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**CATTLE PARASITE:** Screwworm case found outside Texas. **3A**

**BASEBALL:** Jailbirds win 2 in weekend series. **1B**

## Court declines to hear ballot summary appeal

Amendment 5 goes before Missouri voters in August

BY RUDI KELLER  
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The Missouri Supreme Court refused Monday to hear a last-minute appeal filed by proponents of a measure to repeal the state income tax seeking to revise

the summary voters will see on the Aug. 4 ballot.

Acting on a request filed Sunday, the court declined to review changes made by the Western District Court of Appeals to the summary for the proposal that will appear on the ballot as Amendment 5.

The decision leaves in place the revised ballot language included in an appeals court opinion delivered Friday. Tuesday is the deadline under state law for

revising ballot language for the primary election.

The Supreme Court did not give a reason for not taking the case.

With the ballot summary now final, the campaigns for and against Amendment 5 move into the final push to convince voters.

The measure directing lawmakers to set revenue triggers for reducing and eventually eliminating the personal income tax is Gov. Mike Kehoe's top pri-

ority for the year.

In a statement issued Monday morning, Kehoe said he remains confident voters will support Amendment 5.

"It is unfortunate that three unelected judges decided to mislead Missouri voters by rewriting the legislatively approved ballot language for Amendment 5," Kehoe said. "Missouri is falling behind other states, and it is unproductive for judges and special interests'

lawsuits to undermine policies that would make our state more competitive."

The case was brought on behalf of Missourians for Fair Taxation, a political action committee bankrolled by the Missouri Association of Realtors that is one of two organizing to defeat Amendment 5. If approved by voters, the amendment would allow lawmakers to ignore two constitutional provisions — one banning sales tax on real estate

transactions and another permanently barring lawmakers from adding the sales tax to goods or services not already covered — added by Realtors through the initiative petition process.

In a statement Monday, Missourians for Fair Taxation said it is ready for the campaign to defeat Amendment 5.

"Voters will face higher

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# BATTLE LINES



Local reenactors fire a reproduction Civil War-era cannon at Saturday's Battle of Carthage reenactment at the Civil War Ranch and Arena on Civil War Road north of Carthage. **GLOBE | JOHN HACKER**

## Despite rain, crowd comes out to see Civil War reenactment in Carthage

BY JOHN HACKER  
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CARTHAGE, Mo. — Hundreds braved rain to watch history come alive over the weekend. More than 250 reenactors put on a display of what the prairies around Carthage witnessed nearly 165 years ago on July 5, 1861. That's when 1,100 Union troops met 6,000 Missouri State Guard soldiers between Car-

thage and Baseline Road. Ten cannons, five on each end of a quarter-mile-long field at the Civil War Ranch and Arena, opened Saturday's reenactment with blank explosive charges as infantry and cavalry awaited their time with an estimated 500 to 600 spectators watching under umbrellas, ponchos or just getting wet.

"I was so happy to see that

SEE **BATTLE, 2A**



Several women ran to give aid to wounded soldiers behind the advancing battle lines during the reenactment of the Civil War Battle of Carthage at the Civil War Ranch and Arena on Saturday. **GLOBE | JOHN HACKER**

## Route 66 cyclist expected to stop in Joplin

FROM STAFF REPORTS  
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Endurance cyclist Joe Barr is expected to stop in Joplin late Tuesday.

Barr is attempting to set a Guinness World Record ride to be the fastest cyclist to travel all of Route 66 — 2,440 miles from Santa Monica, California, to Chicago. His goal is to finish the journey in eight days.

He is expected to make a stop Tuesday night in Joplin. He is expected to visit of the World Street Painting Festival, 1717 E. Seventh St.

The attempt during the Route 66 centennial is fitting because Barr is in his 66th year. When his ride is finished, he is expected to become the fastest and the oldest rider to succeed in setting the record, according to information from Patrick Tuttle and the Joplin Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Barr won a medal at the 1986 Commonwealth Games and has represented Ireland in multiple world championships. As a holder of multiple world records, he set the first Guinness World Record on Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way, racing over 1,600 miles with 81,000 feet of climbing in 127 hours.

In 2009, at 49, he found ultra-endurance cycling and hasn't looked back. He is a two-time winner of the Race Around Ireland and a two-time finisher of the Race Across America, winning in his age category of 55+ in 2019.

His autobiography, "Going the Distance — The Making of a World-Class Endurance Cyclist," was published in 2021.

In 2023, Barr won the World Ultra-Cycling Association's World Cup and World Championship.

A documentary team is following Barr's effort for the Guinness World Record attempt. The team will capture the cyclist day and night along the route, at iconic sites, and with the people who make Route 66 an American classic byway, according to the Convention and Visitors Bureau information.



Joe Barr

Sam Myers, 14, of Joplin, submitted the winning name for the Schroeder Family Exploreum's robot mascot, which will be known as Helix.



## Exploreum's mascot named Helix

North wing of building now open

BY JOHN HACKER  
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The Schroeder Family Exploreum's mascot was given a name Saturday, and the director of the new science museum says it's wonderfully scientific.

Sam Myers, 14, of Joplin, came up with the name Helix and

won a 3D-printed version of the robot for his efforts.

"I thought double helix is DNA and the robot is a humanoid figure and the DNA would be a great name," he said. "I'm excited, and it can carry on a legacy."

He is the son of Exploreum Executive Director Neely Myers, and she explained the process by which the name was chosen.

"We received over 64 submissions, so we chose a committee that consisted of a member of each of our other committees

within the Creative Learning Alliance, and those folks narrowed it down from that 64 down to their top three choices, which they then brought to me," Neely Myers said. "And I'm so thankful I didn't have to sit on that committee because it was a hard choice. There were some really good suggestions. And then we put them on Facebook and we let the public decide in almost 200 votes. And 56% of the votes

SEE **MASCOT, 2A**

