



## Democratic Insider

May 5, 2023

### Happy Birthday, President Harry S. Truman!

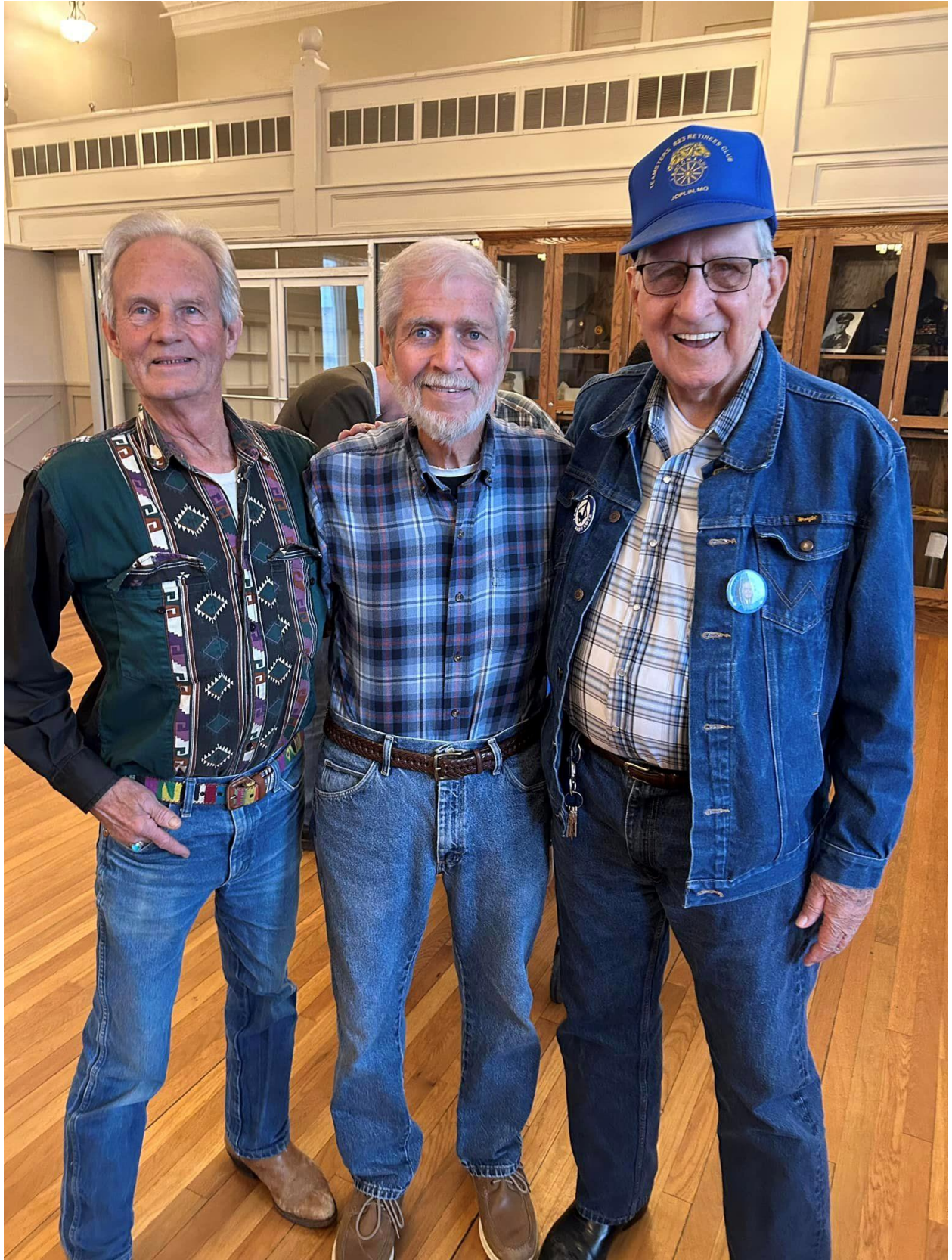
Thursday, we kicked off our weekend-long birthday celebration for Harry Truman. Our tour begins at [Truman's Birthplace](#), which is a historical site managed by the Department of Missouri State Parks. Democrats gathered to learn more about Truman's historical journey from Lamar, Missouri to Washington D.C. started. Chairman Russ Carnahan and Vice Chair Yvonne Reeves want to thank those who showed up!

Friday, we are heading to Independence to tour the [Truman Presidential Library](#)! Chairman Carnahan will welcome Congressman Emanuel Cleaver II, who will be our special guest! We will begin at the Truman Library at 4:00 p.m., and then head to Ophelia's Restarurant & Inn for an MDP Fundraiser.

Saturday, we will round out festivities heading East to Saint Louis. You will find Democrats at the Historic Train Cars & Platform at the St. Louis Union Station. You won't want to miss this event, because we will be joined by special guests Mayor Tishaura Jones and St. Louis County Executive Sam Page! We will meet up at the rail cars just before the event begins at 5:00 p.m.



























*Meet with new  
Democratic Party  
Chairman Russ  
Carnahan and Special  
Guest Congressman  
Emanuel Cleaver II*

## *Truman Birthday Celebration*

**FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023**

**\$50 Suggested Donation**

**Sponsor Levels**  
**Truman Trustee \$1,200**  
**or \$100/month for one**  
**year**  
**The Buck Stops Here**  
**\$2,500**  
**Give 'em Hell \$5,000**

### **Truman Library Tour**

500 W US Hwy 24, Independence, MO 64050  
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### **Ophelia's Restaurant and Inn & Fundraising Event**

201 N Main St., Independence, MO 64050  
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**For more Information**

Please contact MDP at  
573-777-1364 or by email  
[info@missouridemocrats.org](mailto:info@missouridemocrats.org)

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*Meet with new Democratic Party  
Chairman Russ Carnahan and Special  
Guests Mayor Tishaura Jones and Saint  
Louis County Executive Sam Page*

## Truman Birthday Celebration

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

### \$100 Event Ticket

Sponsor Levels  
Truman Trustee \$1,200  
or \$100/month for one  
year  
The Buck Stops Here  
\$2,500  
Give 'em Hell \$5,000

**The Historic Train Cars & Platform  
at the Saint Louis Union Station**  
1820 Market St., Saint Louis, MO 63103  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Event includes special ticket for the Saint Louis Wheel!

### For more Information

Please contact MDP at  
573-777-1364 or by email  
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## News





## **Missouri auditor says AG trying to falsely inflate projected cost of abortion amendment**

Attorney General Andrew Bailey contends a proposal to enshrine abortion in the constitution could cost the state billions. Auditor Scott Fitzpatrick and two state agencies say that's not true

Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey is trying to convince the state auditor's office to increase the projected cost of an initiative petition seeking to enshrine abortion rights in the constitution, according to records obtained by The Independent.

Auditor Scott Fitzpatrick has refused to make the changes Bailey demanded, arguing that the attorney general is trying to include "inaccurate information" in the fiscal summary that would appear on the ballot. While the drama over the cost of the amendment played out, the attorney general's office signed off on a ballot summary for the abortion-rights initiative petition that describes it as allowing "dangerous, unregulated and unrestricted abortions." But because of the impasse over the fiscal note, that language has not yet been made public.

Read more at: [Missouri Independent](https://www.missouriindependent.com)

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## **Missouri child care deserts include nearly half of kids 5 and under, new data shows**

An investigation by The Missouri Independent and MuckRock found that despite hundreds of millions in federal pandemic relief money pouring into the state, child care facilities are facing huge staffing shortages and parents are struggling with long waitlists for care

Almost half of all children in Missouri ages 5 and under, or about 202,000 kids, now live in child care deserts, The Missouri Independent and MuckRock found as part of a joint investigation, “Disappearing Daycare,” drawing from public records and data provided by the advocacy group Child Care Aware. Those deserts are particularly concentrated in rural communities. In some ZIP codes, there are more than 20 children for every available seat in a licensed child care facility. Living in a child care desert can leave parents feeling trapped, Marmaud said, their options severely constrained. “Once a spot becomes open for a child, you have to take it. This eliminates parent choice in child care for their children,” she said.

Read more at: [Missouri Independent](#)

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### **Missouri Republican proposes bill to enable murder charges for getting an abortion**

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Mike Moon, an Ash Grove Republican, would give fetuses the same rights as human beings, which would allow for criminal charges to be filed against anyone who gets an abortion, helps someone get an abortion or provides abortion care. The bill does not explicitly mention whether going out of state to get an abortion would be illegal. Abortions are still available at clinics close to the Missouri border in Kansas and Illinois, where the procedure remains legal.

Read more at: [The Kansas City Star](#)

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Congresswoman Cori Bush's office is excited to announce that it is now accepting submissions from MO-01 high school students for the 2023 Congressional Art Competition! Be sure to share this information, and submit your artwork.

Read more at: [Bush.House.Gov](https://bush.house.gov)

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**Thanks to Missouri's voter ID law, Kansas Citizens must pay to vote.  
I refuse to do it | Opinion**  
Kansas City Star

I moved back from Michigan in September 1975 and registered to vote in Kansas City in 1976, and later in eastern Jackson County. I have missed three elections since then. But this month, even though I am a registered voter, I was told I could not cast a ballot at my normal polling place. I presented my clearly labeled Jackson County voter identification card. I was told I needed a photo ID. So I showed a current credit card that has my picture on it. I was told no. The poll worker requested my driver's license. I said that is for driving, and I paid for it. The worker requested my passport. I said that is for leaving the country, and I paid for it. Voting is supposed to be free, and voters should simply have to be registered. I am. If picture ID is required by law, it must be provided for free — otherwise, it costs a person to vote. The Missouri Department of Revenue charges a fee for a nondriver ID card.

Read more at: [Kansas City Star](#)



### **Investigation finds MO, KS hospitals violated federal law by denying Joplin woman abortion**

A federal investigation found that two hospitals violated federal law by denying a Joplin woman an emergency abortion when her water broke at 17 weeks.

Mylyssa Farmer is a Joplin woman who was turned away from both hospitals in August 2022 after her water broke 18 weeks into her pregnancy. Farmer, who eventually traveled to Illinois to terminate her pregnancy after it was deemed "not viable," said she was unable to get help in Missouri, which about a month earlier had instituted a broad ban on abortion.

Read more at: [Springfield News Leader](#)

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It was standing room only at the Democratic Spring BBQ!

Thank you to everyone who made this event possible. Thank you to the candidates. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Together we will be the change children, families and our communities deserve!!

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## **Missouri AG faces criticism for dropping out of gambling lawsuit against highway patrol**

The companies suing the state have funded PACs that gave Attorney General Andrew Bailey thousands in campaign contributions in recent months

Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey's decision to withdraw from a lawsuit against the state highway patrol has earned a sharp rebuke from his potential 2024 rivals, with candidates from both parties demanding he return campaign donations connected to companies suing the state. Bailey cited an unspecified conflict of interest for not being able to defend the Missouri State Highway Patrol in a lawsuit filed nearly two years before he took office by companies accused of operating illegal gambling devices — Torch Electronics and Warrenton Oil. The state will now be defended by private counsel. The attorney general's decision quickly drew criticism over the fact that his campaign has received thousands in contributions in recent months from political action committees connected to the chief lobbyist for both companies.

Learn more at: [Missouri Independent](https://missouriindependent.com)

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**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April XX, 2023

Meg McCollister, Regional Administrator  
US EPA Region 7  
11202 Renner Blvd,  
Lenexa, KS 66219

Dear Regional Administrator McCollister,

We are hearing from our constituents about serious concerns with air pollution in Missouri. In 1977, the United States Congress directed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop a program to reduce the impact of haze on our treasured national parks, monuments, and wilderness areas. In 1999, the EPA adopted the Regional Haze Rule requiring states to advance plans to reduce haze-causing pollution until national air quality at protected national parks and wilderness areas is restored.

In 2020, Missouri was the second largest emitter of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides in the nation. For example, the Labadie Power Station lacks pollution controls to prevent excessive sulfur dioxide pollution. Both Associated Electric Cooperative Inc.'s Thomas Hill and New Madrid power stations have pollution controls installed but are not used. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources' State Implementation Plan does not make any meaningful attempts to reduce the pollution that causes haze, thus making it ineffective and essentially useless.

Power plant pollution harms more than visibility at parks: it impacts human health, exacerbating respiratory illnesses and shortening lifespans. Unfortunately, those most impacted are often vulnerable communities, including black, brown, and low-income families who reside downwind from energy-generating units.

It is of the utmost importance that Region 7 act swiftly to protect the health of Missourians and combat haze-causing pollution by rejecting the state of Missouri's inadequate State Implementation Plan (SIP) and replacing it with a Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) for regional haze.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for considering our request.

Respectfully,

Emanuel Cleaver, II



Cori Bush



In 2020, MO was shamefully the second-largest emitter of sulfur dioxide & nitrogen dioxide. These fumes make their way into people's lungs & threaten our health & safety.

Congressman Emanuel Cleaver II & Congresswomen Cori Bush are urging EPA Region7 to implement a Federal Implementation Plan for air pollution.

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**Since President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris took office, small businesses have created 3.1 million jobs—a near-historic level.**

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## HOUSE REPUBLICANS VOTED TO **CUT MEALS ON WHEELS**



**Kevin  
McCarthy**  
California



**Marjorie Taylor  
Greene**  
Georgia



**Lauren  
Boebert**  
Colorado



**Steve  
Scalise**  
Louisiana



**Nancy  
Mace**  
South Carolina



**George  
Santos**  
New York



**David  
Schweikert**  
Arizona



**Anthony  
D'Esposito**  
New York



**Don  
Bacon**  
Nebraska



**Brian  
Fitzpatrick**  
Pennsylvania



**Jen  
Kiggans**  
Virginia



**Thomas  
Kean**  
New Jersey



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### UPCOMING EVENTS



### **Democratic Legislative Network!**

We're excited to team up with Missouri House Democrats to build a stronger Democratic Legislative Network!

We invite you to join us on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. to hear from legislators, get #MoLeg updates, and action items for you to take to make a difference. [Sign up here](#)

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## **The St. Louis County Democrats Annual Gala**

The St. Louis County Democratic Central Committee is proud to announce our 42nd Annual Gala. This year we'll be holding it at the beautiful LiUNA Event Center, Saturday July 15, 2023.

### **Location**

LiUNA Event Center  
4532 S Lindbergh Blvd  
Sunset Hills, MO 63127

### **Sponsorships**

Be a sponsor! Sponsors will get special recognition on the Gala website and at the Gala.

For tickets, visit: [St. Louis County Democrats](https://www.stlouiscountydemocrats.org/gala)

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36TH ANNUAL

# TRUMAN GALA

WWW.TRUMANGALA.COM

**It's that time of year again  
tickets for the 36th Annual Truman Gala on June 10th, 2023 are on sale now!**

If you want to be in attendance for the biggest annual Democratic fundraiser in Missouri, make sure to purchase one of our ticket options! In the coming weeks, we will be announcing speakers and award winners for this year's event, so stay tuned for more information.

**If you are a candidate or organization that would like to purchase an advertisement in this year's program, you can also do that at the link below.**

[Purchase Tickets](#)

[Purchase a Program Book](#)



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# Demis at the Derby

## Spring Convention & Reception



Join fellow Democrats for  
an evening of good food,  
great music, and lots of  
Derby themed fun!

Then plan to stay for the  
8<sup>th</sup> District Democratic Women  
Annual Meeting.

**May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
At the Holiday Inn Poplar Bluff

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