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## Boone Health creating heart surgery group

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Boone Health is focused on providing a continuum of care for its cardiovascular patients following the breakdown of a relationship the hospital has with Missouri Heart Center.

This was the message Boone Health Director of Communications Christian Basi and Medical Director Lana Zerrer had Monday morning, March 30, in a news conference with local media.

"We continue to be 100% committed to our patients. This is about making sure we are maintaining the quality care Boone has been known for and for the long-term future," Basi said.

In November, Boone Health received a letter from Missouri Heart Center stating it was terminating professional services

and management services agreements with Boone Health without cause by May 6. Boone Health first entered into these agreements in 2016 and they were amended in 2021.

"We said you all are going to be the doctors that take care of our cardiology patients, so they are Boone patients and we have provided them with financial support, along with space and the doctors have seen the patients and done the procedures," Basi said.

### Change affects 20,000 patients

Boone Health learned in January that Missouri Heart Center intended to sell the business to Oklahoma-based Heart and Vascular Partners LLC, while continuing to operate in Columbia, which

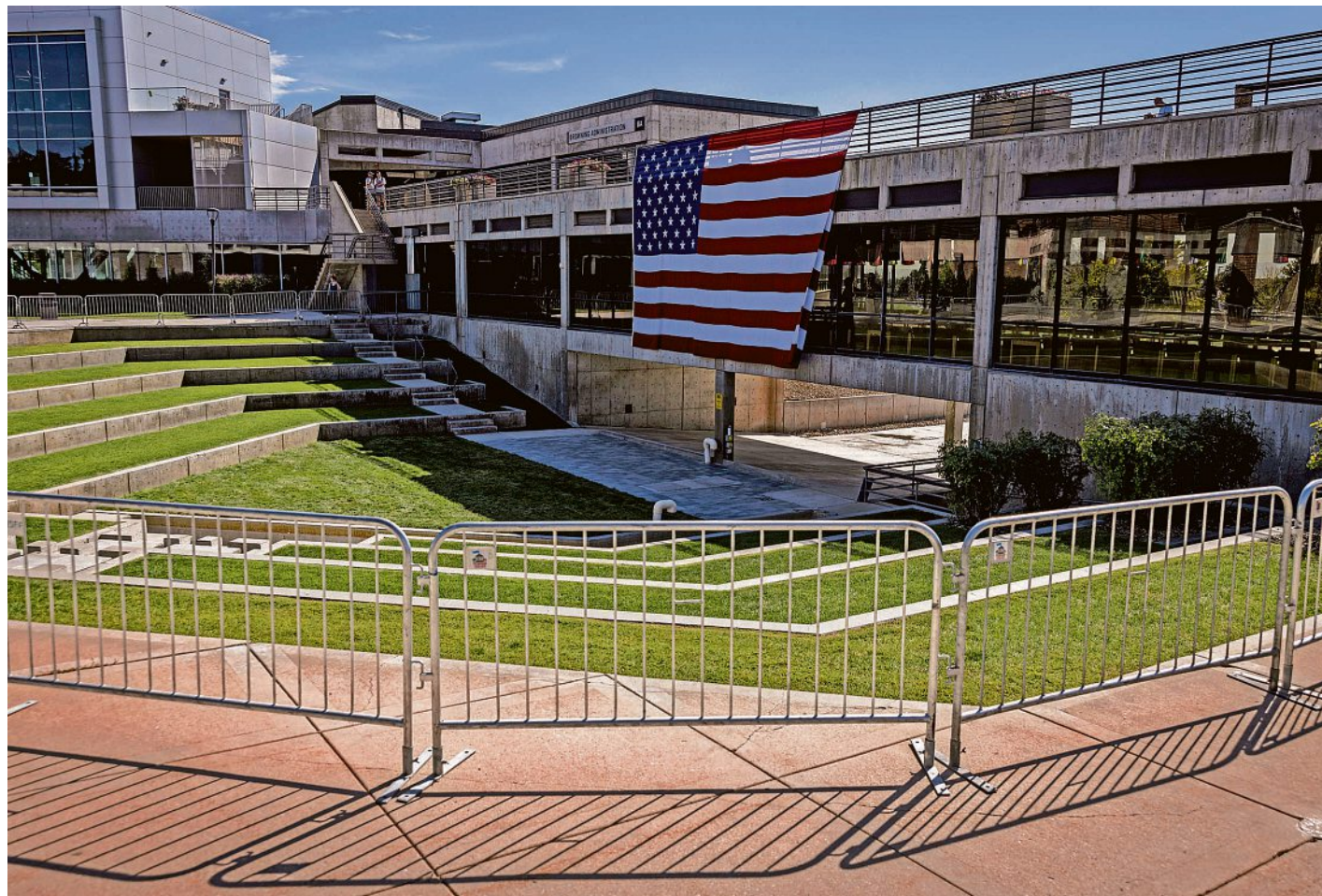
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Boone Health Chief Medical Officer Lana Zerrer, from left, and Director of Communications Christian Basi hold a news conference March 30, about the severed relationship between the hospital and Missouri Heart Center.

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## Lawyers raise bullet issue in Kirk case



Conservative activist Charlie Kirk was killed on Sept. 10 while speaking to students at Utah Valley University.

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## Suspect's defense team: FBI conducting further analyses

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Attorneys for the man accused of fatally shooting conservative activist Charlie Kirk said a federal law enforcement agency did not connect the bullet found during autopsy to the alleged murder weapon.

Tyler Robinson has been charged

with aggravated murder and other felonies in connection with Kirk's death. Kirk, 31, was shot and killed on Sept. 10 while speaking to students at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah.

Authorities previously said the gun used to assassinate Kirk was a Mauser 98, a common bolt-action rifle typically used for hunting. The hunting rifle, which had a heavier .30-06 caliber,

dates back decades as German-made military surplus with millions produced and resold in the United States, experts previously told USA TODAY.

Officials recovered the weapon near the scene of the shooting with one spent cartridge in the chamber and three unfired bullets etched with

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## TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY



IN•TACT Chair Advocate Verity Tatum welcomes the crowd March 29, to a Trans Day of Visibility celebration the group hosted at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbia. Upward of five dozen people attended.

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## Music acts, more mark celebration

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Ongoing challenges regarding the rights of transgender and intersex individuals at the legislative level inspired a group of activists last year to take action. What was formed was IN•TACT, or Intersex Nonbinary Trans Advocate Collective Triangle. The dot represents any who are considered othered on the gender spectrum in the future.

Advocates in the group, like chairperson Verity Tatum, often travel to Jefferson City to speak at legislative committee meetings in opposition to anti-trans legislation or in favor of legislation that protects trans individuals' rights. As a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization, it also can endorse candidates for office. The group

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