

Issues and Programs

3rd Quarter, July 1 – September 30 2023

KSDL - KXXK

Section I. Issues

KSDL - KXXK have identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community this quarter:

- 1. Economic Development:** Sedalia Parks & Rec Director just announced their location for the new outdoor aquatics facility. Two million was put in reserve for this project to date and close to another million has been saved for the facility. Parks & Rec plans to ask the city for an additional \$8 million loan to pay for the new facility. As of now, Centennial Pool is closed and once the new facility is complete, Liberty Pool will close as well, due to its age.
- 2. Youth Leadership:** The City of Sedalia lacks a range of youth leadership programs. Mari Asbury, the new 4-H Youth Specialist, is working with Pettis, Benton, and Henry counties to bring more 4-H programs and give Sedalia its very own 4-H club. 4-H is project based where the children run their own meetings, make the decisions for their clubs, and learn valuable leadership skills. 4-H will be working with the Boys & Girls Club, as well as public & private schools.
- 3. Sedalia Senior Center:** Seniors make up almost 17% of the population in Sedalia. During the quarter, the Sedalia Senior Center was trying to raise \$25,000 to help improve the center and continue the services available to this population. We used our platform to help raise awareness of the different fundraisers available.
- 4. Law Enforcement Needs:** There are several area law enforcement agencies new to the K-9 experience, some with less than a year in action. The K-9 units require special aquatic training – the first of its kind in Sedalia.
- 5. Missouri State Fairgrounds:** The Missouri State Fairgrounds will be getting an \$8 million financial package to assist with improvements on the fairgrounds. The Missouri State Fair focuses started as an agricultural expo with an emphasis on youth in agriculture, FFA, and 4-H.

Section II. Responsive Programming

KSDL- KXXK addresses these issues through responsive programming which includes local newscasts, live interviews with community leaders and citizens, live appearances at various community and charity events by station personalities, weather alerts, storm coverage, EAS messages (child abductions, storm warnings, etc.), and local newscasts dedicated to covering local crime patterns and special events. This report is illustrative of the Issues and Programming aired by KSIS and is not presented in order of priority or significance

Program and Issues Report for KSDL & KXKX. Contained within this report are details of the major news stories and events covered by the stations for the time period of July through Septmber 2023. Details of programs aired addressing issues affecting our community during the time frames listed below.

Date	Station(s)	Guests	Program name	Length of Program	Description of issues discussed	Time	Issues discussed
7/2	KSDL & KXKX	Mark Alford, Donna Albin, Sarah Harper	Townsquare Talk	20:00	<p>Congressman Mark Alford visited with Randy Kirby after visiting with commissioners and other county officials June 27 at the Pettis County Courthouse. This was part of a tour of Alford's 4th Congressional District after being elected to replace former Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler, who replaced Congressman Ike Skelton. Alford touched on several subjects, including the Farm Bill, the SNAP program, and the landfill issue. "We've got to figure out in our district how to deal with our trash issues. We don't need trash coming from Kansas City to one of three landfills here in Pettis County ... Not one county should be burdened with other people's trash," he said. The \$840 billion National Defense Authorization Act was a bi-partisan effort, Alford noted. He singled out China as an ongoing threat to the US. A listening tour is planned for Monday, Aug. 14 at the Nucor Pavilion during the 2023 Missouri State Fair. Missouri has 95,000 farms and the state is number two in beef cow operations and number two in corn. "With as much production as we have, it needs to be protected," he said, noting that up to 1,000 farms per month in the US are lost. Care Connection Coordinator Donna Albin, who heads the Senior Center in Sedalia, spoke with Randy Kirby about her new job. Albin is a Sedalia native and a third generation foster child. Child Safe and the non-profits here in town actually savd my life about 30 years ago," she commented. Albin, who has a nine and 11 year old, has worked in the finance industry, dealing with loans and mortgages. The Senior Center's Spud Sale is coming up in September, and is a big fund-raiser for the organization. Over 30 volunteers help out at the non-profit senior center every week. The center serves 300 people a month on site, and Care Connection, which includes other communities like Warrensburg, produces around 60,000 meals a year. About 610 meals are delivered to the homebound in a 13-county area. Shoes For Success is a fund-raiser that runs July through September. Collection boxes are set up in various locations throughout Sedalia. And Granny Basketball is scheduled for Aug. 6 at the Heckart Community Center. Sarah Harper, who handles all the adult activities at the Sedalia Public Library, visited with Randy Kirby in studio about upcoming events at the library. One such event is an online high school for adults called Excel Adult High School through the Missouri State Library. It is not a GED, but students may earn 21.5 credit hours, working at their own pace.</p>	6 a.m.	Farming, Landfills, National defense, foster care. aging, hunger.

7/9	KSDL 7 KXXK	Alona Reed, Steven Boggs, Sarah Parker, Gene Schmitz, David Goodson, Bill Taylor, Rhiannon Foster, Brad Pollitt, Rusty Kahrs	Townsquare Talk	20:00	<p>The NAACP celebrated Juneteenth at Hubbard Park with lots of activities, including three-on-three basketball. According to local NAACP President Alona Reed, there was a miscommunication about what the prize would be for the winners. Steven Boggs said the basketball event is always very popular, with prizes going to the winners, but not monetary. But this year, his coordinator misunderstood and told everyone there would be cash prizes, hence the need for damage control, Boggs said. Boggs said that they would go ahead and give monetary prizes to the nine participants, along with the medals normally given out. Boggs stressed the need for good will and good feelings about Juneteenth. "It's not a black thing, it's a community thing," he told Randy Kirby. Cornhole was added this year to the activities and next year he is looking at adding pickleball and soccer, as well as horseshoes. A horseshoe pit was added to Hubbard Park recently, but the Juneteenth Committee will need to purchase its own horseshoes. Boggs emphasized that all competitions are open to females as well. Reed asked the public for suggestions on how to make Juneteenth even better next year. Sarah Harper, Sedalia Public Library's outreach and adult services librarian, spoke with Randy Kirby. Harper delivers books to homebound and disabled adults. She also handles all the adult programming at the library, located at 311 W. 3rd in Sedalia. Harper, talked about upcoming events at the library. One such event is an online high school for adults called Excel Adult High School through the Missouri State Library. It is not a GED, but students may earn 21.5 credit hours, working at their own pace for those who were unable to finish their high school diploma. Gene Schmitz, MU Extension Livestock Specialist, focused on the severe and extreme drought areas in Missouri. Only one rain event which resulted in over one inch of rain occurred was recorded in 2023 at the remote station in the Green Ridge area (June 11). As of June 14, the station had recorded 8.67 inches of precipitation as opposed to the long-term average of 21.94 for the same time period. Schmitz, along with Travis Harper, MU Agronomy Specialist, have scheduled two meetings concerning the drought on July 10 from 1 to 3 p.m., at the MU Extension meeting room in Sedalia, with a tour on the SFCC campus. The other meeting will be July 11 from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Warsaw Ambulance District meeting room. The meetings are free and open to the public. Impact Signs held a groundbreaking ceremony at Thompson Industrial Park and Townsquare Talk was there covering the story. The 5.5-acre site will contain the new headquarters for Impact Signs and Wrap. The cost of construction is over \$8 million. CEO and founder David Goodson delivered a speech to the crowd gathered at the site, talking about the history of the company, which began in his garage some 25 years ago.</p>	6 a.m.	Racial equality, economic development, literacy, agriculture
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7/16	KSDL & KXXK	Ashley and Jonathan Washington, Kathleen Boswel, Polish family, Donna Albin	Townsquare Talk	20:00	<p>Dan Bridges nominated Ashley and Jonathan Washington as out Central Bank of Sedalia's Unsung Heroes for the month. Sedalia Speed is a non-profit that promotes physical and mental wellness and personal growth for kids ages K – 18. Some compete on the weekends. Sedalia Speed is run by the Washingtons and Jonathan is the head coach for the program at Smith-Cotton High School. Five of the athletes are traveling to the AAU Junior Olympics in Iowa at the end of July. There are also athletes from Windsor and Green Ridge in the program. There is a \$50 sign-on fee. Jonathan is a native of LA and moved to Sedalia at the age of six and has been here ever since. At one time, Jonathan held the school record for triple jump. Kathleen Boswell visited with Randy Kirby and brought her Polish friends with her. A reception is planned for the family (man & wife and their 16-year-old son) at the Celebration Center. They have been in the US for about three weeks visiting with partners who have helped them with Ukrainian refugees who have fled the war which began when Russia invaded Ukraine. He is the president of Golden Apple Institute. The wife started New Hope distribution center for the refugees. "We really hope the war will finish as soon as possible, but as long as we're needed, we're willing to help," he said. "This was one of the hardest years of our life, but the most rewarding." It was 102 the day this family visited Sedalia, but he noted that when they visited Arizona, the high that day was 114 degrees. Donna Albin, Caring Connection coordinator, stopped by to visit with Randy Kirby and talk about upcoming events at the Sedalia Senior Center, 1800 W. 3rd Street. Aug. 6 from 2 to 4 p.m., is Granny Basketball, for women over the age of 50. There will also be a bake sale that day as a fund-raiser for the Senior Center. Shoes For Success collects new or gently used shoes for those who need them. On Aug. 13, there will be a tenderloin dinner at the Senior Center.</p>	6 a.m.	Athletic competition, International diplomacy, Senior Citizens,
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7/30	KSDL & KXXK	Mark Wolfe	Townsquare Talk	20:00	<p>Mark Wolfe, director of the Missouri State Fair, shared with Randy Kirby about the 2023 edition, which focuses on Agriculture across the state. The Show-Me Showcase will feature after-school type rock bands at the Bud Tent (formerly State Fair Idol). Shenanigans returns to the Fair for the first time since 2009. They will be located just to the west of the Ag Building. Wolfe noted that over the past two legislative sessions, a total of over \$70 million was appropriated for fairground improvements. Most recently, it was announced that 600 campsites will be added to the Fairgrounds, which is sorely needed. The state purchased an additional 200 acres to the west to accommodate the new campsites. Also, the shorthorn barn was upgraded this past year. "It was in the worst shape, and now, it looks awesome," Wolfe said. Future plans for renovation of the grandstand, and the State Fair Arena will be replaced by a brand new \$55 million facility. The Arena is where the Fair holds rodeo, bull riding and demolition derby events. The new arena will be climatized as well, Wolfe noted. There are also several smaller projects in the works at the fairgrounds. "We're excited about what the next couple of years are going to look like at the state fairgrounds," he said. There are numerous off-season events at the fairgrounds where the buildings are used year-round. The Lainey Wilson show (with Jackson Dean) at the grandstand sold out in four hours, a record for the Mo State Fair. "That has not happened during my time at the Fair," Wolfe commented. The other huge concert at the Fair in 2023 featured Nelly, with Rahzel.</p>	6 a.m.	Entertainment, Tourism, State Budget
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8/6	KSDL & KXXK	Damien Gunn, Samantha Gilpin, Lillibeth Sokolowski, Tadley Peterson	Townsquare Talk	20:00	<p>Damien Gunn was the first guest on Townsquare Talk this week. He joined Randy Kirby by cell phone. Damien's band is scheduled to perform on the first night of the 2023 Missouri State Fair at Good Time Charlies, which hires several live bands throughout the Fair every year. "Good Time Charlies is probably one of my favorite spots," Damien said, adding that he has performed there as well as hung out and listened to other bands play. "It's been a while since I've been able to perform down there, but it looks like this time around, I'm ready to get back there and have some fun." Damien describes his three-piece band as a "rockin' country band with a little bit of an edge to it." Damien has been playing music since 2005. "It's been a nice journey. It's just something you do and it's your passion, so you do it. But I'm having a good time doing it still." Damien is primarily the lead singer and the bass player in the band. The Damien Gunn Band is currently in residence at the Outlaw Saloon in Wyoming. They are traveling, but not "on tour." New music is coming soon after recording in Nashville. Samantha Gilpin, executive director of Pettis County Community Partnership (PCCP) is planning a Food Truck Frenzy for Friday, Sept. 15 in the parking lot in front of PCCP in the State Fair Shopping Center. Some of the programs that PCCP oversees includes Community Closet (hygiene products), Give & Take (no cost items), Little Essentials (diapers, wipes, femine hygiene products), and Head To Toe (assists community youth with shoes and clothing). A full list of services is available at www.pettiscountycommunitypartnership.com. Cast members of "Play In A Week" came to the KSIS studios to talk about a production that starts and finishes in one week, with a presentation at 7:30 Saturday night. Lillibeth Sokolowski spoke first about the event at the Liberty Center in downtown Sedalia. Sokolowski said the play is a an adventure-comedy about two people finding a Walkman that guides them along the way over five scenes. Abby Bowlin is the director of the play. Ideas were worked on and a script was developed. "My actors are amazing, they've done great work, and they really did write a good show," Bowlin said. Tadley Peterson was another actor who spoke with Randy Kirby about the production, which is only his second ever. "It has been a wonderful experience this past week," Peterson said, adding that theatre instructor Chelsea Turner has been great to work with, in addition to Carl and Amber Hutcherson. The age range of "Play In A Week" is from 11 to 18. "I've been there all day, every day," Peterson stated.</p>	6 a.m.	Entertainment, Tourism, State Budget, Theatre, Community Involvement
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8/13	KSDL & KKKX	Nick La Strada	Townsquare Talk	20:00	<p>Pettis County Election Authority Nick La Strada was Randy Kirby's special guest for this episode of Townsquare Talk. La Strada talked about his recent trip to Uzbekistan as an election observer through the US State Department. There is a language barrier, due to everyone speaking Uzbek and Russian, but he had an interpreter and a driver. "The people there are just so kind," La Strada said, adding that Uzbekistan is a Muslim country, but there is also Judeism, Catholicism and Christianity. The snap election he observed had to do with a referendum to extend the president's term from four years to seven. He was successful. La Strada said he was invited by the country to be there. A total of 25 election observers were there. "On election day, it was 105 degrees," La Strada said, adding that turnout was 79 percent. Everything was old school at Nergana, with pen and pad to sign in, no electronics involved with the voting process. This is La Strada's eighth mission as an election observer. "I was on a waiting list for five years," he noted. "It's a blessing I'm able to represent this country." There's going to be a special election in November, La Strada said. Smithton Fire wants to become a taxed-based fire department, rather than a subscription-based department. And there will be no more presidential primaries in Missouri, he noted.</p>	6 a.m.	International relations, voting, democracy
8/20	KSDL & KKKX	Amy Epple, Sheri Rapp, Staci Middleton, Samantha Gilpin, Lucas Vaughan	Townsquare Talk	20:00	<p>Parks & Rec Director Amy Epple spoke with Randy Kirby about the permanent closing of Centennial Pool after 51 years of service in Sedalia. She noted that Parks & Rec spent about \$40,000 in repairs last year to keep the pool going. Liberty Pool (on the west side of town) will remain open until the outdoor aquatics facility is opened in 2025. It will be located on the east side of Sedalia where the old Sutherlands Lumber used to be decades ago. The city owns the land, which was purchased from the railroad company. The top 12 inches of soil will need to be removed before construction will begin. "Light Up Liberty" is getting bigger & better every year. The park is open until midnight to allow for plenty of time for visitors to drive through and enjoy the Christmas light display. Sheri Rapp, Recovery Lighthouse (Warrensburg) stopped by the studio to speak with Randy Kirby about a suicide awareness event scheduled for Aug. 31 at the Pettis County courthouse in downtown Sedalia. Several speeches are planned, as well as a candlelight vigil and walk. Narcan is now available to anyone so that if the situation arises, they can administer it to someone who needs it. 1-800-484-3731 is the number to call if you agree to "never use alone." Staci Middleton was named Central Bank's Unsung Hero for July and came to the studio to speak with Randy Kirby about her efforts to help with Sedalia Community Cafe. She was nominated by Lauren Grupe. Staci is married to her husband Dave. They have two children, Boston (19 and in college) and Bryson, 16. Samantha Gilpin, executive director of Pettis County Community Partnership (PCCP) is planning a Food Truck Frenzy for Friday, Sept. 15 in the parking lot in front of PCCP in the State Fair Shopping Center. Some of the programs that PCCP oversees includes Community Closet (hygiene products), Give & Take (no cost items), Little Essentials (diapers, wipes, feminine hygiene products), and Head To Toe (assists community youth with shoes and clothing). A full list of services is available at www.pettiscountycommunitypartnership.com.</p>	6 a.m.	Parks & Rec, city budget, drug addiction, Unsung Hero

8/27	KSDL & KXXK	Jessica Snell, Wyann Lipps, Steve Scheiner, Carol McMillin, Donna Albin	Townsquare Talk	20:00	<p>Jessica Snell, chair of the Alzheimer's Walk, spoke with Randy Kirby about the upcoming Alzheimer's Walk at Centennial Park on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 11 a.m. At the moment, 15 teams (53 participants) have signed up for the event. And the group is getting close to their fiscal goal. Snell noted. Wyann Lipps is the co-chair of the event. Don Weaver of Don's Towing is supplying golf carts for the event. So far, the organization has raised \$7,685 of the \$30,000 goal. Steve Scheiner and Carol McMillin represent the SFCC Booster Club at the college and visited with Randy Kirby about how to get involved with the SFCC Booster Club. The Club runs the concession stand at home games. SFCC has 15 sports now. Joining the SFCC Booster Club at the Rowdie level will cost \$50 and gets you in the door at all local games. The next level is the \$100 level. The MVP level is \$250. The All-Conference level is \$750, the All-Region level is \$1500 and the All-American level is \$2,000 (for area businesses). Some businesses donate in-kind services, Scheiner noted. A luncheon for all business supporters is planned for the fall. Two events that raises funds for SFCC Athletics are a golf tournament and a mouse race. Donna Albin, Sedalia Senior Center, spoke with Randy Kirby about upcoming events that helps raise funds for the center. "I love it. It doesn't feel like work, every day is different," she said of her job. The center is oversee nby Care Connection in Warrensburg. At the Sedalia facility, they serve over 6,000 meals per month. A tenderloin dinner will be served Sept. 10. The Senior Center's annual Spud Sale is Thursday, Sept. 14. Bingo is played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the center from 12:30 to 1:30. A new coffee bar is coming in September, Albin said.</p>	6 a.m.	Alzheimers, health, hunger, education
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9/3	KSDL & KXXK	Kayla Sanchez, Chris Grey, Donna Albin, Steve Scheiner, Carol McMillin	Townsquare Talk	20:00	<p>Encounter Church members have been working on an outdoor mural at Heber Hunt Elementary School, 600 South Warren, for the past several weeks. Kayla Sanchez spoke with Randy Kirby about the project. Students can learn about colors and letters, too. The mural will be completed in the next week or so. Some of the volunteers either attended Heber Hunt or currently have children who are Heber Hunt students. Pastor Chris Grey also spoke with Randy Kirby at the school. His wife is donating her artistic skills to help make the mural a reality. "We really have a heart for this school," Pastor Grey said. Heber Hunt Elementary has over 400 K-4 students, has a student-teacher ratio of 4-1, and is part of Sedalia School District 200. Donna Albin, Sedalia Senior Center, spoke with Randy Kirby about upcoming events that help raise funds for the center. "I love it. It doesn't feel like work, every day is different," she said of her job. The center is overseen by Care Connection in Warrensburg. At the Sedalia facility, they serve over 6,000 meals per month. A tenderloin dinner will be served Sept. 10. The Senior Center's annual Spud Sale is Thursday, Sept. 14. Bingo is played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the center from 12:30 to 1:30. A new coffee bar is coming in September, Albin said. Steve Scheiner and Carol McMillin represent the SFCC Booster Club at the college and visited with Randy Kirby about how to get involved with the SFCC Booster Club. The Club runs the concession stand at home games. SFCC has 15 sports now. Joining the SFCC Booster Club at the Rowdie level will cost \$50 and gets you in the door at all local games. The next level is the \$100 level. The MVP level is \$250. The All-Conference level is \$750, the All-Region level is \$1500 and the All-American level is \$2,000 (for area businesses). Some businesses donate in-kind services, Scheiner noted. A luncheon for all business supporters is planned for the fall. Two events that raise funds for SFCC Athletics are a golf tournament and a mouse race.</p>	6 a.m.	Education, fine arts, aging
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9/12	KSDL & KXXK	Daniel Shaw, Ebbby Norman, Matt Long	Townsquare Tak	20:00	<p>Sedalia Deputy Fire Chief Daniel Shaw led a week-long technical rescue certification course at the Sedalia Fire Department headquarters, 2602 W. 16th Street. A total of 12 Sedalia firefighters took part in the course, and when completed, will double the number of technical fire rescue personnel available on any given shift. There was classroom work as well as a physical skills portion to the seminar, which was in progress as Shaw spoke to Randy Kirby. "We also brought in a couple of captains from Jefferson City Fire Department to help us teach these skills," Shaw said. "On Friday, we do state evaluations ... after that, they will be able to take state written exams for three levels for state certification that are recognized internationally for a technical rescuer. We are trying to provide the best possible service to our citizens and this is a necessary level of service in our community." No one was required to go through the training, Deputy Chief Shaw emphasized, adding that he needs highly-motivated people in his department. There are a total of 43 personnel at the SFD, 39 of those are rank and file on three shifts. Continuing education is required every year to maintain their certification, Shaw noted. "Their certification will lapse every five years, so they have to demonstrate to the state the number of hours that have participated at this high level of training, to be certified every five years," he concluded. Sedalia businessman Ebbby Norman visited with Randy Kirby about the upcoming 75th annual Missouri Photo Workshop, planned for Sept. 24-30 in Sedalia. This will be the second time the workshop has come to Sedalia the first being in 1980. The workshop is a service of the MU School of Journalism, Norman noted. His daughter Cleo is a grad student at MU and helped facilitate bringing the workshop to Sedalia. A total of 40 photojournalists from all over the US and beyond, are expected to attend, along with close to 40 staff members from MU who help make the week-long program happen. The entire operation will be based out of Convention Hall in Liberty Park. The results of the photojournalists' work will be on display Saturday, Sept., 30 from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m. at the Heckart Community Center, 1800 W. 3rd, also in Liberty Park. "We are very fortunate to be chosen for the 75th annual workshop," Norman said, adding that Sedalia Mayor Andeew Dawson, Sedalia Parks & Rec Director Amy Epple and Daum Museum Director Gary Holstein were instrumental in securing the 75th workshop for Sedalia. Pettis County Sgt. Matt Long is a K-9 officer and attended a training session at Liberty Park Pool for area K-9 units. This was a first of its kind in Sedalia, and necessary, due to several area law enforcement agencies new to the K-9 experience, some with less than a year in action. "We don't get very many opportunities to train in the water, Sgt. Long said. "So we took advantage of it, and Sedalia Parks & Rec helped out tremendously, allowing us to use the pool today and get some training done." The pool was closed to the public during the training session. Sgt. Long was grateful for the chance, because "you can't expect your dog to do something in the field that you haven't trained for."</p>	6 a.m.	Public Safety, Fine arts, Photojournalism , law enforcement training
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9/17	KSDL & KXXK	JROTC members Addysin Hunt, Stephanie Diaz, Dravyn Short, and Matt Petree, Rachelle Simon	Townsquare Talk	20:00	<p>The 18th annual Smith-Cotton Raider Meet will be held Saturday, Oct. 14 behind Smith-Cotton High School, 2010 Tiger Pride Blvd. The Raider Meet will begin at 7 a.m., with a 5K (3.1 miles) Run, and the public is invited to attend and watch all the events. Captain Hunt said the Sedalia Raider Meet is basically a rehearsal for national competition, which is held in Atlanta. The number of schools that will be attending the Raider Meet varies from 25 to 40. Cadet Major Stephanie Diaz also spoke with Randy Kirby concerning a fund-raiser for the Raiders to be able to pay for the trip to national competition. Seven prizes are offered, and the first name drawn gets to choose which prize they want, the second name chooses from what's remaining, and so forth. The S-C JROTC Raiders placed fifth last year at nationals, "but we're hoping to aim for first this year," Diaz told Kirby. There are around 300 students in the JROTC program, she noted. The Raider team practices every afternoon after school. Executive Officer Dravyn Short also spoke with Kirby, who noted that there are seven events at this Raider Meet hosted by Smith-Cotton. Other events include Cross Country Rescue, Physical Training Test (PTT) Obstacle Course, to name a few. Short is a senior but only his second year on the Raider team. "It's my favorite team I've ever joined, and the my favorite sport I've ever done," Short remarked. Matt Petree was named Central Bank of Sedalia's Unsung Hero for August, and he stopped by the studios to chat with Randy Kirby about why he was chosen for the honor. Petree is a native of Sedalia and graduated Smith-Cotton High. Petree loves to read. So much so, in fact, that he purchased Reader's World. He and his wife Hannah were both customers of Reader's World before the business went up for sale. "That's something we always talked about, if we win the lottery, what will we do with the money? One of our answers was always 'start a bookstore,' Petree recalled. His wife Hannah is from Holten, Kansas. Kayla Lockert nominated Petree for the Unsung Hero honor. The funds that Petree raises through used book sales go to buy Buddy Packs through the Food Bank. "Reading is the foundation of all education," Petree stated. The business relocated within the State Fair Shopping Center (in the northwest corner) and downsized its square footage as a result. Rachelle Simon, executive director for United Way of Sedalia, promoted her campaign kickoff event, scheduled for Sept. 30 at Liberty Park. Free fun events like face painting, bouncy houses, and arts & crafts, as well as several specialty vehicles, will be at the event. Sedalia Police and Fire will be there also. Food trucks will be on scene, also. Adults may compete on teams during the event. Cost is \$50 per team. "When I think of United Way, I think that it takes all of us to come together to make a difference," Simon said.</p>	6 a.m.	Literacy, education, Community Spirit
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9/24	KSDL & KXXK	Amy Epple, Mari Asbury, Brad Page	Townsquare Talk	20:00	<p>Sedalia Parks & Rec Director Amy Epple visited with Randy Kirby about the just-announced location for the new outdoor aquatics facility to be located on the old Sutherlands Property, which the City now owns, on East Broadway. The 8.1-acre parcel of land was purchased by City of Sedalia two years ago. Twelve inches of topsoil will need to be removed, per the Missouri DNR. An environmental engineer will need to be on staff on which every company does the construction work. An RFQ will go out in a couple of weeks, Epple said. Two million was put in reserve previously and since Epple has been in office, and close to another million has ben saved for the facility. Epple said Parks & Rec plan to ask the City for an \$8 million loan to pay for the new facility. There will not be a tax increase, Epple emphasized. Parks & Rec has a long-range master plan that is updated every year. Centennial Pool is now closed and once the new facility is complete, Liberty Pool will close as well, due to its age. Epple announced that there will be a name and logo contest to determine what the new aquatic facility will be called. "We do strive to do a good job, and that's what we want to continue, we feel like this new location's going to be great," Epple told Kirby, "not just for Parks & Rec, but for the community as a whole." Mari Asbury, the new 4-H Youth Specialist, is MU faculty, working with Pettis, Benton and Henry counties and their 4-H programs. "People think 4-H is just cows & plows, but it's much more," Asbury said. The age requirement for 4-H is 5-18, and there are several clubs in Pettis County. Everything is project based. "And they run their own meetings, they make the decisions for their clubs, using their leadership skills," Asbury said. 4-H will be working with the Boys & Girls Club, as well as public & private schools. 4-H Week is planned for Oct. 1-7, she noted. "A lot of kids join during 4-H Week." Programs run pretty much year round. "There is not even a 4-H Club inside Sedalia city limits, so we're going to try to change that,"Asbury promised. Call (660) 827-0591 for more information. Brad Page, owner of the Reclaimed Stage in Centralia, talked with Randy Kirby about a concert coming up Sept. 30 featuring Page bought an old church building in Centralia and produces furniture and home décor from reclaimed items. "We fixed it up as a retail space," Page explained "and we built a stage out back for live music." Singer-songwriter Rory Feek is coming to Centralia Saturday, Sept. 30. His wife Joey, was his partner until her death from cancer. He now performs solo and has a new album, Gentle Man, that he recorded. Opening for Rory are Darryl Lewis and Greg Spillman. A meet and greet after the concert will happen for an added price, Page noted. This will be Rory's first performance in Missouri. Patio seating is already sold out for the show, Page said. Lawn seating is still available at the outdoor venue.</p>	6 a.m.	Environment, health, City Finances, Entertainment, Agriculture
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