

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List for KXEO-AM

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KXEO continues to be the local spark that many communities don't have. We have upped our morning show commitment to 2 daily interviews, at minimum, every weekday. These interviews last from 5-to-15 minutes.

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am/fm - Roots N Blues returns 4/2 0324 mrj

Roots N Blues Festival is announcing the lineup of entertainment for this year's event. Headliners include Grammy winners Chaka Khan, Tanya Tucker, and Old Crow Medicine Show. The Steel Drivers and The Kay Brothers will also be appearing at this year's festival in Stephens Lake Park in Columbia October 7th through the 9th.

am/fm - Financial help for Noble employees 4/2 0249 mrj

Two area financial institutions are doing their part to help Noble Health employees affected by the recent suspension of hospital services in Mexico and Fulton. Show-Me Credit Union and United Credit Union are offering payment options for their affected members.

Show-Me is reaching out to their affected members, offering two-month contract extensions while United Credit Union is handling extensions on a case-by-case basis.

It's been just over a week since Noble Health suspended all hospital services at both Audrain Community Hospital in Mexico and Callaway Community Hospital in Fulton.

fm - Hermann girl missing 4/4 1529 mrj

Hermann Police are asking for the public's help finding a missing 9-year-old girl.

Adelle Josephine Moore is a white female, four feet tall and weighs 80 pounds with blonde hair, brown eyes and poison ivy marks on her face.

Police are looking for Adelle's non-custodial mother who was allowed to have Adelle for a visit.

Sarah Hatfield is a 39-year-old white woman with brown hair and eyes, is five feet four inches tall and weighs 150 pounds.

Hatfield is believed to be driving a gray 2019 Hyundai Sonata with Missouri license 20BKQY that was last seen in the Robertsville area.

Anyone with information or that sees the vehicle is asked to call 911 or the Hermann Police Department at 573-486-2211.

fm-BBB Warns Of Holts Summ Contractor mp 5:07 am 4/5/22

The Better Business Bureau is warning consumers to use caution if doing business with a Holts Summit contractor after residents say it failed to meet their needs.

Consumers reported to the bureau Bath Transformations LLC, failed to start or finish projects, did not provide refunds, failed to contact customers and provided poor customer service.

The Better Business Bureau says it has a total of eight complaints against the business.

On Casenet, Missouri's online record system, there are three cases in three counties all relating to Bath Transformations LLC.

The business also has received negative customer reviews on Google.

fm-Canceled Endangered Advisory For Missing Herman Girl mp 5:18 am 4/5/22

An endangered person advisory for a missing 9-year-old girl is now canceled by the Herman Police Department.

Adelle Josephine Moore was having an overnight visit with her non-custodial mother, Sarah Hatfield, on March 31st and Hatfield did not bring her daughter back the next day.

Hatfield's car was found in Cole County yesterday (Monday), near the scene of a stolen vehicle.

The Herman Police Department reports the girl was found safe.

fm - Highway 63 Paving To Begin 4/7 1440 mrj

A 15.3-million-dollar paving project is set to get underway Monday in Boone and Callaway Counties.

Contractors will begin the process of upgrading guardrails and re-paving Highway 63 from Route B in Columbia to Highway 54 north of Jefferson City.

Other components of the project include repairing bridge decks and median barrier cables along with resurfacing Ponderosa Street from Gans Creek to East Meyer Industrial Drive south of Columbia.

One lane will be closed in the work zones from 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. while Capital Paving and Construction does the work.

am/fm - Roundabout coming to Basinger Corner in Audrain County 4/8 1431 mrj

Construction on a second highway roundabout on Highway 54 in Audrain County will begin this summer.

MoDot awarded a 4.1-million-dollar contract on Wednesday to Emery Sapp and Sons for intersection improvements, including a roundabout, at the intersection of Highways 54, 19, and Route J north of Laddonia.

MoDot is planning a public information hearing in late May to explain the construction process and traffic flow during construction to area residents.

Construction will begin after June 6th.

The roundabout will join one built at Scott's Corner between Laddonia and Martinsburg that opened in September of 2019.

am-Mexico Street Closure mp 9:43 am 4/12/22

A full street closure of Woodlawn at Love Street and periodic lane closures along Love Street, between Craig and Agricultural will be taking place today (Tuesday).

The closure is due to work from Emory Sapp and Sons and will last until 4 this (Tuesday) afternoon.

fm-CoMo Job Center And Library Hiring Event mp 5:06 am 4/13/22

The Columbia Job Center will be hosting a hiring event at the Columbia Public Library next week on Wednesday, April 20th from 10 am to 1pm.

Employers on-site include Boone Health, Compass Health, Fulton State Hospital, Missouri Veterans Home, Rusk Rehabilitation, University of Missouri Health Care. The event is part of the Columbia Job Center's Walk-in Wednesday initiative. The program is designed to allow employers and job-seekers to meet on a small-scale level. Resumes are recommended, but not required.

am-One Act Play At MHS mp 6:36 am 4/14/22

The public is being invited to the Mexico High School tomorrow (Friday) afternoon for the one act readers dress rehearsal performance as they prepare for the state competition.

Both the One Act Play "Bible Camp: The Musical" and the original Readers Theatre "My Grandpa is Online Dating: a Historical Journey through the Importance of Relationships" were District Champions and qualified to State.

In addition, Mexico qualified two individual events to State.

Juniors Mia Moeller and Ethan Wiley were District Champions and qualified in Duo Interpretation.

Jylian Whitworth, a Freshman, qualified in Storytelling.

The Readers and One Act will perform next week on Thursday, April 22nd at the Republic High School in Springfield.

If the Readers or the One Act qualify for the Final Four, they will compete again on Friday in Springfield.

The dress rehearsal at the Mexico High School takes place tomorrow (Friday) at 12:30.

am/fm-Mexico School District Reports Scam mp 5:14 am 4/15/22

The Mexico School District is warning there is a phone scam going around.

According to an email last (Thursday) night from the communications department the district's phone number has been spoofed and a person identifying themselves as a Mexico Public School employee called a community member and asked for their Social Security Number and other personal information.

The district, says they will not call and ask for your Social Security Number over the phone and to use caution when being asked for personal information over the phone.

fm-Tanner Bridge Road Closed For Work Cole County mp 5:16 am 4/19/22

Tanner Bridge Road in Cole County will be closed to traffic starting Monday, April 25th.

Crews will remove the old road and start grading for a new road, between Friendship road and Friendship Ridge Lane.

The work is expected to continue through the month of May.

There will be detour signs in the area.

fm-Discovery Parkway In Columbia Open To Traffic mp 5:16 am 4/20/22

Part of the Discovery Parkway in Columbia will be open to traffic today (Wednesday).

The northbound exit from Highway 63 onto the parkway will open to drivers.

According to a news release from the City of Columbia that exit will be a convenient northeast connection between Highway 63 and South Rolling Hills Road.

am/fm-Callaway County Accident Cleared mp 11:01 am 4/20/22

Both lanes of I-70 near mile marker 163 at Mineola Hill is reopened after a crash involving multiple vehicles, according to a tweet from the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

The crash included at least one semi-truck and a car.

The westbound lanes closed for about 30 minutes after the crash, however the eastbound lanes were blocked for two hours and reopened around 9:30 this (Wednesday) morning.

Some of the occupants of the vehicles were injured, according to the Highway Patrol.

The severity of the injuries is still being assessed.

am/fm-Housing Development Underway In Mexico mp 10:41 am 4/21/22

A development underway in Mexico will add more housing soon.

Larry Webber Board of Directors Manager with the Oaks in Mexico says the development is ongoing in the east part of Mexico behind the Oaks on East Liberty.

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Webber says streets will be built next and utilities will be added and they hope to have that done by June 1st.

fm-Rocheport Bridge Project Update mp 5:04 am 4/22/22

The new Rocheport Bridge project is on track to be completed in 2024.

MoDOT Deputy Project Director Derek Lepper provided an update yesterday (Thursday) afternoon during a Columbia Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The project is on schedule to be completed in two parts, with the first bridge scheduled to be completed in late spring of 2023, and the second bridge scheduled to be completed in late 2024.

Traffic on the current bridge is still expected to continue to flow without delay.

am/fm-Benton City Bridge Replacement mp 6:41 am 4/22/22

A nearly 100-year-old Audrain County bridge east of Benton City is getting replaced soon.

The bridge, located on Audrain County Road 709 and was originally built in 1927.

The Audrain County Commission and the county's engineer, Brian Haeffner developed a priority list for all bridges eligible for federal funding.

The county is also using federal funds for another eligible structure on the eastern side of the county.

This one is located on Audrain County Road 525, which is southeast of Laddonia.

Construction on this structure will start later this year or in early 2023.

The bridge replacements are part of the county's small structure program.

am/fm-Martinsburg Car Show And Cruise 22 mp 9:11 am 4/22/22

For the first time in two years the Martinsburg Car Show and Cruise is making a return.

Nikki Vomund with Martinsburg Area Community Betterment says there will be ten different classes.

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The car show and cruise takes place next Friday, April 29th from 5pm to 8pm.

am/fm - culvert replacements on Route N near Martinsburg 4/23 0414 mrj
Weather-permitting, MoDot will be doing culvert replacements in Audrain County starting Monday.

Crews will be working on Route N outside of Martinsburg and will have that highway closed from Audrain Road 756 to West Jackson in Martinsburg between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and again Friday.

Motorists will need to use alternate routes while the highway is closed.

fm-Bagnell Dam Bridge To Reopen Friday mp 5:06 am 4/27/22

The Bagnell Dam Bridge will reopen Friday after being closed for repairs for several months. The Missouri Department of Transportation said the repairs to the bridge deck, expansion joints, sidewalks and barrier walls took longer than expected, however was necessary due to the bridge being nearly 100 years old.

fm-MU Caravan Come Home Tour 2022 mp 9:39 am 4/28/22

Columbia, Mexico, Boonville, Lake of the Ozarks and Kirksville are being announced as stops for the 2022 MU Athletics Come Home Tour Caravan.

The Tigers recently announced plans for a statewide caravan this spring to bring Mizzou Athletics to fans across the state and in Chicago and Dallas.

The stops will feature Mizzou head coaches, staff and student-athletes with Truman and the spirit squads interacting with fans, signing autographs and handing out Tiger Swag.

Fans are asked to register online for stops they will be attending at mutigers.com.

am-Liberty Street Accident Update mp 4pm 4/28/22

A load off of a truck hitting the railroad underpass at East Liberty (Business Highway 54) was the cause of a traffic delay earlier this (Thursday) afternoon.

According to Mexico Public Safety the roadway was backed up for about an hour when the accident happened a little after 12 noon today.

There were no injuries reported.

Mexico Public Safety will release more details tomorrow (Friday).

am-Audrain County Courthouse Gets New Windows mp 6:36 am 4/29/22

The Audrain County Courthouse is getting windows.

Starting the first week of May, the courthouse's current windows will be replaced with the new, energy-efficient models.

The Audrain County Commission says they worked closely with project architects, N-Form Architecture to select a model and design that will complement the building's structure and historical characteristics.

The new windows are scheduled to arrive on May 6th.

During the project, as crews make their way throughout the courthouse levels, three parking spaces will be unavailable for public parking as they will be occupied by the contractors' equipment and materials.

This may also affect the sidewalks as well as the courthouse lawn.

The Audrain County Commission is anticipating the window replacement project will be completed by early July 2022.

am-Mexico Aquatic Center New Hours mp 9:13 am 4/29/22

The Mexico Aquatic Center will have new hours when it opens this year. Mexico Parks and Recs Director Chad Shoemaker says they learned some interesting things last year from the new point of sale system.

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The Mexico Aquatic Center will open May 28th. The splash pad which is free to use is expected to open Monday, May 2nd.

am-Mexico Street Closure West Jackson mp 9:01 am 5/4/22

West Jackson between Clark and Olive will be closed today for water service work. According to the City of Mexico Public Works Department, M&M Trenching will be doing the work and the block will remain open to local traffic only.

The work is anticipated to be done by 3 this (Wednesday) afternoon.

am-Free Kids Fishing Clinic Lakeview Park mp 12:01 pm 5/4/22

A free kid fishing clinic will be taking place at Lakeview Park in Mexico this Saturday, May 7th from 10am until noon.

Mexico Parks and Recs Supervisor Seth Cooke says pre-registration is not necessary.

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All ages must be accompanied by an adult.

am/fm-Mexico Animal Shelter Open House mp 9:24 am 5/6/22

A be kind to animals open house will be taking place tomorrow (Saturday) at the Mexico Animal Shelter from 10am to 2pm.

Mexico Animal Shelter supervisor Christi Jennings says part of the open house will feature two parades of the shelter animals.

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Free hotdogs, hamburgers, chips and bottled water will be provided during the open house.

The Mexico Animal Shelter is located at 101 South Morris.

am/fm - Missouri State offices closed Monday 5/7 0558 mrj

State offices in Missouri will be closed Monday for Truman's Birthday.

The state holiday celebrates the birthday of the 33rd U.S. President, the only one from the Show-Me State.

Truman was born in Lamar on May 8, 1884 and since May 8th is a Sunday, it will be observed on Monday.

fm-Sorrels Overpass Reopened mp 5:13 am 5/11/22

Sorrels Overpass over I-70 is back open to traffic after months of reconstruction and demolition.

The Missouri Department of Transportation made the announcement yesterday (Tuesday) morning.

The overpass at mile marker 122 had serious damage when a Waste Management dump truck hit the underside of the bridge in October.

After assessing the damage, MoDOT announced the 63-year-old bridge would be demolished and replaced.

Contractors began work on the new overpass in January.

The project had been scheduled to be completed in late May.

am/fm-Mexico High School Coffee And Cars mp 10:34 am 5/11/22

Several Mexico High School Seniors will be raising money for Angel Wings Clothing Closet this Saturday, May 14th with a Coffee and Cars event.

This was part of a final project in their Tech English Class taught by Jami Williams.

Senior Derek Farrah says it will take place in the Mexico High School parking lot from 9am to 1pm and will feature a car show, and a raffle.

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Car registration is ten dollars and all proceeds go the Angel Wings Closet in Mexico which benefits foster children.

am/fm-Audrain Community Walk-In Clinic Relocates mp 5:06 am 5/12/22

The Audrain Community walk-in clinic is now open at a new location.

The Clinic moved from the previous location at 3626 South Clark Street to the Stribling Building at 515 East Promenade across from where the Audrain Community Hospital emergency room was located.

The clinic opened last (Wednesday) night and is under the supervision of the emergency room medical director at the hospital, Dr. Scott Dudley.

Registered nurse David Lewis was an employee at the hospital and is helping out at the clinic.

Licensed practical nurse Megan Jewitt is helping out at the clinic as well.

The clinic will be open from 8am to 6pm Monday through Friday.

am/fm-Ameren Warning About Mylar Balloon mp 11:03 am 5/13/22

As graduation weekend approaches, Ameren Missouri is reminding customers to keep Mylar party balloons away from power lines.

Ameren says the Mylar balloons can disrupt electrical service, start a fire or cause significant damage to the energy grid.

Ameren say if you notice a balloon or another toy entangled in electric infrastructure, always assume the line is live and don't attempt to remove the object yourself and call them to report the object.

am/fm - Monroe Rt. U getting repaired 5/14 0330 mrj

Work will begin soon to repair a Monroe County highway that has been closed since last August.

Weather-permitting, Monday Emory Sapp & Sons will begin repairing a roadway embankment slide and replacing culverts on Route U about a mile from Highway 107 near Florida.

Work will begin west of the Route U Mark Twain Lake boat ramp with culvert replacement and slide repair before moving to the east side of the ramp for additional culvert work. Once work begins on the east side of the boat ramp, it will not be accessible through mid-August while all paving and guardrail work is completed.

am/fm - Stamp out hunger food drive 5/14 0324 mrj

Letter carriers across the U.S. are doing their part to end food insecurity with their annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive going on today (Saturday).

Postal employees and volunteers will be picking up donations of non-perishable food and monetary donations today (Saturday) in bags and envelopes sent to addresses earlier this month.

7-year postal employee and Union Steward with the Mexico Post Office Trampus Sims says donations collected in Mexico will stay in the community.

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Donations will be picked up through 4:00 this (Saturday) afternoon.

am/fm - Vandalia job fair coming up Tuesday 5/14 0318 mrj

A job fair coming up Tuesday in Vandalia has a number of employers looking to add to their workforce.

Pike County Economic Development Director Carolyn Wisecarver says employers are looking for both full- and part-time employees in a variety of occupations and skill levels.

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The event Tuesday takes place at the Lange Building at 200 East Park Street from 1:00 until 4:00 and is free to job seekers.

am/fm-Missing Fulton Woman mp 4:59 am 5/18/22

An Endangered Silver Advisory is issued for a missing Fulton woman.

68-year-old Gladys Bowers was last seen at Bridgeway Assisted Living Care at 828 Jefferson Street in Fulton the morning of May 8th.

She is 5 foot 7 inches tall and weighs 150 pounds.

She was last seen wearing a blue shirt, a blue jacket, unknown color pants and white tennis shoes.

Bowers has on a blonde wig.

She left her residential care facility and did not take her medications and may be en route to the St. Louis area according to Fulton Police.

She is known to be violent and has been diagnosed with a medical condition that describes her as having schizophrenia with auditory and visual hallucinations, and disorganized thoughts.

Anyone with information is asked to dial 911 or call the Fulton Police Department at 573-592-3100.

am/fm-Mex YMCA Golf Simulator Open House mp 5:43 am 5/19/22

An open house for the new golf simulator at the Mexico Area Family YMCA will be taking place next week on Wednesday, May 25th from 11-noon and from 4-6pm.

Mexico YMCA sports director Caleb Floyd says it will be a great opportunity to see how it works.

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The golf simulator features around 30 different courses to choose from.

fm-Central MO Humane Society Temporarily Closed mp 9:44 am 5/19/22

The Central Missouri Humane Society in Columbia is temporarily closed due to a staffing shortage caused by COVID-19.

The organization is closing to the public effective immediately so that healthy staff members can focus on the care of the animals.

The organization hopes to reopen Monday.

am/fm-MoDot Hearing For Hwy 63/Grindstone Interchange Improvements mp 5:02 am 5/21/22

The Missouri Department of Transportation will host a public hearing Thursday, June 9th to discuss improvements to the interchange at Highway 63 and Grindstone Parkway.

Residents at the hearing will be able to comment on roadway improvements to the interchange. MoDOT is looking at improvements to expand traffic capacity on the east side of the interchange, enhance safety for all users, and improve access for pedestrians and bicyclists. The project is currently scheduled to start in 2024 with construction to be complete by spring 2025.

Construction costs are estimated between eight and nine million dollars.

fm-Lane Closure Westbound Rt 50 Bridge mp 4:59 am 5/23/22

A week-long closure will be taking place on westbound Route 50 Bridge at Osage River as MoDot crews complete work.

The work starts today (Monday) and runs through Friday.

The speed limit will also be reduced and traffic delays are possible in the work zone.

am/fm-City Of Mexico Mars Street Extension mp 9:19 am 5/25/22

The City of Mexico is giving the green light to extend Mars Street.

Mexico city manager Bruce Slagle says the extension will provide a connection to Highway J.

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Mars Street currently dead ends at an apartment complex just short of the Missouri Veterans Home.

am-Mexico High School Sports Scam mp 10:11 am 5/25/22

The Mexico High School is warning about a scam circulating in the area.

According to a social media post yesterday (Tuesday) from the Mexico High School the scam involves someone calling local business for money to support the Mexico High School teams, specifically football.

The caller identifies themselves as Sports Media.

The Mexico High School says as a practice, if teams are fundraising, you will be contacted by a player, coach, or other authorized district staff.

am/fm-Sydenstricker/Nobbe New Career Academy mp 10:01 am 5/26/22

Sydenstricker Nobbe is building a new career academy in Wentzville.

Jeremy Schneider director of after-market sales says it will be a one-year academy for students out of high school who want to get into the workforce and will get the opportunity to get paid while they learn.

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Schneider says the demand for diesel mechanics is high.

So far 18 students in the area have already signed up for the career academy with Sydenstricker Nobbe.

am/fm-Memorial Day Travel Expected To Be High mp 7:34 am 5/27/22

Despite higher gas prices more people are expected to be on the road this Memorial Day weekend than last year.

Nick Chabarria with AAA Missouri says people have not been able to take a trip they wanted for the last couple of years due to COVID.

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Missouri's gas prices currently average \$4.16 a gallon which is the fifth lowest in the nation.

am/fm - Memorial Day grilling tips 5/27 1221 mrj

Memorial Day is the unofficial kickoff to summer and that means grills and smokers are beginning to see use.

Emily Detwiler, Chief Executive Officer of the Kansas City Barbecue Society says the biggest mistake people make is not grilling at all because they're intimidated by their grill, but you improve with practice.

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Detwiler says the best tip she can offer is to keep your grill or smoker clean.

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More grilling information can be found on their website, www.kcbs.us

am/fm-Mex Aquatic Center Opens Today mp 6:05 am 5/28/22

It is opening day for the Mexico Aquatic Center today (Saturday).

This year the pool has new hours. Mexico Parks and Recs Director Chad Shoemaker says they learned some interesting things last year from the new point of sale system.

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The splash pad outside of the pool which is free to use opened a few weeks ago.

am/fm-Wreath Laying Ceremony Columbia mp 5:02 am 5/30/22

The Mid-Missouri chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will be hosting its Memorial Day wreath-laying ceremony this (Monday) in Columbia.

It is open to the public and will take place at the monument by the Boone County Courthouse at 9am.

It will include music by the Columbia Community Band and the Boone County Fire Protection District Pipes and Drums, as well as a military salute by the American Legion Post 202 Honor Guard.

Organizers estimate the event to last around 40 minutes.

am/fm-Gas Prices At All Time High mp 10:27 am 6/1/22

Gas prices in the United States have reached a record high.

The national average for regular gasoline climbed by five cents today (Wednesday) to a fresh record of \$4.67 a gallon according to AAA.

That is an increase of 48 cents in the past month alone.

Seven states average \$5 or higher, with Illinois becoming the latest to join that club.

The national average for regular gas is now 44 cents higher than on the day President Joe Biden announced the largest-ever release of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in late March.

am/fm-Missing Fulton Woman Found Safe mp 12:05 am 6/1/22

The Fulton Police Department is canceling an Endangered Silver Advisory for 68-year-old Gladys Bowers.

The advisory was issued after Bowers went missing the morning of May 8th.

Fulton Police say Ms. Bowers was located safe by law enforcement on May 20th.

am/fm-Fulton Splash Pad Closed For Repairs mp 5:10 am 6/3/22

The Fulton Splash Pad will be closed for the next three weeks.

According to a social media post from the Fulton Parks and Recreation Department yesterday (Thursday) the pad will be closed because they are waiting on a replacement part from a manufacturer that is vital to keeping the water clean for patrons.

The maintenance team started to notice issues just before Memorial Day weekend, which prompted them to close the pad.

Initial estimates are around \$3,000 to replace the part.

am-Mexico Street Closure mp 5:36 am 6/3/22

Huntingfield at Boulevard in Mexico will be closed this (Friday) morning between 9am and noon.

Emory Sapp and Sons will be continuing water main replacement work.

Motorists are asked to use an alternate route during this time.

am/fm-Mexico Senior Center Fundraiser mp 11:07 am 6/3/22

The Mexico Senior Center will be putting on a BBQ fundraiser tomorrow (Saturday) at Moser's Supermarket in Mexico.

Senior center executive director Ione Bickell says funds raised will go towards a new walk-in refrigerator they have needed for the past 20 years.

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The BBQ fundraiser in the Mexico Moser's Supermarket parking lot starts at 10:30 tomorrow (Saturday) morning and goes until they are out of food.

fm - Bagnell Dam roadwork 6/4 0438 mrj

Motorists wanting a view of Lake of the Ozarks from the road atop Bagnell Dam will be out of luck next week.

Weather-permitting, MoDot will have Business Route 54 over the dam closed while contractors finish the final phase of rehabilitation work on the highway.

An epoxy coating will be applied and will have Business 54 closed from Monday through Thursday.

am/fm-Presser Arts Summer Camps mp 10:34 am 6/6/22

Presser Arts in Mexico is offering 26 different camps in eight weeks this summer.

Lois Brace executive director of Presser says one of the camps is a film shoot for ages 11 and up.

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For more information about all the different camps log onto www.presserpac.com.

am/fm-Audrain County Roundabout Construction Baysing Corner mp 10:39 am 6/6/22

Construction on a new Roundabout at Basinger Corner in Audrain County at the Route 54/Route 19/Route J intersection will start June 20th.

MoDOT says the new roundabout will improve safety at this intersection similar to the one at Scott's Corner about seven miles south of the project.

Route J is scheduled to close on June 20th, however could be extended dependent on-site conditions due to weather.

All construction will be done under traffic, with the exception of a two-week closure of U.S. 54 scheduled following the Labor Day holiday.

During this closure, a detour will be in place directing traffic over MO 154 to Mo 19.

Signs and message boards will be in place to alert motorists.

fm-USS Jefferson City Crew Members Visiting Capital City mp 5:25 am 6/7/22

Crew members of the submarine USS Jefferson City will visit the Capital City next week.

The crew members will be at City Hall on Monday, June 13th from 9am to 10:30am to meet the public inside the city council chambers.

They will also be at the American Legion, at 1423 Tanner Bridge Road, on Friday June 17th at 5pm.

am/fm-Just A Little East Reunion In Mexico mp 10:26 am 6/8/22

A reunion for a former iconic business in Mexico that was opened 48 years ago will be taking place on Saturday, June 11th at TJ's Road House in Mexico.

One of the reunion organizer's Angie Sparks says a Facebook page was started a while back and members said they would love to have a reunion.

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There will be no cover charge for the event and a designated driver will be available on site.

am/fm-Alice Leonatti On Miss Mo Events mp 10:00 am 6/10/22

The Miss Missouri competition will be getting kicked off in Mexico next week.

Alice Leonatti executive director of the Miss Missouri Pageant says it starts on Sunday with the candidates moving into their dorms at the Missouri Military Academy.

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Miss Missouri Outstanding Teen will be crowned on Friday, June 17th and the next Miss Missouri will be crowned the following night on Saturday, June 18th.

am/fm-Free Fishing Weekend mp 10:25 am 6/10/22

It is a free fishing weekend in Missouri this weekend.

Audrain County conservation agent Norman Steelman says during the free fishing weekend you don't need any daily permit.

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Stelman says people taking part in free fishing weekend are asked to keep the places they visit clean and not litter.

Anyone with questions about the free fishing weekend can visit Missouriconservation.com.

fm-Overnight Lane Closures I-70 Roch Bridge mp 10:37 am 6/10/22

Overnight lane closures will take place next week as part of the I-70 Rocheport Bridge replacement project.

Contractors for MoDOT will be closing one lane of westbound I-70 overnights next week near the Lance Corporal Leon Deraps I-70 Missouri River Bridge in order to install concrete barriers in the median.

The closures will be in place from 7pm to 7am, starting, Monday, June 13th.

The barrier installation is expected to be complete by Friday, June 17th.

fm-CoMo Fire In The Sky At Stephens Lake mp 5:11 am 6/11/22

Columbia Parks and Recreation will hold the city's annual Fire in the Sky Fourth of July fireworks show at Stephens Lake Park this year.

Boone Health is providing the use of parking lots for the Broadway Medical Plaza buildings just north of Broadway off Jack Estes Parkway.

The clinics will be closed for the holiday.

The Fire in the Sky events start at 6:15pm, and the fireworks show will begin at 9pm.

The display is estimated to last about 20 minutes.

am/fm-Heat Safety Tips mp 10:38 am 6/13/22

With dangerous heat advisory forecasted in the listening area over the next several days people are being reminded to be cautious and take care of themselves.

Audrain Ambulance District Director Graeme Goodwin says one thing that effects people during the heat can be medical conditions.

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Goodwin says stay out of the heat during the middle of the day and stay hydrated with water and Gatorade.

And if you do not have air conditioning go to a cooling center.

fm-16th Annual RR Days In Moberly mp 5:14 am 6/14/22

The 16th annual Railroad Days will get underway tomorrow (Wednesday) night at Depot Park in downtown Moberly.

The Moberly Rotary Club will present the event and a carnival will run all four days from 6pm to 10pm, with added Saturday afternoon hours of 1-5pm.

The Usual Suspects will be the opening night entertainment.

And the Little Mr. and Miss Contest will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) night at 6pm at the Municipal Auditorium.

am-Camping Fees Increase In Mexico mp 10:42 am 6/14/22

Camping fees in the City of Mexico are going up slightly this year.

Mexico City Councilman Steve Haag says the Mexico Parks and Recreation Department took a look at the rates recently.

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The Mexico City Council approved the rate increase during their meeting at City Hall last (Monday) night.

am/fm - Juneteenth 06/16 1012am md

Mexico's annual Juneteenth celebration runs June 17th-19th in Mexico. Festivities begin Friday morning at the Mexico Public Library, according to event co-coordinator Ayanna Shivers.

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Friday night events start at 6pm at Garfield Park in Mexico with the Mexico's own Garfield Drill Team performing and vendors covering the grounds. That will be followed up by the Missouri High Steppers of Columbia and then DJ Annette Driver will provide music. Co-coordinator Anthony Herndon says a basketball competition also gets underway.

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Registration for the basketball begins at 6pm, with a \$1 entry fee.

Saturday festivities starts with a Health Fair at Ty-Land from 9:30-11:00am. The celebration then resumes at Garfield Park, with vendors and the basketball tournament resuming. Other events scheduled include sack races and a kickball tournament with DJ's Charles Thompson and Charles Reese providing the music.

Sunday Rev. Kim Lue will bring the message beginning at 10:30 am at the Mexico United Methodist Church and the Juneteenth Choir will also perform. After the service, food and fellowship will be exchanged before the celebration heads back to Garfield Park for a Family Day get-together beginning at 1pm.

a,/fm - 911 texts 6/17/22 523am md

The Audrain County Joint Communications announced late yesterday, that many county residents can now text 911 for emergencies.

The texts are sent through the internet and are delivered to the joint communications center. When a text comes in, all 911 operators are alerted.

Amanda Crewse, the executive 911 director for Audrain County 911 Joint Communications, said the system works for major phone carriers including Verizon, T-Mobile, US Cellular and AT&T. Crewse said the system has been up and tested for a few months, and will help those who are in situations where they are unable to speak.

am/fm - Mew Miss Mo Outstanding Teen crowned 6/17 2330 mrj

Missouri has a new Outstanding Teen.

Miss Flowers City's Outstanding Teen Mallory Sublette of Palmyra was crowned last (Friday) night during the Miss Missouri Scholarship Pageant being held at the Missouri Military Academy in Mexico.

Mallory is the daughter of Brandon and Jessica Sublette and also receives a seven-thousand-dollar scholarship with the win.

Sublette has been involved in the pageant since she was six years old and said the win is the answer to a prayer, but there was only one thing going through her mind as she was being crowned.

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Sublette will compete in the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageant in Dallas in August.

am/fm-Cooling Centers In Listening Area mp 6:33 am 6/20/22

With dangerous heat index temperatures expected to exceed 100 degrees this week the Audrain County Emergency Management Agency is providing a list of some of the cooling centers in the area.

In Centralia the Public Library is available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and until 5pm on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and 1 to 4pm on Sundays.

The First Baptist Church of Centralia is offering its fellowship area as a cooling center 10am to 5pm through Friday.

The Library in Farber, Martinsburg, Mexico, and Montgomery City and Vandalia are available as cooling centers.

In Mexico the Senior Center, the North East Community Action Corporation can be used as cooling centers.

And the Montgomery County Health Department is also an option as a cooling center in the listening area.

For a complete list of the cooling centers and addresses visit KXEO.com.

am/fm-89th Annual Field Day In Mexico mp 10:10 am 6/20/22

Local amateur radio operators will gather in Mexico this weekend at Lakeview Park for the 89th annual Field Day.

President of Audrain Emergency Communication Incorporated Kenny Fairchild says on field day over thirty thousand amateur radio operators communicate with each other.

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The field day takes place at Mexico's Lakeview Park starting this Saturday, June 25th at noon will conclude Sunday, June 26th at noon.

The public is invited to attend.

am/fm-Two Fireworks Displays In Mexico mp 11:34 am 6/20/22

Mexico, MO will be celebrating the Fourth of July this year with two fireworks displays.

Los Angeles Clippers head coach and Mexico native Tyronn Lue will put on fireworks display on Sunday, July 3rd. Mexico Parks and Recreation Director Chad Shoemaker says Tyronn has a host of events planned for the weekend at Garfield Park.

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Then on Monday July, 4th the Mexico Noon Lions Club will host fireworks display at the Optimist Ball Field. Mexico Noon Lions vice president Melanie Utterback says it will be a great opportunity for the public and Veterans to see some fireworks.

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Parking details for the events will be released soon.

fm-Bagnell Dam Bridge Work mp 5:08 am 6/21/22

Construction crews will complete work on the Bagnell Dam Bridge at Lake of the Ozarks this week.

The bridge will reduce to one lane from 8pm to 7am and flaggers will be used.

fm-Bowling Green Roundabout Project mp 6:08 am 6/21/22

Business Route 61 in Bowling Green will close this Thursday night on the east side of Court Street for a few hours.

Drainage pipes will be installed as the new roundabout is taking shape.

This week the contractor will be doing several concrete pours to start connecting to other roads.

MoDOT says depending on weather and materials, they are hopeful Missouri 161 will reopen in a few weeks.

am-Mexico Senior Center Fundraiser mp 9:42 am 6/22/22

The Mexico Senior Center and the Mexico Noon Lions Club are hosting a fundraiser this Friday, June 24th at the Mexico VFW at 2100 North Jefferson Street.

Ione Bickell executive director of the Mexico Senior Center says they recently raised money for a walk-in refrigerator and are now raising funds to update the facility.

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BBQ starts at 6pm and goes until they run out of food and then a dance starts at 6:30pm through 10pm.

fm-Boonville Heritage Days This Weekend mp 5:01 am 6/23/22

Boonville Heritage Days will take place this weekend.

The festival is a tradition in Boonville that has been celebrated since 1989.

Events include a parade, carnival, beer garden and wine tasting, and a car show.

The Boonville Chamber of Commerce president estimates about 1,000 people will attend the festival.

am/fm-Fulton Police Warn Of Scam mp 5:04 am 6/23/22

The Fulton Police Department is warning of counterfeit carnival wristbands being sold for the 18th annual Fulton Street Fair.

According to a social media post from the Fulton Police Department, if you purchase a wristband anywhere other than the main ticket booth at 7th and Court Street, it is invalid and will not be accepted at the rides, booths, or attractions hosted by Fun Time Shows.

Fulton Police Chief Bill Ladwig says to contact the department immediately if you see suspicious activity.

The Fulton Street Fair returns tomorrow (Friday) from 3 to 11pm and Saturday from 7am to 11pm.

am/fm-Fireworks Safety mp 9:18 am 6/23/22

Mexico Public Safety is reminding residents that it is illegal to shoot off fireworks in Mexico city limits.

Major Brice Mesko says his department is not trying to be a downer on a holiday, however fireworks can be dangerous.

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Mesko says Mexico Public Safety tries to give a warning the first time they are called about someone shooting off fireworks within city limits, however if a citation is issued it could lead to over one hundred dollars in fines.

am/fm-Ameren Natural Gas Rates Going Up mp 5:23 am 6/24/22

Ameren Missouri natural gas customers will see their rates go up July 1st.

The pay will increase from .77 cents per hundred cubic feet of natural gas.

Under the filing, the rates will now be about .93 cents per hundred cubic feet.

Ameren Missouri serves over 100 thousand natural gas customers in 25 counties in Missouri, including Audrain, Boone, Callaway and Cole County.

am/fm-Kim Lue Book Signing 6:26 am 6/24/22

A Mexico graduate and local author Kim Lue will be at the Mexico-Audrain County Library--- Mexico headquarters on July 9th from 1pm to 3pm to read excerpts from memoir which was published in March of this year.

The book chronicles her life journey.

Kim wrote the book to help others who may have felt brokenness from their life journey to let them know that help is available.

Kim is also the mother of Tyronn Lue the head coach of the Los Angeles Clippers.

Lue's book is titled God's Revelation of My Genesis: Why Me?

am/fm-70th Annual Laddonia 4th Of July Celebration mp 10:01 am 6/27/22

Laddonia's 70th Fourth of July Celebration will be taking place on Monday, July 4th.

Stephanie Donaldson with the Laddonia, Mo Athletic Association says it will take place at the ball field in Laddonia and the Laddonia Fire Department collected donations to purchase the fireworks for this year's display.

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The day kicks off at 9am with a baby show, a parade at 10am and the fireworks display at 10.

am/fm-Mexico And Vandalia YMCA Kids Eat Free mp 6:15 am 6/29/22

A kids eat free program is underway at the YMCA in Mexico and Vandalia.

Debbie Hopke the executive director of the Vandalia YMCA says the program is for all children 18 and under.

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No income guidelines, registration, or enrollment is required.

The program started this week and runs through August 12th.

am-Parking Details Released Mexico 4th Of July Celebration mp 9:33 am 6/30/22

Mexico Public Safety is releasing information on the two professional fireworks displays that will take place in Mexico over the 4th of July weekend.

The first is sponsored by Tyronn Lue and will be after dark on July 3rd at the old AP Green property.

Parking will be allowed on the east side (closest to Garfield Park) of Garfield Street, Trinity Street and Union Street.

Parking will also be allowed on the south side of Seminary Street and Central Street.

Tyronn Lue Boulevard will be closed to traffic.

No stopping or parking is allowed on Business US Highway 54 (Boulevard/Green Boulevard).

People coming to the area are also not authorized to block private driveways.

The second display is sponsored by the Mexico Noon Lions and will be after dark on July 4th at the Optimist Ball Fields.

No stopping or parking is allowed on Route J (Agricultural) and people are not authorized to block private driveways.

Mexico Public Safety is reminding residents and visitors that fireworks can disturb animals and some people and they can cause injury and damage property and are illegal in the city limits of Mexico.

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am/fm-Blunt Will Vote No On Supreme Court Confirmation mp 5:02 am 4/4/22

Republican U.S. Senator Roy Blunt says he will vote no on Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's confirmation to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In a tweet yesterday (Sunday) morning Blunt explained that although Jackson is well qualified to serve on the Supreme Court, he does not agree with Jackson's judicial philosophy.

The Senate Judiciary Committee, which is made up of 11 Democrats and 11 Republicans, will vote on whether to advance Jackson's confirmation today (Monday).

The confirmation may advance with a tie vote.

If advanced, the full Senate will vote on her confirmation.

am/fm - split vote on Ketanji Brown Jackson 4/4 1546 mrj

A vote in the Senate Judiciary Committee on Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's Supreme Court nomination earlier today (Monday) ended in a tie, 11-11.

The split was along party lines and now forces an additional procedural vote to bring her nomination to the full Senate.

Missouri Republican U.S. Senator Roy Blunt says he will vote no on Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's confirmation, saying in a tweet yesterday (Sunday) that although Jackson is well qualified to serve on the Supreme Court, he does not agree with Jackson's judicial philosophy.

fm-CoMo Roll Cart Ban On August Ballot mp 5:12 am 4/5/22

A question of removing the ban on roll carts in Columbia will be on the August ballot. The Columbia City Council voted unanimously last (Monday) night to put the question on the August ballot.

The city clerk approved a petition in March with over 3,000 signatures of residents who supported repealing the 2016 voter ruling that banned roll carts.

fm-Local Election Day mp 6:32 am 4/5/22

It is Election Day across Missouri.

On the ballot will be local issues like taxes, electing school board and city council members. Polls opened at 6 this (Tuesday) morning and close at 7 tonight (Tuesday).

am-Mexico Election Results mp 8:37 pm 4/5/22

One thousand five hundred and five people cast ballots in yesterday's (Tuesday) election in Audrain County.

For Mexico School Board Scott Nichols and Nicole Jahn were elected to a 3-year term.

Nichols received 474 votes, Jahn tallied 433 votes and Heather DeMint came in third with 420 votes.

Kara Clovis ran unopposed for a 1-year unexpired term and received 598 votes.

Chris Williams will be serving another term on the Mexico City Council.

The incumbent Williams received 409 votes while challenger Josh Price garnered 98 votes.

For the Van-Far School Board Dustin Jamal Holt and Bryan Allen Evans were elected.

Rhonda Curtis and Daniel Schafer were chosen to serve on the Community R-VI School Board.

Christy Donaldson was elected as the Audrain Ambulance Sub-District Six Director.

Travis Lybarger and Tresa Hodges were elected to serve as Laddonia Alderman.

For complete results in Audrain County log onto KXEO.com.

am/fm-Kehoe Announces Candidacy For Governor mp 5:26 am 4/6/22

Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe is officially announcing his candidacy to be the next governor of Missouri.

Kehoe made the announcement yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon.

As of now he is the only announced candidate for the position.

Kehoe was elected as Missouri's 48th Lieutenant Governor after being appointed to the position in 2018 after then Governor Eric Greitens resigned and Lt. Governor Mike Parson took over.

Governor Parson announced in 2020 that year's election was his last.

fm-More Election Results mp 5:12 am 4/6/22

Anne Bloemke-Warren and Erika Leonard have won seats on the Jefferson City School Board of Education.

Voters approved proposition B for the Hallsville School District. This will allow the district to borrow money for construction and renovations of buildings, including adding additional classrooms at the Hallsville Middle School and an athletic track.

In Fulton Andrew Bonderer and Scott Lowe were elected to the school board.

In Mexico Nicole Jahn and Scott Nichols were elected to the school board.
Chris Williams has been elected for another term on the Mexico City Council.
Sandra Lavy and Travis Doerhoff were elected to the North Callaway R-1 School District Board of Education.
Terry Shaw was elected mayor of New Bloomfield.

fm-Election Results mp 5:05 am 4/6/22

In election results from yesterday (Tuesday) Columbia has a new mayor as voters elected former Columbia sustainability manager Barbara Buffaloe.
She will take the seat current held by Brian Treece.
Boone County voters chose to approve a proposed use tax while Columbia residents also approved the city's own use tax.
The taxes will apply to all out-of-state online vendor purchases in Boone County and the city of Columbia respectively.
The Boone County use tax that voters approved will impose a 1.75% tax, the same as the county sales tax.
Similarly, the Columbia use tax that voters approved will impose a 2% tax on out-of-state online stores.
Both of the use taxes go into effect January 1st, 2023.

am/fm-Biden Ghost Gun Rule To Be Released mp 5:00 am 4/11/22

The Biden administration is expected to come out with its long-awaited ghost gun rule.
The so-called ghost guns, are unregulated, untraceable weapons made from kits, is expected to address a critical gap in the government's ability to track them by requiring background checks before purchase and serial numbers on some of the components.
According to the Associated Press three people familiar with the matter say the rule could be released as soon as today (Monday).

am-Mex City Council Elects Mayor And Pro-Tem mp 5:41 am 4/12/22

The Mexico City Council certified the April 5th, General Election results last (Monday) night where Chris Williams won re-election.
The Mexico City Council elected Chris Miller to a second consecutive one-year term as Mayor.
Chris Williams was elected to serve a one-year term as Chairman Pro Tem.
The Mexico City Council members also received their annual pay of one dollar each respectively.

fm-New Bloomfield City Council Vote Solar Farm mp 5:23 am 4/13/22

The New Bloomfield City Council is declaring solar farms a nuisance after a recent unanimous vote.
The vote comes after a controversial proposal to develop in the small mid-Missouri city.
A bill before the city officials listed findings pertaining to negative effects from solar farms, including erosion, fires and reduced property values.

One of the world's largest solar energy companies, had laid out its proposed Guthrie Project in Callaway County, which includes New Bloomfield, and was met with harsh criticism from many residents.

The ordinance, the city council voted on is not a zoning ordinance and does not mean the project must be entirely abandoned.

fm/am-New Boone County Treasurer Sworn In mp 5:18 am 4/13/22

A Centralia resident is now sworn in as the Boone County Treasurer.

Governor Mike Parson appointed Dustin Stanton to the position after his predecessor, Tom Darrough resigned from the office in January.

Stanton, was sworn in yesterday (Tuesday) and said he is looking forward to the new era of leadership.

He is 29 years old, and has been a part of Stanton Brothers Eggs for 23 years.

His term will run through the end of 2022.

am/fm-Open Enrollment At Schools Bill mp 11:09 am 4/14/22

Open enrollment at public schools is making its way through the Missouri State Legislature.

Director of Communications for the Missouri Superintendents Association Marci Orr says House Bill 1848 has already made it through the House and the Senate is discussing it now.

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Orr says to voice concerns contact your State Senator as the bill has yet to be voted on in the Missouri Senate.

am/fm-Missouri House Bill Transgender Ban mp 5:20 am 4/15/22

The Missouri House will allow local elections over whether transgender girls can compete on K-12 girls' sports teams.

House members recently voted 89-40 to add the provision to an elections bill.

Currently Missouri high schools' sports rules already prohibit transgender girls from competing on girls' teams unless they are undergoing hormone therapy.

Two transgender girls have been approved to play on Missouri girls' teams in the past decade.

Republican supporters believe it is unfair for transgender girls to compete against other girls.

Democrats are saying there is not an issue with transgender athletes in Missouri and think

Republicans are pushing the proposal to win primaries.

fm-Special Election For Columbia City Council Third Ward mp 4:59 am 4/16/22

There will be a special election held on August 2nd to determine the winner for the Columbia City Council Third Ward seat.

The results for the seat were certified earlier this week.

Roy Lovelady and incumbent Karl Skala received 1,102 votes on April 5th.

According to the city clerk, neither candidates requested a recount nor agreed to the alternative procedure of a drawing, so a special election was declared.

Skala will hold the Third Ward seat until the winner is determined in August.

fm-New Council Members To Be Sworn In mp 5:01 am 4/18/22

The City of Columbia's new mayor Barbara Buffaloe will be sworn in during a special meeting at 5 tonight (Monday).

The Columbia City Council will also welcome Nick Foster for the First Ward.

The Jefferson City Council will swear in Jack Deeken for the Fourth Ward.

The Jefferson City meeting will take place tonight (Monday) at 6.

am/fm-Perkins On Open Enrollment mp 9:49 am 4/19/22

An open enrollment bill where students can have a choice where they attend public school is continuing to be discussed in the Missouri Senate.

Missouri State Representative Chad Perkins says the current bill has already passed the Missouri House and is crafted by a former Sedalia Superintendent Representative Brad Pollitt.

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Perkins says the legislative session ends on May 15th, and he believes the bill has a pathway to get done.

am/fm-Solar Farm In City Of Mexico mp 9:25 am 4/26/22

As solar energy is becoming more popular many people are looking into it as energy costs rise. Mexico Mayor Chris Miller before a solar farm could come to Mexico the City Council would need to look at adopting a solar code ordinance in order to know how to inspect and govern it first.

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Mayor Miller says if a solar farm was built in Mexico a potential location could be on the Highway 54 Bypass going around Wal-Mart, however this all just speculation as of now.

am/fm-Governor Parson To Speak At Moberly Area Community College Mexico Campus Vet Tech Program Ribbon Cutting mp 5:42 am 4/27/22

Community members and supporters are being invited to attend the ribbon cutting of the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Veterinary Technology on the Moberly Area Community College-Mexico campus this (Wednesday) afternoon.

Governor Mike Parson will be speaking at the event.

It takes place from 4pm to 7pm.

am/fm-Ashcroft Sends Probable Cause Statement On Monroe County Clerk mp 11:10 am 4/28/22

Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft is announcing his findings of an investigation done by his office relating to claims of misconduct involving the Monroe County Clerk.

According to a press release sent out yesterday (Wednesday) from Ashcroft's office, complaints were received stating that Monroe County Clerk La Jeana Peterson violated election laws by allowing a candidate to file after the March 29th, 5pm deadline.

Ashcroft said in the email we may have a clerk who, for whatever reason, did not follow the law.

am/fm-Bill To Replenish Subs In MO mp 5:08 am 5/3/22

A House Bill which aims to make it easier to be a substitute teacher in Missouri is nearing the final fiscal hearing in the Missouri Senate.

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education currently requires a Content Substitute certification of 60 hours from an accredited university or college.

House Bill 2304 will reduce the requirement to 36 credit hours, or by completing a 20-hour online training.

Individuals must also have proof of a high school diploma or the equivalent, plus pass a background check before becoming certified.

The bill has new amendments added by the Senate and must go back to the House for approval before landing on Governor Mike Parson's desk.

am/fm-Greitens Access To Ex's Phone Records mp 5:01 am 5/6/22

A judge is ruling that former Missouri governor and current U.S. Senate candidate Eric Greitens will be able to access his ex-wife's phone records as part of a custody dispute.

The mid-Missouri family court judge denied Greiten's subpoena requests for phone records of her sister and his former 2016 campaign manager, Austin Chambers.

Greiten's lawyers asked for the phone records after Sheena Greitens accused him of physical abuse through an affidavit filed as part of the former couple's child custody case.

Eric Greitens says her claims of abuse are false and accused her of working in conspiracy with a web of Republican figures to take down his Senate candidacy.

am/fm-Legalize Marijuana Petitions mp 5:13 am 5/9/22

Over three hundred thousand signatures are on two separate petitions that would put the issue of legalizing recreational Marijuana on a statewide ballot in Missouri.

The two separate campaigns, Legal Missouri and Better Elections were in Jefferson City at the State Capitol as the trucks delivered hundreds of boxes with signatures yesterday (Sunday) afternoon the last day to turn in initiative petitions for the November ballot.

The Legal Missouri campaign would legalize recreational marijuana while the Better Elections Amendment would eliminate separate partisan primaries.

The signatures listed on each petition will have to be verified before a certificate can be issued.

am-Mexico City Council Meeting Agenda mp 6:08 am 5/9/22

The Mexico City Council will be in session tonight (Monday).

On the agenda is a Resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into an agreement with the Optimist Club of Mexico in providing services for the Mexico community.

Also, a staff report on the purchases of training room lockers and an aerial platform truck for Mexico Public Safety.

The meeting will be held in the council chambers at Mexico City Hall and starts 6pm.

The public is welcome to attend.

am/fm-MO House Approves New Congressional Maps mp 5:06 am 5/10/22

The Missouri House of Representatives is sending new congressional maps to the Senate.

The House approved a new proposal for congressional redistricting that includes nine county splits.

The proposal now goes to the Senate, which has less than five days before the end of this legislative session.

Missouri is one of the last states in the nation left to complete the redistricting process.

am/fm MO DHSS On Baby Formula Shortage mp 5:19 am 5/13/22

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is offering guidance to those struggling to find baby formula on the shelf.

A shortage started due to the COVID-19 pandemic and was made worse by recalls that took place in February.

DHSS says the shortages have led to parents finding alternative ways to feed their children, which is considered dangerous.

Some tips provided are do feed a baby over six months old more baby food and less formula.

Call your pediatrician if you run low of stock and ask for assistance.

Don't hoard formula, as this will make the shortage worse.

And don't make homemade formula.

am/fm-Sara Walsh Withdrawing From Republican Primary mp 5:07 am 5/17/22

Sara Walsh is withdrawing from the Republican primary in Missouri's 4th congressional district.

Walsh released a statement yesterday (Monday) afternoon saying Missouri's new congressional map was the primary reason for her withdrawal.

She announced last July her decision to run for Vicky Hartzler's congressional seat, before a redistricting map was finalized.

Walsh said in her release the newly drawn district removes her strongest base of support and has a severe impact on the chances of success for her campaign.

am/fm-Parson Signs Congressional Redistricting Plan Into Law mp 5:08 am 5/19/22

A new congressional map for Missouri's eight districts is signed into law.

Governor Mike Parson held a bill signing ceremony yesterday (Wednesday) to sign House Bill 2909.

The map was approved in the Missouri Senate last Thursday, splits Boone County into two districts, with the southern half of the county being moved to District 3 and the northern half remaining under District 4.

The new map goes into effect immediately and the changes will affect voters in the August election.

am/fm-MO Attorney General Files Lawsuit Against Schools mp 5/20/22

Six school districts are being sued by Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt.

The new lawsuits were announced yesterday (Thursday) in a press release from his office.

The lawsuits are the latest in the series of cases the Attorney General's Office has filed in the past year against mask mandates in school districts.

All but three of the previous lawsuits were dropped - the one against Columbia Public Schools remains.

With increasing COVID case numbers in Missouri, some school districts have reimplemented mask mandates.

The districts being sued for their new mandates are the Special School District of St. Louis, Maplewood Richmond Heights, Clayton, Ladue, Webster Groves and Mehlville.

am/fm-City Of Mexico Mars Street Extension mp 9:19 am 5/25/22

The City of Mexico is giving the green light to extend Mars Street.

Mexico city manager Bruce Slagle says the extension will provide a connection to Highway J. n-5-25-22-2

Mars Street currently dead ends at an apartment complex just short of the Missouri Veterans Home.

am/fm-MO Senators On Combating Gun Violence mp 5:06 am 5/26/22

Gun control was a topic for the Senate in the wake of a shooting at a Texas elementary school that left 19 students and two teachers dead.

Missouri's duo of Republican Senators called for federal action to combat gun violence yesterday (Wednesday).

Senator Roy Blunt indicated potential support for a red flag law.

The law which already exists in 19 states, would allow authorities to take guns from individuals considered to present a threat.

Senator Josh Hawley focused on increasing criminal penalties while talking to reporters about responsibility for gun violence inside the U.S. Capitol. Hawley also said fully funding police is another priority.

Legislation that would expand background checks for gun purchases online and at gun shows passed the House last year, though it has not come to the Senate.

am/fm-Fulton Prosecuting Attorney Arrested Assault mp 4:57 am 5/27/22

The Fulton prosecuting attorney is facing misdemeanor charges after an arrest by the Callaway County Sheriff's Office Wednesday afternoon.

Officers booked 33-year-old Eric Qualls at the Callaway County Jail for the criminal offense after the assault happened at 1851 Underground Tap and Grill, a business in the 100 block of East 5th Street in Fulton on May 18th.

The sheriff's office says Qualls turned himself in yesterday (Wednesday) because of the investigation.

The Callaway County Sheriff's Office is investigating the case on behalf of the Fulton Police Department.

The sheriff's office says the investigation is ongoing and the office will not release further details.

am/fm-Gun Safety Petition Sent To Blunt mp 5:06 am 6/2/22

Senator Roy Blunt's Columbia office has a stack of petitions calling for gun safety legislation. Multiple members of the Missouri Moms Demand Action group hand delivered the petitions yesterday (Wednesday).

The petitions called for the confirmation of Steve Dettelbach as director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and broadly asked for more gun safety legislation, like the expansion of background check regulations and implementation of red flag laws.

The petitions were signed by more than 500,000 people nationwide and around 5,000 Missourians.

The Senate is starting talks of bipartisan gun legislation after the Uvalde shooting. Senator Blunt is set to retire at the end of his current term.

am/fm-US Supreme Court Declines McCloskeys Case mp 5:20 am 6/7/22

The U.S. Supreme Court will not hear an appeal from Mark and Patricia McCloskey, the husband-and-wife attorneys whose law licenses were placed on probation for pointing guns at racial injustice protesters outside their St. Louis mansion in 2020.

The Missouri Supreme Court in February placed the couples licenses on probation for one year, allowing them to practice law.

They must also provide 100 hours of free legal service.

The appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court sought to end the probation.

Mark McCloskey, is seeking the Republican nomination for one of Missouri's U.S. Senate seats in the August primary.

am/fm-Audrain Ambulance District Tax Levy Increase August Ballot mp 11:24 am 6/7/22

The Audrain Ambulance District will ask voters to approve a thirty-cent tax levy increase on the August ballot.

Audrain Ambulance District director Graeme Goodwin says if approved it would generate about \$900,000.

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Goodwin says fuel costs have also increased.

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The ballot question will appear during the August 2nd election.

am/fm-Governor Parson Signs 7 Bills Into Law mp 5:06 am 6/8/22

Seven pieces of legislation are now law after Governor Mike Parson put his signature on the bills during a ceremony yesterday (Tuesday) at the State Capitol.

Among them was House Bill 2149, a bill that targets medical licensing procedure on the surface.

Among other things, the bill was amended to all allow doctors to legally prescribe ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine without fear of retribution from the state medical board. It also bars pharmacists from questioning the prescription of those two drugs by a pharmacist.

There are around 40 bills still waiting for the Governor's signature, according to the Missouri Senate.

There are another 20 bills related to the budget.

Governor Parson has until July 1st to sign them all into law.

am/fm-Mo Attorney General Wants School District Documentation mp 5:21 am 6/9/22

Missouri's Attorney General Eric Schmitt's office is seeking to force the Jefferson City School District and six other districts to turn over information related to student surveys.

Schmitt's office said in a news release yesterday (Wednesday) that it wants to know about student surveys including some that asked students about their parents' political beliefs and

parents income levels and included racially-biased questions among other things, that were sometimes administered without parents' consent.

Schmitt said his office wants to determine whether the surveys could violate two laws-- the Family Educational Right and Privacy Act and the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment.

Schmitt, who is running for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate, has sued dozens of districts across the state over coronavirus mask requirements.

am/fm-City Of Mex Looking At Pay Raises mp 9:42 am 6/15/22

The City of Mexico will once again look at raising wages for public safety officers as they go into to budget talks for the next fiscal year.

Mexico City Councilman Steve Haag says even though they recently approved a pay increase just several months ago, now more cities have started raising wages for their officers.

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The Mexico City Council will go into budget talks for the next fiscal year starting in July and into August.

am/fm-Facebook Removes Greitens Hunting Video mp 5:11 am 6/21/22

Eric Greitens RINO hunting campaign video is now removed from Facebook.

The video showed the Republican Missouri U.S. Senate candidate brandishing a shotgun and declaring that he's hunting RINOs, or Republicans In Name Only.

In the ad Greitens whispers "The RINO feeds on corruption and is marked by the stripes of cowardice."

Greitens then enters an empty living room and says "Join the MAGA crew.

Get a RINO hunting permit.

There's no bagging limit, no tagging limit and it doesn't expire until we save our country."

Facebook said the video was removed for violating their policies prohibiting violence and incitement.

Twitter said Greitens post violated its rules about abusive behavior but said it was leaving it up because it was in the public's interest for the tweet to be viewable.

The company's move prevented the post from being shared any further.

fm-Jefferson City Police Department New Chief mp 5:07 am 6/22/22

The Jefferson City Police Department has a new chief after an appointment was made at the city council meeting last (Tuesday) night.

Captain Eric Wilde will step into the role and has been with the city since 1998, serving in a variety of positions.

Wilde has been captain since 2014, where he oversaw Jefferson City Police Department's operations, patrol, traffic, SWAT and crisis negotiation divisions.

The appointment comes after the department's former chief, Roger Schroeder retired in March.

am/fm-Audrain County Prosecuting Attorney Rules Boone County February Shooting Death Justified mp 5:15 am 6/24/22

A February shooting from Boone County Sheriff's Office Deputy Steven Verble against 37-year-old Blain Johnson is being ruled as justified by Audrain County prosecuting attorney Jacob Shellabarger.

The incident happened after a deputy initiated a traffic stop for a stolen vehicle suspected of being involved in a potential kidnapping.

After the vehicle failed to stop in the Lake of the Wood area in Columbia it was driven into a field near Rangeline and Richland Roads.

As Deputy Verble arrived on the scene beside Johnson the man fled on foot and pointed a handgun at a range of less than ten yards.

Deputy Verble then fired six shots, one of which hit Johnson in the head, causing death.

Other deputies and officers immediately aided Johnson, however they were unable to bring him back to life.

Shellabarger deemed Verble's conduct as reasonable with the immediate threat Johnson presented by pointing a 9mm handgun at Verble while also resisting by fleeing.

The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for Audrain County was named as Special Prosecuting Attorney after the recusal of the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

am/fm-Supreme Court Overturns Roe V. Wade mp 10:58 am 6/24/22

A ban on abortion in Missouri is being implemented by Attorney General Eric Schmitt today (Friday) after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Roe v. Wade.

The precedent that allowed abortion nationwide was overturned in a 5-4 decision this (Friday) morning.

Schmitt immediately signed an opinion that along with a proclamation from the governor triggered a state ban lawmakers passed in 2019.

The ban was written to go into effect after a decision overturning the precedent.

The ban prohibits all abortions except in the case of a medical emergency.

Doctors found guilty of performing an abortion would face a Class B felony and potentially lose their medical license.

Conservative Missouri politicians immediately made statement praising the decision.

Democratic politicians and candidates quickly condemned the ruling.

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am/fm-Hermann Hospital Welcoming New Patients And Hiring mp 5:01 am 4/1/22
The Hermann Area District Hospital is welcoming any new patients who may have lost services following Noble Health suspending services at its hospitals in Mexico and Fulton. Hermann is just about an hour away from Mexico and close to 50 minutes from Fulton. According to a spokesperson from the Hermann Hospital even though staffing shortages are an issue at most medical centers currently, their hospital is not worried about managing the influx of services.
Administrator of the Hermann Hospital Dan McKinney says they have reached out to employees of the 2 closed hospitals and offered a spot for them to work if they want to join their operations.

am/fm-Study Shows Ivermectin Not Effective COVID Treatment mp 5:15 am 4/4/22
A large-scale study published in the New England Journal of Medicine is showing the parasitic drug Ivermectin is not effective in treating COVID-19.
For months, small scale studies and anecdotal reports had alleged ivermectin, a drug used in humans and animals alike to combat parasites like worms, could be re-purposed to mitigate COVID-19.

The recent study included over 3,500 participants and did not find that ivermectin significantly or clinically lowered the risk of medical admission to a hospital or prolonged emergency department observation.

Health organizations, including the CDC, FDA, and Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, have warned against using ivermectin to treat COVID-19.

am/fm-COVID Numbers Low Influenza Rising mp 5:01 am 4/9/22

As COVID cases remain low across Missouri, health experts say Flu and stomach bug cases are on the rise.

According to MU Health Care, over the past several weeks patients having been coming into the emergency with the flu and norovirus.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, reports from March 27th to last Saturday there were 1,112 lab-positive influenza cases.

The norovirus is highly contagious and is spread from people through contaminated food or water and infected surfaces.

Doctors say the flu and norovirus can be managed at home with over-the-counter medications, however if someone is feeling severely ill it is suggested they seek medical treatment.

am/fm-Boone County COVID Case Increase mp 5:11 am 4/14/22

Boone County is reporting the largest single COVID case increase since February 28th.

The Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health is reporting 21 new COVID cases were added to the information hub yesterday (Wednesday).

The county delays reporting cases by two days.

The dashboard shows 13 COVID patients in Boone County hospitals with one of the patients in the ICU.

am/fm-Audrain County Health Department Launches Nurse Navigator mp 11:17 am 4/19/22

The Audrain County Health Department is launching a new service today (Tuesday) for those residents who have questions regarding available health care services due to the closing of the Audrain Community Hospital.

The program is called Nurse Navigator and allows residents in Audrain County who may no longer have access to their doctor or health services through the closing of the hospital in Mexico to find out where to turn for health care and services in Audrain County.

Area residents can call the health department at 573-581-1332 and ask for the Nurse Navigator.

The nursing staff will answer questions Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm on the phone.

If a nurse is unavailable at the time of the call, you can leave your name and a return phone number for them to contact you back.

Audrain County Health Department CEO Craig Brace emphasizes this is not an emergency line and if you have a medical emergency, you will need to call 9-1-1.

am/fm-Mexico And Fulton Hospitals Change Ownership mp 4:56 am 4/22/22

A transfer of ownership for the Audrain Community Hospital in Mexico and the Callaway Community Hospital is being announced.

In a email sent out yesterday (Thursday) afternoon Platinum Team Management a Texas-based hospital and medical management company said an agreement was met with Noble Health, and it will start the process of reopening both hospitals as soon as possible and take over nine clinics.

Noble Health suspended services at both hospitals on March 25th due to restructuring and financial reasons and furloughed 175 employees on April 6th.

According to the email the two hospitals will continue to provide services for the region, and will include ICU, surgery, in-patient rehab, women's health, pain management, diagnostic services, infusion clinics, sports medicine and wound and limb salvaging, among others.

am/fm-Boone Health Updates Visitor Policy mp 11:33 am 4/25/22

Beginning tomorrow (Tuesday) Boone Health will allow patients to have four designated visitors per day.

The new policy is in response to the current COVID-19 positivity rate in mid-Missouri.

The previous policy allowed non-COVID patients two visitors per day.

Patients who were COVID positive were previously not allowed any visitors.

As of Friday, 113 of Missouri's 114 counties have low COVID-19 community levels, according to the state's COVID-19 dashboard.

Boone Health said its Incident Command Center will continue to monitor data trends and adjust the hospital's policies accordingly.

AM/FM-Audrain County Health Department New Co-Directors Of Medical Department mp 10:40 am 4/26/22

The Audrain County Health Department is announcing new medical directors.

CEO Craig Brace says Dr. Alex Finck and Dr. Zach Treat with Cornerstone Family Medicine Clinic in Mexico will take over as co-medical directors.

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Dr. Finck and Dr. Treat will take over their new roles with Audrain County Health Department on May 1st.

fm-SSM St. Mary's In Jefferson City Relaxing Visitor Rules mp 4:57 am 4/27/22

SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital in Jefferson City is relaxing its visitor rules, effective immediately.

The announcement comes from the hospital due to a decrease in COVID-19 admissions and reduced community prevalence.

The relaxed rules allow for anyone to visit the hospital, with several exceptions like ICU patients can have no more than three visitors in the room at a time.

Visitors 17 years old or under must be accompanied by an adult.

And patients who are COVID-positive or have symptoms will not be allowed visitors, with some exceptions such as end of life visits.

am/fm-MU Doctor Leading Research On COVID Pill mp 5:23 am 4/29/22

An MU Health Care doctor is leading research on a pill that could prevent COVID-19.

The Food and Drug Administration previously authorized this pill to treat some patients experiencing symptoms.

This study will instead see if the pill can prevent someone from catching the virus in the first place.

Dr. Christopher Sampson, an emergency medicine specialist, is leading the clinical trial at MU Health Care.

He said it is aimed at people who are not vaccinated.

Researchers are looking for unvaccinated people to take part in the trial.

If interested in volunteering for the study, call the hospital's research center at 573-882-0637.

am/fm-Platinum Leadership On Hospital Transition mp 6:35 am 5/2/22

The new owners of hospitals in Mexico and Fulton- Platinum Leadership is saying patience and understanding is needed during the time of transition.

Almost two weeks ago on April 21st Platinum Team Management announced an agreement to assume control of the Mexico and Fulton hospitals, along with nine medical clinics from Noble Health.

In an email sent out to furloughed employees on Saturday obtained by KWWR/KXEO News, Platinum leadership stated last week they focused on resuming benefits, and payroll.

Platinum told employees they are engaging the current policy holder for continued coverage for active employees and COBRA information for those in furlough.

They have also started enrolling all active employees with their current carrier Blue Cross Blue Shield.

In regards to payroll for employees, some of which are on their third pay period without being paid, Platinum said despite receiving the information requested for the employees from local departments, they are still missing other pertinent information to make sure that everyone is taken care of correctly, legally and as quickly as possible.

Platinum told the employees they are determined to issue paychecks as soon as possible, and do not want to lose good people and if their situation requires them to be furloughed, they understand and hope to bring them back soon.

Noble Health ceased hospital operations in Mexico and Fulton on March 24th.

am/fm-Platinum Health Update mp 6:07 am 5/4/22

Platinum is updating their employees on several things they continue to work on as they move forward with getting the hospitals reopened in Fulton and Mexico.

Platinum assumed control of the hospitals, along with nine medical clinics from Noble Health on April 21st.

The Platinum Team management held a call-in meeting yesterday (Tuesday) with active employees and sent out an email stating there is no further update on payroll, however saying they are trying to resolve it as quickly as possible.

Some of the employees from Noble Health are on their third pay period without being paid.

Several clinic updates were also given to the employees.

The Walk in Clinic or Urgent Care in Mexico is now under Dr. Scott Dudley's supervision and with the help of many continues to be an option for the community.

Dr. Diane Jacobi and Regina Hill have agreed to continue to see patients at the Family Medical Clinic in Mexico.

In Callaway County Dr. Islam is continuing to see people at the Fulton Medical Clinic and staff are showing up to support the clinic.

As far as internal medicine Dr. Quinlan, Dr. Barjenbruch and Dr. Chen along with their nurse practitioner, physician assistant and staff have been carrying the largest load of patients since the hospital closure.

Outlying clinics in Montgomery, Perry, Wellsville, and Auxvasse, are closed to the public due to staff shortages.

The Audrain County Community Hospital now has a phone number that is operational of 573-582-5000.

The Callaway Hospital was able to retain their main phone number throughout the transition.

Patients may request medical records from either hospital or from the open clinics.

Platinum is planning on having the hospitals reopened prior to June 23rd, however a specific date is not known.

am/fm-Arthur Center Pediatric Clinic Ribbon Cutting mp 11:59 am 5/5/22

The Arthur Community Health has a new pediatric clinic getting ready to open soon.

The Mexico Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting at the new facility this (Thursday) morning.

Arthur Community Health CEO Terry Mackey says they have a great pediatric team in place ready to serve the community.

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The new pediatric clinic is located at 340 Kelley Parkway in Mexico and is expected to be open by May 16th.

am/fm-Boone County COVID Increase mp 5:23 am 5/6/22

The Columbia/Boone County Health Department is reporting 33 new coronavirus cases were added to the information hub yesterday (Thursday).

The county delays reporting cases by two days.

The 30 cases reported for May 2nd is the largest increase since February 16th when 44 cases were reported.

The dashboard is showing seven COVID patients in Boone County hospitals.

No patients are in the ICU or on a ventilator.

am/fm-Callaway County Hospital Update mp 10:56 am 5/9/22

Callaway County presiding commissioner Gary Jungerman says he is hopeful the hospital in Fulton will be back open soon.

Jungerman says he recently had a meeting with Platinum Health CEO Corey Countryman.

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The Fulton Family Medical Clinic associated with Platinum Health has remained open under the supervision of Dr. Islam.

Platinum Health took over ownership of the hospitals in Mexico and Fulton from Nobel Health on April 21st.

Noble Health ceased hospital operations on March 24th.

am/fm-New Audrain County Health Department Board Chair mp 6:42 am 5/11/22

Jessica Johnson Ekern will be the new Board Chair of the Audrain County Health Department.

The board elected Ekern as their new chair during the April meeting.

She is the daughter of the first full-time administrator, William Bill Johnson.

After serving as chair for the last four years Dr. Kathleen Weaver notified the board she wanted to step down and have a new chair elected.

am/fm-Aud Comm Walk-In Clinic Relocates mp 5:06 am 5/12/22

The Audrain Community walk-in clinic is now open at a new location.

The Clinic moved from the previous location at 3626 South Clark Street to the Stribling Building at 515 East Promenade across from where the Audrain Community Hospital emergency room was located.

The clinic opened last (Wednesday) night and is under the supervision of the emergency room medical director at the hospital, Dr. Scott Dudley.

Registered nurse David Lewis was an employee at the hospital and is helping out at the clinic.

Licensed practical nurse Megan Jewitt is helping out at the clinic as well.

The clinic will be open from 8am to 6pm Monday through Friday.

am/fm-Mexico Boy Recovering From Liver Transplant mp 9:48 am 5/13/22

11-year-old Mexico resident Brendon Mosley is recovering nicely after recently getting a liver transplant.

Dylan was diagnosed with a liver condition when he was born and his mom Jennifer Mosley says he started throwing up blood last month.

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Brendon continues to go to St. Louis weekly where doctors check on his new liver.

The Mexico High School is selling bracelets and Eugene Field Elementary School in Mexico has t-shirts available for purchase to help support Brendon.

am/fm-ACHD Addresses Baby Formula Shortage mp 10:47 am 5/18/22

With the baby formula shortage ongoing the Audrain County Health Department is providing some helpful tips on ways to deal with the situation.

Registered Nurse Becky Wieberg says not being able to find baby formula is very scary for families.

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Wieberg says making homemade formula could be harmful to your baby and if you have questions reach out to your local health department or pediatrician for help.

am/fm-MO Wastewater Study Detects Increase In COVID mp 5:02 am 5/24/22

Covid-19 infections in Missouri are increasing for the first time in months according to a recent wastewater study conducted by MU researcher Marc Johnson and his team.

The Sewer shed Surveillance Project has found at least seven different omicron sub-lineages in Missouri's wastewater within the last month. Johnson says the numbers in Missouri are not scary high, however they are the highest they have been since early February.

am/fm-Monkeypox Threat Low In Mid-Mo mp 5:16 am 5/24/22

People in mid-Missouri should not worry about getting monkeypox according to MU Health Care doctors.

The only confirmed case of monkeypox in the United States was from a man in Massachusetts, who contracted the disease after returning home from Canada.

Monkeypox is a virus in the same family as smallpox but causes milder symptoms that include fever, widespread rash and swollen lymph nodes.

The disease originated in rodents and primates.

MU Health Care Infectious Disease Specialist Christian Rojas is saying the risk for our region right now is low and it is unlikely monkeypox would become a pandemic like COVID-19 because it was less transmissible.

am/fm-Doctor And Family Nurse Practitioner Resign From Wellsville/Montgomery County Clinics mp 6:09 am 5/25/22

A doctor and two nurse practitioners with the Noble Health Family Medicine Clinics in Wellsville and Montgomery City will explore other opportunities.

According to social media post from the Audrain Community Hospital and Clinics yesterday (Tuesday), Dr. Eric Kondro, MD, Carol Canterbury and Ashley Arens have resigned their positions with the Noble Health Clinics.

Kondro, Canterbury and Arens are now a part of the medical staff at Arthur Community Health in Mexico.

The email went on to say that during this transition period the Walk-In Clinic in Mexico at 515 East Promenade Street at the Stribling Building is available for acute care needs.

am/fm-Missouri Hospital Staff Shortages/Turnover mp 5:14 am 5/27/22

A new report from the Missouri Hospital Association is showing Missouri hospitals are experiencing record numbers of staff shortages and turnover.

Over one hundred hospitals were surveyed in 2021, and the report released yesterday (Wednesday) found statewide job vacancies in hospitals at 17%, almost double the rate of vacancies in 2020.

Staff registered nurses, the biggest occupation in Missouri hospitals, reported a vacancy of nearly 20%.

The survey reports 8,334 vacant nursing staff positions.

In Central Missouri, the trends are almost identical.

The report found occupational therapy assistants, surgical technicians, nurse assistants, and licensed practical nurses as jobs with some of the highest vacancies in the region.

am/fm-Mexico Doctors Go Independent mp 10:29 am 5/31/22

Two doctors in Mexico have branched out on their own since Noble Health transferred ownership of several clinics in the area to Platinum Team Management.

Dr. Zach Treat says he and his partner Dr. Alex Finck is still running the Cornerstone Family Medicine Clinic in Mexico in the same location, however they are now completely independent.
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Dr. Treat and Finck have also recently been named as co-medical directors at the Audrain County Health Department.

The Cornerstone Family Medicine Clinic is located at 605 East Promenade Street in Mexico.

am/fm-Audrain County Health Department New Healthcare Directory On Web mp 6:09 am 6/1/22

A new healthcare directory is up and running on the Audrain County Health Department's website.

Craig Brace CEO of the Audrain County Health Department says the request for available healthcare services in the county grew after the closing of the Audrain Community Hospital in March.

The directory can be accessed by turning on your laptop or mobile device and going to myachd.org.

Then look for the Healthcare Directory at the top of the main page and click on it to take you to the directory page.

From there, you can choose what type of service you are looking for and, find the contact information for those providing that service in Audrain County.

fm-Lake Regional Facility Closes mp 5:22 am 6/2/22

Lake Regional Health's express care facility in Osage Beach has closed its doors as of yesterday (Wednesday).

According to a press release from Lake Regional staffing pressures have made it difficult to keep the location open and rather than continue to strain their staff, they made the decision to pause operations at the Osage Beach location, to fill staffing gaps in other clinics and rethink how they can provide this service in Osage Beach in the future.

In recent months, other facilities have made similar, or even more severe, moves.

At the end of last year, SSM Health's walk-in clinic in Lake Ozark shut down.

In March, two Noble Health hospitals, in Audrain and Callaway Counties, shut down suddenly.

am/fm-New COVID Cases In Boone County mp 5:15 am 6/7/22

Boone County is reporting 111 new COVID cases over the past three days.

The Columbia Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services added the new cases to the information hub yesterday (Monday).

Of those 111 new cases, 49 were added on Thursday, 37 added on Friday, and 13 were added on Sunday the rest of the cases were reported throughout the month of June and May.

The dashboard is showing 19 COVID-19 patients in Boone County hospitals.

There are two patients in the ICU and one patient on a ventilator.

am/fm-MU Researchers On Path To Type 1 Diabetes Treatment mp 5:06 am 6/11/22

MU researchers, in collaboration with Georgia Tech and Harvard, are developing a Type 1 diabetes treatment that focuses on transplanting pancreas cells that produce insulin from a donor to a recipient.

People living with Type 1 diabetes cannot make insulin.

The benefit of this treatment is that patients would no longer need to take immunosuppressive drugs for their entire life.

Researchers are currently testing the treatment in large animal models and the hope is to start clinical testing in a couple of years.

Platinum Health Working On Reopen Hospitals In Mexico And Fulton mp 7:49 am 6/11/22

Platinum Health is continuing to work on getting hospitals in Mexico and Fulton reopened.

Noble Health voluntarily suspended operations on March 25th.

Platinum Team Management assumed control of the Mexico and Fulton hospitals along with nine clinics from Noble Health on April 21.

The hospital license was voluntarily suspended and had 90 days to reopen with a June 23, 2022 deadline.

Platinum is working with the State to get an extension of 90 days if they are unable to reopen by June 23.

According to Audrain Community Hospital CEO Amy O'Brien they are currently working on getting employees of Noble Health back pay for wages owed and working on a path forward with some crucial vendors.

Some employees currently working for Platinum say they have been paid by Platinum for hours worked and some other furloughed employees say they have recently been brought back to work.

While no official reopening date for the hospitals is announced yet, officials with Platinum Health believe they will be able to come up with a date soon.

am/fm-Audrain County Health Department Nurse Navigator Information mp 9:23 am 6/15/22
The Audrain County Health Department Nurse Navigator is continuing to help people with questions about where medical providers are and the services currently being offered in the county.

Nurse Navigator coordinator Jennie Beamer says she keeps it up to date with the latest information.

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Beamer says the Nurse Navigator is available by calling the Audrain County Health Department Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm and by asking for the Nurse Navigator or Jennie.

AM - Kaiser health 6/16/22 631am

A National newsroom that focuses on health news has done a piece on the Noble Health conundrum that has faced Audrain county for the past few years. Kaiser Health News, based out of Washington DC, questions the decision by Noble Health to split the Audrain Community Hospital into two separate entities, Noble Health and Noble Real Estate. They also question where nearly \$20 million in covid funding and loans has gone and why the hospital, which is in the process of possibly being sold, has so much debt. You can find the reprint of the article on our web page, kxeo.com

AM/FM -- MU Health to Mexico

MU Health Care has announced this afternoon they will be opening a family medicine and urgent care clinic in Mexico, Mo., later this summer.

MU Health Care's Family Medicine Clinic in Mexico and Mizzou Urgent Care in Mexico will be located at 3626 S Clark St. featuring former Noble Health Audrain Community Hospital family medicine providers Diane Jacobi, MD, and nurse practitioner Regina Hill. Other former Noble Health providers, nurses and support staff will also be joining the team.

"The new Mizzou Urgent Care in Mexico will offer a convenient and cost-effective option for adults and children needing urgent, but not life-threatening medical care," said Matthew Robinson, MD, MU Health Care's Emergency Medicine chair. "This location will increase patient access to care and will feature MU Health Care emergency medicine providers to offer care seven days a week."

listen tomorrow morning to the Michaels and matt morning show, as we will have both Dr. Jacobi and Egina Hill on the air.

am/fm-First Probable Case Monkey Pox in Missouri mp 5:06 am 6/20/22

The first probable case of monkeypox is being confirmed in Missouri.

The Kansas City Health Department and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services announced a single probable monkeypox case in a Kansas City, Missouri, resident with recent out-of-state travel history Saturday.

According to a news release, initial testing was completed on Saturday.

Suspected cases may present with early flu-like symptoms and progress to lesions that may begin on one site on the body and spread to other parts.

Illness could be clinically confused with a sexually transmitted infection like syphilis or herpes.

The news release said there is no indication there is a great risk of extensive local spread of the virus, as monkeypox does not spread as easily as COVID.

am/fm-MU Health Care Young Kids Vaccination mp 5:03 am 6/22/22

MU Health Care is hoping to start giving COVID vaccines to children five and under by the end of the week.

MU spokesperson Eric Maze says they have pre-ordered both Pfizer and Moderna vaccine.

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are the only two vaccines eligible for kids ages six months to five years.

Maze said parents are encouraged to call their providers to schedule an appointment for vaccination.

am/fm-Audrain County Health Department Emergency Planner Appointed To National Advisory Board mp 5:20 am 6/23/22

A member of the Audrain County Health Department has been appointed to a national advisory group through the National Association of County and City Health Officials.

Audrain County Health Department Emergency Planner and Public Information Officer Chris

Newbrough has been appointed to the National Association of County and City Health Officials

Radiation Preparedness Advisory Group and will begin his duties for the 2-year term on July 1.

Newbrough said. "This workgroup will help Audrain County become better prepared in the case of an emergency at the Callaway Nuclear Power Plant in Callaway County, or any radiological accident that may happen in Audrain County via air, rail or road."

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fm - Helias HS threat causes early dismissal 4/2 0316 mrj

A threat to Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City yesterday (Friday) is under investigation.

In a Tweet from the school at 12:27 yesterday (Friday) afternoon, they say that a threat made within the school building was addressed by administration and the Jefferson City Police Department.

The school was placed on lockdown to allow for law enforcement response and a controlled dismissal of students.

The school did not specify the nature of the threat.

am - MMA stages play at Presser Arts 4/2 0241 mrj

Cadets in spring theatre classes at Missouri Military Academy will showcase their talents later this month at Presser Arts Center in Mexico.

The classes will present the one-act play "Stand By Me", adapted from Stephen King's novella The Body.

It's a coming-of-age story about four boys who set out on a journey to find a missing 12-year-old boy who is presumed dead.

The play will be presented Thursday night, April 27th at 7:00 at Presser Arts Center.

The production is free; however seating is limited and tickets need to be ordered from presserpac.com with the password MMABYME.

am-Mexico Alternative Education Successful Year mp 7:15 am 4/6/22

The Mexico Alternative Education program is having a successful year with graduating a record number of students. Director Mark Holman says the program takes kids who may struggle with high school.

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Holman says the kids go to school in 2 separate shifts, and are also required to have a job and keep 90% attendance.

am/fm-YMCA Golf Simulator To Help Area Schools mp 11:29 am 4/6/22

The new golf simulator at the Mexico Area Family YMCA is almost ready for use.

Mexico YMCA Sports Director Caleb Floyd says they have reached to several area schools to use it for their golf teams.

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The YMCA has a target date of May 1st for the golf simulator to be ready for use.

am/fm-WWU Inaugurates New President mp 5:08 am 4/8/22

The first new president in over three decades at the William Woods University in Fulton is now inaugurated.

Jeremy Moreland is the 13th president in the university's 152-year history.

William Woods has a total enrollment of 2,153 students, with about 39% of those students enrolled full-time.

Dr. Moreland was officially appointed as Williams Woods University president on September 21, 2021; however his inauguration was not until this month ahead of the university's Alumni Weekend.

Morleand took over for Dr. Janae Barnett, who retired after 31 years as president at the university.

fm-Survey Shows Southern Boone Teachers May Not Return mp 5:14 am 4/8/22

A recent educator wellness survey conducted by the Missouri State Teachers Association is showing Southern Boone teachers have considered not returning.

One hundred and twenty-five Southern Boone Educators participated in a 2022 educator wellness survey.

97 said they have considered not returning.

84 said they thought about leaving the education field all together.

And 46 said they have looked or applied for another job already.

The top three reasons educators have considered leaving include:

Better pay at a new job.

Feeling unsupported by the parents and community.

And feeling unsupported by the school board.

The results from the survey were presented at the February school board meeting at Southern Boone, which was posted online.

fm-Columbia School Board Tables LGBTQ Project mp 5:08 am 4/12/22

The Columbia School Board is tabling funding for a proposed LGBTQ+ project from students at the Rock Bridge High School Gay-Straight Alliance.

The students wanted to submit a ten-thousand-dollar grant application for a gender-affirming closet to the It Gets Better Project.

The school board removed the item from the agenda for last (Monday) night's meeting.

Members said that portions of the proposal needed to be updated before the board can vote on the request.

The funding students requested would pay for gender-affirming clothing LGBTQ students could wear if they do not feel safe doing so at home or do not have access to alternative clothing.

fm-Moberly School District And MO Attorney General Reach Settlement mp 5:12 am 4/13/22

The state attorney general and Moberly School District reached an agreement on a lawsuit yesterday over the district's alleged violation of the Missouri Sunshine Law.

In November, Attorney General Eric Schmitt filed suit against the district, alleging it violated the state's open law by charging excessive fees.

Under the resolution, signed April 1st, the district must adopt a new recording policy that permits parents to record IEP and 504 plans meetings without requesting to do so in advance.

Register for and participate in mandatory training on the Sunshine Law.

And implement a system that tracks and monitors public records and requests.

am-Mexico High School Project Prom & Project Graduation mp 11:02 am 4/13/22

Parents of seniors at the Mexico High School are looking at putting together several popular events for prom and graduation. Organizer Heather DeMint says it has been several years since they have had these activities.

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DeMint says they have several options in mind for Project Graduation.

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Donations or prizes for the projects can be dropped off the Mexico High School.

am/fm-Open Enrollment At Schools Bill mp 11:09 am 4/14/22

Open enrollment at public schools is making its way through the Missouri State Legislature. Director of Communications for the Missouri Superintendents Association Marci Orr says House Bill 1848 has already made it through the House and the Senate is discussing it now.

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Orr says to voice concerns contact your State Senator as the bill has yet to be voted on in the Missouri Senate.

am/fm-Mexico School District Reports Scam mp 5:14 am 4/15/22

The Mexico School District is warning there is a phone scam going around.

According to an email last (Thursday) night from the communications department the district's phone number has been spoofed and a person identifying themselves as a Mexico Public School employee called a community member and asked for their Social Security Number and other personal information.

The district, says they will not call and ask for your Social Security Number over the phone and to use caution when being asked for personal information over the phone.

am-Mexico Schools Board Of Education Agenda mp 5:41 am 4/18/22

The Mexico Board of Education will be in session tomorrow (Tuesday) night.

On the agenda will be the certification of votes cast on during the April 5th General Election.

The board will also elect officers for the upcoming year.

The meeting takes place at Central Office at 2101 Lakeview Road and starts at 5:30.

fm-Columbia Public Schools Asks For Dismissal Of Ag's Lawsuit mp 5:07 am 4/19/22

The Columbia Public Schools are asking a judge to dismiss Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt's mask mandate lawsuit.

The district asked Judge Joshua Devine to dismiss the lawsuit last week, arguing that it no longer has a policy requiring masks.

Schmitt sued Columbia Public Schools and 45 other school districts in January over their mask rules as COVID-19 cases increased due to the omicron variant.

The AG dropped many of the lawsuits, including one against the Jefferson City School District, as districts dropped their rules.

Only lawsuits against Columbia Public Schools and the St. Charles R-6 School District currently remain of those districts that ended masking rules.

Judge Devine has not yet set a hearing date over the request to dismiss the lawsuit.

A pre-trial hearing is set for September 9th, with a bench trial starting in October.

am/fm-Perkins On Schools Open Enrollment mp 9:49 am 4/19/22

An open enrollment bill where students can have a choice where they attend public school is continuing to be discussed in the Missouri Senate.

Missouri State Representative Chad Perkins says the current bill has already passed the Missouri House and is crafted by a former Sedalia Superintendent Representative Brad Pollitt.
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Perkins says the legislative session ends on May 15th, and he believes the bill has a pathway to get done.

am/fm-Changes To Mexico School Lunches mp 10:15 am 4/19/22

Some changes are on the way to lunches at the Mexico School District next school year. Joyce Fenner director of food services for the Mexico School District says the COVID relief waivers that allowed all students to be free for the last couple of years are ending at the end of this school year.

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Fenner says applications for the free and reduced lunches will be available online and if anyone wants a paper application those can be picked up at any of the school buildings.

am-Mexico Schools Board Of Education Elects Officers mp 7:09 pm 4/19/22

The Mexico Board of Education elected officers for the 2022-2023 school year at tonight's (Tuesday) meeting.

Keith Louder is the newly elected board president.

Nicole Jahn was elected to the position of vice-president.

And Kelli Teel was elected treasurer.

Bethany Collins will once again serve as the board secretary.

am/fm-Mexico Public Schools Hires New Director Of Human Resources mp 6:57 am 4/20/22

The Mexico School District is announcing Amber Henderson as the Director of Human Resources.

She is currently the Senior Benefits Specialist for EquipmentShare, where she has been for the past year.

Henderson previously worked with Mexico Public Schools as a secretary in the Mexico Middle School guidance office.

She then moved to Central Office in the Accounts Receivable position. In 2017, she accepted the position of Business Manager for the district.

am/fm-Missouri Military Academy Spring Family Weekend And Gold & Maroon Gala mp 10:26 am 4/21/22

The Missouri Military Academy in Mexico will be hosting several events over the next several days as they host the Spring Family Weekend and Maroon and Gold Gala.

Rob Silbaugh, vice president of institutional advancement at MMA says events will be held tonight (Thursday) and tomorrow (Friday) night with a one act play and performances from the band and choir at Presser Arts.

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The weekend culminates with a silent auction at the MMA on Saturday night.

am/fm-Coach Angell Retiring From Centralia mp 10:32 am 4/25/22

After years of teaching and coaching in the Centralia School District Jill Angell will be retiring at the end of this school year.

Coach Angell says it was time after 31 years.

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During her time with the Centralia School District Coach Angell led the high school girls softball team to four State Championships in 2011, 2012, 2013 and in 2016.

am-Mexico High School Academic Team Trivia Night mp 10:39 am 4/25/22

The Mexico High School academic team will be hosting a trivia night on May 7th to help to fund a trip to Chicago, Illinois.

Head Coach Dale Schenewerk says the team will be competing June 11th through 12th against teams across the nation.

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The trivia night takes place at the Mexico High School Sports Complex May 7th from 6pm-8pm.

Anyone interested in signing up can contact the Mexico High School at 573-581-4296.

A taco bar will also be available for \$7.00 for one plate and \$12.00 for all you can eat.

fm-CoMo College To Honor Fallen Marine Sgt. mp 5:02 am 4/26/22

Columbia College will honor a special graduate during Saturday's commencement ceremony.

Marine Sgt. Johanny Rosario Pichardo, one of the 13 Marines killed in Afghanistan by a suicide bomb during evacuation efforts last August, will receive her human services degree posthumously.

She attended the college online.

Pichardo's family will be in attendance at the ceremony. More than 400 graduates will be graduating during the two ceremonies on Saturday, held on the Columbia College campus.

Pichardo will receive her degree at the first commencement ceremony on Saturday, held at 11am.

fm-Columbia Middle School Evacuation Due To Gas Leak mp 5:07 am 4/26/22

A gas leak at the 500 block of Hickman Avenue yesterday (Monday) afternoon in Columbia was the cause of an evacuation at the Jefferson Middle School.

Columbia Fire Department responded to the gas leak and says the pipe was hit by a contractor. The hit gas main is a result of an ongoing city construction project ongoing at 6th Street and Hickman Avenue.

The Jefferson Middle School is in that area.

According to Columbia Public Schools Communications Officer Michelle Baumstark the students at the middle school were evacuated due to the odor of the gas out of precaution.

The evacuation lasted about 20 minutes, parents were notified and students were able to return to the classroom.

am/fm-Moberly Area Community College Mexico Vet Tech Program Ribbon Cutting mp 5:42 am 4/27/22

Community members and supporters are being invited to attend the ribbon cutting of the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Veterinary Technology on the Moberly Area Community College-Mexico campus this (Wednesday) afternoon.
Governor Mike Parson will be speaking at the event.
It takes place from 4pm to 7pm.

fm-Jefferson City Public Schools Announces New Principal mp 11:23 am 4/28/22

The Jefferson City School District is announcing Emily Vallandingham as the next principal of the Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

Vallandingham is currently the assistant principal of curriculum and instruction at Capital City High School.

She takes over for Shawn Kelsch who will be the principal of the Jefferson City Academic Center for the upcoming school year.

am/fm-Mexico High School Graduation Nearing mp 9:54 am 5/3/22

The graduation date for the Mexico High School Class of 2022 is nearing.

Principal Brad Ellebracht says it will take place Friday, May 20th at 7:30pm and weather permitting it will be held outside on the football field.

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The scholarships and awards night takes place May 19th at 6:30pm at the Gary Filbert Court at the Mexico High School.

fm-Blair Oaks Lockdown mp 8:51 am 5/4/22

No credible threat was found at a Blair Oaks School after it was placed on lockdown yesterday (Tuesday) morning.

Cole County Sheriff's deputies responded to the school around 10:30 and during the investigation found that two students had been talking on a bus the day before, and made some inappropriate comments in reference to committing violence at the school.

The two students were detained and taken to the Prenger Family Center for interviews.

No weapons of any type were displayed.

am/fm - Community R-6 graduates first dual-credit senior 5/7 0528 mrj

Community R-6 seniors graduate on May 22 and it will be historic as there will also be a college graduate in their midst.

Paige Meyer will graduate from Moberly Area Community College on May 13th, a week before her high school graduation, making her the first dual-credit graduate from R-6.

Meyer will enter Mizzou in the fall as a pre-med Biochemistry major with plans to enter med school after that.

am-Mexico High School Academic Team Trivia Night Success mp 8:17 am 5/9/22

Over \$2100 dollars will go towards the Mexico High School academic team's trip to Chicago, Illinois.

A trivia night fundraiser took place at the Mexico High School on Saturday with 10 teams and around 60 people participated.

The winning team was William and Sarah Gleeson and Simon and Julie McKeown and Bucky Green and Mitch Ridgway.

The fundraising goal was \$1500.

The Mexico High School academic team will be headed to Nationals in Chicago, Illinois in June.

am/fm-Moberly Area Community College Two Commencement Days mp 5:17 am 5/10/22

The Moberly Area Community College will host two commencement ceremonies this week. Dr. Jeff Lashley says they expect an increased turnout for the ceremonies.

The first takes place on Friday at 6pm.

The second ceremony takes place Saturday morning at 10 at the Activity Center.

am/fm-CR6 Graduation 5/22/22 mp 10:10 am 5/10/22

Community R6 High School graduation will be taking place on Sunday, May 22nd.

Superintendent Nick Larson says the Class of 22 has 22 seniors graduating.

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The graduation ceremony will take place in the gym at 2pm.

am/fm-Mexico Elementary School PE Teacher On Administrative Leave mp 10:03 am 5/12/22

An investigation into an April incident at Eugene Field Elementary School in Mexico has been completed by Mexico Public Safety and sent to Audrain County Prosecutor Jacob Shellabarger for review and possible charges.

An email sent out this (Thursday) morning from Mexico Public Safety says during the last week of April, a student at the school reported being hit with a bag of dodge balls by a PE teacher. Meanwhile, Mexico Public Schools issued a statement this week saying they had placed the teacher on administrative leave and reported the incident to Children's Division Out of Home Investigation.

According to Superintendent Melissa Chastain, "It is still an open investigation for the school district. The district says as a matter of protocol, the teacher was immediately placed on paid administrative leave."

Chastain added, "Placement on a leave of absence is not disciplinary action or indication of guilt or innocence. It is standard procedure in such cases and allows time for a thorough review of the facts. This is a sensitive situation and any allegations against the school district and its employees are taken very seriously. We cannot comment on individual personnel and/or student issues."

According to the student's father Tim Grueninger, his nine-year-old son is a special needs child and is in second grade at Eugene Field, but functions as if he is a five-year-old.

Grueninger says his son suffered no significant injury other than soreness, but was traumatized from the incident.

The parents are looking to pursue criminal charges against the teacher.

Neither MPS, or the school district have released the name of the teacher, whose name has been widely circulated on social media.

fm-Marshall High School Students Protest mp 5:06 am 5/13/22

A group of students at the Marshall High School are making their voices heard over an off-campus incident that happened last weekend.

According to a statement from Marshall Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Carol Maher, a small group of students protested the district's inaction concerning an incident that occurred over the weekend off school property.

School officials and the Marshall Police Department were called to defuse the protest, yesterday (Thursday) morning.

The statement did not go into detail about the off-campus incident.

The Marshall superintendent is saying the district has no jurisdiction in these types of incidents. Marshall police confirmed there is an investigation connected to the incident that led to yesterday's protest, however did not give any specifics.

fm-Lincoln University Acid Spill Injures Three mp 5:26 am 5/13/22

Three people are recovering from injuries after an acid spill yesterday (Thursday) afternoon on Lincoln University's campus.

According to Jefferson City Fire Chief Matt Scholfield, it happened at the Small Animal Research Facility at Lincoln University.

The patients were taken to a local hospital for inhalation injuries and surface burns.

Minor damage was done to the facility.

fm - Capital City High School Graduates First Class 5/14 0314 mrj

Capital City High School in Jefferson City now has 336 graduates entering the history books.

The first graduation from the school took place last (Friday) night.

Capital City seniors have seen a lot in their time at the school, from the 2019 tornado to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Part of the ceremonies last (Friday) night included the unveiling of a large frame containing every graduating seniors freshman year photo.

am-MHS Class Of 2022 Scholarship Update mp 10:41 am 5/16/22

The Mexico High School Class of 2022 has over \$855,655.30 in scholarships so far.

According to the Mexico High School guidance office some of the scholarships are from colleges however there are close to 100 local scholarships.

Specifics of the scholarships will be released after the awards ceremony that will be held at the Mexico High School on the Gary Filbert Court this Thursday, May 19th at 6:30pm.

Graduation will take place Friday, May 20th at 7:30pm and weather permitting it will be held outside on the football field.

Around 190 will be in the Mexico High School graduating class.

fm-Marshall Public Schools On Student Protest mp 5:12 am 5/17/22

Marshall Public Schools Superintendent says no students have been suspended over protesting an off-campus incident following prom night on April 30th.

According to KOMU 8 a senior Destiny Jinks said they were told when the protest started, anybody that walked out would be expelled or suspended for the rest of the year and that seniors would not get to walk on the stage.

Marshall Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Carol Maher said in a statement yesterday as an educational institution that would be illegal.

The students said the incident they are protesting is a sexual assault, however the school has yet to confirm this information.

Marshall police confirmed there is an investigation connected to the incident that led to the protests.

The superintendent says the district is fully cooperating with the Marshall Police Department's investigation.

am-Mexico School Board Agenda mp 6:05 am 5/17/22

The Mexico School Board will hold their regular monthly meeting at Central Office tonight (Tuesday).

Several items that have been added to the agenda by the public include policy pertaining to patrons speaking at board meetings, politics in the district, and bullying, administration and bullying and school discipline policy on bullying as stated in the handbook.

The agenda items were added after an email was sent out this last week from Mexico Public Safety says during the last week of April, a student at the school reported being hit with a bag of dodge balls by the PE teacher.

Mexico Public Schools placed the teacher on administrative leave and reported the incident to Children's Division Out of Home Investigation.

The meeting starts at 5:30 and the public is welcome to attend.

AM/FM-Contentious Mexico School Board Meeting mp 7:40 pm 5/17/22

An unusually large crowd filled the seats at the Mexico Board of Education meeting tonight (Tuesday) at Central Office.

Two parents in the district were added to the agenda to address the policy pertaining to patrons speaking at meetings and bullying in the district.

Dusty Blue also addressed politics in the district.

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Randy Cash talked to the board about bullying.

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The Mexico School District recently placed a Eugene Field Elementary School teacher on paid administrative leave due an incident that happened during the last week of April, where a student at the school reported being hit with a bag of dodge balls by the PE teacher.

The incident was reported to Children's Division Out of Home Investigation and Mexico Public Safety.

Audrain County Prosecuting Attorney Jacob Shellabarger is reviewing the case.

KXEO news reached out to several school board members who did not want to comment.

am/fm-University Of Missouri Board Of Curators New Tuition Structure mp 5:06 am 5/18/22

Tuition increases across the board is approved by the UM Board of Curators for the four universities that fall within the UM System.

The Board of Curators met yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon and approved an increase of 4.5% for the cost of each credit hour for resident undergraduate students.

For non-resident undergraduate students and all graduate students, these expenses will increase about 5%.

The financial subcommittee explained that these moderate increases in prices are necessary to maintain high quality and accessible education.

These changes go into effect starting in the Fall 2022 semester.

am/fm-Ransom Gets Green Foundation Scholarship mp 6:00 am 5/19/22

Mexico High School senior Keith Ransom is the recipient of the 2022 Allen P. and Josephine B. Green Foundation scholarship.

He is the son of Roland and Susan Ransom, and has been selected to receive the \$7,500 scholarship, which is renewable for a total of four years.

Keith will pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering at Cleveland State University.

fm-Moberly Schools Hiring Homeless Coordinator mp 5:15 am 5/19/22

The Moberly School District will be adding a Homeless Student Resource Coordinator.

The position is grant funded for the first year.

According to Superintendent Dr. Dustin Fanning around 200 kids in the district are considered educationally homeless, however that does not necessarily mean they don't have shelter.

The district would like to have the coordinator hired by the start of the next school year.

The school board approved creating the position last week.

am/fm-MMA Commencement mp 9:38 am 5/19/22

49 seniors will be graduating from the Missouri Military Academy in Mexico on Saturday.

President of the MMA General Rick Geraci says it has been a successful year for the Class of 2022.

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Geraci says they have cadets from 28 states and 15 from foreign countries.

am/fm-Community R6 High School Threat mp 6:35 am 5/20/22

Local law enforcement has offered an increased presence at the Community R6 High School after a threat was made against the high school last (Thursday) night.

According to an email from Community R6 superintendent Nick Larson the administration was made aware of a threat after a community member communicated this message with the appropriate people.

The school and police were notified and the issues has been handled.

Audrain County Sheriff Matt Oller says his department was notified by a concerned parent about two students making threats of violence to the school.

Interviews were conducted with the two students about the threats by Audrain County Sheriff's Department deputies.

At the conclusion, deputies found that there were "threatening statements" made, but it appears there was no intent to follow through.

The suspects were released to their parents and the investigation will be forwarded to the appropriate offices for filing of any criminal charges that may be applicable. The suspect students will not be in School today, and the District will determine any disciplinary action to be taken relating to their attendance at school and school functions. A concerned parent told KXEO News that two boys at the school had threatened to shoot up the school and made a list of students they didn't like and they were going to shoot the people on the list and shoot students at graduation. Law enforcement also offered an increased presence at graduation this Sunday. Community R6 Superintendent Nick Larson says he cannot comment on student discipline.

fm-Palmyra High School Students Going To Nationals mp 5:21 am 5/25/22

A Palmyra High School junior is headed to a national competition for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Mallory Sublette has presented her Wellness 360 social impact initiative in several schools in the area.

She received top honors in the regional and state divisions of the FCCLA professional presentation competition with her Educating the Educators through Wellness 360 FCCLA project.

The project is focused on helping teachers with guidance on how to respond in times of a mental health crisis and how to check if a student might be going through a difficult situation or experiencing something stressful.

As the only Missouri competitor to receive a gold star in the professional presentation category, Sublette will be the sole state representative at the FCCLA National Leadership Convention June 29th through July 3rd in San Diego, California.

fm-Columbia Derby Ridge Elementary Principal Announced mp 5:02 am 5/26/22

Tina Woods will be recommended to the Columbia Board of Education to be the next principal at the Derby Ridge Elementary School for the upcoming school year.

Woods will take over the role from current principal Tonya Henry, who announced earlier this year that she will serve as an assistant principal at Rock Bridge High School.

Woods currently is the program director of the district's Quest program, which serves students with special needs.

fm-Cole Co R-V School District Being Sued mp 5:19 am 5/26/22

The Cole County R-V School District, along with a former superintendent, former principal and assistant principal is being sued by a family who say their 13-year-old daughter died by suicide in 2021, after being bullied.

The wrongful death lawsuit alleges that the district failed to protect Mya Kempker from serious harm from the physical, emotional and psychological bullying.

The lawsuit states that Mya was an eighth-grader in the school district and was repeatedly bullied by another student that had a history of bullying behavior and had been previously expelled from another school for bullying.

The Kempker's are seeking a trial by jury for the lawsuit and, if awarded anything, that it would be determined by the jury.

am/fm-Westminster College Online Degree Program mp 5:10 am 5/28/22

The Westminster College in Fulton is announcing the addition of an online degree program. The Liberal Arts College will offer general education classes as well as three Bachelors of Arts degrees that can be earned entirely online.

The online classes will run in seven-week sessions.

Students will not be required to attend classes over zoom.

Westminster Online is open for applications with the first day of fall classes set for August 25th.

am/fm-Moberly High School Bans Cell Phones mp 5:11 am 6/2/22

The Moberly High School has added a new policy to its school handbook for the 2022-2023 school year that bans any use of a cell phone during the school day.

Moberly's middle school already had the policy implemented.

The new policy says if a student has any electronic device in their possession, even they are not using it, they could have it confiscated and face even harsher punishments.

They must keep the devices in their lockers or cars.

The change comes after a special Board of Education meeting that was held May 24th, the same day as the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas.

Moberly's new policy will give parents the option to call the front office if they need to send a message to their student.

am/fm-Schools Look at Safety Teacher Shortages mp 11:09 am 6/7/22

Safety, communications and teachers' shortages are all issues that area school district will be working on over the summer. Community R6 Superintendent Nick Larson says when communicating anything he thinks about internal and external.

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Mexico Superintendent Melissa Chastain says when it comes to teacher shortages, they have several positions to fill.

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Both Chastain and Larson say when it comes to student safety, they are continuing to have conversations with local law enforcement on how to make improvements.

am/fm-Bullying In School Districts mp 10:09 am 6/9/22

Bullying remains to be a concern in school districts. Mexico School Board president Keith Louder says there are a lot of ways to go about reporting bullying.

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Louder says bullying is ongoing discussion with school board members and it is something they keep an eye out for.

fm-Jefferson City School releases Survey Request By Attorney General mp 5:17 am 6/10/22

The Jefferson City School District has released documents related to a student survey after Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt issued subpoenas asking for the surveys.

Attorney General Eric Schmitt said Wednesday that Jefferson City was one of seven schools he had filed subpoenas against seeking student surveys.

Schmitt said some of the surveys were administered without parents' permission.

Jefferson City Schools sent out a news release yesterday (Thursday) saying the district did administer a survey during the 2021-2022 school year to students in grades 3-8. The news release went on to say the survey did not ask students about their parents' political beliefs, income levels, or racial biases, as suggested by the Attorney General. The district says parents were notified of the survey in writing and given the opportunity to opt their student out of participating in the survey.

am/fm-Mexico High School Academic Team Top In Nation mp 5:11 am 6/13/22

The Mexico High School Academic Team is among the top 50 in the nation. The historic Quiz Bowl season has officially come to an end. The Mexico High School Academic Team placed 47 of a 72-team field featuring the best teams across the nation at the 2022 PACE National Scholastic Competition in Chicago, Illinois recently. The young roster of the MHS team featured three freshmen. This marks the first time Mexico played in a national Quiz Bowl tournament.

fm-Columbia Public Schools Employees Get 3% Pay Increase mp 5:08 am 6/14/22

Columbia Public School District employees will be getting around a 3% increase in base pay per year after the Columbia Board of Education unanimously approved the budget for the upcoming school year during their meeting last (Monday) night. In all the district plans to pay just over ten million dollars to fund the salary increases. The figure also includes salaries for employees the district plans to hire in the upcoming year. The pay increases for faculty, staff and administration are intended to make the district more competitive with other school districts across the state.

am/fm-Moberly High School Officially Bans Cell Phones mp 5:00 am 6/15/22

Students at the Moberly High School will no longer be allowed to carry cell phones and smart watches with them at school. The Moberly Board of Education officially passed its changes for the 2022-2023 handbook yesterday (Tuesday) at its meeting. If a student has any electronic device in their possession, even if they are not using it, they could have it confiscated and face even harsher punishments. They must keep the devices in their lockers or cars, according to the policy. The policy gives parents the option to call the front office if they need to send a message to their student. The middle school already has the policy implemented.

fm-Blair Oaks School Board Trans Policy mp 5:18 am 6/15/22

The Blair Oaks School Board has tabled a discussion on its transgender policy after a contentious public hearing yesterday (Tuesday). More than a hundred parents attended the public hearing at the Blair Oaks High School, where almost two dozen spoke on the topic of Policy 2115, which entails several provisions for trans students. One of the parents said the controversy began after a letter to the editor was sent to the Jefferson City News-Tribune, alleging trans women were being allowed in women's restrooms.

The policy outlines transgender students' use of restrooms, participation on athletic teams, and other related topics.

Blair Oaks School Board President, Jason Paulsmeyer, said the current transgender policy has been in place for two years.

Under the policy, students who identify as transgender can change their names and pronouns to more closely match their gender identity once a year.

The school district will also designate a gender-neutral bathroom in each building with appropriate signage.

All students, regardless of gender identity, will have the option to use a gender-neutral restroom, the restroom designated for their gender, or their self-identified gender.

In sports and other activities, the school district must follow regulations from the Missouri State High School Activities Association.

Many parents in opposition to the policy attested to its potential for misconduct in school restrooms.

AM-FM - MSHSAA Basketball finals 6/16 519am MD

The road to a high school state basketball championship will soon return to Columbia.

The Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) announced yesterday that COMO will welcome back the state high school basketball tournaments starting with the 2023-2024 school year.

Basketball championships will be played in Columbia through the 2027-2028 school year at Mizzou Arena and the Hearnes Center.

The city already hosts Boys wrestling championships, cross country championships and the state music festival through the 2028-2029 school year.

am/fm-Two Mexico Elementary Schools Awards mp 9:39 am 6/21/22

Two Mexico Elementary Schools have reached gold level status for school wide positive behavior support. Hawthorne Elementary School principal Katie Lehnen says this is the 14th year the school has achieved gold level status.

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Desiree Pezley principal of Eugene Field Elementary says it is the first time her school has received gold level status.

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The schools filled out applications and received the status from the Regional Process Development Center at the University of Missouri.

am/fm-Former Mexico High School Band Director In MO Hall Of Fame mp 11:22 am 6/21/22

Former Mexico High School band director Joe Pappas is now a member of the Missouri Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame.

The induction ceremony was held last (Monday) night at Margaritaville Lake Resort at Lake of the Ozarks.

Pappas was the director of the Mexico High School Band from 1979-1990.

He was nominated by one of his former band students Brad Heckman.

Brad is now the band director at the Mount Vernon High School.

Pappas says it was a surprise when he found out about the nomination.

am/fm-Mexico School District Hires Business Manager mp 5:17 am 6/22/22

The Mexico School District is announcing Stephanie Norris as the next Director of Business Operations.

Norris is currently with Storage Mart as the Director of Accounting, where she has been for the last three years.

She was the Director of Business Operations previously from 2013-2018.

am/fm-Teen Charged After Planned Shooting At CR6 mp 4:48am 6/27/22

A teenager accused about planning a school shooting at Community R6 is now charged in Audrain County.

An Audrain County prosecutor has charged Drake Campbell with second-degree terrorist threat and first-degree harassment.

According to court documents several people told investigators they heard Campbell talking about shooting up Community R6 on the last day of school or at graduation.

Campbell reportedly told investigators that he did say several years ago that he was going to shoot up the school and that he used to have a list of people he did not like.

Campbell said he no longer has that list and tries to stay away from those people.