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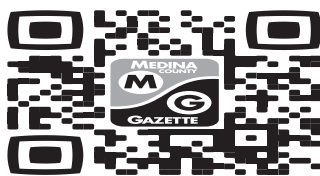
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ASSASSINATION OF CHARLIE KIRK

Investigation into motive continues

The Associated Press

Authorities are still trying to learn more about what motivated the fatal shooting of Charlie Kirk at a college in Utah, as memorials for the conservative activist were held Sunday for his life and legacy.

Tyler James Robinson, 22, of Washington, Utah, was arrested on suspicion of aggravated murder and other felony offenses. Prosecutors are drawing up formal charges that could be filed early



Kirk in April

of Utah Valley University, where the shooting took place.

next week, when he will make his first court appearance.

Investigators have spoken to Robinson's relatives and carried out a search warrant at his family's home in Washington, about 240 miles southwest

Here are things to know about the killing:

What do we know about motive?

Authorities have not provided many details about why they think Robinson carried out the attack on Kirk.

"There clearly was a leftist ideology," Utah Gov. Spencer Cox said on NBC's "Meet the Press," noting that family and friends described Robinson's pol-

itics as veering left in recent years. They recounted to authorities a dinner table conversation in which he mentioned Kirk's upcoming visit to Utah Valley University.

Cox said Robinson is "not cooperating" and that friends paint a picture of someone radicalized in the dark corners of the internet. Cox stressed on several Sunday morning news shows that investigators are still trying to pin down a motive for the attack on the

father of two and confidant of President Donald Trump.

State records show Robinson is registered to vote but is not affiliated with a political party and is listed as inactive, meaning he did not vote in the two most recent general elections. His parents are registered Republicans.

Ammunition found with the weapon used to kill Kirk was engraved with taunting messages.

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Tats for Cats back

Patrick Rhonemus
The Gazette

MEDINA — On Sunday, Alleycats & Aristocats hosted its fourth annual Tats for Cats fundraiser at the Common Ground.

The annual event allows those interested to get a variety of cat-themed tattoos or piercings, with 100 percent of the proceeds from the fundraiser going directly to Alleycats & Aristocats cat rescue efforts.

Event coordinator Zoe Freeland said this was the first year the event took place at Common Ground. Last year, the event was held at Mission Possible, with nine tattoo artists and a piercer, but the space was very tight.

"We were very close to each other and it got overwhelming," she said. "I knew that we needed more artists this year. We were there until midnight last year, tattooing and we still turned away 50 people on that list. I knew that we needed more artists and needed more space."

Freeland reached out to Common Ground, 220 N. State Road, and the facility offered up the space on donation.

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On Sunday, 14 tattoo artists and one piercer helped raised funds for Alleycats & Aristocats during its fourth annual Tats for Cats fundraiser.



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MEDINA

We the People host rally

Patrick Rhonemus
The Gazette

MEDINA — On Saturday, protesters gathered at the intersection of Reagan Parkway and U.S. Route 42 for a "Stop the Coup on 42" rally.

The rally was organized by We the People, which has held several rallies against the Trump administration. Kristen Lowther, one of the rally organizers, said the organization has wanted to do a rally at the intersection because it is very visible and has a lot of traffic.

"It was the prominence of the corner and also that it backed up against that wall so that you are not totally in the face of the businesses that are behind you," she said. "It's not our objective to be annoying to the businesses. We don't want to be annoying to anyone. Our objective is to exercise our democratic rights and get a message out about a very dangerous authoritarian regime that is bearing down on our country and changing everything for the bad."

The rally took place from 10 a.m. to noon, with at least 60 people participating throughout the event. Lowther said the rally focused on the deployment of military forces to U.S. cities but took on a new light given Charlie Kirk's recent death.

"(Kirk's) assassination is not fair, it's not right, it's gross, and it's an unnecessary tragedy," Lowther said. "He was a father, a husband, and while I didn't even know who he was until he was murdered, I understand that he was an inspiration to many people and he was so young. But his murder is not an excuse to further perpetuate more violence."

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MONEY FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER RESEARCH

Foundation hosts lemonade stand

Patrick Rhonemus
The Gazette

MONTVILLE TWP. — In honor of September being Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, the Keira Kilbane Foundation partnered with the Healthy Kids running series during a "Go Gold for Childhood Cancer Lemonade Stand."

The Keira Kilbane Foundation has the mission of advancing treatment options and finding a cure through innovative research for childhood cancers, with a focus on leukemia, while making a positive impact on the lives of patients and families in treatment.

"This is actually our fourth year doing this," said Jen Kilbane, foun-

dation co-founder and secretary treasurer. "My son Grady is Keira's brother. She passed away when she was three and half. He started contributing with the foundation and he wanted to do something. We got behind him on this."

She said Grady organizes everything for the event and he goes to St. Francis Xavier, where they focus on service hours.

"He has done this since he was at least in third or fourth grade," Kilbane said. "We are doing it because September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month."

Funds raised through Sunday's lemonade stand go toward donations to local hospitals.

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Grady Kilbane, right, raises money for the Keira Kilbane Foundation to purchase toys for kids with cancer at University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's.

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