News Updates

Trump revokes Obama guidance on race in school admissions
Columbia Missourian – July 3, 2018
Liz McCune, associate director of the MU News Bureau, said she doesn’t believe the new guidelines will impact MU because the university does not consider race in the admissions process. Similar stories also ran on KOMU and KRCG.

Former UT Vols track star Carjay Lyles sues Missouri coach Brett Halter for discrimination
The Tennessean - July 5, 2018
Former Tennessee track All-American Carjay Lyles is suing University of Missouri track coach Brett Halter, his former boss, on grounds of racial discrimination.

Bottle rocket sparks fire at University of Missouri owned field
ABC 17 News - July 4, 2018
Officials said a bottle rocket started a fire at the University of Missouri owned field late Wednesday afternoon. Fire crews responded to the field at the corner of E. New Haven and S. Warren just after 6:30 p.m.

A Lone Wolf Left Chernobyl’s Radioactive Exclusion Zone—Will Others Follow?*
VICE - July 3, 2018
There’s no evidence—yet—of the wolves spreading any genetic mutation they may have because they were born and raised in the irradiated zone, University of Missouri study author Michael Byrne told Live Science.

Nuclear disaster site turning into breeding ground for wild wolves*
WCVB (ABC TV affiliate in Boston) - July 3, 2018
According to study author Michael Byrne, a wildlife ecologist at the University of Missouri at Columbia, gray wolf population density around Chernobyl is up to seven times higher than in surrounding reserves. And now, some wolves have started to venture outside the disaster zone. This story also ran in at least eight other ABC affiliates across the country.

Doctors explain how to take the fear out of fireworks*
KRCG News - July 4, 2018
Fireworks can be frightening for little kids. Dr. Pauline Bridgeman of MU Health said there are ways to prepare your children for the big booms.
City invites public’s thoughts on cross country course
Columbia Missourian – July 4, 2018
Construction of the course will come from the city’s parks sales tax. It's possible the city will develop the course in cooperation with MU.

Add These Five Healthy Foods to Your Summer Shopping List
Columbia Daily Tribune – July 4, 2018
“Summer is such a great season for healthy eating in Mid-Missouri because fresh produce is everywhere,” said Laurie Sax, a registered dietician with MU Health Care.

Ancient Human Ancestors Had to Deal with Climbing Toddlers
LiveScience - July 4, 2018
"They still weren't great climbers," explained Carol Ward, an anatomist and paleoanthropologist at the University of Missouri who was not involved in this study, but is analyzing Selam's spine and ribs.

Photo Gallery: Unusual weather conditions threaten yield of soybean crop in Missouri
Columbia Missourian – July 3, 2018
Farmers at Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council have witnessed both weather extremes as MU students working on research projects help to improve the profitability of Missouri soybeans.

University of Missouri System

Report: Emails link ex-Missouri governor, dark-money group
KOMU - July 5, 2018
Before the email exchange, Jeanne Sinquefield had met with Greitens and his staff about issues related to appointments for the University of Missouri’s Board of Curators. In an email, she asked Gibbons to arrange a meeting about contributing to the soon-to-be-formed dark-money nonprofit.
This AP story also ran on KRCG, the Kansas City Star and other media outlets.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Edwardsville Softball Player of the Year
Godfrey (Ill.) Advantage - July 5, 2018
(Anna) Burke plans to play softball at Missouri S&T — an NCAA Division II school in Rolla — next year. ... "I met the coach and I really liked her and I liked the aspect of the team and I thought maybe I should start playing softball. I got the scholarship from her and got into the school. I’m just really excited to go play."

Missouri S&T receives largest gift in its history with in-kind contribution of seismic data*
Phelps County Focus - July 3, 2018
Missouri University of Science and Technology has received the largest gift in its history: an in-kind donation of proprietary seismic data valued at $6.5 million from Calico Jack Holdings LLC and Zion Energy LLC, both Houston-based oil and gas exploration companies.

University of Missouri-St. Louis
Alton RISING initiative created to support startups, small businesses
The Telegraph - July 3, 2018
Miller, who in addition to leading local economic and community development efforts, serves as assistant teaching professor and director of interdisciplinary entrepreneurship at the University of Missouri, St. Louis, is referencing research done by the Kauffman Foundation in Kansas City. According to Kauffman and other research institutions, companies less than one year old have created an average of 1.5 million jobs per year over the past three decades whereas older and larger firms shed more jobs than they created.

North Hanley MetroLink service resumes after suspicious package found
KMOV - July 3, 2018
During the suspicious package investigation, passengers were bused from the airport stop to the UMSL stop at the east, which allowed them to avoid the North Hanley stop.

The Chronicle of Higher Education
The Trump Administration Just Rescinded Obama-Era Guidance on Race-Conscious Admissions Policies. So What?
The Chronicle of Higher Education – July 3, 2018
Maybe the ground shook a little, but the legal pillars supporting affirmative action didn’t sway. The Trump administration on Tuesday rescinded Obama-era guidance on race-conscious admissions policies. Some education wonks and legal experts said the move was inevitable — and hardly shocking.

How Much Is Tuition? At the U. of Illinois, Like Many Research Universities, It’s Complicated
The Chronicle of Higher Education – July 3, 2018
Ask nine students at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign what attending their college costs, and you might get just as many different answers.

*Story generated by efforts of the university’s PR team.*