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Sedalia man arrested on Colorado warrant

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After almost two decades, a Sedalia man was arrested this week in connection with a Denver cold case.

At 3:40 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, members of the Pettis County Sheriff's Office, the Denver Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms served an arrest warrant in the 200 block of East 32nd Street.

Jason F. Groshart, 49, was arrested regarding a 2004 case involving burglary, kidnapping and sexual assault.

"It was a Denver Police Department case from 2004. They have an ATF office embedded within their own police department, which is relatively common for larger municipalities," Pettis County Sheriff Brad Anders told the Democrat on Friday. "I had received a call a couple of weeks ago from an ATF agent here around the metro area that I've worked with on several other cases to kind of inform me that this was coming."

An officer from Colorado arrived in Sedalia on Tuesday and explained the situation to the sheriff.

"They talked briefly about their case against this individual and showed us the valid warrant. We went to his house and made a non-eventful arrest," Anders said. "When

they're out of state warrants like that, we have to do what's called the fugitive-from-justice warrant, so we hold him here while they work on extradition.



Jason F. Groshart

Whether he can extradite or waive extradition, whatever, if that is what he chooses to do."

According to the Denver Post, on March 30, 2004, a reported burglary and sexual assault on North Stuart Street in Denver left DNA evidence but no suspect. Investigative Genetic Genealogy DNA research led investigators to Groshart, a Sedalia resident respected in local church circles. Some townspeople are defending Groshart on social media, while others revile him as a rapist hiding in the community. Anders said he has had no past encounters with Groshart and has little idea of the details of the case.

"I don't know a lot about the case," Anders said. "It's from another municipality and this is just another, 'hey, we've got an arrest warrant for somebody, you mind going to pick him up?' Typically the only thing that your arresting agency knows is there's an individual that's wanted, has a statewide or nationwide arrest warrant. We just go, pick him up, and we let that agency know that this person is in custody."

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S-C Homecoming parade prowls through downtown



A Smith-Cotton Student Council member points out the camera during the 2022 Homecoming parade in downtown Sedalia Friday afternoon. The theme for 2022 is Black and Gold Standards, which STUCO brought to the parade.

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The Smith-Cotton High School Tigers football team waves to onlookers during the parade. The team was pulled by a truck from the Missouri National Guard.



The Smith-Cotton JROTC Raiders drag a tire and throw candy during the parade. This is the first time the Raiders have demonstrated their skills in the Homecoming parade. See **PARADE** | 6A

New business helping with fire protection

By Faith Bemiss
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A newly established extinguisher business is making strides in fire protection in Sedalia and surrounding communities.

JNA Fire Protection Service is owned by Josh Nelson. Donnie Sattler, Bradley Burton, and John Clarke are service technicians. The business began in 2020 and has grown to 400 clients; it is firefighter owned and operated.

"I had worked for another local company for eight years," Nelson

noted. "Which, I was very thankful for, and then I just decided to branch out on my own."

JNA provides fire extinguisher sales and service.

"Which means we do annual inspections, six-year maintenance, and hydrostatic testing," Nelson said. "And we also do emergency and exit lighting."

Nelson explained extinguishers are tested every 12 years with a hydrostatic test, which means they discharge the powder, fill it with water and pressure test it, dry the cylinder and

then refill everything.

"Every extinguisher has a manufacture date," he noted. "Six years from that date, they go in for what's called a six-year maintenance, and the 12 years from that is when the hydrostatic test happens."

Nelson said he serves clients in the West Central Missouri area.

"We go as far as Warsaw, to Boonville, Marshall, past Warrensburg," he added. "We have accounts in Higginsville, Odessa (and) Green Ridge."

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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Riley beats cancer for a second time

By Skye Melcher
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A local breast cancer survivor has beaten stage four metastatic breast cancer for the second time.

Stage four metastatic breast cancer means cancer spreads to other parts of the body beyond the breast and surrounding nearby lymph nodes. The most common areas that it spreads to are the bones, liver and lungs.

Breast cancer survivor Vicky Riley, 63, finished her final round of radiation on Oct. 5 at the

Bothwell Regional Health Center Canon Center for Cancer.

Riley experienced her first journey with breast cancer 25 years ago and said being diagnosed a second time was a bummer but that she knew what to expect with this second journey.

Riley said her second journey through breast cancer has been long and eventful.

"I was diagnosed last October. I had cancer in my breast and in my hip; I had to have a total hip replacement," Riley said.

"Then I was in the hospital for quite a while, then started chemo, had a few set backs with that, went on to radiation and today (Oct. 5) is my last treatment. And so, hopefully, I'm all clear."

Some of the downs Riley had with the journey were a lot of mental issues, sicknesses and hospital stays.

"I was hospitalized four times during my journey and it's been rough on the family, on me. It's not really a fun thing to be going through," Riley added.

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NOW ACCEPTING SILVERSNEAKERS, ONEPASS, AND RENEW ACTIVE!

Sedalia Parks and Recreation is excited to announce we are accepting SilverSneakers, OnePass, and Renew Active memberships! Through these programs, the Heckart Community Center will now offer older adults a way to increase their levels of physical activity while motivating them to remain active. Stop by the Heckart Community Center front desk to check your eligibility for a complementary membership!



BOO BASH!

This spooktacular event is for the whole family! Supper, costume contest, games, craft, hayride, spooky swim, and of course, TREATS will make up the great "ghoulish" fun! October 1st from 6pm-8:30pm at the Heckart Community Center. Sorry, no children drop-offs. Don't miss out on the best family Halloween party around! Pre-register by October 18th, space is limited so register EARLY! \$10 per individual. Children under 2 are free.
For more information, visit us online at sedaliaparks.com!



Join us for Trunk or Treat on October 28th from 6pm to 8pm (or until candy runs out) at Centennial Park! Trunks will be spaced out along the trail at Centennial Park to ensure safety.
Walk up to the trunks and trick or treat! Interested in decorating a trunk? Give us a call 660-826-4930 or register online for free! Everyone is welcome to enter; the more the merrier! Prize will be awarded to Scariest, Most Creative, and Most Original!
Trunks must provide their own candy to pass out.



OBITUARIES

Betty June Cary Brownfield

Betty June Cary Brownfield, 84, widely believed to be an angel on Earth, died October 5, 2022, of a heart attack after living with dementia for many years.

She was born in her grandparent's house during the Depression in Norborne, Missouri, on October 19, 1937, where her parents, Daniel Emmett Cary and Anna Mildred Katz, and brother Joe also lived. It was here where she learned how one could get by on very little — Mom often talked about how her family gardened their entire backyard and rented a neighbor's yard as well to grow enough to can and eat all year. She learned sewing from her mother and embroidering from her grandmother, who would check the back of her work on the hoop to see if her stitches were as nice on the back as they were on the front — if not, she ripped it out and started over.

The family moved to follow work and eventually settled in the Kansas City area, where Betty graduated from William Christian High School in 1955. She introduced her best friend Pat Miller to her brother Joe and he made the smart move to marry her; through another friend, Betty met Oscar Brownfield, a handsome yet barely employed young man from Pilot Grove and found her love match. Father was skeptical and took Oscar for a ride in the car with a shotgun in the back seat to make sure he knew what was expected of him in taking care of his daughter.

They married in 1959, Oscar joined the Army to support his family, and they subsequently were deployed to Italy for the adventure of a lifetime. She often spoke of love letters written on the beach sand and great games of bowling and she could always speak a little Italian on command. Their first child was born there, and after discharge, the family moved back to Missouri and had four more kids whom Mom kept fed and mostly safe from excursions to the roof and even rescued one from choking on a quarter.

Betty kept the books for Brownfield Company and the family farm and made the household move from Sedalia to Green Ridge as gracefully as possible for a city girl transplanted to the country. Her fried chicken and apple pies were legendary, and her candy-making knew no bounds, from peanut brittle and taffy to divinity and fudge during the holidays. Another skill she possessed was thoughtful gift-giving, especially toys at Christmas; she just knew what kids liked. She got a job at Green Ridge R-8 School as a secretary where she could be every kid's mom during the day; patient and kind, she sat and talked empathetically with naughty kids waiting to visit the principal and helped everyone who needed her in the office.

Betty and Oscar were married until his death in 1984, and she was left with two kids still at home to raise and a mid-five-figure

farm and business bankruptcy to settle by herself, which she entirely paid off by working two and three jobs at a time and selling the family house. She regrouped in Sedalia and worked at Striped College and Heber Hunt Elementary School, as well as Walmart, where she worked evenings and weekends.

At 62, she retired and kept busy walking the sidewalks of Sedalia and keeping up with friends at weekly lunches, but she couldn't stay away from kids for long and worked as a school crossing guard in the sun, snow, and rain until age and a broken arm slowed her down. She had lived alone for decades, but there were many precious friends, kind neighbors, and other angels looking after her as forgetfulness turned into dementia.

She eventually moved to Tennessee to live with family in 2013. There, "Betty Momma" charmed everyone who met her with her sweetness and light. Frequently she longed for home and attempted one famous "jailbreak" in which she threw her walker down the deck stairs, jammed it into the front seat of her car, and wound her way to the next town until she stopped at a store; the sheriff's deputy that was nervously following a reported drunk driver was relieved to find a little old lady in pajamas and fuzzy pink slippers asking for directions to Kansas. Her decline was slow but certain, and this year was particularly difficult for her, but she remained a kind and tender soul to the last.

Things Betty enjoyed doing besides being with family and friends included sewing, embroidering tea towels, coin collecting, eating giant gobbs of ice cream, nibbling cookies with artful precision, joyfully singing off-key, and telling everyone that she loved them. She was immensely proud of her family history and could trace her genealogy back to the 1600s.

Surviving are her children Mark Brownfield and husband Robin Chaves of Oregon, Byron Brownfield and wife Theresa of Colorado, Marcia Brownfield of Tennessee, Leanna Brownfield and wife Jennifer Norton of Tennessee, and Bentley Brownfield of USA and Europe; grandchildren Brittany Bolyard and husband Michael, Mallory Brownfield, and Zachary Brownfield; great-grandchildren Alexa and Estella Bolyard; and nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends she made on her long journey.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, October 14, 2022, at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until service time Friday at the funeral chapel. The family suggests memorial donations be made to Sedalia Animal Shelter or a charity of the donor's choice in care of McLaughlin Funeral Chapel.



Barbara (Brown) Arnold Sabin, 87, of Sedalia, passed away peacefully Monday, October 3, 2022, at Boone Hospital in Columbia with her family by her side.

She was born May 18, 1935, in Sedalia, a daughter of the late Theodore Arthur and Harriet Marjorie (Yeager) Brown. In 1950, she married Bill G. Arnold, who preceded her in death on September 8, 1984. In 1986, she married Robert L. Sabin, who preceded her in death on May 3, 2011.

Barbara was a 1954 graduate of Smith-Cotton High School. She was the office manager at Brown Auto and Machine Shop and co-owner of Central States Engine and Tool Company.

She was a lifetime member of First Christian Church and was active in the choir for many years.

Barbara was involved in several clubs and organizations in the community, including Ladies of the Moose and Elks Ladies.

She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority for over 60 years and this organization was very important to her. She was involved in fundraising for the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, United Way of Pettis County and Parkinson's Foundation. She was campaign manager for Larry Foster when he ran for mayor of Sedalia. When her sons were young, she served as a Cub and Boy Scout leader.

She enjoyed playing bridge and mahjong weekly with her friends. Barbara also enjoyed oil painting and ceramics and loved gifting her masterpieces to family and friends. She loved music and enjoyed impromptu vocal performances at LeRoy's Steakhouse and The Old Missouri Homestead.

Barbara had a big heart and was always willing to help anyone.

Survivors include a son, Terry Arnold (Kimi), of Sedalia; a brother, Theodore Brown, of Las Vegas, NV; four grandchildren, Mindy Beebe (Mike), of Sedalia, Ryan Arnold (Kitty), of Phoenix, AZ, Tarah Toellner (Grant), of Mexico, MO, and William Blake Arnold (Kailey), of Springfield, MO; ten great-grandchildren, Tyler, Arianna, Taylor, Hannah, Katelyn, Easton, Eli, Ollie, Everett and Lyle; a nephew, Howard Hall (Karen), of Los Angeles, CA; and four nieces, Vicky DiNicola (Keith), of Tucson, AZ, Valerie Brown, of Las Vegas, NV, Deidre Haney, of Denver, CO, and Holly Dean, of Houston, TX.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Harriet Hall.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at First Christian Church, with the

Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin officiating.

Pallbearers will be Larry Horton, Terry Hazel, Rick Yount, David Furnell, David Menefee, Steve Hicks and Kelly Childers. Honorary pallbearers will be Beta Sigma Phi members Shirley Martin, Dixie Coffey, Linda Wineinger, Donna Martin, Marlis Wise and Crystal Morgan Meyer; Carla Eding, Caroline Walters, Nancy Jett and Bill Dey.

Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, October 10, 2022, at Heckart Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Sedalia School District Foundation (SSDF) Bill G. Arnold Athletic Scholarship, PO Box 2505, Sedalia, MO 65302-2505. To donate online, visit sedaliasdf.org.

Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home



DEATH NOTICE

McCutchen

Sgt. John Matthew McCutchen, 34, of Sedalia, died Wednesday, June 9, 2021.

Interment services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, at Arlington National Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Sedalia.

Trout

Lovell Louise Trout, 80, of Independence, formerly of Sedalia, died Tuesday, Oct. 4,

2022, at Centerpoint Medical Center in Independence.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022, at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel in Sedalia with Pastor Kevin LaMar officiating. Burial will be in Crown

Hill Cemetery. The family suggests memorial donations be made to Full Gospel Assembly Church, 10537 E. Sixth St., Independence, MO 64053. Arrangements are under the direction of McLaughlin Funeral Chapel.

FUNERALS

Doogs, Jerry W.

10 a.m. Saturday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Sacred Heart Chapel in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Sedalia.

O'Harra, Sharon Kay (Bennett)

10 a.m. Saturday at Craig-Hurt Funeral Home in Mountain Grove. Arrangements are under the direction of Craig-Hurt Funeral Home.

Kares, Joseph G.

1:30 p.m. Saturday at Crown Hill Cemetery in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home in

Sedalia.

Hesterlee, Gevan Wayne

1 p.m. Sunday at Broadway Presbyterian Church in Sedalia.

Blankenship, Sharon Sue

2 p.m. Monday at Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

Hadley, Dale Scott

10 a.m. Tuesday at Palm Mortuary-Henderson in Henderson, Nevada. Arrangements are under the direction of Palm Mortuary-Henderson.

Sabin, Barbara

(Brown) Arnold

11 a.m. Tuesday at First Christian Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia.

Brownfield, Betty June Cary

11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 14 at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of McLaughlin Funeral Chapel.

Trout, Lovell Louise

11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 at Crown Hill Cemetery in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of McLaughlin Funeral Chapel in Sedalia.

Zaring, Alta E.

(Crothers)

noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 at First United Methodist Church Celebration Center in Sedalia.

Walch, Theodore "Ted" L.

1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30 at Crown Hill Cemetery in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of McLaughlin Funeral Chapel in Sedalia.

McCutchen, John Matthew

10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8 at Arlington National Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Sedalia.

POLICE REPORTS

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

Sedalia Police Department Arrests

Oct. 5

8:48 p.m.: Robert Thull, 19, of the 2400 block of South Limit Avenue, was given a summons after a traffic stop on a vehicle for no brake lights. Thull had a suspended driver's license and was arrested, then released roadside with a citation for driving with a suspended license. A valid driver was contacted to take possession of the vehicle.

10:42 p.m.: Ruben Eloy Garcia-Juan, 34, of the 500 block of North Quincy Avenue, was arrested after a vehicle stop for no license plate lights.

Garcia-Juan did not have a driver's license and was transported to the Pettis County Jail, where he was booked for operating a motor vehicle without a valid license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Oct. 6

2:39 p.m.: Bradley Gene Ford, 41, of Sedalia, was arrested after officers were dispatched to a business in the 400 block of West Broadway Boulevard in reference to a male subject trespassing. Ford was found to have an active trespass warning from the bank and was arrested for violating the trespass warning. He was transported to the Pettis County Jail and booked pending state charges of first-degree trespass.

Incidents

Sept. 27

3:41 p.m.: An officer responded to a business in the 1400 block of South Limit Avenue regarding a

report of failure to return leased property. The complainant stated the subject rented a laptop computer but never made a payment. The laptop is valued at \$1,100. A charge of felony failure to return leased property has been submitted.

Oct. 5

4:08 p.m.: A caller reported that when they arrived home, they found their residence in the 2000 block of South Ohio Avenue had been forcibly entered. Items had been stolen valued at \$1,000.

Oct. 6

12:06 p.m.: An officer spoke with a victim on the 1900 block of West 10th Street who stated two individuals known to him damaged several windows in his home and took personal documents. No contact has been made with the suspects.

12:11 p.m.: Officers spoke with a subject over the phone from the 1000

block of Winchester Drive in reference to his checkbook being stolen. Checks later were used by individuals to deposit money into an account. Two suspects were identified and state charges are being sought on both for forgery.

1:05 p.m.: An officer met with a victim at the SPD about property damage that occurred in a business parking lot in the 3200 block of West Broadway Boulevard. The victim stated that on Oct. 1, his 2016 GMC Sierra was damaged in the lot.

11:04 p.m.: Officers responded to Welch Court to take a property damage report. An unknown sticky substance was thrown on the victim's vehicle. A suspect is known but could not be located and charges are being pursued.

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CRASH REPORTS

Two hurt in Johnson accident

A 17-year-old girl and Michelle D. Jacobs, 55, both of Warrensburg, received minor injuries at 10:22 a.m. Thursday in a Johnson County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, the teen was driving a 2006 Dodge Ram 1500 north on Business 13 when she failed to yield to a 1997 Chevrolet Monte Carlo driven south by Jacobs.

The 17-year-old was transported to Western Missouri Medical Center in Warrensburg, Jacobs refused treatment on scene. Both were wearing seat belts.

I-70 pile-up leaves St Louis man hurt

Rainier C. Conley, 24, of St. Louis, received minor injuries at 2:10 p.m. Thursday in a Saline County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, a Chevrolet driven west on I-70 by Brian P. Sieveking, 27, of St. Peters, and a 2009 Lexus RX350 driven by Salim K. Najjar, 81, of Carmel, Indiana, were stopped for traffic when a 1999 Mercury Mountaineer driven by Conley struck the rear of the Lexus, causing it to strike the rear of the Chevrolet.

The drivers were wearing seat belts, except for Sieveking, whose seat belt status was unknown. Conley was transported to Centerpoint Hospital in Independence by private vehicle.

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

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Cancer

From Page 1A

During her last round of chemotherapy, Riley was diagnosed with congestive heart failure, so she had another long stay in the hospital.

"I just found out this week that I have improved with my heart failure, so that's good," Riley said.

Riley said she was excited to finish her cancer treatments. Now she can move on with her life and put her cancer journey behind her.

Now that the journey is done, Riley said she hopes to spend as much time with her 3-year-old grandson as she can.

"That's why I didn't give up because I had him. I want to see him grow up and spend lots of time loving my family," Riley said.

Some words of wisdom that Riley wanted to give others going through their own cancer journey is always to think positively.

"The positivity really helps you during your



Local breast cancer survivor Vicky Riley stands holding a floral arrangement after completing her final round of radiation on Oct. 5.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF VICKY RILEY

treatment and the side effects; just know that one day you will get through that and your life will get better," Riley said.

Riley wanted to thank

her doctor and the nurses who helped her through the treatments and provided a friendly face.

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



Vicky Riley takes a photo with her grandson while they had a meal at Clara's North 65 Cafe. Riley wanted to beat her second journey through breast cancer so she could see her grandson grow up.

Fire

From Page 1A

JNA services larger businesses such as Tyson Foods, Stanley Black & Decker, WireCo, Gardner Denver, Duke Mfg., and Inter-State Studio & Publishing Co.

Nelson added fire extinguishers are "very cheap insurance" regarding fire safety.

"I've sold multiple extinguishers to residents," he noted. "Which they don't need any inspections. There's no regulations like there are for a city.

"With a city, you have city code," he continued. "And also, with your insurance, there is something that says it will be maintained by a professional service. But I still sell quite a few (extinguishers) to individuals, and they are always available."

Nelson said the advantage of having a fire extinguisher is it provides protection.

"It can save your life," He said. "You don't necessarily want to put yourself in harm's way, but you are able to protect your belongings or protect yourself, to get out and buy some time to call the fire department."

The National Fire Protection Association or NFPA10 sets the code for



Josh Nelson, of Sedalia, began his business, JNA Fire Protection Service, in 2020. The business is firefighter owned and operated.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JOSH NELSON

how many extinguishers a business or workplace needs.

"And we abide by their guidelines," Nelson noted.

He added his goal is to continue growing the business.

"I want to provide a great service," he said. "Customer service is most important to all of our guys."

He said the business is based on morals, ethics, and values.

"That's always the No. 1 thing is we want people to know us as someone who's ethical," he noted. "Someone they can trust. It's not necessarily about the money aspect."

For more information about JNA Fire Protection Service, call Nelson at 660-287-5391 or Sattler at 660-221-6790 or email jnelson788@gmail.com.

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

LOCAL BRIEFS

Road work continues on Thompson Boulevard

Beginning on Monday, Oct. 10 and continuing through Wednesday, Oct. 19, the City of Sedalia's contractor will be paving and applying lane markings along Thompson Boulevard from the Missouri Department of Transportation's right-of-way at West Broadway Boulevard to West 16th Street.

Once milled, it was determined that base failures did not exist and the contractor can begin paving earlier than originally scheduled. There will be intermittent lane closures and restrictions as road improvements occur with heavy equipment and personnel in and around the roadway. Travelers are encouraged to use alternate routes when possible during the construction period.

Paving will be completed during nighttime hours. From 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. each day from Monday, Oct. 10 through Thursday, Oct. 13, the contractor will be

paving the roadway. Lane closures and restrictions will be in effect during the paving operation. Upon completion of paving, lane markings will be applied to the roadway and the project totally completed by Wednesday, Oct. 19, weather permitting.

Stargazing program scheduled at Bothwell Lodge

Join the Camdenton Astronomy Club and the Bothwell Lodge State Historic Site team on Friday, Oct. 21, for a night full of dark sky marvels.

Starting at 6:30 p.m. in the day-use area, there will be an informative presentation on light pollution and telescopes. Following the presentation, participants

can stick around to view the stars and planets from 8 to 10 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available while supplies last. Participants are asked to dress for the weather and to bring insect repellent, chairs and flashlights. In the event of rain, the program may be postponed until Saturday, Oct. 22, from 6 to 10 p.m.

Bothwell Lodge State Historic Site is at 19349 Bothwell State Park Road in Sedalia. Once inside the park, the day-use area is the first left off of Bothwell Lodge State Park Road. For more information concerning the event, call 660-827-0510 or email andrea.goldstrom@dnr.mo.gov.

For more information on Missouri state parks and historic sites, visit mostateparks.com.



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Jacob Carver



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Daniel Shaw



Battalion Chief
Barry White



Battalion Chief
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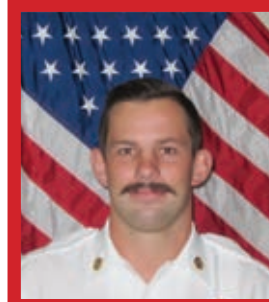
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Captain
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Captain
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Captain
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Captain
Zach Morales



Driver
Bradley Burton



Driver
Chris Maggert



Driver
Colby Snapp



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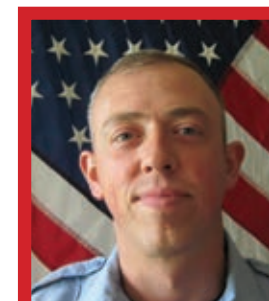
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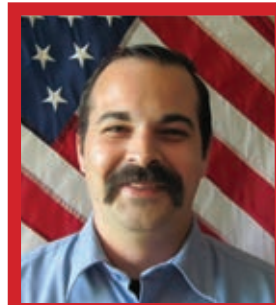
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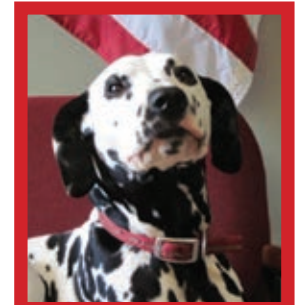
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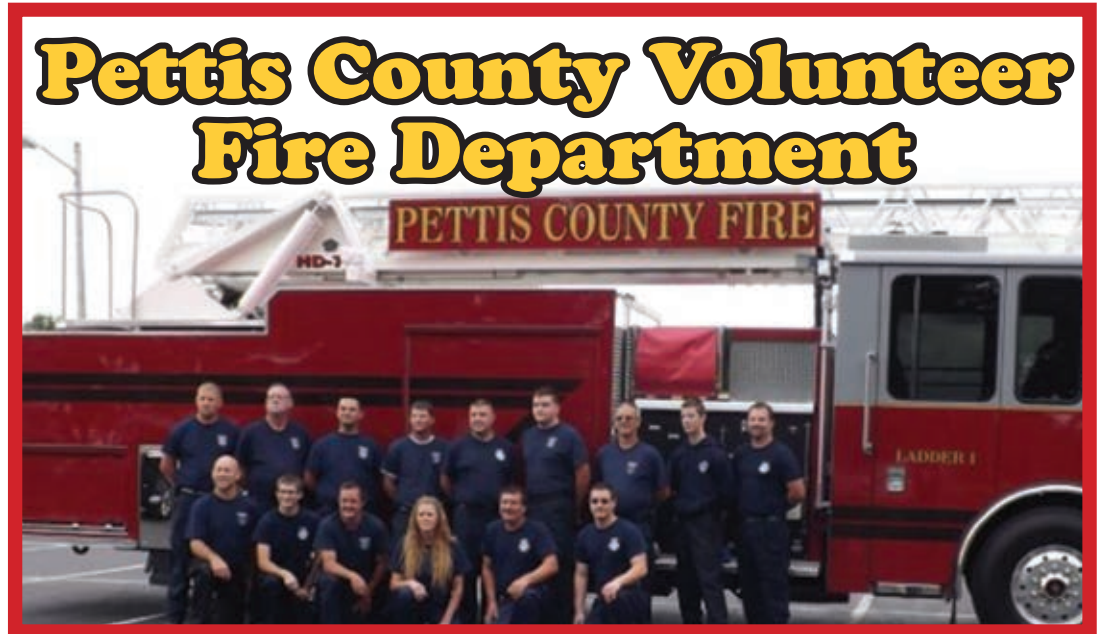
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Two members of the Smith-Cotton Class of 1977 scream chants at the crowd during the parade. Multiple class reunions will be happening during Homecoming weekend.

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Sedalia School District 200 Assistant Superintendents Chris Pyle and Jason Curry wave from the truck that is pulling the Central Office float. Each member on the float wore a shirt with the year they graduated.



State Fair Community College Board of Trustees member Tom Oldham walks with the Roadrunners e-sports team during the parade.



Members of the Smith-Cotton High Voltage Dance and Cheer Squad raise their pom-poms high on Friday afternoon.

Arrest

From Page 1A

Anders said his office was happy to assist Denver law enforcement with picking up Groshart and housing him in the Pettis County Jail until he is extradited to face his alleged crimes in Colorado.

“The great thing about this was the agency was here,” Anders said, “which isn’t routine, but it was a big enough case that they had invested in quite a bit of time and technology to identify this individual that they flew here from Denver and went to the house to pick him up with us.”

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

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEF

Hollywood sign gets makeover ahead of its centennial in 2023

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Hollywood sign is getting a makeover befitting its status as a Tinseltown icon. After a pressure-wash and some rust removal, workers this week began using 250 gallons of primer and white paint to spruce up the sign ahead of its centennial next year.

The entire renovation effort is expected to take up to eight weeks.

Originally built in 1923, the sign read “Hollywoodland” to promote a property development.

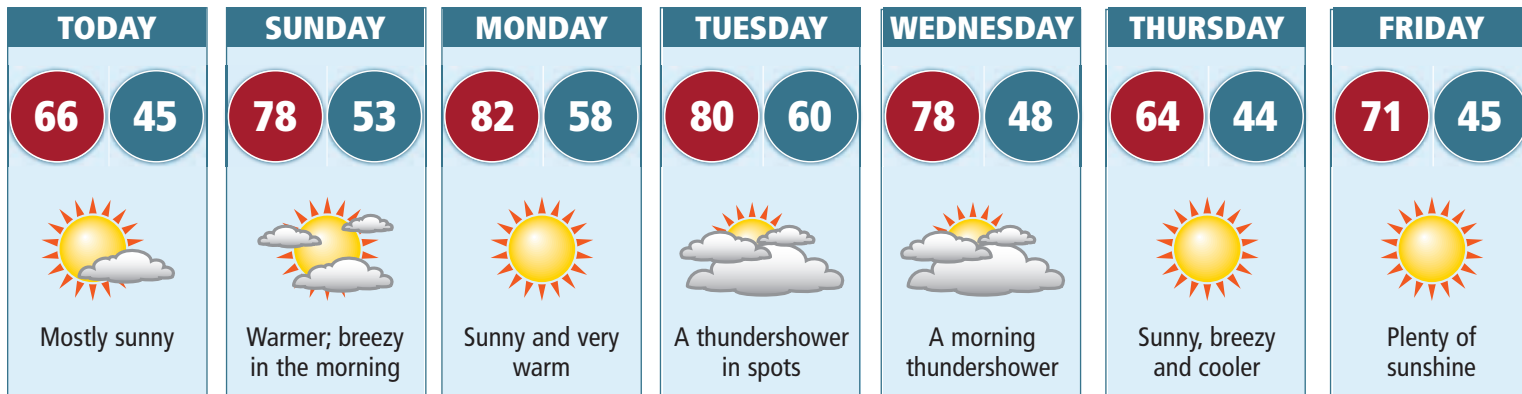
But after decades of neglect, the original sign was shortened to read “Hollywood” and then was replaced altogether with a new sign in 1978.

“It’s now representing not only the place of Hollywood, but it signifies the entertainment industry, and LA is the entertainment capital of the world,” Jeff Zarrinam with the Hollywood Sign Trust said Monday. The 45-foot-tall sign in the Hollywood Hills above Los Angeles is repainted every decade.

THE WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST



SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:15 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 6:45 p.m.
 Moonrise today 6:28 p.m.
 Moonset today 5:42 a.m.



WEATHER HISTORY

Lead, S.D., had 36 inches of snow on Oct. 8, 1982, but just 20 miles away in Rapid City, which is at a lower elevation, there was only a trace.

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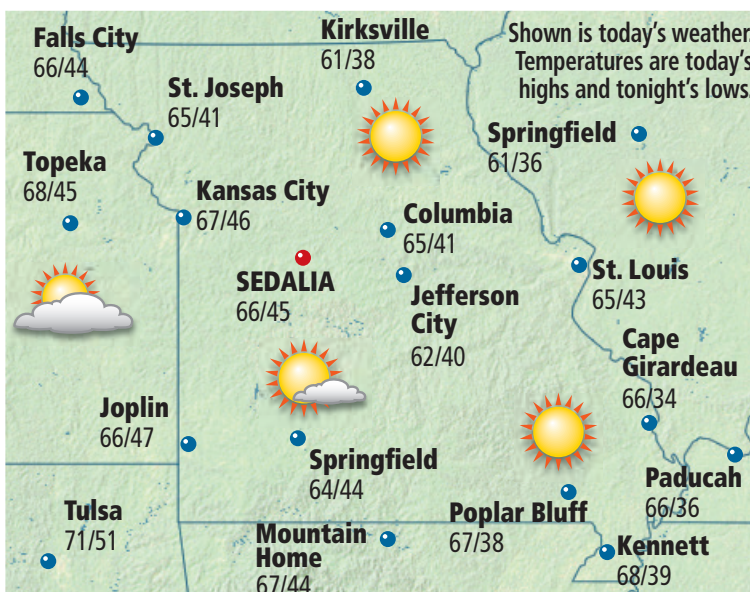
Sedalia Regional Airport Thursday

TEMPERATURES	
High	82
Low	51
Normal high	73
Normal low	48
Record high	93 in 1963
Record low	26 in 1952

PRECIPITATION	
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	Trace
Normal m-t-d	0.74"
Year to date	30.49"
Normal y-t-d	35.68"

HEATING DEGREE DAYS	
Index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature was below 65 degrees for the day.	
Thursday	0
Month to date	9
Season to date	39
Normal season to date	112
Last season to date	11

RIVER LEVELS			
In feet as of 7 a.m. Friday			
Blackwater	Stage	Chg	Fld Stg
Blue Lick	6.75	+0.02	24
Valley City	2.50	-0.01	22
Lamine			
Oterville	0.30	-0.01	15
Missouri			
Boonville	5.78	-0.02	21



BRANSON
 High: 68. Low: 45. Mostly sunny today. Patchy clouds tonight. Pleasant tomorrow with clouds and sun. Monday: partly sunny. Tuesday: a passing shower.

KANSAS CITY
 High: 67. Low: 46. Mostly sunny today. A moonlit sky tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow. Monday: sunshine. Tuesday: a thundershower in parts of the area.

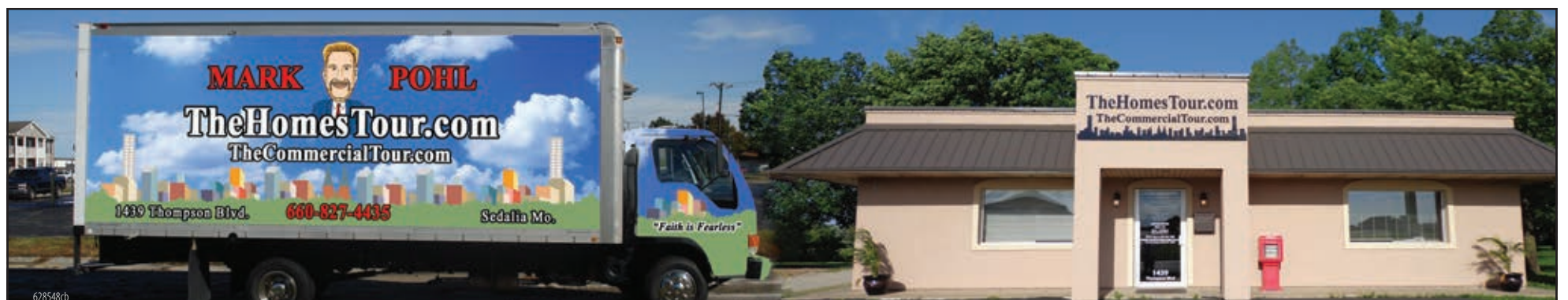
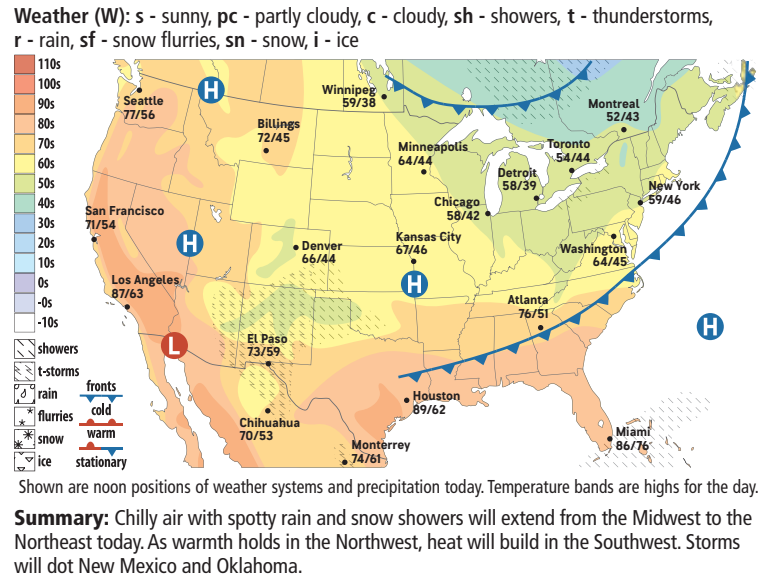
ST. LOUIS
 High: 65. Low: 43. Sunny to partly cloudy today. A moonlit sky and chilly tonight. Clouds and sun tomorrow. Monday: mostly sunny. Tuesday: a couple of showers.

NEW YORK CITY
 High: 59. Low: 46. Breezy today with partial sunshine. Clear and moonlit tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow; a nice end to the weekend.

LOS ANGELES
 High: 87. Low: 63. Sunshine today. A moonlit sky tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow. Monday: mostly sunny. Tuesday: pleasant with periods of clouds and sunshine.

NATIONAL WEATHER

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	76/51/s	74/51/s	Milwaukee	58/42/s	66/49/pc
Baltimore	62/40/s	66/42/s	Nashville	68/38/s	71/43/s
Billings	72/45/pc	74/47/pc	New Orleans	84/63/pc	79/61/s
Boston	60/44/pc	63/48/s	Norfolk	62/48/s	67/52/s
Buffalo	55/45/c	62/45/pc	Oklahoma City	68/52/t	75/59/c
Charlotte	72/46/pc	70/52/s	Orlando	87/66/s	86/71/s
Chicago	58/42/s	66/48/pc	Phoenix	88/71/t	91/71/t
Cleveland	55/39/pc	64/43/pc	Pittsburgh	55/37/pc	60/39/s
Dallas	80/60/pc	85/65/s	Portland, ME	57/36/s	62/41/pc
Denver	66/44/s	72/44/s	Portland, OR	85/56/s	83/55/s
Detroit	58/39/s	65/46/pc	Sacramento	93/56/s	89/54/pc
Honolulu	86/71/pc	85/70/pc	St. Louis	65/43/s	76/54/pc
Houston	89/62/pc	87/60/s	San Francisco	71/54/pc	70/53/pc
Indianapolis	60/38/s	69/44/s	Seattle	77/56/s	77/53/s
Las Vegas	92/70/s	89/68/s	Washington, DC	64/45/s	67/46/s



What Friday's jobs report means for Fed's inflation fight

By Christopher Rugaber
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — For most Americans, Friday's September jobs report was welcome news: Businesses kept hiring at a brisk pace, unemployment fell back to a half-century low and average pay rose.

Yet for the Federal Reserve, the jobs figures highlight how little progress they're making in their fight against inflation. With the Fed more likely to keep raising borrowing costs rapidly, the risk of recession will also rise.

Employers did pull back slightly on hiring last month, and average wage gains slowed. But economists say neither is falling fast enough for the Fed to slow its inflation-fighting efforts.

As a result, another hefty rate hike of three-quarters of a point — a fourth consecutive one — is likely at the Fed's next meeting in November. (The central bank typically lifts rates in quarter-point increments.)

The Fed's rate hikes are intended to cool the economy and tame inflation. The increases have, in turn, led to higher borrowing costs across the economy, notably for homes, credit cards and business loans.

Rising U.S. interest rates have roiled global markets and caused a sharp fall in U.S. stock prices. On Friday, share prices fell further, with the S&P 500 index off nearly 3%.

Yet as it struggles to defeat the worst inflation bout in four decades, the Fed is focused much more on the job market than on the financial markets. Underlying measures of inflation indicate that prices are still surging.

"There is still more work for the Fed to

do to cool the labor market and reduce the inflationary pressures stemming from it," said Sarah House, an economist at Wells Fargo.

Here are five ways that Friday's report will influence the Fed as it decides how fast to continue raising rates:

LOWER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DOESN'T HELP

For the Fed, the decline in the unemployment rate, from 3.7% to 3.5%, was a mixed bag, at best. The rate fell because both more Americans found jobs and some unemployed people gave up looking for work, which meant they were no longer counted as unemployed.

A diminished pool of people seeking jobs will keep pressure on employers to offer higher pay to attract and keep employees. Businesses will pass at least some of those higher costs onto consumers, thereby increasing prices and feeding inflation.

Fed officials have signaled that the unemployment rate needs to be at least 4% to slow inflation. Some economists say the jobless rate would need to be even higher. Either way, low unemployment points to more rate hikes to come.

The mostly strong September jobs report also underscored a view held by many Fed policymakers that the U.S. economy is healthy enough to withstand higher rates. That means they may see little reason to slow their rate hikes anytime soon.

HIRING SLOWS, BUT NOT BY ENOUGH

The Fed wants to see a better balance of supply and demand in the job market. That would mean some combination of more people looking for work and less demand for workers.

There's been only limited progress on

both sides. This week, the government reported that the number of available jobs fell sharply in August and is about 15% below a record high reached in March. Yet the number of openings remains at historically high levels.

Christopher Waller, a member of the Fed's Board of Governors, noted Thursday that economists were predicting a gain of 260,000 jobs in September — quite close to the actual figure in Friday's report.

Such an increase "would be lower than recent months but very healthy relative to past experience," Waller said. "As a result, I don't expect tomorrow's jobs report to alter my view that we should be focused 100 percent on reducing inflation."

TOO FEW AMERICANS LOOKING FOR WORK

An increase in people competing for jobs would make it easier for employers to fill positions without offering higher wages. That would reduce inflation pressures without requiring many layoffs.

"More labor supply is the painless way out of the inflationary pressures currently coming from the job market," House said.

Yet Friday's report shows there's been little such progress in recent months. The proportion of Americans either working or looking for work dipped to 62.3% in September, around where it's been all year.

Fed officials have said in recent speeches that they don't expect many more people to return to the workforce. Many older workers who retired early in the past two years are likely to remain on the sidelines.

A smaller supply of workers means the Fed would feel compelled to reduce the need for workers even more than it otherwise would. That would suggest that

more large rate hikes are in store.

THERE'S STILL A LOT OF CATCH-UP HIRING

Another challenge for the Fed is that even as it's tightening credit at the fastest pace in 40 years to slow demand, many companies may need more workers just to keep up with modest consumer demand. Such pressure could also force the Fed to raise rates higher to cool demand.

Two weeks ago, for example, Jess Pettit, an executive at the Hilton hotel chain, told Fed officials at a roundtable discussion that consumer demand isn't the main driver of his company's hiring. Instead, it's trying mainly to maintain a basic minimum of staff amid fierce competition from other hotels for a smaller pool of workers.

Waller asked him, "So, regardless of what we do for demand, you're still going to have demand for labor?"

"I think yeah, that's the case," Pettit replied.

WAGES FELL SLIGHTLY

For the Fed, the one bright spot in Friday's jobs report may be that wage growth slowed, though it's not clear if that trend will continue.

Hourly wages rose in both August and September at about a 3.6% annual rate, down from about 5.6% early this year. If sustained, that slowdown could ease pressure on the Fed to tighten credit. Wage growth at that level is roughly consistent with the Fed's 2% inflation target.

Steven Friedman, senior economist at the investment firm MacKay Shields, said the wage figures are "a silver lining for the Fed," if the same pace continues.

But "I don't think the Fed feels they have the luxury of time to wait for that," Friedman said.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Winfrey, Letterman among moderators for Michelle Obama tour

NEW YORK (AP) — Oprah Winfrey, David Letterman and Ellen DeGeneres are among the celebrity moderators joining former first lady Michelle Obama on tour for her upcoming book, "The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times."

Other guests include Conan O'Brien, Tracee Ellis Ross, journalists Gayle King and Michele Norris, "Today" show host Hoda Kotb, poet Elizabeth Alexander and advocate Heather McGhee.

"For me, 'The Light We Carry' book tour will be about starting important conversations and digging deeper into the questions that all of us are grappling with as we live through uncertain times," Obama said in a statement released Wednesday by her publisher, Crown, and the tour's producer, Live Nation. "I can't wait to get back on the road and dive into it with such a thoughtful, impressive group of moderators."

Venus Williams, Spike Lee set for Black Entrepreneurs Day

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Venus Williams, Spike Lee, Tracee Ellis Ross, Shaquille O'Neal and Killer Mike are among those set to participate in a celebration of African American business success and opportunity.

Black Entrepreneurs Day, founded and organized by "Shark Tank" panelist and FUBU chief executive Daymond John, will be held Oct. 27 at New York City's Apollo Theater and streamed live

on Johnson's Facebook page and BlackEntrepreneursDay.com.

In a statement, John said his goal for the third annual gathering remains to "inspire, educate, learn from and celebrate those that are hustling, pushing forward, pursuing their dreams and, in many cases, thriving."

Beginning at 7 p.m. EDT, the night will include John's one-on-one discussions with celebrity and business guests; panels on topics including building generational wealth and elevating creativity and access, and a "pitch competition" for nascent entrepreneurs. Rapper Big Sean will close the Chase-presented event with a live performance.

Black business owners and entrepreneurs can apply for \$25,000 grants from the NAACP Powershift Entrepreneur Grant program created by John, with the event website open for applications through 11:59 p.m. EDT Wednesday, Oct. 12. More than \$500,000 in grants has been given, according to organizers.

Amazon to hire 150,000 workers for holidays, similar to 2021

By Haleluya Hadero
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Amazon will hire 150,000 full-time, part-time and seasonal employees across its warehouses ahead of the holiday season.

The announcement, made Thursday, shows the e-commerce behemoth is taking a less conservative approach to its holiday planning than Walmart, which said last month it would hire 40,000 U.S. workers for the holidays, compared to 150,000 in 2021.

Amazon, which typically beefs up its operations during the holidays, was looking for the same number of seasonal employees last year. Its other competitors, UPS and Target, have said their holiday hiring plans will also remain in line with the prior year.

Seattle-based Amazon said workers can earn an average pay of \$19 per hour, based on their position and location within the U.S. The company had announced last week it would raise its average pay for frontline workers by a dollar, a move aimed

towards attracting more employees in a tight labor market. It also said it would make changes so employees can get paid more frequently than one or twice a month.

Analysts expect the holiday shopping season to be impacted by the uncertain economic environment, as budget-conscious shoppers navigate higher prices for food and other necessities amid high inflation and rising interest rates.

Salesforce, which analyzes online shopping data, forecasts digital sales to reach \$265 billion in the U.S. in November and December. That means holiday sales will remain essentially flat compared to last year, bumping up only 3%, despite a strong showing compared to pre-pandemic levels, Salesforce said. Analysts note higher prices could also lead to fewer total orders. And the current inflation rate of 8.3% means retailers would see a decrease in real sales.

To accommodate cash-strapped consumers expected to spread out their holiday shopping, retailers are offering more discounts - and doing it

much earlier. Next week, Amazon will have its second Prime Day-like discount event of the year, the first time the company is holding a major sales event twice in one year following its Prime Day in July. Target and Walmart have said they'll also offer deals this month.

Amazon's overall retail business has been sluggish in the past few months as Americans shifted away from the pandemic-induced spike in online shopping. The pandemic-fueled demand was so high in the last two years that it drove the company to double its physical footprint and nearly double its workforce to 1.6 million. When the worst of the

pandemic eased, the company found itself with too much space and too many workers. It's been reducing its warehouse capacity in the past few months by subleasing some of its warehouses, delaying or canceling construction on others. Between March and June, it said it also reduced its workforce by roughly 100,000 through attrition.

Though Amazon is boosting hiring at its warehouses, it's tightening its budget elsewhere. On Tuesday, The New York Times reported the company is implementing a hiring freeze on the corporate side of its retail business for the rest of the year.

Downtown Sedalia

SPIRIT WALK

October 15, 2022
Walks Begin at 6:00 p.m.

Join the Liberty Center Association for the Arts, the Sedalia Paranormal Investigators, the VFW and the City of Sedalia as they launch their inaugural "Sedalia Spirit Walk" on October 15, 2022. The Spirit Walk will be held between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Eight groups of 15-20 participants will leave in 15 minute increments with each walk lasting approximately an hour. Purchase your tickets soon as this event will fill up fast!

Experience "An Evening with Poe" readings at the Liberty Center starting at 6:30 p.m., plus explore all the ghostly potential our downtown has to offer as you stroll along South Ohio Avenue to the VFW. Appetizers are included at both the Liberty Center and the VFW along with cash "spirit" bars.

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Christians and second chances

This week, many Sedalians were shocked to read that their friend, Sunday school teacher and pastor had been arrested by the Pettis County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Denver Police Department and the ATF. Jason Groshart, 49, was charged with a cold case burglary, kidnapping and sexual assault.



Liz Schleicher
Contributing Columnist

The Denver Post reports this: "Investigators used DNA evidence and genetic genealogy to identify Groshart as a suspect, the release said. On March 30, 2004, police responded to the 3700 block of North Stuart Street on a report of a burglary and sexual assault. DNA evidence was collected at the time, but a suspect was not identified. Investigative Genetic Genealogy DNA research, a tool used by cold case investigators in Denver, led to Groshart, a Sedalia, Mo., resident. He is currently being held in the Pettis County Jail on investigation of first-degree sexual assault, first-degree burglary and second-degree kidnapping."

That's an extremely serious set of accusations and some damning evidence. But I don't want to talk about Mr. Groshart and his guilt or innocence yet. I'll let the court system do it first.

I want to talk about the reaction. The all-too-familiar public reaction that plays out every time a beloved community member is accused of a crime.

"This isn't the man I know."

"There's no way."
"Loving husband and servant of God!"

And my favorite line: "People change and deserve second chances."

It's there for all to see on Facebook, and it reads exactly like a cliché anti-religious screenplay: "After evidence from a heinous crime points to a popular pastor, small-town Christians circle the wagons and protect their own — at the expense of a victim crying out for justice for over a decade."

But it's not a screenplay. It's all real.

And it wasn't written by bigots out to persecute the Christian faith. It was written by real Christians, folks who read their Bibles and love their neighbors and work for the Kingdom of Heaven.

"People change and deserve second chances."

Let's reiterate so we can be clear on what we're talking about here. This a criminal case where a man allegedly kidnapped and sexually assaulted someone, then moved out of state and kept the crime hidden, building a wonderful life for himself as a man of God while a victim languished in fear for 18 years.

"People change and deserve second chances."

I believe it. All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. That's what makes our faith so extraordinary. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

There is nothing we can do so awful that He cannot forgive us. The fact is scandalous enough in and of itself. He is our

eternal pardoner.

But He is not our enabler.

Faith in God will save us from hell. But it will not save us from the earthly consequences of our own actions, whatever they may be. Our God is a God of mercy, but He is also a God of perfect justice. He is the God of the repentant criminal, but He is also the God of the broken and bleeding victim.

It is good and natural to defend a friend. It is natural to be in denial that someone you thought was a good person could have committed a disgusting crime. It is natural to feel angry and confused. But it is neither natural nor righteous to insist in the face of all evidence and legitimate authority that "there's no chance my judgment about this person was wrong. He couldn't have because he's a Christian. Even if he did, he should be exempt from consequences because he has changed."

That kind of arrogance and denial is hateful to God. It crushes victims, perverts justice, and makes an idol of human judgment when only the Lord can see into the heart of man. It sets the beloved and popular Christian above the desires of Christ — righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

It causes Christ's name to be blasphemed among the Gentiles.

"Look at these Christians," people say. "Out there excusing alleged rapists instead of defending their victims."

As men and women of God, what is our response?

"People change and deserve second chances."

That is not good enough. Not good enough for the secular world, not good enough for the victim, not good for us, and most importantly, not good enough for the Lord.

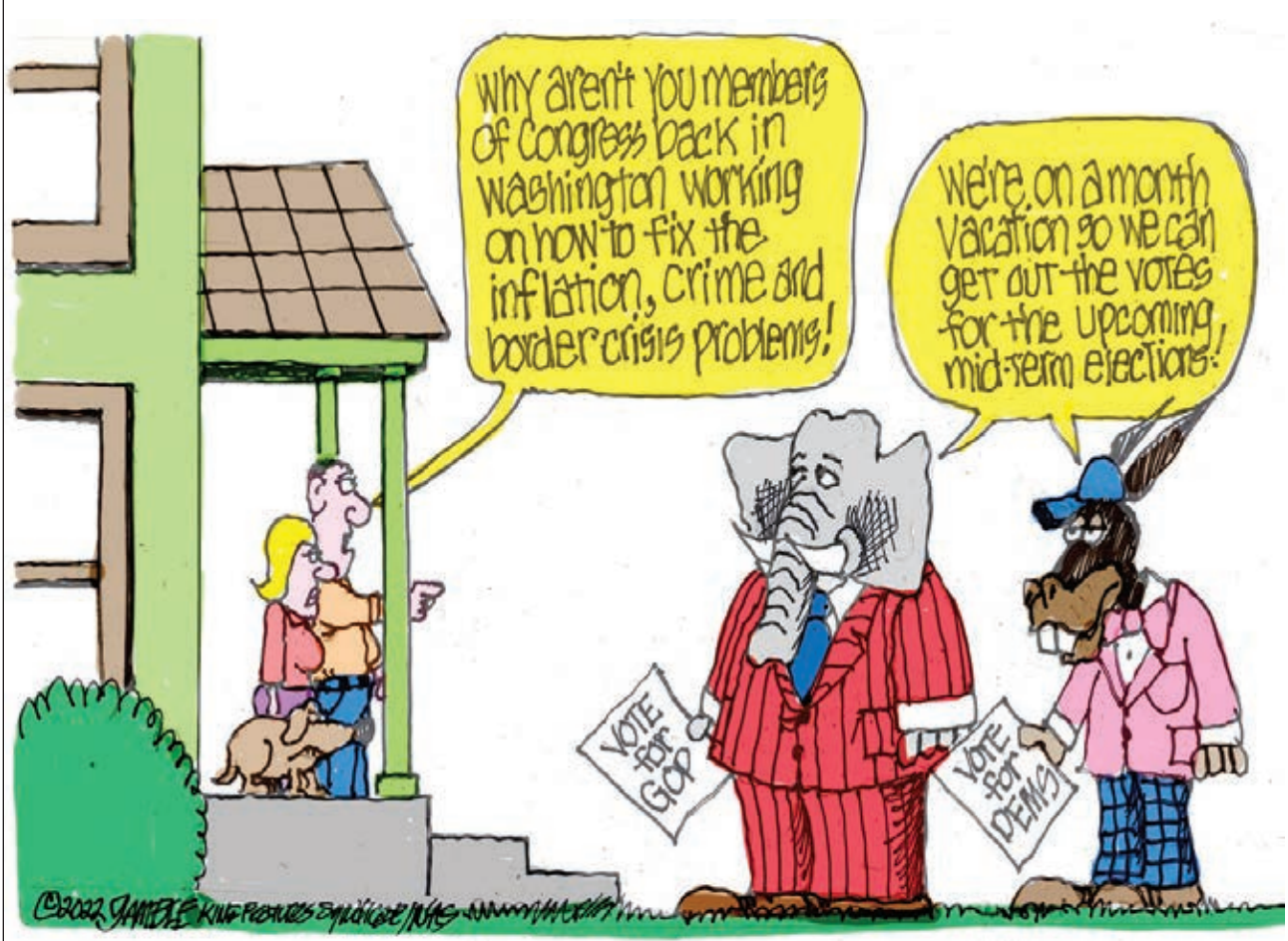
God alone has the power to grant second chances at holiness. The victim alone has the privilege of granting earthly forgiveness for the crime committed against him or her. The courts alone can find a suspect to be not guilty. So what is our role? What should we do when something like this happens?

"Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean. Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, learn to do good. Seek justice, rebuke the oppressor; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow."

And pray.

There's plenty to do to keep busy without making a mockery of our faith and our God on the internet.

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CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

'R' candidates on the ballot no longer questioned

I read an editorial on the Democrat's opinion page last week that saddened and angered me. The editorial was from St. Joseph's paper, criticizing the Republican candidate for U.S. Senate because he did not show up for a debate/question-and-answer session for all the candidates. Why didn't he show up? The article suggested, and I believe, that he didn't show up because he doesn't have to. On the ballot, his name is followed by "R," and that will be enough for most Missouri voters. I started wondering why this is the current state of affairs, and I confess to not getting a good answer.

Are you one of the voters who will vote for the "R" no matter what his or her stance is on the issues? As I look at not only this particular candidate, but the candidates for the legislature, where "R" holds what is called a "super-majority," I really would like to know why.

This week, I start with Eric Schmitt, currently the Attorney General of Missouri, courtesy of Josh Hawley, the man who gave a big-man fist bump to the insurrectionists who stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, and then fled like a baby bunny when those very people were coming through shout-



Deborah Mitchell
Contributing Columnist

ing that they were going to hang Mike Pence. Schmitt has done nothing in his current position other than attempting to intimidate school boards about mask-wearing during the pandemic, signing onto frivolous lawsuits filed by other states' Attorneys General, and generally trying to act like some tough "wise guy."

Currently, he has signed onto the Texas lawsuit against the Biden administration for the \$10,000 student loan forgiveness program. The upshot of the suit is that this program will lessen the amount of revenue for the government. Seriously? In the event you didn't know, the Missouri legislature, drunk with a huge budget surplus, has passed a tax cut that will LESSEN THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

Schmitt also behaved horribly in the case of Kevin Strickland. You

may remember my railing against him when he, all by himself, kept an innocent man in prison for God knows how long after the Jackson County prosecutor declared that Strickland was innocent and should be released. For those of you who are law-and-order proponents, this should be a red flag against his candidacy. He cared nothing about the law. He just kept an innocent man in prison because he could.

Finally, Schmitt has done nothing until recently about the sexual and physical abuse of young boys at the supposedly-Christian Agape House in Stockton, Missouri. In 2021, "David Smock, [Agape's Director] was charged with child sex crimes and five employees were charged with low-level abuse counts. Schmitt's office [recently] contended that 22 workers should have been charged, and with more serious crimes" (<https://bit.ly/3V6wAKJ>).

Unfortunately, last year, because the prosecutor of Cedar County, where Agape is located, was pussy-footing around actually charging staff with crimes against children, our Attorney General, the chief law enforcement officer of this state, asked the governor to be released from the

case. His letter to ask for permission to withdraw stated, "Mr. Gaither's [Cedar County's prosecutor] decision to pursue a relatively small number of minor felony offenses reveals that he has no real need of the expertise and resources of the Attorney General's Office" (<https://bit.ly/3rEXOB1>).

The Attorney General is not powerless in such a matter. He has the ability to sue to remove the criminally charged director, he can sue to extinguish Agape's non-profit status, or he could close Agape. He's done nothing. Until now.

Although my take may sound cynical, I believe his current action to hold Agape accountable for the crimes that have been committed against whom my mother would lovingly call "lost boys" is because the Kansas City and St. Louis papers have picked up on the matter, as have national periodicals. They were making him look bad.

But so what? He doesn't have to explain, apologize, or show up for a debate. He is an "R," and in Missouri, that seems to be all that's needed for a candidate who is unquestioned in his exploiting power and political position.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tips on fighting indoctrination

Dear Editor:

I find it interesting that Mr. Kneibert's first statement (in Wednesday's edition) seems to be a volley across the bow of democracy when he does not recognize his own beloved Trump in this assessment. While Trump may not be clever enough to "indoctrinate," he certainly fits the description of "others telling you what you must believe, not allowing you to reach your own conclusions." If that doesn't sound like what goes on at Trump rallies, it comes close.

I read where the word "woke" is peppered in Kneibert's comments and while the word is meant to be pejorative, I contend being woke is better than being ignorant. As an example, while Kneibert's hair is on fire about, and I quote, the Navy is forcing personnel to undergo "gender sensitivity training," I am wondering if that means he thinks we should go back to harassment, torture and rape perpetrated against any member that

does not fit the white, straight, conservative ideal?

Moving on, It is hard to read some of Kneibert's musings with a straight face when statements like "Trump took his duties seriously as commander in chief." Is the author of this piece suggesting that when Trump told the world he is smarter than his generals, or when he said he got the most beautiful letters from Kim Jeong Yung, or when he threw rolls of paper towels to a crowd of people that just lost their homes and loved ones in a horrible hurricane event, that this dude was taking his job seriously?

Lastly, I will answer Kneibert's own question, "How do you fight back against indoctrination?" Here's how: You fight back with truths, you fight back by not banning books, you fight back by supporting your Election Day volunteers, you fight back by voting and you fight back with every fiber of your being for as long as it takes.

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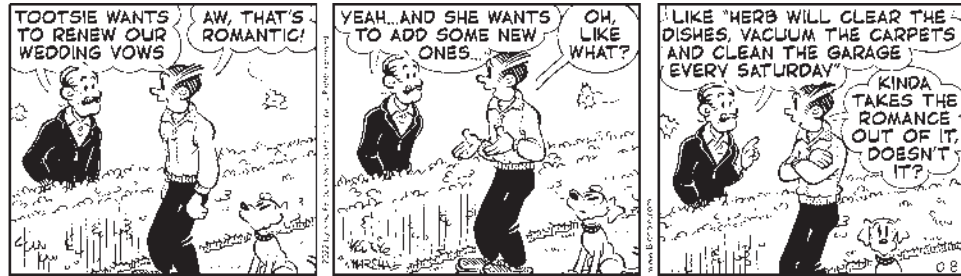
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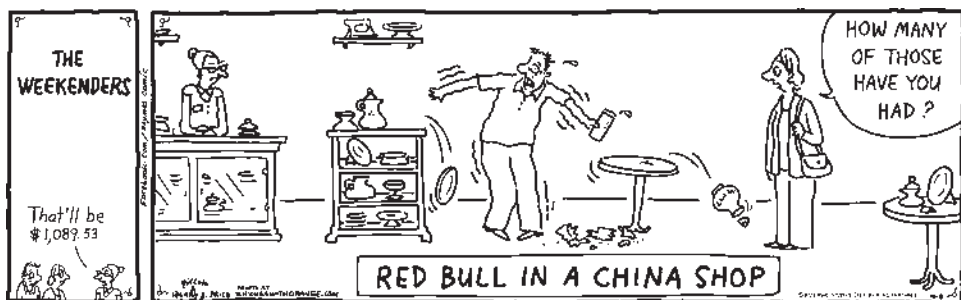
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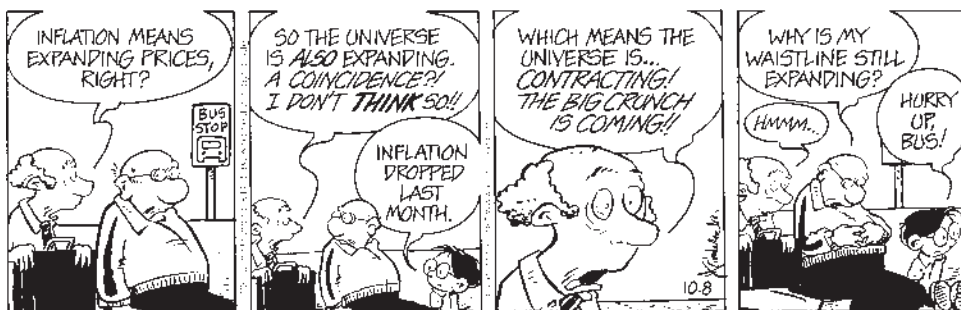
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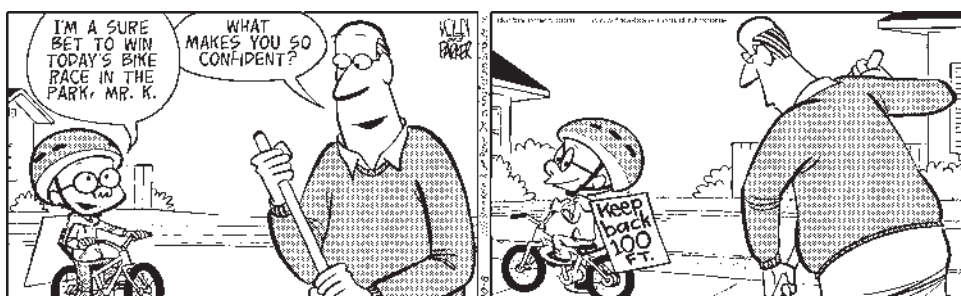
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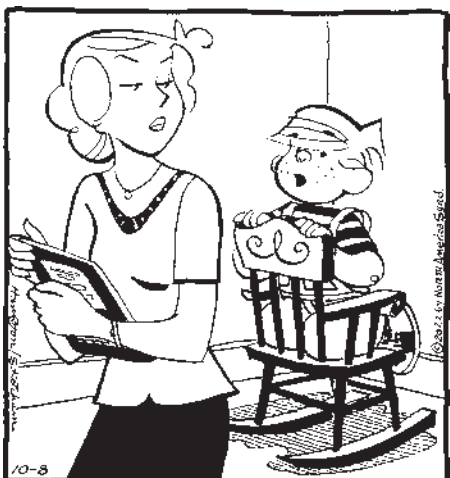
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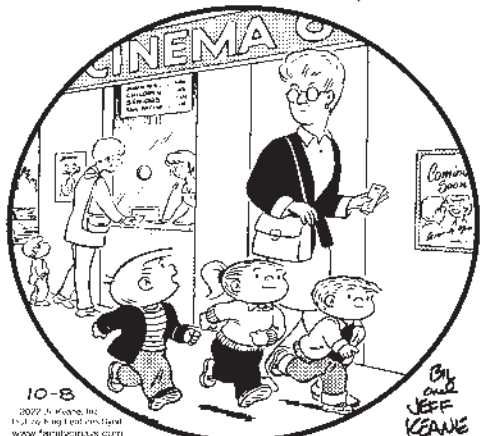
DENNIS THE MENACE

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"They're not makin' much on us, are they, Grandma? Three children and one senior."

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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MARVIN

BY TOM ARMSTRONG



THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST & JOHN REINER



"WHEN LEROY ASKED 'WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?' SHE SAID 'STOP!'"

SUDOKU

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

Concepts Sudoku

By Dave Green

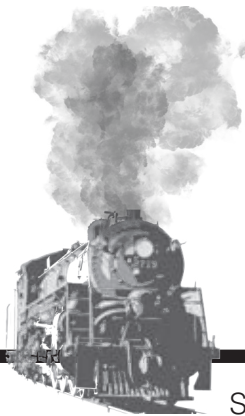
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Answer to previous puzzle

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Tigers show defensive resolve in 1-0 defeat

By Bryan Everson
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A late penalty conceded undid an otherwise stout defensive effort by Smith-Cotton, who lost 1-0 Thursday night to William Chrisman at Susie Ditzfeld Memorial Field.

The Tigers entangled Bears sophomore Mauricio inside the penalty box to give the visitors an opportunity to win from the spot, which junior Adrian Cisneros delivered upon, beating S-C goalkeeper Kamryn Bridges for the game-winning goal with 2:38 remaining.

When called upon to that point, Bridges rose to the task and the defense in front of him did well to clear balls back up the field as well.

"The back line has played really well pretty much all year, our biggest problem is that we just can't seem to counter," S-C head coach Ethan Weller said. "A lot of that is just inability to string

together passes. In year's past, we've been able to string four or five passes together down the field. We have a lot of bad habits -- cutting into defenders, holding on a touch too long -- things like that hold us back. I have no idea why. We've played soccer our whole lives [laughs]."

There were passages in the second half where the offense showed promise against the Bears (7-6-1). Senior Eddie Alvarez had his shot blocked off the line by a defender after the opposing goalkeeper came off his mark six minutes into the second half, arguably the best A-grade chance for S-C. But when the Tigers (4-12-2) worked the ball on the counter into the attacking half of the field, oftentimes that through ball to a runner behind the line was too heavy to connect for a potential

1-v-1 with the goalie.

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Smith-Cotton sophomore Juan Ubaldo frees himself on the ball in the first half of Thursday afternoon's match against William Chrisman.

PHOTOS BY BRYAN EVERSON | DEMOCRAT



St. Louis Cardinals' Nolan Arenado reacts after flying out during the fourth inning in Game 1 of a National League wild card baseball playoff series against the Philadelphia Phillies, Friday, Oct. 7, 2022, in St. Louis.

PHOTO BY JEFF ROBERSON | AP PHOTO

Phillies' 6-run ninth tops Cardinals

By Dave Skretta
AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Philadelphia scored six times in the ninth inning off the stingy St. Louis bullpen, highlighted by a bases-loaded single by Jean Segura, and the Phillies beat the NL Central champion Cardinals 6-3 on Friday in the

opening game of their National League wild-card series.

The Cardinals, who were 74-3 on the season when leading after eight innings, were poised to put away another close game after Juan Ypez connected for the first go-ahead pinch-hit homer in franchise history

with two outs in the seventh inning.

But after struggling all afternoon against José Quintana and the St. Louis bullpen, the Phillies finally got their powerful offense going against Ryan Helsley. JT Realmuto began the ninth-inning rally with a single,

See RUN | 15A

Guardians take WC opener

By Tom Withers
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Guardians were certain of two things: José Ramírez would deliver, and Amed Rosario touched second base.

Cleveland's kids were right.

Ramírez connected for a two-run homer, Shane Bieber dominated Tampa Bay for 7 2/3 innings and the young Guardians played with poise in their postseason debut, beating the Rays

2-1 in the wild-card opener on Friday.

Ramírez's shot off Tampa's Shane McCannahan in the sixth inning — the Rays initially appealed whether Rosario stepped on second — helped Cleveland end an eight-game postseason losing streak and left baseball's youngest team one win from advancing in its first season as the Guardians.

Though short on experience, the Guardians seem to have everything else.

"At this point we're dealing with what we got

in that clubhouse," Bieber said, brushing off the team's youth. "And that's a winning ballclub."

Bieber, rocked in his only other playoff appearance two years ago by the Yankees, was spectacular, allowing just three hits and striking out eight before being lifted the eighth to a thunderous ovation.

Emmanuel Clase took it from there, getting four outs for his first postseason save and finishing a game that took just 2 hours,

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Cleveland Guardians' Jose Ramirez, center, waves to the fans from the dugout following his two-run home run in the sixth inning of a wild card baseball playoff game against the Tampa Bay Rays, Friday, Oct. 7, 2022, in Cleveland.

PHOTO BY DAVID DERMER | AP PHOTO

England women beat US 2-1 in statement victory at Wembley



United States' Sophia Smith challenges for the ball with England's Millie Bright, bottom, during the women's friendly soccer match between England and the US at Wembley stadium in London, Friday, Oct. 7, 2022.

PHOTO BY KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH | AP PHOTO

By The Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Ten weeks after conquering Europe, England women proclaimed themselves ready for even more after beating the world champion United States 2-1 in a friendly at Wembley Stadium on Friday.

Lauren Hemp and Georgia Stanway scored to help England beat the U.S. for the first time since 2017 and less than 10 months before the Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand.

Stanway's penalty in the 33rd minute put the hosts in front for good before 76,893 fans. Victory extended En-

gland's unbeaten run to 23 games under coach Sarina Wiegman.

"It was a great result," Hemp told broadcaster ITV. "There's a lot of preparation now for the World Cup. It's important that we stay grounded."

England, which won the European championship in late July, took the lead in the 10th when Beth Mead sent a low cross into the box. U.S. defender Alana Cook tried to make a sliding block but the ball wiggled through to Hemp, who finished from close range.

The Americans equalized just before the half-hour mark. Millie Bright tried to pass out of the back to

a tightly covered Stanway, and Lindsey Horan poked the ball forward to Sophia Smith, who turned and fired low to the left corner past a diving Mary Earps.

Stanway made amends from the spot, though, shooting the ball into the right corner as goalkeeper Alyssa Naeyer went the wrong way.

Minutes later, the visitors thought they tied the game again but Trinity Rodman's strike was ruled out for offside.

England and the U.S. wore teal armbands in solidarity with sexual abuse victims and together held a banner that read "Protect the Players" just before kickoff.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Saturday

ON TAP COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER

3 p.m. East Central College at State Fair Community College

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

1 p.m. East Central College at State Fair Community College

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

9 a.m. Kaysinger Conference Tournament Bracket Play (at Cole Camp)

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SWIMMING

Smith-Cotton at Platte County Tournament

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Smith-Cotton at Capital City Invitational

Northwest at Lexington

Green Ridge, Otterville, Sacred Heart at Brian T Simpson Invite

Stover at Butler with Adrian

Smithton at Harrisburg

Capital City at Tipton

ON AIR

AUTO RACING

11:30 a.m. USA — NASCAR Cup Series: Qualifying, Playoffs - Round of 12, Charlotte Motor Speedway Road Course, Concord, N.C.

2:30 p.m. NBC — NASCAR Xfinity Series: The Drive for the Cure 250, Playoffs - Round of 12, Charlotte Motor Speedway Road Course, Concord, N.C.

11:55 p.m. ESPN2 — Formula 1: The Honda Japanese Grand Prix, Suzuka International Racing Course, Suzuka, Japan

BOXING

9 p.m. SHO — Showtime Championship: Sebastian Fundora vs. Carlos Ocampo (Super-Welterweights), Carson, Calif.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

11 a.m. ABC — Texas vs. Oklahoma, Dallas

ACCN — Louisville at Virginia

BTN — Purdue at Maryland

CBSSN — E. Michigan at W. Michigan

ESPN — Tennessee at LSU

ESPN2 — Missouri at Florida

FOX — Michigan at Indiana

FS1 — TCU at Kansas

SECN — Arkansas at Mississippi St.

2:30 p.m. ACCN — Virginia Tech at Pittsburgh

BTN — Wisconsin at Northwestern

CBS — Auburn at Georgia

CBSSN — Tulsa at Navy

ESPN2 — East Carolina at Tulane

FOX — Utah at UCLA

FS1 — Texas Tech at Oklahoma St.

3 p.m. ABC — Ohio St. at Michigan St.

ESPN2 — North Carolina at Miami

PAC-12N — Washington at Arizona St.

SECN — Mississippi at Vanderbilt

6 p.m. CBSSN — Wyoming at New Mexico

FS1 — Air Force at Utah St.

NFLN — James Madison at Arkansas St.

6:30 p.m. ABC — Clemson at Boston College

BTN — Iowa at Illinois

ESPN2 — Kansas St. at Iowa St.

FOX — Washington St. at Southern Cal

NBC — Notre Dame vs. BYU, Las Vegas

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SECN — South Carolina at Kentucky

7 p.m. ACCN — Florida St. at NC State

CBS — Texas A&M at Alabama

8 p.m. PAC-12N — Oregon at Arizona

8:45 p.m. FS1 — Fresno St. at Boise St.

9:30 p.m. CBSSN — Hawaii at San Diego St.

10 p.m. ESPN — Oregon St. at Stanford

ESPN2 — Jackson St. at Alabama St. (Taped)

FISHING

7 a.m. FS1 — Bassmaster Opens: The 2022 St. Croix Bassmaster Southern Open at Lake Hartwell, Anderson, S.C.

GOLF

6:30 a.m. GOLF — DP World Tour: The Open de España, Third Round, Club de Campo Villa de Madrid, Madrid

10:30 a.m. ESPNEWS — PGA Juniors: The Junior League Championship, Grayhawk GC, Scottsdale, Ariz.

1 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: The Constellation Furyk & Friends, Second Round, Timuquana Country Club, Jacksonville, Fla.

4 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour: The Shriners Hospitals For Children Open, Third Round, TPC Summerlin, Las Vegas

8 p.m. GOLF — LPGA

Tour: The Mediheal Championship, Third Round, The Saticoy Club, Somis, Calif. (Taped)

11:30 a.m. FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races

4 p.m. CNBC — The Thoroughbred Club Stakes: From Caulfield Racecourse, Caulfield East, Australia

11 a.m. ESPN2 — A.L. Wild Card Series: Tampa Bay at Cleveland, Game 2

3 p.m. ESPN — A.L. Wild Card Series: Seattle at Toronto, Game 2

6:30 p.m. ESPN — N.L. Wild Card Series: San Diego at NY Mets, Game 2

7:30 p.m. ESPN2 — N.L. Wild Card Series: Philadelphia at St. Louis, Game 2

11 a.m. NBATV — Preseason: Atlanta vs. Milwaukee, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

1 p.m. NHLN — Global Series: Nashville vs. San Jose, Prague

5 p.m. NHLN — Preseason: Dallas at Minnesota

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6 p.m. PAC-12N — Oregon at Washington

6:30 a.m. GOLF — DP World Tour: The Open de España, Final Round, Club de Campo Villa de Madrid, Madrid

1 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: The Constellation Furyk & Friends, Final Round, Timuquana Country Club, Jacksonville, Fla.

3 p.m. ESPN2 — PGA Juniors: The Junior League Championship, Grayhawk GC, Scottsdale, Ariz.

4 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour: The Shriners Hospitals For Children Open, Final Round, TPC Summerlin, Las Vegas

8 p.m. GOLF — LPGA Tour: The Mediheal Championship, Third Round, The Saticoy Club, Somis, Calif. (Taped)

11:30 a.m. FS1 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races

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4 p.m. CNBC — The Juddmonte Spinster Stakes: From Keeneland Race Course, Lexington, Ky.

1 p.m. ABC — A.L. Wild Card Series: Seattle at Toronto, Game 3 (If Necessary)

3 p.m. ESPN — A.L.

Wild Card Series: Tampa Bay at Cleveland, Game 3 (If Necessary)

6:30 p.m. ESPN — N.L. Wild Card Series: San Diego at NY Mets, Game 3 (If Necessary)

7:30 p.m. ESPN2 — N.L. Wild Card Series: Philadelphia at St. Louis, Game 3 (If Necessary)

5 p.m. NBATV — Preseason: Atlanta at Milwaukee

7:30 p.m. NBATV — Preseason: LA Lakers at Golden State

8:30 a.m. NFLN — NY Giants vs. Green Bay, London

Noon CBS — Regional Coverage: Pittsburgh at Buffalo, LA Chargers at Cleveland, Miami at NY Jets, Tennessee at Washington, Houston at Jacksonville

FOX — Regional Coverage: Chicago at Minnesota, Detroit at New England, Seattle at New Orleans, Atlanta at Tampa Bay

3:05 p.m. CBS — Regional Coverage: San Francisco at Carolina

3:25 p.m. FOX — Regional Coverage: Dallas at LA Rams OR Philadelphia at Arizona

7:15 p.m. NBC — Cincinnati at Baltimore

2 p.m. CBS — Regional Coverage: PBR Team Series: The PBR Rattler Days, Game of the Week, Fort Worth, Texas

5 p.m. CBSSN — PBR Team Series: The PBR Rattler Days, Day 3, Fort Worth, Texas

8 a.m. CNBC — Premier League: Fulham at West Ham United

USA — Premier League: Leeds United at Crystal Palace

10:30 a.m. USA — Premier League: Liverpool at Arsenal

1 p.m. USA — Premier League: Manchester United at Everton

1:30 p.m. FS1 — MLS: Columbus Crew at Orlando City SC

4 p.m. ESPN2 — MLS: Salt Lake at Portland

2:30 a.m. TENNIS — Tokyo-ATP Singles Final

5:30 a.m. TENNIS — Nur-Sultan-ATP, Ostrava-WTA, Monastir-WTA Singles Finals

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HOROSCOPES

By Georgia Nicols

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping and important decisions from 7 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. EDT today (4 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Pisces into Aries.

Happy Birthday for Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022:

You are a creative person who is a charming conversationalist. People like you. You are talented in many areas. You are casual yet decisive. This year is about service, especially to family. Therefore, you have to take care of yourself so you can be a support to others. Is it time for a makeover?

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)

★★★★ After the Moon moves into Aries today, you have that feeling that everything is just fine! You're happy! This is why you will feel generous to others and want to help wherever you can. Others will respond in kind. This is a good thing. Tonight: You win!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ This is an excellent day for meditation, introspection and quiet time to think about your values. You also might entertain lighter ideas and decide what makes you happy. What can you do to give yourself a treat today? (You love good food and drink.) Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ This is a wonderful day to relate to groups and organizations. Time spent with a friend will be rewarding. If you have to speak to a group, you will be convincing. In fact, you can expect support from others because you will rally them to your cause. Tonight: Be friendly!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You make a wonderful impression on others today. Everyone, especially bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs, will see you as successful, affluent, generous and kind. (It sounds a bit much, doesn't it?) Nevertheless, enjoy your good press. Tonight: You are noticed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Today you're keen to travel or have a change of scenery because you want adventure and stimulation in your life! If you can't travel, then go someplace you've never been before. It will also excite you to learn something fascinating or meet interesting people. Tonight: Explore!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ If you're dealing with financial matters today -- especially related to debt, inheritances or important insurance issues -- do not sign anything important during the Moon Alert. However, these discussions will tend to go your way because you will attract favors and wealth to you today. Tonight: Check your finances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ This is an excellent day to talk to large groups, because you will easily establish a strong rapport with others. You will intuitively know what to say so they agree with you. Today you will get what you give, especially in terms of kindness and friendship. Tonight: Cooperate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You feel invigorated today. You might have affectionate, playful times with a pet that give you joy. Look for ways to improve your job or get a better job, because they exist. However, agree to nothing important during the Moon Alert. Wait until it's over. Tonight: Work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ This is a great day to schmooze and have fun. In particular, you will enjoy activities with groups or interacting with the general public. This is also a wonderful day to participate in or watch sports events, as well as fun activities with kids. Tonight: Play!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Entertain at home today, because people are in an upbeat mood. Furthermore, they are generous, which means everyone is open to helping each other. By extension, some of you might discover a profitable real estate deal today. (Check the Moon Alert.) Tonight: Cocoon.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Because you are optimistic and upbeat today, you will enjoy hanging out with relatives, neighbors and siblings, mainly because they will enjoy hanging out with you. This is a great day for a short trip. It is also a good time to study or learn something new. Tonight: Conversations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You might see ways to boost your income today, to make a profit or to increase your wealth in some way, because these opportunities do exist. However, do nothing during the Moon Alert. Wait until it's over. Tonight: Money deals.

BORN TODAY

Singer-songwriter Bruno Mars (1985), actor Matt Damon (1970), actress Emily Procter (1968)



Ryan Blaney (12) leads the field through the tri-oval during a NASCAR Cup Series auto race Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022, in Talladega, Ala. PHOTO BY BUTCH DILL | AP PHOTO

NASCAR teams call revenue model 'broken,' warn of layoffs

By Jenna Fryer

AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The most powerful teams in NASCAR warned Friday that the venerable stock car racing series has a "broken" economic model that is unfair and has little to no chance of long-term stability, a stunning announcement that added to a growing list of woes.

The Cup Series is heading into the Charlotte Motor Speedway road course playoff elimination race Sunday with three full-time drivers sidelined with injuries suffered in NASCAR's new car and no clear answer as to how to fix the safety concerns.

With just five races left in the championship chase, it got much worse as teams went public with their year-long fight with NASCAR over equitable revenue distribution.

"The economic model is really broken for the teams," said Curtis Polk, who as Michael Jordan's longtime business manager now holds an ownership stake in both the Charlotte Hornets and the two-car 23XI Racing team Jordan and Denny Hamlin field in NASCAR.

"We've gotten to the point where teams realize the sustainability in the sport is not very long term," Polk said. "This is not a fair system."

The Race Team Alliance was formed in 2014 to give teams a unified voice in negotiations with the sanctioning body. A four-member subcommittee outlined their concerns at a Charlotte hotel, with Polk joined by Jeff Gordon, the four-time

NASCAR champion and vice chairman of Hendrick Motorsports, RFK Racing President Steve Newmark, and Dave Alpern, the president of Joe Gibbs Racing.

Hendrick and Gibbs have won six of last seven Cup Series championships dating to 2015, but Gordon said the four-car Hendrick lineup, the most powerful in the industry, has not had a profitable season in years. It will again lose money this season despite NASCAR's cost-cutting Next Gen car.

"I have a lot of fears that sustainability is going to be a real challenge," Gordon said.

NASCAR issued a statement acknowledging "the challenges currently facing race teams." "A key focus moving forward is an extension to the charter agreement, one that will further increase revenue and help lower team expenses," NASCAR said. "Collectively, the goal is a strong, healthy sport, and we will accomplish that together."

Led by Polk, whose role with the Hornets brings familiarity with the NBA's franchise model, the RTA in June presented NASCAR with a seven-point plan on a new revenue sharing model. The proposal "sat there for months and we told NASCAR we'd like a counteroffer," Polk said.

He did not disclose the seven points other than noting that team sustainability and longevity were priorities. The committee said they are open to all ideas, including a spending cap like that in Formula One.

"We are amenable to whatever gets us to a

conceptual new structure," Newmark said.

NASCAR's counteroffer offered "a minimal increase in revenue and emphasis on cost-cutting," Polk said.

The team alliance was unanimous in that the only place left to cut costs is layoffs.

"We've already had substantial cuts. We are doing more with less than we ever have in 30 years," Alpern said.

The battle over costs has simmered for years. In 2016, NASCAR adopted a charter system for 36 cars that is as close to a franchise model as possible in a sport that was founded by and independently owned by the France family. The charters at least gave the teams something of value to hold — or sell — and protect their investment in the sport.

The team business model is still heavily dependant on sponsorship, which the teams must individually secure. Newmark said sponsorship covers between 60% to 80% of the budgets for all 16 chartered organizations.

Because sponsorship is so vital, teams are desperate for financial relief elsewhere and have asked NASCAR for "distribution from the league to cover our baseline costs," Newmark said.

The current charter agreement expires at the end of the 2024 season, the same time that NASCAR's current television deals expire.

Although TV money is split between NASCAR, teams and the tracks, the committee found that the value of the teams is just 7% while the tracks and NASCAR have 93% of the value.

Polk noted that in Formula One, all revenue is split 50-50 between the teams and series ownership.

Mars Inc., which first entered NASCAR in 1990, late last year decided this season would be its last and JGR spent the last nine months trying to find a new sponsor to keep Kyle Busch, the only winner of multiple championships at the Cup level. Busch has since signed with Richard Childress Racing and will leave JGR after 15 seasons as Toyota's winningest NASCAR driver.

"We have become full-time fundraisers," Alpern said. "Instead of working on our business, we're raising money just to exist."

Polk said the teams will honor the charter agreements through 2024. But in negotiating a new charter agreement, the teams are demanding more.

"NASCAR is a money-printing machine," Polk said. "But the teams and the drivers are the ones putting on the show."

NASCAR is now under fire from nearly every angle as drivers remain angry over some recent penalties and the stiffness of the new Next Gen car blamed for causing unprecedented injuries. What should have been routine crashes into the wall have sidelined both Alex Bowman and Kurt Busch with concussions, and Cody Shane Ware opted out of Sunday's race because of a broken foot.

NASCAR has tested potential adjustments for the car and will present the findings to drivers Saturday morning ahead of practice at Charlotte.

Kansas announces plans for major football renovations

By Dave Skretta

AP Sports Writer

The University of Kansas announced plans Friday for long-awaited renovations to Memorial Stadium, the Anderson Family Football Complex and other facilities along with potential conference, entertainment and retail spaces.

The school has long studied ways to renovate the aging stadium, one of the oldest football venues in major college football, but support has been tepid as the Jayhawks struggled through year after year of losing seasons. The few upgrades that have taken place have been largely cosmetic, leaving the old concrete bowl almost entirely untouched.

But buoyed by a 5-0 start to the season, which

has energized fans of the No. 19 Jayhawks, the school decided it was time to make public the behind-the-scenes discussions that have been taking place for the last several months.

"This project is unmatched in its vision to benefit a broad range of KU constituents while signaling a new era for Kansas football," Jayhawks athletic director Travis Goff said. "Once complete, this project will ensure our football program has the facilities it needs to compete at the highest level and provide the best possible game-day experience for student-athletes and fans. Moreover, we are thrilled this project goes beyond football to benefit the entire university and the region."

The Jayhawks face No.

17 TCU on Saturday in a showdown of unbeaten. It is the third consecutive sellout for the school, and ESPN has brought its popular "College Gameday" program to campus for the first time.

The project comes during a transformative era in college sports, where the appeal of schools amid conference realignment — even at Kansas, the defending men's basketball national champion — has been dictated almost entirely by football.

Kansas has chosen HNTB as the lead architect for its project. It will begin early next year with renovations to the football complex that are designed to improve the student-athlete experience, along with appealing to potential recruits, and

include groundwork for the bigger renovation to the stadium.

The project, which is expected to cost more than \$300 million, will be funded primarily through private donations, economic development funds, premium seating sales and future development opportunities on site.

"The intersection near 11th and Mississippi streets is a primary campus entrance for prospective students, alumni and guests," Kansas Chancellor Douglas Girod said. "For these reasons, it's the ideal location to develop a new gateway with multi-use facilities to better serve these audiences, generate revenue for academic programming, drive economic growth in the region, and reimagine our football facilities."



Denver Broncos offensive tackle Garrett Bolles is carted off the field after an injury against the Indianapolis Colts during the second half of an NFL football game, Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022, in Denver. PHOTO BY JACK DEMPSEY | AP PHOTO

Broncos lose Bolles, Darby to season-ending injuries

By Arnie Stapleton
AP Pro Football Writer

The Denver Broncos lost two more starters to season-ending injuries when medical tests Friday morning revealed left tackle Garrett Bolles (lower leg) and cornerback Ronald Darby (ACL) need surgery.

They were injured in Denver's 12-9 loss to the Indianapolis Colts on Thursday night, just four days after the Broncos lost star running back Javonte Williams to a right knee injury in a loss at Las Vegas.

Darby was off to a terrific start this season and Bolles was the Broncos' best offensive lineman. Williams was their leading rusher last year and this year and the Broncos (2-3) lost last year's leading receiver, Tim Patrick, to a torn ACL in August.

A torn ACL also ended Darby's 2018 season with the Philadelphia Eagles.

The eighth-year cornerback left late in the first half Thursday night after collecting two tackles and break-

ing up a pass. On the season, he had 14 tackles, three pass breakups and a forced fumble.

Bolles was carted off the field with a towel draped over his head after injuring his right leg in the second half. He's been the picture of stability on Denver's O-line since he was selected in the first round in 2017.

He's only missed four games, one in 2020 and three last season.

"That's part of this game, and as a coach, I can't control it. I can only move forward. I can only go to the drawing board and grind and try to find ways to put people in good positions with the new guys that are going to have to go in there," coach Nathaniel Hackett said Friday. "We have to find a way to make those guys successful. I mean, that's our job."

"And it crushes me because they're such good guys and they've worked so hard," Hackett added. "And you know, we're 2-3 right now and it's not where we wanted to be but that's where we are. And I feel bad for those

guys that they can't be part of bringing us out of this, but they are going to be there for us."

Calvin Anderson replaced Bolles at left tackle in the game. Hackett said right tackle Billy Turner, the only active non-QB who didn't get into the game, could have played but he wanted to give him more time as he works his way back from an offseason knee operation.

Turner has missed all five games so far but has been on the 53-man roster all season because Hackett expected him back last month and chose not to put him on IR to free up his roster spot.

Hackett got better news Friday on inside linebacker Josey Jewell (sprained knee), who is week-to-week, and outside linebacker Baron Browning, who is day-to-day with a sprained wrist.

The Broncos have a quasi-bye week now because their next game isn't until Monday night, Oct. 17, against the Chargers in Los Angeles.

Tigers

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"Those are the little things that hold you back," Weller said. "You put two or three passes together, and [the last pass is] too heavy, or the ball should be played on the ground and we play in the air, or visa-versa. It's just something we've continued to do to ourselves."

Through the struggles of averaging just a half-goal, Thursday's game was another example of the

back line being the Tigers' strength this season. They've allowed just 1.4 goals this season, down 1.2 over 2021.

"We feel like the back line holds it together to set balls up [offensively]," S-C senior center back Jesus Martinez said. "We've played tough teams, but we feel like we can clear [balls] out. We keep our minds positive. We can't let ourselves down."

Carlos Alejo scored both of S-C's goals on set pieces in the recent Kickapoo Tournament, where the Tigers fell to three good teams in Nixa,

Glendale (No. 2 in Class 3 Power Rankings) and Waynesville, but even then the defense did its job of putting out its share of fires.

"We went to Kickapoo and played Nixa 1-0, Glendale 3-1, and the other team had the ball 70, 80% of the time," Weller said. "The back line's done a good job stepping up when they've needed to."

The Tigers host Center on Monday before beginning a four-game road trip. After that they'll return home for two home games before district play.



Tigers senior defender Mason King looks up the pitch while dribbling in the second half of Thursday's game. PHOTO BY BRYAN EVERSON | DEMOCRAT

Josh Jacobs proving his worth to Raiders with rushing game

By W.G. Ramirez
Associated Press

HENDERSON, Nev. (AP) — When Las Vegas Raiders running back Josh Jacobs took the field for the first two series of the Hall of Fame Game in August, questions arose about whether he was going to be a part of first-year coach Josh McDaniels' offensive structure.

"I definitely sat there when they told me that I was playing, I was just like, 'Damn OK, well ... I'm about to go put on a show now,'" Jacobs said Wednesday. "I might as well go in and get my couple reps and whatever I do with it, kind of just stamp it."

After all, Jacobs' fifth-year option wasn't picked up, and he was coming off a season that was littered with injuries to his toe, ankle and chest.

Plus, with Davante Adams arriving in the offseason, there were also questions about how relevant the running game might be with the Raiders.

Fast forward to last Sunday, when the Raiders earned their first win of the season, it's quite clear Jacobs and the running game are every bit a part of McDaniels' scheme.

Jacobs ran for a career-high 144 yards and two

touchdowns in Las Vegas' 32-23 victory over AFC West-rival Denver.

"I always have the best seat," Raiders quarterback Derek Carr said. "Sometimes he makes some cuts and I'm like, 'I don't know how you saw that one.'"

Carr said watching Jacobs scat as he does, making defenders miss, and creating things just when a play seems dead, generally breathes life into the offensive unit, providing a spark at the right time.

Jacobs' 28 rushing attempts against the Broncos tied for the second-most in his career. And though he admitted he got tired at times, he was prepared to carry the workload no matter how big.

"I've been around some guys that run two or three carries and then give you one of these (taps helmet) and come out for a play or two," Raiders coach Josh McDaniels said. "J.J. just doesn't have that; he wants to stay out there. It's almost like he gets better as the drive goes."

Jacobs said working on his body during the offseason and switching up his diet allowed him to establish lean muscle mass while recuperating his body and preparing for the rigors of a 17-game

season.

When the team announced the fifth-year option that would have cost roughly \$8 million wasn't being picked up, he used it as motivation to prove what he is capable of on the field.

"I wasn't really too much worried about (it)," Jacobs said. "In any offense the run game, really, it's the heartbeat of the offense. It gets everything else going. I know the things that I do, I know the value that I bring, and I just try to show that to the guys each and every day. And I feel like if I do that, then everything else will take care of itself."

Jacobs heads into Week 5 ranked fifth in the league with 336 yards rushing and 84.0 yards per game. His 70 rushing attempts rank seventh highest in the league, and his teammates are well aware he can shoulder the burden in any given game, including Monday's showdown in Kansas City against the first-place Chiefs.

"If you're a team that wants to be balanced, and to establish how tough you are as a team, you got to be able to run the ball well and you got to be able to stop the run," Adams said.

Falcons' Pitts ruled out against Bucs with hamstringing injury

By The Associated Press

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. (AP) — Atlanta Falcons tight end Kyle Pitts will miss Sunday's game at Tampa Bay with a hamstringing injury.

Pitts has 10 catches for 150 yards in Atlanta's first four games. He missed practice all week, including Friday.

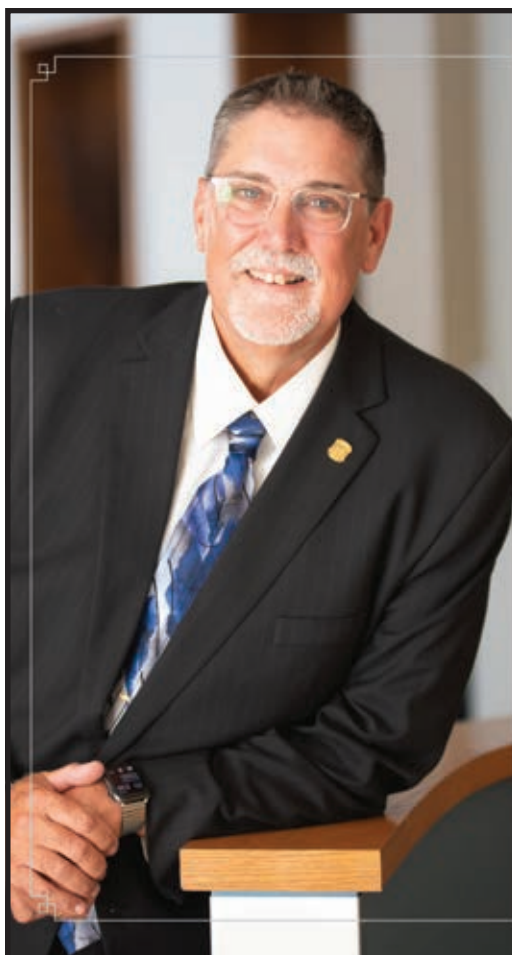
Pitts is the second prominent member of the Falcons' offense to be ruled out. Leading rusher Cordarrelle Patterson was placed on injured reserve on Monday. Patterson had what coach Arthur Smith described as a minor knee procedure and will miss at least four games.

Rookie Tyler Allgeier and Caleb Huntley are

expected to be Atlanta's top running backs against the Buccaneers.

Pitts had 68 catches for 1,026 yards as a rookie in 2021, setting a team record for yards receiving as a tight end.

Parker Hesse, Anthony Firkser and converted quarterback Feleipe Franks are Atlanta's options at tight end.



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Run

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and walks for Bryce Harper and Nick Castellanos loaded the bases before the All-Star closer plunked Alec Bohm to score a run.

The Cardinals training staff came out to check on Helsley, who had jammed the middle finger on his pitching hand earlier in the week in Pittsburgh. He tried to throw another warmup pitch but was pulled for Andre Pallante, who gave up Segura's hit through the right side of the infield that put Philadelphia in front.

Edmundo Sosa added a run when he brazenly scored on Bryson Stott's grounder to first base, and Brandon Marsh drove in another run when a tough hop got past Cardinals shortstop Paul DeJong.

By the time Kyle Schwarber added a sacrifice fly, Phillies reliever Zach Eflin had plenty of wiggle room in the ninth.

It looked as if Eflin might need it, too, when Nolan Arenado and Dylan Carlson reached base and Nolan Gorman hit a two-out single to right. But Eflin responded by striking Yadier Molina to end the game, leaving Philadelphia a win away from facing NL East champion

Atlanta in the divisional round.

There was a sentimental breeze sweeping through Busch Stadium before the game. Ozzie Smith cheerfully walked to the mound to deliver a ceremonial first pitch, and if the flag-waving Cardinals fans packed into every nook and cranny closed their eyes during introductions, they might have thought they were watching a game a generation ago.

After all, some familiar faces were in the lineup from the last time St. Louis and Philadelphia met in the playoffs.

That was 11 years ago to the day Friday, when the Cardinals beat the Phillies in a dramatic

pitchers' duel between Chris Carpenter and Roy Halladay in Game 5 of the NL divisional series. Molina and Albert Pujols played for St. Louis that night while erstwhile ace Adam Wainwright, pitching out of the bullpen this series, also was there to celebrate.

Just like that night in Philadelphia, pitching dominated most of Friday's series opener.

Quintana, who arrived in a deadline trade from Pittsburgh, was masterful for the Cardinals, allowing only a single to Matt Vierling and a double to Bohm while pitching into the sixth. His day was done after fanning Schwarber for the second time on

his 75th pitch, handing the game over to a relief corps that had been downright dominant this season.

Zack Wheeler was the equal of Quintana, allowing a leadoff single to Lars Nootbaar and nothing else until Tommy Edman's leadoff single in the sixth. Edman was left stranded on third when Paul Goldschmidt grounded out.

Wheeler departed after retiring Arenado to start the seventh. He struck out four and walked one on 96 pitches, his most since Aug. 20, shortly before the right-hander landed on the injured list with forearm tendinitis.

Then it came down to the bullpens, and

the Phillies managed to overcome one of the best in the game.

UP NEXT

The Phillies will try for the wild-card sweep on Saturday night when they send right-hander Aaron Nola (11-13, 3.25 ERA) to the mound. He was stellar his last time out against Houston in clinching Philadelphia's wild-card playoff spot.

The Cardinals will turn to right-hander Miles Mikolas (12-13, 3.29 ERA) to force a decisive Game 3. Mikolas struggled in a tune-up out of the bullpen in Pittsburgh but allowed one earned run over his last two starts.

Opener

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17 minutes — the fastest in the postseason since 1999 and Cleveland's quickest since its World Series-clinching win in 1948.

Jose Siri homered for the Rays, who dropped their sixth straight game overall and turn to starter Tyler Glasnow in Game 2 on Saturday to keep their season alive. The series winner plays the AL East champion New York in the Division Series starting Tuesday in the Bronx.

With 17 players making MLB debuts this season, the Guardians entered the playoffs unsure of what to expect. Fortunately, Ramirez and Bieber had been here before, and both came through for the AL Cen-

tral champions.

With Cleveland down 1-0 and running out of outs, Ramirez delivered — as usual.

"Nothing surprises me," Rosario said of his teammate, who is batting .455 with homer and six RBIs in his last three playoff games. "For me, he's the best player in baseball."

Rosario singled with one out and Ramirez, a four-time All-Star who finished second to Aaron Judge in RBIs in the AL this season, drove a 1-1 changeup over the wall for just his second postseason homer in 97 at-bats.

However, as the red-towel waving fans in Progressive Field screamed, Rays manager Kevin Cash appealed whether Rosario missed second. TV replays showed him slowing and touching the bag, but that didn't give Guard-

ians manager Terry Francona any comfort as the Rays proceeded to challenge.

"When they start huddling like that, you start to get a little nervous," he said.

Cash couldn't tell whether Rosario missed the bag.

"It was kind of grainy," he said. "But it certainly looked like there was reason to take a look at it and let's see what New York had to say."

While the umpires waited for an official ruling, the crowd spontaneously sang "Jose ... Jose ... Jose," like never before, prompting Ramirez to pop out for a curtain call. The home run stood and Cleveland had a slim lead it protected.

McClanahan has given up just two homers all season on changeups.

"Shane's pitch," Cash lamented.

McClanahan knew he made a mistake.

"Left it up," the left-hander said. "He's such a good hitter, you're not going to fool him with a bad pitch again in the same spot."

Tampa Bay didn't get its first hit of Bieber until the fifth, when Harold Ramirez bounced a single into center. But Bieber buckled down and got two outs before striking out Christian Bethancourt, the right-hander's third punch-out to end an inning.

When Francona pulled him in the eighth, Bieber left to roars and showed his appreciation by clapping into his glove.

"To hear that, to feed off that energy," Bieber said of Cleveland's crowd. "It seemed like every time there were two strikes they were willing a strikeout. And that felt great. Kind of helps me personally

elevate my game. I don't suspect I'm the only one on our team that feels that."

Bieber's only post-season appearance was equally forgettable. In 2020, when he won the AL Cy Young Award leading the league in wins, strikeouts and ERA, Bieber was tagged for seven runs in just 4 2/3 innings against the Yankees in the wild card. Aaron Judge hit a two-run homer off him in the first.

REELING RAYS

The Rays have scored just nine runs during their six-game slide.

Still, Cash believes his team will find a way to push the series to a third game.

"We need to be resilient," he said. "I'm very confident in this group that they will respond the way they need to and compete and give us a good opportunity to

win."

UP NEXT

Rays: Glasnow will be on a pitch count in his third start since returning from Tommy John surgery. It's his first postseason start since Game 5 of the 2020 World Series. The left-hander threw 64 pitches in his last outing and Cash will add one inning "and 15 to 20 more pitches" to Glasnow's workload. He's 2-5 with 6.56 ERA in eight postseason starts.

Guardians: McKenzie makes his first post-season start. The lanky right-hander went 2-0 with a 2.09 ERA in his last six starts, striking out 41 in 38 2/3 innings. More importantly, he only walked five after being plagued by wildness earlier this season.

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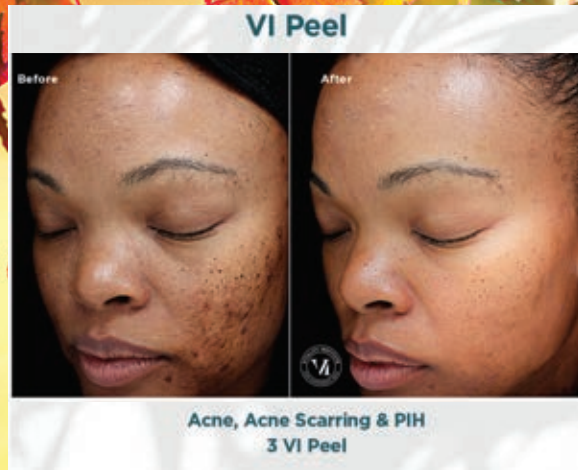
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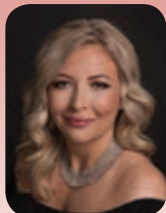
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Spreading awareness for breast cancer, regular screenings

October means many things — fall festivals, cooler weather, homecoming celebrations, and Halloween. It also means the appearance of pink in hospitals and communities across the country for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



Nicole Cooke
Democrat Editor

According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the United States, except for skin cancers. It accounts for about 30% of new female cancers each year.

American women have a 1 in 8 chance of developing breast cancer. But, the American Cancer Society also notes there are more than 3.8 million breast cancer survivors in the United States, which includes women being treated and those who completed treatment.

Breast cancer mainly occurs in middle-aged and older women. According to the ACS, the median age at the time of breast cancer diagnosis is 62. This means half of the women are 62 years old or younger when diagnosed; a very small number are younger than 45.

I talked with Shea Fijal, a nurse practitioner at the Western Missouri Cancer Center in Warrensburg, this week so I could help spread awareness to our readers.

Fijal is a Knob Noster native who received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Central Missouri and a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She's been a nurse practitioner for 10 years, and after spending time working in the inpatient side of an urban hospital, Fijal said she missed the long-term relationships with patients. That led her to work in oncology, and she joined the WMMC Cancer Center when it opened in April 2021.

"Here, I get to follow patients from, a lot of times, from before they're diagnosed," she said. "Having that relationship with them, I'm available for whatever they need. I get to know them and their families. It's a very rewarding experience.

"There are few times in your life when you are more vulnerable than when you are told you have cancer. So making that a little easier for patients is my goal."

Fijal works in collaboration with Dr. Jaswinder Singh to do a little of everything — see all the new patients, see patients who are getting chemotherapy and help manage their side effects, and offer supportive care, plus whatever else the patient might need.

"We really pride ourselves on exceptional care close to home. We can do almost all (cancer) treatments," Fijal said. "Occasionally, people have to go to a nearby city if they need to see a certain specialist we don't have, but most all of the tests, procedures and treatments revolving around their cancer care can be done right here."

Fijal said one of the main reasons people don't get a mammogram or delay talking to their primary care provider is they are simply nervous about hearing the word "cancer." She pointed out that cancer treatment has come "leaps and bounds from what it used to be."

"There are a lot of newer treatments now, a lot more options, targeted therapies; we have a lot of tools in our toolbox now," she said. "The longer you wait, the worse it can be. ... People really let fear keep them from getting cancer treatment. ... We're here to help them every step of the way and sure, sometimes people are really sick, but there are a lot of things we can do to make it easier for them."

Continued on 4B

Parks landscapers ready for cold snap

Freeze warning spells end to flowers and annuals

By Chris Howell
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With Saturday's temperatures predicted just above freezing, Shawna Yeager, Landscaping Supervisor with Sedalia Parks and Recreation, was busy Friday, taking cuttings, pulling bulbs, and collecting seeds for next year.

"The main things we do, pull the annuals, do some cuttings, save some seeds, dig up banana trees and elephant ears, the cannas, we cut those down earlier this week," Yeager said. "We let the base kind of dry and then we'll dig them out before winter, but they're fine until it gets really, really, cold."

Yeager and her crew of seven landscapers have stopped planting for the season and are now preparing beds. Along the West 16th Street median, the castor plants have grown as high as an elephant's eye and the elephant ears are as big as ... elephant ears. Traffic can barely see across the road in spots.

"These are castor beans and elephant ears," Yeager said. "They've gotten really, really, big, which is what we wanted. On this side anyway, there is no obstruction."

All the annual plants will be history with the next freeze and the bright shades of red, yellow and green will give way to drab browns.

"Today we're getting the beds cleaned up for the threat of frost tomorrow," Yeager said. "Most plants don't like it, the annuals don't like it, the sweet potatoes, if it does frost, they'll all have to be pulled Monday; we're going to kind of wait and see what happens."

Yeager clips large sections of a purple sweet-potato vine and drops them in a bucket of water to store in the greenhouse until they sprout roots and can



Sedalia Parks and Recreation Department landscaping supervisor Shawna Yeager is dwarfed by castor plants and elephant ears in the median of West 16th Street Friday. Saturday's potential frost could spell an end to the annual plants.

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be grown inside.

"We keep plants for next year," Yeager said. "Today, I'm going to get cuttings from those. These elephant ears, they're great big bulbs. We will dig those out, there's a big mass of new plants under there for next year we will save and keep them in the green-

house."

The castor plants have grown so large over the season that Yeager feared it might be a monumental task digging out the roots.

"We're going to get some seeds off of them and start them in the greenhouse later," Yeager said. "This compost is

great stuff. The Cannas, we cut those down earlier this week. We let the base kind of dry and then we'll dig them out before winter, but they're fine until it gets really, really cold."

"We did add a few mums in Katy Park," Yeager said. "We added mums and different later things around beds in previous years, but this year we just kind of did a few mums in Katy. We had such a warm spell for so long that it felt like summer the whole time. Fall kind of got cheated and now it's getting too cold."

Fall is the perfect time to plant trees. The Parks Department staff plants trees in remembrance of loved ones and as natural replacements for the city's arboreal assets.

"Yesterday, we did trees," Yeager said. "Parks has the Memorial Tree Program where you can donate \$200 to plant a tree in a loved one's name, so we did that yesterday. It's a great time for planting trees and they get nice and settled and cozied in for winter."

Oak wilt is a danger to Sedalia's oaks, and Yeager is keeping a watchful eye on the disease's progression.

"We recently confirmed the oak wilt in the park," Yeager said. "We have to be very proactive in treating, removing and keeping an eye on the oaks because it would be terrible to lose those great big 80-year-old oaks."

And with any gardening plan, new plants must come in every year.

"We try to plant 1,000 trees a year," Yeager said. "That's our goal, and right now, we're keeping up with it, so we're doing really well. We know trees die, so we just try to stay ahead of it."

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



Elephant ears in the Rose Garden at Liberty Park must have their bulbs pulled up soon to be stored in the greenhouse for next year. See more photos on 4B

BRL2GO SCHEDULE

Boonslick Regional Library Monday
No Run, Columbus Day.

Wednesday
9 a.m.: Applewood Christian School.
9:45 a.m. to noon: Lakeview, BB Bar and Restaurant.
1:15 to 3:45 p.m.: Warsaw, Walmart.

Friday
9 a.m.: St. Joseph Catholic School.
9:15 a.m.: Pilot Grove C-4 School.
9:30 to 11:45 a.m.: Bunceton.
1:30 p.m.: Prairie Home R-5 School.
1:40 to 3:45 p.m.: Prairie Home, Duncan's Diner.

POPULAR BOOKS

Boonslick Regional Library Fiction
"The House Party," by Rita Cameron.
"Drunk on Love," by Jasmine Guillory.
"The Attic Child," by Lola Jaye.
"Captive," by Iris Johansen.
"Hell and Back," by Craig Johnson.
"Fall Guy," by Archer Mayor.
"The Golden Enclaves," by Naomi Novik.
"The Girl from Guernica: A WWII Novel," by Karen Robards.
"Desperation in Death," by J.D. Robb.
"The Butcher and the Wren," by Alaina Urquhart.

Nonfiction
"Sacred Nature: Restoring Our Ancient Bond with the Natural World," by Karen Armstrong.
"Happier Hour: How to Beat Distraction, Expand Your Time, and Focus on What Matters Most," by Cassie Holmes.
"Prisoners of the Castle: An Epic Story of Survival and Escape from Colditz, the Nazis' Fortress Prison," by Ben MacIntyre.
"Fen, Bog and Swamp: A Short History of Peatland Destruction and Its Role in the Climate Crisis," by Annie Proulx.
"Uncultured," by Daniella Young.

NEW BOOKS

Sedalia Public Library Fiction
"The Marriage Portrait," by Maggie O'Farrell.
"Distant Thunder," by Stuart Woods.
"Righteous Prey," by John Sandford.
"Robert B. Parker's: Fallout," by Mike Lupica.
"Mad Honey," by Jodi Picoult.
"The High Notes," by Danielle Steel.
"Long Shadows," by David Baldacci.

Nonfiction
"Dinners with Ruth," by Nina Totenberg.
"Killing the Legends," by Bill O'Reilly.
"To Love and Be Loved: A Personal Portrait of Mother Teresa," by Jim Towey.

CLUB NOTES

Helen G. Steele Music Club
The Helen G. Steele Music Club has begun its 2022-23 season with the theme "Passport to Music from Around the World." The club has several new members — Kim Graves, Marty Graves, Mallory Graves, Kim Myers, and Susan Beard. Members are encouraged to invite their friends to visit and become members.
The first meeting, held at noon Sept. 14 at the John T. Heard Memorial Club House at 200 W. Osage Ave. in Sedalia, featured an Italian luncheon and music from Italy. Stacey Beard was hostess and program chair. The program was presented by UCM music professor Stella Roden, accompanist Cynthia Groff, and two

award-winning students, baritone Nikolos Boumert and soprano Theresa Peterson. They performed a number of Italian love songs, including "E L' Uccellino Canta Sulla Fronda" by Puccini, "Per Peita, Bell 'Idol Mio" by Bellini, "Amorosi Miei Giorni" by Donaudy, and "A Vuchella" and "Sogna" by Tosti, and the operatic aria "Bella Siccome un Angelo" from "Don Pasquale" by Donizetti. Roden explained the general meaning of each song before each performance.
The second meeting, held Sept. 28, featured music of Ukraine. Cindy Decker was hostess and program chair. Pollianna and Luidmyla Ryzhak, formerly from Ukraine, presented a PowerPoint and told

about the Ukrainian culture that dated to before the ninth century at the time when Christianity was introduced. Much of Ukrainian music was ceremonial, related to rituals, honoring heroes, and celebrating harvest and other holidays. Perhaps the Ukrainian song most familiar to most Americans is the carol "Ring Christmas Bells." Other Ukrainian music includes lullabies, ballads, laments, humorous songs, and patriotic songs, some of which were banned by the Soviet Union. Folk musicians performed dance music with a variety of instruments, which Pollianna explained and presented tapes showing the instruments being played.
Dance is important to the culture, and a video

showed men performing a complex dance. Pollianna discussed traditional dress, which includes elaborate embroidered decorations done by women on both men's and women's traditional clothing. She closed the program by singing a family song. Refreshments included traditional Ukrainian sweets and savories.
The next program will be at 1 p.m. Oct. 12 and Cheryl Heisterburg will chair a program on music from Germany. Refreshments will include traditional German sweets and savories. Visitors are encouraged to attend.
The meeting minutes were taken by Recording Secretary Rhonda Chalfant.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Pettis County Recorder of Deeds Barbara Cleverger recently issued marriage licenses to:
Aaron Neil Roach Jr., 29, and Wanda Elizabeth Prewitt, 24, both of Sedalia;
Andrew Jason Weiker, 26, and Bailey Jane Harding, 22, both of Sedalia;
Jeremy Allen Bush, 41, and Shaylen Nicole Paxton, 33, both of Sedalia;
Damian Cove Summers, 20, and Zakiah Quinn Egner, 22, both of Sedalia;
Joey Dale Anderson, 36, and Aubrey Katherine Hartley, 29, both of Sedalia;
Isaac Nathan Spilker, 21, and Abigail Janna Graff, 22, both of Sedalia;
Nicholas Lawrence Weber, 36, and Alexandria Kaye Lynn Hampton, 28, both of Marshall;
Chad Christopher Fidler, 43, and Alaina Allen, 20, both of Sedalia;
Jose Anibal Aguirre, 43, and Miriam Consuelo Sanabria, 37, both of Sedalia.

DIVORCES

These people were recently granted divorces in Pettis County Circuit Court:
Pamela A. Crabb and Robin L. Crabb;
Amy L. Crockarell and Stephen L. Crockarell;
Patrick W. Dunworth and Laurie E. Dunworth;
Mattie Cunningham and Kaleb Cunningham;
Roy Bailey and Michelle Bailey.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels is a nonprofit organization that delivers meals to seniors, the homebound and handicapped citizens of Sedalia. The food is prepared by Superior Vendall and is delivered by volunteers. Meals cost \$3. For more information on receiving meals or becoming a volunteer, call 660-826-5039.
Meals will be delivered by St. Vincent de Paul Church.
Monday: Beef stew, cornbread, peaches and milk.
Tuesday: Chicken tenders, macaroni and cheese, green beans, cookie and milk.
Wednesday: Ham and cheese on bun, cole slaw, banana and milk.
Thursday: Chicken pot pie, beets, pudding and milk.
Friday: Country fried steak, corn, potatoes and gravy, pears, milk.

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Community Calendar OCTOBER

Editor's note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some meetings may be canceled or postponed. Please call the organization for information on cancellations.

To have your event or meeting listed or changed, send details to fbemiss@sedaliademocrat.com or call 660-826-1000 ext. 1481.

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

MONDAY

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

10 a.m.: Show-Me Mad Tatters, University Extension Office Conference Room, 1012A Thompson Blvd.

10:30 a.m.: Be Forever Young, Parkview Christian Church, 1405 E. 16th St.

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

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

1:45 p.m.: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 0102 Sedalia meets at the Boonslick Regional Library,

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

5 p.m.: Sedalia Public Library Board of Trustees at Public Library, 311 W. Third St.

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

6:10 p.m.: Daughters of Isabella for Rosary; meeting at 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Hall, 1708 Elm Hills Blvd.

6:30 p.m.: Bingo at VFW Post 2591, 121 S. Ohio Ave. Bonanza blackout starts at 6 p.m.

6:30 p.m.: Show Me Sound, Sweet Adelines International, meet for in-person rehearsals at Wesley United Methodist Church basement, 1322 W. Broadway Blvd. All women who like to sing are welcome. For more information, call 660-851-2205.

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

Noon: Katy Trail Sedalia Inc. Call 660-826-6461 for location.

Noon: Sedalia Business Network meets at Colton's Steak House, 4101 W. Broadway Blvd.

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

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

2 p.m.: Book Club at Sedalia Public Library, 311 W. Third St.

5:30 p.m.: Diversified Community Outreach, True Vine Church of God in Christ, 600 N. Moniteau Ave.

6 p.m.: NarAnon meetings at LifePointe Church, 2921 W. Broadway Blvd.

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

6 p.m.: Sedville Crazy Quilters Guild at Central Bank Annex Building, in the basement, 403 W. Broadway Blvd.

6:30 p.m.: Pettis County Chapter of Missouri Right to Life, at Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St.

6:30 p.m.: Sedalia Shrine Fun Kor, Sedalia Shrine

Club, 1615 Elm Hills Blvd.

6:30 p.m.: Sedville Petal Pushers, University of Missouri Pettis County Extension Office, 1012 A Thompson Blvd.

6:30 p.m.: Women's Democrat Club, Deer Brook Villas, 960 Mitchell Rd.

7 p.m.: Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA) is a 12-step fellowship of men and women at the First United Methodist Church Celebration Center, 1701 W. 32nd St.; for more information, call Barbara at 660-827-6522.

7 p.m.: Women of the Moose, Moose Lodge, 119 Winchester Ave.

7:30 p.m.: Sedalia Chapter No. 57, Order of the Eastern Star, Masonic Temple, 601 W. Broadway Blvd.

WEDNESDAY

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

10 a.m.: TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 958, First Baptist Church, 200 E. Sixth St. First visit is free; 816-916-6237.

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

Noon: Sedalia Lions Club, Heckart Community Center, 1800 W. Third St.

1 p.m.: Helen G. Steele Music Club meets with a program at the Heard Memorial Club House, 200 W. Broadway Blvd. Visitors are always welcome. Sorosis. TheHeardHouse@gmail.com.

4 to 7 p.m.: Knights of Columbus Council No. 831, Family Night Buffet. Located at U.S. Highway 65 and Elm Hills Boulevard. The public is invited. Cost for adults is \$8; for children 6 to 12 years, \$4.

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

826-2788.

6:30 p.m.: West Central Beekeepers Association meeting at the Pettis County Extension Office, 1012-A Thompson Blvd.

7 p.m.: Sedalia Lodge 236, Sedalia Masonic Center, 601 W. Broadway Blvd.

THURSDAY

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

10 a.m.: Retired Masons, card playing, followed by a luncheon, Masonic Lodge, 601 W. Broadway Blvd.

10:30 a.m.: Fair City Garden Club, in the downstairs meeting room at Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St. New members welcome.

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

Noon: Kiwanis of Sedalia, at Lamy's, 108 Pacific St.

12:30 p.m.: Friends of Boonslick Regional Library, downstairs meeting room at Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St.

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

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

6:30 p.m.: Sedalia Cadet Squadron Civil Air Patrol, Civil Air Patrol building, U.S. Highway 50.

7 p.m.: Blind of Central Missouri, First United Methodist Church Celebration Center, 1701 W. 32nd St. Info 660-826-1690.

7 p.m.: Fraternal Order of Eagles 4286, Lincoln.

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

7 p.m.: Veterans of

Foreign Wars Post 2591 Ladies Auxiliary, VFW Post, 121 S. Ohio Ave.

7 p.m.: Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2591, VFW Post, 121 S. Ohio Ave.

FRIDAY

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

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

11:30 a.m.: The Pettis County Republican Women at 11:30 am in the open atrium area at Best Western State Fair Inn, 3120 S. Limit Ave.

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

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

6 p.m.: Warsaw Marine Corps League Leather-necks, 607 E. Jefferson St. in Warsaw.

SATURDAY

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

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

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

1 p.m.: Missouri State Fair Bikers Against Child Abuse, American Paramedical Service classroom, 400B Industrial Road.

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

BIRTHDAYS

Robb
Bonnie Robb observed her 69th birthday Oct. 4. She was born Oct. 4, 1953, in Sedalia.

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

Swords
Donna Swords observed her 75th birthday Oct. 6.

She was born Oct. 6, 1947, in Lawrence, Kansas.

Donna is married to Mike Swords, of Sedalia.

Before retiring, she worked at Waterloo Industries and her hobbies are playing cards such as blackjack and solitaire.

Bonnie has two children, Michelle Harvey and Tony Christensen, both of Texas; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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

Maples
Delores Maples observed her 91st birthday Oct. 14.

She was born Oct. 6, 1931, in Norton, Kansas.

Delores was a housewife and her hobbies include working with her flowers and painting.

She has two children, Connie Mefford, of Sedalia, and Gayle Maples, of Jefferson City.

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

Perkins
Patricia "Patty" Perkins observed her 60th birthday Oct. 14.

She was born Oct. 14, 1962, at Homestead Air Force Base, Florida.

Her hobbies include

watching television and coloring. Birthday cards may be sent to Patricia at

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Steinbeck's letter to son on love, 'the best thing,' on sale

By William J. Kole
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — A tender and touching letter that author John Steinbeck penned to his teenage son, offering fatherly advice after the young man confided that he was in love for the first time, is going up for auction.

Boston-based RR Auction says the handwritten draft of a letter to his eldest son, Thomas — then 14 — shows the "Of Mice and Men" author's empathy: He refused to dismiss it as puppy love.

"While this letter offers an intimate, private glimpse into Steinbeck's family life, it also expresses his ideas about love with profundity and eloquence," said Bobby Livingston, executive vice president of the auction house.

In the two-page letter, dated Nov. 10, 1958, the Nobel Literature Prize laureate told his son: "If you are in love — that's a good thing

— that's about the best thing that can happen to anyone. Don't let anyone make it small or light to you."

Steinbeck, who won a Pulitzer for "The Grapes of Wrath" in 1940 and the Nobel in 1962 for a body of acclaimed work, showed he was no stranger to matters of the heart.

"The object of love is the best, and most beautiful. Try to live up to it," he wrote. "If you love someone — there is no possible harm in saying so — only you must remember that some people are very shy and sometimes the saying must take that shyness into consideration."

"Girls have a way of knowing or feeling what you feel, but they usually like to hear it also," he said. "It sometimes happens that what you feel is not returned for one reason or another — but that does not make your feeling less valuable and good."

"If it is right, it hap-

pens — The main thing is not to hurry. Nothing good gets away," the California-born novelist wrote, signing his letter simply: "Love, Father."

John Steinbeck died in 1968, and Thomas Steinbeck died in 2016.

The text of the letter has been published for worldwide audiences, including in 1989's "Steinbeck: A Life in Letters," by Penguin Books.

Legal wrangling over his estate has dragged on for decades. In 2020, the U.S. Supreme Court let stand a decision awarding Steinbeck's stepdaughter \$5 million in a family dispute over abandoned plans for movies of some of Steinbeck's best-known works.

Thomas Steinbeck, a writer in his own right, fiercely defended his father's work, adapting several of his father's books for movies and launching legal efforts to protect the copyrights of his father and others.

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There are several preventative measures people can take regarding breast cancer. Fijal's first suggestion is breast awareness. People of average risk — the general population younger than 40 — should have regular follow-ups with their primary care provider every one to three years and do self-breast exams.

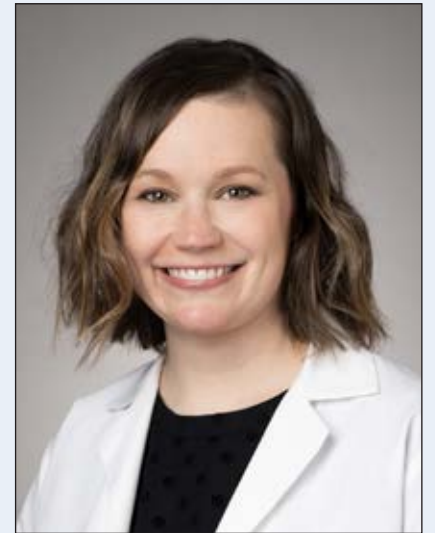
"Being familiar with what your normal breast is because everyone's different," she advised. "Anything that is different, outside your norm, would be cause to talk to your provider, whether it's changes in the nipples or discharge, changes in color or skin texture or a palpable mass."

If you have a cancer concern or find a lump during one of those self-exams, the first step is to contact your primary care provider, who can then refer you to a nearby cancer center, such as WMMC.

While family history and genetic risk can be a factor in developing breast cancer, Fijal said many things within our control can lower the risk. That includes maintaining a healthy weight, getting regular physical activity, not smoking, and responsible use of hormone replacements.

Women 40 and older should add an annual mammogram to that list; Fijal said the recommendation is earlier for people with a first-generation relative who had breast cancer.

You don't need a physician's



Shea Fijal, NP

order or referral to schedule a mammogram. In fact, attending WMMC's Ladies' Night Out on Tuesday, Oct. 11, allows women the opportunity to schedule a mammogram. According to the WMMC website, almost 500 have been scheduled at the annual event, which led to multiple cancer diagnoses.

Fijal said that while the Cancer Center has seen many patients who noticed an abnormality on their own, many more cancers are caught through a screening mammogram.

"A screening mammogram can detect abnormalities that are so small, long before you would notice anything yourself," she said. "A lot of times, that means a very simple procedure instead of a big surgery, chemo, radiation, etc. There's very few cancers where we have such advanced, preventative non-invasive screenings."

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Cookbook looks back at dynamic Popeyes founder and his food

By Chevel Johnson
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Louisiana is known for delivering food with big, bold flavor. The same can be said for the founder of the Popeyes fried chicken empire, who put spicy chicken, red beans and dirty rice on the national map and whose story is outlined in a new book, "Secrets of a Tastemaker: Al Copeland, The Cookbook."

Copeland's son Al Copeland Jr. said he and authors Chris Rose and Kit Wohl tried to capture the "real life and times of Al Copeland" in the book released last month.

The elder Copeland, who died in 2008, made his mark in business with his restaurants, but was also known for philanthropic endeavors — including "Secret Santa" missions to thousands of children in metro New Orleans and the extravagant Christmas light display at his home. For a time, he even had a successful offshore powerboat racing career.

"Some people thought he was flashy and flamboyant, and he was," his son said in an interview with The Associated Press. "But what they didn't know was that everything that was his was yours — whether that was a Lamborghini or just welcoming you into his home. He was very much a man who enjoyed seeing people happy."

Copeland built — and eventually lost — the Popeyes fried chicken empire. His first restaurant opened

50 years ago, in 1972, in the New Orleans suburb of Arabi. The "Love That Chicken" jingle, still used in commercials today, debuted in 1980.

The book recounts Copeland's boldness in cooking, and includes recipes — though not those associated with Popeyes, his son said. Readers can get a glimpse, he said, into the kind of food Al Copeland used in Copeland's, the casual dining restaurant chain venture he started in 1983.

The book includes dishes served at the Copeland family table, including corn and crab bisque, crawfish bread, ricotta catfish, crawfish eggplant au gratin, and pork tenderloin CP3, named for then-New Orleans Hornets star guard Chris Paul.

"What runs throughout the book ... is the story of the American dream," Copeland Jr. said. "This book is about a guy who didn't have much of anything, not much of an education and he was living in a world that wouldn't give him much of a shot."

By 1989, there were 700 Popeyes franchises in the United States and abroad, and Copeland leveraged those assets to buy the Church's Fried Chicken chain. That move gave him control over 2,000 chicken restaurants. But the success was short-lived: A little more than two years later, the merged company had amassed more than \$400 million in debt and, in 1991, Copeland filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection for Al Copeland Enterprises.

In May 1992, the bank-

ruptcy court awarded Copeland's creditors total control of his chicken empire under a new name, America's Favorite Chicken Company. Copeland did retain ownership of the Popeyes recipes and the manufacturing company that made the seasonings, according to the book.

"Although he was not operating Popeyes, the company could not operate — not even exist — without him," the book reads. "That ruling reinforced Al's long-time belief that he should always have a back door, an alternative plan for change."

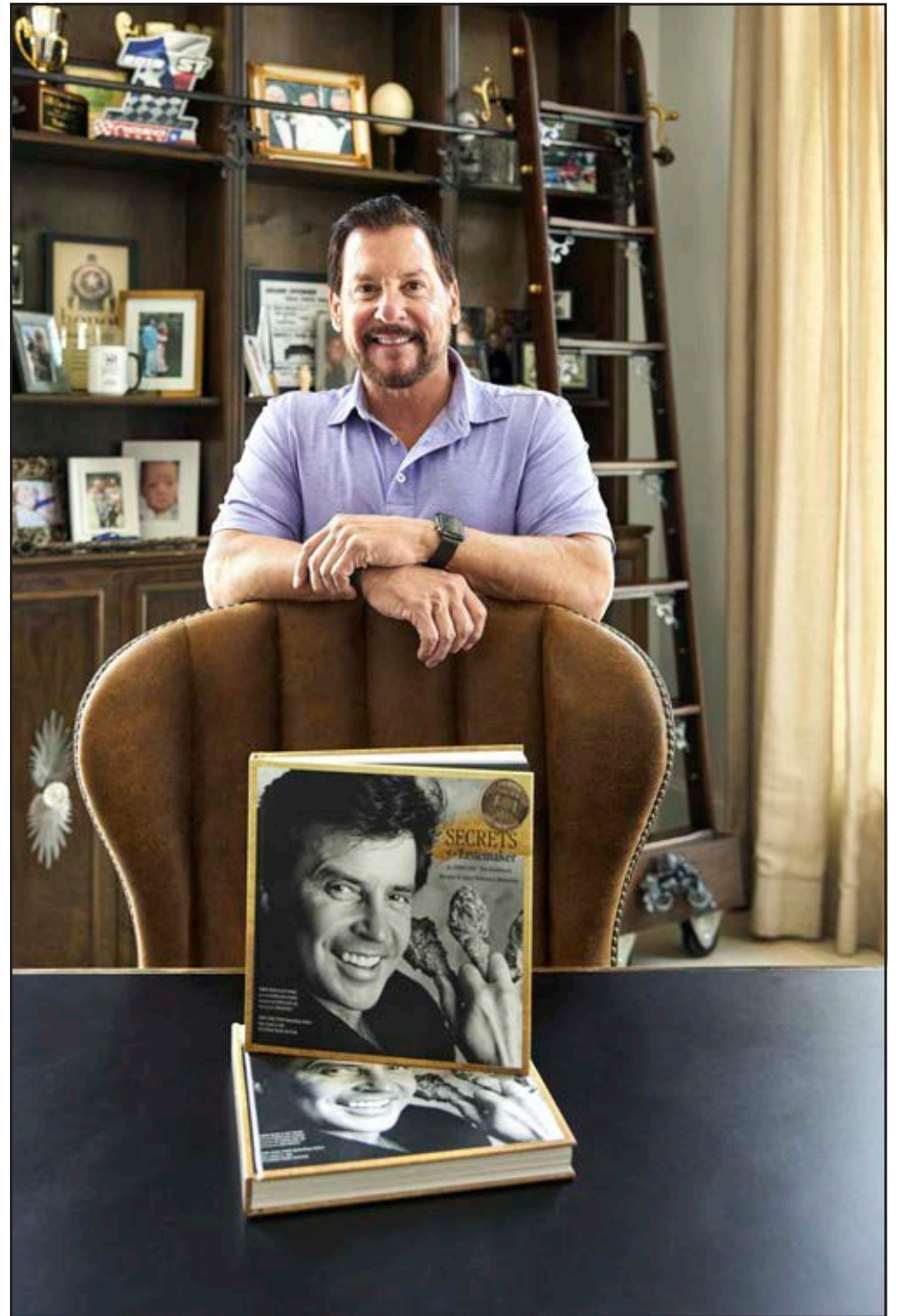
In 2017, Restaurant Brands International Inc. acquired Popeyes.

Liz Williams, founder of the Southern Food and Beverage Museum in New Orleans, said Copeland was known for being bold, in thought and business.

"He has done almost more than any other chef to get the city's most authentic flavors to people everywhere," she said. "I think of him as an ambassador for New Orleans ... because wherever there's a Popeyes, then you have the chance to get a piece of New Orleans."

The September book launch helped mark the 50th anniversary of Popeyes. Copeland Jr. said the fried chicken franchise was founded when he was 9 years old so he's had a "chance to experience the whole ride from the poorer times to the exciting times."

"This project is bringing back a lifetime of memories and it's a way for my father's legacy to live on," he said.



This photo provided by Foxglove Communications shows posing Al Copeland Jr. with his cookbook "Secrets of a Tastemaker: Al Copeland, The Cookbook." Louisiana is known for delivering food with big, bold flavor. The same can be said for the founder of the Popeyes fried chicken empire who put spicy chicken, red beans and dirty rice on the map and whose story is outlined in a new book, "Secrets of a Tastemaker: Al Copeland, The Cookbook." Copeland's son, Al Copeland Jr., said he and the book's authors, Chris Rose and Kit Wohl, tried to capture the "real life and times of Al Copeland."

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PBS' 'Making Black America' details thriving while excluded

By Lynn Elber
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — America slammed the door in the face of Black progress time after time, and time after time African Americans responded by thriving in a society of their own making.

When Black doctors were excluded from the American Medical Association, they formed the National Medical Association in 1895. Black colleges, businesses, social groups and even fashion shows grew as alternatives to whites-only institutions and activities.

The result was a parallel "sepia world" in which Black lives and culture could flourish despite entrenched racism, says filmmaker and scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr., who celebrates a history of resilience in "Making Black America: Through the Grapevine."

The four-part series that debuted Tuesday on PBS (check local listings) and PBS online was produced, written and hosted by Gates, a steady chronicler of Black history and culture whose more than a dozen documentaries include 2021's Emmy-nominated "The Black Church: This is Our Story, This is Our Song." He's also the host and producer of PBS' "Finding Your Roots."

"Making Black America" is infused with Gates' self-described optimism. But he considers it his "most political" series yet because it shows the "true complexity of the African American experience," he said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"We need to have our self-image, our self-esteem

affirmed, because so many actors in our society are trying to tear down our self-esteem, trying to tear down our belief in ourselves," he said.

Gates said the series is a rebuttal to what he calls the stereotype of a Black America consumed with white people and devoting all of its energy and imagination to fighting white supremacy.

"What you do with most of your imagination is you fall in love, you raise a family, you have children, you build social networks," said the Harvard University professor. "This is a demonstration of Black agency, the way we created a world within a world."

Gates compared the Black havens to those established by Jewish Americans and other ethnic groups when they were barred from employment, cultural institutions and other elements of U.S. society.

During a Q&A with TV critics, Gates delighted in pointing out that the "grapevine" in the series' title pre-dated the Motown hit song "I Heard it Through the Grapevine" by about two centuries: He said founding father John Adams wrote about the grapevine concept in 1775, and it was referred to by Booker T. Washington in 1901. Washington founded what is now Tuskegee University.

The vivid word broadly describes "the formal and informal networks which, for centuries, have connected Black Americans to each other through the underground, not just as a way of spreading the news, but ways of building and sustaining" Black communities, said Gates.

Shayla Harris, who

produced and directed the series with Stacey L. Holman, said that the Black experience is often sorted into either "the struggle" or abundant creativity. But business drive is also a notable part, she said.

"The Negro Motorist Green-book," a 1936-67 guidebook to businesses that would serve Black travelers, is generally discussed in the context of the restrictions that people of color faced under Jim Crow segregation.

That ingenuity also was testament to the Black entrepreneurs who exemplified the saying that "Black people make a way out of no way," Harris said. The guide was "a document of 7,000 Black businesses across the country, from restaurants to hotels to beachfronts and just any little stand that people could put together." (The guide was central in the 2018 Oscar-winning interracial road trip movie "Green Book," which won best picture and best supporting actor for Mahershala Ali.)

Other aspects of African American perseverance highlighted by the series and its creators:

—The barbershops and hair salons that serve as community centers. Gates said he still delights in going to the Nu Image Barber-shop in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Harvard's home town. The talk is about "what you're anxious about, your kids, what's in the news, of course. And you talk about LeBron (James) and Steph Curry and the Celtics. The full gamut of human emotions."

— Excluded from professional, trade and even recreational associations, African Americans formed

their own. In naming the groups, they used "national" in the titles as a "polite" way to signify the membership was Black, Gates said. That included the National Dental Association and the National Brotherhood of Skiers. (In 2008, the American Medical Association formally apologized for decades of racial discrimination.)

—The robust number of sororities, fraternities and fraternal orders that contribute to Black social life and networking. One had roots in today's Prince Hall Freemasonry. It began with a Massachusetts lodge initiated in 1775 by Masons from Ireland after Colonial whites rejected Hall and a handful of other Black men for membership.

—The innovative Black women who stood out in business. They included early 20th-century business mogul Madam C.J. Walker, inventor and philanthropist Annie Malone and Maggie L. Walker, who was among America's first female bankers and who focused on the needs of the working class. To see these women succeed despite a society "that's pushing against you and a society that's predominantly male ... was enlightening, encouraging and just empowering," Holman said.

—The Ebony magazine-sponsored Ebony Fashion Fair runway shows that countered the industry's overt discrimination by featuring Black models and designers for an audience that dressed for the occasion. The annual event, which was staged nationally and outside the U.S. for five decades, raised millions of dollars for charity.

Hilary Swank talks filming new series while expecting twins

By Alicia Rancilio
Associated Press

Hilary Swank has announced she's pregnant with twins and says that revelation might explain some of her actions on set of her new ABC series "Alaska Daily."

"You don't tell for 12 weeks for a certain reason. But then, like, you're growing and you're using the bathroom a lot and you're eating a lot. I'm sure there's been conversations, and when I get back to the set, people will be like, 'Oh, it all makes sense now,' the two-time Oscar winner said Wednesday during press interviews in New York.

"There was a moment just last week when my pants didn't fit anymore and I had to like cut ... my pants and then I put a jacket on over it like I had to hide it, right? And the continuity (person) was like, 'That doesn't match' (a previous take.) And I'm like, 'Oh, you know, it's OK, it'll work.' And they're like, 'No, it doesn't match.' And I'm like, 'Oh, I think it's OK.' I think we can make it work.' And she's like, 'Well, you're an executive producer, so you can do what you want, but that doesn't work.' I was like, 'Oh my gosh, I have to be able to tell people soon,'" she said, laughing.

Swank, 48, just finished filming the fifth episode of the series, which debuts Thursday on ABC and says she looks forward to "seeing how much my body's changed. It'll be interesting to see."

"Alaska Daily" is created by and co-executive produced by Tom McCarthy ("Spotlight", "Stillwater") who also wrote and directed the first episode. It follows Swank as an investigative journalist named Eileen who gets lured to Alaska by a former colleague to look into an ongoing case of murdered Indigenous women.

The story is based on a real decades-old problem of missing and murdered Alaska Native women and Swank hopes the show might put a spotlight on these cases.

"At this moment, it's happening and nothing's being done about it. So as we continue down this road, hopefully shining a bright light on this ... we can hopefully down the line start saying, 'Look, something's being done now.'"

Swank's character is a seasoned reporter who arrives in Anchorage confident in her abilities, even if the locals are skeptical of this newcomer.

"She has done it for a long time. She doesn't suffer fools. She calls out B.S. when she sees it. She just speaks her mind," Swank said. "A lot of people call her rude, yet if she were a man, no one would call her rude. ... Probably five years ago there wouldn't be a female character like this on television. So it's nice to be stepping into these new waters and to have that opportunity to do that," said Swank.

Filming a TV show requires long hours, which makes this expectant mother respectful of those who work while pregnant.

"I've never been pregnant before and being able to now have a deeper understanding of what women have gone through for so long, the nausea and the exhaustion, and especially in the first trimester," Swank said.

Loretta Lynn's songs resonate anew amid abortion debate

By Kristin M. Hall
AP Entertainment Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Loretta Lynn, the Grammy-winning country music icon who died Tuesday at 90, lived through — and sang about — decades of advancements for women's social movements, achievements now endangered.

A mother multiple times over by the end of her teens, she gave voice to those who had historically had little control over childbirth and their own sexuality. Some of her songs reflected the lives of many rural women and mothers, lamenting their invisible labor and the repressive and gendered roles that kept them tied to a singular identity.

For some of those working in reproductive health care today in her home state of Kentucky, Lynn's music proves all too relevant. Lynn, who sang about birth control after *Roe v. Wade* became a landmark legal decision protecting abortion rights, died only months after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the 1973 case, creating a massive shift in reproductive rights across the country. In November, Kentucky voters will decide whether to eliminate the right to abortion in the state's constitution.

Kate Collins, 34, was not of the generation who heard "The Pill" or "One's on the Way" when they first played on the radio, but Lynn's voice provided a soundtrack to her childhood. In addition to growing up in a home where classic country music was part of the lexicon, Collins grew up in a family that talked about abortion



Loretta Lynn performs at the BBC Music Showcase during South By Southwest on March 17, 2016, in Austin, Texas. Lynn, the Kentucky coal miner's daughter who became a pillar of country music, died Tuesday at her home in Hurricane Mills, Tenn. She was 90.

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and birth control, which led her to start volunteering as an escort at a clinic in Kentucky. But it wasn't until high school that she began to put together the context of what Lynn was singing about.

"She talks about being able to wear the clothes she wants," Collins, who now volunteers as a case manager on the Kentucky Health Justice Network's abortion resources hotline, said of 1975's "The Pill." "Because of my access to birth control, I could go out to bars with my friends and wear miniskirts. And that was not something I ever had to think twice about until the lyric finally hit me."

"The Pill," written by Lorene Allen, Don McHan and

T.D. Bayless, was recorded prior to the *Roe v. Wade* decision, but Lynn held onto the song for years before she felt fans were ready to listen.

"When we released it, the people loved it. I mean the women loved it," she wrote in her 1976 autobiography, "A Coal Miner's Daughter." "But the men who run the radio stations were scared to death. It's like a challenge to the men's way of thinking."

Men in country music were singing about abortion, premarital sex and divorce in the '60s and '70s with little or no blowback, but it was rare that a woman could sing about wanting to enjoy sex with her husband without the consequences of an unplanned pregnancy, as

Lynn did.

"It is, in fact, not about anything other than control of women and their pleasure, or anyone who can get pregnant and their pleasure," Collins said.

Lynn was frank about her experiences giving birth so young, being mentally unprepared and not physically ready. She wrote that she couldn't afford to stay overnight after the birth of her second child, so she went back home to wash diapers and draw water from the well 24 hours after delivery. She experienced miscarriages, nearly dying because she had no money to go to the doctor. And still she kept on getting pregnant, giving birth to six children.

She wrote that she couldn't even sign her own consent form to have a caesarean section because she was still a minor and her husband, Oliver Lynn — known as "Dolittle" or "Mooney" — was out on a logging job and unreachable.

"I love my kids but I wish they had the pill when I first married," she wrote. "I didn't get to enjoy the first four kids; I had 'em so fast. I was too busy trying to feed 'em and put clothes on 'em."

She said birth control was as a way for women to protect themselves: "The feelin' good comes easy now/ Since I've got the pill/It's gettin' dark it's roostin' time/ Tonight's too good to be real/Oh, but daddy don't you

worry none/Cause mama's got the pill," she sang.

And she did not mince words about her feelings about abortion.

"That's also why I won't ever say anything against the abortion laws they made easier a few years ago," she wrote in the 1976 memoir.

"Personally, I think you should prevent unwanted pregnancy rather than get an abortion. I don't think I could have an abortion. It would be wrong for me," she added. "But I'm thinking of all the poor girls who get pregnant when they don't want to be, and how they should have a choice instead of leaving it up to some politician or doctor who don't have to raise the baby. I believe they should be able to have an abortion."

As Collins sees it, Lynn was explaining — in her own way — the idea of bodily autonomy. Collins also sees a connection between the rollback of abortion rights to the attacks on gender-affirming care for transgender people.

More than 45 years after Lynn sang about the pill, in Kentucky and in many other states, clinics are barred from providing abortions. While self-managed abortions using prescription medication are safe and very effective, Collins worries about desperation sinking in for those seeking help and the collateral damage of people with dangerous pregnancies or miscarriages.

"It is really easy to feel like you're flipping the discography back and now we're going to go from 'The Pill' to 'One's on the Way,'" she said.

Robin Roberts, George Stephanopoulos hit milestone on 'GMA'

By David Bauder
AP Media Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — During a getting-to-know-you dinner shortly after being named co-hosts of "Good Morning America" in 2009, George Stephanopoulos told Robin Roberts that he didn't really want to do the job.

Nearly 13 years later, they're passed an improbable milestone without public notice. They're now the longest-serving pair of hosts ever on any ABC, CBS and NBC morning show.

A handful of individuals have longer tenures — Katie Couric, Bryant Gumbel, Matt Lauer, Joan Lunden. But each of them had more than one partner during their stints. Lunden and Charles Gibson lasted 10 years together on "Good Morning America," Couric and Lauer nine years on "Today."

"We wear very well together, George and myself," Roberts said.

Asked about the feat, Stephanopoulos laughed and made reference to his age (he's 61). Roberts, also 61, became emotional. Between doubters and serious health issues, the longevity is a meaningful achievement.

They've presided during a time "Good Morning America" took over from "Today" as the most popular morning show and have kept that distinction for a decade, yet also as the shows diminished in audience and influence.

"I'm proud," Stephanopoulos said. "It's been a great run. Robin has been a joy to work with. We've had a lot of fun and great success and covered a lot of consequential things. It's been an incredible experi-

ence."

But, yes, he estimated he turned down then-ABC News President David Westin's job offer three times when the network was looking to replace Diane Sawyer.

"It took a fair amount of persuasion," Westin recalled. Stephanopoulos, who started at ABC News on Inauguration Day 1997, was an entrenched Washington insider from his days in the Clinton administration and as host of "This Week," a job he retains. Westin believed he was ready for a bigger stage.

"When you put things together you don't think about how long it will last," Westin said. "You think about whether the fundamentals are good. You're never sure."

Morning shows have their share of frivolity, cooking and celebrity segments, yet also need to be ready when a big story breaks. Westin wanted Stephanopoulos for those days.

Thirteen years in, Stephanopoulos "is laughing more than I've ever seen him laugh," said Michael Strahan, who joined the pair as a host in 2016. "I definitely feel like he has loosened up. I don't know if I can take credit for it."

Even after she'd been working on "Good Morning America," Roberts said she was aware of doubts among some ABC News executives that she wasn't right for the job because her background was in sports broadcasting, not news.

Don't think she's forgotten that, even as some of the naysayers have since apologized to her.

"I get weepy when I think of how I beat the odds," she said.

The New York-based Roberts in the past few weeks has flown to London and back for coverage of Queen Elizabeth II's death — twice — gone to Los Angeles for tapings of her Disney+ interview series "Turning the Tables," traveled to Mississippi for a family function and did a round trip to Ghana for "GMA" stories.

It's a remarkable, perhaps inadvisable, schedule for someone who has faced down health difficulties She insists she feels great.

Roberts had chemotherapy and was off the air for five months starting in 2012 after undergoing a bone marrow transplant to treat MDS. She contracted the blood and bone marrow disease from treatment for breast cancer. Roberts still keeps a close watch on her immune system.

"Viewers come up to me to this day and say, 'I prayed for you,'" Roberts said, her voice betraying the emotion. "Whew! I mean, come on. After all this time. I'm 12 years out, 10 years from my bone marrow transplant. It just really gets me that people come up and say those things and that I give them hope for a person they know in their life who is going through a similar journey."

Roberts' connection to people, and her spirituality, is a key to her success, Westin said.

Not everything has gone smoothly on "Good Morning America." Its former top producer left abruptly last year and was later sued for sexual assault and creating a hostile workplace, a case that was dismissed.

Like most television programs, "GMA," "Today" and "CBS Mornings" have fewer viewers than they used to: from 12.4 million



This image released by ABC shows "Good Morning America" co-hosts Robin Roberts, left, and George Stephanopoulos, who the longest-serving pair of hosts on one of the ABC, CBS or NBC morning news shows.

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cumulatively in the first six months of 2010 to 8.7 million in the first half of this year, the Nielsen company said. Despite holding the lead, the "Good Morning America" audience is down 26 percent in that time.

"Do I think people are getting up and reaching for the remote the first thing in the morning like they used to?" Roberts said. "No, they reach for their phone."

The morning shows, not just "Good Morning America," are adapting by producing more material for different formats, like podcasts, and segments not necessarily tied to the time of day. "GMA" is making a conscious effort to appear less New York

or Los Angeles-centric by featuring more guests and experts from other parts of the country, said Simone Swink, the show's executive producer.

Roberts and Stephanopoulos have kept engaged through projects outside of "GMA." Both have their own production units: Rock 'n Robin Productions made a Lifetime movie about Mahalia Jackson, and Stephanopoulos makes news documentaries.

Hulu just premiered "Power Trip," a series where young reporters are embedded in midterm election campaigns, with Stephanopoulos as a mentor. If it goes well, expect "Power Trip" back for the 2024

campaign.

That first dinner meeting left Roberts wondering what type of partnership she would have with Stephanopoulos. Now she can't imagine "GMA" without him and credits her partner with introducing her to meditation, helping her get over the constant tiredness morning anchors often feel.

"We would never, ever do anything to make each other look good at the expense of the other," she said. "That's such a comfort. To have that, it makes you take chances, and I think the audience picks up on that — the way that we are so different in many ways but so common in others."



This image released by Netflix shows, from left, Edward Norton, Madelyn Cline, Kathryn Hahn, Dave Bautista, Leslie Odom Jr., Jessica Henwick, Kate Hudson, Janelle Monae, and Daniel Craig in a scene from "Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery." PHOTO BY NETFLIX VIA AP

In a first, Netflix's 'Glass Onion' to play in major chains

By Jake Coyle
AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — For the first time, the major U.S. theater chains will play a Netflix release after exhibitors and the streaming service reached a deal for a nationwide sneak-peak run of Rian Johnson's "Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery." Netflix announced Thursday that AMC, Regal Cinemas and Cinemark will all carry the "Knives Out" sequel for an exclusive one-week run beginning Nov. 23, one month before it begins streaming on Dec. 23. Up until now, those chains have largely refused to program Netflix releases. But as theatrical windows have shortened from three months to frequently closer to 45 days, and streaming-only releases have sometimes lacked the buzz generated by moviegoing, Netflix and the chains finally found common ground.

The deal stops short of a full theatrical release window for "Glass Onion," which premiered last month at the Toronto International Film Festival and stars Daniel Craig as detective Benoit Blanc. A wide release typically plays in more than 3,000 theaters in North America, but Johnson's film will play in about 600 domestic theaters in addition to an international rollout. "Given the excitement surrounding the premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival, we hope fans will enjoy this special theatrical event in celebration of the film's global debut on Netflix in December," said Scott Stuber, head of global film at Netflix. For months, negotiations between exhibitors and Netflix had centered around "Glass Onion" because of its box-office pedigree: "Knives Out" was one of the biggest original hits of 2019, grossing more than \$311 million

worldwide in ticket sales for Lionsgate. After a bidding war, Netflix acquired two sequels for \$450 million. Johnson, too, had voiced interest in it playing widely theatrically. "This movie, above everything else, is designed to be a good time with a big crowd of folks in a theater," the director said in an earlier interview with The Associated Press. On Thursday, Johnson celebrated, saying in a statement that he was "over the moon that Netflix has worked with AMC, Regal and Cinemark to get Glass Onion in theaters for this one of a kind sneak preview." Adam Aron, chairman and chief executive of AMC, said the first-ever agreement "sufficiently respects the sanctity of our current theatrical window policy." Aron said he hoped it will lead to more cooperation between Netflix and AMC, the largest theater chain.

"As we have often said, we believe that both theatrical exhibitors and streamers can continue to co-exist successfully," said Aron in a statement. "Beyond that, though, it has been our desire that we find a way to crack the code and synergistically work together. By doing so, theaters will make more money by having more titles to show, and thanks to the larger cultural resonance those movies can gain from a theatrical release, they will wind up playing to a wider audience when they also are viewed on streaming platforms." "Glass Onion" revolves around tech billionaire Miles Bron (Edward Norton), who invites a small group of friends to his private island for a murder mystery party. The cast includes Janelle Monáe, Dave Bautista, Madelyn Cline, Kathryn Hahn, Kate Hudson, Jessica Henwick and Leslie Odom Jr.

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Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of Missouri and Statutory Propositions

To be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, the 8th day of November, 2022.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 1 [Proposed by the 101st General Assembly (First Regular Session) HCS HJR 35]

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE: Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- allow the General Assembly to override the current constitutional restrictions of state investments by the state treasurer; and
allow state investments in municipal securities possessing one of the top five highest long term ratings or the highest short term rating?
State governmental entities estimate no costs and increased interest revenue of \$2 million per year. Local governmental entities estimate no costs and increased interest revenue of at least \$34,000 per year.

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 15 of Article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the state treasurer's ability to invest.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2022, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article IV of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 15, Article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section 15, to read as follows:

Section 15. The state treasurer shall be custodian of all state funds and funds received from the United States government. The department of revenue shall take custody of and invest nonstate funds as defined herein, and other moneys authorized to be held by the department of revenue. All revenue collected and moneys received by the state which are state funds or funds received from the United States government shall go promptly into the state treasury.

United States government. As used in the section, the term "banking institutions" shall include banks, trust companies, savings and loan associations, credit unions, production credit associations authorized by act of the United States Congress, and other financial institutions which are authorized by law to accept funds for deposit or which in the case of production credit associations, issues securities. As used in this section, the term "nonstate funds" shall include all taxes and fees imposed by political subdivisions and collected by the department of revenue; all taxes which are imposed by the state, collected by the department of revenue and distributed by the department of revenue to political subdivisions; and all other moneys which are hereafter designated as "nonstate funds" to be administered by the department of revenue.

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

STATE OF MISSOURI } ss Secretary of State

I, John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of Constitutional Amendment No. 1, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the General Election to be held the eighth day of November, 2022. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 30th day of August, 2022.



CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 3 [Proposed by Initiative Petition]

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE: Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- remove state prohibitions on purchasing, possessing, consuming, using, delivering, manufacturing, and selling marijuana for personal use for adults over the age of twenty-one;
require a registration card for personal cultivation with prescribed limits;
allow persons with certain marijuana-related non-violent offenses to petition for release from incarceration or parole and probation and have records expunged;
establish a lottery selection process to award licenses and certificates;
issue equally distributed licenses to each congressional district; and
impose a six percent tax on the retail price of marijuana to benefit various programs?
State governmental entities estimate initial costs of \$3.1 million, initial revenues of at least \$7.9 million, annual costs of \$5.5 million, and annual revenues of at least \$40.8 million. Local governments are estimated to have annual costs of at least \$35,000 and annual revenues of at least \$13.8 million.

Be it resolved by the people of the state of Missouri that the Constitution be amended:

Article XIV is amended by amending Section 1 of Article XIV and enacting one new section to be known as Section 2 of Article XIV, to read as follows:

XIV Section 1. Right to access medical marijuana.—1. Purposes. This section is intended to permit state-licensed physicians and nurse practitioners to recommend marijuana for medical purposes to patients with serious illnesses and medical conditions. The section allows patients with qualifying medical conditions the right to discuss freely with their physicians and nurse practitioners the possible benefits of medical marijuana use, the right of their physicians and nurse practitioners to provide professional advice concerning the same, and the right to use medical marijuana for treatment under the supervision of a physician or nurse practitioner.

This section is intended to make only those changes to Missouri laws that are necessary to protect patients, their primary caregivers, and their physicians and nurse practitioners from civil and criminal penalties, and to allow for the limited legal production, distribution, sale and purchase of marijuana for medical use. This section is not intended to change current civil and criminal laws governing the use of marijuana for nonmedical purposes. The section does not allow for the public use of marijuana and driving under the influence of marijuana.

2. Definitions. (1) "Administer" means the direct application of marijuana to a qualifying patient by way of any of the following methods:

- (a) Ingestion of capsules, teas, oils, and other marijuana-infused products;
(b) Vaporization or smoking of dried flowers, buds, plant material, extracts, [or] oils, and other marijuana-infused products;

(c) Application of ointments or balms;
(d) Transdermal patches and suppositories;

(e) Consuming marijuana-infused food products; or
(f) Any other method recommended by a qualifying patient's physician or nurse practitioner.

(2) "Church" means a permanent building primarily and regularly used as a place of religious worship.

(3) "Daycare" means a child-care facility, as defined by section 210.201, RSMo., or successor provisions, that is licensed by the state of Missouri.

(4) "Department" means the department of health and senior services, or its successor agency.

(3) (5) "Entity" means a natural person, corporation, professional corporation, nonprofit corporation, cooperative corporation, unincorporated association, business trust, limited liability company, general or limited partnership, limited liability partnership, joint venture, or any other legal entity.

(4) (6) "Flowering plant" means a marijuana plant from the time it exhibits the first signs of sexual maturity through harvest.

(7) "Infused preroll" means a consumable or smokable marijuana product generally consisting of: (1) a wrap or paper, (2) dried flower buds, and/or plant material, and (3) a concentrate, oil or other type of marijuana extract, either within or on the surface of the product. Infused prerolls may or may not include a filter or crutch at the base of the product.

(5) (8) "Marijuana" or "marihuana" means Cannabis indica, Cannabis sativa, and Cannabis ruderalis, hybrids of such species, and any other strains commonly understood within the scientific community to constitute marijuana, as well as resin extracted from the marijuana plant and marijuana-infused products. "Marijuana" or "marihuana" do not include industrial hemp, [containing a cropwide average tetrahydrocannabinol concentration that does not exceed three-tenths of one percent on a dry weight basis.] as defined by Missouri statute, or commodities or products manufactured from industrial hemp.

(6) (9) "Marijuana-infused products" means products that are infused, dipped, coated, sprayed, or mixed with marijuana or an extract thereof [and are intended for use or consumption other than by smoking], including, but not limited to, [edible products, ointments, tinctures and concentrates.] products that are able to be vaporized or smoked, edible products, ingestible products, topical products, suppositories, and infused prerolls.

(10) "Medical Facility" means any medical marijuana cultivation facility, medical marijuana dispensary facility, or medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility, as defined in this section.

(7) (11) "Medical marijuana cultivation facility" means a facility licensed by the department to acquire, cultivate, process, package, store on site or off site, transport to or from, and sell marijuana, marijuana seeds, and marijuana vegetative cuttings (also known as clones) to a medical marijuana dispensary facility, medical marijuana testing facility, medical marijuana cultivation facility, or to a medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility. A medical marijuana cultivation facility's authority to process marijuana shall include the production and sale of prerolls, but shall not include the manufacture of marijuana-infused products.

(8) (12) "Medical marijuana dispensary facility" means a facility licensed by the department to acquire, process, package, store on site or off site, sell, transport to or from, and deliver marijuana, marijuana seeds, marijuana vegetative cuttings (also known as clones), marijuana-infused products, and drug paraphernalia used to administer marijuana as provided for in this section to a qualifying patient, a primary caregiver, anywhere on the licensed property or to any address as directed by the patient or primary caregiver, so long as the address is a location allowing for the legal possession of marijuana, another medical marijuana dispensary facility, a [medical] marijuana testing facility, a medical marijuana cultivation facility, or a medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility. Dispensary facilities may receive transaction orders at the dispensary in person, by phone, or via the internet, including from a third party. A medical marijuana dispensary facility's authority to process marijuana shall include the production and sale of prerolls, but shall not include the manufacture of marijuana-infused products.

(9) (13) "Medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility" means a facility licensed by the department to acquire, process, package, store on site or off site, manufacture, transport to or from, and sell marijuana-infused products to a medical marijuana dispensary facility, a [medical] marijuana testing facility, a medical marijuana cultivation facility, or to another medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility.

(10) (14) "[Medical marijuana] Marijuana testing facility" means a facility certified by the department to acquire, test, certify, and transport marijuana, including those originally licensed as a medical marijuana testing facility.

(11) (15) "Medical use" means the production, possession, delivery, distribution, transportation, or administration of marijuana or a marijuana-infused product, or drug paraphernalia used to administer marijuana or a marijuana-infused

product, for the benefit of a qualifying patient to mitigate the symptoms or effects of the patient's qualifying medical condition.

(16) "Nurse practitioner" means an individual who is licensed and in good standing as an advanced practice registered nurse, or successor designation, under Missouri law.

(17) "Owner" means an individual who has a financial (other than a security interest, lien, or encumbrance) or voting interest in ten percent or greater of a marijuana facility.

(12) (18) "Physician" means an individual who is licensed and in good standing to practice medicine or osteopathy under Missouri law.

(13) (19) "Physician or nurse practitioner certification" means a document, whether handwritten, electronic or in another commonly used format, signed by a physician or a nurse practitioner and stating that, in the physician's or nurse practitioner's professional opinion, the patient suffers from a qualifying medical condition.

(20) "Preroll" means a consumable or smokable marijuana product generally consisting of: (1) a wrap or paper and (2) dried flower buds, and/or plant material. Prerolls may or may not include a filter or crutch at the base of the product.

(14) (21) "Primary caregiver" means an individual twenty-one years of age or older who has significant responsibility for managing the well-being of a qualifying patient and who is designated as such on the primary caregiver's application for an identification card under this section or in other written notification to the department.

(15) (22) "Qualifying medical condition" means the condition of, symptoms related to, or side-effects from the treatment of: (a) Cancer; (b) Epilepsy; (c) Glaucoma; (d) Intractable migraines unresponsive to other treatment;

(e) A chronic medical condition that causes severe, persistent pain or persistent muscle spasms, including but not limited to those associated with multiple sclerosis, seizures, Parkinson's disease, and Tourette's syndrome; (f) Debilitating psychiatric disorders, including, but not limited to, posttraumatic stress disorder, if diagnosed by a state licensed psychiatrist;

(g) Human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune deficiency syndrome;

(h) A chronic medical condition that is normally treated with a prescription medication that could lead to physical or psychological dependence, when a physician or nurse practitioner determines that medical use of marijuana could be effective in treating that condition and would serve as a safer alternative to the prescription medication;

(i) Any terminal illness; or (j) In the professional judgment of a physician or nurse practitioner, any other chronic, debilitating or other medical condition, including, but not limited to, hepatitis C, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease, Huntington's disease, autism, neuropathies, sickle cell anemia, agitation of Alzheimer's disease, cachexia, and wasting syndrome.

(16) (23) "Qualifying patient" means [a Missouri resident] an individual diagnosed with at least one qualifying medical condition.

(24) "Unduly burdensome" (when referring to a facility licensee or certificate holder) means the measures necessary to comply with the rules or ordinances adopted pursuant to this section subject the party to such a high investment or expense of money, time, or any other resource or asset that a reasonably prudent businessperson would not operate the facility; and, (when referring to qualifying patients, primary caregivers, physicians, nurse practitioners, or other party) "unduly burdensome" means the measures necessary to comply with the rules or ordinances adopted pursuant to this section undermine the purpose of this section.

3. Creating Patient Access to Medical Marijuana.

(1) In carrying out the implementation of this section, the department shall have the authority to: (a) Grant or refuse state licenses and certifications for the cultivation, manufacture, dispensing, sale, testing, tracking, and transportation of marijuana and marijuana-infused products for medical use, as provided by this section and general law; suspend, impose an authorized fine, restrict, or revoke such licenses and certifications upon a violation of this section, general law, or a rule promulgated pursuant to this section; and impose any administrative penalty authorized by this section or any general law enacted or rule promulgated pursuant to this section, so long as any procedure related to a suspension or revocation includes a reasonable cure period, not less than thirty days, prior to the suspension or revocation, except in instances where there is a credible and imminent threat to public health or public safety.

(b) Promulgate rules and emergency rules necessary for the proper regulation and control of the cultivation, manufacture, dispensing, and sale of marijuana for medical use and for the enforcement of this section so long as patient access is not restricted unreasonably and such rules are reasonably necessary for patient safety or to restrict access to only licensees and qualifying patients.

(c) Develop such forms, certificates, licenses, identification cards, and applications as are necessary for, or reasonably related to, the administration of this section or any of the rules promulgated under this section[.];

(d) Require a seed-to-sale tracking system that tracks medical marijuana from either the seed or immature plant stage until the medical marijuana or medical marijuana-infused product is sold to a qualifying patient or primary caregiver to ensure that no medical

marijuana grown by a medical marijuana cultivation facility or manufactured by a medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility is sold or otherwise transferred except by a medical marijuana dispensary facility. The department shall certify, if possible, at least two commercially available systems to licensees as compliant with its tracking standards and issue standards for the creation or use of other systems by licensees.

(e) Issue standards for the secure transportation of marijuana and marijuana-infused products. The department shall certify entities which demonstrate compliance with its transportation standards to transport marijuana and marijuana-infused products to or from a medical marijuana cultivation facility, a medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility, a medical marijuana dispensary facility, a [medical] marijuana testing facility, or another entity with a transportation certification. The department shall develop or adopt from any other governmental agency such safety and security standards as are reasonably necessary for the transportation of marijuana and marijuana-infused products. Any entity licensed or certified pursuant to this section shall be allowed to transport and store [cannabis] marijuana, marijuana seeds, marijuana vegetative cuttings (also known as clones) and marijuana-infused products for purposes related to transportation in compliance with department regulations on storage of marijuana and marijuana-infused products.

(f) The department may charge a fee not to exceed \$5,000 for any certification issued pursuant to this section.

(g) Prepare and transmit annually a publicly available report accounting to the governor for the efficient discharge of all responsibilities assigned to the department under this section[.];

(h) [Establish a system to numerically score competing medical marijuana licensee and certificate applicants, only in cases where more applicants apply than the minimum number of licenses or certificates as calculated by this section, which scoring shall be limited to an analysis of the following:] Establish a lottery selection process to select medical marijuana licensee and certificate applicants, only in cases where more applicants apply than the minimum number of licenses or certificates as calculated by this section. To be eligible for the medical marijuana license lottery process, an applicant cannot have an owner who has pleaded or been found guilty of a disqualifying felony. A "disqualifying felony offense" is a violation of, and conviction or guilty plea to, state or federal law that is, or would have been, a felony under Missouri law, regardless of the sentence imposed, unless the department determines that: (i) The person's conviction was for a marijuana offense, other than provision of marijuana to a minor, or

(ii) The person's conviction was for a non-violent crime for which he or she was not incarcerated and that is more than five years old; or (iii) More than five years have passed since the person was released from parole or probation, and he or she has not been convicted of any subsequent felony criminal offenses.

The department may consult with and rely on the records, advice, and recommendations of the attorney general and the department of public safety, or their successor entities, in carrying out the provisions of this subdivision.

(i) the character, veracity, background, qualifications, and relevant experience of principal officers or managers;

(ii) the business plan proposed by the applicant, which in the case of cultivation facilities and dispensaries shall include the ability to maintain an adequate supply of marijuana, plans to ensure safety and security of qualifying patients and the community, procedures to be used to prevent diversion, and any plan for making marijuana available to low-income qualifying patients;

(iii) site security;

(iv) experience in a legal cannabis market;

(v) in the case of medical marijuana testing facilities, the experience of their personnel with testing marijuana, food or drugs for toxins and/or potency and health care industry experience;

(vi) the potential for positive economic impact in the site community;

(vii) in the case of medical marijuana cultivation facilities, capacity or experience with agriculture, horticulture, and health care;

(viii) in the case of medical marijuana dispensary facilities, capacity or experience with health care, the suitability of the proposed location, and its accessibility for patients;

(ix) in the case of medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities, capacity or experience with food and beverage manufacturing; and

(x) maintaining competitiveness in the marijuana for medical use marketplace.]

In [ranking] establishing a lottery selection process to select medical marijuana licensee and certificate applicants and awarding licenses and certificates, the department may consult or contract with other public agencies with relevant expertise [regarding these factors]. The department shall lift or ease any limit on the number of licensees or certificate holders in order to meet the demand for marijuana for medical use by qualifying patients.

(2) The department shall issue any rules or emergency rules necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this section and to ensure the right to, availability, and safe use of marijuana for medical use by qualifying patients. In developing such rules or emergency rules, the department may consult with other public agencies. In addition to any other rules or emergency rules necessary to carry out the mandates of this section, the department may issue

rules or emergency rules relating to the following subjects:

(a) Compliance with, enforcement of, or violation of any provision of this section or any rule issued pursuant to this section, including procedures and grounds for denying, suspending, [fine,] imposing an authorized [fine,] and restricting, or revoking a state license or certification issued pursuant to this section, so long as any procedure related to a suspension or revocation includes a reasonable cure period, not less than thirty days, prior to the suspension or revocation, except in instances where there is a credible and imminent threat to public health or public safety;

(b) Specifications of duties of officers and employees of the department;

(c) Instructions or guidance for local authorities and law enforcement officers;

(d) Requirements for inspections, investigations, searches, seizures, and such additional enforcement activities as may become necessary from time to time;

(e) [Creation of a range of] As otherwise authorized by this section or general law, administrative penalties and policies for use by the department;

(f) Prohibition of misrepresentation and unfair practices;

(g) Control of informational and product displays on licensed premises provided that the rules may not prevent or unreasonably restrict appropriate signs on the property of the medical marijuana dispensary facility, product display and examination by the qualifying patient and/or primary caregiver, listings in business directories including phone books, listings in marijuana-related or medical publications, or the sponsorship of health or not for profit charity or advocacy events. While the department shall have the general power to regulate the advertising and promotion of marijuana sales, under all circumstances, any such regulation shall be no more stringent than comparable state regulations on the advertising and promotion of alcohol sales;

(h) Development of individual identification cards for owners, officers, managers, contractors, employees, and other support staff of entities licensed or certified pursuant to this section, including a fingerprint-based federal and state criminal record check in accordance with U.S. Public Law 92-544, or its successor provisions, as may be required by the department prior to issuing a card and procedures to ensure that cards for new applicants are issued within fourteen days. Applicants licensed pursuant to this section shall submit fingerprints to a Missouri state highway patrol for the purpose of conducting a state and federal fingerprint-based criminal background check. The Missouri state highway patrol, if necessary, shall forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for the purpose of conducting a fingerprint-based criminal background check. Fingerprints shall be submitted pursuant to section 43.543, RSMo., or its successor provisions, and fees shall be paid pursuant to section 43.530, RSMo., or its successor provisions. Unless otherwise required by law, no individual shall be required to submit fingerprints more than once;

(i) Security requirements for any premises licensed or certified pursuant to this section, including, at a minimum, lighting, physical security, video, alarm requirements, and other minimum procedures for internal control as deemed necessary by the department to properly administer and enforce the provisions of this section, including reporting requirements for changes, alterations, or modifications to the premises;

(j) Regulation of the storage of, warehouses for, and transportation of marijuana for medical use;

(k) Sanitary requirements for, including, but not limited to, the preparation of medical marijuana-infused products;

(l) The specification of acceptable forms of picture identification that a medical marijuana dispensary facility may accept when verifying a sale;

(m) Labeling and packaging standards;

(n) Records to be kept by licensees and the required availability of the records;

(o) State licensing procedures, including procedures for renewals, reinstatements, initial licenses, and the payment of licensing fees;

(p) The reporting and transmittal of tax payments;

(q) Authorization for the department of revenue to have access to licensing information to ensure tax payment and the effective administration of this section; and

(r) Such other matters as are necessary for the fair, impartial, stringent, and comprehensive administration of this section.

(3) The department shall issue rules or emergency rules for a medical marijuana and medical marijuana-infused products independent testing and certification program for medical marijuana licensees and requiring licensees to test medical marijuana using one or more impartial, independent laboratories to ensure, at a minimum, that products sold for human consumption do not contain contaminants that are injurious to health, to ensure correct labeling and measure potency. The department shall not require any medical marijuana or medical marijuana-infused products to be tested more than once prior to sale.

(4) The department shall issue rules or emergency rules to provide for the certification of and standards for [medical] marijuana testing facilities, including the requirements for equipment and qualifications for personnel, but shall not require certificate holders to have any federal agency licensing or have any relationship with a federally licensed testing facility. The department shall certify, if possible, at least two entities as [medical] marijuana testing facilities. No [medical] marijuana testing facility shall be owned by an entity or entities under

substantially common control, ownership, or management as a medical marijuana cultivation facility, medical marijuana-infused product manufacturing facility, or medical marijuana dispensary facility.

(5) [The department shall maintain the confidentiality of reports or other information obtained from an applicant or licensee containing any individualized data, information, or records related to the licensee or its operation, including sales information, financial records, tax returns, credit reports, cultivation information, testing results, and security information and plans, or revealing any patient information, or any other records that are exempt from public inspection pursuant to state or federal law. Such reports or other information may be used only for a purpose authorized by this section.] Any information released by the department related to patients may [be used] only for a purpose authorized by federal law and this section, including verifying that a person who presented a patient identification card to a state or local law enforcement official is lawfully in possession of such card. Beginning December 8, 2022, all public records produced or retained pursuant to this section are subject to the general provisions of the Missouri Sunshine Law, chapter 610, RSMo, or its successor provisions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, records containing proprietary business information obtained from an applicant or licensee shall be closed. For documents submitted on or after December 8, 2022, the applicant or licensee may advise the department, through a department approved process, of any records previously submitted by the applicant or licensee it believes contain proprietary business information. Proprietary business information shall include sales information, financial records, tax returns, credit reports, license applications, cultivation information unrelated to product safety, testing results unrelated to product safety, site security information and plans, and individualized consumer information. The presence of proprietary business information shall not justify the closure of public records.

(a) Identifying the applicant or licensee;

(b) relating to any citation, notice of violation, tax delinquency, or other enforcement action;

(c) relating to any public official's support or opposition relative to any applicant, licensee, or their proposed or actual operations;

(d) where disclosure is reasonably necessary for the protection of public health or safety; or

(e) that are otherwise subject to public inspection under other applicable law.

(6) Within one hundred eighty days of December 6, 2018, the department shall make available to the public license application forms and application instructions for medical marijuana cultivation facilities, [medical] marijuana testing facilities, medical marijuana dispensary facilities, and medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities.

(7) Within one hundred eighty days of December 6, 2018, the department shall make available to the public application forms and application instructions for qualifying patient, qualifying patient cultivation, and primary caregiver identification cards. Within two hundred ten days of December 6, 2018, the department shall begin accepting applications for such identification cards.

(8) An entity may apply to the department for and obtain one or more licenses to grow marijuana as a medical marijuana cultivation facility. Each facility in operation shall require a separate license, but multiple licenses may be utilized in a single facility. Each indoor facility utilizing artificial lighting may be limited by the department to thirty thousand square feet of flowering plant canopy space. Each outdoor facility utilizing natural lighting may be limited by the department to two thousand eight hundred flowering plants. Each greenhouse facility using a combination of natural and artificial lighting may be limited by the department, at the election of the licensee, to two thousand eight hundred flowering plants or thirty thousand square feet of flowering plant canopy. The license shall be valid for three years from its date of issuance and shall be renewable, except for good cause. The department shall charge each applicant a nonrefundable fee of ten thousand dollars per license application or renewal for all applicants filing an application within three years of December 6, 2018, and shall charge each applicant a nonrefundable fee of five thousand dollars per license application or renewal thereafter. Once granted, the department shall charge each licensee an annual fee of twenty-five thousand dollars per facility license. Application and license fees shall be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency. [No more than three medical marijuana cultivation facility licenses shall be issued to any entity under substantially common control, ownership, or management.] An entity or entities under substantially common control, ownership, or management may not be an owner of more than ten percent of the total marijuana cultivation facility licenses outstanding under both sections 1 and 2 of this Article at any given time, rounded down to the nearest whole number.

(9) An entity may apply to the department for and obtain one or more licenses to operate a medical marijuana dispensary facility. Each facility in operation shall require a separate license. A license shall be valid for three years from its

date of issuance and shall be renewable, except for good cause. The department shall charge each applicant a nonrefundable fee of six thousand dollars per license application or renewal for each applicant filing an application within three years of December 6, 2018, and shall charge each applicant a nonrefundable fee of three thousand dollars per license application or renewal thereafter. Once granted, the department shall charge each licensee an annual fee of ten thousand dollars per facility license. Application and license fees shall be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency. [No more than five medical marijuana dispensary facility licenses shall be issued to any entity under substantially common control, ownership, or management.] An entity or entities under substantially common control, ownership, or management may not be an owner of more than ten percent of the total marijuana dispensary facility licenses outstanding under both sections 1 and 2 of this Article at any given time, rounded down to the nearest whole number.

(10) An entity may apply to the department for and obtain one or more licenses to operate a medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility. Each facility in operation shall require a separate license. A license shall be valid for three years from its date of issuance and shall be renewable, except for good cause. The department shall charge each applicant a nonrefundable fee of six thousand dollars per license application or renewal for each applicant filing an application within three years of December 6, 2018, and shall charge each applicant a nonrefundable fee of three thousand dollars per license application or renewal thereafter. Once granted, the department shall charge each licensee an annual fee of ten thousand dollars per facility license. Application and license fees shall be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency. [No more than three medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility licenses shall be issued to any entity under substantially common control, ownership, or management.] An entity or entities under substantially common control, ownership, or management may not be an owner of more than ten percent of the total marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility licenses outstanding under both sections 1 and 2 of this Article at any given time, rounded down to the nearest whole number.

(11) Any applicant for a license authorized by this section may prefile their application fee with the department beginning 30 days after December 6, 2018.

(12) Except for good cause, a qualifying patient or his or her primary caregiver may obtain an identification card from the department to cultivate up to six flowering marijuana plants, six nonflowering marijuana plants (over fourteen inches tall), and six clones (plants under fourteen inches tall) for the exclusive use of that qualifying patient. The card shall be valid for [twelve months] three years from its date of issuance and shall be renewable with the [annual] submittal of a new or updated [physician's] physician or nurse practitioner certification. The department shall charge [an annual] a fee for the card of [one hundred] fifty dollars, with such rate to be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency.

(13) The department may set a limit on the amount of marijuana that may be purchased by or on behalf of a single qualifying patient in a thirty-day period, provided that limit is not less than [four] six ounces of dried, unprocessed marijuana, or its equivalent. Any such limit shall not apply to a qualifying patient with written certification from [two independent physicians] a physician or nurse practitioner that there are compelling reasons why the qualifying patient needs a greater amount than the limit established by the department.

(14) The department may set a limit on the amount of marijuana that may be possessed by or on behalf of each qualifying patient, provided that limit is not less than a sixty-day supply of dried, unprocessed marijuana, or its equivalent. A primary caregiver may possess a separate legal limit for each qualifying patient under their care and a separate legal limit for themselves if they are a qualifying patient. Qualifying patients cultivating marijuana for medical use may possess up to a ninety-day supply, so long as the supply remains on property under their control. Any such limit shall not apply to a qualifying patient with written certification from [two independent physicians] an independent physician or nurse practitioner that there are compelling reasons for additional amounts. Possession of between the legal limit and up to twice the legal limit shall subject the possessor to department sanctions, including an administrative penalty of up to two hundred dollars and loss of their patient identification card for up to a year. Purposely possessing amounts in excess of twice the legal limit shall be punishable [by imprisonment of up to one year and a fine of up to two thousand dollars] as an infraction under applicable law.

(15) The department may restrict the aggregate number of licenses granted for medical marijuana cultivation facilities and comprehensive marijuana cultivation facilities authorized by section 2 combined, provided,

however, that the number may not be limited to fewer than one license per every one hundred thousand inhabitants, or any portion thereof, of the state of Missouri, according to the most recent census of the United States. A decrease in the number of inhabitants in the state of Missouri shall have no impact.

(16) The department may restrict the aggregate number of licenses granted for medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities and comprehensive marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities authorized by section 2 combined, provided, however, that the number may not be limited to fewer than one license per every seventy thousand inhabitants, or any portion thereof, of the state of Missouri, according to the most recent census of the United States. A decrease in the number of inhabitants in the state of Missouri shall have no impact.

(17) The department may restrict the aggregate number of licenses granted for medical marijuana dispensary facilities and comprehensive marijuana dispensary facilities authorized by section 2 combined, provided, however, that the number may not be limited to fewer than twenty-four licenses in each United States congressional district in the state of Missouri pursuant to the map of each of the eight congressional districts as drawn and effective on December 6, 2018. Future changes to the boundaries of or the number of congressional districts shall have no impact.

(18) The department shall begin accepting license and certification applications for medical marijuana dispensary facilities, [medical] marijuana testing facilities, medical marijuana cultivation facilities, medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities, seed-to-sale tracking systems, and for transportation of marijuana no later than two hundred forty days after December 6, 2018. Applications for licenses and certifications under this section shall be approved or denied by the department no later than one hundred fifty days after their submission. If the department fails to carry out its nondiscretionary duty to approve or deny an application within one hundred fifty days of submission, an applicant may immediately seek a court order compelling the department to approve or deny the application.

(19) Qualifying patients under this section shall obtain [and annually renew] an identification card or cards from the department. The department shall charge a fee of twenty-five dollars [per year] per card. [with such fee to] Such fee may be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor or its successor agency. Cards shall be valid for three years and may be renewed with a new physician or nurse practitioner certification. Upon receiving an application for a qualifying patient identification card or qualifying patient cultivation identification card, the department shall, within thirty days, either issue the card or provide a written explanation for its denial. If the department fails to deny and fails to issue a card to an eligible qualifying patient within thirty days, then their physician or nurse practitioner certification shall serve as their qualifying patient identification card or qualifying patient cultivation identification card for up to one year from the date of physician or nurse practitioner certification. All initial applications for or renewals of a qualifying patient identification card or qualifying patient cultivation identification card shall be accompanied by a physician or nurse practitioner certification that is less than thirty days old.

(20) Primary caregivers under this section shall obtain [and annually renew] an identification card from the department. Cards shall be valid for three years. The department shall charge a fee of twenty-five dollars per [year, with such fee to] card. Such fee may be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency. Upon receiving an application for a primary caregiver identification card, the department shall, within thirty days, either issue the card or provide a written explanation for its denial.

(21) Except as otherwise provided in this Article, all [All] marijuana for medical use sold in Missouri shall be cultivated in a licensed medical marijuana cultivation facility located in Missouri.

(22) Except as otherwise provided in this Article, all [All] marijuana-infused products for medical use sold in the state of Missouri shall be manufactured in a medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility.

(23) The denial of a license, license renewal, or identification card by the department shall be appealable to the administrative hearing commission, or its successor entity. Following the exhaustion of administrative review, denial of a license, license renewal, or identification card by the department shall be subject to judicial review as provided by law.

(24) No elected official shall interfere directly or indirectly with the department's obligations and activities under this section.

(25) The department shall not have the authority to apply or enforce any unduly burdensome rule or regulation or administrative penalty [that would impose an undue burden on] upon any one or more licensees or certificate holders, any qualifying patients, or their primary caregivers, or act to undermine the purposes of this section.

each licensed medical marijuana dispensary facility and paid to the department of revenue. After retaining no more than [five] two percent for its actual collection costs, amounts generated by the medical marijuana tangible personal property retail sales tax levied in this section shall be deposited by the department of revenue into the Missouri veterans' health and care fund. Licensed entities making retail sales within the state shall be allowed approved credit for returns provided the tax was paid on the returned item and the purchaser was given the refund or credit.

(2) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Missouri Veterans' Health and Care Fund", which shall consist of taxes and fees collected under this section. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund, and he or she shall invest monies in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and monies earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any monies remaining in the fund at the end of a biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The commissioner of administration is authorized to make cash operating transfers to the fund for purposes of meeting the cash requirements of the department in advance of it receiving annual application, licensing, and tax revenue, with any such transfers to be repaid as provided by law. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and shall stand appropriated without further legislative action as follows:

(a) First, to the department, an amount necessary for the department to carry out this section, including repayment of any cash operating transfers, payments made through contract or agreement with other state and public agencies necessary to carry out this section, and a reserve fund to maintain a reasonable working cash balance for the purpose of carrying out this section;

(b) Next, the remainder of such funds shall be transferred to the Missouri veterans commission for health and care services for military veterans, including the following purposes: operations, maintenance and capital improvements of the Missouri veterans homes, the Missouri service officer's program, and other services for veterans approved by the commission, including, but not limited to, health care services, mental health services, drug rehabilitation services, housing assistance, job training, tuition assistance, and housing assistance to prevent homelessness. The Missouri veterans commission shall contract with other public agencies for the delivery of services beyond its expertise.

(c) All monies from the taxes authorized under this subsection shall provide additional dedicated funding for the purposes enumerated above and shall not replace existing dedicated funding.

(3) For all retail sales of marijuana for medical use, a record shall be kept by the seller which identifies, by secure and encrypted patient number issued by the seller to the qualifying patient involved in the sale, all amounts and types of marijuana involved in the sale and the total amount of money involved in the sale, including itemizations, taxes collected and grand total sale amounts. All such records shall be kept on the premises in a readily available format and be made available for review by the department and the department of revenue upon request. Such records shall be retained for five years from the date of the sale.

(4) The tax levied pursuant to this subsection is separate from, and in addition to, any general state and local sales and use taxes that apply to retail sales, which shall continue to be collected and distributed as provided by general law.

(5) Except as authorized in this subsection, no additional taxes shall be imposed on the sale of marijuana for medical use.

(6) The fees and taxes provided for in this Article XIV, Section 1 shall be fully enforceable notwithstanding any other provision in this Constitution purportedly prohibiting or restricting the taxes and fees provided for herein.

(7) The unexpended balance existing in the fund shall be exempt from the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, or its successor provisions, relating to the transfer of unexpended balances to the general revenue fund.

(8) For taxpayers authorized to do business pursuant to this Article, the amount that would have been deducted in the computation of federal taxable income pursuant to 26 U.S.C. Section 280E of the Internal Revenue Code as in effect on January 1, 2021, or successor provisions, but is disallowed because cannabis is a controlled substance under federal law, shall be subtracted from the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income, in determining the taxpayer's Missouri adjusted gross income.

5. Additional Patient, Physician, Nurse Practitioner, Caregiver and Provider Protections.

(1) Except as provided in this section, the possession of marijuana in quantities less than the limits of this section, or established by the department, and transportation of marijuana [from a medical marijuana dispensary facility to the qualifying patient's residence] by the qualifying patient or primary caregiver shall not subject the possessor to arrest, criminal or civil liability, or sanctions under Missouri law, provided that the possessor produces on demand to the appropriate authority a valid qualifying patient identification card; a valid qualifying patient cultivation identification card; a valid physician or nurse practitioner certification while making application for an identification card; or a valid primary caregiver identification card. Production of the respective substantially equivalent identification card or authorization issued by another state or political subdivision of another state shall also meet the requirements of this subdivision and shall allow for the purchase of medical marijuana for use by a non-resident patient from

a medical marijuana dispensary facility as permitted by this section and in compliance with department regulations.

(2) No patient shall be denied access to or priority for an organ transplant or other medical care because they hold a qualifying patient identification card or use marijuana for medical use.

(3) A physician or nurse practitioner shall not be subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Missouri law or discipline by the Missouri state board of registration for the healing arts, the Missouri state board of nursing, or [its] their respective successor [agency] agencies, for owning, operating, investing in, being employed by, or contracting with any entity licensed or certified pursuant to this section or issuing a physician or nurse practitioner certification to a patient diagnosed with a qualifying medical condition in a manner consistent with this section and legal standards of professional conduct.

(4) A health care provider shall not be subject to civil or criminal prosecution under Missouri law, denial of any right or privilege, civil or administrative penalty or sanction, or disciplinary action by any accreditation or licensing board or commission for owning, operating, investing in, being employed by, or contracting with any entity licensed or certified pursuant to this section or providing health care services that involve the medical use of marijuana consistent with this section and legal standards of professional conduct.

(5) A [medical] marijuana testing facility shall not be subject to civil or criminal prosecution under Missouri law, denial of any right or privilege, civil or administrative penalty or sanction, or disciplinary action by any accreditation or licensing board or commission for providing laboratory testing services that relate to the medical use of marijuana consistent with this section and otherwise meeting legal standards of professional conduct.

(6) A health care provider shall not be subject to mandatory reporting requirements for the medical use of marijuana by nonemancipated qualifying patients under eighteen years of age in a manner consistent with this section and with consent of a parent or guardian.

(7) A primary caregiver shall not be subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Missouri law for purchasing, transporting, or administering marijuana for medical use to a qualifying patient or participating in the patient cultivation of up to six flowering marijuana plants, six nonflowering marijuana plants (over fourteen inches tall), and six clones (plants under fourteen inches tall) per patient and no more than twenty-four flowering plants for more than one qualifying patient in a manner consistent with this section and generally established legal standards of personal or professional conduct.

(8) [An attorney shall not be subject to disciplinary action by the state bar association or other professional licensing body for owning, operating, investing in, being employed by, contracting with, or providing legal assistance to prospective or licensed medical marijuana testing facilities, medical marijuana cultivation facilities, medical marijuana dispensary facilities, medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities, qualifying patients, primary caregivers, physicians, health care providers or others related to activity that is no longer subject to criminal penalties under state law pursuant to this section.] Notwithstanding any provision of Article V to the contrary, an attorney shall not be subject to disciplinary action by the Supreme Court of Missouri, the office of chief disciplinary counsel, the state bar association, any state agency, or any professional licensing body for any of the following:

(a) owning, operating, investing in, being employed by, or contracting with prospective or licensed marijuana testing facilities, medical marijuana cultivation facilities, medical marijuana dispensary facilities, medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities, or transportation certificate holders;

(b) counseling, advising, and/or assisting a client in conduct permitted by Missouri law that may violate or conflict with federal or other law, as long as the attorney advises the client about that federal or other law and its potential consequences;

(c) counseling, advising and/or assisting a client in connection with applying for, owning, operating, or otherwise having any legal, equitable, or beneficial interest in marijuana testing facilities, medical marijuana cultivation facilities, medical marijuana dispensary facilities, medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities, or transportation certificates; or

(d) counseling, advising or assisting a qualifying patient, primary caregiver, physician, nurse practitioner, health care provider, or other client related to activity that is no longer subject to criminal penalties under Missouri law pursuant to this Article.

(9) Actions and conduct by qualifying patients, primary caregivers, [medical] marijuana testing facilities, medical marijuana cultivation facilities, medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities, or medical marijuana dispensary facilities licensed or registered with the department, or their employees or agents, as permitted by this section and in compliance with department regulations and other standards of legal conduct, shall not be subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Missouri law, except as provided for by this section.

(10) Nothing in this section shall provide immunity for negligence, either common law or statutorily created, nor criminal immunities for operating a vehicle, aircraft, dangerous device, or navigating a boat under the influence of marijuana.

(11) It is the public policy of the state of Missouri that contracts related to marijuana for medical use that are entered into by qualifying patients, primary caregivers, [medical] marijuana testing facilities, medical marijuana cultivation facilities, medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities, or medical marijuana dispensary facilities and those who allow property to be used by those entities, should be enforceable. It is the public policy of the state of Missouri that no contract entered into by qualifying patients, primary caregivers, [medical] marijuana testing facilities, medical marijuana cultivation facilities, medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities, or medical marijuana dispensary facilities, or by a person who allows property to be used for activities that are exempt from state criminal penalties by this section, shall be unenforceable on the basis that activities related to medical marijuana may be prohibited by federal law.

(12) In the process of requesting a search or arrest warrant relating to the production, possession, transportation or storage of marijuana, a state or local law enforcement official shall verify with the department whether the targeted person is a qualifying patient or primary caregiver holding an identification card allowing for cultivation of marijuana plants under subdivision (12) of subsection 3 of this section, and shall inform the issuing authority accordingly when making the warrant request. Evidence of marijuana alone, without specific evidence indicating that the marijuana is outside of what is lawful for medical or adult use, cannot be the basis for a search of a patient or non-patient, including their home, vehicle or other property. Lawful marijuana related activities cannot be the basis for a violation of parole, probation, or any type of supervised release. State and local law enforcement shall only have access to such department information as is necessary to confirm whether the targeted person holds a registration card.

(13) Registered qualifying patients on bond for pre-trial release, on probation, or other form of supervised release shall not be prohibited from legally using a lawful marijuana product as a term or condition of release, probation, or parole. An alternative sentencing drug court program may not prohibit individuals under its jurisdiction from using a lawful marijuana product as long as the individual is a registered qualifying patient.

(14) A family court participant or party who requires treatment for a qualified medical condition in accordance with this section shall not be required to refrain from using medical marijuana as a term or condition of successful completion of the family court program. The status and conduct of a qualified patient who acts in accordance with this section shall not, by itself, be used to restrict or abridge custodial or parental rights to minor children in any action or proceeding under the jurisdiction of a family court under chapter 487, RSMo, including domestic matters under chapter 452, RSMo, or a juvenile court under chapter 211, RSMo, or successor provisions.

(15) A person shall not be denied adoption, custody, or visitation rights relative to a minor solely for conduct that is permitted by this section.

(16) No person shall be denied their rights under Article I, section 23 of the Missouri Constitution, or successor provisions, solely for conduct that is permitted by this section.

6. Legislation. Nothing in this section shall limit the general assembly from enacting laws consistent with this section, or otherwise effectuating the patient rights of this section. The legislature shall not enact laws that hinder the right of qualifying patients to access marijuana for medical use as granted by this section.

7. Additional Provisions. (1) Nothing in this section permits a person to:

(a) Consume marijuana for medical use in a jail or correctional facility;

(b) Undertake any task under the influence of marijuana when doing so would constitute negligence or professional malpractice; or

(c) Operate, navigate, or be in actual physical control of any dangerous device or motor vehicle, aircraft or motorboat while under the influence of marijuana. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an arrest or a conviction of a person who has a valid qualifying patient identification card for any applicable offenses shall require evidence that the person was in fact under the influence of marijuana at the time the person was in actual physical control of the dangerous device or motor vehicle, aircraft or motorboat and not solely on the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) or THC metabolites, or a combination thereof, in the person's system;

(d) Bring a claim against any employer, former employer, or prospective employer for wrongful discharge, discrimination, or any similar cause of action or remedy, based on the employer, former employer, or prospective employer prohibiting the employee, former employee, or prospective employee from being under the influence of marijuana while at work or disciplining the employee or former employee, up to and including termination from employment, for working or attempting to work while under the influence of marijuana.

(2) No medical marijuana cultivation facility, [medical] marijuana testing facility, medical marijuana dispensary facility, or medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility, or entity with a transportation certification shall be owned, in whole or in part, or have as an officer, director, board member, manager, or employee, any individual with a disqualifying felony offense. A "disqualifying felony offense" is a violation of, and conviction or guilty plea to, state or federal law that is, or would have been, a felony under Missouri

law, regardless of the sentence imposed, unless the department determines that:

(a) The person's conviction was for the medical use of marijuana or assisting in the medical use of marijuana; or

(b) The person's conviction was for a nonviolent crime for which he or she was not incarcerated and that is more than five years old; or

(c) More than five years have passed since the person was released from parole or probation, and he or she has not been convicted of any subsequent criminal offenses.

The department may consult with and rely on the records, advice and recommendations of the attorney general and the department of public safety, or their successor entities, in applying this subdivision.

(3) [All medical marijuana cultivation facility, medical marijuana dispensary facility, and medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility licenses, entities with medical marijuana testing facility certifications, and entities with transportation certifications shall be held by entities that are majority owned by natural persons who have been citizens of the state of Missouri for at least one year prior to the application for such license or certification. Notwithstanding the foregoing, entities outside the state of Missouri may own a minority stake in such entities.

(4) No medical marijuana cultivation facility, medical marijuana dispensary facility, or medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility shall manufacture, package or label marijuana or marijuana-infused products in a false or misleading manner. No person shall sell any product in a manner designed to cause confusion between a marijuana or marijuana-infused product and any product not containing marijuana. A violation of this subdivision shall be punishable by an appropriate and proportional department sanction, up to and including an administrative penalty of five thousand dollars and loss of license.

(5) (4) All edible marijuana-infused products shall be sold in individual, child-resistant containers that are labeled with dosage amounts, instructions for use, and estimated length of effectiveness. All marijuana and marijuana-infused products shall be sold in containers clearly and conspicuously labeled as mandated by the department, in a font size at least as large as the largest other font size used on the package, as containing "Marijuana," or a "Marijuana-Infused Product." Violation of this prohibition shall subject the violator to department sanctions, including an administrative penalty of five thousand dollars.

(6) (5) No individual shall serve as the primary caregiver for more than [three] six qualifying patients. No primary caregiver cultivating marijuana for more than one qualifying patient may exceed a total of twenty-four flowering plants.

(7) No qualifying patient shall consume marijuana for medical use in a public place, unless provided by law. Violation of this prohibition shall subject the violator to sanctions as provided by general law. (6) A person who smokes medical marijuana in a public place, other than in an area licensed for such activity by the department or by local authorities having jurisdiction over the licensing or permitting of said activity, is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars.

(8) (7) No person shall extract resins from marijuana using dangerous materials or combustible gases without a medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility license. Violation of this prohibition shall subject the violator to department sanctions, including an administrative penalty of one thousand dollars for a patient or primary caregiver and ten thousand dollars for a facility licensee and, if applicable, loss of their identification card, certificate, or license for up to one year.

(9) (8) All qualifying patient cultivation shall take place in an enclosed, locked facility that is equipped with security devices that permit access only by the qualifying patient or by such patient's primary caregiver. Two qualifying patients, who both hold valid qualifying patient cultivation identification cards, may share one enclosed, locked facility. [No more than twelve qualifying patient or primary caregiver cultivated flowering marijuana plants may be cultivated in a single, enclosed locked facility, except when a primary caregiver also holds a qualifying patient cultivation identification card, in which case no more than eighteen flowering marijuana plants may be cultivated in a single, enclosed, locked facility.] Primary caregivers cultivating marijuana for more than one qualifying patient may cultivate each respective qualifying patient's flowering plants in a single, enclosed locked facility subject to the limits of subsection 3, paragraph 12.

(10) (9) No medical marijuana cultivation facility, medical marijuana dispensary facility, medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility, [medical] marijuana testing facility, or entity with a transportation certification shall assign, sell, give, lease, sublicense, or otherwise transfer its license or certificate to any other entity without the express consent of the department, not to be unreasonably withheld.

(11) (10) (a) Unless allowed by the local government, no new medical marijuana cultivation facility, [medical] marijuana testing facility, medical marijuana dispensary facility, or medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility shall be initially sited within one thousand feet of any then-existing elementary or secondary school, child day-care center, or church. In the case of a freestanding facility, the distance between the facility and the school, daycare, or church shall be measured from the external wall of the facility structure closest in proximity to the school, daycare, or church to the closest point of the property line of the school,

daycare or church. If the school, daycare, or church is part of a larger structure, such as an office building or strip mall, the distance shall be measured to the entrance or exit of the school, daycare, or church closest in proximity to the facility. In the case of a facility that is part of a larger structure, such as an office building or strip mall, the distance between the facility and the school, daycare, or church shall be measured from the property line of the school, daycare, or church to the facility's entrance or exit closest in proximity to the school, daycare, or church. If the school, daycare, or church is part of a larger structure, such as an office building or strip mall, the distance shall be measured to the entrance or exit of the school, daycare, or church closest in proximity to the facility. Measurements shall be made along the shortest path between the demarcation points that can be lawfully traveled by foot. No local government shall prohibit medical marijuana cultivation facilities, [medical] marijuana testing facilities, medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities, or medical marijuana dispensary facilities, or entities with a transportation certification either expressly or through the enactment of ordinances or regulations that make their operation unduly burdensome in the jurisdiction. However, local governments may enact ordinances or regulations not in conflict with this section, or with regulations enacted pursuant to this section, governing the time, place, and manner of operation of such facilities in the locality. A local government may establish civil penalties for violation of an ordinance or regulations governing the time, place, and manner of operation of a medical marijuana cultivation facility, [medical] marijuana testing facility, medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility, or entity holding a transportation certification that may operate in such locality.

(b) The only local government ordinances or regulations that are binding on a medical facility are those of the local government where the medical facility is physically located.

(12) (11) Unless superseded by federal law or an amendment to this Constitution, a physician or nurse practitioner shall not certify a qualifying condition for a patient by any means other than providing a physician or nurse practitioner certification for the patient, whether handwritten, electronic, or in another commonly used format. [A qualifying patient must obtain a new physician certification at least annually.]

(13) (12) A physician or nurse practitioner shall not issue a certification for the medical use of marijuana for a nonemancipated qualifying patient under the age of eighteen without the written consent of the qualifying patient's parent or legal guardian. The department shall not issue a qualifying patient identification card on behalf of a nonemancipated qualifying patient under the age of eighteen without the written consent of the qualifying patient's parent or legal guardian. Such card shall be issued to one of the parents or guardians and not directly to the patient. Only a parent or guardian may serve as a primary caregiver for a nonemancipated qualifying patient under the age of eighteen. Only the qualifying patient's parent or guardian shall purchase or possess medical marijuana for a nonemancipated qualifying patient under the age of eighteen. A parent or guardian shall supervise the administration of medical marijuana to a nonemancipated qualifying patient under the age of eighteen.

(14) (13) Nothing in this section shall be construed as mandating health insurance coverage of medical marijuana for qualifying patient use.

(15) (14) Real and personal property used in the cultivation, manufacture, transport, testing, distribution, sale, and administration of marijuana for medical use or for activities otherwise in compliance with this section shall not be subject to asset forfeiture solely because of that use.

(15) Unless a failure to do so would cause an employer to lose a monetary or licensing-related benefit under federal law, an employer may not discriminate against a person in hiring, termination or any term or condition of employment or otherwise penalize a person, if the discrimination is based upon either of the following:

(a) The person's status as a qualifying patient or primary caregiver who has a valid identification card, including the person's legal use of a lawful marijuana product off the employer's premises during nonworking hours, unless the person was under the influence of medical marijuana on the premises of the place of employment or during the hours of employment; or

(b) A positive drug test for marijuana components or metabolites of a person who has a valid qualifying patient identification card, unless the person used, possessed, or was under the influence of medical marijuana on the premises of the place of employment or during the hours of employment.

Nothing in this subdivision shall apply to an employee in a position in which legal use of a lawful marijuana product affects in any manner a person's ability to perform job-related employment responsibilities or the safety of others, or conflicts with a bona fide occupational qualification that is reasonably related to the person's employment.

(16) The enactment of section 2 of this Article and concurrent amendments to section 1 of this Article shall have no effect upon any valid contract, claim, or cause of action instituted prior to the effective date of this section.

8. Federal Legalization. If federal law, rules, or regulations are amended to allow the interstate commerce of marijuana or marijuana-infused products or the importation or exportation of

marijuana or marijuana-infused products into or out of the state of Missouri, the provisions and intent of this section shall, to the extent possible, remain in full effect, unless explicitly preempted by such federal law, rule, or regulation. If federal law, rules, or regulations are amended as provided above, any marijuana or marijuana-infused products imported into this state shall be subject to the same testing standards and seed to sale tracking system required under this section for marijuana and marijuana-infused products produced within the state. Unless federal law, rules, or regulations explicitly require otherwise, no entity shall sell, transport, produce, distribute, deliver, or cultivate marijuana or marijuana-infused products without an applicable license or certificate as required under this section. In addition, any raw biomass of marijuana or marijuana flower imported from out-of-state shall be received only by a licensed cultivation facility, while all batch oil, infused marijuana products and any marijuana product in any other form shall be received only by a licensed manufacturing facility.

[8.]9. Severability. The provisions of this section are severable, and if any clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this measure, or an application thereof, is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions shall continue to be in effect to the fullest extent possible.

9. Effective Date. The provisions of this section shall become effective on December 6, 2018.

Section 2. Marijuana Legalization, Regulation, and Taxation

1. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to make marijuana legal under state and local law for adults twenty-one years of age or older, and to control the commercial production and distribution of marijuana under a system that licenses, regulates, and taxes the businesses involved while protecting public health. The intent is to prevent arrest and penalty for personal possession and cultivation of limited amounts of marijuana by adults twenty-one years of age or older; remove the commercial production and distribution of marijuana from the illicit market; prevent revenue generated from commerce in marijuana from going to criminal enterprises; prevent the distribution of marijuana to persons under twenty-one years of age; prevent the diversion of marijuana to illicit markets; protect public health by ensuring the safety of marijuana and products containing marijuana; and ensure the security of marijuana facilities. To the fullest extent possible, this section shall be interpreted in accordance with the purpose and intent set forth in this section.

This section is not intended to allow for the public use of marijuana, driving while under the influence of marijuana, the use of marijuana in the workplace, or the use of marijuana by persons under twenty-one years of age.

2. Definitions.

(1) "Church" means a permanent building primarily and regularly used as a place of religious worship.

(2) "Comprehensive Facility" means a comprehensive marijuana cultivation facility, comprehensive marijuana dispensary facility, or a comprehensive marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility.

(3) "Comprehensive Marijuana Cultivation Facility" means a facility licensed by the department to acquire, cultivate, process, package, store on site or off site, transport to or from, and sell marijuana, marijuana seeds, marijuana vegetative cuttings (also known as clones) to a medical facility, comprehensive facility, or marijuana testing facility. A comprehensive marijuana cultivation facility need not segregate or account for its marijuana products as either non-medical marijuana or medical marijuana. A comprehensive marijuana cultivation facility's authority to process marijuana shall include the creation of prerolls, but shall not include the manufacture of marijuana-infused products.

(4) "Comprehensive Marijuana Dispensary Facility" means a facility licensed by the department to acquire, process, package, store on site or off site, sell, transport to or from, and deliver marijuana, marijuana seeds, marijuana vegetative cuttings (also known as clones), marijuana-infused products, and drug paraphernalia used to administer marijuana as provided for in this section to a qualifying patient or primary caregiver, as those terms are defined in section 1 of this Article, or to a consumer anywhere on the licensed property or to any address as directed by the patient, primary caregiver, or consumer and consistent with the limitations of this Article and as otherwise allowed by law, to a comprehensive facility, a marijuana testing facility, or a medical facility.

Comprehensive dispensary facilities may receive transaction orders at the dispensary directly from the consumer in person, by phone, or via the internet, including from a third party. A comprehensive marijuana dispensary facility need not segregate or account for its marijuana products as either non-medical marijuana or medical marijuana, but shall collect all appropriate tangible personal property sales tax for each sale, as set forth in this Article and provided for by general or local law. A comprehensive marijuana dispensary facility's authority to process marijuana shall include the creation of prerolls.

(5) "Comprehensive Marijuana-Infused Products Manufacturing Facility" means a facility licensed by the department to acquire, process, package, store, manufacture, transport to or from a medical facility, comprehensive facility, or marijuana testing facility, and sell marijuana-infused products, prerolls, and infused prerolls to a marijuana dispensary facility, a marijuana testing facility, or another marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility. A

comprehensive marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility need not segregate or account for its marijuana products as either non-medical marijuana or medical marijuana.

(6) "Consumer" means a person who is at least twenty-one years of age.

(7) "Daycare" means a child-care facility, as defined by section 210.201, RSMo., or successor provisions, that is licensed by the state of Missouri.

(8) "Department" means the department of health and senior services, or its successor agency.

(9) "Entity" means a natural person, corporation, professional corporation, nonprofit corporation, cooperative corporation, unincorporated association, business trust, limited liability company, general or limited partnership, joint venture, or any other legal entity.

(10) "Flowering plant" means a marijuana plant from the time it exhibits the first signs of sexual maturity through harvest.

(11) "Infused Preroll" means a consumable or smokable marijuana product, generally consisting of: (1) a wrap or paper, (2) dried flower, buds, and/or plant material, and (3) a concentrate, oil or other type of marijuana extract, either within or on the surface of the product. Infused prerolls may or may not include a filter or crutch at the base of the product.

(12) "Local government" means, in the case of an incorporated area, a village, town, or city and, in the case of an unincorporated area, a county.

(13) "Marijuana" or "marijuana" means *Cannabis indica*, *Cannabis sativa*, and *Cannabis ruderalis*, hybrids of such species, and any other strains commonly understood within the scientific community to constitute marijuana, as well as resin extracted from the marijuana plant and marijuana-infused products. "Marijuana" or "marijuana" do not include industrial hemp, as defined by Missouri statute, or commodities or products manufactured from industrial hemp.

(14) "Marijuana accessories" means any equipment, product, material, or combination of equipment, products, or materials, which is specifically designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing marijuana into the human body.

(15) "Marijuana Facility" means a comprehensive marijuana cultivation facility, comprehensive marijuana dispensary facility, marijuana testing facility, comprehensive marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility, microbusiness wholesale facility, microbusiness dispensary facility, or any other type of marijuana-related facility or business licensed or certified by the department pursuant to this section, but shall not include a medical facility licensed under section 1 of this Article.

(16) "Marijuana-Infused Products" means products that are infused, dipped, coated, sprayed, or mixed with marijuana or an extract thereof, including, but not limited to, products that are able to be vaporized or smoked, edible products, ingestible products, topical products, suppositories, and infused prerolls.

(17) "Marijuana Microbusiness Facility" means a facility licensed by the department as a microbusiness dispensary facility or microbusiness wholesale facility, as defined in this section.

(18) "Microbusiness Dispensary Facility" means a facility licensed by the department to acquire, process, package, store on site or off site, sell, transport to or from, and deliver marijuana, marijuana seeds, marijuana vegetative cuttings (also known as clones), marijuana-infused products, and drug paraphernalia used to administer marijuana as provided for in this section to a consumer, qualifying patient, as that term is defined in section 1 of this Article, or primary caregiver, as that term is defined in section 1 of this Article, anywhere on the licensed property or to any address as directed by the consumer, qualifying patient, or primary caregiver and consistent with the limitations of this Article and as otherwise allowed by law, a microbusiness wholesale facility, or a marijuana testing facility. Microbusiness dispensary facilities may receive transaction orders at the dispensary directly from the consumer in person, by phone, or via the internet, including from a third party. A microbusiness dispensary facility's authority to process marijuana shall include the creation of prerolls.

(19) "Microbusiness Wholesale Facility" means a facility licensed by the department to acquire, cultivate, process, package, store on site or off site, manufacture, transport to or from, deliver, and sell marijuana, marijuana seeds, marijuana vegetative cuttings (also known as clones), and marijuana infused products to a microbusiness dispensary facility, other microbusiness wholesale facility, or marijuana testing facility. A microbusiness wholesale facility may cultivate up to 250 flowering marijuana plants at any given time. A microbusiness wholesale facility's authority to process marijuana shall include the creation of prerolls and infused prerolls.

(20) "Marijuana Testing Facility" means a facility certified by the department to acquire, test, certify, and transport marijuana, including those originally certified as a medical marijuana testing facility.

(21) "Owner" means an individual who has a financial (other than a security interest, lien, or encumbrance) or voting interest in ten percent or greater of a marijuana facility.

(22) "Preroll" means a consumable or smokable marijuana product, generally consisting of: (1) a wrap or paper and (2) dried flower, buds, and/or plant material. Prerolls may or may not include a filter or crutch at the base of the product.

(23) "Unduly burdensome" means that the measures necessary to comply with the rules or ordinances adopted pursuant to this section subject licensees or potential licensees to such a high investment of money, time, or any other resource or asset that a reasonably prudent businessperson would not operate the marijuana facility.

3. Limitations. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this Article, this section does not preclude, limit, or affect laws that assign liability relative to, prohibit, or otherwise regulate:

(a) Delivery or distribution of marijuana or marijuana accessories, with or without consideration, to a person younger than twenty-one years of age;

(b) Purchase, possession, use, or transport of marijuana or marijuana accessories by a person younger than twenty-one years of age;

(c) Consumption of marijuana by a person younger than twenty-one years of age;

(d) Operating or being in physical control of any motor vehicle, train, aircraft, motorboat, or other motorized form of transport while under the influence of marijuana. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a conviction of a person who is at least twenty-one years of age for any applicable offenses shall require evidence that the person was in fact under the influence of marijuana at the time the person was in physical control of the motorized form of transport and not solely on the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) or THC metabolites, or a combination thereof, in the person's system;

(e) Consumption of marijuana while operating or being in physical control of a motor vehicle, train, aircraft, motorboat, or other motorized form of transport while it is being operated;

(f) Smoking marijuana within a motor vehicle, train, aircraft, motorboat, or other motorized form of transport while it is being operated;

(g) Possession or consumption of marijuana or possession of marijuana accessories on the grounds of a public or private preschool, elementary or secondary school, institution of higher education, in a school bus, or on the grounds of any correctional facility;

(h) Smoking marijuana in a location where smoking tobacco is prohibited;

(i) Consumption of marijuana in a public place, other than in an area licensed by the authorities having jurisdiction over the licensing and/or permitting of said activity, as set forth in subsection 5 of this section;

(j) Conduct that endangers others;

(k) Undertaking any task while under the influence of marijuana, if doing so would constitute negligence, recklessness, or professional malpractice; or

(1) Performing solvent-based extractions on marijuana using solvents other than water, glycerin, propylene glycol, vegetable oil, or food-grade ethanol, unless licensed for this activity by the department.

(2) This section does not limit any privileges, rights, immunities, or defenses of a person or entity as provided in section 1 of this Article or any other law of this state allowing for or regulating marijuana for medical use.

(3) This section does not require an employer to permit or accommodate conduct otherwise allowed by this section in any workplace or on the employer's property. This section does not prohibit an employer from disciplining an employee for working while under the influence of marijuana. This section does not prevent an employer from refusing to hire, discharging, disciplining, or otherwise taking an adverse employment action against a person with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because that person was working while under the influence of marijuana.

(4) This section allows an entity to prohibit or otherwise limit the consumption, cultivation, distribution, processing, sale, or display of marijuana, marijuana-infused products, and marijuana accessories on private property the entity owns, leases, occupies, or manages, except that a lease agreement executed after the effective date of this section may not prohibit a tenant from lawfully possessing and consuming marijuana by means other than smoking.

(5) The enactment of this section and all concurrent amendments to section 1 of this Article shall have no effect upon any valid contract, claim, or cause of action instituted prior to the effective date of this section.

4. Regulation of Marijuana. (1) In carrying out the implementation of this section and as conditioned herein, the department shall have the authority to:

(a) Grant or refuse state licenses for the cultivation, manufacture, dispensing, and sale of marijuana; suspend, restrict, or revoke such licenses upon a violation of this section or a rule promulgated pursuant to this section; and impose any reasonable administrative penalty authorized by this section or any general law enacted or rule promulgated pursuant to this section, so long as any procedure related to a suspension or revocation includes a reasonable cure period, not less than thirty days, prior to the suspension or revocation, except in instances where there is a credible and imminent threat to public health or public safety;

(b) Promulgate rules and emergency rules necessary for the proper regulation and control of the cultivation, manufacture, dispensing, and sale of marijuana and for the enforcement of this section so long as such rules are reasonable and not unduly burdensome;

(c) Develop such forms, certificates, licenses, identification cards, and applications as are necessary for, or reasonably related to, the administration of this section or any of the rules promulgated under this section;

(d) Require a seed-to-sale tracking system that tracks marijuana from either the seed or immature plant stage until the marijuana or marijuana-infused product is sold to a qualified patient, primary caregiver, or consumer to ensure that no marijuana grown by a medical marijuana cultivation facility, comprehensive marijuana cultivation facility, or microbusiness wholesale facility, or manufactured by a medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility, a comprehensive marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility, or a microbusiness wholesale facility is sold or otherwise transferred to a consumer, qualified patient, or primary caregiver except by a medical marijuana dispensary facility, a comprehensive dispensary facility, or a microbusiness dispensary facility. The department shall certify all commercially available tracking systems that are compliant with its tracking standards and issue standards for the creation or use of other systems by licensees;

(e) Issue standards for the secure transportation of marijuana and marijuana-infused products. The department shall certify entities that demonstrate compliance with its transportation standards to transport marijuana and marijuana-infused products to or from a comprehensive facility, medical facility, microbusiness facility, another entity with a transportation certification, or any entity licensed pursuant to paragraph (g) of this subdivision. The department shall develop or adopt from any other governmental agency such safety and security standards as are reasonably necessary for the transportation and temporary storage of marijuana and marijuana-infused products. Any entity licensed or certified pursuant to this section shall be allowed to transport its own inventory and products in compliance with department transportation rules and store marijuana and marijuana-infused products for the purposes related to transportation in compliance with department regulations on secure storage of marijuana and marijuana-infused products;

(f) Promulgate rules and emergency rules specific to the licensing, regulation and oversight of marijuana microbusiness facilities;

(g) Provide for the issuance of additional types or classes of licenses to operate marijuana-related businesses that:

(i) allow for only transportation, delivery, or storage of marijuana; or

(ii) are intended to facilitate scientific research or education;

(h) Prepare and transmit annually a publicly available report accounting to the governor, the general assembly, and the public for the efficient discharge of all responsibilities assigned to the department under this section. The report shall provide aggregate data for each type of license (medical, comprehensive, and microbusiness) and facility (dispensary, cultivation, manufacturers, wholesalers). Only non-identifying information shall be provided regarding any marijuana facility owners;

(i) Establish a lottery selection process to select comprehensive facility licenses, certificate holders, marijuana microbusiness licensees, but not medical facility licensees that are converting to comprehensive licenses pursuant to this subsection. To become eligible for any license lottery selection process, an owner cannot have pleaded guilty or been found guilty of a disqualifying felony, as that term is defined in subsection 9 of this section;

(j) In developing a lottery selection process to award licenses and certificates, the department may consult or contract with other public agencies with relevant expertise;

(k) While not required as a prerequisite to participation in a comprehensive license lottery, every comprehensive license applicant shall submit to the department a voluntary plan to promote and encourage participation in the regulated marijuana industry by people from communities that have been disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition. The plan may include strategies to address geographical defined communities that have been disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition; provide for ownership opportunities for disproportionately impacted communities; and provide for employment, supplier, and vendor opportunities for individuals and businesses in communities that have been disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition. If licensed, any voluntary applicant plan shall be enforceable by the department.

(l) Notwithstanding other grants of authority herein, neither the department nor any governmental body may restrict the production or use of marijuana and marijuana-infused products based solely upon THC content.

(m) Set a limit on the amount of marijuana that may be purchased in a single transaction provided that limit is not less than three ounces of dried, unprocessed marijuana, or its equivalent.

(n) Regulate the advertising and promotion of marijuana sales, but any such regulation shall be no more stringent than comparable state regulations on the advertising and promotion of alcohol sales.

(2) The department shall issue, at a minimum, the same number of comprehensive marijuana cultivation facility licenses as were authorized or issued for medical marijuana cultivation facilities under section 1 of this Article as of December 7, 2022, the same number of comprehensive marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility licenses as were authorized or issued for medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities under section 1 of this Article as of December 7, 2022, the same number of comprehensive marijuana dispensary facility licenses with the same congressional distribution requirements as were

authorized or issued for medical marijuana dispensary facilities under section 1 of this Article as of December 7, 2022, in addition to the minimum number of marijuana microbusiness licenses as are required under this section. The department may lift or ease any limit on the number of licensees or certificate holders in order to meet the demand for marijuana in the state and to ensure a competitive market while also preventing an over-concentration of marijuana facilities within the boundaries of any particular local government.

(3) If comprehensive facility licenses become available because the number of total issued licenses in any respective category falls below the minimum required under this section or the department determines more comprehensive facility licenses are necessary to meet the requirements of subdivision (2) of this subsection, the department shall award by lottery at least fifty percent of any new licenses available to satisfy the minimum requirement to applicants who are owners of a marijuana microbusiness facility that has been in operation for at least one year and is in good standing with the department and is otherwise qualified for the license.

(4) The department may issue any rules or emergency rules necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this section and to ensure the right to availability and safe use of marijuana by consumers. In developing such rules or emergency rules, the department may consult or contract with other public agencies. In addition to any other rules or emergency rules necessary to carry out the mandates of this section, the department shall issue rules or emergency rules relating to the following subjects:

(a) Procedures for issuing a license and for renewing, suspending, and revoking a license, so long as any procedure related to a suspension or revocation includes a reasonable cure period, not less than thirty days, prior to the suspension or revocation, except in instances where there is a credible and imminent threat to public health or public safety;

(b) Requirements and standards for safe cultivation, processing, and distribution of marijuana and marijuana-infused products by marijuana facilities, including health standards to ensure the safe preparation of marijuana-infused products;

(c) Testing, packaging, and labeling standards, procedures, and requirements for marijuana and marijuana-infused products and a requirement that a representative sample of marijuana be tested by a marijuana testing facility to ensure public health;

(d) Labeling standards that protect public health by requiring the listing of pharmacologically active ingredients, including, but not limited to, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), cannabidiol (CBD), and other cannabinoid content, the THC and other cannabinoid amount in milligrams per serving, the number of servings per package, and quantity limits per sale to comply with the allowable possession amount;

(e) Requirements that packaging and labels shall not be made to be attractive to children, required warning labels, and that marijuana and marijuana-infused products be sold in resealable, child-resistant packaging to protect public health;

(f) Security requirements, including lighting, physical security, and alarm requirements, and requirements for securely transporting marijuana between marijuana facilities;

(g) Record keeping requirements for marijuana facilities and monitoring requirements to track the transfer of marijuana by licensees;

(h) A plan to promote and encourage ownership and employment in the marijuana industry by people from political subdivisions and districts that are economically distressed and to positively impact those political subdivisions and districts;

(i) Administrative penalties as authorized by this section for failure to comply with any rule promulgated pursuant to this section or for any violation of rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this section by a licensee, including authorized administrative fines and suspension, revocation, or restriction of a license. The licensee may choose to challenge any penalties imposed by the department through the administrative hearing commission, or its successor entity. Pursuant to section 536.100, RSMo, or its successor provisions, any licensee who has exhausted all administrative remedies provided by law and who is aggrieved by a final decision in a contested case is entitled to judicial review.

(j) Reporting and transmittal of tax payments required under this section;

(k) Authorization for the department of revenue to have access to licensing information to ensure tax payment and the effective administration of this section; and

(l) Such other matters as are necessary for the fair, impartial, stringent, and comprehensive administration of this section.

marijuana testing facility shall be owned by an entity or entities under substantially common control, ownership, or management as a marijuana cultivation facility, marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility, marijuana microbusiness facility, or marijuana dispensary facility.

(7) All public records produced or retained pursuant to this section are subject to the general provisions of the Missouri Sunshine Law, chapter 610, RSMo, or its successor provisions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, public records containing proprietary business information obtained from an applicant or licensee shall be closed. The applicant or licensee shall label business information it believes to be proprietary prior to submitting it to the department. Proprietary business information shall include sales information, financial records, tax returns, credit reports, license applications, cultivation information unrelated to product safety, testing results unrelated to product safety, site security information and plans, and individualized consumer information. The presence of proprietary business information shall not justify the closure of public records.

(a) Identifying the applicant or licensee;

(b) Relating to any citation, notice of violation, tax delinquency, or other enforcement action;

(c) Relating to any public official's support or opposition relative to any applicant, licensee, or their proposed or actual operations;

(d) Where disclosure is reasonably necessary for the protection of public health or safety;

(e) That are otherwise subject to public inspection under applicable law.

(8) Within one hundred and eighty days of the effective date of this section, the department shall make available to the public license application forms and application instructions for marijuana microbusiness facilities. Within two hundred and seventy days of the effective date of this section, the department shall start accepting such applications from applicants.

(9) An entity may apply to the department for and obtain one or more licenses to grow marijuana as a comprehensive marijuana cultivation facility. Each facility in operation shall require a separate license, but multiple licenses may be utilized in a single facility. Each indoor facility utilizing artificial lighting may be limited by the department to thirty thousand square feet of flowering plant canopy space. Each outdoor facility utilizing natural lighting may be limited by the department to two thousand eight hundred flowering plants. Each greenhouse facility using a combination of natural and artificial lighting may be limited by the department, at the election of the licensee, to two thousand eight hundred flowering plants or thirty thousand square feet of flowering plant canopy. The license shall be valid for three years from its date of issuance and shall be renewable, except for good cause. The department shall charge each applicant a non-refundable fee of twelve thousand dollars per license application or renewal for all applicants filing an application within three years of the effective date of this section and shall charge each applicant a non-refundable fee of five thousand dollars per license application or renewal thereafter. Once granted, the department shall charge each licensee an annual fee of twenty-five thousand dollars per facility license. Application and license fees shall be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency. An entity may not be an owner of more than ten percent of the total marijuana cultivation facility licenses outstanding under both sections 1 and 2 of this Article at any given time, rounded down to the nearest whole number.

(10) An entity may apply to the department for and obtain one or more licenses to operate a comprehensive marijuana dispensary facility. Each facility in operation shall require a separate license. A license shall be valid for three years from its date of issuance and shall be renewable, except for good cause. The department shall charge each applicant a non-refundable fee of seven thousand dollars per license application or renewal for each applicant filing an application within three years of the effective date of this section and shall charge each applicant a non-refundable fee of three thousand dollars per license application or renewal thereafter. Once granted, the department shall charge each licensee an annual fee of ten thousand dollars per facility license. Application and license fees shall be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency. An entity may not be an owner of more than ten percent of the total marijuana dispensary facility licenses outstanding under both sections 1 and 2 of this Article at any given time, rounded down to the nearest whole number.

(11) An entity may apply to the department for and obtain one or more licenses to operate a comprehensive marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility. Each facility in operation shall require a separate license. A license shall be valid for three years from its date of issuance and shall be renewable, except for good cause. The department shall charge each applicant a non-refundable fee of seven thousand dollars per license application or renewal for each applicant filing an application within three years of the effective date of this section and shall charge each applicant a non-refundable fee of three thousand dollars per license application or renewal thereafter. Once granted,

the department shall charge each licensee an annual fee of ten thousand dollars per facility license. Application and license fees shall be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency. An entity may not be an owner of more than ten percent of the total marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility licenses outstanding under both sections 1 and 2 of this Article at any given time, rounded down to the nearest whole number.

(12) An entity may apply to the department for and obtain only one license to operate a marijuana microbusiness facility, which may be either a microbusiness dispensary facility or a microbusiness wholesale facility. A marijuana microbusiness facility licensee may engage in all of the activities allowed under the license or it may apply for and engage in a subset of the activities allowed if the applicant or licensee holder so chooses. A microbusiness wholesale facility may cultivate, process, manufacture, transport, and sell marijuana and marijuana-infused products to any other marijuana microbusiness facility. A microbusiness dispensary facility licensee may acquire from any other microbusiness facility, process, package, deliver, and sell marijuana and marijuana-infused products to any other marijuana microbusiness facility, or directly to qualified patients, their primary caregiver, or consumers. A marijuana microbusiness license shall be valid for three years from its date of issuance and shall be renewable, except for good cause. The department shall charge each applicant a fee of one thousand five hundred dollars per license application and for each subsequent license renewal application thereafter. Any applicant that meets the criteria to apply for a marijuana microbusiness facility license but is not chosen by the lottery system may have their application fee refunded. Once granted, the department shall charge each licensee an annual fee of one thousand five hundred dollars per facility license, but there shall be no annual fee assessed for the first year of licensure. Application and license fees shall be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency. An entity may not be an owner of more than one marijuana microbusiness facility license. An owner of a marijuana microbusiness facility may not also be an owner of another licensed marijuana facility or medical facility regulated under this Article. However, the owner of a marijuana microbusiness facility may apply for a license or licenses for other marijuana or medical marijuana facilities under this Article. If granted one or more of these licenses, the marijuana microbusiness facility owner shall transition to other licensed operations on a reasonably practical timetable established by the department, and surrender its marijuana microbusiness facility license to the department for issuance to an applicant for a marijuana microbusiness facility. In addition to other requirements established by this section, an applicant for a marijuana microbusiness license shall be majority owned by individuals who each meet at least one of the following qualifications:

(a) Have a net worth of less than \$250,000 and have had an income below two hundred and fifty percent of the federal poverty level, or successor level, as set forth in the applicable calendar year's federal poverty income guidelines published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or its successor agency, for at least three of the ten calendar years prior to applying for a marijuana microbusiness facility license; or

(b) Have a valid service-connected disability card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or successor agency; or

(c) Be a person who has been, or a person whose parent, guardian or spouse has been arrested for, prosecuted for, or convicted of a non-violent marijuana offense, except for a conviction involving provision of marijuana to a minor, or a conviction of driving under the influence of marijuana. The arrest, charge, or conviction must have occurred at least one year prior to the effective date of this section; or

(d) Reside in a ZIP code or census tract area where:

(i) Thirty percent or more of the population lives below the federal poverty level; or

(ii) The rate of unemployment is fifty percent higher than the state average rate of unemployment; or

(iii) The historic rate of incarceration for marijuana-related offenses is fifty percent higher than the rate for the entire state; or

(e) Graduated from a school district that was unaccredited, or had a similar successor designation, at the time of graduation, or has lived in a zip code containing an unaccredited school district, or similar successor designation, for three of the past five years.

(13) The department may restrict the aggregate number of licenses granted for marijuana microbusiness facilities, provided, however, that the number may not be limited to fewer than the following number of licenses in each United States congressional district in the state of Missouri pursuant to the map of each of the eight congressional districts as drawn and effective on December 6, 2018:

(a) Six, once the department begins issuing licenses for marijuana microbusiness facilities under this subsection, at least two of which shall be a microbusiness dispensary facility, and at least four of which will be a microbusiness wholesale facility. The department shall issue the first group of

microbusiness licenses no later than three hundred days after the effective date of this section;

(b) An additional six following the first two hundred and seventy days after the department begins issuing licenses for marijuana microbusiness facilities under this subsection, at least two of which shall be a microbusiness dispensary facility, and at least four of which will be a microbusiness wholesale facility, but only after the chief equity officer, or his or her designee, conducts a review and certifies that previous microbusiness licenses were awarded to and are being operated by eligible applicants in good standing; and

(c) An additional six after the first five hundred and forty-eight days after the department begins issuing licenses for marijuana microbusiness facilities under this subsection, at least two of which shall be a microbusiness dispensary facility, and at least four of which will be a microbusiness wholesale facility, but only after the chief equity officer, or his or her designee, conducts a review and certifies that previous microbusiness licenses were awarded to and are being operated in good standing by eligible applicants.

Future changes to the boundaries or the number of congressional districts shall have no impact on microbusiness license numbers or distribution. The eligibility review set forth in this subdivision shall be conducted by the chief equity officer within sixty days of issuance of the licenses. The chief equity officer shall publish in a manner available to the public the results of the review that contains only aggregate information on licensee eligibility criteria.

(14) Within 60 days after the effective date of this section, the department shall appoint a chief equity officer. The chief equity officer shall assist with the development and implementation of programs to inform the public of the opportunities available to those people who meet the criteria set forth in paragraph (12) of this subsection. The chief equity officer shall establish public education programming and targeted technical assistance programming dedicated to providing communities that have been impacted by marijuana prohibition with information detailing the licensing process and informing individuals of the support and resources that the office can provide to individuals and entities interested in participating in activity licensed under this Article. The chief equity officer shall provide a report to the department no later than January 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, of their and the department's activities in ensuring compliance with the applicant criteria set forth in paragraph (12) of this subsection, and the department shall provide such report to the legislature. The chief equity officer may only be removed for cause and the department shall not interfere with the officer's lawful official activities under this section.

(15) Any medical marijuana cultivation facility, medical marijuana dispensary facility, and medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility holding an active facility license under section 1 of this Article shall have the right to convert their license to a comprehensive marijuana license, and any entity certified by the department to conduct medical marijuana testing, transportation or seed-to-sale tracking as of the effective date of this section shall be deemed certified to conduct those activities with respect to all marijuana.

(16) Upon the effective date of this section, any existing medical facility licensee may request its medical facility license convert to that of a comprehensive facility license. Conversion requests not processed within sixty days of department receipt shall be deemed approved.

(17) With the exception of microbusiness licenses, and consistent with any limitations set forth in this section for the first five hundred and forty-eight days after the department begins issuing licenses for marijuana facilities under this section, the department may only issue a license:

(a) For a comprehensive marijuana cultivation facility to an entity holding a medical marijuana cultivation facility license issued pursuant to section 1 of this Article seeking to convert its licensure to that of a comprehensive marijuana cultivation facility at the same location;

(b) For a comprehensive marijuana dispensary facility to an entity holding a medical marijuana dispensary facility license issued pursuant to section 1 of this Article seeking to convert its licensure to that of a comprehensive marijuana dispensary facility at the same location; and

(c) For a comprehensive marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility to an entity holding a medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility license issued pursuant to section 1 of this Article seeking to convert its licensure to that of a comprehensive marijuana infused products manufacturing facility at the same location.

(18) The department shall issue a license to each request for a conversion to a comprehensive marijuana facility license pursuant to subdivision (15) of this subsection if the applicant is in good standing with the department.

(19) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of this Article, if an existing medical marijuana dispensary facility is located in a jurisdiction that prohibits non-medical retail marijuana facilities under this section, or is otherwise prevented from operating a comprehensive marijuana dispensary facility at the same location as the existing medical marijuana dispensary facility, the medical marijuana dispensary facility may apply to the department for a comprehensive marijuana dispensary license pursuant to subdivision (15) of this subsection in a new location within the same congressional district, and such

application shall be granted so long as the new location meets all the requirements of this section and department regulations.

(20) In addition to the foregoing, if the department has reason to believe that the conversion of a medical facility into a comprehensive facility might limit or restrict access to an adequate supply of marijuana and marijuana-infused products at a reasonable cost to qualifying patients, as defined in section 1 of this Article, the department may request a plan from the medical facility licensee which explains how the applicant would serve both the medical and adult-use markets, while maintaining adequate supply at a reasonable cost to qualifying patients.

(21) Comprehensive marijuana facilities licensed to distribute marijuana, marijuana-infused products, and marijuana accessories directly to consumers pursuant to this section may also distribute marijuana, marijuana-infused products, and marijuana accessories to qualifying patients and primary caregivers consistent with section 1 of this Article and department regulation.

(22) The department may charge a fee not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars for any certification issued pursuant to this section. This fee limitation shall be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency.

(23) Within thirty days of December 8, 2022, the department shall make available to the public application forms and application instructions for personal cultivation registration cards. Within sixty days of December 8, 2022, the department shall begin accepting applications for such registration cards.

(24) Except for good cause, a person at least twenty-one years of age may obtain a registration card from the department to cultivate up to six flowering marijuana plants, six nonflowering marijuana plants (over fourteen inches tall), and six clones (plants under fourteen inches tall) for non-commercial use, provided:

(a) The plants and any marijuana produced by the plants in excess of three ounces are kept at one private residence, are in a locked space, and are not visible by normal unaided vision from a public place; and

(b) Not more than twelve flowering marijuana plants are kept in or on the grounds of a private residence at one time.

The card shall be valid for twelve months from its date of issuance and shall be renewable. The department shall charge an annual fee for the card of one hundred dollars, with such rate to be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency.

(25) All marijuana sold in Missouri pursuant to this section shall be cultivated in Missouri.

(26) All marijuana-infused products sold in Missouri pursuant to this section shall be manufactured in Missouri.

(27) The denial of a license or license renewal by the department shall be appealable. The applicant may choose to challenge any denial by the department through the administrative hearing commission, or successor entity. Pursuant to section 536.100, RSMo, or its successor provisions, any licensee who has exhausted all administrative remedies provided by law and who is aggrieved by a final decision in a contested case is entitled to judicial review.

(28) No elected official shall interfere directly or indirectly with the department's obligations and activities under this section.

(29) To minimize the potential for undue political influence in awarding licenses, the department shall review license applications using reasonable safeguards that ensure the identity of the applicant and its principal owners, officers, and managers are not identified to the application reviewer.

(30) To ensure the consistent protection of public health and public safety, the department shall have the sole authority within the state of Missouri to issue licenses for marijuana facilities and certifications pursuant to this section.

(31) The department shall not have the authority to promulgate, apply, or enforce any rule or regulation that is unduly burdensome or act to undermine the purposes of this section.

5. Local Control.

(1) (a) Except as provided in this subsection, a local government may prohibit the operation of all microbusiness dispensary facilities or comprehensive marijuana dispensary facilities regulated under this section from being located within its jurisdiction either through referral of a ballot question to the voters by the governing body or through citizen petition, provided that citizen petitions are otherwise generally authorized by the laws of the local government. Such a ballot question shall be voted on only during the regularly scheduled general election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of a presidential election year, starting in 2024, thereby minimizing additional local governmental cost or expense. A citizen petition to put before the voters a ballot question prohibiting microbusiness dispensary facilities or comprehensive marijuana dispensary facilities shall be signed by at least five percent of the qualified voters in the area proposed to be subject to the prohibition, determined on the basis of the number of votes cast for governor in such locale at the last gubernatorial election held prior to the filing of the petition. The local government shall count the petition signatures and give legal notice of the election as provided

by applicable law. Denial of ballot access shall be subject to judicial review.

(b) Whether submitted by the governing body or by citizen's petition, the question shall be submitted in the following form: "Shall (insert name of local government) ban all non-medical microbusiness dispensary facilities and comprehensive marijuana dispensary facilities from being located within (insert name of local government and where applicable, its "unincorporated areas") and forgo any additional related local tax revenue? () Yes () No." If at least sixty percent of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the question, then the ban shall go into effect as provided by law. If a question receives less than the required sixty percent, then the jurisdiction shall have no power to ban non-medical microbusiness dispensary facilities or comprehensive marijuana facilities regulated under this section, unless voters at a subsequent general election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of a presidential election year approve a ban on non-medical retail marijuana facilities submitted to them by the governing body or by citizen petition.

(2) (a) A local government may repeal an existing ban by its own ordinance or by a vote of the people, either through referral of a ballot question to the voters by the governing body or through citizen petition, provided that citizen petitions are otherwise generally authorized by the laws of the local government. In the case of a referral of a ballot question by the governing body or citizen petition to repeal an existing ban, the question shall be voted on only during the regularly scheduled general election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of a presidential election year. A citizen petition to put before the voters a ballot question repealing an existing ban shall be signed by at least five percent of the qualified voters in the area subject to the ban, determined on the basis of the number of votes cast for governor in such locale at the last gubernatorial election held prior to the filing of the petition. The local government shall count the petition signatures and give legal notice of the election as provided by applicable law. Denial of ballot access shall be subject to judicial review.

(b) Whether submitted by the governing body or by citizen's petition, the question shall be submitted in the following form: "Shall (insert name of local government) allow non-medical microbusiness dispensary facilities and comprehensive marijuana dispensary facilities to be located within (insert name of local government and where applicable, its "unincorporated areas") as regulated by state law? () Yes () No." If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the question, then the ban shall be repealed.

(3) The only local government ordinances and regulations that are binding on a marijuana facility are those of the local government where the marijuana facility is located.

(4) Unless allowed by the local government, no new marijuana facility shall be initially sited within one thousand feet of any then-existing elementary or secondary school, child day-care center, or church. In the case of a freestanding facility, the distance between the facility and the school, daycare, or church shall be measured from the external wall of the facility structure closest in proximity to the school, daycare, or church to the closest point of the property line of the school, daycare, or church. If the school, daycare, or church is part of a larger structure, such as an office building or strip mall, the distance shall be measured to the entrance or exit of the school, daycare, or church closest in proximity to the facility. In the case of a facility that is part of a larger structure, such as an office building or strip mall, the distance between the facility and the school, daycare, or church shall be measured from the property line of the school, daycare, or church to the facility's entrance or exit closest in proximity to the school, daycare, or church. If the school, daycare, or church is part of a larger structure, such as an office building or strip mall, the distance shall be measured to the entrance or exit of the school, daycare, or church closest in proximity to the facility. Measurements shall be made along the shortest path between the demarcation points that can be lawfully traveled by foot.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no local government shall prohibit marijuana facilities or entities with a transportation certification either expressly or through the enactment of ordinances or regulations that make their operation unduly burdensome in the jurisdiction. However, local governments may enact ordinances or regulations not in conflict with this section, or with regulations enacted pursuant to this section, governing the time, place, and manner of operation of such facilities in the locality. A local government may establish civil penalties for violation of an ordinance or regulations governing the time, place, and manner of operation of a marijuana facility or entity holding a transportation certification that may operate in such locality.

(6) Local governments may enact ordinances or regulations not in conflict with this section, or with regulations enacted pursuant to this section, governing the time, place, and manner of operation of such facilities in the locality. A local government may establish civil penalties for violation of an ordinance or regulations governing the time, place, and manner of operation of a marijuana facility or entity holding a transportation certification that may operate in such locality.

(7) (a) The time and place where marijuana may be smoked in public areas within the locality; and

(b) The consumption of marijuana-infused products within designated areas, including the preparation of culinary dishes or beverages by local restaurants for on-site consumption on the same day it is prepared.

6. Taxation and Reporting.

(1) A tax shall be levied upon the retail sale of non-medical marijuana sold to consumers at marijuana facilities licensed pursuant to this

section within the state. The tax shall be at a rate of six percent of the retail price. The tax shall be collected by each licensed retail marijuana facility and paid to the department of revenue. After retaining no more than two percent of the total tax collected or its actual collection costs, whichever is less, amounts generated by the marijuana tangible personal property retail sales tax levied in this section shall be deposited by the department of revenue into the "Veterans, Health, and Community Reinvestment Fund" created under this subsection. Licensed entities making non-medical retail sales within the state shall be allowed approved credit for returns provided the tax was paid on the returned item and the purchaser was given the refund or credit. This tax shall not apply to medical marijuana dispensed to a registered qualifying patient or caregiver.

(2) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Veterans, Health, and Community Reinvestment Fund" which shall consist of taxes and fees collected under this section. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund, and he or she shall invest monies in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any monies remaining in the fund at the end of a biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The commissioner of administration is authorized to make cash operating transfers to the fund for purposes of meeting the cash requirements of the department in advance of it receiving application licensing and tax revenue, with any such transfers to be repaid as provided by law. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and shall be distributed as follows:

(a) First, as determined by appropriation, to the department an amount necessary for the department to carry out its responsibilities under this section, including repayment of any cash operating transfers, payments made through contract or agreement with other state and public agencies necessary to carry out this section, and a reserve fund to maintain a reasonable working cash balance for the purpose of carrying out this section;

(b) Second, as determined by appropriation, to governmental entities in amounts necessary for carrying out responsibilities in the expungement of criminal history records under this section;

(c) Next, the remaining fund balance shall be distributed in thirds as follows:

(i) One-third of the remainder of the fund balance shall be transferred to the Missouri veterans commission and allied state agencies, as determined by appropriation, exclusively for health care and other services for military veterans and their dependent families;

(ii) One-third of the remainder of the fund balance to the department to provide grants to agencies and not-for-profit organizations, whether government or community-based, to increase access to evidence-based low-barrier drug addiction treatment, prioritizing medically proven treatment and overdose prevention and reversal methods and public or private treatment options with an emphasis on reintegrating recipients into their local communities, to support overdose prevention education, and to support job placement, housing, and counseling for those with substance use disorders. Agencies and organizations serving populations with the highest rates of drug-related overdose shall be prioritized to receive the grants, and

(iii) One-third of the remainder of the fund balance to the Missouri public defender system. Any moneys credited to the Missouri public defender system shall be used only for legal assistance for low-income Missourians, shall not be diverted to any other purpose;

(d) All monies from the taxes and fees authorized hereunder shall provide new and additional funding for the purposes enumerated above and shall not replace existing funding.

(e) The unexpended balance existing in the fund shall be exempt from the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, or its successor provisions, relating to the transfer of unexpended balances to the general revenue fund.

(3) For all retail sales of marijuana, a record shall be kept by the seller of all amounts and types of marijuana involved in the sale and the total amount of money involved in the sale, including itemizations, taxes collected, and grand total sale amounts. All such records shall be kept on the premises in a readily available format and be made available for review by the department and the department of revenue upon request. Such records shall be retained for five years from the date of the sale.

(4) The tax levied pursuant to this subsection is separate from and in addition to any general state and local sales and use taxes that apply to retail sales, which shall continue to be collected and distributed as provided by general law.

(5) Pursuant to Article III, section 49 of this Constitution, the governing body of any local government is authorized to impose, by ordinance or order, an additional sales tax in an amount not to exceed three percent on all tangible personal property retail sales of adult use marijuana sold in such political subdivision. The tax authorized by this paragraph shall be in addition to any and all other tangible personal property retail sales taxes allowed by law, except that no ordinance or order imposing a tangible personal property retail sales tax under the provisions of this paragraph shall be effective unless the governing body of the political subdivision submits to the voters of the political subdivision, at a municipal, county or state general, primary or special election, a proposal to authorize the governing body of the political subdivision to impose a tax. Any

additional local retail sales tax shall be collected pursuant to general laws for the collection of local sales taxes.

(6) Except as authorized in this Article, no additional taxes shall be imposed on the sale of marijuana.

(7) The fees and taxes provided for in this section shall be fully enforceable notwithstanding any other provision in this Constitution purportedly prohibiting or restricting the taxes and fees provided for herein.

(8) For taxpayers authorized to do business pursuant to this Article, the amount that would have been deducted in the computation of federal taxable income pursuant to 26 U.S.C. Section 280E of the Internal Revenue Code as in effect on January 1, 2021, or successor provisions, but is disallowed because cannabis is a controlled substance under federal law, shall be subtracted from the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income, in determining the taxpayer's Missouri adjusted gross income.

7. Additional Protections.

(1) A marijuana testing facility shall not be subject to civil or criminal prosecution under Missouri law, denial of any right or privilege, civil or administrative penalty or sanction, or disciplinary action by any accreditation or licensing board or commission for providing laboratory testing services that relate to marijuana consistent with this section and otherwise meeting legal standards of professional conduct.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of Article V to the contrary, an attorney shall not be subject to disciplinary action by the Supreme Court of Missouri, the office of chief disciplinary counsel, the state bar association, any state agency or any professional licensing body for any of the following:

(a) owning, operating, investing in, being employed by, or contracting with prospective or licensed marijuana testing facilities, marijuana cultivation facilities, marijuana dispensary facilities, marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities, marijuana microbusiness facilities, or transportation certificate holders;

(b) counseling, advising, and/or assisting a client in conduct permitted by Missouri law that may violate or conflict with federal or other law, as long as the attorney advises the client about that federal or other law and its potential consequences;

(c) counseling, advising, and/or assisting a client in connection with applying for, owning, operating, or otherwise having any legal, equitable, or beneficial interest in marijuana testing facilities, marijuana cultivation facilities, marijuana dispensary facilities, marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities, marijuana microbusiness facilities, or transportation certificates; or

(d) counseling, advising or assisting a qualifying patient, primary caregiver, physician, nurse practitioner, health care provider, consumer, or other client related to activity that is no longer subject to criminal penalties under Missouri law pursuant to this Article.

(3) Actions and conduct by marijuana facilities licensed or otherwise certified by the department or their employees or agents, as permitted by this section and in compliance with department regulations and other standards of legal conduct, shall not be subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Missouri law, except as provided for by this section.

(4) The department may not promulgate a rule that requires a consumer to provide a marijuana facility with identifying information other than identification to determine the consumer's age.

(5) It is the public policy of the state of Missouri that contracts related to marijuana that are entered into by marijuana facilities and those who allow property to be used by those entities should be enforceable. It is the public policy of the state of Missouri that no contract entered into by marijuana facilities, or by a person who allows property to be used for activities that are exempt from state criminal penalties by this section, shall be unenforceable on the basis that activities related to marijuana may be prohibited by federal law.

(6) Prior to requesting a search or arrest warrant relating to cultivation of marijuana plants, a state or local law enforcement official shall verify with the department whether the targeted person holds a registration card allowing for cultivation of flowering marijuana plants under this section, and shall inform the issuing authority when making the warrant request. Evidence of marijuana alone, without specific evidence indicating that the marijuana is outside of what is lawful for medical or adult use, cannot be the basis for a search of a patient or non-patient, including their home, vehicle or other property. Lawful marijuana related activities cannot be the basis for a violation of parole, probation, or any type of supervised release. State and local law enforcement shall have access to such department information as is necessary to confirm whether the targeted person holds a registration card. Each time a state or local law enforcement officer executes a search warrant authorizing entry upon premises for an alleged marijuana offense, the officer must first knock or announce their presence or purpose prior to entering the premises.

(7) (a) After executing a search warrant for an alleged marijuana offense, or conducting a warrantless search for an alleged marijuana offense, the officer shall report the following information to the agency that employs the officer:

(i) The reasons for the warrant or, in the case of a warrantless search, a detailed account of either the probable cause or exigent circumstances, if any, which lead to the warrantless search;

(ii) Whether marijuana was discovered during the course of the search;

(iii) Whether any marijuana was seized during the search, and if so, the amount seized;

(iv) Whether any other contraband was discovered or seized in the course of the search,

and if seized, a description of the contraband;

(v) A description of the tactics used by law enforcement to enter the property;

(vi) Whether an arrest was made as a result of the search; and

(vii) If an arrest was made, the crime suspected.

(b) Each law enforcement agency shall compile the data described in paragraph (a) of this subdivision for the calendar year into a report and shall submit the report to the attorney general no later than March first of the following calendar year. The attorney general shall determine the format that all law enforcement agencies shall use to submit the report.

(c) The attorney general shall submit a summary of the annual reports of law enforcement agencies to the governor, the general assembly, and each law enforcement agency no later than June first of each year. The summary shall include the total number of such warrants executed by each agency in the previous calendar year for alleged marijuana offenses, and a compilation of the information reported by law enforcement agencies pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subdivision.

8. Legislation.

Nothing in this section shall limit the general assembly from enacting laws consistent with the purposes and provisions of this section.

9. Additional Provisions.

(1) No owner of a marijuana facility or entity with a transportation certification shall be an individual with a disqualifying felony offense. A "disqualifying felony offense" is a violation of, and conviction or guilty plea to, state or federal law that is, or would have been, a felony under Missouri law, regardless of the sentence imposed, unless the department determines that:

(a) The person's conviction was for a marijuana offense that has been expunged or is currently eligible for expungement under this section; or

(b) The person's conviction was for a non-violent crime for which he or she was not incarcerated and that is more than five years old; or

(c) More than five years have passed since the person was released from parole or probation, and he or she has not been convicted of any subsequent felony criminal offenses.

The department may consult with and rely on the records, advice, and recommendations of the attorney general and the department of public safety, or their successor entities, in carrying out the provisions of this subdivision.

(2) Owners licensed pursuant to this section shall submit fingerprints to the Missouri state highway patrol for the purpose of conducting a state and federal fingerprint-based criminal record check in accordance with U.S. Public Law 92-544, or its successor provisions. The Missouri state highway patrol, if necessary, shall forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for the purpose of conducting a fingerprint-based criminal background check. Fingerprints shall be submitted pursuant to section 43.543, RSMo, or its successor provisions, and fees shall be paid pursuant to section 43.530, RSMo, or its successor provisions. Unless otherwise required by law, no individual shall be required to submit fingerprints more than once.

(3) No marijuana facility shall manufacture, package, or label marijuana or marijuana-infused products in a false or misleading manner. No person shall sell any product in a manner designed to cause confusion between marijuana or a marijuana-infused product and any product not containing marijuana. A violation of this subdivision shall be punishable by an appropriate and proportional department sanction, up to and including an administrative penalty of five thousand dollars and loss of license.

(4) No marijuana facility may sell edible marijuana-infused candy in shapes or packages that are attractive to children or that are easily confused with commercially sold candy that does not contain marijuana. A violation of this subdivision shall be punishable by an appropriate and proportional department sanction, up to and including an administrative penalty of five thousand dollars and loss of license.

(5) All marijuana and marijuana-infused products shall be sold in individual, child-resistant containers that are labeled with serving amounts, instructions for use, and estimated length of effectiveness. All marijuana and marijuana-infused products shall be sold in containers clearly and conspicuously labeled, as mandated by the department, as containing "Marijuana" or a "Marijuana-Infused Product." Violation of this subdivision shall subject the violator to department sanctions, including an administrative penalty of five thousand dollars.

(6) A marijuana facility may not allow cultivation, manufacturing, sale, or display of marijuana, marijuana-infused products, or marijuana accessories to be visible from a public place outside of the marijuana facility without the use of binoculars, aircraft, or other optical aids.

(7) A marijuana facility may not cultivate, manufacture, test, sell, or store marijuana at any location other than a physical address approved by the department and within an enclosed area that is secured in a manner that prevents access by persons not permitted by the marijuana facility to access the area.

(8) A marijuana facility shall secure every entrance to the facility so that access to areas containing marijuana is restricted to employees and other persons permitted by the marijuana facility to access the area and to agents of the department or state and local law enforcement officers and emergency personnel and shall secure its inventory and equipment during and after operating hours to deter and prevent theft of marijuana, marijuana-infused products, and marijuana accessories.

(9) No marijuana facility may

refuse representatives of the department the right to inspect the licensed premises or to audit the books and records of the marijuana facility. A facility that holds licenses issued under sections 1 and 2 of this Article shall comply with inspection regulations and standards issued pursuant to both sections.

(10) No marijuana facility or entity with a certification, shall assign, sell, give, lease, sublicense, or otherwise transfer its license or certificate to any other entity without the express consent of the department, not to be unreasonably withheld.

(11) Real and personal property used in the cultivation, manufacture, transport, testing, distribution, sale, and administration of marijuana for activities otherwise in compliance with this section shall not be subject to asset forfeiture solely because of that use.

(12) No person shall extract resins from marijuana using dangerous materials or combustible gases without a medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility license, marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility license, or a marijuana microbusiness, wholesale facility license. Violation of this prohibition shall subject the violator to department sanctions, including an administrative penalty of one thousand dollars for an individual and ten thousand dollars for a facility licensee and, if applicable, loss of certificate or license for up to one year.

10. Personal Use of Marijuana.

(1) Subject to the limitations in subsection 3 of this section, the following acts by a person at least twenty-one years of age are not unlawful and shall not be an offense under state law or the laws of any local government within the state or be a basis to impose a civil fine, penalty or sanction, or be a basis to detain, search, or arrest, or otherwise deny any right or privilege, or to seize or forfeit assets under state law or the laws of any local government:

(a) Purchasing, possessing, consuming, using, ingesting, inhaling, processing, transporting, or delivering without consideration, or distributing without consideration three ounces or less of dried, unprocessed marijuana, or its equivalent;

(b) Possessing, transporting, planting, cultivating, harvesting, drying, processing, or manufacturing up to six flowering marijuana plants, six nonflowering marijuana plants (over fourteen inches tall), and six clones (plants under fourteen inches tall) provided the person is registered with the department for cultivation of marijuana plants under this section; provided:

(i) The plants and any marijuana produced by the plants in excess of three ounces are kept at one private residence, are in a locked space, and are not visible by normal, unaided vision from a public place; and

(ii) Not more than twice the number of allowable plants under paragraph (b) of this subdivision are kept in or on the grounds of a private residence at one time.

(c) Assisting another person who is at least twenty-one years of age in, or allowing property to be used for, any of the acts permitted by this section; and

(d) Purchasing, possessing, using, delivering, distributing, manufacturing, transferring, or selling to persons twenty-one years of age or older marijuana accessories.

(2) A person who, pursuant to this section, cultivates marijuana plants that are visible by normal, unaided vision from a public place is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars and forfeiture of the marijuana.

(3) A person who, pursuant to this section, cultivates marijuana plants that are not kept in a locked space is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars and forfeiture of the marijuana.

(4) A person who smokes marijuana in a public place, other than in an area licensed for such activity by the authorities having jurisdiction over the licensing and/or permitting of said activity, is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars.

(5) A person who is under twenty-one years of age who possesses, uses, ingests, inhales, transports, delivers without consideration or distributes without consideration three ounces or less of marijuana, or possesses, delivers without consideration, or distributes without consideration marijuana accessories is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed one hundred dollars and forfeiture of the marijuana. Any such person shall be provided the option of attending up to four hours of drug education or counseling in lieu of the fine.

(6) Subject to the limitations of this section, a person who possesses not more than twice the amount of marijuana allowed pursuant to this subsection, produces not more than twice the amount of marijuana allowed pursuant to this subsection, delivers without receiving any consideration or remuneration to a person who is at least twenty-one years of age not more than twice the amount of marijuana allowed by this subsection, or possesses with intent to deliver not more than twice the amount of marijuana allowed by this subsection;

(a) For a first violation, is subject to a civil infraction punishable by a civil penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars and forfeiture of the marijuana;

(b) For a second violation, is subject to a civil infraction punishable by a civil penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars and forfeiture of the marijuana;

(c) For a third or subsequent violation, is subject to a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars and forfeiture of the marijuana;

(d) A person under twenty-one years of age is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars. Any such person shall be provided the option of attending up to eight hours of drug education or counseling in lieu of the fine; and

(e) In lieu of payment, penalties under this subsection may be satisfied by the performance of community service. The rate of pay-down associated with said service option will be the greater of \$15 or the minimum wage in effect at the time of judgment.

(7) (a) Any person currently incarcerated in a prison, jail or halfway house, whether by trial or open or negotiated plea:

(i) Who would not have been guilty of an adult or juvenile offense, had sections 1 and 2 of this Article been in effect at the time of the offense; or

(ii) Who would have been guilty of a lesser adult or juvenile offense, had sections 1 and 2 of this Article been in effect at the time of the offense; or

(iii) Who is serving a sentence for a marijuana offense which is a misdemeanor, a class E felony, or a class D felony, or successor designations, involving possession of three pounds or less of marijuana, excluding offenses involving distribution or delivery to a minor, any offenses involving violence, or any offense of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of marijuana. For all class A, class B, class C, or successor designations, felony marijuana offenses, and for all class D, or successor designations, felony marijuana offenses for possession of more than three pounds of marijuana, the circuit courts of this state shall order expungement of criminal history records upon the completion of the person's incarceration, including any supervised probation or parole. For the purposes of this subdivision, "criminal history record" means all information documenting an individual's contact with the criminal justice system, including data regarding identification, arrest or citation, arraignment, judicial disposition, custody, and supervision.

(b) An expungement order shall be legally effective immediately and the person whose record is expunged shall be treated in all respects as if he or she had never been arrested, convicted, or sentenced for the offense, and the conviction and sentence shall be vacated as legally invalid. The court shall issue an order to expunge all records and files related to the arrest, citation, investigation, charge, adjudication of guilt, criminal proceedings, and probation related to the sentence. The court shall provide notice of the expungement to the person who is the subject of the record at the person's last known address, the arresting agency prosecuting attorneys, central state depository of criminal records, and any other entity that may have a record related to the order to expunge. The office of the state public defender shall prepare and make readily available and accessible a pleading form that may be filed pro se for this purpose. The circuit courts of the state shall also make readily available and accessible this pleading form. Within ninety days of the effective date of this section, the sentencing court shall complete the adjudication for all cases involving only misdemeanor marijuana offenses. Within one hundred and eighty days of the effective date of this section, the sentencing court shall complete the adjudication for all cases involving class E, or successor designation, felony marijuana offenses and, if applicable, any additional marijuana misdemeanor offenses by such offenders. Within two hundred and seventy days of the effective date of this section, the sentencing court shall complete the adjudication for all class D, or successor designation, felony cases involving three pounds or less of marijuana, as well as any lesser marijuana offenses by such offenders, if applicable. This shall not apply to offenses while operating a commercial motor vehicle as defined in 49 CFR 390.5 or its successor provisions, in interstate or intrastate transportation unless otherwise exempted as found in section 307.400, RSMo, or its successor provisions.

(b) Any person currently on probation or parole for a marijuana law violation, whether by trial or open or negotiated plea:

(i) Who would not have been guilty of an adult or juvenile offense, had sections 1 and 2 of this Article been in effect at the time of the offense; or

(ii) Who would have been guilty of a lesser adult or juvenile offense had sections 1 and 2 of this Article been in effect at the time of the offense; or

(iii) Who was convicted or plead guilty to a marijuana offense which is a misdemeanor, a class E felony, or a class D felony, or successor designations, involving the possession of three pounds or less of marijuana, excluding distribution or delivery to a minor or any offense of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of marijuana; shall, upon the effective date of this section, have their sentence automatically vacated by the sentencing court, which shall order the immediate termination of supervision by the department of corrections, and the expungement of all government records of the case. Such expungement from all government records shall be granted for all of the person's applicable marijuana offenses, absent good cause for denial. The effect of such orders shall be to restore such person to the status the person occupied prior to such arrest, plea, or conviction and as if such event had never taken place, and the conviction and sentence shall be vacated as legally invalid. No person for whom such order has been entered shall be held thereafter under any provision of any law to be guilty of perjury or otherwise giving a false statement by reason of the person's failure to recite or acknowledge such arrest, plea, trial, conviction, or expungement in response to any inquiry made of the person for any purpose whatsoever, and no such inquiry shall be made for information relating to an expungement. The court shall not assess any filing fee for these filings. The office of the state public defender shall prepare and make readily available and accessible a pleading form that may be filed pro se for this purpose. The circuit courts of the state shall also make readily available and accessible this pleading form. Within ninety days of the effective date of this section, the sentencing court shall complete the adjudication for all cases involving only misdemeanor marijuana offenses. Within one hundred and eighty days of the effective date of this section, the sentencing court shall complete the adjudication for all class D, or successor designation, felony cases involving three pounds or less of marijuana, as well as any lesser marijuana offenses by such offenders, if applicable. This shall not apply to offenses while operating a commercial motor vehicle as defined in 49 CFR 390.5 or its successor provisions, in interstate or intrastate transportation unless otherwise exempted as found in section 307.400, RSMo, or its successor provisions.

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(8) (a) Within six months of the effective date of this section, the circuit courts of this state shall order the expungement of the criminal history records

of all misdemeanor marijuana offenses for any person who is no longer incarcerated or under the supervision of the department of corrections. Within twelve months of the effective date of this section, the circuit courts of this state shall order the expungement of criminal history records for all persons no longer incarcerated or under the supervision of the department of corrections but who have completed their sentence for any felony marijuana offenses and any marijuana offenses that would no longer be a crime after the effective dates of sections 1 and 2 of this Article, excluding distribution or delivery to a minor, any such offenses involving violence, or any offense of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of marijuana. For all class A, class B, class C, or successor designations, felony marijuana offenses, and for all class D, or successor designations, felony marijuana offenses for possession of more than three pounds of marijuana, the circuit courts of this state shall order expungement of criminal history records upon the completion of the person's incarceration, including any supervised probation or parole. For the purposes of this subdivision, "criminal history record" means all information documenting an individual's contact with the criminal justice system, including data regarding identification, arrest or citation, arraignment, judicial disposition, custody, and supervision.

(b) An expungement order shall be legally effective immediately and the person whose record is expunged shall be treated in all respects as if he or she had never been arrested, convicted, or sentenced for the offense, and the conviction and sentence shall be vacated as legally invalid. The court shall issue an order to expunge all records and files related to the arrest, citation, investigation, charge, adjudication of guilt, criminal proceedings, and probation related to the sentence. The court shall provide notice of the expungement to the person who is the subject of the record at the person's last known address, the arresting agency prosecuting attorneys, central state depository of criminal records, and any other entity that may have a record related to the order to expunge. The central state depository of criminal records shall provide notice of the expungement to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Crime Information Center, or its successor agency. The court shall issue the person a certificate stating that the offense for which the person was convicted has been expunged and that its effect is to annul the record of arrest, conviction, and sentence.

(c) The effect of such expungement shall be to restore such person to the status the person occupied prior to such arrest, plea, or conviction and as if such event had never taken place. Such person shall not be required to acknowledge the existence of such a criminal history record or answer questions about the record in any application for employment, license, or civil right or privilege or in an appearance as a witness in any proceeding or hearing, and may deny the existence of the record regardless of whether the person has received notice from the court that an expungement order has been issued on the person's behalf.

(d) No person shall be prosecuted again for any offense which has been vacated or expunged.

(e) The court shall keep a special index of cases that have been expunged together with the expungement order and the certificate issued pursuant to this subsection. The index shall list only the name of the person convicted of the offense, his or her date of birth, the docket number, and the criminal offense that was the subject of the expungement. The special index and related documents shall be confidential and shall be physically and electronically segregated in a manner that ensures confidentiality and that limits access to authorized persons. The court may permit special access to the index and the documents for research purposes pursuant to the rules for public access to court records. The index and documents made available by the court may not include any identifying information.

(9) A person currently under parole, probation, or other state supervision, or released awaiting trial or other hearing, may not be punished or otherwise penalized based solely on conduct that is permitted by this section.

(10) No conduct permitted by this section shall constitute the basis for detention, search, or arrest, and except when law enforcement is investigating whether a person is operating a motor vehicle, train, aircraft, motorboat, or other motorized form of transport while under the influence of marijuana, the odor of marijuana or burnt marijuana, the possession or suspicion of possession of marijuana without evidence of a quantity in excess of the lawful amount, or the possession of multiple containers of marijuana without evidence of quantity in excess of the lawful amount shall not, individually or in combination with each other, constitute reasonably articulable suspicion of a crime. Marijuana and marijuana-infused products as permitted by this section are not contraband nor subject to seizure.

(11) A person shall not be denied eligibility in public assistance programs or public benefits based solely on conduct that is permitted by this Article, unless required by federal law.

(12) No person shall be denied their rights under Article 1, section 23 of the Missouri Constitution, solely for conduct that is permitted by this section.

(13) No person shall be denied parental rights, custody of, or visitation with a minor child by a state or local government executive agency based solely on conduct that is permitted by this section, unless the person's behavior is such that it creates an unreasonable danger to a minor child that can be established by

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FEATURES:
*Highest Quality Upland Farmland
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*Open for the 2023 Farm Season
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*Nice Building Sites
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*Electric Available on the Road
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*30-minutes from Jefferson City
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Contact David at 660-827-1824 to view interior.
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Pettis County

2 YARD SALES
1605 W 11TH
1610 W 11TH
SAT 8-?

Tools, cookbooks, jewelry, DVD's, dishes, antiques, records, clothes, Seasonal decor, Sewing items, candles-Scentsy, rugs, knickknacks and Much More!

3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE
3232 BUCKINGHAM DR
FRI 10AM-4PM
SAT 9:30AM-3PM
Children through adult clothes, tools, seasonal decorations, Christmas lights, Miscellaneous.

Garage Sale
10 Miles South of Sedalia
On 65 Hwy at 22403 Manila Rd Ionia
Oct 6 & 7th 8-5
Oct. 8th 8-12

ProForm XP 440 Recumbent cycle, 2 bicycles, weight bench, men and women clothing and shoes, protein and mineral tubs, vinyl replacement double hung windows, much more. No early sales

Garage Sale
1805 Hedge Apple
Saturday Only 8am to ??
Everything priced to sell!

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Pettis County

Garage Sale
19551 Maltzberger Rd
Sat Only 7-?

Surround sound, entertainment center, Queen leather headboard/footboard, 4pc end table set, display cabinet w glass front, toys, household items, seasonal decor, totes, clothing, picture frames, adult and children's books, 2 matching arbors, stone Christmas village. Make an offer!! Everything must go!!

Garage Sale
2513 Greenwood Ln
Sat 10/8 7am-3pm
Housewares, tools, clothes (women's plus) and more! Most items \$1 unless otherwise marked.

GARAGE SALE
2704 KATY TRAIL AVE
SAT 8AM-4PM
RAIN OR SHINE

Large lot of puzzles, furniture, Christmas trees, lot's of winter clothes, men's & women's, kids clothes, nb-10yrs, complete new Dell computer, miscellaneous.

GARAGE SALE
311 E 28TH
10-6, 10-7, 10-8
Everything, a lot dolls, dishes, McDonald's collection, Toothpick Christmas tree.

Garage Sale
3501 S Washington
Sat 8-?

Video games, name brand clothes-L-2X, G6 badges, china cabinet, bookcases, bird feeders, Coke chairs and tables, lots of miscellaneous.

Hunter's Ridge Neighborhood Yard Sale
Friday, Oct 7
Saturday, Oct 8

Moving Sale
2613 Plaza Ave
Sat 8-12
Furniture, dishes, garden tools, household tools, pictures, lots of everything!

Multi-Family Garage Sale
4140 Blue Grass Dr
Covered Bridge Estates
Just outside city limits on U highway
Fri & Sat 9-5

Ammunition, hunting items, microwave, computer desk, monitor, file cabinet, home decor, name brand clothes, books, movies, formal dresses, winter coats, PET RABBITS!!!

YARD SALE
714 N GRAND
SAT 8-6
SUN 9-?
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Legal Notice

their objections to military assistance for this project. 10x-10/7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 2022

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IN THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
Judge or Division: R PAUL BEARD
Case Number: 22PT-PR00176
HAROLD LLOYD SIEGEL, Deceased.
Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Supervised Administration)
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of HAROLD LLOYD SIEGEL, Decedent:
On 9-14-2022, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individuals were appointed personal representatives of the estate of HAROLD LLOYD SIEGEL, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit

Legal Notice

Court of Pettis County, Missouri. The names, business addresses of the personal representatives are:
STEPHEN BRIAN SIEGEL, 7001 CHEYENNE DR, PILOT GROVE, MO 65276
MICHAEL WAYNE SIEGEL, 6302 CHEYENNE DRIVE, PILOT GROVE, MO 65276
The personal representatives' attorney's name, business address and phone number is: JAMES P BUCKLEY, 121 E 4TH STREET, PO BOX 348, SEDALIA, MO 65302-0348, 660-826-7373
All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section

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537.021, RSMo.
Date of the decedent's death: 17-AUG-2022
Date of first publication: 17-SEP-2022
Susan Sadler, Circuit Clerk
By: /s/Darla Ebeling, Deputy Clerk
4x-9/17, 24, 10/1, 8, 2022

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21x-9/29 - 10/27, 2022

Public Notice
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The Otterville R-VI School District intends to solicit assistance from the Department of Defense's Innovative Readiness Training Program (IRT). The assistance will include dirt work for athletic fields. The proposed assistance will take place at Otterville in the next two years. Construction contractors, labor unions, or private individuals who have questions or who wish to voice opposition to military assistance for this project may contact Ryan Benney from the Otterville R-VI School District at (660)-366-4391 ext: 413 or via e-mail at rbenny@ottervillervi.k12.mo.us no later than thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice. Persons not filing comments within the time frame noted will be considered to have waived



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As we are selling our home and moving, we will sell the following at auction located from the south city limits of Sedalia, three miles on Hwy 65 to Marigold Rd. Turn west on Marigold Rd, then an immediate left at the T in the road on:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, AT 10 AM



BEAUTIFUL HOME on 12+ ac! Sells at 11 am Picturesque setting just 3 miles from Sedalia! On 12+ acres, this 3 bd, 2 ba home sets on a hill overlooking the lake. Built in 1989, this well-maintained home was updated in 2014 with custom-made kitchen cabinets, granite countertops, and new kitchen flooring. The home has an attached super-size one car garage, and the basement is plumbed for a third bathroom. A spacious covered deck spans the back length of the home and can be accessed from the great room or master bedroom. The great care and regular maintenance given to this home are evident throughout. The wonderful inground pool has a complete concrete apron surrounding it. Buildings on the property include a 30x50 3-bay garage with 14' front and 16' back overhangs. It has a concrete floor and electricity. A 30x50' Wick building has a concrete floor, electricity, one regular garage door, and one tall garage door to accommodate an RV. Terms of Real Estate: Starting bid on this stunning property will be \$400,000 and sells subject to owner confirmation. Successful buyer will pay 10% of the purchase price day of sale as earnest money, to be held in escrow at the Title Co until closing. At that time the balance, plus applicable closing costs will be due. Taxes to be prorated, seller will furnish Policy of Title Insurance. Have your finances in order and come prepared to buy. Policy of Title Insurance.

QUALITY FURNITURE Massive oak queen bed, armoire, dresser, and nightstand * Oak queen bed with tall headboard, carved and finials, matching dresser * Oak 5-roll top desk * Suede leather sofa, loveseat, 2 recliners * Office chair * Seth Thomas grandfather's clock * Round oak kitchen table, 4 chairs * Curved glass curio cabinet * 2 narrow flat glass curio cabinets * 2 Square front curio cabinets * Handmade armoire cabinet * Small computer desk * Electric fireplace with oak mantle * Electric fireplace/tv cabinet * Small hall tree Note: We cannot say enough about the quality and condition of the furniture offered at this auction! **ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES** Antique kitchen cabinet w/ floor bin, porcelain top * Antique bachelor's dresser * Antique ¾ bed with custom mattress * Antique metal bed, single * Several antique side chairs * Cuckoo clock from Germany * Domestic treadle sewing machine, w/oak cover * Antique washstand * 100+ Boyd's Bears collectibles, inc: snow globes, music boxes, ornaments, etc * Several pieces of glassware from Germany * Lots of Beanie Babies * Enamelware, crock jugs, other collectibles * Old farm implements used as flower planters **HOUSEHOLD** GE 11 cu ft refrigerator w/top freezer * Magic Chef apt. size refrigerator * Small Kenmore chest type freezer * 10' Kitchen cabinet base with sink * Emerson wine cooler * Sharp microwave, GE roaster, other small kitchen appliances * Quilt rack, other smaller furniture not listed * Comforters, bed ensembles, linens, other bedding * Parakeet cage **CHILDREN'S VINTAGE & COLLECTIBLES** 3 Vintage metal strollers, 1 pink, 2 blue Firetruck pedal car * 2- John Deere pedal tractors * John Deere wagon for pedal tractor * Kiddie Pink Princess pedal car, NIB * Blue Diamond Classic pedal car, NIB * Princess doll house * Barbie piano, doll house, other toys * Youth picnic table **GYM EQUIPMENT** Bowflex TC5000 tread climber * NordicTrack C225 * Multi-function Total Gym * AB lounge 2 **POOL & PATIO ITEMS** Maytronics S200 Dolphin pool vac, near new * 7 Poolside chaise lounges * Porch swing * Round metal patio table and chairs * Two metal swivel chairs and side table * A-frame patio swing * Porch sofa * Lighted fountain **UTILITY GOLF CAR** 2014 EZ Terrain 250 gas utility golf car with dump bed, like new cond. **LAWN & GARDEN** Kubota B7100 diesel, 4x4, 60" hydrostat mower deck, extra blades * John Deere EZTrak Z225 42", extra blades, great cond * Woods 5' lawnmower blade * 5' Greenhouse * Landscape rock and brick * Few used 6' steel posts * 2 Poly water tanks **MISCELLANEOUS** HD Engine hoist * 3 Shop storage cabinets * Husky shop bench * Aluminum shop bench w/ vise * Metal shelving * 6x10 Dog kennel * Poly doghouse * 14 Metal tube farm gates * 10" x20" Poly culvert pipe * Center runner for TriToon lift * Pitcher pump * 20"+ of Galvanized stove pipe * 15+ Jack straps Note: Everything has had the best care and is in top-notch condition! You don't want to miss this auction!

EDWARD AND SANDRA YOUNG

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14TH ANNUAL 2022

Olive Hill School Consignment Auction

COME ENJOY THE SALE WITH US

FRIDAY, OCT 14, 3:00PM
SATURDAY, OCT 15, 9:00AM

FRIDAY
KNIVES, CRAFTS, TACK, TOOLS, MISC.

SATURDAY...GUNS SELL AT 10:00 FOLLOWED BY FURNITURE AND QUILTS

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Herdsmen squeeze chute with automatic head gate and palp cage

FARM & MISC...
Powder River squeeze chute palpation cage, 30' alley
Powder River tub, 40' Powder River catch pen
Bale Ring
Paint pony, weaning filly
Horse tack
14' bumper hitch flat bed trailer
2 Priefert hay feeders, wall mount
Gravelly ZT 48XL lawn mower, 48" deck
Super Z Hustler zero turn 61" lawn mower
Dog whelping box w/light
Milwaukee M18 fuel drill/impact set (brand new) Stihl MS 180C chainsaw
Hand held Dewalt pressure washer
Approximately 40 shade trees...
Autumn Blaze Maple October Glory Maple, Red Sunset Maple
10 windbreak trees



Brand Name Anvils

TOYS...
2 John Deere "A" toy tractors, 1/16 scale Ertl Precision Series #1 John Deere 620 LP Hi Crop toy tractor, Precision Key Series #5
8 die-cast model car collection,
GUNS...
Heritage Rough Rider .22 NIB



Savage model 64 .22 rifle NIB
Ruger new model Single Six with holster
Winchester model 50 20 gauge
Stevens model 200 25-06 w/scope
Stainless Mini 14 Target. 223
Stainless Cricket. 22
Mossburg Patriot Youth 6.5 CM w/ scope
Easa made in Italy 22 cal pistol 6 shot
Chipmunk 22 cal. checkered wood stock w/scope NIB Browning 270 cal. checkered wood stock w/scope
Hunter 243 cal. single shot, break synthetic, stock w/scope Savage 17 cal checkered wood stock w/clip
Springfield 410 single shot wood stock Model CZ99 22 cal checkered wood stock
Springfield 20 gauge pump wood stock - nice
Mossburg 25-06 cal with synthetic stock NIB
Ruger .22 bolt action rifle modern American blue steel
12 gauge Harrington & Richardson inc. 3# full choke model 88 Case Texas toothpick knives
QUILTS...
Crib 42 x 62 w/doily red and black
Crib 48 x 70 w/doily black and gray

BBQ Dinner Served
Friday Evening 5:00 to 7:00
Grilled Lunch Served Saturday

Double Diamond 96 x 106 Aqua coral **QUILTS CONTINUED...**
Bargello Heart 95 x 103 purple, lavender and gray w/doily Doily sets **NEW FURNITURE...**
5 pc Grey Elm bedroom set w/queen bed
4 pc Rough sawn Maple bedroom set w/queen bookcase bed
48 x 72 Rough sawn Maple dining table w/ 4 leaves
5 side chairs, 1 arm chair
48 x 72 Red Oak dining table w/4 leaves
5 side chairs, 1 arm chair
Full/full bunk bed Oak, 6 drawer matching chest
Grey Elm sewing/serger cabinet
Rough Sawn Maple sewing/serger cabinet
Bookcases, Swivel magazine/end tables
Children Table and chair sets, Childs hutches
MISC...
Green Mountain grill
Corn hole set
Gun Rack
Frozen smoothie maker
Big white Fenton basket and candle holders
Princess House Fantasia bakeware
Magazine racks
Swing sets
Poly Martin house w/pole, Gourd racks
Homemade sprouted wheat Grapenuts cereal
BAKED GOODS Expected

Coffee Corner
Hosted by
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Funds go for youth field trip...

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If you're only 55 or over, this town home in Brooking Park Village with spacious open living-dining area, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, and attached garage, may just answer your wishful thinking! The monthly care and services fee even includes scheduled housekeeping! **Call Todd or Judee for more details and let us give you a tour!**

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THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION In The Estate of VINCENT MARION WATKINS, Deceased Estate No. 22PT-PR00185

NOTICE OF HEARING TO: Hong Hua Jiang 408 Dai Whi Mo Sedalia, MO 65301 Alice Elizabeth Watkins 5 Maryview Lane St. Louis, MO 63124 Rebecca Maureen Guion 1632 Boyd Avenue Racine, WI 53405 Mary Amelia Slomkowski 1137 S. Washtenaw Chicago, IL 60655 Bradley Vincent Watkins 1321 N. Garden Drive #A St. Louis, MO 63138

AND TO ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY OF Vincent Marion Watkins, Deceased, as an heir of said decedent or through any heir of said decedent.

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the above court by Rebecca Maureen Guion, 1632 Boyd Avenue, Racine, WI, for the determination of heirs of Vincent Marion Watkins, deceased, and of their respective interests as such heirs in and with respect to the property owned by the decedent at the date of death, to-wit: 408 Dai Whi Mo, Sedalia, MO 65301 \$185,000.00 2005 Hyundai Sonata VIN #KMHWF25S05A123826 \$250.00

Furniture, household furnishings, tools, \$5,500.00 You are hereby required to appear in answer to said petition on or before the 1st day of NOVEMBER, 2022, at 3 o'clock p.m., of said day in said court in Sedalia, Pettis County, Missouri, at which time and place said petition will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree may be entered in due course upon said petition.

Susan Sadler, Circuit Clerk By: /s/Cathy Jackson, Deputy Clerk

/s/James P. Buckley #40228 Buckley & Buckley 121 East Fourth Street P. O. Box 348 Sedalia, Missouri 65302-0348 Attorney for Petitioner 4x-10/1, 8, 15, 22, 2022

TRUSTEE'S SALE In Re: Jennifer J Whitesell, a single person TRUSTEE'S SALE - Under the terms of the Deed of Trust executed by Jennifer J Whitesell, a single person dated 06/08/2020, and recorded on

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06/09/2020 Document 2020-2812 in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Pettis County, MISSOURI, the undersigned Successor Trustee, will on 10/17/2022 at 11:00 AM at the West Front Door of the Pettis County Courthouse, 415 S Ohio St. Sedalia, MO 65301, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash subject to the terms announced at the sale, the realty described in said deed of trust, to wit: ALL OF THE NORTH FIFTY (50) FEET OF LOTS TEN (10), ELEVEN (11), AND TWELVE (12) IN BLOCK TWENTY THREE (23) OF THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE TOWN OF SMITHTON, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI. Eastplains Corporation SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE Published in the Sedalia Democrat

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

In Re: Ryan Cole Woolery, A Single Person and Rachel Esser, A Single Person TRUSTEE'S SALE - Under the terms of the Deed of Trust executed by Ryan Cole Woolery, A Single Person and Rachel Esser, A Single Person dated 05/10/2013, and recorded on 05/13/2013 Document 2013-2659 in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Pettis County, MISSOURI, the undersigned Successor Trustee, will on 10/17/2022 at 11:00 AM at the West Front Door of the Pettis County Courthouse, 415 S Ohio St. Sedalia, MO 65301, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash subject to the terms announced at the

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sale, the realty described in said deed of trust, to wit: THE EAST HALF OF THE WEST HALF OF LOT 55 IN THE EASTERN DIVISION OF THE TOWN OF DRESDEN, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS RECORDED, AND BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 46 NORTH, RANGE 22 WEST, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI; THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, 425.5 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE NORTH 371 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THIRD STREET IN THE EASTERN DIVISION OF THE TOWN OF DRESDEN, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, THENCE NORTHEASTERLY

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PUBLIC AUCTION "Michael Siron" 3113 South Stewart Ave., Sedalia Mo. 65301 Due to the loss of my husband, we will sell the following at public Auction on: Sunday October 16th 12:00 noon 2022

Directions: From 32nd St. & 65 Hwy. intersection (Best Western) in Sedalia go East on 32nd St. 1/2 mile to South Stewart Ave. on Left to Auction on Right, watch for signs on sale day

2014 Volkswagen Beetle convertible R-Line, tan leather, 2-liter turbo, auto, loaded, 39k miles, (3VW75AT8EM803084) You will not find a cleaner more well cared for car out there - only driven on nice Sundays. Safari by Cannon 25 gun safe.

FIREARMS: Remington 870 Wingmaster 12ga. pump shot gun, Remington Fieldmaster 572, 22cal pump rifle, Ruger .22cal Model 10/22 semi auto rifle, Henry .22cal lever action rifle, Sig Sauer P250 9mm pistol, 9x18mm Makarov Czech semi auto pistol, 9mm Polish Gov't Assinal 11, Romanian TTC Tokarev 7.62x25 pistol, Black Powder. 44cal Italian pistol w/extra cyl. Red Rider, Crossman & Daisey BB guns, Lee reloading equipment, Frankford Arsenal Quick-N-EZ tumbler kit, Lyman universal case trimmer, brass punch set.

DIE SETS: 7.62x39, 7.62x54, .357, .223, .380, 9mm, 30-06, .38 special, .32 auto, .45 auto, 9mm wma, HUGE Lot Brass. HUGE LOT AMMO: 77.62x25 & 54, .223, .357, .338, 30-06, 32auto, .22, .380, 38special, 9mm, 12ga.

HOUSEHOLD & MISC.: round oak drop leaf dinette set w/4 chairs, dining room table w/6 chairs & leaf, small hutch, microwave, three cushion sofa & ottoman, pr end tables, small oak display cabinet, 2 - wooden oak bookshelves, heavy metal office desk, knee hole desk, cedar lined hope chest, Sanyo 42" flat screen TV, stained glass window hanging, Jewelry armoire, lot costume jewelry, lot Harley Davidson apparel & gear (3 coats & misc.), enamel red & white table w/extension leaves, lot refrigerator dishes, Lot HO scale train & EZ track, Pettis County 1896 plate book, Orion 4.5" EQ star blast telescope, Lg SS Char-Broil gas BBQ grill, Blackstone "Adventure Ready" griddle, small SS table, lot LP gas bottles, bar height tile top patio table w/4 chairs & umbrella, tile top table w/4 chairs & umbrella, 3-four drawer file cabinets, 2-two drawer file cabinets, 3 - Bicycles two Trek & Schwinn, Lot fishing poles & tack, Lot Christmas, 60" Christmas wreath.

TOOLS & MISC.: Craftsman 8hp rear tire tiller, Lawn-boy push mower w/ele. start, McCulloch 3200 chain saw, Ryobi string trimmer w/tiller & blower attachments, Stihl gas hedge trimmers, Snap-on electric pressure washer, Waterloo roll around toolbox, Worx ele. blower/mulcher, Bosch router table, Hitachi router, router bit set, Tradesman bench top drill press, Lot DeWalt 18v & 20v cordless tools, Delta power miter saw, receiver hitches, air bubble, misc. hand tools, lot ele. power tools, hole-saw set, lg lot ele. extension cords, Lot bar clamps, Werner aluminum multi-ladder, lot long handled tools, stainless steel cart, Seeder, HD wheel barrow, 4-wheel lawn cart, two-wheel alum. Dolly, two wire shelves, Misc. gas jugs, two-man crosscut saw, 2-vintage wooden pulleys, lot dock repair books, enamel ware, Radio Flyer red wagon, lg lot yard décor, fire pit, lot misc. knives, 2 - Gerber machetes.

Many More Items Too Numerous to Mention *Statements made day of sale take precedence over printed material. Concessions provided by the Award Winning "Benton County Good Ole Gals"



ESTATE AUCTION "David Gooding" 312 North Cardinal Drive, Lincoln Mo. 65338 Due to the loss of my husband, I have sold my home & moving closer to family, we will sell the following at public Auction on: Saturday October 15th 10:00am 2022

Directions: From intersection of East Lamine & 65 Hwy in Lincoln go West on East Lamine to Cardinal Drive & Auction on Right. Watch & follow signs on sale day.

1994 Sun Tracker 21' "Fishin Barge" pontoon & trail star trailer w/2005 90hp. Mercury out board, Minn Kota trolling motor, one yr old recovered seats MUST see. 2007 Lowe FM 165 fishing boat 60hp 4cylde Mercury live well, Minn Kota "Power Drive" trolling motor, 2 - fish finders extra clean MUST see. 2001 Ford F-150 XLT 4x4 off road V8, auto, super crew / four-door, cloth interior, tonneau hard cover, very clean, 277K, 4'x8' tilt-bed utility trailer, Cub Cadet CC 30 H hydro drive 30" cut riding mower Black Max 3000watt generator (Honda GC190), Gentron 8000watt generator, Power washer 2600psi, Stihl HS45 gas hedge trimmers, Husqvarna 136 chain saw, Poulan-Pro gas blower, Poulan-Pro PP333 bush whacker with (tree saw, tiller & trimmer attachment), Guns, Ammo & Misc. Marlin 30-30 model 336, lever action w/Tasco scope, Mossberg 12ga model 500 pump Mossberg 20ga. model 500c pump Springfield 20ga. model 67 series C Lg lot .22 shells 3-400, .30-30 - 5 boxes, 9mm - 3boxes, lot 12ga & 20ga shells, Ammo boxes, Lot scabbards & sleeves, lot camouflage clothing, binoculars, LOT Fishing Poles & tackle 4-snagging rods, Household & Misc. Gibson cross top refrigerator, small chest freezer, Seiko "Melodies in Motion" clock, Matching formal dining room table w/6-way left, sideboard & hutch, Matching two faux suede rocker recliners & dual reclining love seat w/massage & heat, Matching twin bedroom set (2 beds, chest of drawers, vanity & mirrored dresser) Wine rack/coffee bar, Upholstered love seat, office desk, 2 - press back bar stools, Schafer & sons spinet piano, mudroom cabinet, half round wood & iron entry table, drop top sewing worktable, Weslo cross cycle exercise bike, lot misc books, Ethen Allen secretary, wooden hutch, Bookshelves, tile top patio table w/6 chairs, 4 - cast patio chairs & snack cart, fire pit, Doghouse, heavy duty outdoor playground set, Magic Bullet blender set, Hand crafted items picnic table w/20 benches, 3 - wood Adirondack love seats, 7 - Adirondack chairs, Adirondack porch swing, Adirondack pub height chair, wooden patio lounge, wood patio benches, A-frame w/Adirondack swing, JET wood working dust collector, "Tool Shop" roll around toolbox, Bench top drill press, worm drive skill saw, Makita circular saw, Terratek 10" sliding compound miter saw, Skill 2spd bandsaw, Skill saw 10" table saw, belt disk sander on stand, 6" jointer/4" planer on stand, 48" Central machine wood Lathe, lot misc. hand tools, 18v DeWalt cordless drill 4 batteries & charger, 30' air hose reel, lg lot propane heaters many "Mr Heaters", lot hand tools, lot long handled tools, lot misc. electric hand tools, lot bar clamps, pedestal sink, hose & hose reel, yard cart, wheelbarrow, aluminum extension ladder

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clear and convincing evidence. 11. Interstate Commerce.

If federal law, rules, or regulations are amended to allow the interstate commerce of marijuana or marijuana-infused products or the importation or exportation of marijuana or marijuana-infused products into or out of the state of Missouri, the provisions and intent of this section shall, to the extent possible, remain in full effect, unless explicitly preempted by such federal law, rule, or regulation. If federal law, rules, or regulations are amended as provided above, any marijuana or marijuana-infused products imported into this state shall be subject to the same testing standards and seed to sale tracking system required under this section for marijuana and marijuana-infused products produced within the state. Unless federal law, rules, or regulations explicitly require otherwise, no entity shall sell, transport, produce, distribute, deliver, or cultivate marijuana or marijuana-infused products without an applicable license or certificate as required under this section. In addition, any raw biomass of marijuana or marijuana flower imported from out-of-state shall be received only by a licensed cultivation facility, while all batch oil, infused marijuana products and any marijuana product in any other form shall be received only by a licensed manufacturing facility. 12. Severability. The provisions of this section are severable, and if any clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this measure, or an application thereof, is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions shall continue to be in effect to the fullest extent possible. 13. Effective Date. The provisions of this section shall become effective thirty days after the election, as provided by this Constitution.

STATE OF MISSOURI } ss Secretary of State

I, John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of Constitutional Amendment No. 3, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the General Election to be held the eighth day of November, 2022. In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 30th day of August, 2022.



CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 4

[Proposed by the 101st General Assembly (Second Regular Session) SS2 SJR 38]

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to authorize laws, passed before December 31, 2026, that increase minimum funding for a police force established by a state board of police commissioners to ensure such police force has additional resources to serve its communities?

State and local governmental entities estimate no additional costs or savings related to this proposal.

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 21 of article X of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the funding of law enforcement agencies.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2022, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to article X of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 21, article X, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 21, to read as follows:

Section 21. 1. The state is hereby prohibited from reducing the state financed proportion of the costs of any existing activity or service required of counties and other political subdivisions. A new activity or service or an increase in the level of any activity or service beyond that required by existing law shall not be required by the general assembly or any state agency of counties or other political subdivisions, unless a state appropriation is made and disbursed to pay the county or other political subdivision for any increased costs. 2. Notwithstanding the foregoing prohibitions, before December 31, 2026, the general assembly may by law increase minimum funding for a police force established by a state board of police commissioners to ensure such police force has additional resources to serve its communities.

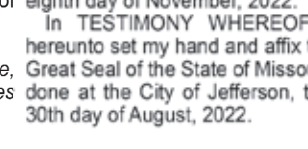
Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of this joint resolution to the voters of this state,

the official summary statement of this resolution shall be as follows:

"Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to authorize laws, passed before December 31, 2026, that increase minimum funding for a police force established by a state board of police commissioners to ensure such police force has additional resources to serve its communities?"

STATE OF MISSOURI } ss Secretary of State

I, John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of Constitutional Amendment No. 4, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the General Election to be held the eighth day of November, 2022. In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 30th day of August, 2022.



CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 5

[Proposed by the 101st General Assembly (Second Regular Session) HJR 116]

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE:

Shall the Missouri National Guard currently under the Missouri Department of Public Safety be its own department, known as the Missouri Department of the National Guard, which shall be required to protect the constitutional rights and civil liberties of Missourians?

State governmental entities estimate no savings and ongoing costs of \$132,000 annually. Local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 12 of Article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting two new sections in lieu thereof relating to the state department of the national guard.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2022, or at a

special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article IV of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

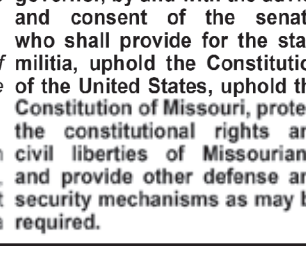
Section A. Section 12, Article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Sections 12 and 54, to read as follows:

Section 12. The executive department shall consist of all state elective and appointive officials and employees except officials and employees of the legislative and judicial departments. In addition to the governor and lieutenant governor there shall be a state auditor, secretary of state, attorney general, a state treasurer, an office of administration, a department of agriculture, a department of conservation, a department of natural resources, a department of elementary and secondary education, a department of higher education, a department of highways and transportation, a department of insurance, a department of labor and industrial relations, a department of economic development, a department of public safety, a department of revenue, a department of social services, a department of the National Guard, and a department of mental health. In addition to the elected officers, there shall not be more than fifteen sixteen departments and the office of administration. The general assembly may create by law two departments, in addition to those named, provided that the departments shall be headed by a director or commission appointed by the governor on the advice and consent of the senate. The director or commission shall have administrative responsibility and authority for the department created by law. Unless discontinued all present or future boards, bureaus, commissions and other agencies of the state exercising administrative or executive authority shall be assigned by law or by the governor as provided by law to the office of administration or to one of the fifteen sixteen administrative departments to which their respective powers and duties are germane.

Section 54. There shall be established a Missouri Department of the National Guard in charge of the adjutant general appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, who shall provide for the state militia, uphold the Constitution of the United States, uphold the Constitution of Missouri, protect the constitutional rights and civil liberties of Missourians, and provide other defense and security mechanisms as may be required.

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of this joint resolution to the voters of this state,

I, John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of Constitutional Amendment No. 5, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the General Election to be held the eighth day of August, 2022. In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 30th day of August, 2022.

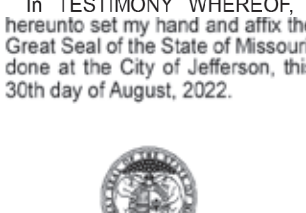
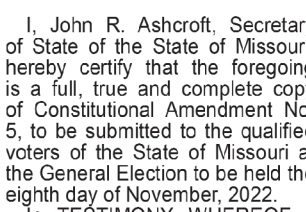


an election of delegates to the convention on a day not less than three nor more than six months after the election on the question. At the election the electors of the state shall elect fifteen delegates-at-large and the electors of each state senatorial district shall elect two delegates. Each delegate shall possess the qualifications of a senator; and no person holding any other office of trust or profit (officers of the organized militia, school directors, justices of the peace and notaries public excepted) shall be eligible to be elected a delegate. To secure representation from different political parties in each senatorial district, in the manner prescribed by its senatorial district committee each political party shall nominate but one candidate for delegate from each senatorial district, the certificate of nomination shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state at least thirty days before the election, each candidate shall be voted for on a separate ballot bearing the party designation, each elector shall vote for but one of the candidates, and the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes in each senatorial district shall be elected. Candidates for delegates-at-large shall be nominated by nominating petitions only, which shall be signed by electors of the state equal to five percent of the legal voters in the senatorial district in which the candidate resides until otherwise provided by law, and shall be verified as provided by law for initiative petitions, and filed in the office of the secretary of state at least thirty days before the election. All such candidates shall be voted for on a separate ballot without party designation, and the fifteen receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. Not less than fifteen days before the election, the secretary of state shall certify to the county clerk of the county the name of each person nominated for the office of delegate from the senatorial district in which the county, or any part of it, is included, and the names of all persons nominated for delegates-at-large.

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [this] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

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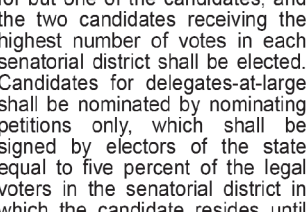
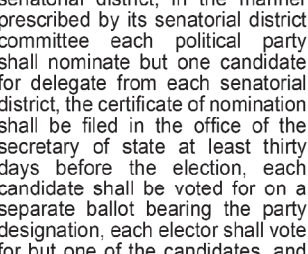
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I, John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of a call for a Constitutional Convention, to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri at the General Election to be held the eighth day of November, 2022. In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, done at the City of Jefferson, this 30th day of August, 2022.



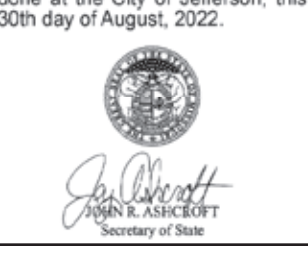
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