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contributed three assists and three steals. Kylee Scott hit a three pointer early in the second half. She was also tasked with the job of slowing down McAuley's best player, senior Kennedy DeRuy, who hit only one shot from the field on her way to 11 points.

state sectional where they will face Drexel.

"We are excited to see how the girls play now that we've got the monkey of winning that game off our backs," said Judd.

Golden City advanced to the championship with a 46-

night to remember, scoring 23 points and eclipsing the 1,000-point mark for her career in the process. She hit five three pointers. Reed buried four threes and finished with 12 points. Kyndall Scott had six, Lutes four and Kylee Scott one. Sheldon was led by

Golden City and Drexel will square off at Webb City High School Tuesday. Tip-off is set for 6 p.m. The winner advances to Saturday's quarterfinal against the winner of the Walnut Grove/St. Elizabeth contest.

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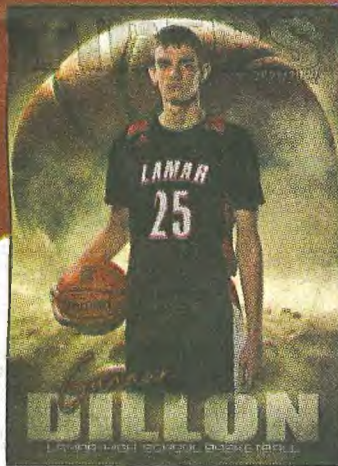
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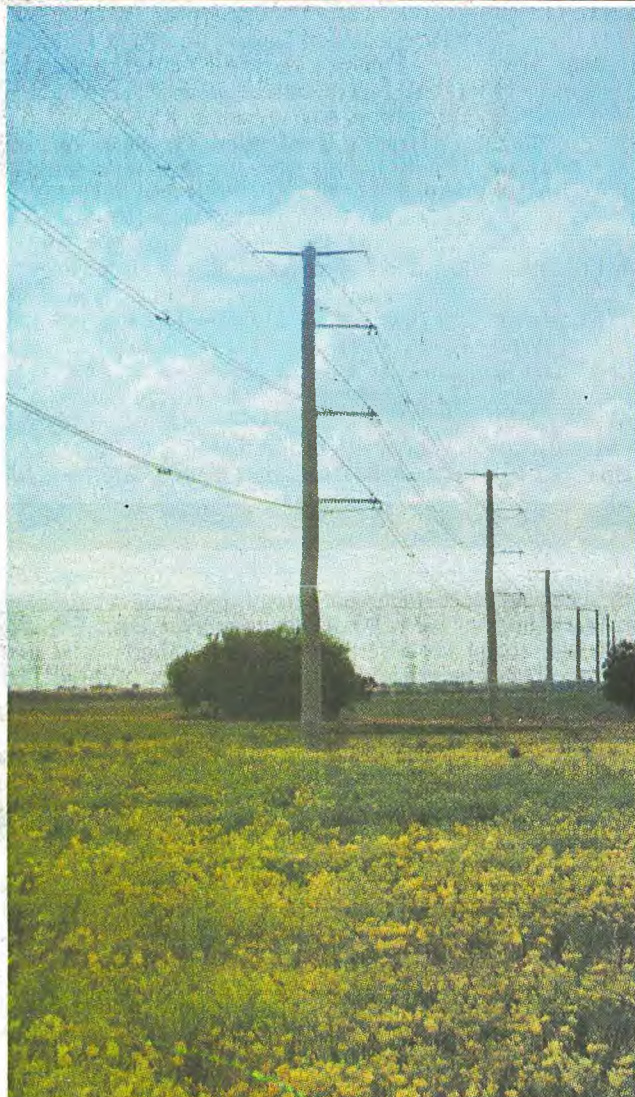
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New Biden pandemic plan: Closer to normal for nation

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — It's time for America to stop letting the coronavirus "dictate how we live," President Joe Biden's White House declared Wednesday, outlining a strategy to allow people to return to many normal activities safely after two years of pandemic disruptions.

One highlight is a new "test to treat" plan to provide free antiviral pills at pharmacies to people who test positive for the virus.

The 90-page National COVID-19 Preparedness Plan spells out initiatives and investments to continue to drive down serious

illness and deaths from the virus, while preparing for potential new variants and providing employers and schools the resources to remain open.

"We know how to keep our businesses and our schools open with the tools that we have at our disposal," said White House COVID-19 coordinator Jeff Zients.

Meanwhile, 140 million Americans, or 43% have now had COVID-19, according to a new assessment from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That estimate comes from a surveillance program that tested nearly 72,000 blood samples that

were sent to commercial labs from late December to late January. The samples were checked for antibodies from infection and were distinguishable from antibodies that came from vaccination.

Wednesday's White House announcement follows Biden's Tuesday night State of the Union speech, in which he pointed to progress against the pandemic since last year, with a dramatic reduction in cases, along with readily available vaccines and the likelihood of new tests and therapeutics soon becoming more accessible.

"This plan lays out the roadmap to help us fight

COVID-19 in the future as we move America from crisis to a time when COVID-19 does not disrupt our daily lives and is something we prevent, protect against, and treat," the White House said. "We are not going to just 'live with COVID.' Because of our work, we are no longer going to let COVID-19 dictate how we live."

That tracked Biden's speech statement, "Tonight, I can say we are moving forward safely, back to more normal routines. It's time for Americans to get back to work and fill our great downtowns again."

COVID-19 cases have fallen to their lowest level

since last summer in recent weeks, after a winter spike from the highly transmissible omicron variant. Deaths, though, which lag cases by weeks, are still elevated, with an average of nearly 1,700 people dying in the U.S. each day. Officials emphasize that most instances of serious illnesses and death in the U.S. occur among those who are unvaccinated or who have not received a booster dose of vaccine.

The White House's strategy comes days after the CDC loosened its guidance for when face masks should be worn in public indoor settings, placing more emphasis on local capacity

to treat serious disease than overall case counts. Now more than 70% of the country can safely remove masks indoors, the CDC says, and the percentage is expected to grow as cases continue to decline.

While most states and localities moved to relax their mask requirements even before the CDC change, many have kept mandates in place for schools, and the federal government continues to require face masks on public transportation, including airplanes. The federal mandate is to expire March 18, and health officials did not provide any indication whether it would be extended.

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workplace attire based on their career prospects. There were 40 to 45 volunteers and mentors on hand Wednesday.

"Around half of our students, about 50%, are first-generation (college students)," Gandy said. "When you want to try to help a student feel supported and equipped for their career, it's one thing for them to become a curriculum expert, but there's all of these intangibles outside of curriculum like feeling confident upon entering their profession. When we surveyed students on the direct leads that can help them feel more successful in their careers, professional dress clothes was one of them."

"From that, we created two different events — Dress to Impress and then we facilitate a partnership with J.C. Penney," he added. "We can't do this every semester, so in the fall, we do Suit Up with J.C. Penney where they can get up to 60% off dress clothes."

The program is held in partnership with MSSU and the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce. Since its inception, the event has provided professional clothing to more than 1,000 MSSU students and alumni.

"We feel that it's important to connect with our future workforce and making sure that they're equipped and set up for success," said



Cali Koenig, Missouri Southern State University senior, looks at accessories at the Dress to Impress event Wednesday at MSSU. Organizers of the event say they assisted 95 students in the first hour Wednesday. Also present were 40 to 45 volunteers who were helping the students make selections.

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Erin Slifka, marketing and public information manager with the Joplin chamber:

"It allows us to connect the community to the students here at MSSU by providing professional attire and accessories to help those students ease into the jobs and the interviews where they can focus on the skills and assets that they've acquired."

The one-day event had approximately 2,000 items to choose from, including blazers, suits, pants, dresses, shoes, ties and jewelry. There's no item limit per student, which gives them the opportunity to build a professional wardrobe without having to pay a cent.

"When a young man walks out of here and he has a full suit, a button-up shirt and a tie, he feels confident, and when he walks into that job interview, it's one less thing that he has to

worry about," Gandy said.

'VERY THANKFUL'

Joshua Samuel, a 19-year-old MSSU sophomore majoring in accounting, stocked up with an array of suits and ties for future job interviews and internships Wednesday morning. He picked out a black pair of shiny dress shoes. With the amount of high-quality apparel he had selected, the cost could've easily surpassed \$300.

Samuel said he was grateful for the community and the university for caring about students enough to host an event like Dress to Impress.

"Going to these kinds of events can save students a lot of money, so I'm very thankful for events like this," he said. "It's been a very good experience so far, and I will absolutely come back next year. I think these

kinds of events show that the community is willing to give and that MSSU is willing to contribute to students, which to me is very important as a college student. It makes us feel included, more confident and that they want to see us succeed."

Samuel was paired up with Cameo Harrington, a senior account executive at Stealth Creative Joplin, as a volunteer and personal shopper.

"This is my favorite volunteer day because it's so much fun to really help these kids feel good about themselves and to feel confident," she said. "I have a lot of retail background, so I think that helps. The career services team has really done an amazing job growing this event every year."

Margarita Antillon, a 23-year-old junior majoring in studio art, attended Dress to Impress for the first time and selected a shirt and dress pants.

"I love the fact that this exists, and I hope to use some of these clothes for meetings or for work," she said. "I work as a gallery assistant, so these are clothes I'll definitely need. It also changes your attitude. When you dress nice, you feel nice. Especially with professional clothes, you feel more confident, and all of that really helps."

The Dress to Impress program was established by MSSU's career services office and Alumni Association in conjunction with the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce's Young Professionals Network.

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represents Missouri's 4th Congressional District, including Barton County and points north of Joplin; U.S. Rep Billy Long, who represents Missouri's 7th Congressional District, including Joplin, Springfield and much of Southwest Missouri; St. Louis attorney Mark McCloskey; state Sen. Dave Schatz, president pro tem of the Missouri Senate; and Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt.

Myers said former Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens, who resigned from office in 2018 under a criminal investigation, was invited.

• FOR STATE AUDITOR: incumbent state Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick, of Shell Knob; and state Rep. Dave Gregory, from St. Louis.

• FOR 7TH DISTRICT U.S. HOUSE: Sam Alexander, an emergency room doctor with Cox Health System in Springfield; state Sen. Eric Burlison, of Battlefield; state Sen. Mike Moon, of Ash Grove; Joplin native Audrey Richards, of Kimberling City; and former state Sen. Jay Wasson, from Christian County.

Myers said the candidates will take part in a forum where each group will take the stage according to the office for which they are running. They will then have an allotted time to speak.

Newton County Judge Greg Stremel will act as timekeeper.

After the forum, attendees will gather for a dinner and hear from the three speakers.

Myers said Missouri U.S. Sen. Josh Hawley was invited to speak as well, but no word has been received on whether he'll attend.

Myers said he expects the candidates for federal office to talk about current events and their visions about the role of the federal government.

"I think they'll talk about what part should the federal government play in what's happening today," Myers said. "You know, I read today we had 17 miles of truckers drive through our area (on Monday). That's 17 miles of freedom. I also read that there were 40 miles of Russian tanks and vehicles lined up on the road to Kyiv in Ukraine. That's 40 miles of tyranny and evil. We need to focus on freedom, and the trucks were a good example of that."

Myers said tickets were still available for the event. Cost is \$45 per person. Go to <https://joplinlincolnday.com> for updates or to buy tickets online.

Myers said seating is limited to about 400, so people should register as soon as possible.

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Tulsa officials also announced that they've hired a DNA company based out of Salt Lake City to try to identify the remains of the eight adult males, six adult females and five children who were excavated and then reinterred as part of their investigation. That analysis is expected to be completed in the next three to five months.

But members of the 1921 Race Mass Grave Investigation Committee criticized the expanded search parameters, saying it's not enough to only search for male victims of what is believed to be the deadliest

race massacre in American history.

There's only one shot to get it right, said Chief Egunwale Amusan, president of the African Ancestral Society.

For more than two decades now, teams with the Oklahoma Archaeological Survey have been trying to piece together what happened to Black victims of the 1921 massacre in Tulsa's Greenwood District.

In October 2020, crews first located the graves of at least 12 individuals inside the mass burial site, but it wasn't until June 1, 2021 — exactly 100 years since the two-day massacre — that they returned to the site to exhume the bodies and search for additional remains.

Officially, 38 deaths have

been confirmed after a white mob murdered, looted and burned the Greenwood District over about 16 hours starting on May 31, 1921, but historians now estimate between 100 and 300 people may have been killed, with many of the Black victims quickly buried in unmarked mass graves without a coroner's report or a death certificate.

"We are investigating as homicides, but it is not a homicide investigation in the legal sense in which we will be able to contribute to charges," Stubblefield said. "There will be no charges derived from these investigations that are about one person killing another person. We don't have the actors. We don't have the weapons, and right now

actually, we don't have the decedents, but we will have the decedents, of that I am confident."

Stubblefield said that they'll only look closely at the plain casket containing males so that they can focus their energies and time on the spirit of the investigation, which is to return the Tulsa Race Massacre victims to history and hopefully to their families.

Amusan, though, said officials are relying on historical information of those who potentially participated in the massacre to determine the search parameters, "which I find absurd."

He also questioned why, if they're investigating a homicide, they wouldn't also search for women and children who might have

been victims of the massacre.

Kristi Williams, a member of the oversight committee, said archaeologists should expand their search parameters to include unmarked coffins as well.

"We have to understand it was a massacre," Williams said. "No one would have been buried with any dignity, right? We can't leave any stone unturned."

Stubblefield said moving forward like that requires disturbing graves of people who aren't the target, and with limited resources, they run the risk of not recovering the individuals who need to be recovered. Many of the people buried in the Black potter's field, including children, were clearly memorialized and loved. Many died before

and after 1921, she said.

City of Tulsa officials said that they have budgeted about \$800,600 to pay for the effort; as of Tuesday, they had spent over \$585,000 of that. A little more than \$215,000 remained.

Stubblefield urged the committee to continue supporting their excavation work even if they don't agree with the specific focus moving forward.

"We've been doing this for two or three years now, and you're still angry, and I get it," Stubblefield said. "I get that there are things you want that even finding these dead people, you won't get it from us finding them. But we need to follow up with these decedents because they've got families. They were thrown out."



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