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Members of new task force named

Group appointed by Missouri
governor focused on child welfare

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Missouri Gov. Mike Kehoe on Thursday announced 18 members appointed to the newly formed Missouri Child Welfare Task Force, which was established by a gov-



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ernor's executive order Aug. 25.
Local appointees are:
• **STATE SEN. JILL CARTER**, R-Granby, the only senator along with two members of the Missouri House to represent the state Legislature.
• **MATT STEWART**, Newton County sheriff and former Joplin police chief.
• **FORMER JASPER COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE JOSEPH HENSLEY**, recently appointed to the Southern District Missouri Court of Appeals.
• **SHELBY TRIMBLE**, a school counselor and at-risk coordinator in the Joplin School District. She also serves as director of Camp Soroptimist and works with the Children's Division in the Joplin area.
The task force is charged with "establishing a common framework grounded in objective assessments of safety threats, child vulnerability and parental or caretaker protective capacity," Kehoe said in a written statement issued with the list of appointees.
Specific tasks include:
• **DEVELOPING** a foundational safety definition and standards with clear criteria for determining when a child is safe or unsafe.
• **REVIEWING** laws, regulations, Children's Division policies and court rules to identify gaps and recommend alignment.
• **RECOMMENDING** protocols to integrate the policy into daily child welfare practice.
• **DEVELOPING** cross-disciplinary training for caseworkers, supervisors, attorneys, juvenile officers, judges, law enforcement and other partners.
• **ESTABLISHING** common quality assurance measures and metrics to monitor statewide consistency.
Kehoe said the task force brings together representatives from the Department of Social Services Children's Division, courts and juvenile offices, law enforcement, the General Assembly, private providers, attorneys, advocates, and child welfare experts, each with a

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Joplin library seeks coffee shop proposals

Idea has been part
of vision since before
current building opened

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There's a new idea percolating for the Joplin Public Library. If all goes well, library patrons

could take in the aroma of fresh brewed coffee as they select or read library materials and enjoy other amenities there.

With the 10-year anniversary of the current library building coming up next year, library staff and supporters are considering the possibility of adding a coffee shop to the building.

Library Director Jeana Gockley said in a statement that a coffee shop would be another

way for people to connect.

"The Joplin Public Library has always been about more than books," Gockley said in the statement. "People come here every day to learn, attend programs, use technology and simply spend time together. A coffee shop could add another dimension to that experience and create an even more welcoming place for people to pause, connect and stay awhile."

The idea of a coffee shop has been part of the vision for the current building since before it opened. During the pre-design process for the building in 2015, staff met with community members through focus sessions, surveys and panel discussions to learn what residents wanted to see in a new library. Nearly a decade ago, as

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A STEADY CROWD



Jaycie Bobo, of Webb City, takes her turn on a bounce house slide at Saturday's Webb City Mining Days.

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Festival returns to King Jack Park after nearly 2-decade hiatus

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WEBB CITY, Mo. — Webb City brought back Mining Days Saturday, a festival that was held for almost 30 years, from 1980 to 2007, and city leaders said they think the event can catch on with another generation of area residents.

The festival featured vendors in the W Club parking lot, a car show in



the grass just east of the W Club and bounce houses and food trucks near the big park pavilions closer to lakes built around the Georgia City Bridge and the big playground.

Webb City Parks and Recreation Director Bryan Waggoner said this is the first Mining Days since 2007.

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BakBeatz performed Saturday in King Jack Park as part of the Mining Days festival in Webb City.

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Sunbeam Tiger Club to make stop Wednesday in Joplin

Vehicle featured on
1960s 'Get Smart' show

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A California car club will stop Wednesday morning in Joplin with their British roadsters that will be available for viewing.
Visit Joplin will host the stop of the Sunbeam Tiger Club as the group winds

it way through Joplin along Route 66 during the centennial of the Mother Road.

Patrick Tuttle, director of Visit Joplin, said Sunbeam Tigers are best known as the car driven by the 1960s television character Maxwell Smart in the "Get Smart" TV series and movie. Actor Don Adams played the spy Maxwell Smart in the series. His sidekick, Agent 99, was played by actress Barbara Feldon.

Tuttle said the Sunbeam Tiger is a high-performance V-8 version of the British Rootes Group's Sunbeam Alpine roadster, designed in part by American car designer and racing driver Carroll Shelby and produced from 1964-67. Shelby had carried out a similar V-8 conversion on the AC Cobra and hoped to be offered the contract to produce the Tiger at his factory

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The California Association of Sunbeam Tiger Owners will stop Wednesday morning in Joplin during the association's tour of Route 66.
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