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2022 GENERAL ELECTION

Two vie for House District 57 seat

Two candidates are contending for the nomination for the Missouri House of Representatives District 57 seat in the Nov. 8 general election.

State Rep. Roger Reedy, R-Windsor, is running for re-election in 2022. Reedy was first elected in 2018 and has also served as the Benton County Assessor. Also running is Libertarian Bill Truman Wayne, of Warrensburg.

Representatives serve for two years.

The southern portions of Pettis and Johnson counties will now be represented by District 57 based on the House Independent Bipartisan Citizens Commission's new House map. Currently, District 57 covers portions of Benton, Cass, and Bates counties, but it will now cover portions of Johnson, Pettis and Benton counties.

Each candidate was asked to fill out a questionnaire. Answers were limited to 150 words and are listed in the order the candidates appear on the ballot.

Why are you running for office?

Reedy: I am running for re-election to the House District 57. I am



Roger Reedy



Bill Truman Wayne

running to continue to be a voice for rural Missouri in Jefferson City. I am running to promote policy to improve the quality of life for my constituents.

Wayne: I want to promote policies that increase human freedom — ones that reduce government intrusion into our lives, reduce the size and cost of government operations, and enhance our lives, liberties and pursuit of happiness.

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Dresden field fire burns 50 acres and a home



Dresden farmers David Gerken, Dennis Hudson and Terry Vanatta watch a neighbor's home engulfed in flames Friday afternoon. Hudson speculated a combine crossing a field at Buckley Road and Drake Road dropped hot parts, causing several small fires. The Pettis County Fire Protection District responded to the incident, which started as a field fire, and later requested mutual aid from several neighboring fire departments in Pettis and Johnson counties.

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From Buckley Road in Dresden, a home on Drake Road could be seen fully engulfed in flames Friday. While fire officials have yet to release a cause of the fire, it is speculated a combine started the fire.



Pettis County Sheriff's Office Deputy Neal Trout waves an emergency vehicle to a house fire on Drake Road. Driving winds pushed the fire west across an estimated 50-acre field to the Dresden home Friday around 2:30 p.m.

Quilter supports the community with annual event

By Faith Bemiss
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Again, this season, a Sedalia quilter is collecting blankets and quilts to give to Sedalia School District 200 elementary students.

Carmon Loveland, the owner of Carmon's Machine Quilting LLC, is accepting donations of blankets and quilts this coming week at the shop. In addition, she will offer her annual sale Monday through Saturday next week. Shoppers will receive 20% off all fabrics, patterns, and gifts.

"If they donate a finished quilt or blanket, they will get 25% off," she explained. "And all

the additional quilts and blankets will go to a local school for children."

Due to space concerns, instead of having people donate throughout the year, Loveland is only

receiving the quilts and blankets during her annual sale. The donations need not be handmade or brand new but should be in a new-like condition.

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Students at a recent Quilt Kit Retreat pose for a photo at Carmon's Machine Quilting LLC. The quilters are each donating a 10-inch quilt block to be given to the Quilt of Valor project, which makes quilts for veterans and enlisted military.

PHOTO COURTESY OF CARMON LOVELAND

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Stackhouse doesn't let cancer stop her

By Skye Melcher
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A metastatic breast cancer patient won't let her second diagnosis stop her from living her life and traveling the world.

In 2010, Kelly Stackhouse had a regular visit with her doctor and found a lump in one of her breasts and she forgot to do her own self-checks.

"He sent me to get a mammogram and immediately they said, 'we think you have breast cancer...'" Stackhouse said. "We went and did a biopsy at the hospital with Dr. (John) Wadley and they immediately



Kelly Stackhouse enjoys ice cream on some of her travels. Stackhouse was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer in 2017 but doesn't allow it to stop her from doing anything she wants.

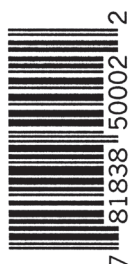
PHOTO COURTESY OF KELLY STACKHOUSE

knew, so after that, long story short, I got a lumpectomy, went through chemo, went through radiation."

A year and a half later,

the cancer was gone, so after five years, Stackhouse quit worrying about the first cancer diagnosis.

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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.



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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!

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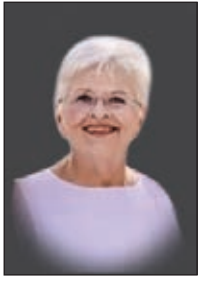
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OBITUARIES

Deborah A. Norton

Deborah A. Norton, 69, of Sedalia, MO, passed away Thursday, October 13, 2022, at University Hospital in Columbia, MO. She was born on November 21, 1952, in Sedalia, the daughter of Harry Herman Stout and Vivian Juanita (Shoe) Stout, who preceded her in death.



beach stories. They both loved to watch their family grow together and spend as much time with that growing family. LOVE, no one has or will ever do it better.

In addition to her husband, Deborah is survived by two children, Wade Norton (Jennifer) of Sedalia and Angie Richardson (Daniel) of Hughesville; nine grandchildren, Adam, Wayne, Brett, Aric, Gage, Matthew, Maisie, Jozy, and Elliot; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Gary Stout of Marshall, MO and Tony Stout (Julie) of Lee's Summit, MO; two sisters, Phyllis Grace (Charlie) of Raymore, MO and Donna Smith (Duane) of Galeton, PA; a brother-in-law, Jim Norton of Sedalia; many loved nieces and nephews; and her dog Lewis.

On October 10, 1970, in Sedalia, she was united in marriage to Kenneth Norton, who resides in the home.

Daughter, sister, wife, mother, and friend were all names she was proud of, but Miss Debbie and Grandma were the names she cherished the most. The generations of young people she helped raise and love through her daycare will be her lasting legacy.

LOVE would also be what she showed and taught her husband, two children, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Her love was unconditional, pure, and never-ending. Her love of tradition and family was held high. She continued the Stout Family Sunday dinners after her mother passed. There was no need to be a blood relative to come to Sunday dinner. If you needed a seat at the table, you became family. She loved spending time with friends. They were always high on her list. She might not even answer her cell for her kids during those times! Her love of traveling became a yearly family event that she was able to talk Kenny into. And when we say event, SHE was the event. We all have our Debbie at the

Along with her parents, Deborah was preceded in death by a brother, Harry Stout Jr., and her mother-in-law, Lela "Honey" Marie Rodgers.

A funeral service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at the First United Methodist Church Celebration Center with Pastor Candice Fowler officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until service time at the Celebration Center.

Honorary bearers will be Keith and Pam Kettner, Don and Elaine Sparks, Dennis and Debbie Orr, and Tom and Becky Munson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sedalia School District Foundation or a charity of the donor's choice in care of Rea Funeral Chapel.

DEATH NOTICE

Williams

Gale L. (Auer) Williams, 67, of Marshall, died Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2022, at Big Bend Retreat in Slater.

A Celebration of Life will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022, at the Recreation Building, Marshall Church of the Nazarene, 782 W. North St. in Marshall. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Sedalia.

FUNERALS

Trout, Lovell Louise

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

Richwine-Cunningham Kimberly Kay

2 p.m. Saturday at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Nixa.

Davis, Virginia Lea

2 p.m. Monday at Memorial Park Cemetery in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia.

Norton, Deborah A.

7 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church Celebration Center in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Home in Sedalia.

Adamek, Kenneth William Sr.

2 p.m. Wednesday at LifePointe Church in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Bowlin-Can-

triel Funeral Services in California, Missouri.

Zaring, Alta E. (Crothers)

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

Williams, Gale L. (Auer)

2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29 at the Recreation Building, Marshall Church of the Nazarene in Marshall. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home and Cremation Services 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.

CRASH REPORTS

Warrensburg woman injured in Johnson accident

Destiny D. Harris, 23, of Warrensburg, sustained moderate injuries at 9:52 p.m. Thursday in a Johnson County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, Harris was driving a 2013 Chevrolet Cruze west on Route DD at SE 511 road when she struck a deer.

She was wearing a seat belt and was transported to Western Missouri Medical Center in Warrensburg by Johnson County Ambulance

Two injured in Pettis accident

Richard A. Rodriguez, 49, of Green Ridge, was seriously injured and Brandi Richardson, 22, of Green Ridge, was moderately injured at 7:06 p.m. Thursday in a Pettis County accident.

According to a Missouri State Highway Patrol report, a 2000 Ford Ranger driven by Rodriguez was traveling east on U.S. Highway 50 west of Carroll Road. He slowed to make a left turn at a crossover and was rear-ended by a 2018 Dodge Charger driven

by Kalex M. Miller, 22, of Whiteman Air Force Base. After impact, the Ford rotated counterclockwise and overturned three times before coming to rest in the westbound lanes.

Everyone was wearing a seat belt. The injured were transported by ambulance to Western Missouri Medical Center in Warrensburg.

Indiana man injured in Pettis accident

Phillip D. Weer, 57, of Griffith, Indiana, sustained moderate injuries at 10:40 p.m. Thursday in a Pettis County accident.

According to a Mis-

souri State Highway Patrol report, Weer was driving a 2015 Nissan Juke north on Highway H at Smeltzer Road when he traveled off the right side of the roadway, struck a ditch, and overturned.

Weer was wearing a seat belt and was transported to Bothwell Regional Health Center.

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

Compiled by Chris Howell.

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 13

12:45 p.m.: Frederick Ray Ledbetter, 68, of the 300 block of West Sixth Street, was arrested after a vehicle stop near West Broadway Boulevard and South Snead Avenue for expired registration. Ledbetter was found to be a sex offender who is not in compliance. He was arrested and transported to the Pettis County Jail, where he was booked and released with a charge of failure to register as a sex offender.

9:52 p.m.: Enrique Serna

Canseco, 30, of the 400 block of East Seventh Street, was arrested after officers conducted a traffic stop in the 1600 block of East Broadway Boulevard for a vehicle defect. Canseco was found to have revoked driving status and was transported to the Pettis County Jail for driving with a suspended license.

Incidents Oct. 12

10:06 a.m.: An officer took a report of property damage in the 700 block of South Ohio Avenue. Graffiti had been painted on the back door of a business overnight.

10:08 a.m.: An officer was dispatched to the 700 block of South Ohio Avenue for a report of property damage. Graffiti was written on a back door sometime after Tuesday.

11:04 a.m.: An officer was dispatched to the 600 block of Wilkerson Street in reference to a burglary report. The victim stated his belongings were removed from a house after everyone was evicted and the other tenants left. The estimated value of the items stolen was \$2,530.

5:41 p.m.: An officer was dispatched to the police station lobby for a found property report. The caller turned in a license plate that had been found. The registered owner of the plate was later located and the plate was returned.

Oct. 13

2:27 p.m.: An officer was dispatched to the 200 block of South Quincy Avenue in reference to a property damage report. The victim stated that within the last month, someone attempted

to break into their back door and caused damage.

3:36 p.m.: An officer was dispatched to the 300 block of Buckner Court for a report of property damage. A car's window was damaged. There are no suspects.

Pettis County Sheriff's Office Arrests Oct. 13

4:33 a.m.: Mark Montano, 25, of Sedalia, was arrested after being clocked at 104 mph in a 65 mph speed zone along Highway 50 at Flat Creek. Montano was transported to the Pettis County Jail, booked, and released with a charge of speeding 26 mph or more over the limit.

Compiled by Chris Howell.

LOCAL BRIEFS

SFCC Music Arts to host fall band, vocal concerts

The State Fair Community College Music Arts program will present its fall instrumental and vocal concerts on separate nights. The Concert Band will perform at 7 p.m. Oct. 18. The Chamber and Jazz Choirs will perform at 7 p.m. Oct. 20. Both events will take place in Stauffacher Theatre on the Sedalia campus.

Admission to both concerts is free on a first come, first served basis.

SFCC instructor Joe Schreimann will direct the Concert Band and Jazz Combo on Oct. 18. At 6:30 p.m., the Jazz Combo will perform pre-concert music. The band performance features four compositions that present a patriotic, historical theme: "Nathan Hale Trilogy" by James Curnow; "Lincolnshire Posy" by Percy Grainger; "Prospect" (Hymn for Band) by Pierre La Plante; and "Torch of

Liberty" by Karl King.

SFCC Music Arts program coordinator and instructor Dr. Christopher Kindle will direct the Chamber and Jazz Choirs on Oct. 20. Gwen Kappelman is the accompanist, and Russ Schupp is the percussionist. The choirs will perform songs that offer a variety of music from smooth and uplifting jazz tunes such as "One Voice," "Someone to Watch Over Me," and "I Feel the Earth Move" to formal, classical compositions such as "Fes-

tival Sanctus" and "Psalm of Hope."

Students who participate in music arts at SFCC represent a wide range of majors, from agriculture and health sciences to criminal justice and liberal arts.

For more information about current and upcoming music or theatre performances, go to www.sfccmo.edu/the-arts or SFCC Theatre.eventbrite.com.

Wheelchair seating is available upon request.

Biden pushing lower prescription drug costs in midterm press

By Colleen Long

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — President Joe Biden is set to highlight his administration's efforts to lower prescription drug costs on Friday as part of his three-state Western tour this week, as he confronts a sobering inflation report in the waning weeks before midterm elections.

Biden will head to a community college in Irvine, California, to meet with older adults and tout his administration's efforts to reduce inflation and drive down costs. The visit comes on the heels of an announcement that millions of Social Security recipients will get an 8.7% boost in their benefits in 2023, a historic increase but a gain that will be eaten up in part by the rising cost of everyday living.

Despite the president's efforts, inflation is rising, and Republicans are capitalizing on higher

prices, seeing openings in California and elsewhere to potentially pick up U.S. House seats. The president will also make his case in Oregon before heading back East as the reliably Democratic governor's race closes with an independent splitting votes.

Consumer prices, excluding volatile food and energy costs, jumped 6.6% in September from a year ago — the fastest pace in four decades. And on a month-to-month basis, such "core" prices soared 0.6% for a second straight time, defying expectations for a slowdown and signaling that the Fed's multiple rate hikes have yet to ease inflation pressures. Core prices typically provide a clearer picture of underlying price trends.

Biden acknowledged the issue on Thursday, saying that "Americans are squeezed by the cost of living. It's been true for years, and folks don't need

a report to tell them they're being squeezed."

He also returned to a metaphor he used often during his first year in office, talking about issues that Americans talk about around the "kitchen table," touting his administration's efforts to lower costs even as inflation rises.

"From prescription drugs, to health insurance, to energy bills, and so much more," he said. "We're standing up for working people and their right to get a raise and get a better job."

The White House said Biden will also sign an executive order that will direct the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to look for additional ways to lower drug costs.

The Inflation Reduction Act signed into law earlier this year already requires that Medicare begin bargaining over the price of a handful of drugs starting next year. The agency is fine-tuning

how that process will work, hiring new employees for a drug pricing division and is expected to pick the first 10 drugs that will be negotiated in 2023.

Any additional proposals to curb the cost of drug prices are likely to be met with resistance.

That newly-acquired power to negotiate drug prices is controversial, with the powerful pharmaceutical industry lobbying against the rule and considering legal actions to prevent its implementation. Republicans have already proposed legislation that would strip Medicare's negotiation ability before the haggling has even begun.

Starting next year, drug companies will also have to pay penalties to Medicare if they raise the cost of their products at a rate that outpaces inflation.

Associated Press Writer Amanda Seitz contributed to this report from Washington.

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Sex offenders warned of Halloween rules

88 of Pettis County's 222 offenders must comply

By Chris Howell
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The Pettis County Sheriff's Office announced it will cooperate with the Sedalia Police Department in conducting Halloween compliance checks on 88 of Pettis County's 222 registered sex offenders. This is the second year the departments will team up to see if those 88 sex offenders, required to comply with Halloween restrictions, are in compliance Oct. 31.

"It's one of those holidays where a lot of children are out roaming around," Pettis County Sheriff Brad Anders said. "There are certain statutes in place that limit or restrict certain individuals from participating and since I've come to this office, this is the second year that we have done a joint operation between State, Police Department and the Pettis County Sheriff's Office where we monitor those activities and those restrictions."

A Missouri Supreme Court ruling in the case Missouri v. Raynor

deemed Halloween restrictions unconstitutional, based on Article I, Section 13 of the Missouri Constitution for those who have convictions prior to August 28, 2008. Now, the only sex offenders required to be in compliance are the ones with convictions after Aug. 28, 2008.

The sheriff said the compliance check was a success last year.

"We had three teams from the Sheriff's Office and three teams from the Sedalia Police Department that were paired together," Anders said. "They just went from house to house or entity to entity to make sure that these people were doing what they're supposed to be doing. We had 13 non-compliant last year that we submitted warrant applications for to the prosecutor, and those ultimately resulted in warrants being issued for their arrest for noncompliance. We will knock on the door and make sure they're home. If they're not home, they're going to be required to show proof of employment and that they were actually employed at

that time on that date."

Anders wants the public to know a lot of law enforcement energy has gone into making sure the proper sex offenders are being checked.

"Last year, there were a lot of calls, 'This sex offender that lives next to me has his porch light on,' or 'They don't have a sign posted,'" Anders said. "It really takes some research, which we have done, to decide who it is that actually has to abide by these restrictions."

Those sex offenders required to be in compliance must:

- Avoid all Halloween-related contact with children
 - Remain inside their residence between the hours of 5:50 p.m. and 10 p.m. unless required to be there for just cause, including but not limited to employment or medical emergencies.
 - Post a sign stating, "No candy or treats at this residence."
 - Leave all outside lights off after 5 p.m.
- Chris Howell can be reached at 660-530-0146.*



The Missouri State Fair Carnival was already busy just a little after noon on Friday, Aug. 19. Adults and children enjoyed the rides and attractions before the predicted rainfall slated for late afternoon. DEMOCRAT FILE PHOTO

Missouri State Fair announces 2022 attendance

By Democrat Staff

It was announced this week that more than 340,000 visitors came to the 2022 Missouri State Fair hosted in Sedalia on Aug. 11-21.

This year's attendance numbers were announced in a news release from Gov. Mike Parson.

"As a third-generation farmer, I greatly enjoy promoting and showcasing Missouri agriculture," Parson said in the release. "No single event does that better than the Missouri State Fair each year in Sedalia. The State Fair celebrates the projects of our young people and educates consumers about the origin of their food, both testaments to why agriculture remains our state's top economic driver."

The release states that entries to the 2022 Missouri State Fair totaled

25,846, a 9% increase from 2021. FFA and 4-H livestock and building entries were up over 2021 levels. Poultry entries saw a 48% increase, and floriculture entries totaled 2,040, a 72% increase from the previous year.

"The number of entries and the sheer quality of entries to this year's fair was tremendous," Missouri State Fair Director Mark Wolfe said in the release. "Across the fairgrounds, from buildings to the livestock arenas, Missourians brought their very best to showcase. Combining the high-quality entries with the terrific weather and record-setting days for the carnival, the 2022 Missouri State Fair was a winner from start to finish."

Parson and First Lady Teresa Parson joined other elected officials, industry leaders, and FFA members to pack share

boxes for Feeding Missouri during the fair. Meal packing events, donations, and pork processing originating from the Drive to Feed Kids at the 2022 State Fair will provide more than 2.4 million meals to Missourians who are food insecure, according to the release.

"The agriculture community stepped up in a big way to help address food insecurity during the Missouri State Fair," Missouri Director of Agriculture Chris Chinn said in the release. "The various food packing events at the State Fair will help citizens in all areas of the state. The Missouri State Fair is agriculture's biggest family reunion. What a perfect backdrop to come together to assist those in need."

The 2023 Missouri State Fair is scheduled for Aug. 10-20 in Sedalia.

Fighting food poisoning: Sweeping poultry changes proposed

By David Pitt
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture on Friday proposed sweeping changes in the way chicken and turkey meat is processed that are intended to reduce illnesses from food contamination but could require meat companies to make extensive changes to their operations.

Despite decades of efforts to try and reduce illnesses caused by salmonella in food, more than 1 million people are sickened every year and nearly a fourth of those cases come from turkey and chicken meat.

As it stands, consumers bear much of the responsibility for avoiding illness from raw poultry by handling it carefully in the kitchen — following the usual advice to not wash raw chicken or turkey (it spreads the bacteria), using separate utensils when preparing meat and cooking to 165 degrees. The USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service wants to do something about it by starting with the farmers that raise the birds and following through the processing plant where the meat is made.

Their food poisoning target: Of the more than 2,500 salmonella serotypes, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified three that cause a third of all human illnesses from chicken and turkey products. The agency proposes limiting the presence of these on poultry products.

The USDA estimates the total yearly cost for food-borne salmonella infections in the U.S. at \$4.1 billion, which includes the cost of doctor and hospital visits, recovery and premature deaths.

In 1994, the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service took a similar step by declaring some strains of E. coli a contaminant in ground beef and launched a testing program for the pathogen which has significantly reduced illnesses from the meat.

In an effort to curtail salmonella outbreaks in poul-

try, the agency is proposing a regulatory framework that would include testing incoming flocks of chickens and turkeys for the bacterial disease that commonly affects the intestinal tract and affects 1.3 million people annually with symptoms that may include diarrhea, nausea and vomiting which could last for several days. Officials hope testing chickens and turkeys before they enter the slaughterhouse will encourage farmers to adopt practices that reduce the bacterial infection on the bird before they reach the point of meat processing.

A second measure would require enhanced monitoring for salmonella during processing by adopting sampling for the bacteria at multiple stages inside the processing facility. The third major change would be to establish a maximum level of bacterial contamination allowed and possibly limiting the three specific types of salmonella that can make people sick. Meat that would exceed the limits or that would contain the types of salmonella prohibited could be withheld from the market.

The USDA says there are about 3,000 federally inspected plants that slaughter poultry but about 220 produce the vast majority of poultry products. The agency said it is difficult to say at this point how many would be affected by the future rulemaking.

The FSIS will begin a lengthy process of proposing new rules by holding a public hearing on Nov. 3 to get input from the poultry industry and others. The government's goal is to come up with new rules and regulations that could be rolled out beginning next year and completed within two years.

The agency said it is taking its time to roll out these ideas and get input before establishing firm regulations. The agency hopes to begin rulemaking in mid-2023 and complete it in two years, said USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety Sandra Eskin.

"We know this is quite a pivot from where the agen-

cy has been historically and for that reason we're trying to be as transparent and deliberative and collaborative as possible," Eskin said.

Consumer advocates have pushed for such action on poultry products for years. Eskin said the administration of President Joe Biden is pushing to make the changes.

Seattle-based lawyer Bill Marler, one of the nation's leading lawyers to represent consumers sickened by food sources applauded the agency's action which recognizes that controlling salmonella on animals before they reach processing plants is crucial to reducing meat contamination. He said FSIS should be bold and deem salmonella is a adulterant — a contaminant that can cause food-borne illness — in all meat as a starting point.

"What they've outlined is something that's really unique that they have not ever done before but it doesn't have a time line and doesn't have regulations attached that would show it's actually going to be accomplished. That's my criticism," he said.

The industry has been unable to meet government targets for reducing food-borne salmonella infections for a couple of decades. Meeting the new target set for 2030 of 11.5 infections per 100,000 people a year would require a 25% reduction, Eskin said.

Eskin said the industry has managed to reduce the number of chicken samples contaminated with salmonella by 50% from 2017 to 2021, but the rate of salmonella illnesses over the last two decades has not significantly declined. More than 23% of food-borne salmonella illnesses are attributable to poultry consumption with nearly 17% coming from chicken meat and more than 6% from turkey meat.

The North American Meat Institute, the trade association representing U.S. packers and processors of beef, pork, lamb, veal and turkey said efforts to combat salmonella are a high priority.

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Celebrating Grandpa Lee's 100th birthday

Friday, Oct. 14, would have been my great-grandpa Lee's 100th birthday. They really don't make 'em like that anymore, so in true Grandpa fashion, I'm going to tell you the tale of Lee and what made his life so remarkable. Get yourself a cookie and a tall glass of sweet iced tea, find a comfortable chair, and set a spell:



Liz Schleicher
Contributing Columnist

Grandpa was the son of a farmer and a schoolteacher. Those twin passions, farming and learning, would define his life. He was 7 years old when the stock market crashed in 1929, ushering in the Great Depression. The family of eight was poor as dirt. But they never went hungry, and they had their farm, a beautiful old place in the river bottoms of Western Illinois.

From his parents, Lee learned to work hard, pursue knowledge, and never take a red cent you didn't earn yourself. This independence was so sternly impressed upon him that once, after receiving a small bag of Christmas candy as charity during the depths of the Depression, his father made him return it. They took handouts from no one.

By the time Lee was 10 or 11, he was trapping furs to make money of his own. He used his first \$12 to buy a banjo from the Montgomery Ward catalog, and that kicked off his third life-long passion: music. He cared for the instrument so well that we still own it today. There are grooves worn into the wooden neck from where his fingers pressed it for 81 years.

Though Grandpa loved to learn, poverty forced him to quit school before graduation and join the workforce. He fibbed about his age so he could get a job with the local rural electric cooperative. He hauled electric poles by horse to far-flung rural locations, thus participating in the electrification of his community. Orchards were king in his day, so he also worked at a local packing shed bucking crates of apples for \$20 a week. He walked to work two and a half hours his first day on the job. A coworker offered to give him rides, and he accepted, but only if he could pay the man 10 cents a day.

Lee even made money with his banjo. He and a few friends put together an ensemble that performed for local barn dances. There was no flat fee, but by passing a hat, the group could earn about a day's wages each. Eventually, Grandpa and his friends became the first men to play music on their local radio station.

Teenage Lee fell in love at first sight watching a beautiful ginger-headed girl get off the train at the local station, and in 1942, he married my Grandma Nan. They were married for 72 years, partners in farming, laughing, and raising two sons. Though Lee was a young man in the WWII era, he was ineligible for the fight due

to an old injury. Instead, he manned the home front as one of America's farmers. He and Nan bought their own place together and set about filling it with crops, horses, cattle, hogs, hens, vegetables and flowers.

Grandpa spent much of his spare time reading. He was parched for knowledge, and he saved up every precious drop he collected. He knew seemingly everything there was to know about his diverse interests: working horses, seed corn, baseball, rare coins, the Old West, gardening — the list went on and on. In the 1960s, Grandpa bought a set of World Book encyclopedias and read them over and over again for fun. My mother inherited them and they have pride of place in her family bookshelves today.

In his later years, Lee was always happy to sit on his porch swing with anyone who visited, talking for hours about whatever they wanted to discuss over a tall blue glass of sweet tea. He had an iron hug and a silly hillbilly laugh that went "Hee-hee-HEE!" That laugh will be in my memories forever, even though I am slowly forgetting the sound of his voice.

Grandpa Lee's last few years were tough. He caught shingles repeatedly, and the virus damaged the nerves in his hands. He could no longer play music and increasingly, no longer do the farm work he loved. For a fiercely independent working man, this is a heartbreak from which you do not recover. Pain is bearable. Helplessness is not. He died at the ripe old age of 92, a storehouse of wisdom and love and good humor.

At Grandpa's funeral, his good friend, a local author and folklorist, said the eulogy and led the prayer. We sang old country hymns.

"When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away."

As we stood in the cold, my daughter, just 1 year old, jangled our car keys up and down merrily. All of a sudden, she hauled off and pitched them through the assembled. They landed dangerously near the open grave, sending a burst of laughter through the crowd.

Grandpa would have laughed too: "Hee-hee-HEE!"

I can't wait to hear that laugh again someday, on an old porch swing, over a glass of heavenly sweet tea.

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



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The ups & downs of our October vacation

It was the best of times; it was the worst of times (Charles Dickens). It is vacation.

Max and I love to take road trips, as we like to see different parts of the country on the ground. We decided that a getaway in October would allow us to put the top down and feel the wind through our hair (OK, my hair — Max wears a hat!). And for the most part, that's what happened.

We drove to Palm Springs, where we had rented a condominium for a week. We had been to Palm Springs before, every time in the spring. We knew that it would be hot in October, but we weren't expecting 100-degree weather. Nevertheless, that was what we got, limiting our outdoor activities — but not "dining al fresco."

One of the trip's highlights was the jazz jam at Melvyn's. Max and I had found out about Melvyn's from a local, who told us it was THE place to be on a Sunday afternoon. We had been at least twice before and were looking forward to listening to great music again. We were not disappointed.

The vocalist in the first set sang a playlist from my college days.



Deborah Mitchell
Contributing Columnist

Al Green, Smokey Robinson, The Spinners, Stevie Wonder — he sang them all. We danced in our chairs, loving every minute of it. After the set, we discovered that the pianist/accompanist played for Don Rickles for 25 years.

The second set starred a Grammy winner. I don't know what Grammy she won, but she deserved it. She took the keyboard by storm and lit up the room. The combo behind her was worthy of her skills, and I wanted her to go on forever.

The next day we saw the best and the worst in people when we went to the Palm Springs aerial tram. It rises over 8,000 feet in the mountains, and though I have acrophobia, I agreed to ride the thing. I didn't look down, but I sweat-

ed anyway — needlessly, it seems. At the top, it was 54 degrees. I got as close as I dared to the edge to look at the valley below. My bravery was rewarded. It was beautiful.

Then, the worst happened. We walked back to the car and found that someone, some horrible someone, had hit the Tesla that Emily had rented for the trip. I found the dent, but we couldn't find that the perpetrator had left any identification or insurance information. We were almost paralyzed with shock.

At that moment, the best happened. Another Tesla stopped. A man got out and sympathized with us. Then he told us that Teslas record everything. We would have a video of the car being hit. He got into the car to show us how it worked and helped us find the time the car was hit. Sure enough, there it was: The car backing out, the license plate, the first and then the second hit on the car — everything we needed to include in our police report.

As much as I'm not enthralled with Elon Musk, he certainly got that part right.

Our trip to the police

station was a letdown. We had to wait a while for an officer, who was not close to the station. He was polite enough but told us that, well, this kind of thing happens all the time, that the driver probably doesn't have insurance, and that she wouldn't be charged with anything because she lived about four hours away.

We left disheartened, but I looked at the serendipity of the entire thing. The fact that we left at that particular time allowed us to meet up with the generous person who could show us how the car's video worked, so that if we need to find indemnification, we can do it.

My days on the bench in municipal court put me in touch with innumerable people who were in this boat: injured, either physically or by property damage, by people who were irresponsible and cared nothing about those around them. Although I always empathized with them, until now, I didn't know exactly how they felt.

Regardless of the bad, though, we experienced people's good side. I still believe.

Deborah Mitchell is a Sedalia attorney.

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Some points of interest in Crown Hill

I'm a frequent visitor to Crown Hill Cemetery and often find something to interest me there.

The cemetery opened in 1866, and as of Oct. 11, was the final resting place, including Calvary Cemetery, of 28,614 people.

Probably the most unusual tombstone in the cemetery is that of the famous weeping angel. She's exquisitely cast, although missing her right hand. Cemetery Director Roger Waters' records showed that June Anna Perry, age 14, was buried in the family plot in 1910. The angel must be her memorial.

Not everyone in the cemetery died a natural death. Consider the inscription on the stone of A.J. Yeater and his wife Sibbie, "who were killed by Apache Indians near Deming, N.M., Nov. 7, 1885."



Doug Kneibert
Contributing Columnist

Like many cemeteries, Crown Hill is dotted with obelisks, an ancient Egyptian monument. The tallest is a massive stone marking the plot of the Jaynes family. Waters estimated it to be around 40 feet high. While there's no information on when the obelisk was erected, based on the inscriptions, I'd guess it's well over 100 years old. One can only marvel at how it was made, transported and erected with

the equipment available at the time.

The graves of George R. Smith, the founder of Sedalia, and his relatives are marked with a somewhat smaller obelisk.

In contrast to these obelisks, which are worthy of a pharaoh, are the tiny headstones scattered throughout the cemetery attesting to the graves of "Mama," "Papa," and other family members.

Just south of the gate on Veterans Memorial Drive, the main entrance to the cemetery, are two tombstones of Revolutionary War soldiers — but not their remains. Waters believes the stones were placed there by the Daughters of the American Revolution. I'm not sure what the point of that was, but I would suggest removing them if they don't mark the actual graves,

as passersby will assume that is the case, as I did.

Crown Hill is not without a notable military grave, however. The marker identifies the body as that of Daniel I. Holcomb, a private in the 41st Ohio Infantry Regiment during the Civil War. What makes the marker notable are the words "Medal of Honor" — the nation's highest citation for courage under fire.

Holcomb was cited for capturing a Confederate guidon, a small unit flag, at the Battle of West Harpeth in Tennessee on Dec. 16, 1864. Flags were closely guarded in the Civil War, and Holcomb likely had to fight his way in to get at it.

Doug Kneibert is a former editor of the Sedalia Democrat.

Seat

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What are your qualifications?

Reedy: I have served the past four years in the House. Prior to this, I served 37 years in county government.

Wayne: I have lived in my late wife's great-grandfather's house in rural Montserrat Township, Johnson County, since 1987. I previously lived in Warrensburg from 1969-76 while stationed at Whiteman Air Force Base and have owned property in Johnson County since 1972. I retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1986 after 21 years, primarily in contract management. Subsequently, we operated Cedar-croft Farm Bed & Breakfast from 1988-2016 until forced to retire by my late wife's advancing dementia. I'm educated - USAF Academy, BS, International Affairs, 1965; University of Missouri, MBA, Industrial Management, 1974; CMSU (now UCM), BS, Agriculture-Business, 1989; adjunct faculty member there 1989-95. I spent two terms on the Johnson County Extension Council around 1990. I worked to successfully defeat county-wide zoning in 1997 and 2010. Other involvement includes Johnson County Historical Society Board, Blind Boone Park renovation group, and state and national bed and breakfast organizations.

Have you previously run for the House or held a position in the House?

Reedy: I have served District 57 from 2019 to now.

Wayne: Yes, I have been a candidate in other districts in previous redistricting.

What are your thoughts about Workforce Innovation?

Reedy: Workforce development is of the utmost importance to our state. A well-trained workforce creates good jobs for employees with maximum productivity for employers.

Wayne: Apparently, we have a substantial bureaucracy dedicated to matching people, skills, and businesses, with various rules and regulations. As is usual, the basic assumption is that people need "guidance of their betters" to succeed. I think that the more freedom people have to make their own decisions, the better off they (and we) are. Missouri has made great strides in deregulation and occupational licensing reforms - I'd like to keep up the momentum.

How can state officials help improve agriculture across the state?

Reedy: Helping to create fairness in marketing and imposing limited regulations, promoting value-added products and encouraging

consumers to buy local.

Wayne: Pass the Missouri Inflation Protection Act to allow the use of gold and silver in transactions. Since we can't do much about the weather, fuel prices, world markets, etc., perhaps we need to wait to see if the bills passed during the special session have any effect.

What are your thoughts on Missouri Amendment 3, the marijuana legalization initiative on the November ballot?

Reedy: Amendment 3 is a 39-page document. There are many things buried in this amendment. It promotes unfair competition when deciding who can be a distributor. It should not be added to our constitution.

Wayne: I favor full legalization, but not by this amendment. It perpetuates the existing corruptly-obtained oligopoly enjoyed by medical permittees - one that causes higher prices and still enables a black market. It enshrines criminal penalties in the state constitution. It creates new crimes while being restrictive in which prior convictions will be expunged. Worst of all, it enshrines these policies in the Missouri Constitution, requiring a public vote to overturn its iniquities.

What goals do you have for office if you are elected?

Reedy: To continue to serve and be responsive to the citizens of the 57th. I promote legislation that benefits my district.

Wayne: I want to fix the criminal justice system (reform qualified immunity, eliminate victimless crimes, end mandatory minimum sentences, stop no-knock raids and all forms of policing for profit), protect gun ownership, promote sound money, end tax-stealing market-distorting corporate welfare (TIE, TDD, NID, tax credits), and defend private property.

Why should people vote for you?

Reedy: I have proven myself as an effective legislator. I can get things accomplished. I am pro-life, pro-second amendment, pro-agriculture, pro-school and an advocate for veterans, seniors, and children. I take great pride in providing excellent constituent services and will continue to do that.

Wayne: Let those in power know that you aren't satisfied with the positions and dissension stoked by the two-party duopoly. Tell them that you want consideration of each issue on its merits, in accordance with the principles of the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights, and in accordance with the U.S. and Missouri Constitutions. "The best government is that which governs least."

Compiled by Skye Melcher.

Realtors apologizing for past discrimination, urging change

By Jim Salter

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — When Abdul-Kaba Abdullah decided to sell his home two years ago, he listed the neatly-kept, four-bedroom house at \$175,000 based on presale evaluations.

But once a buyer made an offer, an appraiser valued the home at only \$150,000, and the bank wouldn't give a loan for the original asking price.

Curious, Abdullah looked at the appraisal report and found the photos weren't even of his home in the predominantly Black area of north St. Louis. The photos had been pulled off the internet, and were not new photos showing updates he had made.

"I immediately knew, well, we have an issue here," Abdullah said.

It's a struggle Black Americans have lived with for decades. Now, some leaders in the real estate industry are apologizing for past discrimination while promising to address problems that still remain.

Last month, St. Louis Realtors — the St. Louis area's largest real estate trade group — issued a formal apology for past discriminatory practices. The National Association of Realtors issued an apology in 2020. Realtor groups in cities like Atlanta and Chicago have shown similar remorse.

"The discrimination to which the Black community was subjected to was part of a system designed to cause residential racial segregation, led by the federal government, supported by the banking system and the real estate industry, and driven by practices like redlining and the use of restrictive covenants," the apology from St. Louis Realtors states.

St. Louis was notorious for housing discrimination in the mid-20th century, when Black applicants were frequently denied mortgages, white homeowners were encouraged by real estate agents to move once a neighborhood began to integrate, and certain areas of the region were "redlined," meaning loans to buy homes in those areas were nearly impossible to get.

Will Jordan, executive director of the Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing and Opportunity



Abdul-Kaba Abdullah stands in front of his former home in St. Louis on Friday, Oct. 7, 2022. Abdullah sold the home two years ago for less than he thought it was worth after an appraisal came in lower than expected. He believes the appraisal was low because the home is in north St. Louis, a predominantly Black area of the city.

PHOTO BY JIM SALTER | AP PHOTO

Council, said change is happening far too slowly.

"Redlining and those types of issues are still playing out in the St. Louis metropolitan area," Jordan said.

"I've seen notes on appraisals that are written by banks saying, 'nothing north of Delmar can possibly be that much. Let's rewrite this.'" Delmar Boulevard is infamously known as the dividing line between predominantly white and Black areas of St. Louis.

"North of Delmar, it's still very difficult to get any bank to finance something," Jordan said.

It's part of the reason the city's once vibrant north side has struggled in recent decades with rampant crime, high vacancy rates and a dilapidated housing stock.

Katie Berry, president of St. Louis Realtors, said past discrimination was

no accident. Federal lending program maps used green lines to indicate places where loans would be approved — predominantly white areas. Red lines indicated high risk, "and those areas were Black communities or integrated communities because the theory was that once you integrated a community, the home values are going to drop," she said.

Making matters worse, once integration began in a neighborhood, real estate agents would participate in what was known as "blockbusting." An agent would help a Black family move into a white neighborhood, then "start knocking on doors of the neighbors saying, 'Hey, did you know this Black family's moved in? Home values are going to plummet. You should go ahead and list your house with

me. Hurry up and get out of here,'" Berry said.

Meanwhile, a provision of the National Association of Realtors' Code of Ethics from 1924 to 1950 instructed realtors to avoid "introducing into a neighborhood a character of property or occupancy, members of any race or nationality, or any individuals whose presence will clearly be detrimental to property values in that neighborhood."

A report released earlier this year by the National Association of Realtors showed that while 72.1% of white Americans own their homes, the rate for Black Americans is just 43.4%. The report also found that Black and Hispanic applicants for mortgage loans were far more likely to be rejected than white and Asian applicants.

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“There’s a lot of times we buy blankets thinking we’re going to use them at home, and we never do,” she explained. “And they’re just sitting in the closet.”

“So, I suggest as the transition of time with the weather (happens),” she continued. “Go through the closet and if there’s that quilt there or that blanket or comforter that’s been in the closet for years and they don’t ever use it. Let’s donate it, and maybe somebody else will be blessed by it.”

Last weekend, Loveland hosted a Quilt Kit Retreat at the shop with well-known quilter Robyn Gragg. The women who participated had fun, but each also made a 10-inch quilt block that will be donated to the Quilt of Valor Project and made into quilts for veterans and enlisted military.

“During the time that we were there, a lot of people built new friendships, new relationships, learned some new, fun tips and tricks,” she said. “It was really good.”

“The way I do the Kit Retreat is they sign up,” she continued. “It’s \$35 to come. Then they pick a kit from my store. They take it home and do all their pre-cutting, and when they come in, they will put that particular kit together at the same time.”

She added while they were at the retreat, they created the 10-inch blocks to make quilts for Quilts of Valor at the First Christian Church.

“We were very blessed by First Christian Church to be able to use their fellowship hall,” Loveland noted. “And so, we are going to make two Quilt of Valor quilts and give them back.”

Due to the Missouri Shop Hop hosted throughout Missouri in September and October, Loveland has seen an increase of 800 new cus-

tomers in the last six weeks.

“I think the greatest thing is, most quilt shops are (in) the most unique places that you will find,” she noted with a laugh. “There’s quilt shops in people’s basements, in houses, barns. You may think you’re lost, but you’re not lost because we make it work. And quilters are willing to travel.”

Loveland’s shop is located in an 1884 Victorian home.

She added one thing she loves about the business is it’s not competitive. Shop owners enjoy recommending other shops to customers.

“Every quilt shop has something unique and different,” she continued. “Because none of us can carry it all.”

Donated quilts or blankets should be delivered to Carmon’s Machine Quilting LLC, 1303 S. Osage Ave., Monday, Oct. 17 through Saturday, Oct. 22.

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



Friday afternoon, Carmon Loveland, the owner of Carmon’s Machine Quilting LLC, stands by her award-winning T-Rex quilt. Loveland received first place in the 2022 Jasper County, Arkansas Fair. As a community project, Loveland is collecting blankets and quilts the week of Oct. 17-22 to give to students at a local elementary school.

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Life

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“After seven years, I happened to have some bronchitis and my primary care did a chest x-ray,” Stackhouse added. “He was just making sure I didn’t have pneumonia because I had bronchitis really bad and they said no pneumonia, but they thought they saw something else.”

That something else ended up being metastatic breast cancer that came back into her lungs. It was a few small spots and the doctor managed to catch it early.

“It’s metastatic because we did a biopsy. I got a

couple of opinions and went to KU, ultimately I stayed with Dr. (Matt) Triplett (at Bothwell Regional Health Center), but his diagnosis was exactly what KU Med Center and the biopsy said,” Stackhouse said.

Stackhouse has seen Triplett every three weeks since she was diagnosed in 2017; she is now in her fifth year of having metastatic cancer.

“I did have a little scare in January and they did a little radiation on a spot on my thigh that they found by chance again,” Stackhouse said. “But I am just doing great, I’m like a poster child for what I have.”

Stackhouse said Triplett calls her his best stage four breast cancer

patient and they have a good relationship when it comes to her treatment.

“He doesn’t paint a picture that’s not there, but he’s to the point but not scary at all,” Stackhouse added.

Stackhouse will receive treatments and be on hormonal blockers for the rest of her life to keep metastatic cancer from growing. She said she wouldn’t go anywhere else besides Bothwell’s Canon Center.

Stackhouse said the cancer has never bothered her and she doesn’t let it stop her from doing what she wants.

“If I want to go on a trip, if I want to eat the cake or have the wine or whatever, I’m not limited in any way,” Stackhouse

said.

She provided advice for other patients going through the same thing or dealing with cancer for the first time. Stackhouse said if anyone is scared, they should talk to someone who had cancer or who has it now and let them share their feelings and get encouragement from those who are in that stage.

“From my experience, I would say that it’s normal to be scared but don’t let it consume you,” Stackhouse added. “There’s been so many advances, especially with breast cancer, that it’s not the end. The C word is not the scariest word on the planet anymore.”

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

How to do a breast self-exam

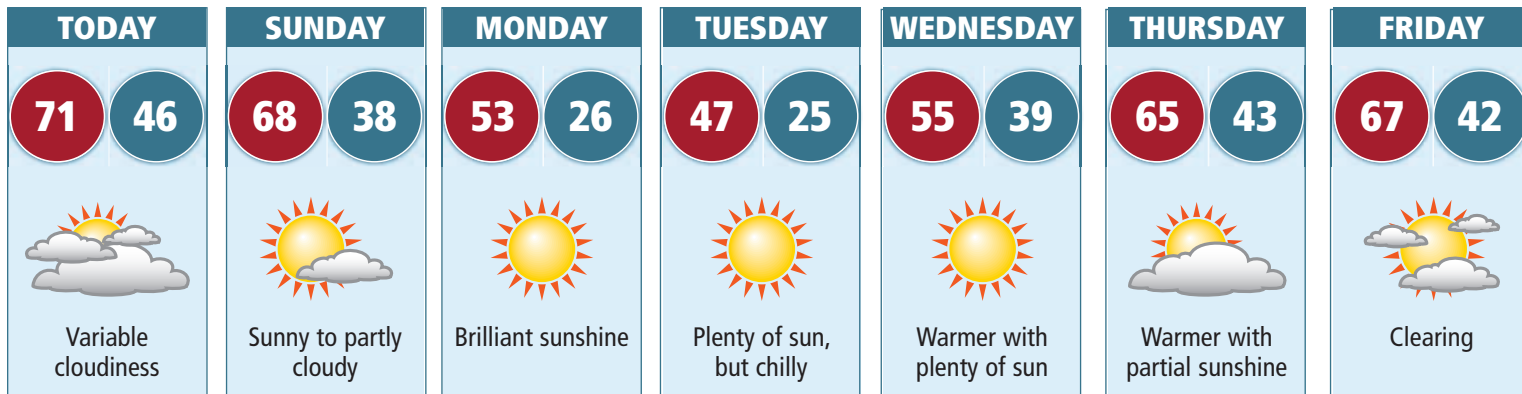
- In the shower: With the pad of your three middle fingers, check the entire breast and armpit area pressing down with light, medium, and firm pressure. Check both breasts each month feeling for any lump, thickening, hardened knot, or any other breast changes.
- In the mirror: Visually inspect your breasts with your arms at your sides, then raise your arms high overhead. Look for any changes in the contour, swelling, dimpling of the skin, or changes in the nipples. Next, rest your palms on your hips and press firmly to flex your chest muscles. Left and right breasts will not exactly match — few women’s breasts do — so look for any dimpling, puckering, or changes, particularly on one side
- Lying down: When you lay down, the breast tissue spreads out evenly along the chest wall. Place a pillow under your right shoulder and your right arm behind your head. Using your left hand, move the pads of your fingers around your right breast, gently covering the entire breast area and armpit. Use light, medium, and firm pressure. Squeeze the nipple; check for discharge and lumps. Then repeat the same steps on the left breast.

Information from the National Breast Cancer Foundation Inc.

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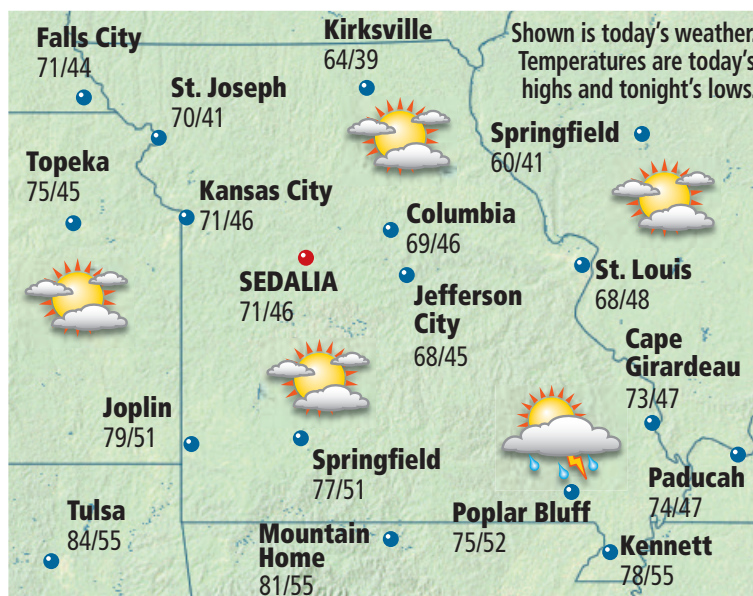
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BRANSON
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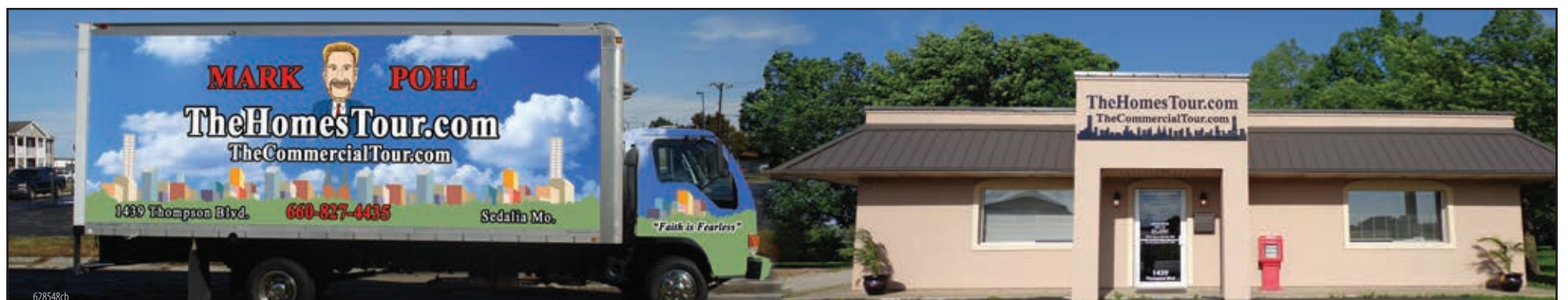
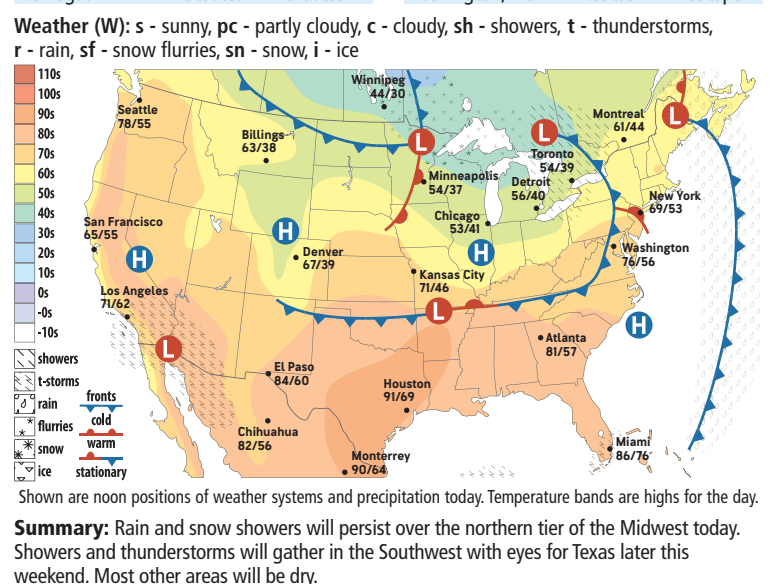
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As the causes of US inflation grow, so do the dangers

By Christoph Rugaber

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — What keeps driving inflation so high? The answer, it seems, is nearly everything.

Supply chain snarls and parts shortages inflated the cost of factory goods when the economy rocketed out of the pandemic recession two years ago. Then it was a surge in consumer spending fueled by federal stimulus checks. Then Russia's invasion of Ukraine disrupted gas and food supplies and sent those prices skyward.

Since March, the Federal Reserve has been aggressively raising interest rates to try to cool the price spikes. So far, there's little sign of progress. Thursday's report on consumer prices in September came in hotter than expected even as some previously big drivers of inflation — gas prices, used cars — fell for a third straight month.

Consumer prices, excluding volatile food and energy costs, skyrocketed 6.6% from a year ago — the fastest such pace in four decades. Overall inflation did decline a touch, mostly because of cheaper gas. But costlier food, medical care and housing pointed to a widening of price pressures across the economy.

High inflation has now spread well beyond physical goods to the nation's

vast service sector, which includes everything from dental care and apartment rents to auto repairs and hotel rates. The broadening of inflation makes it harder to tame. Thursday's report underscored that the Fed may have to jack up its key short-term rate even higher than had been expected — and keep it there longer — to curb inflation.

Such action would mean even higher loan rates for consumers and businesses. It could also cause recessions in both the U.S. and global economies, international financial officials warn. Higher U.S. rates encourage investors to pull money from foreign markets and invest it in U.S. assets for a higher return, a shift that can cause upheaval in overseas economies.

Here's what's driving persistent inflation and what it means:

SPENDING STILL HOLDING UP — FOR SOME

Consumers, on the whole, are still managing to spend more, even though average wage gains over the past year haven't kept up with inflation. Many businesses, particularly larger corporations, have taken advantage of rising wages and increased consumer savings from government stimulus checks to raise their prices.

PepsiCo, for example, said Wednesday that while purchases by volume fell 1% in the third quarter

of the year, it was able to boost prices 17% without losing customers.

"We obviously exited the third quarter with the consumer still very healthy in terms of our particular categories," the company's chief financial officer, Hugh Johnston, told investors.

Still, for many Americans, declining wages (after adjusting for inflation) could eventually slow demand and help force companies to lower prices.

Already there are signs that some Americans, particularly lower-income families, are balking at inflated prices. Sales of used cars fell over the summer. One major car dealer, the CarMax chain, blamed "vehicle affordability challenges that stem from widespread inflationary pressures, as well as climbing interest rates" for the decline.

At the same time, Jonathan Smoke, chief economist at Cox Automotive, said that many higher-income consumers have stepped into the used car market, offsetting at least some of the loss from previous buyers.

"We see increases in higher-income households buying used vehicles," Smoke said. "The profile of who's buying used is a dramatically upper-scale type of customer."

SERVICES INFLATION TAKES OVER

Rising prices can often lead consumers to switch their spending to other

things, rather than cutting back overall. Right now, for instance, Americans are switching more of their spending from physical goods to services. And that shift is evident in the categories where prices are rising.

"Most people in America spend pretty much their whole budget anyway," said Eric Swanson, an economics professor at the University of California, Irvine. "So the money's going to get spent, it's just a question of what it's going to get spent on."

In September, the price of one major service — restaurant meals — jumped 8.5% from a year earlier. It was the largest such increase in 41 years. Likewise, Delta and American Airlines are reporting strong revenue gains as more Americans show willingness to spend on travel.

Yet restaurants, airlines and hotels all still have far fewer workers than they did before the pandemic. With demand healthy, companies in those industries have been forced to provide hefty pay raises to attract or keep workers. Those raises are often then passed on to consumers in the form of higher prices — a cycle that feeds inflation.

Many other services are also reporting big price increases, including health care, car insurance, veterinarian services and dentists' visits. Eye care and eyeglasses jumped 3.2%

from August to September, the sharpest increase for that category on record.

HOUSING PRICES DEFY FED

The Fed's rate hikes have led to vastly higher mortgage rates, which have contributed to a 20% plunge in home sales from a year ago. Once-hot home prices even fell in July on a monthly basis, according to the most recent data from the S&P Case-Shiller home price index.

Apartment rental costs are also starting to slow, according to real time data from ApartmentList and Zillow.

Yet in Thursday's inflation report, one key measure of housing costs jumped 0.8% from August to September. It was the largest monthly increase in 32 years. The divergence occurred because the government's rent gauge operates with a significant lag: It tracks all rent payments — not just those for new leases — and most of them don't change from month to month. Economists say it could be a year or more before the declines in new leases feed through to government data.

WILL THE FED CAUSE A RECESSION?

That's the biggest fear overhanging the economy. Chair Jerome Powell and other Fed officials have said that they will base their policies only on changes in the government's inflation data, rather than in response to data from other sources.

Yet that sets up a high-risk challenge for the central bank: Will it keep hiking rates, or leave them at high levels, if forward-looking data suggests that rental costs are declining?

For now, the Fed is willing to err on the side of continuing to raise borrowing rates. According to the minutes of its last meeting in September, policymakers "emphasized that the cost of taking too little action to bring down inflation likely outweighed the cost of taking too much action."

FED PREPARED TO WEAKEN ECONOMY FOR A 'FEW YEARS'

At their most recent meeting in late September, Fed officials warned that their rate hikes would likely slow the economy for an extended period, with growth coming in at a below-trend pace in this and the coming few years" and unemployment likely rising.

Among central bank officials, Loretta Mester, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, this week sounded one of the hardest-line notes when she suggested that "it will take a couple of years before inflation returns to the Fed's 2% goal."

"We cannot say that inflation has even peaked yet," Mester said.

Trump's subpoena and what's next for the Jan. 6 panel

By Mary Clare Jalonick

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an extraordinary step, the House Jan. 6 committee has voted unanimously to subpoena former President Donald Trump — a final effort to get the full story of the Capitol insurrection as the panel wraps up its work by the end of the year.

Trump still does not acknowledge the "former" in front of "president," and he has been relentlessly hostile to the investigation. He called it a "charade and a witch hunt" in a letter to the committee on Friday — but notably did not mention the subpoena or say whether he would comply with the demand for his appearance.

The attempt to compel Trump's testimony comes as the committee is tying together multiple investigative threads and compiling its final report. The panel is only authorized through this Congress, which ends on Jan. 3.

A look at what's next as the panel sprints to its finish: THE TRUMP SUBPOENA

The nine-member committee has interviewed more than 1,000 witnesses, including many of the former president's top White House aides. And they have laid out a detailed timeline of Trump's efforts to overturn his 2020 election defeat — including his inaction as his supporters stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. But they still want to hear from Trump himself.

Now that a subpoena has been authorized — on Thursday — it must be delivered in writing to Trump. That step, expected early next week, will set a date for an interview and lay out requests for documents.

Trump and his lawyers will then decide how to respond. He could comply, negotiate with the committee, announce he will defy the subpoena or ignore it altogether. He could also go to court and try to stop it.

If Trump doesn't comply, the panel will have to weigh the practical and political implications of a vote on holding him in contempt of Congress. If the full House voted to recommend such a charge, the Justice Department would then review the case.

The committee has taken that step with some of Trump's allies who refused to comply with subpoenas, including Steve Bannon, who was convicted of contempt in July. But holding a former president in contempt would be another matter, an exceptional step for any Congress.

In his letter on Friday, Trump repeated his false claims of widespread election fraud and said he was writing to express "anger, disappointment and complaint" that the committee wasn't investigating his claims. He also took the opportunity to boast anew about the size of the crowd that gathered for his speech near the White House on the morning of Jan. 6, before he sent them marching to the Capitol. He included aerial photographs. He said nothing about the subpoena.

Even if he does comply, there's reason to doubt that Trump's appearance would help the investigation. He did respond to some written questions from special counsel Robert Mueller during the probe of Russian cooperation with his 2016 campaign. But his answers produced little or nothing to advance the investigation. More recently, he appeared

for a deposition by the office of New York State Attorney General Letitia James — but invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination more than 400 times in refusing to answer questions.

WHAT ABOUT PENCE?

The committee is still talking to lawyers for former Vice President Mike Pence, as it has been for months. But it is unclear whether the lawmakers will subpoena the vice president or ask him for testimony.

Several of Pence's aides have talked to investigators, some providing great detail about his movements and state of mind as he resisted Trump's pleas to object to the certification of electoral votes that day and try to overturn their defeat to Joe Biden and Kamala Harris.

Video shown Thursday at the committee's final hearing before the midterm elections showed Pence coordinating with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer for help as the rioters were inside the building, some of them calling for Pence's execution. The leaders were working with security officials to ensure that they could return to the Capitol and certify Biden's victory.

A CRIMINAL REFERRAL?

The committee will also have to decide whether to refer any allegations of crimes to the Justice Department. While federal prosecutors are conducting their own investigations into Jan. 6 and Trump's efforts to overturn the election, the congressional committee has its separate, massive trove of evidence.

Lawmakers on the panel have hinted multiple times over the past year that they will issue criminal referrals.

At the hearing on Thursday, Wyoming Rep. Liz Cheney, the committee's Republican vice chairwoman, said that the panel "may ultimately decide" to do so. She said they have "sufficient information to consider criminal referrals for multiple individuals."

While such a referral would not force any action, it would amplify the political pressure on Attorney General Merrick Garland as the department pursues its own probes.

SECRET SERVICE

The committee recently received more than 1.5 million pages of documents from the Secret Service. But lawmakers say they still don't have everything they want.

The panel is working to verify the accounts of White House aides who described Trump's actions on Jan. 6 as he tried to go to the Capitol and accompany his supporters, hundreds of whom eventually broke in. Security officials, along with many White House aides and GOP members of Congress, were vehemently opposed to the idea. Trump was livid and tried, ultimately unsuccessfully, to go to the Capitol anyway, according to several accounts aired by the committee.

California Rep. Pete Aguilar, a Democratic member of the panel, said the lawmakers "will be recalling witnesses and conducting further investigative depositions" based on the Secret Service material. The agency has not turned over text messages that it says were deleted.

FINAL REPORT

The panel's expected final action will be a massive report laying out evidence, findings and legislative recommendations to ensure nothing like Jan. 6 ever hap-

pens again. But it's unclear how much of its investigative material will be released to the public.

In one of eight hearings last summer, Maryland Rep. Jamie Raskin, another Democratic member, said, "We have only shown a small fraction of what we have found."

Lawmakers have made clear that the report will lay out what they view as the stakes for the country

as many Republicans still believe, falsely, that the 2020 election was stolen and as Trump considers another run in 2024.

"With every effort to excuse or justify the conduct of the former president, we chip away at the foundation of our republic," Cheney said at the hearing.

Associated Press writers Jill Colvin and Eric Tucker contributed to this report.

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Change

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Bryan Greene, vice president of policy advocacy for the NAR, said apologies are important because realtors "need to atone for our failures."

The Atlanta Realtors Association apologized in 2021 for past discriminatory practices.

"We can't change our history but we can choose to learn from our past, make current powerful decisions, and act with intention to write future chapters that leave a positive legacy," then-President Cynthia Lippert wrote in a letter of apology.

In 2019, Chicago Association of Realtors President Tommy Choi issued an apology on behalf of the organization for being "on the wrong side of history."

Lydia Pope, president of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers, which promotes Black homeownership, said the apologies are good starting points.

"Now show us that you want to do better, that you are willing to do more to help create an environment where everyone is treated equally," Pope said in a statement.

Greene said the NAR has taken several steps, including creation of a Fair Housing Policy Committee. The national group also adopted an action plan in 2020 that emphasizes accountability, culture change and training local realtors in fair housing practices.

As part of the effort to change, realtors in Atlanta

have undergone unconscious bias training and are seeking relationships with diverse real estate associations such as the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals and the LGBTQ+ Real Estate Alliance, the group said.

In St. Louis, the realtors' association hired a director of diversity, equity and inclusion, is working with lawmakers to reduce barriers to homeownership for minorities, is seeking to address housing vacancies, and is pushing to bring in more Black real estate agents.

Berry knows change won't happen quickly.

"People have been harmed for generations," she said.

Abdullah, 44, is executive director of Park Central Development, a company that works to attract investment and keep people in their homes in St. Louis. So he's familiar with fair housing laws. From the outset, he questioned the appraisal of his home by an appraiser from a mostly-white neighboring county.

When Abdullah filed a complaint with Jordan's office, the bank eventually agreed to increase the loan value to \$160,000, and Abdullah sold. Still, he asked the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to investigate. The case remains unresolved.

"Just because I'm in this line of work, I didn't think I was exempt from these things happening to me," Abdullah said. "People have a right to the American dream."

8.7% hike to Social Security checks won't cut it, some fear

By Amanda Seitz, Trisha Ahmed, Claire Savage and Hannah Schoenbaum

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — In a year when inflation has made Americans' eyes pop when they fill up their gas or walk down aisles at the grocery store, many Social Security recipients worry whether the biggest cost-of-living increase in four decades will be enough to cover their needs.

The Social Security Administration announced Thursday that Social Security benefits will rise 8.7% in 2023. That amounts to about \$140 a month on average.

Some recipients are still worried about how they'll make rent or utility payments. Others fear persistent inflation will just eat into any of the new cash flow. And some are just thankful a few extra dollars might be just enough to cover a new dress or a steak dinner.

Around the country, some of the 70 million people who receive Social Security payments are running the numbers to calculate what they can — and can't — afford once the new paychecks hit their bank accounts.

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Barbara Steingaszner, 83, is in a serious mood as she sits down at the card table for her weekly game of competitive bridge at the Hollin Hall Senior Center in this Washington suburb.

But she smiles big when asked about Thursday's news.

"I got really excited," Steingaszner said. "I was delighted. Whatever

they're going to give me, I'll be thrilled."

Steingaszner lost her husband last year, and she's had to balance her checkbook carefully with the loss of his income.

She's been most sticker shocked by the rising costs at grocery stores, especially for meat. She says she mostly sticks to fish these days, but maybe she'll buy a bit of meat for dinner once those new Social Security payments roll in.

"You do what you have to do," Steingaszner said. "I'll do my best, I grew up during the war."

MINNEAPOLIS

A blue insulin pen in his pocket, a green debit card loaded with \$1,199 on the third of each month in his wallet, and a rental application for a low-income apartment in his hands, Lavell Leonard sighed outside the Social Security office in Minneapolis.

"This increase — it helps. But it don't help a lot," Leonard said. He plans to put the COLA increase toward his utility and phone bills.

The 39-year-old said he has received Social Security payments for his disability, severe type 1 diabetes, since he was 7 years old.

Prone to seizures and collapsing from low blood sugar, Leonard said his disability makes it difficult to work but he's taken on temporary jobs — washing cars, working at warehouses, and selling cans and metals — to earn \$400 to \$600 monthly.

The side jobs and the Social Security payments aren't enough to cover inflation or manage the crisis he experienced when his rent jumped from \$750 to \$950 this year. Leonard

said he started working double to come up with the extra \$200 each month, but he ended up in the hospital for four days when his blood sugar dropped.

The father of three said he has been homeless "quite a few times" — including last year when he got sick, couldn't work, couldn't pay rent and got evicted — and relies on Social Security to survive.

"The government might feel like giving us \$100 is a big help, but no, it's not," Leonard said. "Increase payments four or five hundred dollars, and I bet you, we'll see a lot of happy faces — even if it's just three or four hundred dollars extra, that's a lot for some people."

WAUKEGAN, Illinois

From the third floor of a subsidized apartment about 45 miles north of Chicago, 68-year-old Earnestine Smith dreams of being able to shop for a new outfit.

"I'm so far back in clothes — I think I'm wearing my Grandma's dresses," said Smith, a retiree.

Smith plans to put the extra money she'll get each month into an emergency fund for unforeseen costs. And maybe she'll be able to do something other than window shopping at the storefronts of clothing stores, too.

"You know how you walk out and you would love to just ... to buy something new? To be able to, besides just looking at it? Yeah, it would mean a whole lot to me," she said. "A lot."

GARNER, NORTH CAROLINA

Margaret Toman's house is still filled with the flower pots, paint-

ings and bird statues that her mother sprinkled throughout their shared dwelling before she passed away.

While her memory looms large in this two-bedroom home, eight miles outside of Raleigh, North Carolina, money has gotten so tight that Toman now rents the empty bedroom where her mother lived out her final years with Alzheimer's disease.

The 78-year-old has been living off the retirement checks since she stepped in to be her mother's caretaker full time nearly 13 years ago.

Her most recent retirement checks are about \$1,400 a month, which she said does not begin to cover her health care costs and rising food and gas prices, expenses that "eat you alive on a low income." Occasionally she picks up groceries from the With Love From Jesus food bank in Raleigh, where she's seen fights break out over the limited supply of produce.

She described Thursday's announcement of an 8.7% cost-of-living adjustment as "quite stingy" and said she worried that a few extra dollars might disqualify some low-income seniors from other essential government programs, like food stamps.

"We're not profligate spenders, we're just not making enough to get by, period," she said.

Seitz reported from Alexandria, Virginia, Ahmed from St. Paul, Minnesota, Savage from Waukegan, Illinois, and Schoenbaum from Raleigh, North Carolina.

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Poor nations to demand climate justice, finance at UN summit

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NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The chair of an influential negotiating bloc in the upcoming United Nations climate summit in Egypt has called for compensation for poorer countries suffering from climate change to be high up on the agenda.

Madeleine Diouf Sarr, who chairs the Least Developed Countries group, told The Associated Press that the November conference — known as COP27 — should "capture the voice and needs of the most climate-vulnerable nations and deliver climate justice."

Sarr said the group would like to see "an agreement to establish a dedicated financial facility" that pays nations that are already facing the effects of climate change at the summit.

The LDC group, comprised of 46 nations that make up just a small fraction of global emissions, negotiates as a bloc at the U.N. summit to champion the

interests of developing countries. Issues such as who pays for poorer nations to transition to cleaner energy, making sure no communities get left behind in an energy transition and boosting how well vulnerable people can adapt to climate change have long been on the bloc's agenda.

Developing nations still face serious challenges accessing clean energy finance, with Africa attracting just 2% of the total clean energy investment in the last 20 years, according to the International Renewable Energy Agency. The U.N. weather agency recently estimated that global clean energy supplies must double by 2030 for the world to limit global warming within the set targets.

Sarr added that the bloc will push for funds to help developing countries adapt to droughts, floods and other climate-related events as well as urging developed nations to speed up their plans to reduce emissions. The group is particularly vulnerable to climate change because

of their lack of ability to adapt to extremes, the U.N. weather agency said.

"We have delayed climate action for too long," Sarr said, pointing to the promised \$100 billion a year in climate aid for poorer countries that was pledged over a decade ago.

"We can no longer afford to have a COP that is 'all talk.' The climate crisis has pushed our adaptation limits, resulted in inevitable loss and damage, and delayed our much-needed development," added Sarr.

The COP27 President also said this year's summit should be about implementing plans and pledges that countries have agreed to at previous conferences.

Sarr defended the U.N. conference as "one of the few spaces where our nations come together to hold countries accountable for historical responsibility" and pointed to the success of the 2015 conference in Paris in setting the goal of limiting warming to 1.5 degrees C (2.7 F).

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Officials: Musk seeks US funds for Ukraine satellite network

By Tara Copp and Lolita C. Baldor

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department has gotten a request from SpaceX and Tesla founder Elon Musk to take over funding for his satellite network that has provided crucial battlefield communications for Ukrainian military forces since almost the beginning of its war with Russia, U.S. officials said Friday.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive matter not yet made public, said the issue has been discussed in meetings and senior leaders are weighing the matter. There have been no decisions.

In a statement later Friday, Pentagon spokeswoman Sabrina Singh said, "We can confirm the Department received correspondence from SpaceX about the funding of Starlink, their satellite communications product in Ukraine. We remain in communication with SpaceX about this and other topics."

During a Pentagon briefing, she declined to provide any details about the communication or say to whom the correspondence was sent and when the communications with Musk began.

Musk began sending Starlink satellite dishes to Ukraine just days after Russia invaded in February. On Feb. 28, Ukrainian Vice Prime Minister Mykhailo Fedorov tweeted a photo of the first Starlink kits arriving on the back of a truck.

"You are most welcome," Musk tweeted back.

Musk's generosity was hailed by Ukrainians and seen as a game changer in war tactics — the Russians could try to cut Ukrainian ground communications but it could not control space.

The Starlink system of more than 2,200 low-orbiting satellites has provided broadband internet to more than 150,000 Ukrainian ground stations. Early Friday, Musk tweeted that it was costing SpaceX \$20 million a month to support Ukraine's communications needs.

In addition to the terminals, he tweeted that the company has to create, launch, maintain and replenish satellites and ground stations.

CNN was the first to report the Musk request.

The Starlink satellite internet's vital role in Ukraine's defense cannot be overstated. It has, for example, assisted front-line reconnaissance drone operators in targeting artillery strikes on key Russian assets. A senior military official on Friday made it clear that the U.S. believes the system has proven exceptionally effective on the battlefield. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to provide U.S. assessment of the Ukrainian battlefield.

In a tweet on Friday, Ukrainian presidential adviser Mikhail Podolyak said Ukraine will find a solution to keep Starlink working.

"Let's be honest. Like it or not, @elonmusk helped us survive the most critical moments of war. Business has the right to its own strategies," he tweeted. "We expect that the company will provide stable connection till the end of negotiations."

In response to multiple questions during the briefing, Singh said the Pentagon was working with the Ukrainian Defense Ministry. "We know that there is this demand, and (satellite communications) capability ... is needed and we want to

be able to ensure that there are stable communications for the Ukrainian forces and for Ukraine."

The request from the world's richest man to have the Pentagon take over the hundreds of millions of dollars he says the system is costing comes on the heels of a Twitter war between Musk and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. And in tweets overnight Musk referred to the friction, suggesting it may affect his decision to end his company's largesse in funding the systems.

In a Twitter exchange last week, Musk argued that to reach peace Russia should be allowed to keep the Crimean Peninsula, which it seized in 2014. He also

said Ukraine should adopt a neutral status, dropping a bid to join NATO.

Musk also started a Twitter poll asking whether "the will of the people" should decide if seized regions remain part of Ukraine or become part of Russia.

In a sarcastic response, Zelenskyy posted a Twitter poll of his own asking "which Elon Musk do you like more?": "One who supports Ukraine" or "One who supports Russia." Musk replied to Zelenskyy that "I still very much support Ukraine, but am convinced that massive escalation of the war will cause great harm to Ukraine and possibly the world."

Andriy Melnyk, the outgoing Ukrainian ambassa-

dor to Germany, responded to Musk's original tweet with an obscenity.

It's not clear how much of the cost of deploying Starlink satellite uplinks in Ukraine has been covered by U.S. funding. In April, the U.S. Agency for International Development said it had delivered 5,000 of the terminals. The Pentagon had no response to that question.

Musk's commitment to spend \$44 billion to purchase Twitter "has to factor into his decision that he can no longer afford to do this for free," said retired Army Maj. Gen. John Ferrari, a non-resident senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute.

Musk's request that the Pentagon begin to pick up

the tab comes as the Space Force and Pentagon have been looking at how commercial vendors will play a role in national security. Musk's threat to withdraw highlights the risk of leaning too much on commercial capabilities, Ferrari said.

"Commercial vendors always get to change their mind," Ferrari said, adding that the reliance on Starlink to provide communications for Ukraine also serves as a reminder that the Pentagon has to expand this service beyond SpaceX, he said.

"The government needs many vendors for key capabilities, of course that often means more money, but it is an insurance policy and insurance costs money," Ferrari said.

In March, commander of U.S. Space Command Army Gen. James Dickinson said that having vendors provide needed capabilities, such as Maxar's satellite imagery of stalled Russian convoys, has become essential, because it frees up limited military satellite assets to focus on other things.

In his tweets, Musk also raised a question that various vendors and the Pentagon are considering as space becomes a more critical part of wartime operations: If a commercial vendor is assisting the U.S. and is targeted, does the U.S. owe it protection?

"We've also had to defend against cyberattacks & jamming, which are getting harder," Musk tweeted.

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Prizeweek Puzzle

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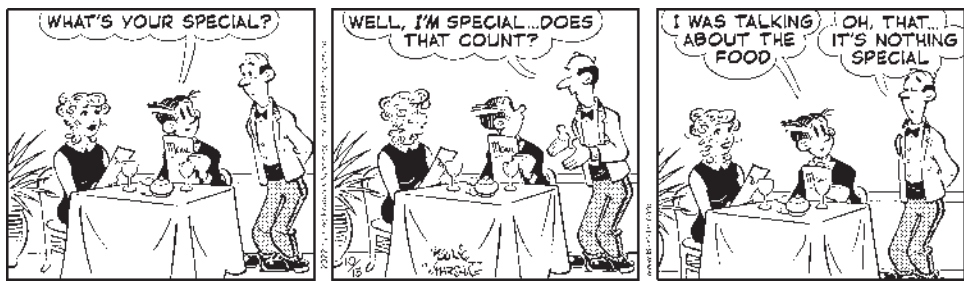
OFFICIAL RULES

- Solve the PRIZE WEEK PUZZLE (PWP) by filling in the missing letters to make the words that you think best fit the clues. Read the clue carefully, for you must think them out & give every word its true meaning.
- Check the word list given. It has all the contest answers, plus some that you will have to eliminate.
- You need not be a subscriber to the Sedalia Democrat in order to enter PWP, but you must be a resident of our circulation area. You may submit as many entries as you wish on the entry blank printed in the Sedalia Democrat. (MECHANICALLY PRODUCED OR CARBON DUPLICATE FACSIMILES OF ANY TYPE WILL BE REJECTED. PUZZLES IN 2 OR MORE PIECES WILL BE REJECTED.)
- Anyone is eligible to enter PWP meeting the above requirements except employees of the Sedalia Democrat and family members of their household.
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- PWP clues may be abbreviated & such words as AN, THE & A omitted.
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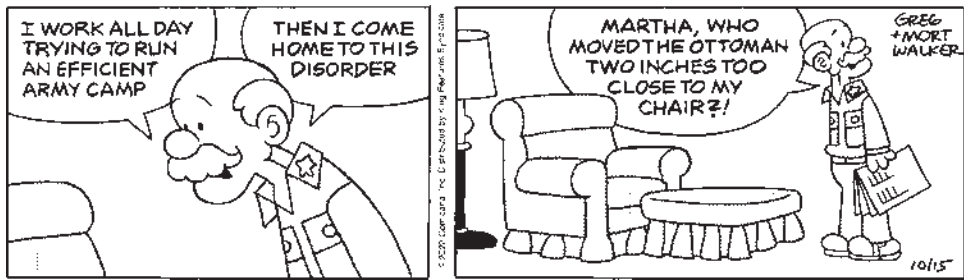
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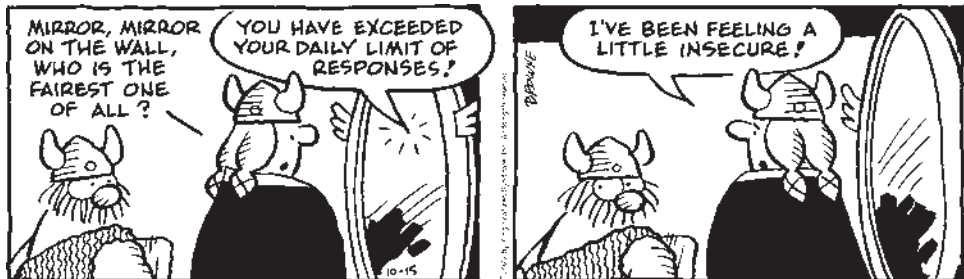
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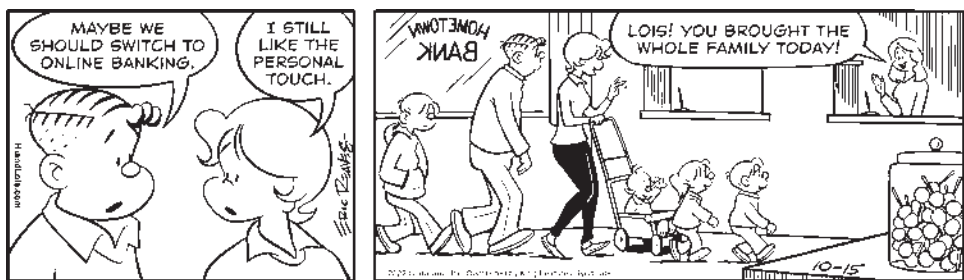
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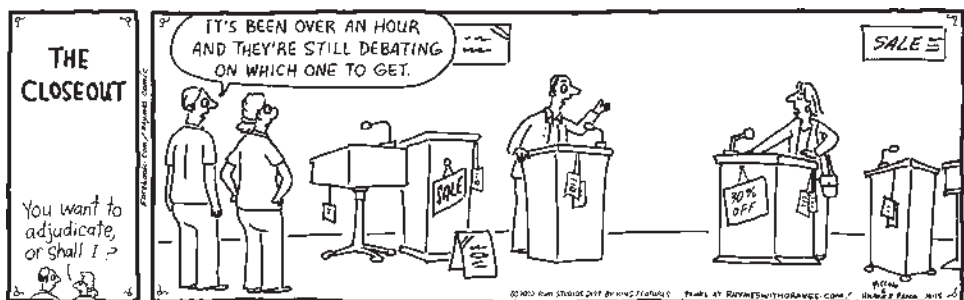
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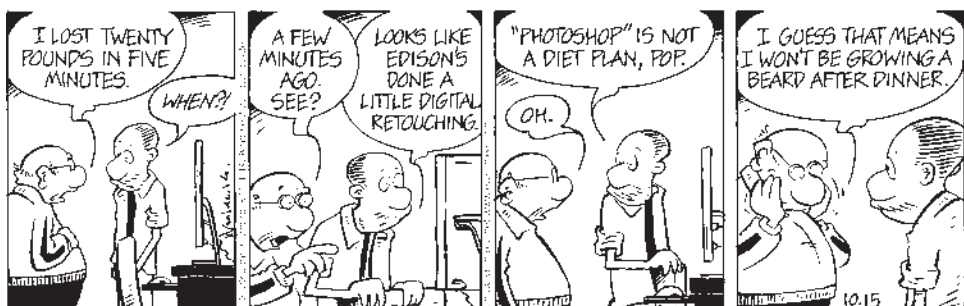
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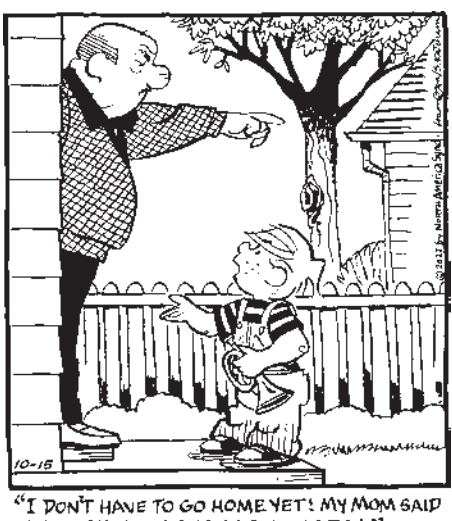
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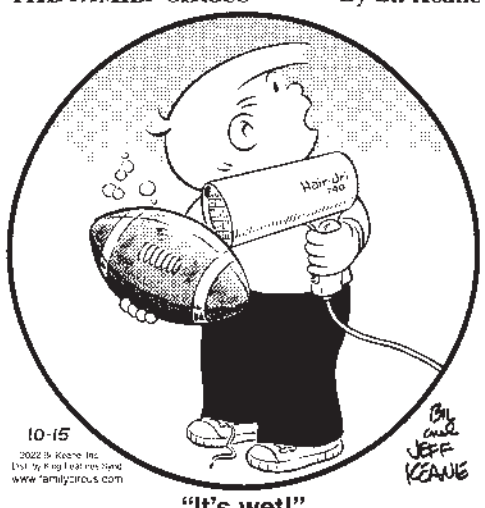
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BY HANK KETCHAM



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 6 Avoids work
- 11 "Cats" poet
- 12 Harbor
- 13 Fossil resin
- 14 Plains abode
- 15 Scottish outlaw
- 17 Lupino of film
- 18 Smelter supply
- 19 Clutter hater
- 22 G-man
- 23 Growing plot
- 24 Heats up
- 25 Gets smart
- 27 Cardi B specialty
- 30 Food critic, perhaps
- 31 Fuss
- 32 Crew tool
- 33 Pinter works
- 35 Skilled
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- 39 Fists, in slang

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- 41 Hit bottom?
- 42 Lawn makeup

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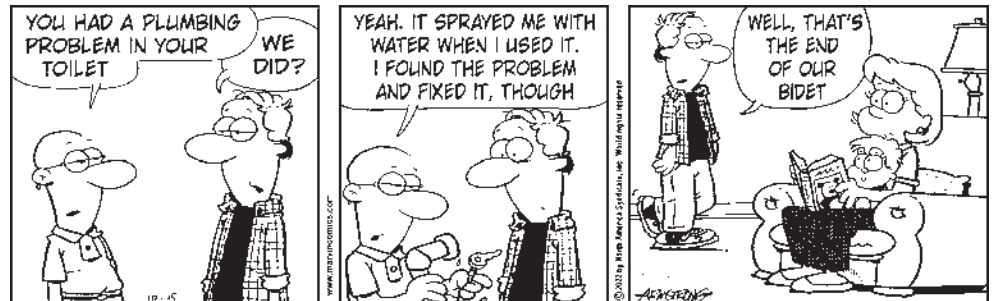
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10-15

MARVIN

BY TOM ARMSTRONG



THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST & JOHN REINER



SUDOKU

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

Concepts Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Cleveland Guardians relief pitcher Emmanuel Clase reacts after the Guardians beat the New York Yankees 4-2 in Game 2 of an American League Division baseball series, Friday, Oct. 14, 2022, in New York. PHOTO BY SETH WENIG | AP PHOTO

Guardians rally past Yankees 4-2 in 10 innings, tie ALDS 1-1

By Ronald Blum
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Oscar Gonzalez singled in the go-ahead run with Cleveland's second straight bloop hit in the 10th inning, and the Guardians overcame a two-run deficit to beat the New York Yankees 4-2 Friday and even their best-of-five AL Division Series at one game apiece.

José Ramírez led off the 10th against Jameson Taillon with an opposite-field popup that dropped 200 feet from home plate, just in front of left fielder Oswaldo Cabrera for a double. Ramírez hustled all the way and slid into third headfirst when third baseman Josh Donald-

son threw the ball past second for an error.

Gonzalez, whose 15th-inning homer Saturday completed a first-round sweep of Tampa Bay in the wild-card round, followed with a 59 mph, 164-foot opposite-field flare into short right off Taillon, who made his first big league relief appearance after 143 starts. Josh Naylor added an RBI double that bounced on a hop off the wall in right-center.

"We just try find a way on base," Naylor said. "If it's a bloop hit, it's a bloop hit. If it's a hard-hit single, double, whatever the case it, we just try to hustle. try to make things happen on the field, try to put pressure on the defense."

See RALLY | 15A



St. Louis Cardinals ace reliever Bruce Sutter celebrates after the last out in the ninth inning of Game 7 of the World Series at St. Louis, Oct. 20, 1982. Hall of Fame reliever and 1979 Cy Young winner Bruce Sutter has died. He was 69. Major League Baseball and the St. Louis Cardinals announced Sutter's death on Friday, Oct. 14, 2022. The Baseball Hall of Fame says Sutter died Thursday in Cartersville, Georgia. AP FILE PHOTO

Bruce Sutter, Hall of Famer and Cy Young winner, dies at 69

By The Associated Press

Bruce Sutter, a Hall of Fame reliever and the 1979 Cy Young winner, has died. He was 69.

Sutter was recently diagnosed with cancer and died Thursday night in hospice, surrounded by his family, one of Sutter's three sons, Chad, told The Associated Press. The Baseball Hall of Fame said Bruce Sutter died in Cartersville, Georgia.

"All our father ever wanted to be remembered as was being a great teammate, but he was so much more than that," the Sutter family said in a statement

Friday. "He was also a great husband to our mother for 50 (years), he was a great father and grandfather and he was a great friend. His love and passion for the game of baseball can only be surpassed by his love and passion for his family."

Sutter is considered one of the first pitchers to throw a split-finger fastball. The right-hander played 12 seasons in the major leagues, was a six-time All-Star and ended up with 300 saves over his career.

MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred said he was "deeply saddened" by the news.

See SUTTER | 15A



Sacred Heart sophomore Diego DeLeon works through a pair of Cole Camp defenders in Thursday evening's conference victory in Sedalia. PHOTOS BY BRYAN EVERSON | DEMOCRAT

Kaysinger champion Gremlins extend winning streak

By Bryan Everson
bryane@sedaliademocrat.com

Sacred Heart had its seniors recognized and worked everyone into the action while simultaneously extending the team's winning streak Thursday night with an 8-0 victory over Cole Camp.

The Gremlins, leading 3-0 at half, scored a spurt of goals after intermission and senior Osvaldo Garcia's goal put the game to bed prematurely with 12:59 remaining at Clover Dell Park.

"We had a few runs there, fought back a little harder than we had in the last game, and definitely harder than we did in the first half," said Cole Camp head coach Ryan Crawford, whose Bluebirds team fell by an identical score to Sacred Heart in the Kaysinger semifinals before finishing the tournament with a 3-2 win over La Monte.



Cole Camp senior Christian Abey (24) attempts to win a challenge in the opposing half during Thursday's game at Clover Dell Park.

In Thursday's contest, junior George Bain opened the scoring 4:10 into the game by knocking one past onrushing Cole Camp goalkeeper Shane Wallace, then added his second two minutes later. Fellow junior

Jackson Manning beat several markers on the dribble before making it 3-0 with over 10 minutes left in the first half.

Bain fed Manning less than a minute into the second half to open the

floodgates. Manning got his hat trick on a shot that Wallace could only parry into the corner of his own net with 35:09 remaining, and added his fourth less than two minutes later.

See STREAK | 15A

NASCAR playoffs round of 8 begins, focus back on the track

By Jenna Fryer
AP Auto Racing Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — There has been a NASCAR reset, on the track at least, with the third round of the playoffs beginning Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway and a new Cup champion set to be crowned after four races.

Kyle Larson was knocked out of contention for consecutive championships after being eliminated at Charlotte, nosed out by two points by Chase Briscoe of Stewart-Haas Racing — a team now accused of race manipulation and fined \$300,000 by NASCAR over the last week.

The back and forth of penalties, suspensions and accusations between NASCAR and Stewart-Haas Racing, which fields a Ford for Kevin Harvick, one of the most outspoken critics of its new Next Gen car, has team co-owner



Christopher Bell (20) celebrates on top of his car after winning a NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Charlotte Motor Speedway, Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022, in Concord, N.C. PHOTO BY MATT KELLEY | AP PHOTO

Tony Stewart too furious to even comment. Stewart even says he wouldn't go to another NASCAR race if he doesn't have sponsorship commitments.

But Larson — the hottest driver in the country last year — also was edged

out of the playoffs by his own Hendrick Motorsports teammate, William Byron.

NASCAR had missed Bryon intentionally spin Denny Hamlin under caution and levied punishment two days later.

But an appeals panel ruled NASCAR could only fine Byron and not essentially change the score post-race by deducting points, restoring 25 playoff points for Byron and pushing him into the playoffs.

See NASCAR | 15A

SPORTS CALENDAR

Saturday ON TAP
HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL
 Green Ridge, Smithton, Stover, Tipton at Versailles Invitational
 Windsor at Clinton Invitational
HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
 Green Ridge, Northwest, Sacred Heart, Tipton at Smithton Pumpkin Run
 Smith-Cotton at CMAC Championship
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SWIM
 Smith-Cotton Invitational (at Heckart Community Center)
ON AIR
AUTO RACING
 11:30 a.m. USA — NASCAR Cup Series: Qualifying, Playoffs - Round of 8, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas
 2:30 p.m. NBC — NASCAR XFINITY Series: The Alsco Uniforms 302, Playoffs - Round of 8, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas
BOXING
 9:30 p.m. ESPN — Top Rank Main Event: Devin Haney vs. George Kambozos Jr. (Lightweights), Melbourne
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
 11 a.m. ABC — Iowa St. at Texas
 BTN — Minnesota at Illinois
 CBSSN — Colgate at Army
 ESPN — Auburn at Mississippi
 ESPN2 — Kansas at Oklahoma
 ESPNU — Old Dominion at Coastal Carolina
 FOX — Penn St. at Michigan
 SECN — Auburn at Mississippi (Command Center)
 1 p.m. PAC-12N — California at Colorado
 2:30 p.m. ABC — Oklahoma St. at TCU
 ACCN — NC State at Syracuse
 CBS — Alabama at Tennessee
 CBSSN — Ohio at W. Kentucky
 ESPN — Arkansas at BYU
 ESPN2 — Maryland at Indiana
 SECN — Vanderbilt at Georgia
 3 p.m. ESPNU — Tulane at South Florida
 FOX — Wisconsin at Michigan St.
 4:30 p.m. PAC-12N — Arizona at Washington

6 p.m. CBSSN — Utah St. at Colorado St.
 ESPN — LSU at Florida
 NFLN — Louisiana-Monroe at S. Alabama
 6:30 p.m. ABC — Clemson at Florida St.
 BTN — Nebraska at Purdue
 ESPN2 — Clemson at Florida St. (CFB with The Pat McAfee Show)
 ESPNU — Memphis at East Carolina
 NBC — Stanford at Notre Dame
 PEACOCK — Stanford at Notre Dame
 SECN — Mississippi St. at Kentucky
 7 p.m. ACCN — North Carolina at Duke
 FOX — Southern Cal at Utah
 8 p.m. PAC-12N — Washington St. at Oregon St.
 9:30 p.m. CBSSN — Air Force at UNLV
 9:45 p.m. FS2 — San Jose St. at Fresno St.
 10 p.m. ESPNU — Harvard at Howard (Taped)
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)
 3 p.m. BTN — Illinois at Minnesota
GOLF
 6:30 a.m. GOLF — DP World Tour: The Estrella Damm N.A. Andalucia Masters, Third Round, Valderrama Golf Course, Sotogrande, Spain
 1 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: The SAS Championship, Second Round, Prestonwood Country Club, Cary, N.C.
 10 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour: The ZOZO Championship, Final Round, Narashino Country Club, Inzai, Japan
 2 a.m. (Sunday) GOLF — LPGA Tour: The Aramco Team Series, Final Round, Trump Golf Links at Ferry Point, New York (Taped)
HORSE RACING
 7:30 a.m. FS1 — British Champions Day: From Ascot Racecourse, Ascot, England
 11:30 a.m. FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races
MLB BASEBALL
 1 p.m. FS1 — N.L. Divisional Series: Atlanta at Philadelphia, Game 4
 3 p.m. TBS — A.L. Divisional Series:

Houston at Seattle, Game 3
 6:30 p.m. TBS — A.L. Divisional Series: NY Yankees at Cleveland, Game 3
 8:30 p.m. FS1 — N.L. Divisional Series: LA Dodgers at San Diego, Game 4
NHL HOCKEY
 6 p.m. NHLN — Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh
RODEO
 12:30 p.m. CBS — PBR Team Series: The PBR Ridge Rider Days, Game of the Week, Glendale, Ariz. (Taped)
SOCCER (MEN'S)
 6:30 a.m. ESPN2 — FA Cup: Wrexham AFC at Blyth, Fourth Round - Qualifying
 USA — Premier League: Crystal Palace at Leicester City
 9 a.m. USA — Premier League: Nottingham Forest at Wolverhampton
 11:30 a.m. NBC — Premier League: Everton at Tottenham Hotspur
 6 p.m. FS2 — Liga MX Playoff: Cruz Azul at Monterrey, Quarterfinal - Leg 2
SOCCER (WOMEN'S)
 5:45 a.m. FS2 — FIFA U-17 World Cup Group Stage: China vs. Colombia, Group C, Navi Mumbai, India
 9:15 a.m. FS2 — FIFA U-17 World Cup Group Stage: Japan vs. Canada, Group D, Fatorda, India
TENNIS
 7 a.m. TENNIS — Florence-ATP, Gijon-ATP, Cluj-Napoca-WTA Semifinals
 1:30 p.m. TENNIS — San Diego-WTA, Florence-ATP Semifinals
Sunday ON AIR
AUTO RACING
 9 a.m. FS1 — NHRA: Qualifying, Texas Motorplex, Ennis, Texas (Taped)
 11:30 a.m. NBC — FIM MotoGP: The Australian Grand Prix, Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, Melbourne (Taped)
 1:30 p.m. NBC — NASCAR Cup Series: The South Point 400, Playoffs - Round of 8, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas
 Midnight (Monday)
 FS1 — NHRA: The Texas NHRA Fall Nationals, Texas Motorplex, Ennis, Texas (Taped)
COLLEGE FIELD HOCKEY
 11 a.m. BTN — Iowa at Michigan
 3 p.m. BTN — Rutgers at Maryland
COLLEGE SOCCER (WOMEN'S)
 11 a.m. SECN — Arkansas at Alabama
 Noon ESPNU — Florida at Kentucky
 1 p.m. BTN — Purdue at Indiana
 2 p.m. ESPNU — Baylor at West Virginia
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)
 Noon ACCN — Virginia Tech at Notre Dame
 ESPN — Michigan at Wisconsin
 1 p.m. PAC-12N — Washington St. at Utah
 SECN — Auburn at Missouri
 2 p.m. ACCN — Syracuse at North Carolina
 5 p.m. PAC-12N — Stanford at Arizona St.
 4 p.m. ESPNU — Oregon at UCLA
GOLF
 2 a.m. GOLF — LPGA Tour: The Aramco Team Series, Final Round, Trump Golf Links at Ferry Point, New York (Taped)
 6:30 a.m. GOLF — DP World Tour: The Estrella Damm N.A. Andalucia Masters, Final Round, Valderrama Golf Course,

Sotogrande, Spain
 1 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: The SAS Championship, Final Round, Prestonwood Country Club, Cary, N.C.
HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL (BOY'S)
 2 p.m. ESPN2 — GEICO Top Flight Invite: TBD, Showcase Game 1, Las Vegas
 4 p.m. ESPN2 — GEICO Top Flight Invite: TBD, Showcase Game 2, Las Vegas
 6 p.m. ESPN2 — GEICO Top Flight Invite: TBD, Showcase Game 3, Las Vegas
 8 p.m. ESPN2 — GEICO Top Flight Invite: TBD, Championship, Las Vegas
HORSE RACING
 Noon FS1 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races
 2:30 p.m. FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races
MLB BASEBALL
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 TBA FS1 — N.L. Divisional Series: Philadelphia at Atlanta, Game 5 (If Necessary)
 TBA FS1 — N.L. Divisional Series: San Diego at LA Dodgers, Game 5 (If Necessary)
 TBA TBS — A.L. Divisional Series: NY Yankees at Cleveland, Game 4 (If Necessary)
NFL FOOTBALL
 Noon CBS — Regional Coverage: New England at Cleveland, Jacksonville at Indianapolis, Cincinnati at New Orleans, Baltimore at NY Giants
 FOX - Regional Coverage: San Francisco at Atlanta, NY Jets at Green Bay, Minnesota at Miami, Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh
 3:05 p.m. FOX — Regional Coverage: Carolina at LA Rams OR Arizona at Seattle
 3:25 p.m. CBS — Buffalo at Kansas City
 7:15 p.m. NBC — Dallas at Philadelphia
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 2 p.m. ABC — MLS Western Conference Playoff: Salt Lake at Austin FC, First Round
 7 p.m. ESPN — MLS Eastern Conference Playoff: Orlando City SC at CF Montréal, First Round
 FS2 — Liga MX Playoff: Toluca at Santos Laguna, Quarterfinal - Leg 2
SOCCER (WOMEN'S)
 6 a.m. CBSSN — FASL: Brighton & Hove Albion at Manchester United
 9 p.m. CBSSN — NWSL Playoff: Chicago at San Diego FC, Quarterfinal
TENNIS
 9 a.m. TENNIS — Florence-ATP, Gijon-ATP, Cluj-Napoca-WTA Finals
 6 p.m. TENNIS — San Diego-WTA Final
 4 a.m. (Monday) TENNIS — Guadalajara-WTA, Stockholm-ATP, Antwerp-ATP, Naples-ATP Early Rounds
 5 a.m. (Monday) TENNIS — Guadalajara-WTA, Stockholm-ATP, Antwerp-ATP, Naples-ATP Early Rounds



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HOROSCOPES

By Georgia Nicols

Moon Alert: After 12:30 p.m. EDT today (9:30 a.m. PDT), there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Cancer.

Happy Birthday for Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022:

You can be seductive and convincing when dealing with others. You are confident. You are also idealistic because you want to contribute to society. Simplicity will be the key to life for you this year. Focus on your health. Physical exercise is important. Stay grounded and levelheaded.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Today you have lots of energy to express yourself, which is why conversations with siblings, relatives and daily contacts will be dynamic, even explosive (perhaps over the top). Later in the day, you'll have big plans for where you live or for a family get-together. Enjoy! Tonight: Cocoon.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You have strong opinions about financial matters today, especially about how you earn your money or how you spend it. (Be smart and heed the Moon Alert.) Later in the day, you'll be restless and eager to talk to others. Take a short trip if possible. Get involved! Tonight: Conversations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Today begins with the Moon in your sign, lined up with fiery Mars. This can make you aggressive! Strong feelings and even outbursts of anger are likely. Others will think you're opinionated! Later in the day, money issues will be important. In fact, you might boost your income (or deplete it by going shopping). Tonight: Check your cash flow.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Pace yourself this morning and take it easy, even if something going on behind the scenes ruffles your feathers. After 12:30 p.m. EDT (9:30 a.m. PDT), the Moon will be in your sign, which gives you a marvelous boost of energy and increased good fortune. Wait for the good times. Tonight: You win!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Be patient with friends and members of groups this morning, especially if you are in competition with someone. People are a tad aggressive, including you. Later in the day, you feel happier! You will appreciate who you are and what you have. Tonight: Solitude.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ This morning you might be aggressive about going after what you want. Or possibly you will encounter a parent, boss or authority figure, including the police, who is equally aggressive. Avoid these conflicts! Later in the day, warm relations with friends and groups will please you. Tonight: Talk to a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★ Steer clear of controversial subjects this morning, because you don't need this angst. Stay mellow. Don't take the bait. Instead, wait until this afternoon, when suddenly you look good to everyone! People see you as successful, happy and full of largess. Tonight: You are noticed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★ Disputes about shared property, who owns what, inheritances or boundaries might take place this morning. Nasty stuff. Try to avoid this if you can. Ironically, in the afternoon, everything is upbeat and friendly. Today is an example of how timing is everything. Tonight: Explore!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★ Be patient with partners and close friends this morning, because the Moon is opposite your sign lined up with fiery Mars, which promotes tension and conflict. Later in the day, all is well, especially because gifts, goodies and favors from others might come your way. Tonight: Check your finances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★ Disputes about pets, your work or even something related to your health might occur this morning. You don't need this. Therefore, wait until later in the day when relations with partners and close friends are warm and upbeat. Make travel plans! Tonight: Cooperate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★ Romantic partners might be in conflict early this morning. Likewise, parents might be impatient with their kids. Use self-restraint and inner discipline to get through this challenging time, because later in the day you're happy! Work-related travel might appeal to you. Tonight: Work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★ Avoid conflict at home or with a family member early this morning. Just refuse to be part of the conversation. Later in the day, you will enjoy social outings, fun times with kids, sports events and the arts. Today is a beautiful illustration about how timing is everything. Tonight: Socialize!

BORN TODAY

Actress, director Penny Marshall (1943), actress Vanessa Marcil (1968), actor Dominic West (1969)



Boulogne-Levallois Metropolitans 92's Victor Wembanyama plays against the NBA G League Ignite during the second half of an exhibition basketball game Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022, in Henderson, Nev.

PHOTO BY JOHN LOCHER | AP PHOTO

The lure of Wembanyama will see some teams tanking

By Tim Reynolds

AP Basketball Writer

Victor Wembanyama already has command of the English language, including some terms that don't exactly show up in the 18-year-old's French dictionary.

Among them: tanking.

The worst-kept secret in the NBA this season is that some teams aren't exactly going to be trying their best to win as many games as possible. Instead, they'll be using this season to develop their young players, get them some experience, while hoping to be bad enough — and then lucky enough — to win the draft lottery and the chance to select the 7-foot-3 Wembanyama next June.

"Of course, the word and the meaning of the word 'tanking' is kind of weird," Wembanyama said. "And, personally, I would never want to lose. It's a personal thing. But I really try to stay outside of it and don't care about it."

Nor should he. It's out of his control. He'll play his season in France and find out in May at the draft lottery who won the No. 1 pick. He may as well call a realtor in whatever city wins at that point, because it's almost an absolute certainty that he'll soon need a home there with high doorways and ceilings.

If he wants to start

shopping now, these are the places he might want to study up on, based on the odds of making the playoffs posted by FanDuel Sportsbook: Orlando, Detroit, Indiana, Oklahoma City, Utah and San Antonio.

The Spurs might be the sentimental favorite. Wembanyama spent last season playing in France for a team owned by former Spurs guard Tony Parker. San Antonio was bad enough in the 1996-97 season — don't say tanking to the Spurs — to be able to draft Tim Duncan and go on to win five championships. And this year, well, they're not going to be good.

"I probably shouldn't say this, but I'll say it anyway," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said, as he leaned down closer to the microphone for extra emphasis at his team's media day last month. "Nobody here should go to Vegas with the thought of betting on us to win the championship."

A few days later, the Spurs — and the rest of the league — were in Las Vegas to watch Wembanyama play a pair of preseason games. He didn't disappoint, averaging 36.5 points in those contests against the G League Ignite.

Betting on the Spurs would be a mistake. Betting on Wembanyama probably isn't.

"I think I could be jinxing a player who

hasn't come into the NBA yet by me anointing him as the next great one," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said. "But he certainly has all the attributes of a true game-changer. ... I know that many of our NBA teams are salivating at the notion that potentially through our lottery that they could get him."

Silver then said those teams "should all still compete very hard next season." Ha. Well, it's more like a matter of perspective. Players will play hard; that's a given. But some teams will simply be trying to win the Daytona 500 while on a 10-speed Schwinn. They'll be sweaty at the end of the race, but they're not going to be anywhere near Victory Lane.

There are many teams that would love to luck their way into Wembanyama but aren't planning to actively try to swing the odds in their favor. There might be more teams that consider themselves to be contenders — either for the playoffs or for a championship — at the start of this season than any other in recent memory.

Yet some teams pretty much already know they're lottery-bound.

"There's Wembanyama, whatever the kid's name is, sweepstakes, and then everyone else is good. ... Not that anybody in the NBA would ever tank," Dallas owner Mark Cuban said earlier

this week, according to The Dallas Morning News.

That's pretty much the deal right now. There's the haves, the teams that are going to fight for the playoffs. And then there are the have-nots. Or in this case, the want-to-have-Wembanyama group.

Still, if a team somehow goes 0-82, even that wouldn't overly stack the Wembanyama deck in its favor. That team would have only a 14% chance of winning the lottery, a 52% chance of finishing in the top four, and a 48% chance of finishing in exactly the No. 5 spot.

The three teams with the worst regular season records will all have a 14% chance of winning the lottery. The fourth-worst team will have a 12.5% chance, the fifth-worst team a 10.5% chance. The odds continue getting smaller from there, with the last team in the lottery — one of the teams that loses in the play-in tournament — having a 0.5% chance, or 200-1.

Somebody is going to lose a lot, then get maybe a franchise-changing win, thanks to the order of how four ping-pong balls emerge from a plastic hopper in May at the lottery.

The victor there gets ... well, Victor.

For some teams, that's the dream. So, let the race to the bottom begin.

Walker to start at QB vs Rams; Mayfield could be backup

By The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — P.J. Walker will start at quarterback for the Carolina Panthers on Sunday against the Los Angeles Rams, but interim head coach Steve Wilks is hopeful Baker Mayfield will serve as his backup.

Mayfield hasn't practiced all week because of a high ankle sprain and is listed as doubtful. The team is awaiting a final MRI before making a decision on whether to activate him.

Mayfield attended practice

Friday but didn't participate. However, Wilks said Mayfield had a "great workout" with trainers before practice.

"They took him through a very intense workout — good movement, change of direction and really trying to put some pressure on his ankle," Wilks said. "He threw the ball well. He's a very tough guy. We will wait and see the final report on the MRI."

Jacob Eason could be called up from the practice squad to serve as the No. 2 QB if the Panthers decide not to activate Mayfield

this week.

Walker is 2-0 as an NFL starter, winning games in 2020 and 2021 for the Panthers, but he has only completed 57% of his passes with eight interceptions and two touchdown passes.

Mayfield has struggled this season, going 1-4 as a starter and he ranks near the bottom of nearly every statistical passing category in the league.

Carolina's other quarterbacks, Sam Darnold and Matt Corral, are on injured reserve. Corral is out for the season.

Cincinnati makes 1st MLS playoffs, visits Red Bulls Saturday

By Anne M. Peterson

AP Sports Writer

Alvas Powell is grateful for a second chance with Cincinnati.

The Jamaican defender was with FC Cincinnati for its inaugural MLS season in 2019, but he stayed just one season before he was picked up by Inter Miami. After stints with Sudan's top league and the Philadelphia Union, Powell ended up back in Cincinnati under new coach Pat Noonan this season.

"Coming back, at first I didn't know what to expect," Powell said. "My first year was not really the best, but I get a second chance to prove people wrong, that I'm a fighter. And I get a chance to wear the Cincinnati jersey again."

Powell and his Cincinnati teammates are headed to the playoffs for the first time. The East's fifth-seeded club visits the fourth-seeded Red Bulls on Saturday in a first-round match.

"Everybody knows it's special. It's a special game on Saturday. It's not just a playoff game, everything is on the line for us as players," Powell said. "So we're focused and everybody's ready to go."

The game kicks off the weekend's slate of first-round games. The LA Galaxy host Nashville on Saturday. Two games are set for Sunday: Austin hosts Real Salt Lake and Orlando City visits Montreal.



FC Cincinnati defender Nick Hagglund wins a header over Seattle Sounders FC defender Jackson Ragen as he is sandwiched by defender Geoff Cameron, left, on a corner kick during the first half of an MLS soccer game, Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022 in Seattle.

PHOTO BY JENNIFER BUCHANAN | THE SEATTLE TIMES VIA AP

The first round wraps up Monday with NYCFC hosting Inter Miami, and FC Dallas hosting Minnesota.

It's been quite the climb this season for Cincinnati, which finished last in the league's overall standings last season with just four wins.

In fact, Cincinnati has experienced turbulence from the start. In just four seasons, the team has had four head coaches and three interim coaches. They finished at the bottom of the league in each of the previous three years.

Noonan, 42, played nearly a decade in MLS

before embarking on a coaching career.

"It's a neat experience as a player, and now as a head coach. I've said it many times prior, this is the best part of the year when you're a team, a coach, a player that gets to compete in the playoffs, because anything can happen," Noonan said. "And I think anybody that's experienced it before and the group now should be excited about this opportunity with this particular group."

Cincinnati went 4-22-8 last season, compared to 12-9-13 under Noonan this season. The 29-point

jump is the fifth-best turnaround in MLS history. The team's 49 points, 12 wins and 64 goals this season are all franchise records.

Cincinnati is led by Argentine midfielder Luciano Acosta, who finished with 19 assists, fourth-most ever in a single MLS season.

Acosta and his teammates will face a Red Bulls team that is the youngest to ever make the playoffs, at an average of 23.1 years old.

CHICHARITO'S CHANCE

Javier "Chicharito" Hernandez made a splash

when he joined the LA Galaxy in 2020. But the Mexican international has never been to the MLS playoffs until this season.

He's in tremendous form, with 11 goals since August and four goals in the Galaxy's final four games of the season. The team finished 14-12-8 to earn the fourth seed in the Western Conference, with only one loss in its final 11 games.

Chicharito led the Galaxy with 18 goals overall.

"My point of view since I came to this organization, I know that being part of the most successful organization, the expecta-

tions and the standards are the highest," Chicharito said. "I think myself and a lot of the players, in this process, they start to learn that. If you want to qualify for the playoffs, if you want to use this badge, you need to play every game like it was a final."

ON THE MOVE

Ah, fall. When there are so many sports going on that there are bound to be conflicts. And that's what happened to the playoff match between NYCFC and Inter Miami.

With the New York Yankees in the baseball playoffs, NYCFC's usual home at Yankee Stadium was booked. And the Red Bulls are hosting Cincy at Red Bull Stadium in New Jersey.

But a spot at Citi Field opened up when the Mets lost in an NL wild-card series. So, it's off to Queens for the playoffs.

NYCFC played 10 of 17 league home matches this season at Yankee Stadium, four at Citi Field and three at Red Bull Arena.

FINALISTS

MLS has announced its postseason award finalists. Among them were MVP, goalkeeper, defender and young player honors.

For MVP, the candidates are Chicharito, Golden Boot winner Hany Mukhtar of Nashville, Sebastian Driussi of Austin FC, Philadelphia Union goalkeeper Andre Blake and Cristian Arango from Supporters Shield winner LAFC. The MVP will be announced Nov. 1.

Deontay Wilder tries to start climb back to top vs Helenius

By Brian Mahoney

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Deontay Wilder still has big plans and a bigger right hand, just like when he was heavyweight champion.

He wants to be that again, though he doesn't have much time. Wilder turns 37 next week and said he only intends to fight until he's 40.

"I only want three years left up in this business," Wilder said, "and I'm ready to fight the best and I'm willing, able and ready to do whatever I've got to do to make it back to the top."

His climb starts Saturday when he returns from consecutive losses to Tyson Fury to fight Robert Helenius at Brooklyn's Barclays Center.

Should Wilder (42-2-1, 41 KOs) win, another title shot could come quickly. The fearsome power he displayed during his five-year reign as WBC champion — and even during the back-and-forth second defeat to Fury after he'd lost the belt — always makes him a fighter worth watching.



Deontay Wilder, right, fights Tyson Fury in a heavyweight championship boxing match Oct. 9, 2021, in Las Vegas. Wilder still has big plans and a bigger right hand, just like when he was heavyweight champion. He wants to be there again. His climb starts Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022, when he returns from consecutive losses to Tyson Fury to fight Robert Helenius at Brooklyn's Barclays Center.

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"When I'm in the arena, or when I'm in a fight, you know I keep people on the edge of their seats because you don't know what's go-

ing to happen," Wilder said. "But when it happens baby, bam, good night."

That hasn't happened in almost three years. Fury

took the title in a rout in February 2020 and got up from two knockdowns to retain it by knocking Wilder out in the 11th round of

their third fight a year ago.

A victory over Helenius (31-3, 20 KOs) in the Fox Sports pay-per-view would not only be Wilder's first since stopping Luis Ortiz in November 2019, but could put him in the running to face three-division champion Oleksandr Usyk.

Yet he doesn't sound motivated by titles, having defended his 10 times.

"This phase of my career is having fun," Wilder said. "I'm soaking in my happiness and peace and it's all about fun."

A title would be a big deal to Helenius, the 6-foot-6 Finnish fighter who had the look of a journeyman for much of his career before a pair of knockout victories over Adam Kownacki, the latter on the undercard of Fury-Wilder III.

"I've been struggling to get here a long time and I've

been doing everything in my power to win this fight, so I'm going to be my best," Helenius said.

The two have sparred before and are friendly, leaving the buildup to this bout without the harsh words that Wilder usually spouted before recent fights. The tough talk has fallen to former super middleweight champions Caleb Plant and Anthony Dirrell, who top the undercard for the promotion.

Perhaps Wilder was humbled by his defeats and no longer brags as big as he hits. Or, maybe, nearing the end of a career that has earned him a fortune and a statue back home in Alabama, he lacks the inner rage of an up-and-comer.

"My fire is still lit, I can say that," Wilder said. "I've been so successful in this business, especially financially, where I don't need this no more, you know what I mean, and it's a great feeling to be on the other side of the grass."

He's ended all four of his fights in Brooklyn by knockout and is expected to win Saturday, though Helenius won as an underdog at Barclays Center in the first fight against Kownacki.

"I wouldn't be here if I wouldn't believe in myself, so I think I would have found an easier job to do if I wouldn't believe in myself," Helenius said.

Wilder is trying not to look past him, though he knows big names are ahead if he wins. Perhaps it's Usyk or former champion Andy Ruiz Jr., or maybe even a long-discussed fight with Anthony Joshua, which Wilder said he would want to stage in Africa.

"We'll see what happens," Wilder said. "The excitement is back, I'm back, and long live the heavyweight division."

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Sacred Heart celebrates with the Kaysinger Conference Tournament Championship following its victory in the title game over Smithton.

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Streak

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Bain got his hat trick not long after, and a red card offered Cole Camp a few looks in the Gremlins' half, but even at 10 men, Sacred Heart still triggered the mercy rule with time to spare.

Following several non-conference losses early in the year, the Gremlins are now unbeaten since a 4-0 defeat at Jefferson City on Sept. 10. That included the three games in Stover at last week's Kaysinger Conference Tournament.

After shutting out the hosts 5-0, followed by the Cole Camp win, the Gremlins kept another clean sheet by beating Smithton 3-0 in the title game on Oct. 7. In the decider, Manning

put Sacred Heart on the board, then assisted Bain for his 50th career goal, all in the last 10 minutes of the first half. Manning added another with 17 minutes remaining as the Gremlins managed to hold Smithton at bay.

For Smithton, who reached the final of the conference tourney with wins over La Monte and Green Ridge, Hayden Grose had a hat trick in the opener and Braedon Cairer netted a combined five times.

Sacred Heart head coach Warren Dey credited Smithton's efforts, as well as the atmosphere at Stover, and also went in-depth on how his team has flourished over the winning streak, which began with a 3-2 win over Smithton in Sedalia.

"We're playing with a lot more possession, and

attacking quicker," Dey said. "We want to hit the corners, and we do that quite a bit, but in practice we're doing combinations on top of the 18-yard box. We're doing keepaways and condense it down with nothing but 1-2s, give-and-gos, getting all the combinations working. You take that onto a bigger field and you can see them prosper. It's fun to watch. At times, we can hit 12-15 passes in one passage."

"On top of that, we've become a more physical team, in a good way. We're winning balls in the air, 50-50 balls. You combine all that together, it's going to raise the level of play."

Cole Camp (4-8) faced Fatima Friday as part of this weekend's Stover Classic, while Sacred Heart continued at home with a game against Greenwood.

Sutter

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"Bruce was the first pitcher to reach the Hall of Fame without starting a game, and he was one of the key figures who foreshadowed how the use of relievers would evolve," Manfred said in a statement. "Bruce will be remembered as one of the best pitchers in the histories of two of our most historic franchises."

Sutter debuted with the Chicago Cubs in 1976. The reliever won the Cy Young in 1979 in a season where he had 37 saves, 2.22 ERA and 110 strikeouts.

He joined the St. Louis Cardinals and played with them from 1981 to 1984. There, he won a World

Series in 1982, ending Game 7 against the Brewers with a strikeout.

"Being a St Louis Cardinal was an honor he cherished deeply," the Sutter family's statement said. "To the Cardinals, his teammates and most importantly to the greatest fans in all of sports, we thank you for all of the love and support over the years."

His last save, No. 300, came with the Atlanta Braves in 1988. Sutter was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2006.

"Bruce was a fan-favorite during his years in St. Louis and in the years to follow, and he will always be remembered for his 1982 World Series clinching save and signature split-fingered pitch," Cardinals owner and CEO Bill DeWitt Jr. said in a statement. "He was a true

pioneer in the game, changing the role of the late inning reliever."

Sutter was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in January 1953. The Baseball Hall of Fame said in a release that he learned the split-finger fastball from a Cubs minor-league pitching instructor while recovering from surgery on his right elbow.

The Cardinals said Sutter is survived by his wife, three sons, a daughter-in-law and six grandkids.

"I feel like a brother passed away," Hall of Famer Jim Kaat said. "I knew Bruce deeper than just about any other teammate. We spent a lot of time together, and as happens when your careers end, you go your separate ways. But we stayed in touch and considered each other great friends."

NASCAR

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The favorite to succeed Larson? Maybe Chase Elliott, who was headed to what would have been a career-high sixth win of the season at Charlotte until a late caution and overtime. NASCAR's four-time most popular driver won the title in 2020, and Larson's win last season made it two straight Cup championships for Rick Hendrick.

Christopher Bell just might be the dark horse to pick at the betting window — the round opens in Las Vegas, after all. Listed as an 8-1 favorite by FanDuel Sportsbook for the title, Bell was the best driver of the first round with an average finish of fourth in the first three races.

Back-to-back poor finishes to open the second round put the Joe Gibbs Racing driver on the verge of elimination, but when the late cautions at Charlotte flipped the race, Bell pounced and earned the victory and the automatic berth into the third round.

"This whole last two weeks, I had been extremely

deflated, just kind of down in the dumps," Bell said after his Charlotte win. "Now I can promise you I'm as excited as ever heading into these next three races."

NEXT GEN'S FUTURE

There are just four spots in the Nov. 6 finale at Phoenix Raceway, which will end NASCAR's most competitive season in decades. Counting a pair of exhibition victories by Brad Keselowski and Ryan Blaney, the first season of the Next Gen car has produced 21 different winners.

Two drivers are still sidelined with concussions; Alex Bowman, winner at Las Vegas this spring, said this week he'll miss the next three races. Bowman and Kurt Busch were both hurt in what should have been routine hits into the wall, but the rear of the Next Gen is so stiff that drivers are absorbing an extraordinary amount of the impact.

NASCAR thinks it has a fix for the rigidity of the rear of the Next Gen, with changes possible by the start of next season. That means there's still four races to go with the current design.

It took a near driver mutiny following Bowman's concussion last month for series leadership to address

the field. A 75-minute driver meeting at Charlotte received mixed reviews, with some drivers insisting NASCAR couldn't even finish its presentation because the session devolved into an "airing of grievances." Joey Logano said the meeting should have happened after Busch's crash in July and not three months later after another driver's concussion.

Corey LaJoie, who has sided with NASCAR in its development of the Next Gen, said NASCAR told the drivers what it tested "takes about 50% of the G-load away on a rear impact."

"You can always say we should have done it faster," LaJoie said on his podcast "Stacking Pennies." "But this stuff takes time. It's not like NASCAR is just sitting on its hands, waiting for another guy to get hurt. Nobody is at more of a risk or detriments to seeing their competitors hurt than NASCAR is."

"When we were designing this car, safety was above and beyond every other check-point."

Although Bowman left open the possibility to be back in the car for the season finale at Phoenix, his home track, Busch will miss his 14th consecutive race.

Rally

From Page 11A

Winner Emmanuel Clase pitched 2 1/3 innings, his most in the major leagues, and combined with Trevor Stephan and Karinchak for 4 1/3 innings of one-hit relief as Cleveland stopped a six-game postseason losing streak to the Yankees.

Clase retired Kyle Higashioka on a lineout to Ramirez for the final out of the eighth after James Karinchak walked the bases loaded. Clase threw 33 pitches, 10 more than his season high.

"It was preparing mentally and remembering when I was a starter in the minor leagues and try to do the same thing," Clase said through a translator.

Guardians relievers have thrown 17 2/3 scoreless innings this season.

The series shifts to Cleveland for Game 3 on Saturday night. There is no travel day because a rainout Thursday had pushed Game 2 to Friday.

Giancarlo Stanton hit a two-run homer in the first inning, and Cleveland tied the score against All-Star Nestor Cortes when Andrés Giménez had an RBI single in the fourth and Amed Rosario homered in the fifth.

Aaron Judge went 0 for 5 with four strikeouts and dropped to 0 for 8 with seven strikeouts and a walk in the series. Fresh off setting the AL home run record with 62, he was booed by some fans in the sellout crowd of 47,355 after whiffing against Stephan in the seventh.

Judge is 2 for 37 with 27 strikeouts against Cleveland in three playoff series, including all four of

his four-strikeout postseason games.

"It's the Bronx, man," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "Gfeat hitters go 0-for on a given day."

Cortes saved two runs in the fourth with an acrobatic leap and throw to first from a sitting position on Myles Straw's two-out, bases-loaded comebacker.

After rain caused a postponement Thursday night, the game was rescheduled for 1:07 p.m., the first early afternoon postseason start in the Bronx since Game 2 of the 2006 Division Series against Detroit. Shadows crept across the field from the first-base side in the middle innings on a cloudless afternoon, reminiscent of so many World Series games at old Yankee Stadium in the 1940s and '50s.

Stanton had started to first in the opening inning on a 3-1 cutter that appeared low but was called a strike by plate umpire Jeremie Rehak. With Stanton back in the batter's box, catcher Austin Hedges set up on the low, outside corner but Shane Bieber left a 93 fastball up. Stanton drove it to the opposite field and into the right-field seats for his 10th homer in 20 postseason games.

Two years ago, Bieber allowed a two-run homer in the first to Judge in the wild-card opener, a 12-3 Yankees win.

Cleveland had been 0 for 12 with runners in scoring position during the postseason before Giménez hit a soft single into right field with two on in the fourth that drove in Naylor. Hedges walked for the second time, loading the bases.

Straw followed with a one-hop smash and Cortes, falling off the

third-base side of the mound, extended his glove hand to snag the ball as he hit the mound with his head toward first. He sat up, learned back and made a one-hop throw to first baseman Anthony Rizzo, who scooped the ball for the out. Cortes slapped his bare hand against his glove five times while running off the field.

Rosario tied the score in the fifth driving the ball into the Yankees bullpen when Cortes left a fastball over the plate.

STARTERS

Bieber gave up two runs and five hits in 5 2/3 innings.

Cortes allowed two runs, six hits and three walks in five innings.

HE'S BACK

New York's Matt Carpenter returned from a broken left foot that had sidelined him since Aug. 8. He pinch hit against Stephan with two on and two outs in the sixth, and he struck out.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Yankees: OF Andrew Benintendi (right wrist surgery), RHP Frankie Montas (right shoulder inflammation) and RHP Ron Marinaccio (right shin) are headed to the Yankees' complex in Tampa, Florida, to work out in hopes of returning in later rounds.

UP NEXT

RHP Luis Severino (7-3, 3.18) makes his first postseason start for the Yankees since 2019 and RHP Triston McKenzie (11-11, 2.96) will be on the mound for the Guardians after pitching six scoreless innings in Game 2 against Tampa Bay. Severino pitched seven no-hit innings at Texas in his last regular-season start.



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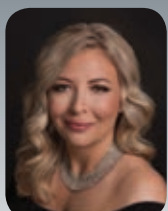
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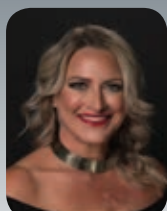
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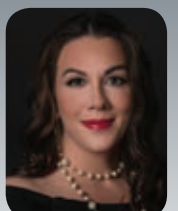
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Whitworths recognized for commitment to community

This year's Distinguished Alumni Awards during the University of Central Missouri's Homecoming weekend will include two people very familiar with the Warrensburg community.



Nicole Cooke
Democrat Editor

Although Barry and Diane Whitworth aren't Warrensburg residents — they live in Garden City — it feels like they are. Through the Blaine Whitworth Foundation, they have donated thousands of dollars to the UCM and Warrensburg communities. On Friday, Oct. 14, they will be honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award for Service; also receiving that award is Dred Scott. Several other alumni awards will be presented.

Barry was an Agricultural Business major, while Diane studied Criminal Justice. Barry and Diane were both in Greek Life while at UCM — Phi Sigma Kappa and Sigma Kappa, respectively — and they said the leadership and philanthropy opportunities set an example for the rest of their lives.

"There are not only lasting relationships from your fraternity but a lot of lifelong friendships in other fraternities as well. That came back when we were doing the 5K," Barry said. "A lot of brothers came back to participate as cooks, volunteers. It took 150 volunteers to put on the 5K. Now we have alumni who come back from all over the country. We still have those lifelong relationships not only from our fraternity and Sigma Kappa but from college that seem to be long-lasting."

After UCM, Barry entered the auto and insurance business, and Diane joined the United States Postal Service. Both jobs took them around the country, from Kansas City to Washington, D.C., to Houston, Texas. When Diane's parents retired, the couple decided to move back to the KC area and buy the family farm.

Attending UCM became a family tradition, as all three of their sons also attended the university and majored in Safety. They all eventually worked on oil rigs as safety managers, but Diane said Blaine particularly loved UCM and the 'Burg, so he returned.

As the family entrepreneur, Blaine bought and opened his first business, Bodie's, on Pine Street in 2011. Six months later, he opened Molly's — now Muddy Creek BBQ — which he named for his grandmother. Diane said Blaine had started working with UCM, the Warrensburg Police Department, Whiteman Air Force Base and Warrensburg Main Street to make the downtown district better and safer for students.

She said he was on top of the world, but one year to the day after he opened Bodie's, Blaine was murdered.

"What do you do, how do you go forward? You're angry, grieving, but we knew that going in to the dark wouldn't accomplish anything. We knew we wanted to continue doing what he was doing," Diane said. "He had a big heart and big dreams. We established a foundation to help promote that. We honored his memory and kept his memory alive."

Barry said that after Blaine died, they learned he bought a plane ticket for someone to go home who couldn't afford it, bought camera for his high school journalism department, and helped with Big Brothers Big Sisters. They heard from his friends, who wanted to start a 5K fundraiser in his memory. That was the start of the Blaine Whitworth Foundation.

Continued on 16B

Remembering Sedalia's Ted Walch

By Faith Bemiss
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Sedalia lost a native son with the passing of Ted Walch on Sept. 8 at his home in Studio City, California. Walch, a 1959 Smith-Cotton High School graduate, is remembered by many as excelling as an educator and director of performing arts, often teaching the children of prominent movie stars in Los Angeles — a career that spanned 55 years at three high schools across the U.S. **Walch, an educator and director, born in Sedalia**

According to his obituary, Walch, who was approved in September for induction into the SCHS Hall of Fame, took a leave from teaching in 1979 to establish the Kenyon Festival Theatre at his alma mater, Kenyon College, where he served as producing artistic director until 1985. The Kenyon Festival Theatre formed out of an earlier production celebrating the completion of the Bolton Theatre at Kenyon College in 1978 with a new play by playwright and friend Michael Cristofer, directed by Kenyon graduate Paul Newman.

In the early '90s, Walch moved to Los Angeles and became head of performing arts at the Harvard-Westlake School in Studio City, where he taught for 30-plus years and was preparing to return to the classroom for the fall 2022 semester when he became ill.

The obituary went on to say Ted was born in Sedalia in 1942. He was the youngest of four sons of Harry Walch and Martha Inge Walch, the granddaughter of A.D. Stanley, a founding owner of The Sedalia Democrat. His mother died of cancer in 1946, and his brother Charles Frederick ("Chuck") died in 1956 in a plane accident; both losses shaped Walch.

Sedalia shapes the Walch brothers

Walch's brother Tony Walch, of Cincinnati, Ohio, noted recently that he and Ted loved growing up in Sedalia. Both brothers worked at the Sedalia Democrat in their early years as proofreaders.

"Sedalia is really a town that nurtured us and so many others through the early and mid-part of the 20th century," Tony noted. "I think back when Ted and



In 2014, the late Ted Walch, center, a 1959 Smith-Cotton High School graduate, stands with, from left, Chet Hanks, actor Tom Hanks and his wife Rita Wilson at the Harvard-Westlake High School in Los Angeles. Walch excelled as an educator and director, a career spanning 55 years.

PHOTO COURTESY OF TED WALCH



Ted Walch, left, and his brother Tony Walch smile for the camera in a family photo. Tony noted the brothers had fond memories of growing up in Sedalia.

PHOTO COURTESY OF TONY WALCH

I were young at Smith-Cotton High School — really, those were marvelous teachers."

He added he remembered some seniors saying they couldn't wait to leave Sedalia, but he and Ted never felt that way.

"Although Ted and I did go on to other cities and towns after we graduated ... we always came back," he noted. "Sedalia kind of works into you that way. It's not a small town, but it's not a big town either."

"Those early years were formative," he continued. "Sedalia really became a

touchstone for all the good that was to follow for both Ted and me. We treasure that time in Sedalia. And frankly, that's why we keep coming back to Sedalia."

Ragar remembers a friend

Ted's longtime friend Myrna Miller Ragar, of Sedalia, noted she attended school with him from second grade at Mark Twain Elementary through graduation at SCHS in 1959.

"We used to talk on the telephone all the time in second grade," she said with a smile. "And then we were on the (SCHS) Archives Committee together for years. We were kind of like boyfriend and girlfriend type thing back then."

She added in eighth grade at SCHS, she and Ted "beat out" the seniors with the most votes as the Valentine King and Queen.

"We had a pie supper at Ted's home, and I think it was a penny a vote," she noted. "We made a lot of money from the pie and put it in and beat out the seniors."

Ragar, a local artist and owner of Ragar Banners, remembers being artistic in high school and added

Ted was already delving into theater. As his career unfolded, Ted eventually became good friends, Ragar said, with actor Tom Hanks. The two became close when Ted taught Hanks' son, Chet, while at Harvard-Westlake High School in Los Angeles.

Ted comes home a final time

Tony added it was important to him and his brother to be raised in a community where so many people could be a part of their upbringing.

"We were the two youngest of four brothers," he said. "So, Ted and I would kind of hang together. When anyone asked Ted, or me for that matter, we would always say, first and foremost, we're from Sedalia, Missouri."

Tony added when he spent the last weeks with Ted, he often spoke of Sedalia and wanted to be brought back and buried there.

"That is exactly what we're doing," Tony noted. "He would have it no other way but to be buried next to his brother and his father and mother."

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Longtime friends Mary McLaughlin, whose family owned McLaughlin Bros. Furniture Co. and Funeral Home in Sedalia for decades, shares a holiday meal with Ted Walch, center, and his brother Tony Walch, in Chicago.

PHOTO COURTESY OF TONY WALCH

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Pettis County Recorder of Deeds Barbara Clevenger recently issued marriage licenses to: Raul Lopez, 42, and Ana Faviola Valles Aguilar, 31, both of Columbus, Nebraska; Jason Ferrell Hopper, 49, and Paige Danielle White, 28, both of Marshall; Reid Quinton Brummer, 28, and Mollie Marie Swinney, 29, both of Great Bend, Kansas; Joseph Konstantinovich Tolmachev, 20, and Liya Smolyuk, 19, both of Sedalia; Hayden Matthew Doane, 26, and Bre Anna Loy Peck, 25, both of Green Ridge; Issac William Fritz, 18, and Rachel Lynn Aldrich, 26, both of Sedalia; Garrett Randolph Edwards, 38, and Melody Ann Chester, 33, both of Sedalia; Jacob Ryan Blankinship, 30, and Tiffany Star Lange, 31, both of Sedalia; Daniel Plett Dueck, 24, of Fairland, Oklahoma, and Kaitlyn Anne Yoder, 23, of La Monte; Gage Duval Mullins, 21, and Valerie Rose Breashears, 21, both of Sedalia; Patrick James Perry, 41, and Nicole Joy Keele, 38, both of Sedalia; Christopher Michael Stoney, 44, of Sedalia, and Rhonda Michelle Wiley, 46, of Branson.

POPULAR BOOKS

Boonslick Regional Library Fiction

"Next in Line," by Jeffrey Archer.
"Marple: Twelve New Mysteries," by Agatha Christie.
"The Furies," by John Connolly.
"Less is Lost," by Andrew Sean Greer.
"Fairy Tale," by Stephen King.
"Clive Cussler's Hellburner," by Mike Maden.
"Jacqueline in Paris," by Ann Man.
"Falling Stars," by Fern Michaels.
"Rules of Engagement," by Selena Montgomery and Stacey Abrams.
"Nona the Ninth,"

by Tamsyn Muir.

Nonfiction

"Thinking 101: How to Reason Better to Live Better," by Woo-Kyoung Ahn.
"Like, Comment, Subscribe: Inside YouTube's Chaotic Rise to World Domination," by Mark Bergen.
"Wise Gals: The Spies Who Built the CIA and Changes the Future of Espionage," by Nathalia Holt.
"Me and Paul: Untold Stories of a Fabled Friendship," by Willie Nelson.
"This is What It Sounds Like: What the Music You Love Says About You," by Ogi Ogas and Susan Rogers.

NEW BOOKS

Sedalia Public Library Fiction

"Suspect," by Scott Turow.
"The Golden Enclaves," by Naomi Novik.
"A Truth to Lie For," by Anne Perry.
"The Maze," by Nelson Demille.
"Demon Copperhead," by Barbara Kingsolver.

"A Song of Comfortable Chairs," by Alexander McCall Smith.

"Home Sweet Christmas," by Susan Mallery.

Nonfiction

"Boldly Go," by William Shatner.
"The Story of Russia," by Orlando Figes.
"Live Life in Crescendo," by Stephen R. Covey.

BRL2GO SCHEDULE

Boonslick Regional Library Monday

9 to 11:45 a.m.: Houstonia
1:15 to 4 p.m.: La Monte City Park.
Wednesday
9:30 to 11:45 a.m.: Cole Camp City Park.
1:15 p.m.: Lincoln City Hall.
1:30 to 3:45 p.m.: Lincoln City Park.
Friday
9:15 a.m.: Boonville,

Lakeview Health Care.
9:20 a.m.: Bristol Manor.
9:25 a.m.: Boonville, YMCA Early Childhood Learning Center.
9:30 to 11:45 a.m.: Boonville, Walmart.
1 p.m.: Blackwater, Post Office.
1:15 to 3:30 p.m.: Blackwater, Main Street.
4 to 4:15 p.m.: Stoney Ridge Village Residential Care.

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 \$4. For more information on receiving meals or becoming a volunteer, call 660-826-5039.

Meals will be delivered by First Baptist Church.

Monday: Chicken

breast filet, potato wedges, peas, brownie and milk.

Tuesday: Chili, pimento cheese sandwich, crackers, applesauce and milk.

Wednesday:

Chicken Alfredo, breadstick, corn, cookie, peaches and milk.

Thursday: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, broccoli, banana and milk.

Friday: Goulash, green beans, cake and milk.

BIRTHDAYS

Smith

Lola Smith will observe her 92nd birthday Oct. 16.

She was born Oct. 16, 1930, in Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin.

Before retiring, Lola was a nurse's aide, and her hobbies included gardening, cryptograms and crossword puzzles.

Lola has five children, Esther Avery, of Tennessee, Amy Elvers, of Sedalia, Melinda Smith, of Lincoln,

Illinois, James Smith, of Monticello, Illinois, and Brenda Sowers, of Moberly.

Birthdays cards may be sent to Lola at the Sylvia G. Thompson Resident Center, 3333 W. 10th St., Sedalia, Mo. 65301.

Burt

Carolyn Burt will observe her 76th birthday Oct. 17.

She was born Oct. 17, 1946, in Sedalia.

Carolyn used to write newsletters for Camp

Wonderland, and her hobbies include working jigsaw puzzles, reading, watching television, playing on her computer, and being with family and friends.

Birthdays cards may be sent to Carolyn at the Sylvia G. Thompson Resident Center, 3333 W. 10th St., Sedalia, Mo. 65301.

Fairfax

Rita Fairfax will observe her 81st birthday Oct. 20.

She was born Oct.

20, 1941, in Riverton.

Rita is married to Jim Fairfax, of Sedalia.

Before retiring, she worked as a bail bondsman and her hobbies include traveling and antique shopping.

She has two children, Brad Jones, of Sedalia, and the late Jimmy Jones.

Birthdays cards may be sent to Rita at the Sylvia G. Thompson Resident Center, 3333 W. 10th St., Sedalia, Mo. 65301.

CLUB NOTES

Beta Alpha Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa

The Beta Alpha Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, international honorary sorority for women educators, met Monday, Sept. 26 at Christ & Trinity Church and via Zoom.

President Mary Beaty called the meeting to order. Kristee Lorenz,

Chaplain, gave the devotion, "A Teacher's Prayer."

Minutes from the May meeting were read and the treasurer's report was given by Andrea Eppenauer.

Rene Vanderpool reported correspondence received was thank-you notes from Susan Gerke and

scholarship winner Karen Lewellyn.

The ADK Month committee chair, Lisa Willoughby, told about plans to celebrate in October.

Members were encouraged to submit names for prospective members. Pat McKinney reported for the Relay for Life Commit-

tee that the chapter contributed \$3,735 during the last Relay for Life campaign.

The members enjoyed a "get-to-know-you" mixer, followed by the drawing for door prizes. The winners were Jennifer Crane, Jeri Perkins, and Andrea Eppenauer.

Demand soars for kids' books addressing violence, trauma

By Claire Savage

Associated Press/Report for America

CHICAGO (AP) — As the new school year swings into gear, some students carry heavier worries than keeping up with homework: Demand has been growing steadily for children's books that address traumatic events such as school shootings.

Sales of books for young readers on violence, grief, and emotions have increased for nine straight years, with nearly six million copies sold in 2021 — more than double the amount in 2012, according to NPD BookScan, which tracks U.S. retail sales of print books.

As anxiety and depression rates have soared among young Americans, educators and advocates say children's books can play a role in helping them cope.

"While it might be second nature to try to shield kids from the harsher realities of life and scary news, it's proving difficult to avoid big society issues," said Kristine Enderle, editorial director at Magination Press, the children's book publishing arm of the American Psychological Association. "Kids face these issues and challenges in their day-to-day life."

One book, "I'm Not Scared ... I'm Prepared," was reprinted several times to meet demand after the massacre at Uvalde's Robb Elementary School in May, according to the National Center for

Youth Issues, the nonprofit group that published the book. The story, first published in 2014, features a teacher who shows children what to do when a "dangerous someone" is in their school.

Bookstores around the country see interest in titles from the genre rise and fall depending on local and national headlines, according to bookseller Barnes & Noble.

Some newer titles engage directly with real-world gun violence.

In "Numb to This," a graphic novel released this month, author Kindra Neely details the 2015 Umpqua Community College shooting in Oregon, which she survived, and the aftermath as she tries to heal amid repeated shootings elsewhere. Initially, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers editorial director Andrea Colvin said she was shocked when Keely pitched the idea.

"I had to remember that, yes, this is what our stories are like now. This is what young people have experienced," Colvin said.

Michele Gay, whose 7-year-old daughter Josephine was killed in the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, turned to children's books herself to help her two surviving daughters. One picture book she read to them was "The Ant Hill Disaster," about a boy ant who is afraid to go back to school after it is destroyed.

"It was one of many books that was of comfort

to them and gave them a little bit of confidence to just face one more day, one more minute, because we can do it together," said Gay, who advocates for improved security in schools through a nonprofit she co-founded, Safe and Sound Schools.

Parents should make sure books addressing trauma are age-appropriate and backed by psychologists, experts say.

It's important to be aware of whether children are aware of or feeling stress about frightening things in the news, said Aryeh Sova, a Chicago psychologist who works with children who attended the July 4 parade in suburban Highland Park, Illinois, where seven people were killed in a shooting. A child asking lots of questions about an event may signify that they are anxious or fixated on it, he said.

"If it's coming from the kid's need, then books could be a great way for kids to learn and to read together with their parents and to review it on their own and to process it at their own pace," Sova said.

But bringing up violence when a child isn't worried about it could increase their anxiety unnecessarily, Sova said.

Some young children experience gun violence at alarmingly high rates, particularly in communities of color.

For them, it is important to start early to

address the effects, said Ian Ellis James, an Emmy award-winning Sesame Street writer known by his stage name William Electric Black. He is the author of the illustrated children's book "A Gun Is Not Fun." He said young children in areas afflicted by gun violence are more aware of it than parents may think.

"They know about flowers and candles and cards in the street. They walk by them every day," he said.

Through children's literature and theater, Black works to reduce urban gun violence. "If you start when they're 5, and you go back when you're 6, 7, 8, 9, you're going to change the behavior," he said.

In the spring, he will collaborate with New York public school P.S. 155 in East Harlem with a series of gun violence awareness and prevention workshops for early readers, using puppets, storytelling and repetition.

"They won't even get rid of assault weapons here in this country. So my thing is, we have to go in and we've got to help them help themselves save themselves," Black said. "We're really kind of failing at that."

Claire Savage is a corps member for the Associated Press/Report for America Statehouse News Initiative. Report for America is a nonprofit national service program that places journalists in local newsrooms to report on undercover issues.

Netflix sets \$7 monthly price for its ad-supported service

By Michael Liedtke

AP Technology Writer

SAN RAMON, Calif. (AP) — Netflix next month will unveil the first version of its video streaming service with ads, giving cost-conscious viewers a chance to watch most of its shows at a steep discount in exchange for putting up with commercial interruptions.

The ad-supported service is scheduled to debut Nov. 3 as Netflix tries to reverse a drop in subscribers. It will cost \$7 per month in the U.S., a 55% markdown from Netflix's most popular \$15.50-per-month plan, which is ad-free.

Netflix's ad-supported option will also be rolling

out in Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Spain and the U.K., according to a Thursday post by the company's chief operating officer, Greg Peters.

Besides putting up with roughly four to five minutes of ads during each hour of viewing, Netflix subscribers who sign up for the cheaper service also won't be able to download TV shows and movies to watch when their devices are offline. Peters also said a "limited" amount of programming available on the commercial-free service won't be on the ad-supported version because of licensing issues.

Netflix's 15-year-old streaming service has until now been commercial free,

but the Los Gatos, California, company decided to head in a new direction six months ago after reporting its first loss in subscribers in more than a decade.

The customer erosion worsened a wrenching decline in its stock price that has wiped up more than \$200 billion in shareholder wealth during the past 11 months. The shares rallied after Thursday's announcement, but still have lost about two-thirds of their value since reaching their peak last November when the streaming service was still growing.

Through the first half of this year, Netflix lost 1.2 million subscribers, leaving it with nearly 221 million. Management in July pre-

dicted it would regain about 1 million of those subscribers during the summer months. The numbers for the July-September period are scheduled to be disclosed Tuesday.

Netflix is betting the low-priced option with ads will be particularly popular at a time that persistently high inflation is pressuring millions of households to curb their spending, particularly on discretionary items such as video streaming. The streaming market also has become crowded with tougher competition from the likes of Amazon, Apple and Walt Disney Co., which also is preparing to offer an ad-supported version of its service soon.

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.

6 p.m.: Pettis County Democratic Club at Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St.

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

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

1 p.m.: Sorosis, a cultural and educational organization, meets with a program on the first and third Mondays at The Heard

Memorial Club House, 200 W. Broadway Blvd. Visitors are always welcome. Sorosis.The-HeardHouse@gmail.com.

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.

5:30 p.m.: The Dream factory meeting, call 660-827-1561 for location.

6 p.m.: Altrusa International, Inc., Sedalia, at the Katy Trail Community Health Center, community room, 821 Westwood Ave.

6 p.m.: Pettis County Democrat Club meets in the basement of Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St.

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

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

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

7 p.m.: Sedalia Choral Rehearsal, rehearsal room 67 in the Stauffacher Center at State Fair Community College.

7 p.m.: Understanding and Enjoying the

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

TUESDAY

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

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

8:30 a.m.: Sedalia Literacy Council, basement meeting room, Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St.

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

11:30 a.m.: Show-Me Ladies with Hatitudes for lunch. For location information, call Maryann at 660-826-8138.

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.

1 to 3 p.m.: Baby Grace is open at Wesley United Methodist Church, 1322 W. Broadway Blvd., for those who need diapers, pull-ups or wipes.

1 p.m.: B.Y.O.L. (bring your own lunch movie event) at Cole Camp Boonslick Library, with popcorn and drinks. Event is free and for all ages.

4:30 p.m.: Crossroads Hospice, a monthly discussion grief group, at the Heckart Family Center, 903 S. Ohio Ave. For more information, contact Beth Hunt at 660-422-5804.

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

Broadway Blvd.

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

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

7 p.m.: Loyal Order of Moose, Sedalia Lodge 1494, at the lodge, 119 Winchester Ave.

7 p.m.: Masonic Granite Lodge 272 meeting, 601 W. Broadway Blvd.

7 p.m.: MidMo Toastmasters Club, Boonslick Library, 219 W. Third St. Toastmasters International offers training in communication and leadership skills. Contact P.C.Thomas@charter.net; or call 660-826-9988.

7 p.m.: OIC Studios will present the SpoFest Open Mic Poetry and Prose event streaming live via Zoom, Facebook and OIC Radio. Signup and event guidelines at www.oicstudios.com/spofest-online.

WEDNESDAY

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

10 a.m.: Community Retired Teachers meeting, Christ and Trinity Lutheran Church, 3201 Southwest Blvd.

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

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

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

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

6:30 p.m.: Friends of the Cole Camp Library meeting at Cole Camp Boonslick Library.

6:30 p.m.: Sedalia-Pettis County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for executive committee; 7 p.m., meeting, Anthony Buckner Community Center, 500 Welch Ct.

7 p.m.: Elks Lodge 125, Elks Lodge, 320 S. Kentucky Ave.

THURSDAY

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

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

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

1 p.m.: The Whiteman Area Piecemakers in the meeting room of the Knob Noster Branch of the Trails Regional Library, 202 N. Adams. For more information, call 660-647-3367 or 660-563-5247.

4:15 p.m.: Birthright, volunteer meeting at offices, 1810 W. 11th St.

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.: Gamma Epsilon Master Chapter. For location information, call 660-827-2299.

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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.: Sedalia Photo Club, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Center.

7:30 p.m.: Central Missouri Coin Club, Knights of Columbus Hall, 1708 Elm Hills Blvd.

7:30 p.m.: Central Missouri Harley Owners Group Sedalia Chapter, Yeager's Cycle Sales, 3001 S. Limit Ave.

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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.: Bingo, Sedalia Moose Lodge, 119 Winchester Dr., doors open at 4 p.m.; Kitchen opens at 5 p.m.; early-bird bingo at 6 p.m.; regular bingo at 6:30 p.m.

7 p.m.: Bunceton Senior Dance Melody Makers Band will perform. Bring finger food. Dance at Bunceton Lions Club. Cost is \$4 per person.

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

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

Blake Shelton, last of original 'The Voice' judges, to leave

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Blake Shelton, the last of the original panel of judges on "The Voice," will leave the megahit U.S. version of the singing competition show after next season.

"This show has changed my life in every way for the better and it will always feel like home to me," the country music star said in a statement

Tuesday night. He said he had been "wrestling with this for a while."

The next season will be the NBC show's 23rd and Shelton's last. When it premiered in 2011, Shelton was joined in the big red chairs by Adam Levine, Christina Aguilera and CeeLo Green. Celebrity judges like Pharrell, Shakira and Miley Cyrus rotated in and out for subsequent

seasons, but Shelton had been the constant (Levine had the second-longest tenure, with 16 seasons).

"I have to give a huge shoutout to the singers — the 'Voices,' who come on this stage season after season and amaze us with their talent," Shelton said, adding "a special thanks to those who chose me to be their coach."

The show is also where

Shelton met his wife, Gwen Stefani. The pop star and "No Doubt" front-woman joined the show in 2014 for its seventh season and the pair began dating the next year, after Shelton divorced Miranda Lambert and Stefani divorced Gavin Rossdale. Shelton and Stefani wed in July 2021.

"I am so proud of you and so blessed to have

found u. your talent brings joy to the hearts of so many people and i am so lucky to be part of ur life's journey," Stefani commented on Shelton's Instagram post announcing his departure.

"The Voice," hosted by Carson Daly, is in the midst of airing its 22nd season. Both Stefani and Shelton are serving as judges, alongside John

Legend — in his seventh season on the show — and Camila Cabello.

The Emmy-winning show also announced Tuesday night that Stefani, Legend and Cabello will vacate their seats next season, replaced by Kelly Clarkson — another frequent judge — and first-timers Niall Horan and Chance the Rapper.

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Angela Lansbury, 'Murder She Wrote' star, dies at 96

By Mark Kennedy

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Angela Lansbury, the scene-stealing British actor who kicked up her heels in the Broadway musicals "Mame" and "Gypsy" and solved endless murders as crime novelist Jessica Fletcher in the long-running TV series "Murder, She Wrote," has died. She was 96.

Lansbury died Tuesday at her home in Los Angeles, according to a statement from her three children. She died five days shy of her 97th birthday.

Hers was a 75-year career that included beloved musicals on stage, iron-fisted matriarchs on film, singing the theme song for the animated movie "Beauty and the Beast," being made a Dame by Queen Elizabeth II and the creation of one of television's best loved characters.

Lansbury won five Tony Awards for her Broadway performances and a lifetime achievement award. She earned Academy Award nominations as supporting actress for two of her first three films, "Gaslight" (1945) and "The Picture of Dorian Gray" (1946), and was nominated again in 1962 for "The Manchurian Candidate" and her deadly portrayal of a Communist agent and the title character's mother.

Her mature demeanor prompted producers to cast her much older than her actual age. In 1948, when she was 23, her hair was streaked with gray so she could play a fortyish newspaper publisher with a yen for Spencer Tracy in "State of the Union."

Her stardom came in middle age when she became the hit of the New York theater, winning Tony Awards for "Mame" (1966), "Dear World" (1969), "Gypsy" (1975) and "Sweeney Todd" (1979).

She was back on Broadway and got another Tony nomination in 2007 in Terrence McNally's "Deuce," playing a scrappy, brash former tennis star, reflecting with another ex-star as she watches a modern-day match from the stands. In 2009 she collected her fifth Tony, for best featured actress in a revival of Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit" and in 2015 won an Olivier Award in the role.

Broadway royalty paid their respects. Audra McDonald tweeted: "She was an icon, a legend, a gem, and about the nicest lady you'd ever want to meet." Leslie Uggams on Twitter wrote: "Dame Angela was so sweet to me when I made my Broadway debut. She was a key person in welcoming me to the community. She truly lived, lived, lived!"

Playwright Paul Rudnick added: "she provided the most fabulous, irreplaceable joy. She was beloved as a person and an actress, and managed to be approachable, glamorous



Angela Lansbury poses for a portrait during press day for "Blithe Spirit" in Los Angeles on Dec. 16, 2014. Lansbury, the big-eyed, scene-stealing British actress who kicked up her heels in the Broadway musicals "Mame" and "Gypsy" and solved endless murders as crime novelist Jessica Fletcher in the long-running TV series "Murder, She Wrote," died peacefully at her home in Los Angeles on Tuesday. She was 96.

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and heartbreaking. She'll be missed, celebrated and adored."

But Lansbury's widest fame began in 1984 when she launched "Murder, She Wrote" on CBS. Based loosely on Agatha Christie's Miss Marple stories, the series centered on Jessica Fletcher, a middle-aged widow and former substitute school teacher living in the seaside village of Cabot Cove, Maine. She had achieved notice as a mystery novelist and amateur sleuth.

The actor found the first series season exhausting.

"I was shocked when I learned that I had to work 12-15 hours a day, relentlessly, day in, day out," she recalled. "I had to lay down the law at one point and say 'Look, I can't do these shows in seven days; it will have to be eight days.'"

CBS and the production company, Universal Studio, agreed, especially since "Murder, She Wrote" had become a Sunday night hit. Despite the long days — she left her home at Brentwood in West Los Angeles at 6 a.m. and returned after dark — and reams of dialogue to memorize, Lansbury maintained a steady pace. She was pleased that Jessica Fletcher served as an inspiration for older women.

"Women in motion pictures have always had a difficult time being role models for other women," she observed. "They've always been considered glamorous in their jobs."

In the series' first season, Jessica wore clothes that were almost frumpy. Then she acquired smartness, Lansbury reasoning that, as a successful woman, Jessica should dress the part.

"Murder, She Wrote" stayed high in the ratings through its 11th year. Then CBS, seeking a younger audience for Sunday

night, shifted the series to a less favorable midweek slot. Lansbury protested vigorously to no avail.

As expected, the ratings plummeted and the show was canceled. For consolation, CBS contracted for two-hour movies of "Murder, She Wrote" and other specials starring Lansbury.

"Murder, She Wrote" and other television work brought her 18 Emmy nominations but she never won one. She holds the record for the most Golden Globe nominations and wins for best actress in a television drama series and the most Emmy nominations for lead actress in a drama series.

In a 2008 Associated Press interview, Lansbury said she still welcomed the right script but did not want to play "old, decrepit women," she said. "I want women my age to be represented the way they are, which is vital, productive members of society."

"I'm astonished at the amount of stuff I managed to pack into the years that I have been in the business. And I'm still here!"

She was given the name Angela Brigid Lansbury when she was born in London on Oct. 16, 1925. Her family was distinguished: a grandfather was the fiery head of the Labour Party; her father the owner of a veneer factory; her mother a successful actor, Moyna MacGill.

"I was terribly shy, absolutely incapable of coming out of my shell," Lansbury remembered of her youth. "It took me years to get over that."

The Depression forced her father's factory into bankruptcy, and for a few years the family lived on money her mother had saved from her theater career. Angela suffered a shattering blow when her beloved father died in 1935. The tragedy forced her to become self-reliant — "almost a surrogate husband to my mother."

When England was

threatened with German bombings in 1940, Moyna Lansbury struggled through red tape and won passage to America for her family. With the help of two sponsoring families, they settled in New York and lived on \$150 a month. To add to their income, Angela at 16 landed a nightclub job in Montreal doing impersonations and songs.

"The only thing I ever had confidence in is my ability to perform," she said. "That has been the grace note in my sonata of life, the thing that has absolutely seen me through thick and thin."

Moyna moved the family to Hollywood, hoping to find acting work. Failing that, she and Angela wrapped packages and sold clothing at a department store. An actor friend suggested Angela would be ideal for the role of Sybil Vane in "The Picture of Dorian Gray," which was being prepared at MGM. She tested, and studio boss Louis B. Mayer ordered: "Sign that girl!"

She was just 19 when her first film, "Gaslight," earned her an Oscar nomination, but MGM didn't know what to do with the new contract player. She appeared as Elizabeth Taylor's older sister in "National Velvet," Judy Garland's nemesis in "The Harvey Girls," Walter Pidgeon's spiteful wife in "If Winter Comes" and Queen Anne in "The Three Musketeers."

Tired of playing roles twice her own age, she left MGM to freelance but the results were much the same: the mother of Warren Beatty in "All Fall Down," of Elvis Presley in "Blue Hawaii," of Carroll Baker in "Harlow," and of Laurence Harvey in "The Manchurian Candidate," in which she unforgettably manipulates her son and helps set off a killing spree.

In the mid-1940s, Lansbury had a disastrous nine-month marriage to

Richard Cromwell, a soulful young star of the 1930s. In 1949, she married Peter Shaw, a Briton who had been under an acting contract to MGM, then became a studio executive and agent. He assumed the role of Lansbury's manager. They had two children; he had a son by a previous marriage.

The 1950s were a troubled time for the Shaws. Angela's career slowed down; her mother died after a battle with cancer; Peter underwent a hip operation; the children were on drugs; the family house in Malibu burned to the ground.

Lansbury later said of the fire: "It's like cutting off a branch, a big, luscious branch of your life and sealing it off with a sealer so it doesn't bleed. That's what you do. That's how the human mind deals with those things. You have to pick up the pieces and go on."

Weary of 20 years of typecasting, Lansbury tried her luck on Broadway. Her first two shows — "Anyone Can Whistle" and "Hotel Paradiso" (with Bert Lahr) — flopped.

Then came "Mame." Rosalind Russell declined to repeat her classic role as Patrick Dennis's dizzy aunt in a musical version. So did Mary Martin and Ethel Merman. Others considered: Bette Davis, Lauren Bacall, Judy Garland, Beatrice Lillie, Judy Garland. Composer Jerry Herman chose Lansbury.

The opening on May 24, 1966, was a sensation. One critic wondered that "the movies' worn, plump old harridan with a snakepit for a mouth" could turn out to be "the liveliest dame to kick up her heels since Carol Channing in 'Hello, Dolly.'"

After her "Sweeney Todd" triumph, Lansbury returned to Hollywood to try television. She was offered a sitcom with Charles Durning or "Murder, She Wrote." The pro-

ducers had wanted Jean Stapleton, who declined. Lansbury accepted.

During the series' long run, she managed to star in TV movies, to be host of Emmy and Tony shows and even to provide the voice for a Disney animated feature. She played Mrs. Potts in "Beauty and the Beast" and sang the title song. "This was really a breakthrough for me," she said of her young following. "It acquainted me with a generation that I possibly couldn't have contacted."

In 2000, Lansbury withdrew from a planned Broadway musical, "The Visit," because she needed to help her husband recover from heart surgery. "The kind of commitment required of an artist carrying a multimillion-dollar production has to be 100%," she said in a letter to the producers.

Her husband died in 2003.

She was back on Broadway in 2012 in a revival of "The Best Man," sharing a stage with James Earl Jones, John Larroquette, Candice Bergen, Eric McCormack, Michael McKean and Kerry Butler. She also recently co-starred in Emma Thompson's "Nanny McPhee" and with Jim Carrey in "Mr. Popper's Penguins."

At the 2022 Tony Awards, Len Cariou — her "Sweeney Todd" co-star — accepted the lifetime Tony given to Lansbury. "There is no one with whom I'd rather run a cutthroat business with," Cariou said.

In 1990, Lansbury philosophized: "I have sometimes drawn back from my career. To what? Home. Home is the counterweight to the work."

In addition to her three children, Anthony, Deirdre and David, she is survived by three grandchildren, Peter, Katherine and Ian, plus five great grandchildren and her brother, producer Edgar Lansbury.

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5 years on, key #MeToo voices take stock of the movement

By Jocelyn Noveck and MaryClaire Dale

Associated Press

Once again, disgraced mogul Harvey Weinstein sits in a courtroom, on trial in Los Angeles while the reckoning the accusations against him launched marks a significant milestone this month: It's been five years since a brief hashtag — #MeToo — galvanized a broad social movement.

The Associated Press went back to Louise Geiss and Andrea Constand, accusers in two of the #MeToo era's most momentous cases — Weinstein, already convicted in a New York case, and Bill Cosby, once convicted and now free — to learn how their lives have changed, whether they have any regrets, and how hopeful they feel after a decidedly mixed bag of legal results.

And we spoke to the woman who originally coined the phrase — Tarana Burke, a long-time advocate for sexual violence survivors and a survivor herself — about her own journey, the movement's resilience, and the challenges ahead.

LOUISETTE GEISS: A LAWSUIT AND A MUSICAL

All in all, Louise Geiss considers herself one of the luckier ones: When she tried to run out of a hotel room to escape Harvey Weinstein's alleged advances, the door opened. She was able to flee.

Geiss, a former actress and screenwriter who, in 2017, accused Weinstein of attempting to force her to watch him masturbate in a hotel bathroom in 2008, was the lead plaintiff in a class action lawsuit against his former studio.

But fighting through the justice system — an experience that has deeply frustrated her — was not the only means by which Geiss has attempted to cope. She's also written a musical.

"The Right Girl" was waylaid by the pandemic but will be produced live onstage sometime in 2023. The show, with a high-profile production team that includes songwriter Diane Warren,



Actress Louise Geiss speaks at a news conference by the "Silence Breakers," a group of women who have spoken out about Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein's sexual misconduct, at Los Angeles City Hall, on Feb. 25, 2020, in Los Angeles. Geiss, a former actress and screenwriter who accused Weinstein in 2017, has written a musical stemming from her experiences with Weinstein. "The Right Girl," which was waylaid by the pandemic, will be produced live onstage sometime in 2023.

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tells the story of three women at various levels of power in a workplace plagued by a serial sexual predator.

"In the end, you see that the judicial system is still not in the right place to take him down," Geiss said. "It's really society that takes him down."

It's a reflection of Geiss' view that the latter has moved faster than the former to absorb the lessons of #MeToo, albeit still imperfectly.

"I think the MeToo movement definitely gave predators pause to act on their inclinations," she said. "I think that they have been warned. And so they are less likely to do it, but I do think they're still doing it."

At times, yes, she had regrets about coming forward. She worried about the effects on her children, now 7 and 5 — her youngest was only weeks old when the case exploded. But it was also her children that made her realize she had to fight.

"In the end, to make a bigger change for women and for children — for your child, and for my children — it was important that I step up and do it," she said.

That's also why Geiss, 48, continues to encour-

age younger survivors to speak out — even though she understands why they may not want to.

"You don't want your name to be synonymous with Weinstein. Neither do I," she said of her pitch to them. "But guess what? They're not going to go away until we keep screaming about this."

ANDREA CONSTAND: 'IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO'

For Andrea Constand, the chief accuser in Cosby's criminal case, the past five years have been turbulent, to say nothing of the preceding decade.

Cosby's lawyers loudly derided her as a "con artist" during the first celebrity trial of the #MeToo era, in 2018. Yet the jury nonetheless convicted the aging comedian of drugging and sexually assaulting her in 2005 and a judge sent him to prison. Then, a Pennsylvania appeals court freed Cosby last year.

Constand had gone to police a year after the encounter with Cosby, which he called consensual. A prosecutor declined to press charges, later saying he had secretly promised Cosby he'd never be charged — a hotly debated claim that ultimately undid the

conviction. And the first jury to hear her case, in 2017, couldn't reach a verdict.

Through the yearslong storm, Constand has remained serene. She believes these are just early days for the movement.

"I think it was a much needed time to be able to address the issue (of) just how profound sexual violence is — in boardrooms, in corporations, in the entertainment industry and just generally all over," Constand, 49, said this month from her home near Toronto, a rural retreat that she says brings her solitude and peace.

"A lot of trauma was released," she added. "Keeping secrets can really can make you sick."

The AP does not name people who say they have been sexually assaulted, unless they come forward publicly.

She continues to work as a massage therapist, while pushing lawmakers to adopt a legal definition of consent. As jurors in both Cosby's Pennsylvania trial and Weinstein's in New York deliberated, they asked for the definition — but the law in both states was silent.

She has written a memoir, and started a foundation to help sexual assault survivors

through their physical, spiritual and emotional recovery. She has also created a mobile app where survivors can seek trauma-informed services.

"I had everything to lose and nothing to gain. I was a loser, you know, really, going in," Constand said of her 2006 police complaint.

But despite all the twists and turns, "it was the right thing to do," she concluded, citing #MeToo movements around the world.

"You have ... everybody coming out of that shame and out of that silence," she said.

TARANA BURKE: KEEPING THE MOMENTUM GOING

Harvey Weinstein. R. Kelly. Bill Cosby. Two are in prison, one has been freed.

And that's exactly how not to measure the success of the #MeToo movement, says Tarana Burke — as a scorecard of high-profile "wins" and "losses," and through the lens of celebrity.

Rather, says the advocate for sexual violence survivors, cultural change should be the key metric. And by that standard, she says, the movement has achieved an "awe-inspiring" amount in five years.

"Five and a half years

ago, we could not have a sustained global conversation about sexual violence that was framed inside social justice. It was always framed inside crime and punishment, or celebrity gossip," she said.

Burke, 49, had coined "Me Too" as part of her advocacy work more than a decade before a hashtagged tweet from actor Alyssa Milano, in the wake of the Weinstein allegations, saw the phrase explode.

Just six months earlier, Burke recalls, she had been on an organizing retreat in California, handing out T-shirts and dreaming aloud about how she could revitalize her work and raise enough money to tour Black colleges and universities to raise awareness. When the spotlight shifted to #MeToo later in 2017, her first worry was that the work behind her phrase would be coopted. But she soon realized she had an enormous opportunity.

"The kind of shift we need to see sustainable change, we're still working toward. But the shift we've had in the last five years would have taken 20 years to happen (without #MeToo), and that's incredible," she said.

Burke has spent the last few years building an organization to promote the movement, and has published a raw memoir, "Unbound," which includes an account of how she herself was raped at seven years old.

Burke notes proudly that a new Pew study shows more than twice as many Americans support, rather than oppose, #MeToo. But, she says, struggles remain, especially in terms of bringing Black, Indigenous, trans and disabled women into the conversation, and in shoring up fundraising.

The goal now is to keep momentum going and restore the early enthusiasm.

Burke likes to remind people that within the first year, some 19 million people went on Twitter to say "me too," attesting to their own experiences in a powerful collective reckoning.

"This is why we have a movement that cannot be ignored," Burke says.

Team picked to make 'A Wrinkle in Time' into stage musical

By Mark Kennedy

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — "A Wrinkle in Time," the classic sci-fi coming-of-age tale celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, has been adapted into a film, a TV movie, opera, several plays and a graphic novel. Now it's time for a stage musical, The Associated Press has learned.

For the first musical version of Madeleine L'Engle's acclaimed novel, her granddaughter and the director of her literary estate, Charlotte Jones Voiklis, has helped pick the creative team that includes music and lyrics by composer Heather Christian, a story by Lauren Yee and direction by Lee Sunday Evans. Diana DiMenna

and Aaron Glick are also producers.

"Knowing my grandmother's love of and devotion to theater, I had long envisioned a musical adaptation of 'A Wrinkle in Time' that could transport audiences to a different dimension in a way only music can," said Voiklis in a statement released Thursday. "I am inspired by this creative team who truly love and understand the original novel and yet are ready to explore the possibilities of what it could be on the stage.

Dates for future productions, as well as additional creative team members and cast, will be announced in 2023.

"A Wrinkle in Time" is about a girl's self-dis-

covery, navigating mean girls at school, the loss of her father and even interdimensional travel. It most recently was made into a film by Ava DuVernay with Reese Witherspoon and Storm Reid.

"A Wrinkle in Time's" themes of fierce love, loyalty, kinship and friendship are universal balms for the soul, and will draw audiences into a collective adventure of bravery and triumph. This promises to be a musical magic carpet ride absolutely everyone will love," DiMenna said in the statement.

"A Wrinkle in Time," part of a five-book series written by L'Engle named the Time Quintet, has sold over 10 million copies.

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Dolly Parton donation strategy: 'I just give from my heart'

By Glenn Gamboa
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Dolly Parton laughs at the idea that she is some sort of secret philanthropist.

Sure, social media sleuths did piece together this week that the country superstar had been quietly paying for the band uniforms of many Tennessee high schools for years. And yes, it did take decades for her to reveal that she used the songwriting royalties she earned from Whitney Houston's version of "I Will Always Love You" to purchase a strip mall in Nashville to support the surrounding Black neighborhood in her honor. Oh, and it did eventually come out that Parton had donated \$1 million for research that helped create the Moderna vaccine for COVID-19.

"I don't do it for attention," she told The Associated Press in an interview, shortly before she received the Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy at Gotham Hall in New York City Thursday night. "But look! I'm getting a lot of attention by doing it."

In fact, Parton believes she gets too much attention for her philanthropic work — which ranges from promoting childhood literacy to supporting those affected by natural disasters and providing numerous college scholarships through her Dollywood Foundation.

"I get paid more attention than maybe some others that are doing more than me," Parton said,



Dolly Parton poses for a picture before the Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy Ceremony at Gotham Hall on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022, in New York. Parton laughs at the idea that she is some sort of secret philanthropist. "I don't do it for attention," she told The Associated Press in an interview, shortly before she received the Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy at Gotham Hall in New York City Thursday night.

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adding that she hopes that attention inspires more people to help others.

In her Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy speech, Parton said she doesn't really have a strategy for her donations.

"I just give from my heart," she said. "I never know what I'm going to do or why I'm gonna do it. I just see a need and if I can fill it, then I will."

One need Parton does focus on filling is fostering a love of reading in children. Her Imagination Library initiative sends a free book every month to children under five whose parents request them. Cur-

rently, Parton sends out about 2 million free books each month.

"This actually started because my father could not read and write and I saw how crippling that could be," she said. "My dad was a very smart man. And I often wondered what he could have done had he been able to read and write. So that is the inspiration."

That program continues to expand. And last month, the state of California partnered with Imagination Library to make the program available to the millions of children under five in the

state.

"That is a big deal," she said. "That's a lot of children. And we're so honored and proud to have all the communities that make that happen because I get a lot of glory for the work a whole lot of people are doing."

Parton said she'll accept that attention because it furthers the cause. "I'm proud to be the voice out there doing what I can to get more books into the hands of more children," she said.

Eric Isaacs, president of the Carnegie Institution for Science and a member of the medal selection

committee, said Parton is a "tremendous example" of someone who understands the importance of philanthropy.

"Everyone knows her music," he said. "They might know Dollywood for entertainment, more broadly. But now they're going to know her for her philanthropy, which I'm not sure they have before."

If Parton didn't make philanthropy a priority in her life, it could be difficult to balance it with all her other pursuits.

She released "Run, Rose, Run," a best-selling novel co-written with James

Patterson, in March. She filmed the holiday movie "Dolly Parton's Mountain Magic Christmas" with Willie Nelson, Miley Cyrus and Jimmy Fallon for NBC. And she will be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on Nov. 5, alongside Eminem, Lionel Richie and Pat Benatar — an honor she initially declined, but then graciously accepted.

"I'm ready to rock," she said, adding that she has already written a new song, especially for that ceremony in Los Angeles.

But Parton is also ready to expand her philanthropic work. This year, she launched the Care More initiative at her Dollywood Parks and Resorts, which gives employees a day off to volunteer at a nonprofit of their choice.

"I think it's important for everyone to do their share to help their fellow man," she said. "This world is so crazy. I don't think we even know what we're doing to each other and to this world."

Parton says she hopes the day of service will let people realize that "when you help somebody, it helps them, but it can help you more."

"That's what we should do as human beings," she said. "I never quite understood why we have to let religion and politics and things like that stand in the way of just being good human beings. I think it's important from that standpoint just to feel like you're doing your part, doing something decent and good and right."

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Robbie Coltrane arrives in Trafalgar Square, central London, for the world premiere of "Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows: Part 2," the last film in the series on July 7, 2011. Coltrane, who played a forensic psychologist on TV series "Cracker" and Hagrid in the "Harry Potter" movies, has died. Coltrane's agent Belinda Wright said he died Friday at a hospital in Scotland. He was 72.

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Actor Robbie Coltrane, Harry Potter's Hagrid, dies at 72

LONDON (AP) — Robbie Coltrane, the baby-faced comedian and character actor whose hundreds of roles included a crime-solving psychologist on the TV series "Cracker" and the gentle half-giant Hagrid in the "Harry Potter" movies, has died. He was 72.

Coltrane's agent Belinda Wright said he died Friday at a hospital in his native Scotland, and did not immediately offer other details. She called him "forensically intelligent" and "brilliantly witty" in just one of many tributes made to him.

"Harry Potter" author J.K. Rowling, who decades ago had said Coltrane was her first choice to play Hagrid, tweeted Friday that he was "an incredible talent, a complete one off."

"I was beyond fortunate to know him, work with him and laugh my head off with

him," she wrote.

Born Anthony Robert McMillan in Rutherglen, Scotland, Coltrane was in his early 20s when he began pursuing an acting career and renamed himself in honor of jazz musician John Coltrane.

He already had a notable screen career, with credits including "Mona Lisa," "Nuns on the Run" and Kenneth Branagh's adaptation of "Henry V" when he broke through on his own as a hard-bitten detective in "Cracker," the 1990s TV series for which he won best actor at the British Academy Television Awards three years running.

He went on to appear in all eight "Harry Potter" movie as the young wizard's mentor and had a wide variety of other parts, including a Russian crime boss in the James Bond thrillers "Gold-

enEye" and "The World is Not Enough" and Pip's guardian Mr. Jagers in a 2012 adaptation of Dickens' "Great Expectations." More recently, he received rave reviews for playing a beloved TV star who may harbor a dark secret in the 2016 miniseries "National Treasure."

On Friday, his "Nuns on the Run" co-star Eric Idle tweeted that he had been talking about Coltrane, "wondering where he was," when he learned of his death.

"Such a bright and brilliant man. A consummate actor, an extraordinarily funny comedian and an amazing actor. He was also a very good friend," Idle wrote.

Wright said Coltrane is survived by his sister Annie Rae, his ex-wife Rhona Gemell and his children Spencer and Alice.

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.

All revenue collected and moneys received by the department of revenue which are nonstate funds as defined herein shall be promptly credited to the fund provided by law for that type of money. Immediately upon receipt of state or United States funds the state treasurer shall deposit all moneys in the state treasury in banking institutions selected by him and approved by the governor and state auditor, and he shall hold them for the benefit of the respective funds to which they belong and disburse them as provided by law. Unless otherwise provided by law, all interest received on nonstate funds shall be credited to such funds. The state treasurer shall determine by the exercise of his best judgment the amount of moneys in his custody that are not needed for current expenses and shall place all such moneys on time deposit, bearing interest, in banking institutions in this state selected by the state treasurer and approved by the governor and state auditor or in obligations of the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof maturing and becoming payable not more than [five] seven years from the date of purchase. In addition the treasurer may enter into repurchase agreements maturing and becoming payable within ninety days secured by United States Treasury obligations or obligations of United States government agencies or instrumentalities of any maturity, as provided by law. The treasurer may also invest in banker's acceptances issued by domestic commercial banks possessing the highest rating issued by a nationally recognized rating agency and in commercial paper issued by domestic corporations which have received the highest rating issued by a nationally recognized rating agency. The treasurer may also invest in municipal securities possessing one of the five highest long term ratings or the highest short term rating issued by a nationally recognized rating agency and maturing and becoming payable not more than five years from the date of purchase. The treasurer may also invest in other reasonable and prudent financial instruments and securities as otherwise provided by law. Investments in banker's acceptances and commercial paper shall mature and become payable not more than one hundred eighty days from the date of purchase, maintain the highest rating throughout the duration of the investment and meet any other requirements provided by law. The state treasurer shall prepare, maintain and adhere to a written investment policy which shall include an asset allocation plan limiting the total amount of state money which may be invested in each investment category authorized by this section. The investment and deposit of state, United States and nonstate funds shall be subject to such restrictions and requirements as may be prescribed by law. Banking institutions in which state and United States funds are deposited by the state treasurer shall give security satisfactory to the governor, state auditor and state treasurer for the safekeeping and payment of the deposits and interest thereon pursuant to deposit agreements made with the state treasurer pursuant to law. No duty shall be imposed on the state treasurer by law which is not related to the receipt, investment, custody and disbursement of state funds and funds received from the

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.



JOHN R. ASHCROFT Secretary of State

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:

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.

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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. Purposefully 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.

4. Taxation and Reporting.

(1) A tax is levied upon the retail sale of marijuana for medical use sold at medical marijuana dispensary facilities within the state. The tax shall be at a rate of four percent of the retail price. The tax shall be collected by

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 subsection 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 the 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; or

(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.

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 on site or off site, 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, 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-infused products manufacturing facility's authority to process marijuana shall include the creation of prerolls.

(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, limited liability 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

(l) 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.

(5) The department shall issue rules or emergency rules for a marijuana and marijuana infused products independent testing and certification program for marijuana facility licensees and requiring licensees to test marijuana using one or more impartial, independent laboratory or laboratories to ensure, at a minimum, correct labeling, potency measurement, and that products sold for human consumption do not contain contaminants that are potentially injurious to public health.

(6) The department shall issue rules or emergency rules to provide for the certification of and standards for 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. No

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 cultivation 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 subsection 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 referendum 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:

(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.

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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, 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 designation, 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 cases involving class E, 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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(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 cases. 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.

(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 designation, 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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NOTICE
Bids for Playground Replacement, Missouri State Parks West Region, Bothwell Lodge State Historic Site, Knob Noster State Park & Confederate Memorial State Historic Site, Sedalia, Knob Noster, and

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Higginsville, Missouri Project No. X2109-01 will be received by FMDC, State of MO, UNTIL 1:30 PM, November 1, 2022. The State of Missouri, OA/FMDC, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, creed, sex, age, ancestry or national origin in consideration for an award. Federal Land and Water Conservation Funds are being used in this project, and all relevant federal, state and local requirements apply. For specific project information and ordering plans, go to: <http://oa.mo.gov/facilities> 21x-9/29 - 10/27, 2022

Public Notice Innovative Readiness Training Program
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 rbenney@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 their objections to military assistance for this project. 10x-10/7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 2022

Notice to Bidders

Bids for New Comfort Station, Project No. F2206-01 will be received by FMDC, State of MO, UNTIL 1:30 Tuesday, November 1, 2022. For specific project information and ordering plans, go to: <http://oa.mo.gov/facilities> 10x-10/1, 8, 15, 22, 2022

TRUSTEE'S SALE
In Re: Luigi Ventura and Donna K Ventura, Husband and Wife
TRUSTEE'S SALE - Under the terms of the Deed of Trust executed by Luigi Ventura and Donna K Ventura, Husband and Wife dated 12/18/1993, and recorded on 12/22/1993 Book 584 Page 367 in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Pettis County, MISSOURI, the undersigned Successor Trustee, will on 11/07/2022 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

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terms announced at the sale, the realty described in said deed of trust, to wit: THE WEST ONE HUNDRED FORTY TWO AND SIXTY SIX ONE HUNDREDTHS (142.66) FEET OF THE NORTH HALF OF LOT NUMBER TWO (2) IN BLOCK NUMBER FOUR (4) OF WESTMORELAND PLACE, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI.. Eastplains Corporation SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
Published in the Sedalia Democrat
File #: VENLUNAT
First publication date 10/15/2022
4x-10/15, 22, 29, 11/5, 2022

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 Dal 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 Dal 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 White-

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sell, a single person dated 06/08/2020, and recorded on 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

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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),

PUBLIC AUCTION
"Kurt Eisinger"
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As I am selling my lake home, we will sell the following at public Auction on:
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Household, Tools & Misc. Lg teakwood table, woven ratan teakwood wardrobe, wooden shelves, art deco end table, Counter height desk, 2 - mirrored dressers, small GE chest freezer, corner sofa w/hide-a-bed, Mirrored dresser, chest of drawers, file cabinets, 12' HD pallet rack/shelf, pots pans misc. household, **Kennedy** top & bottom machinist chest, lot machinist tools, Micrometers, calipers, drill bits, 6" sine table, Zanotti armor gun safe, lot AR magazines, lg lot Ammo. 22, .380 (5 boxes), .38 special, .223 (1,000+), 7.62x39 (500+), shot gun shells misc. gauges, **Stihl** MS-170 & MS-171 chain saws, **Stihl** HT 56C gas pole saw, **Krause & Becker** airless paint sprayer, **Hitachi** power miter saw, **Delta** 10" table saw, 2 - 6" bench grinders, blower drying fan, 4" bench vise, **Sears** roll around tool box, **DeWalt** LED work light, misc. long handled tools, misc. hand tools, Lot small tool boxes, shop-vac, fish/turkey fryer, floor fan, lot ele. hand tools, lot extension cords, lg wood vintage carpenters tool box many vintage contents, log chains, IQ air HEPI filter, Master House electric smoker, wooden patio table, 2 - patio lounge chairs, fire pit, 2 - Dutch ovens, Aqua-bot pool rover Jr, Schwinn 270 recumbent bike, 14" western saddle & lot misc. tack, 4 - 2"x12"x12" boards, misc. pavers & bricks, four-wheel garden hose reel, poly hot tub steps, aluminum multi-ladder, metal pickup headcage rack, lot used 6' T-post, chain hoist, coolers, paper shredder, lot records & albums
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LIVING ESTATE AUCTION
"Bill & Karen Altis"
31678 Rose Rd. Sedalia Mo. 65301
As we have sold our home & moving to a warmer climate, we will sell the following at public Auction on:
Sunday October 23th 1:00pm 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.
Equipment & Misc. 2007 Kubota RTV900 4x4 Diesel hyd bed 202hrs, (Like NEW), 2014 John Deere 3033R 4x4 with cab and H165 loader 257hrs (Like NEW), John Deere Z-trak Z540R 54" zero turn mower 91hrs (Like NEW), Frontier GM1060 5ft 3pt. finish mower, Frontier RB2072 6ft 3pt. blade, 16' tandem axle bumper hitch trailer, **TUFLINE** model T80 3pt. box blade, **Craftsman** 26" snow blower EZ-steer, ele start, **Craftsman** 22" walk behind string trimmer, **Craftsman** Gold 6.75hp push mower, **Craftsman** Platinum 7hp. push mower, **Craftsman** 3,000psi 8.75hp. pressure washer, **Golden** GP605 Adult mobility scooter, **Agra-Fab** 48" yard roller, **Fimco** pull type ATV sprayer w/wings, alum. ATV ramps, **Stihl** MS251 chain saw w/case, **Stihl** FSA56 string trimmer & BEA56 blower each with battery & charger, large **Kobalt** roll around top & bottom tool box, lot misc. hand tools, lot long handled tools, misc. hardware, patio fire pit, small patio table w/2 chairs, Wheelbarrow, 3/4" socket set, 10x10 & 16'x10 pop up canopies, **Browning** double burner camp stove.
Household & Misc. GE chest freezer, upholstered rocker recliner, roll top desk, oak bookshelf, lot misc. kitchen ware, cast iron 3- Dutch ovens & 5-skillet, shop-vac, lot fishing poles & tackle, **Suncrest** poly storage cabinet, golf clubs, 8 - full boxes porcelain walnut tile, 18+ **Cabbage patch Dolls** (4-1985) in original boxes, waterbed headboard, 8pt buck mount, **Hoyt** "Fast lite" compound bow, 2-heavy metal shelves, small bookcase, metal bunk bed (full bottom twin top), Patio set w/tile top table 6 chairs & umbrella, patio table & 4 chairs, small patio table 2 chairs.
Many More Items Too Numerous to Mention
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Auctioneer Note: All items on this Auction are extremely clean & well cared for. Going to be a great sale DONT miss out. Concessions provided by the Award Winning "Benton County Good Ole Gals"

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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 File #: WHIJENAT First publication date 09/24/2022 4x-9/24, 10/1, 8, 15, 2022

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 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 ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 83.5 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 381.7 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, THENCE WEST ALONG SAID LINE 82.5 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AS SURVEYED. Eastplains Corporation SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE Published in the Sedalia Democrat

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UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI AUCTION DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 9:00 a.m. (bidder registration begins at 8:00 a.m.) Sale Site: 306 Hale Lake Rd. Warrensburg, MO 64093

PREVIEW DATE AND TIME: Monday, October 17, 2022, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (closed noon-1:00 p.m.) Same location as above. A list of auction items will be available upon preview and at the auction.

ITEMS TO BE SOLD INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO: VEHICLES: 97 Ford F150, 97 Ford Ranger, 95 Chevy Astro, 2; 98 Dodge Caravan, 99 Dodge Caravan, 06 Dodge Caravan, bicycles;.

OTHER: Computers, monitors, printers, scanners, copiers, audio/visual equipment, related equipment, and workstations/tables. (Computers and related items are sold "as is" with no warranty or representation as to their functionality, as are all items in this auction.) Video and audio recording, misc. electronic equipment, misc. furniture and office equipment, desks, chairs, and bookcases. Scrap metal.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICES TO ALL BIDDERS: Buyer registration: Buyers must register with officials at the sale site to obtain terms and conditions of sale and bidder's number. Bidders may begin registering at 8:00 a.m. the day of the auction sale.

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CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: GALEN CORBETT, MANAGER, PROPERTY CONTROL UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI PHONE: 660-441-9002 AUCTIONEER: MIKE A. SHERMAN 3234 N. Hwy. 5 MANSFIELD, MO 65704A

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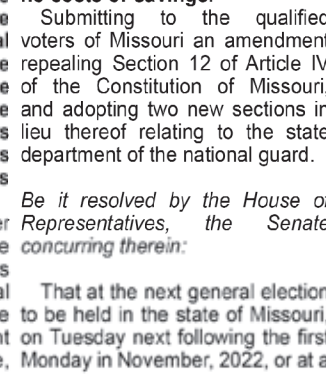
clear and convincing evidence. 11. Interstate Commerce. If federal law, rules, or regulations are amended to allow the interstate commerce of marijuana or marijuana-infused products or the importation or exportation of marijuana or marijuana-infused products into or out of the state of Missouri, the 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.

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.

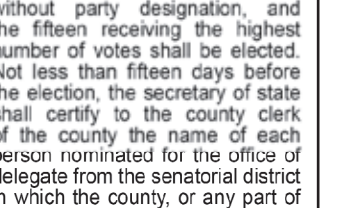
Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional provisions and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of this joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official summary statement of this resolution shall be as follows: "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?" 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. 5, 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 CONVENTION Submitted by John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State, State of Missouri

In compliance with the Constitution of Missouri, Article XII, Section 3(a) Shall there be a convention to revise and amend the Constitution? Section 3(a). At the general election on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November 1962, and every twenty years thereafter, the secretary of state shall, and at any general or special election the general assembly by law may submit to the electors of the state the question "Shall there be a convention to revise and amend the constitution?" The question shall be submitted on a separate ballot without party designation, and if a majority of the votes cast thereon is for the affirmative, the governor shall call

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. 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 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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invites us to celebrate Hispanic Heritage and to reflect on how great our tomorrow can be if we hold onto our resilience and hope. It encourages us to reflect on all of the contributions Hispanics have made in the past, and will continue to make in the future. It is also a reminder that we are stronger together.

From The American Presidency Project: Proclamation 10257—National Hispanic Heritage Month, 2021: “National Hispanic Heritage Month is an important reminder of how much strength we draw as a Nation from our immigrant roots and our values as a Nation of immigrants.

The September 15th date is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for the Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period.



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Poll: Most in US say misinformation spurs extremism, hate

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Americans from across the political spectrum say misinformation is increasing political extremism and hate crimes, according to a new poll that reflects broad and significant concerns about false and misleading claims ahead of next month's midterm elections.

About three-quarters of U.S. adults say misinformation is leading to more extreme political views and behaviors such as instances of violence based on race, religion or gender. That's according to the poll from the Pearson Institute and The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

"We're at a point now where the misinformation is so bad you can trust very little of what you read in the media or social media," said 49-year-old Republican Brett Reffett of Indianapolis, who participated in the survey. "It's all about getting clicks, not the truth, and it's the extremes that get the attention."

The Pearson Institute/AP-NORC survey shows that regardless of political ideology, Americans agree misinformation is leaving a mark on the country.

Overall, 91% of adults say the spread of misinformation is a problem, with 74% calling it a major problem. Only 8% say misinformation isn't a problem at all.

Big majorities of both parties — 80% of Democrats and 70% of Republicans — say misinformation increases extreme political views, according to the survey. Similarly, 85% of Democrats and 72% of Republicans say misinformation increases hate crimes, including violence motivated by gender, religion or race.

Overall, 77% of respondents think misinformation increases hate crimes, while 73% say it increases extreme political views.

"This is not a sustainable course," said independent Rob Redding, 46, of New York City. Redding, who is Black, said he fears misinformation will spur more political polarization and violent hate crimes. "People are in such denial about how dangerous and divisive this situation is."

About half say they believe misinformation leads people to become more politically engaged.

Roughly 7 in 10 Americans say they are at least somewhat concerned that they have been exposed to misinformation, though less than half said they are that worried that they were responsible for spreading it.

That's consistent with previous polls that have found people are more likely to blame others than accept responsibility for the spread of misinformation.

Half of U.S. adults also believe misinformation reduces trust in government.

"Just because it's on the internet doesn't mean it's true," said 74-year-old Shirley Hayden, a Republican from Orange, Texas. "A lot of it is opinions and a lot of it is just troublemaking. I don't believe any of it anymore."

The poll finds that Americans who rate misinformation as a major problem are more likely to say it contributes to extreme political beliefs and distrust of government than those

who do not. They're also more likely to try to reduce the spread of misinformation by running claims by multiple sources or fact-checking websites.

Overall, roughly three-quarters of adults say they have decided not to share something on social media at least some of the time because they didn't want to spread misinformation, including about half who do that most of the time. Similar percentages regularly check the sources of news they encounter and check other sources of information to ensure they're not encountering misinformation.

Only 28% of Americans consult fact-checking sites or tools "most of the time," though an additional 35% do some of the time. About a third say they do so hardly ever or never.

"My Facebook page is loaded with this stuff. I see it on TV. I see it everywhere," 63-year-old Democrat Charles Lopez from the Florida Keys said of the misinformation he encounters. "Nobody does the research to find out if anything is fake or not."

Whether it's lies about the 2020 election or the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, COVID-19 conspiracy theories or disinformation about Russia's invasion of Ukraine, online misinformation has been blamed for increased political polarization, distrust of institutions and even real-world violence.

The spread of misinformation in recent decades has coincided with the rise of social media and declines in traditional, often local journalism outlets.

The results of the Pearson Institute/AP-NORC poll didn't surprise Alex Mahadevan, director of MediaWise, a media literacy initiative launched by the Poynter Institute that works to equip individuals with defenses in the fight against misinformation.

"You have uncertainty, polarization, the decline of local news: it's a perfect storm that's created a flood of misinformation," Mahadevan said.

People can teach themselves how to spot misinformation and avoid falling for dubious claims, according to Helen Lee Bouygués, founder and president of the Paris-based Reboot Foundation, which researches and promotes critical thinking in the internet age.

First, rely on a variety of trusted, established sources for news and fact checks, Bouygués said.

She also encouraged people to double-check claims that seem designed to play on emotions like anger or fear, and to think twice about reposting content that relies on loaded language, personal attacks or false comparisons.

"There are steps people can take — simple steps — to protect themselves," Bouygués said.

Lopez, the survey respondent from Florida, said he has lost friends after pushing back on misinformation they posted online and that new laws are needed to force tech companies to do more to address misinformation. Maybe that will happen, he said, if voters can pierce the fog of misinformation ahead of next month's election.



Friends Myrna Miller Ragar and Ted Walch pose for a photo during a Smith-Cotton High School reunion. The pair were lifelong friends from second grade at Mark Twain Elementary School until Ted's death on Sept. 8.

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"(Sedalia) was certainly the lifeblood of our early years," he continued. "And it did become a touchstone for our later life. And we honor that, and it's a privilege to have grown up that way. I wish, in many ways, everybody had that kind of experience."

In a June 2018 interview with the Democrat, Ted noted teaching had taught him three essential facts — find out what you love and what makes you happy.

"The third most important is it's got to be about other people," he added.

"It can't be about yourself. It's got to be about the kids. I think the nicest thing a kid ever said to me ... he said, 'you treated me as the person you thought I might become, not as the person I was. And, as a result, I became that person.'"

Visitation for Ted Walch will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel, 519 S. Ohio Ave. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, at Crown Hill Cemetery, 830 N. Engineer Ave., with the Rev. Anne Meredith Kyle officiating.

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

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A second-grade photo shows Ted Walch, fifth from right, in the second row and Myrna Miller Ragar in the first row on the left, at Mark Twain Elementary School.

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"We focus on three things: parks and rec, a hand up, and supporting entrepreneurs. That's what we do with the money we raise," Barry explained. "It's an opportunity to serve the community and UCM. Do things he would've done, like the all-inclusive playground, helping veterans. It's not always big things, sometimes small things, but they make a difference in the community and that's what his motto was."

After eight years of hosting a 5K, the foundation pivoted to a golf tournament for its major fundraiser, which will be hosted Friday.

I'm fortunate enough to share my Sigma Kappa sisterhood with Diane. She has been instrumental in establishing an alumnae scholarship for our chapter and it's been an honor to be on the selection committee with her.

The fact that Diane helped establish that scholarship is no surprise, as the Blaine Whitworth Foundation has also helped establish scholarships through the UCM Foundation for entrepreneurship students



Diane and Barry Whitworth will be recognized with the Distinguished Alumni Award for Service during the University of Central Missouri's Homecoming weekend.

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and safety students. They've also given scholarships for Greek Life and student organizations.

Foundation funds have also been used to establish an entrepreneurship speaker series at UCM, make donations to BBBS and Survival House, install lights at the tee-ball field in Garden City where their sons played, and add two pickleball courts in Garden City. They've given emergency

funds to students in need.

"The more opportunities you look for, the more you find," Barry said.

Diane said it's the wonderful experience they had at UCM and Blaine's connection with the business community that have kept them involved in Warrensburg after all these years. Creating the foundation tied them right back in, and she noted the foundation wouldn't have been as successful without the support of Johnson County businesses and volunteers.

"We don't live there but we really have a connection and belief in the community and want to do things to see it thrive," Diane said.

They both said the alumni award was a surprise and an honor, but in true Diane and Barry fashion, they hope it serves a greater purpose: motivating others to find ways to help their communities.

"We've seen how helping people even not in large ways can really make a difference in their life," Diane said. "We hope anyone has had to endure tragedy can see a way to honor their loved one whether through scholarship or their own work, just do something positive."