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“I grew up a Jayhawk fan. I can’t betray them now,” said Missouri student Ian Miller, who is surrounded by Mizzou fans in the student section at Memorial Stadium before the start of the Border War game Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025.

KU visits MU for first time since 2006

Kansas tight end DeShawn Hanika hauls in a pass for a touchdown in front of Mizzou corner back Toriano Pride Jr., right, during the first half Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025, at Memorial Stadium in Columbia. For more, please see our coverage on **Page B1**.



Who will run if Mo. redraws its map?

Names already are being floated in both parties as potential candidates

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St. Louis Post-Dispatch

JEFFERSON CITY — Amid accusations of racism and sit-ins, Republicans in the Missouri House are set to vote Monday on President Donald Trump’s controversial plan to transform one of the state’s safe Democratic congressional districts into a GOP-leaning stronghold.

Although Democrats in the minority have opened their parliamentary tool kit to try to stop the Trump-backed juggernaut, names already are being floated in both parties as potential candidates for the reconfigured 5th Congressional District, which would run from downtown Kansas City to mid-Missouri.

Possible Republican candidates include state Sen. Kurtis Gregory, a farmer from Marshall who is a former captain of the University of Missouri football team. Katie Ashcroft of Jefferson City, the wife of the former secretary of state, has been mentioned, while Gov. Mike Kehoe’s campaign manager, Derek Coats of Columbia, also has been suggested as a possibility.

Even former Gov. Eric Greitens’ name has surfaced, eliciting groans among Republicans who worked to oust him from office seven years ago amid a sex scandal.

Trump is calling on Republican states to redraw their congressional boundaries to favor more GOP candidates in hopes of staving off the possible loss of the U.S. House during the 2026 mid-term elections.

Gov. Mike Kehoe obliged and last week put the bull’s-eye on U.S. Rep. Emanuel Cleaver’s 5th District by stretching its boundaries across the state to dilute the 11-term congressman’s Democratic base in Kansas City.

Cleaver has promised to sue to toss out the new map, but has not committed to run in a newly expanded district in 2026, after more than two decades representing Kansas City.

Just as Republicans are speculating on who may run, Democratic names that have surfaced include former Missouri Secretary of State Jason Kander and former U.S. Senate candidate Lucas Kunce.

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Dangerous symptoms are being missed

Maternal mortality report finds lack of knowledge of critical warning signs

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ST. LOUIS — Preeclampsia can get worse before it gets better, Marie-Laure Firebaugh remembered her doctor telling her when she left the hospital after having a stillbirth.

Firebaugh couldn’t imagine how it could get any worse. She had just lost her baby, Juliette, at 25 weeks gestation.

Severe preeclampsia — persistent high blood pressure — had come on suddenly and was breaking down Firebaugh’s red blood cells and damaging her liver. Her placenta had failed to provide the nutrients and oxygen Juliette needed to grow.

During her pregnancy, Firebaugh began to experience swollen legs, shortness of breath, nausea and rapid weight gain —

symptoms medical office staff dismissed as the summer heat or a need to exercise more.

Firebaugh now knows they were warning signs of preeclampsia, a condition dangerous to pregnant women and their fetuses.

“I wish they would educate pregnant women about this disease and these complications before it happens to us,” said Firebaugh, 37, of St. Louis. “If I had known what signs were and what to look out for, maybe I could’ve advocated for myself.”

The care team at BJC Healthcare’s Barnes-Jewish Hospital sent Firebaugh home with a blood pressure kit that sent testing reminders and relayed results to a nurse. Firebaugh said this protocol ended up saving her life.

A persistent cough, swelling and high blood pressure that wasn’t responding to medication had the nurse ordering Firebaugh to go to the emergency room four days later. An echocardiogram revealed

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Marie-Laure Firebaugh holds her daughter Juliette, who died during labor in July 2020. “During labor, we knew Juliette would not survive birth,” said Firebaugh, who experienced severe preeclampsia during the pregnancy.

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