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All,

Season Greetings! We hope you are enjoying the holiday with your family and friends, and encourage you to take this time to reflect on what you are thankful for.

On December 3, MDP will host the Biennial State Committee Meeting where we will elect our new Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. We encourage you to learn more at <https://www.missouridemocrats.org/>.

"I'd like to take this time to say Thank You to our 2022 State Officers: Michael Butler (Chair), Genevieve Williams (Vice-Chair), Glenda Bainbridge (Treasurer), Manny Abarca (Secretary), Barbara Washington (General Counsel), Jim Kabell (Finance Chair) and LaKeySha Bosley (Parliamentarian)," said Randy Dunn, MDP Executive Director.





"Missouri judge rules AG's office
under Josh Hawley 'knowingly' violated transparency laws"

Earlier this month, Cole County Judge Jon Beetem determined "Josh Hawley's staff illegally refused to turn over public records out of concern it could have hurt his 2018 Senate campaign," according to the Missouri Independent. The article says Hawley used private email accounts to "knowingly and purposefully" subvert the state's open records law.

Hawley is up for re-election in 2024, and now is the time to start connecting with voters. From January 6, to violating the Sunshine Law, Hawley has shown time-and-time again he's concerned with his political future, and not the lives of hardworking Missourians.

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Read article here: [Missouri Independent](#)



GOP-led states press Supreme Court to keep Biden student debt forgiveness on hold

As Republicans continue to fight against student loan forgiveness for millions of Americans, President Biden announced Tuesday that his administration is extending the pause until 60 days after the pending litigation over the forgiveness program is resolved. If the program has not been implemented and the litigation has not been resolved by June 30, payments will resume 60 days after that.

Republicans claim that in rolling out the program, Department of Education Secretary Miguel Cardona went beyond the authority he has under law to cancel individual debts. They also argue that the department violated administrative law in how it launched the policy.

Read article on [CNN](#)

Andrew Bailey, General Counsel to Missouri Governor named new Attorney general

On Tuesday, Governor Parson appointed Andrew Bailey as Attorney General. Following the appointment, Bailey released a statement saying he's, "battle tested for this position." Bailey has already dodged important questions about Schmitt's recent court challenges and whether he would continue to introduce his own. He did, however, tout a low record of abortions and his refusal to mandate vaccinations across the state.

According to the Springfield News-Leader, House Minority Leader Crystal Quade of Springfield called on Bailey to dismiss Schmitt's "frivolous lawsuits that haven't already been laughed out of court." Quade went on to say, "This is an essential step to restoring the integrity of the office and demonstrating that, for the first time in years, Missouri has an attorney general who will put the legal interests of all Missourians ahead of the political ambitions of one."

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