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Clara Deleshull, owner of Clara's North 65 Cafe, seen Thursday, is selling her property due to traffic and plans to reroute roads in front of her business. PHOTO BY CHRIS HOWELL | DEMOCRAT

Clara's Cafe to sell due to traffic woes

By Chris Howell
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Clara's North 65 Café is up for sale as the owner, Clara Deleshull, says her business is being hampered by two stoplights and plans to close Highway HH access to Highway 65 and create an access road. When Clara immigrated to Sedalia, the location that is now Clara's Café on North 65 Highway was a different business. "In the beginning, 22 years ago, when I came to

Plans for North 65 will kill business, owner says

United States, it was a gas station here," Deleshull said, "and the people spend money here in the gas station." Clara moved to the U.S.A. and said she loves being an American. She often is asked why she doesn't cook more food from her native Co-

lombia and says she serves traditional American food and the best breakfast in town because she wants to be as American as possible. Clara's Café moved after seven years in downtown Sedalia to its current location at 22938 U.S. Highway 65 and Clara had high hopes for hungry customers. "When I moved here, I got big expectation about this location because everybody said is so great," Deleshull said. "So I move here and then I had to close the other one because you

know, it's hard finding employees right now. I decide to close that one and put all my energy into this one." After five years at the new location, Deleshull said she has fixed or replaced almost everything in the restaurant. "I fix it, I repair it, and it's like new," Deleshull said. "I did a new kitchen, new everything inside, new roofing. So, I mean, I've repaired this property so much because I like it, I like the community, I like the people." See CAFE | 6A

Understanding MSIP 6 School districts preparing for new state standards

By Skye Melcher
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School districts across the state have been working to align their standards with the sixth generation of the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP 6) in time for the 2022-23 school year, including Sedalia School District 200.

MSIP was established in 1990 as an accountability system for reviewing and accrediting education agencies. According to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education website, MSIP 6 "is focused on continuous improvement for all schools, the preparation of each student for life beyond high school and promoting practices that lead to healthy school systems. MSIP 6 will take a closer look at what districts are doing to implement effective practices and sustain improvements, while increasing the focus on individual student growth." Sedalia 200 Superintendent Todd Fraley said that in layman's terms, every so many years, the state revamps how it is holding schools accountable. "It changed with technology and how school systems are structured and the different laws and regulations that get passed in the meantime," Fraley said. The state Board of Education and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Educa-

tion ultimately guide that process. "It is the accreditation process that public schools have to go through," Fraley said. The following are definitions the district follows when administrating this role:
• Academic Success: Academic Success is defined as a compilation of Standards TL1 - Success-Ready Students, EA1 - Academic Achievement, which leads to success in the next grade level or chapter in a student's life.
• Educational Equity: Educational equity exists when there is an intentional focus on learning outcomes and the allocation of resources ensures that each student is purposefully engaged and is provided rigorous instruction, meaningful support, and relevant educational experiences.
• School System: School system includes a local board and a school district or charter school.
• Student Groups: Identified student groups refer to all traditional student groups, including Asian/Pacific Islander, Black, Hispanic, American Indian, white, multi-racial, students with disabilities, English language learners, and low-income students. Other demographic groups may be developed for reporting. See SCHOOL | 5A

Sensory wall under construction at Inclusive Playground

By Sara Lawson
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WARRENSBURG — Construction of a dual-purpose wall is underway at the Inclusive Playground in Cave Hollow Park. The new feature will include a donor wall with plaques with the names of those who donated to the original project on one side and a sensory aspect on the other side. See WALL | 5A



Scott Holmberg, former Johnson County Board of Services director, works alongside Park Operations Superintendent Christian Schoolcraft, Keaton Frey and Park Board Council Liaison Tarl Bentley to construct the donor/sensory wall Thursday, Aug. 25, at the Inclusive Playground in Cave Hollow Park. PHOTO BY SARA LAWSON | STAR-JOURNAL

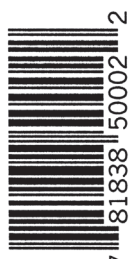
Runners Club to run the entire length of Katy Trail

By Faith Bemiss
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What began as a small idea has morphed into a 237-mile run to raise funds for mental health during Recovery Awareness Month in September. On Sept. 10 and 11, seven members of the Sedalia Runners Club, Dan Bridges, Kimberley Miller, Stacey Gertz, Kim Windle, Angie Gentry, Carrie Hardy, and Rick Harvey, will run a relay race the entire distance of the Katy Trail. See RUN | 5A



Members of the Sedalia Runners Club will run the entire length of the Katy Trail to raise funds for mental health awareness on Sept. 10 and 11. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SEDALIA RUNNERS CLUB



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DOGIE DIVE - LIBERTY POOL

The Pools have gone to the dogs! Here's an opportunity for your pooch to beat the heat and just have a "dog gone" good time. Open to all friendly dogs and their owners. This program is only held once a year at each pool before we drain the water for the season, so don't miss out on the fun; \$5.00/dog at the gate. Voggie Dive is held on September 5th, 2022, 6-8pm at Liberty Pool! ALL DOGS MUST HAVE PROOF OF VACCINATIONS!



THINGS THAT GO!

Join us for the 10th annual Things that "Go!" on September 17th at Liberty Park! A morning of fun exploring trucks and other vehicles of all shapes and sizes. Kids can admire, wander around, climb on, and sit in all the vehicles on display. Registration not required; event is FREE. Interested in showing your vehicle? We're looking for vehicles to join us! Email Kinzie at klamb@sedaliaparks.com for more information!



GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

Did you know the Heckart Community Center offers water & land fitness classes?! Classes include water aerobics, Step N Tone, Bootcamp, Sit N Fit, POUND, Yoga, and more! Check out our group fitness schedule online at www.sedaliaparks.com

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OBITUARIES

James Joseph “Jim” Satterwhite

James Joseph “Jim” Satterwhite, 85, son of the late Lloyd “Yacht” Satterwhite and LaRuth “Dolly” Satterwhite, who were lifelong Sedalians, died peacefully at Yale-New Haven Hospital in Connecticut on August 1, 2022. Jim battled cancer for over 20 years but continued to lead a full life traveling the world with his wife of 63 years, Nancy (Oswald) Satterwhite, staying active with his family and friends, and volunteering in Madison, Connecticut, while quietly fighting his illness.

Jim grew up with his sister, Kay, in Sedalia, where he met and began dating Nancy, daughter of the late Carl and Virginia Oswald. Jim excelled at anything he put his mind to and graduated valedictorian of his class at Smith-Cotton High School. He was offered an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where he graduated in June 1959 as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, eighth in his class of 499 cadets. After graduation, he and Nancy married in Sedalia.

He attended the Army flight school and then was given a coveted assignment to Oahu, Hawaii, where he and Nancy lived for three years and had their two children, Michael and Dana.

While in the Army, he received his Master's in Aeronautics and Astronautics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and an MBA from Auburn University. His flight and academic skills led him to the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, where he graduated first in his class. As a test pilot in the Army, he flew both airplanes and helicopters and worked for NASA at Moffett Field in California. He taught engineering at West Point for 2.5 years, worked at the Pentagon for five years,

and served two year-long tours in Vietnam. He retired from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel after 21 years of service.

After retiring from the Army, Jim and Nancy moved to Madison, Connecticut. Jim worked at Sikorsky Aircraft in Stratford, Connecticut, where he moved through several positions, including Program Manager, VP of Manufacturing, VP of Engineering, VP of International Business, and VP of US Government and International Business. He retired from Sikorsky Aircraft in March 2002 after 22 years.

Prior to and post-retirement, Jim served on the Advisory Board of the Engineering School at Fairfield University. In 1995, he was named a Fellow of the American Helicopter Society. Locally, Jim was a Commissioner on the Town of Madison Economic Development Commission and Treasurer of the First Congregational Church of Madison. Jim was also very active in the Rotary Club of Madison and served as president from 2007-08 and in other positions of responsibility within Rotary's Southern Connecticut District. He enjoyed his membership in the Rotary Club until he passed.

In addition to Nancy, Jim is survived by son J. Michael Satterwhite (Julie) of CT, daughter Dana Bitner (Ed) of CT, sister Kay (Satterwhite) Thomson, of Kansas City; nephew W. Doug Thomson (Annette) of Kansas City, niece Jennifer Thomson Strueby (Dave) of Maryville, MO; six grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at First Congregational Church of Madison, Connecticut. The burial will be at West Point, New York, this November.



DEATH NOTICE

Scott

Robert Franklin Scott, 69, of Sedalia, died Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022, in his home in Sedalia.

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

FUNERALS

Ennis, Constance D. “Connie” (Crouch) Prenger

10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Vincent de Paul Sacred Heart Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Eastep, Donald Lee

1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday at Rea Funeral Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

Stelling, Sharon

1 p.m. on Saturday at Trinity Lutheran

Church in Cole Camp. Arrangements are under the direction of the Fox Funeral Home in Cole Camp.

Vansel, Patsy S.

2 p.m. Sunday at First United Methodist Church in Cole Camp. Arrangements are under the direction of the Fox Funeral Home in Cole Camp.

Chappel, Carolyn Joan (Steeves)

1 p.m. Monday at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Higginsville. Arrangements are under the direction of Kaiser-Wiegers Funeral Home in Higginsville.

CORRECTION

In Thursday's edition, “CHS receives \$4.4 million grant for children's services” should have stated the Center for Human Services received the grant from the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start. The Democrat apologizes for the error.

POLICE REPORTS

Sedalia Police Department Arrests Aug. 22

4:34 a.m.: Shane Stephen Ruth, 34, of Cole Camp, was arrested after officers observed a vehicle with no license plate light. A traffic stop at West Broadway Boulevard and South Osage Avenue discovered the passenger, Ruth, had an active parole warrant with no bond. After placing him under arrest, a search of his person was conducted where drug paraphernalia was located. Ruth was arrested for drug possession, the failure to appear warrant, and drug paraphernalia possession. The driver, Roderick R. Voss, 34, of the 400 block of West Seventh Street, was arrested for drug possession, unlawful use of a weapon, possession of drug paraphernalia, and tampering with physical evidence.

Incidents Aug. 24

9:04 a.m.: An officer responded to a theft report in the 300 block of East Third Street. The victim reported a ring was stolen from his room, valued at \$3,000. No suspect has been located.

Aug. 25

10:01 a.m.: An officer responded to the 800 block of East Fourth Street for a medical emergency. A female subject had fallen outside and had injured her lower back, shoulder, and head. It was later determined the female fell out of a moving vehicle. A report was completed to document the incident.

12:48 a.m.: Officers took a report in the police department lobby for fraud. The reporting party stated she lost her debit card and a bank statement shows her card has been used. No suspect has been identified.

12:49 p.m.: An officer was dispatched to the 2700 block of South

Grand Avenue for a physical domestic incident. A male subject inside the residence said an argument started between him and a male juvenile known to him, leading to a physical altercation. A juvenile referral was completed.

6:49 p.m.: Officers responded to the 300 block of East Chestnut Street for a domestic incident. A juvenile was involved in an incident with another family member and left the residence without permission. The juvenile was located in the area and returned home. A general information report was taken for documentation.

9:58 p.m.: Officers were called to assist in an investigation with DFS at Bothwell Regional Health Center regarding a juvenile. The incident is under investigation.

Pettis County Sheriff's Office Incidents

Aug. 25

9 a.m.: Deputies took a theft report in the 4800 block of South Limit Avenue in Pettis County. The investigation is ongoing.

Missouri State Highway Patrol Arrests Aug. 25

8:07 p.m.: Virginia A. Mayberry, 68, of Warrensburg, was arrested in Johnson County for driving while intoxicated and failure to drive on the right half of the roadway resulting in an accident. She was transported to the Warrensburg Police Department and released.

9 p.m.: Richard W. Gilbert, 38, of Stover, was arrested in Morgan County for using a bicycle without a front light and possession of 10 grams or less of marijuana. He was released.

Compiled by Chris Howell.

CRASH REPORTS

Warsaw man in serious condition after Benton accident

Walker L. Knox, 26, of Warsaw, sustained serious injuries at 5:53 a.m. Friday in a Benton County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Knox was driving a 2015 Nissan west on Route C west of Schenewark Road Avenue when he traveled off the roadway

and struck two trees.

He was not wearing a seat belt and was transported by air ambulance to University Hospital in Columbia.

Two from Hughesville hurt in Pettis ATV accident

Michael R. Cornine, 69, of Hughesville, sustained serious injuries, and Jenny L. Cornine, 60, of Hughesville, sustained minor injuries at 9:38 a.m.

Wednesday in a Pettis County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Michael was driving a 2018 Kubota ATV east on private property off of U.S. Highway 65 near Shannon Road in a cattle field when he struck a drainage ditch and abruptly stopped, ejecting both occupants.

They were both exempt from wearing seat belts. Jenny Cornine was trans-

ported by private vehicle to Fitzgibbon Hospital in Marshall. Michael Cornine was transported by Life Flight to University Hospital in Columbia.

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

Compiled by Chris Howell.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Free women's self-defense class offered by SFCC

State Fair Community College's The LearningForce is offering a free Women's Self-Defense training session from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 11 in Thompson Conference Center in Heckart Science and Allied Health Center on the Sedalia campus. West Central Association of REALTORS, in conjunction with Realtor Safety Month, is sponsoring the free training. Advance registration is required.

Participants will learn how to replace fear with skills, knowledge and confidence. This training covers mental comprehension as well as functional physical applications. Topics include

environmental awareness, predator target selection, common attacks, fight/survivor mindset, sexual assault counter-attacks, weapons disarming, self-defense weapons, and fight/protection techniques.

Billy Matheny is the instructor. He holds a Black Belt in Shingitai Jujitsu, Judo, Bushi Satori Ryu Jujitsu, and Ko Ryu Bujitsu, and has more than 20 law enforcement/military instructor certifications. Matheny is a retired military instructor and is certified by the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association and the National Law Enforcement Training Center. He is the owner and trainer at Warrior Jujitsu in Warrensburg.

Participants must be at least 12 years of age and should wear comfortable

clothing and gym shoes. There is no cost, but advance registration is required.

For more information and to register, visit [contact@sfccmo.edu](https://www.sfccmo.edu), call 660-530-5822 or email thelearningforce@sfccmo.edu.

Hall of Fame call for nominations

Sacred Heart School is seeking nominations of outstanding groups and individuals to be inducted into its 2023 Sacred Heart School Hall of Fame.

The mission of the Sacred Heart School Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor the extraordinary accomplishments of the members of the Sacred Heart School family and celebrate those who can be looked upon as legitimate role models by current and

future Gremlins.

Candidates for strong consideration include alumni who have made a positive impact on the world in which they live during their Sacred Heart years and/or after leaving Sacred Heart. Candidates also can include groups (such as teams) and non-alumni (SHS faculty, staff, parents, and volunteers) who have in some way made a positive, meaningful, and lasting contribution to Sacred Heart School.

Anyone is eligible to submit nominations to the SHS Hall of Fame. Nomination forms must be completed and returned by Sept. 30. Nomination forms are available on the Alumni page at www.gogremlins.com.

For more info, email HallofFame@gogremlins.com.

STATE BRIEFS

Priest's record expunged after St. Louis sodomy case dropped

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A St. Louis judge ruled Thursday that a 2014 arrest in a statutory sodomy case that was later dropped should be expunged from the record

of a Roman Catholic priest.

Circuit Judge Jason Sengheiser found that the Rev. Xiu Hui “Joseph” Jiang, 39, met his legal burden to have the April 2014 arrest record expunged.

Jiang was arrested after a boy said the priest molested him in the restroom at St. Louis the King elementary school, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported.

After all charges were dropped in 2015, Jiang sued the boy's mother and the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priest. The lawsuit was settled in 2017 and the mother and SNAP apologized to Jiang.

Jiang's lawyer, Neil Bruntrager, said Jiang's settlement with SNAP was confidential but the city of St. Louis had paid the priest a \$17,500 settlement.

Jiang said that he

had never met or spent any time with his now 21-year-old accuser, who did not appear in court Thursday.

Jiang is still seeking to expunge a statutory rape arrest record in Lincoln County, where a judge later dismissed a child endangerment charge against him. A jury sided with Jiang in 2017 in a lawsuit filed in that case.

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.

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Missouri school district reinstates spanking if parents OK

By Heather Hollingsworth and Margaret Stafford
Associated Press

A school district in southwest Missouri decided to bring back spanking as a form of discipline for students — if their parents agree — despite warnings from many public health experts that the practice is detrimental to students.

Classes resumed Tuesday in the Cassville School District for the first time since the school board in June approved bringing corporal punishment back to the 1,900-student district about 60 miles (100 kilometers) southwest of Springfield. The district had dropped the practice in 2001.

The policy states that corporal punishment will be used only when other forms of discipline, such as suspensions, have failed and then only with the superintendent's permission.

Superintendent Merlyn Johnson told The Springfield News-Leader the decision came after an anonymous survey found that parents, students and school employees were concerned about student behavior and discipline.

"We've had people actually thank us for it," he said. "Surprisingly, those on social media would probably be appalled to hear us say these things, but the majority of people that I've run into have been supportive."

Parent Khristina Harkey told The Associated Press on Friday that she is on the fence about Cassville's policy. She and her husband did not opt-in because her 6-year-old son, Anakin Modine, is autistic and would hit back if he were spanked. But she said corporal punishment worked for her when she was a "troublemaker" during her school years in California.

"There are all different types of kids," Harkey said. "Some people need a good butt-whipping. I was one of them."

Morgan Craven, national director of policy, advocacy and community engagement with the Intercultural Development Research Association, a national educational equity nonprofit, called corporal punishment a "wildly

inappropriate, ineffective practice."

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1977 that corporal punishment is constitutional and left it up to states to set their own policies. Craven said 19 states, many in the South, have laws allowing it in schools. The most current data from 2017-18 shows about 70,000 children in the U.S. were hit at least once in their schools.

Students who are hit at school do not fare as well academically as their peers and suffer physical and psychological trauma, Craven said. In some cases, children are hurt so badly that they need medical attention.

"If you have a situation where a kid goes to school and they could be slapped for, you know, some minor offense, it certainly creates a really hostile, unpredictable and violent environment," Craven said. "And that's not what we want for kids in schools."

But Tess Walters, 54, the guardian of her 8-year-old granddaughter, had no qualms about signing the corporal punishment opt-in papers. She said the possibility of being spanked is a deterrent for her granddaughter, who has attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

"I've read some people's responses on Facebook recently, and they're just going over the top like, 'Oh, this is abuse, and, oh, you're just going to threaten them with, you know, violence.' And I'm like, 'What? The child is getting spanked once; it's not beatings.' People are just going crazy. They're just being ridiculous," Walters said.

Mitch Prinstein, chief science officer with American Psychological Association, said decades of research shows corporal punishment will not reduce inappropriate behavior and is likely to increase aggression, rage, hostility and could lead to depression and self-esteem problems.

Prinstein said better methods for eliminating undesirable conduct including problem-solving training; rewarding positive behavior, such as with extra recess; and providing extra attention in the classroom.

"Parents are experts on what works

for their own children," Prinstein said.

"But it's important for parents to be educated on very substantial science literature demonstrating again that corporal punishment is not a consistently effective way of changing undesirable behavior."

Sarah Font, an associate professor of sociology and public policy at Pennsylvania State University, coauthored a 2016 study on the subject. Her research found that districts using corporal punishment are generally in poor, Republican-leaning rural areas in Southern states. Font said Black children are disproportionately subjected to it, in part because the policies are more commonplace in districts with higher minority populations.

Craven also pointed to racial bias that leads people to view the behavior of Black students differently from other students.

"And the thing that I always have to say — that I hate that I have to say — is that Black children are not more likely to misbehave in school. They're not more likely to break school rules," she said.

Cassville School District spokeswoman Mindi Artherton was out of the office Friday and a woman who answered the phone in her office suggested reading the policy. She said staff had already done interviews. "At this time, we will focus on educating our students," she added, before hanging up.

The policy says a witness from the district must be present and that the discipline will not be used in front of other students.

"When it becomes necessary to use corporal punishment, it shall be administered so that there can be no chance of bodily injury or harm," the policy says. "Striking a student on the head or face is not permitted."

In Missouri, periodic efforts to ban corporal punishment in schools have failed to gain traction in the Legislature. The state does not track which districts allow spanking because those decisions are made at the local level, a spokeswoman for Missouri's K-12 education department said.

Secret Service recovers \$286M in stolen pandemic loans

By Fatima Hussein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Secret Service said Friday that it has recovered \$286 million in fraudulently obtained pandemic loans and is returning the money to the Small Business Administration.

The Secret Service said an investigation initiated by its Orlando office found that alleged conspirators submitted Economic Injury Disaster Loan applications by using fake or stolen employment and personal information and used an online bank, Green Dot, to conceal and move their criminal proceeds.

The agency worked with Green Dot to identify roughly 15,000 accounts and seize \$286 million connected to the accounts.

"This forfeiture effort and those to come are a direct and necessary response to the unprecedented size and scope of pandemic relief fraud," said Kevin Chambers, director for COVID-19 fraud enforcement at the Justice Department.

Billions have been fraudulently claimed through various pandemic relief programs — including Paycheck Protection Program loans, unemployment insurance and others that were rolled out in the midst of the world-

wide pandemic that shutdown global economies for months.

In March, the Government Accountability Office reported that while agencies were able to distribute COVID-19 relief funds quickly, "the tradeoff was that they did not have systems in place to prevent and identify payment errors and fraud" due in part to "financial management weaknesses."

As a result, the GAO has recommended several measures for agencies to prevent pandemic program fraud in the future, including better reporting on their fraud risk management efforts.

Since 2020, the Secret Service initiated more than 3,850 pandemic related fraud investigations, seized over \$1.4 billion in fraudulently obtained funds and helped to return \$2.3 billion to state unemployment insurance programs.

The latest seizure included a collaboration of efforts between Secret Service, the SBA's Inspector General, DOJ and other offices.

Hannibal "Mike" Ware, the Small Business Administration's inspector general, said the joint investigations will continue "to ensure that taxpayer dollars obtained through fraudulent means will be returned to taxpayers and fraudsters involved face justice."

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Arguing both sides of student loan forgiveness

By now, you've probably heard about President Biden's student loan debt forgiveness plan, the details of which were announced this week. If not, here are the facts, per the administration's website:

- Applies to borrowers of federal student loans (not private lenders like Sallie Mae)
- Individuals must make \$125,000 or less per year to qualify. For married couples, the threshold is \$250,000. Students who are dependents are eligible based on family income.
- Eligible borrowers receive up to \$10,000 in debt cancellation.
- If a borrower received a Pell Grant (subsidized federal loan for students in financial need), the amount eligible for cancellation rises to \$20,000
- Debt relief is not taxable income

I am very lucky not to have a personal stake in this fight. My parents were able and willing to pay for a significant portion of my college education. (Thank you. Again.) Though I could not join the military, I was able to knock out much of the remaining balance of my loans through national service. I joined the AmeriCorps immediately after college and spent a year serving people in poverty. My loans were held in forbearance during my service, and upon finishing my term, I earned \$10,000 to be used toward the cost of my education. This left just a small amount to be paid back, and I was student-debt-free within a few years of joining the workforce.

I don't come out swinging for either side of this latest national debate. Every time I think of a good reason for the government to forgive student loan debt, I think of a better one for them not to do it. I have argued both sides of the issue, depending on whom I'm talking to. I think I just love arguing. So here's me arguing with myself.

In favor of forgiveness: Let's talk the high-level stuff first. Extra high. Like Heaven. The Bible and Christianity in general are extremely pro-debt forgiveness. In the Old Testament, God mandated the Israelites observe a special sabbath every seventh year. Creditors were required to release all their debts and slaves (usually servants indentured because of debt). God's people were also forbidden from lending to each other at interest and expecting any return at all from loans to the poor. Jesus himself warned the responsible not to be envious of the forgiven in the parable of the Prodigal Son. And ancient Christian saints roundly condemn lenders as greedy and Hell-bound. St. Anthony, an 11th century monk, even says lending at interest is worse than being Judas, because he at least gave back his ill-gotten gains. Pretty strong stuff that we, a supposedly Christian nation, have entirely forgotten.

But if religion doesn't move you, there are plenty of other reasons to forgive student loans. An eye-watering 1.6 trillion



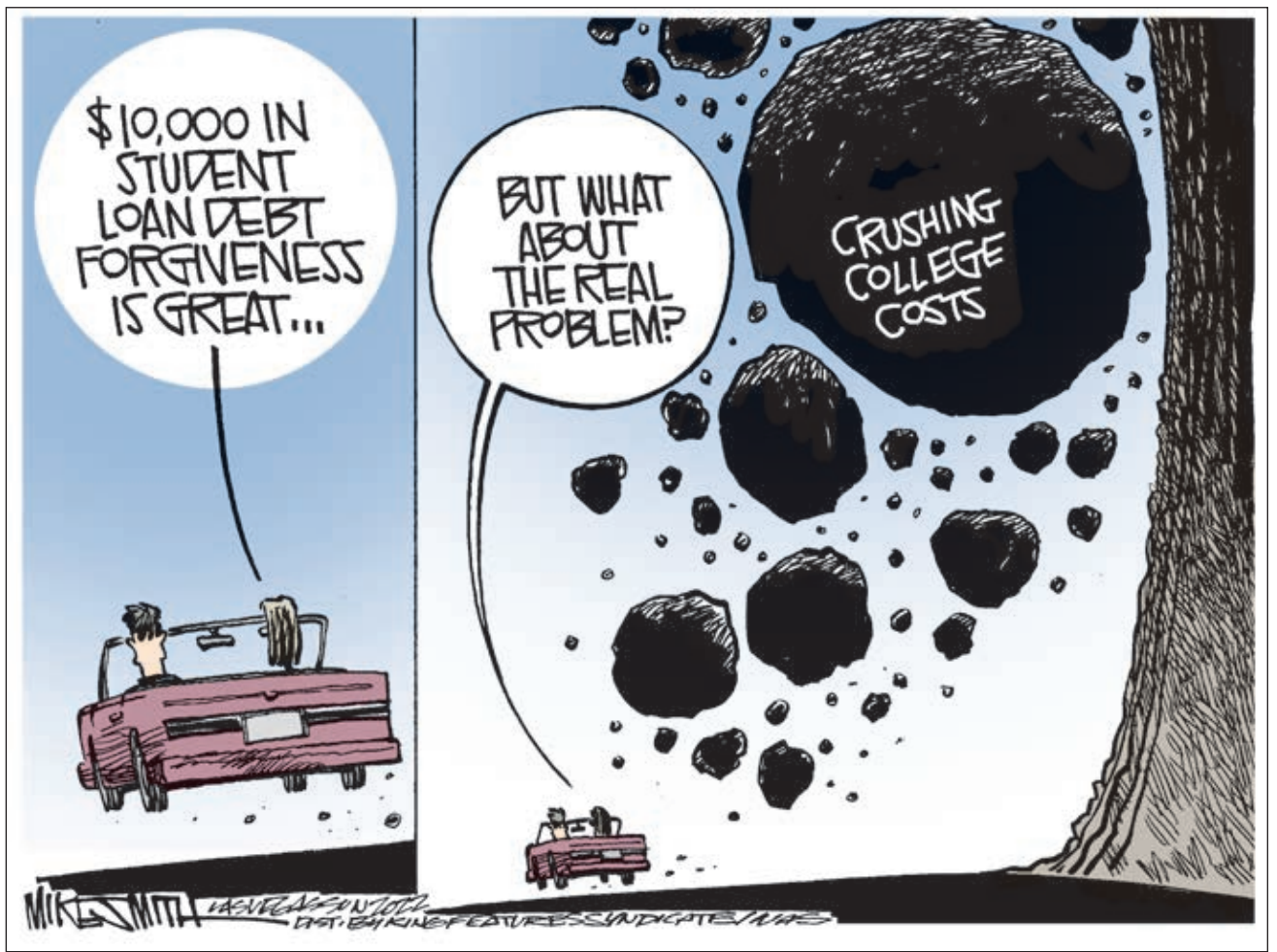
Liz Schleicher
Contributing Columnist

reasons, collectively. One in seven Americans has student debt, and the average amount owed is almost \$60,000. That much student debt (not to mention home debt, consumer debt and health debt) is a threat to our economy and our national security. Americans aren't able to exercise their rights to liberty and the pursuit of happiness when they're chained to predatory universities, lenders or the government for life. That's too much power for any entity to hold over a free people, and breaking or even loosening that hold should have immediate positive effects on families and the economy at large.

Now for the other side: The Bible has much less to say about borrowing. But it does mention that it's wicked to lend without paying back, and it warns in general that accruing debt is unwise — akin to slavery. So my objections to student loan forgiveness are mostly secular. Student debt forgiveness will be an immediate economic shot in the arm. But it's not the source of enduring freedom that it seems at first glance. Half of all federal borrowers will still be beholden to the government. All of them will now be beholden to the Democratic Party, which I suspect is more interested in gaining votes than it is in providing financial freedom from Big Brother. And bailouts always come with strings attached. Here, those strings are what's holding up a bloated and corrupt higher education system that is still encouraging students to pursue increasingly expensive (and increasingly worthless) degrees while punting payback farther and farther down the road, rewarding risky financial behavior for both borrowers and lenders. We're still headed for a collegiate-level crash with dire social and economic consequences. President Biden's plan does nothing to address this massive underlying problem.

All in all, I'm happy that many of my family and friends will now have money freed up to spend on their other needs and wants. I have no patience for the envious whose only objection is that someone else shouldn't get what they never had. But I am still suspicious of politicians, distrustful of the government, and worried about the future of education and our nation's security. I'll keep on arguing with myself, but I don't think I'm going to come to a conclusion. Only time will tell how it all works out.

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CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

Federal student loan subsidy is worthwhile

I figured I would hear a volcanic eruption regarding forgiveness of \$10,000 of student loan indebtedness. And I was right. "I paid mine!" "It isn't FAIR!"

Can we breathe for a minute before deciding that this move will bring the fall of western civilization?

When I think about what's fair, I don't think about student loans today. My loan, for instance, was at 3%. But now, many people pay their student loans at a whopping 9% interest, while banks have been paying 0% interest for years. Many of those people now owe much more than they borrowed. A teacher here in Sedalia, for example, borrowed \$8,500, has paid \$20,000, and now owes \$45,000.

Something isn't right about that.

Obviously, a \$10,000 forgiveness will help the teacher, but she will still owe \$35,000, which she may finish up by the time she retires. Maybe. But others will be helped greatly. Many people began school but dropped out for some reason — illness, divorce, loss of job, or other factors beyond their control. Some are community college students, who began school hoping to improve their futures, but who were unable to complete their degrees and therefore did not



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obtain higher-paying jobs.

I always knew I would go to college but didn't know how it would happen. Two teachers in small-town Missouri were not exactly flush with extra money. William Jewell, though, came up with huge scholarships and grants, and I took out a loan for the remainder: \$750. I am grateful that college was affordable in those days.

But college isn't so affordable now, and neither are these loans. The costs of both have risen much higher annually than the average rate of inflation, which is 3.5% from 1978 to now (<https://bit.ly/3KDQB9u>). For instance, in 2004, MU's tuition rose 19.8% (<https://bit.ly/3CBqNwz>). I fear we are headed in the direction of educating only those who can afford it. This could result in a wealthy educated class, and an un- or under-educated underclass. That is not a direction I ever thought this country would take.

We want to make things better for the next generation. Or so I thought.

U.S. taxpayers financially subsidize concepts we think are important. For instance, the tax deduction we get for the interest we pay on our homes is to encourage home ownership. We subsidize farmers to encourage them to grow crops we need or not to grow crops we don't need. We also subsidized farmers when they were hurt by the 2018 tariffs against China (<https://bit.ly/3RfE1Da>). We have even subsidized huge banks and the auto industry (the 2008 recession-related TARP funds) so that the economy of the entire country wouldn't collapse.

Until the 1980s, we also subsidized higher education, allowing colleges to offer generous financial aid to deserving and financially needy students. That portion of the national budget was slashed by 25% along with the Reagan tax cuts, when the top tax rate went from 70% to 37% (<https://brook.gs/3CB33c2>).

That has contributed to the mess we are in now. This program will help those who previously would have benefited from a robust education department budget.

Most of the student loan assistance will go to households making

less than \$75,000 per year. The top 5% will receive nothing. In contrast, 85% of the 2017 tax cuts went to the top earners. In 2020, during the pandemic, the government offered Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans to large companies and small business owners, including members of Congress, many of whom have been railing about how the student loan forgiveness program is unfair (<https://on.mktw.net/3cju0X3>). And guess what? Those PPP loans have been forgiven, without one iota of protestation.

Obviously, every group contains those who "game the system." Teachers know that someone in every class will try to skate, or cheat, or get away with bad behavior. That is, I'm sure, the case here. Some people will feel as if they have gotten away with something and giggle about it. But most, I believe, will be grateful.

The TARP subsidies totaled \$426 billion (<https://bit.ly/3Kq6Uur>). The PPP loans totaled \$800 billion (<https://bloom.bg/3PTnOCJ>). If the auto industry, banks, businesses, and members of Congress are important enough to subsidize, a \$20 billion subsidy for students (<https://reut.rs/3CAy0wH>) is worth it to me.

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GUEST COLUMN

Old Smokey and all its glory

Whenever I talk to people about the Missouri State Fair, I always end up at the same place in those conversations — I always feel the need to get in something about Old Smokey, the huge steam engine that sits all alone on a short track next to the racetrack. I guess that is so I can brag about actually seeing some of them in all their glory, with black smoke blowing out of their stacks.

I have written about Old Smokey before, and his many cousins that used to pass just a block from my house when I was a boy. "The Monsters that Lived Down the Street" was actually one of the first columns that I wrote



Jack Miller
Guest Columnist

about the steam engines, which appeared in the Sedalia Democrat's "Down Memory Lane" column in the late '90s. That wasn't the only time the old trains inspired me to write a story or poem about those fire-breathing monsters. I am always thinking about what

more I could say about them that I haven't already said.

I am reminded of the old trains every hour of the day because I have one of those clocks that makes the distinctive sounds of the old steam engines all day long. My wife isn't that crazy about it, but I never get tired of the sounds it makes. I guess it's a good thing it shuts off at night, though.

I did not make it to the fair this year, but I know there will be some old guys and kids pressed up against the chain-link fence that surrounds Old Smokey, admiring the old train and imagining it running by with black smoke trailing behind it.

I wrote this poem for Old Smokey, and all those people who, like me, feel a little sorry that the train is confined to a short track and can no longer run.

**THE OLD TRAIN
HER BOILER RUSTED, HER
WHEELS HELD DOWN
NO SMOKE COMES FROM
HER STACK
SHE MOVES NO MORE FROM
TOWN TO TOWN
A PRISONER OF A
SHORTENED TRACK
HER POWER GREAT, IS NOW
RENDERED NIL
BORN TO RUN, BUT FORCED
TO STAND STILL**

Jack Miller is a long-time Sedalia resident, former radio news reporter and former Democrat contributing columnist.



Parks and Recreation Board President Erica Collins helps to fill the wall with concrete during a community build Thursday, Aug. 25, at the Inclusive Playground. Collins and Scott Holmberg placed a tea bag and coffee beans, respectively, inside the wall as symbols of the partnership between the Parks and Recreation Department and the Johnson County Board of Services.

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Wall

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The wall is being constructed with volunteer effort and funds left over from the original construction of the Inclusive Playground.

"We started the park in 2017," Johnson County Board of Services Director Melissa Frey said. "We fundraised and we were able to get the (Department of Natural Resources) grant and from that, the city matched some of the grant funds."

Frey said there was about \$16,000 left once construction was completed at the playground.

The inclusive playground was an initiative of the JCMBS and features equipment designed to be inclusive and accommodate people with disabilities and is open to be used by anyone.

Scott Holmberg was the director of the JCMBS when the playground was under construction.

"When we started, we didn't have a plan, we didn't have a location, we just had a motivated group of people and went after it," Holmberg said.

Holmberg said the purpose of the playground is to create a space where anyone can feel welcome.

"One of the things we wanted was a donor wall ... as we were kicking (the idea) around, 'why not add in a sensory feature,'" Holmberg said.

In total, the community raised about \$30,000 for the playground.

"We knew that we always wanted to add this sensory aspect to the park," Frey said. "And also feature the donors, so everybody from the community that supported the project, that pledged money (will be listed)."

The mission of JCMBS is SPARK, Support People with developmental disabilities through Advocacy, Resources and Kindness.

"We're so grateful because the park wouldn't be here without the donors," Foster said.

The sensory aspect of the wall will include different tactile aspects that can be experienced by anyone, in particular those who are visually impaired or blind as well as those seeking sensory stimulus.

"I have seen some other parks that had that sensory feature where someone could just kind of walk along and feel the different textures and things on the wall," Frey said.

Hannah Clark is a local artist and was approached by Holmberg for the art aspect of the sensory side.

"I do a little bit of

everything, so I make miniature paintings, I do portraiture, I do big-scale murals," Clark said. "I like a little bit of everything, as long as it involves painting and drawing. I'm really excited about the sensory wall, though, because I kind of get to add my own design elements to it and there will be certain places where kids will be able to touch it and interact with it."

Clark painted the waterfall mural on the steps at The Alley in Downtown Warrensburg.

The park was a project for JCMBS but is maintained largely by the Warrensburg Parks and Recreation Department.

Parks and Rec and JCMBS work together on a number of projects.

"I think our relationship has gotten a lot stronger and we've got a lot of things we're working on partnering with in the future," Parks and Recreation Director Danielle Foster said.

The Parks and Recreation Department and JCMBS partnered over the summer for Bright Sox, the co-ed softball league for individuals with developmental disabilities.

"We've got the inclusive prom, we talked about some other things too," Foster said. "We're excited to see how we can continue to grow."

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School

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• **Well-being:** Well-being includes the physical (safety, environmental), social-emotional, and intellectual needs of students.

• **Students:** Students include all children aged 3-21 who are enrolled in the school system.

This rule must be effective two years after the adoption of the proposed rule by the state Board of Education.

DESE will review districts annually in accordance with the rule and review the data collected over multiple years to see where a district needs improvement. The state board will then assign districts a classification designation of unaccredited, provisionally accredited, accredited and accredited with distinction.

A district identified through MSIP as need-

ing improvement must submit a continuous school improvement plan for approval to DESE. Once in place, a classification designation will remain in effect until the board approves another classification designation.

Local boards that are dissatisfied with their district's classification designation can request reconsideration within the first 60 days after designation.

"It makes us pay close attention to the things that the state of Missouri says that we're supposed to be doing," Fraley said. "What gets paid attention to gets done and it makes us focus on those things that are in MSIP 6 that we are graded on so we can be accredited with the state."

Fraley said there is a lot of bureaucracy to it, and that about 70% of a district's grade is based on student performance.

"That is still the great majority on how schools will be grad-

ed," Fraley said. "They moved more into a growth model mindset to where their statistical analysis of scores has changed since MSIP 5."

Fraley added that a good thing he sees in MSIP 6 is that DESE and the state board are doing their cut scores, or status targets, on the state achievement tests.

Those cut scores used to be A, B, C, D, and F, but now they are A+, A, A-, so there is more distinction between students and how the district is graded.

"Part of MSIP 6 accredited is whether or not your board of education is properly trained and has received at least minimum training that is required," Fraley said in reference to why school boards speak about MSIP during public meetings.

To learn more about MSIP 6, visit the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's website.

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Run

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Run4Hope will begin near St. Charles and end in Clinton. Lori Berger, the eighth team member, will provide bike support. The runners plan to run both day and night to reach their goal.

Information provided by Gertz said the proceeds from the run will go to Boonville Valley of Hope, where Bridges works. It will also spread awareness about mental health issues, such as the heavy reality of substance abuse, and bring attention to the many centers that help with recovery and support. The group also hopes to raise awareness of healthy outlets for reducing stress rather than turning to substance abuse.

"Running is ours, but there are so many," Gertz added.

Miller spoke to the Democrat about the run on Friday, noting the idea of running the Katy Trail began with Harvey, who wanted to run the entire trail at some point, but not all at once. She added Bridges wanted to come up with ideas the club could do for the community. When he heard Harvey's vision, he suggested they plan a fundraising run for September.

"They started bouncing around that idea, and the idea for the relay was

born," Miller said with a smile. "It's just like wow, it's only 237 miles! And if we had enough people, and we averaged 10-minute miles, we could do that in 40 hours."

"It all came from little ideas to, let's just do this," she continued. "But we're hoping that we learn a lot. This (run) technically qualifies for what a runner would call an 'Ultra' because it is a long distance run over a long period."

Miller, a math instructor and division chair at State Fair Community College, said the strategy for the run is to have one to two runners run a stretch of 4 to 7 miles at a time. A vehicle will drop them off and then pick them up. An RV will be available for those not running at the time to rest. In addition, Berger will run bike support, especially for the runners at night. Bicycle support will provide a lighted path for the team preventing accidents on portions of the uneven trail. Runners will also wear headlamps at night to further illuminate the way.

"Like I said, we're going to learn a lot," she noted. "But I think our strategy is solid. We're all trained and ready to go, and we can all do an average of a 10-minute mile."

"That's been our target," she continued. "So, we feel like we can start out on Saturday a whole lot quicker. And

on any given day, most of us could run faster than that, but we're looking at roughly seven people doing 237 miles."

At this point, the group has raised a little over \$1,000 and is looking to raise more. For those who wish to donate, Run4Hope collection buckets are at Brian's Gym, Total Fitness, Anytime Fitness, and Planet Fitness.

The group also welcomes those who would like to bicycle or pace the runners. Miller added they also encourage people to come to the trail and cheer them along.

She said the group hopes the run will come full circle for the community.

"That's one of the reasons we call it Run4Hope," she noted. "We're really hoping all of this can come full circle and everything we're doing can be turned into good for the community."

For more information or to donate, visit the Sedalia Runners Club Facebook page or the Run4Hope Facebook event page. The group will place run updates on the event page during the event, and the page also has the biographies of each runner. Bridges and Miller can be reached by emailing daniel.bridges2@gmail.com or kmiller11@sfcmo.edu.

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Cafe

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And business was good, until the increased traffic on North 65 required changes.

“It was until everything changed,” Deleshull said. “Before COVID-19, they start to say there’s going to be a new outer road, or something like that.”

Deleshull said traffic is already keeping customers from her restaurant.

“With a new company here and the gas station, with the two stoplights, it’s been affecting my business,” Deleshull said. “Five years ago, when there was no stoplights, we were more busy. Now we’re not busy for lunch time because we have a stoplight over there at Break Time, a stoplight over here on HH, so people don’t have time to come in from Sedalia and eat lunch.”

Deleshull went to the Pettis County Commis-



Clara Deleshull has been at the current location, 22938 U.S. Highway 65, for the last five years. She is now listing the property with Big Iron Realty and hopes to move downtown.

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sioners and got assurances her business would have highway access via an access road.

“I hear so many things,” Deleshull said. “I’m being in the court-

house trying to talk to people over there, asking questions about all this. They said it’s gonna be closed between HH and H, that it’s gonna be for my business in some way, but they say, ‘no,



Ron Evans, a 12-year customer of Clara’s, gets a hearty breakfast served to him by owner Clara Deleshull on Friday morning. Deleshull wants to thank all her customers for their support.



The U.S. Highway 65 interchange project by the Pettis County Commission and the Missouri Department of Transportation is affecting a Pettis County business, Clara’s North 65 Café.

don’t worry, it’s gonna be OK.”

Deleshull doesn’t believe her café can remain in business in the current location and has listed her 2-acre property with a neighbor’s 4 acres for a 6-acre lot she thinks would be perfect for another gas station.

As she waits for Big Iron Realty to sell her property, she is glad her customers are keeping her business alive.

“I’m alive here because

I work hard.” Deleshull said. “Black and Decker, they been helping me a lot, they’ve been ordered from me, and they’ve been helping me more than anyone in Sedalia. I’m working hard and I try to keep my doors open. We was closing on Mondays, now we gonna start open next Monday we’re gonna start to open again Mondays to try keep our business afloat. Sometimes it’s hard. I got these really rough days,

but I have good days, too.”

If Deleshull can get customer support through these lean times, and a buyer for the property, she plans to move to downtown Sedalia.

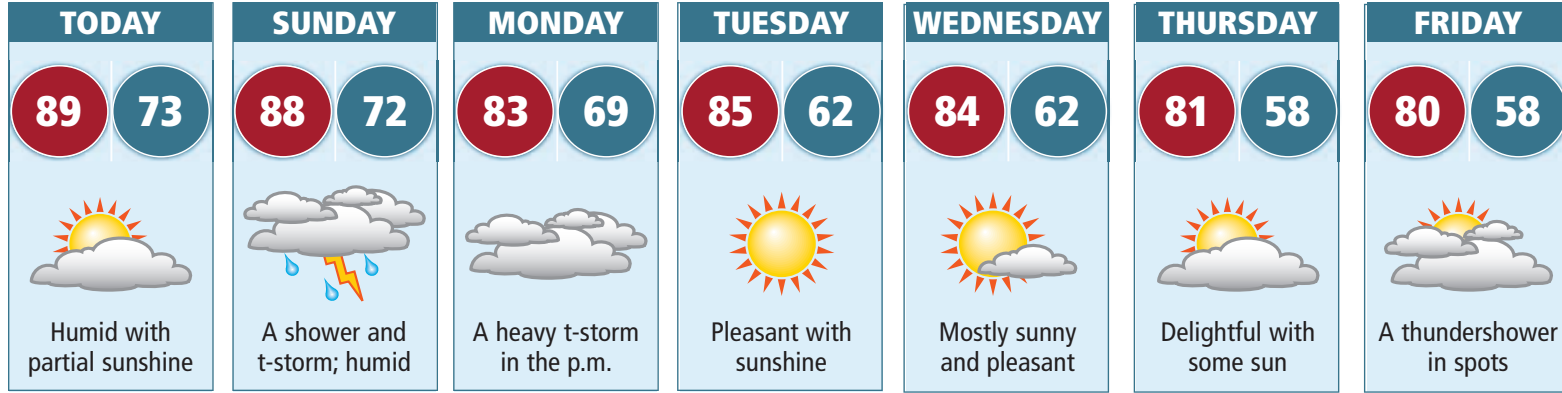
“People try to support my business and then when I say I’ll move to downtown, they are so excited,” Deleshull said, “waiting for me to move to downtown.”

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THE WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST



SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:38 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:51 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:43 a.m.
Moonset today	8:27 p.m.



WEATHER HISTORY

Over 1,000 people drowned when a storm surge accompanying a hurricane inundated Charleston, S.C., on Aug. 27, 1893. Such events led to the adoption of hurricane safety plans by emergency officials.

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Sedalia Regional Airport Thursday

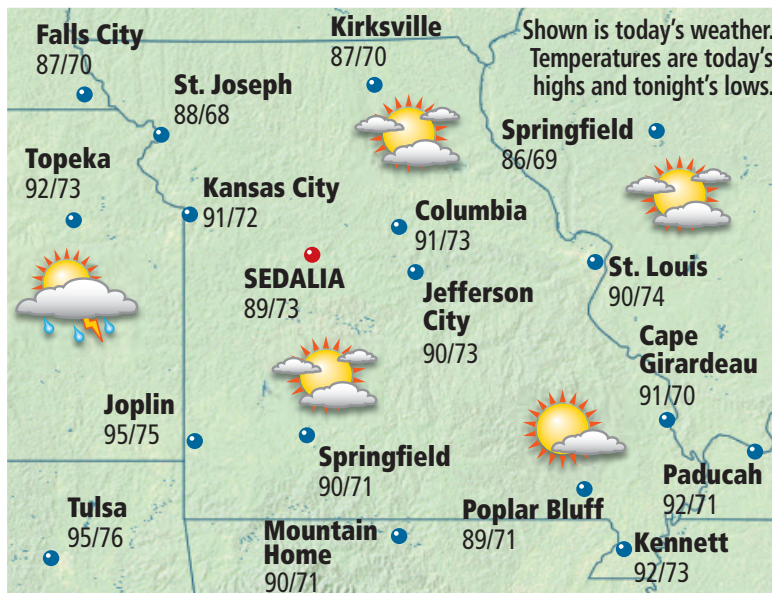
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High	89
Low	68
Normal high	85
Normal low	63
Record high	102 in 2003
Record low	47 in 1958

PRECIPITATION	
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	3.72"
Normal m-t-d	3.14"
Year to date	29.13"
Normal y-t-d	30.04"

COOLING DEGREE DAYS	
Thursday	14
Month to date	318
Year to date	1348
Normal year to date	987
Last year to date	1210

RIVER LEVELS			
In feet as of 7 a.m. Friday			
Blackwater	Stage	Chg	Fid Stg
Blue Lick	6.97	-0.06	24
Valley City	2.68	-0.02	22
Lamine			
Otterville	0.84	-0.05	15
Missouri			
Boonville	6.32	-0.07	21

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BRANSON
High: 92. Low: 70. Humid today with clouds and sun. Mostly cloudy and humid tonight. Humid tomorrow; a thunderstorm in parts of the area in the afternoon.

KANSAS CITY
High: 91. Low: 72. Humid today with times of clouds and sun; an afternoon thunderstorm. A thunderstorm tonight. A couple of showers and a thunderstorm tomorrow.

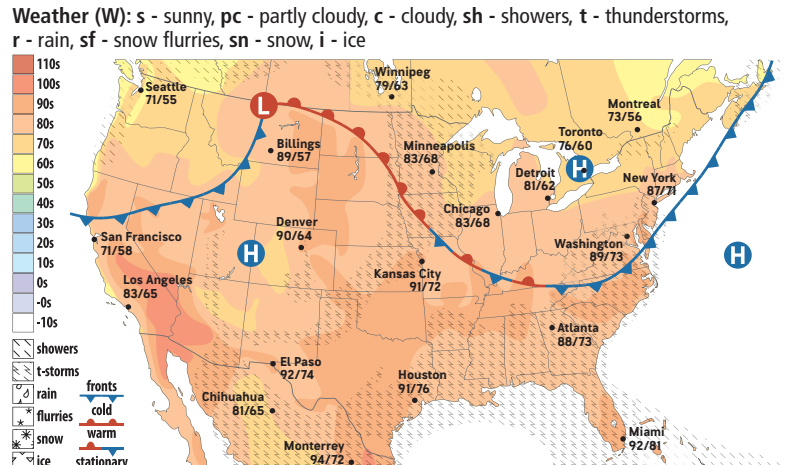
ST. LOUIS
High: 90. Low: 74. Humid today with intervals of clouds and sunshine. Turning cloudy, warm and humid tonight. A thunderstorm in spots tomorrow afternoon.

NEW YORK CITY
High: 87. Low: 71. Partly sunny today with a thunderstorm in spots in the afternoon. A thundershower in parts of the area tonight.

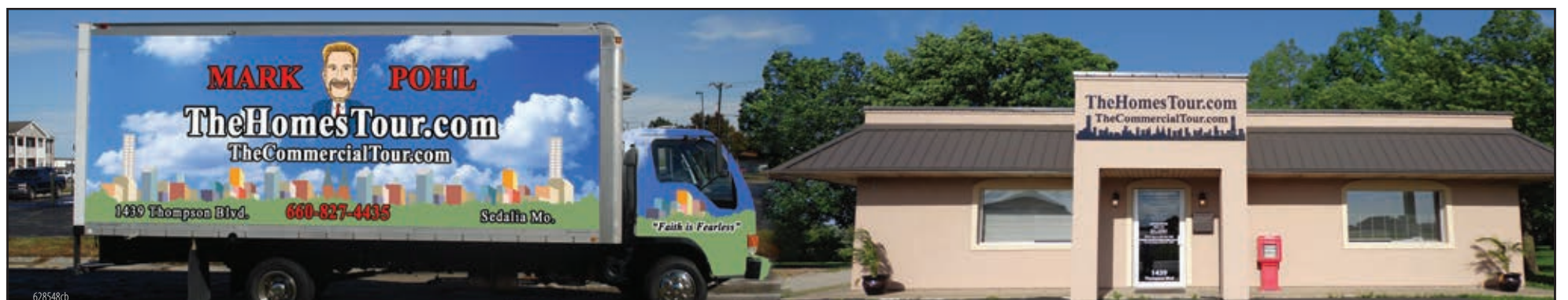
LOS ANGELES
High: 83. Low: 65. Areas of low clouds and fog, then sunshine today. Mainly clear early tonight, then areas of low clouds and fog.

NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today	Sunday	Today	Sunday
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	88/73/t	88/73/t	80/68/pc	82/72/t
Baltimore	90/71/c	90/70/s	91/74/s	92/73/s
Billings	89/57/c	78/55/c	New Orleans	85/77/t
Boston	79/67/s	76/68/pc	Norfolk	87/73/t
Buffalo	78/59/pc	86/70/s	Oklahoma City	93/74/pc
Charlotte	91/71/t	89/71/pc	Orlando	90/76/t
Chicago	83/68/pc	85/72/t	Phoenix	104/83/s
Cleveland	79/63/pc	87/72/s	Pittsburgh	81/63/pc
Dallas	92/77/pc	95/78/pc	Portland, ME	75/60/s
Denver	90/64/s	90/57/c	Portland, OR	74/58/pc
Detroit	81/62/s	87/71/pc	Sacramento	87/57/s
Honolulu	88/75/s	87/76/s	St. Louis	90/74/pc
Houston	91/76/t	90/75/t	San Francisco	71/58/pc
Indianapolis	85/68/pc	88/72/t	Seattle	71/55/c
Las Vegas	104/80/s	101/82/s	Washington, DC	89/73/t



Summary: Thunderstorms will affect areas from the mid-Atlantic region to the Gulf Coast, as well as parts of the interior Southwest, central Plains and Midwest today. Showers will cool portions of the Northwest.



EPA to designate 'forever chemicals' as hazardous substances

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency moved Friday to designate two "forever chemicals" used in cookware, carpets and firefighting foams as hazardous substances, a step that would clear the way for quicker cleanup of the toxic compounds, which have been linked to cancer and other health problems.

Designation as a hazardous substance under the so-called Superfund law doesn't ban the chemicals. But it requires that releases of PFOA and PFOS into soil or water be reported to federal, state or tribal officials if they meet or exceed certain levels. The EPA could then require cleanups to protect public health and recover cleanup costs.

PFOA and PFOS have been voluntarily phased out by U.S. manufacturers but are still in limited use and remain in the environment because they do not degrade over time. The compounds are part of a larger cluster of "forever chemicals" known as PFAS that have

been used in consumer products and industry since the 1940s. The term is short for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, which have been used in nonstick frying pans, water-repellent sports gear, stain-resistant rugs, cosmetics and countless other consumer products.

The chemicals can accumulate and persist in the human body for long periods of time, and evidence from animal and human studies indicates that exposure to PFOA or PFOS may lead to cancer or other health problems.

"Communities have suffered far too long from exposure to these forever chemicals," EPA Administrator Michael Regan said in a statement Friday. "The action announced today will improve transparency and advance EPA's aggressive efforts to confront this pollution."

Under the proposed rule, "EPA will both help protect communities from PFAS pollution and seek to hold polluters accountable for their actions," Regan said. The rule is expected to become final next year.

The Superfund law al-

lows the EPA to clean up contaminated sites and forces parties responsible for the contamination to either perform cleanups or reimburse the government for EPA-led cleanup work. When no responsible party can be identified, Superfund gives EPA money and authority to clean up contaminated sites.

The EPA's action follows a recent report by the National Academies of Science that calls PFAS a serious public health threat in the U.S. and worldwide. It comes after an EPA announcement in June that PFOA and PFOS are more dangerous than previously thought and pose health risks even at levels so low they cannot currently be detected.

The agency issued nonbinding health advisories that set health risk thresholds for PFOA and PFOS to near zero, replacing 2016 guidelines that had set them at 70 parts per trillion. The chemicals are found in products including cardboard packaging, carpets and firefighting foam and increasingly found in drinking water.

The EPA said in a statement that it is

focused on holding responsible companies that manufactured and released significant amounts of PFOA and PFOS into the environment and will not target individual landowners or farmers "who may have been inadvertently impacted by the contamination." The agency also said it is committed to further outreach and engagement to hear from communities affected by PFAS pollution.

Erik Olson, a health and food expert at the Natural Resources Defense Council, called the announcement an important step to clean up hundreds of contaminated sites across the country and protect millions of families exposed to the toxic chemicals.

"Listing PFOA and PFOS as hazardous under Superfund law should allow EPA to hold polluters responsible for that contamination," he said. "Ratepayers and public utilities should not be footing the bill for industry's decades of wonton use of these dangerous chemicals."

Attorney Rob Bilott, an anti-PFAS advocate, said the EPA's proposal "sends a loud and clear

message to the entire world that the United States is finally acknowledging and accepting the now overwhelming evidence that these man-made poisons present substantial danger to the public health and the environment."

Bilott, whose work to uncover the widespread presence of PFAS chemicals in the environment and in human blood was highlighted in the 2019 film "Dark Waters," said the EPA must work to ensure that costs of cleaning up the toxins are borne by PFAS manufacturers that caused the contamination — "not the innocent victims of this pollution who didn't create the toxins and were never warned any of this was ever happening."

Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va., said she supports strong action to address PFAS contamination in West Virginia and across the country but was concerned about "the unintended consequences that today's proposal could have."

If finalized, "property owners, farmers, employers, essential utilities and individuals may be liable for unknowingly

having PFAS on their land, even if it was there years or even generations prior to ownership and came from an unknown source," Capito said.

She urged the EPA to develop an enforceable drinking water standard to promote the health and safety of all Americans.

The American Chemistry Council, which represents major chemical companies, called the EPA's proposal "an expensive, ineffective and unworkable means to achieve remediation for these chemicals."

Listing the chemicals under Superfund could harm local fire departments, water utilities, small businesses, airports and farmers, the group said. "The proposed (Superfund) designation would impose tremendous costs on these parties without defined cleanup standards," the council said in a statement.

The EPA said it expects to propose national drinking water regulations for PFOA and PFOS later this year, with a final rule expected in 2023.

Moderna sues Pfizer, BioNTech over COVID-19 vaccine patents

By Tom Murphy
AP Health Writer

COVID-19 vaccine maker Moderna is suing Pfizer and the German drugmaker BioNTech, accusing its main competitors of copying Moderna's technology in order to make their own vaccine.

Moderna said Friday that Pfizer and BioNTech's vaccine Comirnaty infringes on patents Moderna filed several years ago protecting the technology behind its preventive shot, Spikevax. The company filed patent infringement lawsuits in both U.S. federal court and a German court.

Pfizer spokeswoman Pam Eisele said the company had not fully reviewed Moderna's lawsuit, but the drugmaker was surprised by it, given that their vaccine is based on proprietary technology developed by both BioNTech and Pfizer.

She said in an email that Pfizer Inc., based in New York, would "vigorously defend" against any allegations in the case. BioNTech said in a statement late Friday that its work was "original" and that it too would defend itself.

Moderna and Pfizer's two-shot vaccines both use mRNA technology to help people fight the coronavirus.

"When COVID-19 emerged, neither Pfizer nor BioNTech had Moderna's level of experience with developing mRNA vaccines for coronaviruses," Moderna said in a complaint filed Friday in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

The mRNA vaccines work by injecting a genetic code for the spike protein that coats the surface of the coronavirus. That code, the mRNA, is encased in a little ball of fat, and instructs the body's cells to make some harmless spike copies that train the immune system to recognize the real virus.

That approach is radically different than how vaccines have traditionally been made.

Moderna said it started developing its mRNA technology platform in 2010, and that helped the company quickly produce its COVID-19 vaccine after the pandemic arrived in early 2020.

By the end of that year, U.S. regulators had cleared shots from both Pfizer and Moderna for use after clinical research showed that both were highly effective.

Moderna CEO Stephane Bancel said in a prepared statement that the vaccine developer pioneered that technology and

invested billions of dollars in creating it.

Moderna worked with scientists at the National Institutes of Health to test and develop its COVID-19 vaccine. The company said its lawsuit is not related to any patent rights generated during that collaboration.

The company said it believes its rivals' vaccine infringes on patents Moderna filed between 2010 and 2016.

Moderna said in its complaint that Pfizer and BioNTech copied some critical features of its technology, including making the "exact same chemical modification to their mRNA that Moderna scientists first developed years earlier" and went on to use in Spikevax.

Moderna said it recognizes the importance of vaccine access and is not seeking to remove Comirnaty from the market. It also is not asking for an injunction to prevent future sales.

Moderna said in 2020 that it would not enforce its COVID-19 related patents while the pandemic continued. But the company said in March, with vaccine supplies improving globally, that it would update that pledge.

It said it still would not enforce its patents for vaccines used in low- and middle-income countries. But it expected companies like Pfizer and BioNTech to respect its intellectual property, and it would consider "a commercially reasonable license" in other markets if they requested one.

"Pfizer and BioNTech have failed to do so," Moderna said in a statement.

The vaccines have swiftly become top-selling products globally.

Pfizer's Comirnaty brought in more than \$36 billion in sales globally last year, and analysts expect it to bring in nearly \$33 billion this year, according to FactSet.

Moderna Inc. booked \$17.6 billion in revenue from its vaccine last year. Analysts project more than \$21 billion in 2022. Spikevax is Moderna's only product on the market, but it is developing other vaccines using the mRNA technology.

The Cambridge, Massachusetts company's stock trades publicly under the ticker symbol MRNA.

Associated Press writers Lauran Neergaard and Frank Jordans contributed to this report from Washington, D.C., and Berlin respectively. Murphy reported from Indianapolis.

Student loan relief highlights burden on Black borrowers

By Annie Ma
Associated Press

Gabrielle Perry, a 29-year-old epidemiologist in New Orleans, expects \$20,000 of her \$135,000 student loan debt to be wiped out under the plan announced this week by President Joe Biden. She is happy for the relief, but disappointed he isn't fully canceling student debt that weighs especially heavy on African Americans.

For her, it's discouraging that Biden isn't doing more to help a constituency that played a critical role in his presidential campaign. Perry, who cares for and financially supports her disabled mother, said those obligations act as a societal tax on Black people, preventing the growth of generational wealth.

"You are ensuring that your little brothers and sisters have what they need for school," Perry said. "You are helping your parents pay off their rent, their house. So your quote-unquote wealth doesn't even have time to be built because you're trying to help your family survive."

Black borrowers on average carry about \$40,000 in federal student loan debt, \$10,000 more than white borrowers, according to federal education data. The disparity reflects a racial wealth gap in the U.S. — one that some advocates say the debt relief plan does not do enough to narrow.

One in four Black borrowers would see their debt cleared entirely under the administration's plan, which cancels \$10,000 in federal student loan debt for those with incomes below \$125,000 a year, or households that earn less than \$250,000. The plan includes an additional \$10,000 in relief for Pell Grant recipients, who are more than twice as likely to be Black.

But more work needs to be done to make higher education accessible and affordable, said Wisdom Cole, national director of the NAACP Youth & College Division.

"When we think about education and higher education, fundamentally, it's the promise of an equitable future," Cole said. "We have so many Black graduates who go through the system, graduate and are not able to see that future because they disproportionately risk taking out loans."

Perry faced steep challenges to complete her education. Homeless for nearly a year, she had to drop out of school and saw the interest on her loans balloon. She also faced incarceration. Eventually, she was able to get her record expunged and earned a master's in public health from Tulane University, graduating just in time for the COVID-19 pandemic.

The pandemic-era freeze on student loan payments, combined with raises at work, allowed Perry to achieve a sense of stability for the first time in her life. She was able to pay off her car, help her disabled mother, and start a nonprofit, the Thurman Perry Foundation, that gives college scholarships to currently or formerly incarcerated women and their daughters.

"That time with that payment pause, it didn't just build up my life," Perry said. "It even helped me pull my mother out of poverty. I got her into a safer place to live. It reverberated for people like me. Because I know that there are other people living worse than what I survived."

Black students are more likely to take on debt to finance their education, and in larger amounts, in part because of the wealth gap that makes it less likely for Black families to be able to finance their children's education.

In her first months of graduate school, before her fellowship salary kicked in, TC Headley called the university's financial aid office to ask if there was help to cover the cost of books and supplies. Instead, the woman on the phone told her to call her parents and ask for more money.

"I can't just call my parents for thousands of dollars," she said. "The only other option to get this money in time was to take out a loan. I did what I had to do to be able to support myself and stay in school."

Headley, who owes roughly \$40,000 in student debt, had put off thinking about owning a home or starting a family because she was so focused on paying that off. Now, she expects half of that will be forgiven because she was a Pell grant recipient.

While white families are more likely to see a transfer of wealth from one generation to the next, the opposite is true of Black families, where children are more likely to have to support a parent once they obtain some level of financial security, said Andre M. Perry, senior fellow at the Brookings Institute.

"For many Black women, and Black people in general, many middle income people are being missed by this policy," Andre M. Perry said. "We have done everything that we were asked to do to get ahead. Go to college, go to the best schools, we're told. And as a result, we had to take on debt."

Associated Press writer Sharon Lurye in New Orleans contributed to this report.

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Hints of cooling prices, but Fed vows firm inflation stance

By Paul Wiseman
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Inflation eased last month as energy prices tumbled, raising hopes that the surging costs of everything from gasoline to food may have peaked.

According to a Commerce Department report Friday that is closely watched by the Federal Reserve, consumer prices rose 6.3% in July from a year earlier after posting an annual increase of 6.8% in June, the biggest jump since 1982. Energy prices made the difference in July: They dropped last month after surging in June.

Yet on the same day at the Federal Reserve's annual economic symposium in Jackson Hole, Chair Jerome Powell delivered a stark message: The Fed will likely impose more large interest rate hikes in coming months and is resolutely focused on taming inflation.

There was hope that the

Fed might signal a moderation in rate increases if inflation were to show further signs of easing.

So-called core inflation, which excludes volatile food and energy prices, rose 4.6% last month from a year earlier after rising 4.8% in June. The drop — along with a reduction in the Labor Department's consumer price index last month — suggests that inflationary pressures may be easing.

On a monthly basis, consumer prices actually fell 0.1% from June to July; core inflation blipped up 0.1%, the Commerce Department reported.

And the Fed appears ready to continue efforts to ensure prices are moving in the right direction.

Inflation started rising sharply in the spring of 2021 as the economy rebounded with surprising speed from the short but devastating coronavirus recession a year earlier. Surging customer orders overwhelmed factories, ports and freight yards,

leading to delays, shortages and higher prices. Inflation is a worldwide problem, especially since the Russian invasion of Ukraine drove up global food and energy prices.

On Friday, regulators in the U.K. said that residents will see an 80% increase in their annual household energy bills.

In the United States, the Commerce Department's personal consumption expenditures (PCE) index is less well known than the Labor Department's consumer price index (CPI).

But the Fed prefers the PCE index as a gauge of inflationary pressures, partly because the Commerce index attempts to measure how consumers adjust to rising prices by, for example, substituting cheaper store brands for pricier name brands.

There is evidence just in the last several months that that is taking place at numerous levels.

CPI has been showing higher inflation than PCE; Last month, for instance,

CPI was running at an 8.5% annual pace after hitting a four-decade high 9.1% in June. One reason: The Labor Department's index gives more weight to rents, which have soared this year.

The Commerce Department also reported Friday that Americans' after-tax personal income rose 0.3% from June to July after adjusting for inflation; it has fallen in June. Consumer spending rose 0.2% last month after accounting for higher prices.

Spiking prices have become a political threat to the current administration and President Joe Biden was quick to point to the latest data that could show inflation is loosening its grip.

"The American people are starting to get some relief from high prices, and the Inflation Reduction Act that I signed last month will also help bring prices down," Biden said Friday. "Gas prices decreased every day this

summer — the fastest decline in over a decade. And, today's report showed that personal income was up last month as well."

The Fed was slow to respond to rising inflation, thinking it the temporary result of supply chain bottlenecks. But as prices continued to climb, the U.S. central bank moved aggressively, hiking its benchmark interest rate four times since March.

On Friday, Powell warned more explicitly than he has in the past that the Fed's continued tightening of credit will cause pain for many households and businesses as its higher rates further slow the economy and potentially lead to job losses.

"These are the unfortunate costs of reducing inflation," Powell said. "But a failure to restore price stability would mean far greater pain."

Price pressures may already be easing as the U.S. economy slows. Gross domestic product —

broadest measure of economic output — shrank in the first half of 2020 as borrowing costs increased. The housing market has been hit especially hard. And supply chain backlogs have started to unsnarl.

"Inflation appears to have peaked in mid-2022 and should slow on a year-over-year basis through the rest of this year and in 2023," said Gus Faucher, chief economist at PNC.

Nick Zawitz, who runs Tangle Creations, a South San Francisco company that makes Fidget Toys among others, said that shipping costs have plunged and raw materials prices have dropped slightly. Meanwhile, the company's sales are up 45% over the past year. "Things are chugging along," Zawitz said.

AP White House Correspondent Zeke Miller contributed to this report from Washington, D.C.

Missouri to ban sexual images in school library books

By Summer Ballentine

The Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — A new Missouri law outlawing books with sexually explicit images from school libraries is about to take effect.

Starting Sunday, it will be a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail or a \$2,000 fine for librarians and other educators to give students access to such material.

The law does not apply to written descriptions of sex or sexual acts; only photos, drawings, videos and other visual depictions are prohibited.

The law defined explicit sexual material as images "showing human masturbation, deviate sexual intercourse," "sexual intercourse, direct physical stimulation of genitals, sadomasochistic abuse," or showing human genitals.

There are exceptions for anatomy, biology, sex education, art and other images considered educational.

Melissa Corey, the president of the Missouri Association of School Librarians, said the law likely will only apply to certain comic books and graphic novels, which are longer comic books.

Republican state Sen. Rick Brattin spearheaded the legislation by tacking it on to another bill aimed at protecting sexual assault victims' rights. He initially proposed a more expansive ban that would have prohibited written descriptions

of sexual acts, but that was scaled back during closed-door negotiations.

"When you go read the definition of what is outlawed — literal sex acts, graphic human masturbation — these are things that are within the definition, and people are finding this controversial that it should be before kids," Brattin said. "I'm really blown away by how controversial this has turned."

Democratic state Sen. Barbara Washington said Democrats tried to limit the scope of the law to save books such as Nobel laureate Toni Morrison's debut novel "The Bluest Eye," which is not banned under the new law.

"We have works of art and books of literature that may have things that may be offensive to some, but taken as a whole would not necessarily be offensive," Washington said.

Brattin cited "Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic" as a book he wants to see removed from schools under the new law. The graphic memoir is about author Alison Bechdel's fraught relationship with her late father and includes drawn depictions of masturbation and oral sex.

Corey said it's unclear which books, if any, will be pulled from Missouri school libraries. Those decisions are made at the school district level, and she said schools have policies that outline the formal process for reviewing which books students can access.

Corey said the associ-

ation advised librarians to work with local school boards to best follow the law, particularly the exceptions for art and biology.

"It ultimately is up to how the school board is going to interpret the bill upon legal counsel," she said.

Librarians follow district-specific policies in deciding which books to offer Missouri students, Corey said. She said books are approved for different grade levels based on what educators deem is age-appropriate, meaning high school students and kindergartners do not have access to the same literature.

Corey said Missouri librarians want representation in literature and for students "to see themselves reflected in books."

She cautioned against going too far in limiting what material students can access.

"When you are looking at challenging or reviewing a book it really becomes a very slippery slope," Corey said. "That is something that we really need to think about."

The issue likely will resurface in the upcoming legislative session, which begins in January. Brattin said written descriptions of sexual acts are some Republicans' next target.

"School districts definitely need to be on notice that that's going to be the next attempt," Brattin said. "A lot of this material is literary."

Nuclear treaty conference near end with Ukraine in spotlight

By Edith M. Lederer

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — As Friday's end to a four-week conference to review the landmark U.N. treaty aimed at curbing the spread of nuclear weapons neared, delegates scrambled to reach agreement on a final document with Russia's invasion of Ukraine and takeover of Europe's largest nuclear power a key obstacle.

Argentine Ambassador Gustavo Zlauvinen, president of the conference reviewing the 50-year-old Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, which is considered the cornerstone of nuclear disarmament, circulated a revised 36-page draft final document that aimed to address some of China's concerns. But it still made the same four references to Russia's occupation of Europe's biggest nuclear plant at Zaporizhzhia in southeastern Ukraine — though without naming Russia.

Any document must be approved by all 191 countries that are parties to the treaty, and the closing plenary meeting to consider the revised draft was delayed while delegates met behind closed doors to try to get all countries on board.

Earlier this week, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Linda Thomas-Greenfield told the Security Council that the Biden administration is seeking a consensus final document that strengthens the nuclear treaty and acknowledges "the manner in which Russia's war and irrespon-

sible actions in Ukraine seriously undermine the NPT's main purpose."

Russia's U.N. Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia accused the United States and its allies at that council meeting of "politicizing the work on the final document, putting their geopolitical interests in punishing Russia above their collective needs in strengthening global security."

"Against the backdrop of the actual sabotage by the collective West of the global security architecture, Russia continues to do everything possible to keep at least its key, vital elements afloat," Nebenzia said.

The four references to Zaporizhzhia, where Russia and Ukraine accuse each other of shelling, would have the parties to the NPT express "grave concern for the military activities" at or near the facility and other nuclear plants, recognize Ukraine's loss of control and the International Atomic Energy Agency's inability to ensure its nuclear material is safeguarded.

The parties would also support IAEA efforts to visit Zaporizhzhia to ensure there is no diversion of its nuclear materials which the agency's director is hoping to organize in the coming day. And it would express "grave concern" at the safety of Ukraine's nuclear facilities, in particular Zaporizhzhia, and stress "the paramount importance of ensuring control by Ukraine's competent authorities."

The NPT review conference is supposed to be

held every five years but was delayed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The last one in 2015 ended without an agreement because of serious differences over establishing a Middle East zone free of weapons of mass destruction.

Those differences haven't gone away but are being discussed, and both draft documents obtained by The Associated Press would reaffirm the importance of establishing a nuclear-free Mideast zone. So, this is not viewed as a major stumbling block this year.

The issue that has changed the dynamics of the conference is Russia's Feb. 24 invasion of Ukraine and Russian President Vladimir Putin's warning that Russia is a "potent" nuclear power and any attempt to interfere would lead to "consequences you have never seen," and his decision soon after to put Russia's nuclear forces on high alert.

Putin has since rolled back, saying that "a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought," a message reiterated by a senior Russian official on the opening day of the NPT conference on Aug. 2. But the Russian leader's initial threat and the occupation of Zaporizhzhia by Russian forces soon after the invasion as well as their takeover of the Chernobyl nuclear plant, scene of the world's worst nuclear disaster in 1986, renewed global fears of another nuclear emergency.

STATE BRIEF

Missouri toddler dies after hiding under sink from fire

FLORISSANT, Mo. (AP) — A 2-year-old Missouri boy died after hiding under a sink during a house fire, officials say.

Firefighters found Elijah Martinez unconscious under the bathroom sink and brought him to the hospital after his Florissant, Missouri, house caught fire Wednesday, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported. He died from his injuries the same day, according to the medical examiner's office.

His parents and 7- and 4-year-old brothers escaped and were treated for minor smoke inhalation.

Officials have not yet announced the suspected cause of the fire, but Jason Hoevelmann, chief of the Florissant Valley Fire Protection District described it as accidental.

Martinez's cousin Shannon Selby said the toddler loved digging in the dirt, playing with toy trucks and hugs. Selby said the boy could walk into a room, dancing and wiggling, and make everyone laugh.

"He was always ready to give hugs," she said.



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Some cities could be left behind on lead pipe replacements

By Michael Phillis
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — In many cities, no one knows where the lead pipes lie underground. That's important because lead pipes contaminate drinking water. After the lead crisis in Flint, officials in Michigan accelerated efforts to locate their pipes, a first step toward removal.

But other places are moving more slowly. That means as billions of dollars in new federal funding becomes available to address the problem, some places are in a better position than others to quickly apply for funds and start digging. Those that wait are at risk of being left behind.

"The issue right now is we want to reduce the time that vulnerable folks are living with lead exposure," said Eric Schwartz, co-CEO of BlueConduit, which uses computer modeling to help communities predict where their lead pipes are.

In Iowa, for example, only a handful of cities have located their lead water lines and so far only one — Dubuque — has asked for newly-available federal funds to remove them. State officials still expressed confidence they will find their lead lines by the federal government's 2024 deadline and communities will have time to apply for funds.

Lead in the body can lower IQ, stunt development and cause behavior problems in children. Lead pipes can leach into drinking water. Removing them eliminates the threat.

There are millions of lead pipes in the ground, installed decades ago, that carry tap water to homes and businesses. They are concentrated in the Midwest and Northeast but are present across much of the country. Scattershot record keeping means many cities don't know which of their water pipes are made of lead versus PVC or copper.

Some places like Madison and Green Bay, Wisconsin, have managed to remove theirs. But it's an expensive problem and historically there's been little federal funding to address it.

"The lack of resources has been a huge issue," said Radhika Fox, head of the Environmental Protection Agency office of water.

President Joe Biden signed an infrastructure bill last year that finally provided a big boost, allocating \$15 billion over five years to assist communities with lead pipes. It's not enough to solve the problem, but will help.

Communities that avoid the issue or wait too long may not be eligible.

"If you don't get your act together and you don't submit an application, you're not going to get the money," said Erik Olson of the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Local officials can start replacement work before they complete a detailed inventory, but it helps to have an estimate of where lead pipes are, said Eric Oswald, director of Michigan's drinking water division.

"We need to know that they have identified the lead service lines before we're going to fund the

removal process," he said.

SCANDAL AFTER SCANDAL

Lead pipes have caused harm for decades. In recent years, residents in Newark, New Jersey, and Benton Harbor, Michigan, were forced to use bottled water for basic needs like cooking and drinking, after tests revealed elevated levels of lead. Flint, a majority-Black community where officials initially denied there were lead problems, focused national attention on the health crisis. Public trust in tap water fell afterwards, especially in Black and Hispanic communities.

Sri Vedachalam, director of water equity and climate resilience at

Environmental Consulting & Technology Inc., said he hopes communities are replacing pipes for residents' benefit.

"But realistically, if it is to avoid embarrassment, that's still a win," he said.

There is some indication that embarrassment has been a motivator. Michigan and New Jersey passed tough measures to combat lead in drinking water, including speeding up the mapping process, after downplaying high lead levels. But things are moving more slowly in some other states like Iowa and Missouri that haven't experienced similar headline-grabbing crises.

Earlier in August, the

EPA instructed communities how to document their pipes. Money will flow according to the needs of each state, Fox said. There is technical assistance available and also easier terms for disadvantaged communities.

Water testing in Hamtramck, a city of nearly 30,000 surrounded by Detroit, has periodically revealed worrisome levels of lead. The city assumes most of its pipes are made of the problem metal and work is underway to replace them.

"We've been doing street after street," said city manager Max Garbarino.

Pipe replacement is so sought after in Michigan

that communities have applied for more funds than will be immediately available.

EQUITY CONCERNS

EPA distributed early funds using a formula that doesn't consider the number of lead pipes in each state. So some states received far more money per lead pipe than others. The agency is working to correct that for future years. Michigan is hopeful that if states don't spend their money, it will eventually flow to them.

Schwartz of BlueConduit said officials should be sure not to skip pipe inspections in poor neighborhoods, to ensure inventories are accurate. Otherwise if there is

better documentation in wealthy areas, they might receive replacement funding more quickly even if they don't need it as much.

Dubuque, a city of about 58,000 on the Mississippi River, wants more than \$48 million to replace roughly 5,500 of its pipes that contain lead. Mapping work started years ago and previous officials ensured that it was properly updated, anticipating it would one day be a federal requirement. They were right.

Christopher Lester, manager of the city's water department, said those past efforts made applying for funds easy.

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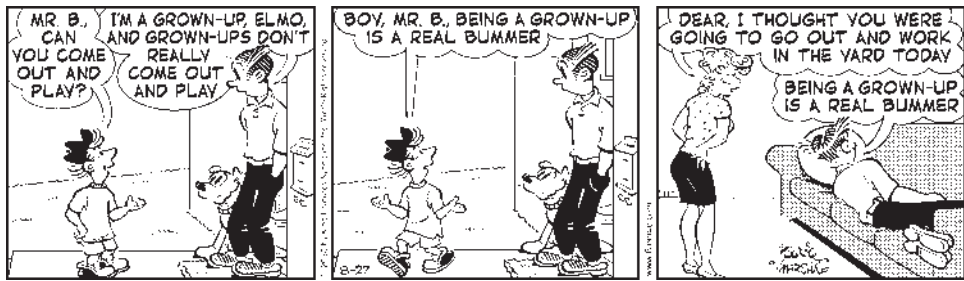
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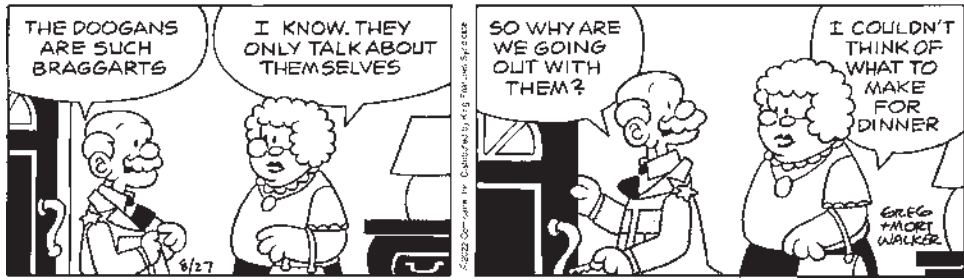
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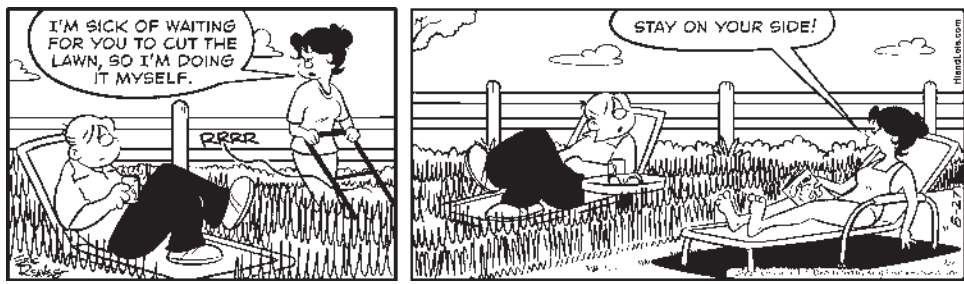
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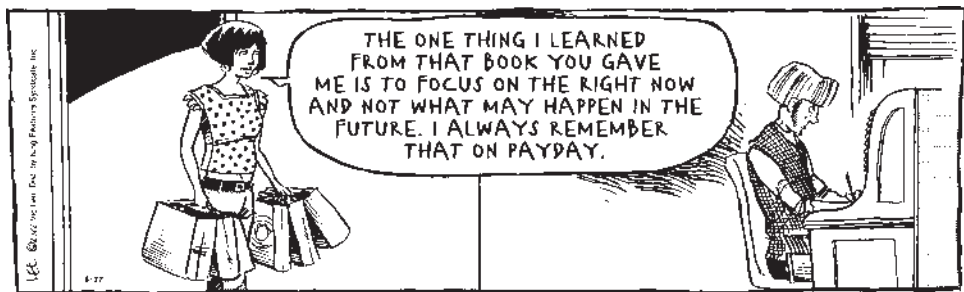
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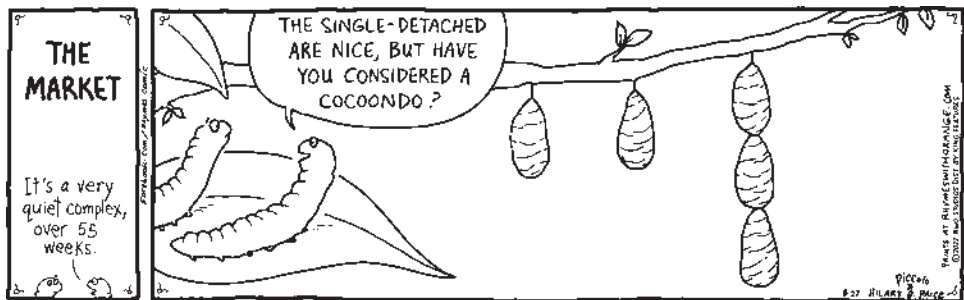
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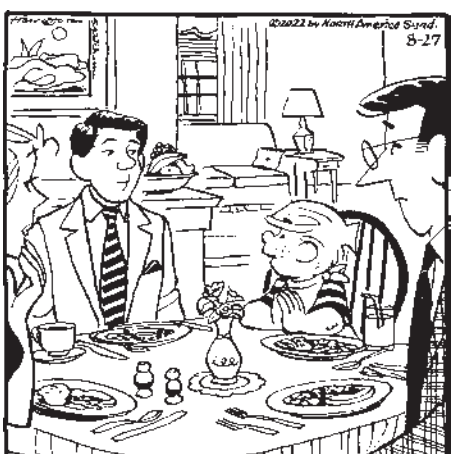
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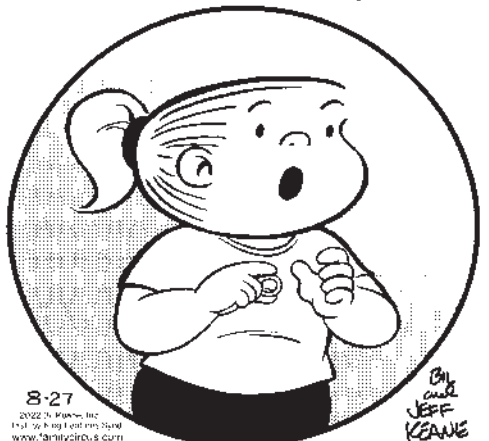
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BY HANK KETCHAM



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 41 Chores
 - 1 Gush forth
 - 5 Was bold
 - 10 Wide-spread damage
 - 12 Select group
 - 13 Concert setting
 - 14 Photo holder
 - 15 Fish feature
 - 16 Young fellow
 - 18 Bustle
 - 19 Samples
 - 21 Bullfight cries
 - 22 Parts of clocks
 - 24 Make fun of
 - 25 Lovers of fine fare
 - 29 Jamaican exports
 - 30 Water whirls
 - 32 Iris setting
 - 33 Marital promise
 - 34 Pet perch
 - 35 Orlando team
 - 37 O'Neill work
 - 39 Plain silly
 - 40 External
- DOWN**
- 1 Golf club part
 - 2 Outcast
 - 3 "Just the same ..."
 - 4 Took the title
 - 5 With 23-Down, very much out of date
 - 6 Utterly
 - 7 Bordering on obscene
 - 8 Piano pieces
 - 9 Shows at an expo
 - 11 Party worker
 - 17 Red-faced
 - 20 Ballet wear
 - 21 Without break
 - 23 See 5-Down
 - 25 Venezuela neighbor
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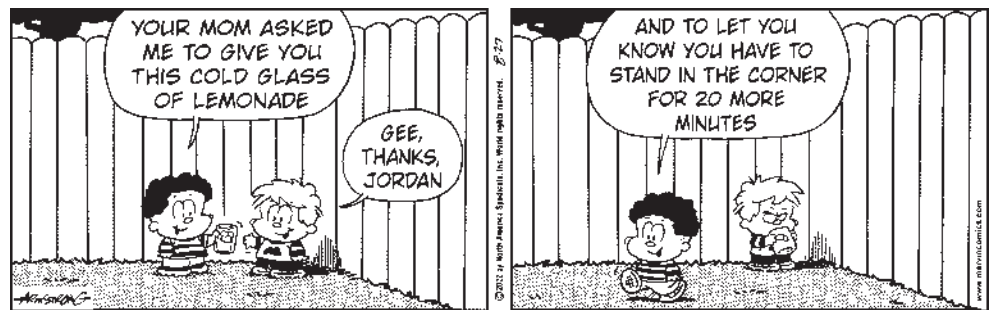
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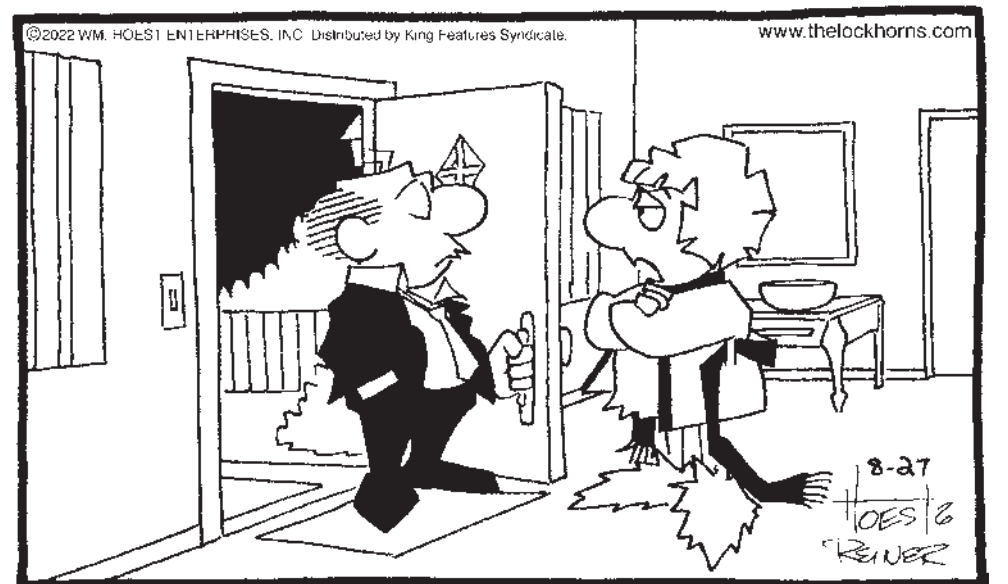
MARVIN

BY TOM ARMSTRONG



THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST & JOHN REINER



SUDOKU

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

Concepts **Sudoku**

By Dave Green

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Answer to previous puzzle

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MSHSAA releases fall sports district assignments

By **Bryan Everson**
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Coinciding with the first day of fall sports action, the Missouri High School Activities Association released district assignments for football, boys soccer, softball and volleyball on Friday.

FOOTBALL

Smith-Cotton will again be headed to the Kansas City area for any playoff games it wouldn't host.

In Class 5 District 7, the Tigers are in with last year's first-round opponent, Ruskin, and Belton, Grain Valley, Raytown, Raytown South and Truman.

From Class 1, Windsor is the easternmost team in District 4 with Wellington-Napoleon, Crest Ridge, Lone Jack, Sherwood, Midway, Adrian and Butler.

The rest of the Kaysinger teams are in District 5. Cole Camp, Lincoln and Tipton are linked up with Slater,

Fayette, Harrisburg, South Callaway and Russellville.

BOYS SOCCER

Smith-Cotton makes the jump back up to Class 4 this fall. The last several years, the program dipped to Class 3 and got matched up with Jefferson City, Helias and Capital City one season, and last year was included with others like Grain Valley and Warrensburg.

That means if the Tigers aren't hosting this year, it's a guaranteed trip to CoMo. S-C's district quartet includes CMAC opponents Rock Bridge, Hickman and Battle.

Sacred Heart remains a Class 2 side. The Gremlins' District 6 includes Boonville, Marshall, Odessa, Clinton and St. Paul Lutheran (Concordia).

La Monte and Green Ridge are in Class 1 District 7, whose quintet includes Knob Noster, along with Lone Jack and Summit Christian Academy.

See **DISTRICT | 15A**



S-C's Lenny DeLeon fights for possession of the ball against a Nixa player in the Tigers' half of the field during a game in Springfield on Oct. 5, 2021.

FILE PHOTO BY BRYAN EVERSON | DEMOCRAT



A fan looks at the jersey of former Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Len Dawson before the start of an NFL preseason football game between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Green Bay Packers Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022.

PHOTO BY CHARLIE RIEDEL | AP PHOTO

Chiefs honor Len Dawson during preseason finale vs Packers

By **Dave Skretta**
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — It seemed only fitting that, one day after Hall of Fame quarterback Len Dawson's family announced his death at the age of 87, the Kansas City Chiefs played the Green Bay Packers on Thursday night in a preseason rematch of the first Super Bowl.

It was that title game on a sunny January day in 1967 when many fans first saw "Lenny the Cool."

Televised simultaneously by CBS and NBC from Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, the inaugural meeting of the champions of the powerful NFL and upstart AFL was close into the second half. But that's when the Vince Lombardi's powerful Packers pulled away

for a 35-10 victory over an exhausted Dawson and his plucky bunch of Chiefs.

Dawson would get his Super Bowl ring, of course. He led the Chiefs back three years later, where Kansas City would beat the Minnesota Vikings in the final championship game staged before the NFL and AFL merged together.

See **HONOR | 14A**

Big 12 last time at 10 teams; Oklahoma State seeks 2nd title

By **Stephen Hawkins**
AP Sports Writer

Mike Gundy is the only Big 12 head coach still around from the last time the conference was going through so much change. That a little more than a decade ago, about the time Oklahoma State won its only championship in the league.

With new commissioner Brett Yormark already in place, the Big 12 is going into its 12th and final season with 10 teams before getting bigger.

"I don't think there's any question as this moves forward that the Big 12 Con-

ference is in a tremendous position," said Gundy, the former Oklahoma State quarterback in his 18th season as head coach at his alma mater.

Gundy feels the same way about his 12th-ranked Cowboys, with fourth-year starting quarterback Spencer Sanders among 10 returning offensive starters after they came up only inches short of beating Baylor in the Big 12 championship game last December — and maybe making the four-team College Football Playoff. Oklahoma State has had 17 consecutive winning seasons, all with bowl appearances.

See **TITLE | 15A**



Oklahoma State's Spencer Sanders during an NCAA college football practice, Friday, Aug. 5, 2022, in Stillwater, Okla. The Big 12 is going into its 12th and final season as a 10-team conference.

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Brad Keselowski talks with a crew member prior to practice and qualifying at Richmond Raceway for Sunday's NASCAR Cup Series auto race Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022, in Richmond, Va.

PHOTO BY STEVE HELBER | AP PHOTO

14 others vying for last 2 NASCAR playoff spots

By **Mark Long**
AP Sports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Brad Keselowski likes his chances at Daytona International Speedway, which is somewhat strange considering his recent results at the famed track.

Keselowski has crashed eight times in his last 11 starts at the superspeedway and finished worse than 30th six times. He's hardly the only unlucky one at Daytona, where unusual winners and odd top-10s are as common as three-wide racing and multica wrecks.

So maybe Keselowski should feel confident

heading into Saturday night's regular-season finale, where the 2012 Cup Series champion and 14 others are vying for the final two playoff spots.

"It goes without saying, but this race is going to be wild," Keselowski said. "I told the team that if I can be one of the last 10 cars left on the last restart, we'll have a shot and that's about all you can ask for, especially in this type of scenario. "We know we have speed and feel really good about our chances. We just need everything to align to make it happen."

In his first year as a driver/owner at Roush

Fenway Keselowski Racing, Keselowski needs a victory to make the postseason for the 10th consecutive year. It's the longest streak of anyone outside the current playoff field.

Aric Almirola, Chris Buescher, Harrison Burton, Cole Custer, Austin Dillon, Ty Dillon, Todd Gilliland, Justin Haley, Erik Jones, Michael McDowell, Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Bubba Wallace are the other do-or-die guys.

Ryan Blaney and Martin Truex Jr. are the only drivers who haven't yet locked up playoff spots and can make it without winning at Daytona.

See **SPOTS | 15A**

SPORTS CALENDAR

Saturday ON TAP

COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER

3 p.m. State Fair Community College at Southwestern Illinois College

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

1 p.m. State Fair Community College at Southwestern Illinois College

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

9:30 a.m.
Sacred Heart vs Clinton (at Smith-Cotton)
11:30 a.m.
Osage at Smith-Cotton

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Sacred Heart, Tipton at Father Tolton Tournament

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Smith-Cotton at Boonville Lady Pirate Leadoff Classic

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Sacred Heart, Smith-Cotton at Warrensburg Warm-up

ON AIR

AUTO RACING

5:55 a.m. ESPN2 — Formula 1: Practice, Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps, Stavelot, Belgium

8:55 a.m. ESPN2 — Formula 1: Qualifying, Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps, Stavelot, Belgium

6 p.m. NBC — NASCAR Cup Series: The Coke Sugar 400, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.

BOXING

9:30 p.m. ESPN — WBO Top Rank Main Card: Jose Pedraza vs. Richard Commey (Junior-Welterweights), Tulsa, Okla.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

11 a.m. CBSSN — Austin Peay at W. Kentucky

11:30 a.m. FOX — Nebraska vs. Northwestern, Dublin

2:30 p.m. CBSSN — Idaho St. at UNLV

ESPN — Jacksonville St. vs. Stephen F. Austin, Montgomery, Ala.

3 p.m. BTN — Wyoming at Illinois

FS1 — UConn at Utah St.

4 p.m. ACCN — Duquesne at Florida St.

6 p.m. CBSSN — Charlotte at FAU

ESPN — MEAC/SWAC Challenge: Howard vs. Alabama St., Atlanta

7:15 p.m. ACCN — Florida A&M at North Carolina

9 p.m. ESPN2 — Nevada at New Mexico St.

9:30 p.m. CBSSN — Vanderbilt at Hawaii

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)

1 p.m. SECN — San Diego at Texas A&M

5 p.m. PAC-12N — Utah Valley at Utah

7 p.m. BTN — Texas at Ohio St.

PAC-12N — Denver at Colorado

CYCLING

9 a.m. CNBC — UCI: The Tour of Spain, Stage 8, La Pola Llaviana to Colláu Fancuaya, 96 miles, Spain

FISHING

7 a.m. FS1 — Bassmaster Elite Series: The 2022 Guaranteed Rate Bassmaster Elite at Mississippi River, La Crosse, Wis.

GOLF

6 a.m. GOLF — DP World Tour: The Omega European Masters, Third Round, Crans-sur-Sierre Golf Club, Crans-Montana, Switzerland

Noon GOLF — PGA Tour: The TOUR Championship, Third Round, East Lake Golf Club, Atlanta

1:30 p.m. GOLF — LPGA Tour: The CP Women's Open, Third Round, Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club, Ontario, Canada

NBC — PGA Tour: The TOUR Championship, Third Round, East Lake Golf Club, Atlanta

4:30 p.m. GOLF — Korn Ferry Tour: The Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship (Final 2), Third Round, Ohio St. Golf Club, Columbus, Ohio (Taped)

7:30 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: The Ally Challenge, Second Round, Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club, Grand Blanc Township, Michigan (Taped)

9:30 p.m. GOLF — USGA: The U.S. Senior Women's Open, Third Round, NCR Country Club, in Kettering, Ohio (Taped)

IIHF HOCKEY (WOMEN'S)

8 a.m. NHLN — IIHF World Championship Group Stage: U.S. vs. Finland, Group A, Herning, Denmark

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

11 a.m. ESPN — St. Joseph's Prep (Pa.) at St. Thomas Aquinas (Fla.)

3 p.m. ESPN2 — Los Alamitos (Calif.) at American Heritage (Fla.)

6 p.m. ESPN2 — Duncanville (Texas) vs. South Oak Cliff (Texas), Dallas

8 p.m. ESPNU — Lipscomb Academy (Tenn.) at Thompson (Ala.)

HORSE RACING

10:30 a.m. FS1 — NYRA: Saratoga

1 p.m. FS2 — NYRA: Saratoga

3:30 p.m. FOX — NYRA: The Travers Stakes, Saratoga Race Course, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

5 p.m. FS2 — NYRA: Saratoga

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

11:30 a.m. ABC — Little League Baseball World Series: Taipei City, Chinese vs. Willemstad, Curacao, International Championship, Williamsport, Pa.

2:30 p.m. ABC — Little League Baseball World Series: Honolulu, Hawaii vs. Nolensville, Tenn., U.S. Championship, Williamsport, Pa.

MLB BASEBALL

3 p.m. MLBN — Regional Coverage: Tampa Bay at Boston OR LA Angels at Toronto (3 p.m.)

6 p.m. FOX — Regional Coverage: Atlanta at St. Louis OR San Francisco at Minnesota

9 p.m. FS1 — Cleveland at Seattle

NFL FOOTBALL

2 p.m. NFLN — Preseason: Jacksonville at Atlanta

5 p.m. NFLN — Preseason: LA Rams at Cincinnati

8 p.m. NFLN — Preseason: Minnesota at Denver

RUGBY (MEN'S)

4:30 a.m. FS2 — NRL: North Queensland at South Sydney

2 p.m. CNBC — HSBC

World Rugby Sevens Series: Pool Play, Los Angeles

SOCCER (MEN'S)

6:30 a.m. USA — Premier League: Manchester United at Southampton

9 a.m. USA — Premier League: Leeds United at Brighton & Hove Albion

11:30 a.m. NBC — Premier League: Fulham at Arsenal

SOFTBALL

Noon ESPNU — Athletes Unlimited: Team McCleney vs. Team Chidester, Rosemont, Ill.

2:30 p.m. ESPNU — Athletes Unlimited: Team Denham vs. Team Mulipola, Rosemont, Ill.

TENNIS

Noon TENNIS — Winston-Salem-ATP, Cleveland-WTA, Granby-WTA Finals

TRACK AND FIELD

Noon CNBC — World Athletics Diamond League: The Athletissima Meet, Lausanne, Switzerland

Sunday ON AIR

AUTO RACING

7:55 a.m. ESPN2 — Formula 1: The Rolex Belgium Grand Prix, Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps, Stavelot, Belgium

1 p.m. CNBC — IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship: The Michelin GT Challenge at VIR, Virginia International Raceway, Alton, Va.

COLLEGE FIELD HOCKEY

12:30 p.m. ACCN — Michigan at Wake Forest

3 p.m. ACCN — North Carolina at Iowa

COLLEGE SOCCER (MEN'S)

3 p.m. PAC-12N — Villanova at California

5 p.m. ACCN — Penn St. at Syracuse

9 p.m. PAC-12N — Virginia Tech at UCLA

COLLEGE SOCCER (WOMEN'S)

12:30 p.m. ESPNU — Minnesota at Mississippi St.

1 p.m. SECN — Arkansas St. at Arkansas

6 p.m. PAC-12N — UC San Diego at California

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

7 p.m. ESPNU — Perfect Game All-American Classic: East vs. West, Phoenix

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Noon ESPN — St. Xavier at (Ohio) at Loyola Academy (Ill.)

HORSE RACING

Noon FS1 — NYRA: Saratoga

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LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

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2 p.m. ABC — Little League Baseball World Series: TBD, U.S.-Inter-

national World Championship, Williamsport, Pa.

MLB BASEBALL

11 a.m. PEACOCK — LA Dodgers at Miami

12:30 p.m. MLBN — Regional Coverage: LA Angels at Toronto OR Colorado at NY Mets

3:30 p.m. MLBN — Regional Coverage: NY Yankees at Oakland OR Cleveland at Seattle (Joined in Progress)

6 p.m. ESPN — Atlanta at St. Louis

NFL FOOTBALL

Noon NFLN — Preseason: NY Giants at NY Jets

3:30 p.m. CBS — Preseason: Detroit at Pittsburgh

RODEO

11:30 a.m. CBS — PBR Team Series: The Gambler Days, Game of the Week, Austin, Texas

12:30 p.m. CBSSN — PBR Team Series: The Gambler Days, Day 3, Austin, Texas

RUGBY (MEN'S)

4 p.m. CNBC — HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series: Final Rounds, Los Angeles

SOCCER (MEN'S)

6 a.m. CBSSN — SPL: Celtic at Dundee United

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

10:30 a.m. USA — Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur at Nottingham Forest

2 p.m. FS2 — CPL: Pacific FC at Valour FC

6:30 p.m. FS1 — MLS: NY City FC at Orlando City SC

9 p.m. FS2 — Liga MX: Monterrey at Tijuana

SOCCER (WOMEN'S)

5:15 p.m. FS2 — 2022 FIFA Under-20 World Cup: Netherlands vs. Brazil, Third-Place Game, San José, Costa Rica

8:55 p.m. FS1 — 2022 FIFA Under-20 World Cup: Spain vs. Japan, Final, San José, Costa Rica

SOFTBALL

3:30 p.m. ESPNU — Athletes Unlimited: Team Chidester vs. Team Mulipola, Rosemont, Ill.

WNBA BASKETBALL

3 p.m. ESPN — Semifinal Playoff: Seattle at Las Vegas, Game 1

7 p.m. ESPN2 — Semifinal Playoff: Connecticut at Chicago, Game 1

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Becky Hammon of Las Vegas Aces voted WNBA Coach of the Year

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Becky Hammon was named WNBA Coach of the Year on Friday after she led the Las Vegas Aces to the top of the league in her first year.

Hammon guided the Aces to a 26-10 record and the No. 1 seed in the playoffs. The Aces host the Seattle Storm in Game 1 of a best-of-five semifinal series on Sunday.

Hammon received 27 votes from a national

panel of 56 sports media members, the WNBA said. Tanisha Wright of the Atlanta Dream was second (18 votes) and James Wade of the Chicago Sky was third (8).

The Aces averaged a WNBA-high 90.4 points, the third-highest scoring average in league history, and dramatically improved their 3-point shooting. Las Vegas made a league-record 23 3s last week in a playoff win over Phoenix.

Hammon played 16 seasons in the WNBA, eight with the New York

Liberty and eight with the San Antonio Silver Stars. She then spent eight seasons as an assistant coach with the San Antonio Spurs, who hired her in 2014 as the first full-time female assistant in league history.

Las Vegas owner Mark Davis, who also owns the NFL's Raiders, hired Hammon as coach this season, making her the first WNBA coach to earn \$1 million. The Aces, who lost in the 2020 WNBA Finals to Seattle, are aiming for their first title.

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HOROSCOPES

By Georgia Nicols

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

Happy Birthday for Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022:

You're very independent. You're focused on details. You're generous, caring and compassionate to others. You welcome exploring opportunities to become a better person. This is a year of change, which means you must stay light on your feet and be ready to act and explore new directions and embrace new visions.

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)

★★★ Disputes with work colleagues might arise today, or perhaps disagreements about how to do a particular technique or accomplish a task. You might quarrel with someone about a pet or feel annoyed with someone about a health matter. Patience will be your savior. Tonight: Work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ Parents will find it challenging dealing with their kids today because everyone is short-tempered and irritable. You are a patient sign, because if you ever lose your temper, it's game over. Display grace under pressure. Likewise, be patient with romantic partners. Tonight: Relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ Today, with Mars in your sign, you are very aware of yourself and you have strong opinions! This is why you might have serious ego conflicts with someone, especially a parent or an older family member. You might feel you have to defend yourself. (Will any of this matter five years from now?) Tonight: Cocoon.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★ Life is busy, and you have something to say. Family discussions are taking place, in addition to home repairs. Perhaps you feel spread too thin. Whatever the case, you might feel irritable and impatient today when dealing with others. Try physical exercise as an outlet for your pent-up energy. Tonight: A conversation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You might be annoyed with others because of how finances are being handled today. You are a generous sign, and perhaps people assume you are going to pick up the bill or pay more than your fair share. A group or something related to a sporting event might do something that rankles you. Chill out. Tonight: Check your money.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ Today both the Sun and the Moon are in your sign at odds with Mars at the top of your chart. This is the classic setup for rash actions, hasty behavior and needless disputes with parents, bosses and authority figures (including the police). Don't get involved! Give these people a wide berth. Tonight: You win.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★ Refuse to take the bait in discussions where you don't agree about sensitive subject matters -- for example, politics, religion or racial issues. Don't even go there. Decide to sit this one out, because everyone will just get their belly in a rash for no reason. Tonight: Solitude.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Today you might encounter serious resistance to your ideas about insurance matters, shared property, inheritances and anything to do with jointly held possessions. Because this is a poor day to try to reach any kind of agreement, postpone these discussions. Tonight: Be friendly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Today is ripe for disagreements with others, because fiery Mars is directly opposite your sign and it's at odds with the Sun at the top of your chart. For starters, this means you are high-viz. Fortunately, you are admired. Nevertheless, arguments with partners and close friends are likely. Maintain your cool. Tonight: Protect your privacy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★ You might have grievances today related to your job, your pet or your health and you want to state your case. However, authority figures will either refuse to listen or they will disagree with you. Naturally, this will be frustrating. Cope as best you can. Tonight: Study and learn.

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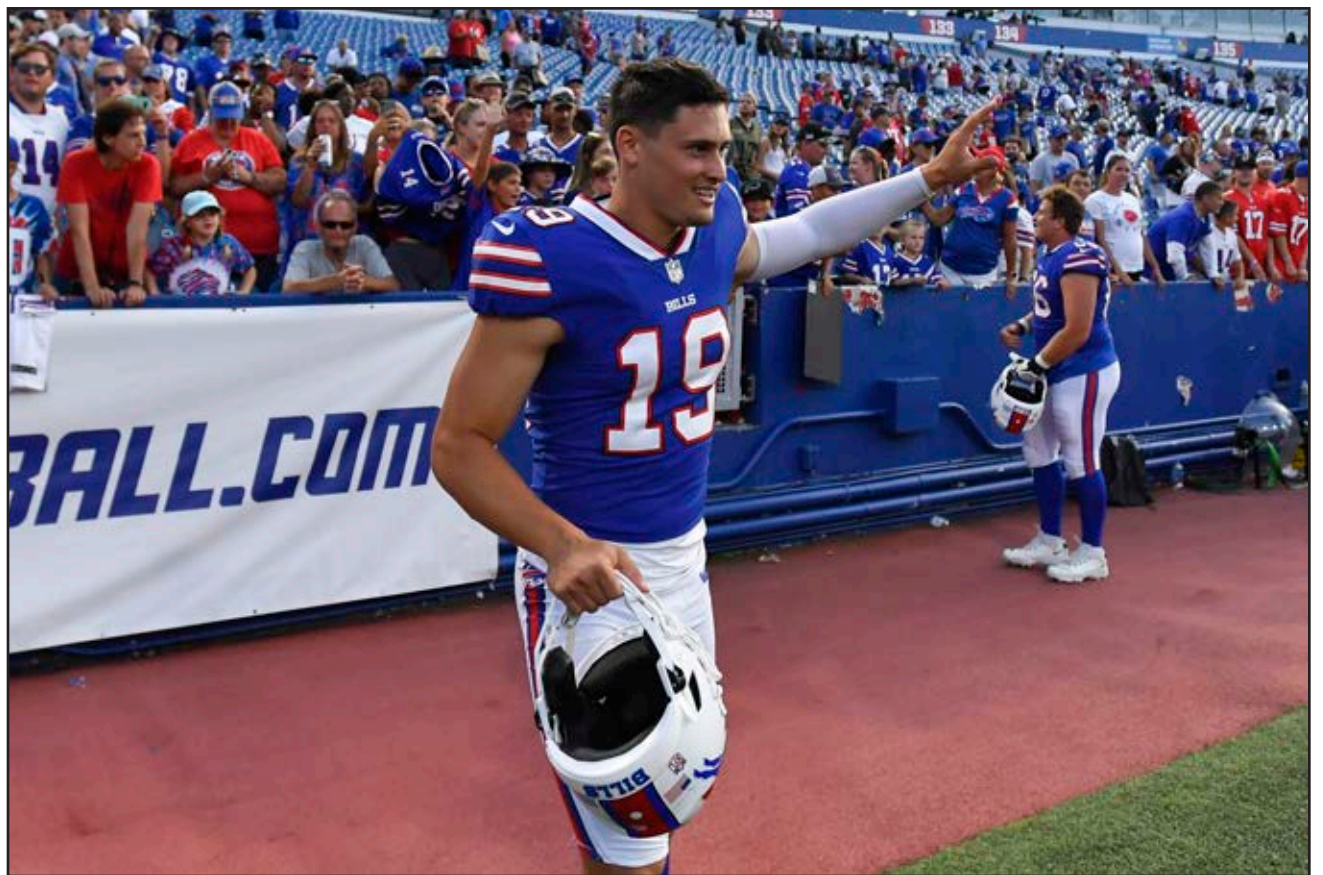
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BORN TODAY

Actor Aaron Paul (1979), actress Sarah Chalke (1976), dog trainer Cesar Millan (1969)



Buffalo Bills punter Matt Araiza waves to fans after a preseason NFL football game against the Indianapolis Colts in Orchard Park, N.Y., Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022. With a nickname like "Punt God," Matt Araiza has all but assured himself of securing a spot on the Buffalo Bills roster. The Bills cleared the way for the rookie sixth-round pick out of San Diego State to take over the punting duties this season after releasing returning veteran Matt Haack on Monday, Aug. 22, 2022.

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Bills' investigation of Araiza didn't include alleged victim

By John Wawrow

AP Sports Writer

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The attorney for a California teenager who has accused a Buffalo Bills rookie and two of his former college teammates of gang rape last fall said Friday that the NFL team has not contacted him for details despite saying it had conducted a "thorough investigation."

Dan Gilleon said he has not heard from team officials since first informing them of the allegations against Bills punter Matt Araiza in late July, when he says he had a phone conversation with Bills team counsel Kathryn D'Angelo.

"She seemed like she was concerned. She says she'll get back to me, and then she never did," said Gilleon, who posted and then deleted a screenshot on social media of the email he says he sent to D'Angelo. "I even followed up and said, 'Hey, you guys haven't talked to me and called me back like you said you would.' And they just ignored that, too."

The Bills declined multiple requests for comment Friday, a day after issuing a short statement saying they were aware of the allegations and had conducted their own investigation.

The 22-year-old Araiza was with the Bills for their preseason finale at Carolina on Friday night, but was not expected to play.

It was unclear if the Bills investigation was finished before they named him to their opening day roster and the statement provided no details, a familiar lack of transparency that raises fresh scrutiny on how NFL teams conduct internal reviews into allegations of misconduct.

It also comes as the NFL and the Cleveland Browns

are reeling from a scandal involving quarterback Deshaun Watson. Cleveland landed Watson from Houston and signed him to a league-record \$230 million contract while he faced civil lawsuits alleging sexual misconduct against two dozen women. Watson this season will serve an 11-game unpaid suspension, pay a \$5 million fine and undergo professional evaluation. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has also been sharply criticized by members of Congress for not releasing details of an investigation into the Washington Commanders following allegations of workplace misconduct.

The Bills selected Araiza out of San Diego State in the sixth round of the NFL draft in April, and named him their starting punter earlier this week. A person familiar with the case told The Associated Press the Bills were not aware of the allegations against Araiza in April. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the team is not commenting publicly about the allegations.

Gilleon filed a lawsuit in San Diego County Superior Court this week accusing Araiza and two other San Diego State football players of raping a then-17-year-old girl at a Halloween party at an off-campus home where Araiza had been living. A San Diego police investigation has been turned over to the district attorney's office to determine whether to pursue charges. DA spokeswoman Tanya Sierra said Friday there was no timeline as to how long a decision will take.

Araiza's lawyer, Kerry Armstrong, said the player knew he could be the target of allegations since October. It was unclear if he informed

the NFL of the allegations before the draft. Armstrong cited his own investigation's findings in denying the allegations, saying: "I 100% do not believe that he ever forcibly raped this girl or had sex with her while she was passed out or drunk or anything like that."

Armstrong said he has shared the findings of his investigation with the Bills over the past month, well before the team awarded Araiza, known as the "Punt God" for his booming kicks in college, the starting job by releasing returning Matt Haack on Monday. He also said he told Araiza six weeks ago, when he was retrained, to tell Bills officials about the allegations.

"I told him, obviously, that any time you try to keep something secret like this, they're going to find it anyway, so be very honest with them," he said. "He has been. And I think that's why he's on the team right now."

The NFL declined to comment except to say it was aware of the matter.

At San Diego State, one of the two remaining accused players remains on the roster but the other is not listed. The school said it did not investigate at the request of San Diego police in October.

"After careful consideration, SDSU determined that cooperating with the criminal investigation was the appropriate action to help ensure the highest likelihood of real consequences for anyone found responsible," the university said. A Title IX investigation launched in July is ongoing.

The Bills appear to be following the same approach they took four years ago when running back LeSean McCoy was accused of having his former girlfriend beaten during a break-in at

a home he owned outside Atlanta. Despite calls to cut ties with the player, the Bills stood behind McCoy, who was never charged in the matter and eventually reached an undisclosed settlement in a lawsuit filed against him.

Chances of a settlement of the case against Araiza were unclear as Gideon and Armstrong swapped public accusations.

Armstrong said Araiza was against reaching a settlement, but the lawyer said he was asked by the player's parents to contact Gilleon regarding the possibility. Armstrong said Gilleon never responded, though Gilleon has posted on his Twitter account several text exchanges he said he had with Armstrong in late July.

He told The AP he did so in response to Armstrong alleging his client was "committing a cash grab because he's a Buffalo Bill."

"My client refused to entertain the idea of a monetary settlement," Gilleon wrote in a text to The AP. "It would have taken an apology, psychological counseling, donation to charity, etc., but once Kerry A. began his clown show, I realized it was useless to try to reason with him and withdrew the offer to speak with a civil defense attorney before filing the lawsuit."

Gilleon said the decision to file the lawsuit three days after Araiza was awarded the punting job was the result of his growing frustration over the lack of feedback he was receiving from police on the progress of their investigation.

"They're just blowing us off," Gilleon said. "By filing a lawsuit, we have the power of subpoena and so I can force them to do what they're supposed to do."

Rays lock up Glasnow through '24 with \$30.35 million deal

By Mark Dittler

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Tampa Bay Rays right-hander Tyler Glasnow signed a \$30.35 million, two-year contract that will delay the start of his free agency by one year, the team announced Friday.

The Rays' opening day starter last year hasn't pitched this season after undergoing Tommy John surgery on Aug. 4, 2021. He went 5-2 with a 2.66 ERA in 14 starts last year.

Glasnow is making \$5.1 million this year. He will get \$5.35 million next season and \$25 million in 2024, which is the first year he would have been eligible for free agency.

"It seems to be like such a good partnership," Glasnow said. "I'm glad I can just sit here and talk about it. This is such an awesome opportunity in a place I really want to be. I don't want to leave yet, I'm not ready to go. I'm exactly where I want to be."

The 6-foot-8 Glasnow would get \$1 million for

winning the Cy Young Award, \$500,000 for winding up second and \$250,000 for finishing third to fifth. There is also a \$50,000 bonus for making the All-Star team and a \$1 million assignment bonus if traded.

"It gives me a lot of confidence to know they put that faith in me and they're willing to give me a contract of this size," Glasnow said. "I want this to be like in a sense like a discount. I want to outperform it by a lot."

Glasnow has thrown batting practice twice since

Aug. 20, and topped out at 97 mph during a session on Tuesday. The 29-year-old has not ruled returning before the season ends.

A healthy Glasnow joining 2022 AL All-Star Game starter Shane Bieber would give the Rays a potent top of the rotation.

"Shane is pitching at a Cy Young level this season, and Glas was doing that the year before," Rays president of baseball operations Erik Neander said.

Refreshed Leclerc eyes F1 comeback; Hamilton encouraged

By Jerome Pugmire
AP Auto Racing Writer

Charles Leclerc really needed the Formula One break to clear his mind. His season started so promisingly, then his big lead over title rival Max Verstappen blew up into a huge deficit.

Leclerc won two of the first three races for Ferrari as Verstappen's Red Bull had reliability woes. But a staggering 126-point swing in the next 10 races has given Verstappen an impregnable-looking 80-point lead heading into the Belgian Grand Prix on Sunday, when the season resumes.

It didn't start well for Leclerc on Friday. He was sent to the back of the grid for Sunday's race because of multiple engine-part changes. But Verstappen was among the other five drivers receiving the same punishment.

The mental strain built up before the summer break for Leclerc as he was confronted with confusing team calls, while also getting furious at some of his own driving errors. The break came at an opportune time for a totally drained Leclerc.

"Yes, I needed it. The first part of the season has been full of highs or lows. There's lots of accumulation of emotions which leads to being tired," he said. "I used these weeks in the best way possible with my family, my friends. It was just great."

There was a lot of mental clutter to clear.

Leclerc saw two nailed-on wins disappear — at the Monaco GP and the British GP — after team calls dropped him down from a dominant position into fourth place.

At the Hungarian GP before the midseason break, Verstappen qualified a sea-



Ferrari driver Charles Leclerc of Monaco steers his car during the second practice session ahead of the Formula One Grand Prix at the Spa-Francorchamps racetrack in Spa, Belgium, Friday, Aug. 26, 2022. The Belgian Formula One Grand Prix will take place on Sunday. PHOTO BY OLIVIER MATTHYS | AP PHOTO

son-worst 10th yet somehow won for a season-leading eighth victory. Another confusing tire strategy call cost Leclerc when he was in a dominant position and he finished sixth — one week after beating himself up for crashing when leading the French GP.

But Leclerc, who leads with seven pole positions this season, has unshakable belief.

"I still believe in the championship of course," he said. "It's going to be a very difficult challenge but I will believe in it until the very end."

Unless Verstappen is dogged by the reliability is-

suues that led to two DNFs in the first three races, Leclerc pretty much has to beat him in every race left. There are nine races to go, including this weekend's grand prix.

Seemingly impossible runs have been done before. Back in 2013, Sebastian Vettel won nine straight races after the break to win his fourth straight title.

"It's easier to say than to do it, but I'll give my best," said Leclerc, who won his first race at the same Spa-Francorchamps track in 2019.

Spa, which is Verstappen's favorite track, is close to Leclerc's heart. His victory came the day after F2 driver

Anthoine Hubert died after a crash on the track.

"It is a very special track for me. For every driver the first victory is very special," Leclerc said. "I got it here in very strange conditions, with what happened on the Saturday with Anthoine."

The seven-kilometer (four-plus-mile) Spa circuit nestled in the Ardennes forest is F1's longest and good for overtaking.

That makes it one of the best circuits to incur engine penalties given that drivers can claw their way back through the field. That's significant with Leclerc and Verstappen being sent to the back of the grid.

The others penalized were Lando Norris (McLaren), Esteban Ocon (Alpine), Valtteri Bottas (Alfa Romeo) and Mick Schumacher (Haas).

Their starting positions on the grid will be determined by Saturday's qualifying.

AFRICA VISIT

Lewis Hamilton spent his break in Africa, a trip he'd planned since February. The seven-time F1 champion called it a "humbling experience" seeing people living with very little means.

"Just in like a house made

of sticks, you know, literally twigs, and no shoes, no socks, and going about their daily lives. Not with social media, and not with the stuff that we all have in the western world," he said. "It didn't seem like they took anything for granted, which was really quite beautiful to see."

Hamilton owns a record 103 F1 wins but none this season. However, the British driver has five straight podiums and believes Mercedes is very close to a win.

"I do, definitely. We've had great progress," he said. "The car is becoming more of a racing car, which is not particularly what it was the beginning of the year."

In Hungary, Mercedes placed both cars on the podium for the second straight race. Hamilton carved his way from seventh to second place, and pole-sitter George Russell was third.

"That was a huge boost," Hamilton said. "We can close the gap."

Sunday's grid penalties should help Hamilton's bid.

WEIGHT OFF

The remaining races of the season could prove to be the last of Daniel Ricciardo's F1 career, and he intends to make the most of them.

The Australian driver will split with McLaren at the end of the year after the team bought the final year of his contract. He still wants to race in F1 but that might not happen since his options are limited for next season.

"There's kind of a bit of a weight off the shoulders. It's just to go out there and just race, go have fun," he said. "Although the team has made this decision, the team is behind me to make me get the most out of the last nine races and to finish on a high ... try and get another Monza moment."

Ricciardo's win at the Italian GP last September was the eighth of his career, and a rare high with McLaren.


DOMINANT VERSTAPPEN

Verstappen topped the second practice by a dominant .86 seconds from Leclerc.

Verstappen zoomed to the top midway through the session with the track still dry. Rain started after that and Hamilton and Norris struggled with sliding. Norris had the third best time.

Ferrari led the first practice: Carlos Sainz Jr. was ahead of Leclerc, and Verstappen in third.

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Honor

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"As a child, I just remember being on the Chiefs' field and looking up at Len," Chiefs chairman Clark Hunt recalled. "Of course, as a child, all the players were huge and he was one of the smaller ones of the group. But he was the one with the 'it' factor. He was the leader of the team. And I remember looking at him like that."

Not surprisingly, the Chiefs found plenty of ways to remember Dawson on Thursday night.

Patrick Mahomes, who became close to Dawson in recent years, wore a hoody with his predecessor's image on the back of it. The Chiefs' helmets carried his No. 16 on them. And on the Chiefs Radio Network, where Dawson flourished in a second career as a Hall of Fame broadcaster, stories of Dawson flowed during a lengthy pregame tribute.

Elsewhere in Kansas City, the fountains outside historic Union Station were specially lit to celebrate his life.

Perhaps most poignantly, though, Mahomes trotted onto the field for the only time all game — the Chiefs' first offensive possession — and lined up his players in the same kind of stacked huddle that Dawson employed.

The Chiefs took a delay of game penalty, Mahomes trotted off the field and the preseason game resumed.

"I've had people reach out to me and say, 'Hey, I cheered for the Chiefs because of Len Dawson when I was a little kid, even though I didn't live in Kansas City,'" said the 57-year-old Hunt, whose father Lamar Hunt helped found the AFL along with the Chiefs, who began play as the Dallas Texans before moving north a year after Dawson arrived.

The young Hunt remembers growing up in the locker room in the 1970s, and how Dawson always kept an eye out for him.

"He's synonymous with the success of the early Chiefs organization, and those early teams that really helped establish the Chiefs in the American Football League," Hunt said. "But when you step back and think about him in terms of Kansas City, he

is synonymous as someone who cared about the community and finding ways to give back."

Dawson, who was also known to millions for his work on HBO's iconic "Inside the NFL," had been in declining health the past few years. He went into hospice care on Aug. 12 before dying this week with his wife, Linda, by his side.

While he had stepped back from the public spotlight, Dawson remained a revered figure around Arrowhead Stadium, where the television broadcast booth was named in his honor. Much of his memorabilia is on display in the team's Hall of Fame, and his name hung between former teammates Mike Garrett and Bobby Bell in the stadium's ring of honor.

"I probably didn't appreciate it at the time because I was fairly young," Hunt said, "but I've come to appreciate it over the last 20 or 30 years — when I run into someone who is not from Kansas City but they're a fan of pro football, they will frequently bring up Len Dawson's name. That's who they remember from those early Chiefs."

Title

From Page 11A

“We don’t really get out of our box much at Oklahoma State,” Gundy said. “We have a culture and a philosophy and a system we believe in.”

Tenth-ranked Baylor had a 10-win improvement from coach Dave Aranda’s debut only a year earlier. The Bears went 12-2, including a 21-16 win in the Big 12 title game after fourth-and-goal stop in the final minute. They host Oklahoma State on Oct. 1.

Blake Shapen became Baylor’s top quarterback after the sophomore beat out since-departed incumbent starter Gerry Bohanon in spring drills. Shapen was the Big 12 championship game MVP in one of his two starts last year when

Bohanon was injured.

Four new schools join the Big 12 next summer, and three of them are in The Associated Press preseason Top 25: No. 23 Cincinnati, No. 24 Houston and No. 25 BYU. That matches the number of current league members ranked: No. 9 Oklahoma, Baylor and Oklahoma State.

The Big 12 was first a 10-team league in 2011 after Colorado left for the Pac-12 and Nebraska for the Big Ten. Oklahoma State won the outright Big 12 championship that season, the first of six years in a row the league didn’t have a title game.

TCU and West Virginia joined the Big 12 in 2012, the same year that Bob Bowlsby became commissioner. Texas A&M and Missouri left then for the Southeastern Conference, where

they will be joined by past national champions Oklahoma and Texas no later than the 2025 season.

“You’ve seen great coaches, great teams, really consistently play week in and week out,” said Iowa State’s Matt Campbell, the league’s second-longest tenured coach in his seventh season. “It makes every game that gets played in this conference really special.”

CHANGES BEHIND CENTER

As many as nine Big 12 teams could have a different starting quarterback in their season opener than they did in 2021.

Tyler Shough is set as Texas Tech’s starter for the second year in a row. The former Oregon transfer played in the first four games last year before suffering a broken

collarbone.

Sanders missed Oklahoma State’s ‘21 opener because of COVID-19 protocols. Max Duggan could start for TCU again, but was competing with Chandler Morris for that job. Jalon Daniels is expected to start for Kansas even though Jason Bean is still there.

Three incoming transfers have been named starters: Adrian Martinez at Kansas State (from Nebraska), Dillon Gabriel at Oklahoma (UCF), and Quinn Ewers at Texas (Ohio State). Georgia transfer JT Daniels will likely start for West Virginia, whose ‘21 opening starter Jarret Doege is at Troy.

Hunter Dekkers succeeds Iowa State’s winningest QB. Brock Purdy had been the Cyclones starter since the middle of the 2018 season.

NEW COACHES

New Oklahoma coach Brent Venables was defensive coordinator for the Sooners during their 2000 national championship season, then was Clemson’s DC for two national titles before returning to Norman.

Sonny Dykes took over at TCU after the past four seasons at SMU. Dykes worked in an off-field role for the Horned Frogs in 2017 under Gary Patterson, their head coach to start the past 21 seasons.

McGuire is the eighth coach at Texas Tech, including three interim head coaches, over a 14-season span. He was a Baylor assistant the past five years after winning three Texas high school state championships.

PRESEASON AP ALL-AMERICANS

Will McDonald IV, DE, senior, Iowa State.

The Big 12 leader in sacks in each of the last two seasons had 11 1/2 last year, and also forced five fumbles.

Bijan Robinson, RB, junior, Texas: He ran for 1,127 yards and 11 touchdowns in a season cut short by a dislocated elbow.

Deuce Vaughn, RB, junior Kansas State: The 5-foot-6 dynamo totaled 1,872 yards from scrimmage (1,404 rushing, 468 receiving) and scored 22 TDs last year.

Second-team preseason All-Americans: Connor Galvin, OT, junior, Baylor; Siaki Ika, DL, junior, Baylor; Xavier Worthy, WR, sophomore, Texas.

THE PREDICTIONS

Baylor repeats, then Oklahoma State, Oklahoma, Kansas State, Texas, TCU, Iowa State, West Virginia, Texas Tech, Kansas.

Spots

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At least one is guaranteed to get in. Blaney won the exhibition All-Star Race and sits third in points, 143 behind regular-season champion Chase Elliott. Truex leads the series in stage wins and ranks sixth in points.

If Blaney or Truex wins at Daytona, the other automatically gets in on points. If a driver already locked into the post-season lands in victory lane, both Blaney and Truex would make the 16-driver field based on points. If there’s another new

winner Saturday, whoever ends the night with more points between Blaney and Truex would advance.

It’s a little complicated and yet somewhat simple. Either way, it should lead those on the outside looking in to take more chances than usual.

“I think the end could be very chaotic,” defending series champ Kyle Larson said. “Obviously you have to get to the end to have a shot to win. I don’t know if the first couple of stages will be that crazy. I don’t know what’s going through other drivers’ minds, guys who are in position that they have to win to make the playoffs.”

THE FRONT-RUNNERS

Despite failing to win a race, Blaney and Truex have been two of the more consistent cars all season and got help Thursday when Kurt Busch announced he would miss the start of NASCAR’s playoffs with concussion-like symptoms that have sidelined him for six weeks. His team, 23XI Racing, withdrew the medical waiver that was holding Busch’s postseason spot.

The decision meant Blaney and Truex are no longer racing each other for the final spot. Now both could get in.

“To me, the strategy at Daytona is to just try to stay up front as much as

possible or as close to the front as you can and hope that when the big crash happens, it’s behind you,” Truex said. “As much of a wild card race as this is, I think we’ll have a good shot at winning and it’d be a great time to get our first superspeedway win with everything on the line. It’d be quite a story.”

Blaney needs 31 points to clinch a playoff spot and could do it during the race. If he scores no stage points, he would need to finish sixth or better.

THE WILD CARDS

Almirola (2014), Stenhouse (2017), Austin Dillon (2018 Daytona 500), Jones (2018), Haley (2019) and McDowell

(2021 Daytona 500) have a Cup victory at Daytona. And Wallace has run about as well as anyone at Daytona, finishing runner-up last August and again in February.

Like Keselowski, all of them should feel they have a shot.

“Anybody who’s top 30 in points can win that race,” Kyle Busch said. “We’ve seen Front Row Motorsports win. We’ve seen Spire win. We’ve seen teams that don’t normally win races be able to score victories in the speedway races, so that just heightens the anxiety level for everybody. ...

“You’ve got to be good, but there’s still a lot of

luck involved.”

ODDS AND ENDS

Elliott is the 10-1 betting favorite, according to FanDuel Sportsbook, just ahead of Wallace, Blaney and Denny Hamlin. Those three are each 12-1. Larson and Joey Logano are 13-1 choices. ... The 37-car field includes 14 previous winners in 2022, 15 guys vying for the final two playoff spots, five drivers ineligible for the Cup postseason because they’re getting points in another series and three guys already eliminated: Corey LaJoie, David Ragan and Cody Ware. playoff spots.

District

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Smithton, Cole Camp and Stover are all in Class 1 District 5 with Iberia and Crocker.

VOLLEYBALL

Many of Smith-Cotton’s opponents were to the east in 2021. That’s partially true with Hickman and Rock Bridge, but the Lady Tigers are also in Class 5 District 5 with Blue Springs, Blue

Springs South, Fort Osage, Truman and William Christian.

Class 1 District 5 includes Sacred Heart and Otterville, as well as Bunceton, Chamois, Columbia Independent and New Haven.

Also in Class 1, District 13 contains Green Ridge, Lincoln, Appleton City, Chilhowee, Lakeland and Osceola. District 14 has another pair of Kaysinger schools, La Monte and Northwest, plus Concordia, Crest Ridge, Kingsville, San-

ta Fe and Sweet Springs.

A Kaysinger-heavy Class 2 District 7 pairs Cole Camp, Smithton, Stover and Tipton with Russellville and Warsaw.

SOFTBALL

In Class 5, District 6 is where Smith-Cotton is at and the teams remain nearly identical from 2021. The Lady Tigers eight-team bunch is a spread out one that includes Battle, Blue Springs, Blue Springs South, Fort Osage, Grain Valley, Hickman and Rock Bridge.

Schauffele's burst cuts into Scheffler lead at East Lake

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Masters champion Scottie Scheffler is playing every bit like the No. 1 player in golf and was on the verge of turning the Tour Championship into a rout.

Three holes by Xander Schauffele changed everything going into the weekend at East Lake.

Schauffele holed a pair of birdie putts, and then drilled a 4-iron just over the bunker and right by the hole on the par-5 18th, rolling in a 5-foot eagle putt.

The birdie-birdie-eagle finish — Scheffler had to settle for pars — gave Schauffele a 7-under 63 as he went from a six-shot deficit to two shots behind Friday.

Schauffele rarely gets overly excited and this was no exception.

“It was nice to pick up some shots late here, but it’s just a positioning battle going into Sunday,” he said. “There’s a lot of golf to be played on this property.”

Scheffler wasn’t overly concerned. He rarely is.

“I’m just going to go out

there and do my thing and try and play good golf,” Scheffler said. “Xander obviously has a great track record around here, but paying attention to what other guys do on the golf course has never served me too well.”

Scheffler, who had a 66, was at 19-under par.

He started at 10-under par as the No. 1 seed in the FedEx Cup — Schauffele started four shots behind as the No. 4 seed — and had few complaints except for not making every birdie chance, and they were ample.

Scheffler played bogey-free. The four putts from 10 feet or closer that he missed? He saw those only as opportunities, a reminder that he was playing the kind of golf that carried him to an amazing stretch of four wins in two months — capped by the Masters — in the spring.

Starting the day with a five-shot lead, Scheffler made birdies from 5 feet on the par-3 second hole and then pounded driver on the next hole so perfectly positioned that he had a flip wedge into 5 feet for another birdie. At that point, he was

ahead by eight shots.

Jon Rahm also had a 63 and worked his way closer to the top at 13 under. He was being interviewed when he looked up at a TV screen to see if Scheffler had made another birdie.

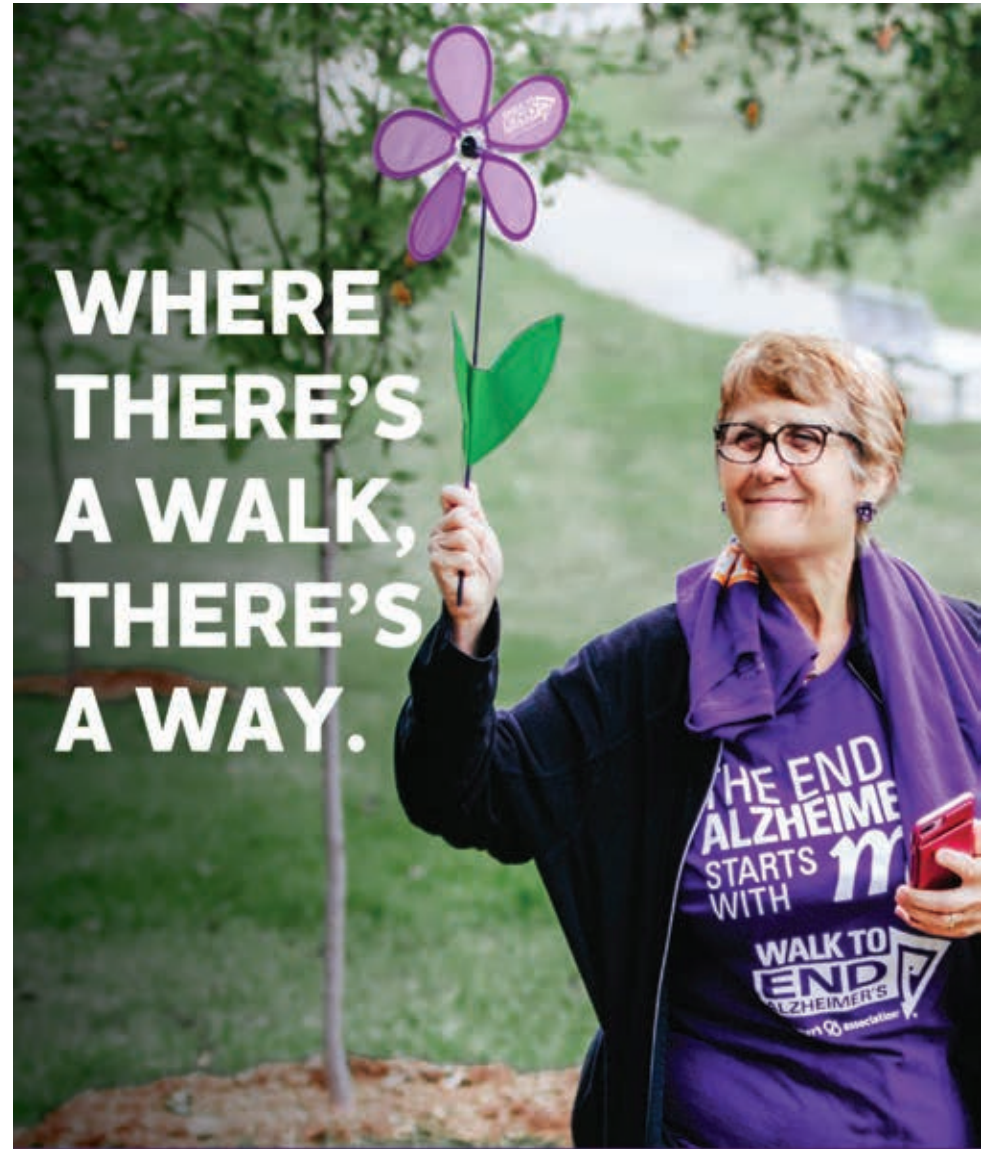
He still was six shots behind. Defending champion Patrick Cantlay (66) and Sungjae Im (65) were seven shots back.

Rahm wasn’t sure if he put himself back in the mix, but his 63 made it feel more reasonable.

“But he’s playing good golf, right? And we’re going to have to keep on going and play good golf, as well,” Rahm said. “It’s going to take a really strong weekend from me and hopefully not a strong one from Scottie. That’s kind of what we’re looking for.”

Schauffele seemed to find that at the end. He was six behind when he hit his approach to 12 feet behind a back left pin on the 16th and made the birdie. From the fairway on the 17th, his wedge spun back to 4 feet.

The 4-iron was bold and paid off.



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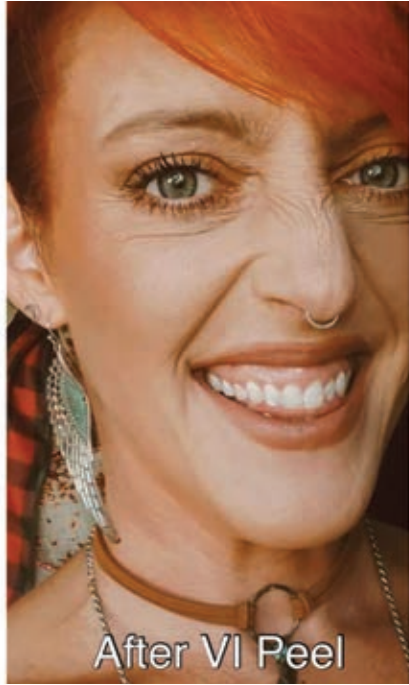
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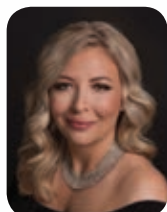
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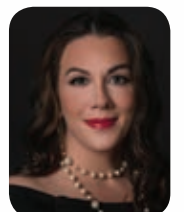
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A new season of learning from each other

On Wednesday, our readers in Warrensburg sent their kids back to school and on Tuesday, our readers in Sedalia will do the same.



Nicole Cooke
Democrat Editor

It's the return of routine as the summer weather continues, yet our schedules shift from going with the flow to more rigid requirements. Even for those of us who are childless, there's something about the back-to-school season that feels like it's time to end our summer fun and start anew. Despite the end of the calendar year not coming for another four months, I've always felt like the start of school and the transition from summer to fall felt like the start of a new year.

The Missouri State Fair has ended, the bulk of my sorority recruitment advisor responsibilities are complete, and we're looking ahead to several special sections in the next quarter. Time to go back to the grind.

I always enjoyed school as a kid. I think it was a little bit of foreshadowing for my future career: I loved reading, writing was my best skill, and learning something new every day was interesting and enticing. Science was, and is, too much for my mostly-creative brain to comprehend, and math was a subject that I learned long enough to do my homework, but the concepts quickly left me. I know enough about mathematics to do my job and live my adult life, but I've always admired those data journalists who somehow inherited both writing and math skills.

Continued learning seems to be something adults forget about. We got the high school diploma — and for many of us, a college degree — got trained at our jobs, and now we know everything about everything. It's apparent when you read the comment sections on Facebook or even when you listen to older generations offer a response that starts with "back in my day" or "that's not how we used to do it." At 31, a middle millennial, I do it too.

Last week, I was working with collegiate women as I helped them prepare for recruitment. I caught myself saying, "well when I was an active member, we did it like this" or asking someone, "how did we do this last time?" In between workshops and event practice, I'd catch snippets of conversations between the women, or I'd have my own conversations with them as the weekend went on. And I was reminded that even my college days, which ended just shy of a decade ago, can feel ancient in this era of constant change and evolving technology. They prefer FaceTime to phone calls and they send and receive more text messages than I ever remember sending. I heard stories of education amid a pandemic, and their concept of virtual learning felt so foreign to me. I remember struggling to take one online geography class during the summer while juggling my full-time summer job and I can't even fathom having to earn even part of my degree in that manner.

I passed on helpful know-how, such as conversation skills, the importance of body language, and other weird recruitment knowledge. They reminded me to be adaptable and not to take myself too seriously, and that this next generation is much more capable than we sometimes give them credit for. We both taught each other useless generational info, such as introducing me to the latest app and music I'd never heard of. I taught them some UCM Sigma Kappa history, and got some laughs when I said I used to run the chapter's Facebook page because Instagram at that time was brand new and just for posting pictures of food.

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Sedalia's first Black postmaster

By Chris Howell
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GRANDVIEW — 88-year-old Billy Bush Hogan was Sedalia's first Black postmaster. Born in Otterville in 1934, Hogan wasn't able to attend high school there because of segregation and had to come to Sedalia to attend. Despite limited opportunities for Blacks, Hogan looked to the example of his great uncle.

"George Washington Hogan was the first Black policeman in Sedalia," Hogan said. "That did inspire me. Back in those days, born 1848, I could imagine turmoil he had."

After a stint in the Navy, Hogan was looking for a job and was inspired by a friend who had gotten a job in San Francisco as a letter carrier.

"It was quite an inspiration, he was a mail carrier and I got the job as a clerk after taking a test here in Kansas City," Hogan said.

Hogan got a high enough score that they made him a distribution clerk sorting mail into "pigeon-holes" for delivery for a number of years until he became a window clerk assisting customers with mailing packages.

"I loved it," Hogan said. "I was a floater, I went to different stations in Kansas City when there was somebody sick or on vacation, so I had an opportunity to work on all sides of Kansas City, North, South, East, and West. I got to meet everybody, and I loved it."

Billy Hogan got to know Maurice Hogan, a white man who was Sedalia's postmaster. Hogan asked for a transfer to Sedalia.

"He didn't have any openings, so I got it in my head after talking to different people I had associated with about becoming a postmaster," Hogan said. "At the time, there was one Black postmaster that I was aware of in Illinois."

Hogan needed to be a supervisor first, and with Kansas City building a new bulk mail center, he took another test and though he was competing with hundreds of other applicants, he scored so highly that he was eventually offered a supervisory position.

"That included all the incoming trailers, the outgoing trailers, the automatic machinery, unloading the



Billy Hogan, 88, of Grandview, became Sedalia's first Black postmaster in 1989.

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trucks and the heavy-duty parcels," Hogan said. "I worked in that department for about five years."

One of Hogan's superiors expressed his desire to become a postmaster, and Hogan had the same dream. He was encouraged to tell his superiors.

"I went to the then postmaster," Hogan said. "I expressed my desire to become a postmaster and he told me I wasn't gonna get it. He told me to forget it because I was Black."

Hogan had encountered "subtle racism" before, but not this.

"Right in my face because he told me he was not going to send me out to train for postmaster," Hogan said, "which is an officer in charge. He told me he wasn't going to because he was afraid that people would riot."

Hogan used that rejection to fuel his desire of becoming a postmaster.

The racist postmaster was transferred, and another man came to town from Chicago.

"I saw an opportunity to express my desire to him and he said he appreciated my interest and after a few weeks, I was called in and was offered an officer-in-charge assignment in Ottawa, Kansas," Hogan recalled.

"To prepare me for that position, they sent me to Olathe, Kansas, to meet with the postmaster there to get some training. He gave me two hours training, then sent me to Ottawa. I spent two days and two nights and I didn't go home, I did not go to sleep, I studied those books, studied them all night and all day and I finally got the grasp of what it took."

Hogan so impressed supervisors he was eventually considered for a position in Richmond in 1981.

Hogan worked as postmaster in Richmond and in Chillicothe, where he was able to get a new post office built despite being told it would never happen.

"The clerks in Chillicothe said that I would be dead and gone before they got

around to building a new post office," Hogan said. "Before I left there, the new building was sworn in."

Hogan worked in Colorado for the postal service and was planning on retirement when two jobs as postmaster came open.

Hogan's wife, Mattie, worked in the accounting department at Hallmark, and for years they both drove over 100 miles each day to their jobs. They built a home on Highway HH though they encountered racism once more when they were told they couldn't build out there; they moved there anyway.

"I was 34 years in and had been through the mill, I was going to retire, and the Sedalia Post office became available," Hogan said.

Another great postmaster job was offered in St. Joseph as well, but Hogan opted to return to Sedalia.

"I had some of the best employees there," Hogan remembered. "Beautiful employees, they assisted me in every way I imagined."

Hogan is retired now in Grandview in a wonderful home near Longview Lake but still remembers the feeling when he first stepped into a mail facility.

"I walked into the post office in downtown Kansas City for the first time and I told myself I will never leave the Postal Service because of the people and the atmosphere," Hogan said.

And what made him a great postmaster was his attention to the customer he learned at the window of the post office in Kansas City so many years ago.

"When people come to you with a problem," Hogan said, "you listen to them and act accordingly."

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Billy Hogan, born in Otterville, had a desire to become a postmaster and jumped at the opportunity to return to his roots in Sedalia. Here he is seen at his desk in Sedalia in the '80s.

PHOTO COURTESY OF BILLY HOGAN



HACKMAN BIRTHDAY

Annabell Hackman will celebrate her 90th birthday Sept. 1.

She was born Sept. 1, 1932, in Carrollton.

Annabell was married to the late Joe Hackman.

She has two children, Cathy (Mike) Green, and Dianne (Andy) Klein, both of Sedalia; two grandsons and four great-grandchildren.

She is a member of First United Methodist

Church in Sedalia. She enjoys playing cards and games, word searches, taking trips and spending time with family and friends. Before retiring, she worked at McLaughlin's.

Birthday cards may be mailed to Annabell at Cedarhurst 3701 W. 10th St. Apt. 1010, Sedalia, Mo. 65301.

BIRTHDAYS

Farrell

Thelma Farrell will observe her 85th birthday Aug. 27.

She was born on Aug. 27, 1937, in Fairmount.

Before retiring, Thelma was the secretary for her husband, Kenneth, at Farrell Industries.

Thelma has one child, Tamara, of Sedalia.

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

Smith

Jackie Smith will observe her 81st birthday Aug. 31.

She was born on Aug. 31, 1931, in Sedalia.

Before retiring, Jackie worked for the Sedalia School District 200 and Brooking Park Maintenance.

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

BRL2GO SCHEDULE

Boonslick Regional Library Monday

No run.

Wednesday

No run.

Friday

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9:30 a.m. to noon: Smithton City Park.

1:30 to 3:35 p.m.: Pilot Grove City Park.

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POPULAR BOOKS

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Fiction

- "Our Wives Under the Sea," by Julia Armfield.
- "Honey and Spice," by Bolu Babalola.
- "Switchboard Soldiers," by Jennifer Chiaverini.
- "Just like Home," by Sarah Galley.
- "Listen to Me," by Tess Gerritsen.
- "The Last to Vanish," by Megan Miranda.
- "The Retreat," by Sarah Pearse.
- "Cold, Cold Bones," by Kathy Reichs.
- "Other Names for Love," by Taymour Soomro.
- "Rising Tiger," Brad Tremblay.
- "Reputation," by Sarah Vaughan.

Nonfiction

- "Defeating Big Government Socialism: Saving America's Future," by Newt Gingrich.
- "How to Create a Wildlife Garden: Bringing Nature In," by Christine and Mick Lavelle.
- "Return to Uluru: The Hidden History of a Murder in Outback Australia," by Mark McKenna.

NEW BOOKS

Sedalia Public Library

Fiction

- "Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow," by Gabrielle Zevin.
- "Soul Taken," by Patricia Briggs.
- "The Ninth Month," by James Patterson.
- "A Dark and Stormy Tea," Laura Childs.
- "All Good People Here," by Ashley Flowers.
- "Star Wars: The Princess and the Scoundrel," by Beth Revis.

"Calling for a Blanket Dance," by Oscar Hokeah.

"The Kingdoms of Savannah," by George Dawes Green.

Nonfiction

- "Breaking History: A White House Memoir," by Jared Kushner.
- "Vacuuming in the Nude: And Other Ways to Get Attention," by Peggy Rowe.

New DVDs

"Jurassic World: Dominion."



YOUNG ANNIVERSARY

Charles and Kay (Carlson) Young, of Green Ridge, were married Aug. 19, 1967, at Green Ridge Baptist Church by the bride's uncle, the Rev. Bob Potter.

The couple has two children Charles (CW) Young II, of Green Ridge, and Amber (Greg) Allain,

of Sedalia; and four grandchildren.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28 at the Green Ridge Community Building. They request no gifts.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels is a nonprofit organization that delivers

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

Meals will be delivered by Smith-Cotton Class of '69.

Monday: Cheeseburger, baked beans, macaroni salad, cookie and milk.

Tuesday: Spaghetti, salad, corn, breadsticks, brownie and milk.

Wednesday: Stuffed pepper casserole, broccoli, tropical fruit and milk.

Thursday: Beef and noodles, green beans, pudding and milk.

Friday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas and cake.

CLUB NOTES

Bothwell

Auxiliary Board

The Bothwell Health Center Auxiliary Board met on Aug. 10 in the Hospital Board Room with 11 members present. President Karen Kay Taylor called the meeting to order. The July Board minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was also read and approved.

The total volunteer hours worked for the month of July were 1,359 hours.

The following members received their new volunteer hour pins in the month of July: Judy Naylor, 600-hour pin; and Dorothy Poort, 2,000-hour pin.

The Amazing Volunteer for the Month of August is Minerva Taylor. Taylor started volunteering in 2011 as a Red Cross Volunteer and later became an Auxiliary volunteer. She has volunteered over 2,100 hours.

Aug. 31 will be the drawing for the hand-quilted baby quilt made by one of the auxiliary volunteers, Dorothy O'Rourke.

There is still time to purchase tickets for this quilt. The tickets are in the gift shop. They are \$1 per ticket or \$5 for six tickets. Those participating do not need to be present to win.

Dates to remember: Aug. 26 is the Scrub Sale; Aug. 31, the quilt drawing; at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 15 is the Bothwell Volunteer Luncheon at First Methodist Church Celebration Center.

The hospital visiting hours are 8 a.m. to 8 a.m. The gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Masks are required to enter the hospital.

Those interested in learning more about becoming an Auxiliary Volunteer can call Sara at 660-827-0343 for more information.

The next Auxiliary Board Meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 14.

Grow and Glow Garden Club FGCM

The Federation Day Garden Club Flower Show at the Missouri State Fair provided the location for the Wednesday, Aug. 17 Grow and Glow Garden Club FGCM meeting.

The participants arrived at the Floriculture Building between 7

and 7:30 a.m. to set up and place entries. The design and horticulture shows were both on the ground floor of the building. The theme of the show was "Planting Missouri." The Division I, Horticulture, "Plants Bring Joy," was composed of entries grown by the exhibitors for at least 90 days, carefully groomed, in vases of water, with wedges used to show to best advantage.

Linda Dahl had 10 blue ribbons, four red, two white and two pink ribbons. JoAnn Collier had 11 blue ribbons, two red, and two white. Her Tecoma Yellow Standard blooming shrub won an Arboreal Award purple ribbon. Her Canna Pretoria won a purple ribbon for Best in Class and one for Agricultural Excellence.

In the Design Show, "Creating Beauty With Plants," in the Miniature Design Section, Collier won blue in the classes, "Camp," "Tree House," and "Toad Abode." She got red in "Fairy Gardens," "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," and a white in "Family Reunion."

In the Standard Design show, "Home Beauty," a Designer's Choice division, Charleen Meyer won pink in "Flowing Flowers," a cascade design. Collier placed white in "A Picnic" Exhibition Table, and blue in the Reflective Design class, "See the Light." Collier was presented the sweepstakes ribbons for most points in the Horticulture Show and the Design Show.

Several members met at 10:30 a.m. at the Fair's Highway Gardens for an informal meeting. Meyer provided delicious homemade cookies for refreshments.

August birthdays were Sue Prestage, Willene Kasper, Ruth Burlingame, and Peggy Moon.

The next meeting will be Sept. 20 at the Tipton First Methodist Church. An optional pre-meeting member lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. at the Tipton City Park. Bring a sandwich. Bring non-perishable items for the Tipton Nutritional/food Distribution center. Annual dues can be paid by Oct. 15. Dorothy Collett will provide the Price James Memorial Library floral arrangement.

For more information, call 660-433-2366.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

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

- Jona Emson, 25, and Blessing Sirom, 29, both of Sedalia;
- Caleb Douglas Bender, 22, and Sheila Dawn Zimmerman, 19, both of Knob Noster;
- Joshua Eugene Eberhard, 22, and Squoia Lyn Atkins, 32, both of Warrensburg;
- Jaquelin Linares Medina, 43, and Juan Mujica, 47, both of Sedalia;
- Colten William Graham, 21, and Isabella Tuy Duyen Bui, 20, both of Sedalia;
- William Allen McDaniel, 42, and Cristal Viola Burgess, 23, both of Sedalia.

DIVORCES

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

- Joann M. Webb and Tommy A. Webb;
- Charles A Matzes and Molly B. Matzes;
- Timothy G. Rhoton and Niccole L. Rhoton;
- Steven H. Birkett and Brittany N. Brokett;
- Glenda S. Morales-Rivera and Anthony Rivera.

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 or call 660-826-1000 ext. 1481.

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

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.

6:30 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 infor-

mation, call 660-851-2205.

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

7 p.m.: Celebrate Recovery and Outreach 12-step Christ-centered Bible-based program for hurts, habits or hangups. Cornerstone Baptist Church, 19856 state Route Y.

7 p.m.: Understanding and Enjoying the Bible; Learn to Apply the Truth of God's Word to the Circumstances and Situations of Life, 120 E. Sixth St., 660-619-6167.

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 Optimist Club, in Room C at the Heckart Community Center, 1800 W. Third St.

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

3 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.: NarAnon meetings at LifePointe Church, 2921 W. Broadway Blvd.

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

7 p.m.: OIC Studios will present the SpoFest writing prompt/open mic event

event streaming live via Zoom, Facebook and OIC Radio. Signup and event guidelines at www.oicstudios.com/spofest-online.

WEDNESDAY

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

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.

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

THURSDAY

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

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

Noon: Kiwanis of Sedalia,

at Lamy's, 108 Pacific St.

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

6 p.m.: Old Drum Open Mic at Java Junction, 112 N. Holden St., downtown Warrensburg.

6 p.m.: Sedalia Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, 200 S. Limit Ave. For more information, call 660-287-6930 or 660-851-0668.

6 p.m.: Sedalia Visual Art Association, Central Bank of Sedalia Annex, 403 W. Broadway Blvd. For more information, visit sedaliavisualartassociation.org.

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

6:30 p.m.: Sedalia Business Women, Sedalia Shrine Club, 1375 Elm Hills Blvd. For more information, visit www.sedaliabwm.org.

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

FRIDAY

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

11 a.m.: Stroke Survivors Support Group, Bothwell Education Center, 600 E. 14th St.

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

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

3 to 6 p.m.: Sedalia Area Farmers' Market, in Nucor Pavilion on Missouri State Fairgrounds by Centennial Gate along South Limit Avenue.

SATURDAY

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

7 a.m.: Sedalia Runners Club-Group Run every Saturday at Clarendon and Katy Trail.

7 to 10 a.m.: Shrine Breakfast, Sedalia Shrine Club, 1615 Elm Hills Blvd. Cost is \$7.

8:30 a.m.: SPARK (Sedalia/Pettis Amateur Radio Club) Repeater Club outside during warm weather or inside at EMA Building, 1511 N. Ohio Ave.

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

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

Fall books a broad mix of literary and commercial favorites

By Hillel Italie

AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Anticipation for one of the fall's likeliest bestsellers has been growing all year.

For months, Colleen Hoover's millions of fans on TikTok, Instagram and elsewhere have been talking up and posting early excerpts from her novel "It Starts With Us." By summer, the author's sequel to her bestselling "It Ends With Us" had already reached the top 10 Amazon.com. It might have climbed higher but for competition from other Hoover novels, including "Ugly Love," "Verity" and, of course, "It Ends With Us," the dramatic tale of a love triangle and a woman's endurance of domestic abuse that young TikTok users have embraced and helped make Hoover the country's most popular fiction writer.

Hoover's extraordinary run on bestseller lists, from Amazon.com to The New York Times, has been Beatle-esque for much of 2022, with four or more books likely to appear in the top 10 at a given moment. "It

Starts With Us" had been so eagerly desired by her admirers — CoHorts, some call themselves — that she broke a personal rule: Don't let "outside influences" determine her next book.

"I never allowed myself to entertain a sequel, but with the amount of people emailing me every day and tagging me in an online petition to write about (those characters), their story began to build in my head in the same way my other books begin," she told The Associated Press in a recent email. "Eventually I craved telling this story as much as I did my other stories, so I owe the readers a big thank you for the nudging."

Hoover's new book should help extend what has been another solid year for the industry. Booksellers are looking forward to a mix of commercial favorites such as Hoover, Anthony Horowitz, Beverly Jenkins and Veronica Roth alongside what Barnes & Noble CEO James Daunt calls a "really strong" lineup of literary releases, including novels by Ian McEwan and Kate Atkinson.

The fall also will feature new fiction from Nobel laureate Orhan Pamuk and Pulitzer Prize-winners Elizabeth Strout and Andrew Sean Greer. Celeste Ng's "Our Missing Hearts" is her first novel since "Little Fires Everywhere." Story collections are expected from George Saunders, Andrea Barrett and Ling Ma, along with novels by Percival Everett, Barbara Kingsolver, Kevin Wilson, N.K. Jemisin, Lydia Millet and Yiyun Li.

Joe Concha's "Come On, Man!: The Truth About Joe Biden's Terrible, Horrible, No-Good, Very Bad Presidency" is the most colorfully named of the latest round of books attacking an incumbent president — a long and profitable publishing tradition. But the most high-profile works of political reporting dwell on Biden's predecessor, Donald Trump, among them "Confidence Man," by The New York Times' Maggie Haberman, and "The Divider: Trump in the White House, 2017-2021," by Peter Baker of the Times and Susan Glasser of The New Yorker.

Michelle Obama's "The Light We Carry" is her first entirely new book since her worldwide bestseller from 2018, "Becoming." Benjamin Netanyahu's "Bibi" is the first memoir by the former Israeli Prime Minister, while American politicians with new books include Rep. Cori Bush of Missouri, Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas and Texas gubernatorial candidate Beto O'Rourke.

Celebrity books include Bono's "Surrender," Matthew Perry's "Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing" and Geena Davis' "Dying of Politeness." Bob Dylan reflects upon an art form he helped reinvent in "The Philosophy of Modern Song," while the title of Jan Wenner's memoir invokes the Dylan classic that helped inspire the name of the magazine he founded, "Like a Rolling Stone."

History books will cover the famous and the overlooked. Among the former are Pulitzer-winner Jon Meacham's "And There Was Light," the latest entry into the canon of Abraham Lincoln scholarship, and Pulitzer-winner Stacy Schiff's biography of Samu-

el Adams, "The Revolutionary." Fred Kaplan, who focused on Lincoln's prose in "Lincoln: The Biography of a Writer," now assesses Thomas Jefferson in "His Masterly Pen: A Biography of Jefferson the Writer."

Releases highlighting those less remembered include Kevin Hazzard's "American Sirens: The Incredible Story of the Black Men Who Became America's First Paramedics," and Katie Hickman's "Brave Hearted: The Women of the American West."

With the overturning last summer of Roe v. Wade, Laura Kaplan's "The Story of Jane" is a timely reissue of her 1995 book about the underground abortion counseling service founded in Chicago in 1969, four years before the Supreme Court's historic Roe ruling.

Bruce Henderson's "Bridge to the Sun" centers on the recruitment of Japanese-Americans, some of whom had been in internment camps, to assist in U.S. intelligence gathering during World War II.

Elton John and Britney Spears unite on a new dance single

By Mark Kennedy

AP Entertainment Writer

Elton John and Britney Spears have collaborated for the first time, creating the slinky, club-ready single "Hold Me Closer" that sees the pop icons take old sounds and fashion something new.

The funky, piano-driven single uses John's 1971 hit "Tiny Dancer" as the skeleton and adds elements from his songs "The One" and "Don't Go Breaking My Heart," all with Spears voice soaring and fluttering.

While John has been releasing new music in the past few years — including the 16-track 2021 album "The Lockdown Sessions" — the song represents Spear's first new music since her

2016 album "Glory" and her first offering since the ending of her contentious conservatorship.

"She truly is an icon, one of the all-time great pop stars and she sounds amazing on this record. I love her dearly and am delighted with what we've created together," John said in a statement. John said in a statement. Spears, in her statement, told John it was an honor to be asked: "I am so grateful that I got the opportunity to work with you and your legendary mind."

The track is produced by Andrew Watt, who has worked with such acts as Ed Sheeran, Eddie Vedder, Ozzy Osbourne, Justin Bieber, Post Malone and Miley Cyrus.

The song begins with both stars singing the

opening lyrics of "The One" — "I saw you dancing out the ocean/ Running fast along the sand/A spirit born of earth and water/Fire flying from your hands." It then seamlessly moves to "Tiny Dancer": "Hold me closer, tiny dancer/ Count the headlights on the highway/Lay me down in sheets of linen/ You had a busy day today."

The track calls to mind last year's hit "Cold Heart (PNAU Remix)," which melded John's songs "Kiss the Bride," "Rocket Man," "Where's the Shoorah?" and "Sacrifice" into a dance bop featuring vocals by Dua Lipa.

John and Spears first met in 2014 at an Oscar viewing party and she later tweeted her love of

"Tiny Dancer," sowing the seeds for the latest collaboration. John is in the midst of his Farewell Yellow Brick Road tour.

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Children of climate change come of age in 'Katrina Babies'

By Drew Costley
AP Science Writer

Edward Buckles Jr. was 13 when Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans and completely upended his life. Buckles and his family moved from New Orleans to Lafayette, Louisiana for several months while their hometown began to recover from the catastrophic storm.

He told The Associated Press he doesn't remember much from those months living in Lafayette, grasping for a sense of normalcy in the aftermath of one of the most destructive hurricanes in American history.

His community was experiencing so much destruction. Now as an adult, he views that blank spot in his memory as a response to the trauma of what he witnessed.

Buckles' parents asked him at the time if he was okay, but he wasn't quite able to figure that out for himself in the moment. Later the trauma resurfaced. With kids, he said, "what's responsible and what's important is that you set them up to deal with that trauma once it surfaces."

But the filmmaker said in his new documentary "Katrina Babies" that not all the children who were traumatized by living through the hurricane and its aftermath had adults checking in on them. So that's what he set out to do, capturing several New Orleans



Edward Buckles Jr., a New Orleans native who was 13 when Hurricane Katrina hit and directed the documentary "Katrina Babies," poses for a photo outside the Circle Food Store in the city on Friday, Aug. 19, 2022. The film looks at how a generation of New Orleans residents coming of age after Hurricane Katrina, are reconciling with the catastrophic storm that transformed their lives.

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residents as they reconcile with a childhood marred by Hurricane Katrina.

The documentary, which has garnered critical praise, will be available for streaming on HBO Max on August 24 and debuts on HBO the same day at 9 pm ET, 17 years and a day after

the hurricane formed in the Atlantic Ocean.

It shows how New Orleans and its people were changed by the storm. It depicts the childhood trauma it caused for a generation coming of age after one of the United States' first major climate-related disasters. New Orleanians featured

in the documentary share stories of seeing dead people and pets, of leaving home and returning to communities destroyed, while they were still children.

The film looks at climate past and present and, the filmmakers hope, sounds alarm bells for the climate future.

"I hope this is a local and American story that will motivate people to want to do better and care about human beings, and about how intrinsically linked we are with nature and that the future is clear: There is going to be more of this," said Audrey Rosenberg, lead producer of the film.

Buckles said that while Hurricane Katrina might have been a formative experience for him and the youth of New Orleans at the time, more waters have come through since. Though he isn't a climate scientist, he knows firsthand the repeated damage wrought on his hometown by hurricanes and tropical storms made more intense by climate change.

"My grandmother lost her home due to flooding from Hurricane Ka-

trina," he said. "She has been flooded seven more times just from tropical storms."

Cierra Chenier, 26, was featured in the documentary and also knows people who have had to rebuild multiple times since Hurricane Katrina due to subsequent hurricanes and storms.

She said the loss of culture and history in New Orleans due to repeated climate-related disasters like Hurricane Katrina shaped her decision to become a local historian and writer.

"I got into wanting to preserve our history because of how quickly I felt my childhood became history," she said. Even though the storm was 17 years ago, she said, it continues to shape the present.

"In preserving our stories, writing about those stories and narrating those stories, it's always connected to the present and we can form better solutions for the future," she said.

Chenier, Buckles and the other youth affected by Hurricane Katrina have a lot to say about the future, having experienced years

of government inaction to limit climate change or prepare and recover from climate disasters. Year after year, New Orleanians and the state and federal government know that hurricane season is going to come and be potentially catastrophic because of climate change, Buckles said.

And still, he said, Hurricane Ida, which hit New Orleans 16 years to the day after Hurricane Katrina, affected people in his community in eerily similar ways to the 2005 storm. The relief measures, he said, were nearly as slow.

As a result, people in his community have become more resilient. But he said he wonders whether government agencies are relying on those harmed by climate-related disasters to help themselves when what they really need is public planning and preparation.

"The youth are tired of dealing with this, myself included," he said. "And we cannot forget to hold accountable those who need to be held accountable."

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RESOLUTION NO. 1973 - A RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO CHANGE THE NAME OF NORTH MONITEAU AVENUE EXTENDING FROM WEST MAIN STREET TO WEST CLAY STREET TO W.T. MORRIS AVENUE IN THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI.

WHEREAS, the City of Sedalia received a request from Pastor Javion Jones, the Congregation of True Vine Fellowship, and the majority of the property owners along North Moniteau Avenue to change the name of North Moniteau Avenue extending from West Main Street to West Clay Street; and WHEREAS, W.T. Morris has made significant contributions throughout his life to our community and nation; and WHEREAS, W.T. Morris served honorably in the United States Airforce stationed at Whiteman Airbase, and has led a life of service as a prolific preacher, builder of two churches, community organizer, and educator; and WHEREAS, W.T. Morris has advocated for, and given voice to those unheard, fed the hungry, and given shelter to those without NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI, as follows:
Section 1. It is deemed necessary and appropriate to change the name of North Moniteau Avenue extending from West Main Street to West Clay Street to "W.T. Morris



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Avenue".
Section 2. The appropriate publication of this resolution shall be made as provided by Section 77.220, Revised Statutes of Missouri.
Section 3. If, within four weeks after such publication, a majority of the resident property owners along the line of such road do not file with the City Clerk their written protest against such proposed change of name, then the council shall have power by ordinance to change the name of such road in accordance with the terms of such resolution.
Section 4. This resolution shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its

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passage and adoption and signing by the presiding officer of the Council.
PASSED by the Council of the City of Sedalia, Missouri, this 15th day of August 2022.
 7x-8/19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 2022

TRUSTEE'S SALE
 WHEREAS, State Fair Properties, LLC, by its certain Deed of Trust, dated September 28, 2015, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Pettis County, Missouri, as Document 2015-5113, conveyed to Thomas K. Riley in trust, to secure the payment of the note in said Deed of Trust described, the following descri-

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ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION
22861 HIGHWAY P, COLE CAMP, MO ~ HOME & OUTBUILDINGS ON 2.7
 To settle the Estate of David Viles, we will sell the following described property at public auction located: From the junction of Highways 50 & 65 (in Sedalia), take 65 Hwy south 14.5 miles to P Highway. Turn right (west) on P Hwy and go 2-tenths of a mile to the property on the right. Watch for the orange sale signs on:

SATURDAY SEPT 3RD 2022 10 AM



SUBJECT PROPERTY

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TERMS: The property will sell to the high bidder with **NO RESERVE!** We will require **\$10,000** down on sale day, with the balance due at closing to be held on or before **Friday, October 14th, 2022.** Seller will provide an owner's title policy; buyer is responsible for any lender's title insurance. Taxes will be prorated at closing, closing fee at the title company will be split 50/50.

Owner:
The Estate of David Viles

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SATURDAY AUGUST 27TH 2022 10 AM

Due to unforeseen circumstances, this sale is being postponed.
Please watch the paper for updates on this sale.
We appologize for the short notice.

Owner:
Marvin & Judy Cunningham

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AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: We don't have a great deal to sell, but what we do have is nice. The real estate, guns & vehicles will sell during the noon hour. See you Saturday the 27th for a "snappy" sale!

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bed real estate, situate, lying and being in Pettis County, Missouri, to-wit: Lot Seventy Three (73) in Maplewood 9th Subdivision, Pettis County, Missouri. WHEREAS, under the provisions in said Deed of Trust contained, the said note is now due and collectible and remains unpaid; now, therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note, and in pursuance of the provisions of said Deed of Trust, I will, on Monday, August 29, 2022, between the hours of nine (9:00) o'clock in the forenoon and five (5:00) o'clock in the afternoon, and more specifically, at one o'clock (1:00) P.M. of said day, at the west front door of the Pettis County Courthouse, in the City of Sedalia, Missouri, sell the above described real estate at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, for the purpose of paying said note and interest, and the cost and expense of executing this trust.

/s/Thomas K. Riley
Thomas K. Riley, TRUSTEE
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AUTO & EQUIPMENT AUCTION
22861 HIGHWAY P. COLE CAMP, MO - CARS, CARS & MORE CARS!
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VEHICLES

- 1 - 1957 Pontiac Superchief 4D (parts car)
- 2 - 1952 Plymouth Cranbrook 2D
- 3 - 1960 Buick LeSabre 2D
- 4 - 1959 Edsel Corsair 4D
- 5 - 1942 Buick Superchief 4D
- 6 - 1957 Pontiac Starchief 2D
- 8 - 1957 Pontiac Comet Hurst
- 9 - 1953 Plymouth Belvedere 4D
- 10 - 1940+ Desoto Custom 4D
- 11 - 1956 Olds Delta 88 4D (motor in parts)
- 12 - 1953 Desoto Power Master 4D
- 13 - 1956 Olds 4D
- 14 - 1958 Olds Fiesta Wagon 4D
- 15 - 1967 Cadillac Coupe Deville 2D
- 16 - 1956 Olds 4D
- 17 - 1937 Cadillac LaSalle 4D, movie car
- 18 - 1950 Ford 2D
- 19 - 1955 Packard 2D, movie car
- 20 - 1946 Dodge 4D (parts car)
- 21 - 1949 Cadillac 4D
- 22 - 1949 Cadillac 4D, movie car
- 23 - 1947-48 Buick 4D, extra movie car (parts)
- 24 - 1955 Olds 4D
- 25 - 1946 Packard 2D
- 26 - 1956 Olds 2D
- 27 - 1916 Dodge Touring Car 4D
- 28 - 1955 Olds 4D (parts car)
- 29 - 1946-47 Buick 2D
- 30 - 1941 Ford 2D
- 31 - 1949 Plymouth 2D (locked)
- 32 - 1942 Olds 2D
- 33 - 1951 Ford Victoria 2D
- 34 - 1984 Dodge Shadow 4D
- 35 - 1974 Dodge van (classic cream & orange)
- 36 - 1953-54 Hudson 4D
- 37 - 1954 Olds 98 4D
- 38 - 1954 Chevrolet 4D, 89k miles
- 39 - 1960 Buick LeSabre 4D
- 40 - 1958 Buick Special 4D, 58k miles
- 41 - 1958 Chevrolet Biscayne 4D
- 42 - 1958 Buick Special 4D
- 43 - 1957 Buick 4D
- 44 - 1958 Buick Special 4D
- 45 - 1962 Olds 98 4D
- 46 - 1958 Cadillac DeVille 4D
- 47 - 1959 Olds 2D
- 48 - 1962 Olds Super 88 4D
- 49 - 1954 Hudson Jetliner 2D
- 50 - 1979 Jeep Wagoneer 4D
- 51 - 1966 Olds Delta 88 4D
- 52 - 1966 Olds Holiday 4D
- 53 - 1957 Olds Fiesta Wagon 4D
- 54 - 1958 Pontiac Chieftain 2D
- 55 - 1960 Olds Dynamic 4D
- 56 - 1955-56 Cadillac Coupe DeVille 2D
- 57 - 1957 Pontiac Starchief 2D
- 58 - 1928 Packard ????????
- 59 - 1946 Olds 4D
- 60 - 1956 Olds 98 4D
- 61 - 1955 Olds 88 2D
- 62 - 1962 Ford Fairlane 4D
- 63 - 1939 Cadillac 4D
- 64 - 1946-48 Hudson 4D
- 65 - 1949 Lincoln 4D
- 66 - 1946 Olds Hydramatic 4D
- 67 - 1956 Pontiac 4D, has A/C
- 68 - 1938 Buick 4D
- 69 - 1953 Olds 98 4D
- 70 - 1939 Buick Roadmaster 2D
- 71 - 1939 Plymouth 2D
- 72 - 1964-65 Ford Mustang 2D
- 73 - 1956 Pontiac 4D, 54k miles
- 74 - 1955 Mercury 2D
- 75 - 1956 Buick 4D
- 76 - 1951 Olds 88 2D
- 77 - 1957 Pontiac 2D
- 78 - 1954 Olds 2D
- 79 - 2004 Pontiac Grand Prix 4D (parts car)
- 80 - 1957 Olds 4D
- 81 - 1953 Buick Century 4D
- 82 - 1953 Buick V8 2D (locked)
- 83 - 1955 Olds 88 4D
- 84 - 1956 Olds 4D
- 85 - 1952 Olds 88 4D
- 86 - 1990 Pontiac Grand Prix 2D
- 87 - 1942 Buick V8 Super 4D
- 88 - 1960 Olds 88 4D
- 89 - 1960 Olds 88 4D
- 90 - 1955 Pontiac 4D (parts car)
- 91 - 1950 Pontiac 8 4D (scrap car)
- 92 - 1962 Olds 98 2D
- 93 - 1956 Olds 88 4D (locked)
- 94 - 1955 Mercury 2D (parts car)
- 95 - 1956 Olds 98 4D (locked)
- 96 - 1953 Olds 4D
- 97 - 1958 Pontiac 2D
- 98 - 1956 Olds 88 2D
- 99 - 1962 Chrysler New Yorker 4D
- 100 - 1991 Lincoln Towncar 4D
- 102 - 1946 Dodge 4D, suicide doors
- 103 - 1956 Chrysler New Yorker Deluxe 4D
- 104 - 1957 Cadillac 4D
- 105 - 1954 Olds green 4D
- 106 - 1959 Pontiac Blue 4D
- 107 - 1950 Hudson 4D
- 108 - 1955 Olds Holiday 4D, 33k miles
- 109 - 1948 Packard Limo 4D (Cracked Block)
- 110 - 1949 Cadillac 4D, 84k miles
- 111 - 1931 Ford Model A 4D
- 112 - 1952 Pontiac Blue 4D
- 113 - 1962 Olds Starfire 2D
- 114 - 1953 Olds 98 Holiday 2D
- 115 - 1950 Olds 4D (seized)
- 116 - 1949 Olds 4D, Body #BK547
- 117 - 1955 Olds 4D
- 118 - 1937 Buick 8 4D
- 119 - 1948 Olds 70 Series 4D
- 120 - 1938 Buick 2D (needs engine)
- 121 - 1958 Chevrolet Bel Air 2D, 3 on the tree
- 122 - 1950 Desoto Custom 4D
- 123 - 1953 Pontiac 2D
- 124 - 1954 Chrysler Imperial 4D, 26.5k miles
- 125 - 1949 Chevrolet Rio 2D
- 126 - 1955 Olds 98 4D
- 127 - 1948 Cadillac 4D
- 128 - 1956 Olds 2D
- 129 - 1958 Cadillac 2D
- 130 - 1942 Buick Light Special 4D
- 131 - 1957 Pontiac 4D
- 132 - 1942 Buick 2D, Slant back
- 133 - 1951-52 Dodge 2D, wood floorboards
- 134 - 1956 Olds 4D
- 135 - 1950 Olds Futuramic 4D, 19k miles
- 136 - 1955 Olds 88 4D
- 137 - 1956 Cadillac Eldorado 2D, A/C
- 138 - 1959 Olds, large pipes
- 139 - 1956 Olds 98 Holiday 2D
- 140 - 1960 Desoto 4D, A/C, power steering
- 141 - 1955 Olds 98 Holiday 2D
- 142 - 1949 Buick Dynaflo 2D, Slant back
- 143 - 1952 Dodge 2D
- 144 - 1949 Ford 4D
- 145 - 1967 Cadillac Coupe Deville 2D
- 146 - 1941 Buick Super Coupe 2D
- 147 - 1951 Cadillac (Baby Blue) 4D
- 148 - 1951 Cadillac Fleetwood Limo 4D
- 149 - 1940's Chrysler Royal 4D
- 150 - ?? Buick 98 4D, factory auto
- 151 - 1953 Chevrolet 4D
- 152 - 1957 Buick Century 4D, low miles
- 153 - ?? Chevrolet Boom Truck
- 154 - 1960 Buick 4D
- 155 - 1956 Olds 4D
- 156 - 1950 Olds 88 2D
- 157 - 1920's Model T Roadster 4D, turtle back
- 158 - 1920's Model T Woody Wagon 4D
- 159 - 1958 Cadillac Fleetwood 4D
- 160 - 1948 Buick Roadster 4D
- 161 - 1954 Kaiser Special 4D, bamboo interior
- 162 - 1934 Olds (maroon) 4D, suicide doors
- 163 - 1956 Olds 88 4D
- 164 - 1957 Buick Special 2D
- 165 - 1975 Ford Grand Torino Wagon 4D (New Holly carb, Rebuilt motor)

TRACTORS, BACK HOE, TRAILERS, CAR PARTS AND MISC.

- 1 - Late teens Overland Radiator & Grill shell
- 1 - Lot 30's Packard radiator shell tool chests
- 1 - Model A chassis with rebuilt motor
- 1 - Model A chassis with motor
- 2 - Ford 8N tractors
- 1 - Case 680C Back Hoe
- 1 - Ford 8N, loader
- 1 - Allis Chalmers C, belly mower
- 1 - 16' flatbed trailer
- 1 - 1977 semi cargo trailer
- 1 - Lincoln stick welder
- 1 - Acetylene torch set
- 1 - Set model 4 El Dorado Aluminum wheels
- 1 - Sandstone grinder
- 1 - Lot new old stock GM parts
- 1 - Lot misc. fenders
- 1 - Lot window trays
- 1 - Lot starters
- 1 - Lot Oldsmobile parts
- 1 - Lot 55'-56' Cadillac dual inlet air cleaners
- 1 - Lot 50's & 60's upholstery seat covers
- 1 - Lot hub caps
- 3 - 2barrel carb, intakes/air breathers
- 1 - Lot chrome trim
- 1 - Lot Model A tires
- 1 - Lot hood ornaments/emblems
- 1 - Lot 40's/50's radiators
- 1 - Lot 40's/50's bumpers & grills
- 1 - Lot fender skirts
- 1 - Lot steering wheels
- 1 - Lot Manuals
- 1 - Lot taillights
- 1 - Lot glass
- 1 - 1955 Olds right hand rocker panel
- 1 - Lot new old stock headlight bulbs
- 1 - Lot air cleaners
- 1 - 378' Buick grill (new)
- 1 - Lot Cadillac V8 flathead cylinder heads
- 1 - Lot Antennae
- 1 - Lot camshafts
- 1 - Lot 30's manual transmissions
- 1 - Lot headlamps (6V bulbs NIB)
- 1 - Lot Olds Starfire valve covers (chrome)
- 1 - 54'-55' GM windshield
- 1 - Olds door panel
- 1 - Edsel bumper & tail lights
- 1 - Lot glass headlights (1910's)
- 1 - Lot rear glass windows
- 1 - 65' Mustang bumper
- 1 - Hanging motor Herse, 13k miles
- 1 - Lasalle transmission
- 1 - V8 wide block Ford motor
- 1 - Lot of misc engines
- 1 - Torac TR lube can
- 1 - 1955 Olds hood
- 1 - 6cyl engine (runs)
- 1 - Lot Artillery wheels
- 1 - Olds 88 poster
- 1 - Lot riding mowers

TOOLS & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- 1 - Lot hand tools (sockets, wrenches, hammers, screwdrivers etc.)
- 1 - Homelite chainsaw
- 1 - Lot power tools
- 5 - Antique bicycles
- 1 - Huge lot 8 track tapes
- 1 - Craftsman chainsaw
- 1 - Lot jack stands
- 1 - Lot ladders
- 1 - Hawthorn Bicycle
- 1 - Wards bicycle
- 1 - Lot mason jars
- 1 - Bench Grinder
- 1 - Lot metal cabinets
- 1 - Speedway engine leveler
- 1 - New well pump
- 1 - Lot antique children's toys
- 1 - Lot spotlights
- 1 - Lot bumper jacks (NIB)
- 1 - Maytag washer
- 1 - Heater (new)
- 1 - Set kitchen chairs
- 1 - Ice cream maker
- 1 - Antique fan
- 1 - Wagon
- 1 - Lot home décor
- 1 - Lot vacuum cleaners
- 1 - Set oil lamps
- 1 - Lot kerosene lanterns
- 1 - Tire changer
- 1 - Sandstone grinder
- 1 - Drill press
- 1 - Antique safe
- 1 - Tabletop juke box
- 1 - Cherry picker
- 1 - 60gal air compressor
- 1 - Brush hog frame
- 1 - Claw foot bathtub
- 1 - Olds 88 poster
- 1 - Lot milk tins

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