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Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 5:11:54 PM Eastern Standard Time
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We are in receipt of your sunshine request. We will be able to produce responsive public records in our possession to you by the close of business on February 17, 2023. This timing is due to the complexity of the request, the variety of materials sought, the press of business currently faced by essential staff, the time it will take to review and separate disclosure-exempt material from nonexempt material, and the time it will take to combine all materials for production in the requested format. Thanks.

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Please find attached a request for records under Missouri's Sunshine Law.

Sincerely,

Dylan Winters

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Dear Secretary Ashcroft:

My name is Byron Keelin and I am the President of the Freedom Principle STL. We are a St. Louis regional grassroots organization representing political change in the St. Louis region. On behalf of our members and the many voters of St. Louis City, I would like request your office investigate the Democrat St. Louis Board of Elections Commissioners for violation of City of St. Louis Election Laws.

On Tuesday, April 19th the St. Louis City Board of Elections conducted an election for the vacant Ward 28 Aldermen. The ballot for this election featured the party of each candidate (See attached ballot). This is in direct violation of St. Louis City ordinance #7140. In November 2020, St. Louis City voters approved Proposition D. The approval of this petition required "An ordinance establishing an open, non-partisan system for elections to the offices of Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and Alderman that enables voters to choose all the candidates they wish in the open, non-partisan primary and allow the top two candidates to then compete in a runoff general election."

As part of this ordinance, Section 4 regarding vacancies states how the candidates are to be identified. Section 4 states "Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the election to fill a vacancy in the offices of Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, or Aldermen shall be conducted as a non-partisan, top-two elections."

The St. Louis City Board of Election Commissioners voted 2-1 (Two democrats approving the official ballot and the republican commissioner voting against. The other republican position is vacant.) to approve the posting of the candidates parties on the ballot. Given the overwhelming Democrat Party identification of St. Louis City, these Democrat commissioners may have introduced implicit political party bias to the process, instead of trusting the voters to choose the candidate they believe best represented their interest. We believe the Democrat Commissioners violated the mission of the Commission and put their thumbs on the scale of fair, open and honest elections.

We believe these Democrat commissioners did this after receiving legal opinions that they were knowingly violating the St. Louis City ordinance. We are asking the Secretary of State's office immediately investigate the conduct and

unethical behavior of these Democrat commissioners and immediately remove them from their positions and bar them from ever serving in an appointed position. The Freedom Principle STL has sent an official letter to the St. Louis City Board of Elections advising of the official process to challenge this special election (See attached letter).

The mission of the Board of Elections Commissioners for the City of St. Louis is to serve the citizens by administering the conduct of all public elections within the City of St. Louis in a fair, open and honest manner pursuant to federal, state, and municipal law. We expect the St. Louis Board of Election Commissioners to adhere to the mission of their commission, the will of the voters and not act without regard to St. Louis City ordinances. If these commissioners are willing to violate the ordinance for a special municipal election, what can we expect for the August primary election or the November general election. Missourians must have total confidence in the election process and this type of action undermines our confidence.

Please contact me by cell phone at 314-402-0655 or by e-mail at freedomprinciplestl@protonmail.com if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Regards,

Byron Keelin
President - Freedom Principle STL

cc: St. Louis City Republican Central Committee

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April 21, 2022

St. Louis City Board of Elections
Gary Stroff
Republican Director
300 North Tucker Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63101

Dear Gary Stoff:

The Freedom Principle STL would like to submit an official challenge to the ballot for the April 19, 2022 Ward 28 special election. We believe the St. Louis City Board of Elections Committee knowingly published the ballot in violation of St. Louis City Ordinance #71410, pertaining to open, non-partisan elections.

Section 1. Municipal Elections clearly states, "Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the election of offices of Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and Aldermen shall be conducted as non-partisan, top-two runoff election."

Furthermore, since this is filling a vacancy, Section 4 of the ordinance states, "Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the election to fill a vacancy in the offices of Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, or Aldermen shall be conducted as a non-partisan, top-two elections."

In November 2020, St. Louis City voters approved Proposition D. This means the Special Election to fill the remaining term of the Alderman, 28th Ward should have been conducted as non-partisan. The ballot presented to voters on Tuesday, April 19 reflected party identification of the candidates. The ballot lists Taunia Allen Mason (Republican) and Michael J. Gras (Democrat). I have attached a copy of the sample ballot obtained from the St. Louis City Board of Elections website.

The Democrat St. Louis City Board of Elections approved this ballot language knowing this would violate the St. Louis City Ordinance.

The Freedom Principle STL believes the results of this illegal ballot negatively impacted the election of Taunia Allen Mason. Labeling her by her party, caused implicit political party bias to select their candidate. By identifying the candidates by party, the St. Louis Board of Election Commissioners tainted the election, and we are asking that this election be nullified and turned over to the Missouri Secretary of State for adjudication. In addition, we will be asking the Secretary of State to investigate the unethical conduct of the Democrat Commissioners and demand they resign immediately. Furthermore, we believe Board of Aldermen President Lewis Reed should refuse to seat the newly elected Alderman pending a resolution to this challenge.

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We would appreciate your immediate attention to this and please advise the Freedom Principle STL of the official process for challenging this special election. Please contact us at freedomprinciplestl@protonmail.com or by cell phone at 314-402-0655.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Byron Keelin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Byron Keelin
President – Freedom Principle STL

cc: Honorable Secretary of State, John R. Ashcroft
Honorable Attorney General Eric Schmitt
Board of Aldermen President Lewis Reed
Mayor Tishaura Jones

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SPECIAL ELECTION
CITY OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
APRIL 19, 2022
@precinct



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FOR ALDERMAN

WARD 28

(UNEXPIRED TERM)

(VOTE FOR ONE)

- TAUNIA ALLEN MASON - REP
- MICHAEL J. GRAS - DEM
- Write-In

SAMPLE

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote for a candidate, darken the oval to the left of the name of the candidate of your choice. Do not try to punch through the ballot. Use only a pencil or blue or black ink to mark your ballot. If you tear, deface, or make a mistake and incorrectly mark your ballot, notify an election official to obtain a new ballot.

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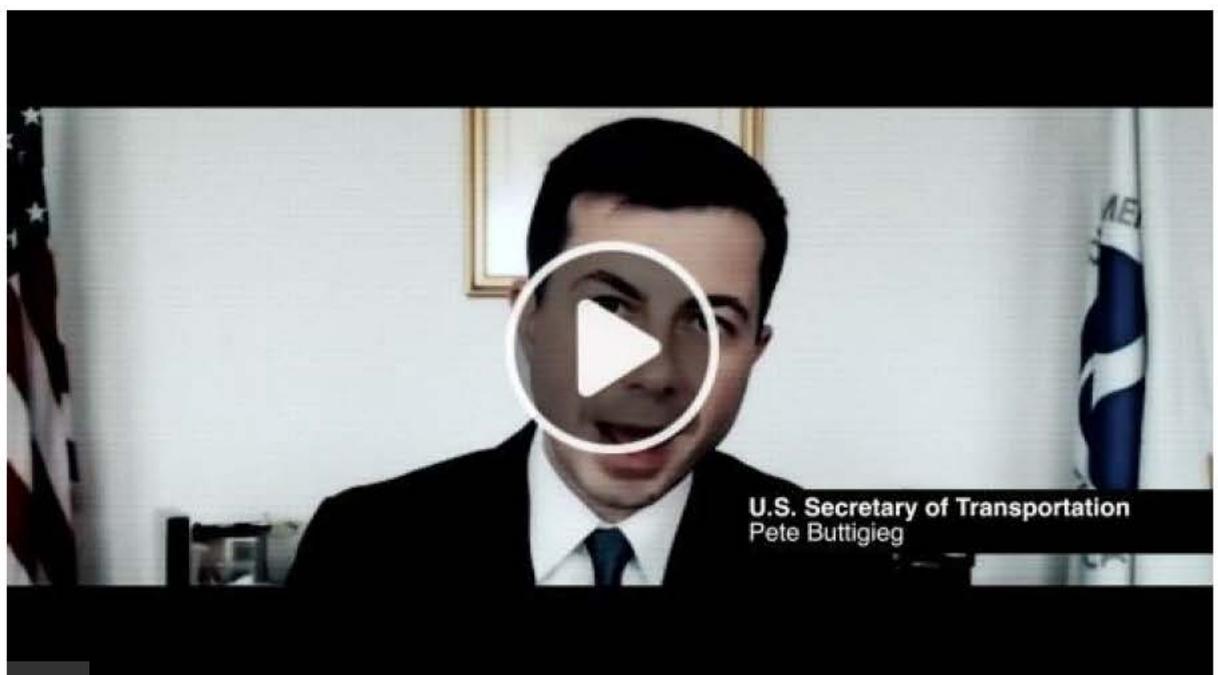
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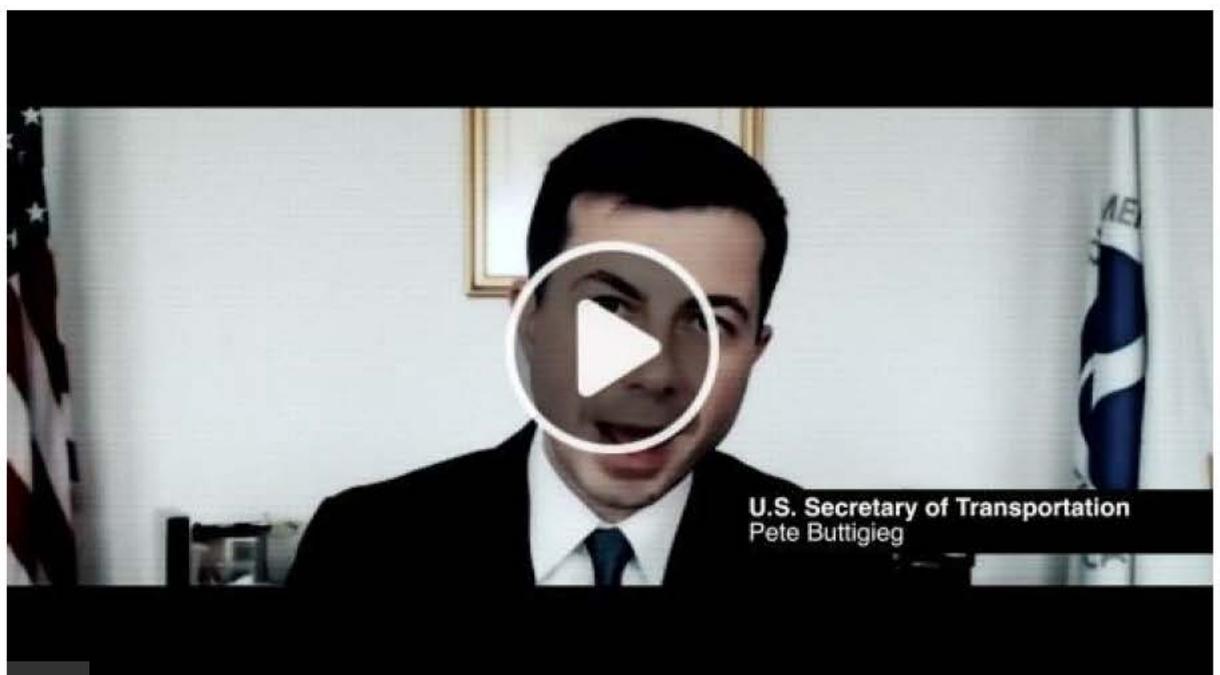
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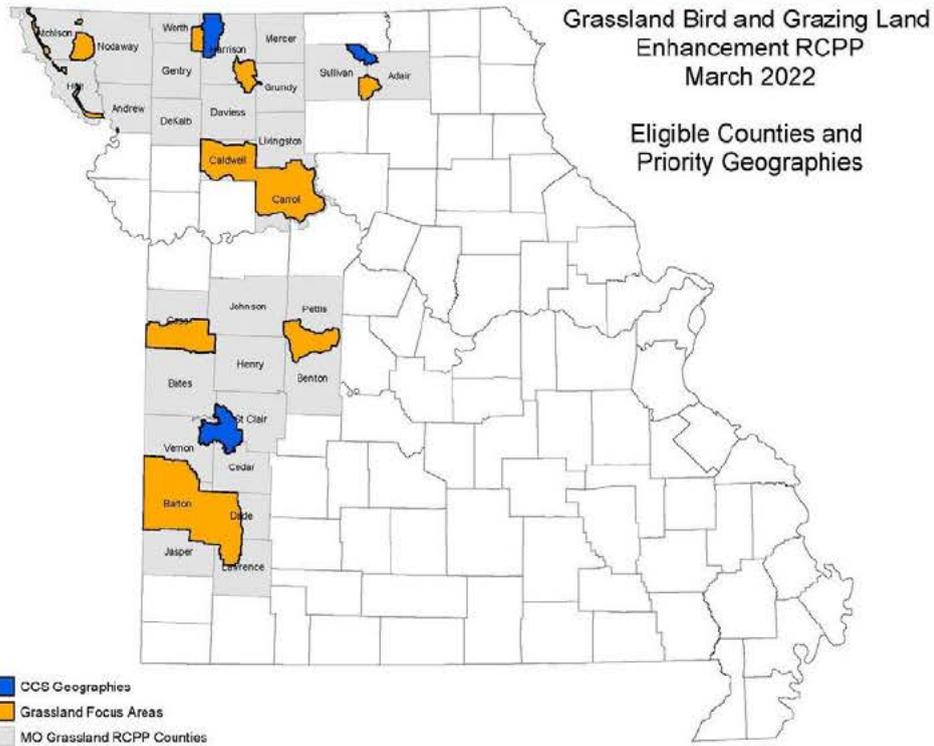
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The **David Risberg Memorial Affiliate Grant**, awarded by **Conservation Federation of Missouri** and given in honor of David A. Risberg, awards money to CFM affiliated organizations which helps fund projects that CFM believes will

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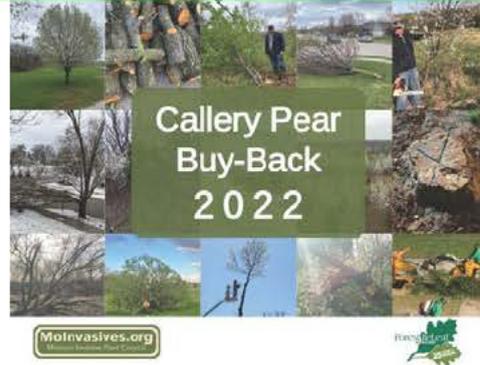
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Hands-on Habitat Day is April 22!

Ready to contribute to local, public habitat management efforts? In conjunction with Earth Day 2022, PF/QF chapters, make sure your chapter is promoting your Hands On Habitat Day on Event Center! From trash pick-up to pollinator events, Missouri chapters are making a difference in their communities! Let us help promote your event and tie attendees in to the organization! Check out events [HERE!](#)

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Thanks to Rob Cater, Chariton County landowner, who sent us this cool pic of quail enjoying some spring sunshine!



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Can we legally re-instate the former (county seat of Caldwell County) City of Far West Missouri, or do we need to start from scratch?

The City was never legally vacated.

We have spoken to the State Archives department about the history, but need your written opinion.

Our attorney Brandon Greer from Chillicothe is the lead attorney in this matter.

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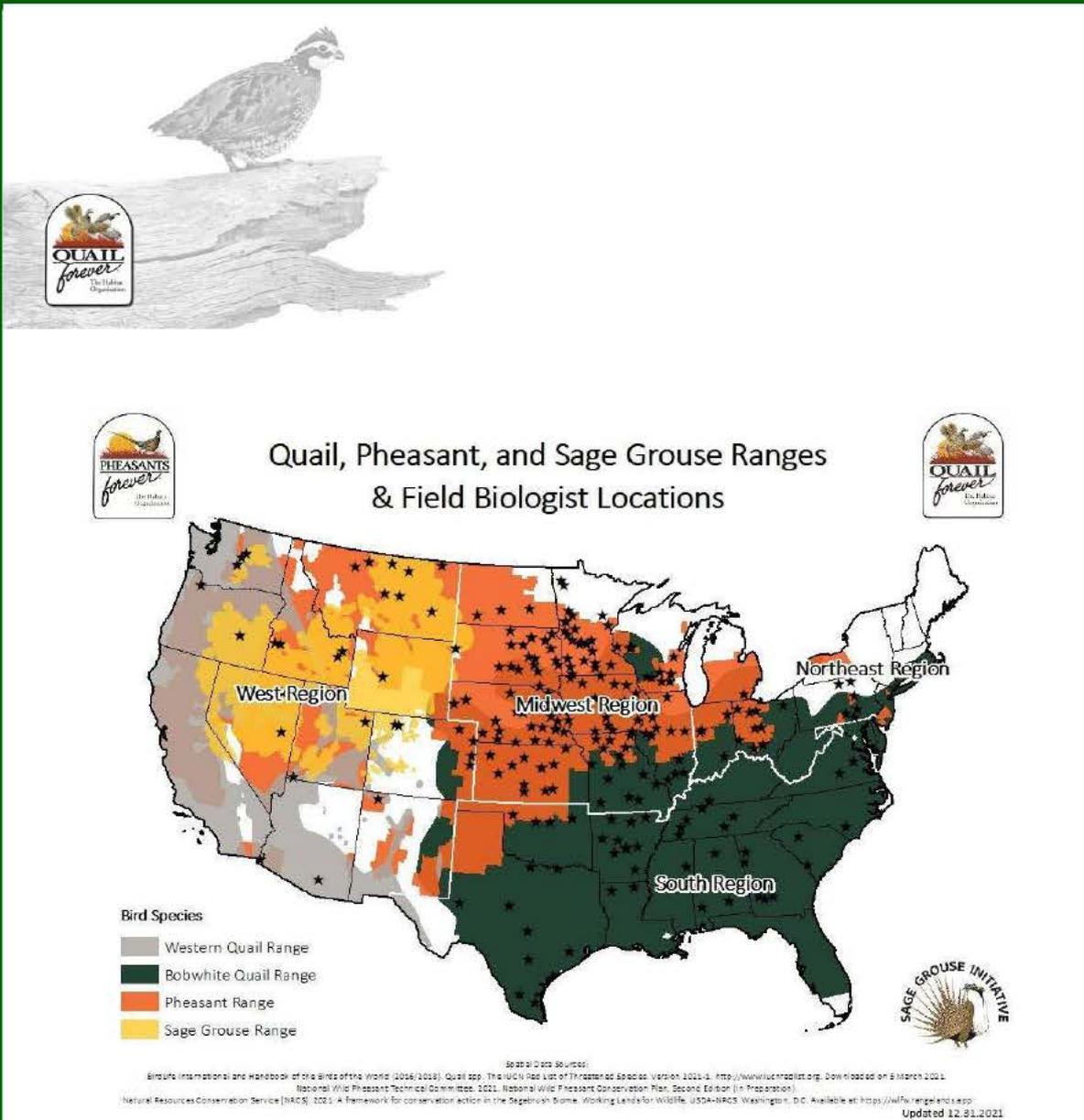
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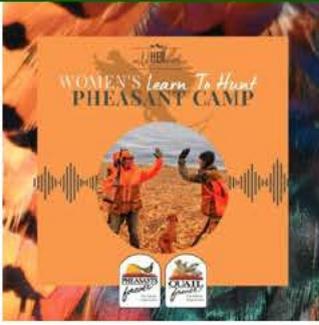
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Learn to Hunt Pheasant Camp

Ladies, we are partnering again with wildHERness to offer an immersive women's event! Join us on March 25-26 for this program that will cover all things pheasant hunting! We will learn about equipment and gear, hunter ethics, firearms safety, regulations, and pheasant ID, as well as practice with sporting clays, enjoy a Women, Wine and Wild Game dinner presented by Walton's, and a mentored hunt with trained bird dogs where ladies will have the chance to harvest up to 4 birds. Registration for this Learn to Hunt Pheasant Camp is \$235 and includes everything listed plus meals, lodging, and an annual membership to Pheasants Forever! Can't make the hunt on Saturday but still want to learn the basics needed to try pheasant hunting? Join us on March 25 for just the skills workshop portion of this event! Registration is \$50 and includes lunch, clay shoot, wild game dinner and an annual membership to Pheasants Forever.

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Women Caring for the Land: Making Conservation Programs Work for You

Please join us for our upcoming Women Caring for the Land Learning Circle. This women-centered workshop is for female landowners interested in cost-share programs & conservation practices. Includes a morning meeting & discussion, lunch & a habitat tour. Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever staff & other resource professionals will discuss how conservation programs can protect natural resources and benefit landowners. This workshop is FREE but registration is required. Click [HERE](#) to register.



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Spring ID: Callery or Bradford Pear

By Valarie Repp, Coordinating Invasive Species Biologist

Callery Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*), sometimes called Bradford Pear, is a deciduous tree that flowers in early spring with white, showy flowers. In fall, its foliage turns a bright, vibrant red. Because of these qualities and its fast-growing nature, it has

been sold for many years to homeowners as an ideal landscaping tree. However, this tree can rapidly take over rights-of-way, open fields, and woodlands in just a few years. The seeds are dispersed by birds that can be carried miles away from where they originate. In addition, the trees are very brittle, making them a significant hazard during wind and ice storms. Homeowners are now being encouraged to remove these trees from their yards and replace them with native trees that will provide the same early spring blooms and beautiful fall foliage that the Bradford pear is known for, but without the risk of unmanaged spread and breakage. Some native alternatives to Bradford Pear include wild plum (*Prunus americana*), serviceberry (*Amelanchier arborea*), or flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*). When trees are small, they can be hand pulled when the soil is moist or foliar sprayed with a 2-5% mixture of glyphosate or triclopyr in mid to late summer. For larger trees, cutting at the base and then immediately applying a 25-50% solution of glyphosate or triclopyr to the cut stump is one option. A less labor-intensive option includes basal barking, which is applying a layer of herbicide to the trunk of the tree from the base to 8-12 inches up, using a 20% mixture of ester formulation triclopyr and an oil carrier. This method is most effective later winter or early spring.

Boot Brush Installation!

In honor of National Invasive Species Awareness Week, Valarie Repp, Coordinating Invasive Species Biologist, along with staff from the Mark Twain National Forest, installed a new boot brush station near the entrance of the Irish Wilderness. This station was donated by the North American Invasive Species Management Association (**NAISMA**) to educate hikers on how to prevent the spread of invasive plant material. The station offers tips on how to properly clean gear and clothing prior to and after hiking, as well as a boot brush at the base so hikers can brush off any invasive seeds or plants that may be attached to their shoes. The sign also shares information about commonly found invasive plants in the area. Hopefully, many hikers will use this boot brush station and help stop the spread of invasive species! *Photos courtesy of Cody Norris.*





Prescribed Fire Coordinating Wildlife Biologist Hired!

Wes Buchheit, veteran member of the Missouri team, will be serving in the first ever Prescribed Fire Coordinating Wildlife Biologist position in Missouri and will be responsible for prescribed fire planning, outreach, training, and coordination. Read more about Wes and his exciting new position [here](#).

Sr. Working Lands with Wildlife Farm Bill Biologist Hired!

Haley Lockard, another veteran member of the Missouri team, started her new role as a Working Lands for Wildlife (WLFW) Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist position in west-central Missouri, supporting voluntary conservation projects in priority working landscapes to benefit target species, including the bobwhite quail. Read more about Haley's new position [here](#).



Thanks to the HCG and Mid MO Uplanders Chapter #3194, this butterfly knows the perfect spot to feed in Boone County!

Habitat Challenge Grant

A partnership between the **Missouri Department of Conservation** and Quail Forever & Pheasants Forever in Missouri, the **Habitat Challenge Grant** allows our chapters to double their impact on habitat restoration in their regions. For over a decade, MDC has matched our chapters' contributions, dollar for dollar, to help fund quail-focused habitat projects on private lands. With over 93% of Missouri in private ownership, this truly unique model is crucial to delivering our habitat mission to the state. Best of all, chapters get to decide where their Habitat Challenge dollars are spent, be it statewide, or in their home county.

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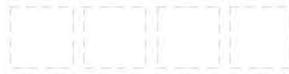
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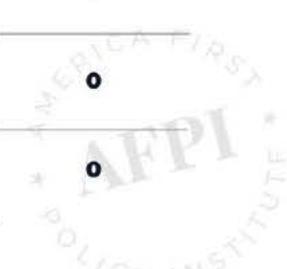
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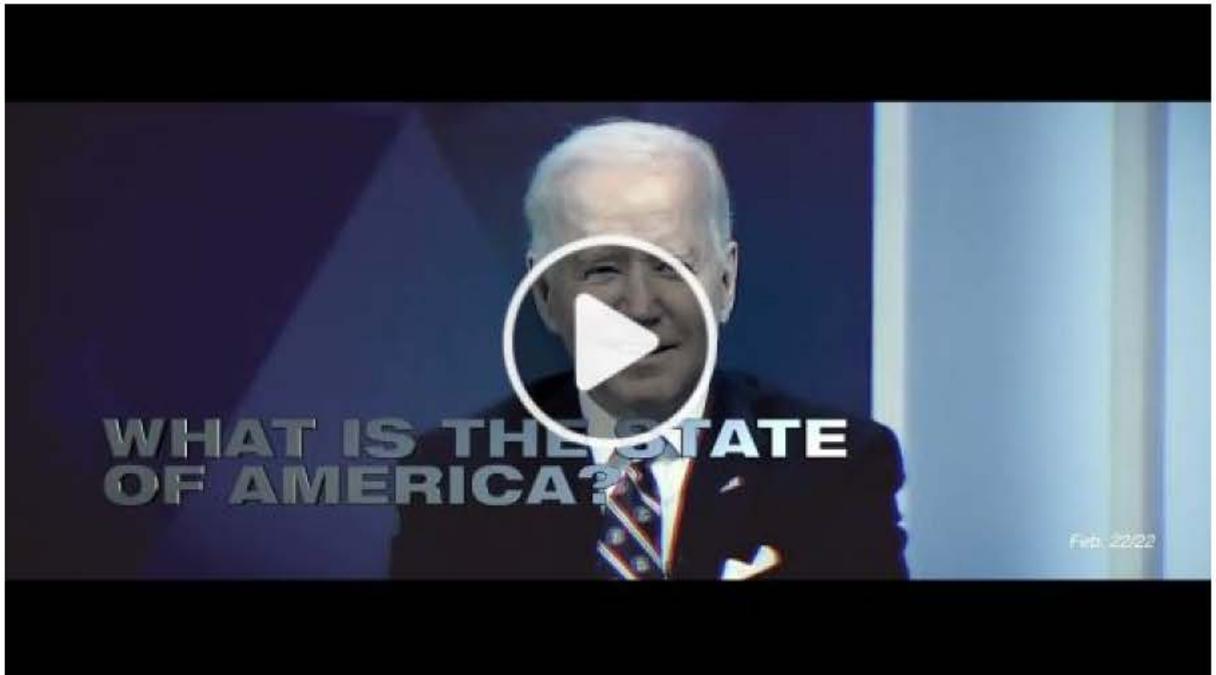
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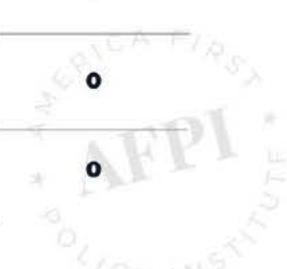
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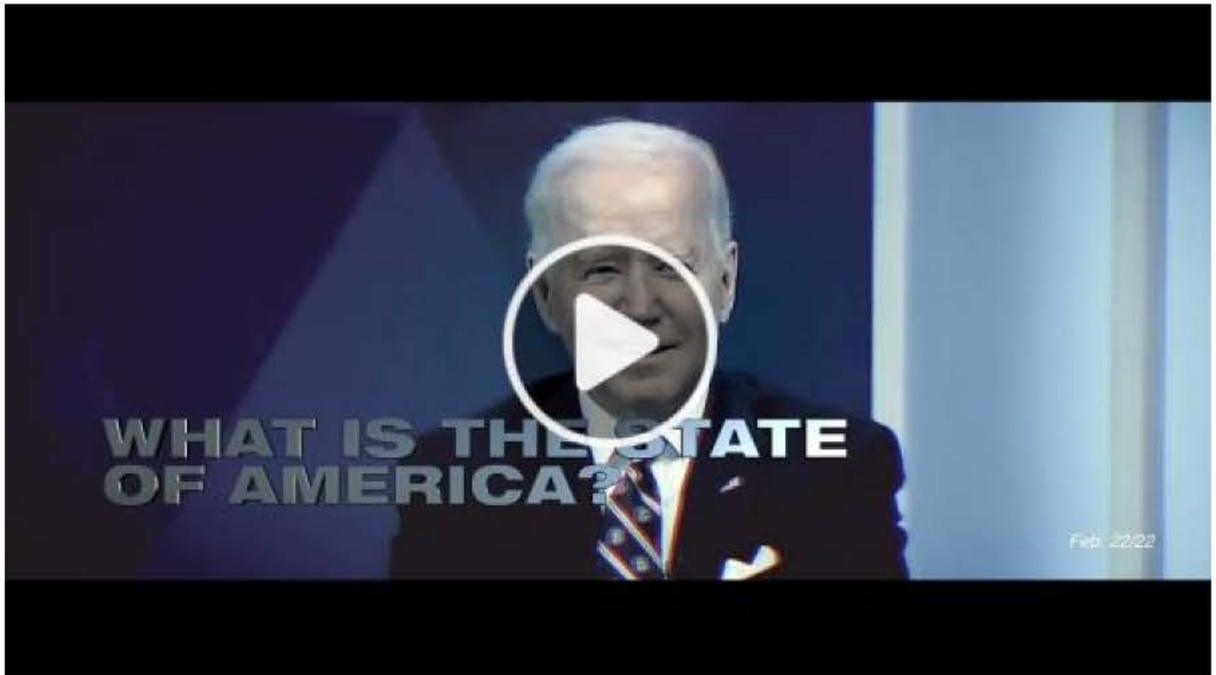
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STATE	YEAR	NAME	TYPE OF CASE	TYPE OF FRAUD
Missouri	2017	Danny Williams	Criminal Conviction	Ballot Petition Fraud
<p>Danny Williams, of Boone County, Missouri, pleaded guilty to three felony counts of forgery. He falsified 114 signatures on 40 ballot petitions advocating that a proposal regarding early voting be placed on the ballot. Williams was sentenced to three years' imprisonment (suspended) and five years' probation.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3zGwR21 , Case #15BA-CR01112-01, https://herit.ag/3jDMp11 , https://herit.ag/3rCNzwm</p>				
Missouri	2017	Kevin Kunlay Williams (a.k.a. Kunlay..	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
<p>Kevin Williams, a Nigerian citizen and an illegal immigrant, voted in both the 2012 and 2016 elections illegally in St. Louis, Missouri and also committed tax refund fraud in the amount of \$12 million from a scheme using stolen school public employee IDs, among other nefarious actions. He had been deported in 1995 but illegally reentered into the United States in 1999. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 6 _ years (78 months) in prison for voting fraudulently and other crimes including mail fraud, aggravated identity theft, and illegally re-entering the United States. In addition to his prison sentence, he was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$889,712 to the Internal Revenue Service. He also faces deportation.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3zFewCz, https://herit.ag/3x2hJKM</p>				
Missouri	2017	Leonardo Lleras-Rodriguez	Criminal Conviction	Ineligible Voting
<p>Leonardo Lleras-Rodriguez, a Cuban national who lives in Kansas City, MO was indicted and pleaded guilty to separate federal charges of casting a fraudulent election ballot and aiding and assisting the preparation of false income tax returns. Lleras-Rodriguez, a non-citizen, voted illegally in six elections between 2010 and 2014. Additionally, he prepared three fraudulent tax returns in 2014 and another 45 fraudulent returns between 2012-2014, defrauding the United States an estimated \$134,898. He is awaiting sentencing.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3i9ueA6 , https://herit.ag/3iXLHL3</p>				
Missouri	2016	Rogell Coker, Jr.	Criminal Conviction	Ballot Petition Fraud
<p>Rogell Coker, Jr., of Columbia, Missouri, pleaded guilty to three felony counts of forgery after he forged signatures on ballot petitions in 2014. Coker was responsible for 116 fraudulent signatures spread across 26 petitions advocating for an early voting proposal to be put on the ballot. He was given a five-year suspended sentence, placed on probation for five years, and ordered to pay all court costs and fees.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/2TBqLRa , Case #15BA-CR01114-01, https://herit.ag/3f4jWiJ , https://herit.ag/3BKprN3</p>				
Missouri	2016	Keven Hayes	Criminal Conviction	Ballot Petition Fraud
<p>Keven Hayes, a homeless man from Columbia, Missouri, pleaded guilty to perjury in 2016 after he forged signatures on a ballot petition in 2014. He had falsified 363 signatures on 60 petitions advocating for an early voting proposal to be placed on the ballot. Hayes was given a four-year suspended sentence and placed on probation for five years.</p>				

Source: <https://herit.ag/3iSpPR8> , <https://herit.ag/3i5ABnH> , Case No. 15BA-CR01115-01, <https://herit.ag/3I3BxBh>

Missouri	2016	Tracy Renee Jones	Criminal Conviction	Ballot Petition Fraud
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Tracy Jones, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, pleaded guilty to three felony counts of forgery after admitting that she forged 618 signatures on a total of 171 ballot petitions. Jones was sentenced to five years' probation with a suspended three-year prison sentence.

Source: <https://herit.ag/2TEI7Nd> , Case No. 15BA-CR01654-01, <https://herit.ag/3I2K9ly> , <https://herit.ag/3x6wZpV>

Missouri	2016	North St. Louis	Judicial Finding	Election Overturned
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Penny Hubbard, the incumbent, won the 2016 Democratic primary for Missouri's 78th House District by 90 votes. Her challenger, Bruce Franks Jr., contested the results, citing the lopsided absentee vote tally that heavily favored Hubbard. District Judge Rex Burlison determined that a sufficient number of improper absentee ballots had been cast to change the results of the election, and ordered a special election. Mr. Franks won the re-do by a margin of 1,533 votes. The election of Rodney Hubbard Sr., Penny Hubbard's husband, who won his 2016 primary for 5th Democratic Ward committeeman, is also being challenged by his opponent Rasheen Aldridge, again citing irregularities in absentee ballots.

Source: <https://herit.ag/3rKEfa4>

Missouri	2015	Deidra Humphrey	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
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Deidra Humphrey, a former recruiter for the Missouri Progressive Vote Coalition, pleaded guilty to mail fraud after she submitted false and forged voter registrations to Missouri Pro-Vote, which unknowingly submitted them to elections boards in St. Louis city and St. Louis county. Maximum penalties for the offenses include 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

Source: <https://herit.ag/3mg9pVJ>

Missouri	2010	John and Clara Moretina	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
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In order to assist their nephew in his razor-close 2010 democratic primary for the 40th District in Missouri, Clara and John Moretina falsely registered a Kansas City address so they could vote for their nephew, John Joseph Rizzo. Rizzo won that primary election by a single vote. That means two fraudulent votes could have provided his winning margin. John Moretina pleaded guilty to a federal charge of voter fraud in connection with the 2010 election. He was sentenced to five years' probation. Clara Moretina was not charged in the federal case, but was convicted by the state of Missouri, and both she and her husband were fined \$250 and barred from ever voting again in Missouri.

Source: <https://herit.ag/3BNfoXB>

Missouri	2010	Tarrell Campbell	Criminal Conviction	Duplicate Voting
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Tarrell Campbell pleaded guilty to a federal felony voter fraud charge. He voted early in Illinois, where he was attending Southern Illinois University, and then again on election day in Missouri. He was sentenced to two years of probation and ordered to pay \$350 in fines and fees. He was also ordered to undergo drug testing and counseling.

Source: <https://herit.ag/3i7eqO3>

Missouri	2008	Brian Bland, Bobbie Jean Cheeks, Cortez...	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
<p>Eight St. Louis voter registration workers pleaded guilty to election fraud for submitting false registration cards in the 2006 election in St. Louis. The workers were employed by liberal community organizing group, ACORN.</p> <p>Source: bit.ly/2eiSQ5e, bit.ly/2tcCrGI</p>				
Missouri	2008	Joel Neal	Criminal Conviction	Duplicate Voting, Fraudulent Use Of Absentee Ballots
<p>Joel Neal, of St. Louis, Missouri, voted twice in the 2008 primary election: once in person for himself, and once via absentee ballot in the name of his deceased mother. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one month of home confinement and was ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3f4s8zw</p>				
Missouri	2007	Dale Franklin and Brian Gardner	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
<p>Dale Franklin and Brian Gardiner, voter registration recruiters for ACORN prior to the 2006 election, pleaded guilty to election fraud, after forging the signature of an applicant and submitting it to the Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners. Both men were sentenced to probation.</p> <p>Source: bit.ly/2fIJBAz</p>				
Missouri	2007	Kwaim Stenson	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
<p>Kwaim Stenson, a registration recruiter employed by ACORN, pleaded guilty to a count of submitting a false voter registration application to the Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners. Stenson was sentenced to four months and five days' imprisonment.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3x8iCRS,</p>				
Missouri	2007	Carmen Davis	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
<p>Carmen Davis, who also goes by the name of Latisha Reed and who worked for the community organizing group, ACORN, pleaded guilty to voter registration fraud in Kansas City for filing false paperwork. Davis was sentenced to 120 days in a halfway house.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3BaT2xK, https://herit.ag/3vOn35C</p>				
Missouri	2006	Michelle Robinson	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
<p>Michelle Robinson pleaded guilty to 13 counts of election law violations in connection with a fraudulent voter registration scheme. Robinson worked for Operation Big Vote, an initiative aimed at boosting the participation of black voters in the 2001 St. Louis mayoral election. She submitted 13 voter registration cards made out in the names of dead former city aldermen. Robinson was simultaneously convicted on drug charges and her combined sentence was four years of probation, 180 hours of community service, and mandatory training in transcendental meditation.</p> <p>Source: bit.ly/2fgTJ08</p>				

Missouri	2005	Brandon E Jones	Criminal Conviction	Duplicate Voting
<p>On September 8, 2005, Brandon E. Jones pleaded guilty for voting twice during the 2004 general election. He voted in both Raytown and Kansas City.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3mhjtxw, USA v. Jones, 05-cr-00257-JTM</p>				
Missouri	2005	Tammy J. Martin	Criminal Conviction	Duplicate Voting
<p>Tammy Martin was sentenced to one year of probation and a special assessment of \$25 for voting twice in two different districts.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3iTg3Oz, US District Court of Western Missouri, USA v. Martin 4:05-cr-00258-SWH-1</p>				
Missouri	2005	Nonaresa Montgomery	Criminal Conviction	False Registrations
<p>Operation Big Vote, an effort to register black voters, led to a scheme to register prominent dead local politicians to vote. Nonaresa Montgomery, an Operation Big Vote employee, was convicted of perjury for lying to a grand jury investigating thousands of fraudulent voter registration cards turned in before the 2001 mayoral primary. Six others pleaded guilty to dozens of election law violations in connection with the scheme. Montgomery received two years of probation.</p> <p>Source: https://herit.ag/3zFefQ3, https://herit.ag/2Va2xho</p>				

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Date: 4/6/2022 9:17:58 AM
Subject: FW: FINAL DETAILS: Heritage and Honest Election Project's Secretaries of State Conference | April 12-13, 2022
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From: Samalis, Katie <Kaitlynn.Samalis@heritage.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 12:29 PM
Cc: von Spakovsky, Hans <Hans.VonSpakovsky@heritage.org>; Jason Snead <jsnead@honestelections.org>
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April 12-13, 2022

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- **Final Agenda:** Please see attached the agenda for the conference.
- **Hotel Location:** For those of you traveling from out-of-town, you will be staying at the [Capitol Hill Hotel](#) located at 200 C Street SE Washington D.C. 20003. This location is a 15-minute walk to Heritage directly down 2nd Street.
- **Shuttle Service:** There will be a shuttle service to transport attendees from Heritage to the Capitol Hill Hotel and to our off-site dinner at Charlie Palmer Steakhouse on Tuesday evening. Copied below is a schedule for the shuttle.

☐ **Tuesday, April 12:**

✳ 4:30 pm Shuttle Bus Departs from Heritage to Capitol Hill Hotel

✳ 5:30 pm Shuttle Bus Departs from Capitol Hill Hotel to Charlie Palmer Steakhouse

✳ 9:00 pm Shuttle Bus Departs from Charlie Palmer Steakhouse to Capitol Hill Hotel

☐ **Wednesday, April 13:**

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- **Attire:** The dress attire for the conference will be business.

See you next week in D.C.!

Katie

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Secretaries of State Conference

Tuesday, April 12 - Wednesday, April 13, 2022

AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.	LUNCHEON AND PANEL DISCUSSION TOPIC: PROBLEMS FACED BY STATE ELECTION OFFICIALS	<i>Allison Foyer</i>
2:00 – 2:15 p.m.	BREAK	
2:15– 3:00 p.m.	PANEL I: THE STATE OF PLAY	<i>Davis Center</i>
3:00 – 3:15 p.m.	BREAK	
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	PANEL II: GRASSROOTS ACTIVISM IN THE STATES	<i>Davis Center</i>
4:15 – 5:30 p.m.	EXTENDED BREAK	
5:30 p.m.	SHUTTLE DEPARTS FROM CAPITOL HILL HOTEL TO CHARLIE PALMER STEAK, 101 CONSTITUTION AVE. NW	
5:45 – 6:45 p.m.	COCKTAIL HOUR	
6:45 – 8:45 p.m.	DINNER AND KEYNOTE	
9:00 p.m.	SHUTTLE DEPARTS FROM CHARLIE PALMER STEAK AND DROPS GUESTS BACK AT CAPITOL HILL HOTEL	

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

8:15 a.m.	NETWORKING BREAKFAST	<i>Davis Center</i>
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	PANEL III – LITIGATION UPDATE	<i>Davis Center</i>
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	BREAK	
10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	PANEL IV – UPDATES FROM THE SWAMP	<i>Davis Center</i>
11:00 – 11:15 a.m.	BREAK	
11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	PANEL V – LEFT-WING DARK MONEY	<i>Davis Center</i>
12:00 – 12:15 p.m.	BREAK	
12:15 – 2:15 p.m.	LUNCHEON AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS	<i>Allison Foyer</i>



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Location: Ronald Reagan National
When: 4/13/2022 9:10:00 PM

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Airline: American Airlines\nOperated By: REPUBLIC AIRWAYSAS AMERICAN EAGLE\nConfirmation Number: WIGFST\nFlight Number:4865\nSeat: 22A (Non smoking\, Window) Confirmed - CLARK /SCOTTR
22C (Non smoking\, Aisle) Confirmed - ASHCROFT/JOHN ROBERT
\nDeparture City: Washington\, DC\nDeparture Airport: Ronald ReaganNational (DCA)\nDeparture Time: 5:10 PM *\n\nArrival City: StLouis\, MO\nArrival Airport: Lambert-St Louis International (STL)\nArrival Time: 6:45 PM *\n\n* Times displayed in local airport time\n

From: [SOSMain](#)
To: [Elections-1 <Elections-1@sos.mo.gov>](mailto:Elections-1@sos.mo.gov)
Date: 4/29/2022 2:36:40 PM
Subject: FW: Election Integrity is Critical - outlaw ballot boxes

Hello,
Can you answer the question from this constituent ?
Thank you,
Susan

-----Original Message-----

From: CT Outlook <ctass@alumni.stanford.edu>
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2022 2:32 PM
To: SOSMain <sosmain@sos.mo.gov>
Subject: RE: Election Integrity is Critical - outlaw ballot boxes

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Dear Susan,

The website you provided doesn't state if ballot drop boxes are being used in Missouri or not. The drop boxes in GA and other states were the source of massive fraud as documented in the new movie "2000 Mules". Has Missouri outlawed these boxes or not?
See the trailer: 2000mules.com

Charles Tass

-----Original Message-----

From: SOSMain [mailto:sosmain@sos.mo.gov]
Sent: 29 April, 2022 14:03
To: Charles Tass <ctass@alumni.stanford.edu>
Subject: RE: Election Integrity is Critical - outlaw ballot boxes

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Best regards,

Susan Schaufler , Executive Secretary
Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft
600 W. Main Street | Jefferson City MO 65102 Phone (573)-751-2418

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From: Charles Tass <ctass@alumni.stanford.edu>
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2022 1:23 PM
To: SOSMain <sosmain@sos.mo.gov>
Subject: Election Integrity is Critical - outlaw ballot boxes

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Sincerely,

Charles Tass
13825 Wagon Pass Rd
Platte City, MO 64079
ctass@alumni.stanford.edu

From: [SOSMain](#)
To: [Kathy Russo <russo3jk@charter.net>](mailto:russo3jk@charter.net)
Date: 4/29/2022 2:03:15 PM
Subject: RE: Election Integrity is Critical to Freedom!

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Sent: Friday, April 29, 2022 1:01 PM
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65 Wood River Rd
Lake Ozark, MO 65049
russo3jk@charter.net

From: [SOSMain](#)
To: [Charles Tass <ctass@alumni.stanford.edu>](mailto:ctass@alumni.stanford.edu)
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From: [SOSMain](#)
To: [Germaine Peters <petegeri@swbell.net>](mailto:petegeri@swbell.net)
Date: 4/29/2022 2:02:14 PM
Subject: RE: Election Integrity is Critical to Freedom!

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4751 Ashwick Ter
Saint Louis, MO 63128
petegeri@swbell.net

From: [SOSMain](#)
To: [Donna Wilson <gamster1011@gmail.com>](mailto:Donna.Wilson@gamster1011@gmail.com)
Date: 4/29/2022 12:34:26 PM
Subject: RE: Election Integrity is Critical to Freedom!

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From: Donna Wilson <gamster1011@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2022 12:27 PM
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5804 NW 108th Ct
Kansas City, MO 64154
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Required: [Shores, Nikolas <Nikolas.Shores@sos.mo.gov>](mailto:Shores,Nikolas@sos.mo.gov)
Subject: School group - Rep. Walsh
Location: Capitol Office
When: 4/20/2022 10:00:00 AM - 10:30:00 AM

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From: [Schauffler, Susan](#)
To: [Angela Branstetter <Angela.Branstetter@house.mo.gov>](#)
Date: 3/31/2022 12:42:02 PM
Subject: RE: Tour on April 20th

I'll put you on the calendar.

From: Angela Branstetter <Angela.Branstetter@house.mo.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2022 12:41 PM
To: Schauffler, Susan <Susan.Schauffler@sos.mo.gov>
Subject: RE: Tour on April 20th

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From: Schauffler, Susan <Susan.Schauffler@sos.mo.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2022 12:40 PM
To: Angela Branstetter <Angela.Branstetter@house.mo.gov>; Shores, Nikolas <Nikolas.Shores@sos.mo.gov>
Subject: RE: Tour on April 20th

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Date: 3/31/2022 12:41:28 PM
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To: [Schauffler, Susan <Susan.Schauffler@sos.mo.gov>](mailto:Susan.Schauffler@sos.mo.gov)
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To: [Elections-1 <Elections-1@sos.mo.gov>](mailto:Elections-1@sos.mo.gov)
Date: 3/23/2022 2:48:03 PM
Subject: FW: Bought and Paid For Election - 2020

From: Rhonda LeCuru <lecuru52@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 2:42 PM
To: SOSMain <sosmain@sos.mo.gov>
Subject: Bought and Paid For Election - 2020

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I certainly hope Missouri has put into place laws to STOP this nonsense (Zuckerberg poured money into St. Louis and K.C. Democrat strongholds)

WND Officials in major U.S. city named for 2020 presidential election 'bribery' - 'Voters deserve to know the truth'

By Bob Unruh, WDN (Published March 23, 2022 at 1:47pm)

A complaint has been filed with the Wisconsin Elections Commission bringing bribery allegations against the mayor, a former mayor and the city clerk of Milwaukee over their actions leading up to and during the 2020 president election. Officials with the Thomas More Society, acting on behalf of a Milwaukee voter, levied the claims against Milwaukee Acting Mayor Cavalier Johnson, former Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and City Clerk Jim Owczarski. The allegations are that the officials acted in violation of Wisconsin's bribery law by "accepting private money from the Center for Tech and Civic Life in order to facilitate in-person and absentee voting and to purchase and place absentee ballot drop boxes."

The complaint also charges that the city's absentee ballot drop boxes actually were illegal under state law. "This is representative of a national trend, explained Erick Kaardal, a Thomas More Society special counsel. "Sixteen states have now passed legislation to ban or regulate the acceptance and use of private funds by public election officers. Thomas More Society attorneys, prior to the 2020 election, were the first to litigate this issue. Thomas More Society lawyers filed litigation in nine states. All of this litigation led to successful legislative action to ban this 'dark money.' "Arizona, Georgia and Texas passed legislation addressing this issue; and, in Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, the legislature passed laws regulating this conduct, but those laws were vetoed by Democrat governors. Three other states, Minnesota, Iowa, and South Carolina have passed bills regulating this conduct, and are now waiting for those bills to be enacted," he said.

The Milwaukee complaint followed similar complaints against officials in Racine, Green Bay, Kenosha and Madison, which also asserted violations of election law and bribery of election officials by the Center for Tech and Civic Life.

The legal team explained, "The Milwaukee complaint contends that Barrett and Owczarski entered into an agreement with the Center for Tech and Civic Life, a partisan, special interest organization, to accept \$3.4 million to facilitate in-person and absentee voting in the city, which is a violation of Wisconsin law. The Center for Tech and Civic Life is a non-profit Chicago-based organization, led and staffed by former Democratic activists and funded by billionaire Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan, to influence the 2020 election."

Kaardal explained the case details a massive scheme on the part of the Center for Tech and Civic Life to usurp the administration of the election, a core traditional governmental function. Under the guise of COVID-19 prevention and via the illegal dumping of private money into the municipal process, the Center for Tech and Civic Life handed control of the 2020 election in Wisconsin over to private partisan interests, in the form of its

'partners,'" the legal team said.

"We can't undo the wrongs of the 2020 election," Kaardal said. "But it is incumbent upon us to ensure that the corruption that infected Wisconsin's voting process is rooted out and that the state's election integrity is preserved. Wisconsin's voters deserve to know the truth and they need to be assured that the corruption has been eliminated, allowing for fair and honest elections from this point forward." The complaint notes the CTCL convinced officials of the cities to agree to "gift" agreements publicly promoted as grants to help deal with COVID-19. However, the actual work was a voting "plan" that "had nothing to do with the health and safety of Wisconsin voters, but rather outsourced the process to partisan 'experts'...."

In Wisconsin, actually, it is illegal for anyone to "take money" to induce a voter to go to the polls. "The evidence in this complaint is overwhelming and condemning," said Kaardal. "Even on the surface, given all benefit of doubt, there is no question that Mayor Barrett, and Clerk Owczarski accepted private money from the Center for Tech and Civic Life to facilitate in-person and absentee voting in Milwaukee, as well as illegal ballot drop boxes. This is in violation of Wisconsin election law."

WND previously reported that it already had been confirmed by a study that Zuckerberg's decision to donate some \$420 million to various leftist elections officials across America to "help" them accommodate COVID during the 2020 president race essentially "bought" the vote for Joe Biden.

Then a report from the Office of Special Counsel in the state of Wisconsin determined that those actions also violated the state's bribery statutes. Margot Cleveland at the Federalist had posted an explanation of the stunning verdict. In Wisconsin, Zuckerberg's money, some \$9 million, went "solely to five Democratic strongholds" and the special counsel's report to the Wisconsin Assembly said those actions violated the ban on bribes.

"Last August, Wisconsin Assembly Speaker Robin Vos authorized the Office of Special Counsel, headed by retired state Supreme Court justice Michael Gableman, to investigate concerns about election integrity and the 2020 election. Gableman delivered an interim report to the state assembly on November 10, 2021," the Federalist report explained.

Then, "the special counsel provided a second interim report to the state legislative body, noting the report 'is final in the sense that it provides a list of recommendations with time for the Legislature to act before the close of its session in March.'"

The report, 136 pages, said it was not challenging the certification of the 2020 results in Wisconsin, one of several battleground states that went narrowly for Joe Biden. Its goal, instead, is to recommend ways to avoid another election that results from criminal activity.

Those include:

- ** Eliminating the Wisconsin Election Commission, which, in fact, had delivered to elections officials improper instructions for the election.
- ** Maintain a single statewide voter registration database and making it available and secure.
- ** Establishing oversight procedures for elections.
- ** Establishing a process for challenging results.
- ** Minimizing "pre-voting," because that denies citizens their right to observe the process.
- ** Allowing the creation of "alternative slates of electors" for challenged races.
- ** Providing ways to challenge those certifications.
- ** Banning "outside finding" in elections.

"Our state has a deep, progressive history and is suspicious of private entities engaging in governmental activity," the report said. "Clerk's offices should be (and in 2020 were) adequately funded by state and federal entities, as appropriate, but outside grants should be disfavored or prohibited, especially where those grants have any conditions on them."

Regarding Zuckerberg's money, the OSC report said Milwaukee, Madison, Racine, Kenosha and Green Bay all

agreed with the Center for Tech and Civic Life, funded by Zuckerberg, to "facilitate in-person and absentee voting." But those agreements "where a city's election officials receive CTCL or other's private money to facilitate in-person and absentee voting with a city facially violates Wis. State. 12.11's prohibition on election bribery..." it said.

The money being handed out by Zuckerberg – outside of any existing campaign funding regulations – was not random, and was for his political purposes, the report says.

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Hon. Mike S. Lee, United States Senator, Utah

Regulation by Surrogate? Is the Government Evading the Administrative Procedure Act?

- **Mr. Jonathan Berry**, Partner, Boyden Gray & Associates
- **Mr. Stephen Soukup**, Vice President and Publisher, The Political Forum
- **Moderator: Hon. Stephen A. Vaden**, U.S. Court of International Trade

10:40am - 12:00pm: Breakout Panels

The Executive Branch's Duty to Enforce

- **Mr. Steven Bradbury**, Former Acting Secretary and General Counsel, U.S. Department of Transportation
- **Mr. Sean Donahue**, Partner, Donahue & Goldberg LLP
- **Mr. Ryan D. Newman**, General Counsel, Governor Ron DeSantis
- **Mr. Justin Savage**, Global Co-Leader and Partner, Environmental Practice, Sidley Austin LLP
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American Investment in China

- **Amb. Kelley Currie**, Adjunct Senior Fellow, Indo-Pacific Security Program, Center for New American Security; Senior Advisor, Krach Institute for Tech

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- **Mr. Ivan Kanapathy**, Senior Associate, Freeman Chair in China Studies, Center for Strategic & International Studies
- **Moderator: Hon. M. Miller Baker**, United States Court of International Trade

12:00 - 12:20pm: Lunch

12:20 - 2:00pm: Luncheon Address & Panel

Administrative State on the Brink?

- **Prof. Philip A. Hamburger**, Maurice and Hilda Friedman Professor of Law, Columbia Law School; President, New Civil Liberties Alliance
- **Hon. Sally Katzen**, Professor of Practice and Distinguished Scholar in Residence; Co-Director, Legislative and Regulatory Process Clinic, New York University School of Law
- **Mr. Matt Kuhn**, Solicitor General, State of Kentucky
- **Moderator: Hon. Neomi Rao**, United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit

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Religious Liberty and the Department of Defense

- **Address: Hon. James Lankford**, United States Senator, Oklahoma
- **Mr. Eric Baxter**, Vice President & Senior Counsel, Becket
- **Mr. Michael D. Berry**, Vice President, External Affairs, First Liberty Institute
- **Prof. Eugene R. Fidell**, Adjunct Professor of Law, New York University School of Law; Of Counsel, Feldesman Tucker Leifer Fidell LLP
- **Moderator: Hon. Justin Walker**, United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit

The President's Green New Mandate: Implications for Financial Regulators and the Central Bank

- **Prof. Jeremy Kress**, Assistant Professor of Business Law, Michigan Ross; Co-Faculty Director, Center on Finance, Law & Policy, University of Michigan
- **Mr. Paul H. Kupiec**, Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
- **Prof. Christina P. Skinner**, Assistant Professor of Legal Studies & Business Ethics, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
- **Mr. Graham Steele**, Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions, U.S. Department of the Treasury
- **Moderator: Mr. Jeffrey H. Wood**, Partner, Baker Botts; Former AAG Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Selective Enforcement of Civil Rights Law by the Administrative Agencies

- **Ms. Samantha Harris**, Partner, Allen Harris Law
- **Prof. Renee M. Landers**, Professor of Law and Faculty Director, Health and Biomedical Law Concentration and the Masters of the Law: Life Sciences

- Program, Suffolk University Law School
- **Mr. Hans von Spakovsky**, Manager, Election Law Reform Initiative and Senior Legal Fellow, Meese Center for Legal and Judicial Studies, The Heritage Foundation
- **Moderator: Hon. Kenneth L. Marcus**, Founder and Chairman, Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law

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- Vote only on election day
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- Eliminate all Mail in and drop boxes
- Clean up the voter rolls to prevent using dead or other non-eligible voter to vote illegally

Finally bring illegal voting parties to justice.

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State of the State Addresses in California, Connecticut, and North

With the arrival of the new year, states around the country are working through or have concluded their sessions. Coinciding with these events are the governors' State of the State addresses, in which they outline their priorities for the upcoming year and hit on some of the past successes of their administrations. These addresses provide key insights to the policy objectives and budget recommendations coming from each governor, as they spearhead new initiatives and continue to find ways to bring their states out of the pandemic. This is an opportunity to make major improvements to the way state governments serve their constituents.

Flywheel will continue to summarize these speeches to highlight the governors' priorities in education, energy, COVID-19 response, and more. We have already covered AK, AL, AR, AZ, CO, DE, FL, GA, HI, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MO, NE, NJ, NY, OK, PA, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV, and WY and have summarized California, Connecticut, and North Dakota. We will continue to cover the states in order to save your inbox from a flurry of emails. Full transcripts and videos will be linked where available.

Thanks to the [National Governors Association](#) for this great resource which captures all addresses from

California Governor Gavin Newsom delivers his 2022 State of the State Address

CALIFORNIA - GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM (D) MARCH 8, 2022

Governor Newsom began his State of the State saying, “It goes without saying: Given the state of our world, I can imagine there are many people outside of these walls waiting on the words that will be said here tonight. It is so important, as the Rabbi, Denise Eger said, for us to come together, nonetheless.”

Democracy:

The governor stated, “California does democracy like nowhere else in the world. And no other place has so many from so many different backgrounds. But we cannot take our democracy for granted.” The governor condemned ‘authoritarian’ and ‘illiberal’ impulses that he believes his political opponents espouse. He said that these opponents attack voting rights and ‘vulnerable minorities.’

The Climate:

The governor believes that California has led the charge on saving the environment. He states, “For the rules, and others have followed.” The governor points to the pause on the gas tax increase that the California legislature in January. And just a few weeks ago on March 23rd, Governor Newsom [pre-announced a rebate](#) to offset the high prices. Policies like this are good for Californians’ wallets and the environment. He also vows to not embrace polluters nor drill more oil than the state currently is. California has the largest investments in the state, totaling \$38 billion.

Electric Vehicles:

The governor boasts the state’s dominance in electric vehicle sales and manufacturing. The governor wants to accelerate production of these vehicles by [tapping into the lithium reserves](#) in California’s Imperial Valley.

The Economy:

The governor notes that California dominates “in research, innovation, entrepreneurialism, venture capital, and technology.” He remains the world’s fifth-largest economy.” He goes on to boast the fact that California’s GDP growth in 2021 outpaced every other state, and even some other western democracies.

COVID-19:

The governor championed his COVID-19 approach, stating, “Our lockdowns, distressing as they were, saved lives. Our mask mandates saved lives. Your choices saved lives. California experienced far lower COVID-19 deaths than any other large state. Fewer than Texas, Ohio, fewer than Florida.” He went on to unveil his [“SMART” blueprint](#) to stay ahead of future variants and seasonal surges.

The Homeless:

The governor acknowledged the vast swathes of homeless individuals in his state. He highlighted his work to move 58,000 homeless off the streets since the beginning of the pandemic. He hopes to move more homeless people into shelters and support systems that are right for them and clean up the streets.

Law Enforcement:

The governor is in favor of funding local law enforcement and prosecutors to investigate more crime. He is investing hundreds of millions in new programs to tackle the root causes of crime.

Education:

The governor seeks to transform the California public education system by creating choices for parents for their kids. The governor highlights the state's newest addition to the educational opportunities in [transitional kindergarten](#). The governor describes transitional kindergarten as, "nine hours of enrichment, true, universal before- and after-school programs. Expanded summer school. Universal, nutritious meals. New child savings accounts and free community college."

Governor Newsom concluded his state of the state address speaking about diversity. He stated, "Envision a future, but also seeking common ground. Pursuing greater connectedness. Not exploiting division with performance and memes of the moment, but by unifying towards common purpose. Inviting more people, with diversity from different backgrounds — "to strive, to seek, to find, to not yield" — all into the fight for a better California, you, all, very, very much. Thank you for the privilege of your time tonight."

Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont delivers his 2022 State of the State Address

CONNECTICUT - GOVERNOR NED LAMONT (D) FEBRUARY 9, 2022

Governor Lamont began his State of the State saying, "It is very nice to see so many of you back in years ago today, I stood before you as a new governor. Today, the state of the state is better off than years ago, but we still have a long way to go."

The Budget:

When the governor began his tenure three years ago, the state was facing a \$3.7 billion budget deficit. He has done a great job digging themselves out of the hole, that they are able to cut taxes. The governor says that the budgets he has brought forth have been balanced and on time. He hailed the state's bipartisan efforts and the state's narrative from "fiscal crisis" to "fiscal turnaround." The fiscal turnaround yields two key points for Connecticut's governor:

1. Hundreds of millions of dollars of annual budget savings for years to come.
2. Hundreds of thousands of retirees who can sleep easier knowing that pension promises of the

Taxes:

The governor broke the trend of raised taxes in Connecticut. Throughout his time in office he has reversed broad-based tax increases. On top of this, the governor's new fiscal year budget cuts taxes for working middle-class families. The governor [has proposed](#) meaningful property tax reform worth nearly \$300 million. He plans to eliminate the income tax on pension and 401K income for most households.

Education:

The governor applauded Connecticut's teachers, who have shown up and worked hard to permit in-person learning. Connecticut's governor notes that the budget invests ten times more money than ever before in workforce development. This is money allocated directly to trade schools, apprentice programs, and tuition-free programs. This investment will directly benefit 10,000 students and job seekers per year.

Infrastructure:

The governor expressed pleasure with the newly passed Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill. This bill will put billion dollars a year into Connecticut. The governor promises to allocate the federal funding to public specifically to the train system. He also plans on using the funding to prioritize clean wind energy turbines and making sure all corners of the state have access to high speed internet through broadband access.

COVID-19:

The governor launched the [Reopening Committee](#) at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. This led by medical, business and labor leaders alike. The governor took the input of many into account to reopen the state safely. He is happy to state, "Our construction sites and manufacturing facilities never did our parks or beaches, our restaurants and stores reopened quickly, our essential workers were kept continuing to provide daycare, healthcare, food, and freight."

The governor also announced that he believes it is time to remove the state-wide school mask mandate so children can go to school maskless once again.

Crime and Law Enforcement:

The governor is working hard with law enforcement to take down big gun traffickers in the state. He can't be tough on crime if you are weak on guns!" He goes on to offer his support for police officers. "more cops on the beat." The governor has overseen the training and hiring of 400 new police officers in two years and is making sure that law enforcement has the budget to continue on this trend in the future.

Governor Lamont concluded his State of the State address, stating, "Just as I wouldn't let the state be defined by a chronic fiscal crisis, I will not allow it to be defined by a Covid crisis. Despite the intense headwinds of the pandemic, we have made significant progress with more jobs created, more families moving into our state, and more opportunity for all.

That's the Connecticut difference, and we're going to keep making it every day. May God bless each of you and the great State of Connecticut."

North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum delivers his 2022 State of the State Address

NORTH DAKOTA - GOVERNOR DOUG BURGUM (R) FEBRUARY 16, 2022

Governor Burgum began his State of the State saying, "As we settle into the year 2022, I think every one understands that the world today is a complex, changing dynamic and there are conflicts between nations and superpowers and countries all over the world that at any moment may boil over. And here at home we come out of COVID, everything's emotionally charged and politically divided. In D.C., we know the Biden administration that's pursuing regulations and policies that actually create headwinds for our two largest industries, energy and agriculture."

State Rankings:

In 2021 "North Dakota was ranked in the top five for the best state to live, the best state for families, the best state for business friendliness." On top of this, [North Dakota](#) has "top 10 rankings in the best state for millennial, the best state to retire, the best state to start a business, and the best state for taking care of our natural environment. Some of the cleanest air and water in the nation." The governor goes on to say, "And certainly at the end of the day, what matters, perhaps most, is that many sites have agreed that North Dakota is one of the happiest states in the nation."

Migration:

Over the past decade, North Dakota has welcomed many new residents from various places. The governor says, "Our population in North Dakota grew faster than all but three other states during the decade between 2010 and 2020, and families from near and far are finding incredible opportunities within our borders." He goes on to say, "Over 100,000 new residents have decided in the last decade to call North Dakota home. Welcome."

The Environment:

North Dakota's governor cherishes the beautiful environment of his state. He says, "To be a North Dakota resident means that we're living in a land of incredible opportunity. Ours is clearly a state that's been blessed with abundant natural resources and some of the richest and most productive soil. We cherish our wide open spaces, our diverse landscapes, our endless skies and our stunning sunsets. Regardless of the temperature, the outdoors is always beautiful in North Dakota." The governor believes that the hunting and fishing in the state are second to none in comparison to other states, even Minnesota. He also believes that these are big businesses that "attract a highly skilled workforce" in the state and is happy to see them thrive.

Business:

The governor believes that business in the state is booming. He states, "Last year, we registered more than 30,000 new businesses, well, last two years, 30,000 new businesses in the last two years." North Dakota's governor goes on to say, "And on the big scale level, in the past year alone, we've seen announcements and transactions worth more than \$7 billion in capital investment in our energy industry, over \$2.2 billion in announcements about new investments in value-added agriculture, and there's been over \$12 billion invested in North Dakota across bio-manufacturing, unmanned aircraft systems, and other technology-based businesses. That is total investment coming into North Dakota, across energy, ag, and new, emerging technology businesses of over \$21 billion."

Education:

The governor recognizes the hard work of all teachers and administrators in the state to keep school children a proper education. The governor claims that almost 50% of the state's general fund goes to education.

higher education. He wants all citizens to have the opportunity for a great education. He highlights a [investment](#) at Bismarck State College. This is an \$80 million investment to create the first polytechnic state for students.

The state is looking to take care of its workers' children from a young age. In the last six months, the governor promised to use \$117 million in federal funding to support [child care for North Dakotans](#).

COVID-19:

The governor is a firm believer in the vaccine. He says, "Vaccines, statistically, remain the best defense against COVID. They drastically reduce the need for hospitalization. And as evidence of our focus from the beginning on protecting the most vulnerable, our skilled nursing residents and our staff are boosted and vaccinated above the national average." Despite this, he honors citizens' right to use risk assessment on whether a vaccine is proper for them.

The Budget:

The governor praised the hard work of lawmakers in the writing of this fiscal year's budget. He states, "We worked really closely with the legislature on a super successful special session. It's only the 16th time in our state's history. We passed in five, quick days, [historic tax relief](#). We strategically invested hundreds of millions of dollars of federal funding, not in filling budget holes. We invested it in important projects with high return on investment with matching dollars that will help drive our state forward. And the legislature completed the legislative session. Thanks to the legislative leadership and the strong starting point that came out of the work that we did with our legislators, and Brent and I, with the work and all the agencies on the Accelerate ND plan, again, the session was wrapped up in just five days, limiting the cost to taxpayers and probably the most productive five-day session in the state in a legislative session."

The governor goes on to state, "Thanks to conservative budgeting, prudent fiscal management, our state's funds are in better shape than they ever have been. The rainy day [Budget Stabilization Fund](#) sits at its Century Code cap, that's as filled as it can fill. The Strategic Investment and Improvement Fund has an unobligated balance of more than \$900 million, unobligated balance in just a cash checking account. By 2023 if the current oil prices continue. And based on the current conservative forecast, and I say conservative because we've been tracking ahead of that the first eight months of this biennium, the Legacy Fund tripled in value in just eight years by the end of this biennium, from \$3.3 billion in 2015 to \$9.3 billion."

Law Enforcement:

The governor states, "In North Dakota, we value and respect police officers who enforce the law, and we respect military service members who defend our most cherished freedoms. As some states, and some major cities of our nation, in the last two years have somehow chosen to tolerate lawlessness, they've defunded their police, North Dakota and our cities, we've been backing the blue."

Infrastructure:

North Dakota's governor believes that a strong infrastructure is important for the state. He says, "No state can have a strong infrastructure such as roads, bridges, and flood protection, but also the infrastructure that supports strong families, and strong communities. Both of these types of infrastructure are necessary for us to

a look at the huge strides we've made this past year and where we need to do more in the future, es workforce.” In 2021, lawmakers passed the [largest infrastructure bonding package in state history](#). I highlight the importance of the legislation, stating, “That swift action, those bonds have already been interest rates have been secured. They're taken at a time when interest rates were at a historic low. save, the legislature taking action last year is going to save tens if not hundreds of millions of dollars our roads and bridges, build new flood projects, and finish the ones we've started, work on water suj our citizens.”

Agriculture and Energy:

The governor believes that the state's agriculture needs healthy energy to thrive. He states, “Our ag thrive, especially today, without a healthy energy industry to provide stable baseload power, reliable propane and other fuels.” He goes on to praise the Agriculture Industry, stating, “Agriculture creates energy products and value-added products. We today support a \$632 million and growing ethanol m Dakota across four plants, and that creates a local market for over 180 million bushels of corn. Neve are right now, ag and energy need each other. And we're so uniquely positioned compared to almos because we've got these two powerhouse industries, ag and energy. And they can work together.”

The state government has worked to pass dozens of bills “to support ag and energy production.” The “Bills that created the new [Ag Diversification Fund](#), the Clean Sustainable Energy Fund. These were they're a great start. We recognize that there's even more opportunity in North Dakota. That's why ir we announced a goal of making North Dakota the first carbon neutral state in the nation by the end c

The state government passed a bill in December to be on course to meet the state's carbon neutral The governor states, “...we approved the first round of grants from the [Clean Sustainable Energy Fu](#) legislature created this last year. The approved projects from that first grant round will sequester 18 CO2. That represents over 31% of our current annual production. So we're off to a good start. But w have the room to store so much more. We can store 252 billion tons of CO2 in North Dakota. That's state's annual carbon production. But why stop with North Dakota? We have an enormous opportun our own carbon, but to store our neighbors' carbon. We can store the entire nation's CO2 for the nex people could figure out how to get it here, which is why it's exciting that we've got groups working on pipelines to bring that CO2 here for us to store it 7,000 feet underground safely.”

Gross Domestic Product (GDP):

The governor wants to maximize the GDP of the state. He says, “Let's design a state where we have becoming the No. 1 among all 50 states in per capita GDP. GDP, gross domestic product. It's a mea aggregate amount of economic activity in a state divided by the number of people. We have a huge to do that, and we're well on our way to becoming No. 1 with these \$30 billion of projects.” He goes c year, we were fourth in the nation in GDP. We were behind Washington, Massachusetts, and New Y advantage. Small number of people, huge number of resources. With all of these projects that are in pipeline, we have a shot at doing it. Let's put that as a goal. Let's go make it happen.” The governor can achieve this goal by welcoming more companies to the state. He highlights business done by la such as Dot's Pretzels that has helped to bolster the economy.

Tax Credit:

The governor wants to double down on tax credit in 2023. He believes this will remove red tape for li increasing support for automation in biosciences and manufacturing.

North Dakota's governor concludes his speech, stating, "The common thread that reflects our heritage who we are as North Dakotans, is that we – and this is what will differentiate us against all other plac compete for this talent and capital. If we're the state that puts our youth – and I'm talking child care, in school, college kids – when we put our youth, and then when we put our communities ahead of ou create an amazing future. That's happening right now in some communities in North Dakota. When v keep growing stronger by the day, because that's what will represent our truly unshakable faith in the potential of North Dakota and its people."



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Quote of the Day

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up." -

WEDNESDAY

State of the State Addresses in Alaska, Arkansas, and Maryland

With the arrival of the new year, states around the country are working through or have concluded their sessions. Coinciding with these events are the governors' State of the State addresses, in which they outline their priorities for the upcoming year and hit on some of the past successes of their administrations. These addresses provide key insights to the policy objectives and budget recommendations coming from each governor, spearheading new initiatives and continue to find ways to bring their states out of the pandemic. This is an opportunity to make major improvements to the way state governments serve their constituents.

Flywheel will continue to summarize these speeches to highlight the governors' priorities in education, energy, COVID-19 response, and more. We have already covered AL, AZ, CO, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, LA, MI, MO, NE, NJ, NY, OK, PA, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV, and WY and in this edition summarized Alaska, Arkansas and Maryland. We will continue to cover the states in batches so as to avoid a flurry of emails. Full transcripts and videos will be linked where available.

Thanks to the [National Governors Association](#) for this great resource which captures all addresses from

Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy delivers his 2022 State of the State Address

ALASKA - GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY (R) JANUARY 25, 2022

Governor Dunleavy began his State of the State saying, "Thank you Lieutenant Governor Meyer, Se Micciche, Speaker Stutes, and members of the 32nd Legislature. I'm glad to be back at the capitol a Legislature in person, and I thank you for the invitation to speak to you tonight."

The governor displayed pride for certain individual accomplishments of Alaska citizens. He spotlighted achievements of Olympian, Lydia Jacoby. Ms. Jacoby, a native of Seward, Alaska, "stunned the world in Tokyo when she won gold with a thrilling finish to the 100-meter breaststroke in record time." He also spotlighted the work of Miss America, Emma Broyles. Ms. Broyles, hailing from Anchorage, Alaska "broke through a barrier as the first Alaska, and first of Korean heritage, to win the title of Miss America in the 100-year history of the competition. Broyles won due to her platform of ADHD and OCD awareness and her work in support of the Special Olympics. On top of her success in the competition, she is also an honors student at Arizona State University.

Open for Business:

The governor stated, "Despite hostile policies coming from Washington, DC; despite a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic; despite these obstacles and against all odds, we're not only still here, we are moving forward, and, we are **Open for Business.**" The governor referred to many improvements the state has made to make business in the state. The state government has practiced 'fiscal restraint' in the past three years. This has allowed for surpluses that have 'vastly improved' the budget deficit of \$1.6 billion that Governor Dunleavy inherited in office. Alaska could see revenue in the current year increase by more than \$281 million over the fall of \$466 million in the upcoming fiscal year. On top of this, Alaska has invested millions of dollars in infrastructure that have saved many businesses during the pandemic in 2021.

Crime:

Alaska's governor proclaimed, "Alaskans are safer today than we have been in decades!" The state's Crime Victims Bill 91, which was passed in 2016 and lowered criminal punishments for nonviolent offenses, has been repealed the state has seen:

- the overall crime rate decline by 10% in 2019
- the overall crime rate decline by 18.5% in 2020
- the murder rate decline by 31% from 2019 to 2020
- vehicle thefts down 54% in 2020 compared to 2017
- burglary and larceny theft dropped by 22% from 2019 to 2020
- robberies drop by almost 15% from 2019 to 2020

COVID-19 and Healthcare:

The governor mourned the loss of 1,039 Alaskans that have passed away with COVID-19. However, he was happy to state that "nearly 99.5 percent of our fellow Alaskans have survived this infection." The governor believes that the high survival rate is due to the state government's work ensuring the state's hospitals had the necessary professionals to give infected Alaskans the proper care.

The governor announces three important initiatives to strengthen the healthcare system to help combat the next pandemic, and all healthcare needs in general:

- The state government has been working with the Board of Nursing and the state hospital association

- and retain over 600 Certified Nursing Assistants.
- The state has issued a \$2.1 million grant to the University of Alaska Anchorage Nursing School to retain additional faculty to train and graduate more registered nurses.
- The governor's administration has included a 50% increase to the number of students in the [VA](#) in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget.

The governor believes, "an effective public health policy must include all aspects of health: physical; education; and economic well-being."

The Permanent Fund Dividend:

[The Permanent Fund Dividend](#) (PFD) is an annual dividend that is paid to Alaska residents from income of mineral royalties. The Dividend is paid annually. In 2021, the PFD amount was \$1,114. The governor supports the PFD. He vows that while he is governor, the government will never take more from the PFD than is distributed to the people. In a two year span, the Permanent Fund has increased its worth from \$65 billion. The governor seeks to ensure the PFD is long lasting by amending the state constitution. He is concerned about politicians who are being influenced to do away with the PFD by special interest groups.

Education:

The governor stated, "I envision an Alaska where our education outcomes are the best in the nation. The governor's fiscal year budget fully funds education, school bond debt reimbursement, and University scholarships. On top of this, the governor pledges to work closely with the Alaska Department of Education to ensure that children are attaining benchmark skills in reading and math.

Oil:

Alaska's governor recognized the volatility of oil. He stated, "In just the past two years we've seen prices go from positive to nearly \$90 per barrel." Despite this, oil production has rebounded since the pandemic. Alaska produced 500,000 barrels and has many large projects in development. The governor is interested in different kinds of renewable energy, but understands the money to pursue this energy comes from Alaska's other rich natural resources. He condemned the Biden administration for their bad oil policy that limited production. The governor champions his administration's [Statehood Defense Initiative](#). This program protects Alaska from DC policies.

Land Reform:

The government is in control of 96% of the land in Alaska. The governor disapproves of this and sees more land in the hopes of increased agriculture production. Alaska's governor urges the legislature to give affirmation to bills that make it easier for citizens and corporations to privatize land.

Law Enforcement:

Alaska's governor stated, "The Number One job of any government is public safety." He has restrained budget cuts elsewhere, despite multi-billion dollar deficits in the past years, to make sure that Alaskans' safety is the state's top priority. On top of this, the governor pledges to revitalize law enforcement service in rural Alaska. The governor is set to announce his [People First Initiative](#). The PFI is an umbrella for five distinct initiatives addressing t

critical crime problems:

- Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- Human Trafficking
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons
- The Foster Care System
- Homelessness

Tourism:

The governor applauded the state's \$4.5 billion tourism industry and welcomed millions of travelers to Alaska. The state has invested millions of dollars in marketing efforts that have saved many businesses during the pandemic in 2021.

Governor Dunleavy concluded his state of the state address, stating, "Those of us here tonight have to come together around policies that will solve long-standing issues and create those opportunities we need. The future is now. We can't dwell on yesterday, and we're running out of tomorrows. So let's work together. I want to thank you again for the opportunity to speak to you tonight. May God bless and may God continue to bless the Great State of Alaska. Thank you."

Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson delivers his 2022 State of the State Address

ARKANSAS - GOVERNOR ASA HUTCHINSON (R) FEBRUARY 14, 2022

Governor Hutchinson began his State of the State saying, "It is an honor to stand before the joint ch my 8th and final State of the State speech... The opportunity to serve and lead the state I love has b privilege of my public career." The governor went on to say, "Seven years ago, I took office with the the quality of life in Arkansas by improving education, increasing our manufacturing, preserving our and supporting our farmers."

Jobs and the Economy:

The governor has worked hard with the [Arkansas's Economic Development Commission](#) to bring job The state government has signed 556 incentive agreements that have created upwards of 25,000 jo governor took office in 2015, Arkansas has added 81,000 jobs. The state currently boasts the lowes rate on record, 3.1%. During his tenure as governor, Hutchinson has reached out to Chief Executive companies to emphasize the importance of investing in Arkansas. Many companies invested in vari Arkansas. These companies and their Arkansas location are as follows:

- Cynergy Cargo in Crossett
- Nestle in Jonesboro
- Aerojet Rocketdyne in Camden
- Trex in Little Rock
- EnviroTech in Helena-West Helena
- Vexus Boats in Flippin
- Canoo in Bentonville
- Resolute Forest Products in El Dorado and Glenwood
- West Rock Coffee in Conway
- Riceland in Stuttgart
- Mars Petcare in Fort Smith
- Drax in Russellville
- Tractor Supply in Maumelle

The governor went on to speak about the U.S. steel's huge announcement of a \$3 billion investmen construction of a new steel mill in Osceola. This investment will create 900 new high-paying jobs and Mississippi County the number 1 steel-producing county in the nation.

Taxes:

Arkansas' governor reiterated his campaign promise to cut middle-income taxes by \$100 million. He fact that his administration did so in one year and went on to provide tax relief to every Arkansan. O individual income tax rate was reduced from 7.0% to 5.5% during the governor's tenure. The govern cumulative total of these annual income tax reductions over the past seven years exceeds \$1 billion

Education:

During his tenure, the governor has prioritized education. The state government has created a recor reserve fund to give teachers raises and increase funding for education. The governor wants to bring Science education to the forefront. Under his leadership, tens of thousands of more students have th

learn these skills and “choose a path that will make a difference in shaping the world and will provide high-paying jobs.”

Innovation in Transportation:

Arkansas’ governor stated, “I am challenging Arkansas to lead in this world of innovation by focusing advanced mobility.” The governor wants to focus on the development of autonomous vehicles, upwa platforms, electric vehicles, and modes of transportation that do not exist today. The governor believ success of the transportation industry is vital to the economic future of Arkansas. He went on to spei state’s pilot program for autonomous vehicles. The pilot program has been a success and now the s automated vehicles delivering goods from warehouses to retail stores.

The governor also announced the creation of the [Arkansas Council of Future Mobility](#) in his speech. be tasked with “identifying state laws and regulations that create a barrier to the development and e electrification, autonomous vehicles, drone delivery, and advanced air mobility in Arkansas. It will ex training, accessing federal funding, and will make recommendations before the next general session legislature.”

The governor is also eager to implement electric charging stations across the state. He plans on usin grant from the federal government to implant these charging stations.

Law Enforcement:

The governor and state government are huge supporters of the state’s law enforcement. The govern state’s \$5,000 one-time payment to every county and city-certified law enforcement officer. The state passed [Act 786](#) to increase trust between police and communities and improve the training, equipme law enforcement officers. The governor also requests \$10 million in grant funding from the federal g all unmet necessities of the law enforcement agencies in the state.

The governor concluded his state of the state address, stating, “I have never been more hopeful and the future of our state. Let’s work with courage to unite, inspire and lead with hope. Thank you. May state of Arkansas and give us the courage to keep America strong, united, and free.”

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan delivers his 2022 State of the State Address

MARYLAND - GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN (R) FEBRUARY 2, 2022

The Governor began his state of the state address by discussing the state's historic role in the nation recognizing that George Washington relinquished command of his Continental Forces in the same manner that for Maryland and for the nation, "this is a place [Maryland] where great things begin and where great things are accomplished." Taking these same sentiments the Governor wants to keep in his final term, to keep the state's accomplishments forefront of great accomplishments.

As the Governor continued, he discussed the wedge that has developed in the nation around politics and wants to keep that divide out of the state. The Governor wants to continue trust and cooperation among the Administration and the Legislature and the people.

Governor Hogan promised to keep making the state competitive and the state government more responsible. He wants to provide tax relief for families, small businesses, and retirees, improve education for Marylanders, protect the environment, and rebuild the state's crumbling infrastructure.

Responsible Management:

Speaking on the economic strength of the state, the Governor discussed how his administration has achieved historic economic growth and job creation. As he stated they did so through "facing our fiscal challenges and easing the tax burden." Under the Governor's tenure, the state has seen record investments in education in a row, creating opportunities for the children of the state. They have created better health care coverage for Marylanders and lowered insurance rates – something which the Governor stated has not happened in the state. The Governor and his Administration secured funding for the Chesapeake Bay restoration [Open Space](#), and other land preservation programs, and set goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This was accomplished amongst the challenging and unforeseen conditions of the pandemic.

Pandemic Response:

The Governor spoke on some of the measures his Administration took during the pandemic and some that still need to be addressed. At the beginning of the pandemic, they mobilized the Maryland National Guard to help nursing homes, hospitals, and other healthcare administrators to ease the burden on their personal and professional systems during the pandemic. They led states when it came to testing infrastructure. They added more hospital beds in field hospitals. They activated the Maryland Response Medical Reserve Corps and retired nurses and nursing students to help the health care workforce. They built out mass vaccination sites and established the nation's first [Vaccine Equity Task Force](#) to administer shots in underserved communities. In the time that has been lost many individuals, the Governor has committed to remaining "Maryland Strong," he is committed to keeping long-term public health responses in place. They are going to keep their surge capacity, their testing operations, and the vaccine clinics in place. However, the Governor does not want the message to be that we are afraid of the virus, rather he wants people to start accepting they must live with this virus, not to live in fear of the virus and people's lives and they must move to accept that.

Economy and Budget:

Governor Hogan spoke about wanting to finish the job of what he set out to do in 2015. First off, this was a tax cut for families, small businesses, and retirees. The Governor pointed to strong fiscal management and budgetary actions and record-breaking job creation and economic growth, that have brought the economy back to a level of growth.

back – which was at the time of his inaugural implemented its 43rd tax hike stripping \$10 billion from families, small businesses, and retirees; losing 8,000 businesses and over 100,000 jobs; and a \$5.1 deficit. Upon his inauguration, they repealed the Rain Tax mandate and eliminated and reformed many “job-killing” regulations. They cut tolls at every single facility in the state – something which had not happened in years – and they passed the [RELIEF Act of 2021](#) (a tax cut) which provided \$1.45 billion in tax relief. They have cut more than \$2.7 billion in taxes, tolls, and fees seven years in a row. They changed the government to be pro-jobs and pro-business, launching the [More Jobs for Marylanders](#) – a tax credit. The Governor equates to one of the reasons the state moved from 50th in American manufacturing jobs to more than 39 other states.

The Governor equates the state’s ability to have a strong economy to the fact that they were able to survive the pandemic. The unemployment rate is the lowest it has been since before the pandemic, and naming Maryland as the most improved state for business in America.

Though the state has always produced a balanced budget every year, for the first time in nearly 25 years is projecting a long-term structurally balanced budget. This budget includes a \$2.5 billion surplus – the highest in the state’s history – and they have put \$3.6 billion into their Rainy Day Fund. Even though the budget may be balanced, the Governor still wants to help families and seniors.

Family and Retirement Help:

As families and seniors are facing rising prices due to inflation the Governor is getting concerned about how to keep them thriving. They have already introduced the largest tax cut package in Maryland history, more than \$1 billion in additional tax reductions. The Governor worries that the state’s sky-high retirement taxes remain the highest in the country, and they are losing out, especially as it makes them less effective in competing with other states. As the Governor says, “over the course of our administration we have been successful in passing targeted retirement tax relief for retirees and for our hometown heroes, our law enforcement, fire and rescue, corrections, and emergency services. But that’s not enough.” Governor Hogan wants the general assembly to pass the Retirement Tax Elimination Act which was in fact [passed last week](#) – it provides relief for retirees 65 and older making up to \$100,000 in retirement income, and married couples making up to \$150,000 in retirement income.

Job Programs:

The Governor has also proposed legislation to codify [Project Restore](#) and to make it permanent, to incentivize business growth, and to create even more jobs in downtowns, on Main Streets, and in communities across the state – it was just [announced](#) that an additional \$14.5 million in project awards would go out for the year.

The Governor also wants to enact the [More Jobs for Marylanders Act 3.0](#), which was first enacted in 2017 and expanded in 2019, which incentivizes and encourages the creation of more jobs in the state. According to the package, it would add an additional five years to the program that provides tax incentives to new and expanding manufacturers that locate or expand in the state. The bill targets those industries that create new jobs in manufacturing and non-manufacturing who locate or expand in Maryland Opportunity Zones.

Crime and Law Enforcement

In order to change Maryland for the better, the Governor recognizes this also means finally enacting

combat violent crime. Baltimore City ended last year with more than 300 homicides, among the many more young teenagers caught in the crossfire of gang violence. They saw the deadliest January in their nearly 50 years. As Governor Hogan stated “The reality is, no matter how much money we invest or actions we take, Baltimore City will not ever get control of the violence if they can’t arrest more, prosecute more of the most violent criminals to get them off the streets.” The Governor discussed how they have introduced tough anti-violent crime legislation that is supported by more than 80% of the people in Baltimore and more than 80% of every demographic, everywhere, all across the state, but those people have repeatedly been ignored. He called on the Legislature immediately pass [Violent Firearms Offender Act](#) to increase penalties for those who use guns to commit violent crimes, and the [Judicial Transparency Act](#) which currently awaits a vote in the House after passing the Senate – and would provide transparency around sentencing of the most violent offenders which judges are or are not giving.

Governor Hogan also realizes that law enforcement agencies in Maryland and across the nation are struggling to attract and retain qualified officers. This is why he says “there could not possibly be a worse time for defunding the police or for cutting funding for public safety.” Rather in reality more needs to be done to recruit and retain more quality officers, to increase diversity and expand community policing efforts, to improve training and de-escalation techniques, and to provide body cams and other technology and equipment upgrades to police departments all across Maryland. The Governor even noted that since they announced the Re-Fund Initiative, many cities and states have begun to follow our lead. The Governor promises to continue to support law enforcement responders and to continue to fight to provide them with the support and the resources they need to keep our communities safe.

The Governor concluded his speech echoing his idea about bipartisanship and not letting political division dictate. As Governor Hogan stated “We need to restore trust and fairness to our political system by all picking their elected representatives, rather than having politicians pick their voters.” He spoke about gerrymandering and how it is partisanship at its worst, describing it as “cancer on our democracy” and how Maryland has the unfortunate distinction of having the worst, most gerrymandered districts in America. He called on Maryland to take the chance to right that wrong. He discussed how his Administration introduced fair maps, which were drawn by Maryland’s nonpartisan Citizens Redistricting Commission, and how legislators replaced them with their own. He said they drew up and would be considered failing in many regards. The Governor described these maps as a mockery of our democracy.” He did recognize that the courts will be the final arbiter but wants this to be a lesson why partisanship will not and should not stand.

The Governor concluded by saying “in his farewell address, George Washington warned that partisanship could create a ‘spirit of revenge’ that would undermine the ‘reins of government’ and lead to the ‘ruins of public liberty.’ He called upon everyone to not succumb to these partisan spirits and rather that they work to keep changing the better, to continue to set an example for the rest of the nation, “so that America can once again be an example to the world.”



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AND APPLICATIONS DEADLINE!!!!

Looking back at last weekend, it humbles us to be able to serve in the capacity that we do. At one point we looked around at Operation Spoonbill. There were over 40 people there and only 8 were civilians. The rest were veterans that were volunteering, and our veteran guests. Amazing!

We have several events coming up quickly. Operation Thunder Chicken Kansas session is this weekend. We will have 2 guests join us. Next weekend is the Missouri session. We will have 6 in attendance then. Going to be amazing weekends.

This Friday is the deadline for applications for several events. We have extended the deadline for a few of them as well. Operation Risen Ranch has been extended. As well as those due tomorrow. The deadline for the following Operations are all due on Friday.

Risen Ranch

Speedway

Stockton Lake

Warriors2Us

Nolin River

Heritage River Camp Couples Retreat

Applications for these Operations, and the rest of our events, can be completed on our website.

You can still purchase tickets for our 30-in-30 raffle. Details are in the flyer.

Re-boot Camp is next week. This one will be hosted at Little Flat Creek Ranch, east of Purdy, Missouri. 8 AM-4 PM. We will have access to the 17 acre lake for fishing. Lunch will be provided. RSVP please. To help us prepare food and drinks.

Volunteers are needed for next week's Third Thursday in Joplin. We need help with set up and teardown. As well as manning the booth. We will pass out

information about the ministry, sell gear, and sell raffle tickets. The ministry can pay for all expenses including meals.

Please keep praying over the ministry. Pray that we always keep our focus on the mission. To ultimately show God's grace.

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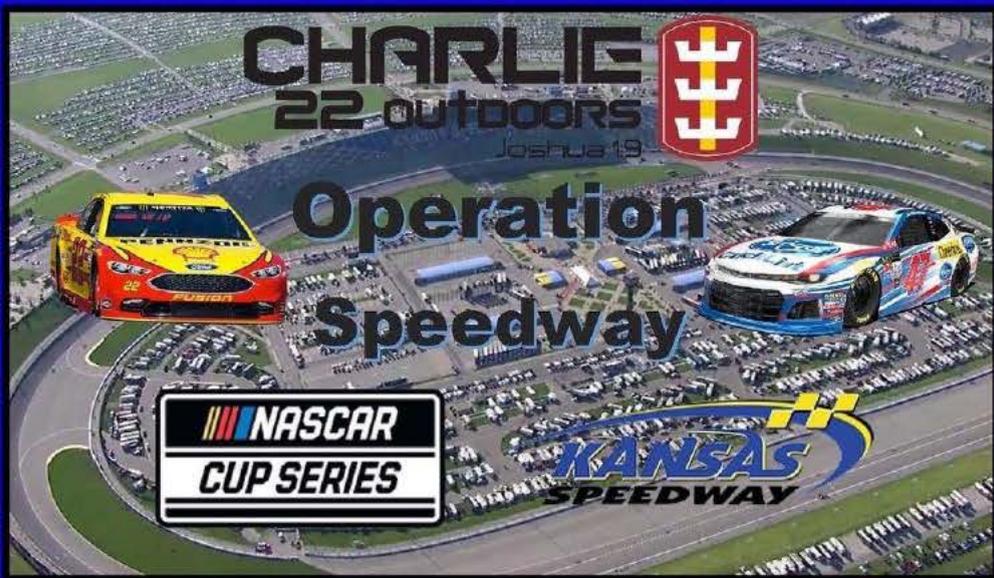
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- **Final Agenda:** Please see attached the agenda for the conference.
- **Hotel Location:** For those of you traveling from out-of-town, you will be staying at the [Capitol Hill Hotel](#) located at 200 C Street SE Washington D.C. 20003. This location is a 15-minute walk to Heritage directly down 2nd Street.
- **Shuttle Service:** There will be a shuttle service to transport attendees from Heritage to the Capitol Hill Hotel and to our off-site dinner at Charlie Palmer Steakhouse on Tuesday evening. Copied below is a schedule for the shuttle.
 - **Tuesday, April 12:**
 - * 4:30 pm Shuttle Bus Departs from Heritage to Capitol Hill Hotel
 - * 5:30 pm Shuttle Bus Departs from Capitol Hill Hotel to Charlie Palmer Steakhouse
 - * 9:00 pm Shuttle Bus Departs from Charlie Palmer Steakhouse to Capitol Hill Hotel
 - **Wednesday, April 13:**
 - * 8:00 am Shuttle Bus Departs from Capitol Hill Hotel to Heritage
- **Parking:** For those driving, the hotel does have limited valet parking available. Please let me know as soon as possible if you require parking at the hotel or in the Heritage garage if you have not already informed us.
- **Dietary Restrictions:** If you have not already informed us of any dietary restrictions you may have, this is a reminder to do so as soon as possible. Please email me at katie.samalis@heritage.org.
- **Attire:** The dress attire for the conference will be business.

See you next week in D.C.!

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TUESDAY, APRIL 12

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.	LUNCHEON AND PANEL DISCUSSION TOPIC: PROBLEMS FACED BY STATE ELECTION OFFICIALS	<i>Allison Foyer</i>
2:00 – 2:15 p.m.	BREAK	
2:15– 3:00 p.m.	PANEL I: THE STATE OF PLAY	<i>Davis Center</i>
3:00 – 3:15 p.m.	BREAK	
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	PANEL II: GRASSROOTS ACTIVISM IN THE STATES	<i>Davis Center</i>
4:15 – 5:30 p.m.	EXTENDED BREAK	
5:30 p.m.	SHUTTLE DEPARTS FROM CAPITOL HILL HOTEL TO CHARLIE PALMER STEAK, 101 CONSTITUTION AVE. NW	
5:45 – 6:45 p.m.	COCKTAIL HOUR	
6:45 – 8:45 p.m.	DINNER AND KEYNOTE	
9:00 p.m.	SHUTTLE DEPARTS FROM CHARLIE PALMER STEAK AND DROPS GUESTS BACK AT CAPITOL HILL HOTEL	

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

8:15 a.m.	NETWORKING BREAKFAST	<i>Davis Center</i>
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	PANEL III – LITIGATION UPDATE	<i>Davis Center</i>
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	BREAK	
10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	PANEL IV – UPDATES FROM THE SWAMP	<i>Davis Center</i>
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Quote of the Day

"Develop success from failures. Discouragement and failure are two of the surest stepping stones to success."

MONDAY

State of the State Addresses in Nebraska, South Dakota and V

With the arrival of the new year, states around the country have begun their legislative sessions. Co events are the governors' State of the State addresses, in which they lay out their priorities for the up hit on some of the past successes of their administrations. These addresses often provide key insight objectives and budget recommendations coming from each governor. Governors are spearheading i continue to find ways to bring their states out of the pandemic. This is an opportunity to make major the way state governments serve their constituents.

Flywheel will be summarizing these speeches to highlight the governors' priorities in education, heal COVID-19 response, and more. We have already covered CO, GA, IA, KS, NJ, NY and WV, and in have summarized Nebraska, South Dakota and Virginia. We will continue to cover the states in batc your inbox from a flurry of emails. Full transcripts and videos will be linked where available.

Thanks to the [National Governors Association](#) for this great resource which captures all addresses f

Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts delivers his 2022 State of the State Address

NEBRASKA- GOVERNOR PETE RICKETTS (R) JANUARY 13, 2022

Governor Ricketts began his State of the State address by declaring, “Eight years ago, I announced Governor. I did so out of a love for my state and a desire to see her thrive. Through the years, the goal of my administration has remained the same: to Grow Nebraska. And despite weathering floods, fires, pandemic, we have done just that.”

In the first half of his speech the Governor focused on Nebraska’s COVID-19 response and economic recovery. In the second half of the speech he outlined the four main priorities of Nebraska for the year ahead. These four priorities are Economic Recovery, Public Safety, Water Resources, and ARPA funds.

COVID-19 Response:

Governor Ricketts highlighted the [Politico State Pandemic Scorecard’s](#) ranking of Nebraska’s COVID-19 response. The governor referred to Nebraska’s placement on the scorecard, stating, “An in-depth, independent analysis of states shows Nebraska has weathered this storm better than any state.” Nebraska ranked first on the scorecard with the highest overall score of 73/100. The scorecard has four categories that were averaged together to form the overall score. These categories are titled Health, Economy, Social, and Education.

Governor Ricketts believes that Nebraska’s high ranking is due to Nebraska’s lack of mandates which allowed the economy and education to thrive. Despite a lack of mandates, he referenced Nebraskans’ desire to grow the economy while also stating, “the development of vaccines, boosters, and new treatments have given us the opportunity to pursue the good life.”

The Economy:

Governor Ricketts pointed out Nebraska’s historical unemployment rate stating, “We have the lowest unemployment rate in history. Not only in the history of our state but in the history of our nation at 1.8%.” Employment reached a time high from September to November of 2021 with over one million Nebraskans employed. Ricketts stated the state’s “economic successes is a testament to Nebraskans’ desire to work hard and earn.”

The economy was also bolstered by government legislation over the past year. Ricketts pointed out the Revenue Committee was able to usher “in a historic level of tax relief- relief that will deliver \$2 billion over the next two years.” In addition, the Nebraska Rural Broadband Bridge Act was passed. This will provide an additional thirty thousand Nebraskan households having access to high-speed broadband.

4 PRIORITIES:

Tax Relief:

The state legislature passed a two-year budget that set priorities for this year and next. By the end of the State of Nebraska is anticipated to have an estimated \$1.5 billion in its Cash Reserve Fund. As a result, Governor Ricketts is in support of future tax relief to save Nebraskans’ money. Ricketts mentioned tax relief such as LB1107, Social Security tax exemptions for 5 years, and a one percent decrease in the individual income tax rate from 6.84% to 5.84%.

Public Safety:

Governor Ricketts stated, “It’s imperative that we also remember our core responsibility: to protect people. All people are our greatest resource. There are several opportunities this session to strengthen our

keep Nebraskans safe.” He cited historic agreements that now provide substantial pay increases for public health and safety positions, \$16.9 million of funding to enhance the state crime lab, and \$47.7 million for the expansion of our Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island. On top of this, he emphasized that we must fully fund the replacement of the Nebraska State Penitentiary, claiming “it’s walls are crumbling, and it is aged beyond simple repair.” Governor Ricketts is serious about funding Public Safety.

Water Resources:

In 2022, Governor Ricketts plans to secure Nebraska’s water resources for generations to come. He is recommending \$500 million to construct a canal and reservoir system beginning at the South Platte River. This project would protect quality drinking water, keep electric generating costs manageable, while enabling Nebraska farmers and ranchers to produce. In addition to the project’s benefits, if the state fails to secure a supply from the South Platte River, it could expect to lose 90% of the water that currently flows from Colorado. It is vitally important that this project takes place. In addition to this project, he is requesting \$200 million be allocated to the water project through the STAR WARS Special Committee; \$5 million to support repairs on the Peru Levee; \$60 million to protect drinking water systems in rural areas, such as Cedar and Knox Counties; and \$23 million in Laramie Gering canal tunnel.

ARPA Funding:

In 2022, Governor Ricketts plans to spend all \$1.04 billion that Nebraska has been allocated through the American Rescue Plan Act. His proposal includes 29 qualifying initiatives that will better Nebraska. Some initiatives include delivering \$200 million for public health emergency response, \$500 million in economic development, and \$284 million to water and sewer projects.

Governor Ricketts concluded a short, 25 minute State of the State speech by calling for bipartisanship to the state legislature, “Thank you for your service to the people of Nebraska. Our work in the coming year will be in the spirit of collaboration and cooperation and for each of us to do our part to keep Nebraska strong.”

South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem delivers her 2022 State of the State Address

SOUTH DAKOTA - GOVERNOR KIRSTI NOEM (R) JANUARY 11, 2022

Governor Noem opened her address recognizing the hard work and uncompromising attitude of South Dakotans over the last two years. How together they have not had to compromise values, keeping businesses, schools, and services open during the pandemic. Emphasizing freedom and personal responsibility has been essential to that success and because of the collective efforts of everyone involved, the economy of the state is strong. Unemployment is low, making the state's unemployment rate one of the lowest in the U.S. Last year, South Dakota was the number one state for helping the workforce and small businesses get through the pandemic, set a record for tourism numbers and created opportunities and success for everyone. One group, in particular, has been above all, and that is women. In South Dakota during the pandemic, they were in the top three for the least negative impact on female workers. They were also among the top ten best states for women to live in and within the top five states for providing career opportunities for working moms.

Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness:

Life:

Over the last decade, abortions have dropped sharply in South Dakota. In 2020, the total number of abortions was down approximately 80% from a decade before. The Governor thanked legislators who helped to support legislation which gave protections for unborn children with down-syndrome. She also asked for support for a piece of legislation that would ban all abortions once a heartbeat can be detected. Last year, the Governor signed an executive order banning telemedicine abortions in South Dakota and she asked the legislature to ban telemedicine abortions in state law. Finally, she also asked that chemical abortions be banned in the state.

Adoption and Foster Care:

This past year, 262 South Dakota children found their forever families, and 135 children were placed in foster care or guardianship. The Governor believes that all children deserve to grow up in a family where they are protected, and when she gave her first address in 2019, she promised to talk about foster care at every address. Since then, she has worked to launch the [Stronger Families Together](#) initiative with the Department of Social Services alongside [America's Kids Belong](#) and [South Dakota Kids Belong](#). She called upon faith-based organizations, business leaders, and other community organizations to come alongside her Administration to support those who choose to adopt or foster children.

Expanding Health Care Access:

To help South Dakotans, residents need better healthcare options. Under her Administration, they have increased flexibility in the system to bring healthcare directly to patients. The Governor signed legislation to do this, and in her budget this year she expands telehealth to include emergency responders so that they can get help in a time of crisis, no matter where someone lives.

There is also a necessity to increase those working in the emergency response profession. Many of the emergency responders working today are volunteers, and many are getting older leading them to step away from the profession. The Governor wants to increase the number of volunteer firefighters and emergency responders. She has allocated money in her budget to support the purchase of new tools.

For over a year, the state has been offering free at-home COVID tests to the people of South Dakota. At the beginning of her address, the Governor announced that she had ordered 1 million new tests to be delivered to every household in our state. Every citizen in South Dakota will be guaranteed access to a free COVID test in their home.

Governor Noem has also committed to helping nurses, doctors, and healthcare professionals, saying you more help. We've invited more healthcare professionals to come and live in South Dakota. We've for out-of-state licenses to be recognized so that they can get the right to work. And when they come have the opportunity to work for some of the greatest systems in the country."

Mental Health/Addiction:

The Governor is committing to continue to address and support mental health illness and addiction a South Dakota has seen overdose deaths drop by 19%, but Governor Noem notices that there is still 2022, she plans on launching a statewide behavioral health campaign, and to focus on fighting meth awareness about available resources to addicts.

Her budget also includes money to create regional behavioral crisis centers, which will help get people care more quickly and close to home.

Liberty:

Prayer in Schools:

The Governor believes that there is one freedom that is fundamental to our nation's founding. It is the worship. She cited that "In the Preamble to our state's Constitution, we express gratitude 'to Almighty and religious liberties." Our state's motto is, 'Under God the people rule.' And we began here today--chamber--with a prayer asking for God's grace and guidance. Yet in our public schools, prayer is absent. Therefore, she is introducing legislation that would allow for a moment of silence at the beginning of Students can choose to reflect on an upcoming day or have a quiet moment--they can also exercise Amendment right to pray. The hope is to protect the freedom to worship and re-instill a right that has far too long in our schools.

Economic Freedom:

The Governor also cited another fundamental liberty, the right of individuals to provide for themselves families. She believes that "government, at times, abuses its power and interferes with that liberty. But history have we seen the government shutdown liberty as we saw during the pandemic." She believes the state kept the doors open to businesses and plans to continue doing so.

Cutting Regulations:

Governor Noem knows that one way to continue to expand liberty is by remembering that the government make it harder to have a career. The State Department of Labor is eliminating barriers to employment partnering with others to promote job training and match students with the best career for them. For the Department of Labor worked with the Department of Education and schools across the state to put "South Dakota Week of Work." The week included job fairs, job shadowing opportunities, and visits to classrooms to share their experiences in communities across the state. Another example was Hans which hosted 40 guest speakers representing 16 different career areas. She has also partnered with University to create a Future Workforce Finder tool. She is also working to expand the Upskill program Dakota Women's Prison and other career fields to get workers trained for in-demand jobs. Finally, she is partnering with adult education providers across the state to offer more options for adults to achieve help them in their careers.

Revenue Update and Tax Cuts:

The Governor believes that in order for the state to defend liberty, the government must remain limited doing that is through the budget process—through a commitment to fiscal responsibility. She is committed that they will not use one-time money, whether federal or state dollars, for ongoing expenses or new state has exceptional revenue growth much in part enjoyed because of the steps that were taken during the pandemic; and since that time, they have received even more great news. In addition to the estimates the Governor gave back in December, the economy of the state is even stronger than expected. Ongoing revenues were \$20.8 million higher than the revised estimates from December. So far this fiscal year revenues are \$100 million above ongoing legislative adopted estimates. She proposed three options to cut taxes and fees. First, she wants to eliminate fees associated with starting or renewing a business with the Secretary of State. The theme of her State of the State was “Open for Business,” and she is continuing that commitment to what is already among the most business-friendly states in America, and with this step, she hopes they will be even easier to do business in South Dakota. Second, she wants to eliminate all fees for concealed carry permits. As the Governor sees it, the state will pay the costs for federal background checks. She believes it should not cost someone a penny to exercise their Second Amendment rights in South Dakota. Three years ago, the Concealed Carry was the very first bill that she signed as Governor, and she wants to keep guaranteeing the right of South Dakotans to keep and bear arms. Finally, although the state does not have many taxes, she is proposing to eliminate a ridiculous tax, the bingo tax. This is largely a tax on our elderly populations and veterans, and she is proposing that they get rid of it.

Vaccine Legislation:

The Governor believes that vaccination should be a choice, and she refuses to split people into the vaccinated and the unvaccinated. South Dakota was one of the many parties which joined in lawsuits against the Biden Administration's vaccine mandates. She wants to introduce legislation in this next session that would protect the people of South Dakota's rights to a medical or religious exemption from COVID vaccines, extending [order](#) which covered state employees.

Game, Fish and Parks:

Governor Noem takes the protection of natural resources very seriously, and recognizes it is not just for everyone now, but also for the generations to come. U.S. News & World Report ranks South Dakota first for Natural Environment and top three for the least pollution. The state is nearly four times higher than the average for using renewable energy. One of the first priorities she outlined as Governor was the Second Century Initiative. This Initiative raises money to support pheasant habitat, trap predators who threaten our pheasant populations and educate South Dakotans about our wildlife and land. It helps preserve our state's premier destination for pheasant hunting. The [Second Century Initiative](#) has benefitted hunters, while also supporting farmers and ranchers. They are improving water and soil quality and enhancing opportunities for all who enjoy the outdoors. Last year, the state raised \$1.4 million for the Second Century Habitat Fund. These dollars go directly to expanding habitat acres across South Dakota. They also raised almost \$5.5 million dollars with the Habitat Fund. Between these efforts, they have added more than 10,000 acres of habitat for wildlife, created additional access for fishing and hunting, and completed hundreds of habitat improvement projects on existing

Habitat helps the economy, too. Hunting and fishing add \$1.3 billion to the state economy. As a result

is the number one state for licensed hunters per capita. They have seen an 8% increase in sales for hunting and fishing licenses and a 16% increase in out-of-state small game licenses over the 3-year have also had increases in youth hunting, including a record increase in youth participation for the N Bounty program. Youth fishing licenses and small game hunting licenses grew by 23% for residents non-residents.

Meanwhile, state parks saw a 10% increase for park entrance licenses over last year's record, with a million visitors. Working with her Administration, she wants to add more campsites at Custer State Park ability to host people from in and out of state. Since 2015, they have seen an increase of nearly 100 nights reserved throughout the state park system and she plans to support these projects.

Volunteers are also crucial to the park's success, this past year, they had 443 volunteers log a total of service and she was extremely grateful for all those folks who volunteer to welcome people who visit parks.

Fairness in Sports:

The Governor is concerned about the increasing interest in changing the rules about who can play in competitions in sports. She said, "our young girls are having their freedom to achieve taken away by organizations that are changing the rules of the game in the competition." When kids participate in sports activities, they learn valuable lessons like teamwork, perseverance, and hustle. For many activities, whether kids are male or female—they are on an equal playing field, but for other activities, the playing field is not equal.

An example she gave was Allyson Felix, an American track and field star. She's won 25 Olympic and World Championship medals, including 17 gold medals, the most of any track and field athlete ever—she specialized in the 400-meter race, with a lifetime best of forty-nine-point-two-six seconds, yet hundreds of school-aged boys have run faster times than that. The governor said it is "common sense" that tells us that boys' and girls' bodies are biologically different.

In South Dakota, only girls can play in girls' sports according to the [executive orders](#) she signed almost a year ago. She is also introducing a bill that strengthens the executive order and guarantees girls the liberty to succeed in sports.

Pursuit of Happiness:

Success in America is by no means a given, but the Governor believes that if you work hard and put your heart into it, you can accomplish anything; she is concerned about the movement which is reducing our culture. She rejects the American Dream. It tells children that our country is racist. It divides us based on the color of our skin and teaches a distorted view of our history—and it undermines the foundation of our society. She said, "We must protect the American Dream—to preserve the pursuit of happiness for future generations."

True, Honest History:

Over 30 years ago in his farewell address, President Ronald Reagan asked the nation an important question: "What is the most important thing we can do for our children? The answer is doing a good enough job teaching our children what America is and what she represents in the long

world?" He reminded everyone that we need to educate our kids and our grandkids, quote, "America freedom—freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of enterprise. And freedom is special and needs protection." The Governor believes that President Reagan was right. We have to make sure c America's promise. We have to teach them the true, honest history of our country.

In state after state, school after school, children are being exposed to radical political ideologies like Theory and she is not going to let that happen in South Dakota. She supports the opportunity for all, teaching children to be divisive and organize them into separate groups based on skin color is probl she plans on bringing legislation this year to enshrine these values and protect students from hatred She also believes that schools are where children learn the consequences of making mistakes and t success. By the same token, they should learn from both America's triumphs and the mistakes; and the overwhelming benefits of working together to fix those mistakes so that we all can share a bright area she wants to update in particular is social studies standards, saying "they must reflect America's history." Native American history will be a part of that, especially the tribal culture and heritage which who South Dakota is as a state, but it must be balanced and woven into the full context of American civics.

Lastly, the Governor thanked Dr. Ben Carson, who worked on the [1776 Action](#), and recognized how candidate for public office in the nation to sign that Pledge.

Education:

Recognizing how hard the pandemic was on schoolchildren across this country, the Governor was g South Dakota was recently ranked first in the nation for the least amount of learning loss among stu pandemic. She attributes this to the ability of students to be in the classroom for all of the last schoo of South Dakota's schools were nationally recognized for excelling in the classroom. Arlington and F Elementary Schools, Gettysburg Middle School, O'Gorman High School, and Bishop O'Gorman Catl were all named National Blue Ribbon Schools. Explorer and Platte-Geddes Elementary were both n Distinguished Schools and will be honored next month at the National Elementary and Secondary E Conference.

They are also seeing success through the [Jobs for America's Graduates](#) programs, more commonly They brought this program to the state with legislation in 2019, and the program focuses on helping at high risk not to graduate. JAG has been tremendously successful at putting students on a path to future success. In the last two years, JAG program enrollment has grown by 50 percent, and three n been added. Today, South Dakota's JAG programs have seen a nearly 100 percent graduation rate participants.

Investing in Skilled Training:

As the world economy changes, South Dakotans need new skills and new training to be prepared fo the future. South Dakota is number one in the nation for our graduation rate in 2-year college progra in the top ten for higher education. They are expanding the cybersecurity program at Dakota State L \$30 million dollar investment, and the Freedom Scholarship that was supported last year is starting t of South Dakota students that didn't have an opportunity to further their education before because o challenges. The Governor plans to work with the legislature to continue setting your students up for happier future.

Law Enforcement:

The Governor said “we cannot enjoy life, liberty, or the pursuit of happiness if we are not safe on our schools, at our businesses, or in our homes. Our way of life—our civil society—depends on the brave of law enforcement.” She is committed to continuing to help Law Enforcement Officials and commend their service to the state and their communities.

National Guard and Veterans:

The Governor thanked those who have or currently are working to defend our country at home and abroad. The National Guard in particular has stepped in to help with everything asked of them, storm recovery, fire stops, COVID medical support, and of course helping to secure our nation’s borders and ensuring our safety and she offered many thanks for all their help.

Moving to South Dakota:

Thousands of new residents made the move to the state over the last few years. The state is top three for inbound migration, according to United Van Lines.

Business Success:

Many people who moved to the state brought their businesses with them—big and small. She named companies like Aesir Technologies who chose Rapid City as the location for their new Gigafactory after a national effort will create 400 new good-paying high-tech jobs in the process. Another, Albany Farms moved the head office of food manufacturing operations from Los Angeles to Belle Fourche. This new facility will give wheat farmers a place to sell their products and bring in more than 500 jobs.

Businesses that have always called South Dakota home also expanded. Ten South Dakota businesses were among the fastest-growing in the nation earlier this year. Furniture Mart USA is doubling its campus by creating a 650,000 square foot facility. North Sioux City is adding over 300 acres to their industrial park and new businesses. And they’re preparing to build 300 new career homes to support that growth.

Black Hills Harley Davidson led the world in Harley sales. According to the Governor, no Harley Davidson dealership anywhere has ever seen the revenue that Black Hills Harley achieved in 2021, which she attributed to a strong economy and by tourism, particularly visitors to the Sturgis Rally (Black Hills Harley was not just a record-setting motorcycle dealership. In the middle of a dangerous wildfire near Rapid City earlier this year, Harley allowed their store to be used as the headquarters for the fire response).

Governor Noem concluded her speech by saying “We are free here in South Dakota, but we cannot take freedom for-granted...In South Dakota, we will protect freedom. We will pass it on to our children. We will not let freedom go extinct.” She wants to work with the legislature this session to keep the doors of opportunity open for all Dakotans and to guarantee the promise of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Virginia Governor Glenn Yougkin delivers his 2022 State of the State Address

VIRGINIA - GOVERNOR GLENN YOUNGKIN (R) JANUARY 15, 2022

Governor Youngkin delivered his first State of the Commonwealth address in the House of Delegates January 15, 2022. Governor Youngkin began his address in reference to Virginians' new vision of the state. "After years of fractured politics, a deadly pandemic, lives and livelihoods lost, soaring mental health drug overdoses, rising crime rates, ever-increasing costs for housing, food and fuel, Virginians have turned the page. They came out in record numbers to make their voice heard. They chose a new vision for the state. Today, I want to speak to that vision and begin our partnership to address the priorities of the people."

The governor touched upon many issues in his speech. He spoke about tax cuts, his first weeks in office, COVID-19, his Day One Plan, the police, and the environment. Of all the issues, Youngkin spoke the most about education in the state.

Tax Cuts:

The governor referenced the necessity of keeping money in the pockets of Virginians. He said, "[Far more] genuinely concerned that the cold halls of government are disconnected from the cold realities families are sitting at their kitchen table everyday. In that respect, we shouldn't misconstrue record revenue for genuine economic success for Virginians." He called for Republicans and Democrats alike to work together on legislation that will cut taxes based on the current and projected tax driven surpluses instead of charitable government spending. Governor Youngkin looks to suspend the recent gas tax increase for a year and the grocery tax immediately. In addition, the governor wants to double the standard deduction on personal income to provide the largest tax rebate in Virginia history.

First Weeks:

Governor Youngkin highlighted his short time in office up to this moment by pointing out what he has accomplished. Virginia's governor stated, "On day one, we hit the ground running, signing 11 executive actions, and appointing a cabinet, outstanding individuals, who are qualified and share Virginia's values." he went on to say, "I have worked with legislators to introduce 59 pieces of legislation to tackle our day one agenda." He then looked to the future claiming, "And we'll be submitting a package of 25 budget amendments to reflect our bipartisan priorities."

Education:

Governor Youngkin maintains that "education is the key to opportunity. The means by which all children can realize their greatest dreams." The governor believes that Virginia's lofty academic reputation has been destroyed by unelected political appointees who have lowered standards so much that today Virginia has the lowest standards for math and reading in the nation. Youngkin lowlighted more in depth Virginia education issues stating "60% of our students don't meet national proficiency standards, including over 70% of Latino students and 80% of black students, failing to meet standard on the math NAEP tests. Remarkably, despite these dramatic statistics noted by the National Center for Education Statistics only one Virginia school has been deemed failing. This is because accreditation standards were lowered." To help combat these statistics, Youngkin is calling for a 5-year administration goal of 20 new charter schools. Youngkin wants to partner charter schools with Virginia universities to ensure students are getting the best education possible.

Governor Youngkin pledges to attract quality professionals to Virginia schools. The state will pay teachers what they are worth. The governor says, "With the exception of a parent or guardian no one impacts a child more than a quality teacher." He went on to say, "We must recognize that the people matter."

a child's education are parents." Then clearly states his message to parents, "You have a fundamental right in law by this General Assembly, to make decisions with regard to your child's upbringing, education and safety. In reference to the Loudon County Public Schools Sexual Assault cover-up, Governor Youngkin says, "No more sweeping it under the rug. Parents deserve to know if their child is at risk." he ends with "now on "whenever someone preys upon a child in Virginia schools, we must require it to be reported and there must be enforcement for investigation."

Governor Youngkin encourages everyone to get vaccinated and boosted from COVID-19. Despite that it is up to the individuals and their families to decide whether or not to get these shots. Youngkin issued an executive order that allows parents to opt out of mask mandates in schools. This is a matter of individual choice.

COVID-19:

Governor Youngkin urges the 1.6 million unvaccinated Virginians to get the shot "as a friend and a neighbor, not as an authoritarian governor. Virginia's governor then stated, "The data is clear that people who do not get vaccinated are four times as likely to be hospitalized."

Day One Plan:

Governor Youngkin's Day One Plan will repeal needless regulations and invest in jobs training. The plan includes creating mega-sites so that advanced battery manufacturing plants will not be lost to nearby states.

Police:

Governor Youngkin believes Virginia must stand with law enforcement agencies. He calls for increasing the number of police to protect communities. The governor stated, "The budget submitted to this General Assembly includes increases for troopers, sheriff's deputies and corrections officers. Those are strong first steps I know we need. On top of this, he wants to dedicate \$100 million in ARPA funds to a training and equipment grant program for law enforcement.

Environment:

Governor Youngkin declared, "I deeply treasure the natural beauty of Virginia. And my administration is committed to protecting and promoting it as a core principle of our service." Virginia's governor pledges that the state will stop dumping raw sewage in the James River, will dedicate itself to protecting and promoting natural beauty as a core principle of service, and clean up the Chesapeake Bay once and for all. Youngkin also pledges to create the Virginia Resiliency Authority to battle rising seas and make sure the federal government helps.

Governor Youngkin concluded his address saying, "My friends in this esteemed legislature, I'm inspired by your work this afternoon. And to be working with you to build a future of limitless opportunity and strengthen the Commonwealth. Thank you, God bless you, and may God bless the Commonwealth of Virginia."



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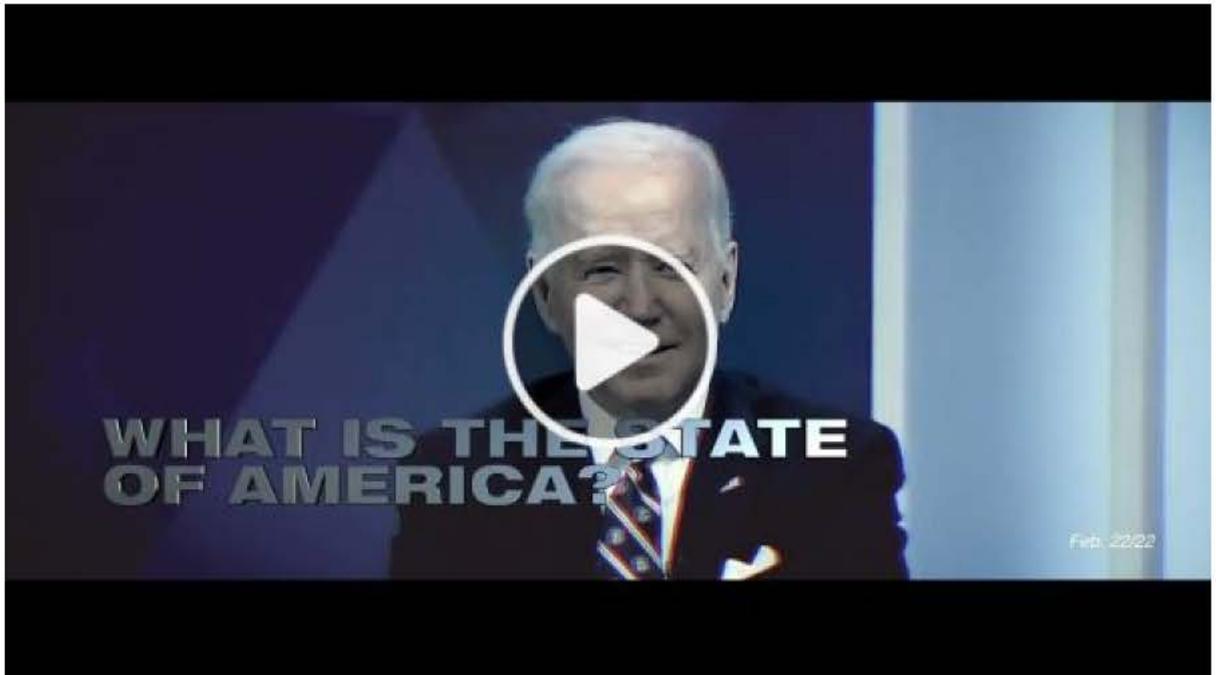
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Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, former Assistant to President Trump and Co-Chair of AFPI's Center for American Security, joined "The Faulkner Focus" to [discuss Russia and Ukraine](#).



Fred Fleitz, Vice Chair of AFPI's Center for American Security, joined "America Report" on Fox News to [discuss Russia and Ukraine](#).



Steve Yates, Senior Fellow and Chair of AFPI's China Policy Initiative, joined "Business Tonight" to discuss the latest news on Russia, Ukraine, China, and Taiwan.

This week the AFPI team was busy hitting the airwaves. Additional media highlights include:

Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, former Assistant to President Trump and Co-Chair of AFPI's Center for American Security, joined Rita Cosby on Radio to discuss the latest news on Russia and Ukraine.

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Marc Lotter, AFPI's Chief Communications Officer, joined Sebastian Gorka on American Oversight Radio to discuss news of the day.

Steve Yates, Senior Fellow and Chair of AFPI's China Policy Initiative, joined the Neal Kumar Mehta Radio Show to discuss the latest on Russia, Ukraine, China, and Taiwan.

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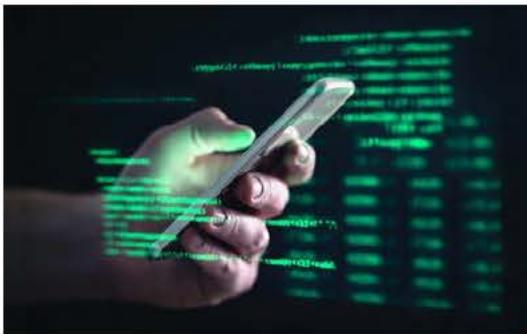
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To: [Tony Hermann <thermann01@gmail.com>](#)
Date: 4/7/2022 4:00:57 PM
Subject: RE: Interview Request KRMS 1150

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JD

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Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 1, 2022, at 10:04 AM, Chaney, JoDonn <JoDonn.Chaney@sos.mo.gov> wrote:

Great! I have passed that to scheduling - same call #?

From: Tony Hermann <thermann01@gmail.com>
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How about 10:10 on Friday

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Could we look at Friday before 9:30 or just after 10?

From: Tony Hermann <thermann01@gmail.com>
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Not Wednesday

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Tony

On Thu, Mar 31, 2022 at 4:56 PM Chaney, JoDonn <JoDonn.Chaney@sos.mo.gov> wrote:

Hi Tony –

Let me know if you would want to talk to Jay about anything next week. Election Integrity legislation could be passed by the legislature in the next couple of weeks.

Thanks

JoDonn

From: Tony Hermann <thermann01@gmail.com>
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On Thu, Feb 10, 2022 at 12:07 PM Chaney, JoDonn <JoDonn.Chaney@sos.mo.gov> wrote:

Could we do Friday, the 18th, sometime between 10 and finish by 10:30? If not, maybe we could look at this coming Monday

From: Chaney, JoDonn
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Date: 4/7/2022 3:55:32 PM
Subject: Re: call-in talking points

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Date: 4/6/2022 8:46:05 AM
Subject: Re: April - Show Me Express
Attachments: SME Newsletter - April 2022.pdf

Good Morning,

I've attached the SME Newsletter for April.

Thanks!
Alyssa

From: Collins, Kayla
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 1:37:01PM
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Date: 4/5/2022 10:23:26 AM
Subject: FW: April - Show Me Express
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JD

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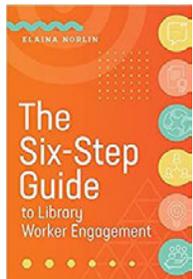
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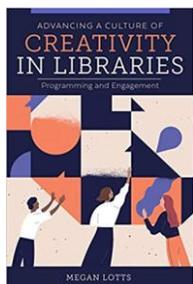
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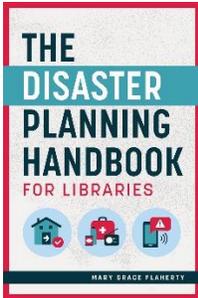
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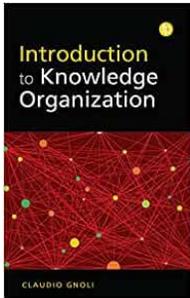
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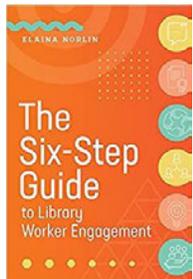
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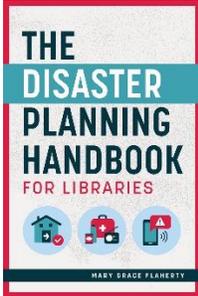
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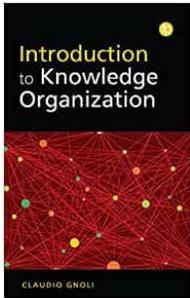
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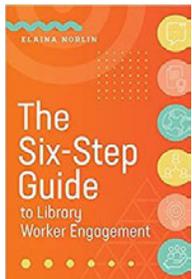
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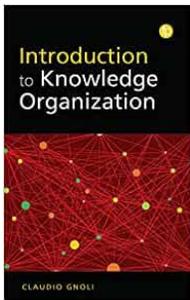
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Great JoDonn,
Here is what I have available for each week:

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On Wed, Mar 23, 2022 at 7:03 PM Chaney, JoDonn

<JoDonn.Chaney@sos.mo.gov> wrote:

Ken, thank you for responding. We appreciate the opportunity to do a weekly show. Let me know the day and time(s) that would work for you and I will pass on to scheduling.

JD

On Mar 23, 2022, at 5:55 PM, Ken Williams

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Hi JoDonn,

I'm Ken Williams, Producer for The Vic Porcelli show on NewstalkSTL in St. Louis, MO. Jeff Allen sent me your contact information after talking with Secretary of State Ashcroft. Vic would like to set up a weekly talk with Secretary Ashcroft.

I have a slot available at different times each week for any of the weekdays. Let me know if you are interested in having a particular day set and I can send you the time that I have available for the particular day. The Vic Porcelli Show airs weekdays from 9A -11A weekdays. Thanks JoDonn, let me know if you have any questions.

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Heritage legal expert says Jackson will be 'the most far-left radical on the court'

Legal expert Hans von Spakovsky shared his thoughts on the performance of Ketanji Brown Jackson in her nomination hearing. Spakovsky says that if confirmed, Jackson would become the most radically left member of the Supreme Court.

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'Shocking' FBI rules regarding firearms background checks

If you fail a firearm background check: 'it's completely on you' to fix the errors says Marc Cox who found out the hard way that there is another Marc Cox in

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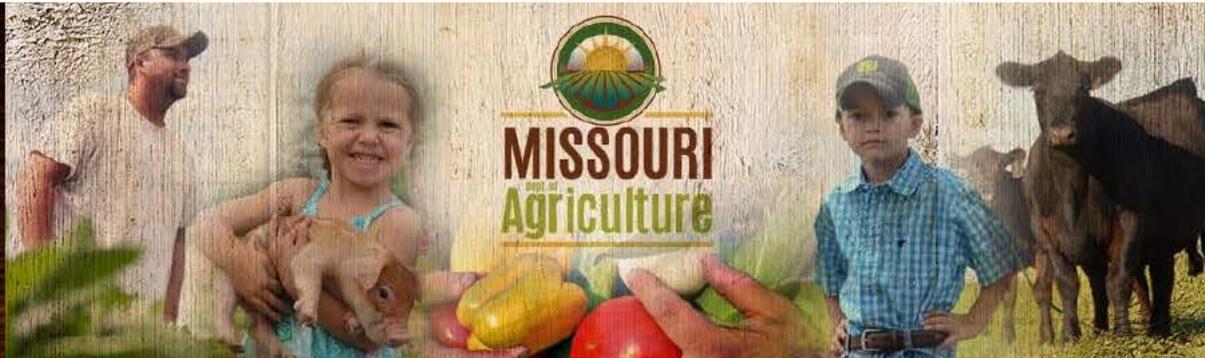
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Missouri Agriculture Updates

March 18, 2022



Promoting Specialty Crops in Missouri Schools

The Missouri Grown program is providing up to \$1,000 reimbursement to registered Missouri school districts and Early Childcare Education Centers to cover the purchase of specialty crops from a Missouri farmer between **April 1, 2022 and Nov. 1, 2022**.

This project aims to increase the consumption and knowledge of specialty crops in children and adults in schools/ECEs.

Each school/ECE is required to complete one educational activity about specialty crop production. It is highly encouraged that this activity include the farmer, and can be either in-person or virtual. The specialty crops can be served before or after the educational lesson. The specialty crop can be for taste testing, educational activity or served in regular school meals.

Another component of this project is to encourage and build relationships between schools/ECEs and Missouri farmers. A school district and ECE can only receive the reimbursement one time and funds are available on a first come, first served basis until funds are exhausted.

The Missouri Department of Agriculture must receive all paperwork by **Nov. 30, 2022**.

To be considered for reimbursement, visit agriculture.mo.gov.

Missouri Century Farm Applications Open



If your farm has been in your family since Dec. 31, 1922, you can apply to have it recognized as a Missouri Century Farm.

University of Missouri Extension, the MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, and Missouri Farm Bureau sponsor the program.

The application deadline to be recognized as a 2022 Missouri Century Farm is May 1.

To qualify, the same family must have owned the farm for 100 consecutive years. The line of ownership from the original settler or buyer may be through children, grandchildren, siblings and nephews or nieces, including through marriage or adoption. The farm must be at least 40 acres of the original land acquisition and make a financial contribution to the overall farm income.

“Family farms have been among our most vital partners since the founding of extension more than 100 years ago,” said MU Vice Chancellor for Extension and Engagement Marshall Stewart. “The Century Farm program is one way we express our gratitude to those who have contributed so much to Missouri agriculture.”

“Missouri Farm Bureau is a proud partner in the recognition of Century Farms,” said Garrett Hawkins, Missouri Farm Bureau president. “We applaud the hardworking farm families who have kept us fed and clothed for generations. They represent an important part of our heritage and laid a foundation for the bounty Americans enjoy every day.”

Since the program began in 1976, more than 8,000 Missouri farms have received the Century Farm designation.

A \$140 fee covers the cost of a certificate, a metal farm sign and booklet for approved applicants. County MU Extension centers present these items.

Details and online application are at extension.missouri.edu.

The deadline is May 1, 2022. You can also contact your local MU Extension center with questions.



Ukrainian Agriculture Impacts the World

A farmer from Ukraine says as Russia’s invasion of Ukraine continues, the possibility of getting a crop planted for this year dwindles.

Kees Huizinga tells Brownfield Ag News the challenges are mounting.

“Ukraine has been brutally disturbed,” he says. “I just this morning got a message from our agricultural association that Ukraine farmers need 200,000 tons of diesel to do the spring planting.”

He says it doesn’t stop there. “The same story goes for seed materials, for spare parts for machines, and labor,” he says. “A lot of guys went to the army so there’s a shortage of tractor drivers. Fertilizers are extremely expensive and hardly available as they’re not being produced now.”

Huizinga says if Russia’s war doesn’t stop soon, it will create a huge gap in the world’s food supply. “Southern Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East countries – they will suffer from this,” he says. “They will get hungry because food will get much more expensive. I mean wheat already, for January, rose more than 50% for the wheat price.”

He says just 20 percent of the crops in the country have been planted, and the longer the war goes on, the country’s ability to produce food declines. “We need immense pressure to make sure this war stops in the next few days,” he says.

Huizinga is a Dutch farmer who has been farming in Ukraine for 20 years. He’s also a member of the Global Farmer Network, a group that amplifies the farmer’s voice in promoting trade, technology, sustainable

farming, economic growth, and food security.

Listen to Huizinga's interview with Brownfield at brownfieldagnews.com.

Photo of the Week

Director Chinn traveled with Governor Mike Parson and First Lady Teresa Parson to Ireland and the United Kingdom this week on a trade mission. Ireland and the U.K. are key trade partners for Missouri. The delegation met with various agricultural groups and trade partners, and also participated in an ag-tech roundtable.



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Hi Kayla,

I've attached the newsletter for March.

Thanks!
Alyssa

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Hi,

Here is our Show Me Express newsletter for March.

Thank you,

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March 2022



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World's Fair. His granddaughter loaned the photographs to the Archives in 2021 for digitizing. Explore more Missouri history collections at www.MissouriDigitalHeritage.com. Institutions wishing to participate in Missouri Digital Heritage may contact mdh@sos.mo.gov.

Two-Part Monarch Center for Autism Webinar Series

A two-part series by the Monarch Center for Autism helps to address challenging behaviors of autistic adults and highlight technology that can enhance the library experience for them.

The first one-hour session, *Challenging Behaviors of Adults with Autism in the Library*, is Monday, March 21, at 10 a.m. Some of the many situations that will be covered include challenging behaviors librarians might see and how can a librarian help a parent/caregiver when an autistic adult has a challenging behavior.

The second session, *Innovative Technology That Will Enhance the Library Experience for Adults with Autism*, is Thursday, May 12, at 10 a.m. Recommended resources will include specific software, apps, electronic supports, mobile and wearable technology and making video models available via QR codes, etc.

After registering for both sessions [here](#), you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the training. If you have any questions, contact Merideth Johnson at merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov or (573) 751-1822.

New in the Webinar Archive

Tiffany Hentschel, deputy director of human resources for Johnson County, Kansas, led a four-part webinar series titled "Basic Supervision - Oct. to Dec. 2021" that dealt with a variety of employment issues such as discrimination, harassment, employment laws and compensation. The Basic Supervision webinar series recordings are available in

[Library Development's webinar archive](#) in the Library Administration Videos box, Human Resources tab. The sessions' participant guides and a worksheet are also available. Contact Janet Caruthers, Technology and Resource Sharing Consultant, at (573) 526-1087 or janet.caruthers@sos.mo.gov if you have any questions.

Missouri Vendor Payment Portal

Libraries that receive an electronic transfer or check from the State of Missouri may be interested in the [Missouri Vendor Payment Portal](#). This site provides information on all payments issued within the last 24 months through the State of Missouri. To access the information, enter the library's Federal Tax Identification Number (FEIN). There are a variety of search options, such as invoice number, check number, dollar amount, and date and location. Libraries can also sign-up to receive e-mail notification when a payment is made. Payment codes to identify the reason for the payment are located in the Invoice Number field when you click on the payment in question.

Libraries that currently receive payments via check may choose to switch to electronic

funds transfer (EFT). To change the method of payment, complete the [Vendor Input / ACH-EFT application](#). You can receive notification whenever a grant payment is made to your library. While in the Vendor Payment Portal, login to your account using your FEIN, then select "Email Notification Sign-Up". Enter an email address and then enter the same address again for verification. Select location(s) for which you want to receive an email notification when a payment has been made to the location(s). When you have finished, click on "Sign-up".

If you have any questions about finding Missouri State Library payments in the Missouri Vendor Payment Portal, contact the Missouri State Library at mostlib@sos.mo.gov or (573) 522-4036 or (800) 325-0131.



Upcoming MOREnet Trainings

For the complete training list, visit the [MOREnet Training Schedule](#).

Oceans Of Possibilities - Technology For Your Library Summer Reading Program, Tuesday, March 22, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., St. Charles City-County Library, Middendorf-Kredell Branch, O'Fallon

This all-day hands-on session will provide you with a variety of activities to integrate technology into your summer reading program. The primary focus will be on maker activities and coding, all based on the theme of oceans. No maker

or coding experience is necessary to learn and walk away with activities you can use in your library. Registration is available at [Oceans of Possibilities](#).

Digital Accessibility, Friday, April 8, 9 – 10 a.m.

Creating great content, whether it is in the form of videos, websites or simply documents, should be done with all users in mind. This session will discuss tips and techniques for making

your content as accessible as possible to your audience, whether they be students, faculty, parents or the public. Registration is available at [Digital Accessibility](#).



Upcoming Amigos Trainings

Conferences and a large selection of classes are free for Amigos members and early-bird discounts are available. For the complete training list, visit the Amigos [online course schedule](#).

Amigos Community Conversations: Controlled Digital Lending, Wednesday, March 23, 2 – 4 p.m.

Libraries are turning to controlled digital lending (CDL) to make the most of their library collections and to reach patrons and users more rapidly. Interest in CDL grows as libraries focus on making print items more discoverable,

accessible and inclusive while preserving and protecting library collections. Join this Amigos Community Conversation to discuss CDL with peers and colleagues. Registration is available at [Controlled Digital Lending](#).

Know & Go: Camera Ready - Quick Library Video Tips and Takes, Monday, March 28, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

The expectation for delivery of library services through live or recorded video has become ubiquitous. Library workers in every role are stepping in front of the camera to facilitate programs, provide library instruction and more. Join us for basic tips and best practices on camera. Learn to recognize the changes and

increased opportunities for on-camera library services, examine basic tips for on-camera delivery of services and determine tools and steps to incorporate in your library's on-camera approaches. Registration is available at [Camera Ready](#).

Upcoming MALAPro Webinars

For a complete webinar list, visit [MALAPro Professional Development](#).

Access Challenged with the Intellectual Freedom Committee, Mid-Continent Public Library, Wednesday, March 16, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

The Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) from Mid-Continent Public Library will present their step-by-step guide to having advocacy conversations about intellectual freedom with users who express concern and even challenge

library materials. The latest censorship data from the ALA will be discussed and reconsideration policies and procedures will be reviewed. Registration is available at [Access Challenged](#).

Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Programs Ocean Awareness Contest

The eleventh annual Ocean Awareness Contest sponsored by Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Programs pairs perfectly with the 2022 CSLP Oceans of Possibilities summer reading program. Open to middle and high school students

ages 11-18, the contest begins with a prompt consisting of six categories to choose from. All information may be found [here](#), including a contest overview, how to enter, rules & eligibility, FAQs and past winners.

Reference Services for YOU: Growing Libraries

Start preparing patrons for spring gardening opportunities with federal and state government resources for planting and gardening. Here are a few resources to start or enhance a growing hobby:

- [Nursery Grower and Dealer Search](#): From the Missouri Department of Agriculture, a database of certified Missouri nursery growers and dealers searchable by name, county, business type or plant.
- [Missouri Grown Locator](#): Also from the Missouri Department of Agriculture, this program will help patrons find local and fresh foods, products and businesses around Missouri. Anything from farmers markets, garden centers, nurseries, or U-pick farm opportunities, searchable by distance.
- [Field Guide](#): From the Missouri Department of Conservation, this guide can help patrons identify what is already in their garden and discover which species are invasive, edible, or have restoration efforts.
- [National Resources Conservation Services-Missouri](#): The Natural Resources Conservation Service in Missouri is part of the United States Department of Agriculture

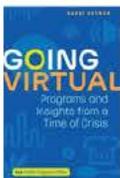
(USDA). The USDA has many programs and information topics to direct patrons, including the [PLANTS Database](#).

- [USDA National Agricultural Library](#): For less locality-specific resources, the United States Department of Agricultural Library has one of the world's largest agriculture collections and is not just for farmers. Their collections feature resources on home gardening and landscaping topics, from ornamental plants to turf management as well as guides for urban agriculture and community gardening plans.
- [The State Library](#) also has a variety of gardening books to borrow!

Need help? If you or a patron have questions about government information or resources available through the State Library, please contact Reference Services at (573) 751-3615, libref@sos.mo.gov or mostate.libguides.com/lpdc (click the "Ask Us" tab on the right to chat.) We are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and are always happy to help!



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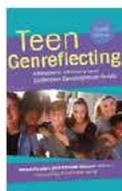
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This open-call grant is a combination of the previously offered Author Visit Grant and the Bicentennial Programs Grant and will replace the two separate grants. Libraries can apply to bring an author or educational presentation to their community. This application is open

to Missouri public libraries certified to receive FY22 State Aid, Missouri school libraries that are publicly supported and publicly controlled, and Missouri academic libraries supported publicly or privately.

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~~Michigan Learning Channel Summer Reading Resources~~

~~The Michigan State Library has partnered with the Michigan Learning Channel (MLC), a statewide public television partnership (all PBS affiliates in MI) designed to enrich school learning and reach students not just during the peak of shut-down, but year-round, to create summer programming around the Oceans of Possibilities theme.~~

~~They are graciously sharing the resources with libraries across the country. While a lot of the focus is on the Great Lakes/watersheds, it is wonderful content and I think your libraries will appreciate accessing these great MLC/PBS supports.~~

- ~~• Oceans of Possibilities videos & events: (this site will continue to expand as they gather content)~~
- ~~• Educator Packet can be accessed from: (their "Under Water" theme links are found in the age groups for week June 27-July 3)~~

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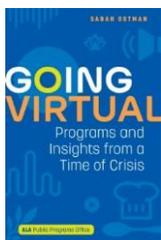
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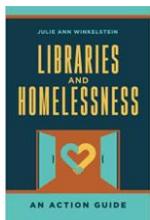
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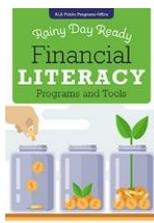
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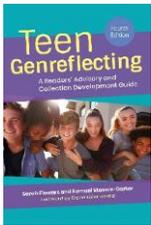
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Missouri State Library News

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- Oceans of Possibilities videos & events:
<https://www.michiganlearning.org/resource/oceans-of-possibilities-at-your-library/> (this site will continue to expand as they gather content)
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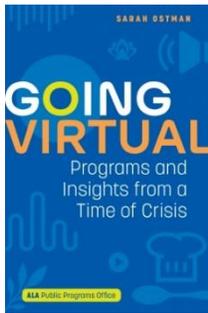
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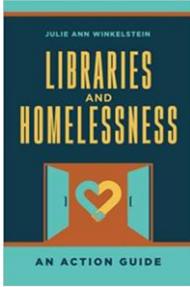
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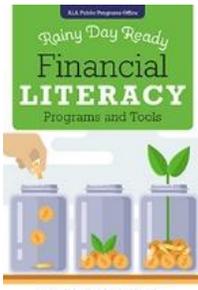
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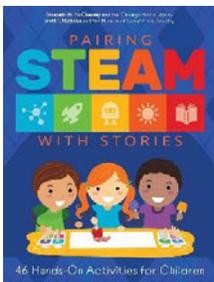
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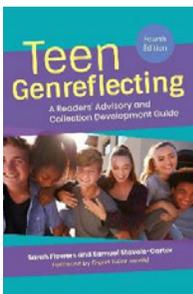
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Missouri State Library News

New Collection in Missouri Digital Heritage

A new collection from the Missouri State Archives is now available through Missouri Digital Heritage. The [John Schwob 1904 World's Fair Photograph Collection](#) contains digital scans of glass plate negatives John J. Schwob took of the 1904 World's Fair. Schwob worked professionally as a barber and a mechanic in St. Louis; his granddaughter loaned the photographs to the Archives for digitizing in 2021. Explore more Missouri history collections at <http://www.MissouriDigitalHeritage.com>. Institutions wishing to participate in Missouri Digital Heritage may contact mdh@sos.mo.gov.

Michigan Learning Channel Summer Reading Resources

The Michigan State Library has partnered with the [Michigan Learning Channel](#) (MLC), a statewide public television partnership (all PBS affiliates in MI) designed to enrich school learning and reach students not just during the peak of shut-down, but year-round, to create summer programming around the Oceans of Possibilities theme.

They are graciously sharing the resources with libraries across the country. While a lot of the focus is on the Great Lakes/watersheds, it is wonderful content and I think your libraries will appreciate accessing these great MLC/PBS supports.

- Oceans of Possibilities videos & events:
<https://www.michiganlearning.org/resource/oceans-of-possibilities-at-your-library/> (this site will continue to expand as they gather content)
- Educator Packet can be accessed from: <https://www.michiganlearning.org/summer> (their "Under Water" theme links are found in the age groups for week June 27-July 3)

Two Part Monarch Center for Autism Webinar Series

A two part series brought to you by Monarch Center for Autism is aimed to help address challenging behaviors of adults with autism and highlight technology that can enhance the library

experience for adults with autism. The first one-hour session is Monday, March 21, at 10 a.m., with the second session on Thursday, May 12, at 10 a.m.

Challenging Behaviors of Adults with Autism in the Library, is the title of the first session. This webinar would cover solutions that sometimes occur when dealing with clients with autism including: What are some of the potential challenging behaviors librarians might see? How can a librarian help a parent/caregiver when an adult with autism has a challenging behavior? How can the library staff not feel scared, remain calm, and calm down other patrons when an adult with autism is having a challenging behavior? How does the librarian know when a parent/caregiver needs more help (with their adult with autism during a challenging behavior), and what is the best way to provide that help? How should a librarian interact with a client with autism, so they can mitigate challenging behaviors? Which interactions are more likely to have a positive influence (on an adult with autism) vs. an influence that might cause anxiety, confusion and challenging behaviors?

The second session, *Innovative Technology that will enhance the Library Experience for Adults with Autism* and will recommend technology resources for libraries to support clients with autism. Some libraries are better equipped than others to incorporate innovative technology, so this webinar would present a spectrum of solutions for different library systems – e.g., recommended software, apps, mobile technology, wearable technology, electronic supports, making video models available via QR codes, etc.

Register here for both sessions: <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/5545197100173547009>
You will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the training after registering. If you have any questions please contact Merideth Johnson at Merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov or (573) 751-1822.

New in the Webinar Archive

Tiffany Hentschel, deputy director of human resources for Johnson County, Kansas, led a four-part webinar series titled Basic Supervision Oct. to Dec. 2021. Tiffany discussed various topics

including discrimination, harassment, employment laws, compensation, medical leave, supervisory skills, hiring, motivating self and others, job expectations, and performance management. The Basic Supervision webinar series recordings are available in [Library Development's webinar archive](#) in the Library Administration Videos box, Human Resources tab. The sessions' participant guides and a worksheet are available, also. Contact Janet Caruthers, Technology and Resource Sharing Consultant, by email at Janet.Caruthers@sos.mo.gov or phone at (573) 526-1087 if you have any questions.

Missouri Vendor Payment Portal

Libraries that receive an electronic transfer or check from the State of Missouri may be interested in the [Missouri Vendor Payment Portal](#). This site provides information on all payments issued within the last 24 months through the State of Missouri. To access the information, enter the library's Federal Tax Identification Number (FEIN). There are a variety of search options, such as invoice number, check number, dollar amount, and date and location. Libraries can also sign-up to receive e-mail notification when a payment is made. Payment codes to identify the reason for the payment are located in the Invoice Number field when you click on the payment in question. Common codes include:

- A&E = Athlete and Entertainer payment
- AUV = Author Visit grant payment
- DIG = Digital Imaging grant payment
- EQUALIZ = Equalization payment
- SHM = Show Me Steps grant payment
- SLP = Summer Library Program grant payment
- SLT = Spotlight on Literacy grant payment
- SMRD = Summer Reading Program Support payment
- STAID = State Aid payment
- TLD = Technology Ladder grant payment
- TMG = Technology Mini-Grant grant payment

Libraries that currently receive payments via check may choose to switch to electronic funds transfer (EFT). To change the method of payment, complete the [Vendor Input / ACH-EFT application](#). You can receive notification whenever a grant payment is made to your library.

While in the Vendor Payment Portal, login to your account using your FEIN, then select “Email Notification Sign-Up”. Enter an email address and then enter the same address again to verify the address. Select location(s) for which you want to receive an email notification when a payment has been made to the location(s). When you have finished, click on “Sign-up”.

If you have any questions about finding Missouri State Library payments in the Missouri Vendor Payment Portal, contact the Missouri State Library by email at mostlib@sos.mo.gov or by phone at (573) 522-4036 or (800) 325-0131.

Upcoming MOREnet Trainings

StormWind - Presenting a Custom IT Training Solution for MOREnet Members, Wednesday, March 9, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. MOREnet has collaborated with StormWind Studios for a consortium discount on their IT training to meet our members’ technical training needs. Join StormWind as they provide an overview of their services and class offerings. StormWind is a professional IT training company that brings a live, Hollywood-HD quality experience to the world of e-learning. Using proprietary technology, they create and deliver interactive online training that is personal and engaging. Whether joining a class in a live real-time remote setting, or joining at your own pace and on your own schedule, StormWind offers a wide variety of next generation eLearning environments. Registration is available at [StormWind](#).

Oceans Of Possibilities - Technology For Your Library Summer Reading Program, Tuesday, March 22, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., St. Charles City - County Library, Middendorf-Kredell Branch, O’Fallon, MO. This full day, hands-on session will provide you with a variety of activities to help you integrate technology into your summer reading program. The session will focus on maker activities and coding, all around the theme of oceans. No maker or coding experience is necessary to learn and walk away with activities you can use in your library. Come explore the “Oceans of Possibilities” of integrating technology into your summer reading program. Registration is available at [Oceans of Possibilities](#).

Digital Accessibility, Friday, April 8, 9 – 10 a.m. Creating great content, whether it is in the form of videos, websites or even just documents, needs to be done with all users in mind. This session will discuss tips and techniques for making all of your content as accessible as possible to your audience. Be they students, faculty, parents or the public, everyone deserves to experience as much of each of your awesome creations as possible! Registration is available at [Digital Accessibility](#).

For the complete training list, visit the [MOREnet Training Schedule](#).

Upcoming Amigos Trainings

Know & Go: Spotlight on Community Gardens and Libraries, Monday, March 14, 1:30 p.m. Libraries of every type and size are using their green spaces or partnering in community green spaces to provide programs and services about native plants, growing and cooking your own food and more. Join us to look at examples of libraries and gardening programs, services and partnerships. Learn about resources to grow your own library green space initiatives big and small for all ages. Learn to identify the current role of community gardens and greens spaces with library; evaluate the success, challenges, and opportunities of library gardening initiatives; and develop steps to initiate and expand your library gardening initiative and partnerships. Registration is available at [Spotlight on Community Gardens and Libraries](#).

Amigos Community Conversations: Controlled Digital Lending, Wednesday, March. 23, 2 – 4 p.m. Libraries are turning to controlled digital lending (CDL) to make the most of their library collections and to reach patrons and users more rapidly. Interest in CDL grows as libraries focus on making print items more discoverable, accessible, and inclusive while preserving and protecting library collections. Join this Amigos Community Conversation to discuss CDL with peers and colleagues. Registration is available at [Controlled Digital Lending](#).

Know & Go: Camera Ready - Quick Library Video Tips and Takes, Monday, March 28, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. The expectation for delivery of library services through live or recorded video has become ubiquitous. Library workers in every role are stepping in front of the camera more and more often to facilitate programs, provide library instruction and more. Join us for basic tips and best

practices on camera. This Know and Go is for the camera shy and the camera confident. Learn to recognize the changes and increased opportunities for on-camera library services, examine basic tips and best practices for on-camera delivery of services, and determine tools and steps to incorporate in your library's on-camera approaches. Registration is available at [Camera Ready](#).

Conferences and a large selection of classes are free for Amigos members and early-bird discounts are available. For the complete training list, visit the Amigos [online course schedule](#).

Upcoming MALAPro Webinars

Youth Programming Panel: Network, Share, & Learn with Jenny Cook, Lawrence Public Library; Patrick Peterson, Basehor Community Library; Lauren Taylor, Lawrence Public Library; Keri Wiester, Mid-Continent Public Library. Thursday, March 10, 10 – 11 a.m. Join panelists as they share new and innovative youth programs and ideas. During the first half of this hour-long webinar, the panelists will present story time reading recommendations, craft ideas, and passive programming relating to the summer reading theme along with a variety of both in-person and virtual programs including book club kits, take-and-makes, and more! During the second half of the webinar, attendees will have the opportunity to network, ask questions, and share ideas. Registration is available at [Youth Programming Panel](#).

Access Challenged with the Intellectual Freedom Committee, Mid-Continent Public Library Wednesday, March 16, 10 – 11:30 a.m. The Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) from Mid-Continent Public Library will present their step-by-step guide to having advocacy conversations about intellectual freedom with users who express concern and even challenge library materials. The latest censorship data from the ALA will be discussed and reconsideration policies and procedures will be reviewed. Registration is available at [Access Challenged](#).

For the complete webinar list, visit [MALAPro Professional Development](#).

Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Programs Ocean Awareness Contest

The eleventh annual Ocean Awareness Contest sponsored by Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Programs pairs perfectly with the 2022 CSLP Oceans of Possibilities summer reading program. Open to middle and high school student's ages 11-18, the contest begins with a prompt with six categories to choose from. All information can be found at <https://bit.ly/3saaKAe> including a contest overview, how to enter, rules & eligibility, FAQs, and past winners.

Reference Services for YOU: Growing Libraries

Start preparing patrons for spring gardening opportunities with federal and state government resources for planting and gardening. Here are a few resources to start or enhance a growing hobby:

- [Nursery Grower and Dealer Search](#): From the Missouri Department of Agriculture, a database of certified Missouri nursery growers and dealers searchable by name, county, business type, or plant.
- [Missouri Grown Locator](#): Also from the Missouri Department of Agriculture, this program will help patrons find local and fresh foods, products, and businesses around Missouri. Anything from farmer markets, garden centers, nurseries, or U-pick farm opportunities, searchable by distance.
- [Field Guide](#): From the Missouri Department of Conservation, this guide can help patrons identify what is already in their garden and discover which species are invasive, edible, or have restoration efforts.
- [National Resources Conservation Services-Missouri](#): The Natural Resources Conservation Service in Missouri is part of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The USDA has many programs and information topics to direct patrons, including the [PLANTS Database](#).
- [USDA National Agricultural Library](#): For less locality-specific resources, the United States Department of Agricultural Library has one of the world's largest agriculture collections and is not just for farmers. Their collections feature resources on home gardening and landscaping topics, from ornamental plants to turf management as well as guides for urban agriculture and community gardening plans.

- [The State Library](#) also has a variety of gardening books to borrow!

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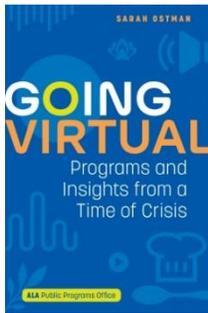
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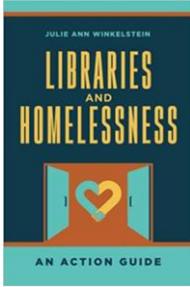
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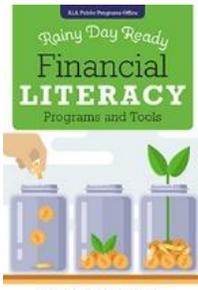
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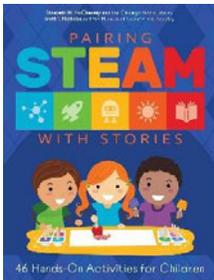
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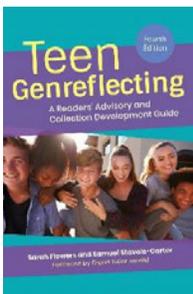
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