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Dolly Parton sits with then-Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen and Nashville Mayor Bill Purcell to kick off the Imagination Library by reading stories to children March 15, 2005, at the main downtown library in Nashville, Tenn.

Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library benefits Dodge County children

JARED BARTON
Columbus Telegram

Even though many know Parton for her music, Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library has sent more than 332 million books to nearly 3.2 million children across five countries Over the past 31 years. Over 1,500 children in the Columbus area have received books through the program, thanks to the Columbus Area United Way’s general campaign and database.

“It’s kind of incredible if you really think

about how many books we send out in a year because they get one every month. So by the time you add all that up, it’s a lot of books,” United Way programmatic communication coordinator Sarah Lindberg said.

Every kid ages 1 to 5 whose parents live or work in Platte, Boone, Nance, or Colfax counties, Columbus, Schuyler or work at Sentinel Building Systems in Albion is eligible to sign up via form at the United Way or online at ImaginationLibrary.com.

Youngsters in Washington and Dodge Counties are eligible via the United Way of Dodge and Washington Counties, and the Ashland-Greenwood area is sponsored by the Ashland Library Foundation.

Parton launched the library as a tribute to her father, Robert Lee Parton, who called it “probably the most important thing” she’d ever done.

“You can search, put in your address, and

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Voter sues over transgender sports ballot measure

ANNA KLEIBER
Lincoln Journal Star

A voter in Lancaster County filed a lawsuit against Nebraska Secretary of State Bob Evnen on Monday, alleging he violated state law by certifying a constitutional amendment to restrict transgender participation in youth sports.

Filed directly with the Nebraska Supreme Court, the lawsuit argued Evnen failed to uphold state law and exercise his duty to “withhold any legally insufficient measure from the ballot” by certifying the Fairness for Girls petition because it

failed to meet statutory requirements by not having an adequate object statement.

Under state law, an object statement that describes “the legal effect of the filing of the petition and the object sought to be secured by submitting the measure to the voters” must appear at the top of the initiative and referendum petition forms in Nebraska. Petition sponsors must file the object statement with the Nebraska Secretary of State before they can begin collecting signatures.

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Election officials: Mail ballot rule too late

SARAH D. WIRE
USA Today

Current and former election officials said it would take something short of “an act of God” for their states and localities to comply with a new U.S. Postal Service mail-in ballot rule just weeks before the midterm elections.

The rule, finalized Wednesday in response to an executive order President Donald Trump issued in March, requires state and local election officials to submit voters’ names and addresses to USPS through a new portal.

Only voters whose information is submitted by states would be allowed to receive and return mail-in ballots. The rule also establishes new design requirements, including a tracking barcode for mail-in ballot envelopes that states must create and submit to the USPS for approval.

“This is a logistical nightmare,” Arizona Secretary of State Adrian Fontes, a Democrat, said. “It’s just too late from a pragmatic, practical application

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