiting history through television

It's hard for Emily to believe that my family didn't have a television until I was 7. Our family's funds were so limited that television was a luxury, but my parents, dedicated teachers, scraped together the funds. Their students talked about shows my parents had never seen, and Mother and Daddy wanted to converse with students about their interests, connecting with "the kids."

So, thanks to W.T. Morgan, who ran the Thayer Western Auto store, my parents bought a television "on time" to keep up with the kids — not the Joneses.

At first, we could receive only Springfield's NBC station. Springfield also had an ABC channel, but for some reason, we couldn't get it. Eventually, we received ABC from Jonesboro, and occasionally, Cape Girardeau's CBS station came in, though it was "snowy." Emily thinks that is hilarious, because she grew up watching several networks and endless channels.

Most of my television-watching life has revolved around those three start-up networks. Now, however, for the most part, I don't know what shows those networks offer on any given night. I can find some shows; I'm partial to "The Voice," and Max and I



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are "60 Minutes" devotees. We loved "The Big Bang Theory," so we also love "Young Sheldon." We have found Queen Latifah on "The Equalizer" and Dwayne Johnson on "Young Rock." Our rehabbing experience led us to HGTV (or maybe it's the other way around), and my love of cooking keeps me turning to The Food Network.

Other than that, though, most of our boob tube entertainment time is spent watching either sports or what we find on Netflix, Disney+, or Apple TV. We rely on friends to recommend binge-worthy series, and those have generally turned out well, "Schitt's Creek" being an exception (says Max). These series were a blessing during COVID, when getting together with friends wasn't a possibility, but they also showed us another way to watch television.

We became engrossed in "The Marvelous Mrs.

Maisel," "Doc Martin," and "Ted Lasso," but we are all caught up or finished with those. Last winter, someone suggested "Call the Midwife," an award-winning British series based on a memoir of a midwife who worked in the "dodgy" side of London during the late 1950s to early 1960s. And we're hooked.

The surprising part of this series is how much women's lives have remained the same over the past 60 years, especially when poverty is thrown into the mix. One large difference in then and now is this: Then, most babies born to poor families were, under Britain's national health care system, born at home with midwife attending, with mothers' receiving in-home pre-natal care, all at no cost. Now, most babies are born in hospitals, regardless of the socio-economic level of their families, but those on the lower end don't always receive pre-natal care, which can result in medical complications. Additionally, families are often left with huge hospital bills.

Other than that, what affects women today is much the same as then. Women are overwhelmed with housework and childcare; a woman bears the brunt of unintended pregnancy though a man participated in its cre-

ation; women are afraid to disclose an unintended pregnancy and try to terminate it themselves because abortion care is illegal; women's husbands are abusive — the show addresses all these.

Other topics include the polio vaccine, the thalidomide disaster, the possibility of nuclear war, "The Pill," health care, alcoholism, and women's entering the work force, among others.

My takeaway? For all the positive societal changes over the past 60 years, one thing has not changed much: women still must deal with the fallout of the roles to which they have been assigned since (it seems) the beginning of time. Though it sounds simplistic, times have changed. To relegate women to a particular place in society, regardless of their needs and talents, ignores women's worth as human beings.

It is easy to say that women shouldn't work and should stay home to take care of the house and children, but "Call the Midwife" shows that scenario not always to be as blissful as it sounds. History, even in the form of a television show, can be instructive — if we pay attention.

*Deborah Mitchell is a Sedalia attorney.*

## CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

## Money-hungry politicians bug me

American politics is a ravenous, money-eating monster that will drive you into the poor house if you don't watch it.

Outstretched palms reach out from my mailbox every day, begging for donations to their campaigns or political organizations.

One of the tricks of the political money-raising trade is the "survey," where you're asked to express your opinion on various "critical national issues." You've been "selected" to receive the survey, and you're flattered that they would want your opinion.

I hate to break it to you, but the people who sent you that survey couldn't care less what you think. The only thing they're looking for is your check.

It used to be that only candidates with Missouri ties hit me up for mon-



**Doug Kneibert**  
Contributing Columnist

ey in mid-term elections, but no more. I've been bombarded for donations from politicians in North Carolina (two), California, Wyoming, Arizona, Colorado, Virginia (two), Indiana, Louisiana and Georgia.

Once you make a political donation, you've opened the floodgates. Your name and address go onto a list that's sold or rented to "data brokers," who then peddle them to candidates in

various states who are desperately seeking donors considered easy marks.

But I've already got more candidates and political organizations beating on my door than I can handle. Call me old-fashioned, but if Joe Smith is running for office in Arizona, that's where he should do his prospecting, not Missouri.

Such desperation tactics are an attempt to cope with the incredible cost of running political campaigns today. The 2020 election cost candidates for national offices nearly \$14 billion, which is a record, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

It used to be that requests for donations from candidates left it up to you as to what, if anything, you could afford to send them.

These days a specific dollar figure is strongly urged — along with the date they need it by.

Jesse Unruh, a California politician in the 1950s and '60s, is credited with saying that "money is the mother's milk of politics." But the amount he was talking about back then is a small fraction of the money American politics consumes today.

If any of the above makes you reluctant to contribute to political campaigns, that was not my intention. Until someone figures out a way to run for office without breaking the bank, we're stuck with what we've got. It's all part of the sometimes messy system we call democracy.

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

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Many campers waiting for a camping spot stand outside their vehicles Friday morning. Most of the campers had been waiting between two to four hours for a spot when it reached noon.

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# Fair

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Both Connie and Tami said entering the campgrounds previously didn't involve any waiting but that it changed in the last seven to eight years.

Victoria Paulenko and her husband have been camping at the fairgrounds for the last 10 years.

"We like the atmosphere, we like the people, everybody's really earthy and nice," Paulenko said.

The Paulenkos come to the fair to hang out with other campers, see the concerts and have some fun. They will be going to see ZZ Top, Trace Adkins and Tesla.

Laddonia Mayor Gary Garnett said he and his family come to the fair for the concerts, food, friends and family.

"We're looking forward to ZZ Top," Garnett said. "That and Trace Adkins. We do most of the concerts. Get away from home for a couple of weeks."

Garnett said they like riding their golf carts around, listening to live music, seeing the cows and horses and more.

The Garnetts would only be staying at the fairgrounds if they managed to get a spot for camping. If not, they planned to turn around and go fishing at Bennett Springs.

Campgrounds worker Emma Shellady said the first day of camping being open was crazy. "It's been wild," Shel-

lady said Friday morning. She will be working camping until the closing day of the fair.

Another campground worker, Tiffany Thomas, said that around noon, there were only 40 spots left and she wasn't sure what would happen when the spots were filled.

"I will be out here (working) for the next 17 days," Thomas said. "I've already had a couple of angry people, but I was just nice to them..."

Thomas said the price to drive golf carts increased this year, so she is expecting some upset campers and not to see as many carts.

The Missouri State Fair will be hosted Aug. 11-21 in Sedalia.

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# Crisis

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Kessler also made the reassurance that 988 does not mean that all other mental health crisis numbers are no longer in use.

"Burrell will continue to operate our crisis hotline," Kessler said. "The already established agency crisis hotline numbers will remain operational."

One of the goals for 988 is to direct calls related to mental health needs away from 911 to a service that can better respond to those problems. Kessler said a mental health 911 call can dispatch a police car, fire truck or an ambulance, but often none of these responders are appropriate for the situation.

"Right now, a lot of men-

tal health calls go to 911," Kessler said. "The more resources we can put out into the community, the more it can relieve the burden on other entities such as first responders."

Having mental health resources and information out in communities not only leads to easier access to necessary assistance but can also build confidence in them, according to Kessler.

"That's a resource that we may need whether it's for ourself, for our friend or for our neighbors," Kessler said. "Whether you're the one in crisis or with a friend who is, you can utilize that resource to help someone."

Missouri is expected to receive an estimated 253,000 calls to 988 in the first year alone. Previously, a call to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline could only connect callers

to the national center, according to Kessler. Now, 988 allows these calls to be directed to local communities. This service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"No matter where you are or when you call, you can get access to a trained crisis specialist," Kessler said.

If you are in a suicidal crisis or emotional distress, do not hesitate to call 988. Burrell Behavioral Health also has a toll-free number for those in crisis, available 24 hours a day. The number for central Missouri is 1-800-395-2132.

For more information about 988, visit samhsa.gov/988. For more information about Burrell Behavioral Health, go to burrellcenter.com.

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# Fiber

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"We're still taking the fight to the big companies," Coffman said.

Socket is set to expand its fiber-optic services to residential customers in Warrensburg and will be opening a local storefront.

Coffman said when Socket first came into the Warrensburg market, it was providing dial-up services, then moved to DSL and started providing fiber-optics for businesses in 2018.

Coffman said the market for online learning, telemedicine and work-from-home has created a demand for better, faster home internet services with fiber-optic.

"We've had such good luck in Warrensburg, we decided to go ahead and start filling out the entire town with fiber-optic directly to the home," Coffman said.

Coffman said he is looking forward to bringing a new level of competition to the market.

"We have been doing fiber to the business here in Warrensburg; we take fiber-optic cable directly to the business," Coffman said. "We've been doing that since 2018 here in Warrensburg and a couple months ago, we started construction on expanding that plan to go directly to everybody's home. So everybody in the city will be able to get high-speed internet directly to their house across fiber-optic lines." Socket was founded in

1994 and has the largest service area in the state. It is a privately-held company that provides families and businesses a choice for local and long-distance phone and internet service.

Coffman said Socket will compete directly with Charter, AT&T and other big telecommunications companies.

"We come in and we provide an alternative and try to build the latest, best fiber-optic network you can get," Coffman said. "It's been going pretty well and Warrensburg's been really open. We've connected to a lot of the businesses early on and now we're moving to residential."

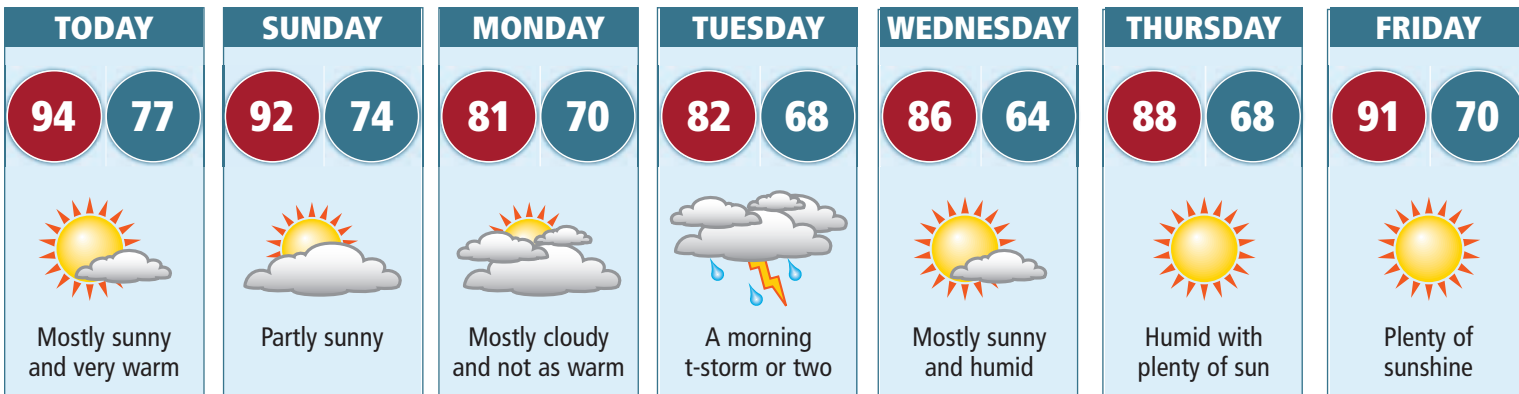
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# THE WEATHER

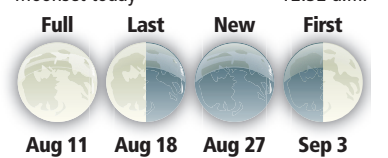
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## SEVEN-DAY FORECAST



## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:19 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:19 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:25 p.m.
Moonsset today	12:32 a.m.



## WEATHER HISTORY

A barrage of hail on Aug. 6, 1979, shelled the Crane Ammunition Depot, 20 miles southwest of Bloomington, Ind. The hailstones were 2 inches in diameter.

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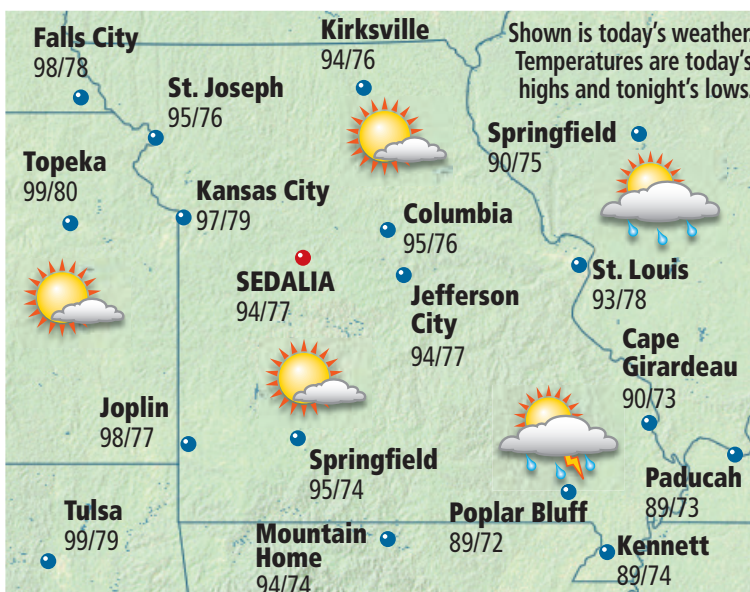
Sedalia Regional Airport Thursday

TEMPERATURES	
High	87
Low	73
Normal high	87
Normal low	66
Record high	101 in 1956
Record low	48 in 1974

PRECIPITATION	
Thursday	0.06"
Month to date	0.16"
Normal m-t-d	0.58"
Year to date	25.57"
Normal y-t-d	27.48"

COOLING DEGREE DAYS	
Index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature was above 65 degrees for the day.	
Thursday	15
Month to date	74
Year to date	1104
Normal year to date	766
Last year to date	903

RIVER LEVELS			
In feet as of 7 a.m. Friday			
Blackwater	Stage	Chg	Fld Stg
Blue Lick	7.07	+0.01	24
Valley City	9.73	+6.96	22
Lamine			
Oterville	8.64	+7.87	15
Missouri			
Boonville	6.50	-0.02	21



**BRANSON**  
High: 95. Low: 74. Mostly sunny today. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Sun and some clouds tomorrow. Monday: humid with intervals of clouds and sunshine.

**KANSAS CITY**  
High: 97. Low: 79. Breezy in the morning; otherwise, mostly sunny and very warm today. Partly cloudy tonight. Sun and areas of high clouds tomorrow.

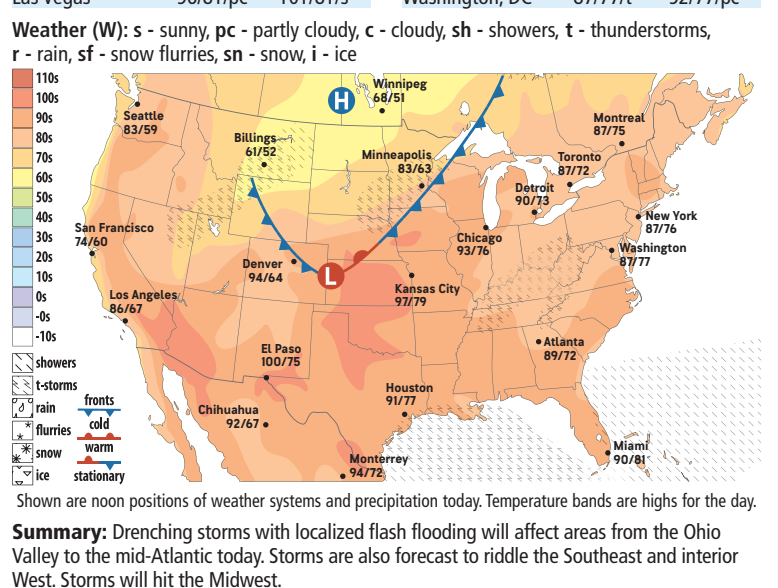
**ST. LOUIS**  
High: 93. Low: 78. Mostly sunny and humid today. Mainly clear tonight. Partly sunny and hot tomorrow; caution advised if outside for extended periods of time.

**NEW YORK CITY**  
High: 87. Low: 76. Uncomfortably humid today with clouds and sun; a thunderstorm during the afternoon. Clouds breaking tonight.

**LOS ANGELES**  
High: 86. Low: 67. Mostly sunny today. Clear tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow; a thunderstorm over the eastern mountains and deserts.

## NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today	Sunday		Today	Sunday
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	89/72/t	86/71/t	Milwaukee	90/76/pc	83/67/t
Baltimore	90/75/t	92/75/t	Nashville	88/73/t	91/75/t
Billings	61/52/t	83/60/s	New Orleans	88/77/t	89/76/t
Boston	89/76/t	94/77/pc	Norfolk	89/75/t	92/75/pc
Buffalo	86/73/c	85/74/t	Oklahoma City	99/75/s	96/74/s
Charlotte	91/72/t	91/71/t	Orlando	92/76/t	92/75/t
Chicago	93/76/s	88/71/t	Phoenix	106/87/pc	101/85/t
Cleveland	85/72/t	87/74/t	Pittsburgh	80/70/t	83/71/t
Dallas	99/80/pc	99/81/s	Portland, ME	83/70/t	91/69/s
Denver	94/64/t	77/61/t	Portland, OR	93/64/s	97/65/s
Detroit	90/73/sh	91/74/s	Sacramento	91/60/s	92/59/s
Honolulu	88/76/sh	87/75/pc	St. Louis	93/78/s	94/77/pc
Houston	91/77/t	94/76/pc	San Francisco	74/60/s	71/59/s
Indianapolis	88/72/t	89/74/pc	Seattle	83/59/s	89/62/s
Las Vegas	96/81/pc	101/81/s	Washington, DC	87/77/t	92/77/pc



# NOT REAL NEWS: A look at what didn't happen this week

## By The Associated Press

A roundup of some of the most popular but completely untrue stories and visuals of the week. None of these are legit, even though they were shared widely on social media. The Associated Press checked them out. Here are the facts:

### Posts mislead on signatures, 'large bags' at Detroit ballot counting site

**CLAIM:** At the Huntington Place ballot counting site in Detroit after the Aug. 2 election, at least 50% of ballots lacked evidence of signature verification, and large bags and coolers under tables caused a security issue.

**THE FACTS:** All the ballots counted at the facility had gone through the signature review process and the bags and coolers contained food and belongings for election workers who were not able to leave while ballots were counted.

A Detroit convention center that doubled as a ballot counting site became the hub of election falsehoods in November 2020, and following Michigan's Aug. 2 primary election this week, similar online claims returned in force.

Social media posts and articles on conservative blogs misrepresented what poll watchers, or volunteers allowed to observe the counting process, supposedly witnessed at the Huntington Place ballot counting site, formerly known as the TCF Center. The posts reported that Republican poll watchers observing the counting process "questioned why at least 50% of the ballots were lacking certification that they had been checked for signature verification." The posts also implied that "duffel bags, coolers, and a variety of large bags" visible underneath tables at the facility could be a security risk since they were next to trays holding absentee ballots.

These claims are misleading, according to Daniel Baxter, election administrator for the city of Detroit, and Chris Thomas, a former state elections chief who currently assists with managing Detroit's absentee counting board. The posts claimed that if absentee ballots had been signature verified, they would have been marked as such in a box printed on the envelopes. They claimed that poll watchers noticed that several of the boxes on the envelopes

were unmarked. However, the reason some of the boxes on the envelopes were unmarked was because a machine that assists in the signature verification process marked the ballots slightly lower than the boxes, Thomas and Baxter both explained.

In Detroit, clerks verify most voter signatures on absentee ballots using a mail processing system called Relia-Vote, Baxter said. A machine dates absentee ballot envelopes and photographs the signatures on them so clerks can view the images on a screen, comparing them digitally to signatures in the Qualified Voter File. If a clerk rejects the signature on a ballot envelope, that ballot does not advance to be counted, Baxter said. If the clerk approves it as a match, the Relia-Vote system marks the envelope with the ballot stub number and the name of the clerk who approved it, and sends it on for tabulation.

The Relia-Vote system marks the ballots in the bottom section of the envelopes, Thomas said. That's why many of the ballot envelopes viewed at the Huntington Place ballot counting site did not have markings where poll watchers expected.

"In all instances, when ballots were processed by the clerks or the inspectors at the central counting board, all signatures were reviewed," Baxter said.

The posts also hinted that large bags and coolers located underneath tables during ballot counting were a security issue. Baxter and Thomas rejected that claim, explaining that everyone working in the room was constantly watched during the counting process. Baxter and Thomas said many workers at the site brought coolers with food to eat because security protocols required them to remain on the premises for their entire shift, which lasted several hours.

Thomas said the many poll watchers and reporters in the facility during the counting process would notice if someone tried to sneak a ballot into or out of the facility. Baxter pointed out that audits of the absentee ballot counting process would also identify such issues.

— *Associated Press writer Ali Swenson in New York contributed this report*

### Bill would not turn current semi-automatic weapon owners into felons

**CLAIM:** A congressional bill to ban certain semi-automatic weapons

would "turn 150 million Americans into felons overnight."

**THE FACTS:** The bill would only affect future firearm transactions, so people who already lawfully own such weapons when the bill passes would be allowed to keep them, legal experts confirmed.

An effort by House Democrats to ban certain semi-automatic weapons is being misrepresented online.

"They want to turn 150 million Americans into felons overnight," read an Instagram post with a picture of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi that amassed thousands of likes.

The post referred to H.R. 1808, also known as the Assault Weapons Ban of 2022, which passed in the House on July 29. The bill is expected to stall in the Senate, where Republicans have dismissed it as an election-year strategy by Democrats.

The bill would make it a crime to knowingly import, sell, manufacture, transfer or possess a long list of semi-automatic weapons and magazines. Among the semi-automatic weapons banned would be some 200-plus types of semi-automatic rifles, including AR-15s, and pistols. The restrictions would not apply to many other models, which the bill lists by name. However, the bill would not turn existing owners of semi-automatic weapons and magazines into criminals. Instead, people who already legally own such weapons when the bill passes will still be allowed to possess the firearm, and those guns will still be legal to sell or otherwise transfer.

A summary of the bill prepared by the Congressional Research Service lays out this exemption, saying, "The bill permits continued possession, sale, or transfer of a grandfathered SAW, which must be securely stored. A licensed gun dealer must conduct a background check prior to the sale or transfer of a grandfathered SAW between private parties."

Dru Stevenson, a professor at South Texas College of Law Houston whose research focuses on firearm law confirmed that "the bill grandfathers in current owners."

"It does not turn 150 million Americans into felons overnight," Stevenson said in an email to the AP.

Adam Winkler, a gun policy expert and professor of law at the University of California, Los Angeles, confirmed the same.

Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y., also testified that the bill includes an exemption that allows for the possession of existing semi-automatic guns. The claim that 150 million people would be affected by the bill is also suspect, since current estimates suggest that there aren't even that many firearms owners in the United States. A 2021 National Firearms Survey, for example, found that about 81 million Americans are gun owners.

— *Ali Swenson contributed this report with additional reporting from Karena Phan in Los Angeles.*

### Social posts push falsehood that monkeypox can only affect gay men

**CLAIM:** Monkeypox can only be spread among gay men.

**THE FACTS:** While the overwhelming majority of cases in the current outbreak in the U.S. and Europe have so far been among men who have sex with men, experts and officials say the virus can be transmitted to anyone.

As monkeypox has spread, social media posts have pushed an erroneous narrative that the virus can only be transmitted among gay men.

"The 'I have immunity to monkeypox' starter kit," declared a meme widely shared on Facebook, which included four depictions of heterosexual couples and families. Similar posts were shared on Twitter and TikTok.

But it's false to suggest the virus can only affect gay or bisexual men, or that anal sex is the only way it is transmitted.

"Sexual orientation does not confer immunity to monkeypox," Dr. W. Ian Lipkin, a Columbia University epidemiologist, told the AP in an email. "Furthermore, one can become infected without sexual activity."

Dr. Sharon Walmsley, a senior scientist at the Toronto General Hospital Research Institute who co-authored a recent study looking at hundreds of monkeypox infections across 16 countries, similarly said: "There is no evidence that heterosexual people have immunity and some have acquired infection."

Walmsley noted in an email that researchers believe monkeypox is spread through close contact, including sexual activity, but it is not confirmed if the virus is being spread via bodily fluids such as semen during sexual

intercourse. As the AP has reported, scientists believe the primary route of transmission during the current outbreak has been skin-to-skin contact during sexual encounters with someone who has symptoms. The virus also may spread through saliva and respiratory droplets during prolonged, face-to-face contact, such as during kissing and cuddling. Additionally, transmission could occur through touching fabrics or objects, such as bedding or towels, used by a person with monkeypox, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The U.S. has reported some monkeypox cases in some women and at least two in children. Officials suspect the cases in the children were due to household transmission.

Monkeypox symptoms can include fever, chills, body aches and bumps on parts of the body. The lesions caused by the virus that can be extremely painful.

— *Associated Press writer Angelo Fichera in New York contributed this report.*

### Immigrants are not getting Social Security numbers at the U.S. border

**CLAIM:** U.S. Border Patrol agents are giving Social Security numbers to immigrants who cross the border into the U.S. without authorization.

**THE FACTS:** Border Patrol does not give Social Security numbers to immigrants who cross the border, nor does it have the authority to, a spokesperson for the agency told the AP.

Lara Logan, a former Fox Nation host, recently claimed that U.S. Border Patrol agents are distributing Social Security numbers to immigrants at the border. In a video that has circulated widely on social media, Logan tells the audience at an event in Tempe, Arizona, that: "Now, when people come across the border illegally — and I have this confirmed from Border Patrol agents who are actually physically doing this — they get given a Social Security number."

The video clip also spread on conservative blogs and websites. But no such thing is happening,

Rhonda Lawson, a spokesperson for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, told the AP in an email: "U.S. Border Patrol does not possess the capability or authority to issue Social Security numbers, and therefore does

not issue Social Security numbers to non-citizens who crossed the border," she wrote.

Stephen Yale-Loehr, a professor at Cornell University who teaches immigration law, agreed that Border Patrol agents would not hand out Social Security numbers.

"Even if they were to do it, it would be illegal for them to do it and they could be prosecuted for doing it," he said.

Logan did not immediately respond to the AP's request for comment.

The Social Security Administration also did not respond. Other experts echoed that Logan's claim is baseless and not reflective of the process migrants would need to go through to get a Social Security number.

"The scenario she proposes is not plausible," Evelyn Cruz, a clinical law professor at Arizona State University, wrote in an email to the AP. "Someone entering illegally does not have a right to a Social Security number. Period."

Generally, noncitizens are only eligible for Social Security numbers if they are authorized to work by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Denise Gilman, director of the Immigration Clinic at the University of Texas at Austin School of Law, told the AP. For instance, asylum seekers can obtain a Social Security number after being granted work authorization in order to pay taxes. But it takes "months" for asylum seekers to qualify for a Social Security number, Cruz wrote. They would never be able to obtain one at the border. Most immigrants attempting to enter the U.S. are not even able to apply for asylum and are expelled under Title 42, a pandemic-related restriction, according to Gilman.

Lawson noted that Border Patrol does typically give migrants at the border an A-number, which is used to track cases in the immigration system. An A-number cannot be used like a Social Security number.

Of Logan's claim that immigrants are getting Social Security numbers at the border, Gilman said that she had "never ever heard of this happening."

"I'm quite familiar with the kinds of forms that they get and the proceedings that they undergo and getting a Social Security card is absolutely not one of the things that happen in connection with border processing," she said.

— *Associated Press writer Josh Kelety in Phoenix contributed this report.*

## Baby

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"They also have door prizes that they can also win."

She added there would be refreshments, and the Ozark Coffee food truck will be available. Vendors include Early Head Start, several doulas will be there to teach infant massage, and the Sedalia Literacy Council will read. In addition, the Sedalia Fire Department and the Pettis County Health Department will provide car seat safety checks.

"Bothwell is going to have the OB/GYN offices represented," Johnson noted. "And TLC Pediatrics will also be there."

She added Friday morning that she and representatives from BRHC and Pettis County Health Center were presented a breastfeeding proclamation by Mayor Andrew Dawson at the Sedalia Municipal Building.

While talking to the Democrat, Johnson explained the importance of breastfeeding for both mothers and babies.

"Breastfeeding is the No. 1 choice for feeding your infant if you are able," she noted. "It's the preferred choice that's recommended by the American Academy of Pediatric Nutrition along with the World Health Organization."

"So, it's our way of supporting our local

moms," she continued. "And like I said, it's open to not just breastfeeding moms, but for anybody."

She continued to say that breastfeeding reduces the risk of postpartum bleeding and has many benefits for the mother and the baby, such as preventing infections.

"They have less GI upsets," Johnson said. "And of course, with the baby formula storage, it's even more important because it's always perfectly matched to their babies."

"So, we're trying to support moms in their breastfeeding journey to be successful," she continued. "The coalition has been having some event every year since we started."

Johnson said the coal-

tion began in either 2012 or 2014.

Information provided by Johnson said the Pettis County Breastfeeding Coalition works to improve families' nutritional status and overall health by collaborating to promote, support, and protect breastfeeding in the community. The Pettis County Breastfeeding Coalition is a non-profit organization that provides free breastfeeding support for anyone who is breastfeeding or is interested in breastfeeding through the Baby Café. The Baby Café is open from 4 to 6 p.m. every Tuesday at Bothwell Regional Health Center.

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## Democrats' big package: What remains in and what's out?

### By Lisa Mascaro

AP Congressional Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The estimated \$740 billion economic package from Democrats is nowhere near what President Joe Biden first envisioned with his effort to rebuild America's public infrastructure and family support systems. It had a price tag of \$4 trillion and it stalled in Congress. The slimmer but still substantial compromise package is now on track toward Senate voting this weekend. It's made up of health care, climate change and deficit reduction strategies, in hopes of tackling

inflation and bringing down deficits. A major component is capping out-of-pocket prescription drug costs for seniors in the Medicare program at \$2,000 a year.

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's nowhere near the \$4 trillion proposal President Joe Biden first launched to rebuild America's public infrastructure and family support systems but the compromise package of inflation-fighting health care, climate change and deficit reduction strategies appears on track toward Senate votes this weekend.

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# EXPLAINER: Why is insulin so expensive and difficult to cap?

**By Amanda Seitz**  
Associated Press

Washington (AP) — Reining in the soaring prices of insulin has thus far been elusive in Congress, although Democrats say they'll try again — as part of their economic package that focuses on health and climate.

The price of the 100-year-old drug has more than tripled in the last two decades, forcing the nation's diabetics to pay thousands of dollars a year for the life-saving medication. Democrats are considering capping the cost of that drug for at least some, although it's unclear what the final proposal will look like and how many insulin users will get a price break.

Here's a look at how insulin became so expensive and why it's so difficult to bring the price of the drug down. **HOW MANY**

## PEOPLE IN THE U.S. USE INSULIN AND FOR WHAT?

Roughly 8.4 million Americans use insulin, according to the American Diabetes Association. Not everyone who has diabetes needs insulin, but for those who do, it's an important medication. For more than 1 million of those people with type 1 diabetes, regular access to the medication is a necessity and they will die without it.

"People require insulin, it's not an option and nobody should have to decide between life-sustaining medication or food and rent," said Dr. Robert Gabbay, the chief scientific and medical officer for the American Diabetes Association.

Insulin also helps control glucose levels for patients with other forms of diabetes. Some insulin users have rationed the drug because of its expense and risk numerous

health complications as a result.

## HOW EXPENSIVE IS INSULIN?

The price varies.

Some people on private insurance pay hundreds of dollars monthly for the drug. For most Medicare beneficiaries, the average out-of-pocket cost per insulin prescription was \$54 in 2020 — an increase of nearly 40% since 2007, a study released last month by the Kaiser Family Foundation found. Others live in one of 22 states where the copay for a 30-day supply has been capped between \$25 to \$100.

The cost has led some to use less insulin than their doctor prescribes or postpone paying for other medical care.

## WHY IS INSULIN SO DIFFICULT TO CAP?

Only three manufacturers — Eli Lilly, Novo Nordisk and Sanofi — produce insulin, allow-

ing those companies to control much of the market.

"They've been historically raising their list prices for their respective products in lockstep with one another," Dr. Jing Luo, a professor of medicine at the University of Pittsburgh, said. "There hasn't been a lot of pricing pressure."

And making a generic drug for insulin hasn't been easy, with new manufacturers having to clear regulatory hurdles and questions over how a generic drug should be categorized, Luo added. A generic insulin is slated to come on the market in 2024 at no more than \$30 a vial, which could drive down some of the price.

A biosimilar insulin product the Food and Drug Administration approved last year, however, has been more expensive than advocates had hoped, Gabbay said.

## HOW DO DEMOCRATS PLAN TO CAP THE PRICE OF INSULIN?

That remains to be seen.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer has said some language that limits the price of insulin will be added to the economic bill, but it's not clear what that price point will be and who all will be protected by that price cap.

Democrats had proposed a \$35 monthly cap for those who get the drug through Medicare or private insurers as part of a bigger package that was derailed in the Senate. But it was left out of the scaled down package now headed for a congressional vote.

## WHY IS THE COST OF INSULIN SO DIFFICULT TO CAP?

Capping the price of insulin will be very expensive.

Insulin is not only getting more expensive, but

the number of people using it is also increasing.

A bipartisan bill proposed earlier this year that would cap insulin prices could cost about \$23 billion over the next decade, according to estimates by the Congressional Budget Office. While the bill would reduce insulin costs for many consumers, it would drive up government costs and premiums charged by Medicare and private insurers, according to the office's analysis.

And that's one of the reasons why price caps can be controversial.

"If your health insurance company says, voluntarily, nobody who buys insulin in our plan will have to pay more than \$25, the question is who is paying the balance of that?" Luo said. "That then means their cost will go up, which means they'll raise premiums on everyone."

# Big

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The estimated \$740 billion proposal, struck by two top negotiators, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and hold-out Sen. Joe Manchin, the conservative West Virginia Democrat, includes some hard-fought party priorities. But the final touches came this week from Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., who put her handiwork on the latest revisions.

What's in, and out, of the Democrats' "Inflation Reduction Act of 2022" as it stands now:

## LOWER PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS

Launching a long-sought goal, the bill would allow the Medicare program to negotiate prescription drug prices with pharmaceutical companies, saving the federal government some \$288 billion over the 10-year budget window.

Those new revenues would be put back into lower costs for seniors on medications, including a \$2,000 out-of-pocket cap for older adults buying prescriptions from pharmacies.

The money would also be used to provide free vaccinations for seniors,

who now are among the few not guaranteed free access, according to a summary document.

## HELP PAY FOR HEALTH INSURANCE

The bill would extend the subsidies provided during the COVID-19 pandemic to help some Americans who buy health insurance on their own.

Under earlier pandemic relief, the extra help was set to expire this year. But the bill would allow the assistance to keep going for three more years, lowering insurance premiums for people who are purchasing their own health care policies.

## 'SINGLE BIGGEST INVESTMENT IN CLIMATE CHANGE IN U.S. HISTORY'

The bill would invest nearly \$374 billion over the decade in climate change-fighting strategies including investments in renewable energy production and tax rebates for consumers to buy new or used electric vehicles.

It's broken down to include \$60 billion for a clean energy manufacturing tax credit and \$30 billion for a production tax credit for wind and solar, seen as ways to boost and support the industries that can help curb the country's dependence on fossil fuels. The bill also gives tax credits for nuclear power and carbon

capture technology that oil companies such as Exxon Mobil have invested millions of dollars to advance.

The bill would impose a new fee on excess methane emissions from oil and gas drilling while giving fossil fuel companies access to more leases on federal lands and waters.

A late addition pushed by Sinema and other Democrats in Arizona, Nevada and Colorado would designate \$4 billion to combat a mega-drought in the West, including conservation efforts in the Colorado River Basin, which nearly 40 million American rely on for drinking water.

For consumers, there are tax breaks as incentives to go green. One is a 10-year consumer tax credit for renewable energy investments in wind and solar. There are tax breaks for buying electric vehicles, including a \$4,000 tax credit for purchase of used electric vehicles and \$7,500 for new ones.

In all, Democrats believe the strategy could put the country on a path to cut greenhouse gas emissions 40% by 2030, and "would represent the single biggest climate investment in U.S. history, by far."

## HOW TO PAY FOR ALL OF THIS?

The biggest reve-

nue-raiser in the bill is a new 15% minimum tax on corporations that earn more than \$1 billion in annual profits.

It's a way to clamp down on some 200 U.S. companies that avoid paying the standard 21% corporate tax rate, including some that end up paying no taxes at all.

The new corporate minimum tax would kick in after the 2022 tax year and raise some \$258 billion over the decade.

The revenue would have been \$313 billion, but Sinema insisted on one change to the 15% corporate minimum, allowing a depreciation deduction used by manufacturing industries. That shaves about \$55 billion off the total revenue.

Money is also raised by boosting the IRS to go after tax cheats. The bill proposes an \$80 billion investment in taxpayer services, enforcement and modernization, which is projected to raise \$203 billion in new revenue — a net gain of \$124 billion over the decade.

The bill sticks with Biden's original pledge not to raise taxes on families or businesses making less than \$400,000 a year.

The lower drug prices for seniors are paid for with savings from Medicare's negotiations with the drug companies.

## WHAT'S CHANGED IN

## RECENT DAYS?

To win over Sinema, Democrats dropped plans to close a tax loophole long enjoyed by wealthier Americans — the so-called "carried interest," which under current law taxes wealthy hedge fund managers and others at a 20% rate.

The left has for years sought to boost the carried interest tax rate, hiked to 37% in the original bill, more in line with upper-income earners. Sinema wouldn't allow it.

Keeping the tax break for the wealthy deprives the party of \$14 billion in revenue they were counting on to help pay for the package.

In its place, Democrats, with Sinema's nod, will impose a 1% excise tax on stock buybacks, raising some \$74 billion over the decade.

## EXTRA MONEY TO PAY DOWN DEFICITS

With some \$740 billion in new revenue and around \$433 billion in new investments, the bill promises to put the difference toward deficit reduction.

Federal deficits spiked during the COVID-19 pandemic when federal spending soared and tax revenues fell as the nation's economy churned through shutdowns, closed offices and other massive changes.

The nation has seen

deficits rise and fall in recent years. But overall federal budgeting is on an unsustainable path, according to the Congressional Budget Office, which put out a new report this week on long-term projections.

## WHAT'S LEFT BEHIND

This latest package after 18 months of start-stop negotiations leaves behind many of Biden's more ambitious goals.

While Congress did pass a \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill for highways, broadband and other investments that Biden signed into law last year, the president's and the party's other key priorities have slipped away.

Among them is a continuation of a \$300 monthly child tax credit that was sending money directly to families during the pandemic and is believed to have widely reduced child poverty.

Also gone, for now, are plans for free pre-kindergarten and community college, as well as the nation's first paid family leave program that would have provided up to \$4,000 a month for births, deaths and other pivotal needs.

— Associated Press writer Matthew Daly contributed to this report.

# SUV barrels through Native American parade; 15 injured

**By Felicia Fonseca**  
Associated Press

A New Mexico man who was driving drunk without a valid license barreled through a parade that celebrates Native American culture in the western part of the state, injuring at least 15 people, officials said Friday.

Jeff Irving, 33, was arrested late Thursday and faces charges that include aggravated driving while intoxicated, fleeing from officers and injuring parade-goers and two Gallup police officers who tried to stop the vehicle, court documents said.

In a statement, New Mexico State Police said that investigators have no reason to suspect the crime was motivated by hate. No one was killed. The people who were hurt, including the police officers, suffered mostly minor injuries, said

New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham

Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and his family were among those almost hit as the Chevrolet Tahoe drove through the parade route. The vehicle sped through downtown Gallup about 15 minutes after the nighttime parade started that served as the kick-off event for the 10-day Gallup Intertribal Ceremonial Centennial Celebration.

Irving's blood-alcohol content was three times the legal limit for driving, according to court records. His license had been revoked or suspended for another drunken driving charge and the SUV had no registration or insurance, police said.

Court records didn't list an attorney for Irving who could speak on his behalf. His two passengers were detained and taken to a detox center in Gallup, a city

of about 22,000 people, state police said in the statement.

Many among the crowd of thousands lining the parade route in front of businesses that sell Native American jewelry, arts and crafts captured the chaotic scene on video.

As the SUV sped near the parade, videos on social media showed people yelling for others to get out of the way and some pushing parade-goers to safety. One video showed parade-goers yelling obscenities at the SUV's driver and passengers while they were handcuffed on the ground.

Children performing traditional dances appear to have been among the first to have seen the SUV heading toward them, the videos showed. They ran to the side amid screams and others scrambling to get out of the way.

The images also showed

blankets, shoes, banners and umbrellas left strewn along the street and on the sidewalks as people fled.

Lujan Grisham said Friday that the state will send additional police officers and a behavioral health crisis team to Gallup for the rest of the ceremonial event.

Nez said the vehicle was coming at him and a group of tribal officials marching in the parade. He thanked people for taking quick action to get spectators and participants out of harm's way.

"We just ask for your prayers for all of the participants," Nez said in a video posted on social media. "We're all shook up. You would see this on television, you would think it would never happen here. I'm sorry to say it happened here in Gallup, New Mexico."

Tonya Jim said she went to the parade with her parents, grandchildren and

children. Her 5-year-old granddaughter, KaRiah, was picked from the crowd to join a group of dancers. Shortly after, the vehicle barreled down the parade route, turned and hit a man across from them who was sitting on a folding chair, she said. KaRiah was helped off the road by someone and was not hurt.

"I'm glad whoever was holding her hand just kept holding her hand and ran with her to get her off the road," Jim said. "I'm not sure who she was, but I'm thankful for her."

Jim said the family burned cedar and prayed when they got home and did a tobacco smoke prayer Friday morning to calm down.

"I blessed my kids and thanked the creator they are still with me and (to) pray for the families who are hurt," said Jim, who is Navajo and lives in Fort Defiance.

During the mayhem, the SUV swerved onto a side street and pulled into a parking spot before trying to pull out again. It hit a parked car and backed into a police car, state police said. Officers converged on the vehicle and detained the driver and two passengers who Irving identified as his brothers, according to court documents.

Irving initially told police he was not drinking before admitting to having at least a couple of beers, according to court documents. He is from the small community of Pinedale and faces 21 charges, the documents and police said.

— Fonseca reported from Flagstaff, Arizona. Associated Press writer Susan Montoya Bryan in Albuquerque, New Mexico, contributed to this report.



# Alex Jones ordered to pay Sandy Hook parents more than \$4M

By Jim Vertuno

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A Texas jury on Friday ordered Infowars' Alex Jones to pay \$49.3 million in total damages to the parents of a first-grader killed in the 2012 Sandy Hook

Elementary School massacre, which the conspiracy theorist falsely called a hoax orchestrated by the government in order to tighten U.S. gun laws. The amount is less than the \$150 million sought by Neil Heslin and Scarlett Lewis, whose 6-year-old son Jesse Lewis was among the 20 children and six educators killed in the deadliest classroom shooting in U.S. history. The trial is the first time Jones has been held financially liable for peddling lies about the 2012 attack in Newtown, Connecticut. Jurors at first awarded Heslin and Lewis \$4.1 million in compensatory damages, which Jones called a major victory. But in the final phase of the two-week trial, the same Austin jury came back and tacked on an additional \$45.2 million in punitive damages. Earlier this week, Jones testified that any award over \$2 million would "sink us." His company Free Speech Systems, which is Infowars' parent company, filed for bankruptcy protection during the first week of the trial. Punitive damages are meant to punish defendants for particularly egregious conduct, beyond monetary compensation awarded to the individuals they hurt. A high punitive award is also seen as a chance for jurors to send a wider societal message and

a way to deter others from the same abhorrent conduct in the future. Attorneys for the family had urged jurors to hand down a financial punishment that would put Infowars out of business. "You have the ability to stop this man from ever doing it again," Wesley Ball, an attorney for the parents, told the jury. "Send the message to those who desire to do the same: Speech is free. Lies, you pay for." An economist hired by the plaintiffs testified that Jones and the company are worth up to \$270 million, suggesting that Jones was still making money. Bernard Pettingill, who was hired by the plaintiffs to study Jones' net worth, said records show that Jones withdrew \$62 million for himself in 2021, when default judgments were issued in lawsuits against him. "That number represents, in my opinion, a value of a net worth," Pettingill said. "He's got money put in a bank account somewhere." The money that flows into Jones' companies eventually funnels its way to him, said Pettingill, who added that he has testified in approximately 1,500 cases during his career. But Jones' lawyers said their client has already learned his lesson, and asked for leniency. The jury's punishment should be less than \$300,000, attorney Andino Reynal said. "You've already sent a message. A message for the first time to a talk show host, to all talk show hosts, that their standard of care has to change," Reynal said. Jones — who was in the courtroom briefly Friday but not there for the verdict — still faces two other defamation lawsuits from



Alex Jones attempts to answer questions about his text messages asked by Mark Bankston, lawyer for Neil Heslin and Scarlett Lewis, during trial at the Travis County Courthouse in Austin, Wednesday Aug. 3, 2022. Jones testified Wednesday that he now understands it was irresponsible of him to declare the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre a hoax and that he now believes it was "100% real."

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Sandy Hook families in Texas and Connecticut that put his personal wealth and media empire in jeopardy. Lawyers for the Sandy Hook families suing Jones contend that he has tried to hide evidence of his true wealth and have sued him claiming he's tried to hide money in various shell companies. During his testimony, Jones was confronted with a memo from one of his business managers outlining a single day's gross revenue of \$800,000 from selling vitamin supplements and other products through his website, which would approach nearly \$300 million in a year. Jones called it a record sales day. Jones, who has portrayed the lawsuit as an attack on

his First Amendment rights, conceded during the trial that the attack was "100% real" and that he was wrong to have lied about it. But Heslin and Lewis told jurors that an apology wouldn't suffice and called on them to make Jones pay for the years of suffering he has put them and other Sandy Hook families through. The parents told jurors about how they've endured a decade of trauma, inflicted first by the murder of their son and what followed: gun shots fired at a home, online and phone threats, and harassment on the street by strangers. They said the threats and harassment were all fueled by Jones and his conspiracy theory spread to his

followers via his website Infowars. A forensic psychiatrist testified that the parents suffer from "complex post-traumatic stress disorder" inflicted by ongoing trauma, similar to what might be experienced by a soldier at war or a child abuse victim. Throughout the trial, Jones has been his typically bombastic self, talking about conspiracies on the witness stand, during impromptu press conferences and on his show. His erratic behavior is unusual by courtroom standards, and the judge has scolded him, telling him at one point: "This is not your show." The trial has drawn attention from outside Austin as well. Bankston told the court Thursday that the U.S. House com-

mittee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol has requested records from Jones' phone that Jones' attorneys had mistakenly turned over to the plaintiffs. Bankston later said he planned to comply with the committee's request. Last month, the Jan. 6 committee showed graphic and violent text messages and played videos of right-wing figures, including Jones, and others vowing that Jan. 6 would be the day they would fight for Trump. The committee first subpoenaed Jones in November, demanding a deposition and documents related to his efforts to spread misinformation about the 2020 election and a rally on the day of the attack.

# What Equifax's credit score errors mean for consumers

By Amanda Barroso and Lauren Schwahn

NerdWallet

Equifax, one of the three major credit bureaus, announced that a computer coding error resulted in the miscalculation of credit scores for consumers in a three-week period between March 17 and April 6. For 300,000 consumers, the error shifted credit scores as much as 25 points. The changes to credit scores did not show up on credit reports, Equifax said in a press release.

While the error caused scores to shift in positive and negative directions, a 25-point drop in your credit score could do some major financial damage, especially if you're on the cusp of one of the credit bands. For some consumers, that could mean less access to financial services and products like car loans and home mortgages, as well as credit cards with good terms.

NerdWallet spoke to credit experts and consumer advocates to nail down what you should be

doing in the wake of this Equifax error.

## HOW TO TELL IF YOU WERE AFFECTED

It might not be easy to determine if you were affected by this Equifax error. "To the naked eye, a consumer would never know they were impacted, to the good or to the bad," credit expert John Ulzheimer said in an email.

Equifax says it's "collaborating with our customers to determine the actual impact to consumers," although it's unclear how or when they will notify the impacted customers, if at all.

"This is not the consumer's fault," says Chi Chi Wu, an attorney at the National Consumer Law Center. "And it is outrageous that an error by Equifax harmed consumers and now they have to go back and fix it."

Follow these steps to help safeguard your score in the wake of the Equifax error:

## REVIEW ANY NOTICES RELATED TO DENIED APPLICATIONS DURING THIS PERIOD

If you applied for a car or home loan or a credit card between March 17 and April 6 and your application was denied or you had to pay more — potentially as a result of this miscalculated score — you might have some recourse if you received one of the documents below:

**ADVERSE ACTION NOTICE:** If your application was denied, you should have received an adverse action notice. Federal law requires creditors to tell you why your application was denied and which bureau they got their information from, so it's important to review this letter to understand better if the coding error impacted you.

If you were declined "because of things that showed up on your credit report, if it has to do with your credit score in some way, shape or form, then it's worth going back and pulling a copy of your credit report and your credit score," says Bruce McClary, senior vice president of communications for the National Founda-

tion for Credit Counseling. It's also worth "finding out what credit score the creditor was using to evaluate you," he says.

**RISK-BASED PRICING NOTICE:** If you applied for a loan or credit card during this period and were given less favorable terms (e.g., higher interest rates), you should have received a risk-based pricing notice.

If consumers applied for a credit card or loan during this time and did not get one of these two notices, then, according to Ulzheimer, "they were not denied and they were not adversely approved with disadvantaged terms."

## CHECK YOUR EQUIFAX CREDIT REPORT

Checking your credit report should be your next step. Here, you're looking to see if a hard inquiry — or a request to check your credit — shows up. This "hard pull" is confirmation that you applied for credit during the three-week time frame when the error went undetected by Equifax.

Disputing the error with Equifax is not an option

since the miscalculated scores did not appear on credit reports. "There wasn't an error on their Equifax credit reports that required an investigation and correction," Ulzheimer said. "This was a programming error that wasn't impacted by how a consumer acted or paid their bills."

## CONTACT YOUR LENDER AND EQUIFAX

If affected, contact your lender and ask it to reassess your application or loan terms.

Getting rate changes on a credit card will be easier than changing the terms of a mortgage or car loan, according to Wu.

If you believe you may

have been affected, you can also try calling Equifax's customer service at 1-888-378-4329.

## BE ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR A MESSAGE FROM EQUIFAX

Keep an eye out for further communications from Equifax. "The onus is on the credit bureau to notify the people who were impacted and provide some course of action that people can take to address any issues that stemmed from this mishap," McClary says.

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3rd Saturday: Special Feeder Sale. 11:00am  
4th Saturday: Cattle Sale. 11:00am  
Small Animal Sale. 2:00pm

Boonville, Missouri

1st Tuesday: Small Animal Sale. 5:30pm  
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3rd Tuesday: Cow Sale. 6:00pm  
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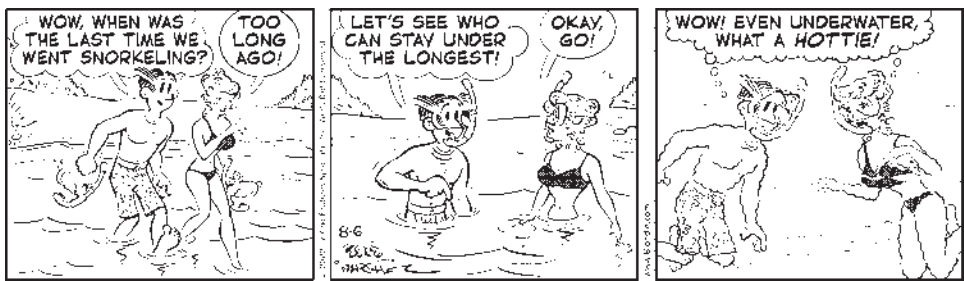
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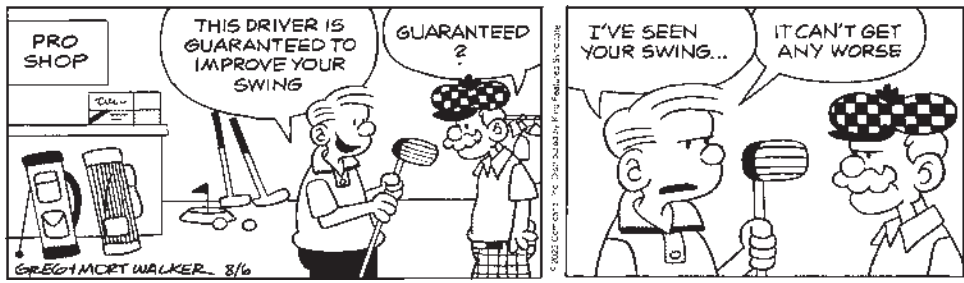
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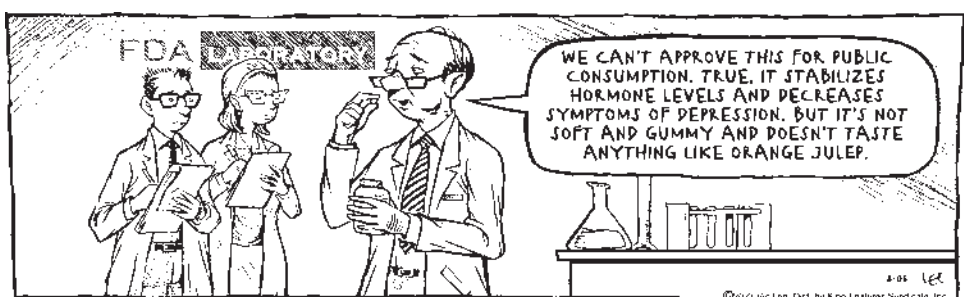
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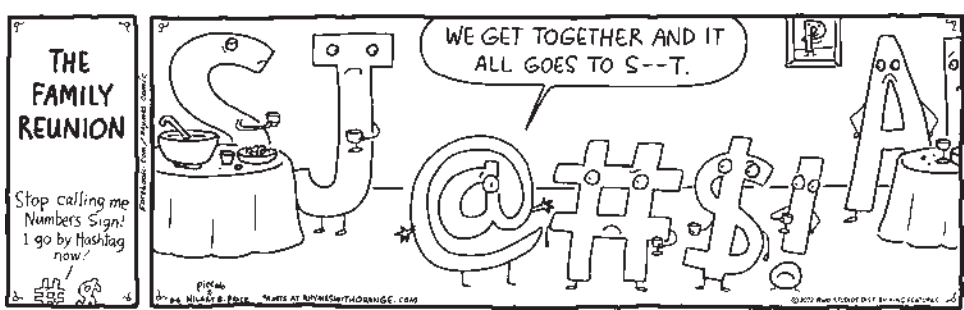
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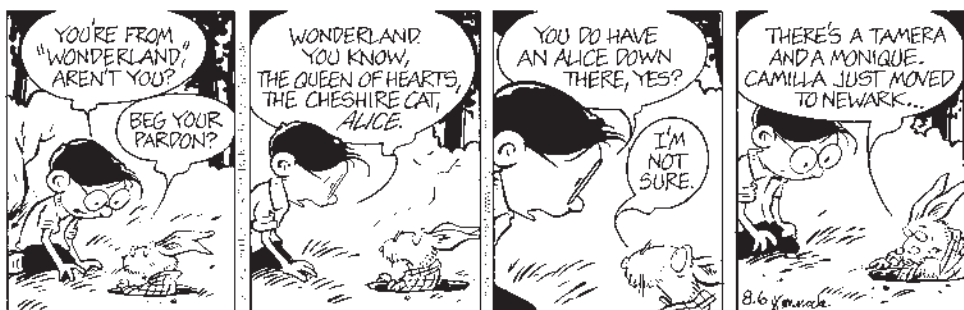
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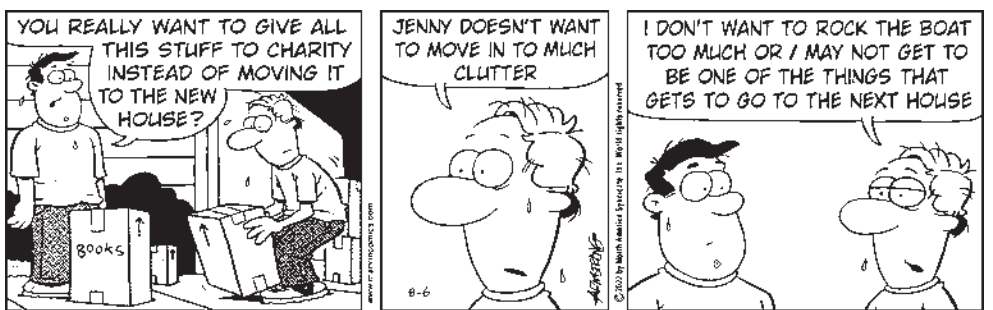
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**MARVIN**

BY TOM ARMSTRONG



**THE LOCKHORNS**

BY BUNNY HOEST & JOHN REINER



"OH NO ... I SNUCK IN A BEER THAT REQUIRES AN OPENER."

**SUDOKU**

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

**Conceptis Sudoku**

By Dave Green

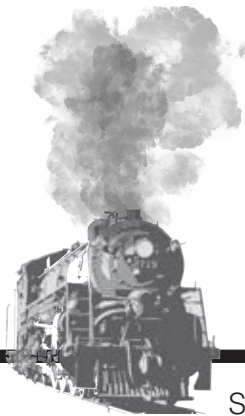
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**Answer to previous puzzle**

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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Josef Newgarden waits in the pits before an IndyCar auto race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Saturday, July 30, 2022, in Indianapolis. PHOTO BY DARRON CUMMINGS | AP PHOTO

## Rested Newgarden seeking IndyCar lead at home in Nashville

By Jenna Fryer  
AP Auto Racing Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Josef Newgarden wasn't at peak physical condition when he raced last week at Indianapolis, that much he admits. But sitting out would have crippled his championship chances, so earning the medical clearance to compete following his post-race collapse at Iowa was Newgarden's only choice. He finished fifth to maintain his hold on third place in the IndyCar standings.

"I wasn't 100% but I felt good, I felt normal in a lot of respects, but I'm trying to get myself even better," Newgarden said. "We needed to be in the race, and I was happy to be there." Next up is his home race, the second Music City Grand Prix through the downtown streets of Nashville. Newgarden was an ambassador for last year's inaugural race and the commitments admittedly stretched him thin ahead of his deflating 10th-place finish.

See INDY | 13A



Washington Commanders' Dan Snyder poses for photos during an event to unveil the NFL football team's new identity, Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022, in Landover, Md. Snyder is set to testify later Thursday morning, July 28, before a congressional committee that is investigating the NFL team's history of workplace misconduct. FILE PHOTO BY PATRICK SEMANSKY | AP PHOTO

## Column: NFL lets bad boy owners get off with slap on wrist

By Paul Newberry  
AP Sports Columnist

After Donald Sterling's racist ramblings were exposed to the world, the NBA moved quickly to banish him from the league. Sure, the forced sale of the Los Angeles Clippers made Sterling even richer, but it sent a clear signal that such behavior would not be tolerated, even from the guys with the biggest checkbooks. Then there's the NFL, which seems content to let its bad boy owners slide with nothing more than a slap on the wrist, no matter how egregious the offense. Tampering with some of the game's biggest names? Suggesting it would be a good idea to lose games

intentionally? No problem, says the league which likes to throw around the word "integrity" at every opportunity — except when it really matters. In the eyes of Commissioner Roger Goodell, some mandatory vacation time, a fine that roughly amounts to loose change in the sofa, and surrendering a couple of draft picks should be enough to smooth things over. That's exactly what Goodell imposed this week on Miami Dolphins owner Stephen Ross, whose conduct was so reckless that it wouldn't have been out of line to shove him out the door — or at least give him a gentle nudge.

See NFL | 15A



Head coach Lyndsey Talbot gives a fist bump to Lady Roadrunners freshman Tomi Lightle in a home game against Three Rivers Community College on April 19. FILE PHOTO BY BRYAN EVERSON | DEMOCRAT

## SFCC's Talbot departing for NFCA position

By Bryan Everson  
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For a pair that worked so well together, it seems appropriate that Lyndsey Talbot and Michele Rupard have both made out well in their latest respective changes in roles.

On July 28, State Fair Community College announced Talbot, the school's softball head coach, had accepted a position as Director of Innovation at the National Fastpitch Coaches Association in Louisville, Kentucky. The move to make assistant coach Rupard her successor was made official on Thursday. "It's pretty cool that both of us are kind of get-

ting our dream jobs," said Rupard, referring to Talbot taking an administrative role and herself becoming a head coach. "She's been helping me get there and it's cool she's been able to pass the torch in that way. It's the best of both worlds."

Talbot was responsible for lighting the flame of the softball program, taking charge the past six seasons since its inception. In the first three seasons, she helped steadily increase the team's win totals, leading to 2018-19 with the Lady Roadrunners' first winning record (26-24). "She didn't just lay the foundation, she built the structure, built the home," SFCC Athletic Director Darren Pannier said.



Lyndsey Talbot



Michele Rupard

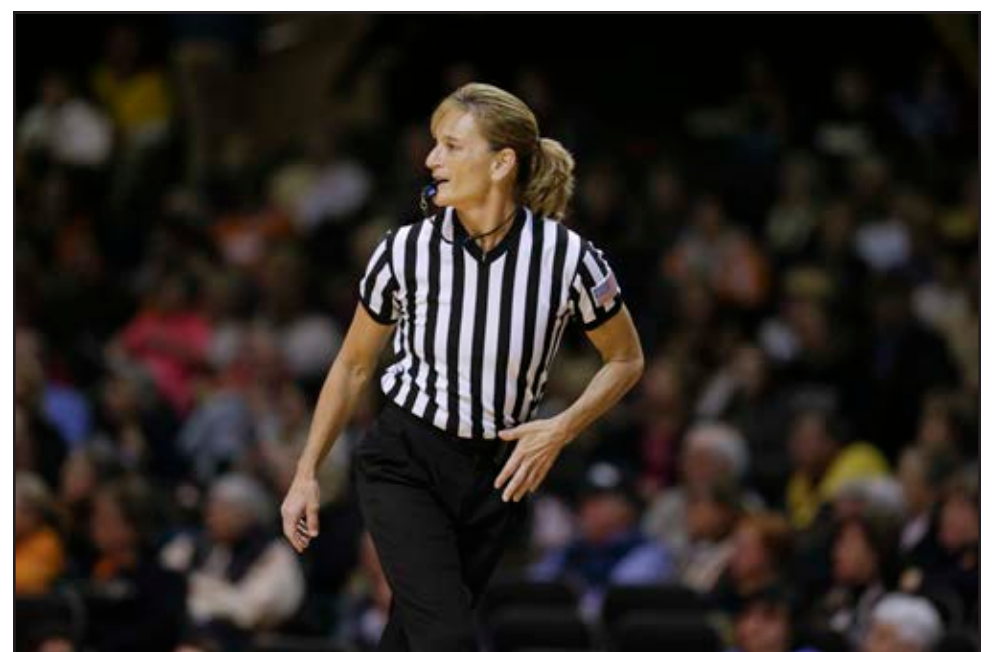
"She was a good leader in the department, and a soundboard for me as an AD. There's not enough words to express, but I'm so happy for her to move into a position she dearly loves. She's been dedicated to State Fair." Of her time there, Talbot said, "I have grown a ton. As a leader, as a

person; I obviously grew as a coach. My self-confidence and everything has blossomed through my time there." "The support throughout the athletic department and the college for the softball program has been huge; that is something I'll miss." See COACH | 12A

## NCAA hoops leagues grapple with unequal pay for women's refs

By Doug Feinberg  
AP Basketball Writer

The NCAA earned praise last year when it agreed to pay referees at its men's and women's basketball tournaments equally. The gesture only cost about \$100,000, a tiny fraction of the roughly \$900 million networks pay annually to broadcast March Madness. Now, as the NCAA examines various disparities across men's and women's sports, pressure is rising to also pay referees equally during the regular season. Two Division I conferences told The Associated Press they plan to equalize pay, and another is considering it. Others are resisting change, even though the impact on their budgets would be negligible. "The ones that are (equalizing pay) are reading the writing on the wall," said Michael Lewis, a marketing professor at Emory University's Goizueta Business School.



Referee Dee Kantner works in the second half of an NCAA college basketball game between Tennessee and Vanderbilt Monday, Jan. 5, 2015, in Nashville, Tenn. Kantner, a veteran referee of women's games who works for multiple conferences, finds it frustrating to have to justify equal pay. "If I buy an airline ticket and tell them I'm doing a women's basketball game they aren't going to charge me less," she said. FILE PHOTO BY MARK HUMPHREY | AP PHOTO

The details of NCAA referee pay are closely guarded, but The Associated Press obtained data for the 2021-22 season that show 15 of the NCAA's largest — and most

profitable -- conferences paid veteran referees for men's basketball an average of 22% more per game. That level of disparity is wider than the gender pay

gap across the U.S. economy, where women earn 82 cents for every dollar a man earns, according to the 2020 census. See REFS | 15A

# SPORTS CALENDAR

## Saturday ON AIR

### 3ICE HOCKEY

4:30 p.m. CBSSN — Week 8: Team Trottier vs. Team Murphy, Team Fuhr vs. Team Mullen, Team LeClair vs. Team Carbonneau, Nashville, Tenn.

### AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL

4 a.m. FS2 — AFL Premiership: St. Kilda at Geelong

Midnight (Sunday) FS2 — AFL Premiership: Carlton at Brisbane

### AUTO RACING

2:30 p.m. USA — NASCAR Xfinity Series: The New Holland 250, Michigan International Speedway, Brooklyn, Mich.

### BIG3 BASKETBALL

Noon CBS — Week 8: Trilogy vs. Killer 3's, Aliens vs. Power, 3 Headed Monsters vs. Tri-State, Dallas

### CFL FOOTBALL

6 p.m. ESPN2 — Hamilton at Toronto

9 p.m. ESPN2 — Edmonton at British Columbia

### GOLF

4:30 a.m. GOLF — DP World Tour: The Wales Open, Third Round, Celtic Manor Resort - Twenty Ten Course, Newport, Wales

7 a.m. USA — LPGA: The AIG Women's Open, Third Round, Muirfield, Gullane, Scotland

11 a.m. NBC — LPGA: The AIG Women's Open, Third Round, Muirfield, Gullane, Scotland

Noon GOLF — PGA Tour: The Wyndham Championship, Third Round, Sedgefield Country Club, Greensboro, N.C.

2 p.m. CBS — PGA Tour: The Wyndham Championship, Third Round, Sedgefield Country Club, Greensboro, N.C.

GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: The Shaw Charity Classic, Second Round, Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club, Calgary, Canada

5 p.m. GOLF — Korn Ferry Tour: The Utah Championship, Third Round, Oakridge Country Club, Farmington, Utah

4:30 a.m. (Sunday) GOLF — DP World Tour: The Wales Open, Final Round, Celtic Manor Resort - Twenty Ten Course, Newport, Wales

### GYMNASTICS

3 p.m. NBC — U.S. Classic: Women's and Men's Competition, Final Qualifying Event, Salt Lake City

### HORSE RACING

11:30 a.m. FS2 — NYRA: Saratoga

4 p.m. NBC — Breeders' Cup Challenge Series: The Whitney Handicap, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

### JUNIOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL

4 p.m. ESPN2 — Junior League Softball World Series: TBD, Final, Kirkland, Wash.

### MLB BASEBALL

1 p.m. FS1 — Miami at Chicago Cubs

3 p.m. MLBN — LA Angels at Seattle (Game 1)

6 p.m. FOX — Regional Coverage: Cincinnati at Milwaukee OR NY Yankees at St. Louis

6:10 p.m. BALLY KC — Boston at Kansas City

9 p.m. MLBN — San Diego at LA Dodgers (Joined in Progress)

### MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

6 p.m. ESPN — UFC Fight Night Prelims: Undercard Bouts, Las Vegas

9 p.m. ESPN — UFC Fight Night Main Card: Thiago Santos vs. Jamaral Hill (Light-Heavyweights), Las Vegas

### NFL FOOTBALL

11 a.m. ESPN — 2022 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Ceremony

NFLN — 2022 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Ceremony

### SELECT HOCKEY (MEN'S)

1 p.m. NHLN — U-18 Hlinka Gretzky Cup: TBD, Bronze-Medal Game, Red Deer, Canada

5 p.m. NHLN — U-18 Hlinka Gretzky Cup: TBD, Gold-Medal Game, Red Deer, Canada

### SENIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

3 p.m. ESPN — Senior League Baseball World Series: TBD, Final, Easley, S.C.

### SOCCER (MEN'S)

11 a.m. ABC — Bundesliga: Bayer 04 Leverkusen at Borussia Dortmund

11:30 a.m. USA — Premier League: Chelsea at Everton

2 p.m. ABC — MLS: Seattle at Atlanta United FC

7 p.m. FS1 — Liga MX: León at Monterrey

9 p.m. FS1 — Liga MX: Cruz Azul at Santos Laguna

### SOFTBALL

1:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Athletes Unlimited: Team Mulipola vs. Team Eberle, Rosemont, Ill.

### TENNIS

5 p.m. TENNIS — Washington-ATP/WTA, San Jose-WTA Semifinals; Los Cabos-ATP Final

### TRACK AND FIELD

6 a.m. CNBC — World Athletics:

U-20 Championships, Cali, Colombia (Taped)

9 a.m. CNBC — World Athletics Diamond League: The Kamila Skolimowska Memorial, Chorzów, Poland

### WNBA BASKETBALL

7 p.m. NBATV — Indiana at Dallas

9 p.m. NBATV — New York at Phoenix

### Sunday ON AIR

#### AUTO RACING

11 a.m. USA — IMSA Sports Car Championship: The Fastlane Sports-car Weekend, Road America, Plymouth, Wis.

12:30 p.m. CNBC — FIM MotoGP: The British Grand Prix, Silverstone Circuit, England (Taped)

2 p.m. USA — NASCAR Cup Series: The FireKeepers Casino 400, Michigan International Speedway, Brooklyn, Mich.

2:30 p.m. NBC — NTT IndyCar Series: The Big Machine Music City Grand Prix, Nashville, Tenn.

6 p.m. CBSSN — FIM Motocross: The MX2, Uddevalla, Sweden (Taped)

9:30 p.m. CBSSN — FIM Motocross: The MXGP, Uddevalla, Sweden (Taped)

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

Noon SECN — The Birthright For College Basketball: Israeli Select Team vs. Auburn, Tel Aviv, Israel

### FISHING

9 a.m. CBSSN — SFC: The Texas International Fishing Tournament, South Padre Island, Texas

### FITNESS

Noon CBS — The 2022 NOBULL CrossFit Games: From Madison, Wis.

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### HORSE RACING

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12:30 p.m. FS1 — NYRA: Saratoga

### INTERMEDIATE BASEBALL

8 p.m. ESPN2 — Intermediate 50/70 Baseball World Series: TBD (International vs. U.S.), Final, Livermore, Calif.

### LACROSSE (WOMEN'S)

Noon ESPNU — Athletes Unlimited: Team Johansen vs. Team Colson, Sparks Glencoe, Md.

2:30 p.m. ESPNU — Athletes Unlimited: Team Apuzzo vs. Team Moreno, Sparks Glencoe, Md.

### LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

2 p.m. ESPN — Southeast Regional: TBD, Warner Robins, Ga.

2:30 p.m. CBSSN — Perfect Game 11-U Select Festival: East vs. West, Marietta, Ga.

4 p.m. ESPN — Southwest Regional: TBD, Waco, Texas

### MLB BASEBALL

12:30 p.m. MLBN — Regional Coverage: Tampa Bay at Detroit OR Washington at Philadelphia

1:10 p.m. BALLY KC — Boston at Kansas City

1:15 p.m. BALLY MIDWEST — Yankees at St. Louis

3:30 p.m. MLBN — Regional Coverage: LA Angels at Seattle OR Colorado at Arizona (Joined in Progress)

6 p.m. ESPN — San Diego at LA Dodgers

### RODEO

11 a.m. CBS — PBR Team Series: The Outlaw Days, Game of the Week, Kansas City, Mo.

Noon CBSSN — PBR Team Series: The Outlaw Days, Day 3, Kansas City, Mo.

### SENIOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL

6 p.m. ESPN2 — Senior League Softball World Series: TBD, Final, Lower Sussex, Del.

### SOCCER (MEN'S)

4 p.m. FS2 — CPL: York United FC at Valour FC

### TENNIS

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### TRACK AND FIELD

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### WNBA BASKETBALL

Noon ABC — Connecticut at Chicago

2 p.m. ABC — Las Vegas at Seattle

# Coach

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Prior to the last four years in Sedalia, Rupard was a four-year standout as a player at Central Methodist University, helping her team to four consecutive Heart of America Conference Championships. She was a two-time NFCA All-American catcher

(2014, 2015) and the NFCA's NAIA Catcher of the Year in 2014. In 2015, she was an assistant at Metropolitan Community College, then moved to become a grad assistant for CMU the next year and became head coach of its reserve team in August 2017.

The promotion of Rupard allows for a much more seamless transition in leadership for players and incoming recruits.

"This is [Michele's] incoming class coming in, and we worked hard on getting these girls in," Talbot said. "We spent time as soon as the season ended utilizing our scholarship money from the golf tournament we do every summer, getting different types of kids in. She's going to take it and run with it. I'm super excited for her. It was a no-brainer [to promote her]."

Pannier echoed that, adding, "It's nice that she's still here to move into that position because she's very qualified to be recruited [elsewhere] and take other positions. But she stayed and has been loyal to Coach Talbot and the program."

On recruiting and the transition, Rupard said, "I haven't been in charge the past couple years, but Coach Talbot has let me take charge in certain ar-

reas, so the girls know my personality. We've developed the culture together. She's high on academics and that's carried over in my beliefs. We'll keep that high in the list of things we'll be good at, and it puts a stamp on the kids we're bringing in. I know where our standards are. We won't allow them to drop and we'll build from there."

Rupard and Talbot have been friends for close to a decade -- before being made a full-time assistant, Rupard stayed in Talbot's basement -- and Talbot coached Rupard part of her time at CMU. "She's one of my best friends," Rupard said.

It's unsurprising then that both gave nearly identical answers when asked how they contrast and compare as coaches in their styles.

"We always tell the girls we're about as polar opposite in every walk of life except in our competitiveness, that level of expectation," Talbot said. "The girls, they would call me more motherly, they didn't want to let me

down. Michele, she's good with words, where I'm more on the quiet side. She stays steady-handed, not too high or low; she kept me leveled out."

"I'll probably yell a bit more than she did, but I tend to keep...I call it speaking loudly," added Rupard. "My emotions are in check, I just want you to hear what I'm saying. I'll holler at you if I need you to listen to me."

"The hardest thing will be not working with [Lyndsey]. I think we worked really well together and our personalities balance each other out pretty well."

Talbot thanked Pannier, SFCC President Brent Bates and everyone who gave her the opportunity to lead the Lady Roadrunners. Now, she moves to a position where she'll be responsible for various educational events, membership initiatives and programming, while also serving as its liaison for the NJCAA coaches.

The now-vacant assistant job position is expected to be posted shortly.

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## HOROSCOPES

By Georgia Nicols

**Moon Alert:** Avoid shopping or important decisions from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. EDT today (4 a.m. to 10 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Scorpio into Sagittarius.

**Happy Birthday for Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022:**

You are intelligent and multitalented, as well as compassionate and benevolent to others. You are pragmatic and have the ability to fit in with all walks of life. This is a quieter, gentler year, in part because your main focus is on your closest relationships (friends, partners or spouse). Trust your intuition.

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

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

★★★★ Today is a much better day! Invite friends and family over so you can entertain at home today. Actually, you will enjoy doing something to improve your digs and perhaps show off what you've done to others. (You are very clever and creative.) It's a mellow day. Tonight: Explore!

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

★★★★ Relations with others are much happier today; nevertheless, fiery Mars is still in your sign making you aggressive and assertive when talking to others. Continue to focus on parents and domestic matters. Playful activities with kids will delight you. Be ready to go more than halfway when dealing with others today. Tonight: Check your finances.

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

★★★★ Be aware of the restrictions of the Moon Alert, because today you're in the mood to spend money! In particular, you want to buy luxurious, beautiful items. (Keep your receipts and the box.) Some of you will boost your income. Tonight: Cooperate.

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

★★★★ This is a pleasant, easygoing day dealing with others. In particular, you will enjoy the arts, entertaining diversions, sports events with family and fun, social times. You find it easy to be charming and diplomatic with everyone. (Kiss, kiss, hug, hug.) Tonight: Get organized.

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

★★★★ You have been busy because the Sun is in your sign, which empowers you. This attracts people and favorable situations to you. Nevertheless, today, you might want to take a breather and relax in beautiful surroundings. Enjoy the beauty of your home or a private hide-away. Tonight: Play!

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

★★★★ Relations with friends and groups will be warm and mutually sympathetic today, because people are genuinely interested in each other. Furthermore, a friend might be sympathetic to you and have advice, especially about dealing with clubs or organizations. (A friend might become a lover.) Tonight: Relax.

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

★★★★ You look wonderful in the eyes of others today, which is why you will impress bosses and people in power. (Some might strike up a romance with a boss.) Very likely, you will use your influence either personally or through a third-party to benefit someone in need. Tonight: Chatty times.

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

★★★★ Today you feel mellow and favorably disposed to others, which is why it will be easy for you to get along with everyone. In fact, the day begins with the Moon in your sign. It's the perfect time to discuss travel plans and creative, artistic projects. (Check the Moon Alert.) Tonight: Money talks.

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

★★★★ After the Moon Alert today, the Moon moves into your sign, which gives you a bit of good luck over all the other signs. You can test this by asking the universe for a favor. Indeed, gifts, goodies and advantages can come your way today. Tonight: You win!

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

★★★★ You will enjoy warm conversations with partners, close friends and groups today, which is why this is a great day to schmooze and be active in clubs and organizations. However, during the Moon Alert (see above), do not volunteer for anything. Wait until the alert is over. Tonight: Solitude.

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

★★★★ You are high-viz today. People notice you more than usual, and, in fact, they might be discussing personal details about your private life. (Like, what's with that?) Your interactions with co-workers will be warm and supportive today. Tonight: Set goals.

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

★★★★ You have strong feelings of escapism today. This is why you want to "get away from all this." Obviously, if you can travel, by all means, do so. However, if you are making travel plans, wait until the Moon Alert is over. Tonight: Teach someone.

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Southern California receiver Jordan Addison speaks with reporters on the school's campus in Los Angeles on Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022. Addison won the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's top receiver last season at Pitt before his high-profile transfer to the Trojans. PHOTO BY GREG BEACHAM | AP PHOTO

# WR Jordan Addison says move to USC was only about football

By Greg Beacham  
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jordan Addison said he didn't know Southern California was the school for him until the moment he set foot on campus for his recruiting visit shortly after entering the transfer portal in May.

And the Biletnikoff Award-winning receiver said anybody who thinks his decision was about anything but football really doesn't know him at all.

Addison realizes he left behind hurt feelings at Pitt, where he was the nation's most prolific receiver last season while catching 100 passes for 1,593 yards and 17 TDs. Panthers coach Pat Narduzzi has strongly suggested star players like Addison have been swayed by huge name, image and likeness deals at higher-profile schools like USC.

Addison said there's no truth to those insinuations, and they're disappointing.

"It was definitely frustrating, but I wasn't too concerned because the truth always comes to the light," Addison said while wearing his new No. 3 cardinal jersey. "I know what my focus is and my intent, so all of that

is just outside noise."

Addison is fitting in well with the Trojans, who are completely rebuilding a proud program from its worst season in 30 years. He'll also play with extra motivation after the rumbles from Pitt — and more overt insults from fans on social media.

"I definitely feel like I got drug through the mud a little bit with the media," Addison said. "But I like being the underdog, and I'm always going to come out on top. I feel like it'll be a great story at the end."

USC has put together a remarkable roster under first-year coach Lincoln Riley while recruiting extensively through the transfer portal at the same time NIL deals are rapidly changing the sport. The conjunction has led to conflict, with veiled, anonymous accusations of tampering and unfair advantages leveled at the Trojans.

Riley, Addison and other players are increasingly annoyed with the aspersions cast on their character as training camp begins Friday on campus.

"We've worked hard through our careers as coaches, my career as a

coach, to do things with integrity," Riley said last week at Pac-12 media day. "I think we've largely done that throughout my career. When someone challenges that with no facts and just only emotion, yeah, I mean, I think you take it personally. Absolutely you do."

Addison's move might have been the biggest transfer of the college football off-season if not for the move of his new quarterback, Caleb Williams, from Oklahoma to USC. Williams and Addison are both from the Washington, D.C., area, but Addison said they were no more than vague acquaintances until he chose the Trojans.

Williams' talent has been obvious in USC's offseason workouts, but Addison missed spring ball. He has participated in player-led practices this summer, and the Trojans are already impressed.

"He's a freak of nature," said running back Travis Dye, a transfer from Oregon. "That man can run like a gazelle. I'm excited to go out and watch him in pads."

Addison said he hasn't communicated with Narduzzi or former Pitt quarterback Kenny Pickett since he left. Pickett is in the NFL,

and last season's offensive coordinator and receivers coach have also left Pitt — yet Addison's decision to try another school was still framed as a betrayal by many fans.

Instead, Addison said he was attracted by the chance to play for Riley at a hopefully revitalized college powerhouse.

"Just me already knowing Lincoln's history and what he did with some great receivers, that's No. 1," Addison said. "And just to see how the change was going here and the rebuilding process. I'm just glad to be out here."

Addison even gets to wear his preferred No. 3 jersey after a conversation with Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer, who gave his blessing to unretire his former number.

Addison hasn't been to the beach or many hot spots since arriving in LA, but he met at least one celebrity: He has worked out with Marqise Lee, the USC receiver who won the Biletnikoff in 2012 before playing for the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Since he's likely only in town for one year, Addison has told his new teammates he'll make the most of it.

## Indy

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That won't be good enough Sunday for Newgarden's quest for a third IndyCar title. So he slimmed down his obligations ahead of this year's race and used several days this week to reset following his Iowa disruption.

Newgarden won the first race of the Iowa double-header last month to take the IndyCar points lead, but crashed hard the next day while leading in pursuit of the weekend sweep. The incident dropped him to third in the standings and then came a medical scare: Newgarden was cleared in the care center but then lost consciousness in the motor-home lot and hit his head.

It's believed he suffered a concussion when his head hit the pavement. That required deliberate care to ensure Newgarden would be cleared to race the road course at Indianapolis last Saturday. When that race ended, he felt "just tired."

"I was fatigued from the intense week," he said. "It wasn't so much that I was dealing with symptoms, I just wasn't 100% energy. I feel like this week, I've had

more time to rest, and I'll be more myself this weekend."

Newgarden is in a tight title fight with six drivers separated by 52 points with four races remaining. His Team Penske teammate Will Power cycled into the lead for the third time this season after Indianapolis; Newgarden, with an IndyCar-high four wins this season, is 32 points behind his teammate.

Newgarden is passionate about IndyCar in Nashville and last year packed his schedule with pre-race appearances to promote the event debut. This year he cut back to only his fourth annual ping-pong tournament for charity. About a dozen of his fellow competitors played in the Thursday afternoon tournament. Newgarden's team advanced to the final but lost.

He said the charity tournament was a priority. Newgarden, via an IndyCar bonus program, already earned a \$1 million prize this season and \$500,000 was split between two charities of his choice. The tournament also benefitted the two charities, Wags and Walks of Nashville and the SeriousFun Children's Network.

Newgarden's support has helped Wags and Walks — where Newgarden and his wife adopted one of

their dogs — break ground on its first facility that will double the amount of pets it helps save each year. Both founder Kathryn Dhall and Clea Newman, who runs the SeriousFun Children's Network that was started by her father, the late actor Paul Newman, attended the tournament.

**TRACK CHANGES**

The debut Music City Grand Prix was a mess — nine cautions that made for 33 of the 80 laps to be run under yellow — and winner Marcus Ericsson opened the race with an airborne crash he recovered from to pick up his second win of the season.

But the traffic jams, track blockage, water on the racing surface and bumpy Nashville city streets all played a part in one of the sloppiest IndyCar races in years. It's led to track tweaks ahead of Sunday's race on Nashville's 11-turn, 2.1-mile course.

Among them:

—The restart zone is now located along the long straightaway exiting the Korean War Veterans Memorial Bridge and into Turn 9. That was the starting spot last year; restarts were at the start-finish line.

Colton Herta dominated last year's entire weekend until he crashed with five laps remaining chasing

Ericsson for the win. He lauded the change.

"I think it is a good decision. It's going to be tough as the leader, I think, to get a good jump on the field, but it is a really long straight," Herta said. "It'll for sure promote some passing, I believe."

—The entrance into Turn 9 has been narrowed by 25 feet to 60 feet on the driver's left to make room for suites in front of a gas station. The change is expected to slow the corner and create a passing zone.

—The Turn 11 apex has been widened by 4 feet, which should offer a better sightline for drivers.

—The speed limit for pit lane was reduced from 45 mph to 40 mph, adding approximately three seconds to total pit lane time.

—The transitions on and off the bridge in both directions have been reprofiled and repaved to lessen the impact of the bumps. A year ago, only the asphalt on and off the bridges was repaved 20 feet after the transitions. Now it's been repaved over 125 feet to create a smoother transition over a longer distance.

—A bump in Turn 5 has been reprofiled to lessen the disturbance coming up the hill into the turnaround section of the course.



Leeds United manager Jesse Marsch applauds the fans after the English Premier League soccer match between Leicester City and Leeds United at the King Power Stadium, Leicester, England, Saturday, March 5, 2022. PHOTO BY MIKE EGERTON | PA VIA AP

## Marsch looking to put his own stamp on new-look Leeds

By The Associated Press

LEEDS, England (AP) — After a busy summer that included a slew of new signings, Leeds' American coach Jesse Marsch is hoping he has the players he needs to play his own brand of soccer.

Marsch is entering his first full season in charge of the English Premier League club after replacing the hugely popular Marcelo Bielsa in February and then helping the team narrowly avoid relegation on the final day of the campaign.

The club has lost two of its top players since then — Calvin Phillips to Manchester City and Raphinha to Barcelona — but has added seven new signings and is working on a couple of more.

"We know we lost two great players, but that has allowed us to bring in I think six, seven, eight other players that can help us even more precisely play the version of football that we want to play," Marsch said Friday ahead of the team's opening game against Wolverhampton on Saturday. "We'll use the situation to make us stronger, I really believe that."

Bielsa, Marsch's predecessor, earned cult status among the

club's fans after leading the club to promotion in 2020 and sticking to his attacking style during a successful first season in the top flight. The Argentine coach refused to change his ways, though, even as an injury-plagued Leeds leaked goals last season. The club was in 16th place when he was fired, having conceded 17 goals in its previous four games.

Marsch took a more pragmatic approach without completely abandoning Bielsa's ideas, but has had a full preseason to put his own stamp on tactics and the way the club is run.

"We have made incredible progress in the last six weeks and I think we're going to see a better version of what I would like us to be on matchday, which is exciting for me," Marsch said. "Certainly, some of the additions have been important for that, but I think also the players that have been here have now had more time to work more intensively and minutely on the details, so that we can now transform ourselves into what we want to be."

Injuries are a big concern, though, as Leeds is expected to be without seven first-team players on Saturday. So Marsch is cautious when it comes to setting targets for the new season.



Joohyung Kim from Korea putts on the ninth green during the second round of the Wyndham Championship golf tournament, Friday, Aug. 5, 2022, in Greensboro, N.C. PHOTO BY REINHOLD MATAY | AP PHOTO

## Tom Kim going places in a hurry, among leaders at Wyndham

By The Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Joohyung "Tom" Kim began the Wyndham Championship with a quadruple bogey on his first hole and wasn't the least bit bothered. The kid seems to be going places in a hurry.

Already assured a PGA Tour card for next season, Kim overcame his rough start with a 6-under 64 on Friday that gave him a share of the early lead with Brandon Wu and Ryan Moore in the final PGA Tour event of the regular season.

Kim, a 20-year-old South Korean, has to win at Sedgefield Country Club to qualify for the FedEx Cup playoffs because he will not be considered a PGA Tour member until September when the new season starts. Only a victory gives him instant membership.

He doesn't feel extra pressure to get it done. Considering where he was a

month ago, Kim is happy to be where he is.

Kim — he goes by "Tom" because of his fascination as a kid with Thomas the Tank Engine in the TV series "Thomas & Friends" — finished third in the Scottish Open, made the cut in the British Open and 3M Open, and then finished seventh last week in the Rocket Mortgage Classic.

That gave him enough points to be assured of a card next year. And as he has shown in two days, it takes a lot to stop this train.

He took eight shots for his first hole on Thursday. Since then, Kim has made 14 birdies and reached 9-under 131 along with Wu (67) and Moore (67).

John Huh, who opened with a 61, was among those who played in the afternoon.

"If you would have told me after the first hole yesterday where I'd be after two days, I definitely would have taken it, so pretty happy," Kim said.

"It's just one bad hole," he said, "Told myself, 'You know what? I've got plenty of holes to bring it back if I just play well on my next 35 holes.' And that's exactly what I did. I played better than I thought I was going to, so it's a bonus."

Moore needs a big weekend, too. Coming off a chronic back injury, nothing short of a solo second will be enough for Moore to regain his full card for next season.

He's not thinking about that as much as taking time off to rest and get his back in shape. He said there is deterioration where the rib joint meets the spine, and swinging a golf club isn't necessarily the best therapy. But he can see the finish line, and a great result this week would help with his status and confidence going forward.

As for the top 125 who qualify for the postseason?

"I'm so far out of it, it doesn't even matter at this point," he said. "I've been

dealing with this injury for a while. I know what's wrong now. I just need time to deal with it. So right now it's just trying to find a little form, a little confidence to spring me into this fall."

Rickie Fowler looks to be getting time off he doesn't want. He had three straight bogeys early in his second round and rallied for a 69. That left him at even par for the tournament and unlikely to make the cut. Fowler is the equivalent of No. 123 and most likely would fall out of the top 125, missing the postseason for the second straight year.

DIVOTS: Jason Day withdrew because of an illness. He had opened with a 67. ... Former Masters champion Danny Willett was headed for a missed cut and will finish out of the top 125.

... Players who have joined Saudi-backed LIV Golf and were suspended will not count toward the final 125 in the FedEx Cup.

## Kremlin says Griner swap must be discussed without publicity

By Vladimir Isachenkov

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — The Kremlin said Friday that it's open to talking about a possible prisoner exchange involving American basketball star Brittney Griner but strongly warned Washington against publicizing the issue.

Griner, a two-time U.S. Olympic champion and an eight-time all-star with the WNBA's Phoenix Mercury, has been detained in Russia since Feb. 17 after police at a Moscow airport said they found vape cartridges containing cannabis oil in her luggage.

A judge convicted the 31-year-old athlete Thursday of drug possession and smuggling, and sentenced her to nine years in prison. The politically charged case comes amid high tensions between Moscow and Washington over Russia's military action in Ukraine.

Asked at the White House Friday about the prospects of securing Griner's release, President Joe Biden said: "I'm hopeful ... We're working hard."

In an extraordinary move, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken spoke last week to Russian Foreign Minister Sergey

Lavrov, urging him to accept a deal under which Griner and Paul Whelan, an American jailed in Russia on espionage charges, would go free.

Lavrov and Blinken were both in Cambodia on Friday for a meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Blinken did not even glance at his Russian counterpart as they took their seats at an East Asia Summit.

Lavrov told reporters that Blinken didn't try to contact him while they were attending the ASEAN meeting.

"We were separated by just one person at the discussion table, but I didn't feel his desire to catch me. My buttons are all in place," he said when asked about Washington's statement that Blinken would try to buttonhole Lavrov for a quick interaction in Phnom Penh.

Lavrov said Moscow was "ready to discuss" a prisoner swap but that the topic should only be discussed via a dedicated Russia-U.S. channel that Biden and Russian President Vladimir Putin agreed to establish when they met in Geneva in June 2021.

"If the Americans again try to engage in public

diplomacy and make loud statements about their intention to take certain steps, it's their business, I would even say their problem," Lavrov said. "The Americans often have trouble observing agreements on calm and professional work."

In Moscow, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov made the same point more harshly, saying "the U.S. already has made mistakes, trying to solve such problems via 'microphone diplomacy.' They are not solved that way."

He, too, emphasized that any discussions on a possible trade should be held via the previously established confidential channels that Putin and Biden agree to during last year's summit.

"Such mechanisms exist, but they will be thrown into doubt if the discussion continues in the public domain," Peskov said. He said: "If we discuss any nuances related to the issue of exchange via media, no exchange will ever take place."

People familiar with the U.S. proposal have said it envisions trading Griner and Whelan for a notorious Russian arms trader, Viktor Bout. He is serving a 25-year sentence in the

U.S. after being convicted of conspiracy to kill U.S. citizens and providing aid to a terrorist organization.

The call between Blinken and Lavrov marked the highest-level known contact between Washington and Moscow since Russia sent troops into Ukraine more than five months ago, underlining the public pressure that the White House has faced to get Griner released.

Griner was arrested as she was returning to play for a team in Russia, where she has competed since 2014. Blinken said Friday that her conviction and sentence "compounds the injustice that has been done to her."

"It puts a spotlight on our very significant concern with Russia's legal system and the Russian government's use of wrongful detentions to advance its own agenda using individuals as political pawns," he said.

On Thursday, Biden denounced the Russian judge's verdict and sentence as "unacceptable" and said he would continue working to bring Griner and Whelan home.

David Rising in Phnom Penh, Cambodia contributed to this report.

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Tennessee Titans quarterback Malik Willis (7) takes part in drills during training camp at the NFL football team's practice facility Wednesday, July 27, 2022, in Nashville, Tenn.

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## Titans patient as QB Malik Willis makes jump from Liberty

By Teresa M. Walker  
AP Pro Football Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Malik Willis is experiencing some growing pains as the Tennessee Titans rookie works through his first training camp.

Willis threw a deep pass to Josh Malone for a nice connection Friday and came back by finding Mason Kinsey across the middle in coverage. Needing a touchdown to wrap up practice, Willis completed two of his first three passes before running and sliding down around the 10.

Then the rookie overthrew Reggie Roberson Jr. at the back of the end zone before being sacked on a corner blitz by Michael Griffin II as time expired.

That's OK. The Titans can be patient with Willis because Ryan Tannehill is their starter.

"It really is one day at a time. It really is," Titans

quarterbacks coach Pat O'Hara said. "And that's OK. And he's been great."

The Titans took the 6-foot-1, 219-pound Willis with the 86th pick overall out of Liberty, trading up to make him the highest-drafted quarterback by the franchise since taking Marcus Mariota at No. 2 overall in 2016. Willis threw for 2,857 yards and 27 touchdowns last season with 12 interceptions and ran for 13 TDs. For his career, he had 48 TD passes and 29 rushing.

Mariota had to start immediately.

Not only does Tennessee have Tannehill going into his 11th season, Logan Woodside has been his backup the past couple seasons. The challenge is whether Willis can progress fast enough to challenge Logan Woodside for the job backing up Tannehill. On Thursday, Willis ran the two-minute offense right after Tannehill.

Willis says he felt light years away from where he was at Tennessee's rookie minicamp in mid-May to just the start of training camp a couple weeks ago. He's processing faster what he needs to be doing on each play and feels much more comfortable running the huddle and at the line of scrimmage.

"My coach is making it real easy to just focus on what I need to focus on and let me go out there and play and have fun," Willis said.

He's also learning that fine line that a wide receiver that might appear covered well in college can make the catch in the NFL. Willis has the strong arm, but timing is everything.

"I feel like it's more when you have to throw that ball. And arm strength is not always going to save you because that waiting half a second later, it might be a PBU instead of a completion," Willis said.

## NFL

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Of course, in its version of the just-before-the-week-end news dump, the NFL brilliantly unveiled the case against Ross — and it's quite a doozy — while most fans and pundits were fixated on what's next for quarterback Deshaun Watson, who received a six-game suspension for multiple allegations of sexual misconduct during massages.

The NFL appealed, which could have sent the case to Goodell for harsher, more appropriate punishment, but he timidly handed it off to an outside arbiter.

The Watson case is bad enough. Ross' shenanigans were also worthy of outrage.

But Goodell would prefer we all just move along from a week of disturbing revelations and get to what's really important: a season that conveniently began Thursday night with the Hall of Fame exhibition game in Canton, Ohio.

Pay no attention to that man behind the curtain!

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By now, it should be crystal clear to everyone that Goodell couldn't care less about integrity as long as the league's coffers — and his own — keep growing at a rate far ahead of surging inflation.

Sure, he'll swing into action when a player who hasn't been with his team all season dares venture onto a casino app to place legal bets on NFL games. Never mind that the league has fully embraced sports gambling and has no problem cashing all the massive checks it brings in.

Calvin Ridley's wagering, which he readily admitted

to with no suggestion that it impacted games, led to his suspension for at least the 2022 season and means the Atlanta Falcons receiver has no chance to receiving his \$11.1 million salary until he's reinstated.

Compare that with Ross' case.

Goodell issued a harsh statement, singling out "violations of unprecedented scope and severity," but showed he didn't have the stomach to actually back up his words with decisive action.

Sure, the Dolphins will be hurt by the loss of a first-round pick next year and a third-round pick in 2024, but the remainder of the sanctions were laughable.

Ross was fined \$1.5 million, which is roughly 0.018% of his estimated net worth of \$8.2 billion and a blip compared to the salary Ridley isn't receiving. Ross also was suspended from his team through Oct. 17, meaning he won't be around for the first six games of the regular season — at least 11 games fewer than Ridley's banishment.

Somehow, Goodell was able to justify the disparity of his punishments — maybe because his mind is filled with nothing but dollar signs — even though the league determined Ross improperly negotiated with seven-time Super Bowl winner Tom Brady and former New Orleans Saints coach Sean Payton while they were working for other teams.

"I know of no prior instance of a team violating the prohibition on tampering with both a head coach and star player, to the potential detriment of multiple other clubs, over a period of several years," Goodell said. "Similarly, I know of no prior instance in which ownership was so directly involved in the violations."

The league's investigation, which grew out of former Dolphins coach Brian Flores filing a racial discrimination lawsuit after his firing, was more vague about Flores' accusations that Ross offered him \$100,000 per game to intentionally lose so Miami would get a better spot in the draft.

While the league found that Ross never followed through on the alleged offer, he did express several times that draft position should take priority over won-loss record.

Goodell — remember, he's the guy who was so concerned with the integrity of the game in Ridley's case — appears to have totally brushed off Ross' clear belief that tanking wasn't a bad thing, comments that so disturbed Flores he passed them on in writing to senior team executives.

Flores, now an assistant with the Pittsburgh Steelers, noted that Ross avoided "any meaningful consequence" even though — and it sounded like he was mocking Goodell here — "there is nothing more important when it comes to the game of football itself than the integrity of the game."

Of course, Flores and anyone else who has paid of lick of attention to the Goodell regime should have known that Ross would get away with it.

Look no further than Washington owner Dan Snyder, who has faced numerous allegations of a toxic workplace environment without facing any significant punishment.

In a league that truly embraced integrity, Snyder would already be out the door and Ross wouldn't be far behind.

But Goodell is sending a different message.

Are you ready for some football?!

## Refs

From Page 11A

And it is an overwhelming disadvantage for women, who make up less than 1% of the referees officiating men's games.

Dawn Staley, the head coach for the University of South Carolina Gamecocks — the women's national champions — said referees on the men's side should be "stepping up" and advocating for equal pay for women's referees. "They don't do anything different," she said. "Why should our officials get paid less for taking the (expletive) we give them?"

The people who provided AP with data for nearly half of the NCAA's 32 Division I conferences have direct knowledge of pay scales, and they did so on condition of anonymity because the information is considered private.

The Northeast Conference had the widest per-game pay disparity among the NCAA leagues AP analyzed, with the most experienced referees for men's games earning 48% more. The Atlantic-10 paid veteran men's refs 44% more, while the Colonial Athletic Association paid them 38% more. (Only the Ivy League paid veteran officials equally in the data AP reviewed.)

Of the conferences with unequal pay contacted by AP, two -- the Pac-12 and the Northeast Conference — said they plan to level the playing field starting next season. A third, the Patriot League, which had a 33% pay gap last year, said it is reviewing equity for officials in all sports. "Pay is part of that," commissioner Jennifer Heppel said.

The Pac-12 paid referees equally a decade ago, but allowed a disparity to build over time, according to associate commissioner Teresa Gould. She said returning to equal pay is "the right thing to do."

NEC commissioner Noreen Morris said the decision to equalize pay was an easy one to make once it realized that basketball was the only sport where it was not compensating referees equally.

Relative to the amounts of money these leagues generate, the cost of bridging the pay gap can seem small.

For example, the SEC paid referees for men's games 10%, or \$350, more than those officiating women's games. Over the course of a season, it would cost the SEC a

couple hundred thousand dollars to pay them equally -- a sliver of the \$3 billion deal it signed with ESPN to broadcast all of its sports starting in 2024.

The most experienced Division I referees — for men's or women's games — are well paid. Some earn more than \$150,000 in a season, officiating dozens of games across multiple conferences. Newer referees earn far less, supplementing income from another job.

All NCAA referees are independent contractors, with no union representing their interests, and all have to cover their own travel expenses.

The busiest referees can work five or six games a week in different cities, running up and down the court for 40 minutes one night, getting a few hours of sleep, and then waking up at 4 a.m. to catch a flight to their next destination.

Dee Kantner, a veteran referee of women's games who works for multiple conferences, finds it frustrating to have to justify equal pay.

"If I buy an airline ticket and tell them I'm doing a women's basketball game they aren't going to charge me less," she said.

"Do you value women's basketball that much less?" Kantner said. "How are we rationalizing this still?"

Several conference commissioners said the men's and women's games do not generate equal amounts of revenue, and that the level of play is not equal, and so referee salaries are set accordingly.

"Historically we have treated each referee pool as a separate market," said Big East Commissioner Val Ackerman. "We paid rates that allow us to be competitive for services at our level. I think the leagues are entitled to look at different factors here. I don't see it as an equity issue — I see it as a market issue."

The Big East pays referees working its men's games 22% more, and Ackerman said there is no imminent plan to make a change.

Atlantic-10 Commissioner Bernadette McGlade said the market-based approach is what enables her to offer some of the highest per-game rates across the NCAA. "We get the most experienced, most qualified officials in the country," she said.

Veteran referees officiating in the Atlantic-10 are paid \$3,300 for men's games, compared with \$2,300 for women's games, according to data reviewed by AP. Seven other conferences had higher per-game rates — and narrower gender gaps — last year, the data show.

Of the roughly 800 referees officiating women's basketball this past season, 43% were female, a proportion that's been relatively consistent over the past decade. But just six women officiated men's games last year — a number that has slowly grown over the last few years.

Penny Davis, the NCAA's supervisor of officials, said conferences are trying to recruit more women to officiate men's games, which is another way to help bridge the gender pay gap.

But Davis says she would hate to see even fewer women refereeing women's basketball. "We don't want to lose our best and brightest," she said.

A decade ago, referees working the men's and women's NCAA Tournament were paid equally. But as the profitability of the men's tournament skyrocketed, its budget grew too -- and so did pay for referees.

Both McGlade and Ackerman praised the NCAA for restoring equal pay at the March tournaments. "We're mindful of what the NCAA did for the tournament," Ackerman said. "NCAA Tournament games are closer but not entirely a common officiating experience."

Ivy League executive director Robin Harris disagrees. "We decided a while ago that it was the right thing to do to pay them the same amount. They are doing the same job."

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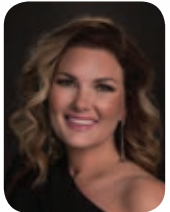

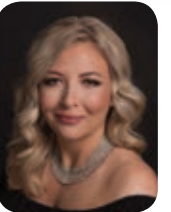



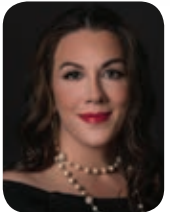
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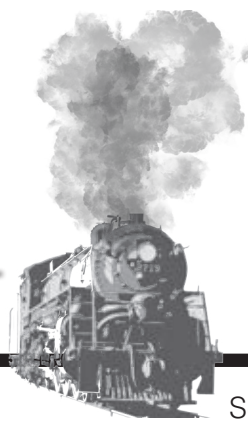
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## Trying to use time more wisely

The pas-

sage of time is a funny thing. For example, this week feels like it has dragged on for two, but it also seems like it hasn't been a year since I announced I was starting a weekly column in the Democrat. Yet, my calendar shows there have only been five days this week and that the first week of August marks one year of this column. Somehow those two time periods don't seem to fit into my brain, but here we are.



**Nicole Cooke**  
Democrat Editor

This summer has flown by. It's hard to believe that campers are already in town and the Opening Day of the Missouri State Fair is less than a week away. For me, that also means the arrival of recruitment for Sigma Kappa at the University of Central Missouri and the departure of our two UCM news interns at the Democrat and Star-Journal. Students in the Sedalia School District 200 and the Kaysinger Conference will start classes by the end of the month.

And then, before you know it, it'll be fall, which means football and Thanksgiving and my boyfriend's niece's first birthday, which just feels impossible. That also means one year in our new home, which we almost can't call "new" anymore. We've talked about hosting a housewarming party, but then I realized we're now closer to a one-year-in-our-house party rather than a housewarming.

Over the past year, this column space has been varied — and absent my name a few more times than I'd like to admit due to my poor time management skills. I've tried to share some insights into our newsroom operations and my opinion on current events, plus some random rambblings that were probably the product of a lack of ideas that particular week. A few columns offered a look into my personal life. I've had fewer interview-based columns than I had hoped, but I did my best while trying to juggle two newsrooms and my regular life outside of the office.

I've received complaints, criticisms and compliments on my weekly column, almost all of which were appreciated.

I now have a year of column writing under my belt, plus a handful of columns I had written in the years prior, and I'm not sure I can say I'm any better or worse than when I started in August 2021.

When you look back at the past year as a series of columns or items on a packed calendar, life seems both fast and slow. As I said at the beginning, this week has been so slow for no other reason than I have two big things to anticipate this month — recruitment and the state fair — that will make life more interesting, and chaotic, than this average week stuck in the middle of the year. But, I've learned that's a bad habit of mine: anticipating what will happen next rather than what's happening right now. It makes me miss the here and now and all the little moments that happen between those big events.

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Leola One Feather, left, of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in South Dakota, observes as John Willis photographs Native American artifacts on July 19, 2022, at the Founders Museum in Barre, Massachusetts. The private museum, which is housed in the town library, is working to repatriate as many as 200 items believed to have been taken from Native Americans massacred by U.S. soldiers at Wounded Knee Creek in 1890. Willis is photographing the items for documentation, ahead of their expected return to the tribe.

# Wounded Knee artifacts

## highlight slow pace of repatriations

By Philip Marcelo | Associated Press

PHOTOS BY PHILIP MARCELO

One by one, items purportedly taken from Native Americans massacred at Wounded Knee Creek emerged from the dark, cluttered display cases where they've sat for more than a century in a museum in rural Massachusetts.

Moccasins, necklaces, clothing, ceremonial pipes, tools and other objects were carefully laid out on white backgrounds as a photographer dutifully snapped pictures under bright studio lights.

It was a key step in returning scores of items displayed at the Founders Museum in Barre to tribes in South Dakota that have sought them since the 1990s.

"This is real personal," said Leola One Feather, of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, as she observed the process as part of a two-person tribal delegation last week. "It may be sad for them to lose these items, but it's even sadder for us because we've been looking for them for so long."

Recent efforts to repatriate human remains and other culturally significant items such as those at the Founders Museum represent significant and solemn moments for tribes. But they also underscore the slow



Leola One Feather, right, of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in South Dakota, lines up a grouping as John Willis photographs, left, Native American artifacts on July 19, 2022, at the Founders Museum in Barre, Massachusetts.

pace and the monumental task at hand.

Some 870,000 Native American artifacts — including nearly 110,000 human remains — that should be returned to tribes under federal law are still in the possession of colleges, museums and other institutions across the country, according to an Associated Press review of data maintained by the Nation-

al Park Service.

The University of California, Berkeley tops the list, followed closely by the Ohio History Connection, the state's historical society. State museums and universities in Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Alabama, Illinois and Kansas as well as Harvard University round out the other top institutions.

And that's not even counting

items held by private institutions such as the Founders Museum, which maintains it does not receive federal funds and therefore doesn't fall under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, or NAGPRA, the 1990 law governing the return of tribal objects by institutions receiving federal money.

"They've had more than three decades," says Shannon O'Loughlin, chief executive of the Association on American Indian Affairs, a national group that assists tribes with repatriations. "The time for talk is over. Enough reports and studying. It's time to repatriate."

Museum officials say they've stepped up efforts with added funding and staff, but continue to struggle with identifying artifacts collected during archaeology's early years. They also say federal regulations governing repatriations remain time-consuming and cumbersome.

Dan Mogulof, an assistant vice chancellor at UC Berkeley, says the university is committed to repatriating the entire 123,000 artifacts in question "in the coming years at a pace that works for tribes."

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Leola One Feather, right, of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in South Dakota, talks with Jeffrey Not Help Him, left, also an Oglala Sioux tribe member, while Native American artifacts are photographed on July 19, 2022, at the Founders Museum in Barre, Massachusetts.

## NEW BOOKS

### Sedalia Public Library Fiction

"Remember Love," by Mary Balogh.  
 "Things We Do in the Dark," by Jennifer Hillier.  
 "The Bodyguard," by Katherine Center.  
 "The Birdcage," by Eve Chase.  
 "The Retreat," by Sarah Pearse.  
 "Aura of Night," by Heather Graham.  
 "The New Neighbor," by Karen Cleveland.

"Edge of Dusk," by Colleen Coble.

### Nonfiction

"Cults: Inside the World's Most Notorious Groups & Understanding the People Who Join Them," by Max Cutler.  
 "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families: Creating a Nurturing Family in a Turbulent World," by Stephen R. Covey.

### New DVDs

"The Lost City."

## POPULAR BOOKS

### Boonslick Regional Library Fiction

"The 6:20 Man," by David Baldacci  
 "Master of Furies," by Raymond E. Feist  
 "After the Hurricanes," by Leah Franqui  
 "Aura of Night," by Heather Graham  
 "Armored," by Mark Greaney  
 "The Big Dark Sky," by Dean R. Koontz  
 "December '41," by William Martin  
 "Confidence," by Denise Mina  
 "Acts of Violet," by Margarita Montimore  
 "Portrait of an Unknown Woman," by Daniel Silva

### Nonfiction

"The Self-healing Mind: An Essential Five-Step Practice for

Overcoming Anxiety and Depression, and Revitalizing Your Life," by Gregory Scott Brown

"Somewhere We Are Human: Authentic Voices on Migration, Survival, and New Beginnings," by Reyna Grande and Sonia Guinansaca

"The Pope at Ware: The Secret History of Pius XII, Mussolini and Hitler," by David I. Kertzer

"Proving Ground: The Untold Story of the Six Women Who Programmed the World's First Modern Computer," by Kathy Kleiman

"The Divorce Colony: How Women Revolutionized Marriage and Found Freedom on the American Frontier," by April White

## BRL2GO SCHEDULE

### Boonslick Regional Library Monday

9:30 to 11:45 a.m.:  
 Fristoe - The Place Café  
 1:15 to 3:45 p.m.:  
 Warsaw - Drake Harbor

### Wednesday

9:30 a.m. to noon:

Warsaw - Walmart  
 1:30 to 3:45 p.m.:  
 Warsaw - Drake Harbor  
**Friday**  
 9:30 to 11:45 a.m.:  
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 1:15 to 3:45 p.m.:  
 Prairie Home

## BIRTHDAYS

### Hawkins

Ruth Hawkins will observe her 92nd birthday Aug. 12.

She was born on Aug. 1, 1930, in Sedalia.

Before retiring, Ruth worked in the restaurant business.

Ruth has two children, Keith, of Palm Desert, California, and Jack, of Reno, Nevada.

Birthdays may be sent to Ruth at Sylvia G. Thompson Residence Center, 3333 W. 10th St., Sedalia, Mo. 65301.

## 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 vol-

unteers. Meals cost \$3. For more information on receiving meals or becoming a volunteer, call 660-826-5039.

Meals will be delivered by Wesley Methodist Church.

**Monday:** Chick-

en and noodles, green beans, apple-sauce and milk.

**Tuesday:** Meatloaf, posh potatoes, tomato and cucumber salad, cookie and milk.

**Wednesday:** Pulled pork on bun, cottage cheese, potato chips,

banana and milk.

**Thursday:** Ham and beans, cornbread, salad, tropical fruit and milk.

**Friday:** Pork fritter on bun, macaroni salad, baked beans, orange and milk.

## DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted divorces in Pettis County Circuit Court:

Juana Rubio Herrera and Jesus Jeronimo Alcantar;

Hailey I. Morgan and Dillion M. Morgan;  
 Trey C. Husk and Jesmi M. Husk;  
 Elizabeth S. Butterbaugh and Shawn P. Butterbaugh.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

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

Timothy Clayton Caldwell, 24, and Carollyn Tamara Nicole Lange, 21, both of Sedalia;  
 Braxton Cole

Bridges, 27, Cherri Lee Apel, 27, both of Sedalia;

Rexford Alan Walters, 25, and Taylor Mackenzie Beebe, 23, both of Sedalia;

Ervin Victoriano Sanchez Bravo, 27, of Kansas City, and Stephanie Ann Morris,

40, of Sedalia;  
 Deanna Marie Lynn Atkinson, 30, and Michaelle Joann Kopp, 32, both of Sedalia;

Jeffrey Isaiah Wheeler, 28, and Elizabeth Dawn Sykes, 23, both of Green Ridge;

Vitaliy Sergey Izoita, 21, of Sedalia, Vicky

Victoria Bosovyk, 20, of Damascus, Oregon;

Daniel Scott Williams, 37, and Julissa Dawnanna Davis, 33, both of Green Ridge;

Aaron Matthew Anderson, 46, and Teagan Elizabeth Vance, 18, both of Chillicothe.

## 'Stray': How a virtual orange tabby is helping real cats

By Thalia Beaty

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The virtual cat hero from the new video game sensation "Stray" doesn't just wind along rusted pipes, leap over unidentified sludge and decode clues in a seemingly abandoned city. The daring orange tabby is helping real world cats as well.

Thanks to online fundraising platforms, gamers are playing "Stray" while streaming live for audiences to raise money for animal shelters and other cat-related charities. Annapurna Interactive, the game's publisher, also promoted "Stray" by offering two cat rescue and adoption agencies copies of the game to raffle off and renting out a New York cat cafe.

Livestreaming game play for charity isn't new, but the resonance "Stray" quickly found from cat lovers is unusual. It was the fourth most watched and broadcast game on the day it launched on Twitch, the streaming platform said.

Viewers watch as players navigate the adventurous feline through an aging industrial landscape doing normal cat stuff — balancing on railings, walking on keyboards and knocking things off shelves — to solve puzzles and evade enemies.

About 80% of the game's



In this image provided by Annapurna Interactive, art from the "Stray" video game, developed by BlueTwelve Studio and released on July 19, 2022, is seen. The virtual cat hero from the new video game sensation "Stray" doesn't just wind along rusted pipes, leap over unidentified sludge and decode clues in a seemingly abandoned city. The popular game has resonated with cat lovers and some of them are using the game to raise money for real cats.

PHOTO BY ANNAPURNA INTERACTIVE VIA AP

development team are "cat owners and cat lovers" and a real-life orange stray as well as their own cats helped inspire the game, one creator said.

"I certainly hope that maybe some people will be inspired to help actual strays in real life — knowing that having an animal and a companion is a responsibility," said producer Swann Martin-Raget, of the BlueTwelve gaming studio in Montpellier, in southern France.

When Annapurna Interactive reached out to the Nebraska Humane Society to partner before the game's launch on July 19, they jumped at the chance, marketing specialist Brendan Gepson said.

"The whole game and the whole culture around the game, it's all about a love of cats," Gepson said. "It meshed really well with the shelter and our mission."

The shelter got four copies of the game to give away and solicited donations for \$5 to be entered into a raffle to win one. In a week, they raised \$7,000, Gepson said, with the vast majority of the 550 donors being new to them, including people donating from Germany and Malta. The company also donated \$1,035 to the shelter.

"It was really mutually beneficial," Gepson said. "They got some really good PR out of it and we got a whole new donor base out of it."

Annapurna also bought out Meow Parlour, the New York cat cafe and adoption agency, for a weekend, as well as donating \$1,000. Visitors who made reser-

vations could buy "Stray" themed merchandise and play the game for 20 minutes while surrounded by cats. (The game also captivates cats, videos on social media show.)

Jeff Legaspi, Annapurna Interactive's marketing director, said it made sense for the game's launch to do something "positively impactful and hopefully bring more awareness to adopting and not shopping for a new pet."

Annapurna declined to disclose sales or download figures for the game, which is available on PlayStation and the Steam platform. However, according to Steam monitor SteamDB, "Stray" has been the No. 1 purchased game for the past two weeks.

North Shore Animal League America, which rescues tens of thousands of animals each year, said it hadn't seen any increase in traffic from the game but they did receive more than \$800 thanks to a gamer.

In a happy coincidence, the shelter had just set up a profile on the platform Tiltify, which allows nonprofits to receive donations from video streams, the week the game launched. The player channeled donations to the shelter, smashing her initial goal of \$200.

"We are seeing Tiltify and livestreaming as this whole new way for us to engage a whole different audience," said Carol Marchesano, the rescue's senior digital marketing director. Usually, though, organizations need to reach out to online personalities to coordinate livestreams, which can take a lot of

work, she said.

About nine campaigns on Tiltify mention the game "Stray," the company's CEO Michael Wasserman said. JustGiving, which also facilitates charity livestreams, said it identified two campaigns with the game.

For his part, Gepson from Nebraska reached out to an Omaha resident who goes by the name TreyDay1014 online to run a charity livestream. Trey, who asked that his last name not be used, has two cats, one of which he adopted from the shelter. Last week, he narrated to viewers watching live on the platform Twitch as his cat character batted another cat's tail and danced along railings.

"If I found out my cat was outside doing this, I'd be upset," Trey said, as his character jumped across a perilous distance. Moments later, a rusty pipe broke, sending the tabby down a gut-wrenching plunge into the darkness.

"That is a poor baby," Trey said somberly, "but we are okay."

A \$25 donation followed the fall, pushing the amount raised by Trey for the Nebraska shelter to over \$100 in about 30 minutes. By the end of four and a half hours of play, donations totaled \$1,500. His goal had been to raise \$200.

"This has opened my eyes to being able to use this platform for a lot more good than just playing video games," Trey said.

AP business writer Matt O'Brien contributed to this report.

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# Community Calendar AUGUST

**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](mailto:fbemiss@sedaliademocrat.com) or call 660-826-1000 ext. 1481.

## SUNDAY

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

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

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

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.

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

1:45 p.m.: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 0102 Sedalia

meets at the Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St., in the lower level meeting room. All are welcome to attend. The first meeting is always free. Call 660-525-4142.

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; large group meeting at 7 p.m.; small groups at 8 p.m. Meal and child care provided; Cornerstone Baptist Church, 660-827-4833.

6 p.m.: Smithton Senior Citizens Group Pitch and Pool, Smithton Senior Center on Washington Street.

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, are meeting in-person rehearsals at Wesley United Methodist Church basement, 1322 West Broadway Blvd. All women who like to sing are welcome. For more information, call 660-851-2205.

7 p.m.: AI Anon, at 417 W. Pettis. For more information, call 660-473-0855

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

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

## TUESDAY

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

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

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

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 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.

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 second and fourth Wednesdays at the Heard Memorial Club House, 200 W Broadway. Visitors are always welcome. [Sorosis.TheHeard-House@gmail.com](mailto:Sorosis.TheHeard-House@gmail.com)

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.

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.

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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Post, 121 S. Ohio Ave.

## FRIDAY

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

8 to 11 a.m.: All-you-can-eat breakfast, American Legion Post 642, 2016 W. Main St. Cost is \$6.

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 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.: 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 a.m.: Pettis County Democrat Breakfast Club, pancake breakfast, at FCS office, 2600 S. Limit Ave.

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.

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# Tribes

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In January, the university repatriated the remains of at least 20 victims of the Indian Island Massacre of 1860 to the Wiyot Tribe in Humboldt County, California. But its Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology still holds more than 9,000 sets of ancestral remains, mainly from Bay-area tribes.

"We acknowledge the great harm and pain we have caused Native American people," Mogulof said. "Our work will not be complete until all of the ancestors are home."

At the Ohio History Connection, officials are working to create an inter-tribal burial ground to help bury ancestral remains for tribes forced to move from Ohio as the nation expanded, says Alex Wesaw, the organization's director of American Indian relations.

The institution took similar steps in 2016 when it established a cemetery in northeast Ohio for the Delaware tribes of Oklahoma to re-bury nearly 90 ancestors who had been stored for centuries in museums in Pennsylvania.

Complicating matters, some of its more than 7,000 ancestral remains and 110,000 objects are thousands of years old, making it difficult to determine which modern-day tribe or tribes they should be returned to, Wesaw said.

At the Founders Museum, some 70 miles (112 kilometers) west of Boston, among the challenges has been determining what's truly from the Wounded Knee Massacre, says Ann Meilus, the museum's board president.

Some tribe members maintain as many as 200 items are from massacre victims, but Meilus said museum officials believe



**Leola One Feather, of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in South Dakota, stands outside the Woods Memorial Library on July 19, 2022, in Barre, Massachusetts. The library houses the Founders Museum, a private museum that is working to repatriate as many as 200 items believed to have been taken from Native Americans massacred by U.S. soldiers at Wounded Knee Creek in 1890. One Feather was among the tribe members overseeing the documentation of the items ahead of their expected return.**

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its less than a dozen, based on discussions with a tribe member more than a decade ago.

The collection was donated by Barre native Frank Root, a 19th century traveling showman who claimed he'd acquired the objects from a man tasked with digging mass graves following the massacre.

Among the macabre collection was a lock of hair reportedly cut from the scalp of Chief Spotted Elk, which the museum returned to one of the Lakota Sioux leader's descendants in 1999. It also includes a "ghost shirt," a sacred garment that some tribe members tragically believed could make them bullet-

proof.

"He sort of exaggerated things," Meilus said of Root. "In reality, we're not sure if any of the items were from Wounded Knee."

More than 200 men, women, children and elderly people were killed on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in 1890 in one of the country's worst massacres

of Native Americans. The killings marked a seminal moment in the frontier battles the U.S. Army waged against tribes.

The U.S. Department of Interior recently proposed changes to the federal repatriation process that lay out more precise deadlines, clearer definitions and heftier penalties for noncompli-

ance.

Tribe leaders say those steps are long overdue, but don't address other fundamental problems, such as inadequate federal funding for tribes to do repatriation work.

Many tribes also still object to requirements that they explain the cultural significance of an item sought for repatriation, including how they're used in tribal ceremonies, says Brian Vallo, a former governor of the Pueblo of Acoma in New Mexico who was involved in the 2020 repatriation of 20 ancestors from the National Museum of Finland and their re-burial at Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado.

"That knowledge is only for us," he said. "It's not ever shared."

Stacy Laravie, the historic preservation officer for the Ponca Tribe in Nebraska, is optimistic museum leaders are sincere in seeking to rectify the past, in the wake of the national reckoning on racism that's reverberated through the country in recent years.

Last month, she traveled with a tribal delegation to Harvard to receive the tomahawk of her ancestor, the Native American civil rights leader Chief Standing Bear. She's also working with the university's Peabody Museum to potentially repatriate other items significant to her tribe.

"We're playing catch up from decades of things getting thrown under the rug," Laravie said. "But I do believe their hearts are in the right place."

Back at the Founders Museum, Jeffrey Not Help Him, an Oglala Sioux member whose family survived the Wounded Knee Massacre, hopes the items could return home this fall, as the museum has suggested.

"We look forward to putting them in a good place," Not Help Him said. "A place of honor."

## 'Amber Brown' springs to TV under Bonnie Hunt's sure hand

By Lynn Elber

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bonnie Hunt's approach to comedy deserves a patent. She's drolly forthright but reliably good-hearted, and gives viewers credit for their intelligence as demonstrated by pretty much everything she's acted in, written or both.

What Hunt has done for adults in projects such as "Jerry Maguire," "Dave" and TV's "Life with Bonnie," she now generously extends to children — and the grownups who love them — with "Amber Brown."

Based on the mop-topped character created by Paula Danziger in a bestselling line of books, the new Apple TV+ series out Friday with 10 episodes was written and directed by Hunt, who's also in charge as the showrunner.

While she's acted and voiced parts in kid-oriented movies including "Jumanji" and the "Toy Story" and "Cars" franchises, "Amber Brown" is the first such project that's hers. But Hunt says she's always envisioned a family audience when she writes and considers storytelling a privilege.

"I grew up on TV and movies and I know how powerful it can be as a child," she said. "When I would see my parents watch something like 'The Mary Tyler Moore Show' or 'The Dick Van Dyke Show'....they were just in those moments, free of stress and worry and just laughing."

Family is key for Hunt, a former oncology nurse. She's a devoted aunt to a large brood of nieces and nephews, and credits her mom with nudging her to write something for children. Alice Hunt, who died last November at age 95, became familiar to TV viewers with her weekly video visits from Chicago to Hunt's 2008-10 syndicated talk show.

"Mom's in everything I write, all her humor, wisdom. My mom raised seven kids in the city with no help" after early

widowhood, Hunt said. "I think all my siblings are good, kind, decent people, and that's a pretty big accomplishment. I always told her that."

Hunt had begun writing a series about an eccentric aunt when she ran into an executive with a production company that had the rights to the Amber Brown books. They joined forces, and Hunt was introduced to the family of the late author, who died in 2004 at age 59.

"When we met, Bonnie seemed like a great fit to fill Paula's very large (and sequined) shoes," Carrie Danziger, the author's niece and inspiration for the Amber books, said in an email. "Just like Paula, Bonnie is a very dedicated and loving aunt" and has the comedy know-how to capture the books' spirit.

Hunt made changes (with the family's blessing, she notes) that soften some of the harsher edges of Amber's life. The youngster still yearns for her divorced parents to reunite, but their relationship is less bitter than on the page and they're somewhat more attuned to their daughter's feelings.

Amber is two years older than her 9-year-old book version and is starting middle school. She's also a budding artist, "almost a savant," as Hunt puts it, expressing her deepest feelings in vibrant sketches that come to animated life and show what she can't tell.

"But she also has a video diary, so we have what she can say out loud and what she can't," Hunt said. The combination gives the show a fresh look, but there's a deliberate effort to avoid the overly hip and hyper tone of many tween programs.

"I wanted a little bit of that 'Andy Griffith' quality that I can still watch today over and over again, the timelessness of it, the pacing of it, the heart and soul, and the humor that comes from the truth," she said.

Race isn't a theme in the series, but Amber's family is multiethnic and the

cast is diverse. Her dad is played by Michael Yo, who is of Black and Asian ancestry, with Sarah Drew ("Grey's Anatomy") as her mom. Carsyn Rose, who boasts an exuberant crown of curls, stars as Amber, who in the books is depicted as a freckle-faced, white kid with a mass of red hair.

When the casting call went out to agents, Hunt said, the characters were identified only as "mom, dad, friend" and without further description. In Rose's audition, she showed "such a beautiful quality, very authentic," and Hunt was later impressed by Drew and Yo.

"They became the family," Hunt said.

With the entertainment industry finally opening up to diversity and inclusion, "now I just want to show it. I don't want to tell it," Hunt said. "It just is, because it's beautiful and it's part of us."

Hunt writes steadily and does voice acting but has been largely off screen in recent years, save for a few scattered roles such as in the miniseries "Escape at Dannemora." She's made spending time with her family circle a priority, and lived with her mom in Chicago during the pandemic and until her final days.

Hunt yearns to embrace acting again, and those familiar with her work know she brings even a small role or single line to life. That includes the cynical sister to Renée Zellweger in "Jerry Maguire" or a commanding White House tour guide ("We're walking. We're walking. We're stopping," a line Hunt improvised) in the satire "Dave."

But even a youthful-looking actor knows that roles are hard to come by in middle age, especially when you're a woman.

"I really miss acting," she said. "It would be nice if the right thing came along, a great storyteller who'd write something for me. I'd love it."

## Cooke Column

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In the past month, I've had more friends, Facebook and real, experience loss than I've noticed in a long time. Several lost pets, a few lost grandparents, multiple lost a parent and another lost a spouse. Each one was different and full of grief for their own specific reasons. We've also processed countless obituaries this week at the Democrat. They tend to come in waves, and it seems we're currently experiencing a tidal wave.

And that's not to mention the losses I didn't hear about, and the losses that weren't of a loved one but rather the loss of a job or important plans. A few had health setbacks.

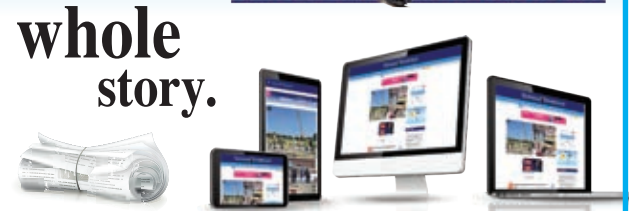
Reading each of those grief-stricken posts, emails, and texts made me feel sorrow for their loss and renewed gratitude for the

health and safety of my loved ones, but it also made me think about time. The finite time we have with any given person in our lives. The time we have in our own lives. The time that seems to pass so slowly and then so quickly in an instant.

I wish I had some profound way to end this column about time, but all I've got is to use the time you have. Using it wisely or using it foolishly is up to you, but at least use it. Make the phone call, buy the thing, take the trip, make the leap of faith. Say the things you need to before you can't. It's advice I need to consider myself. Because before you know it, the week is over, you've written a year's worth of columns, and you're wondering how both of those things can possibly be true.

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## Brain and spinal cord specialist joins Bothwell team

On Aug. 1, Jonathan Beary, DO, became Bothwell Regional Health Center's first full-time neurologist who can diagnose, treat and manage disorders of the brain and nervous system.

Beary is a board certified, fellowship trained adult neurologist and treats complex general neurology, including muscle, neuromuscular junction, peripheral nerve, nerve root and spinal cord conditions along with brain disease. He has experience treating headache disorders, strokes and seizures, as well as multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease.

A St. Louis native, Beary attended medical school at A.T. Still University in Kirksville, and in 2013 completed his internal medicine and neurology residency at The Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio.

In 2014, he completed a fellowship in electromyography and neuromuscular disorders and received additional certification in



**Dr. Jonathan Beary**

clinical neurophysiology/epilepsy from The Cleveland Clinic. After completing his training, Beary returned to Kirksville where he had a solo neurology practice affiliated with the university for the last eight years.

While practicing medicine in Kirksville, Beary also was an associate professor of Neurology and chair of Neurobehavioral Sciences at A.T. Still University. He has authored several peer-reviewed scientific publications and is a long-standing member of the American Academy of Neurology.

Beary said he became interested in neurology while in his second year of medical school.

"The brain is just amazing," he said. "There is so much that we still don't know about the mind and brain interface. I knew I would never be bored as a neurologist, and I never am. It is thrilling to see developments in treatments, and I have never regretted choosing this specialty."

Keith Morrow, Bothwell's Clinic Operations vice president, said having a neurologist in Sedalia is critical to providing local access to specialty care in an area that is only growing in need.

"Having Dr. Beary in Sedalia means patients will receive care from a highly trained neurologist who can provide the testing and imaging services locally and not have to travel regularly to Columbia or Kansas City for treatment," he said. "There's currently a shortage of neurologists in the country. We feel extremely

lucky to have recruited Dr. Beary here where we know he will be very busy treating patients in his clinic."

Beary agreed and cited several important health care needs including the increasing incidence of dementia and the prevalence of strokes.

"Stroke is the number one cause of long-term preventable disability in our country," he said. "Numbness, tingling and weakness are very common symptoms that can be caused by many conditions and situations; some of these are benign (like hitting your 'funny bone'), but some are serious and need to be diagnosed soon in order to prevent

progression."

With influences from his grandfather, Beary described his clinical philosophy as "modern yet grounded in old-fashioned patient care."

"My grandfather practiced medicine from 1944 to 1984 so this is rooted in me," he said. "He was a dignified man who treated his patients with respect and was respected by them in return. Today we have many advancements in technology, but nothing is still so vital as taking a detailed history and performing a thorough examination. I find that many patients have never really been given the opportunity to tell their story, and I aim to listen to them."

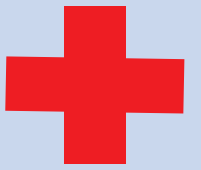
Beary is married and has three children. He and wife enjoy gardening and landscaping, and he enjoys reading, running and Bible study. Beary said he is thrilled about the opportunity to practice in Sedalia and become a part of the community.

"I have visited Sedalia a few times over the last several years," he said. "It is a beautiful town with a great sense of self-identity. I am excited to live here, and I know it will be a safe and fun place to raise my children."

People who wish to see Dr. Beary will need a referral from their primary care practitioner.

## Health in the Democrat

The Health section is a partnership between the Sedalia Democrat and Bothwell Regional Health Center. It is published quarterly to update area residents on health care topics and issues. Content was provided by Bothwell with contributions from various area health-related organizations.



## Moving beyond 'follow my finger' Upgraded EyeBOX device for concussion diagnosis

Last summer, Bothwell Regional Health Center became the first health system in Missouri to have an EyeBOX, an FDA-cleared device that aids specifically in the diagnosis of concussion by measuring abnormalities in eye movements.

Patients who have suffered a head injury watch a four-minute video and the device tracks eye movements with a safe, high-frequency camera. The test produces a score that provides objective data about the person's condition that can aid in the diagnosis of concussion within one week of injury.

This summer, Bothwell upgraded its device to the latest model created by Oculogica, a company formed in 2013 by neurosurgeon Dr. Uzma Samadani.

Certified Physician Assistant Lindsey Graham, who practices at Bothwell Orthopedics & Sports Medicine, was trained on how to use the original device and has been using it to administer tests to people with a variety of head injuries from falls to sports collisions.

"We have completed 18 scans since Bothwell acquired the EyeBOX last August," she said. "The



Oculogica's new EyeBOX model is smaller and lighter and includes an integrated concussion questionnaire.

majority of our scans were completed during football season last year. Since the EyeBOX is gaining more traction, I anticipate a big increase in those numbers during this fall's football season. A new protocol we're exploring is where all applicable patients seen in the Emergency Department with a concussion will be assessed with the EyeBOX on an outpatient basis."

Graham said the biggest difference between the original model and the new EyeBOX model is the size.

"The new model is smaller and lighter and comes with a battery that allows it to be portable," she said. "Oculogica has also integrated a concussion questionnaire into the new software update that corresponds to the questionnaire we currently use as part of the



Lindsey Graham, certified physician assistant at Bothwell Orthopedics & Sports Medicine, performs a demo on the new EyeBOX concussion assessment device with an attendee at Bothwell's Athletic Injury Conference recently held at State Fair Community College.

patient evaluation. Overall, the new model has a friendlier interface that improves the user experience."

The addition of a full-time neurologist to Bothwell's medical staff means people who have been diagnosed with a concussion can now receive needed follow-up care without leaving the area.

"The EyeBOX is a beneficial tool to aid in the

diagnosis of concussions; however, patients still need proper management after the diagnosis of a concussion that requires the help of specially trained health care professionals," Graham said. "Having a full-time neurologist as part of Bothwell's team will allow us to provide exceptional concussion care locally. We will be able to communicate directly with a specialist when needed

and have the ability to refer patients quickly when necessary."

People who have had a head injury should be seen in the Emergency Department or by a health care practitioner who can order an EyeBOX assessment at Bothwell Orthopedics & Sports Medicine. The EyeBOX assessment should be conducted within one week of injury or accident.

## Buyer beware: Medicare Advantage plans have red flags

A recent report by the federal Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (OIG) revealed a trend among some Medicare Advantage plans of inappropriately denying or delaying care for plan holders. In many cases, these claims would otherwise be covered under traditional Medicare. As a result, many people are either paying for services out of pocket or going without care.

Medicare Advantage (MA), or "managed care," plans are all-in-one alternatives to traditional Medicare and are provided by private insurers. They are designed to offer more comprehen-

sive coverage than traditional Medicare, including fitness programs and vision, hearing and dental services. Many MA plans limit coverage to in-network providers and also set a limit on yearly out-of-pocket costs for covered services.

Maggie Schaffer, Director of Case/Quality Management at Bothwell Regional Health Center, said that only one skilled residential facility in Sedalia currently accepts managed care plans, making it difficult for some patients to receive the short- or long-term medical care they need locally after leaving the hospital.

"Occasionally, the facility may try to get a one-time

contract, but this is a long shot for them," she said. "If a patient has a Medicare Advantage plan, we often have to look outside of Sedalia for a facility that will accept the coverage."

Since Medicare Advantage plans are provided by private companies, they can have individualized rules of service, such as requirements for specialist referrals. Companies that provide MA plans also make the decisions on approving or denying care and often require prior authorization for services that would not be covered under original Medicare.

According to the OIG report, millions of patients

have been denied care by their MA plan provider even though their doctors have deemed it medically necessary or beneficial. These denials happen in part because sometimes clinical criteria used by MA plans to determine coverage can be more strict than that of traditional Medicare. The OIG stated that about 13% of denied prior authorization requests met the criteria for coverage, as did 18% of denied payment requests.

"We get denials for inpatient care or skilled nursing on a regular basis," Schaffer said. "We try to do mediation, but we are not always successful."

Patients who have been denied coverage have the option to appeal the decision, but Schaffer said that process can be lengthy, resulting in further delay of care.

"An appeal for a patient is usually pretty overwhelming," she said. "They don't always have the words to have a decision overturned — they just know they are sick, and their doctor wants them in the hospital."

The popularity of MA plans has increased dramatically during the past 10 years, and enrollment numbers continue to rise. Currently, over 28 million people are covered under a private Medicare Advantage

plan. Schaffer said people who are considering or are currently covered by an MA plan should be aware of the findings of the 2022 OIG report and should weigh the advantages of an MA plan against the potential risks of denied coverage.

"Check with your local skilled nursing home, medical equipment company and home health company and see if they accept your insurance," she said. "Don't only rely on what the company selling the plan tells you, and if you have a Medicare Advantage plan, understand your right to an appeal and be familiar with the appeals process."

# The power of mentorship

Dr. Stuart Braverman was 12 years old when he donned a gown and gloves and scrubbed into a surgery to watch his dad, Dr. Elliot Braverman, fix a broken ankle in the operating room.

Nearly 40 years later, Braverman has his own private surgery practice along with Dr. Jeff Wadley and Dr. Trevor Beckham, and on July 1 quietly recognized his 30th year working as a general surgeon. In addition to his private practice, Braverman serves as Chief of Staff of the medical team at Bothwell Regional Health Center, a role his father also held. He also is an assistant clinical professor of surgery at the University of Missouri School of Medicine, teaching students during their clinical rotations at Bothwell.

While not just anyone can scrub into surgeries anymore, the time-honored traditions of teaching and mentoring still stand. Braverman's teaching responsibilities have brought him into contact with countless students aspiring to be physicians, a role he relishes.

"I always like to teach, and I love having stu-

dents, yet it's not my job to teach them how to be surgeons," Braverman said. "My job is to provide them with information they'll need if they don't become surgeons and teach them what every doctor should know ... how to evaluate a patient, how to think critically, how to problem solve."

Madison Bulger was one of three Mizzou medical students who were the first to participate in the School of Medicine's Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship (LINC) program at Bothwell last year. Bulger wants to be a general surgeon and said she specifically chose Bothwell in hopes of obtaining hands-on surgical experience.

"I had a whole year to work with the general surgery department and improve my surgical technical skills and clinical decision making, where most third-year medical students in traditional programs have around eight weeks to rotate with surgery," she said. "I was able to go from having zero surgical clinical or operative experience to scrubbing into over 250 cases – most of which I was first

assistant and some of which I was able to lead."

Bulger said she gives credit to Braverman and Wadley for scoring in the 100th percentile on her surgical shelf exam, which measures specialty knowledge and is recorded on transcripts and residency applications.

"My score was a direct reflection of the great teachers they are and the literally hundreds of hours they invested in my education," she said. "My experience at Bothwell was so valuable because it allowed me to experience the rigors and responsibilities of a surgical intern a year before starting my surgical residency, which comes after graduating from medical school."

Bulger is in her fourth and final year of medical school and is currently completing a surgical ICU rotation at MU Health Care. After that, she will be a general surgery visiting student at the University of Washington in Seattle.

"Every day I worked with Dr. Braverman, I learned something," Bulger said. "I hope that one day I can teach and have as big an impact on others as he did on me."

While his father may



Dr. Stuart Braverman, right, performs surgery recently at Bothwell Regional Health Center with Cheri Gorrell, scrub nurse. Medical students are often able to assume the role of "first assistant" working across from surgeons, where they learn by helping select equipment, hold open incisions, stop bleeding or close incisions.

have been his first clinical instructor, Braverman also counts other physicians like Dr. Bill Cole, the first doctor to perform open heart surgery at Bothwell, Dr. John

Brazos, who practiced as a urologist in Sedalia from 1962 to 1982, and Dr. Phillip Hornbostel, his first partner in general surgery practice, as his professional mentors.

"It's important to give back, and teaching someone else is a way to honor the people who taught me," he said. "It's just fantastic to watch them mature and grow."

# Learning rural health care in real time

In July, Bothwell Family Medicine Associates welcomed two new University of Missouri medical students for a year-long training program.

October Zhang and Abby Beach are participants in Mizzou's

Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship (LINC) program, which allows medical students to spend a year in a rural area gaining clinical experience in a variety of settings. This is the second year that Bothwell has participated in this

program, which is gaining popularity around the country.

In this program, Zhang and Beach will participate in day-to-day patient care at several clinics and departments throughout the Bothwell system, where they will

have the opportunity to work with several physicians and advanced practice clinicians to develop a deep understanding of rural medicine. Much of their work will be focused at Bothwell Family Medicine Associates, which will give the students the opportunity to meet patients and follow them throughout different medical settings, from primary care to specialty care or even the Emergency Department.

Beach said this is what drew her to the LINC program and that developing a relationship with patients allows physicians to optimize the care they give. Zhang agreed, further stating that in addition to providing continuity care, she is looking forward to making an impact within the community.

"Health care needs are often the highest among rural communities, and I want to be a part of the solution to reduce the gap of health care between an urban city and a rural community by becoming a qualified and compassionate primary health physician serving the people with the most needs," she said.

Zhang moved from China to Lawson, Missouri, when she was 17 years old. As a freshman at the University of Missouri, she volunteered at the University Hospital, and from that experience, she decided she wanted to be a physician. She is now a National Health Service Corp Scholar, putting her on track to become a primary care physician in a high-need area after medical school. While she is currently interested in family medicine and psychiatry, she said she wants to explore as many specialties as possible during this year in the LINC program. However, she does know

that she wants to work in a rural area and potentially move into teaching one day.

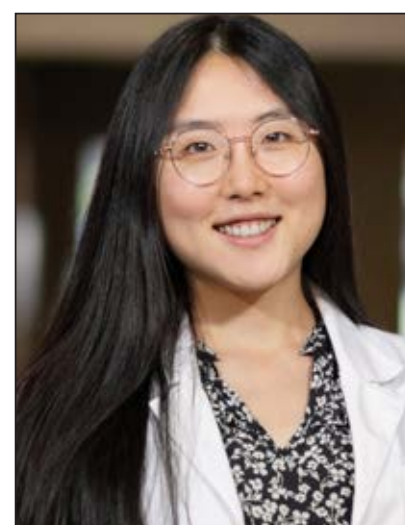
"As I become more advanced into my specialty, I would like to pass on the wisdom by being a part of a teaching program like the LINC program to inspire future generations," she said.

Like Zhang, Beach said she is looking forward to learning about different specialty areas, and she is planning on living and working in a rural community after graduation. She added she is currently most interested in family medicine and obstetrics but also wants to be exposed to different areas.

Beach is from Lexington and completed her undergraduate degree at Westminster College in Fulton. She said she wants to be a physician so she can be a resource to her community.

"Community is very important to me, and I believe that having good health care resources in communities, particularly rural, can improve them," she said. "Everyone should be able to have someone they trust who they can turn to for help to stay healthy."

Both students already have some familiarity with Bothwell and the Sedalia area because they participated in the University of Missouri School of Medicine's Clinical Rural Immersion (CRI) program last summer, where they toured Bothwell facilities and spent time in the area. During the next year,



October Zhang



Abby Beach

they will certainly get to know the community well through interactions with physicians and patients. Beach said her experience in the CRI program made her excited to return to Sedalia for the LINC program and work with the community.

"I feel that the rural patient population is open and eager to get to know their health care team, including students," she said.

Zhang said she is also looking forward to returning and learning more from the physicians and taking care of the community.

"As a rural physician, I can get to know patients as more than just a number on the chart but as a member of my community," she said. "Nothing feels better than taking care of your family and the community."

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# Giving community helps Bothwell Foundation provide care, technology

Individual and business donations made to the Bothwell Foundation to establish funds and through special events are being put to good use in the hospital and outpatient clinics.

The nonprofit Bothwell Foundation raises money to help purchase equipment and technology and support community health care needs as well as provide scholarships for Bothwell employees and students studying health care careers.

To disburse funds each year, the foundation accepts requests from employees for equipment or projects in areas such as patient safety or comfort, clinical outcome improvements, community education, regulatory mandates, cost savings or community wellness.

Lauren Thiel-Payne, foundation executive director, said the organization awarded over \$215,000 this year to clinics and departments for equipment and projects that ranged from a few hundred to several thousand dollars.

“The foundation board knows there are a lot of needs and that the hospital’s operating budget has limits,” she said. “Capital purchases are prioritized, yet there’s always more need than dollars, which is where the foundation can help.”

Thiel-Payne works with hospital leadership to ensure requests fit the overall mission of the health center and either provide

patient care, support the community or help staff increase their knowledge and skills.

## Nurse training gets virtual boost

With more than 450 nurses working at Bothwell, members of the Clinical Education and Nursing Education departments focused their funding request on nurse learning. Kim Perez, Clinical Education director, and Laura Weisenburger, Nursing Education educator/recruiter, were approved to purchase a one-year license for a virtual reality (VR) program that simulates lifelike scenarios for training purposes.

“Our CEO Lori Wightman read an article about VR training and asked us to look into it,” Weisenburger said. “We ended up going with the Oculus system, which a lot of people may be familiar with from a gaming standpoint. Kim and I have personal headsets, so we were already familiar with how the technology worked. It’s the same just with scenarios made for health care.”

Trainees wear a headset and hand controllers and are dropped into 360-degree active learning environments. They can look, speak and move about in the scenario and interact with avatars and equipment. They can practice giving commands and reacting to situations they might not see very often or are too dangerous to practice in real life. At



Laura Weisenburger, Nursing Education educator/recruiter, assists Liz Hackett, Same Day Surgery/PACU charge nurse, on how to use the VR training system.

the end of each scenario, trainees receive a score and, if necessary, are coached on how to reach proficiency level.

Ashley Schroder took just two attempts to pass a scenario on malignant hyperthermia, which is a severe reaction to certain drugs used for anesthesia. Without prompt treatment, complications can be fatal. Schroder is a registered nurse in Bothwell’s Post-Anesthesia Care Unit and was impressed with her VR experience.

“It’s really high-tech and reminded me of a video game,” she said. “It

puts the ‘sim’ in simulation but is pretty life-like. Malignant hyperthermia is rare, but it is serious, so this was a great opportunity to practice something we don’t see often so we can be prepared if it does happen. Overall, I was super impressed.”

Perez said VR training checks a lot of boxes when it comes to providing ongoing training for nursing staff and supporting their professional development.

“It’s interactive, which is more interesting and learner-centric than training that takes place on a computer or in a classroom with a static

mannequin,” she said. “And it’s mobile; the equipment is simply a laptop, headset and controllers and can be carried to wherever nursing staff are, and sessions are anywhere from five to 30 minutes. I think it also shows staff we are invested in giving them state-of-the-art learning opportunities to provide the best care to patients.”

Both Weisenburger and Perez are veteran nurses and agreed the focus of health care has changed over their careers.

“Patients in the hospital these days are sicker and have more complex illnesses,” Weisenburger

said. “That complexity increases the expectations for nurses, too. Whatever we can do to stay up with technology and support them with where they’re at in their nurse learning, we’re going to do it.”

## New bassinet a ‘game changer’ for moms

Skin-to-skin contact, breastfeeding and dedicated nursing care are all parts of bonding and better home preparation for moms who deliver their babies at Bothwell. This is accomplished by rooming-in care, where the baby stays with mom in a postpartum room after delivery.

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Ashley Schroder, left, a registered nurse in Bothwell’s Post-Anesthesia Care Unit, works through a VR simulation on malignant hyperthermia while Kim Perez, Clinical Education director, and Megan Elwood, Nursing Education educator, watch.



Graham Payne, Lauren Thiel-Payne’s son, was the first baby to use Bothwell’s new HALO BassiNest bassinet, a 360-degree swivel baby sleeper that is designed to keep baby safe and closer to mom in a postpartum room.

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# Free blood pressure checks for people 60 and over at MSF

The Missouri State Fair begins Aug. 11 and events and activities will soon be in full swing. One event includes free blood pressure screenings for people 60 and older in the comfort of an air-conditioned setting.

Clinical staff from Bothwell Regional Health Center will provide the free screenings from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, and Wednesday, Aug. 17 in the Senior Lounge on the fairgrounds. According to records at Bothwell, the free service has been provided to fairgoers for at least the last 10 years.

"We are proud to be a fair sponsor and offer this service. The fair is part of Sedalia's history, as is Bothwell Regional Health Center," said Lori Wightman, Bothwell CEO. "In fact, our founder, John Homer Bothwell, was influential in making Sedalia the permanent location for the Missouri State Fair."

Bothwell registered nurses and staff will provide the free screenings on both days and other staff will provide health-related information. The Senior Lounge is located at the southwest corner of Missouri and Elm streets on the Missouri State Fairgrounds.



Bothwell Regional Health Center staff members will help offer free blood pressure screenings on two days during the Missouri State Fair.

## You are not alone: grief support group forming



Bothwell Regional Health Center and Crossroads Hospice & Palliative Care will jointly host a grief support group on Monday evenings starting in August.

In collaboration with Crossroads Hospice & Palliative Care, Bothwell Regional Health Center will host a Grief Recovery Method Outreach Program from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Mondays starting Aug. 22 and ending Oct. 17 in the Bothwell Education Center at 600 E. 14th St. in Sedalia. The group will not meet on Labor Day, Sept. 5.

The Grief Recovery Method Outreach Program, based on the Grief Recovery Handbook, will guide those who wish to work through their loss issues and move beyond their grief to a richer quality of life. The class may be joined during the first two weeks, and it then becomes a closed group.

The group will be facilitated by Beth Hunt, certified grief recovery support

specialist, with Crossroads Hospice & Palliative Care. For more information or to register, contact Hunt at [beth.hunt@crossroadshospice.com](mailto:beth.hunt@crossroadshospice.com) or 660-422-5804.

Surgical grade or higher masks are encouraged yet not currently required in all non-public and non-patient care areas at Bothwell for those fully vaccinated, which is defined as two weeks after receiving all recommended doses in the primary series of COVID-19 vaccination. Masks are required to be worn in all areas for those not fully or partially vaccinated. Bothwell's mask policy is subject to change based on Covid-19 community transmission rates.

To view other classes and support groups, visit [brhc.org/classes](http://brhc.org/classes).

## Injury clinic provides student-athletes care options

Student-athletes around the area are gearing up for fall sports, and with every season comes new friendships, memories and, unfortunately for some, injuries.

For the fifth year, Bothwell Orthopedics & Sports Medicine and Bothwell Peak Sport & Spine are offering a free Saturday morning injury clinic for student-athletes.

Dr. Evan Stout, orthopedic surgeon at Bothwell Orthopedics & Sports Medicine, is the clinic's attending physician who examines athletes and provides care recommendations. One of four Bothwell Peak athletic trainers from Smith-Cotton, Warsaw, Cole Camp, and State Fair Community College rotate Saturdays and assist him.

While the team mostly sees football players, Stout said the clinic is for any high school or college athlete with a serious but non-emergency orthopedic injury.

"The goal is to provide immediate evaluation, reassurance and early treatment for student-athletes as soon as possible after an injury on Friday

night," Stout said. "I rotate being on the sidelines at Smith-Cotton, Warsaw and Cole Camp football games, and since I cannot be in three places at once, the clinic provides me a way to evaluate injured athletes from the other games I am unable to attend."

The clinic is open from 8 to 9 a.m. on Saturdays beginning Aug. 27 through Oct. 29 and is located at Bothwell Peak Sport & Spine, 3222 W. 16th St. in Sedalia. No appointment is needed and students are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Students under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. If further care is required, the clinic will work with families to get the student to an appropriate health care clinician.

"Most injuries we see at this clinic are acute injuries during a game or competition," Stout said. "But we also have seen overuse injuries. If something does go wrong and an injury occurs, visiting the injury clinic is a great opportunity to see a specialist and get some peace of mind and early treatment without waiting until Monday."

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Women's Health and Newborn Care Director Hollie Dubroc elected to request funds from the foundation to purchase a new baby bassinet to improve the rooming-in care experience.

"The time has come to replace the current bassinets," Dubroc said. "We are very excited about the new bassinet model, which is specifically designed with flexibility to keep newborns closer to mom."

Dubroc requested to purchase one HALO BassiNest, which is the only hospital bassinet designed to safely keep baby closer to mom more than ever before. The 360-degree swivel motion is ideal for all mothers but especially those recovering from a C-section or those with physical disabilities. The bassinet can swing over the hospital bed, which makes it easier to see and tend the baby while in bed, reducing the likelihood of accidental falls or drops.

"The more the bassinet moves, the less a mom has to," Dubroc said. "It really promotes mother-centered and safe rooming-in care and allows moms the most and best access

## 2022 Bothwell Foundation Funded Projects

- Cast Saw for Bothwell Orthopedics & Sports Medicine - \$6,000
- Pulse Oximeters for Bothwell Medical Equipment - \$500
- Patient Scale for Bothwell Internal Medicine Specialists/Bothwell Pulmonology Specialists - \$543
- Niox Vero System for Bothwell Pulmonology Specialists - \$4,700
- Radiation dose monitoring software for Radiology Department - \$19,400
- iCad software for mammography units for Radiation Department - \$5,310
- Training for echo sonographers - \$100
- Infrared cameras for Bothwell Sleep Center - \$19,520
- Virtual reality training for Nursing Education - \$33,497
- Creation of a hospice room in the hospital - \$25,573
- Two arm bikes, two recumbent cross trainers, two treadmills for Cardiac Rehab - \$20,000
- Discharge photo wall for Women's Health and Newborn Care - \$3,500
- HALO BassiNests for Women's Health and Newborn Care - \$3,602.50
- Tympanometer and Reflux Screeners and two scopes for Bothwell ENT - \$8,140
- Temporary Pacemaker for CCU - \$3,676
- Equipment and patient resources for Cancer Center - \$36,000
- Four telepacks for PCU - \$16,480
- Automated blood pressure machines for Bothwell Family Medicine Associates and Bothwell Truman Lake - \$6,000
- Nitrogen canister for Bothwell Cole Camp - \$672.93
- EKG machine at Bothwell Lincoln Family Medicine - \$2,531.29

to baby throughout their stay with us."

The bassinet has already arrived and Dubroc hopes to order four more at a cost of about \$3,600 each if donors are identified. A community member who wished to remain anonymous has already donated funds to purchase a bassinet in honor of a long-time Bothwell employee. Other people who would like

to donate toward the purchase of the additional bassinets should contact the foundation.

Thiel-Payne said that since its inception in 2005, the foundation has given back over \$4.5 million to the hospital and community that has come through both big and small community contributions.

"I think it's important for people to realize that

every dollar counts," she said. "Some of these needs aren't large amounts yet are really important to the daily functioning of a department or clinic and improves care and the patient experience, which is our goal every day."

For more information about the Bothwell Foundation or to donate, visit [brhc.org/foundation](http://brhc.org/foundation) or contact the office at 660-829-8855.