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## Jackson named principal at Washington Elementary

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Amanda Jackson

“Some of them attended the session this morning and that was fun because I am starting to see new faces,” Jackson said. “They’re not new faces really, but putting their faces with their names is sometimes awkward.”

Jackson is currently the assistant principal at Heber Hunt Elementary and started in the district as an elementary teacher in 2006, moving to elementary counselor in 2011. She was Heber Hunt’s instructional coach for the 2022-23 school year before moving into her role as assistant principal this school year.

“I started teaching mid-year at Skyline as a third grade teacher and once the new school year started, I moved over to a position at Heber Hunt,” Jackson recalled. “After two years at Heber Hunt, I was standing in my classroom teaching early in the year and all of a sudden, I realized this was my fourth grade classroom. I didn’t notice it before then, so that was fun.”

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On Monday night, Feb. 12, the Sedalia School District 200 Board of Education approved the promotion of Amanda Jackson to principal at Washington Elementary School, effective July 1.

“We are very excited to announce Mrs. Amanda Jackson as the new principal at Washington Elementary,” Sedalia 200 Superintendent Todd Fraley said in a news release. “Mrs. Jackson has a compassion for kids and a desire to create a nurturing environment where students can thrive.”

Jackson will be replacing Lisa Volk, who is retiring at the end of the school year after serving as Washington’s principal since 2000.

Friday, Feb. 16, Jackson was attending professional development with other Sedalia 200 teachers at Smith-Cotton High School.

“It is professional development for our district,” Jackson said. “Today, I presented a session for any staff that came to my breakout session. There’s several sessions and you can choose which rooms you want to go to.”

Jackson was excited many of her new staff chose to attend her breakout session, though she admitted feeling uneasy about not knowing everyone’s name just yet.



Amanda Jackson, seen Friday, Feb. 16 at the Heckart Performing Arts Center at Smith-Cotton High School, has been named principal of Washington Elementary beginning July 1. Jackson is currently assistant principal at Heber Hunt Elementary.

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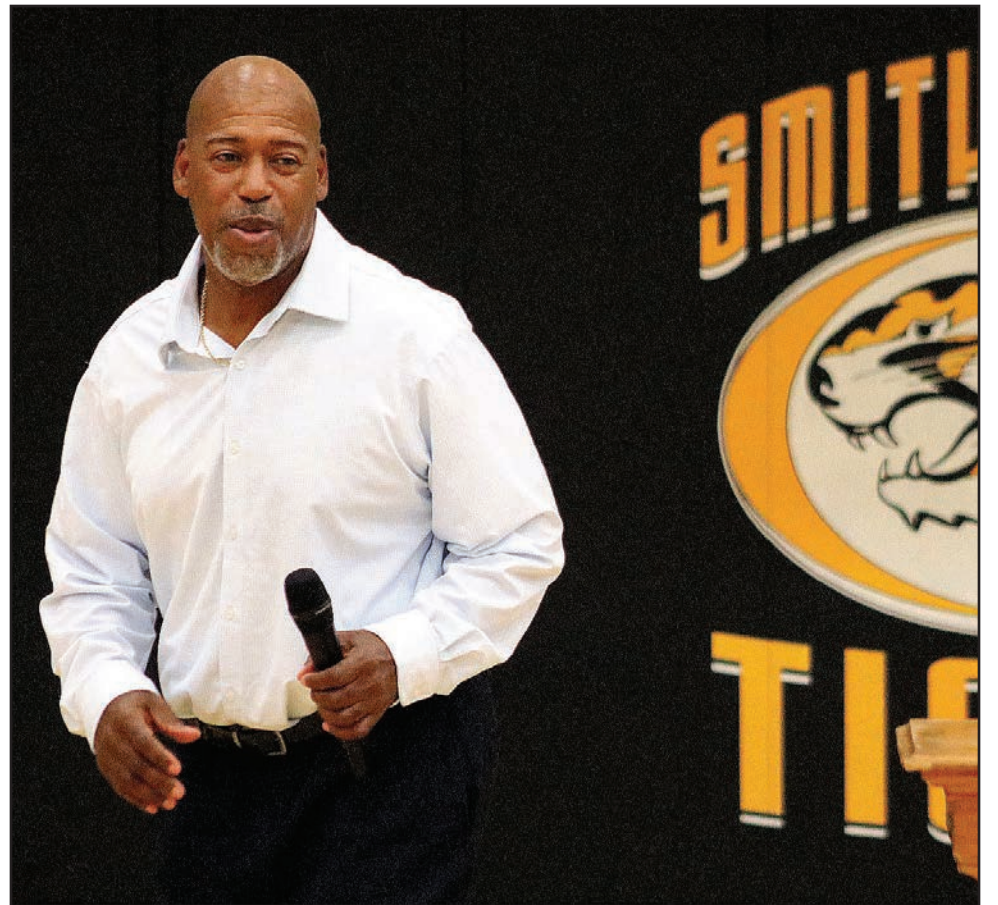
## A desire to improve people’s lives Willis inducted into S-C Academic Hall of Fame

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A 1980 Smith-Cotton High School graduate was inducted into the S-C Academic Hall of Fame during ceremonies on Friday, Feb. 9, in the S-C gymnasium. Derrick Willis credited his mother, Belva Willis, for his desire to improve people’s lives.

Willis earned a bachelor’s degree from Penn College in 1985 and a master’s from Park University in 2005. He was named the Park University Larry Guillot Distinguished Graduate Student for Academic Performance in 2002. His professional career has included director roles in counseling, alcohol and substance abuse prevention, multicultural affairs, and support and advocacy for people with disabilities.

He currently is the director of the Center for Disabilities and Development at the University of Iowa’s Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, as well as a Core Faculty for Diversity member for the university’s Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities in



Derrick Willis, a member of Smith-Cotton High School’s Class of 1980, shares comments with the crowd during his induction into the school’s Academic Hall of Fame on Friday, Feb. 9, in the S-C gym.

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the Center for Disabilities and Development.

On Friday, Feb. 16, speaking by phone from Iowa, Willis said he was surprised to hear about the honor. Martin Jackson, of Kansas City, a friend of Willis’s, nominated him for the Hall of Fame. Jackson said Willis “has devoted his entire professional career to assisting those who are less

fortunate and less able than most.”

“He has spent over 40 years in the service of people within his neighborhood, cities, and the country in which he has lived,” Jackson noted. “... His leadership, knowledge, and experience have helped community-based organizations, and he is devoted to assisting those from underserved com-

munities, making sure they have equal access to all the rights and privileges they deserve.”

Willis said he currently runs a research center at Children’s Hospital at the University of Iowa. He was drawn to this particular career field because he always wanted to work with forgotten or struggling communities.

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## AFJROTC’s Komputer Kernels head to nationals for second year in a row

By Zach Bott  
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KNOB NOSTER – TRIAD AFJROTC CyberPatriot team Komputer Kernels will return to the CyberPatriot National Finals in March in Bethesda, Maryland, hoping to come away with the crown that got away from them last year.

The CyberPatriot program is a National Youth Cyber Education Program, a STEM program of the Air & Space Forces Association. It was created to inspire K-12 students to pursue careers in cybersecurity or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to the nation’s future.

The CyberPatriot competition included more than 2,900 nationwide teams this year that competed during

the recent state placement round. The TRIAD team competed in the All-Service category with more than 800 teams from High School Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Civil Air Patrol, Sea Cadets and Coast Guard teams.

Taking place March 15-18, the Kernels, out of Knob Noster High School, will compete in three days of competition against 12 other All-Service teams from across the country.

The team, with returning captain and Warrensburg senior Nathan Wilttrout, brings two members from its run to the 2023 National Competition. Knob Noster senior Ethan Pruett and sophomore Hunter Smith both featured on the team that placed 10th out of the 13 All-Service teams in Bethesda and 10th of 1,518 All-Service teams



From left, Cadet Corps group commander Logan Hutchens, Senior Aerospace Science Instructor and coach Mark Talley, and CyberPatriot program coordinator Nathan Wilttrout pose for a photo in front of a flight simulator on Friday, Feb. 9, at Knob Noster High School.

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nationwide last year. New this year, Warrensburg junior Bryan Dreasler and sophomore Anna McKee will participate in the competition for the first time in Bethesda.

“It’s very beneficial that we went last year because (it is a) totally different ball-

game going to nationals,” Wilttrout said. “(CyberPatriot are) very closed off about the information they give you. So, you don’t really know what you’re walking into until you’re sitting there and you’re in your competition time.”

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## Session 4 Group Swim Lesson Registration



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## Youth Baseball Registration (early and open!)

Youth Baseball is a recreation league that is divided into grade divisions and players are separated out on teams. Players practice for a month learning the skill sets and rules of baseball. After practices are over, players will then be given a game schedule. Game schedule will include 8 games (depending on amount of teams) and the games will be played until the beginning of July.

- Ages: K-9th Grade
- Early Registration: February 23- \$55
- Open Registration: March 9- \$65
- Grade is '23-'24 school year
- Practices begin in April and games in May/June



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# OBITUARIES

## David Oconel 'Rerun' Waters

David Oconel "Rerun" Waters Sr., 73, of Sedalia, formerly of Kansas City, MO, passed away Sunday, February 11, 2024, at the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans Hospital in Columbia, MO.



He was born August 31, 1950, in Kansas City, MO, a son of James "Fuzzy" and Bernice (Dixon) Waters. On August 29, 1970, in Sedalia, MO, he married Ada Lorraine Gravitt who survives of the home.

David honorably served in the United States Army. He worked for 30 years for Ford Motor Company in Claycomo, MO, and he was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses for more than 50 years. One of the things David enjoyed doing was watching Western movies and being involved in the ministry.

Survivors include his wife Ada of 53 years; three sons, Marcus Waters of

Kansas City, MO, David O. Waters Jr. of Sedalia, MO, and Delon Gravitt (Gina) of Kansas City, MO; two siblings, Roderick Waters (Charlotte) of Belton, MO, and Renee Criss (Wayne) of Raytown, MO; several grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; mother-

in-law, Rosa Gravitt of Sedalia, MO; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to both of his parents, he was preceded in death by two siblings, Gregory Waters and Stephanie Harrison.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 2, 2024, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2810 E. Broadway Blvd. in Sedalia. Inurnment will be in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Higginsville. Arrangements are in the care of Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia.

## Tyra Elaine Pace

Tyra Elaine Pace, of St. Louis, MO, passed away Friday, February 2, 2024. She was born August 28, 1979, in Sedalia, MO, the daughter of Leonard Townsend and Teresa Pace.



Tyra accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Ward Memorial Baptist Church. She was known for her infectious smile and free-spirited personality.

Tyra is survived by her son, Azariah Frazier of St. Louis, MO; daughter Azareah Frazier of St. Louis MO; brother Jason Balance of Columbia, MO; brother Leonard DeMar of St. Louis, MO; sister Nichole Williams of Pow-

der Springs, GA; brother Logan Foley of Springfield, MO; grandmother Vernice Jordan of Sedalia, MO; grandfather Isaac Jordan of Sedalia, MO; three aunts, two uncles, four nieces, three nephews, 15 cousins, and a host of family and friends.

Tyra is preceded in death by her father, Leonard Townsend; mother, Teresa Pace; uncles Earl and Anthony Townsend and William Pace; and cousin Christian Pace.

Tyra was loved by many and she will be missed.

Final resting place will be Laurel Hill Memorial Garden, St. Louis, MO.

## Sharon Mae Pauls

Sharon Mae Pauls, 75, of Smithton, MO, passed away at her home on Thursday, February 15, 2024.

On May 15, 1993, in Smithton, MO, she was united in marriage to Kenneth L. Pauls, who resides in the home.

In addition to her husband, Sharon is survived by a brother, David Kurtz; a daughter, Joell Ingersoll, and a son;

seven grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; many friends; and her dog, Jasper.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Betty Kurtz.

The family will announce a celebration of life gathering with family and friends at a later date.

Arrangements are in the care of Rea Funeral Chapel.

# DEATH NOTICE

## Knipp

Harold Sylvester Knipp, 96, of Tipton, died Feb. 14, 2024, at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital in Jefferson City.

Prayers of the Rosary will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19, 2024, at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Tipton, with visitation to follow until 11:30 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at noon Monday, Feb. 19, 2024, at the church. Burial will be in St. Andrew's Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Meisenheimer-Page-Dady Funeral Home in Tipton.

## 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.

# FUNERALS

## Joyce Ladine Leonard

10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 at Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

## Arva Lou Bilyeu

11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 at Langsford Funeral Home in Lee's Summit.

Arrangements are under the direction of Langsford Funeral Home.

## Daniel W. Smith

2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 at Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Sedalia.

## Harold Sylvester

## Knipp

9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19 at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Tipton. Arrangements are under the direction of Meisenheimer-Page-Dady Funeral Home in Tipton.

## John McFail Jr.

10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19 at Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia. Ar-

rangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

## David Oconel "Rerun" Waters

1 p.m. Saturday, March 2 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the directions of Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia.

# POLICE REPORTS

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

## Sedalia Police Department Arrests Jan. 28

6:12 a.m.: Lori Lynn Hadley, 51, of the 1600 block of South Engineer Avenue, was arrested after officers were dispatched to a business in the 200 block of West Broadway Boulevard in reference to a robbery. The suspect entered the store and was asked to leave. Hadley then told the employee to give her cigarettes and the money in the register

and brandished scissors. The employee refused and called the police. The suspect stole a rose from the counter and fled. Hadley was located and transported to the Pettis County Jail pending charges of first-degree robbery, first-degree burglary, armed criminal action and resisting arrest.

## Incidents Feb. 14

12:48 p.m.: A business in the 1700 block of East Broadway Boulevard reported a subject stole several items from the store. The complainant was able to provide a plate number and still pictures from video surveillance. The subject was identified and charges are being sought for shoplifting.

10:05 a.m.: An officer was dispatched to a theft report for a previous theft in the 600 block of West 12th Street. The victim said someone stole a lawn mower.

2:12 p.m.: Officers were dispatched to a property damage call in the 400 block of West Seventh Street. The victim said someone smashed her phone.

10:58 p.m.: Officers took a report in the police department lobby regarding the theft of an animal in the 1100 block of South Harding Avenue. The complainant stated the family dog was stolen from his yard and has not been located. A report was made.

## Feb. 16

2:18 a.m.: An officer

was dispatched to the 900 block of South Kentucky Avenue in reference to damage. The victim reported someone had intentionally thrown something through his door glass, causing damage. There are no suspects at this time.

11:41 p.m.: Officers responded to a business in the 1600 block of East Broadway Boulevard in reference to a disturbance. A subject had already left the scene and had stolen items from the store. Officers were able to identify the subject but we're not able to locate him. State charges are being submitted.

Compiled by Chris Howell.

# As some top economies stumble into recession, US defies expectations

## By Stan Choe and Christopher Rugaber

AP Business Writers

NEW YORK — As some of the world's biggest economies stumble into recession, the United States keeps chugging along.

Both Japan and the United Kingdom said Thursday their economies likely weakened during the final three months of 2023. For each, it would be the second straight quarter that's happened, which fits one lay definition for a recession.

Yet in the United States, the economy motored ahead in last year's fourth quarter for a sixth straight quarter of growth. It's blown past many predictions coming into last year that a recession seemed inevitable because of high interest rates meant to slow the economy and inflation.

Give much of the credit to U.S. households, who have continued to spend at a solid rate despite many challenges. Their spending makes up the majority of the U.S. economy. Government stimulus helped households weather the initial stages of the pandemic and a jump in inflation, and now pay raises are helping them catch up to high prices for the goods and services they need.

On Thursday, a report showed that fewer U.S. workers filed for unemployment benefits last week. It's the latest signal of a remarkably solid job market, even though a litany of layoff announcements has grabbed attention recently. Continued strength there should help prop up the economy.

Of course, risks still loom, and economists say a recession can't be ruled out. Inflation could reaccelerate. Worries about heavy borrowing by the U.S. government could upset financial markets, ultimately making loans to buy cars and other things more ex-

pensive. Growing losses tied to commercial real estate could mean big pain for the financial system.

But, for now, the outlook continues to appear better for the United States than many other big economies. The mood on Wall Street is so positive that the main measure of the U.S. stock market, the S&P 500 index, topped the 5,000 level last week for the first time.

"First and foremost, it's important to emphasize that the market's performance is more a reflection of a thriving economy rather than unwarranted 'animal spirits' from investors," according to Solita Marcelli, chief investment officer, Americas, at UBS Global Wealth Management.

When it upgraded its forecast for global growth in 2024 a couple weeks ago, the International Monetary Fund cited greater-than-expected resilience in the U.S. economy as a major reason.

Several unique characteristics of the U.S. economy have sheltered it from recessionary storms, analysts say. The U.S. government provided about \$5 trillion in pandemic aid in 2020-2021, far more than overseas counterparts, which left most households in much better financial shape and supported consumer spending well into 2023.

The Biden administration has also subsidized more construction of manufacturing plants and infrastructure through additional legislation passed in 2021 and 2022 that was still having an impact last year. About one quarter of the U.S. economy's solid 2.5% growth in 2023 was made up of government spending. Republican critics, however, charge that the extended spending contributed to higher inflation.

"We had some policies that I do think helped us a lot," said Diane Swonk, chief economist at KPMG. "But also the structure of our economy is so much

different."

Americans have been better protected from rising rates than U.K. counterparts, for example, because most U.S. homeowners with mortgages have long, 30-year fixed rates. As a result, the Federal Reserve's rapid rate hikes of the past two years — which have lifted mortgage rates from around 3% to about 6.7% — have had little effect on many U.S. homeowners.

Yet their British counterparts carry mortgages that have to be renewed every two to five years. They've struggled with rapidly rising mortgage rates as the Bank of England has lifted borrowing costs to combat inflation.

Catherine Mann, a member of the Bank of England's interest-rate setting committee, said Thursday that the U.K. economy's slowdown should be temporary. There are already signs in business surveys that the economy is picking back up, she added.

"The data we have today is rear-view mirror," she said on the sidelines of an economic conference in Washington. Forward-looking reports "are all looking good." Like the Fed, the Bank of England is considering reducing its benchmark rate once it is confident inflation is under control.

Another benefit for the United States is that it experienced a surge in immigration in recent years, which has made it easier for businesses to fill jobs, potentially expand their operations, and has led to more people earning wages — and then spending those earnings.

Japan, by contrast, is rapidly aging and has seen its population shrink for years, as it is less open to foreign labor. A declining population can act as a powerful drag on economic growth.

In Europe, consumer sentiment is weak among consumers who are still

feeling the effects of higher energy prices caused by the war in Ukraine.

Even China, whose economy is growing faster than the United States', is under heavy pressure. Its stock markets have been among the world's worst recently due to worries about a sluggish economic recovery and troubles in the property sector.

The U.S. economy faces its own challenges. Its growth is forecast to cool this year as big hikes to interest rates by the Federal Reserve make their way fully through the system.

A report on Thursday may have given a nod to that. Sales at U.S. retailers slumped by more in January from December than economists expected.

Some pillars of support for consumer spending may be weakening. Student loan repayments have resumed, consumers have largely spent their pandemic stimulus money and credit-card balances are high.

Perhaps most frustrating is the fact that prices for things at the market are still much higher than they were before the pandemic. Lower inflation means prices are rising less quickly from here, not that they're falling back to where they used to be.

Coping with inflation remains U.S. consumers' top concern, except for those making more than \$150,000, according to a recent survey by Morgan Stanley.

When McDonald's CEO Chris Kempczinski discussed his company's latest quarterly results, he said he's not seeing much change in behavior among middle- and upper-income customers. But "where you see the pressure with the US consumer is that low-income consumer, so call it \$45,000 and under. That consumer is pressured."

Rugaber reported from Washington.

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# HAPPY NATIONAL FFA WEEK!

## 2023-2024 Windsor FFA



Cheyenne Kepley, Lane Close, Elliott Cooley, Izzy Henderson, Chloe Jenkins, Megan Rice, Bailey Hawkins, Aubrey Howard, Kyndall Allee second row; Laura Cooley, Elizabeth Herron, Julian Galloway, Brenna Burton, Charlotte Ebeling, Olsyn Wolfe, Claire Lavy, Hunter Chaney, Rhason Brooks, Tanner Rohde, David Bailey, Adam Hurd, Colton Burton 3rd row; Priscilla Hickey, Gabe Burkhalter, Elysah Hernandez-Jimenez, Aaron Micke, Coby Rhoads, Billy Lindsay, Madison Miller 4th row; Lance Williams, Megan Cox, Julia Walton, Hayden Wilson, Rowan Cox, Alexis Ridenour, Julia Ashby, Emily Rohde, MacKayla Williams 6th row; Angie Bennet, Lydia Wilcox, Levi Williams, Carter Miller, Alex Bauer, Christian Ivie, Kody Potter, Trenton Clear 7th row; Alexis Thomas, Chloe Hersey, Laci Walker, Rebecca Bader, Emma Harbit, Lily Betsworth, Ava Burkhalter, Adrienne Lutjen, Makayla Snedden 8th row; Aaliyah Lott, Rachel Knight, Zoe Rogers, Jordyn Oliver, Riley Gorr, McKenna Lopez, Eeve Harbit, Corbin Logan, Ryan Varner 9th row; Blake Welch, Whisper Brown, Connor Bishop, Dala Brooks, Rylee Detherage, Emma Burton, Adelynn Hankins, Isaac Tibbetts 10th row; Michael Walters, Echo Machabee, Taylor Luetjen, Dane Orrick, Chance Hammond, Jenna Galloway, Candance Nangle, Malaki Shipp's Back row; Robb Hadley, Conner Barnes, Matt Bowers, Brayden Pipal



Adrienne Lutjen, Elysah Hernandez-Jimenez and Alexis Millington at Windsor Livestock Auction handing out snack bags during National Farmer's Day.



Windsor FFA Floriculture class passing out Christmas cards to the residents at Windsor Healthcare. Pictured are: Dani Ashby, Mallie Varner, Julie Walton, Cadence McDonald, Elysah Hernandez-Jimenez, Chloe Jenkins, Alexis Ridenour, Kody Potter, Christian Ivie, Megan Rice, Hunter Chaney, Carter Miller, Levi Williams

## Cole Camp FFA

### AGRICULTURE THROUGH THE DECADES



**MONDAY**  
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**WEDNESDAY**  
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**80's**  
wear your pearl snaps and Aztec patterns  
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**FRIDAY**  
FEB 23

**2000's**  
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The Cole Camp FFA chapter has 64 members and 9 officers. Our dress up days for the 2024 FFA week are included above.



This is our annual tractor day where students drive their tractors to school and get recognized for the furthest drive, biggest tractor, and oldest tractor.



This is our annual muddy truck/ clear car day, students get recognized for the most muddy truck.



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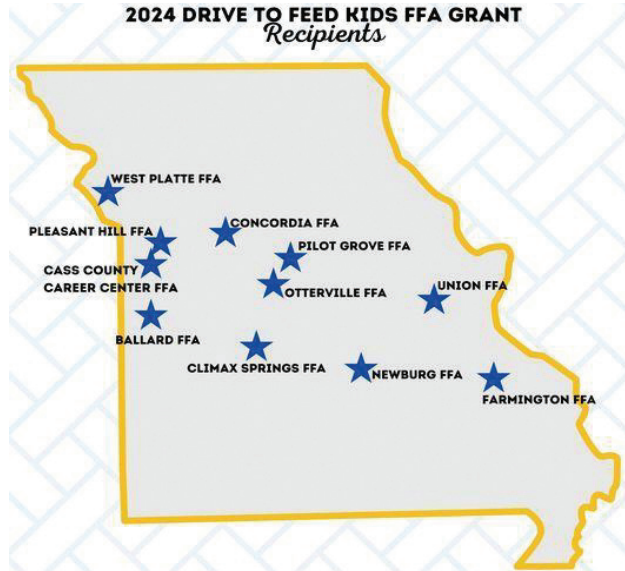
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Otterville FFA received a Missouri Farmers Care grant to fund a local project to help fight food insecurity.



Congratulations to Wyatt Siefert for being selected to receive a SAE Grant from the Missouri FFA Foundation



Otterville FFA Members touring Beasley's Orchard during National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

## Warrensburg FFA



Members of the Warrensburg FFA for the 2023-24 school year are as pictured. Row 1 (left to right): Advisor Diane Collins, Advisor Luke Jennings, Allison Gross, Eli Anderson, Madeline Collins, Madilyn Henchey, Matthew Tye, Emma Hart, Grant Dempsey & Elias McKinley; Row 2: Mackenzie Martin, Aubrey Martin, Kylie Phillippe, Daisie McConville, Cerissa Holsey, Savannah Zink, Kasadee Burden, Jasmin Trotter, Advisor Bonnie Seymour; Row 3: Alex Eckman, Thomas Harding, Tucker Randolph, Kassidy Bowes, Brooklynn Smarr, Grayce Wehner, Jordyn Madrid & Gabby Hansen; Row 4: Michela Binder, Kyla Dunn, Ashlyn Kolb, Ashlynn Stevens, Brady Carter, Demetrius McDonald, Robert Sigsbury, Tucker Leeper, Landon Gillogly & David Brisbin; Row 5: Velie Short, Cole Smith, Garrett Wilson, Kody Knowles, Landon Harper, Reid Kearfott, Ethan Reynolds & Jesse Adkins. Not pictured: Riley Edmunds, Ellie Koehn, Noah Morsbach, Donald Owen, Ny'Jeh Porter, Xander Rogers, Lambert Short, Joe Sivils, Brady Stout, Isaac Wade, & Seth Wood.

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Warrensburg FFA members celebrated the Neon Cowboy theme at the Area 7 Barnwarming held in September 2023.



Members of the Warrensburg FFA educated the next generation of Agriculture Education students about all types of agriculture including sheep production during their Food for America Day at Ridge View Elementary.



Touring Total Seed Production (a seed corn production farm/facility) was informative for the Warrensburg members during the National Convention trip to Indianapolis in November 2023.

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## Lincoln FFA

### Lincoln FFA News



This year Lincoln FFA has had a great liftoff in participating members. We had a total of around 25 FFA members and 1 advisor. The chapters officer team consists of, Allie Keuper as

Junior Advisor, Audre Keuper as President, Kaylee Simons as Vice President, Haylee Lester as Secretary and Treasure, Delaney Monteer as Reporter and Bogan Lines as Sentinel and Brandi Rath as Chapter Advisor.

This year we have been very busy! Our participation in concession stands, farm fest in the fall, we did two Adopt-a-Highways to keep our highway on Hwy 65 clean seem to always keep us busy. Then we also attended

both State and National Convention. At the State Convention Allie Keuper got her State Degree! Along with that we had our first ever team go to state...dairy foods team go to state this year!

The Lincoln FFA is also about to kick off FFA week with some very exciting dress up days along with a busy week! Sunday we will be attending church at Immanuel, along with our Feed the Farmers dinner in the evening. At the dinner we will be having Pulled Pork and assorted

sides and desserts. Monday is Farmers Day Off since we don't have school! Tuesday is Battle of the Brands! Wednesday is PJ day! Thursday is Anything But a Bag day! Then Friday of course is everyone's favorite, FFA Jacket day along with muddy truck and tractor day! Along with Friday being our staff breakfast! Saturday we will then do a turn around and have our first CDE contest!

We cannot wait to see what this next year brings!

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## Warsaw FFA



Front Row: Haleigh Barclay, Elizabeth Barclay, Dallas Steinhoff, Autum Walton, Erin Goodpaster, Jessie Bilderback, Grace Drake, Paige Collier, Hayley Case, 2nd Row: Kimberly Tenold, Brayden Henderson, Wesley Collier, Brenden LaBoube, Marco Bartlett, Ryan Werle, Gauge Long, Brody Burnworth, Jayce Estes, Sonny Garrett, and Allie Flinn 3rd row Makayla Lawrence, Elizabeth Phillips, Bella Schwartz, Brie Fellers, Christabella Palmer, Jovi Robertson, Wyatt Hilburn, Hunter Collins, Josephine Kelsey, Dennis Weiske. 4th Row: Grace Colbert, Abbey Wilson, Mya Taylor, Namoi Yoder, Chloe Jordan, Maya Joliff, Carly Price, Breonna Farley, Preston Wake, Garrett Hilburn. 5th row: Braeden Harmon, Sean Farley, Matt Stegink, Hayden Schutz, Urijah Phillips, Charles Young, Alysia Yoder, Luke Yoakum, Tommy Kauffman, 6th row Daydrie Andrews, Shayla Kindle, Amarillio Martinez, Megan Tenold, Benton Breshears, Josh Harvath, Drake Murrell, Kendal Bagley, Laney Arnett, Jess Chiles, Sean Reinersten, Parker Gemes Row 7 Kaylynn LuAllen, Shilah Hart, Jordan Dove, Jenna Gerken, Brendon Caylor, Elaina Padron, Adele Anderson, Emma Callahan, Lillian Perez, Daisy Garrison, Dylan Elmer, Luke Henderson, Brayden Schibi, 8th row Izabella Schierholz, Nate Griffin, Johnny Jones, Ashton Danford, Landon Meers, Amie Gilmore, Daytonna Kinnan, Owen Miskell, Isaac Henderson, Tyler Kuykendall, David Glen, Mason Gollihar, 9th row Sydni Brown, Justice Harper, Hunter Eledge, Kolin Schmitt

## Warsaw FFA Attends Show Me

The Warsaw FFA went to see Dr. Grandin speak at Skyline High School in Urbana, Missouri. The event was attended by 59 of the Warsaw FFA members on January 31 at 8 o'clock in the morning. Doctor Grandin is a well-known scientist who has invented many innovations that have greatly improved the way we slaughter and handle animals. At the speech, Dr. Grandin talked about how she designed animal handling systems that minimize fear and pain for the animals at slaughterhouses. Dr. Grandin was diagnosed with autism in 1950. Doctors and specialists encouraged Temple's mother to institutionalize her, but Temple's mother refused. Dr. Grandin went on to

college at Franklin Pierce University. She had a troubling time at her college, where she was often picked on and made fun of. She invented the hug machine, a deep-pressure stimulator, to control her anxiety and stress levels. She studied human psychology and obtained a bachelor's degree.

Dr. Grandin went on to earn her master's degree in animal science at Arizona State University, then her Ph.D. in animal science at the University of Illinois in Urbana. Dr. Grandin has changed agriculture for the better and continues to do so to this day.

-Written & Edited by Nathaniel Griffin



Pictured above Front Row Naomi Yoder, Lillian Perez, Amanda Smith. Middle Row Jackie Downing, Dallas Steinhoff, Autum Walton, Chole Jordan, Dr. Temple Grandin, Erin Goodpaster, and Nathinel Griffin Back Row Grace Drake

## CREST RIDGE FFA



Jacket Ceremony



Greenhand Ceremony



National Convention Trip

## FFA WEEK at a glance

Mon 2/19	Share your SAE on social media
Tue 2/20	Country vs. Country club Drive your Truck to school
Wed 2/21	On Wednesday's we wear pink & FFA Jackets/ Ag Advocataion
Thurs 2/22	Patriot/ Camo day Hat day & Rewards party
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## La Monte FFA

### FFA Week

Dress up days and events

- Saturday 2/17**
  - La Monte Friends of the FFA Dinner 6-8pm
- Sunday 2/18**
  - Attend church at the La Monte United Methodist church in Official Dress 11am
- Monday 2/19**
  - Post a Pic in Ag
- Tuesday 2/20**
  - Here by the Flag - America Day
  - Meal Packing at Pettis County High School
- Wednesday 2/21**
  - Here by the Shield of Friendship Duo Day
  - FFA Meeting @ 6pm in the Ag Building
- Thursday 2/22**
  - Here by the Ear of Corn- Blue and Gold Day
- Friday 2/23**
  - Here by the plow- Farmer Day
  - Supporters Breakfast 6-8 am in the Ag Building

The La Monte FFA Officer team has a lot of fun activities and dress-up days planned for FFA Week. FFA members are gearing up for a fun-filled week celebrating National FFA Week.



Pictured above left to right: Keley Mullett, Ivy Elwell, and Adyson Knoernschild.



Pictured above left to right: Knoernschild, Ivy Elwell, Morgan Hall, Elektra Parker, and Katareana Knoernschild



My Name is Ivy Elwell, I am a junior and I am currently serving as Chapter and Area President. I am excited to participate in National FFA Week activities. I am looking forward to seeing all our FFA Supporters at our supporters breakfast on Friday February 23, 2024. It is a great way for our chapter to give back to our community. I have enjoyed my time in FFA, but I would like to highlight

the leadership skills I have learned in FFA. I have had the opportunity to give speeches and become a leader this past year. My top highlight in FFA would be getting to serve as Area VIII FFA President. I enjoyed teaching others how to become a leader and through this opportunity I have had a great time teaching other FFA members to become leaders.



Pictured above is the 2023-2024 La Monte FFA Chapter. In the first row (left to right); Advisor Rachael Bagnell, Secretary Elektra Parker, Sentinel Adyson Knoernschild, President Ivy Elwell, Treasurer Addison Briggs, and Vice President Kelcy Mullett. Second row (left to right); Cora Cook, Sierra O'Dell, Morgan Hall, Taylor Shireman, Ryan Anderson, and Logan Mullett.

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# Willis

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“Communities that were underserved, underrepresented,” Willis said. “So, this career kind of found me — I didn’t find it. I always wanted to work with those who were in conditions that are not favorable to most.”

Willis’s brother Gary Willis and his mother still live in Sedalia, and he said his mother is responsible for instilling in him a love for others.

“All of this started with me watching my mother and learning from her,” he explained. “She was my first teacher, of course. When I was growing up, we owned a nursing home called Burt Manor.

“That was where I had my first job,” he continued. “But I also witnessed my mom in her work. And I saw how people who were close to death would light up when she came in the room. I saw how they responded to her, and I was like, ‘Man, I want to touch people’s lives.’”

“So that was the foundation for me beginning my journey in my career,” Willis added. “But it was always based on that fact that I wanted to touch people’s lives; I wanted to change people’s trajectory of their lives just by my work, and by my research, and by my actions.”

Keeping the philosophy learned from his mother, Willis’s work now extends around the globe.

“My work is done internationally,” he said.

“Our network has 67 centers all across the country. We’re in every state and also in the U.S. territories

as well.

“We’re part of an international network,” he continued. “So, in December, I spent the whole month in Zanzibar, Africa, training leaders who have centers for disabilities to learn how we do business in the U.S. and help them pass legislation and policies that improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in Eastern Africa, mainly.”

His focus is extending to include employment for those with disabilities.

“The biggest area of focus that I have right now is that most of my research is on employment for people with disabilities,” he noted.

“And then we’re working on co-occurring disorders when you have a person with mental illness and disabilities.

“And then my work also focuses on underrepresented populations,” he added. “So, within disabilities, those from minority and ethnic groups. So, it has special attention on diversity, equity and inclusion.”

Information supplied by Sedalia School District 200 noted that during his career, Willis has received many accolades, including the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention Exemplary Programs Award, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Recognition for National Leadership in Promotion of Cultural and Linguistic Competency, and the University of Iowa’s Distinguished Leadership in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion award.

*Faith Bemiss-McKinney can be reached at 660-530-0289.*

# Named

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That much time spent at Heber Hunt means Jackson is parting with students and teachers who have become like kin.

“I feel like I have a family there and when you know the students and their families and, of course, our staff, it does feel like I’ll probably have

a sort of grieving also,” Jackson said. “I can hold a little sadness with a ton of excitement at the same time. It feels like I’m going to be challenged in a new way, which really excites me. I’ve been at my current school for 19 years and I never want to feel comfortable, I like learning.”

Jackson earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from the University of Central

Missouri in 2005. She has a counseling degree from Stephens College (2014) and an education specialist degree from William Woods University (2019), along with K-8 certifications as a teacher, counselor, and principal.

Jackson is still finishing the spring semester at Heber Hunt but is looking forward to meeting everyone at Washington as soon as possible.

“I want them to know

I’m super passionate about getting to know them,” Jackson said. “I have joy in my heart to be a part of something I know and has a reputation for being very much a family-oriented place. I want to be a part of that and want to bring the energy that I’ve grown through all my years, and I’m excited to extend that to them.”

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

## More people die after smoking drugs than injecting, US study finds

By Mike Stobbe

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Smoking has surpassed injecting as the most common way of taking drugs in U.S. overdose deaths, a new government study suggests.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention called its study published Thursday the largest to look at how Americans took the drugs that killed them.

CDC officials decided to study the topic after seeing reports from California suggesting that smoking fentanyl was becoming more common than injecting it. Potent, illicit versions of the painkiller are involved in more U.S. overdose deaths than any other drug.

Some early research has suggested that smoking fentanyl is somewhat less deadly than injecting it, and any reduction in injection-related overdose deaths is a positive, said the study’s lead author, Lauren Tanz.

But “both injection and smoking carry a substantial overdose risk,” and it’s not yet clear if a shift toward smoking fentanyl reduces U.S. overdose deaths, said Tanz, a CDC scientist who studies overdoses.

Illicit fentanyl is an infa-

mously powerful drug that, in powder form, increasingly has been cut into heroin or other drugs. In recent years, it’s been a primary driver of the U.S. overdose epidemic. Drug overdose deaths in the U.S. went up slightly in 2022 after two big leaps during the pandemic, and provisional data for the first nine months of 2023 suggests it inched up last year.

For years, fentanyl has mainly been injected, but drug users have increasingly smoked it. People put the powder on tin foil or in a glass pipe, heated from below, and inhale the vapor, explained Alex Kral, a RTI International researcher who studies drug users in San Francisco.

Smoked fentanyl is not as concentrated as fentanyl in a syringe, but some drug-takers see upsides to smoking, Kral said. Among them: People who inject often deal with pus-filled abscesses on their skin and risk infections with hepatitis and other diseases.

“One person showed me his arms and said, ‘Hey, look at my arm! It looks beautiful! I can now wear T-shirts and I can get a job because I don’t have these track marks,’” Kral said.

CDC investigators

studied the trend by using a national database built from death certificates, toxicology reports and reports from coroners and medical examiners.

They were able to get suitable data from the District of Columbia and 27 states for the years 2020 to 2022. From those places, they got information on how drugs were taken in about 71,000 of the more than 311,000 total U.S. overdose deaths over those three years — or about 23%.

The researchers found that between early 2020 and late 2022, the percentage of overdose deaths with evidence of smoking rose 74% while the percentage of deaths with evidence of injection fell 29%. The number and percentage of deaths with evidence of snorting also increased, though not as dramatically as smoking-related deaths, the study found.

It’s complicated to map out exact percentages of deaths that occurred after smoking, injecting, snorting or swallowing drugs, experts say. In some cases a person may have used multiple drugs, taken different ways. In other cases, no drug-taking method was identified. The study found that

in late 2022, of the deaths for which a method was identified, 23% of the deaths occurred after smoking, 16% after injections, 16% after snorting, and 14.5% after swallowing.

Tanz said she feels the data is nationally representative. Data came from states from every region of the country, and all showed increases in smoking and decreases in injecting. Smoking was the most common route in the West and Midwest, and roughly tied with injecting in the Northeast and South, the report said.

Kral described the study as “mostly good” but said it has limitations.

It can be difficult to ascertain the how and why of an overdose death, especially if no witness was present. Injections might be more commonly reported because of injection marks on the body; to detect smoking “they likely would need to find a pipe or foil on the scene and decide whether to write that down,” he said.

Kral also noted that many people who smoke fentanyl use a straw to inhale vapors from the burning powder, and it’s possible investigators saw a straw and assumed it was snorted.

## Green Ridge FFA



Green Ridge FFA Livestock Judging members attending an early training competition in Columbia, MO.

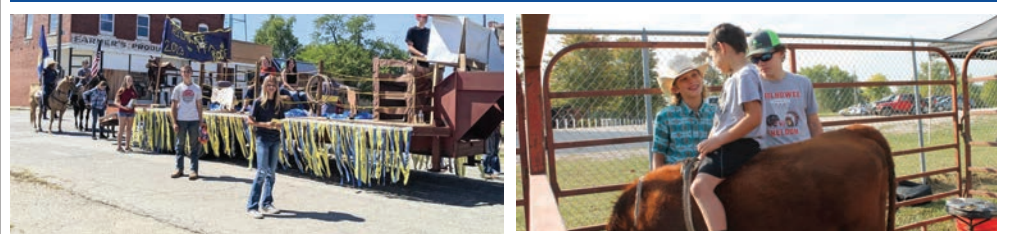


Green Ridge FFA Officers attending Area Leadership Conference in California, MO



Green Ridge FFA Members getting to meet a couple of the bull riders at the rodeo we went to and preparing for our first session of the week at National Convention.

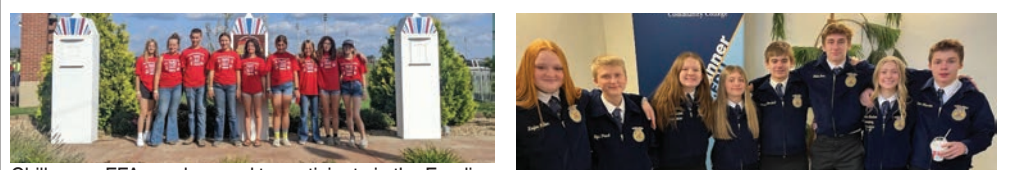
## Chilhowee FFA



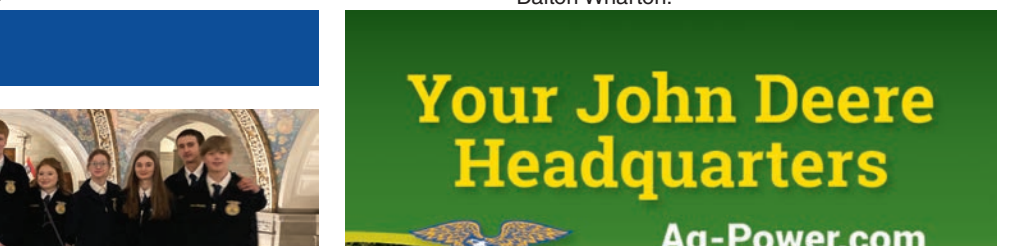
Members of Chilhowee FFA constructed a float for the Chilhowee Fair Parade. The float included a rodeo scene with live animals and won 2nd place in the parade.



Members of Chilhowee FFA attended Area 7 leadership competition in March 2023. They competed in Advanced Public Speaking, FFA Creed Speaking and FFA Knowledge. Pictured are Kalie Young, Reagan White, Maddie Abercrombie, Levi Jenkins and Jahmie Conner.



Chilhowee FFA was honored to participate in the Feeding Missouri Day at the Missouri State Fair. They were part of a statewide effort my Missouri FFA members to pack nutritious meals to be distributed to food banks for families in need. Pictured are Lauren Gardner, Hayley Jenkins, Levi Jenkins, Reagan White, Kalie Young, Bailey Coulter, Kaylin Brown, Jahmie Conner and Jasmine Chastain.



Freshmen members of Chilhowee FFA attended the Area 7 Greenhand Motivational Conference in Sedalia on January 8. Pictured are Kaylee Miller, Elijah Powell, Hayley Jenkins, Alivia Smith, Garrett Hornback, Holden Dean, Lauren Gardner and Dalton Wharton.

## Stover FFA

### Stover FFA

The Stover FFA Chapter has 6 officers, 60 high school members, and 12 middle school members. We have lots of activities during the year including Farm Safety Day for the elementary students, National FFA Convention, and Bradford Research Farm’s FFA Career

Exploration Day. Our members have done trash pickups for the MODOT Adopt a Highway, helped set up for the Stover Rock Island Fest, and we have cleaned our city

park. For our community service in August, we had 6 members attend the State Fair Food Insecurity Day where we helped pack over 150,000 meals for Missouri food banks. This year, we also participated in the WalMart Angel Tree program and helped purchase gifts for less fortunate kids. Some of our upcoming activities include FFA Week, Western Farm Show, Career Development Events, State FFA Convention, and our chapter Banquet.



Stover FFA members at the Capitol with Representative Willard Haley.



Stover FFA members at the Missouri State Fair Food Insecurity Day

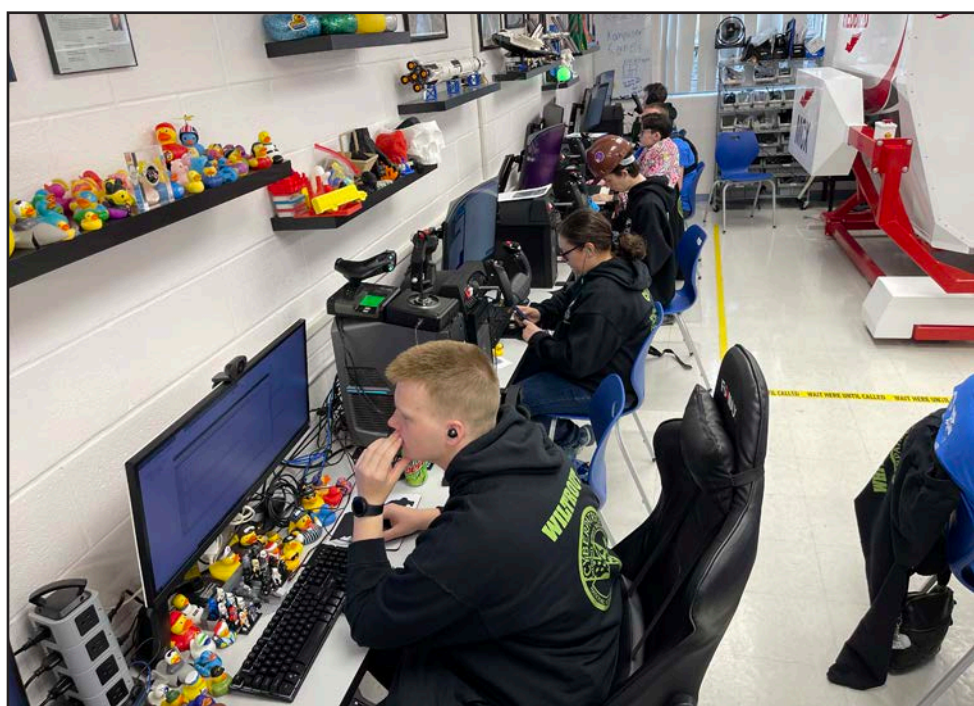
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TRIAD AFJROTC CyberPatriot team Komputer Kernels, from left, Bryan Dreasler, Anna McKee, Nathan Wiltout, Ethan Pruett, and Hunter Smith pose for a photo in front of trophies on Feb. 8 at Knob Noster High School. The team reached its second consecutive national finals and will head to Bethesda, Maryland, for the finals on March 15-18. PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARK TALLEY



TRIAD AFJROTC CyberPatriot team Komputer Kernels members focus on the CyberPatriot semi-final competition. The Kernels placed second of 52 AFJROTC teams and 13th of 224 All-Service Teams.

# Kernels

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Now that we've actually been there, we have some pretty good ideas on what we need to prepare for to be successful."

## Combative comrades

Getting to the national stage has taken a long time for the TRIAD AFJROTC program in Knob Noster. Beginning in 2005, the program mainly focused on bringing in Knob Noster students until 2011, when the program signed a cross-town agreement that gave Warrensburg and La Monte students the opportunity to participate. Eventually, another agreement was made with Crest Ridge High School. As of today, the TRIAD AFJROTC program has 120 cadets across the four schools.

Logan Hutchens, a Warrensburg senior and Cadet Corps group commander, first heard of the program through a friend already in it while signing up for freshman classes. Similarly, Wiltout, CyberPatriot program coordinator for the last three years and deputy group commander, found information in the student handbook that piqued his

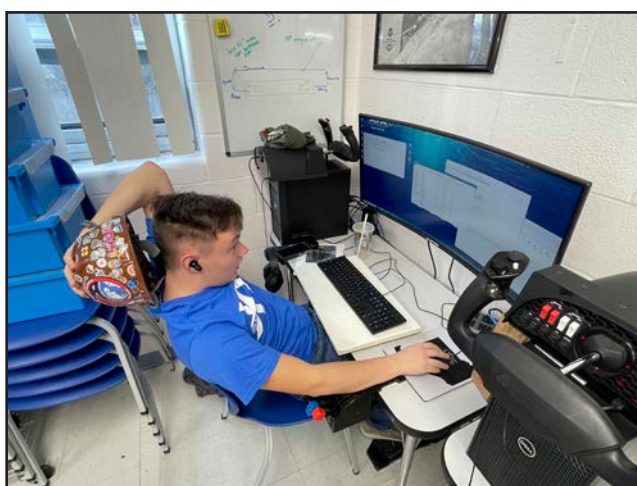
interest.

The culmination of their high school years together saw them compete against one another in mid-January in the CyberPatriot semifinals, with Wiltout's Komputer Kernels pitted against Hutchens' Server Samurais. To move on to Nationals, an All-Service team must be in the top two in their service category. With the national finals being the only time they would travel to competition, the two teams faced one another in the same STEM lab they cheered and bonded with each other.

"It's really interesting having an opponent in the exact same room because I can look over (at him)," Hutchens said. "I can always just look over there and make fun of them. Maybe I have a few more points than he does or I figured something out and he didn't."

Unfortunately for Hutchens, the path to the national finals would be one of attrition. Two of Hutchens' cadets had to miss the semi-finals, leaving a five-on-three advantage to the Kernels.

Wiltout and the Kernels prevailed, placing second of 52 AFJROTC teams and 13th of 224 All-Service Teams, also placing



Logan Hutchens, a Warrensburg senior and Cadet Corps group commander, reacts during the CyberPatriot semi-final competition in January. Hutchens' Server Samurais lost in the semifinals to other team out of Knob Noster, the Komputer Kernels.

them as 13th overall of over 800 All-Service teams competing in semi-finals. Not giving up without a fight, the three Server Samurais placed 13th of 52 AFJROTC teams.

"It's a really entertaining environment," Wiltout said. "I mean, it's fun to poke fun at other people and be like, 'I found this and you didn't or vice versa.' But it's never in a negative manner. We're just being silly and having fun."

## Built on leadership

Col. (Ret.) Mark Talley took the job on a whim. After 30 years in the United States Air Force, Talley and his wife were full-time RVers who had

stopped in San Antonio, Texas, in 2017 when he questioned, "What does God have in store for us next?"

A job opportunity in Knob Noster popped up for Talley, and although he had never taught before or stationed in Missouri, he was up for the challenge.

Now seven years after taking the role as the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor and TRIAD AFJROTC coach at Knob Noster High School, Talley is proud of where the program has gone since he first stepped in the door.

"Never saw (myself) in this position," Talley said. "Working within the Air

Force, I was able to help with officer development for my career field. That's a bit different than working with high school students. Either way, the end product is growth."

Talley has seen the CyberPatriot team expand from one to three last year and make the nationals two years in a row. But, he'll say he's even more proud of the leadership he has instilled in his cadets.

"I told them the hardest leadership there is in the world is leading your peers. And they do very well," Talley said.

Leadership is built on how you can relate and support the cadets around you. For Hutchens and Wiltout, learning from each other, past cadets, and their peers has made their leadership better and better.

"There are so many opportunities that this program opens up and the only limiter is the individual," Wiltout said. "Even if you're not planning on going into the military, you're going to hone in on your personal and leadership skills."

"The seniors (when I was a freshman) said that they never imagined themselves there," Hutchens said. "It's a really big leadership

laboratory. Where it's a safe place to fail and build better citizens for the future."

With the upcoming graduation ceremonies for Wiltout and Hutchens set for May, and the two heading off to their respective collegiate campuses next fall, the two have a deep gratitude for everyone they've met and interacted with in the TRIAD program over the last four years.

Wiltout committed to the Missouri University of Science and Technology to study computer engineering and plans on going into the Air Force ROTC there. He hopes to be commissioned into the Air Force or Space Force in the future.

Hutchens committed to the University of Missouri-Columbia and also plans to join the Air Force ROTC program there.

"Hearing them define their life, what they want and even knowing it may change is okay," Talley said. "But hearing them define it, work a path to it, and then hearing them talk about changing and building and growing. That's what this program is about and it reminds me why I came here."

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# US eases restrictions on Wells Fargo after years of strict oversight

By Ken Sweet  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Biden administration eased some of the restrictions on banking giant Wells Fargo, saying the bank has sufficiently fixed its toxic culture after years of scandals.

The news sent Wells Fargo's stock up sharply Thursday as investors speculated that the bank, which has been kept under a tight leash by regulators for years, may be able to rebuild its reputation and start growing again. The bank's shares closed up 7.2% to \$52.04, its highest level since March 2022, in extremely active trading.

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the

regulator of big national banks like Wells Fargo, on Thursday terminated a consent order that had been in place since September 2016. The order required the bank to overhaul how it sold financial products to customers and provide additional consumer protections, as well as employee protections for whistleblowers.

That consent order was put into place after a series of newspaper and government investigations in 2016 found Wells Fargo to have a poisonous sales culture that pressured employees into selling multiple products to customers even though the products were not needed. Employees — who worked at "stores" not bank

branches — were forced to open millions of unauthorized accounts. Customers had their identities stolen and their credit scores impacted. Of the millions of customers effected, a disproportionate number were non-English speaking Americans.

The scandal severely tarnished the reputation of San Francisco-based Wells Fargo, which eight years ago was considered one of the best-run banks in the country by investors and analysts.

Since the scandal broke, Wells Fargo overhauled its board of directors and management, paid more than a billion dollars in fines and penalties, and has spent eight years trying to show the public

that the bad practices are a thing of the past. The scandal led to unionization efforts at some branches as employees protested how managers pushed unreasonable sales goals.

In a brief statement Thursday, the Comptroller of the Currency said that Wells Fargo's "safety and soundness" and "compliance with laws and regulations does not require the continued existence of the Order."

The decision is a major victory for Wells Fargo's management and Charles Scharf, who took over as CEO in 2019.

"Confirmation from the OCC that we have effectively implemented what was required is a result of the hard work of so many

of our employees, and I'd like to thank everyone at Wells Fargo involved for their dedication to transforming how we do business," Scharf said in a prepared statement.

Citigroup banking analyst Keith Horwitz said in a note that the OCC's decision was "positive proof" that Wells Fargo's management was making the right decisions to fix the company's culture.

There remains in place a Federal Reserve consent order against Wells Fargo as well as a requirement by the Fed that bank grow no bigger than its current size until it fixes its sales culture. The Fed declined to comment, but the OCC's decision is likely to pressure the Fed to make

its own decision regarding its restrictions on Wells Fargo.

Including the Fed's order, Wells Fargo still has eight consent orders that govern its operations. That's down from 14 when Scharf took over the bank. Management says they still have work to do.

"We've changed the company across a number of dimensions," said Scott Powell, Wells Fargo's chief operating officer, in an interview. Powell joined the bank roughly around the same time as Scharf.

We're doing better for customers and employees and we keep working to address the risk issues that are still outstanding."



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## CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

# Habituating to heroism

The Kansas City Chiefs' triumphant Super Bowl parade on Wednesday turned to tragedy as a group of young men, involved in what authorities call "a dispute between several people," exchanged gunfire in the packed crowd, killing one bystander and injuring at least 20 others. The wounded include many children.



**Liz Schleicher**  
Contributing Columnist

As the alleged gunmen attempted to flee the scene, one of them was tackled, pinned and beaten into submission by a group of paragaders, including Paul Contreras of Bellevue, Nebraska, and Trey Filter of Wichita, Kansas. Filter's wife, Casey, helped get the suspect's gun safely away from the scrum of people. Now, two teenagers are in custody and law enforcement is working to determine criminal charges for the youths.

When interviewed by national media, both Contreras and the Filter family commented that their heroic acts were snap judgments in the heat of a frightening moment.

"I didn't think about it. It's just a reaction," Contreras told news outlet MEAWW.

In an interview with journalist Chris Cuomo, Casey Filter said: "I think we just did fight or flight, and we just did what we felt we needed to do in that moment."

I believe Contreras and the Filters when they say they didn't think much about their courageous decision to take down a guy with a gun. As Casey Filter said, fight or flight kicked in. But there is a secret about heroism that very few people know and even fewer accept: Heroism does not start with the heroic act. Instead, it is a repetitive and boring process of making the right decision about smaller matters over and over again throughout the course of one's life.

A few months ago, I read a Reddit comment from a user called "DrPsychBCBA" that I think encapsulates this truth perfectly. He said: "In the behavioral science world this is called Habituation. When a person has been repeatedly exposed to the same circumstance, your alert goes down. Like when you get startled at the first explosion in an action movie. By the second or third explosion, you don't even react to it anymore; this is called 'autopilot mode.' The more you do anything, the more comfortable you get ..."

Dr. Psych was writing about bad habituation, like becoming nose-blind to a disgusting smell or getting inured to the horrors of war. But it works in reverse, too. The more you make good, brave choices, the more comfortable you get making better, braver choices.

This process usually starts in a mundane, thankless way. You might stick up for someone being bullied. Or stay

behind to clean up trash while everyone else leaves. Or quietly stick to your religious or ethical principles while others call you stupid or crazy.

Doing small things again and again over time exercises your heroism muscles and habituates you to goodness at an ever higher level. Most of us will not end up tackling gunmen, of course, but almost all of us will eventually come to a crossroads where the stakes are high and a good choice means we can be someone's hero.

It is also unlikely that the young gunmen who hurt so many innocent people woke up on Wednesday after a lifetime of good choices and decided to open fire at the Super Bowl parade. They, too, have been habituated. As Ma Ingalls told little Laura in "On the Banks of Plum Creek," "Once you begin being naughty, it is easier to go on and on, and sooner or later something dreadful happens."

Something dreadful has happened. It culminated in terror and death on Wednesday, but it likely started months or years before that, with a series of worse and worse decisions, some of which seemed low-stakes or completely unimportant.

There is hope for those who have habituated themselves to bad decisions. You can always turn back. It becomes much more difficult, requiring more willpower and humility, but it is possible. History is full of pure villains and pure heroes, but it's also full of villains who became heroes. You're not beyond redemption until you're dead – that's both the Christian story and the American one.

I pray the young men who committed this selfish and horrible act can be brought to justice, repent, and somehow turn their lives around. But it will be excruciatingly hard for them to do so, because they made themselves comfortable with doing evil.

Small decisions matter. Religion tells us this, but if that doesn't do anything for you, take a look at behavioral science. You can begin right now to put yourself on the path that ends in heroism or the path that ends in terrorism and cowardice. You might never reach the heights or depths of either, but if that crossroad suddenly arrives, as it did on Wednesday, which path are you habituated to take?

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## CONTRIBUTING COLUMN

# Doing nothing changes nothing

We were so excited about the Super Bowl! As hoped, Mahomes and Crew fought their way to a heart-stopping final three seconds in overtime, and then finished off the 49ers with a play called either "Tom and Jerry" or "Corn Dog," or both – Mahomes threw an easy three-yard pass to Mecole Hardman who casually waited, caught the ball, and glided into the end zone. According to Mahomes, Hardman didn't realize that the touchdown had won the game. Hardman confirmed that on Jimmy Kimmel's show, saying he kind of "blacked out" and just caught the ball. He finally figured out that he had the game-winning catch!

The parade was fun to watch – until it wasn't. Two kids – legal juveniles under the age of 17 – got mad at each other and decided to shoot it out with guns they were carrying at the event. Missouri's legislature, you see, decided a while ago that they should vote to allow children to carry guns openly, but then they got mad at St. Louis because teenagers were carrying AR15s out in the open in the city (<http://tinyurl.com/2t8drn9h>).

In 2016, Missouri representatives voted to repeal most requirements for concealed carry: "The sweeping guns legislation



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would allow most adults to carry concealed weapons without needing a permit while also expanding people's right to defend themselves both in public and private places" (<http://tinyurl.com/53up-m9mk>). Then, last year about this time, "Missouri's Republican-led House ... voted against banning minors from openly carrying firearms on public land without adult supervision [because] ... Republicans decried the effort as an unneeded infringement on gun rights" (<http://tinyurl.com/2t8drn9h>).

These moves defy common sense, and it showed on Wednesday. These two kids, who had some silly, tough-boy beef, decided to shoot at each other. They missed each other, and instead shot one woman dead and wounded 22 other people, at least nine of them children, and at last count, three or four were

still in critical condition in Kansas City hospitals.

Once again, the "good guy with a gun will stop the bad guy with a gun" theory proves itself stupid. Eight hundred police officers were at the event, and still the shooting happened. Still, a woman was killed. Still, children were wounded.

One of Max's and my friends was there with his young son. We finally heard from them about 5 Wednesday afternoon, and while they had not been near the murder scene, the young boy was terrified – for good reason.

This is not "mental health." It is not a lack of security. It is not anything that people would like to attribute to the plethora of gun violence in this country. It's kids being able to get guns, carry them around to show their virility and masculinity, and not understand that all arguments don't have to end in someone shooting someone else. It is kids who probably don't comprehend "dead" and the aftermath.

I was discussing my disdain for our state's laws with a friend, who responded, "I don't think banning guns is the answer." I agree – although I support renewing a ban on purchasing assault weapons such as AR15s.

That law was in place for 10 years after Ronald Reagan and Jim Brady were shot and almost killed. Though I would like nothing better than to live in a gunless society, I respect the Constitution and understand the Supreme Court's interpretation of the Second Amendment's provisions. That's the law.

Doing nothing, however, isn't an option. Allowing kids to have guns and letting them carry them around is dumb. Not requiring background checks at gun shows or for personal sales is ridiculous. Voting down "red flag" laws is a disaster waiting to happen. None of these things interfere with a competent person's owning a gun. And yet, Missouri citizens are captive to the Legislature's belief that gun ownership is an unfettered right, regardless of the results, and American citizens are less safe because the U.S. Congress will not renew the ban on assault weapons.

These things won't solve the problem, but they would be steps toward finding a complete solution. One thing is true: Doing nothing changes nothing. We'll just wait until the next one to send useless "thoughts and prayers."

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## GREEN MINUTE

# Making more time to do nothing

I recently listened to a podcast on the art of doing nothing. Sharon Salzberg, the co-founder of The Insight Meditation Society in Massachusetts, spoke of a motto that was created for their retreat center: "It's better to do nothing than to waste your time."

We live in a society that values productivity and constant motion, which pushes us to become good at planning and accomplishing tasks. There is benefit in that, but the combination of our propensity for efficiency with our ever-present electronic devices makes building in time and space for rest and stillness essential for our well-being.

I suppose there are many ways to do this. When I go out for a hike, run, or bike, it feels like a pause for me – a time to clear my mind and also let it wander. My best ideas come to me during that "thinking flow" state that happens while in rhythmic motion. The experts weighing in on the podcast, however, encouraged truly doing nothing and giving our minds a chance to relax and switch into default mode. This got me thinking about creating spaces where we can go to be intentional about doing nothing.

The summer after we



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moved into our current home, I created landscaping beds along the stone steps leading up to our front porch. I filled them with native plants suitable for a sunny site, and over the next several years, I watched them develop into what is now an overflowing native garden.

It's fascinating to observe native plants do their thing; they almost have a mind of their own. Some of them didn't like where I planted them, so they moved to another area of the garden. Some grew beyond their borders and I had to dig them out and share with friends. Some fizzled out and I replaced them with different natives. Some natives, like common milkweed, showed up without my intervention and I simply let them be.

I have an abundance of birds, bees, and butterflies that visit my native garden, and every Sep-

tember, I have monarch caterpillars to share with my preschoolers. What a pleasure it is to experience the life cycle of the monarch butterfly with them!

I learned from one of our CEA members who lived in Sweden for more than a decade that the Swedes are extremely invested in sustainability but have taken that a step further. They believe that it's not enough to be sustainable – we need regeneration and restoration.

One way to do this is to restore ecosystems, help increase biodiversity, and prevent the impacts of natural disasters. We can do this in our own backyards! In fact, there is a local program called Air B and Bees for Pollinators that assists several local homeowners per year to create a small pollinator-friendly garden in their urban setting. You can visit [CEAbug.com](http://CEAbug.com) for more information about this program.

I have since created a second native garden on my property, between my vegetable garden and my garden shed. It's a small, circular garden and I placed a couple of old patio chairs under the oak tree on the other side of it. It's a lovely, shady spot to sit and do nothing, except maybe watch the bees and butterflies while

I relax and let my mind wander.

If you have the space and would like to create your own native garden as a way to restore a bit of nature and provide a respite for yourself, you can find lots of great information about native plants at [www.grownative.org](http://www.grownative.org), a Missouri Prairie Foundation site.

This time of year, as winter begins to melt into spring, I can't wait to get my hands in the soil. It's the perfect time of year to plan what we are going to grow in our gardens, and a great thing about natives is that you can truly start with just a few plants.

If you do not have a yard or are unfamiliar with Missouri's indigenous plants and would like to experience a native prairie, consider visiting Turkeyfoot Prairie across from West Park. There is a native prairie garden at the entrance, seven acres of restored prairie, and if you walk the trail to the far west side, there is a bench overlooking the slough (a wetland area) where you can sit and do nothing.

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# Judge orders Trump and his companies to pay \$355M in NY civil fraud case

By Michael R. Sisak, Jake Offenhartz and Jennifer Peltz

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A New York judge ordered Donald Trump and his companies on Friday to pay \$355 million in penalties, finding they engaged in a yearslong scheme to dupe banks and others with financial statements that inflated his wealth.

Trump won't have to pay out the money immediately as an appeals process plays out, but the verdict still is a stunning setback for the former president.

If he's ultimately forced to pay, the magnitude of the penalty, on top of earlier judgments, could dramatically diminish his financial resources. And it undermines the image of a successful businessman that he's carefully tailored to power his unlikely rise from a reality television star to a onetime — and perhaps future — president.

Judge Arthur Engoron concluded that Trump and his company were "likely to continue their fraudulent ways" without the financial penalties and other controls he imposed. Engoron concluded that Trump and his co-defendants "failed to accept responsibility" and that experts who testified on his behalf "simply denied reality."

"This is a venial sin, not a mortal sin," Engoron, a Democrat, wrote in a searing 92-page opinion. "They did not rob a bank at gunpoint. Donald Trump is not Bernard Madoff. Yet, defendants are incapable of admitting the error of their ways."

He said their "com-

plete lack of contrition and remorse borders on pathological" and "the frauds found here leap off the page and shock the conscience."

Trump, who built his reputation as a real estate titan, also was barred from serving as an officer or director of any New York corporation for three years or from getting a loan from banks registered in his native state.

His eldest sons, Trump Organization Executive Vice Presidents Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump, each were ordered to pay \$4 million and barred from being officers of New York companies for two years. Former chief financial officer Allen Weisselberg was ordered to pay \$1 million.

Trump called the verdict a "Complete and Total sham." He wrote on his Truth Social platform that New York Attorney General Letitia James "has been obsessed with 'Getting Trump' for years" and that Engoron's decision was "an illegal, unAmerican judgment against me, my family, and my tremendous business."

The total \$364 million verdict — which James' office said grows to \$450 million, adding interest — keeps the Trump Organization in business. The judge backed away from an earlier ruling that would have dissolved the former president's companies. But if upheld, the verdict will force a shakeup at the top of the company.

In a statement, James said "justice has been served" and called the ruling "a tremendous victory for this state, this nation, and for everyone who believes that we all must play by the same rules — even

former presidents."

"Now, Donald Trump is finally facing accountability for his lying, cheating, and staggering fraud.

Because no matter how big, rich, or powerful you think you are, no one is above the law," James said.

Trump's lawyers vowed to appeal. Attorney Alina Habba called the verdict "manifest injustice" and "the culmination of a multi-year, politically fueled witch hunt." Trump lawyer Christopher Kise called the outcome "a draconian and unconstitutional fine and a corporate 'death penalty'" for Trump, his family and his business.

Engoron issued his decision after a 2½-month trial that saw the Republican presidential front-runner bristling under oath that he was the victim of a rigged legal system.

The stiff penalty was a victory for James, a Democrat, who sued Trump over what she said was not just harmless bragging but years of deceptive practices as he built the multinational collection of skyscrapers, golf courses and other properties that catapulted him to wealth, fame and the White House.

James sued Trump in 2022 under a state law that authorizes her to investigate persistent fraud in business dealings.

The suit accused Trump and his co-defendants of routinely puffing up his financial statements to create an illusion his properties were more valuable than they really were. State lawyers said Trump exaggerated his wealth by as much as \$3.6 billion one year.

By making himself seem richer, Trump qualified for better loan terms,

saved on interest and was able to complete projects he might otherwise not have finished, state lawyers said.

Even before the trial began, Engoron ruled that James had proven Trump's financial statements were fraudulent. The judge ordered some of Trump's companies removed from his control and dissolved. An appeals court put that decision on hold.

In that earlier ruling, the judge found that, among other tricks, Trump's financial statements had wrongly claimed his Trump Tower penthouse was nearly three times its actual size and overvalued his Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, Florida, based on the idea that the property could be developed for residential use, even though he had surrendered rights to develop it for any uses but a club.

Trump, one of 40 witnesses to testify at the trial, said his financial statements actually understated his net worth and that banks did their own research and were happy with his business.

"There was no victim. There was no anything," Trump testified in November.

During the trial, Trump called the judge "extremely hostile" and the attorney general "a political hack." In a six-minute diatribe during closing arguments in January, Trump proclaimed "I am an innocent man" and called the case a "fraud on me."

Trump and his lawyers have said the outside accountants that helped prepare the statements should've flagged any discrepancies and that the documents came with disclaimers that shielded him

from liability. They also argued that some of the allegations were barred by the statute of limitations.

The suit is one of many legal headaches for Trump as he campaigns for a return to the White House. He has been indicted four times in the last year — accused in Georgia and Washington, D.C., of plotting to overturn his 2020 election loss to Democrat Joe Biden, in Florida of hoarding classified documents, and in Manhattan of falsifying business records related to hush money paid to porn actor Stormy Daniels on his behalf.

On Thursday, a judge confirmed Trump's hush-money trial will start on March 25 and a judge in Atlanta heard arguments on whether to remove Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis from his Georgia election interference case because she had a personal relationship with a special prosecutor she hired.

Those criminal accusations haven't appeared to undermine his march toward the Republican presidential nomination, but civil litigation has threatened him financially.

On Jan. 26, a jury ordered Trump to pay \$83.3 million to writer E. Jean Carroll for defaming her after she accused him in 2019 of sexually assaulting her in a Manhattan department store in the 1990s. That's on top of the \$5 million a jury awarded Carroll in a related trial last year.

In 2022, the Trump Organization was convicted of tax fraud and fined \$1.6 million in an unrelated criminal case for helping executives dodge taxes on extravagant perks such as Manhattan apartments

and luxury cars.

James had asked the judge to impose a penalty of at least \$370 million.

Engoron decided the case because neither side sought a jury and state law doesn't allow for juries for this type of lawsuit.

Because it was civil, not criminal, the case did not carry the potential of prison time.

James, who campaigned for office as a Trump critic and watchdog, started scrutinizing his business practices in March 2019 after his former personal lawyer Michael Cohen testified to Congress that Trump exaggerated his wealth on financial statements provided to Deutsche Bank while trying to obtain financing to buy the NFL's Buffalo Bills.

James' office previously sued Trump for misusing his own charitable foundation to further his political and business interests. Trump was ordered to pay \$2 million to an array of charities as a fine and the charity, the Trump Foundation, was shut down.

Trump incorporated the Trump Organization in New York in 1981. He still owns it, but he put his assets into a revocable trust and gave up his positions as the company's director, president and chairman when he became president, leaving management of the company to Eric Trump and Donald Trump Jr.

Trump did not return to a stated leadership position upon leaving the White House in 2021, but his sons testified he's been involved in some decision-making.

Engoron had already appointed a monitor, retired federal judge Barbara Jones, to keep an eye on the company.

# Tech companies sign accord to combat AI-generated election trickery

By Matt O'Brien and Ali Swenson

Associated Press

Major technology companies signed a pact Friday to voluntarily adopt "reasonable precautions" to prevent artificial intelligence tools from being used to disrupt democratic elections around the world.

Executives from Adobe, Amazon, Google, IBM, Meta, Microsoft, OpenAI and TikTok gathered at the Munich Security Conference to announce a new framework for how they respond to AI-generated deepfakes that deliberately trick voters. Twelve other companies — including Elon Musk's X — are also signing on to the accord.

"Everybody recognizes that no one tech company, no one government, no one civil society organization is able to deal with the advent of this technology and its possible nefarious use on their own," said Nick Clegg, president of global affairs for Meta, the parent company of Facebook and Instagram, in an interview ahead of the summit.

The accord is largely symbolic, but targets increasingly realistic AI-generated images, audio and video "that deceptively fake or alter the appearance, voice, or actions of political candidates, election officials, and other key

stakeholders in a democratic election, or that provide false information to voters about when, where, and how they can lawfully vote."

The companies aren't committing to ban or remove deepfakes. Instead, the accord outlines methods they will use to try to detect and label deceptive AI content when it is created or distributed on their platforms. It notes the companies will share best practices with each other and provide "swift and proportionate responses" when that content starts to spread.

The vagueness of the commitments and lack of any binding requirements likely helped win over a diverse swath of companies, but disappointed advocates were looking for stronger assurances.

"The language isn't quite as strong as one might have expected," said Rachel Orey, senior associate director of the Elections Project at the Bipartisan Policy Center. "I think we should give credit where credit is due, and acknowledge that the companies do have a vested interest in their tools not being used to undermine free and fair elections. That said, it is voluntary, and we'll be keeping an eye on whether they follow through."

Clegg said each company "quite rightly has its own set of content policies."

"This is not attempting

to try to impose a straitjacket on everybody," he said. "And in any event, no one in the industry thinks that you can deal with a whole new technological paradigm by sweeping things under the rug and trying to play whack-a-mole and finding everything that you think may mislead someone."

Several political leaders from Europe and the U.S. also joined Friday's announcement. European Commission Vice President Vera Jourova said while such an agreement can't be comprehensive, "it contains very impactful and positive elements." She also urged fellow politicians to take responsibility to not use AI tools deceptively and warned that AI-fueled disinformation could bring about "the end of democracy, not only in the EU member states."

The agreement at the German city's annual security meeting comes as more than 50 countries are due to hold national elections in 2024. Bangladesh, Taiwan, Pakistan and most recently Indonesia have already done so.

Attempts at AI-generated election interference have already begun, such as when AI robocalls that mimicked U.S. President Joe Biden's voice tried to discourage people from voting in New Hampshire's primary election last month.

Just days before Slovakia's elections in November, AI-generated audio recordings impersonated a candidate discussing plans to raise beer prices and rig the election. Fact-checkers scrambled to identify them as false as they spread across social media.

Politicians also have experimented with the technology, from using AI chatbots to communicate with voters to adding AI-generated images to ads.

The accord calls on platforms to "pay attention to context and in particular to safeguarding educational, documentary, artistic, satirical, and political expression."

It said the companies will focus on transparency to users about their policies and work to educate the public about how they can avoid falling for AI fakes.

Most companies have previously said they're putting safeguards on their own generative AI tools that can manipulate images and sound, while also working to identify and label AI-generated content so that social media users know if what they're seeing is real. But most of those proposed solutions haven't yet rolled out and the companies have faced pressure to do more.

That pressure is heightened in the U.S., where Congress has yet to pass laws regulating AI in pol-

itics, leaving companies to largely govern themselves.

The Federal Communications Commission recently confirmed AI-generated audio clips in robocalls are against the law, but that doesn't cover audio deepfakes when they circulate on social media or in campaign advertisements.

Many social media companies already have policies in place to deter deceptive posts about electoral processes — AI-generated or not. Meta says it removes misinformation about "the dates, locations, times, and methods for voting, voter registration, or census participation" as well as other false posts meant to interfere with someone's civic participation.

Jeff Allen, co-founder of the Integrity Institute and a former Facebook data scientist, said the accord seems like a "positive step" but he'd still like to see social media companies taking other actions to combat misinformation, such as building content recommendation systems that don't prioritize engagement above all else.

Lisa Gilbert, executive vice president of the advocacy group Public Citizen, argued Friday that the accord is "not enough" and AI companies should "hold back technology" such as hyper-realistic text-to-video generators "until there are

substantial and adequate safeguards in place to help us avert many potential problems."

In addition to the companies that helped broker Friday's agreement, other signatories include chatbot developers Anthropic and Inflection AI; voice-clone startup ElevenLabs; chip designer Arm Holdings; security companies McAfee and TrendMicro; and Stability AI, known for making the image-generator Stable Diffusion.

Notably absent is another popular AI image-generator, Midjourney. The San Francisco-based startup didn't immediately respond to a request for comment Friday.

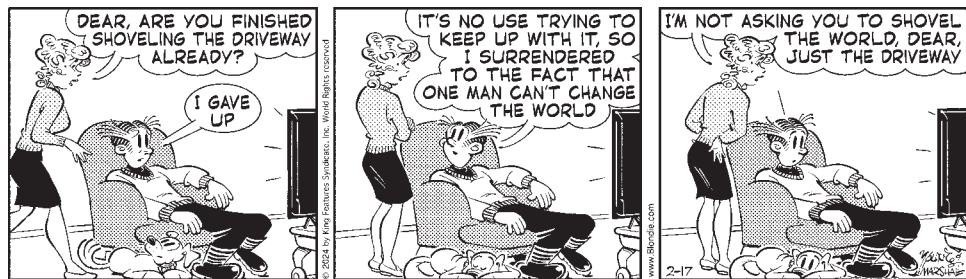
The inclusion of X — not mentioned in an earlier announcement about the pending accord — was one of the surprises of Friday's agreement. Musk sharply curtailed content-moderation teams after taking over the former Twitter and has described himself as a "free speech absolutist."

In a statement Friday, X CEO Linda Yaccarino said "every citizen and company has a responsibility to safeguard free and fair elections."

"X is dedicated to playing its part, collaborating with peers to combat AI threats while also protecting free speech and maximizing transparency," she said.

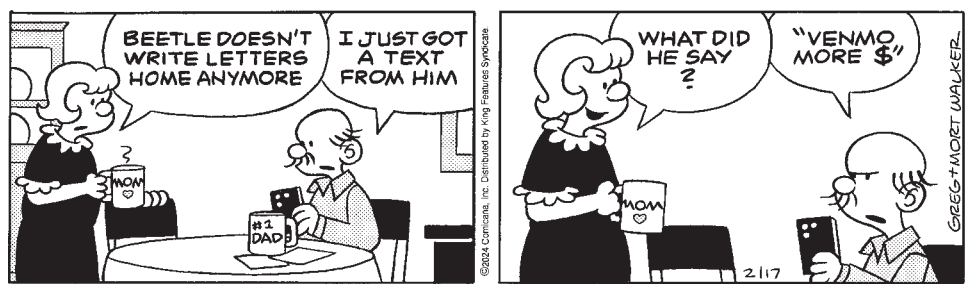
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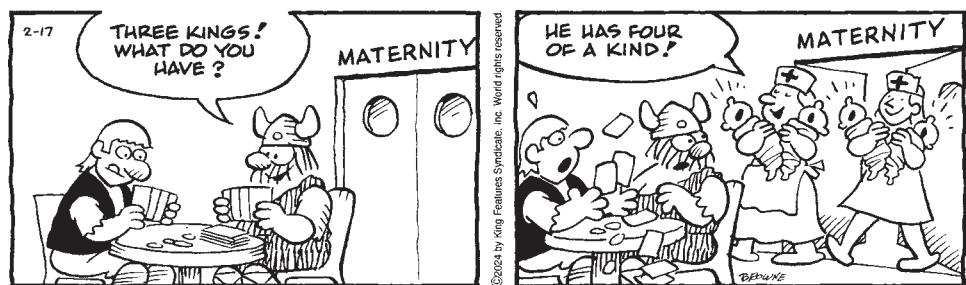
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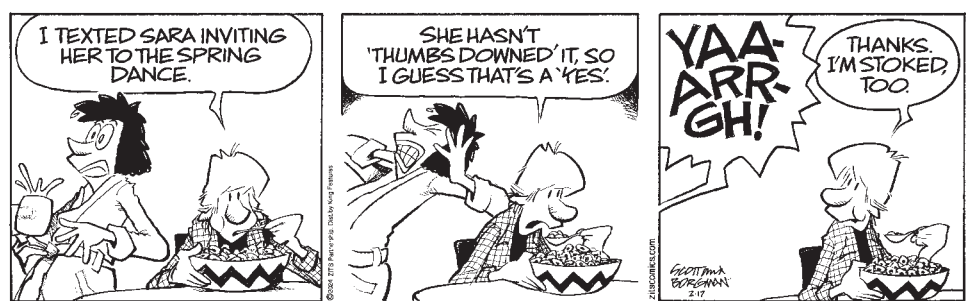
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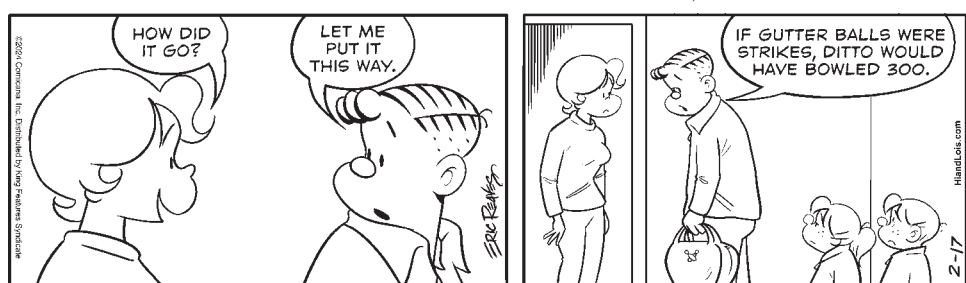
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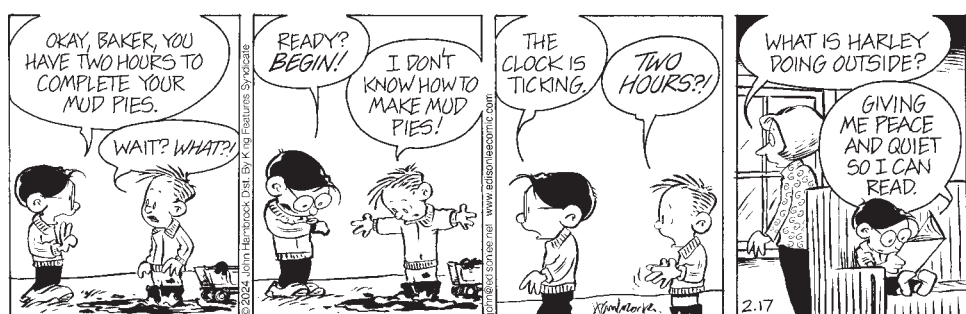
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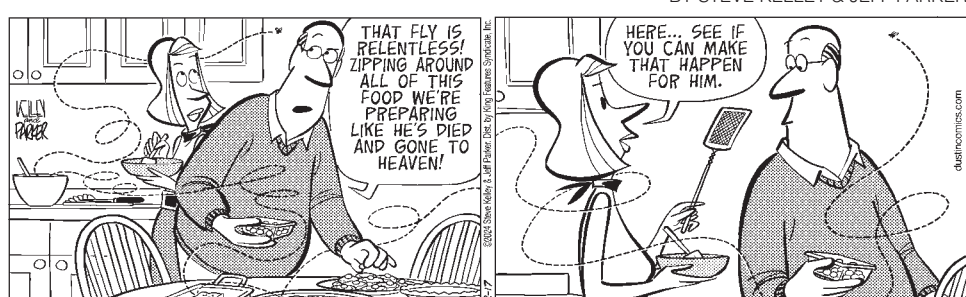
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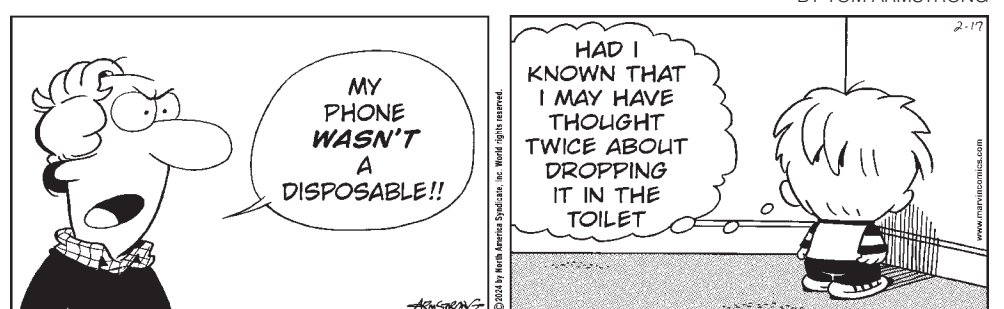
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BY TOM ARMSTRONG



**BIZARRO**

BY DAN PIRARO



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**Answer to previous puzzle**

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6	5	3	2	4	9	8	1	7
4	2	1	8	7	6	3	9	5

Difficulty: ★★★★★

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Difficulty: ★★★★★

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## Two juveniles charged in mass shooting at Chiefs Super Bowl parade

By Nick Ingram, Scott McFetridge and Jim Salter  
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Two juveniles were charged with crimes connected to the mass shooting at the Kansas City Chiefs' Super Bowl rally, authorities said Friday, as the city tries to recover in the aftermath of the violence.

A news release from the Jackson County Family Court said the juveniles were charged Thursday and are being detained in the county's Juvenile Detention Center "on gun-related and resisting arrest charges." The release said it is "anticipated that additional charges are expected in the future as the investigation by the Kansas City Police Department continues."

No further information was released. Juvenile court cases are largely kept private under Missouri law, and hearings are not open to the public.

Police initially detained three juveniles but released one who they determined wasn't involved in the shooting. Police are looking for others who may have been involved and are calling for witnesses, victims and people with cellphone video of the violence to call a dedicated hotline.

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People attend a candlelight vigil for victims of a shooting at a Kansas City Chiefs Super Bowl victory rally Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024 in Kansas City, Mo. More than 20 people were injured and one woman killed in the shooting near the end of Wednesday's rally held at nearby Union Station. PHOTO BY CHARLIE RIEDEL | AP PHOTO

## Column: Finishing the story, or a Jayhawk's farewell

By Bryan Everson  
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Applying for a job half-way across the country usually means having to answer the question of "Why here?" from an employer.

It was posed when I interviewed for the Democrat initially, and asked again when I chose to take a job back in suburban Detroit for which I'm about to depart.

I never had a problem answering it the first time. Kansas City's sports are in my blood. And apologies to all the Mizzou fans who probably wish they could give me a transfusion.

Some of my earliest memories are of Chiefs games, some of them in the Gold Suite. My uncle pitched in the Big 10, and we played host when a minor leaguer got a call-up from Omaha, where he played at one time. Having a Royals pitcher live with you? I was certainly lucky.

That meant a lot of afternoons at Kauffman Stadium. Every opening day. A lot of losing seasons.

It meant a lot of great Chiefs memories. Lots of regular-season wins. Plenty of postseason disappointment. Ask some of these newcomer fans in the Mahomes Era if they know about Lin Elliot.

Before they were all that, I remember getting a visit from Kansas City Wizards players in elementary school. You don't forget those days, just like, I'm sure, the kids who got a visit from Blake Grube this year won't.

And then, I moved away, off to the frozen tundra of Michigan. I never got to see those Wizards transform into Sporting. Never got to revel in the Royals' transformation from ugly duckling to World Champions once again. Had to watch my beloved Jayhawks win from afar.

It's not the same when you're not surrounded by your people, I promise. Try rooting for the Chiefs in a sea of Lions fans.

So, in the words of WWE star and son of a plumber Cody Rhodes, I wanted to finish the story.

Let me tell you something you've most certainly not heard in the past decade: working in the newspaper industry is tough. You're signing up for a different deal than when I had dreams of it as a high school sports editor, let alone a journalism major.

But this journey, here, has had so many ups. Those of you who've gotten to know me know I love soccer. Getting to cover some of Sporting KC's successes (and lately, failures) is something I'll never forget. Soaking in the time of all times to be a Chiefs fan is like eating dessert with some sort of superpower that speeds up your metabolism. Then there are the district championships for our local teams, getting to share those moments and watch those teams and players finish their stories. There's an incredible amount of joy that comes with it that doesn't fade.

And there's also joy in the teams who haven't experienced that, but the right cooks are in the kitchen. They're working, and while it may not result in something in the trophy cabinet yet, you just know that things are pointing up.

That's the wheel of sports. Like with high school or college players, sometimes you're setting the table for the next man up, or the team that follows. Someone else will watch that story unfold and tell it.

Now, I wind down in my final days at the Democrat before making the trek away. I'll be watching, though. Possibly in red or blue (or, close your eyes, Tigers fans, in both) from the great north. Thanks to everyone who made the time here an easier go when sometimes it wasn't. I always tried to express my gratitude. May your stories be told, and finish in happiness.

Even you, Mizzou fans.

## Jimmie Johnson uses desperate late push to qualify for his 21st Daytona 500

By Jenna Fryer  
AP Auto Racing Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The panic set in for Jimmie Johnson on the final lap of his qualifying race for the Daytona 500. The seven-time NASCAR champion and newest Hall of Fame inductee recognized he was dangerously close to missing the cut for "The Great American Race."

Johnson, now co-owner of Legacy Motor Club, didn't have the speed in time trials to earn a spot Wednesday in the season-opening race. It meant he had to race his way into the 40-car field Thursday night at Daytona International Speedway.

He only needed to beat J.J. Yeley in the qualifying race — and Yeley was driving a car that barely even made it to Daytona and only announced Yeley as the driver Wednesday, two days after Greg Biffle said he had pulled out as the driver over non-pay-



Tyler Reddick celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the first of two NASCAR Daytona 500 qualifying auto races at Daytona International Speedway, Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024, in Daytona Beach, Fla. PHOTO BY JOHN RAOUX | AP PHOTO

ment from 2022.

But a late spin put Johnson in a precarious position, and the desperation set in on the backstretch of the last lap. He knew he needed help from another driver, understood how challenging his final two turns would be, and yet his mind was racing about what would

happen if he failed to qualify

"I'm like, 'I'm not going to make it, not going to make the Daytona 500,'" Johnson said. "I'm going to have to call all our partners. I'm going to have to stand in the suite during the 500 and shake hands, not drive a car. This is running through

my mind — 'I have to figure out a way.'"

He pulled it off with a three-wide move through the final turn that has Johnson locked into his 21st Daytona 500. Johnson won the race twice, in 2006 and 2013, while driving for Hendrick Motorsports.

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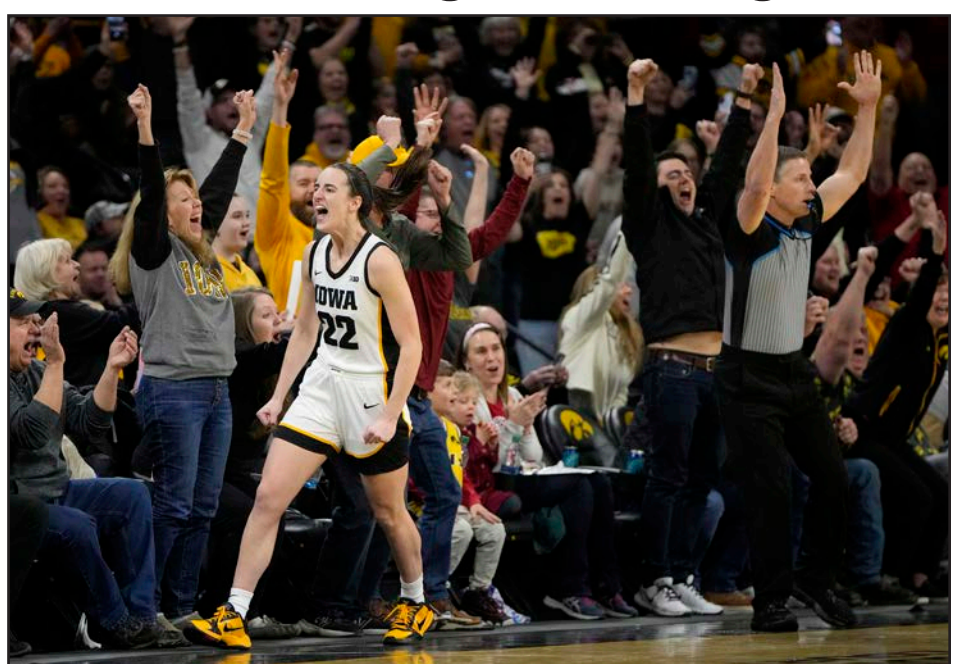
## Caitlin Clark breaks NCAA women's career scoring record with a signature 'logo 3'

By Eric Olson  
Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Caitlin Clark wasted no time becoming the NCAA women's career scoring leader Thursday night, taking less than three minutes to score the eight points she needed to break Kelsey Plum's record.

The Iowa star who has brought unprecedented attention to women's basketball surpassed the record with her signature shot — a 35-foot 3-pointer that hit nothing but the bottom of the net.

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Iowa guard Caitlin Clark (22) reacts after breaking the NCAA women's career scoring record during the first half of the team's college basketball game against Michigan, Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024, in Iowa City, Iowa. PHOTO BY MATTHEW PUTNEY | AP PHOTO

# SPORTS CALENDAR

**Saturday ON TAP**

**COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL**

7:30 p.m. Moberly Area Community College at State Fair Community College

**COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

5:30 p.m. Moberly Area Community College at State Fair Community College

**HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL**

Windsor at La Monte

**HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Windsor at La Monte

Northwest at Meadville

**HIGH SCHOOL BOYS WRESTLING**

Smith-Cotton at Class 4 District 3 Tournament (at Ray-Pec)

Cole Camp, Stover, Tipton, Windsor at Class 1 District 2 Tournament (at Butler)

**ON AIR**

**AHL HOCKEY**

3 p.m. NHLN — Hershey at Toronto

**AUTO RACING**

9:30 a.m. FS1 — NASCAR Cup Series: Final Practice, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.

10:30 a.m. FS1 — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Qualifying, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.

12:30 p.m. FS1 — ARCA Menards Series: The Daytona ARCA 200, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.

4 p.m. FS1 — NASCAR Xfinity Series: The United Rentals 300, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.

**BEACH SOCCER (MEN'S)**

5:20 a.m. FS2 — 2024 FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Italy vs. Egypt, Group A, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

6:50 a.m. FS2 — 2024 FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Spain vs. Tahiti, Group B, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

9:20 a.m. FS2 — 2024 FIFA World Cup Group Stage: United Arab Emirates vs. U.S., Group A, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

11 a.m. FS2 — 2024 FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Argentina vs. Iran, Group B, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

5:20 a.m. (Sunday) FS2 — 2024 FIFA

World Cup Group Stage: Japan vs. Belarus, Group C, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

**COLLEGE BASEBALL**

7 p.m. MLBN — 2024 MLB Desert Invitational: Grand Canyon vs. Southern Cal, Scottsdale, Ariz.

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)**

11 a.m. BTN — Penn St. at Nebraska

ESPN — Texas A&M at Alabama

ESPN2 — Wake Forest at Virginia

ESPNU — TCU at Kansas St.

11:30 a.m. FOX — Creighton at Butler

USA — Richmond at George Washington

Noon CBS — Texas at Houston

SECN — Florida at Georgia

12:30 p.m. CBSSN — Fordham at Dayton

1 p.m. ACCN — Virginia Tech at North Carolina

ESPN — Duke at Florida St.

ESPN2 — The NBA HBCU Classic: Winston-Salem State vs. Virginia Union, Indianapolis

ESPNU — Arkansas at Mississippi St.

NBTV — The NBA HBCU Classic: Winston-Salem State vs. Virginia Union, Indianapolis

TNT — The NBA HBCU Classic: Winston-Salem State vs. Virginia Union, Indianapolis

1:15 p.m. BTN — Wisconsin at Iowa

1:30 p.m. USA — Saint Joseph's at Duquesne

2 p.m. FOX — Marquette at UConn

2:30 p.m. CBSSN — Davidson at St. Bonaventure

SECN — LSU at South Carolina

3 p.m. ACCN — Miami at Boston College

ESPN — Kansas at Oklahoma

4:30 p.m. CBSSN — Utah St. at Colorado St.

CW — Syracuse at Georgia Tech

FOX — Illinois at Maryland

5 p.m. ESPN — Kentucky at Auburn

ESPN2 — Baylor at West Virginia

PAC-12N — Stanford at Washington St.

SECN — Vanderbilt at Tennessee

5:30 p.m. ACCN — Louisville at Pittsburgh

6:30 p.m. CBSSN — Fresno St. at Boise St.

FS1 — DePaul at Providence

6:45 p.m. CW — NC State at Clemson

7 p.m. FOX — Michigan St. at Michigan

ESPN2 — Yale at Princeton

PAC-12N — California at Washington

7:30 p.m. SECN — Missouri at Mississippi

8:30 p.m. FS1 — Arizona St. at Arizona

9 p.m. ESPN — Colorado at Southern Cal

PAC-12N — Oregon at Oregon St.

10:30 p.m. FS1 — Nevada at UNLV

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)**

3 p.m. ESPN2 — Iowa St. at Texas

**COLLEGE HOCKEY (MEN'S)**

3:30 p.m. BTN — Wisconsin at Ohio St.

6 p.m. BTN — Michigan at Penn St.

**COLLEGE LACROSSE (MEN'S)**

5 p.m. ESPNU — Maryland at Syracuse

**COLLEGE SOFTBALL**

8 a.m. ACCN — Shriners Children's Clearwater Invitational: Northwestern vs. Georgia Tech, Clearwater, Fla.

9 a.m. ESPN2 — Shriners Children's Clearwater Invitational: Georgia vs. Florida St., Clearwater, Fla.

9:30 a.m. SECN — Shriners Children's Clearwater Invitational: Oklahoma St. vs. LSU, Clearwater, Fla.

3 p.m. ESPNU — Shriners Children's Clearwater Invitational: UCLA vs. Tennessee, Clearwater, Fla.

**COLLEGE WRESTLING**

2 p.m. PAC-12N — Stanford at Arizona St.

**FISHING**

6:30 a.m. FS1 — Bassmaster Opens: The 2024 St. Croix Bassmaster Open at Lake Ouachita presented by SEVIIN, Hot Springs, Ark.

**GOLF**

4:30 a.m. GOLF — Ladies European Tour: The Aramco Saudi Ladies International, Third Round, Riyadh Golf Club, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Noon GOLF — PGA Tour: The Genesis Invitational, Third Round, Riviera Golf Course, Pacific Palisades, Calif.

2 p.m. CBS — PGA Tour: The Genesis Invitational, Third Round, Riviera Golf

Course, Pacific Palisades, Calif.

GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: The Chubb Classic, Second Round, Tiburon Golf Club — Black Course, Naples, Fla.

3:30 a.m. (Sunday) GOLF — Ladies European Tour: The Aramco Saudi Ladies International, Final Round, Riyadh Golf Club, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

**HORSE RACING**

12:30 p.m. FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races

**MIXED MARTIAL ARTS**

7 p.m. ESPN — UFC 298 Prelims: Undercard Bouts, Anaheim, Calif.

**NBA BASKETBALL**

7 p.m. TNT — NBA All-Star Saturday Night: Skills Challenge, 3-Point, and Slam Dunk Contests, Indianapolis

TRUTV — NBA All-Star Saturday Night: Skills Challenge, 3-Point, and Slam Dunk Contests, Indianapolis (Alternate Cast)

**NHL HOCKEY**

11:25 a.m. ABC — Los Angeles at Boston

2 p.m. ABC — Edmonton at Dallas

7 p.m. ABC — Stadium Series: Philadelphia vs. New Jersey, East Rutherford, N.J.

**RODEO**

9 p.m. CBSSN — PBR: Round 2, Los Angeles

**SOCCER (MEN'S)**

6:30 a.m. USA — Premier League: Liverpool at Brentford

9 a.m. USA — Premier League: Arsenal at Burnley

11:30 a.m. NBC — Premier League: Chelsea at Manchester City

**SOCCER (WOMEN'S)**

6:25 a.m. CBSSN — FASL: Manchester United at Arsenal

**TENNIS**

9 a.m. TENNIS — Doha-WTA Singles Final

12:30 p.m. TENNIS — Rotterdam-ATP, Buenos Aires-ATP, Delray Beach-ATP Semifinals

6:30 p.m. TENNIS — Delray Beach-ATP Semifinal

1 a.m. (Sunday) TENNIS — Dubai-WTA Early Rounds

5 a.m. (Sunday) TENNIS — Dubai-WTA Early Rounds; Rotterdam-ATP, Buenos Aires-ATP, Delray Beach-ATP Finals

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## HOROSCOPES

By Georgia Nicols

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

**Happy Birthday for Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024:**

Because you are determined and ambitious, you are disciplined. People love your warmth and honesty. This is the last year of a nine-year cycle, which means it's time to let go of people, places and things in the past that have held you back.

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)**

★★★★ You're in a talkative mood today, which is why you want to talk to someone. You have strong feelings — probably about a friend or a group — and you need to express your thoughts or line up supporters for your point of view. Tonight: Ideas!

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

★★★ Money issues might be on your mind today, which is why you might have an intense encounter with a parent, boss or someone in a position of authority. Hopefully, you have the freedom to speak up and tell it like it is, because you feel the need to say something, that's for sure. Tonight: Check your belongings.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

★★★★ Today you have a strong urge to travel or "get away from all this." Obviously, if you can have a change of scenery, this is wonderful. But if not, you will also enjoy learning something new and talking to people from different backgrounds, because you want to broaden your experience of the world. Tonight: You're powerful.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

★★★ Behind-the-scenes discussions might take place today about shared property, taxes, debt or inheritances. Or perhaps you are simply interested in these matters and giving them some extra thought. You have strong feelings about something, no question. Tonight: Solitude.

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

★★★ When dealing with partners, spouses and close friends today, issues will not be casual. You have intense feelings about something, which is why you will speak up. Or perhaps this feeling is a strong attachment for someone. You might even be obsessed. ("Moi?" Yes, you.) Tonight: Friendships.

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

★★★ Today you will be emphatic about what you expect at work or with a health-related issue, or even with your pet. You have no doubt about what you want. Because of this firm intention on your part, you might be a bit public with your demands. Tonight: You're noticed.

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

★★★★ You might have powerful romantic feelings for someone today. However, these strong feelings also might be expressed through the arts or a desire to socialize, or even a drive to win at sports. Whatever the case, you feel bold and adventurous today! Tonight: Explore!

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

★★★ You will have to be patient with family members today, because everyone has a strong opinion about things, including you. Basically, a particular astrological influence today encourages strong, impetuous ideas. Some people will feel obsessed about something. Look for a happy compromise. Tonight: Check banking details.

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

★★★ This is a powerful day for those of you in sales, marketing, teaching or acting, because you have something to say and you intend to say it! However, because the Moon is opposite your sign today, you are advised to modify your position somewhat. Be agreeable. Be conciliatory. (You catch more flies with honey than vinegar.) Tonight: Patience.

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

★★★ Look for ways to help others today. You'll find it rewarding to be of service to someone or your community. Nevertheless, you have strong opinions, including your desire to buy something or to deal with a financial matter. Give things a sober second thought before you act. Tonight: Work.

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

★★★★★ Today you have strong wants and needs, and you're ready to express them to anyone who will listen. This is because four planets are in your sign, and Venus is lined up with Pluto, which intensifies your feelings. Romance could be the stuff of movies. Tonight: Socialize!

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

★★★ A family discussion or time spent with a female family member will be significant today. Perhaps this is because you have very clear intentions about what you want to achieve. Meanwhile, some of you are absorbed by a secret love affair today, with bewildering emotions that overwhelm you. Tonight: Relax.

**BORN TODAY**

Actress Rene Russo (1954), singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran (1991), actor Joseph Gordon-Levitt (1981)



Vancouver Canucks Elias Lindholm, right, celebrates his second goal against the Carolina Hurricanes with Brock Boeser (6), during the second period of an NHL hockey game in Raleigh, N.C., Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024.

PHOTO BY KARL B DEBLAKER | AP PHOTO

## Western Conference arms race well underway well before NHL trade deadline

By Stephen Whyno

AP Hockey Writer

Rick Tocchet and Rick Bowness were together at NHL All-Star Weekend when news broke that the Winnipeg Jets traded for Sean Monahan.

Bowness' team made a big addition less than 48 hours after Tocchet's Vancouver Canucks acquired Elias Lindholm, considered the top center on the market.

"It's a great trade for them," Tocchet said. "It's a great move by Winnipeg, great move by Vancouver getting our guy."

Toss in the Colorado Avalanche signing veteran winger Zach Parise around the same time, and the arms race is already well underway in the Western Conference. And there's still three weeks left until the March 8 deadline, as trade talk picks up and plenty more movement is expected.

One thing is for sure: getting through the gauntlet that is the West has already gotten more difficult for the top contenders eyeing a run at the Stanley Cup.

"The West is really tight," said Nathan MacKinnon, a front-runner for the Hart Trophy as league MVP two years removed from leading the Avalanche to a championship. "It's wide open. Hockey's such an even sport right with the parity. Teams are definitely making some moves. I don't know what we're going to do, but I like our team."

There's plenty to like about a lot of teams in the West, starting with the league-leading Canucks who have not lost more than two games in a row all season. The Dallas Stars, atop in the Central Division, are legitimate threats along with Colorado, Vancouver, Connor McDavid's Edmonton Oilers and — of course — the defending Stanley Cup champion Vegas Golden Knights.

"There's a lot of good teams battling," Lindholm said. "Obviously, (we have) a lot of good players and a lot skill — strength throughout the whole lineup. Winnipeg has a great team, too. It will be fun. Hopefully our team can go on and have a long season."

Getting Monahan certainly boosts the chances of that for the Jets, who have won back-to-back games to steady the ship after a five-game skid sandwiched

around the All-Star break. In the second season under Bowness, Winnipeg has depth, elite goaltending in Connor Hellebuyck and plays the hard-nosed style that's needed in the playoffs.

"You see the game progress from preseason to regular season, and I think there's another step from the trade deadline on and then obviously the playoffs," said All-Star Kyle Connor, who leads the Jets with 19 goals. "It's a completely different game. The best that we can do is try to translate our game, play playoff hockey now, is only going to better prepare ourselves for that."

While Connor and the Jets are hoping to peak at the right time this spring, the Avalanche know exactly what that's like from their 2022 Cup run. They almost certainly need another center to fill the void still lacking from the departure of Nazem Kadri and could use a solid backup behind Alexandar Georgiev, who

has started more games this season than any other goalie in the league.

Getting Parise without having to give up draft picks, prospects or players from their roster was a nice first step for general manager Chris MacFarland.

"It's obviously very valuable," veteran Andrew Cogliano said. "You don't have to give up any assets in getting a player like him, someone that knows what he's doing, someone that's played with so much experience and is just a good hockey player."

While Parise came at no cost other than money, that won't be the case for the dozens of players traded in the coming days and weeks. Calgary defensemen Noah Hanifin and Chris Tanev and goaltender Jacob Markstrom, Montreal goalie Jake Allen, Anaheim's Adam Henrique, Washington's Max Pacioretty, Nic Dowd and Anthony Mantha and Philadelphia's Nick Seeler and Sean Walker are among

the players likely to change places before 3 p.m. EST on March 8.

The playoffs begin just over six weeks later, at which time Colorado could get captain Gabriel Landeskog back from a two-season absence with a nagging knee injury that required surgery. And there's a chance do-it-all forward Valeri Nichushkin is back at some point, though there's no timetable because he's currently in the NHL/NHLPA player assistance program.

The Avalanche can dream about getting them back, but like Tocchet, who doesn't even like saying the word "playoffs," they're first focused on the stretch run.

"You think about it: It's hard not to," defenseman Bowen Byram said. "There's a lot of excitement of guys possibly coming back and that, but at the end of the day, this is what we've got in the room right now and we've got to find some ways to put some wins together."

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# Shooting

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Meanwhile, Kansas Citians are turning to religious gathers, vigils and counseling to try to cope with the horror of what happened.

A mother and popular disc jockey died in the burst of gunfire Wednesday as the parade and rally were concluding, and 22 others — more than half of them children — were injured. By Friday, two people remained in critical condition and one was in serious condition. Most of the injured children were out of the hospital and expected to recover.

But the emotional recovery is only just beginning in a community horrified that two juveniles could cause such trauma. Police believe a dispute between several people led to the shooting.

The slain woman was identified by radio station KKFI-FM as Lisa Lopez-Galvan, host of “Taste of Tejano.” At a vigil honoring her

Thursday night, Councilwoman Ryana Parks-Shaw said the city is working to offer support to those who are struggling.

“Remember that we are not defined by this tragedy,” Parks-Shaw said, the Kansas City Star reported. “We are defined by our courage, our strength and our unwavering spirits. Hold on to hope. Lean on one another. And know that a brighter tomorrow awaits.”

The Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office set up in-person counseling for the traumatized. Twelve people attended Thursday, including two children, spokesman Michael Mansur said Friday. The agency also established a hotline offering counseling, but Mansur didn’t immediately have information on how many called the hotline.

The Chiefs won their third Super Bowl in five years Sunday, beating the San Francisco 49ers 25-22 in overtime. The two previous celebrations went off without any trouble.

On Wednesday, players rode double-decker red buses through

Missouri’s largest city. The parade ended with a rally at the sprawling Union Station. It was just breaking up with shots erupted. Many people thought they were hearing fireworks. Eventually, some ducked for cover. Others leapt over barriers and sprinted, many carrying children.

Beyond the gunshot wounds, several people were treated at hospitals for injuries suffered amid the chaos. So many personal belongings were left behind that police set up a site for people to try and find what they lost.

Two men at the rally jumped on and detained someone with a gun, though police have not confirmed whether it was one of the people arrested.

Paul Contreras of Bellevue, Nebraska, said he heard a man yelling to stop someone and was able to tackle the person from behind. Contreras noticed that the person he tackled had a gun, he said, and he wasn’t sure if he might have another under a heavy jacket.

Soon, Contreras was joined by another man.

“We’re like, we got to keep him down until law enforcement gets there. Because as much as we’re fighting to keep him down, he’s fighting to get up,” Contreras, whose daughter captured it all on video, told The Associated Press.

The man who helped Contreras was Trey Filter. He was with his family when he heard yells of “get him.”

“We was like, ‘We got him,’” Filter, 40, of the Wichita, Kansas, area, told AP. “I’ll always remember that. And then they started screaming, ‘There’s a gun!’”

The gun fell near his wife, Casey Filter, who picked it up. By then, the fleeing person was under a dogpile.

The shooting occurred despite the presence of more than 800 police officers in the area, including on top of nearby structures, said Mayor Quinton Lucas, who attended with his wife and mother and ran for safety when the shots were fired. But he doesn’t expect to cancel the upcoming St. Patrick’s Day parade.

“We have parades all the time.

I don’t think they’ll end. Certainly we recognized the public safety challenges and issues that relate to them,” Lucas said.

Taylor Swift, who is dating Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce, donated \$100,000 to Lopez-Galvan’s family. Two \$50,000 donations were posted Friday under the singer’s name on a GoFundMe page. Swift’s representative confirmed the donations to Variety, the trade publication reported, and The Associated Press independently verified the posts.

Kansas City has long struggled with gun violence, and in 2020 it was among nine cities targeted by the U.S. Justice Department in an effort to crack down on violent crime. In 2023, the city matched a record with 182 homicides, most of which involved guns.

Lucas has joined with mayors across the country in calling for new laws to reduce gun violence, including mandating universal background checks.

*Salter reported from O’Fallon, Missouri. McPetridge reported from Des Moines, Iowa.*

# Clark

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And Clark didn’t let up from there. She finished with a school-record 49 points, tied her career best with nine 3-pointers and had 13 assists in No. 4 Iowa’s 106-89 victory over Michigan.

Hawkeyes coach Lisa Bluder took Clark out of the game with 1:46 left, shortly after she made her final 3, and she went to the bench to an ovation from the sellout crowd at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

“I don’t know if you could script it any better,” Clark said. “Just to do it in this fashion, I’m very grateful and thankful to be surrounded by so many people who have been my foundation in everything I’ve done since I was a young little girl. You all knew I was going to shoot

the logo 3 for the record.”

Clark’s huge night put her at 3,569 points and within 80 of her next milestone, Lynette Woodard’s major women’s college scoring record of 3,649.

The record-breaker was a 3 off the dribble on the left wing near the Mediacom Court logo with 7:45 left in the first quarter.

“Warming up, my shot just felt good, so I knew it was going to be kind of one of those nights,” she said. “I played with a little more pep in my step.”

Clark set the record in 126 games, 13 fewer than Plum, who finished with 3,527 points in four seasons at Washington from 2013-17. Woodard starred at Kansas from 1977-81, an era when women’s sports were governed by the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women. Pearl Moore of Francis Marion holds the

overall women’s record with 4,061 points from 1975-79. Woodard and Moore played before the 3-point line was introduced.

Iowa has four regular-season games left, plus the Big Ten Tournament and the NCAA Tournament. Barring injury, Clark, a senior who averages 32.8 points per game, is all but certain to pass Woodard. And she has the option to return for a fifth season of college basketball because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fans started chanting “One more year! One more year!” while Clark, who is projected as the No. 1 overall pick in the WNBA draft, was doing a postgame television interview.

“I paid them,” Bluder said, drawing laughs. “I thought it was a pretty good chant.”

Among those offering congratulations on social media were former president

Barack Obama and LSU star Angel Reese, who shared the spotlight with Clark in last season’s national championship game won by the Tigers. The Big Ten Network put out a congratulatory compilation video that included Tom Brady and Peyton and Eli Manning.

Iowa won the tip and Clark, guarded by Laila Phelia, drove to the basket and banked in a shot from the right side. Clark hit a 3 from the left wing on Iowa’s next possession. The Hawkeyes turned the ball over twice before Clark took a pass from Gabbie Marshall in transition, stopped and and shot from deep.

When the ball went through, the fans — many of them standing and holding up phones to capture the moment — let loose a huge roar.

“It was absolutely perfect,” Bluder said, “for her to go

over and reach this record with a logo 3.”

Bluder called a time-out shortly thereafter, and Clark hugged teammates and coaches during a brief celebration.

“That was never really my goal, to get it done really fast,” Clark said. “I hit my first couple shots, and I was able to get another one up pretty fast. It was nice to get it done there fairly quick so we could move on and focus on winning the basketball game.”

Clark, who scored 40 points or more for the 12th time, had 23 in the first quarter and went on to play one of her best games. She scored or assisted on 79 points, the most by a Division I women’s player in at least 25 years, according to OptaSTATS.

Clark and her dynamic play have captivated the nation for two seasons. Last year, she led the Hawkeyes

to the NCAA title game and was named AP player of the year. More than just her pursuit of the record, her long 3-pointers and flashy passes have raised interest in the women’s game. Arenas have been sold out for her games, home and away, and television ratings have never been higher.

It’s all been more than Clark imagined when the 6-foot guard from West Des Moines stayed in state and picked Iowa over Notre Dame in November 2019.

Though her basketball obligations and endorsement deals (State Farm ads, etc.) have put demands on her time, she said she is the same person who showed up on campus four years ago. She still cleans her apartment, does laundry, plays video games, hangs out with friends and does school-work.



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# Racing

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Tyler Reddick of 23XI Racing won the 150-mile race that is part of how the field is set Sunday for the season opener. Christopher Bell of Joe Gibbs Racing won the second race as Toyota swept the two duels.

Kaz Grala in a Ford for Front Row Motorsports earned the final spot in the race in the second qualifier by finishing higher than

B.J. McLeod, who had a guaranteed spot in the field until Live Fast Motorsports sold its charter to Spire Motorsports at the end of last season.

"That was so much more stressful than it needed to be for us," Grala said. "We looked to be in good shape and then we had some trouble on pit road. Really cool to be able to get in the show. This is a big opportunity for me here."

Johnson, meanwhile, put the 500 on what he expects to be a nine-race

schedule this season. In his second season as co-owner of Legacy, Johnson switched the team from Chevrolet to Toyota.

But the Toyotas lacked speed in time trials and backed Johnson into a difficult situation Thursday night.

"I've never been through anything like this. In my first year down here, we fortunately won the pole," Johnson said of his 2002 Daytona 500 debut. "To fight like we did in those closing laps, I mean, I've only done that

for a race win here. Never had that level of anxiety and fight for a Duel or anything else except for a proper win."

A Johnson spin with 11 laps remaining put him in danger and set up a restart with six laps remaining. Yeley was 14th, Johnson was 18th and desperately begging for a partner to line up behind the No. 84 Toyota and help push him past Yeley.

The help didn't come until the closing seconds.

Martin Truex Jr., a fellow Toyota driver, dropped

back to give Johnson some aid. Ross Chastain then checked up in traffic and Yeley dipped into an outside line to try to get around Chastain. With the push from Truex, Johnson slid into the center lane behind Chastain and the trio sailed past Yeley to the finish line.

"Going into Turn 3, I was not counting my chickens but I was getting close," Yeley said. "Saw there was some contact. Someone in the middle (Chastain) lost a lot of momentum and I just made a

split-second decision to go to the outside, try to carry the momentum. He stayed in the middle, (Truex) pushed him, the momentum just pushed him all the way to the checkered flag."

Johnson, meanwhile, said missing out on the Daytona 500 might not have been the most embarrassing moment of his career — he said that was when he broke his wrist while surfing on top of a golf cart. But the pressure to make the race was heavier than he expected.

# SPORTS CALENDAR

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## TRACK AND FIELD

3 p.m. NBC — USATF: The U.S. Indoor Championships, Albuquerque, N.M.

## Sunday ON AIR

### AUTO RACING

1:30 p.m. FOX — NASCAR Cup Series: The DAYTONA 500, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.

### BEACH SOCCER (MEN'S)

5:20 a.m. FS2 — 2024 FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Japan vs. Belarus, Group C, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

6:50 a.m. FS2 — 2024 FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Mexico vs. Oman, Group D, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

9:20 a.m. FS2 — 2024 FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Senegal vs. Colombia, Group C, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

10:50 a.m. FS2 — 2024 FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Brazil vs. Portugal, Group D, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

5:20 a.m. (Monday) FS2 — 2024 FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Egypt vs. U.S., Group A, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

### BOWLING

Noon FS1 — PBA: The Pete Weber Missouri Classic, Springfield, Mo.

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

11 a.m. CBSSN — Loyola of Chicago at Rhode Island

ESPN — FAU at South Florida

ESPN2 — Wichita St. at Charlotte

Noon CBS — Purdue at Ohio St.

1 p.m. CBSSN — Chattanooga at Furman

ESPN2 — Bradley at N. Iowa

2 p.m. FS1 — Northwestern at Indiana

3 p.m. ESPN — Memphis at SMU

4 p.m. FS1 — Seton Hall at St. John's

5:30 p.m. BTN — Rutgers at Minnesota

6 p.m. FS1 — Utah at UCLA

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

11 a.m. ACCN — Pittsburgh at Clemson

BTN — Michigan St. at Michigan

CW — Georgia Tech at NC State

SECN — Florida at Kentucky

Noon ABC — Georgia at South Carolina

1 p.m. ACCN — Syracuse at Virginia

ESPN — Virginia Tech at Louisville

ESPNU — Columbia at Harvard

SECN — Tennessee at Vanderbilt

2 p.m. PAC-12N — Southern Cal at Oregon St.

3 p.m. ACCN — Florida St. at Miami

ESPN2 — Texas Tech at Baylor

SECN — Missouri at Arkansas

4 p.m. PAC-12N — UCLA at Oregon

5 p.m. ACCN — North Carolina at Wake Forest

### COLLEGE LACROSSE (MEN'S)

12 p.m. ESPNU — Loyola (Md.) at Johns Hopkins

### COLLEGE SOFTBALL

8:30 a.m. ACCN — Shriners Children's

Clearwater Invitational: Washington vs. North Carolina, Clearwater, Fla.

ESPN2 — Shriners Children's Clearwater Invitational: Texas vs. Northwestern, Clearwater, Fla.

SECN — Shriners Children's Clearwater Invitational: Minnesota vs. LSU, Clearwater, Fla.

5 p.m. ESPN — Shriners Children's Clearwater Invitational: UCF vs. UCLA, Clearwater, Fla.

7 p.m. ESPN — Shriners Children's Clearwater Invitational: Florida St. vs. Tennessee, Clearwater, Fla.

### COLLEGE WRESTLING

1 p.m. BTN — Wisconsin at Iowa

3 p.m. BTN — Nebraska at Penn St.

### GOLF

3:30 a.m. GOLF — Ladies European Tour: The Aramco Saudi Ladies International, Final Round, Riyadh Golf Club, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Noon GOLF — PGA Tour: The Genesis Invitational, Final Round, Riviera Golf Course, Pacific Palisades, Calif.

2 p.m. CBS — PGA Tour: The Genesis Invitational, Final Round, Riviera Golf Course, Pacific Palisades, Calif.

GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: The Chubb Classic, Final Round, Tiburon Golf Club — Black Course, Naples, Fla.

### HORSE RACING

2 p.m. FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races

### NBA BASKETBALL

7 p.m. TBS — NBA All-Star Game: West vs. East, Indianapolis (Alternate Cast)

TNT — NBA All-Star Game: West vs. East, Indianapolis

TRUTV — NBA All-Star Game: West vs. East, Indianapolis (Alternate Cast)

### NHL HOCKEY

2 p.m. ABC — Stadium Series: NY Rangers vs. NY Islanders, East Rutherford, N.J.

### RODEO

11 a.m. CBS — PBR: Championship Round, Los Angeles (Taped)

### SKIING

2 p.m. NBC — FIS: Alpine World Cup, Deer Valley, Utah

3 p.m. NBC — FIS: Alpine World Cup, Minneapolis

### SOCCER (MEN'S)

8 a.m. USA — Premier League: Brighton & Hove Albion at Sheffield United

10:30 a.m. USA — Premier League: Manchester United at Luton Town

### SOCCER (WOMEN'S)

9 a.m. CBSSN — Bundesliga: Essen at Bayern

TENNIS 5 a.m. TENNIS — Dubai-WTA Early Rounds; Rotterdam-ATP, Buenos Aires-ATP, Delray Beach-ATP Finals

1 a.m. (Monday) TENNIS — Dubai-WTA, Doha-ATP, Rio de Janeiro-ATP, Los Cabos-ATP Early Rounds

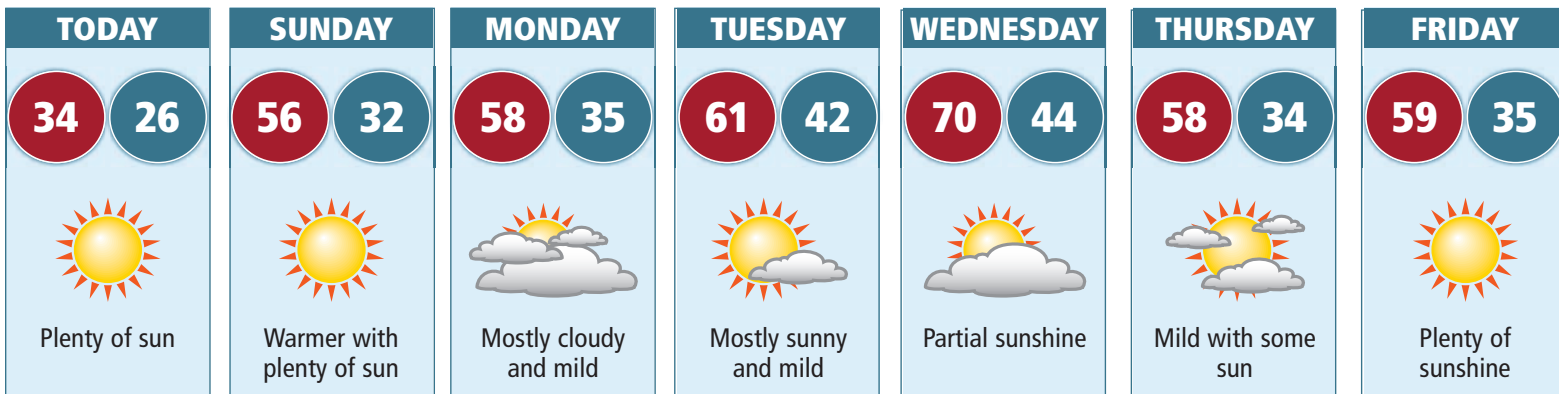
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## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:02 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:52 p.m.
Moonrise today	11:31 a.m.
Moonset today	2:12 a.m.



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### TEMPERATURES

High	55
Low	39
Normal high	43
Normal low	23
Record high	76 in 2018
Record low	-6 in 2021

### PRECIPITATION

Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	0.08"
Normal m-t-d	1.09"
Year to date	2.14"
Normal y-t-d	3.01"

### HEATING DEGREE DAYS

Index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature was below 65 degrees for the day.

Thursday	18
Month to date	250
Season to date	2822
Normal season to date	3684
Last season to date	3057

### RIVER LEVELS

In feet as of 7 a.m. Friday

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Valley City	3.04	-0.04	22

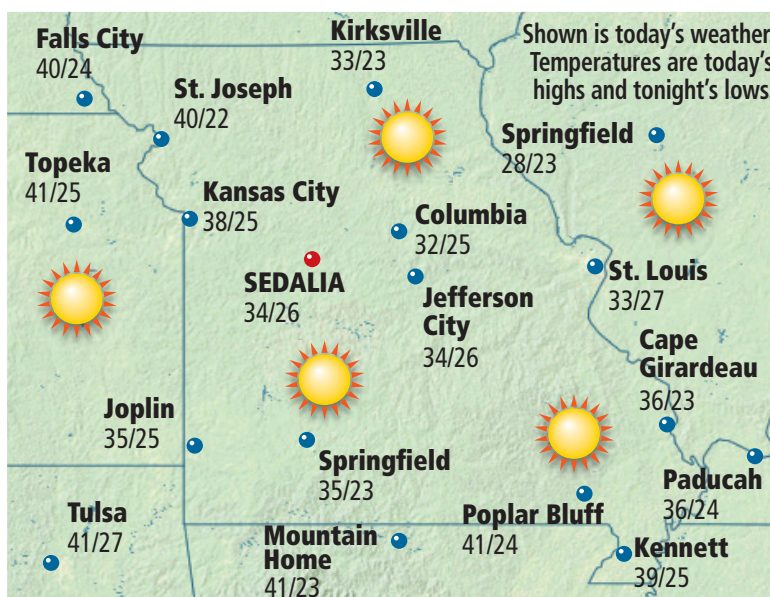
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Otterville	1.18	-0.04	15
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### Missouri

Boonville	6.49	-0.04	21
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### BRANSON

High: 38. Low: 25. Plenty of sunshine, but colder today. Clear tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow. Monday: clouds and sun. Tuesday: sunny and milder.

### KANSAS CITY

High: 38. Low: 25. Plenty of sunshine today. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny and milder tomorrow. Monday: clouds and sun. Tuesday: sunshine and patchy clouds.

### ST. LOUIS

High: 33. Low: 27. Plenty of sunshine, but cold today. Clear tonight. Plenty of sun tomorrow. Monday: sun and some clouds. Tuesday: mostly sunny and mild.

### NEW YORK CITY

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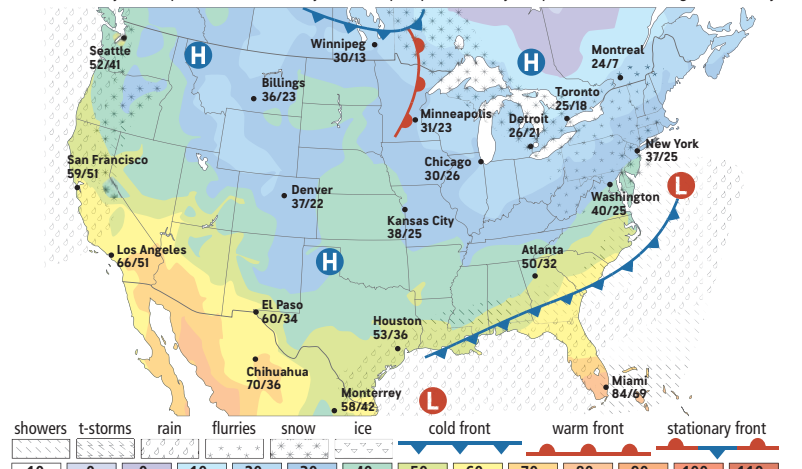
### LOS ANGELES

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## NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today	Sunday	Today	Sunday	
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	
Atlanta	50/32/pc	54/33/s	Milwaukee	31/27/c	40/25/s
Baltimore	40/22/pc	47/28/s	Nashville	39/22/pc	53/27/s
Billings	36/23/s	42/32/c	New Orleans	57/42/r	59/41/s
Boston	36/23/sf	36/30/pc	Norfolk	49/32/c	49/33/s
Buffalo	27/23/sn	34/24/sn	Oklahoma City	42/24/s	57/38/pc
Charlotte	55/29/pc	55/30/s	Orlando	68/55/r	59/49/r
Chicago	30/26/s	44/26/s	Phoenix	75/52/pc	77/52/s
Cleveland	27/22/sn	41/27/s	Pittsburgh	31/19/sf	40/25/pc
Dallas	46/31/s	57/40/s	Portland, ME	33/16/pc	32/25/pc
Denver	37/22/s	52/33/c	Portland, OR	44/39/r	50/41/r
Detroit	26/21/sf	40/23/pc	Sacramento	60/50/r	66/53/r
Honolulu	79/67/pc	78/68/pc	St. Louis	33/27/s	53/30/s
Houston	53/36/pc	62/40/s	San Francisco	59/51/r	63/54/r
Indianapolis	26/20/pc	42/24/s	Seattle	52/41/c	50/42/r
Las Vegas	64/49/c	68/50/s	Washington, DC	40/25/pc	46/29/s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice. Shown are today's noon positions of weather systems and precipitation today. Temperature bands are highs for the day.





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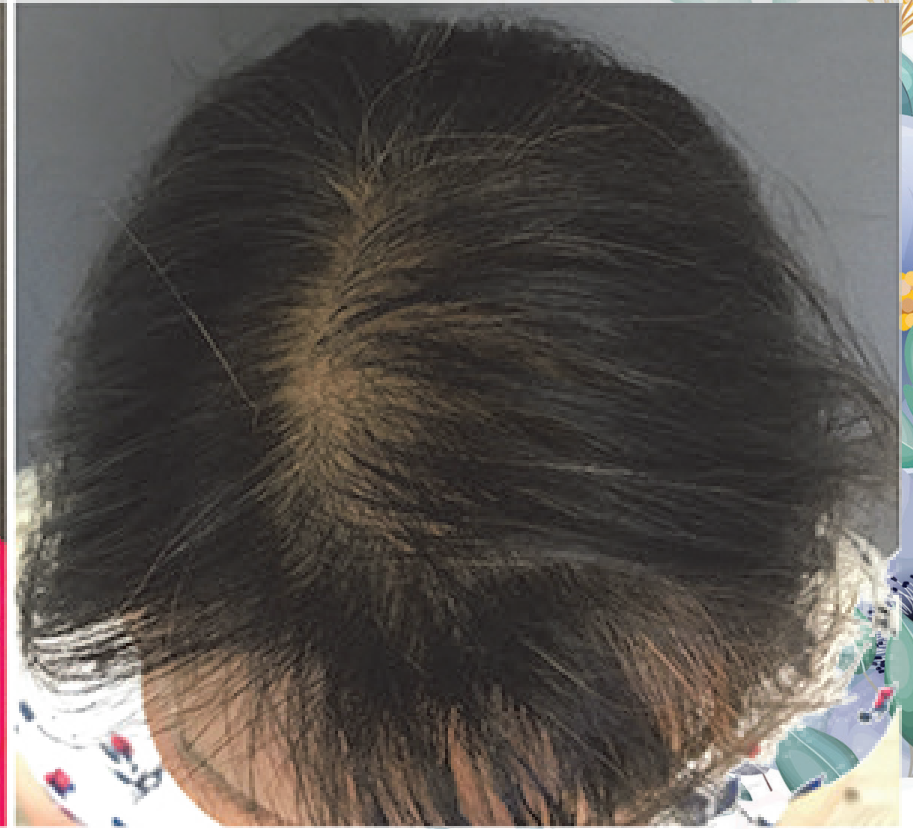
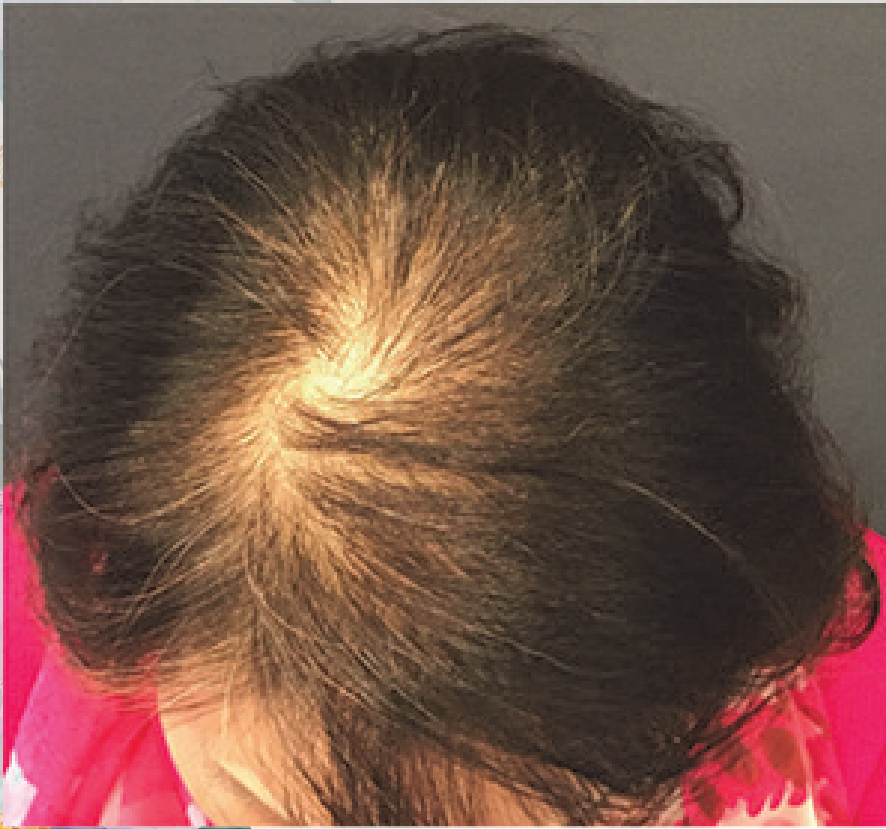
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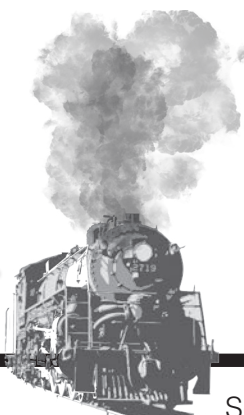
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Taylor Swift wears a Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce puffer jacket, designed by Kristin Juszczuk, as she arrives before an NFL wild-card playoff football game between the Chiefs and the Miami Dolphins, Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024, in Kansas City, Mo.

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## Fashionable fan apparel is in the spotlight

By Brooke Schultz

Associated Press/Report for America

*There's still an untapped market for the NFL*

It started as a fun project. A white bodysuit, emblazoned with Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Jake Browning's number and initials.

Taylor Damron had made it for her cousin, Browning's girlfriend Stephanie Niles, to wear to the Jan. 7 game against the Cleveland Browns. Then, the outfit went viral.

"The next day, I woke up, and the world had kind of fallen in my lap," Damron, 29, says.

Damron's design rocketing to internet fame is just one story of how women's fan apparel has found itself in the spotlight. Just a few days later, Taylor Swift would don a red puffer jacket with boyfriend and Kansas City Chiefs' tight end Travis Kelce's number for his game against the Miami Dolphins. Within a month, that jacket's designer, Kristin Juszczuk, would score a NFL licensing deal.

These meteoric success stories have illustrated the potency of a market for women's sports apparel that merges fashion and fan culture. They have also highlighted how hard it is for smaller, independent creators to break into the business — especially Black designers, who popularized and innovated sportswear-as-womenswear two decades ago.

Before Swift catapulted Juszczuk's clothes to a new level of attention, the 29-year-old designer built a following online by repurposing jerseys into more high-fashion pieces — corsets, suits, skirts — for herself as she attended San Francisco 49ers games to support her husband, fullback Kyle Juszczuk. Her NFL chic couture has spread to other players' partners and supporters across the league, including Simone Biles, Taylor Lautner and Brittany Mahomes.

Before Juszczuk sent Swift and Mahomes jackets for the Jan. 13 game, she had about 100,000 followers, according to Social Blade. Within a month, she had more than 1 million.

With her official license in hand, Juszczuk designed puffer vests commemorating Super Bowl LVIII, sported by celebrities. One such vest sold for \$75,000, with proceeds going to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Juszczuk her-

self wore a jacket stitched from jerseys, an ode to her husband's football career, for Sunday's big game.

While players' wives and girlfriends have long represented their partners with custom designs, adopting team colors, logos and numbers, the interplay of fashion and gameday apparel was energized in the '90s and early aughts, when Black artists were "pushing the needle of what was cool and trendy," says Tayler Adigun, a culture and style writer.

"A lot of up-and-coming entertainers in the Black sphere maybe had difficulty getting larger names or fashion houses to want to outfit them or costume them for events and award shows and performances, so they kind of had to be a little bit more innovative in their approach," Adigun says. "It's something that was definitely born out of necessity."

It led to a fusion of sportswear, fan merchandise and cutting-edge design, she says. And, of course, iconic looks: Mya's blue North Carolina jersey dress was one. Then there was Mariah Carey in a floor-length Washington Wizards dress. Carey's dress prompted a surge of interest and the NBA increased the designs they had in their NBA4her collection, according to a 2003 Baltimore Sun article.

When Larena Hoerber began doing research on women and sports, she didn't set out to study apparel. But women kept bringing up how difficult it was to find something they actually wanted to wear to rep their teams. A decade ago, licensed women's merchandise was often made with three key principles: "pink it, bling it, shrink it," Hoerber says.

Sports leagues not taking risks on smaller creators is to their own detriment, says Hoerber, a University of Regina professor who has written about women's sportswear and its perceptions. Smaller designers sometimes understand the market, and women's varying desires, better.

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Roger Coleman, right, holds a copy of "Refugee Smith and Other Stories of the Ring, Collected Works, Volume III," while sitting next to his wife, Elizabeth. Coleman has spent the last 25 years collecting Eustace Cockrell's stories.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF ROGER COLEMAN

## 50 years later: Writer Eustace Cockrell recognized for accomplishments

By Zach Bott

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WARRENSBURG — Roger Coleman never got to meet his father-in-law face-to-face.

In June 1972, two months before Coleman was to be wed to his fiancée, Elizabeth Cockrell, her father, Eustace Cockrell, died at the age of 62 due to a heart attack.

"It was stunning. I mean, you just don't expect that," Coleman said. "I knew what he was like. He was (the) strength of the family."

Talking over the phone in short briefs only gave Coleman a small peek into the person Eustace was.

Lucky for Coleman, 40 years prior to his death, Eustace began a journey that spanned three decades, as he began a career writing stories of sports, war, Hollywood, and television.

The only problem for Coleman: He had to find those stories.

### Discovering the forgotten

In 1970, Coleman and Elizabeth met in Columbia. At the time, Coleman was working on his doctorate at the University of Missouri, and Elizabeth was attending Stephens College. Elizabeth decided to volunteer at Everyday People, a crisis counseling center for students, where she met the person conducting her interview,

Coleman.

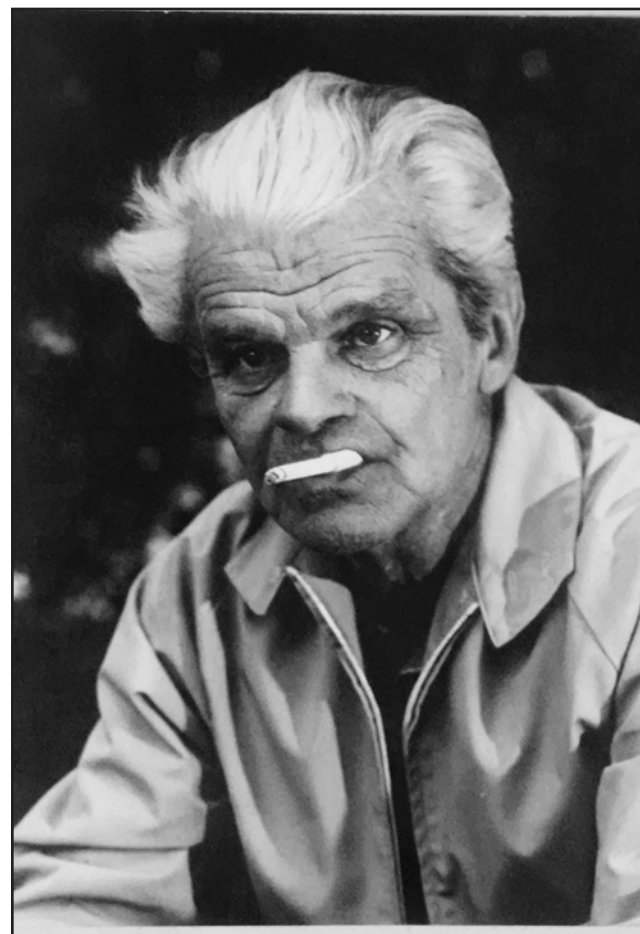
Married in 1972, Coleman and Elizabeth moved to Westport, Kansas City, where Coleman directed a coalition of 19 Protestant and Catholic churches. The pair would stay in the Kansas City area for 42 years before moving to North Carolina in 2015 to help raise their grandchildren.

It wouldn't be until 1999 when they would begin to learn more about the history left behind by Eustace Cockrell. In a gift by Elizabeth's cousin, Amanda, Coleman and Elizabeth received three copies of Blue Book, a pulp fiction magazine from the 1930s containing stories written by Eustace.

This discovery gave Coleman a new creative outlet, as he longed for more information about the man he never met. The father of the woman he fell in love with. Now, he could dig and see what ideas and stories Eustace brought to life.

### Medium to medium

Born in 1909 in Warrensburg, Eustace Cockrell was the youngest of four children with a family lineage that spoke for itself. His grandfather, Francis Marion Cockrell, was an attorney who became a Brigadier General in the Confederate Army and later served as U.S. Senator for six terms between 1875 and 1905. His father, Ewing, was nominat-



Eustace Cockrell

ed for a Nobel Peace Prize for his work in developing the Federation of Justice.

Living up to the legacy of his grandfather and father was a tough task for Eustace, but he made sure to start his story early.

Eustace, along with his older brother and writer Francis, published his first story in Blue Book magazine in 1932. He was 22 years old.

Continuing writing throughout the 1930s, Eustace focused mainly on topics of sports and politics, with his work primarily featuring in pulp magazines. Pulp magazines got their names from the wood pulp paper they were printed on and known for their sensationalistic fiction.

He moved to Los Angeles with his brother and met Betty Barnett, a writer working as an extra in Hollywood. By 1939, the two were married and, in 12 years, had four children, Leacy, Geoffrey, Frederick and Elizabeth.

In 1940, Eustace made his breakthrough into the film industry. Movie producer Allen Freed was working on "Cabin in the Sky," an MGM production based on the Broadway musical, when he first got word of Eustace's work. Introduced as one of the first African-American heroes in a major publication, Eustace's character Refugee Smith, a boxer first appearing in Collier's magazine, caught the eye of Freed. Hiring Eustace to write dialect on "Cabin in the Sky," Freed opened the door for Eustace at MGM.

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Roger Coleman, a retired minister, has spent many years collecting the pre-television stories of his father-in-law, Eustace Cockrell. They have been recently published by Mission Point Press in a five-volume set and can be obtained through any online book distributor. A sixth volume, featuring the television scripts of Eustace Cockrell, "Hollywood Stories," will be released by Mission Point Press in late summer.



## DREXLER ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Drexler, of Sedalia, celebrated their wedding anniversary Feb. 11.

Dolores Huitt and Jack Drexler were married Feb. 11, 1956, at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in St. Louis by Fr. Hamtil.

Mr. Drexler is a retired

data processing manager and Mrs. Drexler is a retired school bus driver.

They have five children, Diane Sackman, of Fenton, Robert Drexler, of Bates City, and Thomas Drexler, James Drexler and Michael Drexler, all of Sedalia; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

## BRL2GO SCHEDULE

### Boonslick Regional Library Monday

9:30 to 11:45 a.m.: Fris-toe, The Place Café.

1:15 to 3:45 p.m.: War-saw, Drake Harbor.

### Wednesday

11 a.m.: Lake, BB Bar and Restaurant.

1:15 to 3:45 p.m.: War-saw Walmart.

### Friday

9:15 a.m.: Boonville Lakeview Health Care.

9:20 a.m.: Boonville Bristol Manor.

9:30 a.m.: Boonville Walmart.

1 p.m.: Blackwater Post Office.

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## NEW BOOKS

### Sedalia Public Library Fiction

"The Chaos Agent," by Mark Greaney (suspense).

"The Summer Book Club," by Susan Mallery (fiction).

"The Atlas Maneuver," by Steve Berry (suspense).

"Crosshairs," by James Patterson (mystery).

"Three-Inch Teeth," by C.J. Box (mystery).

"Like a Mother," by Mina Hardy (Suspense)

"The House of Last Resort," by Christopher Golden (horror).

"The Uncharted Flight of Olivia West," by Sara Ackerman (historical fiction).

### Nonfiction

"American Black Widow," by Gregg Olsen.

"Only Say Good Things," by Crystal Hefner.

### New Movies

"Priscilla"

## 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. Paul's Lutheran Church.

**Monday:** Chicken and

noodles, green beans, applesauce and milk.

**Tuesday:** Meatloaf, posh potatoes, tomato and cucumber salad, cookie and milk.

**Wednesday:** Pulled pork on bun, cottage cheese, potato chips,

banana and milk.

**Thursday:** Ham and beans, cornbread, coleslaw, tropical fruit and milk.

**Friday:** Pork fritter on bun, macaroni salad, baked beans, orange and milk.

## CLUB NOTES

### Sedalia/Pettis County Chapter of the NAACP

The Sedalia/Pettis County Chapter of the NAACP met on North Osage Avenue in Sedalia.

The agenda items were: The election of officers.

Since the Dr. Martin Luther King Day program was canceled in January due to inclement weather, it will be combined with the Black History Month program at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25 at Burns

Free Will Baptist Church, 207 Pettis St. The guest speaker will be Minister Joyce Foster and the theme is "How far have we really come?"

The NAACP is sponsoring a six-night cruise to Jamaica on April 6, 2025, on Carnival Funship HORIZON. It will depart from Miami, Florida. The cost starts at \$678 per person based on double occupancy. The first deposit of \$25 is due by Monday, April 8, 2024.

For more information, contact Rhonda Morris at Wayward Wind Travel, 908 Thompson Blvd. in Sedalia, at 660-827-3400.

The annual Freedom Fund Banquet will be hosted on Saturday, April 20 at the Best Western State Fair Inn in Sedalia. More information will be coming soon.

The Wear Red for Women luncheon will be hosted Friday, Feb. 23 at the Foundry. For ticket availability, contact the

Bothwell Regional Health Center Auxiliary.

Highlights from the Sedalia City Council meeting were discussed.

The next NAACP meeting will be hosted on Wednesday, March 6. The Sedalia Chapter of the NAACP meets the first Wednesday of each month at Hubbard Apartments in the "general area." The executive meeting begins at 3 p.m. and the general meeting at 3:30 p.m.

# Are these groundcovers tough enough for lawns and gardens in dry climates?

By Jessica Damiano

Associated Press

Growing a lush lawn in the desert can feel like a losing battle. With the proper care, the warm-season Bermuda, zoysia and bahia grasses can hold up fairly well during summer, but when the weather cools enough to actually enjoy those lawns, they transform into a dormant carpet of straw.

It's no wonder many homeowners gardening in arid climates use gravel instead of plants, or opt for artificial turf for a green front yard.

Those are two ways to bring low-maintenance greenery to challenging desert zones, but plastic-based grass isn't biodegradable. It absorbs and retains heat and, contrary to popular belief, requires regular maintenance. It also will need to be discarded at some point.

Fortunately, there are several tough, low-growing groundcovers that perform well in arid climates. They may not be able to handle the foot traffic of artificial turf, but they attract beneficial insects and, in many cases, bloom to improve your home's curb appeal.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Consider, for example, desert marigold (Baileya multiradiata), a drought-tolerant, foot-tall, blooming groundcover with pretty yellow blossoms atop silvery foliage in spring. Although technically an annual, the plant will self-sow once established. Still, I would reseed the area annually to

keep the display lush.

Gold Mound lantana (Lantana camara) is a 2-foot-tall, bushy plant that, when planted en masse, can fill an entire bed. Its yellow flowers bloom on and off from spring through fall in full to part sun, and it has low to moderate water needs.

Its cousin, trailing lantana (Lantana montevidensis), grows horizontally along the ground, its purple blossoms brightening the garden year-round. It has moderate water needs and prefers full sun, but can tolerate partial shade. Prune back dead stems in spring.

Trailing indigo (Dalea greggii) is a long-lived, densely mounded groundcover with blue-gray foliage and pink or purple pea-shaped flowers. It blooms from spring through summer in full or filtered sunlight. The plant, which can spread to 10 feet wide, has very low water needs but benefits from supplemental watering while in bloom.

Silverbush (Convolvulus cneorum) is a fast-growing, 2-foot tall, drought-tolerant

evergreen that, in the desert, blooms profusely for about two weeks in spring. Its yellow-centered, showy white flowers somehow make a hot garden seem cooler, and its silvery foliage combines nicely with cactuses and plants with dark green leaves the rest of the year. Plant it in full sun to part shade.

White evening primrose (Oenothera caespitosa) is absolutely covered in blooms from spring through summer, but they are only open from late afternoon through morning. The fragrant white blossoms mature to light pink, and then darken to deep pinkish-purple before shriveling, often resulting in an eye-catching mix of three different-colored flowers in various stages of maturity simultaneously present. The plant has moderate water needs and performs best in full sun to part shade.

Jessica Damiano writes a weekly gardening column for the AP and publishes the award-winning Weekly Dirt Newsletter.

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# Community Calendar FEBRUARY

To have your event or meeting listed, send details to hollyb@warrensburgstarjournal.com or call 660-826-1000.

## SUNDAY

Noon and 7 p.m.: Alcohol Anonymous 12x12 Non-smoking group, Sunday through Saturday; at 417 E. Pettis St., 660-310-9922, sedalia12x12aa@gmail.com.

1:30 to 2:30 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 at First Christian Church, 200 S. Limit Ave. For more information, call 660-221-2221.

## MONDAY

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

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.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 free. Call 660-525-4142.

5:30 p.m.: The Dream

Factory meeting. Call 660-827-1561 for location.

6 p.m.: Cornerstone Celebrate Recovery. A Bible-based 12-step program for Hurts, Habits and Hangups; large group meeting at 7 p.m., small groups at 8 p.m. Meal and child care provided. Cornerstone Baptist Church, 660-827-4833.

6 p.m.: Altrusa International Inc. Sedalia at the Katy Trail Community Health Center, 305 W. Main St.

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

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

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.: Sedalia Chorale Rehearsal in rehearsal room 67 in the Stauffacher Center at State Fair Community College.

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

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

## TUESDAY

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

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6:30 p.m.: Celebrate Recovery and Outreach 12-step Christ-centered Bible-based program for hurts, habits or hang-ups at River Church, 28863 Commercial Ave. in Warsaw.

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.: Celebrate Recovery 12-step faith-based recovery for hurts, habits and hang-ups at Crossroads Family Worship Church of God, corner of Ninth Street and Madison Avenue.

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

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

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

7 p.m.: MidMo Toastmasters Club at Boonslick Library, 219 W. Third St. 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 via Zoom, Facebook and OIC Radio. Signup and event guidelines at www.oicstudios.com/spofest-online.

## WEDNESDAY

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. to 12:30 p.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 at Sacred Heart Parish Center in Sedalia. Members and visitors will hear Melissa Alexander's presentation on photographing Nature's Textures. Bring two (each) of January's photo assignment of Cold and

February's assignment of Texture; a color and a black and white of each assignment.

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

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

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

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

## THURSDAY

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 p.m.: Sedalia Bible Academy at Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St. For more information,

call 660-826-9988. Free and open to the public.

## FRIDAY

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.

Noon: Pettis County Pachyderms in Room C at the Heckart Community Center, 1800 W. Third St.

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

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

9 a.m.: Osage Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Saturday of each month at the Boonslick Regional Library, 219 W. Third St. OsageChapterDAR@gmail.com.

10 a.m. to Noon: Chess Club at the Sedalia Public Library. All ages are welcome.

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Open Door Soup Kitchen, 417 W. Pettis St. Call 660-827-1613.

1 p.m.: Missouri State Fair Bikers Against Child Abuse at 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 Ave.

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 provided. Call 660-668-3887 for reservations.

## ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

### Zendaya stuns at 'Dune' premiere in vintage cyborg suit

LONDON — Zendaya is on a fashion roll, in a cyborg "Dune: Part Two" kind of way.

The co-star of the highly anticipated film sequel stunned Thursday at its world premiere when she hit the sand-strewn carpet in a silver robot suit straight from the archive of Mugler. It's from the French fashion house's fall/winter 1995 "Cirque d'hiver" 20th anniversary collection, according to a company statement.

That translates to "Winter Circus," not unlike the fanfare surrounding the March 1 release of Denis Villeneuve's second half of his sci-fi epic.

Zendaya's body-hugging armor outfit with sheer plexiglass inserts has built-in gloves she paired with matching silver heels. Mugler gave special thanks to her stylist, Law Roach, in an email detailing the vintage look. While the runway version included a matching headpiece, Zendaya opted for a short sleek hairdo and a blue diamond necklace from Bulgari.

She was joined on the carpet by fellow stars Timothée Chalamet, Josh Brolin and Rebecca Ferguson, along with new cast members Austin Butler, Florence Pugh and Villeneuve.

The new film picks up where 2021's "Dune" left off. Chalamet's Paul Atreides unites with Zendaya's Chani and the Fremens in order to

seek revenge against those who killed his family members. Pugh, a newcomer to the world of "Dune" as the Emperor's daughter, plays Princess Irulan with Austin Butler as Feyd-Rautha.

Stellan Skarsgard, Christopher Walken, Charlotte Rampling and Javier Bardem round out the cast.

### Pearl Jam gives details of new album, announces world tour

LOS ANGELES — Pearl Jam's forthcoming album is called "Dark Matter," its first single of the same title has been released, and the band will start a world tour in May.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Famers revealed the new details on the project and their 2024 plans on Tuesday.

"Dark Matter," their 12th studio album and first since 2020's "Gigaton," will be released April 19 on Mon-keywrench and Republic records. A tour is scheduled to begin May 4 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Singer Eddie Vedder, 59, lead guitarist Mike McCready, 57, and bassist Jeff Ament, 60, played the record for the first time on Jan. 31 for invited guests at the Troubadour club in West Hollywood. "No hyperbole, I think this is our best work," Vedder said from the stage as he introduced the album.

The band spawned from the Seattle scene of three decades ago shows no signs of softening with age on the album, which leans toward their rocking side even more than "Megaton" did, with

drummer Matt Cameron's pounding at the forefront.

The record, produced by Andrew Watt at Rick Rubin's Shangri-La studio in Malibu, has been ready and awaiting release for about a year.

### Kelce gets first producer credit on SXSW movie

Travis Kelce is already making moves in Hollywood. The Super Bowl champ has his first executive producer credit on a new film that will have its world premiere in March at the South by Southwest Film Festival in Austin, Texas.

"My Dead Friend Zoe" is described as a darkly comedic drama about a U.S. Army veteran, the dead best friend she can't let go and her estranged grandfather. The film stars Ed Harris, Sonequa Martin-Green and Natalie Morales, who are all credited as executive producers alongside Kelce. Directed and co-written by Kyle Hausmann-Stokes, "My Dead Friend Zoe" will debut on March 9 at the festival. It does not yet have a distributor in place for wider release.

Kelce, whose high-profile romance with Taylor Swift has sparked a frenzy, has hinted about plans to dip his toes into entertainment following his "Saturday Night Live" appearance last year. Last week before the Super Bowl, he told the Los Angeles Times that he's been focused on football but that "there's definitely Hollywood talks out there."

He said that, personally, his preferred genre is comedy.

"I'm comedy all the way," he said. "I just like to have a fun time and make people laugh."

### Stephen and Evie McGee Colbert collaborate on cookbook

NEW YORK — Stephen Colbert's next book is very much about stirring the pot.

Celadon Books announced Thursday that "The Late Show" host and his wife, Evie McGee Colbert, have collaborated on the cookbook "Does This Taste Funny: Recipes Our Family Loves," to be published on Sept. 17.

"We are so excited to announce our new cookbook, which we have been working on together for two years," the Colberts said in a statement released through Celadon. "We hope everyone enjoys the recipes and stories. We made it with love ... and an

enormous amount of butter."

The book includes more than 100 recipes, from "Stephen's Kindergarten Soup" to "The Colbert Bump Cocktail," with an emphasis on the Lowcountry cuisine of the Colberts' native South Carolina.

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# Ben Affleck inspired J.Lo's first album in a decade

## She's using it to poke fun at her romantic past

By Krysta Fauria

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** — Throughout her career, Jennifer Lopez has been hailed as an epochal, prolific and hard-working artist. One adjective not often associated with the pop icon-turned-actor and movie producer, however, is self-deprecating.

But as she readies to drop her first studio album in a decade, Lopez is performing a kind of fictionalized mea culpa about her past romantic relationships in "This Is Me...Now: A Love Story," hitting Prime Video Friday in tandem with the album's release. Live Nation also announced Thursday that Lopez will embark on a 30-plus city tour beginning June 26 in Orlando, Florida.

The 65-minute musical film, which she self-financed, follows a hopeless romantic in search of love (Lopez) and the myriad ways she contends with repeated heartbreak, including visits to her therapist (played by Fat Joe) and sobbing through old romantic films. From a distance, a star-studded Zodiac council, played by Jane Fonda, Post Malone, Keke Palmer, Sofia Vergara and others, provide a sympathetic but mercilessly fault-finding commentary on her desperation for love, failed marriages (Lopez is on her fourth) — and rebounding relation-

ships.

At 54, Lopez said her ninth studio album and its accompanying film were the result of a sudden burst of inspiration, a large part of which she attributes to her rekindled romance with and marriage to Ben Affleck.

Remarks have been edited for clarity and brevity.

**AP:** It's been a decade since your last album. Does making music feel like riding a bike for you or do you have to get back into gear again?

**LOPEZ:** You know, it's a scary thing whenever you start something new again. Even when I start a movie and I haven't done a movie in a few months or a year or whatever. But this was really different because I hadn't been inspired to really go into the studio and write a whole album for years. I did "Marry Me" a few years ago for the movie, but that was not a Jennifer Lopez album, not a J.Lo album. I just hadn't been inspired at all.

So, to actually get inspiration was the kind of gift, the exciting thing, and wanting to go in there. And yes, I was nervous at first, but I went in there on the first day and I said, "This is the mission." We made "This is me...Then" 20 years ago, and we're going to make "This Is Me...Now." This miracle has happened, a second chance. And I'd love to capture this moment in

time the way that album captured that moment in time.

**AP:** You talked about people not understanding the vision for the film initially and having to really stand your ground.

**LOPEZ:** Nobody wanted to make the project. There doesn't seem to be a big appetite for musical projects from the powers that be these days, which is sad because I remember growing up and loving to see these music projects from my favorite artists, but they just don't see it that way. I knew that it was going to be a big risk, but something was driving me to really get it done. I knew it was hard because it hadn't been done before so it was hard to describe to people. When you see it, you're like, "Oh yeah, I've never seen anything like this before" — I said, "When they see it, they're going to get it." And that's what happened, thank God. It could have really turned out badly. And by the way, every day that's how I felt, that this could really turn out badly. But I still stayed the course like the captain of the ship in the middle of the storm. It's like "We really could die right now, but we're going to keep going."

**AP:** The star-studded Zodiac council is hysterical. Them observing your life and having that kind of commentary felt

very meta of you being in the public eye for so long.

**LOPEZ:** Yeah. You described it perfectly. It was a commentary on that. But it was also like everybody has that in their life, right? So, it's like kind of the Greek chorus of your own life. You know, you have your friends, your family, your siblings, your co-workers, everybody commenting like, "Oh, she's dating this person. Did you hear she broke up with that guy?" They're always like telling you. "Why are you with this guy?" And they're rooting for you. It's not that they're not rooting for you. And for me, it's like the media and the world sometimes that are commenting. But I think it was a really kind of humorous way to do it but also be able to get those pieces of information in there, you know?

**AP:** Do you feel like, because your relationships have been so public, that you've been harder on yourself about them?

**LOPEZ:** Oh yeah. 100%. It's made me doubt myself and really feel bad about myself at times. Made me feel like I wanted to quit at times. But at the end of the day, I feel like you kind of have to do this thing where you learn how to navigate it. You take the things that could be constructive about that and use it,

and the rest you kind of just throw away as kind of like haterations or, you know, other things like that and just be like, "Whatever. I know who I am, I know what I want to do." You know? And little by little, you know, as you get older and you get more mature and you have more experience, you start realizing more what's real and what's like just other people's thoughts out here, right? And you get more confident in who you are, which is nice.

**AP:** The film is a journey of self-love. But you shared that this album was heavily inspired by rekindling your relationship with Ben. How do those two things relate to each other?

**LOPEZ:** Well, I think what people would kind of assume is that this (movie) is a story about that. But the truth is, the story is not about that. Really, the story is about your journey as a person, it's about one person's journey and what it takes to get from heartbreak back to love. Or a hopeless romantic's journey in their search for love. I don't like to talk too much about like, "Here's what you'll get from it." I want everybody to get whatever they get from it. But at the end of the day, what I hope is that they're entertained and that it gives them hope.

**AP:** Is that why it was worth it to be so vulnerable?

**LOPEZ:** I think as

an artist, if you can't be honest and vulnerable, then you're really not doing your job right. It requires that. And not just in music, but in acting and in expressing yourself. You have to kind of bare a part of your soul. That's part of it. And that's not easy for people. For us humans, it's not easy. But as an artist, you have to kind of overcome that fear and go, "You know what? I think what I want to say and what I want to express here is something that's worthy to be expressed."

**AP:** Why did this feel like the right time to be so self-reflective about your past?

**LOPEZ:** It wasn't about like, "Here's the right time to do this." It was just, this is how it happened. The instinct and the creative impulse just hit me. I was just very inspired to do this. And it's like, "Well, why put yourself out there?" Because that's what I felt like doing. That's what my heart was telling me to do. That's what my creativity was telling me to do. And it would have been very easy to be kind of, you know, give it all up and go, "Okay, let's not do this. It's fine. Let's not do this," and think later, "I didn't do that because I was scared." I don't know. I don't want to be there. I don't ever want to be there.

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Eustace and Betty Cockrell with their children, Leacy, Frederick, Elizabeth and Geoffrey. PHOTO COURTESY OF ROGER COLEMAN

## Writer

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Eustace's involvement in the film industry was short-lived, however. Many of Eustace's story rights were purchased by MGM, which, in turn, based the films on his work. Films like "Tennessee Champ," "Fast Company," and the documentary "Operation Blue Jay" were all released in the 1950s and all had work stemming from or produced by Eustace.

Moving from the big screen to the new hot medium, the television, was the next move for Eustace, as much of his previous work was written in a "script-like" fashion that smoothed the move to writing teleplays.

"He was writing scripts, publishing them in short stories and then having them purchased by the movie studios or by television studios," Coleman said. "So he made that transition. He was still writing about the same things, but he was writing in such a way that they could be adapted to television."

Eustace began in 1949, co-authoring a story titled "The Power Devil" that was adapted into the show "The American Magazine." Throughout the next decade, his work was used for episodes of "The Loretta Young Show," "Alfred Hitchcock Presents," "The

Web," and many more. He also edited Warner Bros western television programs, his preferred type of show as he could draw from his Midwest roots.

In total, between 1932 and 1957, Eustace published 84 short stories and his work was used in countless movies and television shows.

### 'The Mark Twain of his time'

Eustace Cockrell wasn't a perfect person — he was a lifelong member of Alcoholics Anonymous — but, like a lot of his stories, he believed in uplifting others.

"There was always a second chance for those who fell down," Coleman said. "He really lifted up the lowly and the downtrodden."

Since he first received the Blue Book copies 25 years ago, Coleman, works non-stop to reproduce the work done by Eustace, learn more about the man he never met, and uplift people too.

"It gave (Coleman) a great insight into who (Eustace) was, which gave him an insight into who I was," Elizabeth said. "It was really healing in a way."

Today, Coleman, 81, and Elizabeth, 72, live in Warrensburg after moving back last year and have celebrated almost 52 years together. After leaving 50 years ago, both knew that the 'Burg had always been home, and coming back was a great way to carry on the Cockrell legacy.

"Liz wanted to come back to Warrensburg because that was the family home. Her family has been here for many generations," Coleman said.

"I think he loved it here," Elizabeth said. "(In) a lot of his stories, I can see where he pictured the writing of the early stories. I think he missed it."

Eustace was grounded in his Warrensburg roots, a trait he took with him every step of the way.

"He basically took his values from here, went out to Hollywood and wrote about Warrensburg and his values and experiences here," Coleman said. "In some ways, he didn't leave."

As of today, Coleman has put together a five-volume collection containing stories from Eustace. He is finishing up a sixth volume and hopes to one day host a film festival featuring Eustace's work. Even though he never got to meet him, Coleman is more than happy to carry on the legacy of the man he likened to Mark Twain and share his story with others.

"Our hope is that they'll recognize that he lifted up Warrensburg," Coleman said, "and hopefully they can recognize what he's contributed in his life."

For more information on Eustace Cockrell or to purchase a volume, visit [eustacecockrell.com](http://eustacecockrell.com).

Zach Bott can be reached at 660-747-8123.



The Cockrell family in 1947 at the home of Dick and Anne Cockrell Wormser in Los Angeles, California. Front row from left, Leacy Cockrell, Anne Ortez and Sam Rank. Middle row, Marian Cockrell, Ewing Werner, Betty Cockrell, Eustace Cockrell and Judge Ewing Cockrell. Back row, Anne Cockrell Werner Wormser, Flora Cockrell Rank, Frank Cockrell, Liz Werner Ortez, and Dick Wormser. Anne, Flora, Frank and Eustace were all born in Warrensburg, children of Judge and "Peachy" Cockrell. All four ended up in Hollywood as writers or married to writers. PHOTO COURTESY OF ROGER COLEMAN

## NFL

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"What's really critical for women, I think, as sports fans, is they want the official logo, like they want it to look like, 'This is it. I'm supporting my team,'" she adds. "So they want that, but they want it in clothing that matches their style."

Women have wanted variety, and sports leagues have often underestimated the market, leading to innovation. Damron, who designed Niles' viral bodysuit, launched a new collection of themed clothing that nod toward league teams after an outpouring of interest.

At Frankie Collective, employee Sara Gourlay saw a chance to rework vintage jerseys that weren't selling — they became women's streetwear, including corsets and crops, says Zak Miller, head of operations. The mission of the company is sustainability, and even without licensing deals, they've partnered with big brands like Adidas and Nike, or even the National Hockey League, to keep clothes from ending up in landfills.

"I thank Kristin just for the fact that, like, hey, she's brought some visibility to an industry that has been

around for a period of time right now," Miller says.

Her high-fashion pieces stand out among other NFL license holders, which include powerhouse companies like Nike, Under Armour and Fanatics. (Juszczuk isn't alone, though: Kiya Tomlin, a designer whose husband Mike Tomlin is the head coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers, has a license for her high-end apparel.)

Juszczuk did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

A spokesperson for the NFL said that the league has a standard application process for all partners, like Juszczuk. A number of programs seek to make it easier for smaller companies to partner with the league, he added.

Twenty years ago, when fashion like this was taking shape, there weren't the same partnerships and opportunities, Adigun says.

On one hand, Alexis Robinson, 32, is glad to see Juszczuk got a license.

"I'm glad more of this stuff can start being made," Robinson, a Black designer who runs Boujee Basics, says. "And then on the other hand, it's like it sucks because it's been getting made for a long time and it's just the process has been nearly impossible."

Robinson started by making cropped denim jackets for herself. As they caught on, she started looking into licenses. It kicked off applications to all major leagues — from basketball, to football, to hockey and baseball. While it was a relatively simple process, with fees for all of them, she never heard back about her application to the NFL.

The upfront costs were too steep for another Black designer, De'ron Fobb, 45, who wanted to craft items when the New Orleans Saints made the Super Bowl in 2010. Since then, the Louisiana native has focused his apparel on college sports. He's followed Juszczuk's work for a while, he says.

"She does great work. Her designs and custom stuff is amazing," he says. "But again, she's fortunate enough to be in that field. So it's a different lane for her than it is for most small business, like myself."

Hoerber hopes the attention will open the door for more creators.

"Women are not a homogeneous group or a homogeneous market," she says. "I think we're starting to see cracks with recognizing that, it wasn't just an offering of, 'We're going to take the men's stuff and shrink it down to women.'"



Kristin Juszczuk, wife of San Francisco 49ers fullback Kyle Juszczuk, wears her custom jacket before the NFL Super Bowl 58 football game against the Kansas City Chiefs, Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024, in Las Vegas. The 29-year-old designer built a following online by repurposing jerseys into more high-fashion pieces for herself as she attended San Francisco 49ers games to support her husband, fullback Kyle Juszczuk. FILE PHOTO BY JOHN LOCHER | AP PHOTO

## Taylor Swift donates to family of woman killed in parade shooting

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Taylor Swift donated \$100,000 to the family of Lisa Lopez-Galvan, the woman killed in the shooting at the Kansas City Chiefs' Super Bowl victory parade.

Two \$50,000 donations were posted Friday under the singer's name on a GoFundMe page. Swift's representative confirmed the donations to Variety, the trade publication reported, and The Associated Press independently verified the posts.

"Sending my deepest sympathies and condolences in the wake of your devastating loss. With love, Taylor Swift," read the messages accompanying the posts.

Lopez-Galvan, 43, was

shot Wednesday as she celebrated the Chiefs' Super Bowl win with her husband, young adult son and hundreds of thousands of other fans at the city's Union Station. Lopez-Galvan hosted "Taste of Tejano" on local radio station KKFI-FM, as Lisa G. The mother of two had deep roots in Kansas City, and was one of the few Latina DJs in the area.

"She was an amazing mother, wife, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend to so many. We ask that you continue to keep her family in your prayers as we grieve the loss of her life," the GoFundMe description reads. The fundraiser had amassed over \$200,000 as of Friday morning.

Twenty-two others, half of whom were under 16, were wounded in the shooting. Investigators are still trying to identify who is responsible, but say a dispute may have led to the shooting. Police have two juveniles in custody and are trying to determine whether others were involved.

Swift, who is dating Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce and attended Sunday's Super Bowl, was not at Wednesday's parade. She's currently performing a series of shows in Melbourne, Australia, as part of her Eras tour.

The Chiefs said all players, coaches, staffers and their families were safe and accounted for after the shooting.

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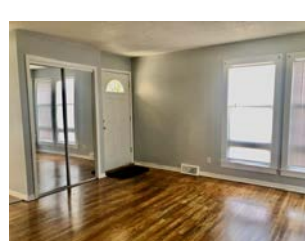
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NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: DeGoede, Jan Jr. & Flora A Cerros and any other affiliated persons, unknown lessees or occupants
You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held on your failure to abate a public nuisance located at 119 S. Stewart, Sedalia, MO. Notice of this public nuisance was provided in the Notice of Dangerous Building letter dated February 13, 2024

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You may attend the hearing and you may be represented by counsel. All parties shall have an opportunity to be heard and present such evidence as shall be relevant to a determination of:

1) Whether or not the building or structures involved is a public nuisance under the terms of this article;
2) Whether the procedures required by this article shall have been substantially followed;
3) Whether or not the abatement order of the dangerous building inspector was reasonable and within the standards of this article.

The hearing will be held in the first floor Council Chambers of the City of Sedalia, Missouri, Municipal Building, 2nd and Osage, Sedalia, Missouri on February 28, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
Andrew Dawson, Mayor
/s Dan VanDyne
Dan VanDyne, Chairman
Board of Appeals
Municipal Building
Second & Osage
Sedalia, Missouri 65301
Telephone: (660)827-3000

ATTEST:
/s/Jason Myers
Jason Myers
City Clerk
Dated: February 15, 2024
1x-2/17, 2024

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CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI
NOTICE OF DANGEROUS BUILDING

TO: Jeffrey Crouch and any other affiliated persons, unknown lessees or occupants
A Notice of Dangerous Building has been prepared for a building located at 1409 South Harrison Sedalia, Missouri 65301, described as LOT NINE (9) AND THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT NUMBER TEN (10) IN BLOCK NINE (9) OF CAMPBELL'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SEDALIA, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
Land records of the Pettis County Recorder of Deeds show that you are either the owner, occupant, lessee, mortgagee, agent or another person having an interest in the above-described property. The building on said property has been found to be a public nuisance, because it has one or more of the conditions set out in Section 10-445 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sedalia, Missouri, namely subsections 4, 7, and 10.

You are therefore ordered to obtain a permit and abate the nuisance by either repairing said building or demolishing the building, as it has been found to be a public nuisance under conditions 4,7, and 10. The day of first publication of this notice is 02/17/24. Specified work must begin to abate this public nuisance within 10 days of the date of this publication and such work shall proceed continuously without unnecessary delay. A full and adequate hearing will be held before the Board of Appeals, and you may be ordered to perform the specified work by a specific time or risk having the buildings or structures demolished and the work taxed to you by special tax bill.

Alex Barr,
Code Enforcement Officer
Municipal Building
200 South Osage Avenue
Sedalia, Missouri 65301
Telephone: (660) 827-3000
ATTEST:
Jason Myers
City Clerk
1x-2/17, 2024

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NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Jeffrey Crouch any other affiliated persons, unknown lessees or occupants
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CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI
NOTICE OF DANGEROUS BUILDING

CITY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI
NOTICE OF DANGEROUS BUILDING
TO: Oscar Silva Ibarra and Daniela Silva, husband and wife and any other affiliated persons, unknown lessees or occupants

A Notice of Dangerous Building has been prepared for a building located at 1512 S. Prospect Sedalia, Missouri 65301, described as THE SOUTH THIRTY TWO (32) FEET AND NINE (9) INCHES OF THE NORTH THIRTY SIX (36) FEET AND NINE (9) INCHES OF LOT NUMBER FOURTEEN (14) IN BLOCK NUMBER SEVEN (7) OF WEST VIEW, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SEDALIA, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI. Land records of the Pettis County Recorder of Deeds show that you are either the owner, occupant, lessee, mortgagee, agent or another person having an interest in the above-described property. The building on said property has been found to be a public nuisance, because it has one or more of the conditions set out in Section 10-445 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sedalia, Missouri, namely subsections 1, 4, 7, and 11

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be a public nuisance under conditions 1, 4, 7, and 11.

The day of first publication of this notice is 02/17/24. Specified work must begin to abate this public nuisance within 10 days of the date of this publication and such work shall proceed continuously without unnecessary delay. A full and adequate hearing will be held before the Board of Appeals, and you may be ordered to perform the specified work by a specific time or risk having the buildings or structures demolished and the work taxed to you by special tax bill.

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ATTEST:
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City Clerk
1x-2/17, 2024

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You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held on your failure to abate a public nuisance located at 1512 S. Prospect, Sedalia, MO 65301. Notice of this public nuisance was provided in the Notice of Dangerous Building letter dated 02/16/24.

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Notice to Bidders

Bids for Upgrade Electrical and Restrooms, Grandstands, Project No. F2304-01 will be received by FMDC, State of MO, UNTIL 1:30 PM, 3/14/2024. For specific project information and ordering plans, go to: http://oa.mo.gov/facilities

10x-2/15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 2024

Sedalia School District #200
Request for proposal

The Sedalia School District #200 is requesting proposals for VoIP Phones and Devices. Proponents must submit one (1) printed original, signed in ink, and sealed. Proponents may elect to either personally deliver, or mail, their proposals to: Hand, FedEx, UPS Delivery to Sedalia School District Attn: VoIP RFP 2806 Matthew Drive Sedalia, MO 65301. All proposals should be electronically generated, and the printed original signed in ink. Proposals need not be submitted in elaborate or expensive binders. Legibility, clarity, and completeness are important and essential. The deadline for the submission of proposals is no later than March 1, 2024 at 10:00 AM Central Time. Proponents may submit their proposals at any time prior to the above stated deadline. Failure to submit the required number of copies by this deadline may be subject to disqualification from the RFP process.

Requests for additional information and questions may be addressed to Madeline Kempton via email at kemptonm@sedalia200.org with subject title "VoIP RFP Request" no later than February 20, 2024. Any changes to the RFP or the RFP process shall be posted to the website as addenda at https://www.sedalia200.org/site/default.aspx?DomainID=70. If you are having difficulty viewing RFP please contact Madeline Kempton at 660-829-6450 or kemptonm@sedalia200.org for instructions.

District reserves the right to accept or reject any and all

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proposals and to waive any formalities or technicalities if deemed in the best interest of the District. It is the responsibility of all responders to review the entire proposal, seek clarification of any item or requirement that may not be clear, and check all responses for accuracy before submitting a response. 2x-2/17, 21, 2024

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Brittany Elizabeth Garrigus, dated September 14, 2021, and recorded on September 15, 2021, Document No. 2021-5568 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Pettis County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on March 4, 2024, at 10:00 AM, at the West Front Door of the Pettis County Courthouse, Sedalia, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

ALL OF LOT TWENTY (20) AND TWENTY FOUR (24) FEET OFF THE EAST SIDE OF LOT TWENTY ONE (21), IN BLOCK THREE (3) OF DUNDEE PLACE, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SEDALIA, PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI., commonly known as 1900 W 3rd St, Sedalia, MO, 65301

subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs. SouthLaw, P.C. Successor Trustee First Publication: February 10, 2024. For more information, visit www.southlaw.com

**NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (Case file No. 243511-1020413). 4x-2/10, 17, 24, 3/2, 2024

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The La Monte R-IV School District of La Monte, Missouri will receive sealed bids at Main Office, 301 S. Washington, La

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Monte, Missouri, for furnishing all new materials and labor for LA MONTE R-IV SCHOOL DISTRICT MEDIA CENTER AND ROOF REPLACEMENT project. The work includes, but is not limited to the following, all per the drawings and specifications.

Interior renovation of Media Center space, including structural modifications of load bearing wall. Demolition of existing roof and some roof decking, new decking, EPDM and TPO roofing system, roof drainage, etc. Exterior modifications to existing masonry wall and adjacent site drainage improvements.

Bids for all work will be received until 2:00 p.m., local time, on 4 March, 2024 at which time they will be opened and publicly read aloud.

There will be a Pre-Bid Conference on 26 February, 2024, 10:00 a.m., local time, 301 S. Washington, La Monte, MO 65337

All interested parties should attend this Pre-Bid Conference. Copies of the Bid Documents may be obtained from KC Blueprint & Planroom, www.kcblueprint.com, 816-527-0900, beginning at 8:00 a.m. on February 16, 2024 2x-2/17, 24, 2024

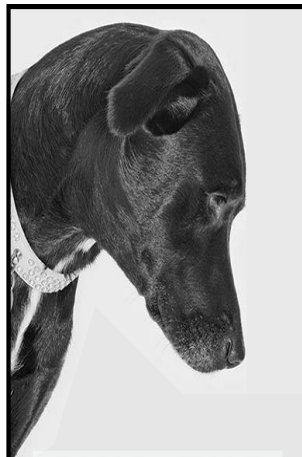
**NOTICE-ACCEPTING BIDS**

The I.O.O.F. Cemetery located in Otterville is now accepting bids for mowing/trimming services for 2024. Please email your bids to jeffpage6@gmail.com by 2/26/24. 5x-2/15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 2024

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Reasbeck Construction Inc (RCI) is seeking bids from certified MBE / WBE or SDVE firms for construction projects at the University of Central Missouri (UCM) and Whiteman AFB. Please contact us to get added to our directory at (660) 429-0100 or mreasbeck@rcicon.com. 13x-2/14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 3/1, 2024

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that an order of the Circuit Court of the County of Pettis, Missouri, Division NO. 4 Case No. 24PT-DR00002, Made entered on the record on 2/13/24, the name of Dakota Skye Criner was changed to Shafiq Abdul Shakur. 3x, 2-17, 2-24, 3-2-24.



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**MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT AUCTION**

**2753 FOX TROT ROAD, FLORENCE, MO ~ TRACTORS, COMBINE & MUCH MORE**

To settle the estate of Robert Rages, we will sell the following described machinery, equipment, tools & more at public auction located: From the Junction of Highway 50 & Arator Road (5.5 miles east of Sedalia), go south on Arator Road 1/2 mile to Overstreet Road. Turn right (west) on Overstreet Road, followed by an immediate left (south) on Hwy W. Continue 3.6 miles on Hwy W to Highway DD. Turn left (east) on Hwy DD and go 1.4 miles to Fox Trot Road. Turn left (east) on Fox Trot Road and continue 2.3 miles to the sale site on the left (north) side of the road. Watch for the orange sale signs:

**SATURDAY FEB. 24TH 2024 10AM**

**TRACTORS**

- 1 - 2013 John Deere 6125R MFWD cab tractor with JD H340 3-function loader, 24-speed power quad, 3350hrs, 3-SCVs, S#L06125rckd785187
- 1 - John Deere 7810 MFWD cab tractor, 20-speed power quad, right hand reverser, 5400hrs, 18.4-42 Duals, S#RW7810H034197
- 1 - 1981 John Deere 4640 cab tractor, 8-speed power shift, duals, shows 820hrs, 3-SCVs, S#4640P023163RW
- 1 - 1981 John Deere 4240 cab tractor, quad range, 2-SCVs, shows 230hrs
- 1 - 1993 John Deere 6400 MFWD cab tractor with 640 loader 16-speed power quad, 13k hours (2,500 on overhaul) 2-SCVs
- 1 - 1970 John Deere 4020 diesel tractor with canopy, 2-SCVs, 7551hrs, front weights, Firestone radials on back, S#T213R23744R
- 1 - 1958 John Deere 630 tractor, restored, power steering, wide front, deluxe fenders, full factory 3pt, wheel weights, 7700hrs
- 1 - 1957 John Deere 520 tractor, restored, power steering, full factory 3pt, 3-piece front weight set, rear wheel weights, 4700hrs, S#5204800
- 1 - Set John Deere 18.4-38 duals 2 - John Deere quick attach
- 1 - Lot John Deere front weights 1 - Lot Case front weights
- 4 - Bale spikes for front loaders 1 - MDS grapple bucket for JD tractor



**MOWERS, LAWN & GARDEN**

- 1 - Dixon Ultra ZTR mower, 52" deck, Kawasaki
- 1 - Dixon Ram 50 ZTR mower, 50" deck, 22hp Briggs & Stratton
- 1 - 1993 Kawasaki Bayou 220 ATV 1 - Lot
- ATV sprayers 1 - Honda 5hp 2500PSI pressure washer 1 - Log splitter
- 1 - Garden Tiller (front tine) 3 - Stihl Chainsaws (1-MS261C, 2-026) 1 - Lot Stihl weed eaters

**SKID STEER & ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 - Case 430 skid steer, tires, 772hrs, S#N6M419727
- 1 - Perfect Tree Saw 1 - Bobcat post driver
- 1 - Bobcat backhoe attachment 1 - H.D. grapple



**COMBINE, GRAIN & FEED MACHINERY**

- 1 - 2003 John Deere 9560 STS 4x4 contour master combine, 2125 sep hrs, 3219 engine hrs, Michelin 932 tires, long auger, straw chopper
- 1 - John Deere 920F grain platform 1 - John Deere 693 com head
- 1 - John Deere 653A row crop head 2 - Header wagons
- 1 - E-Z Trail 500 grain cart 1 - Westfield MK100-
- 61 auger with swing hopper
- 1 - Artsway 450 grinder mixer 1 - Artsway Grixer grinder mixer
- 1 - Owatanna 430 grinder mixer 1 - Heider 100bu auger wagon with lid
- 1 - Killbros 200bu gravity wagon 1 - Parker 150bu gravity wagon

**TRUCKS & TRAILERS**

- 1 - 2013 Chevy 2500 HD reg cab 4x4, 48k miles, 6.0 gas 1 - 2006 Chevy 1500 4x4 reg cab, 136k miles (farm truck)
- 1 - 1998 International 8100 grain truck, 7-speed twin screw 466, 270k miles, 20' Omaha Standard bed, scissor hoist
- 1 - 1975 Chevy C65 grain truck, 5+2 427, 16' Parkhurst bed (52" sides), scissor hoist & Shur-Lok roll top, air brakes
- 1 - 1994 Ford F-350 4x4 dually flatbed, reg cab, 460 5-speed, 132k miles 1 - 2005 Haulmark 6'x10' cargo trailer
- 1 - 2010 Doolittle 30' (25+5) tandem dual axle gooseneck flatbed, fold-up ramps 1 - Pickup fuel transfer tank
- 1 - 2013 Kodiak dual axle 6'-8" x 24' gooseneck stock trailer 1 - 1996 May 6'x8' single axle flatbed utility trailer

**TILLAGE & PLANTING MACHINERY**

- 1 - 2013 Kinze 3500 8/15 interplant, 5116 lifetime acres, no-till coulters, seed firmers, spike closer, box extensions, KPM 3 monitor (Nice)
- 1 - Case IH RMX340 wing fold disc, 24', hydraulic fore & aft (Nice)
- 1 - Case IH 3950 24' wing fold disc, hydraulic fore & aft
- 1 - John Deere 980 23.5' field cultivator w/ harrow 2 - Spike tooth harrows
- 1 - Sunflower 5232 24' field cultivator with harrow 1 - Older NH3 toolbar
- 1 - John Deere 714 11-shank disc chisel plow 1 - International 5100 grain drill
- 1 - Krause 1071 12-shank pull type chisel plow 1 - DMI NH3 11-shank toolbar
- 1 - 2016 ADS 2-box bulk seed tender trailer, dual axle with gas motor
- 1 - White 378 3pt cultivator 1 - Massey 314 3-bottom plow
- 1 - White 508 5-bottom plow 1 - "The Mulcher" 5-shank inline ripper
- 1 - John Deere 400 3pt rotary hoe 1 - John Deere RM 6-row cultivator

**OTHER IMPLEMENTS**

- 1 - Westendorf 10' pull type box "Landscaper" with tilt 1 - PTO seeder 1 - 3pt PTO cement mixer
- 1 - New Idea 3632 tandem axle manure spreader with slop gate 1 - Bush Hog L20 3pt 9' blade
- 1 - 300gal 3pt boom sprayer with 1 - Danuser hydraulic post hole digger for loader 1 - HM farm wagon
- 1 - Farm wagon on John Deere running gears
- 2 - 3pt carry-all's 1 - Small lot horse drawn equipment

**HAY & PASTURE MACHINERY**

- 1 - John Deere 569 MegaWide Plus baler, Cover Edge, net wrap, bale kicker, high-moisture kit, high flotation tires, 8850 bale count
- 1 - John Deere R280 9' rotary disc mower (like new)
- 1 - John Deere 630 MoCo impeller conditioner with 540 PTO
- 1 - Frontier WR1212C high capacity 12 wheel rake, center kicker
- 1 - Bush Hog 2715 Legend flex-wing brush hog
- 1 - Lot bale forks
- 1 - Kuhn GF5202 THA tedder, hydraulic fold & pitch (like new)
- 1 - Buhler Y750R rear discharge 7' 3pt finish mower
- 1 - John Deere 327 string tie small square baler
- 1 - Balemaster 3pt bale unroller 1 - Big bale carrier (10 bales)
- 1 - Hoelscher 1000 square bale accumulator with grapple for loader

**SHOP EQUIPMENT, TOOLS & MISC**

- 1 - Old M&H Armitage mouse hole anvil 1 - Large lot fencing (rolls barbed wire, T-posts, woven wire etc.)
- 1 - Lincoln Ranger 10,000 plus welder, Kohler 23 motor 1 - Black Diamond 60gal air compressor, 155 PSI, 3.7HP
- 1 - Lincoln AC-225 Arc welder 1 - Welding table 1 - H.D. shop vise 1 - US General rolling toolbox 1 - Lot air tools
- 1 - Acetylene torch set on cart 1 - Clarkweld Mig130EN welder 1 - 30-ton shop press 1 - Floom standing drill press
- 1 - Older Craftsman table saw 1 - Nuts/Bolts bin 1 - Large lot mechanics hand tools (sockets, wrenches etc.)
- 1 - Lot toolboxes & storage cabinets 2 - Wheelbarrow air compressors



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**Owner: Robert Rages estate, Dorothy (wife)**

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