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The Missouri House refused to accept resignation from Rep. Roeber so the ethics committee can present its findings on abuse allegations from his children

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BOONE COUNTY +16
Total cases: 18,104

ACTIVE CASES 108
Deaths: 85

VACCINATION UPDATE: (04/14/21)

BOONE COUNTY
MISSOURI

First dose

70,832
2,010,582

Second dose

45,747
1,338,159

First dose percentage

39.3%
32.8%

SHOWERS FOR SPRING FLOWERS



KAYLA SZYMANSKI • Missourian

Helmi Sheely, owner of Helmi's Gardens, waters plants on top of a bird cage Wednesday at Helmi's Garden in Columbia. The garden hosts workshop events throughout the year to give people the skills needed to grow a green thumb and greener gardens. See more on Page 4A.

About 1,800 vaccines to be available through MU Health Care

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MU Health Care has about 1,800 doses of COVID-19 vaccines available starting Thursday through Saturday.

Appointments are available 7 a.m. through 7 p.m. at the Walsworth Family Columns Club at Faurot Field for the first dose of the vaccine. A second dose will automatically be scheduled for 21 days later.

Vaccine appointments are available for scheduling through the MU vaccine scheduling portal.

All Missouri residents 16 or older are eligible to be vaccinated. Patients under 18 need to have parental or guardian consent.

Within the past seven days, more than 347,740 Missourians have received a dose of the vaccine, according to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Show Me Recovery Plan. Overall, more than 3,237,004 doses have been administered in Missouri in total.

Senate passes bills on police mental health, protection of pets and to-go alcohol rules

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JEFFERSON CITY — Creating a fund covering mental health treatment for police officers was one of several bills passed by the Missouri Senate on Thursday.

The bill would create the Critical Incident Stress Management Program within the state Department of Public Safety. The program would "provide services for peace officers to assist in coping with stress and potential psychological trauma resulting from a response to a critical incident or emotionally difficult event."

Officers would be required to have a "mental health check-in" with program service providers "once every three to five years." Any information disclosed in such check-ins would be privileged.

The bill also creates the "988 Public Safety Fund" within the state treasury in order to pay for the program. The fund's name refers to a new three-digit phone number that was created for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

In addition to the mental health aspect, the bill would establish a fund that pays nonprofit groups that provide crime prevention services to areas with high levels of crime. This fund would exist through August of 2024.

Sen. Karla May, D-St. Louis, proposed the bill, which passed with 27 senators voting 'yes' and five voting 'no.' All Democrats present supported the bill, as did most Republicans, including majority

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Defense rests without Chauvin testimony at murder trial

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MINNEAPOLIS — Former Officer Derek Chauvin chose not to take the stand as testimony at his murder trial ended Thursday, passing up the chance to explain to the jury and the public for the first time what he was thinking when he pressed his knee against George Floyd's neck.

Closing arguments are set to begin Monday, after which a

racially diverse jury will begin deliberating at a barbed-wire-ringed courthouse in a city on edge — not just because of the Chauvin case but because of the deadly police shooting of a 20-year-old Black man in a Minneapolis suburb last weekend.

Before the jury was brought in Thursday morning, Chauvin, his COVID-19 mask removed in a rare courtroom moment, ended weeks of speculation by informing the judge he would invoke his Fifth Amendment right not to testify.

Shortly afterward, the defense

rested its case, after a total of two days of testimony, compared with two weeks for the prosecution.

Judge Peter Cahill reminded the jurors they will be sequestered starting Monday and said: "If I were you, I would plan for long and hope for short."

Chauvin, 45, is charged with murder and manslaughter in Floyd's death after the 46-year-old Black man was arrested on suspicion of passing a counterfeit \$20 at a neighborhood market last May.

Bystander video of Floyd gasping that he couldn't breathe as bystand-

ers yelled at Chauvin to get off him triggered worldwide protests, violence and a furious examination of racism and policing in the U.S.

The most serious charge against the now-fired white officer, second-degree murder, carries up to 40 years in prison, though state guidelines call for about 12.

Prosecutors say Floyd died because the officer's knee was pressed against Floyd's neck or close to it for 9½ minutes as he lay on the pavement on his stomach,

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Chicago releases video of the police shooting that killed 13-year-old boy

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CHICAGO — Chicago's police review board released body camera video Thursday of a police officer's fatal shooting of a 13-year-old boy late last month.

The Civilian Office of Police Accountability, an independent board that investigates Chicago police shootings, released the footage of the March 29 fatal shooting of Adam Toledo after allowing the boy's

family to view it Tuesday.

In the jumpy body camera video of the officer who shot Toledo, the officer chases the teen on foot down an alley for several seconds and yells "Police! Stop! Stop right (expletive) now!"

As the teen slows down, the officer yells "Hands! Hands! Show me your (expletive) hands!"

Toledo then turns toward the camera, the officer yells "Drop it!" and midway between repeating that command, he opens fire

and the teen drops to the ground. While approaching the wounded Toledo, the officer radios in for an ambulance. He can be heard imploring the boy to "stay awake," and as other officers arrive, the officer who apparently fired the shot says he can't feel a heartbeat and begins administering CPR. Other officers can be heard saying, "Stay with me, buddy," "Stay awake, bud. Come on bud, stay awake," and

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