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Anne Lovercamp

## WHS names new assistant principal

By Nicole Cooke  
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WARRENSBURG — Warrensburg High School will have a new assistant principal for the 2023-24 school year, although it will be a familiar face moving into the administrative role.

During its January meeting, the Warrensburg Board of Education approved Anne Lovercamp as the new WHS assistant principal. Lovercamp has worked for the

Warrensburg R-VI School District since 2018 and has been responsible for teaching American Government, Advanced Placement Human Geography, and Geography courses.

Lovercamp will replace WHS Assistant Principal Sara Chapman, who is retiring at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

According to a news release, in 2012, Lovercamp earned her bachelor's degree in Arts in History at Truman State University in Kirksville. She obtained her

Master of Arts in Education from Truman State. Last year, she earned her Education Specialist in Principalship from Arkansas State University.

The release states Lovercamp began her teaching career as an American Government teacher in the North Kansas City School District, where she was also an assistant swim coach. In 2017, she was nominated for the Traditions in Excellence Leadership Award.

"We are excited for Mrs. Lovercamp to join our WHS admin-

istrative team as she is well respected by our students, staff, and parents," WHS Principal Dr. Bret Pummill said in the release. "She is a great classroom teacher who became a teacher leader and served as one of our Professional Learning Community coaches. Mrs. Lovercamp's passion for helping students has been evident throughout her tenure at WHS and makes her a perfect fit for this position."

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## Community Center to see improvements

Council approves purchase of new equipment, park signs

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WARRENSBURG — Warrensburg Parks and Recreation is making improvements to the Warrensburg Community Center in 2023. Requests for approval to purchase new equipment were presented at the Warrensburg City Council meeting on Feb. 27.

### Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Director Chris Deal presented three resolutions to the council.

The first resolution was for the purchase of three Lochinvar Water Heaters to heat the indoor pools for the Warrensburg Community Center. Deal said the old heaters need to be replaced as a recommendation from the manufacturer and installer.

"The current water heaters are old and need replacing," Deal said. "The funding for this equipment is recommended to come from the Parks and Recreation Fund Balance, which is sufficiently funded for this purchase."

Deal presented another resolution for approval to transfer donated funds to purchase new fitness equipment and other furniture items for the Community Center. The funds for the equipment will be from a \$60,000 donation from the Marian H. Glazenbrook Estate account in the Parks and Recreation Fund Balance.

The last resolution Deal presented was to approve the purchase and installation of new park entrance signs.

The replacement of the signs will not exceed \$20,000. Deal said the

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## Big Brothers Big Sisters receives \$10,000 donation

Central Bank of Warrensburg joins new program with BBBS



From left, Jessica Caldwell, President and CEO of Central Bank of Warrensburg Marshall Abney, Big Brothers Big Sisters Director Dana Phelps and BBBS employee Camryn Cummings hold a \$10,000 donation check from Central Bank on Wednesday, March 1.—PHOTO BY MELIYAH VENERABLE | STAR-JOURNAL

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JOHNSON COUNTY — Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County has received a donation as well as a sponsorship from the Central Bank of Warrensburg.

The bank donated \$10,000 to the nonprofit on Wednesday, March 1.

"Central Bank of Warrensburg believes deeply in supporting organizations that help our communities grow, improve, and thrive," President and CEO of Central Bank of War-

rensburg Marshall Abney said. "There is no cause that embodies this spirit more than Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County's vision of helping all youth achieve their full potential.

"We are extremely proud to continue partnering with BBBS by encouraging our team members to consider becoming a big, as well as through this \$10,000 financial support. Ensuring our youth can build special relationships with local mentors is integral in building a community where we can be proud to live and work."

Bigs in Business is a new program that BBBS has started. The program encourages businesses throughout Johnson County to have employees join BBBS as a Big.

Central Bank of Warrensburg is the first business to jump on board for "Bigs in Business."

"We are just elated to get this size of donation," BBBS Executive Director Dana Phelps said. "Central Bank has always supported Big Brothers and Big Sisters... When

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## Medical service, hot lunch offered for community

By Meliyah Venerable  
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WARRENSBURG — Multiple local community resources have partnered with Sedalia-based Katy Trail Community Health to provide medical services and hot lunches to Johnson County citizens.

Journey Home, Refuge on Ming and various area churches are providing a hot lunch for anyone in need at the First Presbyterian Church every Tuesday, along with the Katy Trail Mobile Unit that is available for patients to visit for health and dental care.

"Our goal was to get out into the community in Warrensburg and spread our services that we offer," Katy Trail Sedalia Medical Clinic Site Manager, Holley Boone

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The Katy Trail Community Health On The Go van is seen in Warrensburg on Tuesday, Feb. 28. The van offers mobile medical care every Tuesday in Warrensburg. PHOTO BY MELIYAH VENERABLE | STAR-JOURNAL



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OBITUARIES

Ernest (Ernie) Myron Witt

Ernest (Ernie) Myron Witt, 90, of Warrensburg, Missouri, formerly of Knob Noster, passed away Saturday, February 25, 2023, at Western Missouri Medical Center.



Ernie was born October 16, 1932, in Guthrie, Kentucky, son of Loyd and Ramah Witt. Ernie enlisted in the Air Force in August 1952 at 19 years old. He was united in marriage to Lucille Gertrude Tweed on November 1, 1957, in Gainesville, Florida.



During his time in the military, he was stationed at numerous bases state-side, as well as overseas including serving during the Vietnam War. In 1977, Ernie and his family moved to Whiteman Air Force base where he served the remainder of his Air Force career before retiring in March 1985 with 32 years of service.

He then attended jewelry school in Kansas City and opened a jewelry store in Knob Noster, Missouri, where he made and repaired jewelry until 2014. He was known as the

"Jewelry Man" to many in Knob Noster and Warrensburg. In recent years he made beaded bracelets selling them at the Warrensburg Farmers' Market and donated a portion of his sales to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Survivors include daughter Sabrina and her husband Dale Parsons and granddaughter Natasha, of Warrensburg, MO; son Ernest Witt

Jr., grandson Brandon and granddaughter Ryan, of Lee's Summit, MO.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lucille; daughter Lisa Campbell; his parents, two sisters and five brothers.

There will be no visitation or funeral service, however, family would love to hear from people that knew him.

Interment will be at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery at Higginsville.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Johnson County Community Health Services or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements entrusted to Williams Funeral Chapel in Warrensburg.

Mary Ann Lamb

Smith-Benton Funeral Home sincerely apologizes for previously submitting an obituary with incorrect information. Please see the corrected obituary below.



Mary Ann Lamb, 89, of Bauxite, Arkansas, passed away February 17, 2023. She was born July 4, 1933, in Kansas City, Missouri, to the late William Little and Peggy Wainwright Little.

Mary Ann loved her family more than anything. She was active in her children's lives and served as a Boy Scout and Girl Scout leader and was President of the school P.T.A. Mary Ann was a talented baker who made delicious cookies, candies, and custom, elaborate cakes. She managed Truman Lake Goat Ranch RV Park. Mary Ann was a wonderful seamstress and worked making uniforms at Unitogs for many years. Mary Ann was a hard worker, loved uncon-

ditionally, and had many talents, but her greatest accomplishment was being a mother to all.

Preceding Mary Ann in death are her husband, William Presley Lamb Jr.; sons: Darrell Lamb and William Presley Lamb III; granddaughters: Sandra Lamb and Celly Avrard; parents, William and Peggy Little; and brother, Milton Little.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory three children: Deborah Runk, Cheryl Ann Craig and husband George, and Brenda Merriman; 16 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; sister, Peggy Cromley; and many family members and friends who love Mary Ann and will miss her always.

Services entrusted to Smith-Benton Funeral Home. Online guestbook: [www.SmithFamilyCares.com](http://www.SmithFamilyCares.com).

FUNERALS

**Fewell, Thresia D. "Momma Tee,"** 1 p.m. Saturday, March 4 at Heckart Funeral Home in Sedalia. Arrangements are under the direction of Heckart Funeral Home.

**Southers, C.W.,** Saturday, June 3 at Englewood Cemetery in Clinton. Arrangements are under the direction of Bradley & Hadley Funeral Home in Clinton.

**Nierenhausen, Daniel,** Saturday, June 10 at Sweeney-Phillips & Holden Funeral Home in Warrensburg. Arrangements are under the direction of Sweeney-Phillips & Holden Funeral Home.

CRASH REPORTS

Minor injuries reported in Feb. 23 wreck

Minor injuries were reported in a two-vehicle wreck on Feb. 23 on Highway 13, south of Northwest 515 Road.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol reports the wreck occurred when a 2015 Ford Escape driven by Sandra L. Daniels, 27, of Warrensburg, struck the back of a 2017 Jeep Grand Cherokee driven by Angela F. Moses, 48, of Warrensburg.

Moses is reported to have minor injuries and was transported to Western Missouri Medical Center by Johnson County Ambulance District.

Serious injuries in Feb. 24 wreck

Serious injuries were reported in a single-vehicle wreck on Feb. 24 wreck on Highway 50, east of County Road 1971.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol reports the wreck occurred when a 2007 Chevrolet Trailblazer driven by Duane Danner, 24, of Barnett, was traveling in the left lane of Highway 50 and overtook another vehicle. The other vehicle cut into the Trailblazer, forcing it off the left side of the road. The vehicle traveled down a steep embankment, struck a ditch in the median then traveled across the westbound lanes of Highway 50. The vehicle struck an embankment on the north side of westbound 50, then struck a fence and a utility pole before coming to rest upright.

Danner is reported to have serious injuries and was transported to WMMC by JCAD.

Passenger, Logan Rand, 19, of Versailles, is reported to have moderate injuries and was also transported to WMMC by JCAD.

Car totaled, minor injuries in Feb. 26 wreck

Minor injuries were reported in a single-vehicle wreck on Feb. 26 on Northwest 1601st Road at Highway 50.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol reports the wreck occurred when a 2207 Ford Five Hundred driven by Samantha G. Maley, 35, of Stockton, traveled off the road, overturned and struck several trees.

Maley is reported to have minor injuries and was transported to WMMC by JCAD.

Minor injuries in March 1 wreck

Minor injuries were reported in a wreck on March 1 on Route DD.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol reports the wreck occurred when a 2007 Mazda 6 driven by Spencer Q. Valde, 29, of Whiteman Air Force Base, struck the rear of a 2021 Subaru Forester driven by Brittney L. Schneider, 30, of Warrensburg.

Valde is reported to have minor injuries and sought treatment at WMMC.

Compiled by Meliyah Venerable.

Thresia Deanne "Momma Tee" Fewell

Thresia Deanne Fewell was born on March 18, 1948, to the union of Elmer Eugene Crowley and Lois Anna Bass in Kansas City, Missouri.



She spent her early childhood years with her mother and her relatives in Knob Noster, Missouri. When she was a teenager, she and her mother moved to Higginsville, MO. There she excelled in school and played the bass drum in the high school marching band.

After high school, she had aspirations of becoming a teacher and attended Central Missouri State University (UCM). She held various jobs in and around the Warrensburg area, such as the Warrensburg Shoe Factory, and Unitog, and after both businesses closed, she entered the food service industry, where she worked for over 35 years. To know her was to love her; everyone called her "Momma Tee."

She really enjoyed fishing and would go "casting out" every chance that she got. She also was an avid gardener, and always kept a lush garden as well as many flowers, trees, and plants in and around her home. She was also an excellent cook and created many legendary meals for those who visited her home.

At an early age, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. She was baptized in the Baptist denomination in 1968. She loved the Lord and raised her sons in the faith.

On Christmas Eve 1976, she married Wayman H. Fewell Sr. He preceded her in death in 1992. In 2007, she met and began

a relationship with her dear friend Rick Lucas of Clinton, Missouri.

On Friday, February 17, 2023, at 9 p.m., she was called home to glory.

She leaves behind two living sons, George D. Bass and Tonni D. Fewell, and one stepson, Wayman H. Fewell Jr., in addition

to another son, Julius R. Fewell, who preceded her in death in July 2021; 11 grandchildren, Tiara N. Coleman, Savannah G. Bass, Kesean C. Fewell, Jayden A. Fewell, Jay Gold, Anthonni W. Fewell, Tyler M. Fewell, Elijah W. Hammer, Julian Fewell, Neveah D. Fewell, and Julius Fewell II; four great-grandchildren, Tamaris Coleman, Jamaira Coleman, Tamia Coleman, and Jeremiah Craig; along with a host of family, friends, colleagues, and honorary sons, daughters, and grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held on March 4, 2023, at Heckart Funeral Home, 903 S. Ohio Ave., Sedalia, MO 65301, at 1 p.m., with kind words from friends and family beginning at 2:30 p.m. The family has decided not to have a repast afterward.

If you would like to send a condolence card, please send to George Bass P.O. Box 342 Hallsville, MO 65255.

Thank you and God Bless!

"Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they may die and whoever lives by believing in me will never die." (John 11:25-26).

LOCAL BRIEFS

Upcoming local blood drives

As extreme weather events, global crises and health emergencies upend lives, people are stepping up through the American Red Cross to care for one another in need.

This March, the Red Cross is honoring these community heroes who make its mission possible during the 80th annual American Red Cross Month celebration, a national tradition that began in 1943 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued the first Red Cross Month proclamation.

Participate in Red Cross Month by visiting [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) to make a financial donation, give blood or platelets, become a volunteer or take a class in lifesaving skills, such as first aid, CPR and how to use an AED. On March 22, you can also join the annual Red Cross Giving Day campaign by donating at [redcross.org/givingday](http://redcross.org/givingday) to help provide shelter, food, relief items, emotional support and other assistance for people affected by disasters big and small in the U.S.

All who come to give blood, platelets or plasma March 1-31 will receive a \$10 Visa Prepaid Card by email and be entered for a chance to win a \$3,000 Visa Prepaid Card.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:  
March 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Warrensburg High School, 1411 Ridgeview Drive in Warrensburg.

March 16 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Leeton High School, 500 N. Main in Leeton.

March 20 from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Reese Education Center, 301 W. Market in Warrensburg.

March 21 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Crest Middle School, 92 NW Route 58 in Centerview.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

University of Minnesota Twin Cities Dean's List

The following area students have been named to the 2022 fall semester dean's list at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

Warrensburg: Quentin Trull, junior, College of Liberal Arts

Missouri State student receives Birding Society scholarship

Missouri State University graduate student Shelby Palmer has been awarded the Bauer Graduate Research Scholarship from the Missouri Birding Society.

Palmer, a second-year Master of Science in biology student, received \$3,000. It will support her current research on Missouri chickadee populations, with the goal to test for a connection

between ancestry and song in a chickadee hybrid zone population.

Her main study site is at Sparrowfoot Park near Clinton, where she has spent the last year and a half finding, capturing and collecting data on chickadees in the area.

Palmer, of Warrensburg, will wrap up her research this spring when she graduates.

"I'm very excited to receive this scholarship from MBS! Because of the time-intensive nature of this project's data collection, I have to undertake an unexpected spring field season," Palmer said. "This money will go toward that, including allowing undergraduate students in my lab to join me for a week of uninterrupted field work over spring break."

UMGC Dean's List

More than 9,800 University of Maryland Global Campus students were named to the dean's list for the fall semester. To be

eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGCC.

Whiteman Air Force Base: Canaan Anderson, Quintin Camp, Winisha Irvin, Noel Marcano, Cynthia Rockett, April Sikes

Knob Noster: Maegan Dotson, Sarah Rhew

Warrensburg: Jordan Lancaster, Michael Meckes

University of Arkansas Dean's List

Local students were named to the Fall 2022 dean's list in the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas.

To qualify for the dean's list, the following local students achieved at least a 3.75 grade-point average for the semester while completing at least 12 credit hours.

Chilhowee: Grace Sisk  
Kingsville: Kennedy Wyatt



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# UCM celebrates 54th annual Children's Literature Festival

WARRENSBURG — The University of Central Missouri will celebrate the 54th annual Children's Literature Festival March 5-7, with more than 20 nationally recognized authors and illustrators in attendance.

The festival begins with a luncheon with visiting authors and illustrators at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 5 in the Elliott Student Union. This year's special guest speaker is award-winning author Gary Schmidt. His novel "Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy" was awarded a Newbery Honor in 2005 as well as a Printz Honor. He received a second Newbery Honor for "The Wednesday Wars" in 2008. "Okay for Now," the 2011 sequel to "The Wednesday Wars," was a National Book Award finalist and also won a 2012 Children's Choice Book Award.

Registration for the Sunday luncheon is closed, but authors will be available to sign books from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday in the Elliott Student Union atrium. The book sale also will be available from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Elliott Student Union ballroom. These events are free and open to all. Proceeds from festival book



A group of children walk across campus while attending the 2022 Children's Literature Festival, an event that celebrates its 54th year at UCM March 5-7. PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI

sales directly support next year's festival.

On Monday and Tuesday, March 6-7, authors and illustrators are scheduled to speak to children in grades 3-10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at various locations across campus. Registration is

closed, but several sessions will be livestreamed from Hendricks Hall on Monday and Tuesday. Visit the website to register and contact festival director Maya Kucij at [kucij@ucmo.edu](mailto:kucij@ucmo.edu) or 660-543-4306, with any questions.

The 2023 Children's Literature Festival received grants from both the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency, and the Missouri Humanities Council. Additional support from UCM's Office of Academic Affairs has allowed the Festival to

waive fees for the second year in a row.

The Children's Literature Festival has a long history at UCM that spans more than five decades, bringing school children to campus in grades 3-10 to hear and meet nationally

recognized children's authors. The festival's roots date back to 1969 when Philip Sadler, professor of Children's Literature, and Ophelia Gilbert, laboratory school librarian, invited five authors to come to what was then the Central Missouri State College campus. All were from Missouri, and one author, Cena Christopher Draper, lived in Warrensburg. Children from the laboratory school listened to them speak about their experiences as authors and got their books autographed. The next year, 13 authors came and were recognized, and year by year, the festival grew, both in the number of presenters and attendance of school children and their teachers.

In 2017 the event attracted 25 presenters and roughly 3,700 attendees over what has become a two-and-a-half-day festival. In 2018 more than 30 authors and illustrators were on campus and more than 4,000 attendees.

The festival welcomes participants with disabilities. To learn more, visit [clf.ucmo.edu](http://clf.ucmo.edu) or call 660-543-4306.

Contributed by University of Central Missouri.

# Tyler Hubbard of Florida Georgia Line to perform at MSF

By Sedalia Democrat Staff

SEDALIA — Tyler Hubbard of Florida Georgia Line will take the State Fair Grandstand stage, presented by CFM Insurance, on opening night of the 2023 Missouri State Fair, Thursday, Aug. 10, with opener Parmalee.

Tyler Hubbard's face and name are familiar, and his voice is a staple on country music radio. With 19 No. 1 singles, countless awards, and sold-out tours, Hubbard has already had a remarkable career as a performer and songwriter as one half of multi-platinum duo Florida Georgia Line, and now Hubbard is ready to release his first solo album.

Hubbard's debut solo single, "5 Foot 9," has almost 90 million global streams. The song quickly moved inside the Top 50 on the streaming chart in its first four weeks of release and is solidly inside the Top 15 on radio.

Based in Nashville, Tennessee, Hubbard is dedicated to healthy living and is passionate about travel and charity, supporting various Nashville charities, as well as global conservation organizations.

ACM New Vocal Duo/Group of the Year nominee Parmalee is one of country music's most successful acts. The Platinum-selling band of brothers is one of only four groups since 2001 to earn three consecutive Top 10 singles from a debut country album.

Comprised of brothers Matt and Scott Thomas, cousin Barry Knox and lifelong friend Josh McSwain, the North Carolina



Tyler Hubbard of Florida Georgia Line will take the State Fair Grandstand stage on opening night of the 2023 Missouri State Fair, Thursday, Aug. 10. Opening for Hubbard is the band Parmalee. PHOTO COURTESY OF MISSOURI STATE FAIR

natives had a legendary return to the top of the charts with their Platinum-certified No. 1 single with Blanco Brown, "Just the Way," with their follow up single, "Take My Name" from their album "For You," then becoming a multi-week No. 1 hit on



ACM New Vocal Duo/Group of the Year nominee Parmalee is one of only four groups since 2001 to earn three consecutive Top 10 singles from a debut country album. The band will open for Tyler Hubbard at the Missouri State Fair. PHOTO COURTESY OF PARMALEE

country radio.

Tickets to this show and State Fair Grandstand concerts to be announced will go on sale to the public starting at 9 a.m. June 27 through Etix. More information

about State Fair concerts can be found at [mostatefair.com](http://mostatefair.com).

The 121st Missouri State Fair, themed "Where Traditions Grow," is Aug. 10-20 in Sedalia.

# Missouri governor would control St. Louis police under bill

By Summer Ballentine  
Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Missouri's governor would control St. Louis police under a bill advanced Wednesday in the state House.

Republican and some Democratic supporters argued the city is failing to control crime, which they said is spilling into the suburbs and hurting business. Black St. Louis Democrats decried the majority white, Republican-led Legislature for trying to take away control from Black leaders in the majority Black city.

A state commission oversaw the St. Louis Police Department dating back to the Civil War until 2013, when voters statewide gave power back to the city.

"This experiment was 11 years in the making and frankly, the promises have been broken," said Rep. Justin Sparks, a suburban St. Louis Republican pushing the bill.

Under the bill, Republican Gov. Mike Parson would have from Aug. 28

until Sept. 28 to appoint four St. Louis police board commissioners. The mayor, currently Democrat Tishaura O. Jones, also would serve on the board.

Another Missouri city, Kansas City, currently has one of the only police departments in the nation overseen by a state board instead of local officials.

Republican Rep. Jeff Myers, another suburban St. Louis Republican pushing the bill, called on fellow lawmakers "to help the officers do something to take back their city."

Democratic Rep. Rashawn Aldridge, who is Black, said the bill signals to his fellow St. Louis residents that lawmakers "who do not look like me" and who live outside the city "know what's best for St. Louis." He said changing control of the police won't address the underlying causes of crime in a city that for years has had one of the highest violent crime rates in the U.S.

"How do we make sure that communities like mine have livable

wages?" Aldridge said. "How do you make sure we have stable homes? How do we reverse policies that have been put in place strategically to disinvest Black and brown communities like mine?"

Wednesday's debate comes after the House last month passed a bill that could strip power from the Black woman elected as the St. Louis prosecutor.

Black Democratic lawmakers at the time accused the state's Republican House leadership of shutting down a Black lawmaker's speech during debate. House Majority Floor Leader Jon Paterson said discussions were running long and "of course race was not a factor in the decision to end debate."

Racial tensions in the Legislature echo similar complaints in Mississippi, where the majority-white, Republican-led Legislature voted to take power from local leaders in the predominantly Black city of Jackson.

The Mississippi Senate

voted to create a regional board to take control of Jackson's struggling water system, which is now overseen by a federally appointed administrator.

Then the House voted to create a new court in part of Jackson with judges who would be appointed rather than elected.

Democratic Mississippi state Sen. John Horhn has said the actions "amount to a symbolic decapitation of Black elected leadership."

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**Don't pass up your opportunity to sail**

The summer after I graduated from college, I had no job and zero prospects. I opted not to return to my summer job as I had done every year since high school in case I found full-time employment. So when my boyfriend asked if I wanted to tag along to his family's annual Fourth of July vacation, I quickly agreed.



**NICOLE COOKE**  
STAR-JOURNAL EDITOR

I was looking forward to an actual Fourth of July celebration — when your family business is fireworks, July 4 is always a working holiday. That means American traditions of boat rides and barbecues are traded in for 12-hour workdays and sneaking some fast food in between helping endless customers.

After the 10-hour road trip, we arrived in Saugatuck, Michigan, to spend a few days at Andy's grandparent's lake home, where they retired almost 30 years ago. I was immediately introduced to dozens of aunts, uncles, cousins, and Nana and Papa. Andy and I had only been dating for less than six months, but it didn't take long for me to feel like I had met a new extension of my family.

That weekend was filled with so much food and laughter, a trip downtown for ice cream, lots of family stories around the fire, boat rides and swimming in the river. One of those boat rides was on Papa's 40-foot sailboat, Lionheart. A large group climbed on board as he led us down the river and into the opening of Lake Michigan. Although I don't remember the exact exchange, I remember being reluctant when Papa asked if I wanted to take over the wheel for a few minutes. I'd never been on a sailboat and didn't want to make a fool of myself in front of people I'd known for two days, but Papa convinced me I'd be fine. So for a brief time, I was the one handling Lionheart, with Papa right by my side smiling brightly.

I've been back to Saugatuck almost every Fourth of July since, finally getting to partake in those summer traditions, but that was one of the last years for the sailboat, as it was sold soon after. I've forever felt grateful to have experienced that special family rite of passage.

As Nana and Papa got older, caring for their large lake house became difficult. That led to another difficulty: deciding to sell the house. Not a single family member missed the last celebration in July 2022, including two great-granddaughters for the first time. We all packed a few mementos before leaving to have a little piece of Saugatuck at home.

The family gathered again for Christmas in snowy Chicago, my first time joining for that particular holiday. We had all the usual fun and I split my time between participating and observing how tight-knit such a large family can be. As festivities began to wind down, everyone found their place in the lineup to say goodbye. In all the chaos at the front door, I stayed in the back so the cousins could get their grandparent hugs, knowing their interactions took priority and that I'd get a chance later on.

Sadly, the patriarch of Lionheart left us late last month, a week before his 90th birthday. Although I didn't get my next chance, all his children and many grandchildren did, including Andy and his brother, who were able to say goodbye just a few hours before it was too late.

Last weekend, we headed to another family gathering, this time in honor of Papa and the immense family legacy he's left behind. It was full of photos and stories, good food and plenty of drinks, and a mix of hugs, smiles and tears.

So, take the photo, give an extra hug, send an out-of-the-blue text. Send the handwritten birthday card, save the handwritten birthday card. Take the time to ask the tough questions and the fun questions, making space to learn more about the details of someone's life that tend to go unshared. Force your way into the line to say farewell in case you don't get the opportunity to stand in line again.

I know people seem to offer these reminders every time a loved one leaves us, whether unexpected or not. But the frequency of those reminders shows that we still need them. It's easy to keep our heads down, nose to the grindstone, thinking about what's next on the calendar and not looking too far in front of us for fear of the next curve in the road.

We'll eventually find ourselves navigating those curves, regardless of how much we hope to see a detour sign instead.

If you haven't gotten a reminder lately, let me offer the latest rendition to lift some of the fog that might have settled onto your road. Say the hellos and goodbyes. Spread kindness whenever you can. Make the trip even if the destination seems too far away. And if someone ever offers for you to take the sailboat's helm, don't pass up the chance.



**BEN ON WINE**

**Red wines perfect for a summer meal**

I recently wrote about the white wines for spring and how they reflect the coming of the warm weather seasons. While writing that, I believe that I more or less threw the red wines under the bus. In a host of accolades for the white and rosé wines and pronouncing them as the wines of summer, I totally neglected the important place the red wines play during the warmer seasons and in their most popular use as the accompaniment to outdoor grilling or as it is often called, barbecue.

While the lighter foods such as salads and omelets do not do well on a grill, the red meats and poultry most certainly do and that is where a red wine becomes the order of the day.

To remedy my snubbing of the red wines and as an apology, I would like to introduce the reader to some red wines that are perfect for the outdoor chef and that also will not fracture the budget. Please remember that the prices I quote are the manufacturer's suggested price and can often be found at much lower costs.

**Kin Alkina 2022 Shiraz (\$36)**

Australia, the "Land Down Under," has suffered several seasons of extreme drought, which over the past few years has greatly limited its wine exports.

This wine can prove that Australian wines are back and still at their former high quality, so it seems only right then to start off with an Australian wine made from a red grape variety that has become almost synonymous with Australia: the Shiraz. The Kin Alkina Shiraz is a very

dark ruby red wine with a rich and full raspberry and blackberry aroma. The flavor also embodies the raspberry and blackberry fruit flavors as well as a spicy, peppery element then ending in a moderately long, fruity finish. Cheers, mate.

**Mascota Unánime Merlot 2018 (\$25.99)**

From Australia, we remain in the southern hemisphere and journey to Argentina for our next red wine selection.

Merlot wines have been hit hard by some of the poorer versions that were quickly made to take advantage of the variety's sudden popularity several years ago. A close relative of the cabernet sauvignon, the Unánime 2018 Merlot is a perfect partner for grilled foods as it accompanies them well and does not overpower or affect them.

The aroma of this wine is complex, encompassing an ever-changing kaleidoscope of ripe berry, cumquat, cocoa butter, plum and spice, with cedar, oak and vanilla in the background, which follows through to the finish where it lingers on the palate for a long time.



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**Unánime Gran Vino Tinto 2017 (\$25.99)**

This offering is a blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Malbec, and 15% Cabernet Franc and presents a cherry red color, a complex of aromas featuring blackberry, blueberry, tobacco, chocolate and a suggestion of spice and black pepper.

This wine is a blend that should not be missed by cabernet or red wine enthusiasts, as it is a perfect example of the results of intuitive blending. As a personal comment, I loved it and I also loved the high quality of this wine for its price.

**Bodegas Montecillo 2017 Crianza Tinto (\$15)**

This wine comes from Spain and its price does not do justice to the quality. This is an excellent red wine that has been made from Spain's favorite red wine grape, the tempranillo, which has been blended with 15% Garnacha, another Spanish favorite.

The color is a vibrant red, which announces the aromas of cherry, plum and other dark red fruits. As the wine sits in the glass, the aromas seem to become more intense. The aroma stresses the red summer fruits, which carry on to the finish and also reflects the red fruits with a hint of oak and vanilla.

This wine has the often sought finish of a red wine called "silky," a smoothness that is usually found in red wines selling for much more than this wine's price.

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**CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST**

**The lean time of year**

It's Lent. Forty days of dedication to prayer, penance, almsgiving and fasting in the name of the Lord. Not fasting like medical fasting before a scan or surgery. Not trendy intermittent fasting for weight loss, either. This is fasting invented by those mean old religious people. They want you to eat less meat and just eat less in general, and they expect that to have some kind of an effect on your relationship with God. Ridiculous.

Back in the old, old days, before the inventions of canning and freezing food, this was a lean time of year. You'd be scraping the bottom of your barrel of salt pork and wild game would be at its scarcest and scrawniest. There were no fresh fruits or vegetables, the hens were just picking up laying again after the long winter and the cow may not be giving much milk either. That is, if you could afford a cow. Most people got by in late winter on a diet of bread and root vegetables stored up over the previous year, punctuated with a little dried fruit, an egg here and there, or a glass of milk if they were lucky. Meat was a rare treat. When spring finally sprung, people headed out to hunt for the first wild greens — onion grass, mustard greens,



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COLUMNIST

poke, ramps. Old grannies said it "cleaned the blood" and strengthened the liver. It probably does.

A lot of people were a little hungry this time of year. Some people were a lot hungry. So when spring abundance swept in, they were not just full, but grateful. They were deeply grateful for wild greens and mushrooms, milk and eggs and fresh cheese, the first garden produce, and even lamb and veal.

Because it was seasonal and sometimes scarce, people appreciated their food in a way we no longer can. They were intimately aware of the work it took to hunt a turkey or find a morel. They knew the heartache of sacrificing the first innocent lambs so that humans could be fed. The bread they held at supper had al-

ready passed through their family's fingers many times: first as seed being sown, then green grass, then ripe wheat being harvested, then finally as flour sifted and kneaded under the hands of the woman of the house.

The most we know is the heartache of Aldi being out of a particular kind of cheese.

Yearning, patience, hard work, sacrifice, waiting in hope. Awareness of the natural world. Shared work of family and community. Humble dependence on the mysterious caprices of sky and seed and soil. Acceptance of your limits and state in life. Solidarity with the hunger of the poor. Gratitude. All these will absolutely deepen our relationship with our Creator, if we let them.

The lean time of year is the perfect time to pray and do penance, to give alms out of what little we have left, and yes, to fast. Just a little hunger can connect us with nature, the poor, our ancestors, and God himself. Those mean old religious people weren't ridiculous at all. They were our ancestors, and as usual, they knew exactly what they were talking about.

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# Final state emergencies winding down 3 years into pandemic

By Adam Beam  
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California's coronavirus emergency officially ends Tuesday, nearly three years after Gov. Gavin Newsom issued the nation's first statewide stay-at-home order and just days after the state reached the grim milestone of 100,000 deaths related to the virus.

As California's emergency winds down, such declarations continue in just five other states — including Texas and Illinois — signaling an end to the expanded legal powers of governors to suspend laws in response to the once mysterious disease. President Joe Biden announced last month the federal government will end its own version May 11.

The end of California's order will have little to no effect on most people as Newsom has already lifted most of the state's restrictions, like those that required masks, closed beaches and forced many businesses to close. It offers a symbolic marker of the end of a period that once drastically altered the lives of the state's nearly 40 million residents.

Illinois' order will end in May alongside the federal order, while the governors of Rhode Island and Delaware recently extended their coronavirus emergency declarations. In New Mexico, public health officials

are weighing whether to extend a COVID-19 health emergency beyond its Friday expiration date.

Texas, meanwhile, hasn't had any major coronavirus restrictions for years, but Republican Gov. Greg Abbott keeps extending his state's emergency declaration because it gives him the power to stop some of the states' more liberal cities from imposing their own restrictions, like requiring masks or vaccines. Abbott has said he'll keep the emergency order — and his expanded powers — in place until the Republican-controlled Texas Legislature passes a law to prevent local governments from imposing virus restrictions on their own.

The conflicting styles show that, while the emergencies may be ending, the political divide is not — foreshadowing years of competing narratives of the pandemic from two potential presidential candidates in Newsom and Abbott.

Newsom has used his authority to make sure all of California's local governments had restrictions in place during the pandemic, even threatening to cut funding to some cities that refused to enforce them. While California's emergency declaration is ending, other local emergencies will remain in place — including in Los Angeles County, home to nearly 10 million people.

The Los Angeles emer-



Two nurses put a ventilator on a patient in a COVID-19 unit at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, Calif. Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021. California's COVID-19 emergency declaration ends on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023. Gov. Gavin Newsom first issued the emergency declaration on March 4, 2020. The emergency ends just as California officially passed 100,000 COVID-related deaths during the pandemic. FILE PHOTO BY JAE C. HONG | AP PHOTO

gency order encourages mask use in some public places like business and trains and for residents who have been exposed to the virus. It will remain in effect for at least another month. Tuesday, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will debate whether to end the order March 31.

Many public health experts say it makes sense that California's order is coming to a close.

"Three years ago, if you ... got infected you were rolling the dice about dying," said Brad Pollock, chair of the Department of Public Health Sciences at the University of California, Davis. "What's happened in the three years now is we have vaccines, we have antiviral therapy, we have much more knowledge about how we take care of patients in terms of supportive care. Your risk of dying is a fraction of what it was."

The Newsom administration's approach was to issue broad restrictions on what people could do and where they could go. California ended up faring better than oth-

er states, but they did worse than some other countries, like Sweden, said Jeffrey Klausner, professor of clinical population and public health sciences at the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California.

"I think if we had better focused our resources on those most at risk, we probably could have avoided more deaths," he said.

The pandemic strained California's health care system, which has yet to fully recover, said Carmela Coyle, president and CEO of the California Hospital Association. She said hospitals remain overwhelmed — not from COVID patients, but from an influx of people returning to the health care system after staying away during the pandemic. She said a majority of California's hospitals are losing money, prompting fears some could close — just as a community hospital in the state's Central Valley did in December.

"While the state's COVID public health emergency is formally

concluding, the health care system emergency remains," Coyle said.

Health care workers have felt the strain, too, working long hours among people infected with a highly contagious and potentially life-threatening disease. The strain has prompted a workforce shortage, with competing proposals to remedy it. The California Hospital Association is asking for a one-time infusion of \$1.5 billion to help keep hospitals afloat. Labor unions, meanwhile, are backing a bill that would impose a \$25 minimum wage for health care workers.

Meanwhile, local public health departments worry the end of the coronavirus emergency will mean a return to limited funding for their budgets, an issue exposed in the early days of the pandemic when many counties did not have enough people to respond to the crisis. Newsom signed a budget last year that will spend \$200 million to help public health departments hire more workers. This year, he's proposing cut-

ting nearly \$50 million in public health workforce training programs, part of his plan to cover a projected budget deficit.

"Public health is dependent on their frontline workforce, and that frontline workforce has to be skilled and trained and educated," said Michelle Gibbons, president of the County Health Executives Association of California.

Overall, Newsom's budget proposal would sustain \$300 million in public health spending, including \$100 million for 404 new positions in the state Department of Public Health, including areas of workforce training and emergency preparedness and response. The money will "modernize state and local public health infrastructure and transition to a resilient public health system," said H.D. Palmer, spokesperson for the California Department of Finance.

Associated Press journalists Christopher Weber in Los Angeles; Paul Weber in Austin, Texas; and Morgan Lee in Santa Fe, New Mexico, contributed reporting.

## As court debates student loans, borrowers see disconnect

By Collin Binkley  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Niara Thompson couldn't shake her frustration as the Supreme Court debated President Joe Biden's student debt cancellation. As she listened from the audience Tuesday, it all felt academic. There was a long discussion on the nuances of certain words. Justices asked lawyers to explore hypothetical scenarios.

For Thompson, none of it is hypothetical. A student at the University of Georgia, she grew up watching her parents struggle with student loans and will graduate with about \$50,000 of her own student debt.

"It felt like people who could never understand why we would want something like this," she said. "I wanted to be like, 'Y'all don't understand. Y'all are focusing on this, but there's people out here who are struggling to find food for their families.'"

Much of the discussion in Tuesday's hearing centered on whether states had the legal right to sue over Biden's student loans plan. But the justices also were scrutinizing whether Biden had the authority to waive hundreds of billions of dollars in debt without the explicit approval of Congress, which decides how taxpayer money is spent.

It's not unusual for Supreme Court cases to hang on legal technicalities, even in cases of great public interest. Yet to borrowers following Tuesday's arguments, it felt isolating to hear such a personal subject reduced to cold legal language.

Opponents of the plan to wipe away debt held by millions of Americans have denounced it as an insult to those who have repaid their debt and to those who didn't attend college.

Thompson was among a few dozen borrowers who camped out in drizzle overnight to get seats at the court for Tuesday's hearing. Some of the court's liberal justices sought several

times to turn the arguments back to the people who would benefit from the program, pointing out their need for relief. In response, conservatives asked if those who passed up college should pay for those who borrowed money to attend.

For Thompson's family, years of payments hang in the balance. Student loan payments have been on hold since the start of the pandemic, but they are set to restart 60 days after the court cases resolve — regardless of the outcome.

Thompson and her father are each eligible for \$10,000 in relief, she said. It would move her a step closer to financial stability, Thompson said, and it would eliminate the rest of her dad's loans.

"It just hurt my feelings a bit," she said of Tuesday's arguments. "I just want better for us, you know?"

The mood inside the court — quiet and ceremonious — was a contrast to the atmosphere outside as dozens of activists rallied in support of cancellation. Crowds chanted and listened to speeches from members of Congress, including Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., and Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt.

Advocates took to the podium to share stories about family sacrifices and life milestones deferred because of heavy student debt.

Ella Azoulay, a 26-year-old who lives in Washington, visited the rally to join the push for debt relief, which she calls a "family issue." A 2018 graduate of New York University, Azoulay has \$40,000 in student debt, while her dad has more than \$400,000 taken out on behalf of her and her two siblings.

"I can't really think about my future without thinking about this huge debt," she said. "My dad has no plans to retire. He's in his 60s and he has said for my whole life that he will never be able to retire. And that's really upsetting to hear."

During the hearing, liberal Justice Sonia Sotomayor said it would be a mistake for her fellow justices to take for themselves, instead of leaving it to education experts, "the right to decide how much aid to give" people who will struggle if the program is struck down.

Others justices also have shown a grasp of borrowers' plight. Justice Clarence Thomas, the court's staunchest conservative, has written about the "crushing weight" of his own student loans, which he paid off after reaching the nation's highest court.

Kayla Smith, 22, joined Thompson at the overnight campout for a seat inside

the court. A recent graduate of the University of Georgia, she also felt the discussion missed the bigger picture.

Smith's mother borrowed more than \$20,000 in federal Parent Plus loans to help her pay for college. Smith sees it as the result of a broken system that forces people into debt for a shot at social mobility.

"They were focused on small, minuscule details," Smith, of Atlanta, said of the justices. "I even saw some of them laughing during the hearing, which was odd to me because people's lives are being affected. It's not a laughing matter to us, at least."

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All of the donation money will be used for day-to-day operations as well as events in 2023. Phelps said it takes about \$500 a year to support one match.

"It is always nice to have the additional fund so we can do outings with our Bigs and our Littles," Phelps said. "Also create opportunities for our Lit-

ties, to maybe attend a camp or something like that. The donation will go in our General Funding for the year of 2023... They will be a sponsor for every event that we hold this year."

BBBS matches children and teens with a local adult mentor. The program is committed to making an impact on the community through the youth. Phelps said the organization is always looking for Bigs.

"We always have Littles waiting," Phelps said. "We are constantly recruiting Bigs."

For more information, visit www.bbbsjoco.org or call 660-429-1991.

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COUNCIL

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new signs will help each park be more identifiable because the current signs are small and hard to identify.

The council approved all three resolutions.

Johnson County Local Emergency Operations

Fire Chief Kenneth Jennings presented the Johnson County Local Emergency Operations Plan 2023 revision.

Officials of Johnson County and the City of Warrensburg, in conjunction with the State Emergency Management Agency, have developed an emergency operations plan that will enhance their emergency response capability.

The plan, when used properly and updated annually, can assist local government officials in protecting the lives and prop-

erty of their constituents. The revision was adopted by the council.

Mayoral appointments

Mayor Jim Kushner removed Councilman Tarl Benety as council representative for the Diversity and Inclusion Commission and appointed Councilman Eddie Osborn.

Bentley requested to step down for personal reasons.

City Manager updates

City Manager Danielle Dulin said the council and city have been reaching out to state senators regarding concerns.

\$1.6 million of the American Rescue Plan Act funds that the city received have yet to be spent. The city is currently looking for projects to use the funds for.

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LOVERCAMP

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Lovercamp has been teaching for nine years, the last five years in Warrensburg. She said she had considered jumping to administration in her previous district but felt it was too big.

"Here in Warrensburg, I feel like I could make a bigger impact outside of my classroom. I could help more kids. That's why I started considering it," she told the Star-Journal this week. "In talking with Dr. Pummill, who was a great mentor and helped me through the process, he helped me find programs to get my specialist (degree) while still teaching. Then when Sara told me she was retiring, I really thought about the process of applying. I'm excited to be able to stay in Warrensburg to do this."

Lovercamp admitted she doesn't have much ad-

ministrative experience but noted she'd gained experience in various leadership roles at the high school.

In the Warrensburg district, Lovercamp has been the head swim coach of the boys swim program for the last five years and the girls swim team coach for two years. She has been involved with the Professional Learning Community team at the high school over the previous three years and is a mentor to a new teacher. She has been involved in the Prom Committee and is the head sponsor of the Student Council.

"I've had my hand in a lot of opportunities where I learned to do managerial stuff at the high school, and the fact I have experience just in Warrensburg - I know the kids, I know the staff, I know the com-

munity pretty well at this point, so I'm excited about that as well," she said. "I think that will all help."

Lovercamp said she's known since she was 16 that she wanted to be a teacher. She added that for a long time, she thought she'd always be a classroom teacher. She's loved her time in the classroom, noting it's her students who have kept her working in education.

"I loved high school specifically because there's a finite end for those kids. There's so much gratification in getting to see them graduate and take the next steps," she said.

"That drew me to this level. It has been really hard the last couple of years, but honestly, it's the kids and I have been so lucky and so blessed to have some of the best kids. I still have kids who gradu-

ated a few years ago who keep in touch. A few sent me flowers the other day, some reach out to me on social media to check in how I'm doing and let me know how they're doing. It's been really cool to see how I've been able to impact them beyond their four years of high school."

The coming year has a lot in store for Lovercamp, both personally and professionally, so she said it will be a big list of "crazy changes," but she's looking forward to all of it.

"I'm excited I get to keep working with a staff that has become my second home," she said. "I'm really excited to be a voice for them as well as for the kids and just continue to keep working toward making Warrensburg even better."

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ON THE GO

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said. "We saw a need and so we wanted to bring all of the services that we could to this community.

"We are averaging around eight patients a day. So we have seen a lot of new patients and we have seen an increase as the weeks went on," Boone said. "We were hoping that we would get a lot of patients. We knew there was a need here, so we knew if we got the word out to the community that we would be able to get those patients in. It's just getting the word out."

The mobile unit has two exam rooms and a small lab, according to Katy Trail CEO Chris Stewart. It is staffed by a nurse practitioner and Stewart said it offers most of the medical services offered at any of Katy Trail's brick-and-mortar locations. Patients who visit the mobile unit can also get connected to other Katy Trail services offered in Sedalia, such as virtual behavioral health, optometry services and pharmacy services.

Katy Trail accepts Medicaid and Medicare, as well as other private in-

surance. Those without health insurance are able to get assistance from Katy Trail to apply for insurance or may receive vouchers to offset costs when applying for its sliding fee program.

Journey Home's Mary McCord said that in the future, Journey Home and the other services would like to make the lunch and health clinic available all week.

"We knew there was this need. What we want to do is a daycare center where this could happen every day," McCord said. "Where people can come to play games, get a meal and have a community. We are just doing it right now on Tuesday. We need that, our community of homeless in Warrensburg really needed health care."

Patients have all said good things about the health clinic and the lunch that is provided. Deanna Atkinson was referred to the Katy Trail Mobile Clinic by Journey Home.

"Me and my family are homeless

and Journey Home brought us to Katy Trail," Atkinson said. "They have welcomed into a family of five. The services that they bring here are great services. It is just great for the community to bring the community out of poverty and back into normal society.

"This place serves a lot of the community and it's helpful for the ones who don't have anything... I think it can be a great step for the community to bring people out of the situations they are in."

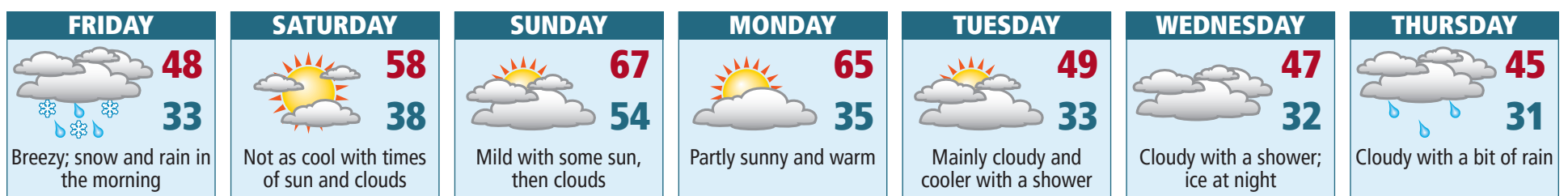
Hot lunch is provided from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 206 N. College St. in Warrensburg, and medical services are available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot of The Food Center, 137 E. Culton St. in Warrensburg.

For more information about medical care from Katy Trail, call 877-733-5824.

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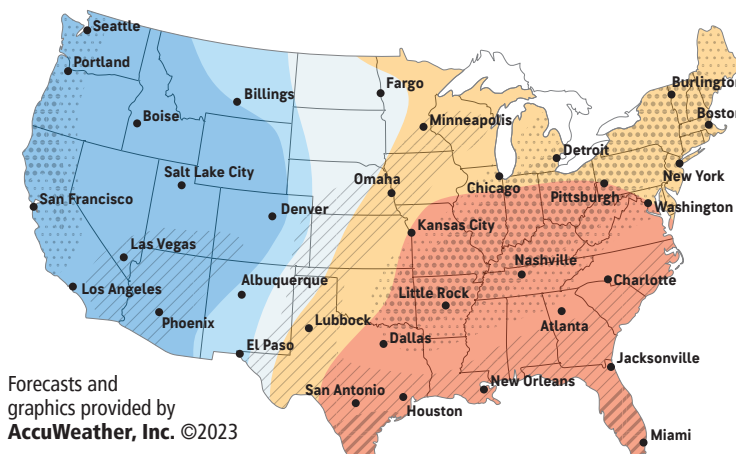
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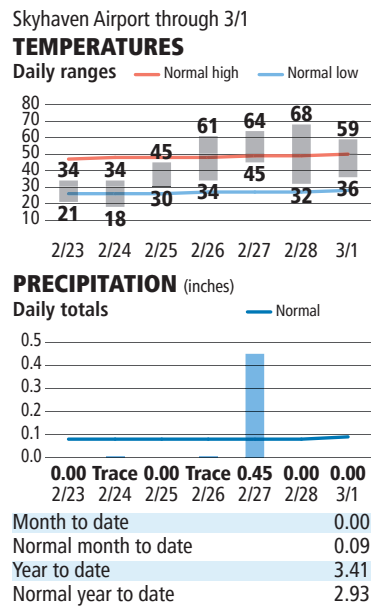
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# Lilly plans to slash some insulin prices, expand cost cap

By Tom Murphy  
Associated Press

Eli Lilly will cut prices for some older insulins later this year and immediately give more patients access to a cap on the costs they pay to fill prescriptions.

The moves announced Wednesday promise critical relief to some people with diabetes who can face thousands of dollars in annual costs for insulin they need in order to live. Lilly's changes also come as lawmakers and patient advocates pressure drugmakers to do something about soaring prices.

Lilly said it will cut the list prices for its most commonly prescribed insulin, Humalog, and for another insulin, Humulin, by 70% or more in the fourth quarter, which starts in October.

List prices are what a drugmaker initially sets for a product and what people who have no insurance or plans with high deductibles are sometimes stuck paying.

A Lilly spokeswoman said the current list price for a 10-milliliter vial of the fast-acting, meal-time insulin Humalog is \$274.70. That will fall to \$66.40.

Likewise, she said the same amount of Humulin currently lists at \$148.70. That will change to \$44.61.

Lilly CEO David Ricks said Wednesday that his company was making these changes to address issues that affect the price patients ultimately pay for its insulins.

He noted that discounts Lilly offers from its list prices often don't reach patients through insurers or pharmacy benefit managers. High-deductible coverage can lead to big bills at the pharmacy counter, particularly at the start of the year when the deductibles renew.

"We know the current U.S. health care system has gaps," he said. "This makes a tough disease like diabetes even harder to manage."

Patient advocates have long called for insulin price cuts to help uninsured people who would not be affected by price caps tied to insurance coverage.

Lilly's planned cuts "could actually provide some substantial price relief," said Stacie Dusetzina, a health policy professor at Vanderbilt University who studies drug costs.

She noted that the moves likely won't affect Lilly much financially because the insulins are older, and some already face competition.

Lilly also said Wednesday that it will cut the price of its authorized generic version of Humalog to \$25 a vial starting in May.

Lilly also is launching in April a biosimilar insulin to compete with Sanofi's Lantus.

Ricks said that it will take time for insurers and the pharmacy system to implement its price cuts, so the drugmaker will immediately cap monthly out-of-pocket costs at \$35 for people who are not covered by Medicare's prescription drug program.

The drugmaker said the cap applies to people with commercial coverage and at most retail pharmacies.

Lilly said people without insurance can find savings cards to receive insulin for the same amount at its InsulinAffordability.com website.

The federal govern-

ment in January started applying that cap to patients with coverage through its Medicare program for people age 65 and older or those who have certain disabilities or illnesses.

President Joe Biden brought up that cost cap during his annual State of the Union address last month. He called for insulin costs for everyone to be capped at \$35.

Biden said in a statement Wednesday that Lilly responded to his call.

"It's a big deal, and it's time for other manufacturers to follow," Biden said.

He also noted that Americans "for far too long" have faced much higher drug costs than people in other countries.

Aside from Eli Lilly and the French drugmaker Sanofi, other insulin makers include the Danish pharmaceutical company Novo Nordisk.

Representatives for both Sanofi and Novo Nordisk said their companies offer several programs that limit costs for people with and without coverage.

Insulin is made by the pancreas and used by the body to convert food into energy. People who have diabetes don't produce enough insulin.

People with Type 1 diabetes must take insulin every day to survive. More than 8 million Americans use insulin, according to the American Diabetes Association.

Research has shown that prices for insulin have more than tripled in the last two decades. Pressure is growing on drugmakers to help patients.

The state of California has said it plans to explore making its own cheaper insulin. Drugmakers also may face competition from companies like the nonprofit Civica, which plans to produce three insulins at a recommended price of no more than \$30 a vial, a spokeswoman said.

Drugmakers may be seeing "the writing on the wall that high prices can't persist forever," said Larry Levitt, an executive vice president with the nonprofit Kaiser Family Foundation, which studies health care.

"Lilly is trying to get out ahead of the issue and look to the public like the good guy," Levitt said, adding that there's nothing stopping Lilly from raising prices again in the future.

Lilly officials said Wednesday that they have not raised the price of any of their insulins since 2017.

Ricks, the Lilly CEO, said the drugmaker made the changes announced Wednesday "because it's time and it's the right thing to do."

Indianapolis-based Eli Lilly and Co. became the first company to commercialize insulin in 1923, two years after University of Toronto scientists discovered it. The drugmaker then built its reputation around producing insulin even as it branched into cancer treatments, antipsychotics and other drugs.

Humulin and Humalog and its authorized generic brought in a total of more than \$3 billion in revenue for Lilly last year. They rang up more than \$3.5 billion the year before that.

"These are treatments that have had a really long and successful life and should be less costly to patients," Dusetzina said.

# For gardeners, botanical Latin is a language worth learning

By Jessica Damiano  
Associated Press

If you've been thumbing through a gardening catalog or shopping at a nursery, you've likely noticed two names assigned to each plant, a common name and a botanical name, the latter of which might read like a sort of pretentious, unpronounceable gibberish.

That's botanical Latin, and its purpose is to help you confirm that the plant you bring home is what you intend to buy.

The common name — often a cutesy marketing moniker — can get you into trouble. That's because common names are just nicknames for plants. A single common name can be shared by many plants. And one plant can have many common names.

Confusion often ensues.

The perennial cranesbill, for instance, is the true Geranium, while the annual container plant that carries the common name geranium is actually a Pelargonium. And depending on where you live, you might know my favorite perennial as blazing star or gayfeather. But call it *Liatis spicata*, and everyone in every region and country will know which plant you're talking about.

This name game was first addressed in the 1700s by Swedish botanist, zoologist and physician Carolus Linnaeus. His works "Systema Naturae" and "Fundamenta Botanica" created rules for classifying and naming plants in botanical Latin — a language he made up, and with which all gardeners should have at least some familiarity.

Linnaeus devoted his life to assigning every plant and animal of his time a two-part, or binomial, name consisting of a genus and species, often based on the appearance of their repro-



A sculpture of Swedish botanist, zoologist and physician Carl Linnaeus stands in the Heritage Garden of the Chicago Botanic Garden, in Glencoe, Ill. Linnaeus created rules for classifying and naming plants. PHOTO BY JULIA RUBIN | AP PHOTO

ductive parts. As you might imagine, some of those names raised 18th-century eyebrows.

Consider that avocado is the Aztec word for testicle. Vainilla, the orchid pod from which vanilla comes, is derived from the Latin word "vaina," which means vagina (have you ever really looked at an orchid flower?).

Linnaeus' International Code of Botanical Nomenclature dictates that a plant name start with a capitalized genus, followed by a lower-case species, then either a variety (if naturally occurring), cultivar (if created by a breeder) or hybrid name (if it's a cross between two plants, indicated by an "x").

The code is regulated by the International Botanical Congress, which has been convening every six years since 1900 to evaluate and decide on naming issues raised by new genetic research and scientific findings. After all, Linnaeus didn't have a microscope

or DNA testing lab, which would have helped definitively determine which plants were related.

The Congress, which meets next in Madrid in July 2024, uses these modern tools to decide which plants to reclassify or rename.

Bleeding hearts, once officially called *Dicentra spectabilis*, were moved into the newly created *Lamprocapnos* genus several years ago, and snapdragons, originally in the *Antirrhinum* genus, were transferred into the plantain family, *Plantaginaceae*, along with *Digitalis*, *Hebe* and *Penstemon*.

But nobody regulates common names, and that can turn plant identification into a Tower of Babel, where *Rudbeckia hirta* is known to some as black-eyed Susan, to others as yellow-oxeye daisy and to others still as *gloriosa* daisy.

And the potential for error doesn't end there, as when the same common name is shared by several

plants. Ask a garden center employee for a snowball bush, and you might walk out with *Hydrangea arborescens* or *Viburnum plicatum*. It's a crapshoot.

So it pays to study up — or at least do a little research before buying plants or swapping seeds.

Plug a common name into the Royal Horticultural Society's free online Garden Plant Finder ([www.rhs.org.uk/plants/search-form](http://www.rhs.org.uk/plants/search-form)) and get a listing of relevant botanical names — or vice versa. The listed suppliers are British, but the proper terminology adheres to no borders.

And if you really want to nerd out, lose yourself in the International Plant Names Index ([www.ipni.org](http://www.ipni.org)), a collaboration between The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; The Harvard University Herbaria, and The Australian National Herbarium.

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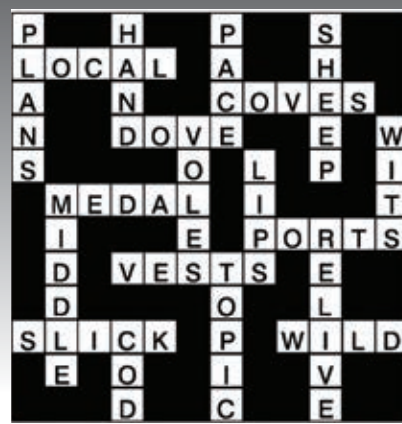
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**ACROSS**

5. LOCAL not loyal. LOCAL links up with "hometown." A partner can be loyal no matter where they happen to come from.
6. COVES not caves. COVES matches up well with a "coastal environment." Caves can be found inland, far from any coast.
7. DOVE not dive. The clue implies that this phenomenon is a graceful one, which has a direct link to a DOVE "in the air." Many times, a dive can be far from graceful due to multiple circumstances, such as location, inexperience or a lack of caution.
11. MEDAL not metal. "Manufacturing" MEDALS for people to wear or for display might well entail an increase in "factory" "inspections" to ensure "specifications" are being met. Metal is a weaker answer since there are naturally formed metals that aren't manufactured.
12. PORTS not parts. PORTS "on that coastline" makes a good answer. Parts of "that coastline" is better grammatically.
14. VESTS not tests. Trying out the "detergent" on dirty or well-worn clothes (e.g., VESTS) is a good answer. The clue phrase "to rate our detergent's effectiveness" makes tests unnecessary.

16. SLICK not slack. SLICK, which is defined as effortless, has a direct link to a "car" that doesn't need a driver. Slack has no direct connection.
18. WILD not wily. A person can become WILD spontaneously, especially if angered, as would likely be the case if one was repeatedly "scammed." Wily is a personality trait that generally takes time to develop.

**DOWN**

1. PLANS not plant. PLANS makes a comprehensive answer that would include "modifications to" a plant.
2. HAND not wand. Being a "successful children's magician," it's unlikely he'd be limited to only tricks with a wand. Instead, he is likely to have many tricks that involve using both HANDS so that an "injury" to either HAND would force him "to cancel shows."
3. PACE not race. PACE makes a straightforward answer. There's too little in the clue to indicate that the "crowd" is part of a race. For example, those "passing by" could be in a parade or part of a large walking tour.
4. SHEEP not sleep. Sleep is a necessity in terms of human





# School shooting survivors call on Missouri lawmakers to act

By Summer Ballentine  
Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Survivors of a deadly school shooting in St. Louis on Tuesday shared art, music and stories about gun violence at the Missouri Capitol while advocating for lawmakers to act.

“We want to hear the specific actions you are taking to prevent tragedies like this one from happening again in our state and our country,” 17-year-old Bryanna Love told reporters. “We — all of us — deserve more than empty promises. We deserve action.”

A 19-year-old gunman killed two people and injured seven others in an Oct. 24 shooting at the Central Visual Arts and Performing Arts High School, which Love attends. It was among the deadliest school shootings in the U.S. last year. Tenth-grader Alexandria Bell and 61-year-old physical education teacher Jean Kuczka died before police killed the gunman, former student Orlando Harris, in an exchange of gunfire.

In a letter she read aloud, Love said “every morning you get ready for school, you are acutely aware that life is not guaranteed.”

Love and several dozen other students from the school said they want lawmakers to listen to them and do something about gun violence. Several St. Louis Democrats attended the news conference.



Bryanna Love discusses the need for legislation to try to curb gun violence while speaking at a press conference on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023, in the state Capitol Rotunda in Jefferson City, Mo. Love was one of dozens of students who came to the Capitol from Central Visual and Performing Arts High School, where a shooting last year killed a teacher and student and injured several others. PHOTO BY DAVID A. LIEB | AP PHOTO

Republican Gov. Mike Parson on Monday signed legislation to set aside \$20 million for school safety grants in response to the shooting.

Democratic lawmakers filed bills to raise the age to purchase firearms from 18 to 21 and to institute red-flag laws, which are aimed at keeping firearms away from people who may be a danger to themselves or others. But in Missouri's Republican-led Legislature, any effort to limit access

to firearms faces steep opposition. Ryane Owens, an 18-year-old senior at Central Visual Arts and Performing Arts High School, described the anger and confusion she felt on the day of the shooting.

She said her painting, titled “Waiting for Something to Happen,” depicts mania after a traumatic event. Owens painted her friend head down on a plate of food at a table, a glass of spilled milk and a bowl of pills in milk. A lidless eye reads a newspaper

about impending apocalyptic natural disasters and a picture on the wall shows an eye being held forcibly open.

Owens said she catches herself constantly checking for exits and worries about keeping her family safe.

Angel Muhammad, a 17-year-old junior, and other students sang “Pumped Up Kicks” by alternative rock band Foster the People. The song, which is a protest against gun violence, describes a school

shooting from the perpetrator's perspective, warning children to “run faster than my bullets.”

Muhammad asked lawmakers to listen to students and consider passing a red-flag law.

“No one wants to see another tragedy like this happen to anyone,” Muhammad said.

Harris, 19, had a long history of mental health problems. Police said relatives monitored his mail and often checked his room to make sure he did not have a weapon.

In fact, Harris' mother called police on Oct. 15 after she found an AR-15-style rifle and wanted it removed. But police said in a statement days after the shooting that officers “did not have clear authority” to seize the weapon.

Instead, someone known to the family took the gun away, but Harris was somehow able to get it back.

Love said she knows one of the officers who responded to the mother's call who couldn't remove the gun because of “legal loopholes.” She said that officer lives with guilt.

“We can prevent this from happening in the future — it begins here with you,” Love said. “The more we allow gun violence to run rampant in the streets of Missouri, the bloodier your hands become.”

Associated Press writer David A. Lieb contributed to this report.

## Missouri tries to ease access to breast cancer screenings

By Summer Ballentine  
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Missouri patients won't be charged a copay for a second mammogram to diagnose breast cancer or another illness under a bill the state House approved on Thursday.

The GOP-led chamber voted 126-29 to send the measure to the Senate. Some female lawmakers noted that most of those opposed are men.

“Watching male colleagues argue against a bill that will increase access to breast cancer screenings is absolutely wild,” Democratic Rep. Ashley Aune tweeted.

Republican Rep. Brenda Shields said her bill will reduce costs overall by helping to identify cancer and other serious diseases early.

Democratic Rep. Maggie Nurrenbern described a friend who died of cancer at age 39 as she asked lawmakers to vote “with compassion” and pass the bill.

“When we talk about these things, we have to remember the people that we're here to fight for,” Nurrenbern said.

But insurers don't like the bill, and some lawmakers argued it's unfair to limit costs for breast cancer and not other illnesses.

Republican Rep. Doug Richey said he opposes the legislation as another government mandate on the insurance industry, akin to former President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act.

“Because Democrats in the '90s mandated mammograms to be covered doesn't mean that we need to continue going down the same path of mandating to the point that health insurance premiums today are astronomically higher,” Richey said.

Shields argued that other Republican-led states have expanded access to breast cancer screenings. Tennessee lawmakers passed similar legislation last year, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, and Pennsylvania and Montana lawmakers are working to pass bills this year.

The measure now heads to the Senate for consideration.

## Why TikTok is being banned on gov't phones

By Haleluya Hadero  
Associated Press

The United States is ratcheting up national security concerns about TikTok, mandating that all federal employees delete the Chinese-owned social media app from government-issued mobile phones. Other Western governments are pursuing similar bans, citing espionage fears.

So how serious is the threat? And should TikTok users who don't work for the government be worried about the app, too?

The answers depend somewhat on whom you ask, and how concerned you are in general about technology companies gathering and sharing personal data.

### Here's what to know:

#### HOW ARE THE U.S. AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS BLOCKING TIKTOK?

The White House said Monday it is giving U.S. federal agencies 30 days to delete TikTok from all government-issued mobile devices.

Congress, the White House, U.S. armed forces and more than half of U.S. states had already banned TikTok amid concerns that its parent company, ByteDance, would give user data — such as browsing history and location — to the Chinese government, or push propaganda and misinformation on its behalf.

The European Union's executive branch has temporarily banned TikTok from employee phones, and Denmark and Canada have announced efforts to block TikTok on government-issued phones.

China says the bans reveal the United States' insecurities and are an abuse of state power. But they come at a time when Western technology companies, including Airbnb, Yahoo and LinkedIn, have been leaving China or downsizing operations there because of Beijing's strict privacy law that specifies how companies can collect and store data.

#### WHAT ARE THE CONCERNS ABOUT TIKTOK?

Both the FBI and the Federal Communications Commission have warned that ByteDance could

share TikTok user data with China's authoritarian government.

A law China implemented in 2017 requires companies to give the government any personal data relevant to the country's national security. There's no evidence that TikTok has turned over such data, but fears abound due to the vast amount of user data it collects.

Concerns were heightened in December when ByteDance said it fired four employees who accessed data on two journalists from BuzzFeed News and The Financial Times while attempting to track down the source of a leaked report about the company. TikTok spokesperson Brooke Oberwetter said the breach was an “egregious misuse” of the employees' authority.

There is also concern about TikTok's content and whether it harms teenagers' mental health. Researchers from the nonprofit Center for Countering Digital Hate said in a report released in December that eating disorder content on the platform had amassed 13.2 billion views. Roughly two-thirds of U.S. teens use TikTok, according to the Pew Research Center.

#### WHO HAS PUSHED FOR TIKTOK RESTRICTIONS?

In 2020, then-President Donald Trump and his administration sought to force ByteDance to sell off its U.S. assets and ban TikTok from app stores. Courts blocked Trump's efforts, and President Joe Biden rescinded Trump's orders after taking office but ordered an in-depth study of the issue. A planned sale of TikTok's U.S. assets was shelved.

In Congress, concern about the app has been bipartisan. Congress passed the “No TikTok on Government Devices Act” in December as part of a sweeping government funding package. The legislation does allow for TikTok use in certain cases, including for national security, law enforcement and research purposes.

House Republicans are expected to move forward Tuesday with a bill that would give Biden the power to ban TikTok nationwide. The legislation, proposed by Rep. Mike McCaul, looks to circumvent the challenges the administration would

face in court if it moved forward with sanctions against the company.

The bill has received pushback from civil liberties organizations. In a letter sent Monday to McCaul and Rep. Gregory Meeks, D-N.Y., ranking member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, the American Civil Liberties Union said a nationwide TikTok ban would be unconstitutional and would “likely result in banning many other businesses and applications as well.”

#### HOW RISKY IS TIKTOK?

It depends on who you ask.

U.S. Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco has expressed concerns that the Chinese government could gain access to user data.

“I don't use TikTok, and I would not advise anyone to do so,” Monaco said earlier this month at the policy institute Chatham House in London.

TikTok said in a blog post in June that it will route all data from U.S. users to servers controlled by Oracle, the Silicon Valley company it chose as its U.S. tech partner in 2020 in an effort to avoid a nationwide ban. But it is storing backups of the data in its own servers in the U.S. and Singapore. The company said it expects to delete U.S. user data from its own servers, but it did not provide a timeline as to when that would occur.

But the amount of information TikTok collects might not be that different from other popular social media sites, experts say.

In an analysis published in 2021, the University of Toronto's nonprofit Citizen Lab said TikTok and Facebook collect similar amounts of user data, including device identifiers that can be used to track a user and other information that can piece together a user's behavior across different platforms. It's valuable information for advertisers.

“If you are not comfortable with that level of data collection and sharing, you should avoid using the app,” the Citizen Lab report said.

#### WHAT ARE OTHER EXPERTS SAYING?

While the potential abuse of privacy by the Chinese government is

concerning, “it's equally concerning that the U.S. government, and many other governments, already abuse and exploit the data collected by every other U.S.-based tech company with the same data-harvesting business practices,” said Evan Greer, director of the nonprofit advocacy group Fight for the Future.

“If policy makers want to protect Americans from surveillance, they should advocate for a basic privacy law that bans all companies from collecting so much sensitive data about us in the first place, rather than engaging in what amounts to xenophobic showboating that does exactly nothing to protect anyone,” Greer said.

Others say there is legitimate reason for concern.

People who use TikTok might think they're not doing anything that would be of interest to a foreign government, but that's not always the case, said Anton Dahbura, executive director of the Johns Hopkins University Information Security Institute. Important information about the United States is not strictly limited to nuclear power plants or military facilities; it extends to other sectors, such as food processing, the finance industry and universities, Dahbura said.

#### WHAT DOES TIKTOK SAY?

Its unclear how much the government-wide TikTok ban might impact the company. Oberwetter, the TikTok spokesperson, said it has “no way” of knowing whether its users are government employees.

The company, though, has questioned the bans, saying it has not been given an opportunity to answer questions and that governments were cutting themselves off from a platform beloved by millions.

“These bans are little more than political theater,” Oberwetter said.

TikTok CEO Shou Zi Chew is set to testify next month before Congress. The House Energy and Commerce Committee will ask about the company's privacy and data-security practices, as well as its relationship with the Chinese government.

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# Missouri debates ban on LGBTQ education for all grades

By Summer Ballentine  
Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Missouri lawmakers argued Wednesday over a bill that would ban most LGBTQ education subjects for all grades in the state's public schools.

The proposal is modeled after a Florida education law passed last year, touted by supporters as protecting "parent's rights" and dubbed by opponents as a "Don't Say Gay" law.

The Missouri bill debated in a state House committee hearing would ban K-12 public school staff from teaching about gender identity and sexual orientation.

The Florida law only prohibits teaching those subjects from kindergarten through third grade, although any lessons on those topics for students of any grade are also banned if they are not age-appropriate.

"Exposure to such topics is inappropriate for children, creating confusion which may then cause doubt in their identities," said Rep. Ann Kelley, a former teacher and the Republican sponsor of the Missouri bill. "It is not the place of the school to indoctrinate our children by exposing them to gender and sexual identity curriculums and courses."

Kelley said her bill will need to be amended so it does not limit teaching for Advanced Placement courses.

In response to a question from a committee member, Kelley said she assumes that under her bill, educators would be banned from explaining the 2015 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Obergefell v. Hodges* that legalized same-sex marriage.

"It seems like the things that you want to prohibit are targeted to one particular group that you find unfavorable," Republican Rep. Phil Christofanelli told Kelley.

Democratic Rep. Ian Mackey, a former teacher who is openly gay, asked Kelley if him "being gay in the classroom" and not hiding that from students would be limited under her bill.

"Did you ever inform your students on your beliefs?" Kelley asked Mackey.

"They did know I was gay," Mackey said. "They would see my wedding ring and they would ask about it, and I would say I have a husband."

A committee vote on the bill was not scheduled as of Wednesday afternoon.

The White House, Disney, and LGBTQ advocates criticized the passage of the Florida bill last year. Republican Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said the bill was a victory for parents and would prevent "indoctrination."

Some Florida schools have since moved library books and debated changing textbooks in response to the new law. Some teachers have worried that family pictures on their desks could get them in trouble.

A federal judge in February again dismissed a lawsuit challenging the Florida law's constitutionality. The judge ruled that the students, parents and teachers who filed the lawsuit didn't have legal standing.

The Missouri Senate is considering a similar bill requiring public school teachers and staff to tell parents if their children "express discomfort or confusion."

# Midwest could add more ethanol to gasoline under EPA plan

By Scott McFetridge  
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Gasoline with higher blends of ethanol could be sold year-round in eight Midwestern states beginning in 2024 under a rule proposed Wednesday by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The proposed rule is a victory for the biofuels industry, which for years has pushed to allow sales of gasoline blended with 15% ethanol during the summer, which hasn't been allowed because of concerns that it would worsen smog during hot weather. The industry and members of Congress welcomed the EPA's proposal, which had been requested by governors in the eight states. But they questioned why the new rules couldn't begin this summer.

Under the proposal, the higher blends could be sold during the summer in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, South

Dakota and Wisconsin. Most gasoline sold in the U.S. is now blended with 10% ethanol, which is allowed throughout the year.

The issue is especially important in those Midwest states because farmers there grow the bulk of the nation's corn, and nearly 40% of that crop is used to produce ethanol. As more ethanol goes into gas tanks, demand for corn should increase and prices for the commodity paid to farmers should also rise. The American Coalition for Ethanol said in a statement that the group appreciated the EPA's proposal but argued there was no reason to wait until 2024. The group accused the agency of delaying the action because of pressure from the petroleum industry.

"The administration appears to be caving to refiner crocodile tears by kicking the can to 2024 instead," the coalition said. "This delay means consumers in conventional gasoline areas of the country will be forced to pay more at the

pump this year and retailers who want to offer lower cost E15 to their customers will be penalized."

The group urged the EPA to allow the change to take effect in 2023 for the eight Midwestern states and for the Biden administration to allow the expanded ethanol sales in other regions of the country.

The EPA responded that there wasn't time to change the fuel supply for this summer.

"There is simply not enough lead time prior to the summer of 2023. The fuel production and distribution system would have already had to begin making the transition to provide a new lower volatility gasoline by now in order to meet a May 1, 2023, standard at the gasoline terminals," the EPA said in a statement. "Were EPA to propose a summer 2023 effective date, it could lead to supply disruption."

The American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers industry group said the EPA was right to

delay new rules until 2024 because summer gasoline production is already underway. Even with more lead time, the organization predicted that creating a special blend for the Midwestern states would increase costs and could lead to tighter fuel supplies in the region because not all refiners, pipelines and terminals are ready to handle the different blend.

"Fuel manufacturers and regional pipeline and terminal operators have made clear to the Biden administration and the eight petitioning states that the push to outlaw the current blend of summertime gasoline and replace it with a boutique blend is going to impose major costs on the Midwest's fuel supply chain and consumers — ranging from \$500-\$800 million per year, and potentially higher if unforeseen interruptions occur," the organization said in a statement.

The EPA said it would hold a hearing on the proposed rule in late March or early April.



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7. A disagreement.
10. Nature film is kindergarten pupil's favorite, specifically scenes showing how certain animals learn where it's best to \_.
11. In a cooking demo, foreign student presenting one of her \_ recipes says its appeal is its widely varied and unique ingredients.
13. Elderly woman recalls how more than one child in the small rural school she attended could be described as \_.
15. Checking out accommodation before child goes on outdoor holiday, parent criticizes \_ for providing insufficient light.
16. Seeing \_ in its natural state has surprisingly positive effect on biologist who didn't expect to have such a reaction.
17. At mealtime, angry mother sends unruly siblings to their rooms after exclaiming, "That's one \_ too many!"

**DOWN:**

1. The fact she \_ students at ease, especially with her classroom management style, is what makes popular workshop instructor a success.
2. Young man complains he's wasting time in his course by studying a \_ that might be recognized in only one small region of the world.
3. Elderly businessman blames failure to \_ hard at the appropriate time for his losing out on numerous lucrative business ventures.
4. "\_ it off before you lose it," says co-worker after colleague expresses concern about loose button on expensive new shirt.
5. Editorial reveals that new stadium, where \_ is crucial to facility's success, is so inadequate, the stadium's usually half-empty.
8. Heritage tour guide explains, "Living in one of these houses centuries ago meant that finding \_ was a common occurrence."
9. Having missed \_, woman curses, irritated by her inability to stay focused on what she's doing.
11. Adult daughter admits guiltily that in childhood, she and other spoiled kids like her were able to \_ their parents.
12. Being part of event that involves a \_ is something woman is not relishing, even though she normally enjoys outdoor public events.
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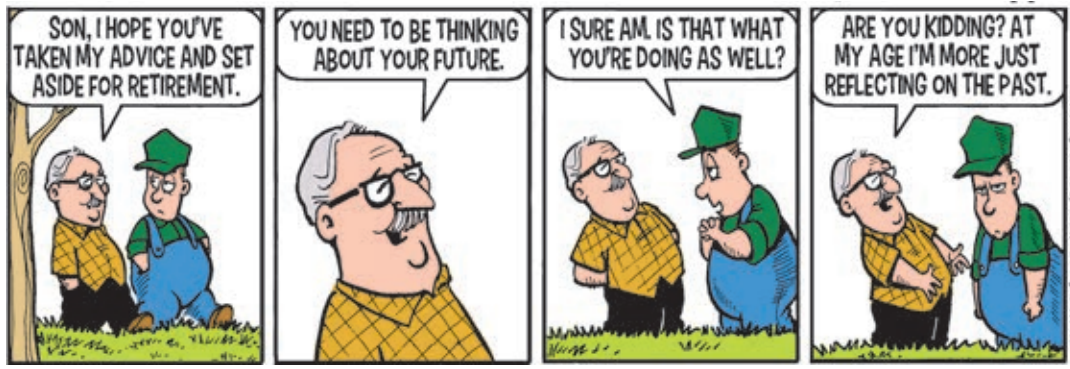
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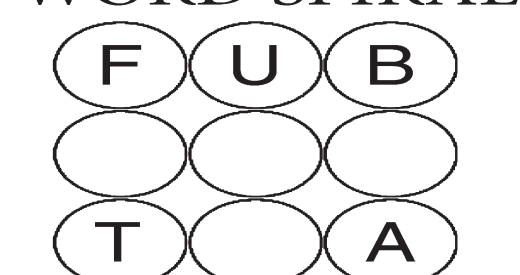


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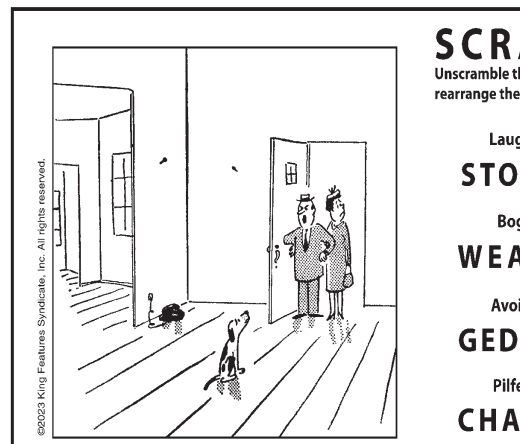
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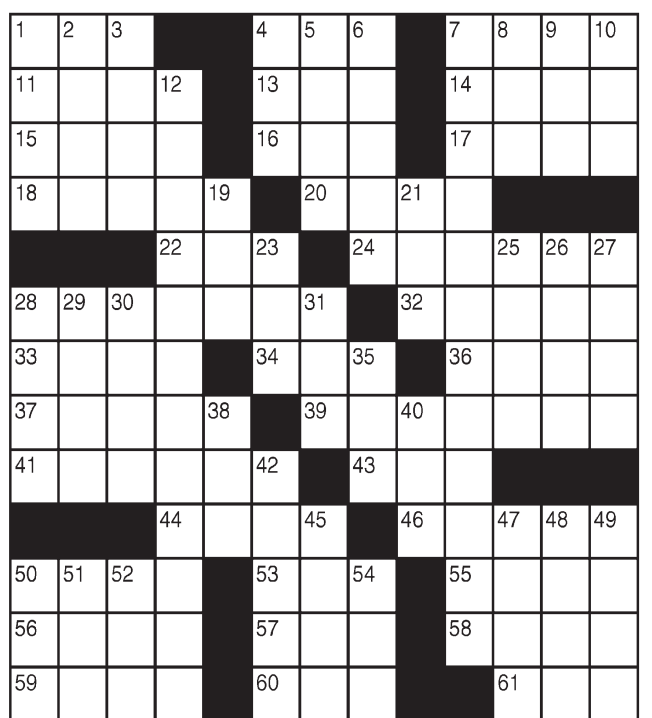


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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Pirate's chart
4 "Shark Tank" network
7 Clench
11 Misfortunes
13 Monk's title
14 Jeans maker Strauss
15 Grabbed
16 Sailor
17 Opposite of "sans"
18 Lukewarm
20 Soft shoes, for short
22 Eggy quaff
24 Give
28 Limo alternative
32 Orange variety
33 Online auction site
34 "Kapow!"
36 Traditional tales
37 Winter woes
39 Lauded
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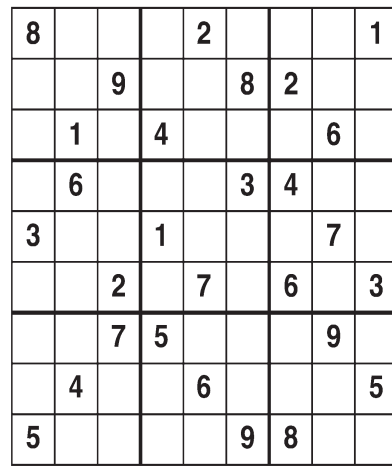
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12 Swimmer without a suit
19 Medico
21 Biz bigwig
23 Prattle
25 New Mexico resort
26 Shrek, for one
27 Garden intruder
28 Georgia or Cal
29 Bassoon's kin
30 Humpty's perch
31 Knock
35 Hosp. scan
38 California's Big -
40 I love (Lat.)
42 Craze
45 Evergreen trees
47 Mr. Stravinsky
48 "Apollo 13" org.
49 Panache
50 Tank filler
51 Last (Abbr.)
52 Meadow
54 Spinning toy

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

- Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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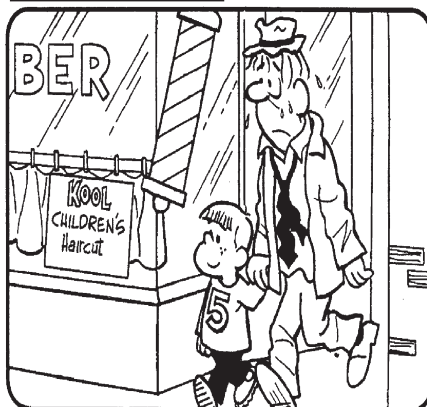
Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: Which river flows through the European capitals of Vienna and Budapest?
2. SCIENCE: At what temperature are Fahrenheit and Celsius equal?
3. TELEVISION: The comedy series "Frasier" is a spinoff of which sitcom?
4. LITERATURE: Which novel features a character named Katniss Everdeen?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of beans are used in falafel?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a beaver's home called?
7. THEATER: Which musical features a character named Tracy Turnblad?
8. MOVIES: Which actress plays the young Wendy Darling in the movie "Hook"?
9. HISTORY: Who invented the game of lacrosse?
10. SCIENCE: What percentage of the world's population has brown eyes?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

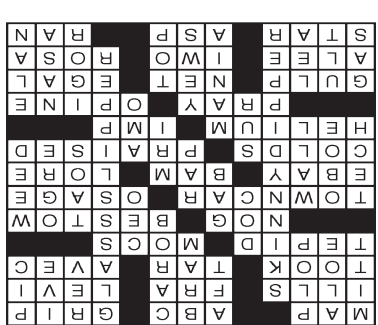


Differences: 1. Sign is different; 2. Drape is shorter; 3. Pole stripes are reversed; 4. Number is different; 5. Hat is moved; 6. Tie is shorter.

- 1. The Danube River.
2. 40.
3. "Cheers."
4. "The Hunger Games."
5. Chickpeas or fava beans.
6. A lodge, or a den.
7. "Hairpray."
8. Gwyneth Paltrow.
9. Iniquitous tribes in the eastern United States and Canada.
10. 70%-80%.

Answers table with numbers 1-10 and corresponding answers.

Weekly SUDOKU



Solution time: 22 mins.

King Crossword

Answers

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shaped area rug, but I keep

I have a snazzy new grizzly-

answer

SCRAMBLERS

1. Snort 2. Swale; 3. Dodge; 4. Poach

WATCHDOG

Today's Word

BEAUTIFUL

Answer

Word Spiral

CryptoQuip

Answer

Word Spiral

Answer



## Leeton girls roll Hume in Class 1 sectional

By Joe Andrews  
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BOLIVAR — For whatever reason, opponents continue to present variations of diamond and 1 junk defense to Leeton girls basketball.

Hume became the latest team to attempt the methodology in the Class 1 sectional round. The game plan was not effective, with the Bulldogs rolling to a 48-23 win Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Bolivar High School.

“Offensively I am hoping the message gets out that if you try a diamond and one or box and one, we are prepared,” Leeton head coach Travis Fleming said. “That is the third game in a row now. It has not worked. Everybody has suffered. Jadeyn Johnson is such a beast. She is reaping the benefits of the attention on Bailey [Fleming].”

Johnson set the tone for Leeton (25-3), carving her way into the inside on numerous occasions. She finished the game with 20 points, 17 arriving in the first half.

The inside presence led to Hume (26-2) committing several personal fouls while trying to stop Johnson. It set her up with an 8-of-9 game from the free-throw line along with six layups. She had just one make from the field in the second half.

“They were putting two [on Bailey] with the box and then the help on the screens,” Travis Fleming said. “Jadeyn was just eating them alive in the post. I knew Jadeyn was in jeopardy for them when they had to put 31 [Brecklen Morrison] on her in the post. That’s the last person you want guard-



Leeton senior Jadeyn Johnson goes up for a shot against Hume in the MSHSAA Class 1 sectional round Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Bolivar High School.

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Leeton sophomore Hadley Shaffer passes the ball against Hume during the MSHSAA Class 1 sectional round Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Bolivar High School.

ing. Once my young kids calmed down and stopped trying to dribble the ball to Jadeyn and just passed the ball to Jadeyn, we did a much better job of that.” Johnson’s offensive ef-

orts were complimented by 11 points from Bailey Fleming, eight points from sophomore Hadley Shaffer, five points from sophomore Jayden Parsons, two points from sophomore Jillian

Mudd and two points from junior Chezney Early.

Johnson and Bailey Fleming combined in the first quarter to turn a 2-0 Hume lead into a 17-6 Bulldogs advantage after eight minutes. It reached 36-15 by halftime.

“[Bailey] had some big threes early, got us going,” Travis Fleming said. “Sharing the ball. The other thing with Jadeyn, it’s a Christmas miracle in February. She missed one free throw ... That’s the message it sends out, if you’re going to take away our perimeter, we’re going to put it inside and just pound it ... Chezney guarded, Jillian guarded, Jillian hit a three, JP hit one off the glass.”

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## Leeton boys ousted by Glasgow in sectional



Glasgow sophomore Zachary Sayler deflects a pass from Leeton senior Cole Wallace in the MSHSAA Class 1 sectional round Monday, Feb. 27, at Harrisburg High School.

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By Joe Andrews

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HARRISBURG — Leeton boys basketball lined itself up with opportunities to even things with Glasgow in the final 30 seconds of their MSHSAA Class 1 sectional matchup.

The perfect shot never fell. After lining several attempts and rebounding most misses, the Bulldogs’ season reached an end with a 59-56 loss Monday, Feb. 27, at Harrisburg High School.

“We had, in my eyes, four decent looks to tie it up,” Leeton head coach Ross Shull said. “We ended up getting a little bit sporadic. Getting the shots right there at the end to tie it up, I can’t ask for more. I’m pretty sure Cody [Shackelford] took three, if not all four of them. I’m pretty confident in his ability to at least knock one of those down. I really thought we were going to tie it and go to overtime right there.”

See **BULLDOGS**, Page A14

## Karleskint out as Mules basketball head coach

By Joe Andrews,

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WARRENSBURG — The University of Central Missouri and Mules basketball head coach Doug Karleskint have parted ways.

The school announced Karleskint’s resignation Wednesday, March 1. He spent nine seasons at the helm, the last five in the bottom half of MIAA. Karleskint compiled a 135-119 record, 82-101 against conference opponents.

Central Missouri finished the 2022-23 season 11th out of 14 teams.

“UCM athletics thanks Doug and his family for all of their contributions and for being such a positive part of our athletic family,” UCM Interim Vice President of Intercollegiate Athletics Kathy Anderson said in a statement. “Doug gave tirelessly of himself to the men in his program and UCM athletics. We wish him and his family all the best in the future.”

The Mules missed out on an appearance in the MIAA Basketball Championships in four of the last five seasons under Karleskint. The top 10 programs made the tournament in each of those years, with the exception of the field’s reduction to eight in 2020-21 due to COVID-19.

Central Missouri concluded the 2022-23 season with an 11-17 record, four of those wins arriving against NAIA and National Christian College Athletic Association opponents. It went 7-14 in MIAA competition, including 2-9 on the road.

The Mules were in line to possibly move into the middle of the conference ahead of the season’s last three weeks.

They proceeded to lose out, dropping games against Nebraska-Kearney, Fort Hays State, Emporia State, Washburn, Rogers State and Northeastern State.



Pictured motioning in front of Mules basketball players, head coach Doug Karleskint and Central Missouri mutually parted ways after nine seasons in a move that was announced by the school Wednesday, March 1.

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## Littrell named MIAA Women’s Basketball POTY

By Joe Andrews

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For the fourth consecutive season, a member of Jennies basketball received one of the MIAA’s marquee All-Conference Awards.

Redshirt sophomore Brooke Littrell was named as the MIAA Player of the Year on Tuesday, Feb. 28, becoming the tenth University of Central Missouri women’s basketball student-athlete to earn the honor at least once in their career.

She’s the first to earn the honor since Megan Skaggs in 2020. Along with the award, Littrell was an All-MIAA first-team selection.

The Green City native led the Jennies and ranked second in the MIAA in both scoring (19.4 points per game) and rebound (8.7 rebounds per game) during the regular season game. She sank 50.3% of her shots from the field and 86.9% of her free throws.

Defensively, Littrell averaged one block per game and 1.5 steals per game. She posted a team-best 10 double-doubles through 26 games. She received MIAA Athlete of the Week recognition five different times in 2022-23, the most collected by a single player this season.

Littrell was one of two UCM athletes to receive All-MIAA selections. Redshirt sophomore Olivia Nelson was member of the All-Defense Team and Second Team All-MIAA.

Nelson averaged 12.9 points per game while averaging four assists per game. She finished the regular season with 333 assists to 249 turnovers, a 1.9 assists to turnover ratio.

She led the Jennies at the free-throw line in the regular season, nailing 62-of-67 attempts.

Missouri Western junior Con-



Central Missouri redshirt sophomore Brooke Littrell drives the ball against Pittsburg State on Thursday, Feb. 2, at the Multipurpose Building.

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nie Clarke was named as the MIAA Defensive Player of the Year. She was the only MIAA player to reach over 200 rebounds during the regular season. This marks the first time a UCM athlete has not received the honor since 2019.

Nija Collier shared the recognition with Emporia State’s Jessica Wayne in 2020, Morgan VanHyfte received the recognition in 2021 and Collier repeated in 2022.

Pittsburg State’s Harper Schriener was named the MIAA Freshman of the Year. She averaged 10.5 points per game and 6.6 rebounds per game while tallying 118 assists and 43 steals.

Nebraska-Kearney head coach Carrie Eighmey was named the MIAA Coach of the Year. In her eighth season at the helm, she coached the Lopers to the program’s first MIAA regular season title with a 20-2 record. Kearney

had 27 regular season wins.

Central Missouri was a single win away from sharing the regular season title with Kearney. The Jennies lost to Missouri Western, Missouri Southern and the Lopers in the MIAA regular season, while Kearney lost to Missouri Western and Central Missouri.

The Jennies began the MIAA Tournament against Central Oklahoma at 8:15 p.m. Thursday, March 2. Visit [WarrensburgStar-Journal.com/Sports](http://WarrensburgStar-Journal.com/Sports) for a recap.

### Pinkley receives honorable mention honors

In his final season of eligibility, Gaven Pinkley was the lone member of Mules basketball to receive All-MIAA recognition.

Pinkley added honorable mention, the second of his career. Through 28 games, he led the

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# Jennies remain No. 3 in Central Region rankings

By Star-Journal Staff

Jennies basketball remains seeded at No. 3 in the final preliminary NCAA Division II Central Region rankings.

The list, released Wednesday, March 1, continues to put Minnesota Duluth (25-3) at No. 2 and Nebraska Kearney (25-3) at No. 1.

The Bulldogs earned an automatic bid for the postseason on Tuesday, Feb. 28, claiming the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Tournament title with a 80-74 win against Minnesota State Mankato.

The remaining two automatic bids for the regional will be decided Sunday, March 5 with the conclusion of the Great American Conference and MIAA postseason tournaments.

Other teams in the latest set of regional rankings include No. 4 Minnesota State Mankato (25-3), No. 5 Augustana (22-4), No. 6 Pittsburg State (20-6), No. 7 Missouri Southern (23-6), No. 8 Missouri Western (22-6), No. 9 Southern Nazarene (24-4) and No. 10 Fort Hays State (17-11).

The top eight teams advance to the regional, which will be hosted by the No. 1 seed. As the list stands, one of the teams within the top eight will drop out to make room for whoever wins the GAC. Southern Nazarene is favored.

Final movement will likely depend on the results of conference tournaments. Two marquee MIAA Tournament quarterfinal matchups are slated for Friday, March 3, at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City.

Pittsburg State will meet Missouri Southern at 6 p.m. while Missouri Western and Fort Hays State will meet at 8:15 p.m.

The other two quarterfinal games were played Thursday, March 2. Nebraska Kearney met Northwest Missouri at 6 p.m. while Central Missouri met Central Oklahoma at 8:15 p.m. Results were not available at deadline. Visit [WarrensburgStar-Journal.com/Sports](http://WarrensburgStar-Journal.com/Sports) for a recap.

The winner of Kearney and Northwest will meet the winner of Southern vs Pitt at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 4 while the winners of UCM vs UCO will meet the winner of Western vs Hays at 8:15 p.m.

The final regional rankings could also factor in Augustana losing to Minnesota Duluth 76-59 in the NSIC semifinal round Monday, Feb. 27.

The NCAA Division II Championships bracket will be released upon the conclusion of all Division II conference tournaments Sunday during a selection show at [NCAA.com](http://NCAA.com).

# UCM track and field qualifies nine athletes for indoor nationals

By Star-Journal Staff

The University of Central Missouri will be represented by nine different student-athletes at the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships.

The individuals stretch through 12 different events, as announced by the NCAA qualification list Tuesday, Feb. 28.

On the Mules side, senior Cadman Evans qualified in high jump, junior Jack Hodge qualified in pole vault, sophomore Regan Ulrich qualified in pole vault, junior Antonio Lay qualified in the 60-meter dash and 200-meter dash while senior Trey Miller qualified in heptathlon.

Evans has the No 4 seed in high

jump with a height of 2.18 meters [7 feet, 1.75 inches], Hodge has the No. 4 seed in pole vault with a height of 5.27 meters [17-3.50], Ulrich has the No. 7 seed in pole vault with a height of 5.22 meters [17-1.50], Lay as the No. 11 seed in the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.72 seconds, Lay has the No. 7 seed in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.13 seconds and Trey Miller has the No. 2 seed in heptathlon with 5,481 points.

The Jennies are sending four to nationals, represented by sophomore Kayla Goodwin in indoor pentathlon, long jump and triple jump, senior Claire Luallen in indoor pentathlon, sophomore Rachel Molloy in weight throw and senior Madi

Wulfekotter in pole vault.

Goodwin has the No. 19 seed in long jump with a length of 5.90 meters [19-4.25], the No. 5 seed in triple jump with a distance of 12.63 meters [41-5.25] and the No. 4 seed in indoor pentathlon with 3,943 points.

Luallen has the No. 8 seed in the pentathlon with 3,812 points, Molloy has the No. 11 seed in weight throw with a distance of 18.94 meters [62-1] and Wulfekotter has the No. 9 seed in pole vault with a distance of 4.04 meters [13-3].

The 2023 NCAA Division II Indoor Championships are scheduled for March 10-11 in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

# Mules baseball walks off against Maryville

By Star-Journal Staff

Mules baseball scored five unanswered runs to rally to a 8-7 win against Maryville University on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Crane Stadium.

The run began in the bottom of the eighth with an RBI single from redshirt junior Carter Young to make it a 7-3 game. A two-RBI home run from redshirt junior Brennen van Breusegen followed, making it 7-5.

Central Missouri brought it within one through a RBI single from redshirt junior Isa-

iah Pani. van Breusegen scored the walk-off two-RBI single soon after, giving the Mules a win.

Central Missouri tallied 10 hits in the contest, including a 3-for-4 game from Young, 2-for-2 game from Pani, a 2-for-4 game from van Breusegen

UCM initially took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first, scoring through an RBI flyout from redshirt freshman Brett Grupe and an error off redshirt senior Seth Kenagy contact allowing van Breusegen to score.

Maryville scored

through a bases loaded walk and a RBI single in the top of the second to make it 2-2. They added three more through an error in left field during the same frame.

Maryville recorded one more run in the top of the sixth and top of the eighth. Of their seven runs, just two were earned. UCM had four different errors in the game.

The Mules threw 10 different pitchers in the game, with sophomore JD McReynolds earning the win. He threw the top of the ninth, allowing one hit

while striking out one and forcing one out through three batters faced.

Central Missouri's pitching staff struck out a combined eight different batters, compared to the two Maryville recorded against Mules batters.

The win sends UCM into a three-game MIAA series with Northeastern State, slated for Saturday, March 4 through Monday, March 6, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

First pitch is slated for 5 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday and 1 p.m. Monday.

# Jennies golf wins Natural State Golf Classic

No. 21 Jennies golf took home the victory at the Natural State Golf Classic on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Cypress Creek Golf Club in Cabot, Arkansas.

UCM shot a two-day total of 615, 39 over par, winning the tournament by 11 strokes. Drury took runner-up shooting 626, and Southern Nazarene finished third shooting 631.

Nicole Rallo led the Jennies, finishing third place individually. She improved in her second round, shooting the team-low round of 72. This put her two-day to-

tal at 149 (5 over par).

Rosie Klausner finished at a close second, shooting 77 (5 over par). Combined with her round one total, she shot 150 (6 over par) and finished tied for fourth.

McKenna Rice also improved on day two, shooting 76 (4 over par). She finished tied for 12th with a two-round total of 156 (12 over par).

Hayley Jones and

Claire Solovic both finished tied for 22nd. Jones shot 78 (6 over par) in her second round and Solovic shot 77 (5 over par) to both finish at 161 (17 over par).

The Jennies return to the course on Sunday, March 12, for the Emerald Coast Collegiate Classic in Destin, Fla., at Baytowne Golf Club.

Release courtesy of UCM Athletics

# No. 17 Jennies Bowling Hosts Mid-America Individual Championships

No. 17 Jennies bowling hosted the Mid-America Individual Championships Wednesday, March 1, inside the UCM Elliott Student Union Bowling Center.

Grace Chan earned first place in all three divisions (Doubles, Singles and All-Events) for the event. Chan averaged 215.3 for the six games played, closing the event with the competition's high game of 275. Andrea Carolina Perez Perez finished second overall with a 206.0 average and Norma Alicia Romero Alarid finished third in All-Events with a 200.6 average.

Chan won the Singles event, finishing

just ahead of Perez Perez, 652-642, and she paired with Colby Money to win the Doubles event with a 1222 combined score. Perez Perez combined with Cayla Bortz to finish second in the Doubles division with a score of 1162, with Sydney Sahuri and Alexandria Newell finishing third in Doubles with 1154. Romero finished third in the Singles division with a three-game series score of 638.

The Jennies are scheduled to travel to Lincoln, Neb., for the UNL Big Red Classic March 3-5.

Release courtesy of UCM Athletics

# MLB sets up local media group, could broadcast Royals, Cardinals

By Associated Press

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball added three executives to its new local media department as it prepares for a possible takeover of broadcasts for 17 teams amid the financial deterioration of the Bally and AT&T SportsNet regional sports networks.

Doug Johnson was hired as senior vice president and executive producer of local media, Greg Pennell as senior vice president of local media and Kendall Burgess as vice president of local media technical operations, the commissioner's office said Wednesday.

"These new hires are an important step in our preparation to address the changing landscape of MLB game distribution in light of the increasing challenges and pressure facing regional sports networks," MLB chief revenue officer Noah Garden said in a statement.

Diamond Sports Group,

the subsidiary of Sinclair Broadcast Group that operates networks under the name Bally Sports, has the rights to 14 major league teams and skipped about \$140 million in interest payments due Feb. 15. Diamond said as of Sept. 30 it had debt of \$8.674 billion. The company has nearly \$1 billion in rights payments, mostly to baseball teams, due in the first quarter this year, and a bankruptcy filing is possible.


Diamond owns rights to the broadcasts for the Arizona Diamondbacks, Atlanta Braves, Cincinnati Reds, Cleveland Guardians, Detroit Tigers, Kansas City Royals, Los Angeles Angels, Miami Marlins, Milwaukee Brewers, Minnesota Twins, St. Louis Cardinals, San Diego Padres, Tampa Bay Rays and Texas Rangers.

Warner Bros. Discovery's AT&T SportsNet networks told the Colorado

Rockies, Houston Astros and Pittsburgh Pirates last week that the companies do not have the money to make scheduled rights fee payments. The networks told the teams they have until March 31 to reclaim their broadcast rights and if there are not deals, the networks would file for Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

Billy Chambers, who had been Sinclair's chief financial offer, started work on Feb. 1 with MLB in a new position as executive vice president for local media. The new hires will report to Chambers.

The 55-year-old Johnson, a 27-time Emmy Award winner, has been with AT&T SportsNet Pittsburgh and will be responsible for MLB's locally produced games. Pennell, 51, oversaw Bally Sports Regional Networks' day-to-day financial operations. Burgess, 46, was vice president of technical operations for Bally Sports.



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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**


The Star-Journal is pleased to announce Daylen Greene and Macey Greene as athletes of the week for Sunday, Feb. 19 through Saturday, Feb. 25.

**Boys:**  
**Daylen Greene**  
The Holden junior finished second in the MSHSAA Class 1 126-pound bracket Thursday, Feb. 23 at Mizzou Arena. He had the highest placement among local boys wrestlers.





**Girls:**  
**Macey Greene**  
The Holden freshman finished second in the MSHSAA Class 1 120-pound bracket Thursday, Feb. 23 at Mizzou Arena. She is the youngest area girls wrestler to have appeared in a state title match.



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# Prep Report: Warrensburg boys season ends against Grandview

By Star-Journal Staff

Warrensburg boys basketball's season reached an end with a 69-62 loss to Grandview in the first round of the MSHSAA Class 5 District 7 Tournament on Wednesday, March 1, at Belton High School.

The Tigers were paced by senior Mason Wyatt, who finished with a team-high 31 points. Warrensburg's scoring also included 11 points from junior Josh Thomas, nine from senior Gauge Claunch, six from freshman Nick Nimmo and five from senior BJ Hill.

Warrensburg trailed 16-11 at the end of the first quarter, 35-21 at half-time and 52-38 at the end of the third quarter.

The Tigers conclude their season with a 13-14 record.

## Knob Noster girls lose in district opener

Knob Noster girls basketball's season reached an end with a 55-39 loss to Boonville in the first round of the MSHSAA Class 4 District 9 Tournament on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at California High School.

The Panthers were paced by freshman Khyllie Remmenga's 17 points, senior Estella Huntsman's 10 points,

sophomore Jenna Buzzanga's eight points, freshman Jaidan Meyer's two points and sophomore Danika Yates' two points.

"Good fight tonight from a great group of girls," Knob Noster head coach Drew Apsher said in a tweet. "Never fun when it ends, but we really look forward to seeing what this team can grow into. It has been an honor to coach these ladies all year."

Knob Noster concludes its season with a 7-18 record.

## Knob Noster boys fall in district opener

Knob Noster boys basketball's season concluded with a 60-50 loss to Clinton in the first round of the MSHSAA Class 4 District 13 Tournament on Monday, Feb. 27, at Pleasant Hill High School.

The Panthers conclude their season with a 14-13 record

"Not how we wanted tonight to go, but like always the boys played hard until the end," Knob Noster head coach Henry Stratton said in a tweet. "Proud of my team and the growth they showed this year. Could not ask for a better bunch of guys as a first year head coach."

## STANDINGS

### MRVC WEST BOYS

#### BASKETBALL - FINAL

School	Overall	MRVC
Center	16-7	6-0
Odessa	13-14	5-1
Warrensburg	13-14	4-2
Harrisonville	15-13	2-4
Oak Grove	4-22	2-4
Clinton	13-15	1-5
Pleasant Hill	6-19	1-5

### MRVC WEST GIRLS

#### BASKETBALL - FINAL

School	Overall	MRVC
Clinton	22-5	5-1
Warrensburg	15-11	5-1
Harrisonville	16-10	5-1
Pleasant Hill	10-16	3-3
Center	12-13	2-4
Odessa	6-20	1-5
Oak Grove	7-20	0-6

### MIAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL - FINAL

School	Overall	MIAA
Neb. Kearney	27-3	20-2
Central Missouri	23-3	19-3
Mo Western	25-6	19-4
Pittsburg State	22-6	17-5
Mo Southern	24-6	16-6
Fort Hays State	19-11	14-8
Emporia State	14-15	9-13
NW Missouri	15-14	9-13
Central Okla.	11-16	7-15
Newman	10-18	7-15
Washburn	11-17	7-15
Lincoln	7-21	5-17
Northeastern	6-20	3-19
Rogers State	5-23	3-19

### MIAA MEN'S BASKETBALL - FINAL

School	Overall	MIAA
NW Missouri	27-2	20-2
Central Okla.	24-4	18-4
Emporia State	21-7	15-7
Fort Hays State	20-8	15-7

Lincoln	17-9	13-9
Rogers State	16-12	12-10
Mo Southern	17-12	12-10
Washburn	14-15	11-11
Mo Western	14-15	9-13
Northeastern	12-15	9-13
Central Missouri	11-17	7-15
Newman	9-19	5-17
Pittsburg State	8-20	5-17
Neb. Kearney	5-23	3-19

### MIAA BASEBALL

School	Overall	MIAA
Central Okla.	12-2	3-0
Central Missouri	9-5	3-0
Washburn	10-7	3-0
Mo Southern	11-5	2-1
Newman	6-8	2-1
Emporia State	6-10	2-1
Rogers State	11-3	1-2
Pittsburg State	9-6	1-2
Northeastern	6-7	1-2
Fort Hays State	7-10	0-3
Mo Western	3-7	0-3
NW Missouri	2-12	0-3

### MIAA SOFTBALL

School	Overall	MIAA
Rogers State	12-1	0-0
Washburn	16-3	0-0
Central Okla.	10-3	0-0
Emporia State	10-3	0-0
Mo Western	8-3	0-0
Fort Hays State	9-5	0-0
Mo Southern	9-5	0-0
Northeastern	9-5	0-0
NW Missouri	9-5	0-0
Pittsburg State	10-6	0-0
Central Missouri	8-5	0-0
Neb. Kearney	7-11	0-0
Newman	6-12	0-0
Lincoln	3-9	0-0

\*Standings as of 3 p.m. Thursday

## SPORTS CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, MARCH 3

#### College Bowling

Central Missouri at UNL Big Red Classic, 11:45 a.m.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 4

#### College Softball

Central Missouri vs Missouri S&T (at Pittsburg), 10 a.m.  
Central Missouri vs Truman State (at Pittsburg), 3 p.m.

### Quarterfinal Girls Basketball

Leeton vs Macks Creek (at Multipurpose Building), Noon

### College Bowling

Central Missouri at UNL Big Red Classic,

11:45 a.m.

#### College Baseball

Central Missouri at Northeastern State, 5 p.m.

#### College Women's Basketball

Possible Jennies MIAA semifinal (at Municipal Auditorium), 8:15 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5

#### College Men's Golf

Central Missouri at Las Vegas Desert Classic, All Day

#### College Softball

Central Missouri vs Southwest Baptist (at Pittsburg), 10 a.m.  
Central Missouri vs Southwest Baptist (at Pittsburg), 12:30 p.m.

#### College Bowling

Central Missouri at UNL Big Red Classic, 11:45 a.m.

#### College Baseball

Central Missouri vs Northeastern State, 2 p.m.

#### College Women's Basketball

Possible Jennies MIAA championship (at Municipal Auditorium), 3:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, MARCH 6

#### College Men's Golf

Central Missouri at Las Vegas Desert Classic, All Day

#### College Baseball

Central Missouri vs Northeastern State, 1 p.m.

# Carver inducted to MSHOF



Former Holden volleyball head coach Julie Carver speaks during her induction to the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame on Wednesday, March 1, at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center in Springfield

PHOTOS COURTESY OF MISSOURI SPORTS HALL OF FAME



Julie Carver receives her Missouri Sports Hall of Fame induction plaque from CEO & Executive Director Byron Shive on Wednesday, March 1, at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center in Springfield.



Julie Carver coached Holden volleyball from 1989 to 2011 and 2019-21. She also had stops at Rolla High School from 2012-2013 and Lee's Summit High School from 2014-17. She compiled a 660-226 record, including four final four appearances.



The 2023 Missouri Sports Hall of Fame Women's Sports Luncheon induction class poses for a photo. Former Holden volleyball head coach Julie Carver is second from left in the back row.

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## LEETON

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Hume did not reach double-digit scoring in any quarter. The Hornets were led by Morrison, who posted nine points off three makes from the field and two free throws.

Hume made just three successful field goals in the second half. It averaged 48.3 points per game this season.

“Our defense was great,” Travis Fleming said. “Our rotation was pretty great. We were hesitant at times. We were fatigued at times. But all and all, if you come to a sectional game and guard that way on a team that’s won 26 ballgames, I can’t be more proud of the defense.”

Leeton will meet Macks Creek (24-5) in the quarterfinals Saturday, March 4, at the UCM Multipurpose Building in Warrensburg. Tip is slated for noon.

The Bulldogs are seeking their third-consecutive ticket to the state semifinals, white Macks Creek is looking for its first final four berth since 2008. Both teams previously met in December, with Leeton winning 67-47.

“They know we played them, they know we beat them with Jordan [Crooks] but I know they aren’t very deep,” Travis Fleming said. “If we can guard them, which I feel like we can guard, and if we can pound the ball inside and go inside out, I like our chances in the Multi.”

Fans wishing to attend



Leeton sophomore Jillian Mudd attempts a shot against Hume during the MSHSAA Class 1 sectional round Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Bolivar High School.

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Leeton senior Bailey Fleming attempts a three-point shot against Hume in the MSHSAA Class 1 sectional round Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Bolivar High School.

Saturday’s game are required to purchase tickets via MSHSAA digitally at

bit.ly/3YaEZDV.

Joe Andrews can be reached at 660-747-8123.



Leeton junior Chezney Early awaits an open teammate against Hume during the MSHSAA Class 1 sectional round Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Bolivar High School.



Leeton sophomore Jayden Parsons awaits an open teammate against Hume during the MSHSAA Class 1 sectional round Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Bolivar High School.

## KARLESKINT

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“I want to say that it was my honor and privilege to serve as the head men’s basketball coach at UCM,” Karleskint said in a statement. “I want to thank our administration, alumni, students and fans for the opportunity and support. Most of all, I’m grateful for our players, past and present, and my staff for their tireless efforts and the energy they poured into this program. The memories and relationships we’ve built here will stay with us forever. The Karleskint family will be rooting hard for the Mules and Jennies.”

Karleskint was hired in May 2014, taking over a program coming off an NCAA Division II National Championship after Kim Anderson departed to become head coach at the University of Missouri.

The Mules appeared in the Division II Tournament during Karleskint’s first season but have not since. In the 10 years prior to his leadership, the program advanced in a regional tournament seven times.

Central Missouri finished second in the MIAA twice under Karleskint, arriving in 2014-15 and 2016-17. They finished 12th in 2015-16, fifth in 2017-18, 11th in 2018-19, 12th in 2019-20, 12th in 2020-21 and eighth in 2021-22.



Central Missouri head coach Doug Karleskint guides the Mules against Washburn on Feb. 18, at the UCM Multipurpose Building. FILE PHOTO | STAR-JOURNAL

UCM compiled 23 All-MIAA selections during Karleskint’s tenure, including 2021-22 All-MIAA Defensive Player of the Year Ja’Cor Nelson.

“Coach Karleskint is a person of tremendous character and integrity, and I appreciate his leadership and development of the men in our basketball program over the last nine years.” UCM President Dr. Roger Best said in a release. “His strong commitment to UCM and our mission during his tenure was unquestioned, and I wish him much success in his next opportunity.”

Before taking the Central Missouri job, Karleskint spent four seasons at the helm of

Arkansas Tech. He had a winning record each year, winning the GAC regular season title all four years.

Before Arkansas Tech, Karleskint served two seasons as an assistant coach at Division I Stephen F. Austin. The Lumberjacks won a Southland Conference regular season title both years and appeared in the NCAA Tournament in 2008-09.

Karleskint reached 20 wins three times at the helm of Central Missouri. UCM’s release states a search for his replacement will begin immediately. No interim coach was named.

Joe Andrews can be reached at 660-747-8123.

## BULLDOGS

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The Bulldogs’ (22-6) final opportunity came down to one last inbound from senior Cody Shackelford with seven seconds remaining.

Leeton spread the ball around against Glasgow’s (22-6) pressure looking for the last perfect shot. A deflection from Yellowjackets sophomore Zachary Saylor was the final say, preventing the Bulldogs from sending the game into overtime.

“It was a game of runs,” Shull said. “We had them there. I think we were up eight or nine. It was looking pretty good. We allowed them a couple of knock-in three-pointers to knock down that they hadn’t been taking. That ended up being the difference in the game.”

Leeton held a 10 point lead early in the fourth quarter, building it up through a triple from junior Camden Uptegrove, jumper from Cody Shackelford, jumper from senior Grant Harper and a make from sophomore Dylan Shackelford.

The 49-39 lead reduced to 54-52 ahead of the final 2:30, with Glasgow riding through both the free-throw line and baskets from the field.

A three from Yellowjackets senior Edris Hamilton, 1-of-2 free throw sinks from freshman Jackson Meyer and a jumper from Meyer led to a 54-54 tie.

Two successful free-throws from Hamilton and an inside make from junior Jordan Fueemmer set up the final three point difference before Shull called a timeout with 35.9 seconds remaining on the clock.

“They have a couple of big ball players,” Shull said. “We did a decent job of defending them. In the end of the game we could’ve done a little more to knock them off their game. We didn’t. Hats off to Glasgow, they played a heck of a ball game. They came out on top.”

Leeton fell behind 11-0 during the early stages of the first quarter before Uptegrove knocked down a trey and layup and Johnson added a layup to come within 13-7 by the end of the frame.

Cody Shackelford and senior Cole Wallace combined for 11 points in the second set of eight minutes, knocking down a combined three triples. The Bulldogs still trailed 25-18 at halftime.

The third quarter brought Leeton’s best offensive performance of the night, scoring 22 points. The period included a 16-4 run coming out of halftime to put the Bulldogs up by five.

The gap stuck, with Leeton leading 40-35 after 24 minutes.

“It was definitely a game of runs,” Shull said. “We couldn’t buy a bucket in the first half. I told the boys, we only had 18 points, I was like ‘they didn’t hold us to 18 points.’ We got our shots, they just weren’t falling. The second half, we started moving the ball more. Instead of a one pass shot, we started moving the ball more. We pressured a lot, got out in transition.”

Cody Shackelford paced the Bulldogs with 17 points while Uptegrove had 16, Harper had eight, Wallace had seven, Dylan Shackelford had four and Reid Johnson had four.

The game accounted for Leeton’s first



Leeton senior Grant Harper faces pressure against Glasgow in the MSHSAA Class 1 sectional round Monday, Feb. 27, at Harrisburg High School.

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Leeton senior Cody Shackelford posts a jumper against Glasgow in the MSHSAA Class 1 sectional round on Monday, Feb. 27, at Harrisburg High School.

appearance in sectionals since 2015.

It concluded the Bulldogs’ first season under the leadership of Shull, who previously served as an assistant coach under Rick Mills.

The year included a runner-up finish in the Skyline Tournament, a championship finish in the F&C Bank Cougar Classic and a Class 1 District 9 title.

“The boys set a very good foundation of where I want to program to keep going,” Shull said. “Sometimes when you lose such a historic head coach who is Rick, Rick Mills did a whole lot for the Leeton program and these boys, sometimes you see that next season there’s a little dip or swim. The boys came out and they were ready.”

“I told them, ‘you guys represented Leeton the way Leeton should be represented. You guys should be proud of the way you played basketball this season ... You can’t let the last game dictate and ruin the memories of all year.’”

Joe Andrews can be reached at 660-747-8123.

## MIAA

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Mules with 12 points per game, 64 three-pointers made, a .398 three-point percentage and 141 rebounds.

Pinkley ends his career with 1,379 points, tied with Spencer Reaves (2015-18) for the seventh best in program history. He played in 133 games, making 106 starts over his five seasons. Averaging 25.8 minutes per game, Pinkley hit 45.6% of his shots, including 35.7% from beyond the arc.

This marks the second time Central Missouri has garnered just one All-MIAA mentions in the last three years. They had three in 2022, one in 2021 and zero in 2020.

Central Missouri finished this season as the first team out of the MIAA Tournament. The Mules had a 11-17 record, 7-15 in the MIAA. The other four wins game against non-NCAA opponents.

Northwest Missouri State swept all four MIAA Postseason Awards. The Bearcats won their 10th consecutive regular season title.

Diego Bernard was named as the MIAA Player of the Year and MIAA Defensive Player of the Year, averaging 16.5 points, 54.9 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 2.2 steals per game.

Bennett Stirtz was named as the MIAA Freshman of the Year. He led the league with a 58.9% field goal percentage, including 44.9% from beyond the arc.

Ben McCollum was named as the MIAA Coach of the Year, leading the Bearcats to a 20-2 record. It marked McCollum’s 11th regular season championship since becoming Northwest’s head coach in 2009.

Joe Andrews can be reached at 660-747-8123.



Central Missouri redshirt sophomore Olivia Nelson drives the ball against sophomore Lacy Stokes on Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Multipurpose Building. FILE PHOTO | STAR-JOURNAL



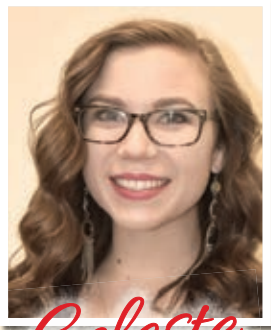
Central Missouri redshirt senior Gaven Pinkley attempts a shot against Missouri Western on Saturday, Jan. 21, at MWSU Fieldhouse in St. Joseph. FILE PHOTO | STAR-JOURNAL



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Judge or Division: PROBATE  
Case Number: 23JO-PR00017  
In the Estate of DANA ALICE BATMAN, Deceased.

**Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration)**  
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of DANA ALICE BATMAN, Decedent:

On 02-08-2023, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of DANA ALICE BATMAN, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Johnson County, Missouri. The personal representative's address is:

LAMONT BATMAN, 465 NW 1121 RD., CENTERVIEW, MO 64019

The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.

The personal representative's attorney's name and business address is:

VANESSA MARIE STARKE, 801 W VESPER, BLUE SPRINGS, MO 64057.

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/s/ Cynthia Correa  
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4x-2/10, 17, 24, 3/3, 2023

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IN RE: **Stephen R Bonney aka Steven R. Bonney, and Nancy L Bonney, Husband and Wife Trustee's Sale:**

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Stephen R Bonney aka Steven R. Bonney, and Nancy L Bonney, Husband and Wife dated September 13, 2006 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Johnson County, Missouri in Book 3006, Page 061 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 4:45 PM), at the East Front Door of the Court House, City of Warrensburg, County of Johnson, State of Missouri, sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Johnson County, State of Missouri, to wit:

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Danielle Dulin  
City Manager  
3X-3/03, 07, 10/2023

#### CITY OF WARRENSBURG, MISSOURI

#### INVITATION TO BID

The City of Warrensburg is accepting sealed bids for the 2023 Citywide Contract Mowing

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Danielle Dulin  
City Manager  
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#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

#### CIVIL COURT DEPARTMENT

**MICHAEL A. FRIESE and TERESA M. FRIESE, Plaintiffs,**

**vs.**

**CARL N. NALLS (Deceased), PEGGY C. NALLS (Deceased),**

**THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS AND ASSIGNS OF**

**CARL N. NALLS (Deceased), AND/OR**

**PEGGY C. NALLS (Deceased), Defendants.**

**Case No. 23JO-CC00017**

**Division III**

**NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

**THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

### Legal Notice

TO: CARL N. NALLS (Deceased) PEGGY C. NALLS (Deceased) THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS AND ASSIGNS OF CARL N. NALLS (Deceased), AND/OR PEGGY C. NALLS (Deceased). You are hereby notified that a Petition to Quiet Title to Real Estate has been filed in the Circuit Court of Johnson County, Missouri, by Michael A. Friese and Teresa M. Friese praying for quiet title with regard to the following described real property all located in Johnson County, Missouri, to wit: **LOT 26, ALONG WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS/EGRESS, IN HICKORY LAKE, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 21, IN JOHNSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

The names of all parties in this action are stated in the caption above and the name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is:

Zimmerman & Doering, P.A.  
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You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or otherwise appear and defend against this action within 45 days after 10 February, 2023, judgment by default will be entered against you.

/s/ HMCRAIN  
DEPUTY CIRCUIT CLERK  
4X 2/10, 17, 24, 3/03/2023

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**Real Estate:** 3 to 4 bedroom 2 bath 1,065 sqft home on large .9+/- acre lot. electric furnace, partial hardwood floors, window air, vinyl siding, vinyl thermal windows, new electric hot water heater, new well pump, new 1,500gal septic system, 1,200sqft. two car detached garage with 10'x30' lean-to & 12'x18' storage shed, Taxes are a low \$686.00

This is a nice solid home with MANY possibilities, think of it as a clean slate waiting for the remodel to be finished to your specifications. Many building materials (insulation, wiring & breaker boxes, etc) to complete this project are to sell with the home. This is not an Absolute Auction BUT seller Absolutely wants to sell.

10'x16' storage shed (new vinyl siding included), 2003 JINMA 3 cylinder diesel tractor 4x4 w/Great Bend GB220 loader, 3pt. 42" hyd. tiller attachment, 3pt. 6' blade, 1990 Husqvarna 250 WXE two stroke dirt bike, 2007 Yamaha Raptor 700cc (runs, has broke case) 2008 Automoto / Xingyue XY150ZK scooter w/cab and windshield 41mi. (has title, must see), Ariens "Edge" zero turn mower 21.5 hp Kawasaki 52" cut 38hrs, (like new 35hrs.), Yard machine 20hp riding lawn mower 46" cut, 4'x6' tilt bed utility trailer (has title), 5'x8' utility trailer w/ramp tailgate (has title), HD 10k lb tandem axle boat trailer (has title), 2008 Fmoto hoss 500cc UTV, Rockwell benchtop jigsaw, Kobalt sliding compound miter saw w/ Dewalt miter saw stand, Baur electric jack hammer, Earthquake E43 gas posthole digger, Craftsman 24" front tine tiller, Kobalt 7.75" sliding compound miter saw, 2 - space heaters, Troy-Bilt string trimmer, Craftsman 3gal compressor, Skil saw.

**Lot of new in box tools & hardware:** Craftsman cordless drill, 2 - KOBALT 10amp. string trimmers, KOBALT 40v cordless leaf blower w/2 batteries & charger, HART 17" hedge trimmer, 2 - Yard Machine Y25BT combo kits gas string trimmer & leaf blower, 3 box set "Tool Dock" modular tool base & router stations, miter saw stand, 7 - boxes hot dipped galvanized framing nails, 2 - boxes composite deck clips, lot nails & screws 1080p wired HD security system 4 cameras, front tine tiller, bench grinder, 2 - wooden walk boards, aluminum walk board, wet tile saw table, Pr. Trailer ramps, lg lot long handled tools, lg lot ladders of all types & sizes, small generator, Cast iron farm sink, Lot wooden pallets, assorted yard carts, wheelbarrow, sump pumps, wood bench w/fractal burn, wooden storage cabinet, Campbell Hausfeld portable air compressor, lot misc. cleaning supplies, 2 - appliance dollies, scaffolding, appliance dollies, lot small ele. Heaters, indoor ele. fireplace.

#### Many More Items Too Numerous to Mention

\*Statements made day of sale take precedence over printed material.

Auctioneer Note: If you're looking for a nice home in a great location for living or investment this is the ONE. Real Estate will be sold at 11:00am. Hope to see you there.

Concessions provided by the Award Winning "Benton County Good Ole Gals"

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## REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Ranch Style Home- Multiple Outbuildings -19 Acres of pasture M/ As we are moving to town we will sell at public auction the following real estate and personal property located at 610 NE MM Hwy Knob Noster 65336 Directions: From Knob Noster take 23 hwy north approx. 1/8 of mile to MM hwy, left on MM Hwy approx. 9 miles to auction on

### SUNDAY MARCH 26 2023

#### Auction Begins at 1:00 pm afternoon

#### Equipment-Boats & Real Estate 2:00 pm

**REAL ESTATE -19 ACRES M/L: RANCH STYLE HOME-MULTIPLE OUTBUILDINGS :** 610 NE MM Hwy Knob Noster Mo. 65336 . Approx. 1450 sq. ranch style home with 2 bedrooms 1 full bath. Home has full unfinished basement- Large family room- Kitchen has been recently remodeled with new stainless appliances and new propane cook top. Laundry mud room with washer & electric dryer.

**Features:** New and updated kitchen and stainless steel appliances, Newer Central Air and recently serviced Boiler heat, New Tilt in windows vinyl, Deep well on property (working perfectly), Large 2 car garage shop area with concrete floor & door openers, Multiple outbuildings and barns, 19 acres m/l completely fenced property, Black top frontage and accesses to property, Established trees and very well maintained property

**Terms:** 10,000.00 down day of auction balance due at closing on or before 30 days. Title insurance provided and 2023 taxes prorated. Property sells with reserve.

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**Owners: Jim & Nancy McKeehan**

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Jennifer L Jones, dated August 30, 2007, and recorded on September 5, 2007, Document No. 322158, in Book No. 3194, at Page 43 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Johnson County, Missouri, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on March 20, 2023, at 2:45 PM, at the East Front Door of the Johnson County Courthouse, Warrensburg, Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 47, RANGE 24, IN JOHNSON COUNTY, MISSOURI., commonly known as 1128 NE 625 Rd, Knob Noster, MO, 65336 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 24, 2023. For more information, visit [www.southlaw.com](http://www.southlaw.com)

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15

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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE MAGUIRE STREET CORRIDOR UPGRADE PROJECT**

The City of Warrensburg is requesting Statements of Qualifications for Engineering Services for the design and construction of the Maguire Street Corridor Upgrade Project. Companies interested in submitting qualifications should contact William D. Graves, Public Works Senior Project Manager at 660-262-4664 or email at [william@warrensburg-mo.com](mailto:william@warrensburg-mo.com) for a formal copy of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). The formal RFQ submittals will be due no later than **March 23, 2023**, at 5:00p.m. The City of Warrensburg reserves the right to reject any or all submittals and to waive any informality and irregularity in the qualifications and to select the firm(s) that are in the best interest of the City and in compliance with the RFQ terms set herein. By: Danielle Dulin, City Manager 3X-2/28, 3/03, 07, 2023

Legal Notice

**TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
**IN RE: Jamey L. Meyer, a single person Trustee's Sale:** For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Jamey L. Meyer, a single person dated May 8, 2014 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Johnson County, Missouri in Book 3510, Page 37 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 4:45 PM), at the East Front Door of the Court House, City of Warrensburg, County of Johnson, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Johnson County, State of Missouri, to wit: LOT 34 IN SOUTH FORK, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 22, IN JOHNSON COUNTY, MISSOURI. to satisfy said debt and cost.

MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C., Successor Trustee  
612 Spirit Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63005  
(636) 537-0110  
File No: 213018.030823.428108 FC

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

A default has accrued on a certain note secured by a deed of trust executed by, **DONALD D. MURPHY** dated 1/28/2010 and recorded on 2/16/2010 in **BOOK 3323 PAGE 47**, in the Recorder's office for **Johnson County, Missouri**. The successor trustee will on **March 30, 2023** between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, more particularly at **10:00 AM**, at the **East Front Door of the Johnson County Courthouse, 300 N. Holden, Warrensburg, Missouri** sell at public venue to the highest bidder for cash (certified funds only), the following real estate:  
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**COUNTY OF JOHNSON IN THE STATE OF MO. THE EAST 2 ACRES OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 47, RANGE 25 IN JOHNSON COUNTY, MISSOURI. AND THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 47, RANGE 25.** Commonly known as: **168 NE 825th Road, Warrenburg, Missouri 64093** for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the costs of executing this trust. CSM Foreclosure Trustee Corp. Successor Trustee (800) 652-4080 CSM File 26-22-00850 **NOTE: This office is a debt collector.** 4X-3/03, 10, 17, 24/2023

**City of Warrensburg, Parks and Recreation Warrensburg, Missouri Invitation to Bid**  
The City of Warrensburg is accepting sealed bids for the 2023 Parks Property Contract Mowing Services. Bid specifications may be obtained from the Public Works Department, City Hall, 102A South Holden Street, Warrensburg, MO 64093. 660-747-9135. Sealed bids will be received in the Office of the City Clerk, 102A South Holden, Warrensburg, Missouri, 64093 for the 2023 Parks Property Contract Mowing Services, until 10:00 a.m., local time, March 29, 2023, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Municipal Center, 200 South Holden, Warrensburg, Missouri, 64093. Only sealed bids marked **"2023 PARKS PROPERTY CONTRACT MOWING SERVICES - DO NOT OPEN"** will be considered. Bids received late will be rejected and returned to the bidder unopened. Danielle Dulin City Manager 3X-3/03, 07, 10/2023

**TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
**IN RE: Bobby Putnam and Danielle Putnam, husband and wife Trustee's Sale:** For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Bobby Putnam and Danielle Putnam, husband and wife dated September 28, 2018 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Johnson County, Missouri as Book: 3687 Page: 151 modified by U.S. Department of Agricul-

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ture Loan Modification Agreement recorded February 17, 2022 Book: 3876 Page: 119 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 4:45 PM), at the East Front Door of the Court House, City of Warrensburg, County of Johnson, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Johnson County, State of Missouri, to wit: LOT 88 IN ORIGINAL TOWN OF HOLDEN, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 55-56, IN HOLDEN, JOHNSON COUNTY, MISSOURI. to satisfy said debt and cost.

MILLSAP & SINGER, P.C., Successor Trustee  
612 Spirit Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63005  
(636) 537-0110  
File No: 211205.032923.424747 FC

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**PROBATE DIVISION**  
In Re: The Estate of GERALD EDWARD RUSSUM JR., Deceased.

Estate NO. 21JO-PR00138  
**NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of: GERALD EDWARD RUSSUM JR., Deceased You are hereby notified that the undersigned Personal Representative will file a Final Settlement and Petition for determination of the persons who are the successors in interest to the personal and/or real property of the decedent and of the extent and character of their interest therein and for distribution of such property, in the Circuit Court of Johnson County, Missouri on February 27, 2023, or as may be continued by the Court, and that any objections or exceptions to such Final Settlement or Petition or any item thereof must be in writing and filed within twenty days after the filing of such Final Settlement. J. Eric Mitchell, P.O. Box 309, Clinton, MO 64735, Attorney for Personal Representative Yvonne R. Ricroft, 1143 NW 250th Road, Holden MO 64040, Personal Representative. Date of First Publication: February 10th, 2023. /s/Cynthia Correa Probate Clerk 4X 2/10, 17, 24, 3/03/2023

Legal Notice

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri will meet on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers located at the City Municipal Center, 200 South Holden Street, Warrensburg, Missouri to consider the following matter:

1. A public hearing to consider sewer rate charges effective with water consumption on or after April 1, 2023. The public hearing will give all interested parties an opportunity to provide input on this matter. The full text of the proposed rate ordinance may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk at 102 A South Holden Street, Warrensburg, Missouri 64093. For further information, please contact the City of Warrensburg at 660-262-4602. 4X-2/17, 24, 3/03, 10/2023

**Sale of Surplus Vehicles**

The Warrensburg R-VI School District proposes to sell the following: 2006 GMC 2 door dually pickup, a 1997 Ford F-800 dump truck and a 1993 Ford box truck. Vehicles are located in the parking lot behind Martin Warren Elementary School for viewing. **Bid Proposal** - Bid forms and information is available on the Warrensburg School District web site, [www.warrensburg6.org](http://www.warrensburg6.org). Bidder understands that the bid is for the vehicle in an As-Is condition and there are no expressed or implied warranties. If awarded the vehicle will be picked up within five (5) business days from time of notification. The Bidder agrees that the acceptable method of payment shall be cash, certified check or money order. The Warrensburg R-VI School District expressly reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For questions please contact Laurie Tapp at 660-747-7823 or via email at [ltapp@warrensburg6.org](mailto:ltapp@warrensburg6.org). 2X-2/24, 3/03/2023

**CITY OF WARRENSBURG, MISSOURI INVITATION TO BID**

The City of Warrensburg is accepting sealed bids for the 2023 Wastewater Facilities Contract Mowing Services. Bid specifications may be obtained from the Public Works Department, City Hall, 102A South Holden Street, Warrensburg, MO 64093. 660-747-9135. Sealed bids will be received in the Office of the City Clerk, 102A South Holden, Warrensburg, Missouri, 64093 for the 2023 Wastewater Facilities Contract Mowing Services, until 10:00 a.m., local time, March 29, 2023, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Municipal Center, 200 South Holden, Warrensburg, Missouri, 64093. Only sealed bids marked **"2023 WASTEWATER FACILITIES CONTRACT MOWING SERVICES - DO NOT OPEN"** will be considered. Bids received late will be rejected and returned to the bidder unopened. Danielle Dulin City Manager 3X-3/03, 07, 10/2023

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**ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION**

Due to the death of Larry Hamit we will sell at public auction all the following items and Real Estate located at 306 SE 750th road Leeton Mo.64761 Directions:  
From Warrensburg take 13 Hwy south approx. 6 miles to PP Hwy, then left or east on PP Hwy approx. 2 miles to Se 251 Rd, Then left or north on SE 251 Rd approx. 1/8 of mile to 750th Rd, Then right on 750th Rd 1/8 mile to auction on

**Saturday March 18 2023**  
Auction starts at 10:00 Am, Real Estate sells at 12: NOON

**Manufactured Home-Outbuilding and 10 Acres M/L**  
**306 SE 750th Rd Leeton Mo. 64761**  
**Real Estate:** 1375 sq. ft. 2007 double wide manufactured home. Home has 3 bedrooms 2 Full Baths counting primary, complete kitchen and large living area. Home has Central Air and Heat.  
**Outbuilding:** Approx. 40 ft. X 60 ft. Post frame building with concrete floor all sitting on 10 quiet acres with 5 acres currently in wheat  
**Terms:** Property taxes are 1075.48. 5000.00 dollars down day of auction balance due at closing on or before 30 days, title insurance provided 2023 taxes prorated. Property sells absolute to highest bidder in as is condition.  
**OWNER: Estate of Larry Hamit**

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