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Kansas City Chiefs players sign autographs after practice for fans Friday morning at the Mosaic Fields on the campus of Missouri Western.



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POLICING SCHOOLS

Law enforcement says school resource officers provide peace of mind

By MATT HOFFMANN | News-Press NOW

A government task force out of Jefferson City is calling for school districts to put a police officer in each school, if they can afford it.

The Buchanan County Sheriff's Department and the St. Joseph Police Department both employ school resource officers, depending on the jurisdiction.

Sheriff's deputy Brandon Cabrera said the job of an in-school officer is often misunderstood.

"As far as SRO's, we don't deal with discipline," Cabrera said. "The school districts have their own rules and policies that they administer if they see fit."

Cabrera added that his main job is to provide peace of mind for kids and their parents.

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Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputy Brandon Cabrera is a school resource officer at an elementary school. A Missouri states government task force is recommending every school utilize an SRO.

Chiefs' fan fanatics

Couple show love of Chiefs QB Mahomes with tattoos

By RYAN HENNESSY News-Press NOW

If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, then showing a tattoo of Patrick Mahomes II that takes up the better part of your back to the MVP is guaranteed to make him blush, right?

Mahomes had a record-breaking season last year, and for engaged couple Emilio Sandoval and Chelsea Taylor, that was reason enough to get tattoos of their favorite quarterback.

"He's honestly who Kansas City's been waiting for," Sandoval said. "He's who Kansas City's deserved and needed for a long time."

Taylor features a tattoo of the QB on her calf with a crowd behind him — seemingly Chiefs fans and flashes from cameras. The work took four hours to complete and received first place at a tattoo convention.

Sandoval's back tattoo is still a work in progress, with him only being under the needle for six hours so far. He estimates there will be another 30 hours before it's done, and he hopes that happens before the team's home opener.

The inspiration for the tattoo may be as unique as the tattoo itself.

"This year Jeremy and me were going back and forth for a couple months on how we're going to beat the 'Champ Stamp,'" Sandoval said.

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Emilio Sandoval shows off an image of his Patrick Mahomes II tattoo, which takes up a large portion of his back. He said the tattoo will be completed later this year.



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Diehard Chiefs fans Emilio Sandoval, left, and Chelsea Taylor both have Patrick Mahomes tattoos and are seeking their favorite player's autograph to go along with them. The couple attended the Chiefs training camp Friday on the campus of Missouri Western.

11th annual 'Stuff the Bus' event draws more than 300 volunteers

By BAILEY KETCHAM News-Press NOW

The United Way hosted its 11th Stuff the Bus fundraiser at the St. Joseph Walmart on the North and South Belt highways.

The fundraiser collects school supplies for kids who wouldn't otherwise have them.

The event was from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday and will continue today at the same time at both Walmart locations.

United Way partners with Mosaic, Walmart and local businesses to bring in thousands of supplies.

Once the supplies are collected, they are taken to the Salvation Army for a backpack giveaway. Volunteers pack the supplies in backpacks for the event on Aug. 8.



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The United Way hosts the 11th Stuff the Bus fundraiser at Walmart. The event is used to collect school supplies for kids in need.

Kids from first grade through high school can participate in the giveaway.

United Way Program Director Jay Martin said over 300 volunteers help with the entire process.

"A lot of the area businesses

chip in and send out workers to help," Martin said. "I think every high school this year is going to send out a team to help as well."

United Way also is accepting

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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL DISTRICT

District to institute online payment platform for 2019

By DANIEL COBB News-Press NOW

The St. Joseph School District will be instituting a new online payment platform for the upcoming school year.

School Cash is a website that was used by the SJSD about five years ago without the online payment component, meant to help more effectively manage various funds. Now, with that function having been purchased and instituted midway through last month, students and parents can pay for field

trips, athletic fees, yearbooks and even spirit wear online.

"So any kind of fee that is charged to students, they now have the option to do it online," Gabe Edgar, the SJSD assistant superintendent of business and operations, said. "Before, they would just write a check or pay cash, so that online option is definitely a benefit to the parents and students as well."

An increase from around \$23,500 a year to \$30,000 allows for this online-payment

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For the latest on restaurants

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Lingering morning showers and sprinkles then clearing off and becoming mostly sunny for the rest of the day for Chiefs camp goers. Light wind from the east. Details on Page A2

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