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## Pettis County named Agri-Ready Designated County

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During the Opening Day Ceremony on Thursday, Aug. 10, it was announced that Pettis County is now an Agri-Ready Designated County.

During her remarks, Missouri Director of Agriculture Chris Chinn said announcing the news at the Missouri State Fair, Missouri's largest agricultural showcase, was fitting. "Their county commissioners wanted to proclaim their support for agriculture and they couldn't think of a better way to do it than to be in attendance at the Missouri State Fair," Chinn said. "With an Agri-Ready designation, Pettis County is stating loudly that they support and encourage agribusinesses and agriculture in the county."

Pettis County's designation as Missouri's 68th Agri-Ready County comes from Missouri Farmers Care, a coalition of more than 40 Missouri agricultural groups. A news release states that through the Agri-Ready program, MFC identifies counties that create an environment conducive to agricultural opportunity.

Pettis County Presiding Commissioner Bill Taylor told the Democrat on Thursday after the ceremony that with agriculture being the number one industry in Pettis County and Missouri, it is important for the county to acknowledge that impact.

"It lets industry know

that we are ag-friendly, lets the ag industry know that we support them," Taylor said. "There will be signage put up coming into Pettis County that says we're an Agri-Ready county."

"As people decide to develop into farming, they know we're on their side. We're not going to run them off somewhere," Western Commissioner Jim Marcum added. "We're 100% for agriculture."

According to the news release, in Pettis County, agriculture generated \$398.4 million in agricultural product sales, translating into \$46.2 million in value-added to the local economy, according to the 2021 Missouri Department of Agriculture Economic Contributions of Agriculture and Forestry Study. Agriculture, forestry and other related industries support 6,751 local jobs and \$345 million in household income, with the county's agricultural strength led by the production of meat processing, animal and pet foods and soybean production, grains, oilseeds and hogs and other livestock.

MFC's Agri-Ready County Designation was launched in December 2015 as a voluntary connection between Missouri counties and the organization. MFC Executive Director Ashley McCarty said that as the program has grown and evolved, the core tenants have remained the same.

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## 2023 MISSOURI STATE FAIR



Kansas City artist Allan Winkler works on a paper cutout Friday, Aug. 11 in the Fine Arts Building at the Missouri State Fair. Winkler is a MSF Artist-in-Residence and will demonstrate his work upstairs through Monday.

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# Winkler, an artist who wears many hats

By Faith Bemiss  
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## KC artist creates paper cutouts for 50 years

Armed with an Exacto knife and an avant-garde mindset, Kansas City artist Allan Winkler creates out-of-the-box paper cutouts and wears many artistic hats.

Winkler, a Missouri State Fair Artist-in-Residence at the Fine Arts Building, is a man of

many talents. On Friday, Aug. 11, he was busy slowly cutting strips of black paper away from an art piece that, once done, would be in the shape of a person.

"What I'm doing right now is I have a piece of paper," he explained. "On one side, I drew a

little outline, and then I'm going to cut it out with my Exacto knife.

"Then I turn it over, and this is the good side," he continued. "You don't see the pencil."

He added he also creates abstract pictures of people using maps or food boxes.

Winkler graduated from the Kansas City Art Institute and has created paper cutouts since 1971.

"At the Art Institute, I was doing ceramics," he noted. "And I wanted to put a stencil on one of my plates. So, that's what drew me to paper cutting. I made a paper cutout stencil and kept doing paper cutting for the next 50 years."

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# Push for tax hikes to fund libraries face mixed results this year

By Annelise Hanshaw  
Missouri Independent

Ballot measures seeking to fund local libraries had mixed results Tuesday, with Cole County voters striking down a 15-cent tax increase and Taney County residents narrowly approving an 18-cent levy to create a public library.

The votes come at a precarious time for Missouri's libraries, as they have increasingly been pulled into the political scum over culture-war topics like drag shows and transgender youth as legislators attempt to pull "obscene" materials from library shelves.

State lawmakers attempted to remove state funding of libraries earlier this year, and Secretary of State John "Jay" Ashcroft established a new rule that restricts what books those under 18 can check out.

The Missouri Library Association, responding to Ashcroft's rule, said in a tweet that librarians follow ethical standards when selecting books.

"We don't buy porn for kids. We buy some books — say — that feature same-sex parents," the organization wrote. "That's not porn. That's real life for some people."

In Taney County, home to

Branson, backers of the tax levy tried to allay any potential concerns by stating flatly that there would not be "drag queen story hours" or "liberal book" purchases.

It squeaked out a win by a single percentage point.

In Cole County, where the library tax levy was defeated by over 26 percentage points, the culture war topics that have bedeviled libraries this year weren't the focus of the opposition.

Critics didn't go on the offensive about what was on library shelves, but rather panned the hit to taxpayer's pocketbooks.

"The cost of living has gone way up, and a lot of people are struggling," Tom Rackers, chairman of Concerned Citizens of Cole County, told The Independent. "It's just not the time to have frivolous taxes."

Rackers' group sent mailers throughout Cole County and spread infographics on social media to oppose the tax levy. But he said the opposition had nothing to do with the library itself.

"We don't have any problem with the library," Rackers said. "I don't think there's anyone that doesn't support the library."

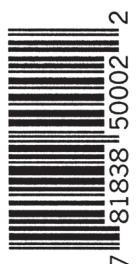
Cole County

Rackers said Concerned Citizens of Cole County, composed largely of conservatives, had been meeting for two and a half years and "recruiting" city council candidates and school board members.

He said any advocacy for local candidates came in the form of personal donations, not from the PAC.

The group's efforts were relatively low key until the library initiative, Rackers said, and it didn't spend enough money to require registering as a political action committee until the days leading up to the vote.

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### Youth Volleyball - Register By Aug. 12

\*Late August - October 28  
\*3rd - 6th Grade  
\*\$55 per player, includes team jersey

The Sedalia Parks & Rec. Youth Volleyball program is offered to boys and girls during the fall for kids in 3rd-6th grade. This program is designed to develop an understanding of rules, fundamentals, teamwork and sportsmanship. Practice will be held at the Heckart Community Center during the week beginning late August. 8 to 12 games will be played starting in mid-September, and the season will end October 28. This league does play other towns so there will be traveling to Cole Camp, Green Ridge, Centerview, Windsor, and Warrensburg along with the 8 games we will play in two tournaments. Tournaments are held on Fridays and/or Saturdays. Games and practices are mostly on Mondays & Wednesdays!

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### Tiny Kickers - Register by August 13

\*September 6- September 28  
\*Wednesday or Thursday Sessions  
\*5:30pm or 6:30pm  
\*Ages 3-4 Years  
\*\$35 per player

This program is an instructional based program. A lead instructor runs this program with the help of volunteers and parent involvement. If you have a little one interested in learning the basics of soccer then this program is for you!

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# OBITUARIES

## Paul Raymond Neitzert

Paul Raymond Neitzert, 94, of Sedalia, MO, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at Bothwell Regional Health Center in Sedalia. He was born on May 11, 1929, in rural Pettis County, MO, the son of Raymond Davis Neitzert and Avis Mildred (Hill) Neitzert, who preceded him in death.



as a Deacon, Sunday school teacher, and in many other capacities. Paul leaves a legacy of faithful service to his Lord and Savior. Paul mentored many young people in various ways. He served in the Green Ridge community in many ways, including the school board. Paul never knew a stranger and befriended many people of all ages. Paul enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing, water skiing, and canoeing. He was very supportive of his grandchildren and community activities.

In addition to his wife, Paul is survived by four daughters, Teri Schilb (Gary), Sherry Sumner (Keith), Cindy Wasson (Joe), and Kelly Ingram (Mike), all of Sedalia; 10 grandchildren, Kelsey (Cody), Caleb (Casey), Luke (Sarah), Jonathan (Andrea), Casey (Stephanie), Aric (Stephany), Ragean (Rick), Alison,

Hannah (Walter), Jackson; 20 great-grandchildren; Emmett, Presley, Matthew, Madeline, Molly, Mia, Noah, Abigail, Julia, Kinley, Rocky, Alicia, Jessica, BreeAnn, Arynn, Kasen, Ethan, Bella, Illianna, Everleigh; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, August 14, 2023, at Rea Funeral Chapel, with Luke Sumner and Dr. Rob Ayers officiating.

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

The burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery, Sedalia, MO.

Pallbearers will be Casey Wasson, Aric Wasson, Caleb Sumner, Luke Sumner, Jonathan Sumner, and Sam Dove.

Honorary bearers will be Rick Muessig, Cody Berg, and Walter Pratt.

Memorial contributions may be made to Camp Branch Baptist Church in the care of Rea Funeral Chapel.

## Constance B. "Connie" Thompson

Constance B. "Connie" Thompson, 85, of Sedalia, passed away Friday, July 28, 2023, at Fair View Nursing Home in Sedalia.



Constance was born October 7, 1937, to a loving pair of vaudeville performers, Harold and Edith (Kiem) Banta, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She graduated from Whitefish Bay High School and went to her senior prom with Thayer "Ted" Thompson. She met him again at their 40th high school reunion and they were married two years later on July 5, 1997.

Like her parents, she loved music and entertaining. She was a classically trained musician with perfect pitch and shared a teacher with another Milwaukee pianist, one who was eventually known only by the name of Liberace. Recognized as one of the

10 best teenage pianists in Milwaukee, she would earn a music scholarship to Lawrence College (now University) and was a member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She would play piano for most of her life (with occasional vocals), including singing her children to sleep in their youth – something they have never forgotten.

Connie married the father of her three surviving children, John R. Marshall of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1959. After their 15-year marriage ended, they remained good friends until his passing in 2018. She then met and married Richard "Dick" Toohey of Minneapolis in 1975, where they lived until his passing in 1995. Ted Thompson passed away in 2017, having spent his last 20 years

with his high school sweetheart and wife, Constance Thompson.

Survivors include three children, Christopher Marshall (Mary), Jonathan Marshall (Rena), and Jennifer Marshall (Jason); five grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by one son, Stephen Banta Marshall.

Constance was happy right up until her passing and her family would like to thank Marianne Stocking and the staff of Fair View Nursing Home for the loving care she received in the final years of her life.

Burials will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Storm Lake, Iowa (Dick Toohey) and at Forest Home Cemetery in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (Ted Thompson).

Arrangements are in the care of Heckart Funeral Home.

On November 25, 1951, in Sedalia, MO, he was united in marriage to Bonnie Jean Hancock, who resides in the home.

Paul was a 1947 Green Ridge High School graduate and a 1951 graduate of Central Missouri State College in Warrensburg with a BS in Business Administration. Paul was a member of the Missouri Army National Guard for nine years. He worked as a farmer all of his life.

Paul was a lifelong member of Camp Branch Baptist Church. He served

## Richard Deen "Rick" Schlesselman

On Saturday, August 5, 2023, the world lost a good man at a time when good men are at a premium. Richard Deen "Rick" Schlesselman died while doing what he loved – running through the land his ancestors settled so long ago.



from his family. But the true depth of love came to him when his sons were married and he became Grampa Rick to Maddie, Peyton, and four-month-old Nora. In his grandchildren, the best had been saved for last. He finally experienced what the poet Gibran called "knowing the pain of too much tenderness."

Good men love their work. Rick's pursuit of perfection was clearly displayed in his work ethic. By all accounts, he was a problem-solver, a tireless worker, and a true professional, having spent much of his career with Septagon Construction. He was known for his unquestionable integrity, ethical behavior, and professional expertise. He was a dedicated company man who considered his coworkers his friends and was so proud of all they had accomplished together.

Rick was also deeply connected to the land of his German immigrant ancestors and took pride in raising cattle on that land. He loved the continuity of living and working on the very land that was so much a part of his family's history.

Good men love their communities and it would be rare to find another man more involved in his community than Rick. Putting his enormous energetic drive to good use, he served on numerous boards and committees, including the school board for Cole Camp R-1 School District, the Cole Camp Athletic Boosters, Band Boosters, and Show Choir and Music Boosters, the Missouri State Band Boosters, Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery Board and the Bothwell Foundation Board, where he personally supervised the annual Lub Dub fundraiser. For a number of years, he was

a volunteer with the Lake Creek Firefighters, helping to secure the homes and property of his friends and neighbors.

As a devout Roman Catholic, his faith in God affected his faith in people, which led to a life of tireless and exemplary service to the church. That foundational belief in God and, therefore, in people called him to serve his community in ways too numerous to mention. And there was but one goal: to make our community a safer and more beautiful place to live our lives.

Rick was predeceased by his mother and father, Margaret and Vern Deen, and his brother, Robert (Bob), but in a living testimony to his life, he is survived by his wife Susan and his sons, Cole and Tyler and their wives Lauren and Andrea. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Maddie, Peyton, and Nora, his brothers Don and David, and his sister-in-law Deana, along with a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins both here and in Germany!

Rick's was a glorious life filled with adventure, graced with meaningful work, and steeped in a love so intense that his absence diminishes the world in which we live. Richard Deen "Rick" Schlesselman was a good man at a time when good men are at a premium.

The family will receive friends beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2023, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Cole Camp with a memorial service to be held at 11 a.m. with Father Ben Nwosu officiating. Burial will be in Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery in Cole Camp.

The family suggests memorial contributions be given to the Bothwell Foundation in care of the Fox Funeral Home, Cole Camp. Online condolences may be left at [www.foxfuneralhomecolecamp.com](http://www.foxfuneralhomecolecamp.com).

## FUNERALS

### Cecil Warren Bohon Jr.

11 a.m. Saturday at Calvary Episcopal Church in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Sedalia.

### Richard "Rick" Alan Purvis

3 p.m. Sunday at LifePointe Church in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia.

### Bonnie Monahan

11 a.m. Monday at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Cole Camp. Arrangements are under the direction of

the Fox Funeral Home in Cole Camp.

### Paul Raymond Neitzert

1:30 p.m. Monday at Rea Funeral Chapel in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Rea Funeral Chapel.

### John D. Hampton

11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19 at County Distributing Company in Sedalia.

### Rick Schlesselman

11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Cole Camp. Arrangements are under the direction of the Fox Funeral Home in Cole Camp.

## POLICE REPORTS

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

### Sedalia Police Department Arrests Aug. 6

8:44 p.m.: Kelsey Marie C. Atherton, 35, of the 3000 block of Oak Brook Boulevard, was arrested after a traffic stop for a vehicle failing to signal at East 16th Street and South Summit Avenue. The driver had a suspended Missouri license and was arrested and transported to the Pettis County Jail, where she was booked and released for driving with a suspended license.

8:21 p.m.: Reggie Ervin Townsend, 61, of the 400 block of East Jackson Street, was arrested after a traffic stop on a truck recognized for the driver having a revoked driver's license. Townsend was arrested near East Saline Street and North New York Avenue and was released on scene pending a charge of driving with a suspended license.

### Incidents Aug. 10

11:38 a.m.: Officers responded to the 600 block of East 10th Street for a report of possible stolen groceries. The reporting party stated he had groceries delivered from Walmart that were placed on the neighbor's porch. After investigating, officers were not able to prove any criminal intent. A report was made to document the incident.

4:15 p.m.: Officers were dispatched

to a business in the 700 block of East Broadway Boulevard in reference to damage to a retaining wall that was believed to have occurred earlier in the day.

**Aug. 11**  
Midnight: Officers responded to the 2500 block of South Ingram Avenue for a potential burglary in progress involving weapons. The suspects had fled the scene in a vehicle prior to the officers' arrival. Information for a report was collected and an investigation is ongoing.

### Pettis County Sheriff's Office Incidents Aug. 10

10:05 a.m.: Deputies made contact with a resident in the 2000 block of McVey Road in reference to the theft overnight of wooden steps in a metal frame from a trailer house. There are no known suspects.

### Missouri State Highway Patrol Arrests Aug. 10

4:16 p.m.: Robert E. Baldwin, 57, of Marshall, was arrested in Saline County for a felony Warren County warrant and driving with revoked driver's license. He was transported to the Saline County Jail.

11:56 p.m.: Bryce J. Wright, 23, of Independence, was arrested in Johnson County for driving while intoxicated and was released on scene.

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2:19 a.m.: Bryan E. Baker, 37, of Illinois, was arrested in Morgan County for driving while intoxicated — alcohol. He was transported to the Morgan County Jail and placed on a 24-hour hold.

Compiled by Chris Howell.

## Photo Submissions

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

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### FAIR BRIEFS

#### Grand, Reserve Grand Champion Market Goats announced

Ty Murphy, son of Brent and DeEtta Murphy, is the exhibitor of the 2023 Grand Champion Market Goat at the Missouri State Fair. Murphy is from Houstonia and is a member of the Kennedy 4-H Club. His prize-winning goat weighed 75 pounds.

The Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat honor went to Payton Rodgers, of Savannah. She is the daughter of Blaine and Melissa Rodgers and is a member of the Savannah FFA Chapter. Her goat weighed 106 pounds.

#### Grand, Reserve Grand Champion Market Hams announced

Timothy Holtsclaw, son of Thad and Sara Holtsclaw, is the exhibitor of the 2023 Grand Champion Market Ham at the Missouri State Fair. Holtsclaw is from Califor-

nia and is a member of the California FFA Chapter. His prize-winning ham weighed 22.79 pounds.

The Reserve Grand Champion Market Ham honor went to Madison McCord, of California. She is the daughter of Brad and Jennifer McCord and is a member of the California FFA Chapter. Her ham weighed 23.16 pounds.

#### Grand, Reserve Grand Champion Market Lambs announced

Payge Dahmer, daughter of Cory and Amy Dahmer, is the exhibitor of the 2023 Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market Lambs at the Missouri State Fair. Dahmer is from Nevada and is a member of the Nevada FFA Chapter. Her Grand Champion lamb weighed 137 pounds, and her Reserve Champion lamb weighed 123 pounds.

#### Grand, Reserve Grand Champion Market

#### Bacon announced

Jackie Clay is the exhibitor of the 2023 Grand Champion Bacon at the Missouri State Fair. She is the daughter of Jimmie and Julie Clay, Lloyd Miller, and Kathy Miller-Price. Clay is from Moberly, and is a member of the Paris Patriots 4-H. Her prize-winning bacon weighed 9.95 pounds.

The Reserve Grand Champion Bacon honor went to Chase Kendrick, of Mexico. Kendrick is the son of Jared and Ashley Kendrick and is a member of the Paris FFA Chapter. His bacon weighed 7.82 pounds.

On Saturday, Aug. 19, Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibitors will sell their entries in the Missouri State Fair Sale of Champions. Proceeds from the annual sale benefit both the winning exhibitors and the Missouri State Fair Youth

in Agriculture (YIA) Scholarship Program, administered by the Missouri State Fair Foundation.

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Steers, Barrows, Lambs, Meat Goats, Pens of Chickens, Pens of Rabbits, Hams and Bacons will be featured in the auction at 1:30 p.m. in the Lowell Mohler Assembly Hall.

#### Miller crowned State Fair Queen

Kelsey Miller, of Jonesburg, was named the 2023 Missouri State Fair Queen in a ceremony hosted Thursday, Aug. 10.

Miller received the highest score out of 35 contestants vying for the title in the two-day competition in the Mathewson Exhibition Center. Miller will reign over the remaining State Fair events and be an ambassador for the State Fair and Missouri agriculture throughout the coming year.

Miller is 18 years old and attending the University of Missouri. As Queen, she will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to continue her education. Miller entered as Miss Northeast FFA Expo and is the daughter of Bill and Jennifer Miller.

Miller is most looking forward to "meeting new people and getting to talk to those both in agriculture and outside of it." Her favorite Missouri State Fair tradition is finding the best fried Oreo stand. Miller enjoys showing her cattle and rabbits each year, along with working at the Beef House and displaying her exhibits at both the 4-H and FFA buildings.

Participants in the queen pageant were judged in multiple areas, including interview, speech, talent and evening gown.

Miss 2023 Miss La Plata

FFA Representative Audrey Belfield was named first runner-up and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Second runner-up went to Miss Concordia FFA, Alice Reid, who will receive a \$500 scholarship. The third runner-up honor went to Miss Sheep Producers Representative Rachel Ancell, who will receive a \$350 scholarship, and the fourth runner-up honor went to Miss Missouri Cooper County, Lilli Hendrix, who will receive a \$250 scholarship.

Recognition plaques went to contestants ranking highest in each of the four competitive categories: Reid received top ranking in Interview; Belfield received top ranking in Speech; Karli Hamilton received top ranking in Evening Gown; and Hendrix received top ranking in Talent.

### 2023 MISSOURI STATE FAIR



Four young men check out an Icee stand on Friday, Aug. 11 at the Missouri State Fair Carnival Midway. Although the afternoon heat was intense and a heat advisory was sent out, the Midway was full of visitors to the 2023 MSF. PHOTOS BY FAITH BEMISS | DEMOCRAT



### Hot fun at the Fair on Friday



As the Friday afternoon heat grew intense on the Missouri State Fair Carnival Midway, a Carnival worker keeps cool by wearing a wet cloth on his head.



On Friday at the Missouri State Fair, children ride an Arctic-themed roller coaster. Although the ride looked cool with snow, polar bears, and happy penguins, the afternoon temperatures and sun were brutally hot.

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Fairgoers play the game "Filler Up" on Friday, using a water gun to try and fill a tank for prizes. Many people sought the shade of the Midway Carnival games as the afternoon became hot at the Missouri State Fair.

# Library

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A postcard, mailed to voters from the committee, warned voters of a “75% tax increase.”

“The library proposition will nearly double your taxes,” the mailer proclaims to voters.

The 75% increase would only apply to the library’s portion of property taxes, of which is small. Overall property taxes would increase by an average of 2.5%, according to estimates from the library.

Claudia Young, director of the Missouri River Regional Library, believes the postcard and graphics on social media impacted voters’ decisions.

“They were purposely trying to confuse people into thinking that the overall property tax bill was going up 75%,” she said.

Nearly 17% of Cole County’s voters weighed in on the issue, and over 63% decided not to approve the levy. Young did not anticipate the outcome and said the library will have to consider new options to expand the building.

“The dream hasn’t died,” she said. “It’s just kind of on pause right now.”

Young doesn’t think questions about progressive literature impacted the vote.

“I think it has everything to do with the fact that our community is very tax intolerant,” she said.

The library unveiled its campaign 16 weeks ago, announcing plans staff had started in 2017. They worked with a financial analyst to propose the 15-cent increase and decided to not sunset the tax, as they anticipated needing long-term funding, Young said.

But the unending nature of the proposal worried Concerned Citizens of Cole County. Rackers said he didn’t like approving a tax in perpetuity and thought the scale of the renovations was too large.

His group emerged in the public eye in late July when Jefferson City Third Ward Councilman Scott Spencer posted a graphic from the group on social media website Nextdoor.

It said Rachel Reagan-Purschke, a lawyer outside of the county, was the group’s treasurer. She is the treasurer of four other

political action committees, but is not registered as Concerned Citizens’ treasurer.

The group’s treasurer is Edith Vogel, a Jefferson City resident who sued the city last year when it removed Confederate-related pavers from a city park.

Spencer said it was emailed to him from an unknown sender and that he posted it because he doesn’t believe it is the right time for a tax increase.

“I’m not for any increase in property taxes or sales taxes at this time,” he said.

He deleted the original graphic, later posting a similar picture that Concerned Citizens of Cole County shared on its Facebook page. Both Nextdoor posts garnered debate in the comments before Spencer deleted them.

“They’ve been up and there’s been plenty of discussion on it, so I just delete them,” he said. “I delete them after a few days like I always do with other issues that I post.”

### Taney County

Taney County will turn a local nonprofit library into a public resource with the tax approved by voters.

The county does not have a public library — a rarity in Missouri.

The Taneyhills Library, in campaign literature, said it was heading toward closure at the end of the year unless it could access public funds.

The measure to fund Taneyhills Library with an 18-cent levy passed by 46 votes with 15% of Taney County voters heading to the polls. Other initiatives were on the ballot, like a local tax on marijuana sales.

The campaign’s frequently-asked-questions page sought to allay fears from conservative voters by stating flatly that the library will not hold “drag queen story hour,” and there will be no requirement to purchase “liberal books.”

Tuesday evening, as votes were being tallied, Branson’s Board of Aldermen finalized restrictions on drag performances that will limit them to a small portion of the city. Drag performances will have to obtain a special permit, treating them like adult entertainment.

“If any citizen has a concern about any book or other media, there is already a process in place

to communicate and address those concerns at the Taneyhills Library,” the website says. “We expect that process to continue and improve with a public library operation.”

Most other questions addressed operational concerns and funding.

### State lawmakers

The legislative session that adjourned in May renewed tension between librarians and lawmakers that began in 2022 when the General Assembly passed a bill that would charge school librarians for providing “explicit sexual material” to students. In February, the ACLU of Missouri sued on behalf of librarians, saying the law caused schools to remove “hundreds of titles from library shelves.”

In retaliation, the Missouri’s House budget committee proposed a cut to state funding of public libraries this year. The Senate Appropriations Committee restored libraries’ \$4.5 million state funding.

Bills filed this legislative session included proposals in the House and Senate to cut state funding for libraries that provide age-inappropriate material to minors. The bills were

referred to committee but not heard, possibly because they mirrored a rule by the Secretary of State proposed in October.

The rule, now in effect, requires parental permission for children and teens to check out books. Ashcroft, who is running for governor, said in a press release the rule is intended to protect children.

The Missouri Library Association said in a statement that the rule has created “mass confusion.”

“Many Missouri libraries and library employees have reached out asking for guidance, looking for templates, and wondering what materials may need to be censored, but there has been no clarification by the Secretary of State, or his office,” it says. “There is no information on what material, display, or program may ‘cross the line,’ or if the line will simply be drawn by the most vocal and restrictive community members.”

The organization said many libraries are considering suspending the cards for members under 18 in order to require parents to “reaffirm their child’s right to have a library card.”



Announcing Pettis County as the state’s newest Agri-Ready Designated County were, from left, Executive Vice President of the Missouri Cattlemen’s Association Mike Deering, Chief Administrative Officer of Missouri Farm Bureau Blake Rollins, Missouri Department of Agriculture Director Chris Chinn, Lt. Gov. Mike Kehoe, Pettis County Presiding Commissioner Bill Taylor, Gov. Mike Parson, Pettis County Western Commissioner Jim Marcum, state Rep. Brad Pollitt, R-Sedalia, state Sen. Sandy Crawford, R-Buffero, and Missouri Farmers Care Executive Director Ashley McCarty. PHOTO BY NICOLE COOKE | DEMOCRAT

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She said MFC wants to be a resource for local leaders such as county commissioners who could benefit from additional support in outreach, marketing and recruitment.

“We want Missouri to shine when we’re out talking to organizations or businesses or processors that are looking for a new place to expand or relocate,” she told the Democrat by phone on Friday.

She offered Audrain County as an example. She said it was one of the first Agri-Ready counties and its local leaders had a specific vision to recruit several family-owned dairy farms.

“We helped support them, helped with attraction and recruitment. We provided the tool,” she said. “The Agri-Ready designation itself is intended to be a tool in a toolbox. They can proclaim they support ag and its importance to their county and can use that for economic development as an attraction tool.”

MFC partners with the Missouri Department of Economic Development in these efforts. McCarty explained that as DED brings interested businesses to Missouri, they do so primarily in Agri-Ready counties.

“From the Governor to the Director of Agriculture to Economic Development, they are well aware of those counties

and know the commissions have proclaimed an open door there for a new opportunity, and they often look there first when working with a business relocating or expanding,” McCarty said.

There is another pillar to the Agri-Ready County Designation, McCarty said. MFC will soon contact Pettis County schools about its Agriculture Education on the Move program in third-grade classrooms.

MFC will train FFA student leaders “to share their passion and educate elementary students in their school district about fundamental agriculture literacy,” McCarty said. “The way ag touches everything in our lives, where our food comes from, who is producing our food, and the science behind it.”

The program meets the state education standards and can supplement the curriculum. It is free for schools and MFC provides all training and supplies.

McCarty said MFC will have reached 10,000 Missouri students this year through the education partnership.

“You can see the light bulbs turn on in third-graders’ minds as they connect the dots between the eggs or the meat or the milk in the grocery store and the ag they see in Pettis County or other counties in Missouri,” she added. “It’s thrilling to see those connections being made.”

McCarty said obtaining

the Agri-Ready designation is often a local-led effort. The news release states that counties wishing to apply must meet program requirements, including no ordinances regulating agriculture in conflict with state law and support of agricultural stewardship, growth and opportunities. Once a county commission applies, the MFC Agri-Ready Review Committee examines any local ordinances, regulations and statements of support before awarding designation.

McCarty said Pettis County has a lot of agricultural strength to build on, along with economic development growth and natural attributes that make it an attractive environment. The contiguous counties already had the Agri-Ready designation, so she said the MFC ag groups “celebrated” when Pettis County was eligible to apply.

“It makes one region you can promote – you can say West Central Missouri is very open to agriculture opportunities,” McCarty continued. “Sometimes when you’re recruiting a business, it comes down to available land and workforce; this enables us to finally say West Central Missouri is a great place for you to look and grow. ... We really have been celebrating because there is a lot that Pettis County has to offer.”

Nicole Cooke can be reached at 660-530-0138 or on Twitter @NicoleRCooke.

# LOCAL BRIEFS

## Road work planned for Oak Grove Lane

The City of Sedalia crews will be conducting ditch maintenance from 5 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Aug. 18 along Oak Grove Lane from West Main Street to the entrance of Central Missouri Landfill.

During this period, lane closures will result in the roadway being reduced to a single lane of traffic and a reduced speed of 15 mph. Travelers are encouraged to use alternate routes whenever possible to avoid delays. Heavy equipment and workers will be present in the roadway during this period. Inclement weather or equipment breakdowns could delay completion.

## UCM presents faculty, artist in residence exhibitions

The University of Central Missouri Art Center Galleries has announced two exhibitions, “The Faculty Show” and “Continues to Flicker,” to be presented free and open to the public from Aug. 14 through Sept. 16 on the UCM campus. Admission to these events is free and all who are interested are welcome to attend.

“The Faculty Show” will be on view in the Main and Outer galleries. It will include a reception from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, giving gallery visitors an opportunity to meet the artists.

This annual exhibition is an opportunity to showcase the collective creative energies of

UCM’s Art and Design faculty, as well as full-time faculty members from the Divisions of Theatre and Dance and Music and adjunct faculty. Visitors will see a wide range of works of art, including ceramics, painting, sculpture, drawing, illustration, textiles, and book arts and musical notation.

Down the hall, Art Center Gallery 115 will house the solo exhibit, “Continues to Flicker,” which features paintings by UCM’s 2023 Artist in Residence Hannah Lindo. She will discuss her work as part of the Kleppe Visiting Artist Lecture Series at 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, in Wood Building 100. The presentation will be followed by a meet and greet with the artist. There is also an opportunity to tune in via Zoom. Free registration is required at <https://tinyurl.com/y35jx2u4>. Additionally, Lindo will lead a plein air painting workshop from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at Lion’s Lake in Warrensburg. Sign up at <https://forms.gle/Jqe5abGRW-Gnhtgav7>.

For more information, contact the gallery direc-

tor at [gallery@ucmo.edu](mailto:gallery@ucmo.edu) or 660-543-4498.

## National Crappie League tournament heads to Truman Lake

The National Crappie League (NCL) is preparing for its Division 1 tournament, slated for Saturday, Aug. 12 at Truman Lake. This premier event hosted by the Clinton Convention & Visitors Bureau promises anglers an opportunity to vie for cash, prizes, and an esteemed qualifying position in the NCL National Championship.

The tournament pledges a 100% payback, underpinned by a minimum payback of \$10,000. The Big Fish accolades are subdivided into first and second tiers, priced at \$700 and \$300, respectively.

A note for participants: this event is exclusively for anglers who haven’t garnered \$5,000 or more in national crappie tournaments over the past two years and haven’t secured a position within the top 5 of major pro division tournaments. Fishing guides will not be eligible for entry.

For more information, [www.nationalcrappieleague.com](http://www.nationalcrappieleague.com).



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# Artist

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The work is intricate, but Winkler said it's not too time-consuming. He can usually finish a piece in a day or two.

"It doesn't take me that long," he added. "It's just one little piece at a time that you remove."

Winkler said African art but also primitive and folk art influenced his work.

"But in my case, I like people," he noted. "Then I like to make abstract people — not real people."

He also enjoys creating animals and plants.

Besides creating paper-cut art, Winkler, who is semi-retired, also enjoys making ceramic pieces and sews.

"In fact, today (Friday), I'm going to be in a Bell Bottom Contest," he said smiling.

The Bell Bottom Contest coincided with the Lainey Wilson concert on Friday night at the State Fair Grandstand, and Winkler planned to take his creations and enter them for judging at 6 p.m. The contest was being hosted at the Touchstone

Energy Stage. Prizes would be awarded for the biggest, best overall, most unique, and kids' best. Entry was free.

"Because I sew, I made some bell bottoms," he said. "Since my bell bottoms, I don't think, would win on their own, I made a matching top and a hat."

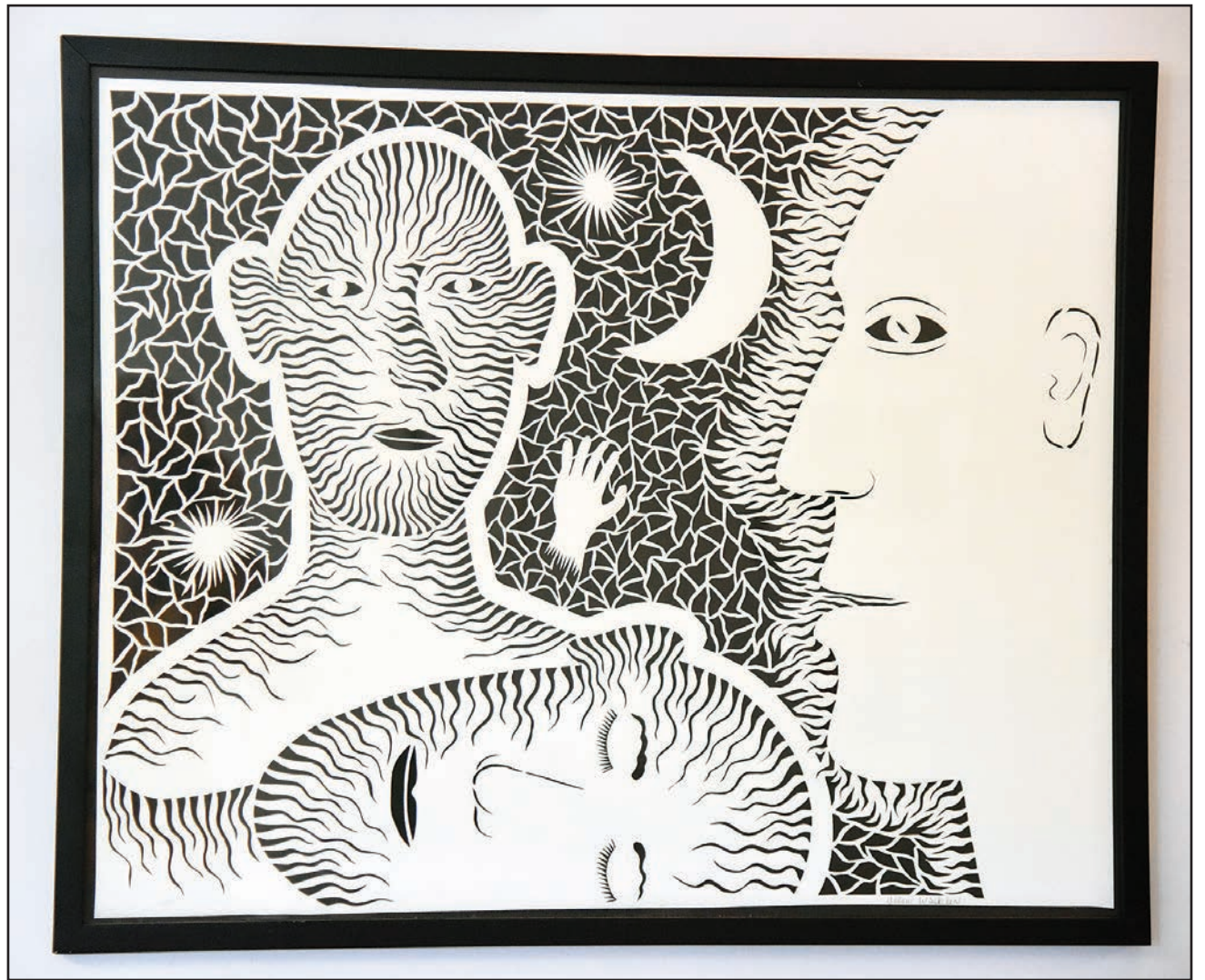
"So, yeah, I do everything," he said, laughing. "I'm a musician; I play drums and percussion in two bands. In fact, one of my bands is a Balinese Gamelan orchestra. The music and the instruments are from Bali, Indonesia."

His band, Gamelan Genta Kasturi, will perform from noon to 1 p.m. at the Ethnic Enrichment Festival on Saturday, Aug. 19 at Swope Park in Kansas City.

Winkler is also in the 10-person band BCR, which will play on Friday, Sept. 8 at The Brick on McGee Street in KC.

He will demonstrate his paper cutout art at the Missouri State Fair through Monday. For more information about Winkler's art and music, call him at 816-665-7754.

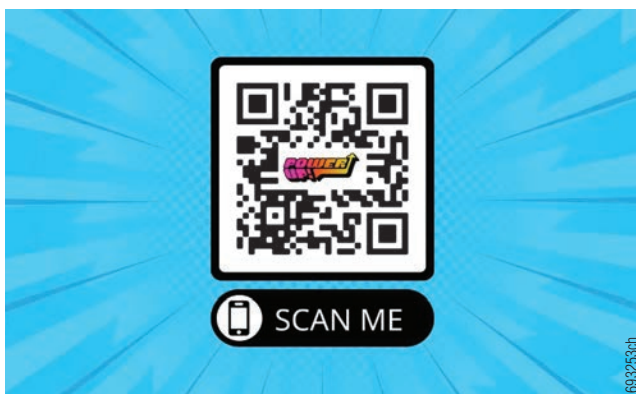
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Artist Allan Winkler enjoys creating abstractions of people with his paper cutout art. A man who wears many hats, he also sews, creates ceramics, and is in two Kansas City bands. PHOTOS BY FAITH BEMISS | DEMOCRAT



On Right: Artist Allan Winkler holds up some of his colorful paper cutout artwork. He said the creation of the work only takes a day to two for each piece.

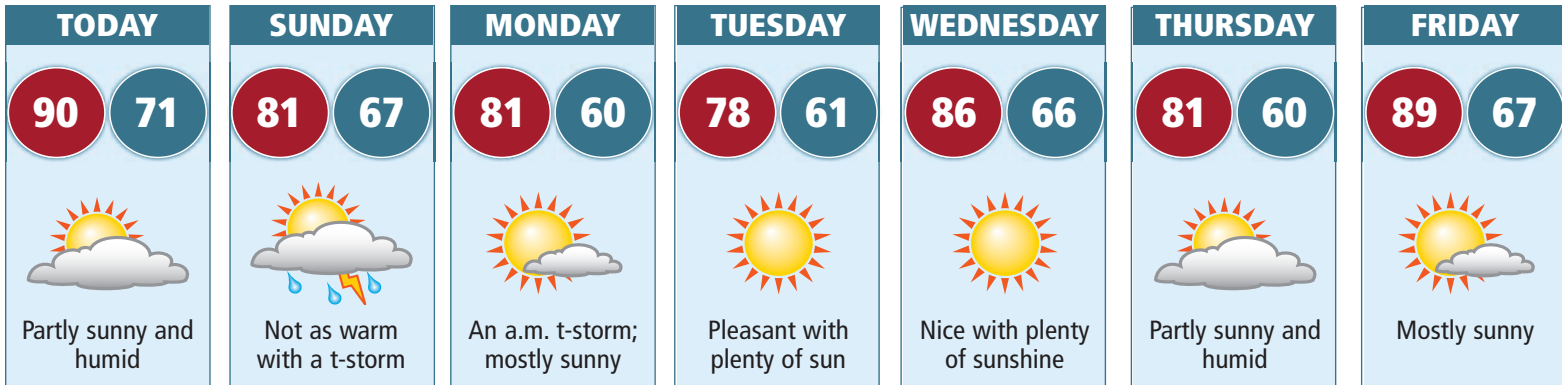


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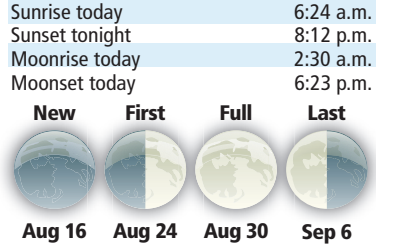


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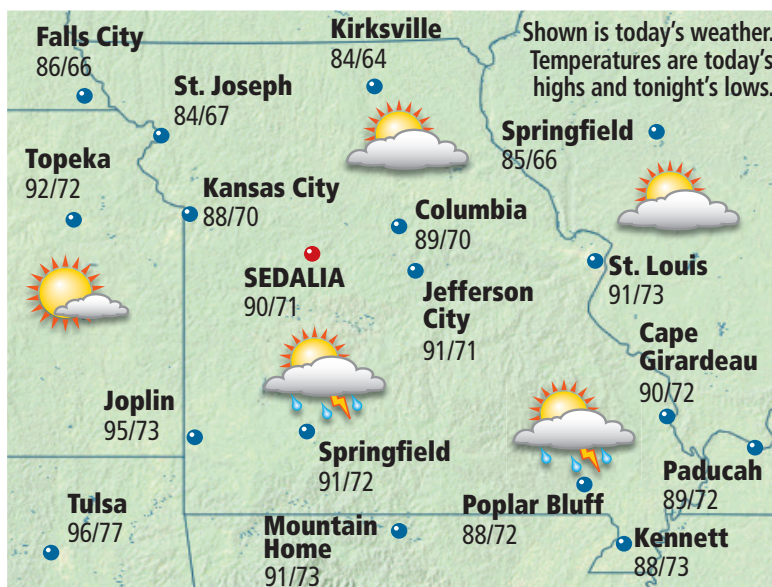
Sedalia Regional Airport Thursday

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Normal high	87
Normal low	66
Record high	103 in 1938
Record low	48 in 1989

PRECIPITATION	
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	6.98"
Normal m-t-d	1.39"
Year to date	26.14"
Normal y-t-d	28.29"

COOLING DEGREE DAYS	
Thursday	11
Month to date	128
Year to date	1070
Normal year to date	835
Last year to date	1200

RIVER LEVELS			
In feet as of 7 a.m. Friday			
Blackwater	Stage	Chg	Fld Stg
Blue Lick	6.88	-0.10	24
Valley City	2.50	+0.04	22
Lamine			
Otterville	1.54	-0.18	15
Missouri			
Boonville	9.51	-0.80	21



**BRANSON**  
High: 91. Low: 72. A thunderstorm or two in the morning; otherwise, partly sunny and humid today. Very humid tonight with a heavy thunderstorm.

**KANSAS CITY**  
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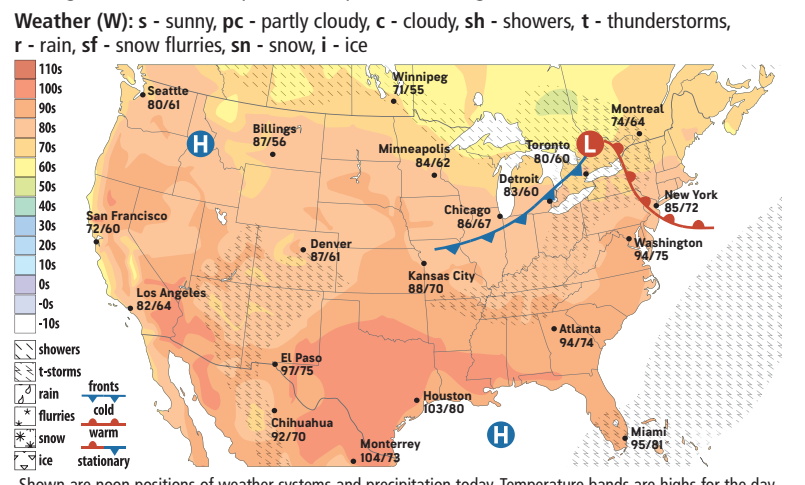
**ST. LOUIS**  
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**NEW YORK CITY**  
High: 85. Low: 72. More humid today with clouds and sun; a stray thunderstorm in the afternoon.

**LOS ANGELES**  
High: 82. Low: 64. Mostly sunny today. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow. Monday: sunshine. Tuesday: warm with plenty of sunshine.

### NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today	Sunday	Today	Sunday	
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Baltimore	94/71/t	92/69/t	Nashville	91/76/t	89/76/t
Billings	87/56/s	78/55/pc	New Orleans	99/81/s	99/80/pc
Boston	81/70/pc	85/67/t	Norfolk	92/75/s	94/74/t
Buffalo	76/64/t	74/60/c	Oklahoma City	98/73/c	102/71/s
Charlotte	93/74/pc	95/72/pc	Orlando	98/79/pc	97/79/pc
Chicago	86/67/s	82/67/pc	Phoenix	106/86/t	107/85/s
Cleveland	85/64/t	80/64/pc	Pittsburgh	84/65/t	83/63/pc
Dallas	107/83/s	108/84/s	Portland, ME	78/64/pc	77/60/t
Denver	87/61/c	80/56/pc	Portland, OR	87/63/pc	101/68/s
Detroit	83/60/t	81/64/pc	Sacramento	94/61/s	96/64/pc
Honolulu	89/76/s	88/77/pc	St. Louis	91/73/t	84/71/t
Houston	103/80/s	101/80/s	San Francisco	72/60/pc	75/60/pc
Indianapolis	84/67/t	84/69/pc	Seattle	80/61/pc	85/66/pc
Las Vegas	100/81/pc	101/83/pc	Washington, DC	94/75/t	91/73/t



Summary: The greatest risk of severe thunderstorms will extend from the Ohio Valley to the interior Northeast today. Spotty storms will affect the interior Southwest as heat continues in Texas and the southern Plains.



# Biden asks Congress for \$40 billion to support Ukraine, replenish US disaster aid and bolster border

By Lisa Mascaro and Colleen Long  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration has asked Congress to provide more than \$13 billion in emergency defense aid to Ukraine and an additional \$8 billion for humanitarian support through the end of the year, another massive infusion of cash as the Russian invasion wears on and Ukraine pushes a counteroffensive against the Kremlin's deeply entrenched forces.

The package requested Thursday includes \$12 billion to replenish U.S. federal disaster funds at home after a deadly climate season of heat and storms, and funds to bolster the enforcement at the Southern border with Mexico, including money to curb the flow of deadly fentanyl. All told, it's a \$40 billion package.

While the last such supplemental spending request from the White House for Ukraine funding was easily approved in 2022 despite reservations from Republicans, there's a different dynamic this time.

A political divide on the issue has steadily grown, with the Republican-led House facing enormous pressure to demonstrate support for the party's leader, Donald Trump, who has been very skeptical of the war. And American support for the effort has been slowly softening.

White House budget director Shalanda Young, in a letter to House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, urged swift action to follow through on the U.S. "commitment to the Ukrainian peoples' defense of their homeland and to democracy around the world" as well as other needs.

The request was crafted with an eye to picking up support from Republicans, as well as Democrats, particularly with increased domestic funding around border issues — a top priority for the GOP. The Republicans have been highly critical of the Biden administration's approach to halting the flow of migrants crossing from Mexico.

Still, the price tag of \$40 billion may be too much for Republicans who are fighting to slash, not raise, federal outlays. As a supplemental request, the package the White House is sending to Congress falls outside the budget caps both parties agreed to as part of the debt ceiling showdown earlier this year.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said in a statement there was strong bipartisan support in the U.S. Senate.

"The latest request from the Biden administration shows America's continued commitment to helping Americans here at home and our friends abroad," he said. "We hope to join with our Republican colleagues this fall to

avert an unnecessary government shutdown and fund this critical emergency supplemental request."

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, who has championed of support for Ukraine, was more subdued.

"I look forward to carefully reviewing the Administration's request to make sure it is necessary and appropriate," McConnell said in a statement, "to keep America safe, secure our borders, support our allies, and help communities rebuild after disasters."

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., released a statement urging Congress to swiftly pass critical funding for disaster relief programs while separately considering military aid for Ukraine.

President Joe Biden and his senior national security team have repeatedly said the United States will help Ukraine "as long as it takes" to oust Russia from its borders. Privately, administration officials have warned Ukrainian officials that there is a limit to the patience of a narrowly divided Congress — and American public — for the costs of a war with no clear end.

"For people who might be concerned the costs are getting too high, we'd ask them what the costs — not just in treasure but in blood, perhaps even American blood — could be if Putin subjugates Ukraine," White House national security spokesman John Kirby said this week.

Support among the American public for providing Ukraine weaponry and direct economic assistance has softened with time. An AP-NORC poll conducted in January 2023 around the one-year mark of the conflict, found that 48% favored the U.S. providing weapons to Ukraine, down from the 60% of U.S. adults who were in favor sending Ukraine weapons in May 2022. While Democrats have generally been more supportive than Republicans of offering weaponry, their support dropped slightly from 71% to 63% in the same period. Republicans' support dropped more, from 53% to 39%.

Dozens of Republicans in the House and some GOP senators have expressed reservations, and even voted against, spending more federal dollars for the war effort. Many of those Republicans are aligning with Trump's objections to the U.S. involvement overseas.

That means any final vote on Ukraine aid will likely need to rely on a hefty coalition led by Democrats from Biden's party to ensure approval.

The funding includes money to counter Russian and Chinese influence elsewhere by bolstering the World Bank and providing aid to resist Russian-aligned Wagner forces in Africa. Domestically, there's an additional \$60 million to address increased wild-

fires that have erupted nationwide. And the request includes \$4 billion for the Southern border, including \$2.2 billion for border management and \$766 million to stop the flow of fentanyl and provide prevention and recovery support. There is also \$100 million earmarked for the Department of Labor to ramp up investigations of suspected child labor violations.

To ease passage, Congress would likely try to attach the package to a must-pass measure for broader government funding in the U.S. that's needed by Oct. 1 to prevent any shutdown in federal offices.

Members of Congress have repeatedly pressed Defense Department leaders on how closely the U.S. is tracking its aid to Ukraine to ensure that it is not subject to fraud or ending up in the wrong hands. The Pentagon has said it has a "robust program" to track the aid as it crosses the border into Ukraine and to keep tabs on it once it is there, depending on the sensitivity of each weapons system.

Ukraine is pushing through with its ongoing counteroffensive, in an effort to dislodge the Kremlin's forces from territory they've occupied since a full-scale invasion in February 2022. The counteroffensive has come up against heavily mined terrain and reinforced defensive fortifications.

The U.S. has approved four rounds of aid to Ukraine in response to Russia's invasion, totaling about \$113 billion, with some of that money going toward replenishment of U.S. military equipment that was sent to the frontlines. Congress approved the latest round of aid in December, totaling roughly \$45 billion for Ukraine and NATO allies. While the package was designed to last through the end of the fiscal year in September, much depends upon events on the ground.

"We remain confident that we'll be able to continue to support Ukraine for as long as it takes," said Pentagon press secretary Brig. Gen. Pat Ryder.

There were questions in November about waning Republican support to approve the package, but it ultimately passed. Now, though, House Speaker McCarthy is facing pressure to impeach Biden over unproven claims of financial misconduct and it's not clear whether a quick show of support for Ukraine could cause political damage in what's expected to be a bruising 2024 reelection campaign.

Trump contends that American involvement has only drawn Russia closer to other adversarial states like China, and has condemned the tens of billions of dollars that the United States has provided in aid for Ukraine.

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Long reported from Chicago.

# What's behind tentative US-Iran agreement involving prisoners, frozen funds

By Jon Gambrell and Matthew Lee  
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The United States and Iran reached a tentative agreement this week that will eventually see five detained Americans in Iran and an unknown number of Iranians imprisoned in the U.S. released from custody after billions of dollars in frozen Iranian assets are transferred from banks in South Korea to Qatar.

The complex deal — which came together after months of indirect negotiations between U.S. and Iranian officials — was announced on Thursday when Iran moved four of the five Americans from prison to house arrest. The fifth American had already been under house arrest.

Details of the money transfer, the timing of its completion and the ultimate release of both the American and Iranian prisoners remain unclear. However, U.S. and Iranian officials say they believe the agreement could be complete by mid- to late-September.

A look at what is known about the deal.

## WHAT'S IN IT?

Under the tentative agreement, the U.S. has given its blessing to South Korea to convert frozen Iranian assets held there from the South Korean currency, the won, to euros.

That money then would be sent to Qatar, a small, energy-rich nation on the Arabian Peninsula that has been a mediator in the talks. The amount from Seoul could be anywhere from \$6 billion to \$7 billion, depending on exchange rates. The cash represents money South Korea owed Iran — but had not yet paid — for oil purchased before the Trump administration imposed sanctions on such transactions in 2019.

The U.S. maintains that, once in Qatar, the money will be held in restricted accounts and will only be able to be used for humanitarian goods, such as medicine and food. Those transactions are currently allowed under American sanctions targeting the Islamic Republic over its advancing nuclear program.

Some in Iran have disputed the U.S. claim, saying that Tehran will have total control over the funds. Qatar has not commented publicly on how it will monitor the disbursement of the money.

In exchange, Iran is to release the five Iranian-Americans held as prisoners in the country. Currently, they are under guard at a hotel in Tehran, according to a U.S.-based lawyer advocating for one of them.

**WHY WILL IT TAKE SO LONG?**

Iran does not want the

frozen assets in South Korean won, which is less convertible than euros or U.S. dollars. U.S. officials say that while South Korea is on board with the transfer it is concerned that converting \$6 or \$7 billion in won into other currencies at once will adversely affect its exchange rate and economy.

Thus, South Korea is proceeding slowly, converting smaller amounts of the frozen assets for the eventual transfer to the central bank in Qatar. In addition, as the money is transferred, it has to avoid touching the U.S. financial system where it could become subject to American sanctions. So a complicated and time-consuming series of transfers through third-country banks has been arranged.

"We have worked extensively with the South Koreans on this and there's no impediment to the movement of the account from South Korea to Qatar," U.S. National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said Friday.

In Doha, Qatar's Minister of State Mohammed Abdulaziz al-Khulaifi said, "What we have achieved in this agreement reflects the confidence of these parties in the State of Qatar as a neutral mediator and international partner in resolving international disputes by peaceful means." He did not address how the money would be policed.

## WHO ARE THE DETAINED IRANIAN-AMERICANS?

The identities of three of the five prisoners have been made public. It remains unclear who the other two are. The American government has described them as wanting to keep their identities private and Iran has not named them either.

The three known are Siamak Namazi, who was detained in 2015 and later sentenced to 10 years in prison on internationally criticized spying charges. Another is Emad Sharghi, a venture capitalist serving a 10-year sentence.

The third is Morad Tahbaz, a British-American conservationist of Iranian descent who was arrested in 2018 and also received a 10-year sentence.

Those advocating for their release describe them as wrongfully detained and innocent. Iran has used prisoners with Western ties as bargaining chips in negotiations since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

## WHY IS THIS DEAL HAPPENING NOW?

For Iran, years of American sanctions following former U.S. President Donald Trump's withdrawal from the 2015 nuclear deal with world powers has crushed its already-anemic economy.

Previous claims of

progress in talks over the frozen assets have provided only short-term boosts to Iran's hobbled rial currency.

The release of that money, even if only disbursed under strict circumstances, could provide an economic boost.

For the U.S., the administration of President Joe Biden has tried to get Iran back into the deal, which fell apart after Trump's 2018 withdrawal. Last year, countries involved in the initial agreement offered Tehran what was described as their last, best roadmap to restore the accord. Iran did not accept it.

Still, Iran hawks in Congress and outside critics of the 2015 nuclear deal have criticized the new arrangement. Former Vice President Mike Pence and the ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Sen. Jim Risch, as well as former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, have all compared the money transfer to paying a ransom and said the Biden administration is encouraging Iran to continue taking prisoners.

## WILL THE U.S. RELEASE IRANIAN PRISONERS HELD IN AMERICA?

On Friday, Iran's Foreign Ministry made a point of bringing up those prisoners. American officials have declined to comment on who or how many Iranian prisoners might be released in a final agreement. But Iranian media in the past identified several prisoners with cases tied to violations of U.S. export laws and restrictions on doing business with Iran.

Those alleged violations include the transfer of money through Venezuela and sales of dual-use equipment that the U.S. says could be used in Iran's military and nuclear programs.

## DOES THIS MEAN IRAN-U.S. TENSIONS ARE EASING?

No. Outside of the tensions over the nuclear deal and Iran's atomic ambitions, a series of attacks and ship seizures in the Mideast have been attributed to Tehran since 2019.

The Pentagon is considering a plan to put U.S. troops on board to guard commercial ships in the Strait of Hormuz, through which 20% of all oil shipments pass moving out of the Persian Gulf.

A major deployment of U.S. sailors and Marines, alongside F-35s, F-16s and other aircraft, is also underway in the region. Meanwhile, Iran supplies Russia with the bomb-carrying drones Moscow uses to target sites in Ukraine amid its war on Kyiv.

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Lee reported from Washington.

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## CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

### A time and place for crazy

My kids have been crazy lately. And not just regular crazy.

- Full moon crazy.
- Gnarls Barkley crazy.
- State fair crazy.
- Red dye #40 crazy.

They hit the ground running every morning at 7 a.m. and don't stop until bedtime – running laps around the house, wrestling on the living room floor, doing cartwheels on the front lawn, and just general hootin' and hollerin' from morning until night. Last night my husband came in from work to find them having a raucous dance party to a playlist literally titled "Crazy Kids." The TV was turned up to 40 or so. He walked right into the bedroom and didn't come out for a while. I don't blame him.

As for me, I've become sort of injured to it. I can make BLTs and unload the dishwasher and do laundry with four consecutive remixes of "The Hamster Dance" blaring in my ear. I think they ought to ask stay-at-home moms to consult for the CIA or the SEALs. I could teach an outstanding seminar on completing tasks while withstanding psychological torture. Of course, I'm not exactly sure what kind of a toll this is taking on my body. I am getting kind of deaf.

I could just make them be quiet. I could sternly tell them to sit down and read or do a puzzle. I could also just turn on YouTube, where they would remain glued for however long I let them. But I'm not an anti-screen mom, so they already have their fair share of TV and tablet. We also have an enforced one hour of quiet time each afternoon. This is mostly for my sanity. The deal is that they can play quietly while I rest, but if the volume gets high enough that I have to come out of my room and speak to them about it, then they have to take a nap. Works like a charm.

I could make them be quiet and still for most of the day. Then I could hear myself think. They would have fewer petty fights. Fewer scratches and scrapes and stubbed toes. My picture frames would be safer on the walls. I wouldn't feel quite so much like a cellmate at a black ops site while I was trying to make supper.

But I don't want to. I want them to run and jump and scream and make weird noises and roll around on the floor. That's what kids are supposed to do, not all that different than



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head-butting baby goats or tussling young lions. Children need a safe place to let loose and be themselves. Increasingly, they are unable to find one.

Almost all modern play, even physical play, is highly organized and regimented: Sports, camps, classes, after-school care. All of that is good, but none of it is an outlet for a child's full-moon crazy impulses. Those pent-up, hyper, but very necessary childlike behaviors usually end up being pathologized because they're inconvenient for adults. We label their play "bad behavior" or even "disorder." But when we constantly shut them down, we show and tell kids that what they need doesn't matter, and who they are is not good enough.

There is a time and place for crazy. There has to be if we want our children to move their bodies, use their imaginations and develop in a healthy way. At our house, we're currently working on "situational awareness." What times and places are good for crazy?

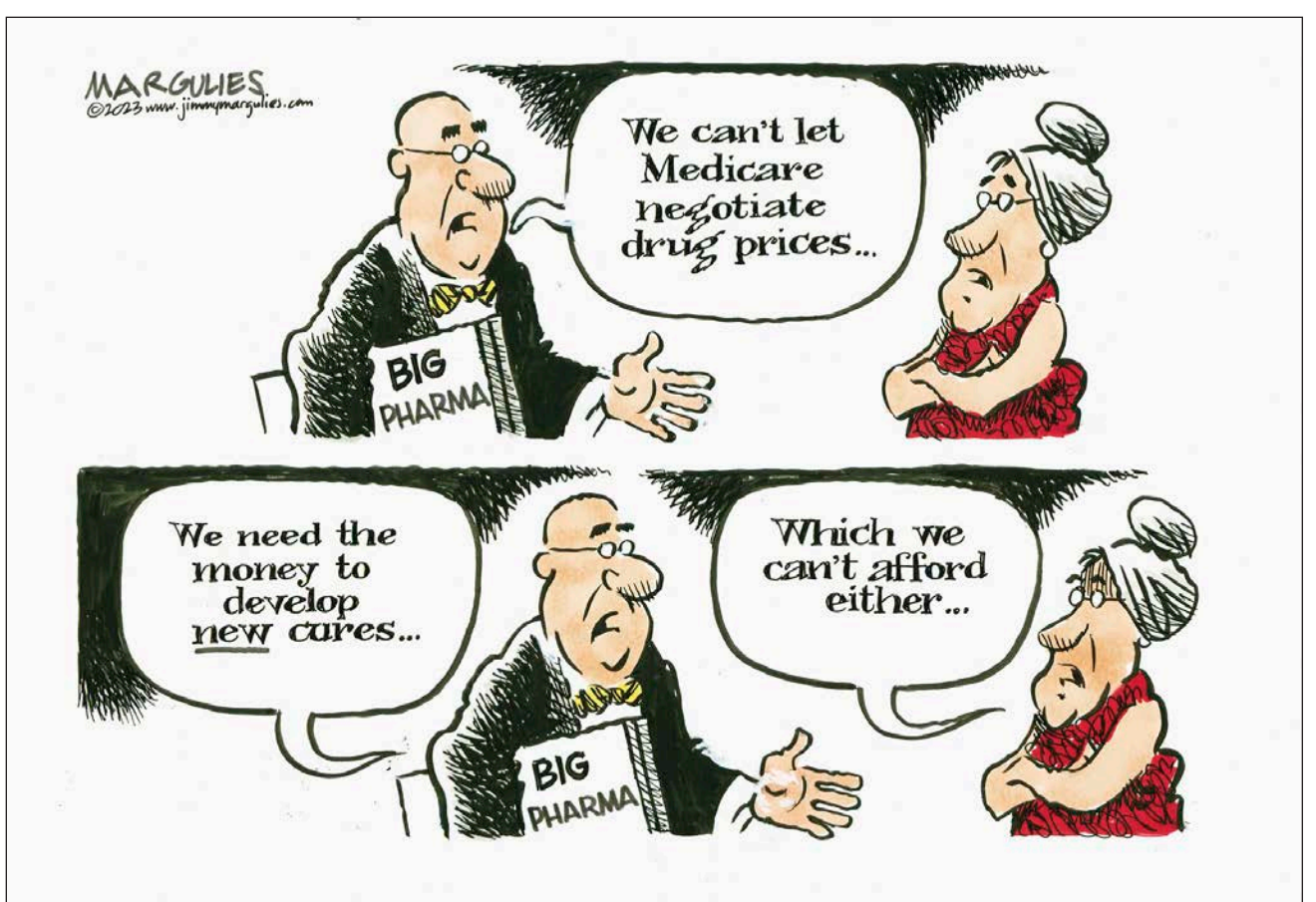
Bedtime? No.  
Supper table? No.  
In the van while Mom is trying to merge? No.  
Outdoors on the lawn? Yes.

In their room? Yes.  
In the living room while Mom is making BLTs? Sure.

Let them be crazy. The rewards are greater than the annoyance. I promise. My daughter gets in 20,000 steps a day and can climb trees like a lumberjack. My son's memory for verse is remarkable, even if he mostly recites Shel Silverstein poems about flatulence. They're half-feral and our house is noisy, but they're healthy and joyful and vibrant.

Let them be crazy whenever you can. School is coming soon, and before you know it, adulthood. They have so few places and so little time to act like who they really are: kids.

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



## CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

### More than ready for reliable internet

My long-running, never-ending battle with Charter/Spectrum may be coming to an end. Fastwyre is the "new sheriff" in town, and as far as I am concerned, it can't get to our condominium quickly enough.

I've talked to some people in town who have already switched, and they're pleased with the service. We called to sign up, but the company won't be in our neck of the woods until mid-September. That can't get here soon enough.

For weeks now, I will have been working on something that, of course, requires the internet, and all of a sudden, the little circle starts going round and round, I get a message that "We cannot seem to find that server," and I start yelling at the computer. It happens around 2:30 to 3 p.m., and it has been happening every day. Why? Is someone going around and surreptitiously unhooking something? Is someone at the home office flipping a switch on his way out the door after his shift? Has someone undertaken a scientific study about what happens when people lose their capacity to work online at the same time every day? Whatever it is, it is



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totally frustrating and makes me feel as if the company is out to get me. It's as if they are saying, "Hey, we haven't bothered her in a while. Who dropped the ball? Get back on it, Jones!" I haven't seen anything on social media that says others are suffering from the lack of steady internet service, but I can't imagine that I'm the only person on the hit list. Well...

The last time this happened – you know, yesterday – a friend had called, and we were talking on the phone. I saw the screen light up with the dreaded message and told her about it. She now lives in Thayer and has a house on the river in Flippin, Arkansas, which is in the middle of nowhere. Not only do she and her husband have unflagging 6G service in the thriving metropolis of Thayer, they have the

same service in Flippin.

She told me that their internet service had not always been as good. In fact, she said, the upgrade was due to government funding through the infrastructure bill. Ironic, because people in that part of the state are not big supporters of "government," regardless of the benefits they receive from it – Medicaid, Social Security for children who have lost a parent, funding for physicians who choose to locate in rural areas where doctors are scarce, FEMA, and now, reliable internet, to name a few.

You may recall that during the pandemic, many schools were closed for a long time. We are now discovering that the lack of "going to school" had an extremely detrimental effect on the children in the US. Part of that problem – not all, of course, but part – was that some kids in rural areas, like Thayer and Flippin, those who were lucky enough to have computers in their homes, didn't have access to serviceable internet. Even if their schools were posting online lessons, they were not able to reliably access them, much less complete them.

For that reason, among others, the in-

frastructure bill passed in November 2021 included funding for internet services. While some people scoff at the idea of internet and technology being "infrastructure," I can see that the cyber highway is as important today as roads and bridges were in times past. Internet connects us in ways that we couldn't have imagined in the 1970s or 1980s. Those without it are disadvantaged in many ways: vocationally, socially, and culturally, among others.

Adding internet services to that bill was, I think, both necessary and good. I'd like to know if the addition of Fastwyre services to this area is also a result of that bill's passage.

Whatever the reason, a new internet opportunity now exists in Sedalia, and I'm pretty happy about it. Surely, surely, a new company will offer better service. Isn't that how competition is supposed to work? As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Build a better mousetrap and the world will beat a path to your door."

Reliable internet? I'm already knocking at that door.

*Deborah Mitchell is a Sedalia attorney.*

## CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

### Trust Building is an economic asset

I've written several columns about the restoration of the Trust Building, centering mainly on the progress of the work and its historic importance. But its value goes beyond that. It has been, and will continue to be, an important economic asset for downtown Sedalia.

That began during the \$3 million historic restoration process, with about a third of that money paid to other local businesses and workers, according to Brian Smith, whose company, CSC Construction Group, undertook the job.

Some 40 of Smith's employees work in the Trust Building, which has an annual payroll of around \$4 million. It's a safe assumption that some of those dollars find their way into downtown businesses.



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Once four offices in the building were available for rent, they were filled. They're occupied by a law office, a real estate office, an appraisal office and an insurance agency.

Smith said he would like to have a restaurant that serves breakfast and lunch on the ground floor of the building, which would add another business downtown.

I asked Smith whether he thought the resto-

ration of the Trust Building would encourage other similar projects downtown. It would appear that it already has. He said he's working in a public-private partnership with the city to rehabilitate a historic building on Main Street, which he didn't identify.

I've often thought that some buildings in the "red brick" section of the central business district, mainly located in the northwest quadrant, might be candidates for historic restoration. Maybe that's beginning to happen.

John Simmons, the city's community development director, said public-private partnerships are the only way to go in restoring and repurposing historic buildings.

"Collaboration has been vital to rehabilitation of the larger down-

town buildings," he said. "It takes ingenuity and creativity to capitalize on grant programs available to transform these buildings into modern use while retaining their historic integrity."

I talked with Smith in his office in the magnificently decorated interior of the Trust Building. He took pride in it being "the postcard building of Sedalia" and the "crown jewel of downtown."

"We're very pleased on how it turned out," Smith said. "It was heartwarming to see what the various craftsmen put into this building to make it what it is. This building adds to the health of downtown ... to have lost it would have been a shame."

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# US suicides hit an all-time high last year

By Mike Stobbe  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — About 49,500 people took their own lives last year in the U.S., the highest number ever, according to new government data posted Thursday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which posted the numbers, has not yet calculated a suicide rate for the year, but available data suggests suicides are more common in the U.S. than at any time since the dawn of World War II.

“There’s something wrong. The number should not be going up,” said Christina Wilbur, a 45-year-old Florida woman whose son shot himself to death last year.

“My son should not have died,” she said. “I know it’s complicated, I really do. But we have to be able to do something. Something that we’re not doing. Because whatever we’re doing right now is not helping.”

Experts caution that suicide is complicated, and that recent increases might be driven by a range of factors, including higher rates of depression and limited availability of mental health services.

But a main driver is the growing availability of guns, said Jill Harkavy-Friedman, senior vice president of research at the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Suicide attempts involving guns end in death far more often than those with other means, and gun sales have boomed — placing firearms in more and more homes.

A recent Johns Hopkins University analysis used preliminary 2022 data to calculate that the nation’s overall gun suicide rate rose last year to an all-time high. For the first time, the gun suicide rate among Black teens surpassed the rate among white teens, the researchers found.

“I don’t know if you can talk about suicide without talking about firearms,” Harkavy-Friedman said.

U.S. suicides steadily rose from the early 2000s until 2018, when the national rate hit its highest level since 1941. That year saw about 48,300 suicide deaths — or 14.2 for every 100,000 Americans.

The rate fell slightly in 2019. It dropped again in 2020, during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some experts tied that to a phenomenon seen in the early stages of wars and natural disasters, when people pull together and

support each other.

But in 2021, suicides rose 4%. Last year, according to the new data, the number jumped by more than 1,000, to 49,449 — about a 3% increase vs. the year before. The provisional data comes from U.S. death certificates and is considered almost complete, but it may change slightly as death information is reviewed in the months ahead.

The largest increases were seen in older adults. Deaths rose nearly 7% in people ages 45 to 64, and more than 8% in people 65 and older. White men, in particular, have very high rates, the CDC said.

Many middle-aged and elderly people experience problems like losing a job or losing a spouse, and it’s important to reduce stigma and other obstacles to them getting assistance, said Dr. Debra Houry, the CDC’s chief medical officer.

Suicides in adults ages 25 to 44 grew about 1%. The new data indicates that suicide became the second leading cause of death in that age group in 2022, up from No. 4 in 2021.

Despite the grim statistics, some say there is reason for optimism. A national crisis line launched a year ago, meaning anyone in

the U.S. can dial 988 to reach mental health specialists.

The CDC is expanding a suicide program to fund more prevention work in different communities. And there’s growing awareness of the issue and that it’s OK to ask for help, health officials say.

There was a more than 8% drop in suicides in people ages 10 to 24 in 2022. That may be due to increased attention to youth mental health issues and a push for schools and others to focus on the problem, CDC officials said.

But even the smaller number masks tragedy for families.

Christina Wilbur lost her 21-year-old son, Cale, on June 16 last year. He died in her home in Land O’ Lakes, Florida.

Cale Wilbur had lost two friends and an uncle to suicide and had been dealing with depression. On that horrible morning, he and his mother were having an argument. She had confronted him about his drug use, his mother said. She left his bedroom and when she returned he had a gun.

“I was begging him not too, and to calm down,” she said. “It looked like he relaxed for a second, but then he killed himself.”

She describes her life since as black hole of emptiness and sorrow, and had found it hard to talk to friends or even family about Cale.

“There’s just this huge 6-foot-2 hole, everywhere,” she said. “Everything reminds me of what’s missing.”

It’s hard to find professionals to help, and those that are around can be expensive, she said. She turned to support groups, including an organization called Alliance of Hope for Suicide Loss Survivors that operates a 24/7 online forum.

“There’s nothing like being with people who get it,” she said.

## SEDALIA DEMOCRAT

# Prizeweek Puzzle

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**ACROSS:**

- As years go by, woman finds it increasingly hard to appease charities when asked to \_ something during the busy holiday season.
- Laying out her new placemats, mother remarks regretfully, “I wish I’d bought placemats with \_ designs.”
- Well-known intellectual confesses that there’s nothing better than a well-respected \_ to add a pleasurable tone to end of day.
- “I’ll bet he’s a new, young driver,” says husband pointing to slow car that persists in trying to \_ the side lane.
- After volunteering to pick \_ to show plant’s best features to botany class, regretful student fears it’ll be an annoying task.
- Boy preparing for prom knows girlfriend will be furious, seeing ugly \_ he got while he was shaving in a hurry.
- With rising water levels encroaching on beaches these days, father’s worried soon beach by his shoreline cabin won’t be nearly as \_.
- Grandfather shocks granddaughter when he recalls how universities suffered during the war with loss of their \_.
- Upon returning from trip, estate owner observes, “This \_ has obviously been neglected,” as he immediately prepares to chastise staff.
- Manager tells newly hired employee that he’ll be faced with certain \_ that will likely crop up during his employment.
- The excitement caused by suddenly hearing \_ meant that practically everyone at party left sofas and chairs to look out the window.

**DOWN:**

- University students planning to watch next day’s big parade seek out anyone who’ll volunteer their \_ for viewing party.
- Restaurant reviewer recommends if you are in an expensive restaurant and the \_ makes you uncomfortable, you should leave.
- Famous actor performing crucial monologue at scene finale stops mid-speech when there are \_ coming from listener in second row.
- Intelligence, a stable temperament and superior looks are the qualities pet owner claims won her \_ top prize in competition.
- “It’s practically three-dimensional,” says admirer of painting of \_ at art competition.
- Paying attention to.
- Organs pertaining to vision.
- Child gives up on trying to \_ the slippery fish while onboard uncle’s boat.

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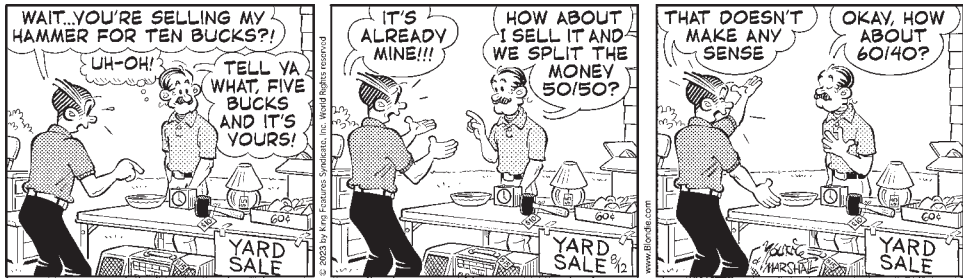
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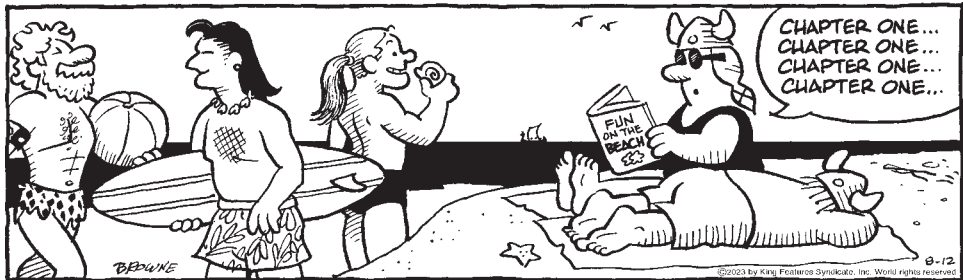
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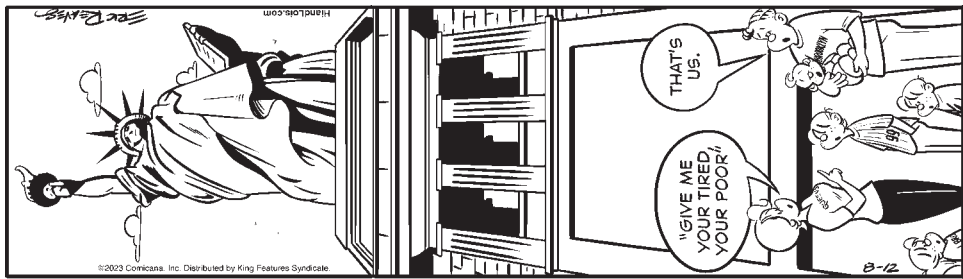
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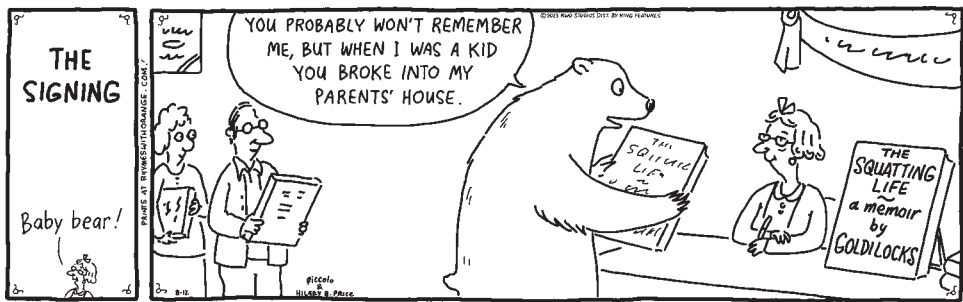
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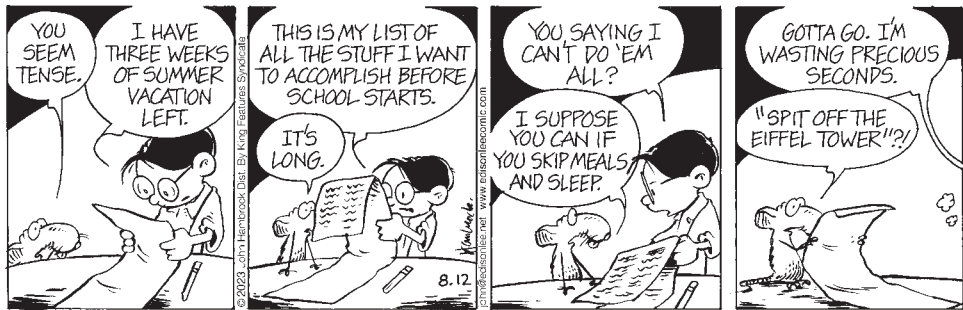
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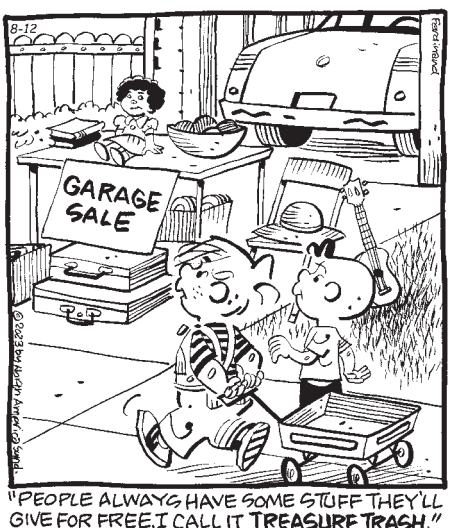
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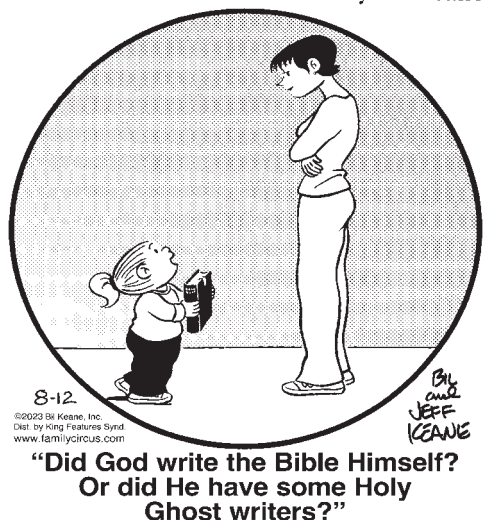
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BY HANK KETCHAM



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By Bil Keane



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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  - 11 Crumbly Italian cheese
  - 12 Not busy
  - 13 Pinnacle
  - 14 Writer Uris
  - 15 Fixes copy
  - 16 Sky sights
  - 17 — good example
  - 18 Thwart
  - 19 Words of understanding
  - 21 Throw in
  - 22 "Shoop" trio
  - 25 Cobbler's tool
  - 26 Rapper Rick
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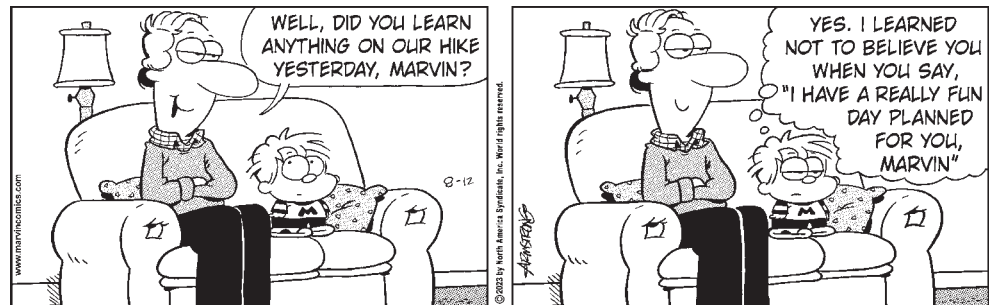
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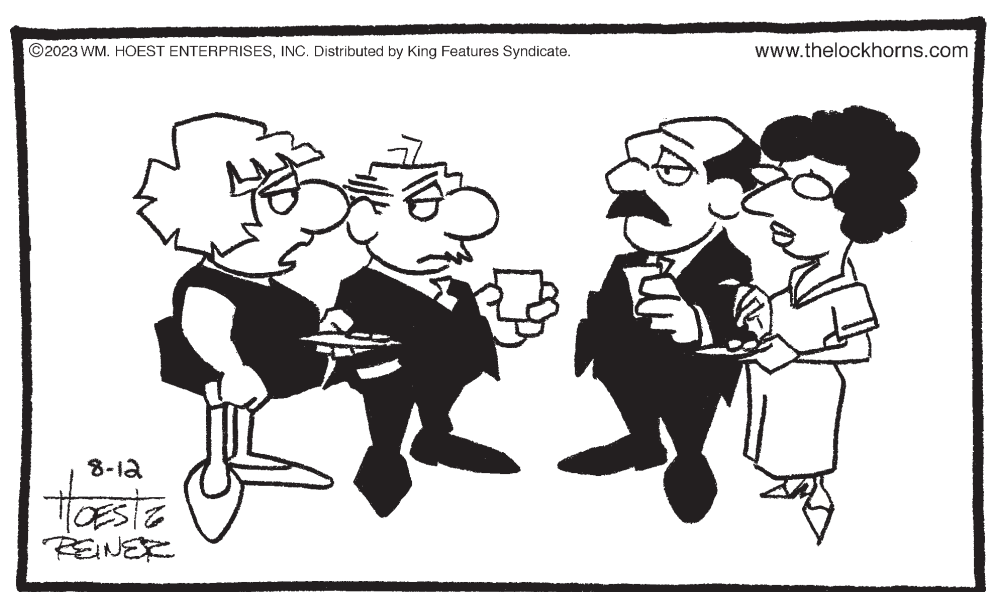
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BY TOM ARMSTRONG



**THE LOCKHORNS**

BY BUNNY HOEST & JOHN REINER



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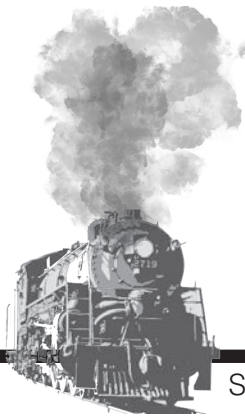
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## Chiefs say Bieniemy's intense style will pay off eventually

By Dave Skretta  
Associated Press

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — Patrick Mahomes and the rest of the Kansas City Chiefs have heard about some of the concerns coming out of the Washington Commanders camp about the intensity of their new offensive coordinator, Eric Bieniemy.

Chiefs players who spent the past five years playing for Bieniemy think they're better for having endured it.

"He's going to really try to get the best out of you every single day," Mahomes said after Friday's practice. "He's going to hold you accountable even when you don't want to hold yourself accountable, and he made me a better player."

Bieniemy joined the Chiefs as running backs coach when Andy Reid took over as head coach in 2013, then was promoted to offensive coordinator when Matt Nagy left to become the head coach in Chicago in 2018. He helped the

Chiefs win seven consecutive AFC West titles, host five straight AFC title games, reach three Super Bowls and bring home two Lombardi Trophies.

That's the track record of success Bieniemy took to Washington in a bid to revamp coach Ron Rivera's offensive system.

But the way Bieniemy has gone about it was thrown into question this week when Rivera let slip that some of his players were concerned about Bieniemy's intense style — remarks that Rivera spoke to Bieniemy about and attempted to clarify a day later.

Many of Bieniemy's former players supported him on Twitter, including Dolphins wide receiver Tyreek Hill and former running back Jamaal Charles. But perhaps nobody's voice carries more weight in the NFL these days than that of Mahomes, the reigning league MVP, who was responsible for running Bieniemy's offense on a daily basis the past five years.

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Washington Commanders running back Chris Rodriguez Jr., (23) and assistant head coach and offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy talk during a NFL football practice at the team's training facility, Thursday, July 27, 2023 in Ashburn, Va. Bieniemy's voice is one of the clearer ones on the practice field. On his first day of training camp since joining the Washington Commanders, it wasn't hard to understand his message. "Let's go!" Bieniemy shouted to encourage players. "It's work time."

FILE PHOTO BY ALEX BRANDON | AP PHOTO



George Bain, right, celebrates with teammate Jackson Manning following a goal in a win over Cole Camp in Sedalia on Oct. 13, 2022. The pair returns along with nine other starters for a Gremlins team expected to be at the top of the Kaysinger Conference and likely in the top-10 class rankings as well.

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## Gremlins return nearly intact with sights aimed high

By Bryan Everson  
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Sacred Heart boys soccer head coach Warren Dey says he's yet to talk to his team about specific targets for this season.

The numbers, though, speak for themselves. The Gremlins have nine seniors, with everyone back save for one starter, Oz Garcia.

Production returns essentially intact with those making at least one more pass. Among them is the target man, George Bain, who racked up 30 goals as a junior and assisted on nine occasions in 2022. Jackson Manning, also a senior now, had 25 goals and 15 assists last year.

It was a lethal pairing that led to Sacred Heart scoring 3.4 goals per game, winning the Kaysinger Conference regular season and conference tournament titles,

and posting 16 wins, matching the program's best total since 2015.

Bain and Manning paired together last year up front in a 4-4-2 formation. This year, however, things will look different.

"We've got a lot of playmakers, so we're playing a formation we haven't used before and implementing it right now," said Dey, who didn't want to yet divulge how the Gremlins will be deployed. "It's starting to look pretty good and I'm hoping it keeps getting better. I think it's going to make us a better team."

As for the brains behind the switch? The suggestion came from the players themselves.

"Throughout the [off-season] we were having open field and talking to players, and I knew what I was getting into as far as our skilled players," Dey said. "I was talking to

them and really the players brought it up to me. I'm putting everything on paper, visualizing who I can put here [or there], and I believe in it. I think a good coach goes to what's going to make it work and adjusts to the players they have."

Dey did say it's safe to assume that Manning can be expected to be the central attacking playmaker that ties it all together behind Bain this time around.

"Behind [Jackson], you've got Traven [Wheeler], Diego DeLeon, Josh Pacheco, they can all handle the ball. You want those guys to be the distributors and everyone working off them, and right now, [our playmakers] are hitting the seams. When we play keep-away, it's a fun thing to see. We do a lot of it in practice, and you might see a string of 15 passes in a row, three goals that

light up in a matter of a minute or 45 seconds."

Max Van Leer, Ruben Smith and Luke Jenkins return as defenders for the Gremlins, who cut their goals allowed average down from 2.3 in 2021 to 1.7 last season.

Keeping better possession is an aim, part of which should come with the formation change. As for other concerns, Dey said his team needs to improve on aials and how it pertains to winning the ball back with them on both sides of the field.

"What we've got to be better on is headed balls," Dey said. "In the box, on corner kicks, goal kicks, defensively or offensively. We've got to win the 50-50 balls. I believe in most of our games we're going to control possession, but I'd hate to lose a game because we can't head the ball."

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## Georgia's new OC Bobo hardly a stranger

By Paul Newberry  
Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia's new offensive coordinator is hardly a stranger.

Mike Bobo played quarterback for the Bulldogs back in the 1990s.

He worked on Mark Richt's coaching staff for more than a decade, including a lengthy stint calling the plays.

Despite all that familiarity, Bobo might be under more scrutiny than anyone associated with the two-time defending national champs.

His task is straightforward yet daunting: Keep Georgia's offense rolling toward an unprecedented third straight title.

"We know this job has pressure," Bobo said after practice Thursday. "I've sat in this chair and felt those pressures, but I'm older and I think I have more experience now to handle those pressures and focus on our football team."

He returned to his alma last year in a behind-the-scenes analyst role. When Todd Monken left the



South Carolina interim head coach Mike Bobo walks down the sideline during the second half of an NCAA college football game against Missouri, Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020, in Columbia, S.C. Bobo was named offensive coordinator at Georgia in February 2023. Bobo, a former Bulldogs quarterback and longtime assistant coach at his alma mater, also served as offensive coordinator under former coach Mark Richt.

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Bulldogs to take the same position with the NFL's Baltimore Ravens, Bobo was a logical choice to succeed him.

But there's quite a standard to maintain.

In Monken's last game running the offense, Georgia routed TCU 65-7 for the national championship.

"Each year, you try to figure out your identity as an offense," Bobo said. "Whether I was sitting here as the coordinator or Coach Monken came

back, you've got to figure out what pieces of the puzzle fits to what things that we did well last year and what we're going to have to change."

This is a bit of a do-over for the 49-year-old Bobo, whose career hit some major roadblocks after he left Georgia in 2014 to take his first head coaching job at Colorado State.

Bobo went 28-35 with the Rams before he was cut loose after five seasons.

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## Kane arrives for medical at Bayern Munich, \$110m transfer from Tottenham nearly done

By The Associated Press

MUNICH — England captain Harry Kane's transfer from Tottenham to Bayern Munich is "imminent," Spurs manager Ange Postecoglou said Friday, in a deal that will reportedly be worth more than 100 million pounds (\$110 million).

Kane arrived at a Munich hospital on Friday evening for medical tests as fans gathered outside the club's headquarters.

After spending 19 years at Tottenham without winning a trophy, a move to Bayern would allow Kane to fight for titles in the German league and in Europe.

"My understanding is it has progressed to the point where it looks like it's going to happen," Postecoglou said of what would be a record transfer for the Bundesliga and one of the biggest deals of the summer transfer window.

The 30-year-old Kane could potentially make his debut Saturday, when Bayern hosts Leipzig in the

German Super Cup.

"We are working with the highest pressure and highest focus and highest priority to sign Harry Kane," Bayern coach Thomas Tuchel said earlier Friday. "And this shows the importance. I mean, we are trying to get the captain of the English national team out of England, out of the Premier League. That says it all."

Kane, the second highest scorer in the Premier

League with 213 goals — 47 behind Alan Shearer's record — would give a central focus in attack to a Bayern team which has struggled to adapt since selling Robert Lewandowski to Barcelona a year ago.

As for Tottenham, Kane's departure would leave a hole in the squad ahead of its first game of the new Premier League season, against Brentford on Sunday.

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England's Harry Kane lines up ahead of the Euro 2024 group C qualifying soccer match between England and Ukraine at Wembley Stadium in London, Sunday, March 26, 2023. Kane's transfer from Tottenham to Bayern Munich is "imminent," Spurs manager Ange Postecoglou said Friday, in a deal that will reportedly be worth more than 100 million pounds (\$110 million).

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# SPORTS CALENDAR

## Saturday ON AIR 3ICE HOCKEY

Noon CBS — Playoffs: Team Murphy vs. Team Johnston, Team Patrick vs. Team Bourque, Consolation, Final, Philadelphia

## AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL

4:15 a.m. FS2 — AFL: Melbourne at Carlton

## AUTO RACING

1:30 p.m. USA — NTT IndyCar Series: The Gallagher Grand Prix, Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course, Indianapolis

2 p.m. NBC — Pro Motocross Championship: The Unadilla National, New Berlin, N.Y.

4:30 p.m. USA — NASCAR Xfinity Series: The Pennzoil 150 presented by Advance Auto Parts, Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park, Indianapolis

6 p.m. FS1 — NHRA: Qualifying, Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka, Kan. (Taped)

## BASKETBALL

7 p.m. NBATV — 2023 Basketball Hall of Fame Enshrinement Ceremony: From Springfield, Mass.

## BOXING

8 p.m. SHO — Showtime Championship Main Card: Emmanuel Rodriguez vs. Melvin Lopez (Bantamweights), Oxon Hill, Md.

9 p.m. ESPN — Top Rank Main Card: Emanuel Navarrete vs. Oscar Valdez (Junior-Welterweights), Glendale, Ariz.

## CFL FOOTBALL

6 p.m. CBSSN — Calgary at B.C.

## FIBA BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

2:30 p.m. FS1 — Exhibition: U.S. vs. Slovenia, Malaga, Spain

## GOLF

6 a.m. USA — LPGA: The AIG Women's Open, Third Round, Walton Heath Old Course, Tadworth, England

Noon CW — LIV Golf League: Second Round, Trump National Golf Club Bedminster, Bedminster, N.J.

GOLF — PGA Tour: The FedEx St. Jude Championship, Third Round, TPC Southwind, Memphis, Tenn.

2 p.m. CBS — PGA Tour: The FedEx St. Jude Championship, Third Round, TPC Southwind, Memphis, Tenn.

GOLF — USGA U.S. Women's Amateur: Semifinals, Chambers Bay, University Place, Wash.

5 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: The Boeing Classic, Second Round, The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge, Snoqualmie, Wash.

## HIGH SCHOOL

## BASKETBALL (BOY'S)

7 p.m. ESPN — UA NEXT Elite 24: TBD, Atlanta

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL (GIRL'S)

5 p.m. ESPN — UA NEXT Elite 24: TBD, Atlanta

## HORSE RACING

Noon FS1 — Saratoga Live: From Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

2 p.m. FOX — Saratoga Live: The Fourstardave Handicap, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

5 p.m. FS1 — Saratoga Live: From Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

## LACROSSE (MEN'S)

6 p.m. ESPN2 — PLL: Atlas vs. Waterdogs, Denver

## LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL

1 p.m. ESPN — Little League Softball World Series: TBD, Semifinal, Greenville, N.C.

4 p.m. ESPN2 — Little League Softball World Series: TBD, Semifinal, Greenville, N.C.

## MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

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

6 p.m. ESPN — UFC Fight Night Main Card: Vicente Luque vs. Rafael dos Anjos (Welterweights), Las Vegas

## MLB BASEBALL

Noon MLBN — Regional Coverage: Atlanta at NY Mets (Game 1) OR Chicago Cubs at Toronto (2:30 p.m.)

3 p.m. MLBN — Regional Coverage: NY Yankees at Miami OR Chicago Cubs at Toronto (2:30 p.m.)

6 p.m. FOX — Regional Coverage: LA Angels at Houston, Atlanta at NY Mets (Game 2), Milwaukee at Chicago White Sox

8:30 p.m. FS1 — Baltimore at Seattle

## NFL FOOTBALL

Noon NFLN — Preseason: Tennessee at Chicago

3 p.m. NFLN — Preseason: NY Jets at Carolina

6 p.m. NFLN — Preseason: Philadelphia at Baltimore

8 p.m. NFLN — Preseason: LA Chargers at LA Rams (Joined in Progress)

## RUGBY (WOMEN'S)

8:55 p.m. FS2 — NRL: Sydney at Cronulla-Sutherland

10:45 p.m. FS2 — NRL: Gold Coast at Newcastle

## SOCCER (MEN'S)

11:30 a.m. NBC — Premier League: Aston Villa at Newcastle United

2 p.m. ABC — LaLiga: Real Madrid at Athletic Bilbao

6 p.m. FS2 — CPL: York United FC at Forge FC

## SOCCER (WOMEN'S)

2 a.m. FOX — FIFA World Cup: Australia vs. France, Quarterfinal, Brisbane, Australia

5:30 a.m. FOX — FIFA World Cup: England vs. Colombia, Quarterfinal, Sydney

## SOFTBALL

1:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Athletes Unlimited: Team Alexander vs. Team Davidson, Rosemont, Ill.

## TENNIS

11:30 a.m. TENNIS — Canadian Open-ATP/WTA Semifinals

5:30 p.m. TENNIS — Canadian Open-ATP/WTA Semifinals

## Sunday ON AIR

## AUTO RACING

9 a.m. CBSSN — FIM Motocross: The MX2, Uddevalla, Sweden

10 a.m. CBSSN — FIM Motocross: The MXGP, Uddevalla, Sweden

Noon FS1 — NHRA: Qualifying, Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka, Kan. (Taped)

1:30 p.m. NBC — NASCAR Cup Series: The Verizon 200 at the Brickyard, Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park, Indianapolis

2 p.m. FS1 — NHRA: The Menards NHRA Nationals Presented By PetArmor, Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka, Kan.

## BIG3 BASKETBALL

11 a.m. CBS — Week 8: Killer 3's vs. Ghost Ballers, Power vs. Triplets, Tri-State vs. Enemies, Trilogy vs. Ball Hogs, Detroit

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

11 a.m. NBATV — Exhibition: Southern Cal vs. KK SC Derby

## FIBA BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

2:30 p.m. FOX — Exhibition: U.S. vs. Spain, Malaga, Spain

## GOLF

6 a.m. USA — LPGA: The AIG Women's Open, Final Round, Walton Heath Old Course, Tadworth, England

11 a.m. GOLF — PGA Tour: The FedEx St. Jude Championship, Final Round, TPC Southwind, Memphis, Tenn.

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St. Jude Championship, Final Round, TPC Southwind, Memphis, Tenn.

3 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: The Boeing Classic, Final Round, The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge, Snoqualmie, Wash. (Taped)

6 p.m. GOLF — USGA U.S. Women's Amateur: Championship Match, Chambers Bay, University Place, Wash.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Noon ESPN — Factory All-American Game: American vs. National, Arlington, Texas

## HORSE RACING

Noon FS2 — Saratoga Live: Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

## LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL

11 a.m. ESPN — Little League Softball World Series: TBD, Third-Place Game, Greenville, N.C.

2 p.m. ABC — Little League Softball World Series: TBD, Championship, Greenville, N.C.

## MLB BASEBALL

11:05 a.m. PEACOCK — Detroit at Boston

12:30 p.m. MLBN — Regional Coverage: Chicago Cubs at Toronto OR NY Yankees at Miami

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

6 p.m. ESPN — Atlanta at NY Mets

ESPN2 — Atlanta at NY Mets (Kay-Rod Cast)

## NFL FOOTBALL

Noon NFLN — Preseason: Kansas City at New Orleans

3 p.m. NFLN — Preseason: San Francisco at Las Vegas

## RODEO

4 p.m. CBSSN — PBR: Camping World Teams Series, Anaheim, Calif.

## SOCCER (MEN'S)

5:55 a.m. CBSSN — SPFL: Celtic at Aberdeen

## SOFTBALL

3:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Athletes Unlimited: Team Alexander vs. Team Romero, Rosemont, Ill.

6 p.m. ESPN2 — Athletes Unlimited: Team Davidson vs. Team Faraimo, Rosemont, Ill.

## TENNIS

12:30 p.m. TENNIS — Canadian Open-ATP/WTA Singles and Doubles Finals

## WNBA BASKETBALL

2 p.m. ESPN — New York at Indiana

5 p.m. NBATV — Phoenix at Seattle

8 p.m. CBSSN — Atlanta at Las Vegas

# Style

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“EB is going to be harsh on you,” Mahomes said, but “he’ll go to war with you like any other guy on the team. You have to know that. You have to know that when he’s talking to you on the football field, he’s trying to get the best out of you. He’s not trying to put you down. He’s trying to push you to be even better than you think you can be.”

“So that’s something I think they’ll understand when they go out there and start winning football games.”

Bieniemy, the former University of Colorado standout, teamed with Duce Staley in Philadelphia as running backs for the Eagles under Reid. Staley is now the assistant head coach in Carolina, and like Bieniemy, coaches with a no-nonsense style.

“They’re going to love you but they’re going to tell you the truth. That’s

the thing I appreciate about them,” Reid said. “They know what it takes to play at this level, a championship-caliber level, and there’s a difference. Nothing comes easy.”

The Commanders finished .500 last season, going 8-8-1, but they haven’t had a winning season since 2016. And a big part of the problem was an offense that was in the bottom half of the league and averaged just 18.9 points per game.

Bieniemy’s decision to head to Washington

could be viewed as a lateral one — he was the offensive coordinator in Kansas City, too. But he also had been passed over numerous times for head coaching jobs, and many believe a big part of the reason was that front offices elsewhere viewed Reid as the play-caller and offensive mastermind.

Bieniemy has an opportunity to put his own imprint on the Washington offense. And he apparently intends to do it his way.

“That’s his personality.

Nothing wrong with that. Guys play for him and he’s had great success,” Reid said. “You always talk about letting your personality show, and I think that’s an important part of that. I think when it’s all said and done, guys (in Washington) are going to appreciate that. He’s going to challenge you, but the guys are going to appreciate it when they’re winning.”

NOTES: Reid said the starters, including Mahomes, would play most of the first quarter

in Sunday’s preseason opener in New Orleans. Backups will get the rest of the way. ... DT Tereshawn Wharton (knee), CB L’Jarius Sneed (knee), WR Kadarius Toney (knee) and RB Isaiah Pacheco (hand, shoulder) will not play against the Saints. ... DE Charles Omenihu will play Sunday. He was suspended for the first six games of the regular season for violating the NFL’s personal conduct policy, but he is eligible to participate in all three preseason games.

# New

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He moved on to South Carolina, accepting the offensive coordinator job under fellow Georgia alum Will Muschamp, but Muschamp didn’t even last the season. After the Gamecocks lost the final three games with Bobo as interim coach, it was time to move on again. He became the offensive coordinator for new Auburn coach Bryan Harsin, but that turned out to be another one-and-done when the embattled Harsin fired Bobo shortly after a four-overtime loss to Alabama.

“For whatever reason,

those things didn’t work out, and when those things don’t work out, you look at yourself in the mirror,” Bobo said. “You don’t point fingers or make excuses.”

He’s trying to pass on that resiliency to his offensive unit.

“I tell the players that there will always be moments where we have failures,” Bobo said. “You keep getting yourself back up on your feet, because what’s on the other side of failure is success.”

Bobo’s success as Georgia’s offensive coordinator, the sequel, will likely come down to how well the quarterback plays.

He won’t have Stetson Bennett, the former walk-on-turned-Heisman Tro-

phy finalist who improbably guided the Bulldogs to those back-to-back titles. Bennett’s backup, Carson Beck, appears to have the inside track to the starting job, but third-year sophomore Brock Vandagriff is still in the mix with the season opener against Tennessee-Martin about three weeks away.

“We were very fortunate to have Todd the time he was here, the growth he allowed us to make, the confidence he exuded with the players,” Georgia coach Kirby Smart said. “Obviously, the quarterback is a major, major part of that, and we had really good quarterback play last year. A lot of times your offense is predicated off your quar-

terback play, so how well will our quarterback play? That’s the question.”

But Smart is confident that the transition from Monken to Bobo will be a smooth one. There were no other changes to the offensive staff, and one of the things Bobo learned from his predecessor was leaning heavily on all that knowledge in the coaching room.

“I think a lot of people look at offensive coordinator as an island and this guy that sits over there and comes up with this stuff himself,” Smart said. “Well, they have 15, 20 meetings a week ... where each coach gives a presentation of ideas or things they can do offensively, and he gets to sit back and

be the decision maker on what’s in and what’s not.”

In addition to relying heavily on input from the other offensive coaches, Bobo expects to adopt many of the shifting and motion formations that were a big part of Monken’s scheme. The Bulldogs were adept at creating mismatches that made things especially tough on the defense.

“Mike is a tremendous coach,” said Dell McGee, who is in charge of Georgia’s running backs. “He was a sponge under Coach Monken, and he is going to do a tremendous job for us. I think the way we are geared and structured under Coach Smart, we didn’t change a lot from a philosophy

standpoint. We are still status quo on what we are going to do.”

Bobo believes he’s an improved version of the coordinator who left Georgia nearly a decade ago to run his own program.

His time as a head coach didn’t work out, but it served him well.

“When you’ve sat in that chair as a head coach, you know everything that the head coach is dealing with,” he said. “Before, you wondered why the head coach might do something or why we’re not doing this. You don’t know what all a head coach has to balance. I think it makes you a better assistant.”

## HOROSCOPES

By Georgia Nicols

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

### Happy Birthday for Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023:

You are intelligent, resourceful, purposeful and tenacious. You are always active. This year is the last year of a nine-year cycle for you, which means it's time to let go of people, places and things that have been holding you back. Get ready for a clean slate!

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)

★★★ This is an excellent day to putter and work around home. It's also a solid day for real-estate negotiations. Discussions with an older family member or conversations about the long-term future will be practical and solid. It's a lovely evening to entertain! (Stock the fridge.) Tonight: Invite someone over.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ This is an excellent day to study or learn something new. It's also a good day to make long-range plans for the future. Someone older, perhaps a friend or a member of a group, might have advice for you. Meanwhile, you will enjoy entertaining family and friends tonight. Tonight: Schmooze!

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ It's a good day for financial planning or to sit down and draw up a budget. (Wince.) We all know that a little money planning gives credence to that old saying "A stitch in time saves nine." Someone older or more experienced might help you. Enjoy schmoozing with others this evening. Tonight: Good business.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ This is a powerful day for you because the Moon is in your sign. Things are inclined to go your way. Discussions about publishing, higher education, medicine and the law will go well. It's a good day to make travel plans. It's a good evening to party! Tonight: Socialize.

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

★★★ Today it's a mixed bag for you. In one way, you are strong, powerful and out there flying your colors because the Sun and Venus are in your sign. However, the Moon is hiding today, which makes it an excellent day for research. Work first, then relax tonight. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

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

★★★★ This is a good day to talk with a friend or even a member of a group and outline plans for the group. Or you might discuss your own goals. Later in the day and in the evening, all group activities are favored. People are up for having a good time. Tonight: Be friendly!

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

★★★ People notice you today. They might see that you are interacting with authority figures. Or they might view you as solid, conservative and reliable. Listen to the advice of someone more experienced if it comes your way. Enjoy good times tonight. Tonight: You're admired.

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

★★★★ This is a good day to study or to make travel plans, because you are mentally focused and willing to do what is necessary. You have a strong sense of duty today, and you're happy to do your fair share of the work. Tonight: Explore!

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

★★★ Financial discussions will go well today. There is a willingness to do paperwork and tie up loose ends regarding shared property, inheritances, wills, estates and debt (all that boring stuff that has to be done). Get as much done as possible. You'll feel great. Relax this evening. Tonight: Discuss finances.

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

★★★★ Today you have to go more than halfway when dealing with others, which simply means cooperate and be patient. Someone older or more experienced might have advice for you. If you work, you will accomplish a lot today. Socialize this evening. Tonight: Warm discussions.

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

★★★ This is a productive day! You'll be pleased if you can organize things in a better way. You have a strong sense of duty and obligation to others, which is why you'll put out a lot of effort. This evening, group gatherings at home will please you. Tonight: Travel plans?

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

★★★★ This is a fun-loving day! To get the most out of this day, get better organized when dealing with kids. Take care of loose details related to the entertainment world, the hospitality industry or sports. After that, you can party tonight and enjoy playful activities with kids. Tonight: Relax and have fun.

### BORN TODAY

Actress Maggie Lawson (1980), actor Casey Affleck (1975), actor, musician LaKeith Stanfield (1991)

# Football rules, and every other sport will suffer from realignment frenzy

By Paul Newberry

AP Sports Columnist

The realignment frenzy in college athletics is all about football.

And all that money, of course.

There is barely a consideration of how these seismic changes will affect every other team on campus.

From grueling road trips to missed classes to mental health challenges, it's hard to see anything positive in all this dollar sign-driven nonsense if you're an athlete who doesn't happen to suit up for the pigskin squad.

"I chose to play in the Pac-12 because of the ability to play close to home and in front of family," said Shannon Cunningham, an Arizona State softball player who is a native of neighboring California. "I chose the PAC so my family didn't have to worry about far travel or giving up all their vacation time just to come see me."

So much for that reasoning.

The Pac-12 has collapsed and Arizona State will soon be playing in the 16-school (and perhaps bigger, when the dust settles) Big 12 conference, joining a haphazard collection of schools as far away as Florida and West Virginia.

The not-so-funny thing is, while football is driving the realignment train, it's the sport that will be least affected by coast-to-coast conferences and ludicrous travel times between some member schools.

Football teams play one game a week and just 12 regular-season games a year — nearly all of them on Saturdays. Even for a cross-country road trip, a team can depart Friday — on a chartered flight,

of course — and be back home by early Sunday morning, at the latest.

For most other college sports, the outlook is far more challenging.

"Anyone going to talk about all the other sports that play multiple games in a weekend?" asked Oregon softball player Morgan Scott, whose school will soon be moving from the Pac-12 to the supersized Big Ten. "The balance of practice, travel, school, and having a social life is already hard enough. Why add even more stress?"

We'll give you a little hint, Morgan.

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ No one in a position of authority seems to care that Arizona State's softball squad, the one that Cunningham plays for, will go from a sensible conference schedule comprised of long-time regional rivals, like UCLA and Stanford, to taking on far-flung Big 12 schools it shares little history with, such as Central Florida and Cincinnati.

The mental pressures of balancing big-time college athletics with a classroom schedule and an actual life away from the arena are already daunting enough.

Imagine how tough it's going to be when you're returning from a 36-hour trip caused by missed commercial flights and brutal layovers.

That's almost certainly the reality facing non-football teams at schools such as Oregon, which is joining a Big Ten conference that will literally stretch from one coast (Rutgers and Maryland joined a few years ago) to the other (Southern Cal, UCLA, Oregon and Washington have been poached from the Pac-12).

KK Humphreys, an infielder on the Ducks

softball team, took to social media to complain that she's "tired of being an overlooked sport." She called it "an upsetting day for Pac-12 lovers and people who love the sanity of student athletes' mental health."

Humphrey's concerns were even echoed by Missouri football coach Eli Drinkwitz, whose school, it must be noted, jumped from the Big 12 to the Southeastern Conference more than a decade ago and still looks woefully out of place.

"Did we count the cost?" he asked. "I'm not talking about a financial cost. I'm talking about did we count the cost for the student-athletes involved in this decision? What cost is it to those student-athletes?"

"We're talking about a football decision — they based it off football — but what about softball and baseball (teams) who have to travel cross country? Do we ask about the cost of them? Do we know what the No. 1 indicator or symptom or cause of mental health (issues) is? It's lack of rest and sleep. Traveling to those baseball and softball games, those people, they travel commercial and they get done playing at 4 (in the afternoon) They gotta go to the airport, they come back, it's 3 or 4 in the morning. They gotta go to class. I mean, did we ask any of them?"

No, they did not.

Drinkwitz bristled at the fact that none of the athletes — not even the football players — are getting a direct share of the financial windfall that realignment is bringing to many of these schools.

Sure, they're now allowed to collect income from Name, Image and

Likeness deals, but the billions in television revenue are going straight into the school coffers — and much of it winds up in the pockets of high-paid coaches such as Alabama's Nick Saban.

It will surely be comforting to a softball player who's sleeping on the floor of an airport because a connecting flight was canceled that Saban now owns a \$17.5 million, 6,200-square-foot home on Florida's Jupiter Island, where his neighbors include Tiger Woods.

But this isn't an indictment of Saban's wealth, which he's certainly earned by guiding the Crimson Tide to six national titles.

This is about years of greed and terrible decisions and even all the boosters and media who have been compliant in a system that has turned supposed institutions of higher education into de facto professional sports franchises.

It's probably too late to do anything about it now, but one wonders if a few sensible heads might come together to at least bring some regional sanity to the conference alignments beyond football.

Super conferences work just fine for a fortunate few on the gridiron.

They don't for anyone else.

"Doesn't it make more sense for football to break away to separate leagues and allow the rest of the sports to compete regionally?" St. John's basketball coach Rick Pitino mused.

That way, he wrote on social media, the non-revenue sports could keep their traditional rivals and "don't spend half their day looking for bad food at airport restaurants!!!"

## Done

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It would require restructuring a team which is already reeling from the failure to qualify for any European competition this season, but Postecoglou said he had been preparing for that and that Kane's imminent departure "at least gives us some clarity."

"We have been planning for this, it's fair to say, for a while," he said. "This doesn't change things dramatically from my perspective anyway for what we are trying to build."

Postecoglou, who joined Tottenham in the offseason, said he hadn't attempted to change Kane's mind.

"I had a conversation with Harry the first day I arrived and he was up front and honest and I was the same," he said. "You kind of get an indication there that

he had made up his mind that if the clubs agreed, that he would go.

"There is nothing that has been along the way that has sort of made my feel there was anything other than this outcome."

Kane scored 30 Premier League goals for Tottenham last season. No other player in the team scored more than 10.

Kane, who has been at Tottenham since 2004, is in the last year of his contract at the club and could have moved for free next year.

The closest he came to winning major honors was in 2019 when Spurs were beaten by Liverpool in the Champions League final.

Kane is Tottenham's record goal-scorer. His prospective move to Bayern would bring an end to years of speculation regarding his future and will see Spurs lose one of its greatest players.

Kane has repeatedly

been linked with moves to leading clubs in the Premier League and Europe, but Tottenham has always resisted attempts to lure him away, largely because he was tied to a six-year contract, which was signed in 2018.

In 2021, Tottenham blocked interest from Manchester City, despite Kane indicating he was ready to leave. But with Kane set to become a free agent at the end of the season, Spurs risked losing him for nothing next summer.

The last time Bayern signed a star player from the English Premier League, the club was left disappointed. Sadio Mané struggled with injury and poor form after joining from Liverpool and left for Saudi Arabian club Al-Nassr this month.

Bayern won an 11th consecutive Bundesliga title last season, but only on goal difference ahead of

Borussia Dortmund after a turbulent season which saw conflict within the squad and the surprise firing of coach Julian Nagelsmann. The close title race was widely seen as rekindling international interest in the German league even as Bayern's title streak continued.

Kane's arrival would mark a symbolic moment for the Bundesliga, which lost some famous names last year as Lewandowski headed to Barcelona and Borussia Dortmund sold Erling Haaland to Manchester City.

Leipzig coach Marco Rose, whose team plays Bayern on Saturday, offered his congratulations if the German champion succeeds in signing Kane.

"We can all look forward to having a world-class player like that in the Bundesliga," he said Friday.

## Aim

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"It's not positioning. I think it comes down to size and just our kids not used to heading the ball. I feel like we've done it in practice. Right now, that's our nemesis."

Sacred Heart again will be challenged by a tough early schedule before taking on any Kaysinger teams. The Gremlins open at the Smith-Cotton shootout with Clinton and Osage, and then a

Barstow Tournament that again includes Warrensburg and the hosts. Of the six losses the team suffered in its first eight matches last season, four of those teams finished the year as district champs.

"The first 2-3 weeks of our season -- and it's a credit to [athletic director] Amanda Blackburn -- we'll play Jeff City, Father Tolton... We're gonna have a lot of high-caliber games right from the get-go, and that wakes us up and lets us know that if

we want to play, we've got to get tougher, quicker, better to play with these teams," Dey said.

All of it adds up to aiming for success in the postseason. The Gremlins should remain in Class 2 and are expected to drop back down to Class 1 with the points modifier next year, unless of course they make a run to the Final Four. To do that, he says there can't be fear of playing up against bigger opponents, something that he indicated was a problem at times in 2022,

but doesn't seem to be anymore.

"I think it's gotten through to them," Dey said. "They've come up to me and said, 'Last year, I was kind of worried about Class 2,' this and that. And now they're not worried about it. I said that was the attitude you have to have."

**Editor's note:** An article in Thursday's edition incorrectly stated that Sacred Heart split its 2022 meetings with Smithton. The Gremlins won both meetings.

# CREATE YOUR TRADITIONS! MISSOURI STATE FAIR

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

### MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY



Free gate admission for active military, veterans & delayed entry recruits with appropriate I.D. \$1 admission for immediate family members (spouse & dependent children)

**\$5 AFTER 5 PM ADMISSION**

### ENTERTAINMENT STAGES & EVENTS

**Blacksmith Demonstrations** ⑫ 9 am-7 pm  
**Budweiser Stage** ⑳  
 Show-Me Showcase, 2 pm  
 Presented by 16/65 Digital Supermatics, 4, 6 & 8 pm  
**Hedrick's Racing Pigs Show** ㉑  
 Sponsored by Jim's Tire Service, Inc.  
 10 am, 12:30, 3, 5:30 & 8 pm  
**Historic Administration Building** ㉒  
 Military Flag Retreat Ceremony, 5:30 pm  
**Kids Stage** ㉓  
 Sponsored by Your Local McDonald's  
 Mr. Stinky Feet, 12, 3 & 6 pm  
 Chicago Honey Bear Dancers,  
 12:45, 4:45 & 6:45 pm  
 Soldier Says Contest, 2 pm  
**ShenaniGuns Comedy Wild West Show** ㉔  
 Sponsored by AOK RV's  
 1:30, 4, 5:30 & 7:30 pm

**State Fair Firehouse** ㉕  
 Sponsored by Ditzfeld Transfer, Inc.  
 Dumpster Fire Demo, 10 am  
 MO CARES, 10 am - 4 pm  
**Strolling Entertainment**  
 Professor Farquar, Polecat Annie  
 MSF Mascot, BARTHOLMULE  
 The Strolling Piano  
**Superior Sleep Stage** ㉖  
 Dixie Union, 12, 3 & 6 pm  
 Dawson Hollow, 1:30, 4:30 & 7 pm  
**Touchstone Energy Stage** ㉗  
 Lutheran Worship Service, 8:30 am  
 Cornerstone Baptist Church, 9:30 am  
 Catholic Mass, 10:30 am  
 Cirque Zuma Zuma, 1:30, 4:30 & 6:30 pm  
 Motown & More, 3:30 & 7:30 pm  
 Pepsi Pong Contest, winner goes in the  
 Money Madness Machine!, 6 pm  
**WOW Water Circus** ㉘  
 2, 4, 6 & 8 pm

### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

**4-H Building** ㉙  
 9am-5pm Expressive Arts  
 9am-7pm Youth Demos  
**Agriculture Building** ㉚  
 4 pm Flavored Bacon Contest  
**Assembly Hall** ㉛  
 12-5 pm Show-Me STEM Day  
**Coliseum** ㉜  
 8 am Open Hereford Show  
 2 pm Open Charolais Show  
**Conservation Building** ㉝  
 11 am & 1:30 pm All-Terrain Track Chairs  
**Donnelly Arena** ㉞  
 8 am 4-H/FFA Maine Anjou Show  
**FFA Building** ㉟  
 1 pm Let's Talk Livestock - Sheep  
**Fine Arts Building** ㊱  
 9am-5pm Artists-In-Residence:  
 Allan Winkler & Travis Baker  
**Floriculture Building** ㊲  
 9 am Rose Show  
**Home Economics Building** ㊳  
 10:30 am Andrea Schnetzler,  
 The Berry Nutty Farm Recipes  
 Debbie Forgey, Tupperware  
 11 am Missouri CattleWomen Beef Entrées  
 11:30 am My Favorite Baked Chocolate Chip  
 Cookie Contest, ages 8-18  
 1:30 pm Cristy Green, Cooking with Lamb  
 2 pm Maxine's Fruit Pie Contest, ages 8-18  
 3 pm Billie Long, Lawn & Garden Horticulture  
**MEC Building** ㊴  
 9 am-4pm Rural Missouri's "People From  
 Our Pages", Artist Victoria Weaver  
**MFA Livestock Arena** ㊵  
 8 am Jacks & Jennets (In-Hand)  
 & Miniature Donkeys  
 5 pm 4-H/FFA Crossbred &  
 Other Heifer Show

**MO-AG Theatre/Mizzou Central** ㊶  
 9:30 am-4 pm 4-H Show Me Wares  
 10 am, 12, 2 & 4 pm Eat Smart on the Go  
 Cooking Demos  
**Poultry Building** ㊷  
 2 pm Rooster Crowing Contest  
 Preliminaries  
**Sheep Pavilion** ㊸  
 1 pm Lead Line/Pee Wee, Junior,  
 Junior Intermediate, Intermediate,  
 Senior 1, 2 & 3  
 3 pm Youth Sheep Skillathon  
 3:30 pm Youth Sheep & Meat Goat  
 Judging Contest  
 6 pm Katahdin Breed Show  
**State Fair Arena** ㊹  
 9 am & 1 pm Horseshoe Pitching Contest  
**Swine Barn, North Arena** ㊺  
 5 pm 4-H/FFA Swine Showmanship  
**Womans Building** ㊻  
 9am-5pm Environmental Emergency Vehicle,  
 Spillville Train Display & activities  
 inside & on front lawn

## WELCOME MILITARY!

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**MILITARY RESOURCE FAIR**  
10 am - 4 pm, East of ㉙

**MILITARY APPRECIATION  
CEREMONY**  
2 pm, Mathewson Exhibition Center ㉙

### REGULAR GATE ADMISSION

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 Youth (age 6-12): \$4  
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 9 am - 6 pm, Aug 20

- Missouri Grown Market
- Kid-friendly & food demos
- AgVenture: Explore MO Ag from farm to fork
- Live plants showcasing top commodities
- Largest pumpkin & watermelon display

### CONSERVATION BUILDING ㉝

Hours: 9 am - 7 pm, Aug 13-19  
 9 am - 6 pm, Aug 20

- Serving nature & you with fish aquaria & other exhibits
- Xplor Zone Hours: 10 am - 6 pm, Aug 13-19; 10 am - 5 pm, Aug 20

### FFA BUILDING ㉟

Hours: 9 am - 5 pm, daily

- Register to win a FREE John Deere lawn mower
- Get ice cold milk for 25¢
- Shop the Farmers' Market for t-shirts, hats & more

### 4-H BUILDING ㉙

Hours: 9 am - 8 pm, Aug 13-19  
 9 am - 6 pm, Aug 20

- Exhibits & specialty demos by Missouri 4-H youth

### FARM BUREAU BUILDING ㉗

Hours: 9 am - 5 pm, daily

- Award-winning exhibits including Missouri 50 & Missouri Junior 50
- Artist-in-Residence daily

### FINE ARTS BUILDING ㊱

Hours: 9 am - 8 pm, daily

- Award-winning florals for show & purchase

### FLORICULTURE BUILDING ㊲

Hours: 9 am - 8 pm, Aug 13-19  
 9 am - 6 pm, Aug 20

- Milking demos 9:30 am & 6 pm, daily
- Butter Sculpture theme "A Good 'ol Cow Lick"

### GERKEN DAIRY CENTER ㉞

Sponsored by Midwest Dairy  
 Hours: 9 am - 8 pm, Aug 13-19  
 9 am - 6 pm, Aug 20

- Consumer Showcase Stage
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### LET'S TALK LIVESTOCK

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### MACHINERY AREA

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- Missouri Soybean featuring Soy Donuts
- Tiger Stripe Ice Cream at Bucks
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### MODOT HIGHWAY GARDENS/ EXPO CENTER ㊴

Hours: 9 am - 6 pm, daily

- Pick up a FREE copy of the Missouri State Map
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- Cool off in the air-conditioned Expo Center
- Take photos with Barrel Bob

### WOMANS BUILDING/DNR ㊻

Hours: 9 am - 5 pm, daily

- Displays, demos & activities from Missouri DNR, Missouri State Parks & other partners
- Missouri State Parks drawing

## GRANDSTAND ⑬ & STATE FAIR ARENA ⑭

Grandstand presented by CFM Insurance  
 Fireworks display, sponsored by Missouri S&T, following concerts on Aug 18 & 19

<p><b>SUNDAY • AUG 13</b></p> <p>⑬ Missouri State Fair Shoot Out Truck &amp; Tractor Pull 12 &amp; 6 pm</p> <p>⑭ Motocross, Final Round Missouri State Fair Cross Series, 7 pm</p> <p><b>MONDAY • AUG 14</b></p> <p>⑬ Pro Pulling League, 6 pm</p> <p>⑭ ATV/Dirt Bike Rodeo, 7 pm</p> <p><b>TUESDAY • AUG 15</b></p> <p>⑬ Outlaw Nationals Monster Truck Show, 7 pm</p> <p>⑭ MSF Truck &amp; Farm Tractor Pull, 12 &amp; 6 pm</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY • AUG 16</b></p> <p>⑬ Cory Asbury and CAIN, 7:30 pm</p> <p>⑭ Antique Classic Tractor Pull, 10 am &amp; 6 pm</p> <p><b>THURSDAY • AUG 17</b></p> <p>⑬ The Country Comeback Tour, 7:30 pm Shenandoah Billy Dean Wade Hayes</p> <p>⑭ Garden Tractor &amp; Mini Rod Pull, 10 am &amp; 6 pm</p> <p><b>FRIDAY • AUG 18</b></p> <p>⑬ Nelly, 7:30 pm with Rahzel</p> <p>⑭ Bull Riding Competition, 8 pm</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY • AUG 19</b></p> <p>⑬ Riley Green, 7:30 pm with Randy Houser</p> <p>⑭ Bull Riding Competition, 8 pm</p> <p><b>SUNDAY • AUG 20</b></p> <p>⑬ POWRI 410 Sprint Cars, B Modifieds &amp; Super Stocks, Show-Me Vintage Race Cars, Hot Laps 6 pm, Heat Races 7 pm</p> <p>⑭ Demolition Derby, 2 pm</p>
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## JUST FOR KIDS

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## MONDAY, AUGUST 14

### FARM BUREAU/FARM FAMILY DAY



\$1 off adult gate admission with coupon available at County Farm Bureau offices, \$5 off (ages 13+) and \$3 (ages 6-12) carnival wristband & Truck & Tractor Pull

### LUNCH BUNCH PROGRAM & \$5 AFTER 5 PM ADMISSION

#### ENTERTAINMENT STAGES & EVENTS

**Blacksmith Demonstrations** 12 9 am-7 pm  
**Budweiser Stage** 20  
 Supermatics, 4, 6 & 8 pm  
**Hedrick's Racing Pigs Show** 3  
 Sponsored by Jim's Tire Service, Inc.  
 10 am, 12:30, 3, 5:30 & 8 pm  
**Historic Administration Building** 16  
 Military Flag Retreat Ceremony, 5:30 pm  
**Kids Stage** 23  
 Sponsored by Your Local McDonald's  
 Mr. Stinky Feet, 12, 3 & 6 pm  
 Chicago Honey Bear Dancers,  
 12:45, 4:45 & 6:45 pm  
 Duck Throw Contest, 2 pm  
**ShenaniGuns Comedy Wild West Show** 30  
 Sponsored by AOK RV's  
 1:30, 4, 5:30 & 7:30 pm  
**State Fair Firehouse** 14  
 Sponsored by Ditzfeld Transfer, Inc.  
 Apparatus Tours, 10 am - 4 pm

**Strolling Entertainment**  
 Professor Farquar, Polecat Annie  
 MSF Mascot, BARTholomule  
 The Strolling Piano  
**Superior Sleep Stage** 46  
 Helen Russell & Co., 12, 3 & 6 pm  
 The Wild Bills, 1:30, 4:30 & 7 pm  
**Touchstone Energy Stage** 29  
 Cirque Zuma Zuma, 1:30, 4:30 & 6:30 pm  
 Alex Miller, 3:30 & 7:30 pm  
 Wheelbarrow Races, winner goes in the  
 Money Madness Machine!, 6 pm  
**WOW Water Circus** 22  
 2, 4:30 & 7 pm



#### OFFICIAL MSF SOUVENIRS

Historic Admin 16, Souvenir Barn at east  
 Midway entrance & Museum Gift Shop 13  
 Proceeds support the MSF Foundation

#### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

**4-H Building** 34  
 9:30 am Chicken BBQ Specialty Contest  
 9 am-5 pm 4-H Feeding Missouri activity  
 9 am-7 pm Youth Demos  
**Coliseum** 11  
 8 am Open Maine Anjou Show  
 1 pm 4-H/FFA Beef Showmanship Contest  
 1 pm Let's Talk Livestock - Beef Cattle  
**Conservation Building** 31  
 11 am & 1:30 pm Protection Branch K-9 Demo  
**Fine Arts Building** 40  
 9 am-5 pm Artist-In-Residence:  
 Allan Winkler & Dina Kowal  
**Floriculture Building** 39  
 9 am Missouri Master Gardener Show  
**Home Economics Building** 28  
 10 am Gourmet Mac 'n Cheese  
 Cooking Contest  
 11:30 am Missouri CattleWomen Beef Entrées  
 1 pm Crispy Green, Cooking with Lamb  
 2 pm Appetizer Dip Cooking Contest  
 3 pm Billie Long, Lawn & Garden Horticulture  
**Mathewson Exhibition Center** 34  
 9 am 4-H/FFA Dog Show  
**MEC Building** 26  
 9 am-4 pm Rural Missouri's "People From  
 Our Pages", Ortmann Woodcraft  
**MFA Livestock Arena** 10  
 9 am On-Foot Open Steer Carcass Show  
 & Live Evaluation Contest  
**MO-AG Theatre/Mizzou Central** 16  
 10 am, 12, 2 & 4 pm Eat Smart on the Go  
 Cooking Demos

**Poultry Building** 42  
 2 pm Rooster Crowing Contest Finals  
**Sheep Pavilion** 37  
 9 am Montdale Breed Show  
 1 pm Southdown Breed Show  
 6 pm Hampshire Breed Show  
**Swine Barn** 36  
 8 am 4-H/FFA Berkshire, Spot,  
 Chester White, Hereford, Poland  
 & Other Purebred Show  
 10 am 4-H/FFA Boer Goat Showmanship &  
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**Womans Building** 14  
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16 Pro Pulling League, 6 pm  
 45 ATV/Dirt Bike Rodeo, 7 pm

#### TUESDAY • AUG 15

16 Outlaw Nationals  
 Monster Truck Show, 7 pm  
 45 MSF Truck & Farm  
 Tractor Pull, 12 & 6 pm

#### WEDNESDAY • AUG 16

16 Cory Asbury and CAIN,  
 7:30 pm  
 45 Antique Classic  
 Tractor Pull, 10 am & 6 pm

#### THURSDAY • AUG 17

16 The Country  
 Comeback Tour, 7:30 pm  
 Shenandoah  
 Billy Dean  
 Wade Hayes

#### FRIDAY • AUG 18

16 Nelly, 7:30 pm  
 with Rahzel

#### SATURDAY • AUG 19

16 Riley Green, 7:30 pm  
 with Randy Houser

#### SUNDAY • AUG 20

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#### AGRICULTURE BUILDING 27

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#### FLORICULTURE BUILDING 39

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#### GERKEN DAIRY CENTER 10

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#### HOME ECONOMICS BUILDING 28

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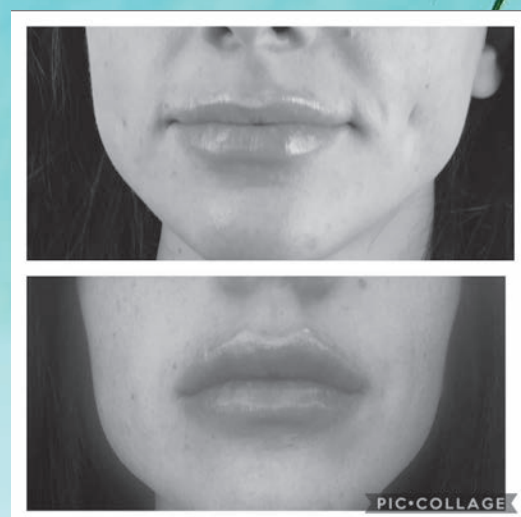
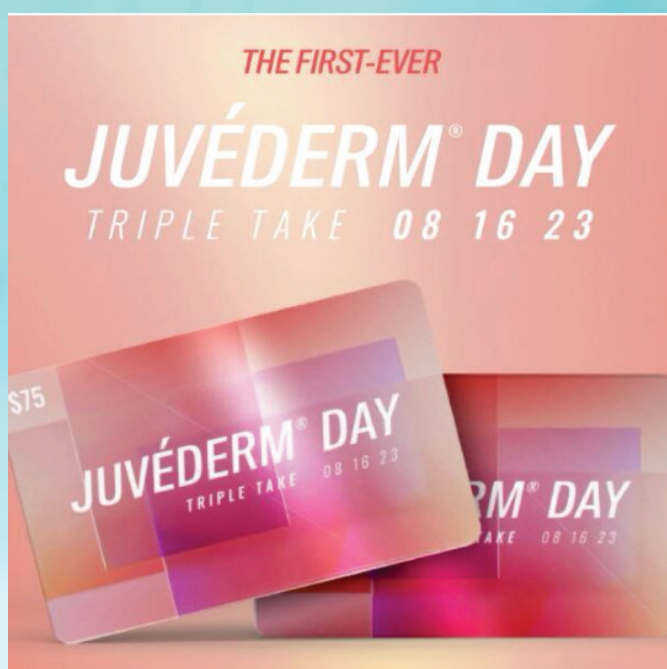
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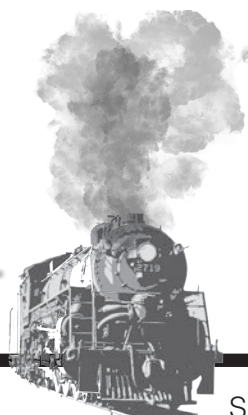


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## Making traditions at the Missouri State Fair

It's no secret that attending the Missouri State Fair is a tradition for many, so it's fitting that this year's theme is "Where Traditions Grow."



**Nicole Cooke**  
Democrat Editor

With 2023 marking my 11th year of covering the fair, I've crafted a list of traditions that I aim to complete every August. As with many fairgoers, the food traditions are at the top of my list: getting a corn dog, eating at Jackson's and the Beef House, and buying ice cream at the Gerken Dairy Center at least once (if not twice). I also enjoy wandering through the livestock barns and arenas – and wandering around the entire fairgrounds, really – to take in all aspects of the fair. That seems to be a common tradition as well.

I like to stop in the Floriculture and Fine Arts buildings to see another side of Missouri's showcase. And a tradition I already completed on opening day is taking a photo of my Missouri State Fair media badge with the midway in the background so I can document my yearly visits on social media.

Earlier this year, the fair's staff asked fairgoers to submit their favorite traditions. Some of them are now featured around the fairgrounds on various signage. The fair even partnered with Missouri Grown to create a Traditions Scavenger Hunt. Fairgoers who turn in their completed scavenger hunt checklist will receive a coupon at the Missouri Grown Market in the Agriculture Building and a chance to win two tickets to the 2024 Missouri State Fair concerts.

During many speeches at the Opening Day Ceremony on Thursday morning, the speakers incorporated the traditions of those sitting behind them on stage into their remarks. Listing the favorites of so many people from all across Missouri shows there are commonalities between us – very few people did not list "getting a corn dog" – and hidden activities and foods the rest of us should try to seek out.

So in keeping with that idea, I decided to talk with others about their state fair traditions as I completed one of my own: writing my yearly "welcome to the fair" column for the Democrat.

Pettis County Western Commissioner Jim Marcum said that as a child, he followed his parents and went through every barn on the fairgrounds before even talking about the carnival. He said he's kept that tradition to this day.

Presiding Commissioner Bill Taylor said he remembers coming to the fair as a family and having a picnic on the fairgrounds behind their car.

"We came with our kids, our grandkids showed livestock out here. I worked out here for a long time too, so the fair has been a big part of our lives," Taylor said.

Sedalia City Councilwoman Rhiannon Foster said she can't pass up getting a corn dog when she's on the fairgrounds. She also enjoys hearing stories from those who knew her family when her great-grandparents and family owned a restaurant on the fairgrounds. Her kids now work at the fair, making for five generations of fair employees in the family.

"We became friends with people from across the country, so it really is like a family reunion," Foster said. "It's such an awesome relationship because they know the stories of my ancestors."

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Hacienda employee Elizabeth Estes has fallen for the latest treat at the Missouri State Fair: the deep fried deviled eggs.

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## 2023 MISSOURI STATE FAIR

# Food across the fairgrounds

By Chris Howell

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The Missouri State Fair is known to be a gastronomic adventure with hundreds of delicious food choices only available this time of year. Friday, Aug. 11, fairgoers were busy seeing the sights and frequenting the food trailers.

The Driskill family was walking through the fair and had to pull up at Talagio's Pizza for drinks, but the smell of the wood-fired pizza was too much for young Owen to resist.

"Owen likes eating pizza," his father, Andrew, said. "And he's hot."

The pizza was still steaming when served fresh out of the oven by Scott Dover. The crispy edges and bubbly cheese had an authentic, old-world pizza look.

"It's using wood and high heat," Dover explained. "We use oak wood and cook at about 900 degrees, so it's in there and out of there in about two minutes."

Talagio's flavor is also due to the imported Italian flour used, they point out with pride.

Owen had to wait a bit lon-

*Fairgoers pick their State Fair favorites*

ger for the pizza to cool than it took to cook, but his mom Lisa fanned it for a bit and he didn't seem to mind.

"I'm eating pizza pepperoni, it's my favorite food," Owen said. "I'm hot, I'm very hungry, it's lunchtime."

Amy Dixon, of Jamesport, stops at Granny's Kettle Corn stand every year, but her family isn't only about the kettle corn.

"We come here every year to get the pork rinds," Dixon said. "I don't know, they're the best pork rinds that they've ever had and it's something we look forward to every year, coming to this stand and getting the pork rinds."

Randy and Debbie Aldridge were at a trailer grabbing a quick drink and one of the single most iconic food items at the Missouri State Fair, the corn dog.

"It's just part of the State Fair," Debbie said. "You can't get them anywhere else that tastes like it here."



Isaac Cole, of Lone Jack, makes quick work of a rib-eye sandwich Friday. Cole also likes dining at the Beef House, corn dogs and pineapple ice cream.



Owen Driskill gets ready for some Talagio's pizza on Friday, Aug. 11 at the Missouri State Fair. Driskill says pepperoni pizza is his favorite food. Talagio's pizza is fired in a 900-degree oven on site.

"You walk off a sweat and they always taste good," Randy chimed in. "Drinking a little Diet Pepsi here and heading for the shade."

And how do the Aldridges take their corn dogs?

"Mustard," Debbie said. "Nothing else," Randy agreed. "Just lots of mustard."

Isaac Cole, of Lone Jack, was busy with a rib-eye sandwich, but admitted there are so many great options, sometimes you simply have to pick one, or two, or maybe three.

"Lots of choices here at the fair. Just find something that looks good and go after it," Cole said. "The Beef House is always a favorite, a lot of people really enjoy it, but you can't beat a State Fair corn dog and some pineapple ice cream to top it off."

Mike Brookshier, of Warrensburg, was feeding his boys, Gene and Hank, one of

their favorites, fried chicken. "The boys love it," Brookshier said. "Boys, they love chicken tenders, so yeah."

Asked his opinion of the fried chicken, Mike offered a succinct review.

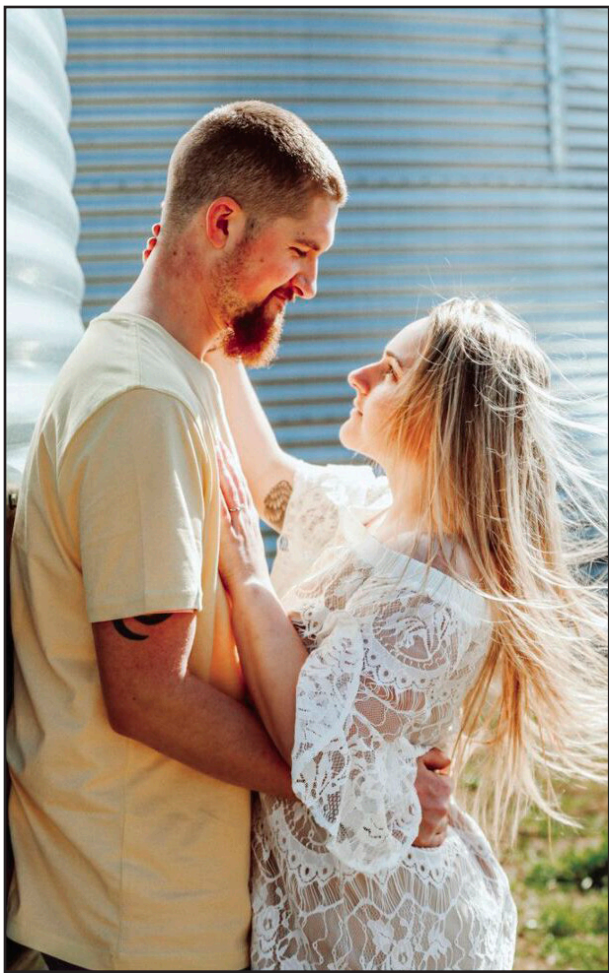
"It's good," Brookshier said. "Moist, juicy and tender." "Affordable," he added with a smile.

The Beef House was packed by noon, and Jim Warnor was happily devouring a steak.

"It's wonderful, every year," Warnor said. "It's the Cattleman's Association Beef House. Different areas take over and cook and clean and wait on you. It's something we look forward to every Friday when we come. I get the 10-ounce rib-eye."

Tammy Crum was in from Hughesville dining at the Pork Place for a Friday fair tradition.

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## STAUS-LOBAUGH ENGAGEMENT

Michael and Gina Staus announce the engagement of their daughter, Malleasa Staus, of Cole Camp, to Quentin Lobaugh, of Marshall. The future groom is the son of Ronald and Stephanie Lobaugh.

The future bride graduated in 2015 from Cole Camp High School. She completed her education to graduate early in 2014. She furthered her education at State

Fair Community College and with online courses for CNA, L1MA and Medical Assistant. She works at Bothwell Regional Health Center's Sleep clinic.

The future groom graduated in 2008 from Marshall High School. He works a Tyson Foods in the live hang department.

A wedding is planned for 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21 at St. Patrick Catholic Church.



## BERRY ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. John Berry will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 18.

Jenelle Rice and John Berry were married Aug. 18, 1973, at Green Ridge Baptist Church in Green Ridge by the Rev. Robert Magee.

Mr. Berry is retired from Union Savings Bank in Sedalia. Mrs. Berry is a retired educator in Sedalia.



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## 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 St. Vincent de Paul Church.

**Monday:** Goulash, green beans, banana and milk.

**Tuesday:** Chicken tenders, macaroni and cheese, peas, cookie and milk.

**Wednesday:** Ham and cheese on bun,

coleslaw, peaches and milk.

**Thursday:** Chicken pot pie, beets, pudding and milk.

**Friday:** Country fried steak, corn, potatoes and gravy, pears and milk.

## NEW BOOKS

### Sedalia Public Library Fiction

"Crook Manifesto," by Colson Whitehead (fiction).

"Happiness," by Danielle Steel (fiction).

"Light Bringer," by

Pierce Brown (fantasy).

"Canary Girls," by Jennifer Chiaverini (historical fiction).

"Peach Clobbered," by Anna Gerard (mystery).

"Secrets in the Dark," by Heather Graham

(suspense).

"Family Lore," by Elizabeth Acevedo (suspense).

"The Shadow Girls," by Alice Blanchard (mystery)

**Nonfiction**

"A Pity Party is Still a Party," by Chelsea Harvey Garner.

"Jackie: Public, Private, Secret," by J. Randy Taraborrelli (biography)

**New Movies**

"Fast X"

## POPULAR BOOKS

### Boonslick Regional Library Fiction

"Birder She Wrote," by Donna Andrews.

"California Golden," by Melanie Benjamin.

"The Blonde Identity," by Ally Carter.

"The Ascent," by Stefan Hertmans.

"The Connellys of

County Down," by Tracey Lange.

"Beneath Dark Water," by Karen Rose.

"Loth's Warrior," by R.A. Salvatore.

"After That Night," by Karin Slaughter.

"The Breakaway," by Jennifer Weiner.

"Dragons of Fate," by Margaret Weis and Tracy

Hickman.

**Nonfiction**

"Dark Future: Uncovering the Great Reset's Terrifying Next Phase," by Glenn Beck.

"Kingdom Quarterback: Patrick Mahomes, the Kansas City Chiefs, and How a Once Swingin Cow Town Chased the Ultimate Comeback," by Mark

Dent and Rustin Dodd.

"President Garfield: From Radical to Unifier," by C.W. Goodyear.

"Eight Setbacks That Can Make a Child a Success," by Michelle Icard.

"Gallop Toward the Sun: Tecumseh and William Henry Harrison's Struggle for the Destiny of a Nation," by Peter Stark.

## Celebrity hair, makeup and nail stylists: How the Hollywood strikes have affected glam squads

By Leanne Italie  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Film, television, fashion: You name it and Kim Kimble has done it in her 30-plus years as a hair stylist in Hollywood — but even through the good times, she never gave up her backup plan. Until the pandemic.

"I had a salon where I could work if I had to, and I closed it," she said. "So now I don't even have that."

Kimble and a world of Hollywood hair stylists, makeup artists and manicurists have been idled by the actors and screenwriters strikes, in an era of declining rates as they were still rebuilding their livelihoods from the painful months of the coronavirus shutdowns.

They aren't alone, of course, as writers and actors walk picket lines in their contract disputes with studios and streaming services. Crew and support staff on all sides of the entertainment equation — production, promotion, assistants — are also out of work from coast to coast.

"For three, four, five months before the writers went out, studios weren't willing to greenlight projects, so many of us have been unemployed for a lot longer," said Linda Dowds, a Los Angeles-based makeup artist in her 60s who has worked in film and television since 1987.

The writers went on strike May 2; the actors followed July 14. It's unclear how long the strikes will last. In more than a dozen

interviews, specialists in wardrobe, hair, makeup and nails said they feared losing homes and health insurance as they scurry for pivots. Even if the studios and streamers reach agreements with the Writers Guild of America and SAG-AFTRA sooner rather than later, it will take weeks for productions to ramp back up.

Dowds, who shared an Oscar for her work on "The Eyes of Tammy Faye," said she's in a "heightened state of anxiety" over the strikes. But she considers herself among the lucky. She spent years working back-to-back projects, allowing her to keep her health insurance for now through the Make-Up Artists and Hair Stylists Guild.

"But that's only sustainable for so long," she said.

The 52-year-old Kimble, who has worked with Beyoncé and Taraji P. Henson and on "Dreamgirls" and "A Wrinkle in Time," belongs to the same union as Dowds. She has no idea what else she would do.

"Hair is what I love," said Kimble, in Los Angeles. "There's really nothing else, you know. And I love this business, so it's really hard to understand, 'Where would I go?'"

Makeup artist Matin Maulawizada is based in New York but usually travels the world, working with actors and other celebrities on television sets, red carpets and talk show appearances.

"My work has been erased mostly. Honestly, I don't have a Plan B," he said.

The strikes have come after years of lessened pay for their work, he said.

"I'm not exaggerating when I say we make one-tenth for the exact same job we did in 2005," Maulawizada said. "If you worked with an A-list client you could easily make anywhere between \$3,500 to \$5,000 for a red carpet. Now you're lucky if you get \$500."

Celebrity manicurist Julie Kandalec in New York has been working the A-list (Emily Blunt, Storm Reid and Selena Gomez among them) for nearly 13 years. She also teaches entrepreneurial skills for beauty pro-

fessionals online, a lucrative side hustle that's helping sustain her. In addition, she works with brands and has maintained a network of contacts outside the Hollywood bubble.

Still, she worries about making rent.

"With the Emmys being pushed, just that alone is hard," Kandalec said.

Like others, she has maintained salon space over the years while staying busy with red carpet and other work. For some, finding enough salon clients to make a dent in their lost incomes has been a problem.

"I have a salon suite but most of my clients are actors. A lot of them aren't getting their hair cut regularly right now because they're not working. I'm doing whatever I can to do house calls and haircuts," said celebrity stylist and men's groomer Andrea Pezzillo, 38, in Los Angeles. She, too, teaches online.

A lengthy actors strike would be make or break for the 59-year-old Maulawizada. If it stretches into December, he and his husband, a teacher, will have to sell their house.

He just picked up a day's work helping prepare Sarah Jessica Parker for a round of Zoom interviews in a collaboration with a French skincare brand to help a women's mental health organization.

"Many of us used to do beauty and we used to do celebrity but it became much more in demand to only do celebrity. That's what we have been concentrating on, which has actually worked against us in a way because of times like this," Maulawizada said. "If I don't get work in the next month, I'll be worried about paying my bills."

He once earned money from brand consulting, but these days "brands are putting more money into influencers than they do actual professionals."

Maulawizada is particularly concerned about colleagues whose sole focus is on film.

"They don't have an online personality, an online presence, because they're working 16 hours a day

sitting backstage, watching their monitors to make sure that the actors and actresses look good. And these are the experts of the experts."

He's trying to turn that around during the strikes, pitching brands to donate money to professional makeup artists in exchange for social media video posts showing how to use products. He has a couple of brands lined up already.

"It's money they would usually pay some kid dancing around and doing their makeup on TikTok as opposed to a pro that has been doing Oscar-winning movies but doesn't have a lot of followers on Instagram," Maulawizada said.

Glam squadders find themselves in the same dire straits as those doing dozens of other jobs in the entertainment industry.

Whitney Anne Adams is a costumer designer who works mostly feature films.

"Work for me has completely dried up, with nothing on the horizon," she said. "Besides a small two-month project, I haven't worked since November 2022 since the slowdown was already beginning last year."

The only work she has found was a couple of days of background styling on a non-union music video.

"There's really nothing else to pivot to at this moment," she said.

Adams, based in Richmond, Virginia, has been dedicating herself to union work, sharing information about grant programs and other resources. She belongs to two union locals, both affiliated with the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees and Motion Picture Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts. It's the same umbrella organization as union hair stylists and makeup artists.

"We negotiate our contracts next year. We hope that the solidarity they feel from us now will come back at us then," Adams said of the union workers currently on strike. "We all have very similar needs and we all work side by side. If they don't get a fair contract it will be really bad for all of us in this industry."

# Community Calendar AUGUST

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 W. Pettis St.

8:30 to 10:30 a.m.: Breakfast for everyone at Christ and Trinity Lutheran Church, 2101 W. 32nd St.

Noon and 7 p.m.: Alcoholics Anonymous 12x12 Non-smoking group, Sunday through Saturday; at 417 W. Pettis St., sedalia12x-12aa@gmail.com.

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

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

## MONDAY

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

8 a.m.: Courthouse Prayer Group meets on the lawn of the Pettis County Courthouse, Monday through Friday. During the winter months, the group meets at Panera.

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

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

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

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

1:45 p.m.: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 0102 Sedalia meets at the Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St., in the lower level meeting room. All are welcome to attend. The first meeting is always free. Call 660-525-4142.

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

6 p.m.: Cornerstone Celebrate Recovery. A Bible-based 12-step program for Hurts, Habits and Hangups; Cornerstone Baptist Church, 660-827-4833.

6 p.m.: Pettis County Democratic Central Committee at Lin-

coln-Hubbard Apartments, 711 N. Osage Ave. The meeting is a potluck, all interested are invited.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## TUESDAY

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

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

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.

3 to 6 p.m.: Sedalia Area Farmers' Market, in downtown Sedalia on Ohio Avenue.

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 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 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 W. Pettis St.

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

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

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

3:30 p.m.: Sedalia Photo Club meeting at Sacred Heart Parish Center. Photos to be displayed and voted on

are the July assignment of American flag and for August, fireworks photo(s). Bring a 4-by-6-inch size of each, one color and one black and white. Visitors are welcome.

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 W. Pettis St.

7:45 a.m.: 40 & 8 Voiture 333, Knights of Columbus Hall, 1708 Elm Hills Blvd.

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

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

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

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.: Pettis County Democrat Club at Lincoln Hubbard Apartments, 711 N. Osage Ave. The meeting is a potluck, all interested are invited.

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.: Central Missouri Coin Club, Knights of Columbus Hall, 1708 Elm Hills Blvd.

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

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

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

## FRIDAY

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

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

Noon: Pettis County Pachyderms, Room C at the Heckart Community Center.

1 p.m.: Sedalia Duplicate Bridge Club at

First Christian Church, 200 S. Limit Ave.

3 to 6 p.m.: Sedalia Area Farmers' Market, in downtown Sedalia on Ohio 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.

## SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

1 to 4 p.m.: The Pettis County Museum and Historical Society is free and open for guests, 228 Dundee.

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

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11:30 am Missouri Cattle/Women Beef Entrées  
12:30 pm Debbie Forgey, Tupperware  
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**North East of Mathewson Exhibition Center** ⑭  
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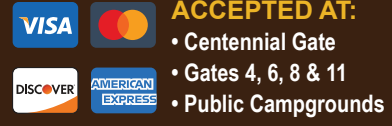
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### FRIDAY • AUG 18

⑭ **Nelly**, 7:30 pm with Rahzel  
⑭ **Bull Riding Competition**, 8 pm

### SATURDAY • AUG 19

⑭ **Riley Green**, 7:30 pm with Randy Houser  
⑭ **Bull Riding Competition**, 8 pm

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Bobbie Biere tried the chicken on a stick with her son Trace, who remarked on the tasty chicken and freshly-steamed vegetables. PHOTO BY CHRIS HOWELL | DEMOCRAT

## Food

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“They have really good fresh food,” Crum said. “I’m here with my mom and my sister, my niece and my great niece. We come the first Friday every year. We all like the pork. It’s very tender and juicy and the fries are seasoned well!”

Bobbie Biere chose chicken on a stick for her and her son Trace. The chicken on a stick was easy to handle, but finding a shady spot to eat soon proved impossible.

“My cousin loves Chinese,” Biere said, “so we thought we’d try it.”

“It’s good,” Trace said

of the delicately sauced skewers of chicken. “It’s like sweet. It’s noodles and broccoli, it’s just steamed vegetables.”

Byron Roach was having lunch at Good Time Charlie’s and is quite familiar with the many dining options at the fair.

“I’m actually one of the commissioners that oversees the fair,” Roach told the Democrat. “We’ve got a couple new places this year. One is the deep-fried deviled eggs just around the corner here. We also have a B&B chicken on a stick, which is more of an oriental cuisine. We got the brisket sandwiches.”

But the big talk at the fair is of the deep-fried deviled eggs.

“I actually work over at the Hacienda,” Elizabeth Estes said while ordering more deviled eggs. “I had heard that this was coming and then I see it right across the street, so I knew we had to have it. My son works over here, so he was telling me about it.”

And her opinion of the most talked-about new item at the Missouri State Fair?

“It is delicious,” Estes raved. “It is so good, you get all the different textures, you get the soft egg in the middle, you get the crunchy deep-fried, and then the tangy filling, you got bacon on top and chives and paprika. Lots of flavors, lots of textures!”

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## CBS game show ‘Superfan’ celebrates musicians

By Mark Kennedy

Associated Press

NEW YORK — CBS’ latest game show doesn’t ask its contestants to have any skills — no need to sing, dance, cook or pull a rabbit out of a hat. All it asks from its competitors is adoration — lots of it.

“Superfan,” which premieres Wednesday, gathers one musical act and their fans each week into a studio and gradually whittles the contestants down to two, giving viewers the final say on who will be crowned the ultimate superfan.

“There’s too many talent shows. It’s too competitive. Some of us are not good at anything except loving the artist we love,” says Keltie Knight, creator, executive producer and co-host. “This is not a talent show.

This is a talent-less show.”

“Superfan” has lured some starry first season guests — Kelsea Ballerini, Gloria Estefan, Little Big Town, LL Cool J, Pitbull and Shania Twain. Contestants come from all over the country and even internationally; a Twain superfan from Brazil said her music helped him learn English.

The contestants are winnowed down over the course of an hour through a series of competitions: Recognizing a snippet of the star’s song, identifying one of their iconic images and getting inside their head for a multiple-choice question, like picking their singer’s favorite Jennifer Lopez rom-com.

The final two try to impress the viewers — and the artists — by lip-syncing to one of their hits.

For the Twain show, that meant two contestants dressed in feather boas and top hats shimmying to “Man! I Feel Like a Woman!”

“I want the fans to have this opportunity to shine and to win, but it’s just as much for the artists. I want the artists to have a safe place, like those amazing ‘MTV Unplugged’ sessions that were just like Kurt Cobain in a sweater and he’s just playing for fans and he’s able to look them in the eye and tell a story,” Knight says. “That’s the vibe we’re going for.”

In addition to the title, winners can get all sorts of perks, like tickets to upcoming concerts, plenty of merch, a private listen to an upcoming album, a signed guitar or a backstage VIP meet-and-greet.

## Cooke Column

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State Rep. Brad Pollitt, R-Sedalia, said he and his wife started working at the fair when they moved to Sedalia in 1990, which became a tradition for the Pollitt family. Once he became a school administrator, he stopped working at the fair due to time constraints. His wife spent 30 years working in parking, many of those as the superintendent, and the last five years also included being the admissions superintendent. Pollitt said their daughter has been working at the fair for five years and is now the head of the revenue department.

“We have a long tradition of working at the fair,” Pollitt added.

He said he also enjoys walking through the agricultural equipment to see what’s new, and the crazy-high pricetags. After that stop, his family likes to walk through the Agriculture and Varied Industries buildings to view the wide variety of products folks bring to sell at the fair. In recent years, Pollitt said he’s added the No Limits Pig Show to his list of favorites, which provides children with disabilities the chance to enter a livestock

show ring with an experienced exhibitor.

“Seeing those kids laugh and have fun with agriculture and animals is great,” he said.

Missouri Farmers Care Executive Director Ashley McCarty said she’s been going to the fair for roughly 30 years and two traditions stand out for her: the Drive to Feed Kids and cinnamon rolls.

“This is our seventh year of packing (food with Missouri Farmers Care Foundation and Missouri FFA). That has become truly the highlight of my personal and professional summer,” she said of the food insecurity initiative. “On a more traditional note, the cinnamon rolls in front of the grandstand, really the pecan rolls, are the highlight for me. I don’t leave the fair without having one of those cinnamon rolls.”

In all my years at the fair, I’ve eaten plenty of fair food but never a cinnamon roll. Ashley’s description alone might cause me to seek out a possible new tradition before the 2023 fair is over.



This Dec. 2018 image shows cookie ice cream sandwiches with crushed candies on the outside. PHOTO BY CHEYENNE COHEN/KATIE WORKMAN VIA AP

## What’s summer without an ice cream sandwich?

By Katie Workman

Associated Press

What’s left on your bucket list this summer? Have you spent enough time near water? Listened to live music outdoors? Have you eaten enough corn, berry cobblers, ice cream sandwiches?

Wait, what’s that? You haven’t had an ice cream sandwich this summer? Let’s fix that right away!

Of course you can buy ice cream sandwiches at the grocery store, and perhaps you’re lucky enough to live somewhere where the jingle-jangle of an ice cream truck can be heard. But making ice cream sandwiches at home is so easy, so much fun, and allows you to customize your ICS (ice cream sandwich, of course) any which way.

And I speak from experience when I say that pulling out a tray of ice cream sandwiches at the end of a cookout will cement your legacy as the host of the summer.

First, let’s talk about the cookies

You can absolutely use store-bought cookies, but think about making your own. Pretty much any kind of sturdy cookie can be turned into an ice cream sandwich. Chocolate chip, sugar cookies, oatmeal raisin, gingersnaps (a favorite in my house), to name but a few.

And you can of course make the cookies several days ahead of time, an easy do-ahead step. Make sure the cookies have some crispness, as the ice cream will soften them a bit.

Now let’s talk ice cream. Ditto on the wide range of possible flavors. Yes, chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, chocolate mint chip. But also: salted caramel, cake batter, peanut butter fudge swirl, chocolate banana split, rocky road, peach, cherry pistachio — have you walked down the ice

*How to make or assemble one at home*

cream freezer aisle lately? It seems to get longer every year with exciting flavor combos.

Thinking about making your own ice cream? Those are some serious bragging rights. If you don’t have an ice cream maker, consider making no-churn ice cream, which requires just a food processor and a freezer.

Or think about mixing some add-ins into store-bought vanilla or chocolate ice cream. Just soften some pints of ice cream, turn them into a bowl and add some chopped sweet (or maybe even salty!) things. You might consider chopped peanut butter cups, candy bars, fresh cherries, berries or other fruit, toffee, nuts, pretzels. Or swirl in some hot fudge or caramel sauce.

Then pack the mix into a container and let it firm up again in the freezer. Let the ice cream sit out for 5 to 10 minutes before serving to soften up slightly.

Now the fun part — mix and match flavors

The only rule here is to combine what you think goes well together! Last week, I made chocolate chunk cookies and filled them with brownie ice cream — a chocolate explosion. This week, I’m planning to make peanut butter cookies and fill them with a raspberry chocolate chip ice cream (shades of PB&J!). Another combo that I want to sneak in under the wire: Mexican Hot Chocolate Chip Cookies with dulce de leche ice cream.

Of course, no one says you can’t have ice cream sandwiches in the fall. I’m thinking Chewy Molasses Cookies with pumpkin

spice ice cream! That would be a nice post-apple-picking treat, wouldn’t it?

Here’s how you make them

Just place a generous scoop of slightly softened ice cream between two cookies, flat side facing inwards. Gently press them together until the ice cream pushes out to reach the edges of the cookies. Use a knife to smooth the side of the ice cream filling.

I like to use cookies about 3 inches in diameter. One pint of ice cream will fill four sandwiches (thus eight cookies).

And if you want to go one step further and make the ice cream sandwiches extra-festive, you can roll them in things like crushed candy, mini chocolate chips, sprinkles or any other crushable little sweet you fancy. If you want to go for the salty-sweet vibe, think about crushed nuts or pretzels or potato chips.

This is also a nice project for kids to help out with. Just put the crushed item on a plate and roll the ice cream sandwiches sideways until the ice cream is coated. Place the ice cream sandwiches on a plate back in the freezer until they firm up.

You can make these up to a few days ahead of time; let them freeze on a plate and then transfer them to an airtight container until ready to serve.

We’ve only got a few weeks left of what’s been a very hot summer. Let’s make them as cool and ice cream-y as possible!

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Katie Workman writes regularly about food for The Associated Press. She has written two cookbooks focused on family-friendly cooking, “Dinner Solved!” and “The Mom 100 Cookbook.” She blogs at <https://themom100.com/> and can be reached at [Katie@themom100.com](mailto:Katie@themom100.com).

## Dungeons & Dragons tells illustrators to stop using AI to generate artwork

By Matt O’Brien

AP Technology Writer

The Dungeons & Dragons role-playing game franchise says it won’t allow artists to use artificial intelligence technology to draw its cast of sorcerers, druids and other characters and scenery.

D&D art is supposed to be fanciful. But at least one ax-wielding giant seemed too weird for some fans, leading them to take to social media to question if it was human-made.

Hasbro-owned D&D Beyond, which makes online tools and other companion content for the franchise, said it didn’t know until Saturday that an illustrator it has worked

with for nearly a decade used AI to create commissioned artwork for an upcoming book. The franchise, run by the Hasbro subsidiary Wizards of the Coast, said in a statement that it has talked to that artist and is clarifying its rules.

“He will not use AI for Wizards’ work moving forward,” said a post from D&D Beyond’s account on X, formerly Twitter. “We are revising our process and updating our artist guidelines to make clear that artists must refrain from using AI art generation as part of their art creation process for developing D&D.”

Today’s AI-generated art often shows telltale

glitches, such as distorted limbs, which is what caught the eye of skeptical D&D fans.

Hasbro and Wizards of the Coast didn’t respond to requests for further comment Sunday. Hasbro bought D&D Beyond for \$146.3 million last year. The Rhode Island-based toy giant has owned Wizards of the Coast for more than two decades.

The art in question is in a soon-to-be-released hardcover book of monster descriptions and lore called “Bigby Presents: Glory of the Giants.” The digital and physical version of the package is selling for \$59.95 on the D&D website and due for an Aug. 15 release.

# Hip-hop turns 50, reinventing itself and swaths of the world along the way

By **Deepti Hajela**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hip-hop was born in the break — that moment when a song's vocals dropped, instruments quieted down and the beat took the stage.

At the hands of the DJs, that break moment became more: a composition in itself. The MCs got in on it, speaking their own clever rhymes. So did the dancers, b-boys and b-girls. Graffiti artists took it to the streets of New York City.

Hip-hop spread around the country and the world. At each step: change, adaptation. Art, culture, fashion, community, social justice, politics, sports, business: Hip-hop has impacted them all.

In hip-hop, “when someone does it, then that's how it's done. When someone does something different, then that's a new way,” says Babatunde Akinboboye, a Nigerian-American opera singer and longtime hip-hop fan in Los Angeles, who creates content on social media using both musical styles.

Hip-hop “connects to what is true. And what is true, lasts.”

Those looking for a starting point have landed on Aug. 11, 1973, when Clive Campbell, known as DJ Kool Herc around the Bronx, deejayed a party. Campbell had started extending the musical breaks of records and speaking over the beat. It wasn't long before the style could be heard all over the city.

And then in 1979, The Sugarhill Gang put out “Rapper's Delight” and introduced a rap record that would reach as high as 36 on Billboard's Top 100 chart list.

Michael “Wonder Mike”

Wright says he knew the song was “going to be big. “I knew it was going to blow up and play all over the world because it was a new genre of music,” he tells The Associated Press.

And Guy “Master Gee” O'Brien says, “If you couldn't sing or you couldn't play an instrument, you could recite poetry and speak your mind. And so it became accessible to the everyman.”

Female voices took their chances, like Roxanne Shante, who became one of the first female MCs to gain a wider audience. Other women have joined her, from Queen Latifah to Lil' Kim to Nicki Minaj to Megan Thee Stallion and more.

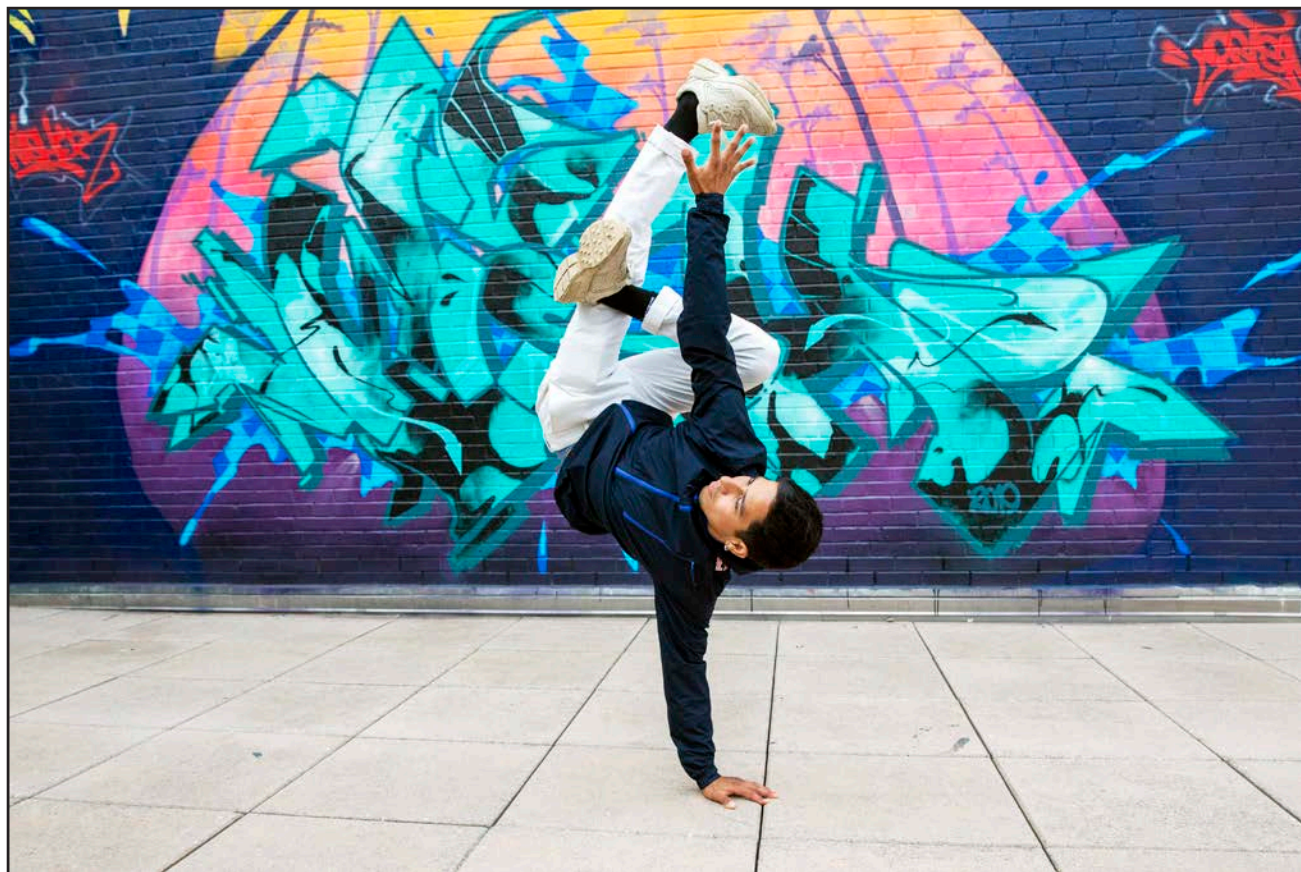
Over the years, hip-hop has been used as a medium for just about everything. Mainstream America hasn't always been ready for it, though.

Coming from America's Black communities, that has also meant hip-hop has been a tool to speak out against injustice, like in 1982 when Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five told the world in “The Message,” about the stresses of poverty in their city neighborhoods.

And Public Enemy's “Fight the Power” became an anthem when it was created for filmmaker Spike Lee's 1989 classic “Do the Right Thing,” which chronicled racial tension in a Brooklyn neighborhood.

Some in hip-hop pulled no punches but often those messages have been met with fear or disdain in the mainstream. When N.W.A. came “Straight Outta Compton” in 1988 with loud, brash tales of police abuse and gang life, radio stations recoiled.

Hip-hop (mainly that done by Black artists) and



Breakdancer Victor Montalvo, 27, of Kissimmee, Fla., performs in New York City on June 22, 2021. In the five decades since hip-hop emerged out of New York City, it has spread around the country and the world. And at each step there's been change and adaptation, as new, different voices came in and made it their own.

FILE PHOTO BY TED SHAFFREY | AP PHOTO

law enforcement have had a contentious relationship over the years, each eyeing the other with suspicion. There's been cause for some of it. In some forms of hip-hop the ties between rappers and criminal figures were real, and violence spiraled out, as in high-profile deaths like that of Tupac Shakur in 1996 and The Notorious B.I.G. in 1997. But in a country where Black people are often looked at with suspicion by authority, there have also been plenty of stereotypes about hip-hop and criminality.

As hip-hop spread, a host of voices have used it to speak out, like Bobby Sanchez, a Peruvian American transgender, two-spirit poet and rapper who has released a song in Quechua, the language of the Wari people that her father came from.

“I think it's very special and cool when artists use it to reflect society because

it makes it bigger than just them,” Sanchez says. “To me, it's always political, really, no matter what you're talking about, because hip-hop, in a way, is a form of resistance.”

When hip-hop first started being absorbed globally, it often mimicked American styles, says P. Khalil Saucier, who has studied its journey across the Africa continent. These days, homegrown hip-hop can be found everywhere.

“The culture as a whole has kind of really rooted itself because it's been able to now transform itself from simply an importation, if you will, to now really being local in its multiple manifestations, regardless of what country you're looking at,” says Saucier, a professor of critical Black studies at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania. That's to everyone's ben-

efit, says Rishma Dhaliwal, founder of London's I Am Hip-Hop magazine.

“Hip-hop is ... allowing you in someone's world. It's allowing you into someone's struggles,” she says. “It's a big microphone to say, ‘Well, the streets say this is what is going on here and this is what you might not know about us. This is how we feel, and this is who we are.’”

Hip-hop has also gone into other spaces and made them different.

For Usha Jey, hip-hop was the perfect thing to mix with the classical South Asian dance style of Bharatanatyam. The 26-year-old French choreographer created videos last year showing the two styles interacting with each other.

Hip-hop culture “pushes you to be you,” Jey says. “I feel like in the pursuit of finding yourself, hip-hop helps me because that culture says, you've got to

be you.”

Hip-hop is “a magical art form,” says Nile Rodgers, legendary musician, composer and record producer. He would know. It was his song “Good Times,” with the band Chic, that was recreated to form the basis for “Rapper's Delight” all those years ago.

“The impact that it's had on the world, it really can't be quantified,” Rodgers says. “You can find someone in a village that you've never been to, a country that you've never been to, and all of a sudden you hear its own local hip-hop. And you don't even know who these people are, but they've adopted it and have made it their own.”

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## ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

### Children's author has shameless title for next ‘Dog Man’ book

NEW YORK — With apologies to Nathaniel Hawthorne and admirers of “The Scarlet Letter,” Dav Pilkey has a shameless name for the next installment of his multi-million selling “Dog Man” children's books series about a canine superhero: “Dog Man: The Scarlet Shedder,” to be published March 19.

Woof.

“Dog Man started out as a character I created when I was in second grade, but the series has evolved into a love letter to my parents,” Pilkey said in a statement released Thursday by Scholastic. “Looking back as a kid growing up with dyslexia and ADHD, my parents, who were my best advocates, let me choose whatever books I wanted to read — with no judgment. Their support and love was life-changing and helped me to become the reader, author, and illustrator that I am today.”

Previous “Dog Man” titles, or pet names, include “Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties,” “Dog Man: Lord of the Fleas” and “Dog Man: For Whom the Ball Rolls.” Pilkey's series has been adapted into a stage musical and a film version

is planned.

Meanwhile, the “Dog Man” spinoff “Cat Kid Comic Club” goes on, with “Cat Kid Comic Club: Influencers” scheduled for November.

### Singer Ciara expecting fourth child

LOS ANGELES — The Grammy-winning performer Ciara is expecting her fourth child, her third with husband and Denver Broncos quarterback Russell Wilson, a representative for the singer confirmed to The Associated Press.

Ciara broke the news in a video announcement on her Instagram, revealing her pregnant silhouette in front of a pool.

She wrote in the caption, “You look at me like that again, we make another kid... You my heart I'm your rib.” The clip is soundtracked by “How We Roll,” her 2023 collaboration with Chris Brown.

In July 2020, Ciara and Wilson welcomed their second child, Win Harrison Wilson. In 2017, they had their first — Sienna Princess Wilson. Ciara also has a 9-year-old son, Future Zahir, from a previous relationship with rapper Future.

### Amazon founder buys home in Miami's

### ‘billionaire bunker’

MIAMI — Jeff Bezos, the founder of Amazon, is buying an estate on an exclusive man-made barrier island in Miami known as “Billionaire Bunker,” where he will be neighbors with a growing list of celebrities including Tom Brady, Ivanka Trump and her husband, Jared Kushner.

Bezos, 59, is paying \$68 million for the three-bedroom, waterfront home, which sits on 2.8 acres (1.1 hectares), Fortune magazine and Bloomberg reported. The Amazon founder stepped down as CEO in 2021 to devote more time to philanthropy and other projects.

MTM Star International is listed on Miami-Dade property records as the previous owner of the home. The county website does not list Bezos as the owner, but shows the property sold in June.

Guillermo Olmedillo, the village manager of Indian Creek Village, told The Associated Press he has no information about the purchase. The village has a country club and its own police force.

County records show the property previously sold for \$1.4 million in 1982. The home has 9,300 square feet (864 square meters) and a pool.

Bezos is not new to Miami. He graduated from Palmetto High School.

## Taylor Swift announces ‘1989 (Taylor's Version)’ at Eras Tour show

By **Maria Sherman**  
AP Music Writer

LOS ANGELES — Taylor Swift closed the 2023 U.S. leg of her landmark Eras Tour Wednesday night in Los Angeles in a big way, announcing the fourth edition of her re-recording project: “1989 (Taylor's Version).”

After playing a few tracks from her “1989” era live, including an abridged take on “Bad Blood,” the pop superstar approached the center of the stage with an acoustic guitar in hand and suggested to the audience that she had been working on something big.

“Instead of just, like, telling you about it, I think I'll just sort of show you,” she told the crowd as the screen illuminated behind her. “‘1989 (Taylor's Version)’ available Oct. 27!” she cheered, pointing out that she was revealing this on the eighth month of the year and the ninth day — a numerical clue.

Then she launched into a surprise performance of the ascendant “1989” track “New Romantics” and the “Reputation”-era piano ballad “New Year's Day” for the first time during her world tour.

Just last month, Swift released her re-recording of “Speak Now” and soon claimed the record for the woman with the most No.

1 albums in history. The “Taylor's Version” projects were sparked by music manager Scooter Braun's purchase and subsequent sale of her early catalog.

Beyond the breaking news, across more than three-and-a-half hours at SoFi Stadium, Swift offered fans a bevy of career-spanning tracks — less a greatest hits collection, and more a live celebration of an artist in her veterancy.

Choreographed easter eggs were frequent. Swift would mimic dance moves from her iconic music videos and crack jokes about her feelings and “women-splaining to men how to apologize to women.”

Openers — and “besties,” as Swift described them — HAIM joined her on stage for the “evermore” cut “no body, no crime.”

Across more than 40 tracks reflecting 17 years of recorded music, it was as if the ground shook with the rapturous sound of 70,000 fans scream-singing along to her hits and deep cuts alike. This was Taylor Swift's house — filled with fans in light Taylor Swift cosplay (pink dresses for her 2019 album “Lover,” black leather and snakeskin prints for 2017's “Reputation,” sequins and A-line skirts for 2014's “1989,” and so

on).

Before launching into her “1989” era tracks, Swift performed an emotive single from her “folklore” album, “cardigan.” “When you are young, they assume you know nothing,” she sang, contorting the line in the third verse, “I knew everything when I was young.”

For a performance predicated on returning to the past as well as celebrating the present, it felt like a mission statement. Throughout her career and her many sonic experiments, Swift has been a keen observer of human condition and heartbreak. Even in those early songs about fantasies and fairytales, she demonstrates a kind of pragmatic wisdom. It is why a song she wrote when she was 16 can elicit the same sort of response as one written in her 30s.

And in a summer stacked with superstar tours celebrating giant new releases — like the larger-than-life experiences of Beyoncé's “Renaissance” World Tour and Drake's 56-date “It Was All a Blur” tour — Taylor Swift's lookback Eras Tour stands proudly among them.

For fans who desire their beloved artist play the hits — she certainly delivered.

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July 1, 2023  
**Sedalia School District #200, Northwest R-5, LaMonte R-IV, Smithton R-VI, Green Ridge R-VIII, Otterville R-VI, and Lincoln R-2** announced its revised free and reduced price policy for school children unable to pay the full price of meals served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program.

Local education officials have adopted the following family-size income criteria for determining eligibility:

Household Size	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals			Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals		
	Annually	Monthly	Weekly	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$18,954	\$1,580	\$365	\$26,973	\$2,248	\$519
2	25,636	2,137	493	36,482	3,041	702
3	32,318	2,694	622	45,991	3,833	885
4	39,000	3,250	750	55,500	4,625	1,068
5	45,682	3,807	879	65,009	5,418	1,251
6	52,364	4,364	1,007	74,518	6,210	1,434
7	59,046	4,921	1,136	84,027	7,003	1,616
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Children from families whose current income is at or below those shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Applications are available at the school office. To apply, fill out a Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application and return it to the school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. A complete application is required as a condition of eligibility. A complete application includes: (1) household income from all sources or Food Stamp/TANF case number, (2) names of all household members, and (3) the signature and last four digits of social security number or indication of no social security number of adult household member signing the application. School officials may verify current income or other information provided on the application at any time during the school year.

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Children who are members of households currently certified as receiving Food Stamps, TANF or FDIPIR are eligible for free meals. To complete an application, the household must provide the names of the children, a statement that the household receives the qualifying benefits, the Food Stamps/TANF/FDIPIR case number, and the signature of the adult household member making application. When known by the school that members of a household are receiving assistance from Food Stamps, TANF or FDIPIR, households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free school meals. If any children in the household were not listed on the eligibility notice or not listed on the application, the household should contact the school to have benefits extended to all children in the household.

If a family member becomes unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for these benefits.

Under the provisions of the policy, the determining official will review the applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, they may wish to discuss the decision with the hearing official on an informal basis or he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to the board office. Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy. A complete copy of the policy is on file in each school and in the central office where any interested party may review it.

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**Site Upgrades Project**

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Assessed Valuation (AV) (by categories)	2023-24	2022-23
Real Estate	\$313,165,321	\$303,538,205
Personal Property	\$133,555,830	\$99,070,487
Combined Real Estate & Personal Property	\$446,721,151	\$402,608,692
Less AV in Tax Increment Financing (TIF)	\$0	\$0
Adjusted Assessed Valuation on Which Tax Revenue is Received	\$446,721,151	\$402,608,692
New Construction & Improvements (Included in AV Total above)	\$2,930,882	\$2,253,300

**The following Tax Rates are Proposed by Fund:**

	Property Tax Revenues Budgeted (assumes 100% collection)	Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$100)	Amount of Calculated Property Tax Revenue From Prior Year	Property Tax Rate (per \$100)
Incidental	\$15,022,339	\$3.3628	\$13,538,925	\$3.3628
Teacher	\$0	\$0.0000	\$0	\$0.0000
Debt Service	\$0	\$0.0000	\$0	\$0.0000
Capital Projects	\$3,127,048	\$0.7000	\$2,818,261	\$0.7000
Total	\$18,149,387	\$4.0628	\$16,357,186	\$4.0628

Total New Revenue (operating funds only):	\$1,792,201	<b>Board of Education</b> Sedalia 200 Diana Nichols, President Barbara Schrader, Secretary
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**Market report from Monday July 24th**  
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500-600lbs 2.83-3.19	1 load 942@2.4025	500-600lbs 2.50-2.76
600-700lbs 2.65-2.91	1 load 843lbs@2.48	600-700lbs 2.44-2.55
700-800lbs 2.44-2.58	1 load colored steers 815@2.45	700-800lbs 2.35-2.46
800-900lbs 2.40-2.56	Bulk of butcher cows: 98-115	
900-1000lbs 2.35-2.41	High yielding 120-128	
	Bulls 121-136	

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