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Playing the big time
Local artist Sam Barber will perform at the BST Hyde Park event in London July 8. The event is headlined by Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band. 9A



Candy Shop
Hadley Warren with the help of her parents Mike and Morgan opened "Hadley's Candy Shoppe" in downtown Perryville to bring sweets and other candy to town. 12A



Youth Academy
Perryville High School is starting a youth academy that helps create camps and clinics for student-athletes as young as third grade. 1B

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Board approved Amplify TEACHER RESOURCES

By Justin Hotop
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In what was a lengthy and sometimes tense meeting, the Perry County Board of Education decided and approved many things on June 29.

The most substantial of which was the approval of Amplify for teacher resources, mainly in English and Language Arts.

"This is materials that the teachers use to help teach our local curriculum," Perryville Elementary School Principal Jane Narrow said.

Narrow said that the main reason for the change and search for these resources is based on low test scores in the Annual Performance report.

"It is not what any of us wanted to see," Narrow said. "We are owning it and looking directly at these numbers and we want to improve them."

Narrow discussed LETRS as a way to learn the "science of reading" to learn how students best learn reading skills. Amplify is a knowledge building program to help the students learn through research.

"Amplify uses the language comprehension strand and the word recognition strand, and when you weave those things together it makes the student a better reader." Narrow said. "We want the students to be able to decode any word we put in front of them and read fluently. They have to have that background knowledge to understand what they are reading."

There are some thoughts that Amplify uses its research to send the wrong message to kids, however, Narrow and Perryville Primary Center Principal Emily Koenig reinforced that the teachers have the right not to use any particular research if they feel it is not right for the students.

Board member Glendon Sattler felt that it would be good if the parents formed a group to also review these materials in the same manner.

"I think parents should have the opportunity to see what their kids are being taught as well," he said.

However, many felt like Narrow, Koenig and others have done their due diligence when researching

Amplify. "You aren't going to find many parents who have the time to sit down and put as much time and effort into this as our teachers have," one board member said.

The board approved the measure with Sattler voting against.

"It's not that I don't trust the teachers," he said. "It's that I would like the parents to be a part of the learning process as well."

In other news and approved measures:

- Amended the 2022-23 school year budget to actual.
- Approved the Transfer of General Funds, in the amount of \$5,852,447.90, to the Teacher's Fund.
- Approved the General Fund Transfer of 932,476, or 7% x SAT x WADA, to the Capital Outlay Fund.
- Approved the Transportation Transfer from the General Fund, in the amount of \$209,312.00, to the Capital Outlay Fund.
- Approved the Career Education Transfer from the General Fund, in the amount of \$109,356.35, to the Capital Outlay Fund.
- Approved the Food Service Transfer from the Gen-



eral Fund, in the amount of \$24,431.91, to the Capital Outlay Fund.

Approved the DNR Energy Conservation Loan Transfer from the General Fund, in the amount of \$72,341.43, to the Capital Outlay Fund.

Approved the Physical Therapy Bid from Mid-America Rehab.

Approved the welding, gas, and rods bid from Ozarc Gas & Equipment.

Tabled the gas and diesel bid.

Approved the appliance bid, from Marzucio, for the appliances for the Middle School.

Approved the bread bid from Bimbo Bakeries.

Approved the milk bid from Prairie Farms'.

Approved the cafeteria food bid from Graves and US Foods.

Approved the school lunch prices for 2023-2024: K-5 Breakfast \$1.65, Lunch

\$3.35; Grades 6-12 Breakfast \$1.70, Lunch \$3.40

Approved the purchase of NWEA for K-12 reading assessment tools.

Approved the increase of substitute teacher pay to \$100 per day; \$110 per day, if it is 10 or more days per pay period, \$115 for PCSD teacher retirees, and a daily rate of \$211.96 for long term substitute teaching starting on the 21st day.

Approved the Youth Athletic Academy.

Approved the additional position of a School Resource Officer.

Approved the Motor Lab in the amount of \$117,000.00.

Approved the 2023-2024 school year budget.

Jeff Keim, with Incite Design, had a presentation on a Career Center building as a future project and provided an update to the demolition and progress of the Middle School.

City issues NO burn order

By Justin Hotop
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The City of Perryville is being cautious during the current drought.

By order of the chief of police, and in conjunction with the fire chief, the City of Perryville issued a no burn order within the city limits of Perryville on June 29.

Due to extreme dry conditions and the possibility of fires, all citizens are asked to postpone any outdoor burning until this ban is lifted. This includes recreational fires and fireworks.

The order is in conjunction with the Perry County Commission issuing a "No Burn Advisory" days earlier. Perry County City Admin-

istrator Brent Buerck said there is a difference between an order and an advisory.

"The burn order is specific only to Perryville and prohibits those types of activities which could cause a fire" Buerck said. "The advisory for the county states that it would be a bad idea to shoot off fireworks."

Parts of the county received rain over the weekend, but it was not enough to lift the advisory or the burn order.

"We talked to the fire department on Sunday and it was not enough to lift it," Buerck said. "A lot of that is because of the proximity of the houses. Everybody is close to each other within the city limits and we want to keep everybody safe."

Violators may be punished in accordance with Section 8.04.080 or 8.06.080 of the Code of Ordinances and could receive a ticket as a result.

Buerck said "there is a lot" that goes into lifting such a burn order.

"It could be two inches of rain over the course of a day or two inches over the course of several weeks," Buerck said. "There is no set amount of rain, but the fire department is evaluating the overall conditions to make the best decision they can."

This is the first time in quite some time that Perryville has issued a no burn order, but there have been several surrounding communities that have done the same.



"Unfortunately, it is necessary," Buerck said.

The Rotary Club of Perryville did not hold its annual fireworks display on July 3 as scheduled as part of its holiday activities, despite

several communities did.

The display will be held at a later date when the order has been lifted.

"The decision was to stay the course," Buerck said.

ALDI to open in fall in Perryville

By Justin Hotop
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There is a new grocery store coming to Perryville.

A new location for ALDI is currently under construction and will soon be open.

ALDI which has more than 90 stores across Missouri finds Perryville as an attractive city to build its next building.

"We're always exploring opportunities in multiple markets across the country. When it comes to choosing new store locations, we carefully consider several factors. Above all else, we look for convenient locations for our customers that can support a high traffic volume daily," O'Fallon Division Vice President Rob Jefferies said. "Every market and situation is unique, but ALDI stores are successful in cities, suburbs and rural communities. We work hard alongside local communities to make sure our new stores are welcome additions and look forward to opening in



Perryville."

The location will be 300 Perryville Blvd, near RE/MAX Realty and Jefferies said the store will be worthwhile for its customers.

"ALDI works hard to offer our customers the lowest possible prices during every shopping trip. The ALDI business model is designed differently to meet people's need for simplification, saving them time and money."

he said. "We always look for opportunities to pass savings on to our customers, from displaying our products in the boxes they arrive in, to our quarter cart system. We are excited to bring an ALDI location to Perryville and will provide shoppers with the premium, fresh foods they want at prices they love."

Construction is underway and is expected to be

completed this fall.

"We are excited to be opening our first Perryville store this fall. Our goal is to reach new shoppers, and our new stores motivate people to try ALDI. With the future opening of our Perryville location, we're excited for new shoppers to see for themselves that we have the best foods at great prices, making their shopping easy," Jefferies said.

PHOTO BY JUSTIN HOTOP
Aldi will have a new location in Perryville and is currently under construction. The building is targeted to be complete by this fall.

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Police Reports

Perryville Police Department: (573) 547-4546. Perry County Sheriff's Office: (573) 547-4576.

The Perryville Police Department has released its latest report of incidents and arrests:

- Incidents include:
- Officers responded to the 1000 block of Chloe St. on June 16 in reference to a reported leaving the scene motor vehicle accident.
- Officers responded to 220 Doerr St. on June 25 in reference to a reported trespassing incident.
- Officers responded to 1300 S. Perryville Blvd. on June 26 in reference to a reported leaving the scene motor vehicle accident at the Motomart parking lot.
- Officers responded to Feltz St. Park on June 26 in reference to an individual finding a motorcycle key.

- Officers responded to the Perryville Police Department on June 28 in reference to an individual turning in property found at 1802 Old St. Mary's Rd.
- Officers responded to 1750 S. Perryville Blvd. on June 30 in reference to property found at Walmart.
- Among those arrested were:
- John J. Marks, 57, homeless by officers on June 13 on charges of DWI, assault, fourth degree, resisting arrest, operating vehicle without financial responsibility, and operating a motor vehicle without a title following an incident at Motomart.
- Perfecta Marie Perez-Garcia, 23, Old Appleton by officers on June 17 on a charge of

- harassment following an incident at 801 N. Main Street.
 - Cortney D. Johnson, 30, Perryville by officers on June 18 on a City of Perryville warrant for failure to appear for exceeding the posted speed limit.
 - Daniel A. Aguilar-Montijo Jr., 18, Perryville by officers on June 24 on a charge of property damage, first degree following an incident at City Parking Lot.
 - Mark A. Schremp, 60, Perryville by officers on June 24 on charges of driving while suspended and failure to register vehicle following a traffic stop on Plaza Drive.
- Arrest does not imply guilt.

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■ State v Jerry Harold Winkler, DOB December 10, 1965. Filing date: June 24, 2021. Charges: driving while revoked/suspended, second or third offense-Misdemeanor A and owner operated vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility, second/subsequent offense-Misdemeanor or unclassified. Filing date: October 21, 2021. Charges: violation of order of protection for adult-Misdemeanor A, possession of marijuana/synthetic cannabinoid of 10 grams or less, prior drug offense-Misdemeanor A, and resisting/interfering with ar-

rest, detention, or stop-Misdemeanor A.

■ State v Andrew M. Blouin, DOB December 26, 1992. Filing date: April 19, 2023. Charges: two counts statutory sodomy or attempted statutory sodomy, deviate sexual intercourse, person less than 12 years of age-Felony unclassified and incest-Felony E.

■ State v Otis S. Johnson, DOB June 16, 1975. Filing date: May 25, 2022. Charges: violation of order of protection for adult-Misdemeanor A and driving while revoked/suspended, first offense, Misdemeanor D.

■ State v Kenyetta L. McFarland, DOB May 27, 1984. Filing date: May 24, 2022. Charge: DWI-Misdemeanor B.

■ Kole Anthony Wingerter, DOB March 5, 1987. Filing date: March 10, 2023. Charges: two counts of driving while revoked/suspended, second or third offense-Misdemeanor A and operating vehicle knowingly without operable license lamps/taillamps-Infraction. Filing date: June 19, 2023. Charges: domestic assault, third degree-Felony E.

Be aware of potholes during heat

For the Republic-Monitor

Motorists in Missouri are urged to keep an eye out for pavement "blow-ups", the summer's version of potholes, created by a combination of moisture and weakening pavement when temperatures consistently reach 90 degrees or more.

Pavement blow-ups are fractures occurring when a roadway surface expands at a crack or joint where moisture has seeped in. That crack weakens the pavement, and the heat causes the roadway to buckle and warp, creating holes in the surface. Despite the term, the pavement does not actually explode.

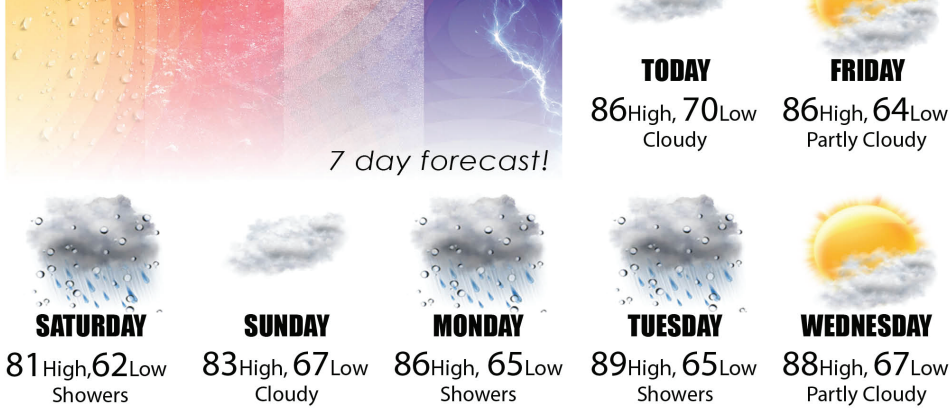
Motorists encountering pavement blow-ups should call 888-ASK MODOT (275-6636). For potential

impacts to traffic, please review KC Scout cameras at <http://www.kcscout.net> or consult our real-time traffic partner, WAZE. Motorists are reminded to slow down and pay attention while driving in work zones. Not all work zones look alike. Work zones can be moving operations, such as striping, patching or mowing. They can also be short term, temporary lane closures to make quick repairs or remove debris from the roadway.

"It's difficult to know where or when a pavement blow-up will happen, but our maintenance staff continually monitor road conditions on state routes," said MoDOT KC Assistant District Engineer Matt Killion. "When you encounter a blow-up in the road, slow down and report the loca-

tion to MoDOT as soon as possible so our maintenance crews can make repairs. Remember, never make a call from behind the wheel. Buckle Up Phone Down."

Perry County Weather Cast



MoDOT, MDC and MPF join forces to combat noxious weeds

For the Republic-Monitor

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and Missouri Prairie Foundation (MPF) have joined forces to control invasive, exotic and noxious weeds along the state's roadways.

"This partnership is important as some of the treated acres on MoDOT right of way are located adjacent to land managed by MDC, MPF, and many citizens, businesses, and communities across Missouri," said Natalie Roark, state maintenance director. "Gaining control of invasive species benefits both departments, MPF, and the entire state."

Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) spraying units have been a part of MoDOT's herbicide application operations in some test regions in recent years. This spring, MoDOT is taking the new UTV spraying operation statewide to strategically target specific harmful vegetation while limiting collateral impact to desirable roadside vegetation. The new partnership includes



funding, training and shared resources between the three organizations to support MoDOT's crews applying the treatments.

"These operations are positive in that they not only remove vegetation that could continue to spread and replace beneficial plants, but they also encourage and bolster the vegetation that promotes a healthy environment for native insects and other forms of Missouri wildlife, as well as people," said Angela Sokolowski,

MDC invasive species ecologist.

Support vehicles will be working behind the UTVs to provide materials and a water source as well as back-up safety to the spraying crews. Typically, spraying operations should have little impact on traffic flow on state roadways as the work is done from the shoulder and side slopes of the roadside. Motorists are urged to use caution and slow down if they see an invasive species spraying operation at work.

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MONDAY, JULY 10

- Pulled Pork Sandwich
- Creamy Cole Slaw
- Baked Beans
- *WG Bun
- Tropical Fruit
- SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

TUESDAY, JULY 11

- Mostaccioli
- Garden Salad
- Buttery Corn
- *WG Roll
- Fruit Cocktail
- SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

- Chicken Tetrazzini
- Spinach Salad
- Yellow Squash
- *WG Roll
- Spiced Peaches
- SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

THURSDAY, JULY 13

- Karen's Famous Meatloaf
- Creamy Mashed Potatoes
- California Blend Vegetables
- *WG Bread
- Fruit Salad
- SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

FRIDAY, JULY 14

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Community Calendar

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THURSDAY, JULY 6

Doug Mickan & Friends
The Altenburg branch of the Riverside Regional Library will host ventriloquist Doug Mickan & Friends on Thursday, July 6 at 2:45 p.m. Don't miss out on this fun event.

Teen Activity
Hey Teens! Hang out with your friends at the Perryville branch of the Riverside Regional Library and enjoy activities, crafts, and snacks on Thursday, July 6 at 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 7

Friendship Bracelet Craft
Come in and make a friendship bracelet, while supplies last, at the Riverside Regional Library Perryville Branch on Friday, July 7.

Doug Mickan & Friends
The Perryville branch of the Riverside Regional Library will host ventriloquist Doug Mickan & Friends on Friday, July 7 at 11 a.m. Don't miss out on this fun event.

SATURDAY, JULY 8

Lawn Mower Races
Looking for a family friendly event to go to? Head to the Patton Lawn Mower Races on Saturday, July 8. Located at the Patton Saddle Club on S. Highway 51. Gates open at 5 p.m. and racing starts at 6 p.m. \$5 per carload and concessions are available.

Perryville Electronic Waste Recycling Event
The City of Perryville and TG Missouri are hosting an E-waste Recycling event

with Midwest Recycling Center on Saturday, July 8 from 8 a.m. - Noon at the TG Missouri Campus. For info on fees and acceptable items go to <https://mrcycling.net/recycling-fees>. For maps and contact info go to www.tgmissouri.com/environmental.html. For all other questions email TGMO. EWaste@toyodagosei.com.

Memory Makers Quilt Show
Stop at the Catalyst Center on Saturday, July 8 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and see some amazing quilts at the Memory Makers Quilt Show.

Touch a Truck
Get up close and Touch a Truck on Saturday, July 8 at The Bank of Missouri Soccer Complex from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. There will be emergency vehicles, tractors and more at this family friendly event.

MONDAY, JULY 10

Book Club
The adult book club at the Perryville branch of the Riverside Regional Library will meet and discuss "Never Saw Me Coming" by Vera Kurian on Monday, July 10 at 2 p.m.

Blood Drive
Perry County Memorial Hospital will host a blood drive on Monday, July 10 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or go to redcross.org.

TUESDAY, JULY 11

Cape Nature Center at the Library
Come and learn about animals in our region at the Perryville branch of the

Riverside Regional Library on Tuesday, July 11 at 11:30 a.m. and at the Altenburg branch at 2:30 p.m.

Blood Drive
Perry Park Center will host a blood drive on Tuesday, July 11 from 12 - 6 p.m. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or go to redcross.org.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

Book Club
The adult book club at the Riverside Regional Library will meet and discuss "The Truth about Ben and June" by Alex Kiester on Wednesday, July 12 at 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 13

Teen Activity
Hey Teens! Hang out with your friends at the Perryville branch of the Riverside Regional Library and enjoy activities, crafts, and snacks on Thursday, July 13 at 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 14

Take and Make Craft
Come in to the Perryville branch of the Riverside Regional Library and get a kit to create your own book-mark, while supplies last, on Friday, July 14.

SATURDAY, JULY 15

Comic Con
Meet your favorite hero at the 4th Annual Heroes for Kids Comic Con Saturday, July 15 at the Perry Park Center from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. VIP/Early Bird entrance at 9 a.m. Entry is \$5/person-kids 5 & under are free w/adult. First Responders & Active

Duty Military get in free. Visit all the vendors, stop in the Star Wars Cantina Cafe for refreshments, and make sure you dress up for the costume contest. Special guest include voice actor Mark Dodson, actor Alan Fernandes, artist, actor & writer C. Andrew Smith, and actor & writer Wyatt Weed. All proceeds go to Le Bonheur Children's Hospital and Fly Me Home. For more info go to heroesforkidscomiccon.org.

MONDAY, JULY 17

Story Time and Craft
Join Mrs. Melissa for a fun summertime story time and craft at the Perryville branch of the Riverside Regional Library on Monday, July 17 at 10:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 20

Kumihimo Bracelet
Learn to make a bracelet using the Japanese braiding method of kumihimo at the Altenburg branch of the Riverside Regional Library on Monday, July 20 at 2:30 p.m. Class is limited to 10 participants. Register by July 18 at 573-824-5267 or eschlichting@rllmo.org. The class is designed for adults.

Teen Activity
Hey Teens! Hang out with your friends at the Perryville branch of the Riverside Regional Library and enjoy activities, crafts, and snacks on Thursday, July 20 at 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 21

Craft-All Day
Come in to the Perryville branch of the Riverside Regional Library on Friday, July 21 and make a mandala CD suncatcher, while supplies last.

Family Bingo Night
Bring the family for Bingo Night at the Perryville branch of the Riverside Regional Library on Friday, July 21 at 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 22

Antique & Out of the Field tractor Pull
Catch all the excitement at the River Hills Antique Tractor Club Antique & Out of the Field Tractor Pull on Saturday, July 22 at the East Perry Community Fair Grounds in Altenburg. Sign-up starts at 11 a.m. and the pull starts at 1 p.m. \$25 fee per hook. Weekend on Wheels food truck on grounds. For more info call Kurt Kiefer at 573-517-3786.

Stitching Group
Bring your stitching project to the Altenburg branch of the Riverside Regional Library for their stitching

group on Saturday, July 22 from 9 - 11 a.m. Want to learn, many on hand to help teach. Crocheters and knitters are welcomed also.

MONDAY, JULY 24

Riverside Virtual Book Club
Join the discussion via Zoom for "Congratulations, By the Way" by George Saunders. on Monday, July 24 at 7 p.m. To get an invitation contact Eunice at 573-243-8141 ext 123 or eschlichting@rllmo.org. Program for adults.

THURSDAY, JULY 27

Teen Activity
Hey Teens! Hang out with your friends at the Perryville branch of the Riverside Regional Library and enjoy activities, crafts, and snacks on Thursday, July 27 at 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 28

Craft-All Day
Come in to the Perryville branch of the Riverside Regional Library on Friday, July 28 and make a wind-mill, while supplies last.

Blood Drive
Robinson Construction Company will host a blood drive on Friday, July 28 from 12 - 4 p.m. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or go to redcross.org.

SATURDAY, JULY 29

21st Annual Adventure Tractor Ride
Go on an adventure with the River Hills Antique Tractor Club on their 21st Annual Adventure Tractor Ride on Saturday, July 29. They will be leaving the Seminary Grove in Perryville. For more info and/or to sign up before July 20 call Marsha at 573-768-1746 or 573-768-0212 to participate.

Backpack Bonanza 2023
Immanuel Lutheran School will once again host the "Backpack Bonanza 2023" on Saturday, July 29 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Immanuel Lutheran School Gym located at 225 W. South St. This event is to provide help for area children in need of school supplies in grades K-12. Qualifying families need to make an appointment by Friday, July 14 by calling East Missouri Action Agency at 573-547-2014, Options for Women at 573-547-3800, or Amy at 573-768-5755. Monetary donations may be dropped off or mailed to Immanuel Lutheran Church at 453 N. West St. Perryville. Please make checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church-Backpack Bonanza.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

22nd Annual Senior Games
Attention Seniors...Get in on the fun at the 22nd Annual First State Community Bank Senior Games Friday, August 11 - Sunday, August 13. Entry forms can be picked up at the Perry Park Center. Got questions call 573-547-7275.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

Blood Drive
Perryville Elks Lodge will host a blood drive on Tuesday, August 15 from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or go to redcross.org.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17 & FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

Blood Drive
American Legion Post 133 will host a blood drive on Thursday, August 17 from 1 - 6 p.m. and on Friday, August 18 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or go to redcross.org.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

Blood Drive
Caring Hands-Catalyst Center will host a blood drive on Wednesday, August 23 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or go to redcross.org.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

Blood Drive
Heartland Baptist Church will host a blood drive on Monday, August 28 from 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or go to redcross.org.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Blood Drive
Perry Park Center will host a blood drive on Tuesday, September 5 from 12 - 6 p.m. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or go to redcross.org.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Farm To Table Community Dinner
Mary Jane Burgers & Brew will once again host a community dinner under the moonlight in the heart of downtown Perryville on Thursday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets to this delicious five course meal and live music are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/653931906937>.

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Time limits resume for federal food assistance

By Rudi Keller

Following the end of the federal public health emergency, around 26,000 Missourians receiving food assistance are once again subject to work requirements to maintain their benefits.

If the state does not receive the proper paperwork from participants, many could lose benefits beginning in October for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, commonly known as food stamps.

The federal government partially suspended a rule in March 2020 that sets a limit on the time adults without children can receive SNAP benefits, unless they meet work requirements or qualify for an exemption.

But those time limits were reinstated as of July 1 for all states that do not have a waiver with the federal government allowing them to keep suspending the rule. Missouri did not apply for a waiver.

Without proof of work, training or an exemption, those adults can only receive SNAP benefits for three months out of every three years.

“If the proof is not sent to [Family Support Division] by September 30, 2023, you could lose your SNAP benefit,” according to Missouri’s social services department website.

Gina Plata-Nino, deputy director for SNAP at the D.C.-based Food Research & Action Center, said she is “incredibly concerned” about the effects nationwide of the time-limit reinstatement — including for participants who cannot consistently secure 20 hours of work per week, or struggle to amass and submit the proper paperwork to prove they do.

“Time limits don’t increase economic development or the workforce, but instead are more harmful,” Plata-Nino said, “because these individuals are still struggling to meet those 20 hours [of work per week].”

“The only difference is that now they don’t have SNAP benefits.”

PROVIDE PROOF OF WORK

The group of SNAP recipients are “able-bodied adults” between 18 to 49



years old who do not have dependents — around 28,000 people, according to the Department of Social Services.

They will need to prove that they work or participate in qualifying training activities for 80 hours a month, or meet an exemption, which includes disability, pregnancy and illness.

The time limit rule has been in place since the federal government enacted sweeping welfare changes in the mid-1990s, which were framed as helping move participants from government aid to work and encouraging self-sufficiency. The rule was suspended during the 2008 Great Recession and during COVID-19 public health emergency.

The public health emergency ended in May, and July is the first month the time limits for those adults on SNAP will be reinstated.

Missouri initially tried to reinstate the time limit much sooner — in the summer of 2020.

But state officials walked that back after concern about “possible penalties” from the federal government for resuming the rules before the end of the public health emergency, said Adam Crumbliss, deputy director of the Missouri Department of Social Services.

Now, 14 states and Washington, D.C., have waivers with the federal government

allowing them to continue suspending the requirements, said a spokesperson for Food and Nutrition Services — but Missouri is not among them.

The Department of Social Services mailed letters to qualifying adults on SNAP in April and June of this year, Crumbliss said, notifying them of the reinstated time limit.

Some of those adults who fall under the restrictions may have joined the program since March 2020 and never dealt with the process.

“Those who enrolled in the SNAP...programs during that time are likely to be unfamiliar with these requirements,” Jennifer Tidball, then-acting director of the social services department, said in the 2020 press release.

SNAP participants in the affected group will need to contact the Department of Social Services to provide proof they are meeting the work requirements — online, in person, by fax or mail — or to prove they meet an exemption.

BUREAUCRATIC BARRIERS

A letter from the Missouri Department of Social Services to a benefits recipient (Annelise Hanshaw/Missouri Independent).

Individuals who believe they qualify for an exemption can call the state or go in-person to a resource center, Crumbliss said.

An applicant calling the social services call center, though — for instance, a disabled SNAP recipient seeking an exemption — could wait hours to connect with a representative.

The average time for a caller to be connected to an agent, Crumbliss said, was just under two hours in May and June for the tier that includes general SNAP-related questions. (The wait times were 1 hour 48 minutes in May and 1 hour and 55 minutes in June, up to June 27, Crumbliss said.)

Securing an exemption can be difficult, said Plata-Nino, because it requires substantial verification — potentially leaving some of the most vulnerable populations, such as disabled individuals, without benefits.

“We’ve seen time and time again, that many disabled individuals, particularly those who have mental or cognitive disabilities,” she said, “have a difficult time proving their disabilities or speaking to the agency to say ‘I’m struggling with this.’”

Participants need to gather all the relevant information, such as doctor’s notes, and submit it by a deadline, or risk losing benefits and needing to reapply.

Other SNAP participants not seeking exemptions could still lose benefits for administrative reasons.

Some low-wage work-

ers may not have consistent hours. Some work, like fee-for-service construction work or gig economy jobs like Uber driving, may not have clearly quantified hours easy to prove to a state agency.

Participants can receive three months of benefits without meeting the requirements during the period July 2023 to June 2026.

That means Missourians currently enrolled in SNAP unable to prove their work or training 20 hours per week, or exemption, could lose benefits beginning in October.

The last time SNAP work requirements were reinstated after a pause, in 2016 in Missouri, research found that SNAP participation fell while employment rates did not substantially change.

A study from the DC-based think tank Urban Institute in 2021 examined reinstatement of the rules after the recession, including using Missouri as a case study.

Researchers found the time limit does not substantially increase employment, but does substantially reduce SNAP participation. Four months after the limit was reinstated in Missouri, the Urban Institute found, SNAP participation in the cohort of those subject to the restrictions had fallen by 39 percentage points. There was no statistically significant effect

on employment.

A study from earlier this year, in the American Economic Journal, found that instating work requirements reduces SNAP participation among that group of adults by 53% in the 18 months after being instated.

“Unlike the large effects on program participation,” those researchers found, “effects on employment are limited.”

In other social services realms, participants don’t always know of new work requirements: After Arkansas adopted work requirements for Medicaid in 2018, the majority did not report qualifying activities to the state and thousands were kicked off.

TIME LIMITS

Other work requirements tweaks are on the horizon nationally. Later this year, a SNAP-related provision of the federal debt ceiling agreement will go into effect. Phased in over several years, that provision will raise the age of adults subject to the work requirements from 49 up to 54.

The Center for Budget and Policy Priorities estimated around 11,000 could be affected in Missouri. The Department of Social Services did not provide their own estimate and said they are working with the federal government to implement the new rule.

The debt ceiling agreement also added new exemptions — for veterans, people experiencing homelessness, and adults transitioning from foster care. But advocates worry the difficulty of navigating through the red tape to secure an exemption will continue to prove overly burdensome, or insurmountable, for those who may need the food assistance most.

“Doubling down on the existing, failed SNAP work-reporting requirement for adults aged 18-49 without children,” CBPP president Sharon Parrott said in a statement, “this provision ignores the strong evidence that it takes food assistance away from large numbers of people without increasing employment or earnings.”

Push to help citizens with disabilities avoid Medicaid loss awaits governor’s action

By Clara Bates

A proposal to help working Missourians with disabilities access affordable health care is among the bills now awaiting Push to help Missourians with disabilities avoid Medicaid loss awaits governor’s action by Gov. Mike Parson.

The legislature this year approved a pair of bills that include tweaks to eligibility for the Ticket to Work Health Assurance Program, which provides health insurance through Medicaid to employed adults with disabilities.

Workers with disabilities currently need to pay a premium if their income exceeds the federal poverty level — which is around \$14,000 per year for an individual. Proponents say that restriction discourages people from moving up in the workforce and making more money, for fear of losing insurance.

“If I lose my access to Medicaid because of a job that pays a living wage, I will not have access to the Personal Attendant Support...that I need to live independently and go to work,” Sarah Schwegel, a Missourian living with a “significant disability,” testified for a February committee hearing in favor of the proposal.

“...Without a robust Ticket to Work Program, disabled people have lower incomes than they might otherwise have, limiting their economic participation,” Schwegel wrote.

Rep. Melanie Stinnett, the



Representative Melanie Stinnett, R-Springfield, on the final day of the 2023 legislative session

Springfield Republican who sponsored one version of the legislation, told Missouri House communications that such restrictions serve to “put a cap” on the earning potential of those with disabilities — “impacting their ability to continue taking those raises or getting a new job in a new area.”

In both versions sitting on Parson’s desk, the asset limit calculation would be modi-

fied to exclude retirement accounts, as well as increase the limit to 250% of the federal poverty level, which is around \$36,000.

The first \$50,000 of a spouse’s income would also be exempt from being counted toward the limit — the lack of an exemption, Stinnett said, had served to disincentivize marriage for individuals with disabilities.

Rep. Bridget Walsh

Moore, a St. Louis Democrat, also advocated for these changes, pointing to the example of a friend with a disability, she said, who avoided getting married for fear of being disqualified from coverage.

“She couldn’t get married because she would lose her benefits, she said, “because her boyfriend makes too much money but he can’t solely support her.” she said.

“She could get married later this year.”

The bills also include the “Missouri Employment First Act,” which contains various requirements for state agencies to support employees with disabilities.

“It’s something that’s been worked on for nearly 20 years,” Stinnett said, of the various provisions “...and I’m really happy to be a part of the team to bring it across

the finish line.”

If the provisions become law, they would be effective Aug. 28.

“By the end of the year...our workforce will look entirely different, because these people can go after that promotion, apply for that new job, they can move up the ladder,” Walsh Moore said. “Now it’s worth it to go back to school and get that degree or my master’s because I’ll

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New Arrivals

Aspen Ella Jean Kiefer



Aspen Kiefer

Robert Kiefer and Sabrina Hendrix of Perryville announce the birth of their daughter Aspen Ella Jean Kiefer.

She was born at 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at Perry County Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Aspen was welcomed home by Rocky, 2.

Maternal grandparents are Rodney and Nichola Hendrix of Perryville. Maternal great-grandparents are Frank and Norma Ullman and Vernon and Barbara Gowen all of Perryville.

Paternal grandparents are Gerald Kiefer of Perryville and Kathy Johnson of Scott City.

Paternal great grandparents are Lester and Ella Ruth Kiefer of Perryville and Alro and Georgia Johnson of Portageville.

Gabriel Joseph Berry



Gabriel Berry

Joseph and Carrie (First) Berry announce the birth of their son Gabriel Joseph Berry. He was born at 4:16 a.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2023 at Perry County Memorial Hospital.

He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20.25 inches long. Gabriel was welcomed home by Kiera, 11; Lana, 7; Sterling, 5; and Kendrick, 2.

Maternal grandparents are Bill and Katherine First of Perryville.

Paternal grandparents are Michael and Charlotte Berry of Sedgewickville.

BEATING THE HEAT



PHOTO BY ROBERT COX

Kelly Brown and Karen Buchheit with Coldwell Banker hand out popsicles to Haley Kasten and passengers Adelaide Kasten and Abby Armberger on Friday near their office at the corner of W. St. Joseph and Kiefner Streets in Perryville. Coldwell Banker staffers spent several hours helping local residents beat the heat by handing out frozen treats and even delivered several to the Perryville Police Department and the Perry County Sheriff's Office.

Summer is all about good things in life

I like... summer

I like summer rain. Not at noon when everyone wants to be outside in the sunshine swimming, if you are lucky enough to be at the beach. But after the sun sets, when the world is dark and lightning brightens the sky only to be followed by the predictable strike of thunder.



JILL PERTLER
SLICES OF LIFE

We count the seconds between the light and sound to guess how far the storm is from us. One thousand one, one thousand two...

I like bug bites. They're the result of spending time outside playing too much croquet or badminton or golf or bocce or wiffle ball. We have so much fun and are so intent on swatting balls (or shuttlecocks) we forget about swatting bugs.

Until later, when we are inside; then I like anti-itch cream. I like it a lot.

I like running out of Popsicles or ice cream. It means

we've been indulging in frozen concoctions to cope with the heat of summer's long days. We may even skip a meal because we are outside playing and instead supplement with treats from the freezer. Ice cream for lunch equals joy.

I like running out of toilet paper. It happens when everyone is home and... well... feeling at home. I add bonus points to this merry moment if everyone remembers to flush. It feels miraculous, because I believe it is.

I like weeds. In another universe they may be expensive, coveted plants (although I doubt it). Here, on earth, in my yard, I have the opportunity to ban them from the garden - even though they are unruly and refuse to obey humans. Weeds are good because they provide me with a worthwhile task: pulling them.

I like sand on the kitchen floor. The bathroom floor. The carpet. The dog's hair. The kids' hair. My bathing suit. You name it. Sand can be everywhere during the summer months. I think it may even self-multiply. But it indicates one thing: the beach. And the beach - in a word - is good. Well, that and wet. And sandy.

I like standing in line to ride the roller coaster. It means I am at an amusement



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Lemonade is one of the things about summer that people should enjoy.

park and that is amusing. Queuing up allows me to anticipate the fun. It prolongs the entertainment and gives me more bang for my buck. Standing in line is at the heart of the free amusement park experience. Sometimes I just stand in line, without

buying a ticket to ride. But not often.

I like sweating in the summer sun. It means I am burning calories, even if I am just sitting in a lawn chair with a good book. Burning calories is always a positive thing for someone my age because once you reach the middle years, your middle tends to expand and your metabolism tends to deflate. I once gained three pounds after a brief glance toward a piece of chocolate cake, so a little sweat is welcome.

I like a wet swimsuit butt that will not dry - even though it is 90 degrees outside - because the humidity is also at

90, so your backside remains damp on the lawn chair, while you read that good book. You could go in and change, but you don't. Wet swimsuit butt is a rite of summer and shouldn't be squandered.

I like a farmer's tan. It says I've been outside doing something that is something - beyond sitting in a lawn chair with a good book. It also indicates I've been sweating because doing something in the summer invariably involves sweat. A farmer's tan is almost like killing two birds with one stone. (Not that we encourage bird murder in my neighborhood. I like birds.)

I like cleaning the kitchen 17 times a day because the kids are home from school and they are (and I'm not exaggerating) perpetually hungry. Despite finding the frying pan in the sink (again) and an ongoing inability to keep the fridge stocked, I like having them home during the summer.

Summer is humidity, sticky skin, burnt shoulders, pollen, allergies, hot car seats, fruit flies on bananas, bees in your lemonade, wood ticks on your leg, ants in your kitchen, mosquitoes in the air and gnats in your nose. It is also a time to ride with the top down, walk barefoot, grill dinner, eat fresh berries, run through the sprinkler, soak in the sun, spend time together and see the glass as half full - preferably with your favorite summertime beverage. Cheers.

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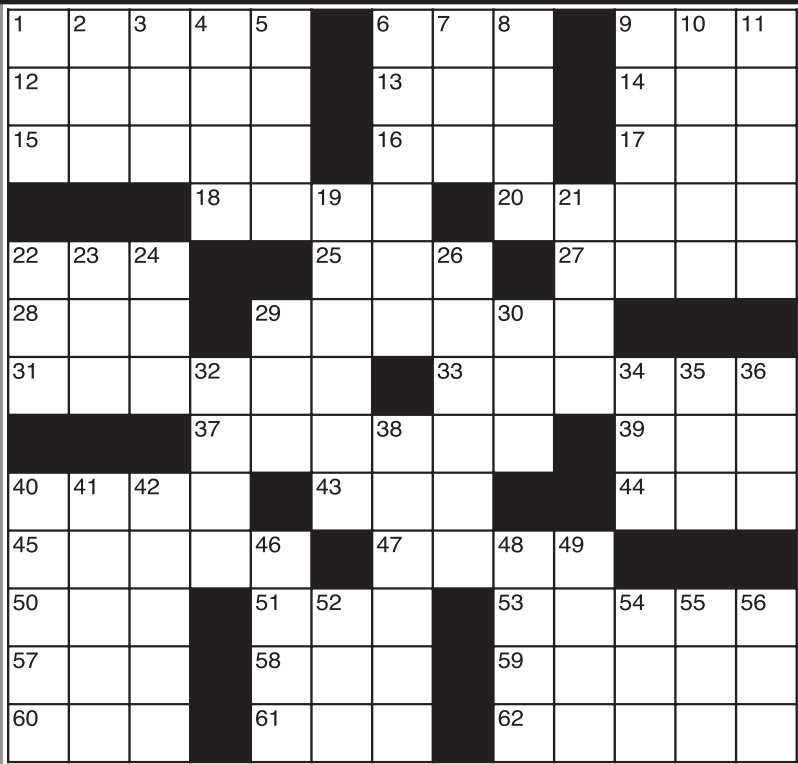
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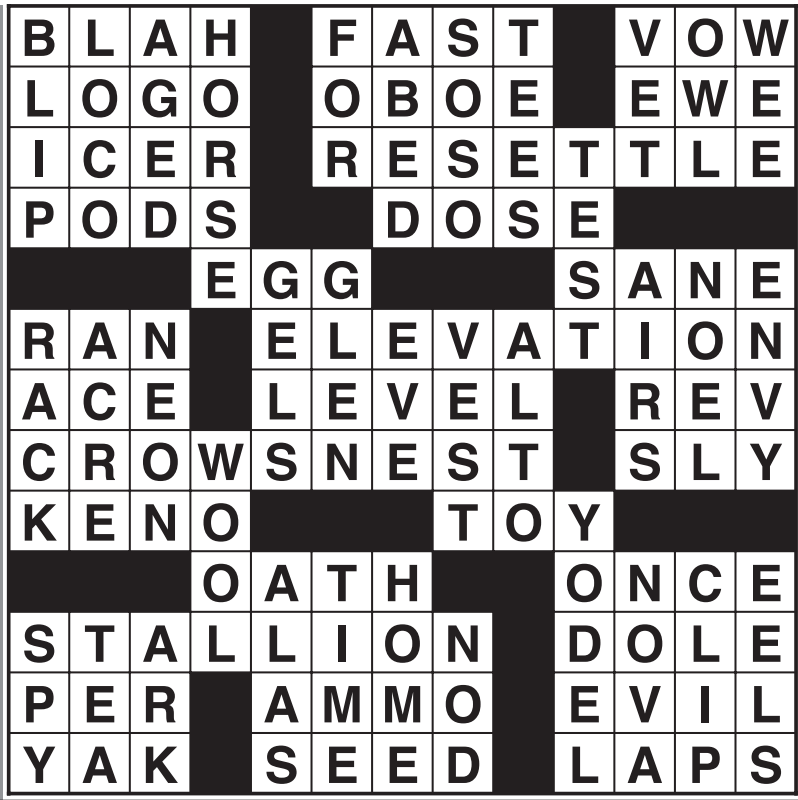
ACROSS

- 1. Multitude
- 6. Society gal
- 9. Many
- 12. Person receiving money
- 13. Bird that gives a hoot
- 14. Wilder's "___ Town"
- 15. Locales
- 16. Honolulu garland
- 17. Type of antelope
- 18. Beatle McCartney
- 20. Cost
- 22. Carrier for groceries
- 25. Flock leader
- 27. Cake decorator
- 28. "Look ___ ye leap"
- 29. Came to terms
- 31. First-class
- 33. Pact
- 37. Tenant
- 39. Bee's follower
- 40. Secluded valley
- 43. ___ close for comfort
- 44. Beach shade
- 45. Kind of beef
- 47. Make ready
- 50. Inning ender
- 51. Stereo component
- 53. Canvas covers
- 57. Employ
- 58. Playmate
- 59. Oaf
- 60. Animal's cage
- 61. Gawk
- 62. Muscular

DOWN

- 1. Resort, of a sort
- 2. "___ and Peace"
- 3. Popeye's affirmative
- 4. Gather crops
- 5. Tableland
- 6. Buck
- 7. Meadow mother
- 8. Radar screen image
- 9. Reason
- 10. Part of a pound
- 11. Nearer the facts
- 19. Crucial
- 21. Ferris wheel, e.g.
- 22. Slumber spot
- 23. "Car 54, Where ___ You?"
- 24. Hair spray alternative
- 26. Shooting star
- 29. Shopping tool
- 30. Blunder
- 32. Jars
- 34. Drama division
- 35. Beverage for two
- 36. Yearning
- 38. Overthrow
- 40. Bunch
- 41. ___ up (botch)
- 42. Corroded
- 46. Masking ___
- 48. Imprint with acid
- 49. Shave
- 52. Can
- 54. TKO caller
- 55. "___ Sematary"
- 56. Undercover agent

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

Last Weeks Answers

GUESS WHO?

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<https://observer.globe.gov/do-globe-observer/eclipse>.

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If you are an amateur astronomer or interested in astrophotography there are workshops online on how to build I-phone filters to be able to take some really amazing photos with your phone. Also, for the more advanced, there is the Citizen CATE 2024: The Citizen Continental-America Telescopic Eclipse Experiment which will be making observations of the inner and middle solar corona. In 2017, they placed 68 stations with

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State runs lottery for microbusiness license

Missouri's cannabis industry is the new "gold rush," said St. Louis couple Tiffany and Anwar Lee, and they're considering buying a ticket for the lottery to get in.

Their ticket is a \$1,500 application fee for a spot in a lottery making them eligible for a limited number of cannabis microbusiness licenses, and it's refundable if they don't get picked. The program is meant to boost opportunities in the industry for businesses in disadvantaged communities, and it was part of the constitutional amendment to legalize recreational marijuana that voters passed in November.

"In that industry, there's going to always be room to make money, or at least to maintain a decent standard of living," Anwar Lee said during an interview at an outreach event in St. Louis last week organized by state marijuana regulators.

The Lees were among those gathered at the event to hear from Abigail Vivas, Missouri's new chief equity officer, who went through all the eligibility requirements for a microbusiness license. She held three other outreach events last week in Jefferson City, Lee's Summit and Springfield.

But even if the Lees meet the eligibility requirements, their shot at winning is slim.

In August, six license winners will be picked by the Missouri Lottery in every one of the state's eight Congressional districts in Missouri — for a total of 48 licenses.

Vivas, who oversees the microbusiness program through the cannabis regulating agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, estimates there could be up to 5,000 applicants statewide. But she's heard other estimates that it could be 1,000 per congressional district.

As proponents of the marijuana legalization amendment were making their case to voters last year, the microbusiness program was the primary retort when opponents argued the law would cement an already distrusted, inequitable business licensing system in place in order to ensure the rich just get richer.

Supporters boasted that the microbusiness program will be the first of its kind in the nation and will help diversify the white-dominated industry.

However, Vivas said that goal wasn't exactly spelled out in the constitution.

"Equity is not really mentioned in the microbusiness program, as far as the constitution is concerned," Vivas said, "but I think that's where we go back to the spirit of things."

Adolphus Pruitt, president of the St. Louis City NAACP and one of the drafters of the microbusiness provision in the legalization amendment, said the word "equity" doesn't need to be in the constitution's definition of the microbusiness program.

"When you look at the categories and the qualifications, there's no doubt that overwhelmingly the qualifications are geared up for people who were impacted by the unjust enforcement of marijuana laws," Pruitt said. "No one would dispute that that population, in most cases, are African Americans."

In his conversations with DHSS leaders and Vivas, Pruitt said state regulators are "clear" on that point as well.

There are seven categories where people can qualify for a microbusiness license, ranging from a lower income level or living in an area considered impoverished to having past arrests or incarcerations related to marijuana offenses.

Pruitt says most of the people he's working with will apply under the category that says the applicant — their parent, guardian or spouse — has been arrested, prosecuted or convicted of a non-violent marijuana offense. That doesn't include a conviction involving distributing of marijuana to a minor or driving under the influence of marijuana.

And the second category, he said, would be for the areas with high poverty and unemployment.

DHSS recently released ZIP codes for these two categories — areas where 30% percent or more of the population lives below the federal poverty level or where the rate of unemployment is 50% percent higher than the state average rate of unemployment.

However, applicants can also apply using the Census tracts where they live, and that's what Pruitt is encouraging applicants to do. Vivas also encouraged people to look to the Missouri Census Data Center, which helped DHSS identify the eligible ZIP codes in these two categories, as a resource to finding their Census tract.

The category that remains a gray area involves ZIP codes where the incarceration rates for marijuana-offenses is 50% higher than the rate for the entire state.

Cecil King, communications director for the cannabis advocacy group Norml in St. Louis, said the intent of the microbusiness program was to "roll back the war on drugs."

When DHSS included ZIP codes the agency considered having historic incarceration rates, they correlated to courthouses, not neighborhoods. Now there is a slim possibility that someone who lives in downtown Clayton — one of the most affluent suburbs in the St. Louis region where the average household income is \$200,000 — could apply and win a microlicense.

"[The microbusiness program] was to help communities impacted," King said, "not to spread out this data so that people in Clayton could get on."

Pruitt says if that happens, then the NAACP would legally challenge that license because the addresses of courthouses don't reflect actual residence, which is required under the constitution.

"Any court would say that the courthouse does not represent the muster of the amendment," he said.

Coming from a law enforcement background, Vivas told the audience gathered in St. Louis last week that she knew this category was "going to be a problem" because of how criminal history is documented.

Celebrating Independence Day

Independence Day is a cherished holiday where we get together with friends and family, fire up the grill, and sit back to watch fireworks. But it's also a time to reflect on what it means to live in the freest nation in the world, with a government of, by, and for the people. While much has changed in the 247 years that have passed since our nation was founded, the fight to protect our liberties and freedoms continues to this day.

Reflecting on the circumstances our Founding Fathers faced yields some interesting parallels to today. Under British rule, the king and the wealthy treated the colonists like second-class citizens. Today, many working-class Americans feel like they have been forgotten by Washington and the government. There are regulations like the Waters of the United States rule that threatens



JASON SMITH
U.S. CONGRESSMAN

farmers' livelihoods, proposals to ban gas-powered cars and stoves that rural Americans rely on every day, and policies that seem to

favor the wealthy and politically connected. To be clear, the challenges we face today pale in comparison to what the American colonists experienced under British rule. But there's no doubt a change of direction is badly needed.

That's why when I became Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, which oversees our nation's economic policies like tax and trade, I promised that the committee would focus on the needs of working-class Americans. Over the first six months of the year, the committee has

traveled to places like Georgia, Oklahoma, and West Virginia to hear directly from farmers, ranchers, and small businesses who don't have the means or the time to travel to Washington to advocate for change. Whether it's getting rid of policies that pay people not to work, stopping the reckless spending that created the most painful economic crisis in my lifetime, or strengthening our supply chain to reduce our dependence on China, Americans made it loud and clear about the direction they want Washington to go. And that's why we've crafted an economic and jobs package that focuses on these policies and our nation's most precious resource: The American worker.

As we celebrate the founding of our great nation, we're also reminded that there are thousands of service members stationed

abroad, defending the same liberties the colonists fought and died for in the American Revolution. I hope everyone will say a prayer for those who are serving overseas and for their families.

While many Americans are concerned with the direction our nation is headed, it's important to remember that part of what makes our country great is the resiliency of its people. Against all odds, we defeated the British Empire — the most powerful nation in the world — with an army made up of blacksmiths, farmers, and ranchers. And despite the many challenges our nation has faced since then, our freedoms are still intact. Fighting for our liberties and rural values in Washington is the honor of a lifetime, and I wish each and every one of you a Happy Independence Day!

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Dear Editor,

Perry County is my home, it's where I raise my Children and my Children raise their own little babies, and I'm proud of the place where I lay my head at night and pray for a better world for all of us.

Our School District 32 has very recently voted on a curriculum resource in a 5-2 vote that

does not reflect Perry County's traditional educational and conservative Christian values, this resource is Amplify (look it up) for English Language Arts and Openup Resources, both are laden with Liberal ideologies cleverly woven into the assignments.

Example: The Titanic!

The coursework asks children not to necessarily consider the tragedy, the heroism and the loss of life, but rather to reflect on the race, gender and class

warfare of the passengers in a different place and time than we might find ourselves today, this once again makes Children reflect on division instead of unity, sex and gender instead of gallantry and cooperation.

This kind of coursework is developed by people in far off places who celebrate many things that we as Perry Countians would not, should not support, same sex marriage, drag shows, modern Marxist academia and Socialism to name

a few.

Go to Amplify's website, Amplify.Com, and see the "Pride" they take in their vision for your Children and Grandchildren.

I consider this program and it's ideology far to Liberal for our small hometown!

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With all due respect,

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State funding allows University of Missouri School of Law to reopen Family Violence Clinic

For the Republic-Monitor

When it opened in the early '90s, the Family Violence Clinic at the University of Missouri School of Law was among the first of its kind: a safe haven for indigent victims of violence and a place for law students to gain the practical experience essential to a successful career as an attorney. Now, after closing its doors in 2020, the legal clinic is poised for a comeback with support from new funding passed by the Missouri legislature.

"I am so excited about this clinic," said Paul Litton, dean of the MU School of Law. "I love the fact that we can get students valuable, practical experience while helping vulnerable people in our communities. This is an invaluable experience for law students who not only receive the mentorship and support of their clinical professor, but also get to work on real-life cases and create meaningful change in clients' lives."

A search will begin immediately for a clinical professor to direct the clinic — a bar-certified attorney who also teaches — with the goal of filling the position and opening the clinic by January 2024.

Managed judiciously for more than 20 years by now professor emeritus Mary Beck, the legal clinic served as fertile ground for burgeoning young attorneys. During her tenure, Beck instructed law students to treat the clinic as a law firm where they were complete client intake, draft briefs and even appear in court among other duties that spanned the legal gamut.

"There are many statutes on the books now that were originally bills drafted by Professor Beck and her students based on their research in her course," Litton said. "She required her students to write papers in support of those policy recommendations in addition to going to Jefferson City to speak to the legislature about them. The purpose of those statutes is to improve the foster care system and the

lives of victims of domestic violence."

Since its inception in 1993, the clinic thrived under the tutelage of Monique Prince, who worked as an executive legal secretary, managing the emergency hotline and serving as an advocate for victims of abuse. Over the years, she saw the clinic expand its services to support Missourians who depended on more extensive legal care. This development provided more avenues for student attorneys to broaden their apprenticeship.

"When I first started working there, we mostly did cases for women and children in domestic violence situations," Prince said. "And then Mary started supervising guardianship work where students helped men and women who were terminally ill set up guardianship arrangements for their children, so that if they were to get really sick, and weren't able to take care of their children, the standby guardian could step in and take care of them until they got well or unfortunately, if they did pass away, then there would already be a guardian in place."

When it reopens, Litton expects the clinic will continue to offer a broad range of services, including protecting victims of violence. He also anticipates offering additional services, which will depend on the expertise of the attorney hired as the clinic's new director.

Over the span of the clinic's original 27 years, students and alumni alike described their experience as formative work that made a mark early on in their legal educations and, ultimately, careers. In 2016, Mary Beck was awarded a William T. Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence, the university's most prestigious teaching award and one for which faculty must be nominated.

Among the support for Beck's nomination for the award was a letter from Michele Koehly, who said

her experience at the clinic shaped the trajectory of her law career.

"Today when I talk to law students asking for advice, I always inquire about any clinic programs offered at their school," Koehly said. "My best advice to every law student is to do a clinic. Professor Beck and her Family Violence Clinic taught me how to practice law and the importance of actually committing myself not only to the case but also to the client. I am a firm believer that ethics cannot be 'taught' in the traditional sense, they have to be taught by example, which there's no better example of that than Professor Beck."



Barber to perform at BST Hyde Park in London

By Justin Hotop
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A local artist will perform on an international stage this week. Frohna native Sam Barber will perform at the BST Hyde Park event in London July 8.

The event will be headlined by Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band and was the first act confirmed last year as part of the event's 10 year anniversary. Barber will play along with acts such as "The Chicks," James Bay, Brittany Spencer, Pa Sheehy, and Kelly McGrath.

The event was held July 6 and had acts such as Frank Turner and the Sleeping Souls, The Coronas, Stone and the First Time Flyers.

The event spans several weeks and has already had the likes of Pink, and Guns and Roses perform. Adele even performed in 2022.

In 2022, Barber auditioned for the long-time television singing competition American Idol. He did better than maybe even he expected of himself. Barber was able to earn a golden ticket as he sang in front of that year's three

American Idol judges, Katy Perry, Luke Bryan, and Lionel Richie. Barber was not able to watch his audition on television as his was one that did not air on the American Idol audition shows, but he did earn a golden ticket and made it to "Hollywood Week."

However, that was as far as he would go.

That did not slow him down as he has recorded several songs, including his most well known hit. "Straight and Narrow." He recently performed in Perry County on July 1.

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In the War of 1812, the British sought to re-subjugate the breakaway colonies



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of America. Would their Independence last just under forty years... or would it go on?

British troops burned Washington, and had taken captives. Francis Scott Key, a young lawyer, was sent to the British fleet anchored in Chesapeake Bay to negotiate the release of a friend, Dr. William Beanes. He was detained overnight on ship as the British heavily bombarded Fort McHenry. The fate of the fort...and indeed of the young nation called the 'United States of America' seemed in doubt!



As darkness set in, and the bombardment continued, the captives wondered, waited and watched.

Key put His thoughts in the form of a poem that would later be published, and later became our national anthem:

Oh say, can you see – by the dawn's early light- what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars, o'er the perilous fight, o'er the ramparts we watched,

were so gallantly streaming? And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night, that our flag was still there! Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave? O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?

So, in response to the heavy British assault, had the Americans brought the flag down? What would the first rays of light reveal? Had they given up...would there be a

white flag of surrender in its place...or was the stars and stripes still there, battle-wearied and tattered?

His early morning answer? A resounding YES!

Key, who gave us what was destined to become our National Anthem, also penned numerous other hymns and paraphrases of Psalms of the Bible. In Lutheran Service Book, used by many in my denomination, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

(LCMS) contains a hymn by Key that is grouped under 'Nation and National Songs.' It is titled, "Before You, Lord, We Bow." Verse 1 reads: 'Before You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above And rules the world below, Boundless is pow'r and love. Our thanks we bring In joy and praise Our hearts we raise To You, our King!'

So, what was the heart of the faith-fabric of many (though it was certainly not

universal)? Listen to a couple additional verses of this hymn, written for the Fourth of July celebration of 1832: 'Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own; Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone.'

Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore and bow before The Crucified.' The final stanza expresses the ultimate hope of orthodox Christianity: 'And when in power He comes, Oh, may our native land From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band, A countless throng, with joy to sing To heav'n's high King Salvation's song!'

Many today mistakenly believe that historic Christianity was a fringe belief system in the history of our nation. To the contrary, Biblical Christianity was a broadly-held, formative, foundation underlying the birthing and growth of the United States as a nation. Ponder this thought as you hear or sing The Star Spangled Banner!

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Wingham is pastor of Grace Lutheran and Zion Lutheran Churches in Uniontown and Longtown.

America should seek unity in all things

This week our country celebrates its 247th birthday. While Americans enjoy the freedoms our constitution affords us, America has become an increasingly divided nation. Dr. Jim Denison, who writes a blog I regularly read, recently referenced an article from the New York Times that reported something which both political parties agree on; 69% of Democrats and 69% of Republicans believe our democracy is in danger of collapse. The agreement tragically ends there because both parties believe the other party is the cause of the problem.



TIM RICHARDS
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Daily Bread on October 8, 2020, offers some practical advice about how we can begin to find some common ground.

Gustafson referenced one of Dr. Seuss' whimsical sto-

ries about a "North-Going Zax and a South-Going Zax" crossing the Prairie of Prax. Upon meeting nose-to-nose, neither Zax was willing to step aside." The first Zax angrily vowed to stay put—even if it makes "the whole world stand still." In Dr. Seuss' story, the world moves on and builds a highway around both Zaxes.

Most of us want to be right but we may also be stubborn. Let me be clear, I am not suggesting we are to abandon our principles and agree to things we believe are wrong. However, when we begin to see

everyone in the other political party as evil we are unlikely to see the possibility of reasonable principled compromise.

When I was a boy I often heard my father say, "It is possible to disagree without being disagreeable." Tragically, this is increasingly rare in our current political environment, yet it is more needed now than ever.

Frustration and friction are not new. The book of Philipians, which most scholars agree was written well before the end of the first century, has the Apostle Paul dealing with

conflict between two women in the church. He wrote, "Now I appeal to Euodia and Syntyche. Please, because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement." (Philipians 4:2, NLT) In the next verse Paul asked the pastor to help the women settle their differences because he valued both ladies. In verse 5 he offered a principle which can help those with different opinions work together he wrote, "Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do..."

Of course, there are times when we must stand up for

what we believe is right, but when we do we must avoid the unyielding stubbornness of the Zax. Gustafson correctly observed, "We can bicker with each other over every trivial concern until we destroy ourselves, or we can swallow our pride... and seek unity." While it may not be easy, it is right and what America needs.

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Youth movement



PHOTO BY JUSTIN HOTOP

Perryville high school is adopting a "youth academy," which will create sport-specific camps and clinics for athletes as young as the third and fourth grade.

PHS adopts a youth academy

By Justin Hotop
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Perry County School District No. 32 is looking to build up its next generation of players as early as third grade," Perryville High School Athletic Director Justin Dreyer said.

The Board of Education approved the formation of a youth academy at its last board meeting on June 29.

"We are going to start our focus on student-athletes as early as third grade," Perryville High School Athletic Director Justin Dreyer said.

The district plans to have sport-specific camps, clinics and other activities for its athletes to help form a base for skill development at a younger age.

Dreyer gave an example of

how this would work with a sport such as boys/girls basketball.

"We are going to have a camp for our third and fourth graders," Dreyer said. "From that we are going to form a third and fourth grade team and we are going to pay for them to be in a league, like in Cape Girardeau. We will push for them to be in the league at the Park Center, but we want them to be in a few leagues playing at an early age."

The goal is for the program to have a third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grade team. The school already has a seventh and eighth grade program.

"The players are just starting a lot earlier through this

program," Dreyer said. "Right now our cross country and track coaches are running the 'Ready, Set, Run' program at the Park Center all summer. Football will be a little different, but baseball we started a seventh and eighth grade team, and looking to start a fifth and sixth grade team the following year. We currently don't have baseball as a middle school sport."

Dreyer understands that the foundation of any sports program and school is the youth and wants the student-athletes to learn the game sooner.

Dreyer said there are two goals of the youth academy: to teach the fundamentals of the game and to make the players

fall in love with the sport.

"We want to let the kids have fun, while also learning the sport," he said. "In return with the academy, we hope to increase our participation and hopefully that would lead to more success on the field and the court. We want our programs to do well and if we want to do that we have to start younger."

The current coaches of the specific program will run the academies for their sports.

"The coaches are really excited about the program," Dreyer said. "They know it will mean more time, but in the long run it will also pay dividends for the particular programs."



PHOTO BY JUSTIN HOTOP

St. Vincent football released its 2023 schedule and will open the season at Thayer in late August.

SV releases football schedule

By Justin Hotop
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The football season is right around the corner as is evidence by the fact that many area schools released their football schedules.

St. Vincent was no different. The Indians will attempt to improve on a 7-3 record in 2022 and won the I-55 conference.

St. Vincent will open on the road at Thayer on Aug. 25. Thayer is a Class 1 that has seen success in recent years, winning 10 games in 2021. The Bobcats went 4-6 last season.

St. Vincent will be back on the road in week 2 at Scott City, before hosting Perryville for the team's first home game and conference opponent on Sept. 8. The Indians have had the Pirates' number of late, winning the last five matchups.

St. Vincent will travel to Herculaneum and host Valle Catholic, who will have a strong team yet again in Week 5.

St. Vincent will alternate road and home games for the rest of the season by traveling two Bayless (Sept 29) and Grandview (Oct. 13) and home games against St. Pius (Oct. 6) and finishing the regular season against

Jefferson (Oct. 20). The team doesn't have an overly large senior class, but averages about 11 kids in each grade below that, but does return several key pieces from last season.

One of those key guys will be senior quarterback Christian Schaaf, who will be entering his third year at the helm.

Other returners include Cruz Reitzel, Jacob Schremp and Clayton Gremaud, who were key weapons for Schaaf on the offensive side.

Schaaf was named the Offensive MVP of the I-55 conference last season. Schaaf threw for 1,968 yards with 23 touchdowns and 9 interceptions, while rushing for 351 yards and seven touchdowns.

If Schaaf is the leader of the offense, Robinson is the leader of the defense.

He returns for his senior season after a dynamite junior campaign. Robinson led the way for the St. Vincent defense with a team-leading 137 tackles, one sack, and one interception.

Robinson led the southeast Missouri area in tackles.

The offseason has begun already and throughout the entire offseason.

St. Vincent typically runs a three-week camp in July.

It's time to accept that that the Cardinals are bad

Is it time to give up on the Cardinals?

If the team's performance on the Fourth of July holiday was any indication, there isn't much hope.

There were plenty of fireworks for the Miami Marlins on Tuesday as they defeated the Cardinals 15-2. Adam Wainwright struggled yet again lasting just three innings. It's looking more and more like he should have retired along with Albert Pujols and Yadier Molina last season as his ERA is at 7.66.

Probably the best thing for him is that the team put him on the injury list after the game to get his mind

and body right. You hate to see that of one of the best Cardinals in modern history that has done so much for the franchise.

However, his career and time as a serviceable MLB pitcher might be finished. Wainwright vowed that "this was not the

end" for him, and wants to have a strong end to this season. However, he will have to

prove that he can get back to the form he was just last year.

It's really a microcosm of what the team as a whole is going through right now.

The Cardinals took two games from the New York Yankees, only to yet again blow a late inning lead on Monday and get blown out and look non-competitive on Tuesday.

Every time the Cardinals look like they are going to turn it around, they have a few clunkers just to remind us that this team isn't very good.

I refuse to believe they are as bad as the 35-50 record may indicate. However, they do have the third worst record

in the National League. It is truly not off the board that the team loses north of 90 games this year, which would be heartbreaking because I felt this team would have a promising season.

The even more frustrating part is that the rest of the NL Central is not really that good either. The Cincinnati Reds are only 47-39, which is by far the worst record among division leaders in the National League. Only the Twins lead the American League Central with a worse record at 44-43 and the Cardinals would still be looking up at them by a substantial margin as well.

It wouldn't be surprised if

Paul Goldschmidt and Nolan Arenado are going at themselves and thinking "what have I gotten myself into this year," especially since Arenado took less money to sign with the Cardinals this past winter.

I don't think the answer is to trade the two superstars at the deadline, however, I wouldn't be surprised if contending teams made a few calls to the Cardinals front office.

I would improve the pitching staff and plead with Goldschmidt, who won the NL MVP last season, and Arenado, who is an All-Star in 2023 to stay and they

will try to fix a few things (mainly the pitching rotation and bullpen, which I would argue was an obvious flaw before the season anyway.)

The Cardinals look like they will be bad for the rest of the year, so there is no reason to get upset about it anymore. We should just accept it.

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PIRANHAS GOING TO NATIONALS



A total of six swimmers from the Perryville Piranhas will compete at the AAU Junior Olympics in Des Moines, Iowa, July 27-30. The Piranhas swimmers pictured are (front row left to right): Joel Schupp, Nadilyn Sullins, Lux Meyer, Vida Wilson, Alivia Yamnitz and back row left to right: Catch Wilson, Hendrix Meyer, Paxton Meyer, Jacob Schupp, Madison Schubert, and Anna Yamnitz. Paxton, Hendrix, and Lux Meyer, Jacob and Joel Schupp, and Nadilyn Sullins will compete in the AAU Junior Olympics

MUDDIN' ON THE FOURTH



A local group competed well at the annual Fourth of July Mud Volleyball Tournament on Tuesday. "The MACHine" finished second in the tournament, falling to Brenda's Badies in the championship game. Pictured are Joel Otte, Jared Hotop, Marc Jannin, Camryn Baer, Maci Hotop-Johnson, and Wyatt Johnson.



The Board of Directors of the Missouri State High School Activities Association has requested proposals for event venues for certain high school championships.

State requesting proposals for championship sites

For the Republic-Monitor

The Board of Directors of the Missouri State High School Activities Association has resolved to request proposals from event venues and communities desiring to serve as the host of any of the following MSHSAA High School Championships:

- Track & Field – Boys & Girls 2025-26, 2026-27, 2027-28, 2028-29, and 2029-30
- Soccer – Boys & Girls 2025-26, 2026-27, 2027-28, 2028-29, and 2029-30
- Golf – Boys & Girls 2025-26, 2026-27, 2027-28, 2028-29, and 2029-30

Proposals will be accepted for hosting any or each of these Championships. Venues are not required to propose or to host each year. However, in evaluating proposals the Association reserves the right to consider the benefits of long-term commitments.

Proposal documents and materials for each Champi-

onship RFP may be obtained from Craig Long, Chief Operating Officer, Missouri State High School Activities Association, 1 North Keene Street, Columbia, Missouri 65201 (or PO Box 1328, Columbia, Missouri 65205-1328), or at (573) 875-4880 or email@mshsaa.org.

The proposal return deadline is 1 p.m., CST, Monday April 24, 2023. At that time, all proposals received will be publicly opened and read aloud. All parties are invited to attend the public opening. Please provide notice to the

Association of intention to attend.

"We invite everyone interested to participate in this bidding process", says MSHSAA Executive Director Dr. Jennifer Rukstad. "MSHSAA Championships generate significant tourism and economic benefit for our hosting communities, and our bidding process helps us improve the championship experiences we provide for our schools and their students. Everyone working together benefits everyone".

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Parson prepares to act on state budget with surplus

By Rudi Keller

Missouri will enter the new fiscal year Saturday in its best financial shape ever. But there are unmistakable signs that the massive surplus, now approaching \$8 billion, has likely peaked.

Revenues have fallen by double-digit amounts during the last three months, and the state will meet the general revenue projection made in December only because interest earned on invested state funds has increased 927% during the year.

Gov. Mike Parson on Friday will sign the 17 bills making up the \$50.7 billion budget, action that will almost certainly include line-item vetoes. The spending plan uses approximately \$2.8 billion of the accumulated surplus. About half of the spending from the surplus is dedicated to a project to widen Interstate 70 across the state.

The I-70 appropriation isn't likely to be reduced by Parson, but how big the surplus is a year from now could be altered by more than \$1 billion by what he does on all the other spending.

There is plenty of surplus to cover the budgeted spending, and then some. But cuts are still expected, and are sure to spark outrage.

"The governor is supposed to base his vetoes on a lack of money available," said state Rep. Peter Merideth of St. Louis, ranking Democrat on the House Budget Committee. "I understand that they want to be cautious about revenue in future years, but leaving this kind of money on the bottom line is completely unprecedented."

Parson vetoed 31 items last year. On 17 of those vetoes, the governor cited as a reason that the spending wasn't included in his orig-



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Gov. Mike Parson signs bills on June 7, 2023 banning gender-affirming treatments for minors and limiting participation in school sports based on gender

inal budget plan.

Last year's vetoes included 20 of the almost 70 earmarked items lawmakers inserted into the budget. This year's spending plan has approximately 275 earmarked items, costing \$1.1 billion, in amounts ranging from \$8,000 to \$50 million.

The smallest is for rifles for the Lone Jack Police Department. The largest is to fund improvements near Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City in advance of the 2026 FIFA World Cup soccer tournament.

There are other items Parson did not recommend that have large price tags, including \$300 million to

build a new state psychiatric hospital in Kansas City and \$171 million to boost the pay of personal service providers for people with developmental disabilities.

There's plenty of money for the increases Parson sought and received as well as the items added by lawmakers, said Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Lincoln Hough, R-Springfield.

"I would hope the governor wouldn't veto things based on not being in his recommended budget," Hough said.

Big items in this year's budget include:

- \$2.8 billion, with \$1.4

billion from the general revenue surplus and \$1.4 billion from bonds, to widen I-70 from Blue Springs to Wentzville.

- \$233 million to fully fund public school transportation for the second consecutive year.

- \$56 million to expand pre-kindergarten programs and \$78 million to increase child care subsidy payments.
- Boosts to higher education, including a 7% increase in institutional funding, plus projects that include a veterinary diagnostic laboratory and a research slaughterhouse at the University of Missouri.

- \$250 million to increase pay for direct care aides and \$32 million to increase funding for area agencies on aging.

"The budget does not need to be a situation where if it wasn't the governor's idea, we shouldn't do it," Merideth said. "I understand if there is a problem with the line or saying we don't have the money for this. But simply not liking which senator put it in and that you didn't put it in isn't good enough."

On several items vetoed last year, Parson told lawmakers they had chosen the wrong fund, or that he believed the way the money was being spent was an intent to get around state purchasing laws.

Two of the items were vetoed because of possible constitutional conflicts with the prohibition on state grants or credit for private entities. That issue also could decide the fate of a proposed \$8.5 million no-interest state loan to Magnitude 7 Metals to help pay

for pollution controls at its Marston smelter.

"I am open to there being line items where there are problems," Merideth said. "As long as there is an analysis, I understand that."

The December revenue estimate projected total general revenue of just under \$13.1 billion, a growth rate of 1.4%, in the current fiscal year. Growth was projected to slow to 0.7% in the year that begins Saturday.

Through Wednesday, revenues for the year have exceeded the projection by \$36 million and will end the year with growth of about 2.5%. In the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2022, growth was close to 15%.

The general revenue portion of the budget before Parson is \$16 billion.

"The governor and the General Assembly have been very efficient in managing the budget," said Jim Moody, a lobbyist and former state budget director under Republican Gov. John Ashcroft. "In the short term it is manageable, but it sure is sending some signals the game has changed."

Income tax cuts that took effect Jan. 1, as well as swings in taxable income reported by wealthy taxpayers as investment returns change, have left income tax collections flat for the year. Sales tax collections, measuring greater spending from higher wages as well as inflation, have grown 6.7%, while corporate income taxes, which measure the profits of large industries, have grown 15 percent.

Parson has another tax cut on his desk – exempting all Social Security income from

taxation – with a projected annual revenue reduction of \$318 million.

The surplus started growing during fiscal 2021 when the state found ways to use federal COVID-19 relief funds in place of general revenue spending. At the end of May, the general revenue fund held \$5.9 billion – \$1.5 billion more than the balance a year ago and more than 10 times the balance on May 31, 2020.

Federal relief has contributed to the surplus in other ways, both directly by increasing support for programs like Medicaid and indirectly by boosting personal spending on taxable goods.

Those extra federal funds from direct aid have been shuffled to accounts that hold \$1.9 billion and can be spent like general revenue.

Moody said he expects revenue to decline in the coming year as tax changes already in the law are implemented. Some small business owners will pay tax bills as much as 20% lower for 2023 than they did on the same income in 2021, he said.

"I don't think we have come close to seeing the true impact of the tax cuts that have occurred," Moody said.

The trend toward slower growth was clear as the budget was being crafted, Hough said. The 275 earmarked appropriations are unlikely to be repeated.

"I said that to the senators and representatives and everyone else parading through my office this year asking me to do this, or do that, for them," Hough said. "I told every single person that walked through the door that this is not normal, don't get used to this."

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MDC offers new online application for Special Use Permits

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Missouri deer, turkey, waterfowl, and dove hunters can get the most current information on upcoming fall hunting from the Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) new 2023 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet and the Migratory Bird and Waterfowl Hunting Digest 2023-2024.

The 2023 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet has detailed information on fall deer and turkey hunting seasons, limits, permits, managed hunts, regulations, conservation areas to hunt, post-harvest instructions, chronic wasting disease (CWD) updates, and more. The booklet is available where permits are sold and online at mdc.mo.gov/about-us/about-regulations/fall-deer-turkey-hunting-regulations-information.

The Migratory Bird and



Waterfowl Hunting Digest 2023-2024 has detailed information on waterfowl hunting along with hunting doves and other migratory game birds such as rail, snipe, and woodcock. It also has information on needed permits and duck-stamp requirements, hunting seasons and limits, hunting areas, regulations, and more. The digest is available where permits are sold and online

at mdc.mo.gov/about-us/about-regulations/migratory-bird-waterfowl-hunting-digest.

Buy Missouri hunting and fishing permits from numerous vendors around the state, online at mdc.mo.gov/permits, or through MDC's free mobile app, MO Hunting, available for download through Google Play or the App Store.



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at more than 100 managed deer hunts throughout the state for archery, muzzle-loading, and modern firearms from mid-September through mid-January at conservation areas, state and other parks, national wildlife refuges, and other public areas. Some managed hunts are held specifically for youth or for people with disabilities. Hunters are selected by a weighted random drawing.

Draw results will be available Aug. 15 through Jan. 15. Applicants who are drawn will receive area maps and

other hunt information by mail.

Get more information on managed deer hunts, preview hunt details, and apply starting July 1 at mdc.mo.gov/managedhunt.

Details about managed hunts can also be found in MDC's "2023 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information" booklet available starting in early July at MDC offices and nature centers, from permit vendors around the state, and online at mdc.mo.gov.

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