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Miners Hall recreates 100-year-old event



Miss Elyse Childers, representing the Commercial Highway, cracks a bottle of milk across the "Thanks For Visiting Franklin" sign as part of a rechristening ceremony Thursday along the Jefferson Highway. DUSTIN R. STRONG / THE MORNING SUN

By Dustin R. Strong
Morning Sun Staff

FRANKLIN, Kan. — On Jan. 15, 1923, residents from across Crawford County gathered to celebrate the joining of three new highways near Franklin; the Jefferson Highway, which ran from New Orleans to Winnipeg, Canada; the Ozark Trail, which links St. Louis to Santa Fe; and the Commercial Highway that runs concurrent with Jefferson, but connects Pittsburg to the coal fields in northeast Crawford County.

Construction of these highways was no easy feat. Federal and state funds were not available. In 1923, it cost \$1,500 per mile of road (compared to \$1 million today) that had to be paid for in taxes. Under Kansas state law at the time, the cost was shared by townships, which were responsible

for one quarter of the cost, and landowners along the route who had to make up the balance.

Several delays prolonged construction, which is normal for such projects, but the joining of the Commercial Highway to the Jefferson was delayed because of "foreigners [recent immigrant coal miners] living in the area who failed to file property deeds with county officials," as reported by the Pittsburg Daily Headlight.

Construction was completed on this section by 1923. According to the Headlight, "under smiling skies, 30 motor carloads of good roads boosters this morning took a spin over the south end of the Broadway road and the day's celebration of the completion of more than 30 miles of hard surface roads was underway." Complete with bands and speeches, the celebrations lasted all day, culminating

in an official christening that afternoon.

The Pittsburg Daily Headlight reported that "Miss Katherine Taylor, daughter of J. Luther Taylor, will break a bottle of grape juice in dedication of the Jefferson Highway, while Miss Dorothy Shafer, daughter of A. H. Shafer, will break a bottle of water from the Ozark Trail and Miss Helen French, daughter of M. O. French, will break a bottle of milk for the Commercial Highway."

The christening was followed by a banquet at the Stilwell Hotel in Pittsburg.

On Thursday, members of the Jefferson Highway Association relived that day's events. Loaded onto a school bus, JHA members traveled from Pittsburg to the intersection of US-69 and K-47 south of Franklin to recreate the christening and then to

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Girard Public Library sees increased demand for 'Grab and Go' meals

By Antjea Wolff
Morning Sun Staff

PITTSBURG, Kan. — Every summer since 2016, the Girard Public Library has provided a Summer Meal Program for the youth in the community. On Wednesday, their first day for the program, the staff handed out 100 meal boxes between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., which was double the amount they handed out on the first day last year.

In the beginning, Girard Public Library would provide a single meal a day to kids Monday through Friday throughout the summer. Library Director Barb Dailey said the children could get their meals, eat in the library, and participate in activities the library had available. Dailey said they even had fresh fruits and vegetables for the chil-

dren. This Summer Meal Program was provided by the library and the Kansas Food Bank.

However, when the COVID-19 pandemic began, the Kansas Food Bank changed to a "Grab & Go" program, which allowed the children to pick up one box that contained 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 10 milks and 5 juices on one specified day of the week. All of the food provided is shelf stable.

Dailey said giving out 100 meal boxes on the first day was a big increase compared to previous years. She speculated based on past years that they will be giving out even more in the following weeks.

Dailey said she hopes the Kansas Food Bank decides to let the library return next year to the original program that allowed it to provide fresh

fruit and vegetables for the children, but she is still grateful the library can have the "Grab & Go" program.

"I think it's a nice thing to help families out," Dailey said. "I think it's a good opportunity for the library to help out our community."

The Summer Meal "Grab & Go" Program is available for teens and youth ages 18 and under. The meal boxes can be picked up from the library from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday from June 1 through July 27. Children must be present. If children cannot be present, parents can bring their child or children at a different time and fill out a form to receive a waiver. Parents would then be able to come in and present the waiver on Wednesdays to receive the meal boxes.

Kansas Lions Convention



Pittsburg Lions Club President Lori Horton speaks at an event Thursday evening at Memorial Auditorium to kick off the 100th Annual Kansas State Lions Convention. The convention continues through Saturday in Pittsburg, where the local Pittsburg Lions Club is also celebrating its centennial anniversary Friday. ANTJEA WOLFF / THE MORNING SUN

Oceans of Possibilities

Pittsburg Public Library readies to decorate a beloved friend

By Antjea Wolff
Morning Sun Staff

PITTSBURG, Kan. — After a 12-year hiatus, Cyrus peaked his head out for the children at the Pittsburg Public Library and encouraged them to decorate some new scales for him at a pop-up program on Thursday.

Cyrus is sea serpent that was made out of wood by the library staff in 2010 for the "Make A Splash, Read!" summer program, which, like this



Lucas Klusener, left, and Joshua Klusener work on decorating CDs that will be used as scales for the sea serpent Cyrus at the Pittsburg Public Library pop-up craft event on Thursday. Cyrus pictured in background. ANTJEA WOLFF / THE MORNING SUN

year's program, had a water theme. Cyrus was created to look like the serpent from the book

"Cyrus the Unsinkable Sea Serpent" by Bill Peet. "Our summer reading theme is Oceans of

Possibilities so it seemed appropriate to get our

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Crawford County primary election field set

By Aaron Pyle
Morning Sun Staff

CRAWFORD COUNTY, Kan. — The field is set for the 2022 Crawford County Primary Election on Tuesday, Aug. 2.

The candidate filing deadline was Wednesday, June 1, for the primary election. The general election deadline is scheduled for noon Monday, Aug. 1.

A county primary election will take place for two county commissioner positions, first and third district, with a total of four candidates filing.

In District 1, Republican Lee Pool will face incumbent Republican Crawford County Commissioner Bruce Blair. Additionally, Republican and former commissioner Carl Wood is challenging incumbent Democrat Jeremy Johnson in District 3.

Several township offices and precinct committee-

man and committeewoman positions are also on the November ballot.

In the August Primary, Democrat Roz Mosier filed for Sherman Township Clerk, Democrat Terri Lloyd filed for Sheridan Township Clerk, Democrat Mark Strasser filed for Grant Township Clerk, Democrat Justin Shaffer filed for Osage Township Clerk, Democrat Linda Morris filed for Lincoln Township Clerk, Republican Amy Vogel filed for Baker Township Clerk and Republican Rob Lessen filed for Washington Township Clerk.

Democrat committeemen and committeewomen candidates running in Pittsburg include Larry Downing, Ruth Miller, Mary Lou Murray, Jeremy Johnson, Megan Stoneberger Johnson, Mark L. Peterson, Amber

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Obituaries

Betty R. Grant

Betty R. Grant, 89 of Frontenac, Kansas, died Wednesday June 1, 2022 at the Via Christi Hospital in Pittsburg, Kansas.

She was born Feb. 11, 1933 in Capaldo, Kansas the daughter of Ugo and Elizabeth (Ortaldo) Pacconi.

On Aug. 13, 1960 she was united in marriage to James Grant at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Frontenac; he preceded her in death on Feb. 8, 1991.

Betty graduated from Kansas State Teachers College with a bachelor's degree in education. She taught school at West Mineral and Southeast.

She was a longtime member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church where she served on the Altar Society for many years. She was a longtime supporter and leader in the local 4H Club.

Betty had a love for working in her flower garden, baseball (especially the St. Louis Cardinals) and teaching people how to cook.

Survivors include a daughter: Mary (Mike) Compton of Springfield, Missouri; two sons: John (Debbie) Grant of Spurger, Texas and Ed Grant of Franklin, Kansas, along with 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a great-grandson Tanner.

Mass of Christian burial will be 10 a.m. Monday, June 6, 2022 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Fr. Josh Evans as celebrant. Parish rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Sunday evening at the Friskel Funeral Home where the family will receive friends following the rosary until 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to Angels Among Us and/or Sacred Heart Catholic Church, these may be left at or mailed to the Funeral Home. Condolences can be left at www.friskelfuneralhome.com. Services and arrangements are under the direction of the Friskel Funeral Home 230 E. McKay, Frontenac, KS.



Walter Fred Fredericksen Jr.

Walt was born July 19, 1925, on the Sadie Beck farm near Odense, Kansas, to Walter and Marguerite (Woodruff) Fredericksen. He attended Savonburg grade school and graduated from Neodesha High School in 1943.

Walt served in the U.S. Army Infantry in the ETO from 1943-1946, fought at the Battle of Metz, the Battle of the Bulge, participated in the liberation of a concentration camp, and was awarded the Bronze Star and France's Knight of the Legion of Honor medal. Walt was always proud to say he was a member of the famous 95th Infantry "Victory" Division, known as the "Iron Men of Metz."

After the war, Walt studied geology at K-State from 1946-1951 and later completed classes at KU to become a Licensed Professional Engineer in Geological Engineering. Walt worked until retirement for the Kansas Highway Commission in northeast and southeast Kansas from 1951-1986.

Walt was married for 66 years to Juanita Murken of Neodesha, Kansas. The couple lived on a farm near Thayer, Kansas, before moving to Fort Scott in 2002. Walt especially enjoyed fishing, attending his grandkids' activities, rockhounding trips, and cheering for his K-State Wildcats. Walt was a lifetime member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Walt was predeceased by his wife, Juanita, their son Larry Eugene, his two sisters Delores Catlett and Patty Fernandez, and his nephews, Jim Catlett and Russell Fernandez. Walt is survived by two daughters, Sue Fredericksen, Fort Scott, Kansas, and Linda Fredericksen (Brian Caldwell), Sanibel, Florida, and grandchildren Alexander (Neal Nurnberg), Marguerite (Justin Whittaker), and Hannah (Kurtis West) Fredericksen, sister-in-law Ruth Hackworth, and his nephews Tom and Don Catlett, and Lloyd Fernandez, Jr.

No services are planned. The family requests donations to Sami's Legacy, supporting the youth activities he so loved, c/o Konantz Cheney Funeral Home, 15 West Wall Street, Fort Scott, KS 66701 Phone: (620) 223-1212. Condolences may be submitted to the online guestbook at konantz-cheney.com.



CLUB NOTES

Saturday, June 4

Sunflower Kiwanis

Don't throw away those aluminum cans! Bring them to Dillon's parking lot on Saturday, where Sunflower Kiwanis members will be collecting from 8 a.m. to noon. Cans are collected the first Saturday of each month.

Monday, June 6

TOPS #0599 Pittsburg

TOPS KS 0599 Pittsburg, Kansas meets Monday evenings for confidential weigh-ins and an informational meeting at the Homer Cole Center at 3003 N. Joplin, Pittsburg, KS. Weigh-ins begin at about 5:15 p.m. and the meeting starts at 6:05 p.m. For more details about TOPS #0599, contact Wanda Porter at 620-231-9091.

Co-Dependents Anonymous

As COVID-19 and social distancing has curtailed CoDa meetings, there is now a weekly audio only conference call meeting at noon on Mondays. For more information call 620-704-1309 or email jtknoll@swbell.net.

Community Grief Support Group

Meeting the first Monday of each month at Root Coffee House, 402 N Broadway, Pittsburg, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 7

Pittsburg Noon Rotary

Pittsburg Noon Rotary meets at noon on Tuesdays at Via Christi Hospital. To allow more time for networking, the group has added a monthly "Social Hour" on the first Tuesday of every month throughout the community. Ask a Rotarian for the next social hour location or visit the group's Facebook page, Pittsburg Noon Rotary Club.

Pittsburg Duplicate Bridge Club

The Pittsburg Duplicate Bridge Club meets on Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. at the Homer Cole Community Center. Fully vaccinated bridge players are welcome to come play with their partners. Masks are mandated at this time, but this policy will be reviewed when possible.

Wednesday, June 8

Blanket Brigade

Join the Blanket Brigade in making quilts for those in need. The Brigade meets every Wednesday, except the first Wednesday of the month, at Zion Lutheran Church, 102 W. Jackson, Pittsburg, from 9 a.m. to noon. No experience necessary.

SEK Interlocal #637

Southeast Kansas Interlocal #637 will hold its regular board meeting at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the SEK Interlocal #637, 400 N. Pine, Pittsburg. If you would like to attend virtually, please email Kathy Davidson at kathy@sekconnection.com.

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SEK Hunger Action Summit planned in Iola

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IOLA, Kan. — Southeast Kansas experiences the highest regional rate of food insecurity in the state, with one in four people in the region experiencing food insecurity. On Monday, June 6, the Southeast Kansas Hunger Action Summit in Iola will bring together community members and various organizations to collaborate, share and work to end hunger.

"Here in Southeast Kansas and across the state, each of us are experts in our own experiences," Kansas Appleseed Thriving Advocate Paige Olson said in a press release. "The Hunger Action Summit is an opportunity to speak to these experiences, name barriers to accessing affordable food, learn from each other and identify solutions."

The Southeast Kansas

Hunger Action Summit is hosted by the Kansas Appleseed Center for Law and Justice and will feature Kansans and organizational partners from across Southeast Kansas dedicated to fighting hunger. The event is planned for 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, June 6, at the Bowlus Fine Arts Center, Dale P. Creitz Recital Hall, 205 E Madison Ave, Iola.

The Kansas Appleseed Center for Law and Justice "is a statewide organization that believes Kansans, working together, can build a state full of thriving, inclusive, and just communities," according to the release. "Kansas Appleseed conducts policy research and analysis and works with communities and partners to understand the root causes of problems and advocate for comprehensive solutions."

To find out more, visit www.kansasappleseed.org.

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Olathe man indicted for airport runway police chase

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — An Olathe, Kansas, man who allegedly led police officers on a high-speed chase down a runway at the downtown airport has been indicted by a federal grand jury for disrupting airport operations as well as illegally possessing a firearm and methamphetamine.

Efren Torres-Rodriguez, 34, was charged in a four-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City, Missouri on May 18. He was arrested Wednesday.

Kansas City, Missouri, police officers were notified of a suspicious car, a Dodge Charger, parked near a gate at the Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport on Feb. 1, 2022. When officers arrived,

they allegedly found Torres-Rodriguez passed out in the driver's seat of the running car. Officers turned off the car and opened the door, which woke up Torres-Rodriguez.

Officers ordered Torres-Rodriguez out of the car, but he allegedly refused. Instead, Torres-Rodriguez allegedly started the vehicle and drove away, crashing through the gate to the airfield. Torres-Rodriguez allegedly drove at speeds up to 100 miles per hour down the airport runway, with officers in pursuit, and drove on a tarmac on the west side of the airfield. When he attempted to cross over the airstrip into a grassy area, his vehicle became inoperable. Officers removed Torres-Rodriguez from the vehicle and placed him under arrest.

Officers allegedly found a clear plastic bag in his pants pocket that contained methamphetamine.

When officers searched Torres-Rodriguez's vehicle, they found a Glock .40-caliber semi-automatic handgun with an extended magazine, which were both empty of ammunition, under the driver's seat. They also allegedly found several rounds of ammunition and drug paraphernalia.

Under federal law, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. Torres-Rodriguez has prior felony convictions for possession of a firearm with a prior violent offense, for being a felon in possession of a firearm, and for robbery.

The federal indictment charges Torres-Rodriguez

with one count of damaging and interfering with an air navigation facility, one count of damaging and disrupting an international airport, one count of being a felon and drug user in possession of a firearm, and one count of possessing methamphetamine.

The charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Missouri noted in a press release. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Trey Alford. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department and the FBI.

AREA EVENTS

Friday and Saturday, June 3 and 4

Lions Club State Convention

The Lions Club State Convention will be happening at Memorial Auditorium in Pittsburg on Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4. Visit kansaslions.org/conventions-information or facebook.com/PittsburgLionsClub/ for more information.

Friday, June 3

Friday Music on the Lake

Friday Music on the Lake returns to Crawford State Park at the Lake View Café patio on the northwest end of Crawford Lake ("Farlington Lake") and is hosted by Friends of Crawford State Park. Musicians play for tips only so please tip generously. Music begins at 6 p.m. and ends at 8 p.m. Some seating is available but bringing your own lawn chair is recommended. Food and drink are available in the café. Please practice physical distancing as much as possible for safety to all. This Friday BJ Pruitt will be performing.

Saturday, June 4

Pittsburg Area Farmers' Market

Vendors offer seasonal fruits and vegetables, meats, baked goods, and more. Local artisans sell handmade crafts. The farmers' market accepts EBT/Vision/SNAP cards. Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon April 16 to Oct. 30 at the Farmers' Market Pavilion, 119 E. 11th St., Pittsburg.

Parade of Cars and Jefferson Highway Activities

The Rolling Nostalgia Car club and Jefferson Highway Annual Conference will be hosting a parade of cars starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 4, starting at the Meadowbrook Mall 202 E. Centennial. This parade will travel through downtown Pittsburg, Lincoln, and the Franklin and Arma areas. More activities involved with the Jefferson Highway will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Crawford County Historical Museum.

Children's Book Fair at YMCA

United Way of Southwest Missouri and Southeast Kansas is partnering with the Pittsburg YMCA and Craw-Kan to support childhood literacy and encourage summer reading by providing free books for children during the Read, White & Blue Children's Book Fair from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 4 at the Pittsburg Family YMCA. The book fair is open to children from pre-k to third grade as well as parents, grandparents, and caregivers. During the event, children will be able to select free books to take home and keep. The book fair will also feature an appearance from PSU's Gus Gorilla at 10 a.m., a special story time at 11:30 a.m., plus other fun activities.

Monday, June 6

Bread in a Bag and Homemade Butter

From 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. on Monday, June 6, the K-State Research and Extension Agents will be at the Girard Public Library to present a program on making bread in a bag, and homemade butter. This event is open to the public, but registration is required. Call 620-724-4317 or stop by the Girard Public Library to sign up.

Social Services Open House with CHC

The Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas will be at the Pittsburg Public Library from 10 a.m. to noon every Monday throughout June. Representatives of CHCSEK will be available to answer questions about social services available for citizens. This is open to the public. No appointment necessary.

Maker Monday

The Pittsburg Public Library invites kids and teens ages 10 to 18 to create and take home a new project each week at 2 p.m. every Monday throughout the summer. Maker Monday will be held in the library's meeting room beginning June 6 and ending July 25. There will be no program on July 4.

Please send your events to news@morningsun.net

Cherokee County conducts offender registration compliance operation

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CHEROKEE COUNTY, Kan. — Cherokee County Sheriff's Office investigators and deputies recently conducted a county-wide registered offender compliance operation.

"With over one hundred registered sex, drug and violent offenders in Cherokee County, it's important that we regularly ensure they maintain compliance, so families have access to current and accurate information about any registered offenders living within their neighborhoods," Cherokee County Sheriff David Groves said in announcing the operation.

"Throughout the year

our investigators keep a close tab on those required to register under the Kansas Offender Registration Act, but our office still likes to conduct county-wide operations several times throughout the year, particularly at times like now when children are getting out of school for the summer. These operations help confirm compliance and hold those in violation accountable. During this most recent compliance operation, where deputies and investigators went to the homes of the offenders, there was over 95% compliance," Groves added.

"Those found to be non-compliant have either been taken into custody already on new allegations of violating the Kansas

Offender Registration Act, or can expect to be arrested soon."

In an effort to provide parents with useful tools to keep their families safe, particularly as it relates to sexual predators, the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office has partnered with Covington, Louisiana-based OffenderWatch to provide free access to download the Offender-Watch app on Android and iPhone smartphone devices.

After downloading the app, citizens will be able to see registered sex offenders located near them or their family members. They will also receive free alerts when a registered sex offender moves into their neighborhood.

According to the

Crimes Against Children Research Center, one in five teens have reported receiving an unwanted sexual solicitation online. In 2021, most of the more than 29 million tips reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children dealt with child sexual abuse images, online enticement, including "sextortion," child sex trafficking, and child sexual molestation.

Funding for the registered offender compliance operation was provided through a grant awarded to the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office from the Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant, United States Office of Justice Programs.

Officer who fatally shot ex-detective will not be charged

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — A police officer in Kansas who fatally shot a former police detective during a scuffle will not be charged with a crime, officials said.

The Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office and the Wyandotte County District Attorney's Office investigated the November shooting of Lionel Womack and found no wrongdoing, the Kansas City Star reported. Jonathan Carter, a spokesman for the district attorney's office, said Tuesday that no charges will be filed

against the Kansas City officer who shot Womack.

Police have said two officers confronted Womack following 911 calls about a man standing in a road pointing at the sky and trying to jump in front of traffic. Within seconds of confronting Womack, the former detective had disarmed one officer and pointed the weapon at him, leading the second officer to shoot Womack, investigators said.

The confrontation and shooting were captured on police video. Authorities have not released

the names of the officers involved.

"It's obvious they did not want to shoot him," Police Chief Karl Oakman told the Star. "They tried everything they could."

Womack had a tumultuous relationship with the police department in Kansas City, Kansas. Womack was hired by the department in 2007, promoted to detective in 2018, and fired in August 2020 after numerous policy violations and conduct issues, the police chief has said.

Shortly after his termination, Womack alleged in

an excessive force lawsuit that a Kiowa County sheriff's deputy intentionally drove over him on Aug. 15, 2020, during an encounter that was captured on dashcam video. The deputy denied the allegations and said he's entitled to qualified immunity.

Court records show Womack's wife, Z'iontae Womack, has been substituted as the plaintiff in that civil lawsuit, as the administrator of her husband's estate. She is also a detective with the same police department.

CYRUS

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sea serpent down to celebrate," Children's Librarian Jessica Ziesenis said.

Cyrus is divided into four large pieces, and the library staff were only able to bring his head down to the craft room

for the children to see for the event because Cyrus is quite heavy, according to Ziesenis.

For two hours, children were able to pop into the library to decorate old CDs using markers and glue-on beads and gems.

"It's a good way to use up the old CDs, and the kids are very creative and you can see them putting time

and effort into beautifying each scale," Library Director Bev Clarkson said.

Ziesenis said she didn't think most of the kids even knew what CDs were, but she did have an older girl ask if the CD still worked.

"I think people are just excited to get out and do something," Ziesenis said. "Especially something

that is just fun and simple."

Clarkson said she was excited to get Cyrus on display again. Next week, the library will have a team of volunteers attach the decorated CDs to the Cyrus.

"We can't wait to see him with all his shiny new sea serpent scales," Clarkson said.



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Time management and where to start

By Tara Solomon-Smith

Wildcat Extension District

We all have the same amount of time in a day, it is limited, and we cannot do everything! Are you like me, trying several things, buying all the planners and organizing tools for better time management? I am getting closer and have found a method that works for me, though it continually needs to be tweaked.

However, today, I want us to remember that the purpose of improving time management skills is to make time for the most important things in our lives. It is healthy to look for balance among responsibilities at home and work, and a fun time for yourself and others. Learning to use your time

more effectively should increase life satisfaction, not just a longer list of tasks to finish. So let's focus on simple ways to start making the most of your time and living life!

Track your time

Just like with money, before you figure out your budget, you first have to see where it all actually goes. The same can be applied for time. You may be surprised to learn how much time you spend doing things that you do not consider a priority. Record what you do in 15-minute intervals for at least a week. Evaluate the results by asking: Did everything I needed to do get done? Which tasks require the most time? What time of day was I most productive? Where do you devote most of your time (i.e. job, family, personal, recreation)?

Having a good sense of the time required for routine tasks can help you be more realistic in planning and estimating how much time is available for other activities. Now you can apply what you learned on your next week's calendar. Plan your most challenging tasks for when you have the most energy. Block out time for your high-priority activities first and protect that time from interruptions.

Manage your time wasters

We all have those items that are important but not urgent and can interrupt our focus. Try these tips for some common time wasters so you can lead with your priorities!

Handheld devices

- Take advantage of voice-to-text features such as transcribed voicemails

or to make notes or draft emails and text messages when you are on the go.

- Take any necessary action immediately following a call.
- Impose screen time limits and regularly monitor your digital wellness
- Schedule breaks from your devices.

Email

- Set aside a specific time to view and respond to an email.
- Turn off notifications for email.
- Handle each item only once when possible.
- Immediately delete or unsubscribe from junk emails.
- Keep address books up-to-date and organized.
- Utilize built-in shortcuts to sort email.

Unexpected visitors

- Schedule time for face-to-face visits.

- Inform colleagues of your work agenda and set a mutually agreeable time to visit or for new tasks

- When someone comes to the door, stand up and have your meeting standing.

Get help from others

Delegating means assigning responsibility for a task to someone else, freeing up your time for tasks that require your expertise. Identify tasks others can do and select the appropriate person to do them. Also consider building support in many areas of life such as enlisting your kids' help with getting dinner on the table, prepare extended family to be back up when the unexpected happens, ask a co-worker for help talking through a tough task.

Take breaks

A key to staying motivated is allowing time for breaks. Be sure to add short, five to ten-minute breaks to help you recharge and refocus.

If you are curious about different time management techniques and what type of person they fit, here is a nice visual from the University of St. Augustine for Health Science: <https://www.usa.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/top.png>

Here's to more time for what's most important to you! Today's information is adapted from University of Georgia and K-State Research and Extension's time management publication.

For more information, please contact Tara Solomon-Smith, tsolomon@ksu.edu, or by calling 620-378-2167.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Real estate is a commodity, as is wine

Real estate is a commodity, as is wine. A wealthy collector might give \$1 million for a particular bottle. However, wine makers don't raise prices across the board, because that high figure was only in that collector's mind. Artificial inflation. No harm done. However artificial inflation in real estate is exactly what triggered the great recession of 2008.

A home's true worth can only be the cost of building (minus depreciation) added to the value of its land. Prior to 2008, realtors and assessors were active in raising home prices far beyond their real worth.

Banks joined in making elevated loans. The bubble eventually burst. Millions were forced out by foreclosures. But with values so low, banks were still upside down. The really big banks cried greatly. The federal government stepped in, giving them hundreds of billions. All this caused by artificial inflation.

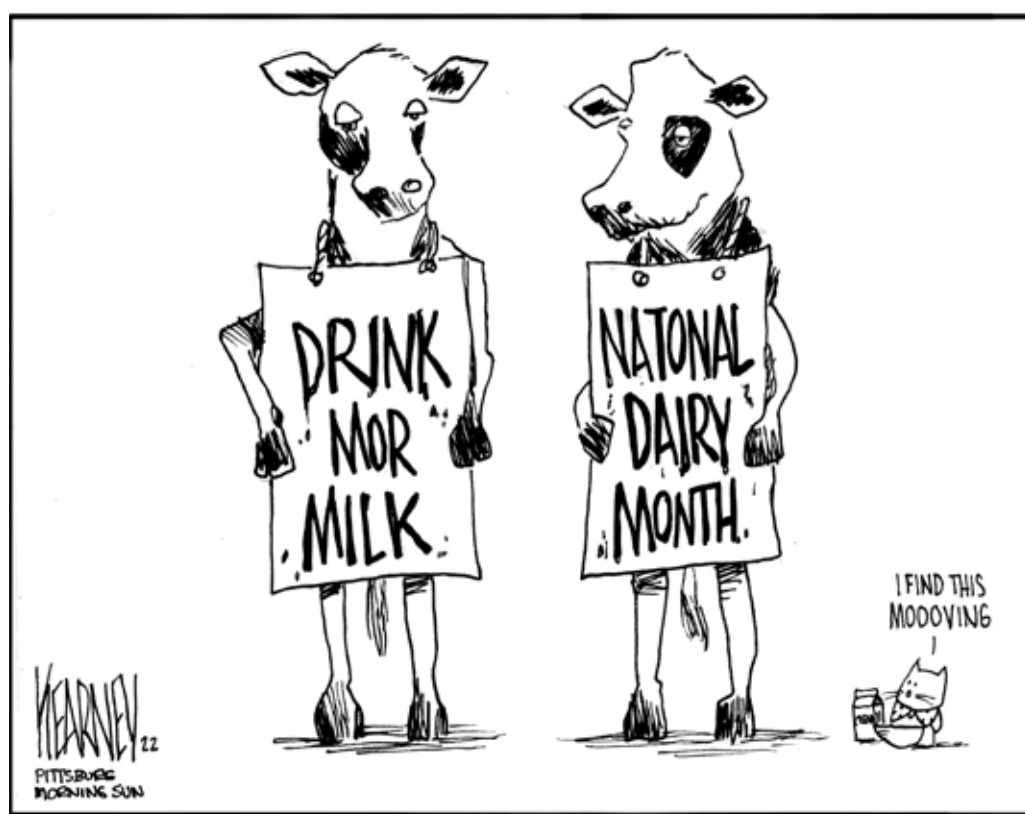
Already in 2022, real inflation is soaring, the stock market tanking, World War III looming, and Covid has devastated our economy. Panicked people leaving crowded cities are bidding against each other for rural hous-

ing, once again creating artificial inflation. On top of all this, Kansas appraisers have given a 9 to 14% raise to most Kansas properties. They've created the setting for the perfect storm. Those pretty boys in Topeka voted to make this assessment possible at this worst possible time.

Fortunately, common sense prevailed with the wine makers. So we'll still be able to afford a glass of wine if and when the bubble bursts again.

— Ronald Strahan
Girard, Kansas

EDITORIAL CARTOONS



Woman eats roommate's food when her spending runs dry



DEAR ABBY

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: A couple of months ago, I moved from my mother's into an apartment with a friend I had rekindled a high school friendship with a few years back. The first month in, I noticed she had eaten a few of my freezer meals, so I confronted her about it. She started crying and told me she was waiting for a new debit card in the mail and had limited cash to get her through until the card arrived. I told her she should have said something, and I would have happily let her have some of my food, but for her not to ask was rude because I rely on those

freezer meals for quick and easy lunches at work. I finished the box of meals and bought a new one. It was a large box with six packages inside. I intentionally left it unopened to see if she would steal food from me again. Lo and behold, a month later, I went to open the box and saw she'd taken two of them. How do I confront her a second time? She doesn't have a car so she Ubers to work, which adds up, and she spends hundreds of dollars on her anime hobby. If I can't trust her with small things like food and snacks, how am I supposed to trust her at all? We just signed a two-year lease, and I cannot subtlet. — HUNGRY FOR HONESTY

DEAR HUNGRY: I am sorry to say this, but your roommate has proven she can't be trusted.

Are her problems financial or emotional? Cross your fingers and hope she can come up with the rent each month. If you can afford it, purchase a small refrigerator for your bedroom, install a strong padlock on the door and use it to secure ALL of your property until the lease expires. If your roommate asks why the lock and fridge are being installed, confront her again then.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing about the letter you published on April 3 from "Incredulous in Oklahoma." She said her boyfriend falls into a deep sleep lasting three days every two or three weeks, during which time he turns abusive. Abby, his symptoms might be caused by a rare neurological disorder called Kleine-Levin Syndrome. Your readers can

learn more about it by visiting the ninds.nih.gov website and selecting the Health Information tab to search for this disorder. — MARIAM IN FLORIDA

DEAR MARIAM: Thank you for the input. Several other readers also mentioned this disorder might be a possible explanation for the boyfriend's behavior. When I read her letter, I wasn't sure whether he might be "on" something, having an allergic reaction to a medication or unwell. This is why I suggested he might need to be examined physically and neurologically by a medical professional.

DEAR ABBY: My husband did not have a close relationship with his parents. Now that they are both dead, he emulates them — wearing suspenders like his

dad, drinking beer in the garage, having a TV in every room. His screen savers are of "Dad." What's the deal? — PERPLEXED WIFE IN UTAH

DEAR WIFE: I think you should gently ask your husband that question. He may not realize that he is modeling his father's behavior. It may be a safe way to maintain a connection to dear old Dad, or proof that a behavioral influence can travel from generation to generation, but don't make a problem where there isn't one.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

LOOKING BACK

FROM OUR HISTORY

Fishing fun was on tap for youthful anglers at Lakeside Park

By Phil Burgert
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Excerpted stories in Crawford County newspaper archives

100 Years Ago June 3, 1922

An attorney for the Kansas court of industrial relations left Topeka last evening for Pittsburg, after an extended conference between members of the court and Kansas mine operators regarding the reopening of the mines. The court heard that 65 car loads of coal are being mined daily through co-operative mines and that few miners ceased work after union officials threatened expulsion of miners who continue to work.

Mrs. Ellen Glant, wife of J. A. Glant, local restaurant man, filed in district court today for \$11,000 damages from A. Ross Armstrong, chief of police; Lewis Moore, assistant chief; and John Uhles, patrolman, for alleged false arrest on June 4, 1921. The petition states Mrs. Glant was arrested by Uhles, night patrolman

on North Broadway, while she was peaceably walking there.

Frederick Kremusch and Antonio Tukelj, officers of the Slovenic National Benefit Association, were fined \$25 each and costs in division No. 1 of the district court in Girard this morning by Judge A. J. Curran, following their entering pleas of guilty. They paid and were released. The charge against them was that of doing business for an insurance company which does not have a state license.

50 Years Ago June 3, 1972

The Crawford county commissioners said yesterday that if the cities within the county are not able to agree on a practical and sanitary method of solid waste disposal, the county may have to go ahead with a countywide solid waste plan, which was not slated to start until 1974. The move followed complaints about the Croweburg landfill on dumping of large animals creating undesirable odor.

Fishing fun and prizes galore are on tap for youthful anglers at Lakeside

Park Sunday afternoon when the Pittsburg Exchange Club stages its 13th annual fishing derby for children. Up to 400 young fishermen are expected to gather at Playter's Lake for the event. The children may use whatever fishing equipment they desire from pole and line to the most sophisticated equipment.

Columbus Post 3 exploded for six runs in the fifth inning and blew open a close game as they downed Legion-Bowlus 8-2 in the season opener for both teams yesterday at Columbus Community Field. Legion-Bowlus went ahead in the top of the first only to have Post 3 come back to tie it up in their half of the first. Things repeated themselves in the third and were even up until the fateful fifth inning.

25 Years Ago June 3, 1997

Local gas prices, which have risen more than 8 percent per gallon over the last 10 days, aren't likely to drop anytime soon as wholesale costs were increasing, according to Dennis Mahle, co-owner of Mahle Service & Supply. An informal survey

showed 13 retailers in Pittsburg/Frontenac selling regular unleaded gasoline for \$1.259 cents per gallon up from \$1.159 per gallon on May 22.

Despite cool temperatures at the start of the summer swim season, the Pittsburg aquatic center already is drawing large crowds, according to aquatic center staff. "We started slow off Memorial Weekend, but the last 3 days we've averaged about 600 a day," said Greg Lopez, assistant manager at the aquatic center. As temperatures heat up, the new attractions will most likely draw even bigger crowds.

The Pittsburg State University Gorilla Club celebrated the best all-around athletic years in PSU history with its annual victory dinner, marking the end of its fund raising. The scholarship drive has raised \$161,897 in pledges with a goal of \$200,000 still in reach. That's on the heels of four men's teams making the top 16 of NCAA Division II and the women's basketball team making an improbable run into the Division II playoffs in March.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 2016, heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali died at age 74

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Today is Friday, June 3, the 154th day of 2022. There are 211 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 3, 1989, Chinese army troops began their sweep of Beijing to crush student-led pro-democracy demonstrations.

On this date:
In 1621, the Dutch West India Co. received its charter for a trade monopoly in parts of the Americas and Africa.

In 1888, the poem "Casey at the Bat" by Ernest Lawrence Thayer was first published in the San Francisco Daily Examiner.

In 1935, the French liner Normandie set a record on its maiden voyage, arriving in New York after crossing the Atlantic in just four days.

In 1937, Edward, The Duke of Windsor, who had abdicated the British throne, married Wallis Simpson in a private ceremony in Monts, France.

In 1962, Air France Flight 007, a U.S.-bound Boeing 707, crashed while attempting to take off from Orly Airport near Paris; all but two of the 132 people aboard were killed.

In 1965, astronaut Edward H. White became the first American to "walk" in space during the flight of Gemini 4.

In 1977, the United States and Cuba agreed to set up diplomatic interests sections in each other's countries; Cuba also announced the immediate release of 10 Americans jailed on drug charges.

In 1989, Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, died.

In 2008, Barack Obama claimed the Democratic presidential nomination, speaking in the same St. Paul, Minnesota, arena where Republicans would be holding their national convention in September 2008.

In 2011, physician-assisted suicide advocate Dr. Jack Kevorkian died at a Michigan hospital at 83. Actor James Arness (TV: "Gunsmoke"), 88, died in Brentwood, California.

In 2016, heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali died at a hospital in Scottsdale, Arizona, at age 74.

In 2020, prosecutors charged three more police officers in the death of George Floyd and filed a new, tougher charge of second-degree murder against Derek Chauvin, the officer who was caught on video pressing his knee to Floyd's neck. (Chauvin would be convicted on all charges.) Defense Secretary Mark Esper took issue with President Donald Trump's threats to use the full force of the military to quell street protests. Enforcing a curfew, police in New York City moved in on

crowds of demonstrators, at times blasting people with pepper spray.

Ten years ago: A Dana Air MD-83 jetliner carrying 153 people crashed on the outskirts of Lagos, Nigeria, killing everyone on board and at least 10 people on the ground. The River Thames became a royal highway as Queen Elizabeth II led a motley but majestic flotilla of more than 1,000 vessels to mark her Diamond Jubilee. Tiger Woods birdied three of his last four holes to win the Memorial, closing with a 5-under 67.

Five years ago: A white van slammed into pedestrians on London Bridge, killing eight people; the three attackers were shot and killed by police. SpaceX launched its first recycled cargo ship to the International Space Station. Former major league Jimmy Piersall, who bared his soul about his struggles with mental illness in his book "Fear Strikes Out," died in Wheaton, Illinois, at age 87. Albert Pujols (POO-hohlz) of the Angels hit a grand slam for his 600th homer during the fourth inning of Los Angeles' 7-2 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

One year ago: California workplace regulators approved controversial rules that allowed workers to go maskless only if every employee in a room was fully vaccinated against the coronavirus. United Airlines said it

was hoping to bring back supersonic travel before the end of the decade; the airline announced plans to buy 15 jets from Boom Supersonic. A former colleague confirmed the death of celebrity attorney F. Lee Bailey, who had defended O.J. Simpson, Patricia Hearst and the alleged Boston Strangler; Bailey was 87.

Today's Birthdays: The former president of Cuba, Raul Castro, is 91. Actor Irma P. Hall is 87. Rock singer Ian Hunter (Mott The Hoople) is 83. World Golf Hall of Famer Hale Irwin is 77. Actor Penelope Wilton is 76. Singer Eddie Holman is 76. Actor Tristan Rogers is 76. Musician Too Slim (Riders in the Sky) is 74. Singer Suzi Quatro is 72. Singer Deneice Williams is 72. Singer Dan Hill is 68. Actor Suzie Plakson is 64. Actor Scott Valentine is 64. Rock musician Kerry King (Slayer) is 58. Actor James Purefoy is 58. Rock singer-musician Mike Gordon is 57. TV host Anderson Cooper is 55. Country singer Jamie O'Neal is 54. Writer-director Tate Taylor is 43. Singers Gabriel and Ariel Hernandez (No Mercy) are 51. Actor Vik Sahay is 51. R&B singer Lyfe Jennings is 49. Actor Ariane Zucker is 48. Actor Nikki M. James is 41. Tennis player Rafael Nadal is 36. Actor Josh Segarra is 36. Actor-singer Lalaine is 35. Actor Sean Berdy is 29. Actor Anne Winters is 28.

COMMODITIES

Chicago Merchantile Exchange

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg
CATTLE					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Jun	132.90	133.75	132.22	133.62	+0.82
Aug	133.62	134.50	132.60	134.12	+1.22
Oct	138.50	139.95	137.87	139.62	+1.72
Dec	144.02	145.97	143.82	145.90	+2.15
Feb	149.27	151.02	149.02	150.97	+2.07
Apr	152.70	154.50	152.70	154.45	+1.93
Jun	147.70	149.90	147.70	149.80	+2.10
Aug	147.67	149.65	147.67	149.65	+2.00
Oct	150.80	152.40	150.80	152.40	+1.60
Est. sales 55,896.Wed.'s sales 76,641 Wed.'s open int 298,611					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg
FEEDER CATTLE					
50,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Aug	169.72	173.60	169.27	172.95	+3.23
Sep	172.37	175.92	172.07	175.47	+3.07
Oct	174.90	177.97	174.40	177.67	+2.90
Nov	176.50	179.35	176.32	179.15	+2.58
Jan	176.72	179.50	176.62	179.45	+2.55
Mar	179.00	180.80	179.00	180.80	+2.35
Apr	180.82	182.25	180.82	182.25	+2.63
May	182.00	183.32	182.00	183.32	+2.32
Est. sales 15,299.Wed.'s sales 13,185 Wed.'s open int 47,044					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg
HOGS,LEAN					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Jun	110.85	111.17	109.77	110.05	+0.25
Jul	113.37	114.00	111.82	112.17	-0.25
Aug	109.92	111.05	109.45	109.75	+0.83
Oct	94.20	94.97	93.95	94.30	+0.45
Dec	86.97	87.65	86.82	87.47	+0.42
Feb	90.35	90.82	90.25	90.80	+0.43
Apr	93.40	93.90	93.40	93.87	+0.42
May	97.15	+0.43			
Jun	101.45	101.90	101.45	101.90	+0.45
Jul	102.00	102.00	101.37	101.70	+0.03
Aug	100.90	101.22	98.90	100.35	-0.22
Oct	86.40	-1.02			
Est. sales 43,549.Wed.'s sales 57,953 Wed.'s open int 195,506, up 1,737					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg
PORK BELLIES					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb. No open contracts.					

Chicago Board of Trade

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
WHEAT					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Jul	1043¼	1075	1037¼	1058¼	+17
Sep	1052¾	1085	1048½	1069¾	+17½
Dec	1064½	1095¼	1059½	1081	+17¼
Mar	1068	1098½	1065¾	1088¾	+18½
May	1066¼	1091¾	1066¼	1088¾	+25½
Jul	1029	1063	1029	1062	+32
Sep	1016¼	1038½	1016¼	1038½	+31¼
Dec	1000	1025	993½	1025	+28¾
Mar	990	1007½	990	1007½	+27
May	982¼	+27			
Jul	903¾	933½	900½	933½	+27
Est. sales 119,042.Wed.'s sales 155,797 Wed.'s open int 327,661					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
CORN					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Jul	731¼	739¼	726¼	730¼	-1
Sep	704	711¼	700½	704¼	+1
Dec	691½	699½	687½	694¼	+2¾
Mar	696	703½	692½	699¼	+2¾
May	696¾	704½	694	700½	+2¾
Jul	693¼	700¾	690	697	+2¾
Sep	641¾	648¾	640¾	646½	+2¾
Dec	621	628½	620	624½	+2¾
Mar	629	631	629	630½	+2½
Est. sales 250,299.Wed.'s sales 478,486 Wed.'s open int 1,566,590, up 2,373					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
OATS					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Jul	648¾	662¾	647¼	653½	+7
Sep	630	640¾	629	631¼	+5¼
Dec	625	630	625	626¼	+2¾
Mar	630	634	625¾	625¾	+¾
May	622	+¾			
Jul	621¾	+¾			
Est. sales 596.Wed.'s sales 594 Wed.'s open int 3,058, up 4					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
SOYBEANS					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Jul	1690¼	1740¾	1681¼	1729¼	+39
Aug	1625	1669½	1617	1658¾	+33¾
Sep	1547¾	1586¾	1542	1580½	+30¼
Nov	1514¼	1546¼	1505¼	1541¾	+26½
Jan	1518½	1549¾	1510	1545¼	+25¼
Mar	1511¼	1539¾	1506¼	1536¾	+22¼
May	1509¼	1538	1505	1536	+21¼
Jul	1507¼	1535½	1503½	1533½	+21¼
Est. sales 193,639.Wed.'s sales 202,524 Wed.'s open int 757,441, up 4,068					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
SOYBEAN OIL					
60,000 lbs; cents per lb					
Jul	78.36	81.79	77.57	81.44	+3.33
Aug	76.84	79.75	76.24	79.56	+2.82
Sep	75.88	78.55	75.49	78.42	+2.49
Oct	75.26	77.64	74.85	77.52	+2.26
Dec	75.08	77.38	74.61	77.24	+2.15
Jan	74.66	76.82	74.34	76.74	+2.03
Mar	73.82	75.89	73.55	75.86	+1.89
May	73.18	75.11	73.18	75.08	+1.75
Est. sales 123,296.Wed.'s sales 131,269 Wed.'s open int 386,581, up 3,446					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
SOYBEAN MEAL					
100 tons; dollars per ton					
Jul	413.50	418.30	411.30	414.90	+2.20
Aug	407.40	412.20	405.90	408.40	+1.30
Sep	403.10	405.90	400.60	402.20	+1.0
Oct	397.10	400.70	395.30	397.30	+0.30
Dec	398.00	402.30	396.40	399.00	+0.60
Jan	397.30	401.10	395.40	397.70	+0.40
Mar	393.00	396.60	391.10	392.60	-0.30
May	391.30	394.60	390.30	390.80	-0.40
Est. sales 83,937.Wed.'s sales 112,508 Wed.'s open int 371,806, up 1,137					

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Soybean.....	\$16.94
Yellow shell corn.....	\$7.30
Milo.....	\$7.18

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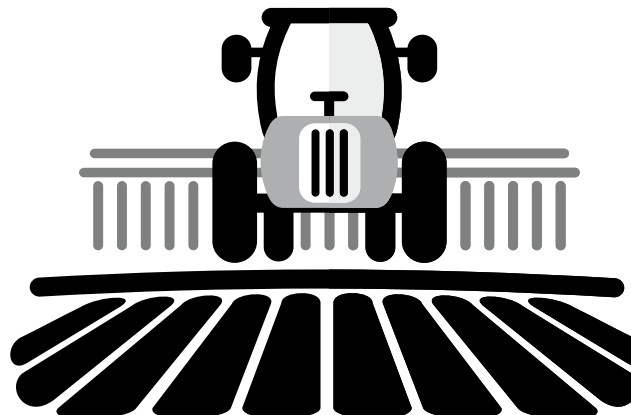
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS

CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Flat Branch Mortgage, Inc
Plaintiff,
vs.
Leona Merida, Mynor Udiel Merida, Jane Doe, and John
Doe, et al.,
Defendants
Case No. CRP-22CV51
Court No.

Title to Real Estate Involved
Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF KANSAS to the above named Defendants and The Unknown Heirs, executors, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; and the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability and all other person who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Crawford County, Kansas by Flat Branch Mortgage, Inc, praying to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate:

LOT TEN (10) IN "OAK RIDGE ADDITION" (PHASE ONE) TO THE CITY OF PITTSBURG, CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF. Parcel ID No. 209-32-0-40-07-012.00-0. Commonly known as 2031 Pin Oak Cir, Pittsburg, KS 66762 ("the Property") MS 209419

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before June 30, 2022 in the District Court of Crawford County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the request of plaintiff.

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May 20th 2022)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
AMELIA A. REDD, DECEASED.
Case No. CRP-2021-PR-000119

NOTICE OF HEARING

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:
You are notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Susan Russian and Terri Menchetti, duly appointed, qualified and acting Co-Executrices of the Estate of Amelia A. Redd, deceased, requesting that Petitioners; acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for Co-Executrices attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioners be finally discharged as the Co-Executrices of the Estate of Amelia A. Redd, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability. You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Crawford County Judicial Center, 602 North Locust Street, in the City of Pittsburg, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.
Susan Russian and Terri Menchetti, Co-Executrices

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May 27th 2022)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01

A resolution fixing a time and place at which the owner, owner's agent, any lienholder or record and any occupant may appear and show cause why the structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished by the Governing body of the City of Arcadia, Kansas.

SECTION 1: The Governing body of the City of Arcadia, Kansas, has received a report charging the structures located at 215 N. Kansas, Arcadia, Kansas, to be a nuisance, and otherwise dangerous, unsafe, or unfit for human habitation.

SECTION 2: On the 19th day of July, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., a hearing shall be conducted at which time the owner, the owner's agent, or any occupant of the structure may appear and show cause why the structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks on the same day of each week in the official City newspaper. At least 30 days shall elapse between the last publication and the date set for hearing. A copy of the Resolution shall be mailed by certified mail within 3 days of the first publication to the owner, the owner's agent, and occupant at the last known addresses and shall be marked "deliver to addressee only."

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, KANSAS, this 17th day of May, 2022.

(SEAL)
Donald Cooper, Mayor

ATTEST:
Linda Morris, City Clerk

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May 27th 2022)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02

A resolution fixing a time and place at which the owner, owner's agent, any lienholder or record and any occupant may appear and show cause why the structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished by the Governing body of the City of Arcadia, Kansas.

SECTION 1: The Governing body of the City of Arcadia, Kansas, has received a report charging the structures located at 214 S. Nelson, Arcadia, Kansas, to be a nuisance, and otherwise dangerous, unsafe, or unfit for human habitation.

SECTION 2: On the 19th day of July, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., a hearing shall be conducted at which time the owner, the owner's agent, or any occupant of the structure may appear and show cause why the structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks on the same day of each week in the official City newspaper. At least 30 days shall elapse between the last publication and the date set for hearing. A copy of the Resolution shall be mailed by certified mail within 3 days of the first publication to the owner, the owner's agent, and occupant at the last known addresses and shall be marked "deliver to addressee only."

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, KANSAS, this 17th day of May, 2022.

(SEAL)
Donald Cooper, Mayor

ATTEST:
Linda Morris, City Clerk

(First published in the Pittsburg Morning Sun on
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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-03

A resolution fixing a time and place at which the owner, owner's agent, any lienholder or record and any occupant may appear and show cause why the structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished by the Governing body of the City of Arcadia, Kansas.

SECTION 1: The Governing body of the City of Arcadia, Kansas, has received a report charging the structures located at 706 S. William, Arcadia, Kansas, to be a nuisance, and otherwise dangerous, unsafe, or unfit for human habitation.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04

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SECTION 1: The Governing body of the City of Arcadia, Kansas, has received a report charging the structures located at 610 S. Nelson, Arcadia, Kansas, to be a nuisance, and otherwise dangerous, unsafe, or unfit for human habitation.

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SECTION 1: The Governing body of the City of Arcadia, Kansas, has received a report charging the structures located at 503 S. Nelson, Arcadia, Kansas, to be a nuisance, and otherwise dangerous, unsafe, or unfit for human habitation.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-06

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SECTION 1: The Governing body of the City of Arcadia, Kansas, has received a report charging the structures located at 412 S. Mitchell, Arcadia, Kansas, to be a nuisance, and otherwise dangerous, unsafe, or unfit for human habitation.

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SECTION 1: The Governing body of the City of Arcadia, Kansas, has received a report charging the structures located at 212 N. Drake, Arcadia, Kansas, to be a nuisance, and otherwise dangerous, unsafe, or unfit for human habitation.

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Children were all smiles after receiving candy thrown from vehicles parading in the Mulberry Street Fair and Homecoming last Friday evening. COURTESY PHOTO / DOROTHY CHASE

Lawsuit over Kansas City police control allowed to proceed

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A lawsuit challenging state control of the Kansas City police department will proceed after a Jackson County judge declined this week to dismiss it.

Grant, president and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Kansas City, contends in the lawsuit against the Kansas City Police Board of Commissioners that state control of the city's police department is discriminatory and prevents

Kansas City residents from having a say in how millions of tax dollars are spent in their city, The Kansas City Star reported. The board consists of the Kansas City mayor and four members appointed by Missouri's governor. Kansas City is the only city in the state with a police department controlled by a state board.

The current arrangement constitutes "taxation without representation," and violates Missouri's Hancock Amendment,

which limits state revenues and local taxes, Grant argues in the lawsuit.

She also argues the current system is discriminatory because it involves a city with a large Black population.

"The Court's denial of the Police Board's motion to dismiss clears the way for a long-overdue constitutional challenge to this antiquated system, and the antiquated values it represents," Grant said in a lawsuit.

Prosecutor: Woman shot by Kansas City police was armed

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A Kansas woman who was shot and wounded by Kansas City, Missouri, police last week has been charged with several counts.

The Jackson County prosecutor's office charged Leonna Hale, 26, of Kansas City, Kansas, with unlawful firearm possession, exhibiting a firearm and resisting arrest, the Kansas City Star reported.

The prosecutor's office

said police body camera video of the shooting showed Hale was holding a gun in her right hand Friday as police tried to arrest her in connection with a reported carjacking that had occurred in Kansas City, Kansas.

Police have said officers were approaching a car in a store parking lot that matched the description of the one carjacked. Police said a man and a woman, later identified as Hale, fled from the vehicle.

Both officers fired at Hale in the parking lot as she fled holding the gun, police said.

Investigators said in court documents that Hale denied ever having a gun when she was interviewed by Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers. She declined to participate in a follow-up interview when contacted a second time after detectives reviewed the body camera footage, according to the court documents.

St. Louis aldermen indicted on bribery, other charges

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Two current and one former St. Louis aldermen have been indicted on charges accusing them of taking bribes and misusing their offices for personal gain, federal prosecutors announced Thursday.

Lewis Reed, president of the Board of Aldermen, Alderman Jeffery Boyd, and John Collins-Muhammed, who resigned last month as an alderman, were indicted on May 25, the U.S. attorney's office said in a news release.

All three men pleaded not guilty during a court hearing Thursday afternoon, KSDK-TV reported.

All the men face two bribery-related charges.

Collins-Muhammed also has been indicted on one count of bribery/wire fraud. Boyd faces a separate two-count wire fraud indictment alleging he sought \$22,000 in insurance claims for damage to vehicles that he didn't own.

Collins-Muhammed and Reed are accused of helping a small-business owner receive a property tax abatement in exchange for several bribes. Reed also allegedly received a new phone, a car and campaign contributions in exchange for his help.

The indictment also alleges that Reed asked the business owner for \$20,000 in campaign cash as part

of an effort to redraw the ward map to protect Collins-Muhammed from activists who wanted to recall him from office.

Boyd is accused of taking bribes to help the same business owner buy a city property for thousands of dollars less than it was worth and to obtain a tax abatement on that property. The business owner was eventually able to buy the property, which was valued at \$50,000, for \$14,000, according to the indictment.

KSDK reported Boyd's lawyer said he will not resign as alderman and suggested Reed may also stay on the job.

Jury sides with Topeka officer in lawsuit over 2018 arrest

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — A Topeka police officer did not use excessive force while arresting a man during a traffic stop four years ago, a federal grand jury ruled Thursday.

Timothy Harris, who is Black, had alleged in the lawsuit that Officer Christopher, who is white, violated his civil rights on Jan. 23, 2018, by throwing him to the ground, punching him, and using pepper

spray while his hands were handcuffed behind his back.

Harris suffered a broken jaw and scrapes during the arrest. He was later convicted of parallel parking too far away from the curb and interference with a law enforcement officer.

In closing arguments Thursday, Harris' attorney, Carlton Odum, said Harris was not resisting arrest and Janes became

frustrated after Harris made what he considered a sarcastic remark to the officer, WIBW reported.

But Janes' attorney, Allen Glendenning, said body cam video from the arrest showed that Harris was actively resisting and had displayed several "pre-attack" behaviors police are trained to look for during an arrest.



Two people hug outside at Memorial High School where people were evacuated from the scene of a shooting at the Natalie Medical Building Wednesday, June 1, 2022, in Tulsa, Okla. Multiple people were shot at a Tulsa medical building on a hospital campus Wednesday. (IAN MAULE/TULSA WORLD VIA AP)

Tulsa gunman targeted surgeon he blamed for pain

By SEAN MURPHY, JILL BLEED and KATHLEEN FOODY

Associated Press

A gunman who killed his surgeon and three other people at a Tulsa medical office blamed the doctor for his continuing pain after a recent back operation and bought an AR-style rifle just hours before the rampage, police said Thursday.

The patient called the clinic repeatedly complaining of pain and specifically targeted the doctor who performed the surgery, then killed himself as police arrived, Tulsa Police Chief Wendell Franklin said.

That physician, Dr. Preston Phillips, was killed Wednesday, along with Dr. Stephanie Husen, receptionist Amanda Glenn and visitor William Love, police said. The attack occurred on the campus of Saint Francis Health System in Tulsa. The chief identified the shooter as Michael Louis, 45, of Muskogee, Oklahoma.

It was the latest in a series of mass shootings in United States including the deadly school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, and an attack on a supermarket in Buffalo, New York. The recent Memorial Day weekend saw multiple mass shootings nationwide, including at an outdoor festival in Taft, Oklahoma, 45 miles from Tulsa, even as single-death incidents accounted for most gun fatalities.

President Joe Biden plans to talk about the killings in an evening address and call on Congress to pass restrictions on guns.

Louis carried a letter that said he was targeting Phillips, Franklin said. The letter "made it clear that he came in with the intent to kill Dr. Phillips and anyone who got in his way," Franklin said. "He blamed Dr. Phillips for the ongoing pain following the surgery."

Franklin said Phillips performed the surgery on May 19 and Louis was released from the hospital on May 24.

He said Louis called the doctor's office "several times over several days" reporting he was still in pain and saw Phillips on Tuesday for "additional treatment." Louis called the office again Wednesday "complaining of back pain and wanting additional assistance," he said.

A phone number listed for an address for a Michael Louis in Muskogee was not working Thursday.

Phillips, 59, was an orthopedic surgeon with an interest in spinal surgery and joint reconstruction, according to a profile on the clinic's website. He once served as lead physician for Tulsa's WNBA team before the franchise moved out of state, according to the Tulsa World.

Dr. Cliff Robertson, president and CEO of Saint Francis Health System, called Phillips a "consummate gentleman" and "a man that we should all strive to emulate." He said the three employees who were killed were "the three best people in the entire world" and that they "didn't deserve to die this way."

Husen was 48 and Glenn was 40, officials said.

Love, a 73-year-old retired Army sergeant, was a patient at the clinic but that day he was accompanying his wife, Deborah, for her six-month check-up, said their daughter, Karen Denise Love.

Police have received reports that Love held a door shut in hopes of allowing others to flee from the gunman through another door, Franklin said in response to reporters' questions.

Karen Love said her parents were in an examination room with one of Phillips' assistants when the couple heard the commotion outside. When they realized it was gunshots, Karen Love said her father grabbed the door handle from inside the room.

"As they heard this guy going up and down the hall, they knew it was gunfire," Karen Love said. "They thought it was someone just shooting people. My dad was trying to hold the door the best he could."

Police believe Louis bought his weapons legally, Franklin said. Louis bought an AR-style semi-automatic rifle on the afternoon of the shooting and a handgun on Sunday, the police chief said.

Franklin praised the law enforcement officers, 911 operators and emergency for their "immediate response" to the attack Wednesday. Police responded to the call about three minutes after dispatchers received the report at 4:52 p.m. and made contact with the

gunman at 5:01 p.m., authorities said Wednesday.

Franklin said police believe Louis shot himself about 39 seconds after the first officers entered the building.

"Our training led us to take immediate action without hesitation," he said. "That's exactly what officers do and that's what they did in this instance."

The length of time it took police officers in Uvalde, Texas, to engage the gunman during last week's deadly school shooting at Robb Elementary School has become a key focus of that investigation. Officers waited over an hour to breach the classroom where the 18-year-old gunman attacked with an AR-style semi-automatic rifle, killing 19 children and two teachers.

Democratic leaders have amplified their calls for greater restrictions on guns since the Uvalde shooting, while Republicans are emphasizing more security at schools. The divide mirrors a partisan split that has stymied action in Congress and many state capitols over how best to respond to a record-high number of gun-related deaths in the U.S.

Oklahoma House Democrats on Thursday called for a special session to consider gun safety legislation, but that's unlikely to happen in a GOP-controlled Legislature that has been pushing for years to loosen firearms restrictions.

Republican Gov. Kevin Stitt, who is running for reelection, said last week after the Texas shooting that it was too soon to talk about firearms policy.

A pro-firearms group, the Oklahoma 2nd Amendment Association, is an influential force at the state Capitol, and the first bill Stitt signed into law after taking office in 2019 was a measure that allows most adults to openly carry firearms without the previously required background check or training.

Since January, there have been 12 shootings where four or more people have been killed, according to The Associated Press/USA TODAY/Northeastern University mass killing database. Those shootings have left 76 dead, including 35 adults and children in Buffalo, Uvalde and Tulsa, the database says. The death toll does not include the suspects in the shootings.

JEFFERSON

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the Miners Hall Museum before continuing on to Fort Scott, a journey the Headlight said in 1923 was "an hour's run without speeding."

County Commissioner Bruce Blair was on hand Thursday to welcome JHA members, saying, "Crawford County has a unique and rich history and I hope you will enjoy

it."

Located at the same intersection is a small pillar marking where Saia's Garage once stood when it serviced travelers along the Jefferson Highway.

Roger Bell, president of the Jefferson Highway Association, explained that competition for these early roads and the commerce and tourism they brought was fierce. "People would move highway markers closer to their towns," Bell said.

According to Bell, the automobile was, at first, a luxury for the rich, but as new highways were being built and the car became more affordable, people began to travel more. This gave rise to tourist camps that allowed people to spend the night on the road and still have access to certain amenities like showers, food, and entertainment. "Lincoln Park in Pittsburg and Gunn Park in Fort Scott are two of these tourist camps," said Bell.



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SPORTS

Kids learn fundamentals at Frontenac softball camp

By Sam Kombrink
Morning Sun Staff

FRONTENAC, Kan. — Just a few days after being crowned the Class 3A state champions, the Frontenac softball team took part in hosting a youth camp for kids at the Raider Sports Complex on Wednesday and Thursday.

Campers ranging from kindergarten to eighth grade were mentored on the basic fundamentals of the game, learning proper batting stance, how to follow through on swings, and how to field from the Frontenac coaching staff and players.

“This camp gives these kids an opportunity to come out and learn some of the fundamental skills that we try to invest in our high school kids,” said Raiders head coach Cassie Rhuems. “The high school kids come and help run

it, and it’s kind of neat because the little kids really look up to those older kids.”

“It’s really cool to know that the kids look up to you,” said pitcher Mia Brown. “And most come to all of the games, so it’s good to spend time with them.”

Shortstop Heather Arnett was also kept busy coaching campers.

“The biggest thing that we’re trying to focus on is just them staying level through the zone and teaching them the correct way to hold the bat,” Arnett said. “We’re also teaching them how to use their hips to put some power behind their swing.”

Camper Reece Farabi shared some of the lessons that she learned at camp.

“I’ve learned about my follow through,” she said. “To push the ball and it leads where it wants to go,

and I’ve learned to always have a flat back, and to make sure my elbow stays high when I throw.”

Farabi said that she looks up to all of the players, but especially likes to work with Arnett.

“I like working with Heather Arnett because she (is a slap hitter) and she helps me. I like to look up to all of the players, but I really like working with her because I slap, too.”

Farabi said that her favorite part of softball is playing defense, “I like to field the ball and throw it.”

Arnett said that she remembers growing up and going to similar camps,

“I’d always look up to those older girls, and I know they look up to us,” she said. “I remember trying to soak up all the information they would give us, and I think it’s really important that it’s what they



A camper gets a valuable lesson from Heather Arnett on how to have a proper batting stance at the Frontenac Sports Complex on Thursday. SAM KOMBRINK/MORNING SUN

want to do. “My little sister is here with her team,” said Arnett. “And I love being

around them and I love that they all want to learn something. They look up to all of us, especially now

that we won a state title, and I think it’s great that we can all be here to be their examples.”

PSU offers summer athletics camps

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Pittsburg State’s coaching staffs will be offering summer camps for elementary through high school students during June and July.

Additional information about camps for each sport can be found on the university’s athletics web site psugorillas.com.

BASEBALL

June 6-9 — Junior Gorilla Baseball Camp, open for ages 8-14. Campers will be grouped based on age and ability. Daily sessions from 9 a.m.-noon at PSU’s Al Ortolani Field, 2009 S. Rouse St. Cost is \$100, and registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on June 6.

July 12 — Gorilla Prospect Camp at Al Ortolani Field. The day will have a pro-style workout in the morning, a provided lunch and games in the afternoon. Cost is \$125 for pitchers or position players, \$150 for two-way players. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. for position players and 11 a.m. for pitchers. Camps start at 10 for position players and noon for pitchers.

Details: Coach Bob Fornelli, rfornelli@pittstate.edu

MEN’S BASKETBALL

June 6-7 — Individual half-day camp for boys entering grades 1-9 at John Lance Arena, 1701 S. Homer St. Daily

sessions from 9:30 a.m.-noon, camp focuses on fundamentals and 3-on-3 and 5-on-5 games. Cost: \$50, check-in at Champions Club on second floor overlooking arena.

July 18-19 and July 25-26 — Skills Camp for boys entering grades 1-9 at John Lance Arena, 1701 S. Homer St. Daily sessions from 9:30 a.m.-noon focus on fundamentals of passing, shooting, dribbling and competing in games. Cost: \$50, check-in at Champions Club on second floor overlooking arena.

Details: Assistant coach Cody Seidel, cseidel@pittstate.edu or 573-680-9063.

FOOTBALL

June 15 or July 15 — Pittsburg State Prospect Camp, all positions welcome. Registration starts at noon, camp runs from 1-4 p.m. Cost: \$50 before June 10, \$60 after June 10 or walk-ups. Bring helmet, shoulder pads and water bottle; equipment rental available for \$25.

Details: assistant coach Tom Anthony, tanthony@pittstate.edu

SOFTBALL

June 7 — Elite Prospect Camp, open to grades 7-12, from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Pittsburg State softball field, 2009 S. Rouse St. Camp will focus on fundamentals and position skills, team and individual drills, capped by a scrimmage. Cost: \$110; bring glove, helmet,

bat, tennis or turf shoes, catching gear.

June 15 and July 12 — Gold Glove Defensive Clinic, open to grades 1-12 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Pittsburg State softball field. Camp focuses on defensive skills, excluding pitcher and catcher. Cost: \$60, \$20 off if registering for defensive clinic and hitting clinic.

June 15 and July 12 — Hitting Clinic, open to grades 1-12 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Pittsburg State softball field. Camp focuses on hitting philosophy and mindset. Cost: \$60, \$20 off if registering for hitting and defensive clinic.

June 21 and July 25 — Pitching and Catching Camp, open to grades 1-12 from 1-4 p.m. at Pittsburg State softball field. Pitching sessions will be broken up by specific pitches and focus on fundamentals of each pitch; catching sessions will be broken down by specific fundamentals including receiving, blocking, throwing, stance. Cost: \$75.

July 18-22 — Junior Gorilla Camp, open to grades 1-6 from 9:30 a.m.-noon at Pittsburg State softball field. Camp focuses on drills to develop defense, hitting and baserunning. Cost: \$125. Details: Coach Jenny Fuller, jfuller@pittstate.edu

VOLLEYBALL

June 4 — Setter / Hitting Clinics, open to ages



14-18 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Pittsburg State’s John Lance Arena. Clinics designed to give specific position training to high school players. Cost: \$50.

June 4 — Positional Training Clinics, Defense, Serving, open to ages 14-18 from 1-4 p.m. at Pittsburg State’s John Lance Arena. Clinics designed to give specific position training to high school players. Cost: \$50.

July 11-12 — Elite Camp, open to ages 14-18 at Pittsburg State softball field, check in at noon July 11, camp ends 4 p.m. July 12. Four sessions and includes meals. Camp is for high school athletes who are interested in attending PSU and want an intense, fast-paced camp that gives insight into college volleyball. Cost: \$125 commuter camper, \$175 overnight camper.

Details: Coach Jen Gomez, jgomez@pittstate.edu

PSU’s McGowan named All-American

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Pittsburg State senior first baseman Garrett McGowan has been named an NCAA Division II All-American by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers of America on Wednesday.

McGowan, from Blue Springs, Mo., was named to the third-team All-America squad and becomes the ninth player in PSU history to earn All-America honors. He’s also the second Gorilla in as many seasons to be an All-American. Dawson Pomeroy received honorable mention laurels as a utility player last season but missed this season because of injury.

McGowan batted a team-leading .399 with 61 runs scored, 20 doubles, 18 home runs and 79 RBI

while starting all 52 games for the Gorillas in 2022. He ranked fifth in Division II in RBI per game (1.52 pg). McGowan garnered first-team All-MIAA honors and was named to the MIAA Gold Glove Team after posting a 1.000 fielding percentage in 385 total chances on the season.

ALL-REGION TEAM

McGowan and senior outfielder Jordan Maxson received All-Central Region honors from the American Baseball Coaches Association.

McGowan was named to the first-team All-Region squad as a fifth infielder, while Maxson received second-team All-Region recognition.

Maxson, a Wichita native, hit .347 with 46 runs scored, 12 doubles, 18 home runs and 59 RBI in 51 games.

Pittsburg alum Javon Grant transfers to Butler CC

By Dashuan Vereen
Morning Sun Staff

Sam Houston State guard and Pittsburg High School alum Javon Grant announced his transfer to Butler Community College on Wednesday.

Grant forged his way into the rotation for the Bearcats his freshman season, averaging nine minutes per game for the season and 15 minutes per game in the final five games of the season.

Grant notched his season-high twice in that five-game span, scoring 12 points against Stephen F. Austin on Feb. 24 and California Baptist in Sam Houston State’s WAC Tournament opener.

The Bearcats, a Division I University in Huntsville, Texas, finished the season 19-14, falling to Grand Canyon 71-66 in the second round of the conference tournament.

A standout performer during his time at Pittsburg, Grant captured the 2021 Sports in Kansas Class 5A Boys Player of the Year award after averaging 29.8 points per

game, leading Pittsburg to a sub-state championship.

A three-time all-state selection, Grant also claimed a unanimous All-Southeast Kansas League first-team distinction as a senior while leading Pittsburg to a 17-7 record.

Grant’s scoring output increased in the postseason, with the point guard averaging 36.5 points per game — a 32-point outing versus Blue Valley Southwest in the semifinals along with his 41-point performance in the sub-state title game. Grant notched eleven 30-point games and three 40-point games his senior season.

Grant joins a Butler team that finished last season 23-9. The Grizzlies advanced to the semifinals of the Region VI tournament, where they fell to Hutchinson 92-85.

Former Pittsburg High athlete and fellow Sports in Kansas Player of the Year Marque English concluded his final season for Butler in 2021. Butler was named to the all-conference third team after averaging 11.6 points and 6.3 rebounds per game.

Chiefs view WR corps post-Tyreek with bright-eyed optimism

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The moment the Kansas City Chiefs traded Tyreek Hill to the Miami Dolphins for a package of draft picks, any notion the AFC West champions would be able to simply build on another deep playoff run went right with him.

It’s not easy to replace a three-time All-Pro wide receiver, one of the most dynamic players in the entire game.

The deal earlier this offseason set in motion events that have left the Chiefs in an intriguing position as they hit the meat of their voluntary summer workouts: They’ve rebuilt



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) and tight end Travis Kelce warm up before the NFL football team’s organized team activities on Thursday in Kansas City, Mo. (AP PHOTO/CHARLIE RIEDEL)

BASEBALL
MLB STANDINGS

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	35	15	.700	—
Toronto	30	20	.600	5
Tampa Bay	30	21	.588	5½
Boston	24	27	.471	11½
Baltimore	22	30	.423	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	30	23	.566	—
Cleveland	22	24	.478	4½
Chicago	23	26	.469	5
Detroit	21	30	.412	8
Kansas City	16	33	.327	12

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	33	18	.647	—
Los Angeles	27	24	.529	6
Texas	24	26	.480	8½
Seattle	21	29	.420	11½
Oakland	20	33	.377	14

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland 4, Kansas City 0
Houston 5, Oakland 4
Detroit 5, Minnesota 0
Boston 7, Cincinnati 1
Baltimore 9, Seattle 2
Toronto 7, Chicago White Sox 3
Tampa Bay 4, Texas 3, 11 innings
L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, p.p.d.

Thursday's Games

Detroit 3, Minnesota 2
N.Y. Yankees 6, L.A. Angels 1, 1st game
Tampa Bay 3, Texas 1
Toronto 8, Chicago White Sox 3
L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05 p.m., 2nd game
Seattle at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.

Friday's Games

Cleveland (Bieber 2-3) at Baltimore (Zimmermann 2-3), 6:05 p.m.
Detroit (Rodriguez 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Cole 4-1), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Silseth 1-1) at Philadelphia (Eflin 1-4), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (TBD) at Toronto (Kikuchi 2-1), 6:07 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Velasquez 2-3) at Tampa Bay (McClanahan 5-2), 6:10 p.m.
Seattle (Gilbert 5-2) at Texas (Dunning 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Urquidy 4-2) at Kansas City (Singer 2-0), 7:10 p.m.
Boston (Eovaldi 2-2) at Oakland (Kaprielian 0-2), 8:40 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	35	17	.673	—
Atlanta	24	27	.471	10½
Philadelphia	22	29	.431	12½
Miami	21	28	.429	12½
Washington	18	35	.340	17½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	32	20	.615	—
St. Louis	29	21	.580	2
Pittsburgh	22	27	.449	8½
Chicago	21	29	.420	10
Cincinnati	18	32	.360	13

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	33	17	.660	—
San Diego	30	20	.600	3
San Francisco	27	23	.540	6
Arizona	25	27	.481	9
Colorado	23	27	.460	10

Wednesday's Games

St. Louis 5, San Diego 2
N.Y. Mets 5, Washington 0
Miami 14, Colorado 1, 1st game
Atlanta 6, Arizona 0
Philadelphia 6, San Francisco 5
Boston 7, Cincinnati 1
Chicago Cubs 4, Milwaukee 3, 10 innings
Colorado 13, Miami 12, 10 innings, 2nd game
Pittsburgh 8, L.A. Dodgers 4

Thursday's Games

San Francisco at Miami, 5:40 p.m.
Washington at Cincinnati, 5:40 p.m.
San Diego at Milwaukee, 6:40 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Colorado, 7:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

Friday's Games

Miami 3, San Francisco 0
Cincinnati 8, Washington 1
Washington (Gray 5-4) at Cincinnati (Minor 0-0), 5:40 p.m.
Arizona (Kelly 3-3) at Pittsburgh (Brubaker 0-4), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Silseth 1-1) at Philadelphia (Eflin 1-4), 6:05 p.m.
San Diego (Musgrove 5-0) at Milwaukee (Burnes 3-2), 7:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Fried 5-2) at Colorado (Kuhl 4-2), 7:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Bassitt 4-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Anderson 6-0), 9:10 p.m.

Lindblad sets U.S. Women's Open amateur mark with 6-under 65

By STEVE REED
AP Sports Writer

SOUTHERN PINES, N.C. (AP) — Ingrid Lindblad decided months ago that she wanted to stay in college instead of turning professional.

That might be a financial decision she comes to regret.

The 22-year-old Swede shot the lowest round by an amateur in the 77-year history of the U.S. Women's Open, a 6-under 65 that left her a shot behind first-round leader Mina Harigae on Thursday.

Because she's an amateur, Lindblad wouldn't be able to collect the record \$1.8 million first-place prize if she wins. She would have had to declare as a professional before the tournament began.

When asked if, in hindsight, that was a mistake, the LSU junior known to her friends as "Iggy" paused and said with a smile, "I'm going to stay in college for like another year or so."

"But when you say it, yeah ... it would have been



Jin Young Ko, of South Korea, hits off the ninth tee during the first round of the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament at the Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club in Southern Pines, N.C. on Thursday.

(AP PHOTO/STEVE HELBER)

fun to win a little bit of money," she said.

She has a 54 holes to navigate, but Lindblad has a chance to become only the second amateur to win the U.S. Women's Open. The other was Catherine Lacoste in 1967.

Lindblad didn't seem overwhelmed at the opportunity.

"Yeah, it's possible," she said.

Three amateurs had previously shot 66 — Carol Semple Thompson in

1994, Brittany Lincicome in 2004 and Gina Kim in 2019.

Lindblad tied for 30th at 6-over 292 in her only other U.S. Women's Open appearance in 2020.

She set the tone for a strong opening round in Southern Pines by winning the Southeastern Conference individual championship in April after making a 38-foot eagle putt on the 18th hole. She showed some of that same prowess on Thursday,

needing only 26 putts.

"She was fearless," said Lindblad's playing partner, Annika Sorenstam, Sweden's most famous female golfer and a three-time U.S. Women's Open champion.

Lindblad will have to contend with what is shaping up to be a strong leaderboard.

Three-time major winner Anna Nordqvist, also from Sweden, and 2021 Evian Championship champion Minjee Lee of Australia were at 67 with American Ryann O'Toole.

Lexi Thompson, who surrendered a five-shot lead in the final round of last year in the event and lost by a stroke, was four shots back after an opening round 68. Fellow American Ally Ewing also shot 68.

"As far as last year, it's over with, it's this year," Thompson said. "I took it, I learned from it, and I moved on."

South Korea's Jin Young Ko, the world's top-ranked player and one of the most consistent ball-strikers in the tournament, shot a 69 — hitting 13 of 14 greens in

regulation.

"I was just trying to get the middle of the green every shot, every hole," Ko said. "It's difficult because the green looks wider but the landing area is smaller."

Nelly Korda looked strong in her return from surgery and appears ready to contend, as well.

Outside of a double bogey at the par-4 11th, the world's No. 2-ranked player played a fairly flawless round in her first competitive tournament since Feb. 25 after developing a blood clot in her arm. She shot 70.

"I definitely had a lot of adrenaline on that first hole. I think I piped my driver so far," Korda said. "I like kind of felt sick how much adrenaline I was feeling, and then calmed myself down and played pretty well. Just had one unfortunate lost ball on I think 11, but other than that I played pretty solid."

Lydia Ko shot 72. Michelle Wie West finished with a 73 in what is expected to be her second-to-last major before retiring.

Sooners 'slam' Northwestern in WCWS

The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Tiare Jennings and Jana Johns hit grand slams, and No. 1 seed Oklahoma rolled past No. 9 Northwestern 13-2 in five innings on Thursday on the opening day of the Women's College World Series.

Oklahoma (55-2) advanced to play Texas on Saturday in their first-ever World Series meeting. Texas is responsible for one of Oklahoma's losses this season, though the Sooners won two of the three meetings.

The Sooners pounded out 11 hits. Northwestern's Danielle Williams (31-5) — a first-team

All-American pitcher — lasted just three innings and took the loss.

Northwestern's Rachel Lewis' solo blast over the left-field fence in the third inning opened the scoring. It was her 23rd homer of the season.

That was the only hit Oklahoma starter Hope Trautwein (19-1) allowed. She struck out seven and walked five in two 2/3 innings to claim the win.

Oklahoma took over in the bottom of the third. The Sooners tied it on an RBI single by Johns that scored Rylie Boone. Williams walked Jocelyn Alo to bring up Jennings with the bases loaded.

Jennings, also a first-team All-American, put Williams' first pitch over the fence in center field to give the Sooners a 5-1 lead. It was Jennings' 25th home run of the season.

Johns' grand slam in the fourth put the Sooners up 13-1.

Northwestern (45-12) plays UCLA in an elimination game Friday.

TEXAS 7, UCLA 2

Freshman Mia Scott went 4-for-4 as the unseeded Longhorns defeated No. 5 UCLA.

Scott had a triple, a double and two singles, drove in two runs and scored one for the Longhorns

(44-19-1), who hadn't won a World Series game since a semifinal run in 2013.

Texas' Hailey Dolcini held the Bruins (48-9) to six hits in a complete game victory. UCLA's Megan Faraimo, a second-team All-American pitcher who missed last year's World Series with a hand injury, took the loss.

Texas broke through in the top of the third, highlighted by a two-run homer by Mary Iakopo that chased Faraimo and put the Longhorns up 4-0.

Texas' Bella Dayton hit a two-run homer in the sixth that put the Longhorns up 7-0.

Wis broke up Dolcini's

shutout with a two-run homer in the sixth.

FLORIDA 7, OREGON STATE 1

Cheyenne Lindsey went 3-for-3 and scored three runs to help 14th-seeded Florida beat Oregon State.

Avery Goelz had two hits and knocked in three runs and Charli Echols hit a solo homer for the Gators (49-17), who play the winner between No. 7 Oklahoma State and Arizona on Saturday. Oregon State (39-21) plays the Oklahoma State-Arizona loser Friday.

CHIEFS

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their pass-catching corps into a more well-rounded and arguably more difficult-to-defend bunch while also updating — and perhaps upgrading — their playbook to better fit their personnel, and in particular those big, rangy wide receivers that are now on the roster.

"We've got a lot that we've shown over the years here. We've covered a lot of bases with the volume of plays that we've

had," said Chiefs coach Andy Reid, who's been able to count on having Hill and Co. in the locker room the past few years.

Not only has Hill left town, so have fellow wide receivers Demarcus Robinson and Byron Pringle.

In their place, the Chiefs signed former Steelers standout JuJu Smith-Schuster, who is trying to bounce back from an injury-plagued finish to his time in Pittsburgh; Packers deep threat Marquez Valdes-Scantling, who goes from catching passes from Aaron Rodgers to getting them from Patrick Mahomes; and Skyy Moore, their second-round pick in April's draft.

"We're able to dust a few things off," Reid said, "and put them back in that are maybe more conducive to a bigger player." And that has Reid excited about the possibilities ahead.

It's not as if he wants to throw away every-

thing the Chiefs have accomplished the past six years, though. The worst they've finished in both yardage and scoring over that span is sixth, and twice Kansas City has led the league in total offense.

Hill was their top pass-catcher in three of those seasons, and last year set a franchise record with 111 catches for 1,239 yards and nine touchdowns. That came after the speedster set a franchise mark with 1,479 yards receiving in 2018 and he matched Dwayne Bowe's franchise record with 15 touchdown receptions in 2020.

Those are big numbers to replace, which is why Reid and general manager Brett Veach don't expect one player to do it.

"We've got a little bit of everything for everybody that we can draw from," Reid explained. "We dusted a few things off for the bigger guys that we think they do well after watching their tape. ... I can't

tell you what they are, but we'll put them in."

Mahomes acknowledged the different feel of walking into the practice facility this offseason, and that a certain degree of familiarity that had built up over the years was missing. But he knew that would be the case, and that's why he invited most of the newcomers to his home in Texas for voluntary workouts even before the team began its own practices.

When they congregated again in Kansas City last week, they were that much further ahead.

"I think we're going to be different," said Mahomes, who is fresh off a loss with partner and Bills quarterback Josh Allen to the Packers' Aaron Rodgers and the Buccaneers' Tom Brady in a primetime golf match Wednesday night.

"You saw last year that defenses formulated a good game plan, at least at the beginning of the sea-

son, of trying to kind of maintain stopping Tyreek and Travis (Kelce)," Mahomes added. "We had to find ways to have success other ways, so we can get those guys open. I think this year will be different. You're not going to know where you're going to get the deep ball from. You're not going to know where you're going to get the short pass from because we have a lot of different guys that can do it all."

"I think having all those guys, it'll help get those big throws that we've become accustomed to."

It's a different approach, to be sure, but one the Chiefs hope produces the same results.

"That's the excitement in my mind," Kelce said. "Teams are going to have to see how we're going to come out and attack them. With a guy like (No.) 15 out there, who knows where to go for the ball. I think it can be an advantage, for sure."

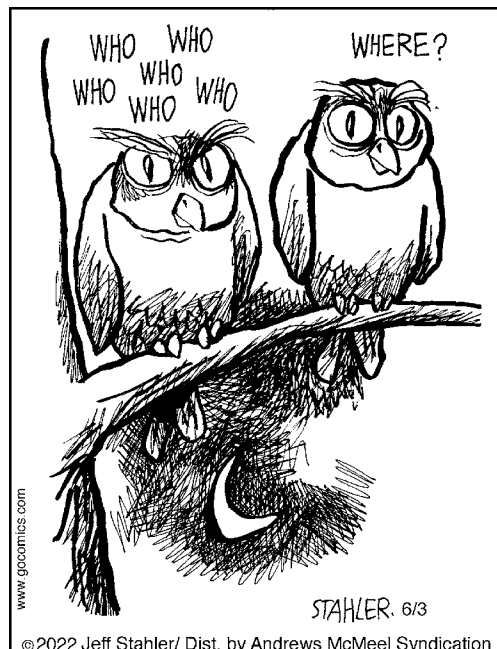
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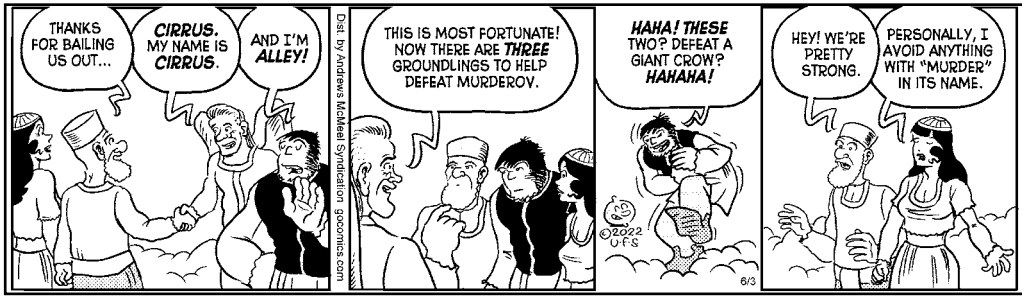
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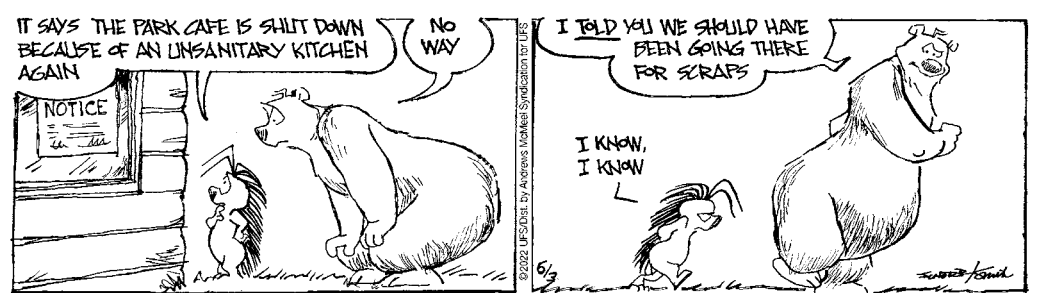
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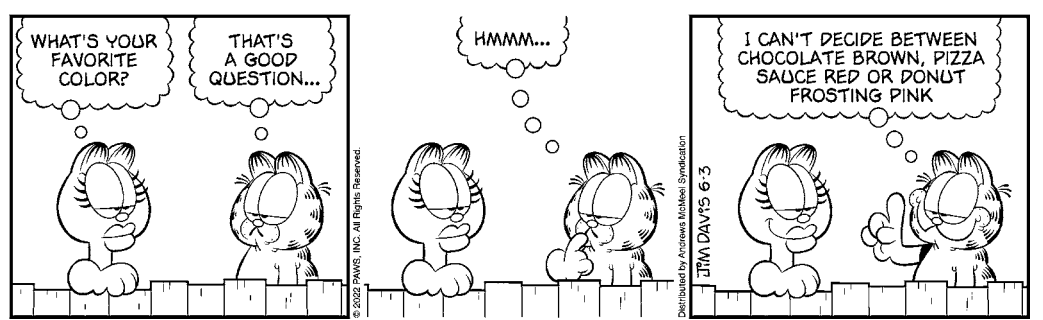
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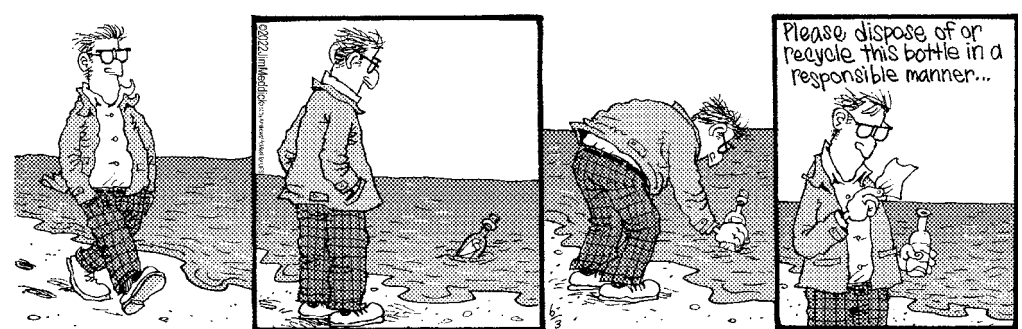
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Sign up for something you care about, and work to make a difference. How you contribute can set the stage for new beginnings. A hands-on approach will help you gain insight and confidence.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Consider alternatives and share thoughts with a trusted acquaintance who will help you reach your objective. Invest time and money in yourself and your skills. Learn from experience and the experts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Speak from the heart, but don't reveal your financial, medical or contractual obligations. Share your feelings and personal goals, and you'll be the recipient of good news and exciting plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Step up and take charge. Say what's on your mind. Offer solutions that are well thought out and easy to apply. Your dedication and loyalty will far outweigh what anyone else has to offer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Push for what you want. Don't hold back or let someone outshine you. Put your heart and soul into getting what you want and be ready to counter any negativity or manipulative tactics that pop up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Emotions will get you in trouble. Let your humor and wit lead the way and offer a positive and playful attitude that is difficult to resist. How you present yourself will determine what you receive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Invest in something that stabilizes your life. Take on a project that eases stress and makes your daily routine free of trouble. Don't share personal information with a colleague.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Honesty is the best policy when dealing with relationships. Be precise and keep everyone informed to avoid costly last-minute changes. Don't let your get overload-

ed.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Put your energy where it counts. Look over your financial papers and adjust your budget. Stay away from individuals who meddle or try to push you in a direction you don't care to travel.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Don't settle for less than what you want. Be willing to put in the labor required to get things done your way. Make unique plans with someone you love, and you'll end your day on a happy note.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Review how you handle money and wield your earning power. Making sure that you can afford the lifestyle you choose will help you make reliable plans for advancement.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Take care of yourself, your relationships and your health. Leave nothing to chance. Don't let anyone back you into a corner. Associate with people who bring out the best in you.

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Coco Gauff, 18, to face No. 1 Swiatek in French Open final

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

PARIS (AP) — In some ways, Coco Gauff is very much a typical 18-year-old, striding into Court Philippe Chatrier for her French Open semifinal on Thursday with earbuds in place, listening to a playlist she explained is “called ‘Rap’ — and I can’t say the next word.”

And in some ways, she is an old soul, anything but a run-of-the-mill teen — or run-of-the-mill tennis player.

So when Gauff had wrapped up her 6-3, 6-1 victory over Martina Trevisan to reach her first Grand Slam final, setting up a showdown against No. 1-ranked Iga Swiatek on Saturday, the American thought of the recent spate of mass shootings in her home country and wrote in marker on a court-side TV camera: “Peace. End gun violence.”

“I woke up this morning, and I saw there was another shooting, and I think it’s just crazy. I know that it’s getting more attention now. But ... this has been an issue, at least in my head, for a long time, and I definitely think there needs to be some reform put into place,” Gauff said. “I think now especially, being 18, I’ve really been trying to educate myself around certain situations, because now I have the right to vote and I want to use that wisely.”

A willingness to speak out about issues of significance, and a wide-lens view of the world, reflect the sort of maturity that has served her well, especially with so much attention from such a young age. She won the French Open junior title at 14. She became the youngest qualifier in Wimbledon history and then beat Venus Williams on the way to the fourth round there at 15.

“From what I see on court, she’s developing every year, basically,” said Swiatek, the champion at Roland Garros in 2020 and on a 34-match winning streak after eliminating No. 20 Daria Kasatkina 6-2, 6-1 on Thursday. “And when I see her, I tend to forget that she’s 18.”

Ah, but she is. When Gauff arrived in Paris a little more than two weeks ago, she celebrated her recent high school graduation by posing for cap-and-gown photos near the Eiffel Tower while holding her diploma. Now she’s the youngest player to reach a major title match since Maria Sharapova won Wimbledon at 17 in 2004. Gauff has won all 12 sets she’s played, although she did not need



Coco Gauff of the U.S. celebrates winning her semifinal match against Italy’s Martina Trevisan in two sets, 6-3, 6-1, at the French Open tennis tournament in Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, on Thursday.

(AP PHOTO/MICHEL EULER)

to navigate the most arduous path to get this. Because of all manner of surprising results and early exits by top players from the bracket, she has faced only one seeded foe, No. 31 Elise Mertens.

Big serves that reached 115 mph against Trevisan, a terrific backhand and a still-improving forehand are the keys to the 18th-seeded Gauff’s game.

Trevisan also praised Gauff’s defense, likening facing her to hitting against a wall — every ball comes back. Now, in Swiatek, comes someone who will present a much tougher test. The only Polish player to win a major singles title hasn’t lost since February, stringing together five tournaments in a row; only Venus Williams, who won 35 consecutive matches in 2000, has a longer unbeaten stretch this century.

“I’m just trying to treat these matches as any other matches,” Swiatek said, “because it is stressful, and I accept that. But I want to keep doing the same work.”

The men’s semifinals are Friday, with 13-time French Open champion Rafael Nadal playing No. 3 seed Alexander Zverev, and 2014 U.S. Open champion Marin Cilic facing No. 8 Casper Ruud. With only faint wisps of clouds overhead and the temperature hovering around 75 degrees Fahrenheit (about 25 Celsius), the two women’s semifinals followed a similar pattern.

Swiatek-Kasatkina was at 2-all. Then Swiatek claimed 10 of the last 11 games.

Gauff-Trevisan was at 3-all. Then Gauff claimed nine of the last 10 games.

Trevisan is a 28-year-old left-hander who

entered the day on a 10-match winning streak, including her first career WTA title at Rabat, Morocco, a week before play began at Roland Garros. She also defeated Gauff the only previous time they played — in the second round in Paris two years ago.

There were brief blips of tension Thursday that had little to do with the score.

Trevisan was surprised when chair umpire Marjana Veljovic cautioned her about grunting — “I always play like this,” the Italian said — after the official was asked by Gauff whether it was OK that her opponent’s cries of “Ahhhh!” were stretching into Gauff’s racket swings.

Gauff questioned Veljovic about a couple of line calls, drawing whistles and boos from spectators who frowned on that sort of thing. After one such interaction, Trevisan broke serve to pull even at 3-3. Unbothered, Gauff broke right back to lead 4-3, smacking a backhand winner that brought Mom and Dad out of their seats in the player guest box.

Now there’s one match left to determine a champion: the dominant Swiatek against the precocious Gauff.

“I’m in a mindset now like: ‘It doesn’t matter.’ I mean, I’m going to be happy, regardless. My parents are going to love me, regardless. So I’m just going to go into it like another match,” Gauff said. “I mean, yeah, it’s a Grand Slam final, but there are so many things going on in the world right now, and especially in the U.S. a lot of stuff is happening right now, so I think it’s not important to stress over a tennis match.”

‘Some weirdness’ at Big 12 with future and soon former teams

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — There are representatives from the Big 12’s four future members attending the conference’s spring meetings, along with the lingering presence of Texas and Oklahoma, the league’s only football national champions who still are three years away from their scheduled departures to the SEC.

Outcoming commissioner Bob Bowlsby, who announced his retirement earlier this year with plans to stay on until his replacement is found, figures he is down to 30-90 days left on the job.

“This meeting has got some weirdness to it,” Bowlsby said. “It would be less than forthright to not admit that there’s some strangeness to it, and perhaps even some periods when there’s a little bit of tension. But, you know, people are working together in good faith. And we get along and work together because we have

to.” A time of membership transition in the Big 12 comes when it, like schools and leagues across the country, are dealing with transfer rules and how student-athletes are getting compensated for use of their names, images and likenesses, and just who is involved with that process.

“I don’t know that the change in membership is causing us any particular scrambling,” Bowlsby said. “The members going out, the continuing members, we all share the same challenges. ... It’s not like they’re coming in to a uniquely different environment with a different set of challenges.”

BYU will officially join the Big 12 next summer. The growing anticipation is that current American Athletic Conference schools Cincinnati, Houston and UCF will as well, instead of having to wait until July 1, 2024.

The Big 12, a 10-team league since 2011 and that way for another year,

could have 14 schools for two years after that. Texas and Oklahoma will move to the SEC no later than July 1, 2025.

“I think the tenor’s good. I mean, honestly, you move on from some of the decisions. We know the two schools, Oklahoma and Texas, are leaving. But at the same time, they’re league members for the next two years,” West Virginia athletic director Shane Lyons said. “And with the four new schools coming in ... they start having a voice in the process. You’re looking at the league as a whole to say what’s best for the league.”

Athletic directors had their joint meeting Thursday with the Big 12 board comprised of the president or chancellor from each member school. The board’s executive session Friday, which is expected to include an update on the search for a new commissioner, will wrap up the meetings.

Cameron Young stays hot and shares early lead at Memorial

By DOUG FERGUSON
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DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — Just being at the Memorial was a reminder how far Cameron Young has come in the last year. Being part of a six-way tie for the lead Thursday was another reminder how well he is playing.

In his first start since challenging at the PGA Championship, Young finished with two birdies over his last three holes for a 5-under 67 on rain-softened Muirfield Village.

Even with slightly softer greens, the 67 was the highest score to lead after the first round of the Memorial since 2004. And it was the second straight week on the PGA Tour of a big logjam at the top — eight were tied after one round at Colonial.

Joining Young were Luke List, Cameron Smith and K.H. Lee from the morning wave, and Mackenzie Hughes and Davis Riley each shot 67 in the afternoon.

Bryson DeChambeau, in his first tournament since the Masters because of surgery on his left hand, had a 76. Harris English made his first start since

the Sony Open in January because of hip surgery. He opened with a 77.

A year ago, Young was coming off consecutive wins on the Korn Ferry Tour that moved him up some 300 spots in the world ranking to No. 170. Now he is at No. 30, with five top-three finishes in his rookie season, three times a runner-up.

The most recent was at Southern Hills, when Young was tied for the lead heading to the 14th tee in the final round of the PGA. His chances ended with a double bogey on the 16th.

And then he was right back at it at the Memorial, making a 15-foot eagle on the par-5 15th on his way to a 31 on his opening nine holes, overcoming a few bogeys on the front nine and capping off another solid day with a 30-foot birdie putt.

“I think we knew what was possible, but I think I’ve also gotten a lot better throughout this season,” Young said. “And having done well makes it a lot easier. If I was really fighting to keep my card for next year, I think it gets a lot harder. To have been around the lead and then finish high a few times,

I think just that comfort level has gone up and I’ve been able to keep going.”

The greens were firm during practice and still rolled well, though players could take aim at flags because of enough rain and cloud cover. That took some adjusting. Muirfield Village was still tough enough that bogeys were easy to find.

List, who picked up his first win at Torrey Pines in January, had only one bogey in his 67. Smith was slowed by a few bogeys on the front nine after making the turn. Lee holed out from fairway on No. 9 for eagle, only to follow with back-to-back bogeys.

Will Zalatoris, who lost in the PGA Championship playoff to Justin Thomas, had eight birdies in his round of 68 and wasn’t sure what to make of his round.

“I did not think 68 with eight birdies was in the cards when I came out Monday, Tuesday,” Zalatoris said.

He figured out the difference quickly, a wedge on the 13th hole that landed near the flag and spun back 15 feet. Earlier in the week, he saw shots like that bound over the green into trouble.

Play ball! Things to know about NCAA baseball regionals

By ERIC OLSON
AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The NCAA baseball tournament opens Friday with play in 16 double-elimination regionals. Regional winners advance to best-of-three super regionals next week, and the final eight go to the College World Series in Omaha beginning June 19. Some of the top story lines:

WHO’S HOT
East Carolina (42-18) is on an 18-game win streak that’s the nation’s longest and one shy of the program and Conference USA records. The Pirates own the dubious distinction of having the most NCAA Tournament appearances (31) without making a CWS.

At No. 8 overall, they earned their highest seed since 2001 and did it after losing top MLB pitching prospect Carson Whisenhunt to a season-long suspension and with weekend starter Jake Kuchmaner missing six weeks because of injury.

Stanford (41-14) carries a 16-game win streak into the tournament and VCU (40-18) has won 15 in a row.

WHO’S NOT
Arkansas (38-18), the No. 1 overall seed last year, has lost four straight. Vanderbilt (36-21), the 2021 national runner-up, has lost five of its last six. Virginia (38-17), which lost seven of eight during an April stretch, has dropped five of its last seven.

THE TOTAL PACKAGE
No. 1 overall seed Tennessee leads the nation

with 141 homers, the most since Missouri State hit 144 in 1999, and their .604 slugging percentage is highest since College of Charleston’s .607 in 2008.

Tennessee’s 2.35 ERA is the best since Oregon State’s 1.93 in 2017, and Chase Dollander’s 0.72 walks and hits per nine innings is lowest since Nick Sandlin of Southern Mississippi had a 0.71 in 2018.

No team since UCLA in 2013 has gone through the tournament unbeaten. If the Volunteers (53-7) were to do that, and finish 63-7, they would be the sixth team all-time with a season winning percentage of .900 or better.

Toughest Regional
The Gainesville Regional stacks up as the toughest.

Florida (39-22) won four

straight to reach the SEC Tournament championship game to put itself in position to host. Oklahoma (37-20) is the Big 12 Tournament champion after tying for second in the regular season.

Liberty (37-21) won two of three in Gainesville to open the season. Central Michigan (42-17) has the most wins among No. 4 regional seeds.

IVAN THE TERRIFIC
Big 12 player of the year Ivan Melendez has put up some of the best offensive numbers in Texas program history. The junior first baseman leads the nation in slugging (.903), is tied for first in home runs (29), is second in RBIs (87), fourth in on-base percentage (.522), and seventh in batting average (.406).

SONNY SHINES

Auburn’s Sonny DiChiara had no problem adjusting to the SEC after transferring from Samford. The senior first baseman is the conference co-player of the year, raised his batting average over 100 points to .379 and has hit 18 homers for the second straight year. His .556 on-base percentage ranks second nationally.

UNDER THE RADAR
Campbell’s Thomas Harrington will step into the national spotlight after dominating the Big South. The sophomore leads the nation with 11 wins, has a 1.72 ERA and has struck out 105 against 15 walks in 78 1/3 innings.

Not bad for a guy who didn’t start pitching until his junior year of high school and walked on at

Campbell.
FAMILIAR FACES
Florida State, at 44 in a row, owns the longest active streak of NCAA appearances. Vanderbilt, at 16 straight, has the second-longest streak, followed by Florida (14). Texas is making its 61st appearance since 1947, most of any school.

FIRST-TIMERS
Two teams are in the field for the first time: Coppin State (MEAC) and Hofstra (CAA). Coppin State (24-28) has been playing baseball since 1984 and has never had a winning record. The closest it’s come is 24-24 in 2019. Hofstra won four one-run games to win its conference tournament, including three walk-off victories.

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