News Updates

MU study: Wildfires will become more frequent due to rising temperatures, but changes will be far from uniform*
Hannibal Courier Post – April 5, 2018
Researchers at the University of Missouri have found that while wildfires in the U.S. will become more frequent overall in the future, changes will not be straightforward and uniform, as it is likely some regions will see decreases in wildfires.

Record-cold temperatures forecast to hit Columbia this weekend
Columbia Missourian - April 5, 2018
“Certainly, it will damage any of our flowering trees that are in full bloom,” University of Missouri professor of horticulture Michele Warmund said. “And around 22 degrees is when we start seeing severe damage on flowering plants.”

Wrongful death suit filed after MU student’s death
Columbia Missourian - April 5, 2018
The parents of former University of Missouri student Alexander Johnston, who died in April 2015, have filed a wrongful death suit against Luke Besser, who they claim ignored the signs of their son's death.

Senate approves bill to address ethics conflict
Southeast Missourian – April 6, 2018
The complaint against Greitens was filed in mid-March. University of Missouri political science professor Peverill Squire said a smaller commission could run the risk of allowing one or two strong personalities to dominate. But, he added: "It might be a reasonable response to a highly unusual set of circumstances."

Similar stories appeared in Associated Press media outlets

The Report that Trump Is Not a Target of the Mueller Probe Is Actually Terrible News for the President
Slate Magazine – April 5, 2018
As University of Missouri School of Law professor Frank Bowman notes, that is not all that the DOJ guidelines say about the definition of a “target.”

In US-China trade spat, soybeans symbolize two economies intertwined
The Christian Science Monitor - April 5, 2018
“The Chinese market is so large that even if Brazil and Argentina dedicated almost their entire export soybeans to China, it would not be sufficient to fill the Chinese market,” says Patrick Westhoff, director of the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute at the University of Missouri.

Trade fight with China could hurt Missouri farmers. The upside: cheaper bacon.
Springfield News-Leader - April 5, 2018
Missouri is one of the top pork-producing states in the country, according to research compiled by the University of Missouri Extension. It was ranked sixth in the U.S. in 2016, with exports worth about $277.8 million.

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Charge filed in Ellis Library bathroom photo case
Columbia Daily Tribune - April 5, 2018
Boone County prosecutors filed a felony invasion of privacy charge Wednesday against a man accused of taking photos in an Ellis Library bathroom and having child pornography.

University of Missouri System

Missouri Senate to vote on restoring higher education funding
The Maneater - April 5, 2018
The Missouri House passed amendments to House Bill 2003 on March 29, which would move $30 million put into the ACCESS Missouri grant fund over to core funding for higher education, restoring about $14 million to the University of Missouri System.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

UMKC Night at Sporting Kansas City*
UMKC Today - April 4, 2018
More than 19,500 Sporting Kansas City fans braved the bitter cold and wind for UMKC Night and were rewarded with seeing Sporting KC return to the Western Conference summit with a 1-0 victory over D.C. United.

Northland Ethnic Festival & Other Weekend Possibilities
FlatlandKC – April 5, 2018
Discover what’s happening in rural America at Indie Lens Pop-Up | Look & See: Wendell Berry’s Kentucky. KCPT, alongside the Kansas City Public Library and UMKC, presents a screening of a documentary starring Berry at the library’s Plaza branch (4801 Main St.) from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Think college students are privileged? Nearly a third are hungry and homeless*
The Kansas City Star – April 5, 2018
On Wednesday afternoon just after the noon lunch hour, the UMKC Kangaroo Pantry opened its doors to a short line of students needing food. Related headlines: Wopular

Fifty Years Later, Kansas Citians Remember The Fury And Fear Following Assassination Of MLK Jr.
KCUR – April 4, 2018
KCUR 89.3 and UMKC’s Miller Nichols Library are holding an event April 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Pierson Hall on UMKC campus looking back at what happened in Kansas City, Missouri following the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

KSHB-TV looks back at deadly Kansas City race riots
KSHB – April 4, 2018
The special report includes dramatic video from the disturbance, including a number of historic images from the LaBudde Special Collections at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and the Missouri State Archives.
Events throughout the metro honor Martin Luther King Jr. on anniversary of assassination
Fox4 – April 4, 2018
One of the events was a panel discussion titled “Reaction or Riot? Understanding 1968 in Kansas City,” held at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Digital Sandbox KC funds 4 Missouri startups
Thinking Bigger Business Media – April 4, 2018
Digital Sandbox KC, a subdivision of the University of Missouri-Kansas City Innovation Center, offers startup companies funding for early-stage commercialization, resources in technology and access to business and marketing experts.

UMKC accepts PHS’ Workman into its medical school
Parsons Sun – April 2, 2018
Parsons High School senior Corrine Workman has been accepted to the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) School of Medicine.

“Bringing characters to life” | A closer look at UMKC’s costume design program
University News – April 4, 2018
UMKC’s costume design program was recently chosen by The Hollywood Reporter as one of the best programs in the country because of their small class sizes.

Exploring African Culture in Black Panther
University News – April 4, 2018
UMKC’s African Student Association (ASA) recently held an event that only added to the enlightenment of the black race

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Missouri S&T workshop to help businesses create an online presence*
Phelpscountyfocus.com - April 5
To celebrate National Small Business Week, April 29-May 5, the Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC) at Missouri University of Science and Technology is teaming up with Google to help small businesses get online and in front of customers.

Splitting the Honors
Modern Casting - April 5
The winner of the annual AFS/FEF Student Technology Digital Poster Contest was announced Wednesday. Actually, the winners. Trevor Constance (Missouri University of Science and Technology) and David Sanchez (Tech Saltillo) took home first place. They were honored Wednesday.

S&T’s Human Powered Vehicle Team ready to compete*
Phelpscountyfocus.com - April 5
A team of students from Missouri University of Science and Technology will travel to Pennsylvania this month to race its aerodynamically constructed bicycle as part of the Human Powered Vehicle Challenge (HPVC) East Competition.

Free Childcare Fair at The Centre on April 14
Phelpscountyfocus.com - April 5
The public health engineering course at Missouri University of Science and Technology and Missouri State University, in partnership and collaboration with University of Missouri Extension Council and others, is offering a free Childcare Fair in Rolla April 14.
University of Missouri-St. Louis

Sappington House Tours
Webster Kirkwood Times - April 6, 2018
Cakouros said the newly created and directed tours are based on research collected by Dana Roberts, the museum’s University of Missouri-St. Louis history/cultural heritage graduate assistant. She’s been working with the museum’s representatives since September, and the tours are the culmination of her nine-month assignment.

New York City police shoot and kill unarmed black man, mistaking a silver pipe for a gun
Vox.com - April 5, 2018
Constitutionally, “police officers are allowed to shoot under two circumstances,” David Klinger, a University of Missouri St. Louis professor who studies use of force, previously told Dara Lind for Vox. The first circumstance is “to protect their life or the life of another innocent party” — what departments call the “defense of life” standard. The second circumstance is to prevent a suspect from escaping, but only if the officer has probable cause to think the suspect poses a dangerous threat to others.

Bi-State Development Agency names new CFO
St. Louis Business Journal - April 5, 2018
Vago joined Bi-State in 2008 and has served as controller since 2012. Prior to time at the agency, Vago was controller for Missouri Goodwill Industries, corporate account manager for United Industries and financial manager for Laclede Steel Co. He holds a master's in business administration from Washington University and a bachelor's in business with an emphasis in accounting from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

The Chronicle of Higher Education
Here’s What We Know About Private-College Police Departments
Chronicle of Higher Education - April 5, 2018
That incident spawned the Black Lives Matter movement, which resonated on campuses nationwide, including the University of Missouri at Columbia.