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SFCC CTC has successful 2021-22 school year

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In the 2021-22 school year, the Career and Technology Center at State Fair Community College had 125 high school juniors and seniors from its partnering schools strive after graduation.

CTC is a trades-based program to help high school students earn college credits or training to help them find a career out of high school. Those high school students can study auto mechanics, building trades, criminal justice, early childhood professions, graphic design, health occupations, industrial equipment maintenance, precision machining technology and welding.

CTC Executive Director Eric Rehmer spoke about the 2021-22 school year outcomes during the August SFCC Board of Trustees meeting. CTC had a 95% placement rate with its 2021-22 graduates.

“Every year, we are required by law to do a 180-day follow-up of our recent graduates,” Rehmer said. “What we do then is figure out where they’re at. What did they go into? Did they go into a career field related to the training they received here? Did they go into a post-secondary field related or not related? Did

Expects the same in 2022-23

they go into the military? Or if they are doing nothing related?”

Rehmer added that the primary focus of CTC is getting a student into one of the three E’s: employed, educated, or enlisted. He said 125 out of 132 graduates followed the three E’s.

During the board meeting, Rehmer provided information on each CTC program that listed the number of students who graduated and the number who went into the workforce, enrolled at another institution for more education or training and enlisted in the military. This included students who followed the three E’s but went into an area unrelated to the program.

Another part of Rehmer’s presentation was regarding a 2021-22 certificate, dual credit and articulated credit summary.

“This gives an opportunity to show out of each program area, how many certificates did they earn, how many credits did they earn for dual credit and how many did they learn for articulated credit,” Rehmer said.

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Darren and Stephanie Lefevers, seen Tuesday afternoon, own and operate DSR Builders, 25801 Highway HH, just north of Sedalia. They are selling their property because they want their next adventure to begin.

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DSR Builders to sell property

Listed with Clara’s Cafe, reasons for sale different

By Chris Howell
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Darren and Stephanie Lefevers own and operate DSR Builders, 25801 Highway HH, just north of Sedalia. They’ve been manufacturing portable buildings for Premier Portable Buildings for decades and business has been good.

“We’ve been here for eight years,” Stephanie said Tuesday. “We’ve been in business in Sedalia for 30 years, we just had to jump locations.”

DSR Builders is located

on Highway HH, right behind Clara’s Café, and the couple recently put their business up for sale with Big Iron Realty combined with Clara’s property. Clara recently stated her property is up for sale due to traffic issues along North Highway 65. Darren and Stephanie decided to sell the properties combined but want to emphasize they are getting out for different reasons than Clara.

“We’re done,” Stephanie said. “We’re going to do something else after we

sell. The property is for sale, but we can also sell it to someone who’s interested in building for Premier; that’s a possibility.”

DSR Builders has 4 acres which, combined with Clara’s 2 acres, make a parcel perhaps more attractive to potential buyers.

“We’ve got the property listed together as one,” Darren said.

“There have been inquiries as to buying the whole thing with both businesses and keeping them open,” Stephanie

said, “and that’s part of what’s been confusing to other people.”

Darren and Stephanie don’t want out because of traffic issues along North 65; they just want to start the next phase of their life and need to sell the property to start their new lives.

“It’s been an honor to serve the community,” Darren said. “I’m really proud of what we’ve done and thankful to everybody that helped make us what we are.”

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Gas prices fall as summer comes to a close

By Democrat Staff

Gas prices have continued to fall in the last week in Missouri by almost 10 cents per gallon.

In Sedalia, gas prices on Tuesday varied, with the lowest price at \$3.24 at the East Broadway Boulevard Cenex. Prices at Casey’s, Phillips 66 on South Limit Avenue, and Cenex at 16th Street and Ohio Avenue were \$3.29, while Shell Jiffy Shop at Broadway Boulevard and Limit Avenue were \$3.26.

According to a GasBuddy survey of 3,940 stations in Missouri, prices in Missouri are 32.1 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 54.7 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. In addition, the national average diesel price has declined 2



The lowest price for gas in Sedalia on Tuesday was at the East Broadway Cenex, selling for \$3.27 a gallon.

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cents in the last week and stands at \$5.02 per gallon.

In Missouri, last year, the lowest gas price on Sept. 6 was \$1.90 — the highest in the last 10 years was Sept. 6, 2012, at an average of \$3.64 per gallon.

GasBuddy reports that the cheapest station in Missouri was priced at \$2.83 a gallon on Labor Day, while the most expensive was \$4.87 a gallon, a difference of \$2.04.

The national average

price of gasoline has fallen 7.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.75 a gallon on Tuesday. The national average is down 29.5 cents per gallon from a month ago. However, it stands 57.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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Bar-B Mercantile renovates and opens new location

By Meliyah Venerable
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WARRENSBURG — Johnson County native Lisa Dean and her business, Bar-B Mercantile, have received a microloan from the Johnson County Economic Development Corporation’s (JCEDC) Microloan program. The loan has given Davis a chance to renovate her new location.

Dean applied for and received the

\$10,000 JCEDC microloan, just in time for the finishing touches on the new business, which is set to open this month.

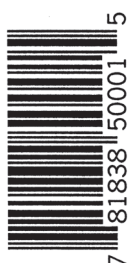
“I really like the education that came along with it,” Davis said. “They are not just like a bank that does lending. They actually walk you through a whole business plan and help clarify things and bring things to a business owner’s attention. Especially for a first-time business owner like myself.”

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Lisa Dean, owner of Bar-B Mercantile, and Taylor Elwell, president of Johnson County Economic Development Corporation, pose for a photo in the JCEDC office.

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OBITUARIES

Albert William Bruehl

Albert William Bruehl, 91, of Sedalia, MO, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Saturday, September 3, 2022, in Sedalia.

Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, September 8, 2022, at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, St. Patrick's Chapel, with Father Joe Corel officiating.

Reading of the Rosary will be held at 6 p.m.



Wednesday, September 7, 2022, with family receiving friends to follow until 8 p.m. at Rea Funeral Chapel.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, Sedalia, MO, with full military honors being conducted by United States Army and Sedalia VFW Post 2591.

A full obituary can be found at www.ReaFuneralService.com.

Gevan Wayne Hesterlee

Gevan Wayne Hesterlee, 66, formerly of Sedalia, MO, died Friday, August 19, 2022, at his home in Everett, Snohomish County, Washington.

He was born September 15, 1955, in Wichita, KS, son of the late Lowell L. Hesterlee and Grace L. (Eakins) Hesterlee.

The family moved to Sedalia in 1964, where he attended Mark Twain Elementary and Smith-Cotton High School, graduating in 1973. He earned an associate's degree in finance from State Fair Community College in Sedalia and furthered his studies at CMSU in Warrensburg, Mo.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1988 and served two years assigned to navigational duties on board the USS Halsey DLG-23, a guided missile cruiser, which patrolled the Pacific Ocean. He was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal on June 14, 1987, for Meritorious Action by the U.S. Pacific Fleet commander. He received an Honorable Discharge.

After his Navy service, he moved to Seattle, Washington, and worked in retail management before entering



the aerospace industry as a machinist, a vocation that was ideal for his exact and precise mindset.

He played and collected guitars, rode 10-speed bikes and motorcycles, enjoyed kayaking, fly fishing, and was an accomplished woodworker and furniture maker.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lowell L. Hesterlee, and his sister, Lynne L. (Hesterlee) Furnell.

Survivors include his mother, Grace L. (Eakins) Hesterlee, Lenexa, KS, son Joseph T. Hesterlee, Lynnwood, WA, partner Rebecca Jorgenson, Lynnwood, WA, brothers, Brian L. Hesterlee, Barnett, MO, and Brent N. Hesterlee and wife Rachele and daughters Melaina and Madalyn Hesterlee, Lenexa, KS, plus many nieces, nephews and cousins.

His ashes were scattered on the Washington Shores of the Pacific Ocean.

A memorial service is scheduled for Sunday, October 9, 2022, at 1 p.m. at Broadway Presbyterian Church, Sedalia, MO. All who knew and loved him are encouraged to attend.

Charlene L. Viebrock

Charlene L. Viebrock, 60, of Macon, MO, formerly of Sedalia, MO, passed away Sunday, September 4, 2022, at her home in Macon.

Charlene was born on January 26, 1962, in Sedalia, MO, the daughter of Bob Ross Sr. and Mary Ross. Charlene was owner/operator of North 65 Café in Sedalia for several years and worked in numerous restaurants in Macon. She loved to cook and was an amazing karaoke singer.

She is survived by her husband, Randy Viebrock of Sedalia, two brothers, Bob Ross and wife Joy, Darren

Ross and wife Phylis; four half-siblings, Jimmy Ross, Ray Ross, Elizabeth Dillion, Debbie Hyde and husband Nick, one brother-in-law, Roger Mueller, and several nieces, nephews, and friends.

Charlene was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Betty Mueller.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the Randy Johnson Memorial Fund in Macon.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hutton & McElwain Funeral Home in Macon.

FUNERALS

Bruehl, Albert William

10 a.m. Thursday at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, St. Patrick's Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia.

Friedrichs, Florence "Winky" Chesnutt

4 to 6 p.m. Thursday at Meisenheimer-Page-Dady Funeral Home in Pilot Grove. Arrangements are under the direction of Meisenheimer-Page-Dady Funeral Home.

Mather, Janice Kay

7 p.m. Thursday at Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia. Arrangements are under

the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

Young, Richard "Jim" James Jr.

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

Merryfield, Rosemary Taylor

11 a.m. Friday at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Windsor. Arrangements are under the direction of Hadley Funeral Home in Windsor.

Hesterlee, Gevan Wayne

1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9 at Broadway Presbyterian Church in Sedalia.

Florence "Winky" Chesnutt Friedrichs, 96, of Pleasant Green, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, September 3, 2022.

She was born on November 17, 1925, in El Dorado, Arkansas, daughter of Col. Stanley Andrews of Moniteau County, MO, and Florence Vinita Cox of Pettis County, MO. She was married in England to John Christy Chesnutt, MD (deceased), of Little Rock, Arkansas, and much later in Covington, Louisiana, to Carl Chaleron Friedrichs (deceased) of New Orleans, LA.

She spent her childhood and attended high school in Little Rock, Arkansas, where her father had a newspaper and radio station. He had served in World War I and also as a Colonel in World War II. The family then moved abroad for Col. Andrews' diplomatic position to help with post-war aid projects. In these travels, Winky reunited with John Chesnutt from Little Rock, whom she married in 1949.

She earned her BA at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1947 and also studied in London, Frankfurt, and New York City. Along with her fine art inspired by nature, human expression, and spirituality, she also

Florence "Winky" Chesnutt Friedrichs

worked in fashion illustration and commercial art, painting and drawing portraits and many historic homes.



Her years in Iowa, as her young family expanded, were artistically prolific and she maintained a studio and held art exhibits. In addition to supporting her growing family and physician husband after his career move to Louisiana, she was instrumental in starting the still-thriving St. Tammany Art Association in Covington, LA, an art teaching program for schoolchildren at the city hall in Mandeville, LA, and was very involved in historical programs and events in the area.

In 1986, she moved to Pleasant Green, MO, to help care for her father and continue the renovation work well underway on the historic antebellum Walker home that the family had purchased in 1973. The original plantation (ca. 1820) and outbuildings of Pleasant Green became her final home and beloved project. Fascinated by genealogy, and as a descendant of the original settlers, she conducted tours well into her 90s with help from her wonderful circle of friends and volunteers.

She also co-founded the Cooper County Histor-

ical Society and helped create the CCHS research center, co-authored many publications and mapping projects, and contributed countless hours toward historical projects and events in Cooper County since the 1970s.

An early supporter of the Katy Trail State Park, she also raised funds with her art for the Save the (KATY) Bridge Coalition.

For decades, she hosted African American visitors looking for histories on their families or information about Missouri's historic plantation culture. She has also welcomed numerous African American tours, school groups, and was a sponsor for the nationally recognized "Slave Dwelling Project."

In 2013, she was given the Boonville Tourism Hall of Fame Award. She was honored with the National Daughters of the American Revolution Historical Preservation Medal in 2018 and, that same year, received the McReynolds Award by the Missouri Preservation Honor Awards at a ceremony at the Missouri State Capitol.

Florence "Winky" Chesnutt Friedrichs will be remembered as a tireless creative spirit with boundless enthusiasm and curiosity. Her southern-style storytelling and hospitable nature delighted many, and she very much enjoyed her friends and neighbors and local happenings. She

never stopped wanting to be "of use" as a resource, as a skilled artistic hand, and as a hub of community connection.

She is survived by her sons John "Jack" (Pam) Chesnutt II of Evergreen, CO, Stan Chesnutt of Los Altos, CA, Alan Chesnutt of Boulder, CO, and Sarah Chesnutt (Alan Reisman) of Boulder, CO and Pleasant Green, MO; grandchildren Drew, Hays, Jonathan, Madison, Elizabeth, and James; great-granddaughters Iley and Alyza; and stepdaughters Linda Farrell and Mary Friedrichs, stepson Carl "Fritz" Friedrichs (deceased) and many step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

Friends may pay their respects and sign the guest book after noon Thursday, September 8, 2022, at the Meisenheimer-Page-Dady Funeral Home in Pilot Grove, where the family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday.

As a member of the Episcopal Church, her faith was a source of great strength. She also attended and supported the Pleasant Green Methodist Church, upon whose grounds she will rest in peace near the family home.

A celebration of Winky's life will be held at a later date this fall.

Memorials are suggested to the Cooper County Historical Society or the churches listed above.

Rosemary Taylor Merryfield

Rosemary Taylor Merryfield, 101, of Windsor, Missouri, died Sept. 3, 2022, at E. W. Thompson in Sedalia, Mo.

She was born Nov. 24, 1920, in Martinsburg, Mo., the daughter of Joseph L. Kersting and Jenny Benz Meyerpeter Kersting. On June 9, 1947, in Borger, Texas, she married Eugene Austin Taylor. They were blessed with three children, Rozanne, James "J.T.," and Brenda. He preceded her in death on Dec. 19, 1999. On Nov. 22, 2005, she married William "Bill" Merryfield in Windsor, Mo., and he preceded her in death on March 27, 2012.

Rosemary was a homemaker and enjoyed taking care of her children. She later took accounting classes and assisted her husband in their business,

Taylor Bookkeeping and Tax Service, for a number of years. Rosemary lived a full life and enjoyed simple pleasures like working in her yard, especially pulling weeds. She also enjoyed shopping trips and had an eye for finding special antiques. She was a longtime member of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Windsor and was a member of the Altar Society.

Survivors include two daughters, Rozanne Coble, Sedalia, Mo., and Brenda Merryfield (Jim), Boonville, Mo.; 12 grandchildren, Carla Baldwin (Dallas), Tony Coble (Tami), Julie Horn (Eddie), Ann Martin (John), Nick Coble, Jill Wiese (Gary), David Taylor (Tracy), Jessica Alonso, Jennifer Alonso, Lindsay Reagan (Sam), Lauren

Cowherd (Andrew), and Leigh Duewel (Dustin); 25 great-grandchildren, Kelsey Baldwin, David Baldwin, Meaghen Coble, Emily Coble, Molly Coble, Matthew Coble, Anna Coble, Cate Coble, Shelby Horn, Logan Horn, Allison Martin, Max Martin, Lauren Martin, Cooper Wiese, Blake Wiese, Olivia Taylor, Bennett Taylor, Connor Taylor, Logan Reagan, Max Reagan, Emily Cowherd, Luke Cowherd, Ryan Cowherd, Cora Duewel, and Graedin Duewel; a great-great-grandchild on the way, and three grandchildren she thought of as her own, Alex Alonso, Bella Alonso and Bonnie Hammond; and numerous nieces and nephews. When she married Bill, she also welcomed his children, John Merryfield (Hillary) and

Ann Mobley (Jeff) and their families into hers.

In addition to her husband Eugene and her husband Bill, she was preceded in death by a son, James "J.T." Taylor; a son-in-law, Max Coble; and seven brothers and sisters.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Sept. 9, 2022, at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, Windsor. Burial will be in the Laurel Oak Cemetery, Windsor. The family will receive friends before the service from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church. The family suggests contributions to the St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in care of the Hadley Funeral Home, Windsor. Condolences www.hadleyfuneralhome.com.

Mark Edmond Stockstill

Mark Edmond Stockstill, 65, of Sedalia, MO, passed away September 3, 2022, at his home in Sedalia.

He was born on March 30, 1957, in Sedalia, Missouri, the son of Charles Thomas Stockstill Sr., who preceded him in death, and Dolores Jean (Dillon) Stockstill, who resides in the home.

Mark was a 1975 graduate of Smith-Cotton High School. Mark loved to watch the New York Yankees play. He was always involved with coaching his son's baseball teams.

He also enjoyed bowling and golfing. He spent as much time as he could on



his boat at the lake visiting all his friends and loved being on the water. Mark owned and operated the Cheeseboard Deli in Sedalia, and Mark Brothers Food.

The Bud Tent and Chuck & Dee's were a big part of his life at the Missouri State Fair. He thoroughly enjoyed helping his dad take care of the farm and cattle. Mark enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He especially

loved spending quality time with his mom, Dee.

He is survived by two children, Rachel Stockstill (Doug) of Sedalia and Mathew Charles Stockstill (Jenny) of Oregon; three step-daughters, Ashley Martin, Chelsea Carie, and Haylee Simpson; two granddaughters, Kylie Jo Moreno and Kaitlyn Lillian Moreno; nine step-grandchildren; his mother, Dolores Jean (Dillon) Stockstill of Sedalia; and his fiancée, Donna Jo Barber (Hendrickson) of Texas.

In addition to his father, Mark was preceded in death by his brother Charles Thomas Stockstill

Jr.; and a step-grandson, Jacob Martin.

A celebration of life service will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, September 9, 2022, at First United Methodist Church Celebration Center, with Pastor Greg Bechtel officiating.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until service time at the Celebration Center.

Honorary bearers will be Mark Thompson, Rick McRoy, Mark Wheeler, Steve Moore, and Jim Vansell.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Down Syndrome Group of the Ozarks in the care of Rea Funeral Chapel.

Photo Submissions

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

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CRASH REPORT

Truman Lake jet ski accident injures Independence man

Dennis I. Bradley, 62, of Independence, sustained moderate injuries at 2:15 p.m. Saturday in a Benton County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Bradley was driving a 2002 Kawasaki 1100 STX jet ski west on Truman Lake at the G8 mile-marker when he struck a wave, causing the vessel to overturn and eject him.

Bradley hit his head in the process and was transported by ambulance to Golden Valley Memorial Hospital in Clinton. He was wearing a life preserver.

Clinton woman hurt in Henry accident

Nora L. Learned-Chandler, 60, of Clinton, sustained minor injuries at 6 a.m. Thursday in a Henry County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, she was driving a 2021 Jeep Renegade south on Route U at Southeast 420th Road when she traveled off the right side of the road and struck a ditch.

She was wearing a seat belt and was transported to Golden Valley Memorial Hospital in Clinton.

Calhoun teen hurt in Henry accident

Arron W. Gibbs, 18, of Calhoun, sustained minor injuries at 12:20 a.m. Monday in a Henry County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Gibbs was driving a 2004 Ford east on Route YY at Northeast 301 Road when he traveled off the roadway, overcorrected, returned to the roadway, traveled off the roadway a second time, and struck a fence. The vehicle then over-

turned, coming to rest on its wheels.

Gibbs was wearing a seat belt and was transported by Golden Valley EMS to Golden Valley Memorial Hospital in Clinton.

Pedestrian injured in Johnson hit-and-run accident

Lane L. Freed, 20, of Warrensburg, was moderately injured at 10:51 p.m. Sunday in a Johnson County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Freed was struck by a BMW, which traveled off the roadway on U.S. Highway 50 near County Road 271. The vehicle then fled the scene.

Freed was transported by Johnson County Ambulance District to Western Missouri Medical Center in Warrensburg.

Iowa woman in serious condition after Johnson accident

Debbie K. Marmon, 59, of Norwalk, Iowa, sustained serious injuries at 5:06 p.m. Monday in a Johnson County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, a 2010 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Alan B. Troyer, 64, of Warrensburg, north on Highway 23 at Route E attempted to make a U-turn and was struck by a 2020 GMC Yukon driven north by Marmon.

Both drivers were wearing their seat belts. Marmon was transported by Johnson County Ambulance District to Western Missouri Medical Center in Warrensburg.

One killed, one in serious condition after Morgan head-on accident

Stephen R. Stafford,

25, of Versailles, was killed and Alexander J. Luttrell, 36, of Kansas City, Kansas, sustained serious injuries at 8:25 p.m. Thursday in a Morgan County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, a 2017 Chevrolet Traverse driven by Luttrell south on Route 5 passed several cars and struck a 2007 Toyota Yaris driven by Stafford head-on.

Stafford was not wearing a seat belt and was pronounced dead by Morgan County Coroner Dr. M. B. Jones.

Luttrell was arrested for driving while intoxicated resulting in the death of another. He was transported to Lake Regional Hospital and released.

Rocky Mount 3-year-old killed in Morgan accident

A 3-year-old boy from Rocky Mount was killed, a 7-year-old boy from Rocky Mount sustained minor injuries, and Larry A. Lunnin, 40, of Rocky Mount, also sustained minor injuries at 3:10 p.m. Friday in a Morgan County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Lunnin was driving a 2014 Jeep Wrangler South on Route W when he traveled off the right side of the roadway, struck a sign, and overturned.

Though all three occupants were wearing seat belts, the 3-year-old was not properly restrained in an age-appropriate child restraint and was pronounced dead at the scene by Dr. William Cravens.

The two other occupants refused treatment at the scene.

Lunnin was arrested for second-degree in-

voluntary manslaughter, failure to drive on the right half of the roadway resulting in a crash, two counts of failure to secure a child less than 8 years old in a child restraint, second-degree murder, and two counts of felony child abduction - kidnapping. Lunnin was transported to the Morgan County Jail and placed on a 24-hour hold.

Two hurt in Pettis accident

Gail M. Gonzalez, 40, and Brandon J. Culbreth, 38, both of Sedalia, both sustained minor injuries at 6:40 p.m. Monday in a Pettis County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Culbreth was driving a 2013 Toyota Tundra south on Route TT, south of McVey Road, when he failed to negotiate a curve, skidded across the centerline, traveled off the left side of the road, and struck a fence.

Both occupants were wearing seat belts. Gonzalez was taken to Bothwell Regional Health Center by private vehicle.

Culbreth was arrested for driving while intoxicated, no valid driver's license, and failure to drive on the right half of the roadway. He was transported to the Pettis County Jail and released.

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

Women's Bible study to be hosted Thursday

A Women's Fall Bible Study in Genesis will be hosted at 9 a.m. Thursday at Camp Branch Baptist Church, 18020 W. 32nd St. Rd. It is open to all women of all ages. A workbook is required. Please contact Jeanette at 660-281-1405 to enroll or for questions. The wrong time was listed in the Sept. 2 edition of the Democrat. The Democrat apologizes for the error.

La Monte Legion Post to host KC trip fundraiser

The La Monte American Legion Post will host a trip to fund the post's projects on Wednesday, Sept. 28. Included will be a tour and talk by the Kansas City Tiny Houses manager, which is a development of 48 tiny homes for homeless veterans.

Admission and a tour of the National World War I Museum are included as well as admission and a tour of the Steamboat Arabia Museum. The final stop will be at the 9/11 exhibit at the Kansas City Fire Department Training Center. Lunch will be at one of the largest Legion posts in the nation.

The cost is \$120, which includes everything

listed above, the tip to the motor coach driver and the funds raised for the La Monte Legion. The motor coach will leave from the Thompson Hills Shopping Center in Sedalia at 7 a.m. and be back around 5:30 p.m. Additional pickups will be at Casey's in La Monte at 7:15 a.m. and in Warrensburg next to IHOP at 7:30 a.m. All are welcome and do not have to be Legion members.

Send checks to Jean Gallagher, P.O. Box 1756, Sedalia, MO, 65302 by Sept. 17. For more information, call 660-827-4016.

Green Ridge to host Harvest Fun Fest

The Green Ridge Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Green Ridge Harvest Fun Fest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at Green Ridge Park.

The fair will feature food, games, crafts, a prince and princess contest, a live auction, a pie auction, shine and show cars, the Air Evac helicopter, and many tractors that will park on Main Street after a parade. The parade will be at 10 a.m.

For entry forms, visit <https://linktr.ee/ChamberGR>.

For more information, call Barbara at 660-620-3485 or find the Green Ridge Chamber of Commerce on Facebook.



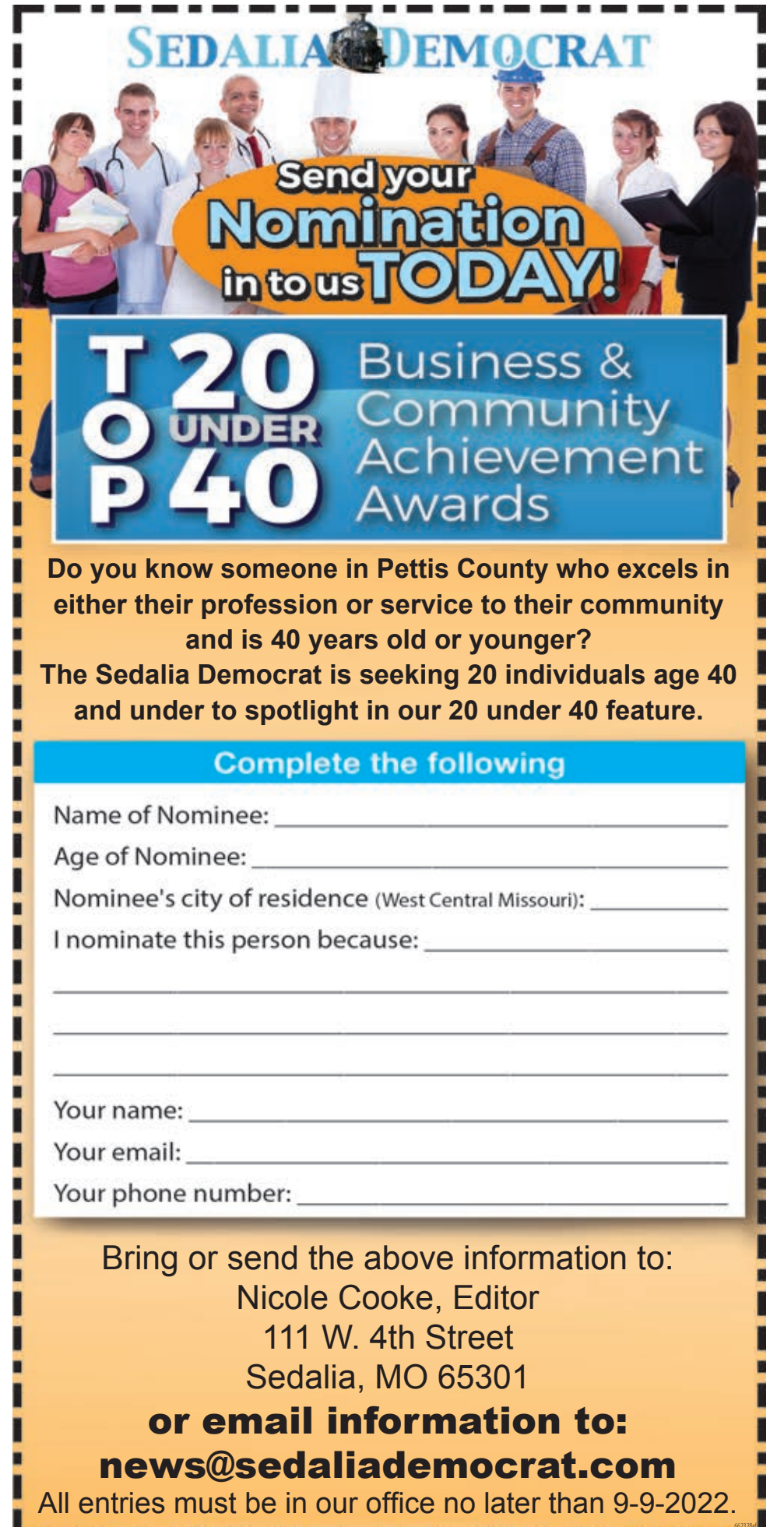
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Complete the following

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CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

Getting rid of another type of cancer

We talk about cancer as the physical disease most often. In fact, our family has had to discuss it too often. However, there is a type of cancer ravishing our country that we sometimes speak of, but don't genuinely address.

Our society is being changed dramatically and horrendously by the cancer called "drugs."

We have all heard of this cancer. We see it in the streets, on the news and sometimes in our own homes. Those who have been personally affected by its consequences understand it better than most and they are generally left with a longing to bring this cancer to its demise.

This cancer has no particular demographic. It can and does hunt down anyone willing to participate. However, it does tend to become a generational disease. Adults who suffer from addiction pass down this trait, not only genetically but also environmentally.

Children who grow up in a home with a drug user and/or dealer are 95% more likely to engage in some type of drug use. They simply don't know another way to live. They learn by example.

The biggest problem that I can see is that these people are procreating faster than those who do not use drugs. I'm not as much afraid of those who utilize marijuana as their sole drug of choice because many people are finding some relief from a multitude of issues by using it. But those who utilize the harder, illegal drugs are damaging our culture and societal norms.

Heroin, fentanyl, methamphetamine, and drugs I've never heard of are running through the veins of so many people that it is causing medical and mental health issues like never before.

Although we hear from our administration that unemployment is down, I can tell you from experience, other business owners and managers of larger companies cannot fill the job openings that they have. Many of these businesses have to turn people away because potential employees cannot pass a drug test.

When an addict becomes so dependent on their drug of choice that they cannot make the decision to quit using to hold down a job, they do one of two things; they either start doing "odd jobs" on their own or sell drugs.

Fentanyl is making its way from China to Mexico and through our southern border every day. Border patrol has intercepted millions of pills but imagine how many they have missed.

Overdoses of fentanyl (whether by itself or mixed with other drugs) are estimated to climb 45% higher in 2022 than in



Stephanie Lefevers
Contributing Columnist

2021. That's a dangerous number.

The mainstream media and the CDC are using the phrase "opioid drug overdoses" incorrectly, in my opinion. Most people think of prescription pain medication as being the culprit, but prescription opioids fall at the bottom of the overdose charts utilized by the CDC. The illegal drugs that are flowing rapidly into the United States are the main culprit and patients who desperately require pain treatment are being denied these medications due to the lack of understanding or perhaps the cover-up that our current administration seems to be utilizing.

You see, very little is being done at the federal level to combat this problem. Our border is wide open, criminals who tote these drugs into the country are being released, we have inadequate treatment facilities available and we are starving for mental health help.

Rather than taking the bull by the horns on this cancer, this administration is focusing on prescription drug usage. They are in no way trying to help the situation and instead are helping people use these drugs by supplying them with syringes and a "safe place" to use. They supply users with Narcan (the drug that reverses the effects of overdose) rather than shutting down the supply chain.

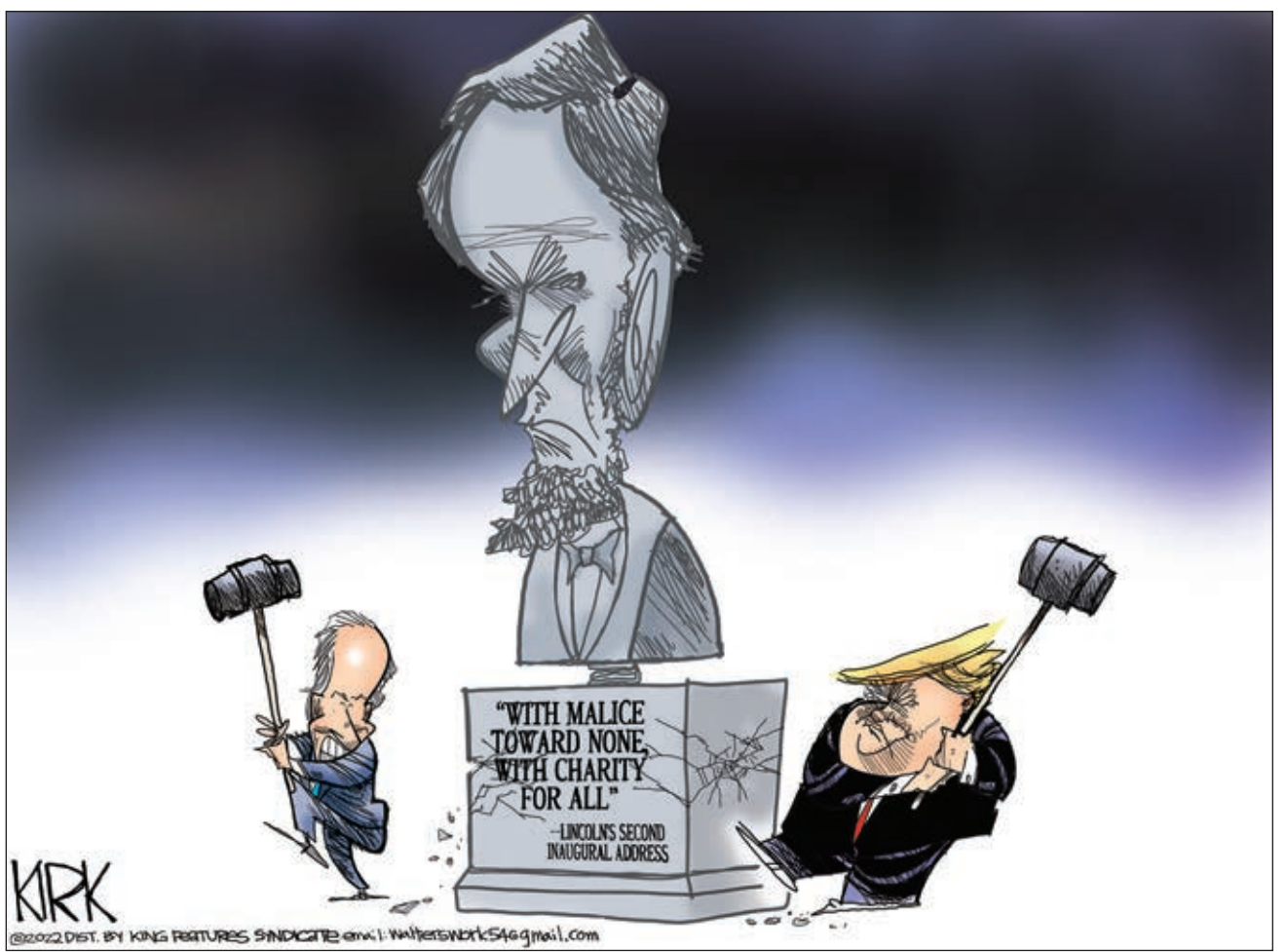
What does that tell the normal, everyday person? It tells me this administration doesn't care whether or not its citizens become addicted to and die from overdoses. It tells me they don't care about generational dependency or the fact that someday we may have more drug users than not in our country.

If we can send billions of dollars to other countries for various reasons, why on earth have we not addressed this cancer that is killing hundreds of thousands of people every year in our own country?

There are people who want to help. Make sure you utilize your vote this November to put people in place who care more about the safety of our own citizens than utilizing our tax dollars to assist other countries with theirs.

This is getting out of hand.

Stephanie Lefevers is a local business owner, former member of the Sedalia 200 Board of Education and a resident of Sedalia for more than 40 years.



CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

Institutes sought to improve public school teaching

The 1882 History of Pettis County notes the county had "few professional teachers." A person who wished to be certified to teach could do so by graduating from a Normal School, a teacher training college such as the one in Warrensburg. However, those without a college degree could pass the county pedagogy exam and become certified. Most teachers in rural Pettis County became certified in this way.

Recognizing the need for constant improvement of teachers, the state mandated attendance at Teacher's Institutes, regular programs of instruction organized by the Superintendent of Schools. The Missouri State Teachers Association approved the institutes and encouraged its members to attend their yearly meetings and take what they had learned there back to their local institutes. Pettis County, according to the 1882 History, had "good, live workers" in the Institutes.

The State Board of Education (now the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) set the program of study for the institutes. The city or county school superintendent, local ministers, and teachers recognized for their competence spoke on moral training, student behavior, and the



Rhonda Chalfant
Contributing Columnist

best methods of teaching various subjects.

Teachers in the Sedalia Public Schools attended monthly institute programs held on Saturday at Broadway School. Teachers in the county schools attended two- to four-week summer institutes held in Sedalia. African American teachers from Pettis, Johnson, Henry, and Bates counties attended summer institutes held at Lincoln High School in Sedalia.

Teachers had to pay to attend the institutes. The county institutes cost, in 1887, 75 cents per week to attend. In addition, teachers had to pay their own travel costs. African-American teachers had higher travel costs as they had to travel further to attend. Teachers also had to pay for food and lodging while in Sedalia.

Teachers were paid only \$35 to \$50 per month, depending on gender, race, and training, with white men re-

ceiving the most during the six- to seven-month school year. The costs for the institutes seem prohibitive. However, most county teachers did attend.

The Sedalia Democrat and Sedalia Bazaar reported on the Teacher's Institutes. In December 1889, all but one Sedalia teacher and many visitors attended. The morning and afternoon sessions began with musical performances by students under the instruction of Helen Gallie, recognized as an excellent music teacher.

School Superintendent Smith then spoke casually on the importance of teachers' monitoring proper student behavior on the way to and from school and spoke against the practice of keeping students from recess as a means of punishment.

The afternoon session included a plea by the Rev. A.R. Ferris on the importance of using the Bible in the classroom. This was followed by a formal speech by Superintendent Smith on the topic "Shall We Survive?"

The county institutes were also well attended. In 1893, 83 teachers were at the second day and more were expected to attend in the coming days as the county roads dried following heavy rains. In 1892,

teachers from 23 rural schools attended.

Little was reported in the Democrat and Bazaar about the day-to-day activities of the county institutes. County institutes were organized in much the same way as the city institutes, but teachers at the county institutes spent more time learning better methods of teaching the various subjects. For example, in June 1887, the executive committee of the county institutes searched for a drawing teacher to spend a week giving hour-long sessions on methods of art instruction.

Even less was reported about the institutes for African American teachers, except to note that the principal of Lincoln School in Sedalia and administrators from Lincoln School in Kansas City organized the institutes.

Despite the high attendance and popularity of the speakers at the local institutes, not everyone approved of them. Next week's column details protests against the institutes by a Marshall minister and the Marshall Democrat-News.

Rhonda Chalfant is active in the Sedalia/Pettis County chapter of NAACP and the Pettis County Historical Society.

GUEST COLUMN

Kids and all of their games

As I watched my grandchildren playing over the weekend, I began to think about my own carefree childhood and the games my friends and I played back then.

I am sure my grandchildren have as much fun as we did because they laughed just as loud as my friends and I did as we played all those years ago. The games were different, however, which I assume is due to cultural changes that have taken place over the decades. There is one common denominator, though: kids, both now and then, love to run and that will hopefully never change.

Like my friends and I did all those years ago, my grandchildren invent games to play just out of their imaginations. I



Jack Miller
Guest Columnist

was lucky when I was a kid because I had a lot of friends to play games with and to help make up those games. In fact, my next-door neighbors, the McCoy's, had enough kids all by themselves for a baseball team. For a great game of tag or hide and seek, however, I had other friends we could call on, like John Riley, Donnie

Harbit and Bob Sublett; as I said, plenty of kids.

Back then, our playground was several blocks long and even included neighbors' yards. I don't think that would work today, but back then, in the days when people sat on their front porches more than they do now, we would sometimes get help from them as we played hide and seek. Sometimes a porch sitter would point out a hiding place where a giggly little hider was crouched.

Kids of all generations seem to love a swing set, which was the same in my youth. The difference now is that most people, which includes grandparents, have a swing set in their backyard; my friends and I had to go to the

park to enjoy that activity. Washington Park was a magic kingdom when I was too young to go to the park alone. Fortunately, mom and dad liked going there too, so we spent a lot of dad's days off there in the summer months. My friends and I spent even more time there when we got a little older.

Sometimes, as I watch the grandchildren run with abandon, I find I am a little breathless, which may be because my mind has gone back in time and I am running right along with them. I better be careful — I'm not as young as I used to be.

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

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POLICE REPORTS

This list is a sampling of crime in Sedalia and the surrounding area. Information is taken from official police reports, which do not necessarily contain statements from all parties involved in each case.

Sedalia Police Arrests

Sept. 2
1:45 p.m.: Edgar C. Cucul, 34, of the 900 block of East 10th Street, was arrested after officers were dispatched to East 16th Street and South Washington Avenue for a motor vehicle accident involving injuries. One person was transported to the hospital for treatment. Investigation revealed one of the drivers, Cucul, did not have a driver's license and he was transported to the SPD, where he was booked and released with charges of driving without a driver's license, failure to secure a child under 8 years old in a restraint, and disobeying a stop sign.

2:21 p.m.: John W. Bryant, 49, of the 2800 block of B Road, was arrested after a traffic stop near South Marvin Avenue and East Third Street. Bryant was found to have an active Sedalia warrant and revoked driver's license. He was arrested for driving with a revoked license and transported to the Pettis County Jail.

Sept. 3
12:30 a.m.: Kara Keri Schondelmeyer, 41, of the 1100 block of McVey Road, was issued a citation after being located in a vehicle at Liberty Park sleeping. Schondelmeyer had been warned on multiple occasions of park closing hours and was issued a citation for being

in the park during prohibited hours.

2:33 a.m.: Justin C. Meyer, 46, of the 1100 block of West Seventh Street, was arrested after officers observed a vehicle with only one headlight and conducted a traffic stop. The driver was arrested for driving while intoxicated – drugs and transported to the Pettis County Jail, where he was released to a sober person.

5:16 a.m.: Jamarius M. Neal, 33, of the 1200 block of Elm Hills Boulevard, was arrested after a traffic stop on a vehicle for a tail light out near East Ninth Street and South Hancock Avenue. Neil provided false information and was transported to the Pettis County Jail, where he was placed on a 24-hour hold pending charges of possession of a controlled substance, delivery of methamphetamine into the county jail, and identity theft. He was also booked on his four warrants.

Sept. 4
2:03 a.m.: Trevon M. Gravitt, 27, of the 2800 block of Meadowood Drive, was arrested after a vehicle stop for excessively dark window tint near West Third Street and South Lamine Avenue. The investigation revealed the driver was intoxicated, had a revoked driving status and a failure to appear warrant from Saline County. He was transported to the Pettis County Jail, where he was booked for driving while intoxicated, driving with a suspended license, and the warrant.

10:05 p.m.: Blake Austin Hollon, 23, of the 4200 block of West Main Street, was arrested after a traffic stop for only one tail light.

He was transported to the Pettis County Jail, booked and released with the state charge of driving with a suspended driver's license.

Sept. 5
3:05 p.m.: Luis Daniel Santiago Garcia, 48, of the 1500 Block of South Kentucky Avenue, was issued a citation after a vehicle stop for speeding near the intersection of West 16th Street and South Warren Avenue. Garcia's Missouri driving privileges had been suspended. He was released from the scene with a summons.

Incidents
Sept. 2
5:49 a.m.: Officers were dispatched to the 1500 block of South Park Avenue in reference to a hit-and-run accident. A parked car was hit and officers were provided video as well as license plate information. The case is under investigation.

9:38 a.m.: An officer responded to the 2300 block of West Third Street to investigate a reported burglary. The victim stated that overnight someone entered her residence and removed items valued at \$430. The suspect is unknown.

8:51 p.m.: Officers took a report of a stolen firearm in the 300 block of West Third Street. Information was collected and the firearm was entered into the system as stolen. There is no suspect information.

Sept. 3
6:02 p.m.: Officers were dispatched to the 1200 block of South Stewart Avenue for a missing person report. A female reported to officers that her daughter ran away from home and will not return. The daughter was dropped off the first day of school and has not been seen since. She was entered as a runaway.

Sept. 4
12:37 p.m.: Officers responded to the intersection of East Pettis Street and North Mill Avenue in reference to a subject check. Officers made contact with an individual who dispatch confirmed to be a missing person. The subject refused any assistance and was released from the scene.

2:34 p.m.: Officers responded to the 400 block of North Mill Avenue in reference to a theft. Officers spoke with the reporting party, who stated his cell phone was stolen from work earlier in the day. The phone has not been recovered at this time.

2:36 p.m.: Officers were dispatched to a vehicle accident in a business parking lot in the 700 block of East Broadway Boulevard. Officers were given a license and description of the suspect vehicle and later made contact. Formal charges are being requested on the suspect driver for leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident.

Sept. 5
10:53 a.m.: Officers were dispatched to the 500 block of South Grand Avenue regarding a disturbance with weapons. An investigation revealed an ID card and EBT card were stolen. No arrests were made.

12:02 p.m.: An officer was dispatched to the 700 block of West Seventh Street in reference to a juvenile who was previously reported missing. The juvenile was home and fine, so an interagency report was completed so the juvenile could be removed as a missing person.

2:08 p.m.: Officers were dispatched to a business in the 1200 block of South

Limit Avenue in reference to a theft report. The victim stated he had a friend visiting his motel room and his cell phone went missing afterward. The phone was entered into the system as stolen.

7:18 p.m.: Officers responded to the 900 block of West Fifth Street to assist Pettis County Children's Division with an investigation.

10:46 p.m.: Officers responded to the intersection of East 12th Street and South Monroe Avenue for reports of gunshots. Officers were unable to locate any victims, suspects, or other evidence to assist in the investigation. A report was completed for documentation.

Sept. 9
8:14 p.m.: Officers responded to Bothwell Regional Health Center for a report of a dog bite that occurred in the 400 block of South Grand Avenue.

Pettis County Sheriff's Office Arrests
Sept. 5

9:12 p.m.: Lydia Antwiler, 27, of the 2800 block of South Ingram Avenue, was arrested after deputies were dispatched to a domestic disturbance. After an investigation, she was placed under arrest and transported to the Pettis County Jail, where she was placed on a 24-hour hold pending charges of fourth-degree domestic assault.

Incidents
Sept. 2

6:07 p.m.: A deputy stopped a vehicle for no license plates near West Broadway Boulevard and South Moniteau Avenue. The female driver had a suspended Missouri opera-

tor's license. Charges are being requested through the prosecutor for driving with a suspended license.

Missouri State Highway Patrol Arrests
Sept. 2

7:07 p.m.: Blaine A. Mitchell, 32, of Raytown, was arrested in Johnson County for driving while intoxicated – prior offender, driving with a suspended license, and no insurance. He was transported to the Warrensburg Police Department and released.

Sept. 3
12:37 a.m.: Patrick E. Floyd, 23, of Deer Park, New York, was arrested in Johnson County for driving while intoxicated. He was transported to the Warrensburg Police Department and released.

2:23 p.m.: Benjamin R. Rockhold, 45, of Versailles, was arrested in Moniteau County for no seat belt and a misdemeanor Miller County warrant.

6:26 p.m.: Jesse N. Wright, 25, of Peculiar, was arrested in Benton County for operating a vessel while intoxicated. He was transported to the Benton County Jail and released.

Sept. 4
2:35 p.m.: Thomas E. Lewis, 39, of Holden, was arrested in Johnson County for driving while intoxicated, endangering the welfare of a child, and speeding.

6:37 p.m.: David A. Penhale, 77, of Snowmass Village, Colorado, was arrested in Saline County for driving while intoxicated and no insurance. He was transported to the Saline County Jail and placed on a 12-hour hold.

Compiled by Chris Howell.



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Lisa Dean works on renovations at Bar-B Mercantile's new location at 427 NE Highway 13 in Warrensburg.

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Open

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Bar-B mercantile offers fresh baked goods that have been passed down throughout the Dean family. The business also offers merchandise from local artisans and craftsmen. Paint and craft classes are now available at the new location. With the renovations, there will be a new event space available to rent for small gatherings.

Before it was changed to Bar-B mercantile, Dean shared her love of crafts with everyone through her crafting business called Chapter and Story.

"I have loved crafts my whole life. Three and a half years ago, I created an LLC for my crafting business, Chapter and Story LLC. And started hosting vendor events. I found out that I liked holding the shows more

than I liked being a vendor myself," Dean said. "I met many very talented people in our area that made all sorts of hand-made things and many of them told me that they wished there was someplace where they could sell their items that wasn't like a booth in an antique mall."

After finishing her job in insurance, Dean knew it was time to act on her dream and open the general store, in turn giving local artists a place to sell their work.

"I've always wanted to own a general store, my whole life. I just love that atmosphere. So I decided that after selling insurance for 30 years, it was time to change directions," Dean said. "This store is going to be all locally made things. So the wonderfully talented people all around here will have just the type of place that they have been wanting."

Those interested in being a vendor or seeking more information can reach Bar-B Mercantile at chapterandstory@gmail.com or 660-429-1557.

The JCEDC microloan program offers loans up to \$10,000 and allows small business owners to finance startup or established businesses, including both home-based and storefront.

As the loan borrowers repay their loans, these "revolving funds" are used to make more loans to other businesses to create more jobs and investment opportunities.

So far, JCEDC has loaned more than \$142,500 to Johnson County business owners.

For more information about the JCEDC microloan program, visit www.growjocomo.com or call 660-747-0244.

Meliyah Venerable can be reached at 660-747-8123.



Stephanie Lefevers works in her office at DSR Builders on Tuesday afternoon. She and her husband, Darren, said they want to sell the business on North U.S. Highway 65 after 30 years to move on to the next phase of their lives.

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DSR

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"We are so thankful and filled with gratitude for the people in Sedalia who have kept us in business for 30 years in Sedalia and surrounding areas," Stephanie added.

Pettis County Eastern Commissioner Israel

Baeza said he knows the project reconfiguring access to Highway 65 at Highway HH is a process that will take some patience but is working with MoDOT on workable solutions, though no plans have been formalized so far.

"I've been in constant communication with all the property owners being affected by the project," Baeza said.

"Even though I voted against the (Highway 65 interchange) project, I still expect to be very involved in everything that's going on."

Either way, Clara's Café will probably relocate and DSR Buildings will be sold because the owners, Darren and Stephanie, are ready for their next adventure.

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

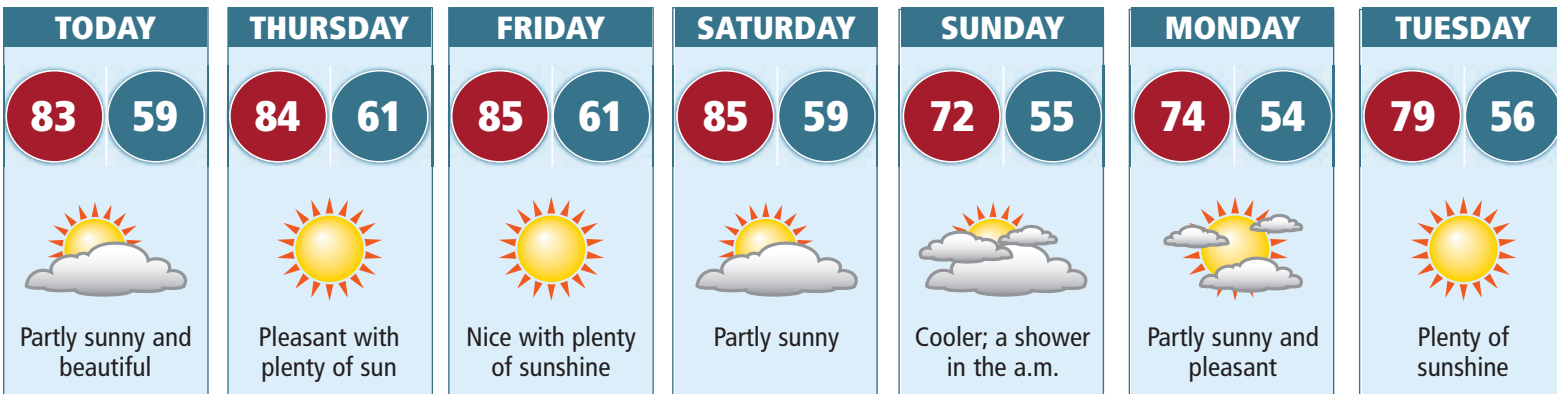


Darren and Stephanie Lefevers, seen Tuesday, have listed their 4-acre property with Big Iron Realty. They said the reason is not the potential reconfiguration of Highway 65 access.

THE WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST



SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:47 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:34 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:25 p.m.
Moonset today	3:04 a.m.



WEATHER HISTORY

Record-breaking temperatures on Sept. 7 included 101 at New York City. Two days earlier, the same hot, dry air helped to spread wildfires in Michigan on Sept. 5, 1881.

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Sedalia Regional Airport Monday

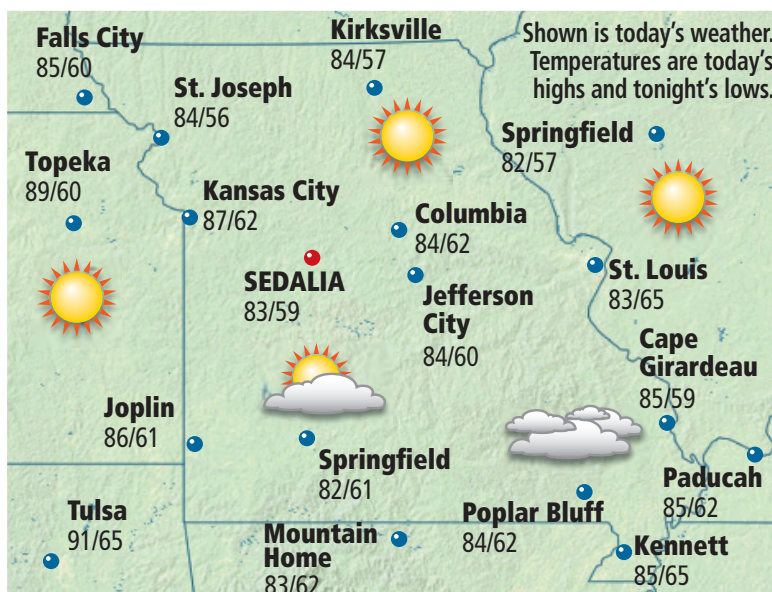
TEMPERATURES	
High	81
Low	65
Normal high	82
Normal low	60
Record high	100 in 1954
Record low	38 in 1974

PRECIPITATION	
Monday	0.00"
Month to date	Trace
Normal m-t-d	0.72"
Year to date	29.22"
Normal y-t-d	31.50"

COOLING DEGREE DAYS	
Monday	8
Month to date	46
Year to date	1468
Normal year to date	1070
Last year to date	1354

RIVER LEVELS			
In feet as of 7 a.m. Tuesday			
Blackwater	Stage	Chg	Fid Stg
Blue Lick	6.85	-0.05	24
Valley City	2.59	-0.02	22
Lamine			
Otterville	0.47	-0.01	15
Missouri			
Boonville	5.96	-0.18	21

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BRANSON
High: 84. Low: 62. Humid today with clouds and sunshine. A moonlit sky tonight. Mostly sunny and pleasant tomorrow. Friday: nice with plenty of sunshine.

KANSAS CITY
High: 87. Low: 62. Mostly sunny today. A moonlit sky tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow. Friday: plenty of sunshine.

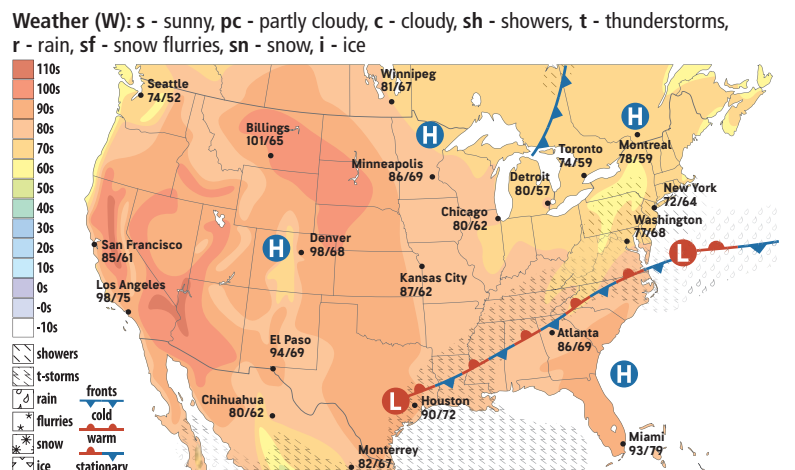
ST. LOUIS
High: 83. Low: 65. Partly sunny and humid today. Clear and humid tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow. Friday: nice with plenty of sunshine.

NEW YORK CITY
High: 72. Low: 64. Mostly cloudy today with a couple of showers. Clearing tonight. Times of clouds and sun tomorrow. Friday: partly sunny. Saturday: sunshine.

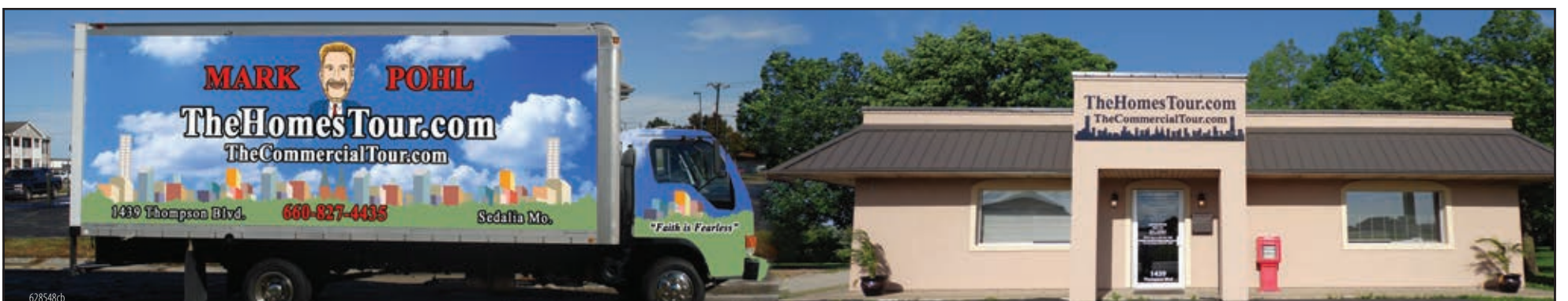
LOS ANGELES
High: 98. Low: 75. Mostly sunny and hot today. Clear and moonlit tonight. Mostly sunny and hot tomorrow.

NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today	Thursday	Today	Thursday
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	86/69/t	83/70/t	Milwaukee	81/63/s
Baltimore	76/64/r	81/63/pc	Nashville	84/65/t
Billings	101/65/pc	76/48/t	New Orleans	87/74/t
Boston	70/59/pc	73/61/pc	Norfolk	82/70/sh
Buffalo	74/60/pc	78/61/s	Oklahoma City	92/66/s
Charlotte	87/68/pc	82/68/c	Orlando	95/76/t
Chicago	80/62/s	82/64/s	Phoenix	108/85/s
Cleveland	76/61/pc	79/60/pc	Pittsburgh	75/60/sh
Dallas	92/73/pc	90/70/s	Portland, ME	70/54/pc
Denver	98/68/s	97/60/s	Portland, OR	82/54/pc
Detroit	80/57/s	81/59/s	Sacramento	105/69/s
Honolulu	89/75/pc	89/75/pc	St. Louis	83/65/pc
Houston	90/72/t	91/71/pc	San Francisco	85/61/s
Indianapolis	80/60/pc	81/60/pc	Seattle	74/52/pc
Las Vegas	107/84/s	108/82/c	Washington, DC	77/68/sh



Summary: Drenching showers and thunderstorms will extend from the Texas coast to the Carolina and Virginia coast today as spotty rain and drizzle linger in the mid-Atlantic. A heat wave will persist in the West.



EXPLAINER: Is COVID-19 winding down? Scientists say no.

By Laura Ungar
AP Science Writer

Is the coronavirus on its way out?

You might think so. New, updated booster shots are being rolled out to better protect against the variants circulating now. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has dropped COVID-19 quarantine and distancing recommendations. And more people have thrown off their masks and returned to pre-pandemic activities.

But scientists say no. They predict the scourge that's already lasted longer than the 1918 flu pandemic will linger far into the future.

One reason it's lasted this long? It's gotten better and better at getting around immunity from vaccination and past infection. Scientists point to emerging research that suggests the latest omicron variant gaining ground in the U.S. — BA.4.6, which was responsible for around 8% of new U.S. infections last week — appears to be even better at evading the immune system than the dominant BA.5.

Scientists worry the virus may well keep evolving

in worrisome ways. HOW LONG WILL IT BE AROUND?

White House COVID-19 coordinator Dr. Ashish Jha said COVID-19 will likely be with us for the rest of our lives.

Experts expect COVID-19 will someday become endemic, meaning it occurs regularly in certain areas according to established patterns. But they don't think that will be very soon.

Still, living with COVID "should not necessarily be a scary or bad concept," since people are getting better at fighting it, Jha said during a recent question-and-answer session with U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont. "Obviously if we take our foot off the gas — if we stop updating our vaccines, we stop getting new treatments — then we could slip backwards."

Experts say COVID will keep causing serious illness in some people. The COVID-19 Scenario Modeling Hub made some pandemic projections

spanning August 2022 to May 2023, assuming the new tweaked boosters adding protection for the newest omicron relatives would be available and a booster campaign would take place in fall and winter. In the most pessimistic scenario — a new variant and late boosters — they projected 1.3 million hospitalizations and 181,000 deaths during that period. In the most optimistic scenario — no new variant and early boosters — they projected a little more than half the number of hospitalizations and 111,000 deaths.

Eric Topol, head of Scripps Research Translational Institute, said the world is likely to keep seeing repetitive surges until "we do the things we have to do," such as developing next generation vaccines and rolling them out equitably.

Topol said the virus "just has too many ways to work around our current strategies, and it'll just keep finding people, finding them again, and self-perpetuating."

HOW WILL THE VIRUS MUTATE?

Scientists expect more genetic changes that affect parts of the spike protein studding the surface of the virus, letting it attach to human cells.

"Every time we think

we've seen the peak transmission, peak immune escape properties, the virus exceeds that by another significant notch," Topol said.

But the virus probably won't keep getting more transmissible forever.

"I think there is a limit," said Matthew Binnicker, director of clinical virology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. "What we're really dealing with, though, is there's still a lot of people across the world who don't have any prior immunity — either they haven't been infected or they haven't had access to vaccination."

If humanity's baseline level of immunity rises significantly, he said, the rate of infections, and with that emergence of more contagious variants, should slow down.

But there is a chance the virus could mutate in a way that causes more severe illness.

"There's not any inherent reason, biologically, that the virus has to become milder over time," said Dr. Wesley Long, a pathologist at Houston Methodist. The fact it may seem milder now "is likely just the combined effect of all of us having some immune history with the virus."

While scientists hope that continues, they also

point out that immunity gradually wanes.

WILL THE NEXT VARIANT BE ANOTHER VERSION OF OMICRON?

Omicron has been around since late last year, with a series of super transmissible versions quickly displacing one another, and Binnicker believes "that will continue at least for the next few months."

But down the road, he said it's likely a new variant distinct from omicron will pop up.

The recent wave of infections and re-infections, he said, "gives the virus more chances to spread and mutate and new variants to emerge."

CAN PEOPLE INFLUENCE THE FUTURE OF THE VIRUS?

Yes, experts said. One way is to get vaccinated and boosted.

"We have a virus out there that's still circulating, still killing hundreds of Americans every day," Jha said in a press briefing Tuesday. But, he added: "We now have all of the capability to prevent, I believe, essentially all of those deaths. If people stay up to date on their vaccines, if people get treated if they have a breakthrough infection, we can make deaths from this

virus vanishingly rare."

Not only does vaccination protect against severe disease and death, it raises the level of immunity globally.

CDC director Rochelle Walensky said Tuesday that up to 100,000 COVID-19 hospitalizations and 9,000 deaths could be prevented if Americans get the updated booster at the same rate they typically get an annual flu shot this fall. About half of Americans are typically vaccinated against the flu each year.

People can also keep protecting themselves by taking other precautions like, for example, wearing masks indoors when COVID rates are high.

Longtime nurse Catherine Mirabile said it's important not to dismiss the dangers of the coronavirus — which sickened her twice, nearly killed her husband and left them both with long COVID. Daily deaths still average around 450 in the U.S.

"People really need to look at this and still take this seriously," said the 62-year-old from Princeton, West Virginia, who is now on disability. "They could end up in the same shape we're in."

— AP reporters Zeke Miller and Amanda Seitz contributed from Washington.

Gas

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"The national average has declined for 12 straight weeks, the longest tally since 2018, and it could soon eclipse that mark if we see two more weeks of decline," Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy, said in a news release. "Though, that may be more challenging given OPEC's decision yesterday to cut oil production."

"For now, price movements will be contingent on where you are, with

California seeing some minor increases, while the Great Lakes could see an upward move as BP's refinery outage has had an impact on supplies," he continued. "In the Gulf and Rockies, prices may continue to fall, so a very mixed bag for motorists in the week ahead."

De Haan added there are several disturbances in the Atlantic to watch for, but the U.S. will be switching back to "cheaper" winter gasoline in a little over a week. He noted this would also provide some much-needed relief for customers.

SFCC

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Rehmer explained the difference between dual and articulated credit. Dual credit is college credit that students can use at any institution and articulated credit is for students who might not have qualified for dual credit originally. The articulated credit is college credit a student can earn if they attend SFCC.

In the 2022-23 school year, CTC has around 230 juniors and seniors enrolled in its programs. There is one fewer program offered than last year.

"We're excited. We have a great group of kids coming in," Rehmer said. "So far, the two or three weeks we have been open, they've been really energetic and focused. I think we'll get as good of an outcome as we did last year."

CTC is seeing a max capacity for a number of its programs like welding, auto mechanics, health occupations,

graphic design and early childhood occupations.

"But across the board, if we can maintain 230 to 240 kids, that's really good," Rehmer said.

The programs saw some high school students enrolling later, but enrollment officially closed on Sept. 2.

Rehmer said he expects the program to increase in the next couple of years, especially with the addition of the Olen Howard Workforce Innovation Center and some planned renovations. He said SFCC has an advantage because it is one of only four college campuses in Missouri with a career center.

"(CTC) provides students who want to learn or go into a trade, they can come here and get that training for an entry-level position while they're still in high school," Rehmer said. "A lot of the programs we offer, again, we service 10 sending schools and those schools cannot offer what offer..."

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Juul to pay nearly \$440M to settle states' teen vaping probe

By Matthew Perrone and Dave Collins

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Electronic cigarette maker Juul Labs has agreed to pay nearly \$440 million to settle a two-year investigation by 33 states into the marketing of its high-nicotine vaping products, which have long been blamed for sparking a national surge in teen vaping.

Connecticut Attorney General William Tong announced the deal Tuesday on behalf of the states plus Puerto Rico, which joined together in 2020 to probe Juul's early promotions and claims about the benefits of its technology as a smoking alternative.

The settlement, which includes numerous restrictions on how Juul can market its products, resolves one of the biggest legal threats facing the beleaguered company, which still faces nine separate lawsuits from other states. Additionally, Juul faces hundreds of personal lawsuits brought on behalf of teenagers and others who say they became addicted to the company's vaping products.

The states' investigation found that Juul marketed its e-cigarettes to underage teens with launch parties, product giveaways and ads and social media posts using youthful models, according to a statement.

"We think that this will go a long way in stemming the flow of youth vaping," Tong said at a news conference at his Hartford office.

"I'm under no illusions and cannot claim that it will stop youth vaping," he said. "It continues to be an epidemic. It continues to be a huge problem. But we have essentially taken a big chunk out of what was once a market leader, and by their conduct, a major offender."

The \$438.5 million will be paid out over a period of six to 10 years. Tong said Connecticut's payment of at least \$16 million

will go toward vaping prevention and education efforts. Juul previously settled lawsuits in Arizona, Louisiana, North Carolina and Washington.

The settlement total amounts to about 25% of Juul's U.S. sales of \$1.9 billion last year. Tong said it was an "agreement in principle," meaning the states will be finalizing the settlement documents over the next several weeks.

Most of the limits imposed by Tuesday's settlement won't immediately affect Juul, which halted use of parties, giveaways and other promotions after coming under scrutiny several years ago. The company currently makes up about one third of the U.S. retail vaping market, down from 75% several years ago.

Teen use of e-cigarettes skyrocketed in the years following Juul's 2015 launch, leading the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to declare an "epidemic" of underage vaping among young people. Health experts said the unprecedented increase risked hooking a generation of young people on nicotine.

But since 2019 Juul has mostly been in retreat, dropping all U.S. advertising and pulling its fruit and candy flavors from store shelves.

The biggest blow came earlier this summer when the FDA moved to ban all Juul e-cigarettes from the market. Juul challenged that ruling in court, and the FDA has since reopened its scientific review into the company's technology.

The FDA review is part of a sweeping effort by regulators to bring scrutiny to the multibillion-dollar vaping industry after years of delays. The agency has authorized a handful of e-cigarettes from Juul's competitors for adult smokers looking for a less harmful alternative to cigarettes.

While Juul's early marketing focused on young, urban professionals, the company has since shifted to pitching its product as an alternative nicotine source for

older smokers.

"We remain focused on our future as we fulfill our mission to transition adult smokers away from cigarettes — the number one cause of preventable death — while combating underage use," the company said in a statement.

Juul has agreed to refrain from a host of marketing practices as part of the settlement. They include not using cartoons, paying social media influencers, depicting people under 35, advertising on billboards and public transportation and placing ads in any outlets unless 85% of their audience are adults.

The deal also includes restrictions on where Juul products may be placed in stores, age verification on all sales and limits to online and retail sales.

"These are some of the toughest mandates at any point on any industry," Tong said, "which is incredibly important because at the end of the day this is about protecting our kids and protecting all of us from a very significant public health risk."

Juul initially sold its high-nicotine pods in flavors like mango, mint and cream. The products became a scourge in U.S. high schools, with students vaping in bathrooms and hallways between classes.

But recent federal survey data shows that teens have been shifting away from the company. Many teens who vape now prefer disposable e-cigarettes, some of which continue to be sold in sweet, fruity flavors.

Overall, the survey showed a drop of nearly 40% in the teen vaping rate as many kids were forced to learn from home during the pandemic. Still, federal officials cautioned about interpreting the results given they were collected online for the first time, instead of in classrooms.

— Perrone reported from Washington, D.C.

GOP escalates fight against citizen-led ballot initiatives

By David A. Lieb

Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of people signed petitions this year backing proposed ballot initiatives to expand voting access, ensure abortion rights and legalize recreational marijuana in Arizona, Arkansas and Michigan.

Yet voters might not get a say because Republican officials or judges have blocked the proposals from the November elections, citing flawed wording, procedural shortcomings or insufficient petition signatures.

At the same time, Republican lawmakers in Arkansas and Arizona have placed constitutional amendments on the ballot proposing to make it harder to approve citizen initiatives in the future.

The Republican pushback against the initiative process is part of a several-year trend that gained steam as Democratic-aligned groups have increasingly used petitions to force public votes on issues that Republican-led legislatures have opposed. In reliably Republican Missouri, for example, voters have approved initiatives to expand Medicaid, raise the minimum wage and legalize medical marijuana. An initiative seeking to allow recreational pot is facing a court challenge from an anti-drug activist aiming to knock it off the November ballot.

Some Democrats contend Republicans are subverting the will of the people by making the ballot initiative process more difficult.

"What is happening now is just a web of technicalities to thwart the process in states where voters are using the people's tool to make an immediate positive change in their lives," said Chris Melody Fields Figueredo, executive director of the Ballot Initiative Strategy Center, which has worked with progressive groups sponsoring the blocked initiatives.

"That is not the way our democracy should work," she added.

Republicans who have thrown up hurdles to initiative petitions contend they are protecting the integrity of the lawmaking process against well-funded interest groups trying to bend state policies in their favor.

"I think the Legislature is a much purer way to get things done and it represents the people much better, rather than having this jungle where you just throw it on the ballot," said South Dakota state Rep. Tim Goodwin, who has perennially targeted the initiative process with restrictions.

About half the states allow citizen initiatives, in which petition signers can bypass a legislature to place proposed laws or constitutional changes directly before voters. But executive or judicial officials often still have some role in the process, typically by certifying that the ballot wording is clear and accurate and that petition circulators gathered enough valid signatures of registered voters.

In Michigan this past week, two Republican

members of the bipartisan Board of State Canvassers blocked initiatives to enshrine abortion rights in the state constitution and expand opportunities for voting. Each measure had significantly more than the required 425,000 signatures. But GOP board members said the voting measure had unclear wording and the abortion measure was flawed because of spacing problems that scrunched some words together.

Supporters have appealed both decisions to the Michigan Supreme Court, which consists of a majority of Democratic-appointed judges.

The Arkansas Supreme Court, whose justices run in nonpartisan elections, is weighing an appeal of an August decision blocking an initiative that would legalize recreational marijuana for adults.

The State Board of Election Commissioners, which has just one Democrat among its many Republicans, determined that the ballot title was misleading because it failed to mention it would repeal potency limits in an existing medical marijuana provision. Because the deadline has passed to certify initiative titles, the Supreme Court has allowed the measure on the general election ballot while it decides whether the votes will be counted.

A lawsuit by initiative supporters contends a 2019 law passed by the Republican-led Legislature violates the Arkansas Constitution by allowing the board to reject ballot titles.

"The (initiative) process in Arkansas has gotten consistently harder each cycle, as the Legislature adds more and more requirements," said Steve Lancaster, a lawyer for Responsible Growth Arkansas, which is sponsoring the marijuana amendment.

It would get even harder if voters support a legislatively referred amendment on the November ballot that would require a 60% vote to approve citizen-initiated ballot measures or future constitutional amendments.

In Arizona, the primarily Republican-appointed Supreme Court recently blocked a proposed constitutional amendment that would have extended early voting and limited lobbyist gifts to lawmakers. The measure also would have specifically prohibited the Legislature from overturning the results of presidential elections, which some Republicans had explored after then-President Donald Trump's loss in 2020.

After a lower court initially ruled the measure could appear on the November ballot, Arizona's high court instructed the judge to reconsider. Then it upheld a subsequent ruling throwing out enough petition signatures to prevent the initiative from qualifying for the ballot.

Still on the ballot are several other amendments referred by Arizona's Republican-led Legislature. Those measures would limit initiatives to a single subject, require a 60% supermajority to approve tax proposals and expand the Legislature's authority to change voter-approved initiatives.

Commission attends meetings, approves medical bid for jail

By Democrat Staff

During daily meetings from Aug. 29 to Sept. 2, the Pettis County Commission completed the following:

Aug. 29: The Commission met with Facilities and Grounds Coordinator Bret Manuel, IT Director Brett Denomme and Chief Deputy Tollie Rowe to get updates on clearing the alleyway.

Aug. 30: Sheriff Brad Anders discussed the budget regarding fuel for the Sheriff's Department.

Aug. 31: Program Director for Child Safe Andrew Bruce and Child Safe Executive Director Mari Asbury inquired about grant options.

The Commission went into closed session for land acquisitions.

Eastern Commissioner Israel Baeza, as the Chairman of the Pioneer Regional Planning Commission (representing

Johnson, Lafayette, Saline, and Pettis counties), joined Executive Director Norman Lucas in the announcement of a \$1.6 million grant from the Economic Development Administration to Saline County for a Visitors Center at Marshall Junction.

The Commission approved the amendment to the 2022 Observed Holidays making the change to observe the New Year Holiday on Monday, Jan. 2, 2023. The Courthouse will be open for regular business Friday, Dec. 30, 2022.

Accounting Solutions Managing Partner Robert Wilson and Accounting Solutions Partner Nathan Thomas presented the Single Audit findings and report for 2021. Also present were Auditor Beverly Dillon and Treasurer Kim Lyne.

Sept. 1: Western Commissioner Jim Marcum attended the MFA Oil

Delegate Meeting in Cole Camp.

Citizen Martin Holdeman visited with the Commission to get information on Rose Road.

Baeza presented a County update to the Kiwanis Club of Sedalia.

Sept. 2: Bid opening for "Drilled Well" for the Road and Bridge Department. One bid was received from Schroeder Rotary Drilling and Pump Co. The Commission approved the bid at the presented price.

Bid opening for "Sheriff Medical" for the Pettis County Jail. Two bids were received from Advanced Correctional and Turnkey Health. The Commission approved the Advanced Correctional bid as recommended by Anders.

The Commission approved the excavation permit as recommended by HOA President Dennis Mueller for Socket Inter-

net to lay fiber internet at West Country Club Estates with a \$150 fee as determined.

The Commission decided that any further excavations, utilities included, outside of the current permit process within the County will result in fines to be determined with the advice of the Prosecuting Attorney at the next scheduled meeting.

The census for the Pettis County Jail for the week of Aug. 29 is 122 inmates and the census for 911 calls is 1,880 calls.

The Pettis County Commission meets at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday in Commission Chambers on the second floor of the Pettis County Courthouse. To make an appointment or to request an issue be placed on the commission's agenda, call Kristen Anderson, assistant to the commission, at 660-826-5000 ext. 410.

MSHP releases Labor Day holiday statistics

By Democrat Staff

Five people died in traffic crashes, one person died in a boating crash, and one person drowned during the 2022 Labor Day holiday weekend.

The 2022 counting period for the Labor Day holiday was from 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, through 11:59 p.m. Monday, Sept. 5.

According to a news release, during the 2022 Labor Day holiday, MSHP troopers investigated 276 crashes with 97 injuries and four fatalities and made 113 driving while intoxicated arrests and 55 drug arrests. Also, troopers investigated seven boating crashes with three injuries and one fatality and arrested five people for boating while intoxicated and eight people for drugs. Troopers investigated one drowning.

During the 2021 counting period, the Patrol investigated 318 traffic crashes, which included 121 injuries and six of the 11 fatalities. Troopers made 109 arrests for driving while intoxicated last year. Also, over the Labor Day

holiday 2021, troopers investigated nine boating crashes involving four injuries and one fatality; and arrested four people for boating while intoxicated on the state's rivers and lakes. There were no drownings over the 2021 Labor Day holiday weekend.

A boating fatality occurred in Camden County on the Lake of the Ozarks, which falls in the Troop F area.

Ryan T. McGee, 21, of Moody, drowned after wading into deep water on Sept. 4. He went under and did not resurface. The incident occurred in Ozark County near Hammond Camp in the North Fork of the White River. McGee was not wearing a life jacket at the time of the incident. Ozark County Coroner Gene Britt pronounced McGee deceased the next morning.

One drowning occurred in Ozark County in the White River in the Troop G, Willow Springs area.

Tyler R. Elliott, 29, of Louisville, Kentucky, drowned after exiting a

vessel to swim in the Lake of the Ozarks at the 4-mile mark of the Grand Glaize Arm in Anderson Hollow Cove, Camden County. He was not wearing a life jacket. Camden County Medical Examiner Steve Dougan pronounced Elliott deceased on scene.

Troopers investigated four of the five fatal traffic crashes over the 2022 Labor Day holiday weekend. The Springfield Police Department investigated one traffic fatality. One fatal traffic crash each occurred in the Troop D, Springfield, Troop E, Poplar Bluff, and Troop G, Willow Springs, areas. Two traffic fatalities occurred in the Troop F, Jefferson City, area.

One fatality traffic crash occurred during the holiday counting period on Friday, Sept. 2, three fatalities occurred on Saturday, Sept. 3, and one person died on Labor Day, Sept. 5.

On Friday, Sept. 2, Steven R. Stafford, 25, of Versailles, died when another vehicle struck the vehicle he was driving head-on. The other vehicle had passed several vehicles

prior to striking Stafford's vehicle. Stafford was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. Morgan County Coroner Dr. M.B. Jones pronounced Stafford dead at the scene. The crash occurred in Morgan County on Missouri Highway 5 north of Missouri Route MM. The driver operating the vehicle that struck Stafford's vehicle sustained serious injuries. He was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash.

On Saturday, Sept. 3, a 3-year-old juvenile from Rocky Mount died when the vehicle in which he was a passenger traveled off the right side of the roadway, struck a Chevron sign, and overturned. The juvenile was not restrained in an age-appropriate child restraint. Dr. William Cravens pronounced the juvenile dead at the scene. The crash occurred in Morgan County on Missouri Route W south of the Marvin Cutoff. The driver of the vehicle and a second juvenile passenger sustained minor injuries in the crash. They were wearing seat belts.

AP seeks ex-Missouri Gov. Greitens' child custody record

By Summer Ballentine

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — The Associated Press has joined The Kansas City Star's motion to get a sealed court record from former Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens' child custody case.

The Star and the AP argue that a decision to make the record off-limits to the public to protect the former Republican governor's two young sons goes too far and denies voters important information about a recent candidate for public office.

The AP's motion was filed Thursday and was accepted by the court clerk Tuesday.

Boone County Associate Circuit Judge Leslie Schneider last week made her ruling in the case private to protect the former couple's sons from public scrutiny, according to a small portion of the ruling that was quoted in Texas records.

A lawyer for Sheena Greitens this week confirmed that the judge ruled that

the case should be moved to Texas, where she is a public affairs professor at the University of Texas. Sheena Greitens, who requested the move, asked that Texas seal records in the ongoing case. Her attorney didn't immediately respond to an AP request for comment over whether she wants the Missouri judge's ruling to remain sealed.

No other information from the ruling has been publicly released.

Kansas City Star lawyer Bernie Rhodes argued that the judge should redact parts of the judgment related directly to the children but allow the rest to be made public.

"This is a classic case of throwing the baby out with the bathwater," Rhodes told The Star. "If there's something in there that is particularly unique to the children, that's why Adobe PDF has a redaction feature."

The case drew heightened attention during Eric Greitens' failed bid this year to become the Republican

nominee for retiring U.S. Sen. Roy Blunt's seat. Sheena Greitens said in a sworn affidavit that he was physically abusive, which he strongly denied.

Rhodes's motion says that Eric and Sheena Greitens, as high-profile Missourians, have been given different treatment than other Missourians.

"An ordinary person doesn't get their judgment sealed," Rhodes said. "If I want to see how the property was split when my neighbor got divorced, I can go on to CaseNet or go down to the courthouse and I can learn that. Why are these two people, who proclaim themselves to be high profile public figures, entitled to a different standard? That just seems wrong in this country."

The Star motion argues that voters whose decisions about whether to vote for Eric Greitens were based in part on the abuse allegations have a right to any information that the judgment might reveal about the issue.

Eric Greitens had argued that Sheena Greitens' claims were part of a political attack engineered by those who wanted him to lose his race. Rhodes argues that the record The Star seeks might reveal whether Greitens' legal team was able to back up his claim.

"It is irrelevant that these allegations may be embarrassing," Rhodes wrote in the motion. "Much of what occurs in Missouri courts is the result of embarrassing behavior. What is important is the continued protection of the 'paramount public interest in a free flow of information to the people' concerning candidates for public office."

Greitens resigned as governor four years ago following a sex scandal, two criminal charges that were eventually dropped and a legislative investigation that could have led to impeachment hearings against him. He has said those charges were politically motivated.

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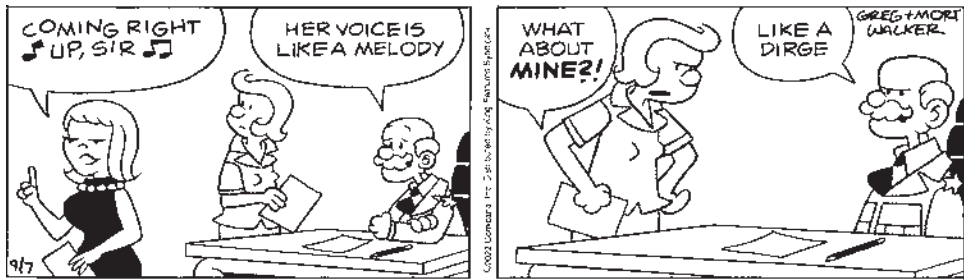
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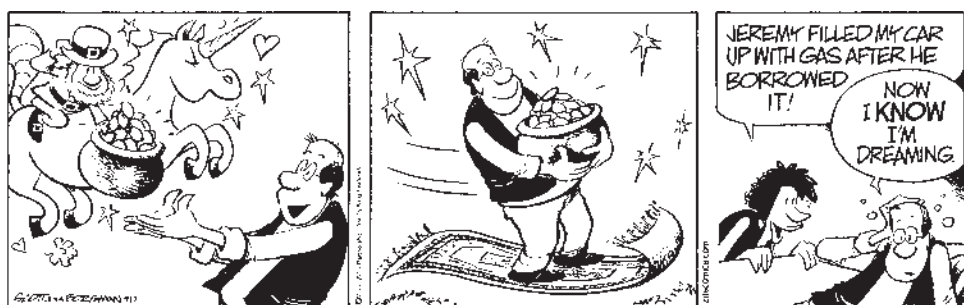
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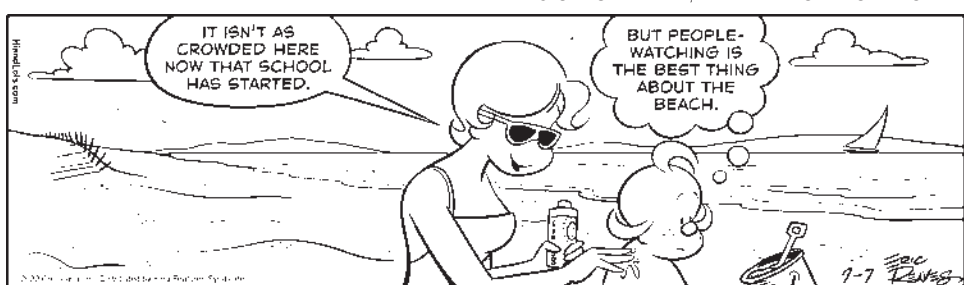
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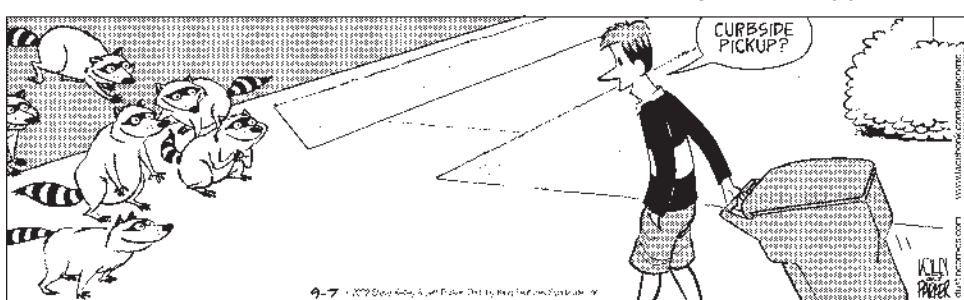
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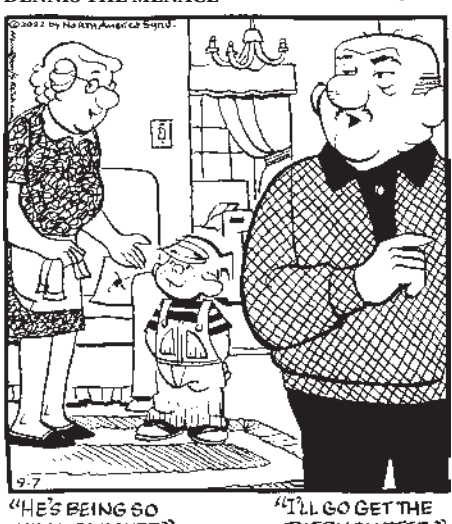
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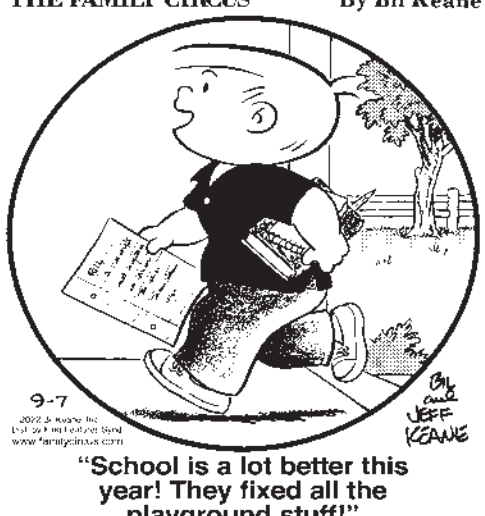
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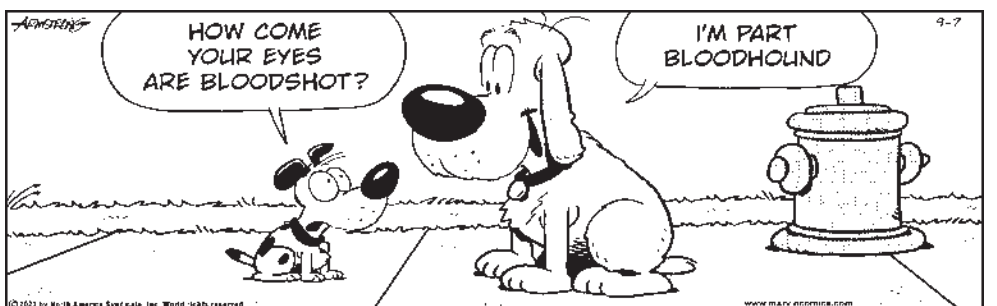
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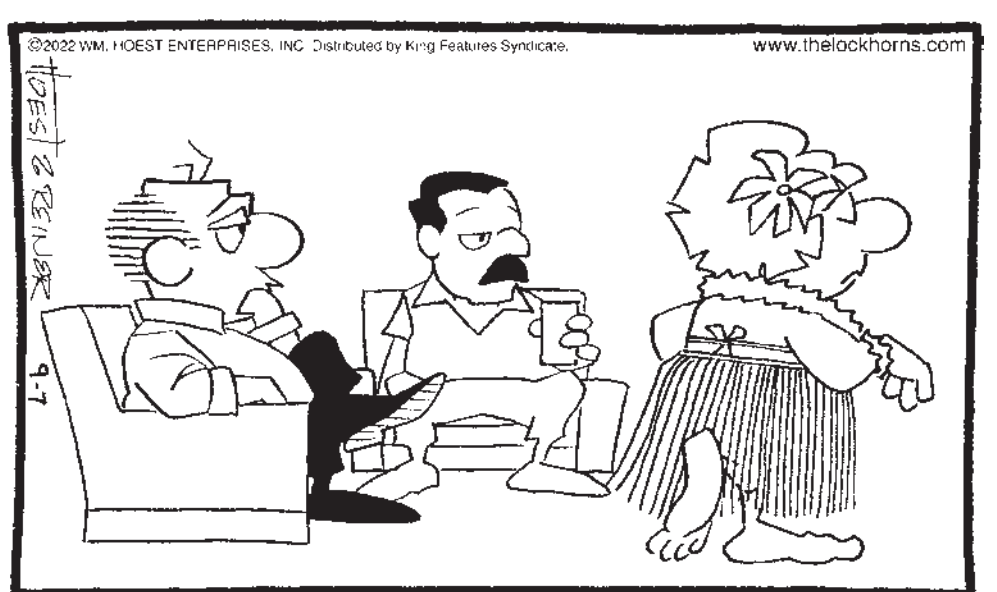
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SUDOKU

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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Difficulty Level ★★★

9/07



Area Roundup: Roadrunners off-track in 4-0 loss

By Democrat staff

State Fair Community College men's soccer got away from the script in Saturday afternoon's 4-0 defeat to visiting Northeast Community College.

"They need to play the way we practice," Roadrunners head coach Jaime Beltran said. "When we came out, we actually looked good at the beginning and did the things we worked on. All of a sudden, we lose a ball and start panicking and doing, I don't know what the heck it was, playing long balls and not following the game plan, not pressing the ball."

Even so, the Roadrunners were unlucky to have gone down initially when they did. Eighteen minutes in, outside back Javier Talavera made soft contact with Jeevan Purewal that resulted in a generous penalty, and the man who drew the foul also scored.

"Whatever contact was shoulder-to-shoulder, it wasn't that much," Beltran

said.

SFCC goalkeeper Wesley Morrison prolonged the single-goal deficit with an acrobatic save that denied Purewal with 15 minutes remaining before the interval. Purewal, however, was shown onto his left foot for a well-placed curled shot that couldn't be saved to put the Hawks ahead less than seven minutes into the second half.

With 25 minutes to go, a cross found towering target man Alfie Pendlebury for a short-range header to make it 3-0, and he was serviced again by Purewal less than a minute later for the game's final goal.

"We knew that was a good team and this would be a tough game. That's kind of been the story of that team, they score their goals in bunches. We talked about it and were ready for it — I thought we were ready for it — and just had a couple of breakdowns. They didn't dominate the whole game, but when they were on, they took advantage.

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State Fair Community College forward Garrett Havrilia makes a play for a header collected by Northeast Community College goalkeeper Reagan Maliska in Saturday afternoon's home match.

PHOTO BY BRYAN EVERSON | DEMOCRAT



Missouri quarterback Brady Cook (12) and defensive lineman Jayden Jernigan (0) celebrate following a 52-24 victory over Louisiana Tech in an NCAA college football game Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022, in Columbia, Mo.

PHOTO BY L.G. PATTERSON | AP PHOTO

Missouri renews K-State rivalry with non-conference match-up

By Dave Skretta

AP Sports Writer

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Chris Klieman remembers when Missouri and Kansas State played every year in football, back before money-grabbing university administrators ushered in an era of conference realignment at the expense of deep-seated rivalries that in some cases stretched back a century.

The Tigers and Wildcats

met for the first time in 1909, then found themselves together in the Missouri Valley Conference, where they would be joined at the hip as the league went through changes and expansions before becoming the Big 12.

It was in 2012 that the Tigers joined Texas A&M in leaving for the SEC, eschewing tradition, geography and shared culture for a spot in a more lucrative

league. And for more than a decade, the Tigers and Wildcats — schools separated by about 4 hours of driving on Interstate 70 — have yet to play another game on the gridiron.

That ends Saturday, when the Tigers finally head back to Manhattan.

"To me it does," Klieman said Tuesday, when asked whether it still feels like a rivalry.

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As Serena leaves, Nadal loses, Federer absent, is era over?

By Howard Fendrich

AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Serena Williams, you might have heard, played what's expected to be her last match at the U.S. Open. Rafael Nadal lost in the fourth round. Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer (more on them later) weren't even in the tournament.

Those four players dominated, and were the main draws, in tennis for decades, collecting a total of 86 Grand Slam singles titles, each with at least 20. And so, as the quarterfinals began at Flushing Meadows on Tuesday without any member of that quartet present, it made sense to ask: Is this the end of an era?

The 36-year-old Nadal sounded a philosophi-

cal note about the topic after he was bounced by 24-year-old American Frances Tiafoe 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 on Monday.

"Some depart, others come and the world keeps going. It's a natural cycle," said Nadal, who noted that his wife is pregnant with their first child and so he isn't sure when he will play next. "It's always the same.

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Serena Williams, of the United States, acknowledges the crowd after losing to Ajla Tomljanovic, of Australia, during the third round of the U.S. Open tennis championships, Friday, Sept. 2, 2022, in New York.

PHOTO BY JOHN MINCHILLO | AP PHOTO

Mbappé, Haaland shine in Champions League, Benzema injured

By Mattias Karén

Associated Press

Kylian Mbappé and Erling Haaland took their high-flying scoring acts into Europe as the Champions League returned on Tuesday, while last season's standout star Karim Benzema limped off with an injury after less than 30 minutes.

Mbappé and Haaland both netted two goals as their respective clubs Paris Saint Germain and Manchester City began their European campaigns with victories, underlining just why those two teams are again among the favorites for the title.

Real Madrid's chances of defending its crown probably depend largely on having a fully fit Benzema, but the France forward had to come off with an apparent knee injury in the 30th minute against Celtic. Second-half goals from Vinícius Júnior, Luka Modric and Eden Hazard still secured a 3-0 win for the Spanish giant in Glasgow.

Benzema was in a league of his own in the competition last season, netting 15 goals in 12 games to lead Madrid to the title. But Mbappé and Haaland look ready to challenge the Frenchman for the status of Europe's top striker as they

try to lead their clubs to an elusive first Champions League title.

The 23-year-old Mbappé, who has seven goals in five league games so far, scored his double in the first 22 minutes of a 2-1 home win over Juventus to become the youngest player to reach 35 goals in the competition — beating the mark held by teammate Lionel Messi.

The 22-year-old Haaland has 25 goals in 20 Champions League games — also a record — after scoring once in each half of Man City's 4-0 win at Sevilla. The Norway striker, who has 10 goals in six Premier League games this season,

See SHINE | 14A



Manchester City's Erling Haaland celebrates after scoring his side's third goal during the group G Champions League soccer match between Sevilla and Manchester City in Seville, Spain, Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022.

PHOTO BY JOSE BRETON | AP PHOTO

SPORTS CALENDAR

Wednesday

ON TAP COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER

5 p.m. State Fair Community College at Mineral Area College

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

3 p.m. State Fair Community College at Mineral Area College

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF

Smith-Cotton at He-liax Invitational

Tipton at Buffalo Tournament

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Stover at Vienna

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

Green Ridge at Clinton

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Boonville at Smith-Cotton

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SWIM

Smith-Cotton Sedalia Duals

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TENNIS

Clinton at Smith-Cotton

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Sweet Springs at

Sacred Heart

ON AIR COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)

5 p.m. FS1 — Nebraska at Creighton

GOLF

10 p.m. GOLF — Asian Tour: The 38th Shinhan Donghae Open, First Round, Bear's Best Cheongna Golf Club, Incheon, South Korea

MLB BASEBALL

3 p.m. MLBN — Regional Coverage: San Francisco at LA Dodgers OR Chicago White Sox at Seattle

6:45 p.m. BALLY MIDWEST — Washington at St. Louis

7:10 p.m.

BALLY KC — Cleveland at Kansas City

7:30 p.m. FS1 — Arizona at San Diego

SOCCER (MEN'S)

8 p.m. CBSSN — UEFA Champions League: TBA (Taped)

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

TENNIS

11 a.m. ESPN — ATP/WTA: The U.S. Open, Quarterfinals, Flushing, N.Y.

6 p.m. ESPN — ATP/WTA: The U.S. Open, Quarterfinals, Flushing, N.Y.

Area

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We have to learn how to respond, to take our hit and hit back.

"It's one of those things that happen when you have a young team. That's why you schedule tough games before region play, because at the end of the day that's what matters."

SFCC fell to 1-2 with the defeat despite opening the regular season with a 7-0 win on Sept. 24 at Scott Community College, tying the program record for most goals in a match. The 1-2 punch of Simone Vitale and Roberto Jauregui accounted for a brace each,

while Ben Bailie, Hugo Sanchez and Ian Viscarra also hit the back of the net in that victory.

The men's team and the Lady Roadrunners (2-0-1) play a doubleheader Wednesday afternoon at Mineral Area College.

Lincoln, Tipton receiving top-10 votes

Both Cardinals teams picked up votes in the latest Missouri media football rankings despite Lincoln's home defeat over the weekend.

Leading 20-0 at halftime, Tipton held on to defeat Lincoln 27-14 in Friday night's trip to Benton County. Quarterback Jackson Bailey found the end zone several times and Christian Whisler racked up big numbers with several lengthy

gains to help get Tipton to 2-0, just like the Cardinals' upcoming opponent, Cole Camp.

The Bluebirds scored in the final minute to come away with an 18-14 victory at Windsor and could be seeing votes themselves if they can win back at home. Cole Camp currently has a five-game winning streak in the series with Tipton.

Lady Tigers among good volleyball starts

Along with Sacred Heart, Green Ridge is off to a 2-0 start to the year, improving on a difficult 0-6 open from last fall.

Despite trailing 2-0, the Lady Tigers opened by winning a five-set thriller at Sweet Springs (18-25, 15-25, 25-6, 25-15, 15-13) in the season opener Aug. 30.

Green Ridge switched up its serving strategy and adjusted its defense as freshman Emery Canon (six aces) got in a groove serving and senior outside hitter Kayley Goodman (13 kills) finished with a variety of shots. The Lady Tigers were down 10-3 before fighting back to take the decisive set.

Green Ridge won again two nights later at home against Knob Noster, sweeping 25-19, 25-22, 25-21. Goodman and Neveah Washington each had seven kills, while Matti Mergen had a team-high 12 assists and Washington led with 13 digs.

Cole Camp has started 2-1, as has Stover, who pulled out a five-set victory over Eugene on the road last Thursday.

MLB asked to voluntarily accept minor league union

By Ronald Blum
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Major League Baseball Players Association asked management Tuesday to voluntarily accept the union as the bargaining agent for minor leaguers.

Bruce Meyer, the union's deputy executive director, sent a letter to MLB Deputy Commissioner Dan Halem that claimed a majority of minor leaguers had signed authorization cards.

The MLBPA, which reached its first collective bargaining agreement for major leaguers in 1968, launched the minor league unionization drive on Aug. 28. Players with minor league contracts, who earn as little as

\$400 weekly during the six-month season, would become their own bargaining unit within the MLBPA.

If MLB does not voluntarily accept the union, signed cards from 30% of the 5,000 to 6,500 minor leaguers in the bargaining unit would allow the union to file a petition to the National Labor Relations Board asking for a union authorization election. A majority vote in an election would authorize union representation.

"Minor league players have made it unmistakably clear they want the MLBPA to represent them and are ready to begin collective bargaining in order to positively affect the upcoming season," MLBPA executive

director Tony Clark said in a statement.

The union did not say what percentage of minor leaguers had signed authorization cards.

MLB did not immediately comment on the letter.

Players with major league contracts average more than \$4 million and have a \$700,000 minimum salary while in the big leagues. Their minimum is \$57,200 while on option to the minor leagues, with a first major league contract and \$114,100 if a second or later big league contract.

MLB raised weekly minimum salaries for minor leaguers in 2021 to \$400 at rookie and short-season levels, \$500 at Class A, \$600 at Double-A and \$700 at

Triple-A. For players on option, the minimum is \$57,200 per season for a first big league contract and \$114,100 for later big league contracts.

In addition, MLB this year began requiring teams to provide housing for most minor leaguers.

Major League Baseball and lawyers for minor leaguers agreed this year to a \$185 million settlement of an eight-year-old federal lawsuit alleging violations of minimum wage laws, a deal that may be finalized next year. An early estimate is that perhaps 23,000 players could share roughly \$120 million with an average payment of \$5,000 to \$5,500, and their lawyers will split \$55.5 million.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

The Sedalia Democrat is pleased to announce Logan Shaw and Addison Snider as area players of the week for Sunday, Aug. 28 to Saturday, Sept. 3.

BOYS: State Fair Community College men's cross country runner Logan Shaw was named the team's Athlete of the Meet from the SBU Bearcat Invitational on Sept. 2. Shaw posted the fastest time from the Roadrunners in the four-mile run, finishing with a mark of 22:33.3.



GIRLS: Smith-Cotton freshman Addison Snider picked up the victory in a 5-1 victory over Knob Noster on Aug. 31. She tossed a complete game with three walks and four strikeouts in the home win.

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HOROSCOPES

By Georgia Nicols

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

Happy Birthday for Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022:

You are focused, persevering and hard-working. You are also keenly observant of people and your surroundings. Nothing escapes you. You often choose to hide your sensitivity. This year you will work hard to build or construct something, either in a physical sense or by creating internal structures in your life. You can accomplish a lot.

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)

★★★★★ Oh happy day! This is a great day to schmooze with others, because people are friendly and cooperative. You might enjoy a short trip. You will certainly like to be in the company of others and share clever ideas back and forth. Tonight: You're in a groove!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ People notice you today. This is a good thing, because it's easy for you to impress people, especially with clever work-related ideas. You also might see practical approaches to boost your income. Tonight: Stick with it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Travel plans sound exciting today! They could involve a future holiday or something to do with one of your kids. You've got energy to burn, which is why you are ready to cooperate with others and explore new options, especially with foreign countries or other cultures. Tonight: You're up for anything!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ This is a good day to seek the cooperation of others to secure your wealth or establish a new way to approach shared property or inheritances or to seek a solution for an insurance issue. Someone might be ready to help with home repairs. Tonight: All positive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ This is an excellent day to conduct business with others. It's also the perfect day to seek the support of a group, club or an association. Discussions with siblings, relatives and neighbors will be positive. You will enjoy physical sports, especially competitive activities. Tonight: "Go, team go!"

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You will get an amazing amount done today at work or with any task that you set for yourself today. Trust your moneymaking ideas. Roll up your sleeves and get hands-on with whatever you're doing, because your ambition, combined with the cooperation of others, will bring you results. Tonight: Looking good!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ This is a lovely day to join forces with others to achieve whatever it is you want to do. It could be job-related or perhaps something to do with higher education, legal matters, medicine, publishing or the media. Or maybe you want to socialize! Both choices are excellent. Tonight: Enjoy!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Domestic and family discussions about money, inheritances, shared property and disputes about shared responsibilities will go well today. This is because people are open to cooperating. Furthermore, they might have innovative ideas about something. Tonight: A fresh approach.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ This is a wonderful day to enjoy the company of others, especially younger people. Everyone is enthusiastic and eager to work with each other. Note: Because you make a great impression on bosses and VIPs, your ability to work with others will make you shine! Tonight: You feel encouraged.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ This is the perfect day to make your pitch to the boss or someone in authority. This could be a parent or even the police. Co-workers, bankers and anyone who is part of your equation will help you achieve your objectives today. Speak up, because others will listen to you. Tonight: Be confident.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ This is the day to go after what you want. The Moon is in your sign, which paves the way for people to agree with you. Furthermore, social outings, sports events and interactions with children will be favorable. It's a great day to travel as well! Tonight: Do what pleases you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Financial discussions, as well as the practical and financial support you need, will help you settle difficulties and chaotic situations at home or with a family member. You'll feel better when these things are resolved. Harmony at home gives everyone a warm feeling in their tummy. Tonight: Relax at home.

BORN TODAY

Actress Evan Rachel Wood (1987), folk artist Grandma Moses (1860), actor Toby Jones (1966)



Denver Broncos quarterback Russell Wilson listens as coach Nathaniel Hackett responds to a question during a news conference to announce that Wilson had signed a five-year contract extension worth \$245 million, Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022, at the NFL football team's headquarters in Centennial, Colo.

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Analysis: Broncos, Wilson may pay for whitewashing preseason

By Arnie Stapleton

AP Pro Football Writer

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Broncos didn't circle their season opener on their calendar even though it's Russell Wilson's homecoming at Seattle.

Had they emphasized their \$296 million man's return to the city where he spent a decade, bringing the Seahawks their only Super Bowl title, the Broncos wouldn't have kept him on the sideline with their other starters in the preseason.

"This is what I have been doing the past three years," explained new Broncos head coach Nathaniel Hackett, who was schooled in the sit-'em philosophy by Packers coach Matt LaFleur, who copied the doctrine from Rams coach Sean McVay, who's been doing it since 2018.

McVay is 51-23, including 7-2 in the playoffs, since downplaying the preseason and keeping his starters sidelined until September. He's also the defending Super Bowl champion.

The Packers held out Aaron Rodgers last summer and they were trounced 38-3 by the Saints in their opener, but bounced back with their third consecutive 13-win season.

"It has shown that we've been able to do good throughout the entire year," said Hackett, who served as LaFleur's offensive coordinator from 2019-21. "In the end, it's all about the whole year — not about Week 1, Week 2, Week 3. We want to be sure we are being successful throughout the whole season."

Hackett said he did it this way "for health reasons," adding, "I'm glad the guys are healthy, fresh and ready to go."

Even if they won't be as sharp as they might have been had Russell actually taken some snaps in the preseason to put that eye black and those shoulder pads to use.

As teams have de-emphasized preseason games in recent years, September has tended to be slipshod as starters work out the wrinkles they used to iron out in August.

Broncos general manager George Paton was all-in on his new coach's approach to training camp, one that included plenty of "regen"

(regeneration) days (after a full padded practice, a light one) and none of the traditional 7-on-7 drills and the accompanying 1-on-1 pass rush drills that have been staples of training camps for generations.

"I liked his plan for the training camp," Paton said. "Whether we start slow or not, I do not know, but mid to late season, I think it will benefit us."

Hackett said he put safety and science ahead of risk and ritual.

"I'm a little surprised that for a new quarterback and new group that they didn't get at least a series at some point, but, you know, I understand why Hackett took the approach he did," said Hall of Fame QB Troy Aikman, who will make his "Monday Night Football" booth debut alongside Joe Buck at Wilson's homecoming game.

Aikman couldn't fathom heading into a season without having taken a single snap in the preseason.

"I wouldn't have liked it, quite honestly," he said. "I mean, I guess times change. Maybe if I was playing in today's game, I would feel differently, but I needed the work."

"I just felt like I needed it. I felt like our team needed it. Our offense needed it to get out there and play and just get back into the swing of things," explained Aikman, whose career encompassed a time when starters often played a quarter in the preseason opener, the first half in Game 2, three quarters in Game 3 and the entire Game 4 as a final tune-up to the regular season.

Now, there are only three preseason games because the league added a 17th regular-season game last year, and most teams use them as a dress rehearsal for the periphery, things like game-day communications and protocols.

"I don't know. I'm a little old school in my approach. I think that if the whole approach of training camp is to keep people healthy, then let's not have preseason," Aikman said.

"Then coaches will say, yeah, but we need preseason in order to evaluate these players. Colleges don't have preseason, and they evaluate their players. If you are a good coach and you can evaluate talent, you can

evaluate a player in practice and know whether or not he is better than the player playing next to him and who is going to be on that roster.

"Obviously, it's all a money thing for the NFL. So I'm not someone who is in favor of decisions like that being made just for the bottom line, so I don't know that preseason is great for anybody, quite honestly."

Many teams use joint practices against preseason opponents as a better evaluator anyway, even though hotheads made dual workouts a hazard this summer.

It's not just the new generation of coaches that find little use for the preseason anymore.

"Bill Belichick, for instance, he approaches the first four games as an extension of training camp," Aikman pointed out. "Now, they generally win, as we know. They'll begin the month of September and

be 3-1, 4-0, whatever it is. They're able to evaluate and develop players while they're still winning. Not everybody over the years has been able to do that.

"So for Denver, I would expect there to be some things that they just aren't quite as good at early in the year just because of the timing and the things that go into being successful offensively."

So, maybe Wilson won't get to stick it to the team that granted him a divorce after his relationship with coach Pete Carroll soured in recent years. Anyway, the better reprisal would be helping the Broncos end a six-year playoff drought regardless of how his homecoming game goes Monday night.

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Era

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The same one have been up there several years; others are coming and we will be leaving. It's logical."

Folks have been wondering — and, perhaps, worrying — about when someone new would emerge to take on the mantle in both women's tennis and men's tennis.

This U.S. Open, whether merely symbolic or truly portentous, offers a glimpse at the current and future states of the game. Of the 16 singles quarterfinalists across the women's and men's brackets, 15 never have won so much as one major championship anywhere (the exception is Iga Swiatek, a 21-year-old from Poland who is No. 1 on the WTA Tour and owns two French Open titles).

According to the U.S. Tennis Association, this is the first time in the professional era, which dates to 1968, that its Grand Slam event featured fewer than

at least two past major title winners at this stage.

Looking just at the men's bracket, none of the four quarterfinalists who will play Wednesday — No. 22 seed Tiafoe vs. No. 9 Andrey Rublev, and No. 3 Carlos Alcaraz vs. No. 11 Jannik Sinner — has even reached a major semifinal. Rublev, who turns 25 next month, is the oldest of the bunch.

"It's cool," Tiafoe said, "to see a new era."

And consider: It's been nearly 20 years since there were zero previous Slam champs in the quarterfinals of a major. That last happened at Wimbledon in 2003. Who won the trophy? Federer, claiming the first of his 20, which shattered the old men's mark of 14 established by Pete Sampras, and now has been surpassed by Nadal's 22 and Djokovic's 21 (as well as Williams' 23, the most for any tennis player in the pro era).

Federer, 41, hasn't played since Wimbledon in July 2021 and had a series of operations on his right

knee. He is slated to return at an event in Switzerland in October, and says he hopes to play at the All England Club in 2023, but not much is known beyond that about what he has left.

There is no reason to think Djokovic, 35, will not remain a Slam contender for some time — when he can get into the country hosting the tournament, that is. He did not get vaccinated against COVID-19 so he was kicked out of Australia in January and barred from entering the United States, too.

Djokovic and Nadal combined to win this year's first three major titles and 15 of the past 17 overall. Add in the other member of the so-called Big Three, Federer, and it's 20 of the last 22. Take it back further, and it's 63 of 76. The only other men with more than one in that span are Andy Murray and Stan Wawrinka, with three apiece.

Federer's first triumph came less than a year after Sampras won the U.S. Open in what would be his final

match.

"Before this generation, we lost another great generation. Obviously, there will not be a Rafa or a Roger or a Serena. We know that. There are always ups and downs. But there were great champions in the past and there will be again. I'm not worried. It's part of sports. It's part of life," said Caroline Garcia, a 28-year-old from France whose second career Grand Slam quarterfinal was scheduled for Tuesday night against 18-year-old Floridian Coco Gauff.

"Great champions leave and others arrive," Garcia said. "You have to give young players the time to get to the top of the game and get mature and everything. The fans have to be ready for a new generation, as well."

Whether or not TV executives and tournament ticket-sellers agree, that is a popular sentiment among current players: Tennis will be fine.

"Unfortunately for all of us," Murray said, "the sport moves on."

Rivalry

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"To the players, we're having some of the older guys reach out and talk to them about the rivalry game, because I think it is."

One of them is likely to be current Kansas State offensive coordinator Collin Klein, who scored three touchdowns to lead the Wildcats to a 24-17 victory over Missouri when the schools last met during the 2011 season.

"I remember as a kid growing up and watching Kansas and Missouri, K-State and Missouri, Nebraska and Missouri," Klieman continued. "I thought those were great rivalries. And I'm excited to play a regional game. We played Stanford, we've played Mississippi State. To have a regional game for our fans and our players, I think it's really exciting. And it's really exciting for all our fans who saw Mizzou come in here for all those years."

What makes their reunion Saturday so intriguing is that the stakes happen to be exceptionally high.

The Tigers, who are coming off a losing season, welcomed an influx of transfers that played well in a season-opening romp over Louisiana Tech, raising hopes that Eli Drinkwitz can finally break through in his third year in charge.

"We ain't done nothing. We're 1-0, which is exactly what we want, but what happened last week — they don't carry any of that over," said Drinkwitz, who was a young quality control coach at Auburn the last time the Tigers and Wildcats met.

"This is a whole new week with a new set of challenges," Drinkwitz said. "They have a lot of really good players, and we're on the road in a tough environment. We have to have a mature mindset."

The Wildcats welcomed back most of their key

players, and the one they lost — quarterback Skyler Thompson — was replaced by prolific Nebraska transfer Adrian Martinez. The result was an as-expected 34-0 blowout of South Dakota last Saturday night, which built some momentum that Kansas State intends to carry into Saturday's showdown.

It's not just the prospect of a 2-0 start that makes the game important, though.

The Tigers and Wildcats keep tangling on the recruiting trail, especially when it comes to the Kansas City metro area, which sits smack-dab between the two campuses. And winning their long-awaited showdown will provide one of the programs some extra ammunition when it comes to swaying top prep prospects.

"Our guys are pumped," Martinez said. "We started talking about it after our win. We'll be ready for those guys."

The fact that Martinez already understands the ramifications of the old rivalry speaks volumes: He grew up in California, about as far from the Heartland as possible, and played the past four years for Nebraska in the Big Ten.

The same goes for Kansas State safety Kobe Savage, who like Martinez arrived on campus earlier this year. He grew up in Texas and played two seasons of junior college football before joining the Wildcats yet already is well aware of the history that his new program shares with the one situated just across the border in Missouri.

"I'm excited to be playing some SEC football. I'm going to treat Mizzou like they're Alabama," Savage said. "I'm going to treat them like they're the best team in the conference. There's not going to be a drop-off from our game against South Dakota."

"There's probably going to be more juice," he added, "but it's not going to be anything less."

Shine

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has now netted on his Champions League debut for three clubs — Salzburg, Borussia Dortmund and City.

Also, Dinamo Zagreb upset Chelsea 1-0 at home while Serie A champion AC Milan was held to a 1-1 draw at Salzburg.

MBAPPÉ SINKS JUVE
Mbappé's opening goal for PSG came after just five minutes following some audacious link-up play from Neymar.

Mbappé played a short pass to the Brazilian before making a run into the area, with Neymar holding onto the ball just long enough

before chipping it over a defender and into the path of the France striker, who volleyed it first-time past goalkeeper Mattia Perin.

The second came after he exchanged passes with Achraf Hakimi and beat Perin with another first-time finish. United States midfielder Weston McKennie pulled one back for Juventus in the 53rd, creating a tense finale in Paris.

In the other Group H match, Benfica defeated Maccabi Haifa 2-0.

CHELSEA STRUGGLES

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang couldn't give Chelsea's stuttering attack any kind of instant spark as the Blues failed to impress once again following an inconsistent start to the season.

Aubameyang made his Chelsea debut after his move from Barcelona, playing with a face mask to protect his injured jaw, and had one goal ruled out for offside while his teammates repeatedly failed to beat goalkeeper Dominik Livaković.

Instead it was Mislav Oršić who continued his scoring streak against English teams, racing away from Wesley Fofana — another of Chelsea's marquee signings — to score on a breakaway in the 13th minute.

"It's an underperformance from us," said Chelsea manager Thomas Tuchel, whose team has lost twice in the Premier League already. "We are clearly not there where we need to be. At the moment everything is missing."

Noah Okaka put Salzburg ahead against Milan near the half-hour mark by shooting through the legs of goalkeeper Mike Maignan,

but Alexis Saelemaekers equalized before the break.

Rafael Leão then nearly won it for Milan in stoppage time when he had a shot deflected off the post.

U.S. international Sergiño Dest came on in the 57th minute for his Milan debut following his transfer last week from Barcelona, one of six Americans in action on the night.

CITY ROLLS IN SPAIN
Haaland could well be the piece that Man City has been missing as it repeatedly came up short in Europe under Pep Guardiola.

The Norwegian again showed his uncanny ability to be in the right place at the right time as he was on hand to steer in a cross from Kevin De Bruyne in the 21st minute and then tapped in a rebound for the third goal in the 67th. Phil Foden and Ruben Dias scored the other goals for City in a dominant performance at Estadio Ramón Sánchez-Pizjuán.

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