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'Four Old Guys' perform at Signet



The Pittsburg Festival of Arts continues as FOG ("Four Old Guys") Barbershop Quartet from left, John Wilson, Harold Nentrup, John Robb, and Ed Kespohl perform "It Had to Be You" acapella at Signet Coffee Roasters on Wednesday. The group sings songs from oldies to 21st century favorites. Concerts will continue to feature in venues throughout Pittsburg all week. ANTJEA WOLFF / THE MORNING SUN

Citizens report 'Vote No' yard signs stolen

By Zackary Wiggs and Antjea Wolff
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PITTSBURG, Kan. — In the past week, several citizens have complained via social media that their yard signs, calling for people to vote pro-choice ("no") on the upcoming Aug. 2 ballot for the proposed Value Them Both Amendment to the Kansas Constitution regarding abortion, have been stolen from their neighborhoods in Frontenac and Pittsburg.

Yard signs that read "Forever the Free State Vote No on August 2" were handed out to participants who attended

the Vote No on Aug. 2 Rally on Saturday, May 21.

Since June 11, many of the "Vote No" signs have been stolen from area yards and some residents have reported the theft happening multiple times. One local resident, Laura Washburn, reported having signs stolen two different nights at her residence on Jefferson Street in Pittsburg.

In response to the yard sign theft, Washburn said a fun, yet educational event has been planned.

"We'll be hosting 'Beats & Ballots' with bands, comedians, and speakers at TJ Lelands on Friday, June 24 from 4 to midnight to help people

understand that a radical change to the Kansas constitution is on the ballot," Washburn said. "Voting no means preserving the Kansas heritage of free people. There's a bill already written that would prevent women from using the morning after pill in Kansas after rape. More than one thousand women and children are raped in Kansas each year. That same bill has narrow exceptions and would not even allow abortion to prevent sepsis, which is a potential complication of carrying a dead fetus."

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PSU Nature Reach hosts camp for kindergarteners

By Antjea Wolff
Morning Sun Staff

PITTSBURG, Kan. — Every summer for over a decade Pittsburg State University's Nature Reach program has hosted camps for children in first through third grades at which they can learn about wildlife and nature. Four years ago, due to a surge of interest, Director of Nature Reach Delia Lister decided to incorporate a day camp for kindergarten-aged children into the program. This year, seven children attended the one-day camp at the PSU Natural History Reserve on Wednesday.

After learning interesting facts about birds of prey, Lister led the children to view the seven birds, a blue kestrel, Harris's hawk, two barred

owls, a great horned owl, and a turkey vulture at the facility. The birds were kept in their enclosures while Lister had the children stand back and use the binoculars they were given in order to get closer looks at each bird.

When one of the children said the great horned owl looked angry, Lister said, "He's not angry, that's just how he looks."

Lister gave interesting facts about the birds, and the children's favorite seemed to be the turkey vulture named Stinky.

The children made other crafts such as a safari hat made out of a paper plate and paper bowl, a butterfly feeder out of sugar water in a tube and some felt, and other crafts. Later, the children put on their safari hats and were given special safari vests

along with a magnifying glass. Lister then took the group to a garden where the children observed insects such as dragonflies and bees. They also were able to see a monarch caterpillar feasting on a milkweed plant.

Lister said this program was a good way to introduce children to nature.

"I think a lot of them are really starting to discover nature," she said. "And sometimes they start to develop a fear of snakes or spiders or the so-called 'unlovables.' So I hope they get a chance to pick up that they are really good for the eco-system, and they're not so scary."

Lister said one of her volunteers, Meg Norman, who is now going into her senior year of high school, had been in her first through third grade Na-

ture Reach program years ago and was now assisting her during it.

"I really liked the birds," Norman said. "That's what I liked most when I was a kid. And now I just like helping with the program."

PSU senior Gizelle Sisson, a biology major, was also helping Lister with the program. She said this was her first year helping out with the children.

"I really like working with the kids a lot," Sisson said. "Most of my work I do at Nature Reach is with animals and not people, so I really like the opportunity to get to work with them. I am really passionate about educating children about nature."

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Director of Nature Reach Delia Lister holds a turkey vulture named Stinky for the children to see as they observe outside the enclosure at the PSU Natural History Reserve on Wednesday. ANTJEA WOLFF / THE MORNING SUN

Outstanding City



Mayor Cheryl Brooks accepted the Outstanding City Award on behalf of the City of Pittsburg during Tuesday evening's commission meeting. The award was originally presented on June 3 by the Jefferson Highway Association during its annual conference and accepted by Chris Wilson of Explore Crawford County, who then passed it on to the city. DUSTIN R. STRONG / THE MORNING SUN

City approves over \$400K in economic development spending

Funds to be used for development and repair projects

By Dustin R. Strong
Morning Sun Staff

PITTSBURG, Kan. — At Tuesday evening's city commission meeting, Director of Economic Development Blake Benson, made recommendations for the city to release \$405,000 in economic development funding for various projects to promote the city's growth.

Among the recipients is Pittsburg State's Kelce College of Business for \$25,000. This is an annual payment to Kelce to research, print, and distribute its quarterly economic reports. This is an ongoing partnership between the city and the university to attract new businesses and investments to Pittsburg. According to Benson, the quarterly publication is distributed to all local business owners and is included in packets for investors interested in moving to Pittsburg.

The city commission approved \$130,000 to off-set infrastructure costs for several ongoing construction projects, totaling ten percent of the total construction costs. The funding is used to build or repair sidewalks, alleys, utilities, and sewer infrastructure in and around the new construction. These funds were split between Comeau Jewelry's project at 525 S. Broadway and for Fireplace Creations at 4th and Highland.

Sunflower Estates, a new housing development on North Home Street near Meadowlark Elementary, was awarded \$250,000 in reimbursements for infrastructure improvements.

When asked if the Economic Development Advisory Committee has the funds to support these projects, Director of Finance Larissa Bowman said the EDAC's current available funds are ap-

proximately \$2.9 million. The funds for these specific EDAC projects total just over \$405,000.

The city commission, at the request of the EDAC, also granted an extension to JMAC QOZ Business II, LLC, for repayment of loans made in support of the Villas at Creekside housing development project. JMAC is asking for a six-month extension on their first loan payment because of delays caused by rain and supply shortages. The commission approved, with the first repayment due on Nov. 1, 2022.

The city also authorized funds and extensions for public works and utility projects.

Director of Public Works and Utilities Matt Bacon approached the commission to approve an expanded list of street projects. These projects will be added to the Broadway Street project, using the same contractor by taking advantage of the fact that the contractor is already in Pittsburg.

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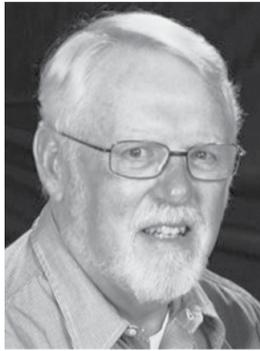
David Ray Evans, of Mashpee, Massachusetts died on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019, after a short illness. He was born May 9, 1942, in Pittsburg, Kansas, to Olin W. & Gertrude A. (Gerwert) Evans.

A self-avowed “rock hound” as a child, he received a Bachelor of Science in Geology at the University of Kansas. After meeting his mentor and friend, William M. Bass, founder of “The Body Farm,” David earned a Master’s degree in Anthropology at KU and was an authority on the Italian glass beads used as money by the pre-historic Indians of the Upper Midwest. He went on to direct the Missouri Archaeological Society where he helped lobby many current historic preservation laws through the U.S. Congress. His company, High Plains Consulting, in Laramie, Wyoming, specialized in the historic preservation of significant archaeological sites in Wyoming and Colorado. He was married to Joyce (Blessant) Evans from 1965 to 1991. He married Martha (David) Evans in 1993.

A 50-year Boy Scouter, he attained the rank of Eagle Scout, was an Order of the Arrow, and served in every volunteer capacity in Scouting. However, his proudest achievement in Scouting was that he was a mentor and guide to more than 40 Eagle Scouts in Missouri, Wyoming, and Cape Cod.

He is survived by his wife, Martha, and four children: Geoff of Boynton Beach, Florida; Greg (Gretchen) of West Palm Beach, Florida; Jason of Wellington, Colorado; Susan Peters of Findlay, Ohio; and two adopted children Celeste of Falmouth; and David of Mashpee; and three grandsons. The family suggests memorials to the Parkinson’s Foundation.

Graveside Service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 23, 2022, at Highland Park Cemetery, 2025 S. Broadway St., Pittsburg, KS 66762.



Rick Dean Schoeling, M.D.

Rick Dean Schoeling, M.D., 63, of Pittsburg, passed away early Thursday morning, June 9, 2022, at his home.

He was born March 1, 1959 at Enid, Oklahoma, the son of Edgar Gene and Mary Ann (Brune) Schoeling. He attended Iola High School and graduated in 1977. He graduated from Pittsburg State University in 1982, before attending medical school at the University of Kansas, where he graduated in 1986. He completed his residency at the University of Oklahoma at Tulsa in 1989.

After graduation, Dr. Schoeling went to work at the Ark City Clinic in Arkansas City, Kansas. He was part of the “Great Five Physicians” at the clinic. Dr. David Ross helped him discover his love for family practice. On Aug. 17, 1993, he was united in marriage to Jodi Keefe and they made their home in Ark City.

In March of 2003, he moved to Pittsburg and opened his private medical practice. He adored his patients for over 19 years and wanted them to feel like they were not only patients, but friends he genuinely cared for.

He attended Countryside Christian Church; was a member of Kansas Medical Society; Crawford County Medical Society; previously served on the Board at Via Christi Hospital; PSU Alumni member; Phi Kappa Phi fraternity; proud member of the Republican Party and the NRA. But the one thing that was the most important to him, that he truly adored, was his daughter, Hayley.

In addition to his wife, Jodi, he is survived by his daughter, Hayley Schoeling of the home; brother, Lanny (Jill) Schoeling; his niece, Carissa (Mike) Reyes and daughter, Emma; niece, Maggie (Kurt) Stansbury and their children, Blaine and Peyton; sister-in-law, Sheri (Elwin) Plank; nephew, Jared (Hannah) Plank and their children, Leah and Amos; and niece, Lindsey (Alex) Bublitz and their daughter, Kennedy.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two infant brothers.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 17 at Brenner Mortuary. A service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 18 at Countryside Christian Church with Dan Muter officiating. The burial will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 18 at Hope Cemetery in Arkansas City, Kansas. Friends are invited to meet at the cemetery. An educational memorial fund has been established for his daughter, Hayley Schoeling. These may be left at or mailed to the Brenner Mortuary, 114 E. 4th St., Pittsburg, KS 66762. Friends may leave condolences online at www.brennermortuary.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Brenner Mortuary.



CLUB NOTES

Thursday, June 16

Arma Golden Era

Arma Golden Era, located at 619 E. Washington St., Arma, Kansas, hosts games including cards and dominoes on Thursdays from noon to 5 p.m. Now playing pinochle. Come and visit.

Co-dependents Anonymous

Co-dependents Anonymous meets weekly at 6 p.m. Thursdays as an audio-only conference call meeting. Please call 620-231-6977 for information about how to join.

AI-Anon

As COVID-19 and social distancing has curtailed AI-Anon meetings, there is now a weekly Zoom AI-Anon meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursdays. For more information call 620-704-1309 or email jtknoll@swbell.net.

TOPS Club Inc.

TOPS Club Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the nonprofit weight-loss support organization, meets weekly on Thursdays at 9 a.m. at Crawford County Historical Museum, located at 651 S Highway 69, Pittsburg. The meeting is open to the public, ages 7 and up. Your first visit to any TOPS meeting is free.

TOPS #1186

The new Pittsburg TOPS #1186 chapter meets Thursdays at the Knights of Columbus Towers at 700 N. Pine. Weigh-ins begin at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 10 a.m. Visitors are always welcome and your first visit is free. Call 620-724-4342 or 620-687-1788 for more information.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Offering the opportunity for caregivers to engage and support each other throughout their journey. Gatherings will take place at the Pittsburg Public Library at 308 N. Walnut, Pittsburg, every third Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. Please contact Ashley Baker for further inquiries, 913-428-0453 or awink3@kumc.edu.

Monday, June 20

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.

Little Balkans Quilt Guild

The Little Balkans Quilt Guild meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of every month at the Presbyterian Church at 6th and Pine streets in Pittsburg.

Tuesday, June 21

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.

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Washburn and other members of a group called “Vote No Aug. 2: Forever Free State: SEK Reproductive Freedom” have set up an online donation event on Facebook. For every “Vote No” sign that is stolen or that a person hears about being stolen, community members can donate any amount of money they wish, and it goes directly to Planned Parenthood. So far, over \$1,000 has been donated from this group.

According to Lt. Rebekah Lynch of the Pittsburg Police Department, the department began receiving calls about people’s yard signs being stolen on June 11 and 12, and that eight reports have been filed with a total of 14 signs stolen as

of Wednesday. Lynch said police have reason to believe they are being stolen overnight.

“We are following up on a couple of different leads that we have, one of which is possible video footage,” she said.

Lynch said if someone has a Ring camera or other cameras on their house, they are encouraged to report any footage to the police if someone in their neighborhood has had their yard sign stolen.

“Something like that could be a huge break in a case like this,” Lynch said.

Lynch said each yard sign is valued at \$25, and confirmed that the perpetrator or perpetrators would be charged with theft if they’re caught. There have been no reports of the opposition’s signs, which read “Vote Yes! August 2nd ValueThemBoth.com,” being stolen.



Area residents have recently been reporting that their signs urging people to vote “no” on the proposed Value Them Both Amendment on Aug. 2 have been stolen.

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NATURE

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She said she agreed with Lister about educating the children about what people refer to as “creepy crawlies.”

“I love to get children to see a different point of view of that,” Sisson said. “I have a two year old myself, and so that’s something I’m really

trying to instill in raising him and making sure he’s not deathly afraid of snakes and spiders and that’s he’s kind to them. That’s something I really like to help other kids learn how to do.”

Lister said this year, PSU Nature Reach will be having its first program for 6th and 7th graders called Raptor Ambassadors Program, which will be in July.

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NEWS

Arcadia High School alumni banquet a 'huge success,' organizers say

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — Even though Arcadia High School closed its doors at the end of the 1965 school year, the annual alumni banquet is still being held on memorial weekend every year in Pittsburg. The membership also includes the junior, sophomore, and freshman class of 1965.

The banquet was held at the Lamplighter Inn on Saturday evening, May 28 and was catered by Chicken Mary's and served by the Stansbury Brothers of Arcadia, Kansas, Open Door Mission Church Youth.

Enclosed with the invitation to the banquet was the 2021 financial report prepared by Shirley Landon, Treasurer. The 2021 minutes were enclosed also, prepared by Secretary Virginia Smith. These were included in the mailing to provide more time for visiting. Smith also presented a slide show with music of previous alumni banquets before the meeting. This was added new last year.

A social hour was from 3 to 5 p.m. and at 5 p.m., President Lou Sheets of Wichita welcomed the 34 Alumni and 38 guests. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was led by Ronnie Smith. Melvin Nichols gave the invocation.

At the opening of the business meeting, Lou introduced alumni officers including Vice President Pat Morris, Secretary Virginia Smith, Treasurer Shirley Landon, and Historian Marilyn Flagg. There were no objections or corrections to the 2021 minutes or the 2021 treasurer's report. They stand approved as presented. There was no old business.

Merle Engle announced that Lou Sheets, alumni president, had decided that it was time for him to step down from his position. Lou gave many dedicated years as president of the Arcadia alumni.

Merle Engle along with Nominating Committee of Larry Shead and Gary Cambers nominated the following officers for the coming year: President Pat Morris, Vice President Tom Watt, Treasurer Shirley Landon, Secretary Virginia Smith, and Historian Marilyn Flagg. The motion was seconded by Don Kauble and motion carried.

Alumni President Lou Sheets proposed changes for the time of the social



Vice President Pat Smith Morris (Class of 1964) presented Lou Sheets (Class of 1957) with a leather clock to recognize his years of service as president of the alumni. COURTESY PHOTO

hour and the meal to have social time start at 1 p.m. and the banquet dinner at 3 p.m. This would allow more alumni members to attend, as some may not drive at night. Lilly Turner Sheffield made a motion to move forward with this request and Tom Watt seconded the motion and it carried.

Sheets also proposed that the annual dues be eliminated for the time being. Dues could be re-established any given year if deemed necessary. Francis Jones made a motion to move forward with this request and Melvin Nichols seconded the motion and it carried.

Special recognition was given to members of the 60th (1962); and 70th (1952) classes this year.

Those attending from the 60th class included Marilyn Coonrod Flagg, Ronnie Smith, Helen Morris Nichols. Those attending from the 70th. were as follows: Billie Sue Guthrie McCullough and guest Jamie Sue McCullough, Donald Kauble and guest Colleen Kauble. Fred Dixon was recognized as being a teacher in the Arcadia Grade School. All 38 guests were asked to stand and be recognized.

Virginia Smith, chair of the Scholarship Committee, announced the winners of the 2022 A.F. Bowlus/Betty Kirksey Scholarships as Andrew Cambers (great grandson of Bill and Phyllis Cambers), Sydney Siemens (granddaughter of Tom and Phyllis Watt), Adam Moe (grandson of Fred Dixon) and Tiara Ray (granddaughter of Larry & Vickie Shead). Andrew and Adam received \$1,000 each. Sydney and Tiara re-

ceived \$500 each. Andrew and Sydney were able to attend and spoke of their appreciation for receiving the scholarships. Tiara Ray and Adam Moe were unable to attend. Adam's grandfather, Fred Dixon, spoke on behalf of Adam.

Virginia also introduced Sharon Foster (Class of 1963), and Mary Lee Payne (Class of 1955) who served on the scholarship committee with her. Any child, grandchild, or great grandchild of Arcadia High School Alumni may apply for a scholarship.

Marilyn Flagg led the memorial service for alumni deceased since the last meeting. Those remembered were: Violet Nardelli Magee, Lou Mac Steele, Richard Hencey, Mary E. Lahman Bundy, Jack Corporon, Louetta Swezey Schwatken, Norman D. Ritter, Walter (Bert) Swezey, Donna Bean Totman, Richard Lee Ham, Frank Crystal, Georgia Giesken Fletcher, Sharon Powell Thornhill, Richard Lee Dixon, Carol Gruenwald, Shirley Ilene Totman Gamble, Gary Mayfield, Sandra Davidson Wheeler, and Ernestine Swezey Murray.

Louise Opitz Hughes, 95 years old (Class of 1943) was given an award for being the "Oldest" alumni. Esther Engle Cousins (Class of 1954) was awarded for traveling the "Most Distance." Winner of the ticket drawing for \$25 was Helen Morris Nichols.

Vice President Pat Smith Morris (Class of 1964) presented Lou Sheets (Class of 1957) with a leather clock to recognize his years of service as President of the alumni.

The school song was led by Mary Lee Payne. The

Lord's Prayer in Unison was led by Melvin Nichols. The roll call which consisted of the following and the 1952 and 1962 classes listed above was done by Pat Morris:

- 1943 — Louise Opitz Hughes and son David Hughes; Jonathan and Lynn Bumstead, Matt and Lisa Opitz, and Michele Drummond, all children of Olger (Sonny) Opitz, deceased, class of 1952
- 1951 — Philip Harris and guest Phyllis Timmons.
- 1953 — Bobby C. Harris
- 1954 — Esther Engle Cousins and guest Janice Crooks, Gary Peterson and guest Patty Peterson
- 1955 — Mary Lee Eggen Payne
- 1956 — Shirley McKinstry Landon
- 1957 — Merle Engle, Francis M. Jones and guest Karen Jones Tripp, Lou Sheets and guest Linda Sue Sheets, Lilly Turner Sheffield
- 1958 — Fred Dixon, Sandra Sue Stelle, Joyce McKinstry Turner and guest Cathy Norris, Bill Watt and guest Bruce Watt
- 1959 — Michael Sheffield, Beverly Swafford Silvers and guest Vern Silvers
- 1960 — Jerry Coonrod and guest Jan Steele, Melvin Nichols, Joyce Page Wilson and guest Lily Booth and Sheila Page Hale
- 1961 — Jerry Engle and guest Sharon Engle
- 1963 — Sharon Barnard Foster and guest Richard Foster
- 1964 — Virginia Harris Smith, Ronny Kellogg and guest Barb Kellogg, Steve Morris and guest Raymond Kalm, Pat Smith Morris
- 1968 — Don Schaub, Sherry Sisney, Tom Watt and guest Phyllis Watt
- Guests: Andrew Cambers, Sydney Siemens, Larry and Nicole Cambers, Austin, Tracey Siemens, and Trent Siemens. The servers were the Stansbury Brothers (Logan, Cameron, Sammy, Wyatt, and Tido), of Arcadia, Kansas Open Door Mission Church Youth and Judy Stansbury and her grandson, Chris Campbell.

AREA EVENTS

Thursday, June 16

Teen Night Meme Bingo

The Pittsburg Public Library invites the public to attend Teen Nights at 5:30 p.m. Thursday evenings at Root Coffeehouse, 402 N. Broadway. Each teen that attends a Teen Night program at Root Coffeehouse will get one free drink ticket to use on the specialty drink of the night. This Thursday will be Trivia Night. Teen Nights are open to grades 6 through 12.

Soprano Lydia Bechtel and Pianist Isaac Hernandez

This free concert will feature an hour of Spanish art, song, and music works by composers from Spain, Cuba, Mexico, Guatemala, and Argentina. The event will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 16, at ArtForms Gallery, 620 N. Broadway.

Solo and Chamber Music

The PSU Low Brass Ensemble will be performing as well as other ensembles at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 16 at First United Methodist Church 415 N Pine.

Frontenac American Legion Bingo

Held the first and third Thursdays of the month at the Frontenac Senior Citizen Center. Open to the public. Doors open at 5 p.m. Play begins at 6:30 p.m. Includes Rollover Progressive Blackout game, a Progressive Blackout Jackpot, Instant Bingo Cards (pull tabs).

Friday, June 17

Petting Zoo Library Event

The Pittsburg Public Library invites kids and families to their free Petting Zoo event from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, June 17 in Lincoln Park. Look for the library's Bookmobile and all the animals.

Duo Capriccioso at Books and Burrow

A violin and flute ensemble featuring Raul and Denissa Munguia who will explore music inspired by the written word as well as books inspired by music. This performance will take place at 2 p.m. Friday, June 17 at Books and Burrow.

The Claw

Pittsburg Community Theatre Jr. Starz presents "The Claw: A New Children's Musical" at 6 and 8 p.m. Friday, June 17 at Memorial Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door for \$5.

CAC Cornhole Tournament

The Children's Advocacy Center will be hosting their first Cornhole Tournament from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday June 17 at the 200 block on Broadway. There will also be food vendors and many activities for both adults and kids. Live music will be performed by Cole Morris. All the businesses on the 200 block will be participating in this event. Proceeds go to the Children's Advocacy Center.

Summer Wind Band

This wind ensemble is comprised of faculty, students, alumni and community members, who perform a variety of great wind music from band classics, to movie music, to solo features. This concert will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, June 17 at The Bicknell Family Center for the Arts.

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 the Garcia Vibe will be performing.

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St. Mary's Colgan CYM completes mission trip

Staff Reports

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Last week, the Our Lady of Lourdes/St. Mary's Colgan Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM) took part in a local three-day mission trip initiative called "Summer of Simon." Around 60 high school students and 20 adult mentors served 10 families in Pittsburg and the wider Southeast Kansas community by helping with various home projects, upkeep, and repairs.

"Like St. Simon of Cyrene who helped Jesus

Christ carry his cross, our mission and our purpose was to ease a burden or lighten the load of those in our community with the joy of Christ," according to the Catholic Youth Ministry.

The students raised and donated money and received grants to help with the cost of supplies, paint, siding, wood, and cement.

Project applications were submitted to the Summer of Simon adult leadership team for consideration, with the projects being chosen based on the scope of the project, resources needed, and the availability of volunteers.

It was an impactful week for both students and adult leaders. "I love our mission trip— it is a

great way to make new friends and give back to the community," said Ali Scripsick, an SMC senior. "I think it's amazing that so many kids gave up part of their summer to help out those in need. I also think it is impressive how joyful everyone was while doing arduous tasks."

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LITTLE BALKANS CHRONICLES

Adventures with Dad and moving on to St. Mary's



J.T. Knoll
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This week, Ben George's memoir relates the magic of traveling with his Dad and completing his grade school days at Sacred Heart. — J.T.K.

I don't remember how Dad became acquainted with a company out of Kansas City but it might be that he found the opportunity via the Truck Stop that he was managing at the time. He left without burning any bridges and a few years later would return for several years as manager of Ace's Truck Stop for Woody Creel.

Anyway, he went to work for a company that sold and serviced air freshener equipment for public restrooms. For the next few years Dad headed out early on Monday mornings and returned Friday afternoons. Mom had us eight kids by herself for five days every week. She did a wonderful job. She led us kids in the Rosary almost every night. Every Wednesday at exactly 8:30 p.m. Dad would call and catch up on what's going on with her and us kids.

Sometimes it was all going well, and we'd look forward to being in the front yard about 5 p.m. on Fridays waiting for Dad to round the corner onto Washington Street. However, if you have had a bad report from Mom on Wednesday, you weren't quite as excited to see Dad and contemplate any punishment you might warrant.

During my sixth through eighth grades, I pretty much won the naughty prize when Mom would talk to Dad on Wednesdays. My Italian schoolmates kinda dared me to misbehave, especially to Sister Henrietta, and, as it turned out, she was a tattletale to Mom!

With all due respect to my Dad, he never once hit me during our conversations during those years but his calm talk about morals, right and



1960s motel postcard, Fayetteville, Arkansas. COURTESY PHOTO

wrong, treating people with respect (especially your elders), usually had me in tears. It took several minutes after our bedside talks before I would come out of the bedroom and join the other kids. Bob liked it. He figured out if I was in trouble, his little mistakes would skate past Dad.

One of the rewards of your Dad being a traveling salesman was getting to go with him one week every summer. Us boys traded turns with Dad and got a week each summer. His sales territories were: Fayetteville/Ft. Smith ... Little Rock/Hot Springs ... Sikeston/Popular Bluff ... Joplin/Rogers/Miami.

My first year I chose Fayetteville. On my first day with Dad about mid-afternoon we drove by the Sands Motel. The big Marquee had posted: "Air-Conditioned rooms, Swimming pool, TV, Vacancy". This was to be my first night ever in a

motel and Dad said that was where we were staying that night, but he had five more stops before we checked in.

Wow! This place, if it had palm trees, looked like it belonged on 77 Sunset Strip in Hollywood and Kooky was going to be there at check-in to open the car doors. Ironically, an hour later I was on the floorboard of the front seat when we pull into the motel. No one was to know I was with Dad as the \$6 room would go to \$7.50 for two.

We get in the room with air-conditioning, and I hurriedly get in my swimming suit. The plan, when no one was looking, was for me to dart out of the room and jump immediately into the pool. (My very first pool except lessons at the Girard Muni and one shallow end adventure at the Lincoln Park pool in Pittsburg.) After I'm in the pool a couple minutes Dad would nonchalantly walk

to the pool and relax with a beer. I played my part perfect and did the same thing the next two nights in Ft. Smith.

Those days, in the late '50s, Dad had a meal allowance of \$3 per day. Sounds crazy but true! Most days, coffee for breakfast, a small bag of peanuts dropped into a Dr. Pepper for lunch, then a decent meal at dinner time. Some of the customers on Dad's route required a small ladder to service the machine. I proudly carried the ladder several times a day as Dad walked ahead with his large satchel of air fresheners. Dad always had his left arm well-tanned during his traveling days. The car had no air conditioner, so for some 30 hours or more a week, his arm was resting on the car door and he was tanned up to the edge of his white short sleeve shirt. Three summers in a row I spent a week with my Dad and have some

wonderful memories — plus I was safe when he phoned Mom on those Wednesday nights.

In the spring of 1963, my time at Sacred Heart ended when my class of nine strong graduated. There were seven boys and two girls. I enjoyed my time there and am happy to recount some of those experiences in these pages. Eight of my classmates continued their education in Frontenac at the public high school. They were my friends, and I petitioned my parents to follow along with them. This was a battle I soon found out I was not going to win. My older sister Jeannie was already commuting into Pittsburg to the Catholic High School and my brother Bill had elected to enter the Seminary in Sioux City, Iowa.

There was no good reason to let the family's somewhat "behavior challenged" child go to a public school after eight years

of parochial schooling. So I enrolled in high school at St. Mary's in Pittsburg.

As expected, everyone gets busy during their high school years, and I didn't see much of my old classmates except a wave here and there. Four years later, however, some of us reconnected during our college years, had a few classes together, had some parties and laughs and even had one of my Sacred Heart classmates in my wedding. (1970)

— Ben George

If you have a remembrance and/or photo to share, send it — along with your name, address and phone number — by email to jtknoll@subell.net or by land mail to 401 W. Euclid, Pittsburg, Kansas 66762. You can phone and text photos to 620-704-1309. — J.T.K.

The silly season of politics has started extra early

Apparently the silly season of politics has started extra early due to the constitutional amendment being on the ballot in August. Sign stealing has begun with a vengeance — with only signs stating opposition to the amendment being affected.

Not only is stealing of signs immature, it sets a bad example. This theft also violates all kinds of laws. Trespassing and misdemeanor theft are just some of the laws being broken. If you want to get into the religious side, stealing is forbidden in the "Big 10" commandments and really conflicts with "love your neighbor!"

This applies to any signs, for any candidate, party, issue, etc. Leave them alone!

Hopefully, local law enforcement, who have been contacted and given videos, will track down the thieves. In the meantime, if you happen on to a boatload of NO signs, let the police know.

— Lynn D. Grant
Frontenac, Kansas

Boyfriend's bedroom gets a bit crowded on weekends



DEAR ABBY
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Paul," and I have been together for 18 months. We are both divorced and each have two children. Mine are in college. His are in elementary and middle school. They stay overnight with him on the weekends. When they are there, I go home and sleep at my place. Over the last few months, Paul has asked me to stay the night when they are there; however, he wants me to sleep on the couch because they sleep in the bed with him. A few weeks ago, he announced, "I'm going to talk to them about you and me sleeping in my bed

together and see if they are OK with that." Since then, I have heard nothing, so I continue going to my own place at night. My questions are: Is it acceptable for children to sleep in the same bed with their parent? And, is it acceptable for children to decide if Paul and I sleep together? -- CONFUSED IN KANSAS

DEAR CONFUSED: The answers to your questions are "Yes," and "No." In some cultures, it is common for families to share the same sleeping accommodations, including a family bed. In our culture, it is less common but not unheard of, particularly with kids much younger than his. As to your second question, Paul may be uncomfortable raising the subject with his children, or they may have told him they like the status quo and

he hasn't communicated that to you. But they are not the ones who should make that decision. As the adult in the family, that privilege should be his. And after 18 months together, you should be comfortable enough to ask him anything.

DEAR ABBY: Twenty years ago, I had a falling-out with my siblings and my mother. I was in an emotionally and physically abusive marriage. They wanted me to leave, but after seven years of his brainwashing, I was convinced that I was worthless, that no one cared about me but him and that I would end up on the street alone and unable to live without him. My siblings invited me out to visit them and proceeded to browbeat me into leaving him. After three nights of six-hour sessions of being

berated and hearing I was a terrible mother for staying with him, it was almost a relief to go home to my husband. At least there I expected it. Long story short, I haven't spoken to my family in 20 years. I escaped that marriage five years ago, and my mother and I slowly began rebuilding a relationship over Facebook -- I'm in Michigan, and she's in New York. Three months ago, she passed away. One of my siblings unfriended me and my daughter from my mother's Facebook before they posted that she passed away. I heard the news from one of my friends who was also FB friends with my mother. Someone I know is saying I should reach out to my siblings and try to rebuild a relationship. What are your thoughts? -- LIKE AN ONLY CHILD

DEAR LIKE: That your siblings would unfriend you and your daughter from your mother's Facebook page so you wouldn't know she was gone was cruel, unnecessary and shameful. If you want to reach out to your siblings, by all means do so, but before you do that, please talk with a licensed mental health professional or your religious adviser, if you have one. You have suffered much pain and rejection from your abusive husband, and you may encounter more from your siblings, so before you approach them, be prepared.

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AGRICULTURE

Plowpans and claypan soils

By James Coover
Wildcat Extension District

While the names are often interchangeable, claypan soils and plowpan soils are two different things. One is a natural soil classification while the other has been created from years of tilling wet soil.

Claypan soils are those that are characterized by heavy clay beneath a layer of lighter silt clay soils. The claypan layer will have a higher soil density and lower permeability. Claypan soils are natural and intrinsic to parts Southeastern Kansas and Western Missouri. However, erosion from years of tillage have brought the claypan much closer to the soil surface by reducing the overlying silty layer.

Plowpans however, are completely manmade. They were created by crushing the structure of the soil into dense plates from years of tillage and heavy equipment. Plowpans also are characterized by high soil density and low water permeability. The two are connected because natural claypan soils often end up with very dense and problematic plowpans, but not all claypan soils will have a plowpan and not all fields with a plowpan are technically claypan soils. Claypan soils can be very productive farmland if managed correctly, in large part, by reduction of the plowpan. Plowpans restrict root penetration and nutrient uptake, increase erosion by reduction of water percolation, and are both poorly drained and more susceptible to drought. The plowpan is a physical feature within a soil that took years to slowly create and will take years to remove.

Surface compaction vs. subsoil compaction

Surface and subsoil compaction are similar in that the loss of soil aggregation and both surface and subsoil compaction are a result of over tillage. Subsoil compaction which is characterized by compaction below 6 to 8 inches, the common plow depth (aka plowpan). Surface compaction however isn't always a dense compaction of the soil because tillage breaks it up. Surface compaction can sometimes be seen in cloddy soils and later with

pronounced crusting. The temporary solution to surface compaction is more tillage, fluffing the soil to allow pathways for air and water. This of course, reduces aggregation farther and increases subsoil compaction. Most publications describe this as the downward spiral of tillage. Tillage creates the need for more tillage.

Ripping: A possible first step

Subsoiling, usually with a ripper and a tractor large enough to pull it, can be a first step in tearing up a plowpan. Ripping isn't a cure-all though. It uses a lot of diesel, only partly breaks the plowpan, and the effects can be temporary. Once ripped, a field will be more susceptible to re-compaction. Proper ripping should follow the contours of the land and is done when soil moisture is below 50 percent field capacity. Too wet and the ripper will smatter the soil and won't shatter the plowpan. It is also important that the shanks are set to the right depth within the lower side of the plowpan. An ideal ripper is one that has minimal disturbance to the field surface. It's important to remember that ripping doesn't take out the plowpan. It only shatters it, so roots and water grow into it.

Plowpan reduction over time

If operations go back to a normal of tilling, planting, or harvesting when the subsoil is too wet, then the plowpan will quickly reform. The real process

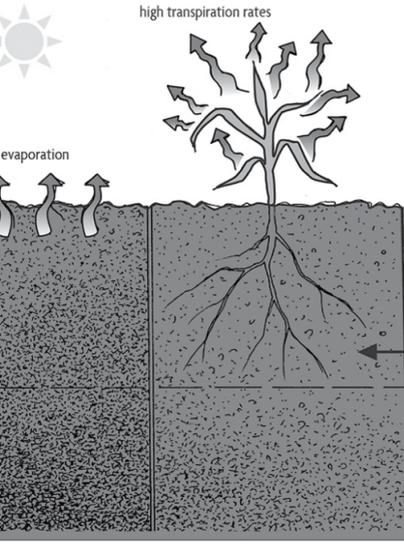


Figure 15.8. Cover crops enhance the drying of a clay soil. Without cover crops (left), evaporation losses are low after the surface dries. With cover crops (right), water is removed from deeper in the soil because of root uptake and transpiration from plant leaves, resulting in better tillage and traffic conditions.

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of reducing the plowpan requires time and intention. Any reduction of tillage can be beneficial; reduced tillage, surface tillage, strip tillage, and of course, full no-till. Every tillage pass not made is less compaction.

Better load distribution is the use of equipment with a bigger footprint and less psi on the ground. On average, the weight of farm equipment has doubled every twenty years and this increase has certainly increased the effects of compaction. Tracked machines, more axels, wide tires, and even reduced tire pressure can spread out the weight of the machine.

Compaction is not caused consistently with each wheel pass. While pressure upon dry soils has some level of compaction, it takes a certain amount of soil moisture for the clay particles to slide and aggregates to condense. Even if the soil surface is dry, the plowpan layer might be wet enough for compaction. Cover crops can help even out the soil moisture by pulling the moisture from deeper depths and not relying entirely on evaporation to dry the soil (Figure 15.8 from SARE).

Cover crops have a lot of effects when it comes to reducing compaction. While ripping can shatter a plowpan temporarily, roots are needed to grow into the cracks of the plate-like plowpan clods to break them up. While the cover crops are growing, they are increasing the soil microbiology as they

pump organic compounds to the microbes near their roots. The microbes create the "glue" that holds the aggregates together and alter the structure of the soil. When terminated, the roots decay and leave channels for air and water. It has been well demonstrated that cover crops can reduce the need for tillage by suppressing weeds and delaying weed germination in spring. And for those that plant directly into standing cover crops, the cover crops actually help cushion the weight of the tractor.

In summary, while many of our fields can be considered claypans, and they always will be, there is nothing to say that plowpans are a permanent part of the field as well. Subsoil compaction often goes unrecognized but is responsible for a lot of yield loss and erosion. Plowpans reduce water infiltration during the spring rains but then restrict water and root movement during the dry months. Plowpans formed over years of farming operations on wet soils and only years of intentional conservation farming can reduce the soil compaction. However, like most issues in farming, the best solution is easier said than done, and the process of reducing compaction is a big one. If you have any questions about soil compaction identification or reduction, please contact James Coover, Crop Production Agent, jcoover@ksu.edu or 620-724-8233.

COMMODITIES

Chicago Merchantile Exchange

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg
CATTLE					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Jun	136.50	138.00	136.50	137.55	+2.35
Aug	135.32	137.50	135.25	136.80	+2.73
Oct	141.12	142.90	141.05	142.22	+2.07
Dec	147.07	148.55	147.00	147.60	+1.35
Feb	151.70	152.75	151.45	151.62	+0.82
Apr	155.00	155.77	154.50	154.67	+0.62
Jun	149.92	150.90	149.67	149.82	+0.57
Est. sales 57,618.Tue.'s sales 37,980 Tue.'s open int 273,547					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg
FEEDER CATTLE					
50,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Aug	172.52	173.85	172.30	173.27	+1.97
Sep	174.47	175.87	174.45	175.10	+1.75
Oct	176.20	177.50	176.20	176.80	+1.53
Nov	177.97	179.00	177.95	178.15	+1.18
Jan	178.50	179.00	177.80	177.92	+0.67
Mar	180.60	180.62	180.00	180.00	+0.55
Apr	182.35	182.55	182.00	182.00	+0.90
May	184.00	184.00	183.50	183.50	+1.23
Est. sales 8,888.Tue.'s sales 7,950 Tue.'s open int 43,995					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg
HOGS, LEAN					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Jul	106.00	108.85	105.62	108.27	+1.65
Aug	103.27	104.90	102.10	104.32	+0.77
Oct	91.40	92.12	90.32	91.70	+0.20
Dec	85.25	85.80	84.50	85.67	+0.02
Feb	89.50	90.20	88.90	90.10	+0.03
Apr	93.00	93.40	92.60	93.37	-0.03
May	96.50	96.67	96.50	96.67	-0.18
Est. sales 38,829.Tue.'s sales 44,942 Tue.'s open int 193,269					

	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	1055	1058 ³ / ₄	1036 ¹ / ₂	1050	-1 ¹ / ₄
Sep	1070	1073 ³ / ₄	1051 ¹ / ₂	1063 ¹ / ₂	-1 ³ / ₄
Dec	1085	1088 ³ / ₄	1068	1078 ¹ / ₂	-2 ³ / ₄
Mar	1090	1097 ¹ / ₂	1078	1088 ¹ / ₄	-3 ¹ / ₄
May	1090 ³ / ₄	1101 ¹ / ₄	1081 ¹ / ₂	1091 ¹ / ₄	-4
Jul	1071 ³ / ₄	1079 ³ / ₄	1063 ³ / ₄	1071 ¹ / ₂	-4 ¹ / ₄
Sep	1050	1064 ¹ / ₂	1050	1058 ¹ / ₂	-4 ¹ / ₂
Dec	1045	1058	1041 ³ / ₄	1051 ¹ / ₂	-3 ¹ / ₂
Mar	1037	1037	1036 ¹ / ₂	1037	-6 ¹ / ₄
May	1021 ¹ / ₂	1025	1019	1019 ¹ / ₂	-10
Est. sales 77,238.Tue.'s sales 82,249 Tue.'s open int 336,890					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
CORN					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Jul	767	779 ³ / ₄	762	774	+5 ³ / ₄
Sep	727 ¹ / ₂	736 ¹ / ₄	722 ¹ / ₄	729	-1 ¹ / ₂
Dec	720	728 ¹ / ₂	715	721	-1 ¹ / ₄
Mar	724 ¹ / ₂	733 ¹ / ₂	720 ¹ / ₄	726 ¹ / ₄	-1 ¹ / ₂
May	726 ¹ / ₂	734 ¹ / ₄	722	727 ¹ / ₂	-1 ¹ / ₂
Jul	723 ¹ / ₄	731	718 ¹ / ₂	724	-1 ¹ / ₂
Sep	669 ¹ / ₄	674	666	671	+1 ¹ / ₂
Dec	646 ¹ / ₂	653	642 ¹ / ₂	647 ³ / ₄	-1 ¹ / ₂
Mar	653 ¹ / ₄	658 ¹ / ₄	652 ¹ / ₂	654	+1 ¹ / ₄
Est. sales 228,214.Tue.'s sales 294,760 Tue.'s open int 1,521,565					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
OATS					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Jul	661 ¹ / ₂	674 ¹ / ₂	656 ¹ / ₄	661 ¹ / ₄	-5 ¹ / ₂
Sep	624	639 ¹ / ₂	621 ¹ / ₂	627 ¹ / ₄	-2
Dec	621	633 ¹ / ₄	619	619 ¹ / ₂	-4 ³ / ₄
Mar	615 ³ / ₄	-5			
May	612	-5			
Jul	611	-5 ¹ / ₄			
Sep	565 ³ / ₄	-4 ¹ / ₂			
Dec	565 ³ / ₄	-4 ¹ / ₂			
Mar	558	-4 ¹ / ₂			
May	555 ¹ / ₄	-4 ¹ / ₂			
Est. sales 368.Tue.'s sales 509 Tue.'s open int 3,117					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
SOYBEANS					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Jul	1698	1705	1682 ¹ / ₄	1693 ³ / ₄	-4 ³ / ₄
Aug	1616 ¹ / ₂	1626 ¹ / ₂	1607 ¹ / ₄	1613 ³ / ₄	-2 ³ / ₄
Sep	1545 ¹ / ₂	1559 ³ / ₄	1541	1546	-1 ¹ / ₄
Nov	1525	1535 ¹ / ₂	1518	1523 ¹ / ₂	-1 ³ / ₄
Jan	1528 ¹ / ₄	1539	1522 ¹ / ₄	1527 ³ / ₄	-1 ¹ / ₂
Mar	1516 ¹ / ₂	1527 ¹ / ₄	1511	1516 ¹ / ₂	-1 ¹ / ₄
May	1511 ³ / ₄	1523 ¹ / ₂	1508 ³ / ₄	1512	-1 ³ / ₄
Jul	1507 ¹ / ₄	1519	1505	1507 ³ / ₄	-2 ¹ / ₄
Est. sales 185,143.Tue.'s sales 214,418 Tue.'s open int 754,428					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
SOYBEAN OIL					
60,000 lbs; cents per lb					
Jul	78.42	78.90	77.50	77.67	-0.61
Aug	76.50	76.74	75.33	75.84	-0.48
Sep	75.49	75.77	74.46	74.90	-0.50
Oct	74.81	75.17	73.97	74.29	-0.53
Dec	74.75	75.04	73.75	74.07	-0.56
Jan	74.40	74.40	73.39	73.68	-0.61
Mar	73.67	73.67	72.63	72.92	-0.62
May	73.16	73.16	71.94	72.18	-0.60
Est. sales 107,455.Tue.'s sales 106,326 Tue.'s open int 388,690					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
SOYBEAN MEAL					
100 tons; dollars per ton					
Jul	410.90	419.60	408.00	417.50	+6.50
Aug	400.60	406.90	397.90	404.50	+3.90
Sep	393.30	399.00	391.70	395.20	+1.30
Oct	388.80	393.80	387.40	389.30	-0.20
Dec	390.30	395.80	389.00	391.50	+0.70
Jan	388.90	394.70	388.30	390.70	+0.90
Mar	385.50	390.90	384.80	387.60	+1.70
May	384.00	389.30	383.70	386.30	+1.90
Est. sales 119,010.Tue.'s sales 95,898 Tue.'s open int 384,925, up 2,432					

Producers Cooperative Association

Bushel	
Soft wheat.....	\$10.54
Soybean.....	\$17.03
Yellow shell corn.....	\$7.75
Milo.....	\$7.75

Columbus Grain

Bushel	
Hard wheat.....	\$10.64
Soft wheat.....	\$9.45
Soybean.....	\$16.48
Yellow shell corn.....	\$8.05
Milo.....	\$7.60

McCune Farmers Union Coop Association

Bushel	
Hard wheat.....	\$10.64
Soft wheat.....	\$9.44
Soybean.....	\$16.47
Yellow shell corn.....	\$8.06
Milo.....	\$7.61

ServSafe manager training for food safety

By Holly Miner
Wildcat Extension District

The Wildcat Extension District will conduct a ServSafe Food Manager Training and exam on Friday, July 8. Training will be held at Kansas State Research Station, 25092 Ness Road, Parsons, Kansas.

Class starts at 8 a.m. with an exam following course completion.

The ServSafe Managers Training and Exam program provides in-depth knowledge for those individuals that manage or oversee food safety in a food service operation.

Participants must pre-register to attend by June 27, 2022. Registered participants will be able to pick up the book and practice tests prior to the training to begin studying for the exam. It is recommended that participants study prior to the exam

to ensure their successful completion of the course.

For more information about the ServSafe Manager Training and Exam please contact Holly Miner, nutrition, food safety, and health agent, haminer@ksu.edu, 620-331-2690.

State Board of Agriculture to hold virtual meeting June 21

Staff Reports
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The Kansas State Board of Agriculture will hold its regular quarterly board meeting using in-

ternet meeting services on Tuesday, June 21, from 9 a.m. to noon. Anyone interested in the meeting can participate using video conferencing.

The meeting is open to

LOOKING BACK

FROM OUR HISTORY

The testimony of Mrs. Alf Dainty featured in the murder trial of Rolla McKinney

By Phil Burgert
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Excerpted stories in Crawford County newspaper archives

100 Years Ago

June 16, 1922
Ira Clemens of Pittsburg, after two years of service, declined re-election to the presidency of the Southwest Interstate Coal Operators Association although strongly urged to accept it again at their annual meeting in Kansas City yesterday. The coal operators elected H. N. Taylor of Kansas City's Central Coal & Coke company to succeed Clemens and also decided that no immediate steps would be taken to re-open the coal mines in the south-

western field.

The testimony of Mrs. Alf Dainty, an eye witness, was a feature of this morning's session of the trial in Lamar, Mo., of Rolla McKinney on the charge of first degree murder, for slaying Lee Duff at Morgan's camp, two and a half miles southwest of Minden the night of Nov. 26. This is the first actual murder trial in Barton county since 1904, when a young negro living at Hogback, near Minden, was tried for killing a playmate but was acquitted on the plea that the homicide was accidental.

A night blooming cereus from the Lincoln Park greenhouse will "perform" at the Leland cigar stand tonight. Henry Lindsay, park superintendent,

says that five blossoms of this plant are scheduled to open about 9 o'clock tonight.

50 Years Ago

June 16, 1972
Two young men who will be seniors in law school in the fall are working as interns in the Crawford County attorney's office during the summer. This is made possible by federal funds through the governor's committee on crime administration. This is the second year for interns to work in the county attorney's office. Last year there was one intern. The two interns are Jerry Sharbutt and Louie Barney.

A number of Northeast USD 246 school patrons met with the Girard board of education last night,

requesting the board petition Northeast school officials for the transfer of approximately 70 square miles of the Northeast district. The board listened to those present but took no action. The move came after voters in the Arcadia-Mulberry areas of the district strongly opposed a bond issue passed earlier in the week.

The Funsters unit of the Pittsburg Mirza Temple captured the first place trophy in the clown division of the Bushwhackers parade at Nevada Thursday night. This was their second trophy in the last two years at this parade. The Mirza Temple was also represented by the Patrol, the Mounted Patrol and The Little Wheels in the parade, which is a part

of Nevada's Bushwhacker Days celebration.

25 Years Ago

June 16, 1997
Beauty pageant crowns and wedding rings don't usually mix, with most pageants requiring contestants who have never said "I do." But the Mrs. United States pageant is different, and Mirtica Castro Winston, former Pittsburg area resident, now has both a husband, Paul, and the Mrs. Kansas crown. She's been Mrs. Winston the past three years, and Mrs. Kansas since March.

As the Crawford-Neosho-Cherokee League celebrates its 50th year, Craig Crespino has had plenty of time to reflect on the years that he has spent with the continually

strong conference. Crespino will enter his sixth year as head football coach for the Girard Trojans when the 50th year of CNC football opens next fall. Crespino also was an athlete in the CNC for the Saint Mary's-Colgan Panthers and an assistant football coach at Frontenac.

While some baseball coaches might be pacing the floor in desperate search for answers, Dan Smith will stay patient with his ball club. For the second consecutive day, Smith on Sunday saw his Pittsburg American Legion Post 64 give up too many walks and too many errors as Bartlesville capitalized on every tiny mistake to send Post 64 home with a three-game losing streak.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1999, Thabo Mbeki took the oath as president of South Africa

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Today is Thursday, June 16, the 167th day of 2022. There are 198 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 16, 1858, accepting the Illinois Republican Party's nomination for the U.S. Senate, Abraham Lincoln said the slavery issue had to be resolved, declaring, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

On this date:

In 1903, Ford Motor Co. was incorporated.

In 1933, the National Industrial Recovery Act became law with President Franklin D. Roosevelt's signature. (The Act was later struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court.) The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. was founded as President Roosevelt signed the Banking Act of 1933.

In 1941, National Airport (now Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport) opened for business with a ceremony attended by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1963, the world's first female space traveler, Valentina Tereshkova (teh-ruhsh-KOH'-vuh), 26, was launched into orbit by the Soviet Union aboard Vostok 6; Tereshkova spent 71 hours in flight, circling the Earth 48 times before returning safely.

In 1970, Kenneth A. Gibson of Newark, New Jersey, became the first Black politician elected mayor of a major Northeast city. Chicago Bears running back Brian Piccolo, 26, died at a New York hospital after battling cancer.

In 1977, Soviet Communist Party General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev was named president, becoming the first person to hold both posts simultaneously.

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter and Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos (toh-REE'-ohs) signed the instruments of ratification for the Panama Canal treaties during a ceremony in Panama City.

In 1999, Thabo Mbeki (TAH'-boh um-BEH'-kee) took the oath as president of South Africa, succeeding Nelson Mandela.

In 2011, U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., announced his resignation from Congress, bowing to the furor caused by his sexually charged online dalliances with a former porn performer and other women. Osama bin Laden's longtime second-in-command, Ayman al-Zawahri (AY'-muhn ahl-ZWAH'-ree), took control of al-Qaida.

In 2015, real estate mogul Donald Trump launched his successful campaign to become president of the United States with a speech at Trump Tower in Manhattan.

In 2016, President Barack Obama traveled to Orlando, Florida, the scene of a deadly nightclub shooting that claimed 49 victims; the president embraced grieving families and cheered on Democrats' push for new gun control measures. Walt Disney Co. opened Shanghai Disneyland, its first theme park in mainland China.

In 2020, federal authorities announced murder and attempted murder charges against an Air

Force sergeant, Steven Carrillo, in the fatal shooting of a federal security officer outside a U.S. courthouse in Oakland, California. (Carrillo, who had ties to the far-right, anti-government "boogaloo" movement, pleaded guilty to a federal murder charge after prosecutors agreed not to seek the death penalty.) A statue of Christopher Columbus that stood in a St. Louis park for 134 years was removed; park officials said it had symbolized a "historical disregard for indigenous peoples."

Ten years ago: Egyptians began going to the polls for a two-day runoff to choose their first freely elected president; Islamist candidate Mohammed Morsi emerged the winner. China launched its most ambitious space mission to date, carrying its first female astronaut, Liu Yang, and two male colleagues on a 13-day mission to an orbiting module that ended safely.

Five years ago: President Donald Trump acknowledged for the first time that he was under federal

investigation as part of the expanding probe into Russia's election meddling as he lashed out at a top Justice Department official overseeing the inquiry. A St. Anthony, Minnesota, police officer was acquitted of manslaughter in the fatal shooting of Philando Castile, a Black motorist who had just informed the officer that he was carrying a gun. Former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl died at his home in Ludwigshafen; he was 87. Actor Stephen Furst, who played naive fraternity pledge Flounder in the hit movie "Animal House," died in Moorpark, California, at age 63.

One year ago: After a three-hour summit in Geneva, President Joe Biden and Russia's Vladimir Putin emerged largely where they started, with deep differences on human rights, cyberattacks, election interference and more. Actor Frank Bonner, best known as salesman Herb Tarlek on the TV series "WKRP in Cincinnati," died at 79.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Eileen Atkins is 88. Actor

Bill Cobbs is 88. Author Joyce Carol Oates is 84. Country singer Billy "Crash" Craddock is 84. Songwriter Lamont Dozier is 81. R&B singer Eddie Levert is 80. Actor Joan Van Ark is 79. Actor Geoff Pierson is 73. Boxing Hall of Famer Roberto Duran is 71. Pop singer Gino Vanelli is 70. Actor Laurie Metcalf is 67. Actor Arnold Vosloo is 60. Actor Danny Burstein is 58. Model-actor Jenny Shimizu is 55. Actor James Patrick Stuart is 54. Rapper MC Ren is 53. Actor Clifton Collins Jr. is 52. Golfer Phil Mickelson is 52. Actor John Cho is 50. Actor Eddie Cibrian is 49. Actor Fred Koehler is 47. Actor China (chee-nah) Shavers is 45. Actor Daniel Bruhl is 44. Bluegrass musician Caleb Smith (Balsam Range) is 44. Actor Sibel Kekilli is 42. Actor Missy Peregrym (PEH'-rih-grihm) is 40. Actor Olivia Hack is 39. Singer Diana DeGarmo (TV: "American Idol") is 35. Actor Ali Stroker is 35. Tennis player Bianca Andreescu is 22.

TRIP

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Fr. Labenz, the chaplain of the OLL/SMC CYM, also commented on the trip.

"The students lived what Pope St. John Paul

II called the 'Law of the Gift' — when we sacrifice our lives in love, it is then that we actually find them and it is then that we discover the joy and the peace that we are looking for," Fr. Labenz said. "This mission trip allowed our students to grow in

gratitude for the blessings that they have at home and they were filled with joy at the opportunity to serve and love those who are in need. Simply, they were living and breathing the Gospel and Christ's command to love as He has loved us. I am really

proud of our students and I look forward to having our 'Summer of Simon' Mission Trip again in the future!"

Each evening of their three-day mission, students and adult volunteers gathered for dinner and a time of prayer, fun,

and faith formation — reflecting on their mission and how it compared to the actions of St. Simon of Cyrene. Pittsburg Knights of Columbus and St. Bridget's Altar Society in Scammon hosted the teens and chaperones for dinner on two of the evenings. On

Saturday, the missionaries hosted a Faith and Light dinner and dance for people with disabilities at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Pittsburg.

On Sunday the missionaries traveled Sky Ranch in Quapaw, Oklahoma, for an end of mission retreat.

FUNDS

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Bacon said he is asking to expand the contractor's project list because the wet spring has put his department behind

schedule. Expanding the contractor's project list would allow him to catch up and possibly get ahead of schedule, while only

adding four days to the overall contract.

The commission also approved a request by Bacon to release \$26,800 for

a consultant agreement with Earles Engineering and Inspection for inspection and repair of 4,000 feet of sewer line running from Centennial to Quincy Street, east of Rouse. According to Bacon, the existing line is 27-inch diameter clay pipe that has been in use since 1973.

"This pipe sits in the county, doesn't it?" asked Mayor Cheryl Brooks.

Bacon said the line crosses in and out of the city's boundaries, but the city has an easement from the county to repair or

replace the line as necessary.

"We're not getting close to Frontenac, are we?" asked Commissioner Dr. Ron Seglie, drawing a few quiet chuckles from the audience.

Once the inspection is complete, the total cost to repair the line is estimated to be nearly \$448,000 to be paid for using the Wastewater Collections Operating Fund. The lifespan of the new lining is 25 to 30 years, according to Bacon.



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NEWS

Gordon Parks Museum to host concert fundraiser

Staff Reports

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FORT SCOTT, Kan. — The Gordon Parks Museum will be hosting a fundraiser featuring

performances by Charlie Redd and Luna Voo Doo on Friday, July 8 at 8 p.m. at the Liberty Theater, 113 S. Main Street, Fort Scott. “The mission of the Gordon Parks Museum

is to honor the life and work of Gordon Parks, internationally-known photographer, filmmaker, writer, and musician; and to use his remarkable life story to teach about ar-

tistic creativity, cultural awareness, and the role of diversity in our lives,” according to the museum’s website.

Charlie Redd and Luna Voo Doo will be playing

party dance music in rock, R&B, and pop. Tickets are \$25 each or \$30 at the door, and may be purchased online at www.gordonparkscenter.org/events, at the Gordon Parks Museum, or

over the phone at 620-223-2700 ext. 5850. There will be a cash bar available for attendees. Doors will open at 7 p.m. Music begins at 8 p.m.

Autumn Leaves Senior Citizens Minutes

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June 13, 2022 — There were 14 present today for our dinner and meeting. Secretary’s report was given, M by Cathy, S by RT, motion carried. Treasurer’s report was given,

M by Cathy, S by Patty, motion carried.

Old business: There was none.

New business: We discussed donating \$200 toward helping city with community funeral dinners when needed. M – Sherry, S by Cathy, motion

carried.

The Cimmaron Church Youth Mission Trip for a week is coming soon for community cleanup, and we discussed buying 10 cases of water for them to use while helping others. M – Cathy, S by Cathy, motion carried.

Discussion was opened for next month’s meal menu, and decided on brisket – by Bennie... Cheesy taters – Sherry... salad/green bean casserole – Cathy...homemade bread – Patty...desserts by Mary Lee, Barb and Linda. Funnies were given by

Mary Lee, RT, and Bennie.

Patty motioned we adjourn the business meeting and Cathy A seconded...motion carried.

Bingo was played and blackout prize was won by Sheila.

Next meeting will be July 11 at noon at the

Community Building.

Please invite someone to come and join us for a great meal, with fun, fellowship and bingo afterward!

Respectfully submitted by Barb King, Secretary.

KDOT employees celebrate service anniversaries

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — The Kansas Department of Transportation has announced that several of

its employees, including some in Southeast Kansas, are celebrating state service anniversaries in July. KDOT said in a press release that it is proud to acknowledge them for the

long-term dedication they have provided to the state of Kansas.

Equipment Operator Christopher Duling of Walnut is celebrating 30 years of service. Senior

Engineering Technician Matthew McDonald of Chanute is celebrating 20 years of service. Senior Engineering Technician Jimmy Peterson Jr. of Pittsburg is celebrating

20 years of service. Equipment Mechanic David Goeringer of Chanute is celebrating 10 years of service. Equipment Operation Specialist Randall Nalley of Altoona is cele-

brating 10 years of service. KDOT said in its release that it wants to express its appreciation for these employees and thanks them for their service.

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NEWS

USD 250 researches transition to new EV buses

By Dustin R. Strong
Morning Sun Staff

PITTSBURG, Kan. — At the end of May, the Environmental Protection Agency announced its Clean School Bus Rebate Program to replace diesel and gasoline powered buses with electric-powered vehicles. At Monday evening's school board meeting, Tom Stegman, the district's chief operations officer, said he is in the process of looking at the program and has already started doing the groundwork by meeting with the EPA to set up an application.

"We need to look at our infrastructure first," said Stegman. "We've already been in touch with Evergy to discuss what that infra-

structure would look like out at the transportation department if we decide to go with electric buses."

One of the things to think about is having enough power, said Stegman. Fortunately, the USD 250 bus barn is located in the northeast industrial park, so accessing electrical power is not an issue. Another issue is the best time to recharge the buses, depending on peak usage and different rates between daytime and nighttime.

The EPA program has set aside \$5 billion dollars. Half of that, \$2.5 billion, is specifically for priority schools depending on their socioeconomic status. USD 250 is considered a priority school district based on the number of

students that live in poverty.

"This is a lottery," said Stegman. "Just because we are a priority school doesn't mean we will be selected. But if we are, we need to have our application ready to go."

Right now, Stegman said he is looking at the costs associated with an EV bus. He has a general figure, but that is for a very basic model, with no air conditioning or other amenities. According to Stegman, USD 250 could receive up to \$375,000 per bus, but that does not cover the entire cost of even a basic model.

"We can replace up to 25 buses," Stegman said, "with the grant providing another \$20,000 per charger for those buses."

The EPA will help pay for any needed infrastructure between the bus and the charger, but anything beyond the charger is the responsibility of the district to cover, such as setting up the transformer for the charging stations.

"We have to do our homework to see what it will cost if we decide to go with electric buses," Stegman said. "How many buses? And how long will an electric bus last compared to a gas or diesel?" He also pointed out the 25-year rule that determines when buses must be replaced, suggesting that replacing all 25 buses all at once means replacing them all again in 25 years. Stegman said some districts are going all-in while others are phasing

in a limited number of buses over time.

"Right now, maintenance costs and electric prices compared to gas and diesel, there are huge cost savings," said Stegman. He said he is hearing there is an average of \$7,500 a year in savings per bus just on oil changes and basic servicing. This does not include the savings in fuel costs.

Stegman admits there are things he still doesn't know about EV buses, such as battery life, the cost of battery replacement, range of the battery, concerns about power outages, and whether the district should keep a mixed fleet of diesel and electric just for those contingencies.

According to some manufacturers' specifications, EV buses can run, on average, 150 miles per charge in most conditions. This can vary depending on terrain or additional usage such as heating and air conditioning for example.

Replacement batteries cost about \$150 per kilowatt hour, or about 40 percent of the total cost of a new bus, and can recharge in two to eight hours depending on usage. New, base model buses cost \$400,000 each. Total cost savings, including maintenance and fuel, can be as much as \$50,000 per year, per bus, according to the manufacturers.

Pyramid of Sax and Clarinet



Noah Smith performs "Improvisation et Caprice" by Eugene Bozza on the Alto Saxophone in Mcray Hall on Tuesday, June 14. SETH POTTER / THE MORNING SUN



Joel Garber, clarinet, Charlie Beard, clarinet and Isaac Hernandez, piano, play "Concertpiece, No. 2, Op. 113" by Felix Mendelssohn in Mcray Hall on Tuesday, June 14. SETH POTTER / THE MORNING SUN



Pittsburg Community members listen as Dr. Joanne Britz, Dr. Andrew Chybowski, Michaela Chybowski and Dalton Maynor perform "Music from the Three Penny Opera, arranged for saxophone quartet" by Kurt Weill/arr. Harle in Mcray Hall on Tuesday, June 14. SETH POTTER / THE MORNING SUN

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SPORTS

125 attend PSU football prospects camp

By Jim Henry
Sports Editor

Although just in its second year, Brian Wright's Prospects Camp has already paid dividends for Pittsburg State's football team.

Linemen Lane Franklin from Frontenac and Kody Schalk from Columbus attended last year's inaugural camp, and both signed with the Gorillas this spring.

Wright held his first prospects camp this summer on Wednesday afternoon, and one benefit evident to all was the camp was held inside the comfort of the Plaster Center instead of the 100-plus degree heat index at Carnie Smith Stadium.

Approximately 125 high school players attended the camp, which was open to all.



Luke Niggemann

"It serves a couple of purposes," said Wright, the Gorillas' head coach. "One, it's a great, live evaluation of the talent in the area, guys who we could get here on campus. The other thing is to show these guys the facilities.

"And the next thing is connection is a big piece of our program. We get to connect with these guys, learn who they are

as young men and who they are as football players. And they get to know something about us as well."

Girard quarterback Luke Niggemann was one of the players from Southeast Kansas who participated in the three-hour camp.

"I wanted to showcase what I've been working for so far this summer," said Niggemann, who is the Trojans' returning starter at QB. "I've been to a couple of camps this summer, and they had a junior day here earlier this summer."

The camp also provided Niggemann the opportunity to show his passing skills more than he might be able to this fall.

"I learned a lot," he said. "I got a lot of good pointers from Coach Wright, progressions and stuff. With our offense, we don't



Pittsburg State coach Brian Wright talks with the quarterbacks during the Prospects Camp on Wednesday at PSU. JIM HENRY / MORNINGSUN STAFF

really throw the ball a lot. Getting out here and being able to throw it around with some different receivers, that's good."

The camp provided plenty of competition ...

receivers going against defensive backs, offensive and defensive linemen battling one-on-one plus drills and work with position coaches.

"This was a great day,"

Wright said. "We did a lot of good work. We got to stay inside instead of the 105-heat index.

Wright will hold another prospects camp on July 15 on campus.

Multiple tournaments planned for weekend at Crawford Hills Golf Course

By Aaron Pyle
Morning Sun Staff

GIRARD, Kan. — Crawford Hills Golf Course will host back-to-back tournaments this weekend, ending with the annual Craig Crespino Memorial Golf Tournament planned for Saturday.

The Crespino Memorial Tournament begins at 8 a.m. at the course, located at 205 E. 47 Highway. Entry fees for the tournament are \$50 for adults and \$35 for high school or college golfers. A meal, scheduled to begin at 11:30, and tournament shirt can be purchased for \$30 for adults and \$25 for students.

Sponsoring Girard Tro-

jan athletics, the event raises funds for the yearly scholarships given in Coach Crespino's name.

"It's extremely enjoyable to come back every year and see the same faces," said Anthony Crespino, Craig's son.

Event coordinator Mike Carpenter noted how Crespino started a tournament during alumni weekend, years prior to his passing.

"(Crespino) used to look for an excuse for guys to get together and play golf," Carpenter said. "He did it at the alumni time because he knew some of them were going to be in town and we'd just get together on a pretty loosely

organized deal where we'd have chicken and beer and guys. We started raising a little bit of money and then it dwindled after a few years to where we didn't get as much activity in it.

"After (Crespino) passed away, I talked to John Lehman (former president of First National Bank of Girard, now GNBank) and others about how to revive it and I thought we'd tack his name on it as a memorial the way that we all felt about him. ... It's sustained itself ever since, for a difficult reason, but it's turned out well in that regard."

This year marks the 15th year of the tournament in



honor of the late Crespino, a standout coach and teacher at Girard in the 1990s and 2000s.

"It's been very successful every year," Anthony Crespino said. "My family

is always surprised and overjoyed that the numbers have been the same and consistent. People continue to show up and support. There hasn't really been any decline at

all, which is great. "With my dad's career and all the teaching, coaching and stuff he did,

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Royals end Giants' 5-game winning streak, 3-2

By BEN ROSS
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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Whit Merrifield broke a 2-2 tie with an eighth-inning sacrifice fly and the Kansas City Royals edged the San Francisco Giants 3-2 on Wednesday to avoid a three-game sweep.

Andrew Benintendi led off the inning with a pinch-hit double off Giants reliever John Brebbia. Nicky Lopez moved him to third on a sacrifice bunt and Merrifield brought him home.

"That's kind of how you'd want to draw up an inning like that," Benintendi said. "Nicky laid down a great bunt and Whit got the job done with the sac fly."

Added Royals manager Mike Matheny: "It's just textbook baseball. It was beautiful to watch."

Brandon Belt homered for the Giants, whose five-game winning streak ended.

Kansas City jumped ahead in the first inning when San Francisco shortstop Brandon Crawford, a four-time Gold Glove winner, made a rare fielding error on a slow chopper by MJ Melendez, allowing two runs to score.

"(Crawford) is such an excellent defender most of the time," Giants manager Gabe Kapler said. "I think that ball just kind of jumped up on him a little bit. It's part of the game. It happens. It's human error."

Belt answered with a solo home run to right-center in the fourth, his fifth of the season and first since April 20. Curt Casali tied the game at 2 with a sacrifice fly later



Kansas City Royals' Andrew Benintendi, right, is congratulated by Michael A. Taylor after scoring against the San Francisco Giants during the eighth inning of a baseball game in San Francisco, Wednesday, June 15, 2022. (AP PHOTO/JEFF CHIU)

in the fourth.

Jose Cuas (1-0) entered with one out in the seventh and retired three batters to earn his first career victory. The 27-year-old converted infielder had toiled in the minors for six years before making his big-league debut earlier this season.

"It's amazing," Cuas said. "It's more than I've ever dreamed of. I can't really tell you I've dreamed of this moment because I didn't get this far in my dream. But it's amazing. I'm soaking every second of it I can and every day for me is just a dream come true."

Scott Barlow recorded the last five outs for his seventh save in eight opportunities as Kansas City snapped a four-game losing streak.

Brebbia (3-1) suffered his first loss since July 18, 2021 as the Giants finished their longest home-stand of the season at 6-3. San Francisco went

0 for 7 with runners in scoring position and left nine men on base.

SHORT STARTS

Neither starting pitcher reached the fifth inning. Royals RHP Jonathan Heasley allowed two runs on five hits in four innings, striking out four and walking two. Giants LHP Sam Long surrendered two unearned runs on three hits in three innings with two strikeouts.

MILESTONE MAN

Crawford played in his 1,500th game, all with the Giants. The Bay Area native became the fifth player in the San Francisco era to play at least 1,500 games with the Giants, joining Willie McCovey, Willie Mays, Barry Bonds and Jim Davenport.

"It's a pretty short list and those are great players," Crawford said. "So definitely really cool to be on that list with them."

Crawford finished 1 for 4 with a single.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Royals: RHP Zack Greinke (right flexor strain) is nearing a return from the injured list after an impressive rehab start Sunday at Triple-A Omaha. Greinke threw 49 pitches in five scoreless innings. He might need one more rehab appearance to stretch out his pitch count.

Giants: OF LaMonte Wade Jr. (left knee inflammation) threw on the field before the game. Kapler is optimistic he can begin a rehab assignment this weekend. ... Casali returned to the lineup after missing three games with a hamstring injury.

UP NEXT

Royals: Open a three-game series at Oakland on Friday. The Royals will play six of their next nine games against the Athletics.

Giants: Travel to Pittsburgh to begin a seven-game trip on Friday.

US Open turns focus from Saudi money to golf's toughest test

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) — The U.S. Open isn't the only American major that has felt like an afterthought, lost among chatter and innuendo about topics unrelated to birdies and bogeys.

Golf was no longer the primary concern going into the 1990 PGA Championship at Shoal Creek in Alabama. The club founder had said Shoal Creek would not be pressured into accepting a Black member. Corporate sponsors began to withdraw TV advertising, protests were planned and Shoal Creek extended membership to a Black insurance executive a week before the PGA.

Until the first tee shot, most of the stories were on the controversy and its ripple effect in golf, not whether Nick Faldo could win his third major of the year.

Battle lines were drawn at the 2003 Masters between activist Martha Burk and her demands that Augusta National have a female member, and club chairman Hootie Johnson who stubbornly said that day may come, but "not at the point of a bayonet."

Tiger Woods was going for an unprecedented third straight Masters, and he got 10 questions from the media about social issues and the chaos at Augusta. And then when Thursday arrived, rain washed out the opening round.

The difference is the U.S. Open has been overshadowed

by a development not of its own doing.

Just its luck, a return to The Country Club for the 122nd Open and its century-old heritage came one week after the Saudi-funded LIV Golf rebel series began outside London.

Phil Mickelson and Dustin Johnson, the two biggest defectors, are among 14 players suspended by the PGA Tour for signing up and who are now playing the U.S. Open. Rumors have rampant all week that more players could be signing up for the Saudi money next week.

Mickelson defended his decision. Rory McIlroy said players who signed up for the 54-hole events with no cut and guaranteed money are "taking the easy way out."

Golf, anyone? "We're praying that changes tomorrow," USGA chief Mike Whan said Wednesday. "Even I can say that you don't have to ask how we feel about it. Ask 156 players that are grinding it out to get to tomorrow. They're trying to focus on the same thing we're trying to focus on."

"I think — hopefully — as soon as we tee this up tomorrow, we'll have something else to talk about, at least for the next four days."

It starts with a local flavor. Michael Thorbjornsen of Stanford, who grew up in the Boston area and won a U.S. Junior Amateur, hits the opening tee shot from No. 1. Fran Quinn, who is 57 and lives about 40 minutes away

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BASEBALL MLB STANDINGS

American League

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	46	16	.742	—
Toronto	37	25	.597	9
Tampa Bay	35	27	.565	11
Boston	34	29	.540	12½
Baltimore	27	37	.422	20

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	37	28	.569	—
Cleveland	30	27	.526	3
Chicago	30	31	.492	5
Detroit	24	38	.387	11½
Kansas City	21	41	.339	14½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	39	24	.619	—
Texas	29	33	.468	9½
Los Angeles	29	34	.460	10
Seattle	28	35	.444	11
Oakland	21	43	.328	18½

Tuesday's Games
Boston 6, Oakland 1
N.Y. Yankees 2, Tampa Bay 0
Baltimore 6, Toronto 5
Chicago White Sox 5, Detroit 1
Houston 4, Texas 3
Cleveland 4, Colorado 3, 10 innings

San Francisco 4, Kansas City 2
Seattle 5, Minnesota 0
L.A. Dodgers 2, L.A. Angels 0

Wednesday's Games
Chicago White Sox 13, Detroit 0
Houston 9, Texas 2
Kansas City 3, San Francisco 2
Minnesota 5, Seattle 0
Toronto 7, Baltimore 6, 10 innings
N.Y. Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 3
Boston 10, Oakland 1
Cleveland at Colorado, 7:40 p.m.

L.A. Angels at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Oakland (Blackburn 5-2) at Boston (Hill 2-3), 12:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Wells 3-4) at Toronto (Gausman 5-5), 2:07 p.m.
Cleveland (McKenzie 3-5) at Colorado (Kuhl 4-3), 2:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (TBD) at N.Y. Yankees (Severino 4-1), 6:05 p.m.
Texas (Pérez 4-2) at Detroit (Brieske 1-5), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Ohtani 4-4) at Seattle (Kirby 1-1), 9:10 p.m.

National League

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	41	23	.641	—
Atlanta	37	27	.578	4
Philadelphia	32	31	.508	8½
Miami	28	33	.459	11½
Washington	23	42	.354	18½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	37	28	.569	—
Milwaukee	35	29	.547	1½
Pittsburgh	25	37	.403	10½
Chicago	23	38	.377	12
Cincinnati	23	40	.365	13

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	38	23	.623	—
San Diego	39	24	.619	—
San Francisco	35	27	.565	3½
Arizona	30	35	.462	10
Colorado	27	35	.435	11½

Tuesday's Games
St. Louis 3, Pittsburgh 1, 1st game
N.Y. Mets 4, Milwaukee 0
Atlanta 10, Washington 4
St. Louis 9, Pittsburgh 1, 2nd game
Miami 11, Philadelphia 9
San Diego 12, Chicago Cubs 5
Cleveland 4, Colorado 3, 10 innings

San Francisco 4, Kansas City 2
L.A. Dodgers 2, L.A. Angels 0
Cincinnati 5, Arizona 3, 12 innings

Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia 3, Miami 1
Arizona 7, Cincinnati 4
Kansas City 3, San Francisco 2
Milwaukee 10, N.Y. Mets 2
Atlanta 8, Washington 2
Pittsburgh 6, St. Louis 4
San Diego at Chicago Cubs, 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Colorado, 7:40 p.m.

L.A. Angels at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

Thursday's Games
San Diego (Musgrove 7-0) at Chicago Cubs (TBD), 1:20 p.m.
Cleveland (McKenzie 3-5) at Colorado (Kuhl 4-3), 2:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wheeler 5-3) at Washington (Corbin 3-8), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Ashby 1-5) at N.Y. Mets (Megill 4-2), 6:10 p.m.

COLLEGE SLATE College World Series At Omaha, Neb.

Friday's Games
Game 1 -- Texas A&M (42-18) vs. Oklahoma (42-22), 1 p.m.
Game 2 -- Texas (47-20) vs. Notre Dame (40-15), 6 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Game 3 -- Stanford (47-16) vs. Arkansas (43-19), 1 p.m.
Game 4 -- Auburn (47-20) vs. Mississippi (37-22), 6 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Game 5 -- Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 1 p.m.
Game 6 -- Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 6 p.m.

Monday's Games
Game 7 -- Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 1 p.m.
Game 8 -- Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 6 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Game 9 -- Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 loser, 1 p.m.
Game 10 -- Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 6 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Game 11 -- Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 1 p.m.
Game 12 -- Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 23
If necessary games if Game 11 or Game 12 losers have only one loss
June 25-27
Bracket 1 winner vs. Bracket 2 winner, best-of-3 series

Reynolds' homer lifts Pirates to 6-4 win over Cardinals

By WARREN MAYES

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Bryan Reynolds hit a tie-breaking two-run homer in the seventh inning and the Pittsburgh Pirates ended a nine-game skid, beating the St. Louis Cardinals 6-4 on Wednesday night.

Reynolds, who also tripled and scored, hit his 11th homer of the season after Tucupita Marcano singled with two outs off reliever Andre Pallante (2-1).

Wil Crowe (3-3) threw two scoreless innings in relief, and David Bednar picked up his 11th save by pitching the final 2 2/3 innings.

Jack Flaherty made his first appearance of the season for the Cardinals, who lost for the second time in their past nine home games. The 26-year-old right-hander started and threw 60 pitches, his limit, over three innings, allowing four runs, two



Pittsburgh Pirates' Bryan Reynolds watches his two-run home run against the St. Louis Cardinals during the seventh inning of a baseball game on Wednesday in St. Louis. (AP PHOTO/SCOTT KANE)

earned, and three hits.

Flaherty had been sidelined with a shoulder injury. His last start was on Sept. 24 against the Cubs in Chicago. His last appearance came in relief on Oct. 3.

Pittsburgh scored twice against Flaherty in the first inning. Reynolds tripled and scored on a groundout, and Cal Mitchell's RBI single made it 2-0.

The Pirates added two

unearned runs in the second. Flaherty threw wildly to first on a sacrifice bunt by Tyler Heineman that scored Canaan Smith-Njgba. Hoy Park bunted for a hit but catcher Yadier Molina's errant throw to first allowed Heineman to score.

Dylan Carlson put St. Louis on the board with a second-inning homer.

The Cardinals tied it 4-4 in the fifth on Brendan Donovan's two-run double and Tyler O'Neill's fielder's-choice grounder. Donovan finished with three hits and was hit by a pitch.

Rookie Pirates starter Roansy Contreras allowed four runs, three earned, on six hits in 4 1/3 innings.

ROSTER MOVES

Cardinals: C Ali Sanchez was designated for assignment and LHP Packy Naughton was optioned to Triple-A Memphis while Flaherty was activated from the injured list. ... LHP Matthew Liberatore, the 27th player

added for Tuesday's doubleheader, was sent back to Memphis.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Pirates: LHP Dillon Peters (low back strain) still has not resumed throwing.

Cardinals: Cardinals: OF Corey Dickerson (calf muscle) has begun sprinting and running the bases. ... LHP Steven Matz (shoulder) might throw for the first time on Thursday. ... RHP Jordan Hicks (forearm) has started throwing bullpen sessions to get ready for a rehab assignment.

UP NEXT

Pirates: Host San Francisco on Friday with RHP Zach Thompson (3-4, 4.50 ERA) on the mound.

Cardinals: At Boston on Friday, with veteran RHP Adam Wainwright (5-4, 2.84) making his second career regular season start against the Red Sox and first at Fenway Park. He started twice against Boston during the 2013 World Series.

Avalanche beat Lightning in OT top open Stanley Cup Final

By STEPHEN WHYNO

AP Hockey Writer

DENVER (AP) — Andre Burakovsky scored 1:23 into overtime and the Colorado Avalanche opened the Stanley Cup Final with a 4-3 victory over the two-time defending champion Tampa Bay Lightning on Wednesday night.

Burakovsky ended it after the Avalanche failed to score on a power play that began late in regulation when three-time champ Patrick Maroon put the puck over the glass. Burakovsky is one of only two Avalanche players who have won the Cup.

The game likely wouldn't have even reached OT if not for big penalty kills by the Avalanche, who were 3 for 3 against Tampa Bay's potent power play. The final kill featured a crucial save by goaltender Darcy Kuemper and a series of clears by Norris Trophy finalist defenseman Cale Makar.

An earlier kill built momentum for Colorado, which opened the scoring on captain Gabriel Landeskog's goal 40 seconds after Josh Manson's penalty expired. Manson — one of general manag-

er Joe Sakic's expensive trade deadline pickups — more than made up for a holding the stick minor with some big hits.

The Avalanche's other deadline acquisition also kept up his knack for scoring key goals. Artturi Lehkonen had their third goal of the first period after Valeri Nichuskin scored the second as part of a dominant performance all over the ice.

Tampa Bay's latest additions also played a major role, with Nick Paul outracing Colorado defenseman Jack Johnson to a loose puck for a goal in the first that limited the damage and kept the defending champs in the game. Brandon Hagel, who has been banged up and was a question mark to play, got beaten to a loose puck by Landeskog, an uncharacteristic goal for reigning playoff MVP Andrei Vasilevskiy to give up by letting the initial shot sneak through under his left arm.

In another example of what has made the Lightning the NHL's best team over the past three years, they turned the tide in the second period with goals by Ondrej Palat and Mikhail Sergachev



Tampa Bay Lightning left wing Nicholas Paul (20) and Colorado Avalanche center Darren Helm (43) tangle in front of Lightning goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy (88) during the third period of Game 1 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Final on Wednesday in Denver. (AP PHOTO/JOHN LOCHER)

48 seconds apart. That set the stage for the first of what should be many fantastic finishes in a series between evenly matched opponents.

The arena was rocking from the start of warmups for the first Stanley Cup Final game in the city in 2001 — also the last year the Avalanche won the Stanley Cup, with Sakic serving as captain. Fans chanted, "We want the Cup!" throughout the leadup and at times

during the game, which was a showcase of the high-scoring hockey that has been the standard all season.

Tampa Bay's most prolific goal-scorer from each of the past two title runs was back, with center Brayden Point returning to play his first game since injuring his right leg a month ago.

Colorado has a series lead despite playing without forwards Nazem Kadri (right thumb) and

Andrew Cogliano (right hand), who were injured last series in a sweep of Edmonton in the Western Conference final.

The Avalanche swept Nashville in the first round, as well, and dispatched rival St. Louis in six before taking out Connor McDavid and the Oilers. If anything, Game 1 against the Lightning showed this series won't be easy for either team.

Astros throw 2 immaculate innings

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Baseball Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Houston starter Luis Garcia and reliever Phil Maton each threw an immaculate inning — nine pitches, three strikeouts — after a big opening offensive outburst for the Astros.

Martin Maldonado, their 35-year-old veteran catcher, was in the middle of it all.

Maldonado had a two-run double in Houston's six-run first on manager Dusty Baker's 73rd birthday, later homered and was behind the plate for all the strikeouts — 14 in all — as the AL West leaders wrapped up their seventh consecutive series victory against the Texas Rangers with a 9-2 win Wednesday.

"To be part of that, anytime you make history ... I'm glad I was catching in that situation," Maldonado said, adding he didn't remember ever being part of an immaculate inning, much less two of them.

"We hadn't had a first inning like that in a long time," Baker said. "A couple of records, the same guys we struck them out back-to-back-to-back with nine pitches. ... So it was a good day for us."

Garcia (4-5) fanned nine without a walk over six innings while limiting Texas to two runs and four hits. He had a span of five consecutive strikeouts that began with his immaculate second inning — only nine pitches to strike out Nathaniel Lowe, Ezequiel Duran and Brad Miller.

Those were the first three batters Maton faced after replacing Garcia to start the seventh. And Maton also recorded a nine-pitch, three-strikeout inning.

"We obviously knew they were cruising pretty good," Miller said. "I wish I would have taken some better swings, and wish they didn't get it."

Astros and Rangers officials said it was the first time in MLB history to have two nine-pitch, three-strikeout innings in the same game — either both by one team, or each team recording one.

The only other immaculate inning in the majors this season was by New York Yankees starter Nestor Cortes on April 17 at Baltimore.

When Maton finished off his nine-strike inning throwing only fastballs, neither Garcia or Maldonado initially realized there had been another immaculate inning. The catcher had tossed the

ball to third baseman Alex Bregman when he heard people yelling for the ball.

"I was talking to the guys (in the dugout) and then the guys erupted, and I said what happened," Garcia said.

Both pitchers had baseballs from their immaculate innings, already with authentication stickers, in their lockers after the game.

The only AL West team with a winning record, Houston (39-24) had lost four of five after dropping the series opener. The Astros then won 4-3 on Tuesday night with a four-run rally in the eighth inning, and started the series finale with another big outburst.

The Astros sent 11 batters to the plate in the first inning. Fill-in starter Tyson Miller (0-1) was gone after No. 9 batter Maldonado's double for a 6-0 lead, and the pitcher was sent back to Triple-A Round Rock after the game.

Miller was a replacement call-up from Round Rock when the Rangers put Glenn Otto on the COVID-19-related injured list hours before he was to start a series opener Friday night against the White Sox. Miller threw 2 1/3 innings in relief in Chicago, but got the start

against the Astros when Otto's spot in the rotation came up again.

Houston leadoff man Jose Altuve was hit by Miller's third pitch of the game, before a single and walk loaded the bases. Yordan Alvarez then hit a two-run double to extend his on-base streak to 16 games and put the Astros ahead to stay.

"Tyson, you could tell was just a little off, wasn't really commanding the baseball at all. Fell behind, really didn't really get much swing and miss," Texas manager Chris Woodard said. "You start down 6-0, it takes the wind out of your sails little bit."

GOING DEEP

Maldonado led of the fourth with his fifth homer of the season to make it 7-2. Yuli Gurriel hit a two-run homer in the Astros eighth. ... Garcia's streak of five consecutive strikeouts ended when Corey Seager hit his 13th homer in the third. Garcia then got out of that inning with another strikeout.

SHORT HOPS

The game took only 2 hours, 45 minutes to play — even after the top of the first inning took 29 minutes. ... Kyle Tucker, who had an RBI groundout in the first, later had a single to extend his ca-

reer-best hitting streak to 14 games, the longest active in the majors.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: Rookie SS Jeremy Peña was placed on the 10-day injured list with left thumb discomfort, a day after returning to Houston to be evaluated by team doctors. He got hurt when attempting to catch a bloop hit in the series opener Monday.

UMP OUT

A three-man umpiring crew worked the game after umpire David Rackley, who was supposed to work the plate, was ruled out due to health and safety protocols. Ryan Blakeney, who had been set to work first base, was behind the plate instead.

UP NEXT

Astros: After an off day Thursday, the Astros play a three-game series at home against the Chicago White Sox. Left-hander Framber Valdez (6-3, 2.64 ERA) starts the series opener Friday night. He has recorded nine consecutive quality starts.

Rangers: Martín Pérez (4-2, 2.18) looks to bounce back from a no-decision in which he gave up 12 hits and seven runs, both season highs. Texas opens a four-game series in Detroit on Thursday night.

Chiefs' Thornhill seeks to fill Honey Badger's void

By **DAVE SKRETTA**
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The prevailing narrative was that the Kansas City Chiefs signed Justin Reid away from the Houston Texans in free agency when they decided to move on from three-time All-Pro safety Tyrann Mathieu.

It was a one-for-one substitution, nice and tidy.

The reality is that Mathieu's replacement might have already been on the team in the form of Juan Thornhill, who has been an in-and-out of the lineup starter his first three seasons in the league. With the departure of Mathieu and Dan Sorensen in free agency, Thornhill is the only safety on the roster with much experience in coordinator Steve Spagnuolo's defense.

Thornhill also has a more versatile skillset than Reid, who is the quintessential hard-hitting safety, with a unique ability to not drop into coverage but also blitz the quarterback and step into the box against the run.

"I love it, being the oldest guy in the room with a bunch of rookies," the 26-year-old Thornhill said

after a sweltering practice during Kansas City's three-day mandatory minicamp. "I need to lead the way, take on that role."

He had a great role model himself in Mathieu, who arrived in Kansas City around the same time Thornhill was drafted.

For the past three years, Thornhill has had the best seat possible to watch Mathieu not only ply his trade on the field, but exhibit the kind of off-the-field leadership that made him invaluable. Mathieu was the ringleader of the defense, the one who got players into the proper position on defense and gathered them at his house for barbecues on days off.

Mathieu, who has experience with two torn ACLs, also helped Thornhill deal with a devastating knee injury that ended his rookie season, and for a while sidetracked what had been a promising start to his career.

"I was really quiet when he was here because I knew that he was the type of guy to be the leader, and I'd just follow in his footsteps," Thornhill said. "Now it's my time to take on that role and get everyone lined up."

That includes Bryan Cook, a second-round pick

of Cincinnati who could become a crucial piece of the defense.

"It's definitely a role I want to take on," Thornhill said. "I want the guys to have fun. Sometimes playing this game, it can feel like there's a lot of pressure on you, but we don't want that pressure. We just want to go out there and have a lot of fun and enjoy the game. That's when you make a lot of plays, when you're comfortable and bonding on the field."

Make no mistake: This is a big year for Thornhill.

He started all 16 games as a rookie fresh out of Virginia, making 58 tackles with three interceptions and a touchdown. But the injury lingered into Year 2, when he started just eight of 16 games and watched his playing time dwindle, and Thornhill was left fighting for his place in the base defense headed into last season.

He wound up starting 12 of 17 games with a career-high 64 tackles, setting him up well for a crucial contract year.

The Steelers reportedly set the market for safeties earlier Wednesday when they agreed with Minkah Fitzpatrick on a \$73.6 million multiyear deal that



Kansas City Chiefs defensive back Devon Key (42), safety Justin Reid (20) and safety Juan Thornhill (22) stretch during the NFL football team's organized team activities on Thursday in Kansas City, Mo. (AP PHOTO/CHARLIE RIEDEL)

includes \$36 million guaranteed. That follows big contracts that have been handed out to Seattle's Jamal Adams, Baltimore's Marcus Williams and Justin Simmons of AFC West rival Denver.

"I got high expectations. It's as simple as that," Thornhill said. "I'm planning on playing my best football, by far — at the top of my game. I'm expecting an All-Pro season. I'm saying that right now."

In other news, the

Chiefs said defensive end Frank Clark was excused from practice for the second straight day while rookie cornerbacks Trent McDuffie and Joshua Williams did not work out after leaving with trainers on Tuesday.

Others that did not practice included left tackle Orlando Brown Jr., who has yet to sign his franchise tender and is not required to report; running back Jerick McKinnon, who was signed just

this week; backup offensive lineman Prince Tega Wanogho; defensive end Malik Herring; and right tackle Lucas Niang, who is still rehabbing a knee injury.

Chiefs coach Andy Reid is expected to discuss the minicamp after the final practice Thursday, then the Chiefs will take the rest of the summer off before reporting in late July to their training camp at Missouri Western State University.

AAC's 6 new schools join July 2023, when 3 leave for Big 12

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The American Athletic Conference's six new members will enter the league next summer, Commissioner Mike Aresco said Wednesday.

Charlotte, Florida Atlantic, North Texas, Rice, UAB and UTSA will officially join the AAC on July 1, 2023. Each of those schools, all now in Conference USA, had their applications for membership into the American approved last October.

The American will com-

pete as a 14-team league in football, and in men's and women's basketball, after the transition next summer. That will come at the same time current members Cincinnati, Houston and UCF depart to become members of the Big 12 Conference, which is also adding BYU.

It was announced last Friday that the American had come to terms with Cincinnati, Houston and UCF about their departures. A settlement was necessary because the

league requires its members give more than two years' notice before they can leave. Cincinnati, Houston and UCF accepted invitations last September to join the Big 12.

The six new schools will put the American membership at 15 at the start of the 2023-24 academic year. They will join East Carolina, Memphis, Navy (football only), South Florida, SMU, Temple, Tulane, Tulsa and Wichita State (basketball and Olympic sports only).

"We have already seen the investment and commitment that these institutions have made as they prepare to compete in The American, and, together with our accomplished incumbent institutions, the conference is assured of many years of championship-level competition as part of a bright future that will build on the extraordinary legacy of the past decade," Aresco said of the incoming members.

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from Brookline, will start on No. 10.

Mickelson has received only cheers and support — not quite as raucous as in other years — during his practice rounds. He can expect a few renditions of "Happy Birthday" during his opening round because he turns 52 on Thursday.

What they face is an old-styled course, dense rough around most of the tiny greens, fescue framing fairways that are not the narrowest for a U.S. Open and still an important part of keeping big numbers off the card.

The par-3 11th hole is 131 yards by the card and likely will play under 100 yards at some point. The fifth hole is short enough that players can drive the green.

The U.S. Open typically is about precision over power, with patience key for anyone. Recent history, however, leans toward big hitters — Jon Rahm last year, Bryson DeChambeau at Winged Foot, Gary Woodland at Pebble Beach, Brooks Koepka back-to-back and Johnson at Oakmont.

"You should probably have an advantage if you're a little bit longer," said John Bodenhamer, the USGA's chief championships officer who sets up the course. "How it plays here, I don't know. We're going to find out. It's been 34 years since we've been here."

That was in 1988, when Curtis Strange beat Nick Faldo in a playoff. Both were known for precision iron play and avoiding big mistakes.

"This will be a good old-fashioned U.S. Open with rough, and we'll see how they navigate that and what they use off the tee," Bodehamer said. "I am telling you, with these small greens and the firmness, they're going to need to be in the fairway."

As for the prize money, the U.S. Open has fallen in line with other majors, if not a step up. The PGA Tour set the tone by jacking up the purse of The Players Championship to \$20 million with hopes the majors might tag along.

The Masters and PGA Championship bumped their purses to \$15 million (both at least a \$3 million increase), while the U.S. Open has gone up \$5 million to \$17.5 million.

That doesn't compare with the \$25 million in prize money the LIV Golf series is offering for its 54-hole events that last week only had four of the top 50 players in the world.

This is about history, a trophy that dates to 1895, making it the second-oldest championship in golf. That should be enough to get anyone's attention over four days.

"We're here at major championship, and we're here to win the U.S. Open, and we're here to play and beat everyone else in this field, in this great field," two-time major champion Collin Morikawa said. "That's what it's about."

Army-Navy game heading to New England for 1st time

The Associated Press
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The Army-Navy game will be played in New England for the first time, the service academies announced Wednesday as they revealed the five cities that will host the game over the next five years.

Next year's game will be played at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Massachusetts, home of the New England Patriots.

The 2024 game will be at FedEx Field in Landover, Maryland, followed by M&T Bank Stadium

in Baltimore in 2025, the Meadowlands in East Rutherford, New Jersey, in 2026, and Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia in 2027.

Philly, the game's traditional home, has hosted 90 times and was previously announced as the host this year on Dec. 10.

"We are looking forward to the pageantry and tradition to be on display for the fans in these cities while providing an opportunity to support the Cadets and Midshipmen," Army athletic director Mike Buddie said in a statement. "We had great interest from many

regions and thank the cities who participated in the bid selection process. We cannot wait to have this game played at some incredible venues in great cities."

Next year's game outside Boston will be played in conjunction with the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party and the 225th anniversary of the USS Constitution's maiden voyage. The only previous times the game was played outside the mid-Atlantic region were in 1926 (Chicago) and 1983 (Pasadena, California).

"In New England, we value history, honor,

tradition, and celebrate sports rivalries," Patriots owner Robert Kraft said in a statement. "That's why we are so thrilled for the opportunity to host America's Game. There is no greater, more historical sports rivalry than the Army-Navy game."

The Washington area will host for the second time, and Baltimore for the seventh.

New Jersey will host in 2026 as part of the 25th anniversary of 9/11, the 19th time the game will be played in New York or New Jersey.

Mavericks acquire Christian Wood for 4 players

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
AP Basketball Writer

A person with direct knowledge of the agreement said the Houston Rockets are trading center Christian Wood, their leading scorer and rebounder this season, to the Dallas Mavericks in exchange for four players and a draft pick.

Boban Marjanovic, Trey Burke, Sterling Brown and Marquese Chriss are going to the Rockets, who will also receive the No. 26 pick this year, according to the person, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the trade is not finalized.

It will not be finalized

until the June 23 draft, the person said.

It is a major move for the Mavericks, after Wood averaged 17.9 points and 10.1 rebounds per game. He was one of nine players to average at least 17 points and 10 rebounds, joining Philadelphia's Joel Embiid, Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo, two-time MVP Nikola Jokic of Denver, Miami's Bam Adebayo, Sacramento's Domantas Sabonis, New Orleans' Jonas Valanciunas, Chicago's Nikola Vucevic and Phoenix's Deandre Ayton.

Wood is entering the final season of a three-year, \$41 million contract. He revealed to reporters in Houston last week that he had preliminary talks

with the Rockets on an extension, though it isn't known if one side balked or if it simply became clear that he wasn't going to be in the team's long-term plans.

Either way, now Dallas star Luka Doncic gets another talented option to surround himself with next season. Wood has become a much better 3-point shooter as his career goes along; his 131 makes from beyond the arc this season matched his total from the previous two seasons combined.

Houston also currently has two other first-round picks in the draft — including No. 3, with the most likely selection in that spot being Auburn's

Jabari Smith, Gonzaga's Chet Holmgren or Duke's Paolo Banchero. Orlando picks No. 1, followed by Oklahoma City at No. 2, and there has been much speculation that Banchero would fall to the Rockets.

The Rockets also have the No. 17 selection, acquiring that from Brooklyn as part of the James Harden trade in January 2021.

Wood averaged 50% shooting this season, including 39% from 3-point range. Dallas will be the 26-year-old's seventh team in seven NBA seasons, after stints in Philadelphia, Charlotte, Milwaukee, New Orleans, Detroit and Houston.



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Warriors lean on history with a chance to close out Celtics

By KYLE HIGHTOWER
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Stephen Curry and the Warriors have been within a game of clinching a championship in three of Golden State's previous five trips to the NBA Finals during his 13-year NBA career.

Back again and with a 3-2 series lead on the Celtics, Curry says he'll lean on that experience when he takes the court at Boston's TD Garden on Thursday night.

"You just understand what the nerves are like," Curry said. "At the end of the day, once you get out there, you just have to be in the moment. You got to be present as much as possible, not worry about the consequences of a win or a loss. The only opportunity you have is that 48 minutes."

The Warriors' core of Curry, Klay Thompson and Draymond Green is still around from the 2015 championship run. They're on the verge of capturing their fourth title in eight seasons with new additions to the floor — like Andrew Wiggins and Jordan Poole — who have never been in this position.

Curry's advice to them: Lie to yourself a little bit.

"The more you can trick your mind into being in the moment and staying there, that's the best advice I can give anybody in that situation," he said. "Because it's going to be the hardest game you probably ever played in your career because of what the stakes are."

The stakes will be equally high for the Celtics, who let the turnover demons that have haunted them at times throughout the postseason prevent them from seizing a commanding 3-1 series lead.

Boston limited Curry to his lowest scoring output of the finals in Game 5, but couldn't overcome 18 turnovers. The Celtics dropped to 1-7 this postseason when committing 16 turnovers or more — and lost consecutive games for the first time since the end of March.

But they have a chance to force Game 7 — and



Boston Celtics forward Jayson Tatum (0) reacts after scoring against the Golden State Warriors during the second half of Game 5 of basketball's NBA Finals in San Francisco on Monday. (AP PHOTO/JED JACOBSON)

the chance is coming at the Garden, where they are 6-5 in the playoffs.

The mood at the close of Wednesday's practice session was loose, with players smiling and joking while getting up some shots. Celtics star Jayson Tatum said the optimism comes from the team's extremely recent playoff history.

Boston's path to the finals has included Game 7 victories over Milwaukee in the second round and Miami in the conference finals. The Celtics entered the finals as only the 12th team in league history to win back-to-back Game 7s in the preceding rounds.

"In those moments, we just responded. I don't know exactly what it is, but I think just our will to want to win, just trying to figure it out," Tatum said. "I think my thought process, as it was in that game, Game 7 against the Heat, it was just do whatever it takes to win."

That, and reminding himself and teammates of the fact that there is still basketball left to play.

"It's the first to four. It's not over with," Tatum said. "So as long as it's not over with, you got a chance."

MY BALL

Tatum and Green had one of the more memorable moments in Game 5, when Tatum refused to let Green take the ball from him as he walked to the bench during timeout.

The play was an example of the head games Green has tried to play against a young Celtics team throughout the finals.

On Wednesday, Tatum clutched a basketball throughout his news conference. He was asked by a reporter if he was still keeping it away from Green.

"Oh, like the other day?" Tatum asked. "Yeah, it's my ball."

ENOUGH TALK

One thing Celtics coach Ime Udoka wants to eliminate heading into Game 6 is his team complaining to referees about calls.

Boston picked up a pair of technical fouls in the loss — one in the first quarter by Udoka and another by Marcus Smart early in the fourth. Smart's technical was followed immediately by an offensive foul call against him, which led to a 3-pointer by Golden State.

Winning Wiggins: Warriors All-Star shining in NBA Finals

By BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Andrew Wiggins' critics always focused on what they thought he wasn't.

Not driven enough to be the No. 1 pick in the draft, they said. Just not good enough to be an All-Star starter, they argued.

One more victory by the Golden State Warriors and all that will matter is what Wiggins is: an NBA champion.

"He's shining on the brightest of stages in the playoffs. You can tell how much he's enjoying it," fellow All-Star Stephen Curry said Wednesday. "It's just amazing to see things working out in his favor in terms of kind of dispelling all the narratives around him and who he is as a basketball player right in front of your eyes."

The Warriors have won two straight games to take a 3-2 lead into Game 6 on Thursday, and Wiggins is as big a reason as any. The forward from Canada had 17 points and a career-high 16 rebounds in Game 4, then followed that with 26 points and 13 boards.

Wiggins had recorded consecutive double-doubles just once in his career before doing it in the two biggest games he's ever played.

"It's always great being able to showcase what you can do, what you worked for," Wiggins said. "So I'm just happy to be able to be here on the biggest stage and help my team win."

Even those who wanted to dismiss Wiggins had to concede he could score. The No. 1 pick in the 2014 draft averaged 16.9 points when he won Rookie of the Year honors, and he never scored fewer than 17 per game again. But that rarely translated to winning, with Minnesota only making one playoff appearance while he was there, and it was easy to wonder what there was to Wiggins' game besides the points.

Turns out, there's a lot. Coach Steve Kerr is surprised by how well



Golden State Warriors forward Andrew Wiggins, left, celebrates with forward Draymond Green (23) during the first half of Game 5 of basketball's NBA Finals against the Boston Celtics in San Francisco on Monday. (AP PHOTO/JED JACOBSON)

Wiggins rebounds. On defense, the 6-foot-7 Wiggins has taken on the tough assignments, doing his best to contain Dallas All-Star Luka Doncic in the Western Conference finals and now taking his turns on Celtics swingmen Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown.

It's a versatility the Warriors say they knew was there, no matter how much it went unnoticed by others.

"He's taken on every challenge that we have thrown in front of him, and that's been huge," Draymond Green said. "And we need him to do that for one more win."

Skepticism about Wiggins followed him to the NBA after he managed just four points in his final college game, when Kansas was upset by Stanford in the 2014 NCAA Tournament. He took only six shots, a lackluster effort that created questions about how hard he was willing to work when things weren't coming easily.

But Green said he was assured by Tom Thibodeau, the current Knicks coach who guided the Timberwolves to the lone postseason appearance with Wiggins, that the Warriors would love how hard Wiggins defends and competes.

They had acquired Wiggins in February 2020 along with a first-round

pick when they dealt D'Angelo Russell to Minnesota. Wiggins played well enough to be voted to start his first All-Star Game this season, though even that didn't earn him accolades that had been missing. Wiggins was viewed as a player who had been miscast as a No. 1 option in Minnesota, and the reason he was playing well for Golden State was because he didn't have that burden on a team led by Curry.

Yet when Curry struggled in Game 5, missing all nine 3-point attempts, Wiggins looked every bit the part of main man.

Curry will likely still be the NBA Finals MVP if the Warriors win the series. But Wiggins has at least made it a discussion instead of a foregone conclusion.

"It's amazing what you do with opportunity," Curry said. "Take away the comparisons, the narratives around him as a No. 1 pick, what everybody wanted him to be, his first six years in the league looked like. There's a reason we wanted him here. There's a reason that trade made sense for us. There was a high hope that he would be able to figure it out at this level in terms of taking his scoring ability, his athleticism, his defensive potential, just taking it to another notch."

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it covered so much from sports to teaching to refereeing. Just the amount of lives he was able to touch and impact, I think that's shown by the people who show up every year and

the people who continue to show up. It goes all the way from people in their 40s to people down in their late 20s."

On July 21, 2006, Crespino was electrocuted and a teenager severely burned while trying to move a goal post near power lines at the Girard High School football practice field. The two were moving a steel pipe goal post when it grazed a 7,200-volt power line just before noon.

The St. Mary's Colgan alumnus (1979) graduated from Pittsburg State in 1983 and then taught and coached at Frontenac from 1983 to 1985. Following Frontenac, Crespino worked at Girard High School as a coach, teacher and athletics director from 1985 to 2006.

Crespino's accolades and achievements include a 96-42 record in football, where he had three CNC League championships and two CNC co-championships. In addition, he was named a CNC coach of the year, Shrine Bowl coach and a member of the Kansas Coaches Hall of Fame.

Coaching track, Crespino also helped secure nine CNC League championships.

"I was very fortunate to grow up in Girard and

have somebody like my dad as a father figure," Anthony said. "Unless you've grown up in a small town, it's kind of hard to articulate what it's like. When a football game was going on, the whole town was there. There's a buzz about the community. There were always people in the community that had their normal day jobs and they'd make pancakes and breakfast for the team on Thursday and that's not even what they did, but they made it a point to make time to support the team."

"You don't really have that level of support when you get into some of these bigger communities. Girard and Pittsburg are both those types of communities where they support all the schools and programs and you really have the sense of the community behind you, whether it's sports or plays or the fair or any of that stuff."

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Mike Carpenter at carp@ckt.net or Todd Ferguson at tferguson@girard248.org. To register, visit craigcrespino-golftournament.com.

FALLEN TROJAN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Crawford Hills Golf Course will hold the annual Fallen Trojan Tournament on Friday, starting at 8 a.m.

The tournament is held to raise money for scholarships for Girard High School seniors. The tournament also honors Girard late alumni who have impacted the community.

In previous years, the Fallen Trojan Tournament has provided five \$1,000 scholarships to Girard seniors. This year, the tournament plans to award seven seniors.

Scholarship recipients are Sophia Arneson, Gage Davenport, John Gilmore, Caroline Kunschek, Quinn O'Rand, Kinley Smith and Parker Tersinar.

Honorees at this year's event are Eldon Hill (Class of 1050), Roger Zettl (Class of 1963), Terry Azember (Class of 1964), Thurston Smith (Class of 1964), Coach Craig Crespino (Football 1992-2006) and Coach Dan Smith (Baseball 1999-2007).

Event coordinator Roger McCracken spoke on Zettl, who passed away in September 2021 and was integral to the Fallen Trojan Tournament's preparation.

"He always brought a special kind of energy to the tournament and will be missed very much," he said. "He was very passionate about the Fallen Trojans Golf Tournament and the reason for which it is held each year. He was also a very good friend."

McCracken said he anticipates 20-30 teams participating in the two-person scramble.

McCracken added that he loves "the chance to see friends from high school and the opportunity to help raise funds for scholarships for Girard High School seniors."

Participants can also reserve carts by calling Crawford Hills at 920-724-8855.

LeBron trading card could fetch record price at auction

RUNNEMEDE, N.J. (AP) — LeBron James might be on the cusp of setting another record.

And someone will have to pay a lot of money to make it happen.

A one-of-a-kind James trading card — called the "Triple Logoman" — is up for auction this month, with some believing that it will wind up as the most expensive card ever sold. The current record is \$6.6 million that was spent for a Honus Wagner trading card last year.

The Wagner card is more than 100 years old. The James card is part of Panini's 2020-21 "Flawless" collection, and features the NBA logo patch from three of his jerseys, one each from his time with the Cleveland Cavaliers, Miami Heat and the Los Angeles Lakers.

"The card stands out like no other card in the history of the industry," said Ken Goldin, the founder and executive chairman of the collectibles marketplace Goldin — which is auctioning the card this month. "Typically, it's the older vintage cards that are very valuable. ... But there's really never been a card this popular before it was even pulled from a pack."

Through Wednesday afternoon, bidding was at \$1.7 million. The auction continues through June 25.

Panini created only five



NBA basketball player LeBron James, a producer of the Netflix film "Hustle," and his wife Savannah arrive at the premiere of the film last Wednesday at the Regency Village Theatre in Los Angeles. (AP PHOTO/CHRIS PIZZELLO)

"Triple Logoman" cards, and James' further stands out as the lone one featuring three patches from a single player. The hunt was frenzied, with even rapper Drake getting involved and purchasing packs with hopes of landing the James card.

The card was found earlier this year, and Goldin got the right to handle its sale.

James already can say he's been the featured athlete on the highest-priced basketball trading card in history. A card from his rookie season sold for \$5.2 million last year.

"It's got a reasonable

shot of passing \$5.2 million," Goldin said. "This, to me, is an iconic card, and if it can break that record, it just shows people how valuable trading cards can be and that it does not have to be 100 years old. I think it's really going to encourage people to go out to their local stores, go out to their hobby shops, go out to the Targets and Walmarts and buy packs of cards and rip them open trying to find the next golden ticket."

James is No. 2 on the NBA's career scoring list, and on pace to pass Kareem Abdul-Jabbar for the top spot next season.

Home of 1913 US Open champ Ouimet restored for golf history

By JIMMY GOLEN
AP Sports Writer

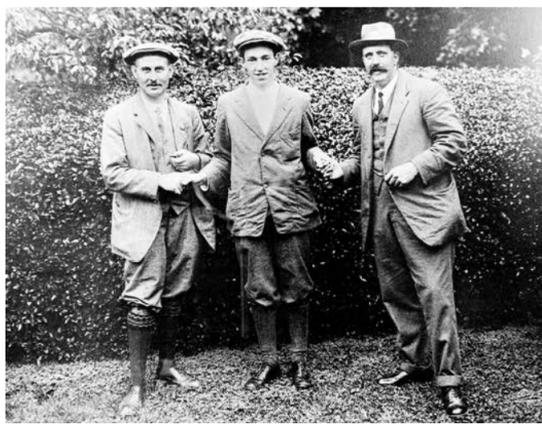
BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) — If any of the golfers in the U.S. Open are still looking for a place to stay this week, there's a house available across the street from The Country Club and the location isn't even the best part.

The 1887 three-bedroom, 1½ bath was the boyhood home of Francis Ouimet, the self-taught former caddie who popped across Clyde Street to win the 1913 event. The playoff victory over British pros Harry Vardon and Ted Ray was trumpeted in a book and movie as "The Greatest Game Ever Played," and it is credited with spreading golf throughout the United States.

The property at 246 Clyde had long since passed from Ouimet's family when it was purchased in 2019 and restored to the style it would have had when he lived in a second-floor bedroom that overlooked The Country Club's 17th hole. Period furniture has been brought in to decorate the house, with artwork celebrating Ouimet and his role as the founding father of American golf.

"We want to keep it in golf," said Tom Hynes, a neighbor who orchestrated the deal and is raising money to pay for it. "The rationale for buying it was to somehow preserve it for the history of golf."

A commercial real estate broker and nephew of former Boston Mayor John Hynes, Tom Hynes lives down the street from the Ouimet house. He used to see its owners walking their dog in the neighbor-



American golfer Francis B. Ouimet, center, shakes hands with Harry Vardon, left, and Ted Ray, both of Britain, at the U.S. Open Golf Championship at The Country Club in Brookline, Mass., in 1913. Ouimet defeated the pair to become the new champion. The gallery was among the biggest ever in America for a golf tournament, and it was hailed as one of the biggest upsets in sport. The U.S. Open returns to The Country Club in June 2022. (AP PHOTO/FILE)

hood.

"When you're ready to sell your house, I'm your buyer," he told them.

They reached out near the end of 2019, and a day later, they had a handshake deal for what property records say was a purchase price of \$875,000. "And then I put an LLC together and went around with a tin cup to buy it," Hynes said.

But Hynes wasn't done. Since then, he's overseen the restoration of the house to the style of Ouimet's era, with the goal of showing it off during the Open. Hynes, who in his real job has cut deals totaling millions of square feet, is doing this one pro bono.

"Of all the deals I've done over the last 50 years, this is certainly in the top five as the most important. And it isn't about the money," he said. "You

couldn't pay me enough to do this. This is strictly for the preservation of the house for golf."

The tale of the gut rehab will be familiar to homeowners who have done work on their homes, complete with supply chain holdups and hidden structural flaws that ballooned the cost and delayed completion.

Two weeks to strip the stairway of the finish applied and reapplied over more than a century. Making backup plans for window air conditioners while hoping the actual HVAC system would arrive in time.

The original wide-planked wooden floors were in such bad shape that a contractor proposed ripping them out and replacing them.

"I said, 'No, no, no, you don't. We're not going to tear up Francis Ouimet's

bedroom floor,'" Hynes said.

Instead, the boards were gently removed, sent off to be de-nailed, cleaned, planed, and re-milled with tongue and grooves and then replaced. They were sanded and painted with tongue oil last week.

Hynes declined to say how much has been spent on the project in all.

"I prefer not to at this time, because even the LLC partners don't know how much we've spent so far," he said with a laugh. "I'd rather break the news to them gently."

But there were also some more pleasant surprises.

When workers pulled down a shelf in the attic, they discovered two golf clubs — based on the era, they are presumed to have belonged to Ouimet. Maybe they were carried by 10-year-old caddie Eddie Lowery when Ouimet beat the celebrated British pros in an upset that spawned a golfing boom in the New World.

"That's what's so good about golf is the history and the tradition and these stories," said Ireland's Rory McIlroy, who counts the 2011 U.S. Open among his four major championships. "The fact that he grew up just off the 17th hole here, and we're still talking about it to this day over 100 years on. That's so cool. That's the great thing about this sport."

The project did make some concessions to modern life.

The kitchen is outfitted with stainless steel appliances. Doors have been widened to comply with the Americans with Dis-

abilities Act. A sprinkler system was installed. The screen door on the front porch — painted green like so much of the trim at The Country Club itself — has two crossed golf clubs, in gold, carved into its frame.

New cedar clapboards to replace the vinyl siding — that will have to wait until Phase 2, along with energy efficient windows matching the original style.

In the weeks before the U.S. Open, workers scurried to pull out an unsightly fence, with Hynes himself planting the shrubs and flowers to give the property some curb ap-

peal. Furniture was delivered, paint was drying. Ouimet's portrait — and the golf clubs believed to be his — were hung on the walls.

Hynes, who hosted a player in his own home for the 1988 U.S. Open — the last time the tournament came to The Country Club — said he is hoping to show off the Ouimet house this week to golfers and others interested in the sport's history.

And if they need a place to sleep?

"If someone showed up and wanted to rent the place," he said, "we'd be all ears."



The boyhood home of Francis Ouimet, the self-taught former caddie who won the 1913 U.S. Open golf tournament, stand across the street from The Country Club, Tuesday, June 14, 2022, in Brookline, Mass. Period furniture has been brought in to decorate the house, with artwork celebrating Ouimet and his role as the founding father of American golf. (AP PHOTO/ROBERT F. BUKATY)

Disrupters vs. Dreamers as 2 worlds of golf collide at US Open

By EDDIE PELLIS
AP National Writer

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) — Two worlds of competitive golf collide this week at the U.S. Open.

One world seeks to blow up the status quo, posing the largest threat to the PGA Tour in its 54-year history. It is spearheaded by six-time major winner and fan favorite Phil Mickelson, who along with former No. 1 Dustin Johnson took \$150 million or more to leave the sport's pre-eminent tour and play in the new Saudi-backed LIV Golf series.

The other world is inhabited by the likes of Ben Silverman and Davis Shore.

They are among the young, the journeymen, the amateurs and the dreamers who made it through qualifying to earn spots in the 156-player field at The Country Club outside of Boston. Starting Thursday, they will play alongside the millionaire disrupters in America's open golf tournament — an event that, in theory at least, any pro or amateur with a handicap of 1.4 or less is eligible to win.

"For anyone at our level, it's another opportunity," said Shore, a 23-year-old from Tennessee who plays on minor league tours in Canada and Latin America and has career earnings of around \$15,000. "It's a chance to play against the best in the world. And that's what you want. It's also a good opportunity to hopefully cash a big check. We don't get that opportunity very much playing at this level."

Theirs is a level of puddle-jumper flights to far-flung outposts, cheap rent-a-cars, fast-food drive-throughs and bunking with roommates. Players make cuts, then use that money to pay to travel to the next week's tournament.



David Shore watches his tee shot during a practice round ahead of the U.S. Open golf tournament on Tuesday at The Country Club in Brookline, Mass. (AP PHOTO/CHARLES KRUPA)

Shore, who went through 54 holes of qualifying this spring to make his second straight U.S. Open, spoke to The Associated Press earlier this month after the first round of the Royal Beach Victoria Open on the PGA Tour Canada. He would finish tied for 13th. He earned \$3,325. By qualifying for the U.S. Open, he received a \$10,000 travel stipend for the trip to Brookline.

Without those funds, he said, "I don't know how I would make it work."

Neither he nor Silverman profess to be paying much attention to the LIV Tour, which has been the talk of The Country Club this week and which awarded a record-setting \$4.75 million to the winner of its inaugural event, Charl Schwartzel, last weekend. The winner at this week's national championship — which, like the other three ma-

jors, is closely connected to but not run by the PGA Tour — will make in the neighborhood of \$2.25 million.

There is a lively and divisive debate about what message the breakaway players are sending by cashing checks from LIV Golf. The league is bankrolled by the Saudis, and the league's front man, former No. 1 Greg Norman, touts the series as a "force for good" in golf. But to many, this is nothing more than the kingdom's attempt to use sports to scrub its much-criticized human rights record.

From a pure golf standpoint, this league also is taking the rap for bucking a tradition that has long been baked into the sport's DNA: Players earn their money based on how they perform, week to week, in any given tournament. (The sponsorship dollars that flow from that

are separate, but are also mostly available to the players who demonstrate consistent success.)

LIV guarantees money to all 48 players in the field before they hit a shot. Mickelson received a reported \$200 million simply for moving over to play in the series; Johnson received a reported \$150 million. Last weekend's last-place finisher made \$120,000, or nearly 10 times what Shore has banked in his 15 months as a pro.

The "win-to-earn" format is a concept that has long separated golf and tennis (and bowling and a few other sports) from the worlds of pro football and basketball and soccer, where the checks clear no matter how the teams — or the players on them — fare.

The up-and-comers such as Shore and Silverman have bought into the system as it is, and are

hoping to earn or regain a foothold there.

That doesn't mean they're against the other model.

"You'd see guys playing amazing golf," Silverman said of the idea that players would walk into tournaments with some sort of guaranteed payday. "And it would probably be more exciting for the fans because we wouldn't be worried about making money."

That mindset, Silverman said, has informed his new approach to life on the Korn Ferry Tour.

Now 34, the Ontario native began his pro career in 2013 with the help of backers who funded him. Thanks to a strong 2017 on the Korn Ferry that earned him a promotion to the PGA Tour, he has been able to pay them back with part of his \$1.5 million in earnings, most won between 2017 and 2019. That

money has also given him a cushion as he weathers tougher times, which now find him looking for a path back to the big show.

Working with famed golf psychologist Bob Rotella, Silverman says he has redefined his mission. His goal at every tournament is not simply to make the cut and cash a check.

"I've always played sports because I wanted to win," Silverman said. "It never had anything to do with money. That's the mindset I want to get back into."

Shore takes a similar approach.

"You're focused on winning, or finishing in the top two or three, so you can get to the next level where you can actually make money," he said.

Shore was one of the country's top junior golfers coming up through high school. Alabama won the recruiting battle, but a series of hip and back injuries hampered him throughout college. He turned pro in 2021, and his early days as a professional have been a winding road through Peru, Ecuador, Chile and Mexico, with occasional stops in Canada to stay eligible on the minor league tour in that country, as well.

He's his own travel agent and often carries his own bag when he plays. After making it through local qualifying, he earned one of 13 spots out of the sectional qualifier near Dallas to make it to the U.S. Open for the second straight year.

He sees some of the players who were invited to the LIV tour — players with resumes that are barely more accomplished than his — and credits it to them being at the right place at the right time.

Though the "right place" in golf's future is now up for debate, certainly, this week, that place is The Country Club.

Painful playoff loss provides extra motivation for Packers

By **STEVE MEGARGEE**
AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Whether they watched it over and over or tried to avoid repeated viewings, the Green Bay Packers head into this upcoming season motivated by the stunning and sudden finish to their most recent playoff run.

The Packers have grown all too accustomed to post-season heartbreak over the past decade or so, but the circumstances surrounding their 13-10 NFC divisional playoff loss to the San Francisco 49ers made it particularly tough to get over.

Green Bay led 10-3 and had the ball after making a fourth-and-1 stop on its 19-yard line with 6:10 left, but the Packers couldn't seal the victory. San Francisco scored the tying touchdown on a blocked punt with 4:41 left and made the winning field goal as time expired.

"I probably watched it over 20 times, trying to find ways we could've won," outside linebacker Rashan Gary said this week during the Packers organized team activities. He's not alone.

Packers center Josh Myers studied game film from his rookie season, but only had six regular-season games and the playoff matchup to choose from since a knee injury and a finger problem caused him to miss the majority of the season.

That meant frequent viewings of the game that wrecked Green Bay's title hopes.

"I didn't have a full season of games to watch, so I watched all those games (that I played) 20 times over the offseason," Myers said. "It was a tough one to watch over and over, but yeah, I watched it over and over."

Special teams breakdowns made a big difference in that game. The Packers had a field-goal attempt blocked to go along with the crucial blocked punt. They had only 10 men on the field when San Francisco's Robbie Gould made his winning field goal.

The Packers have since fired Maurice Drayton as special teams coordinator and replaced him with former Las Vegas Raiders interim head coach Rich Bisaccia. They allowed punter Corey Bojorquez to leave via free agency and replaced him with Pat O'Donnell, in part because they believed O'Donnell was a more consistent holder.

But it's not just the special teams issues the Packers recall when they look back on that game. Other pivotal plays also have provided incentive.

The Packers led 7-0 and were driving in the first quarter when veteran tight end Mercedes Lewis caught a 1-yard pass and fumbled on a hit from Fred Warner. San Francisco's Dre Greenlaw pounced on the loose ball at the 49ers

41-yard line.

"I watched it once and I'll never watch it again," Lewis said last week during the minicamp.

He didn't need any other reminders. Lewis hadn't lost a fumble since 2013, and the play has been on Lewis' mind for much of the offseason.

"It's something that for at least a month-and-a-half, I had nightmares about," Lewis said.

Cornerback Jaire Alexander thinks about the tackle he didn't make in the game's final possession.

After missing the final 12 games of the regular season with a shoulder injury, Alexander returned to play eight defensive snaps against the 49ers. But the shoulder problem severely hindered his tackling ability.

Alexander missed a tackle that helped Deebo Samuel gain 9 yards on a third-and-7 play, giving the 49ers a first down at the Packers 29-yard line. Gould kicked his 45-yard field goal a few plays later.

"That fueled me for this offseason," Alexander said.

Plenty of other players also had that game going through their minds as the Packers continue chasing their first Super Bowl berth since their 2010 championship season. Last season marked the second straight year in which the Packers failed to reach the Super Bowl despite having the NFC's top playoff seed.

Browns learn of 'forgotten' players at Hall of Fame tour

By **TOM WITHERS**
AP Sports Writer

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — The Cleveland Browns went on a field trip to explore their football roots, including some deep ones nearly forgotten.

Hoping to connect his team to its storied past, Cleveland coach Kevin Stefanski took minicamp on the road Wednesday with a trip south to Canton for a light practice along with a tour of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

"It's important honestly for all of us in any walk of life to know the people who walked that path before you," Stefanski said. "My job as the head coach of the Cleveland Browns is finite. I will not have this role forever. I know people have come before me. I know there will be people who come after me."

Before walking amongst the bronze busts of enshrined players, quarterback Deshaun Watson, star running back Nick Chubb and their teammates listened to a presentation about Browns Hall of Famers Bill Willis and Marion Motley, who along with Kenny Washington and Woody Strode broke pro football's color barrier in the 1940s.

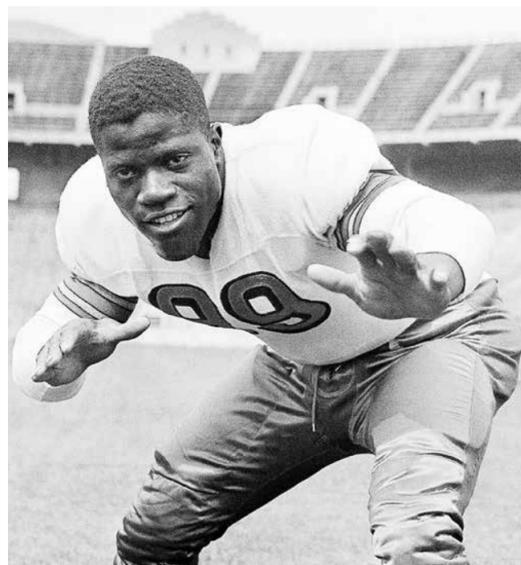
Known as the "Forgotten First," the quartet of Black players helped end NFL segregation, a shameful period from 1933-46 rarely acknowledged by a league that takes pride in its generational legacy.

"They stepped up," said Willis' son, Clem, who spoke along with his brother, Bill Jr. and Motley's grandson, Tony. "They put their lives on the line and sacrificed to make a better place for themselves and their people."

For more than 30 minutes, the Browns heard riveting stories about Willis and Motley, whose bravery has been chronicled in a book co-authored by former NFL wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson and longtime football writer Bob Glauber.

Growing up in Los Angeles, Johnson was familiar with Jackie Robinson, who pioneered baseball's integration.

However, he knew nothing of pro football's



Ohio State's Bill Willis, who went on to a stellar pro career with the Cleveland Browns, poses in Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 11, 1944. During a field trip, Wednesday, June 15, 2022, the Browns listened intently to a presentation about Browns Hall of Famers Willis and Marion Motley, who along with Kenny Washington and Woody Strode broke pro football's color barrier in the 1940s. (AP PHOTO/FILE)

own troubling racist history.

"We were only going to be taught what they wanted to teach us," said Johnson, the 1996 No. 1 overall pick who played 11 seasons in the league. "When I first learned this, I was like, 'How could this possibly be? How could these individuals be such all-stars within our community and we know nothing about them?'"

"It's almost like it was a secret."

A phone call from Glauber a few years back prompted Johnson to get behind the project "so younger players knew who laid the foundation and where it came from," especially in a league in which 70% of the players are Black.

In 1946, Browns coach Paul Brown signed Willis and Motley, who became the first Black players in the All-America Football Conference. The same year, Washington and Strode got contracts with the Los Angeles Rams, who formerly played in Cleveland and busted the NFL's whites-only barrier.

The four men were subjected to verbal attacks, vicious hits after the whistle and even death threats.

But for years, they were barely football footnotes.

Glauber emphasized the point by asking any of the Browns players to raise their hands if they had heard of Willis, Motley, Washington and Strode before coming to Cleveland. Only a few went up. He didn't know about them, either.

"I was embarrassed, honestly," said Glauber, who writes for Newsday. "Then I realized if I don't know this, Keyshawn doesn't know it, this story needs to be told."

Stefanski wanted his players to hear it as well.

After boarding five charter buses in Berea, the team's players, coaches and support staff made the one-hour drive, which became a journey back through the team's glory years. On the way, players watched a documentary on legendary running back Jim Brown, one of 22 Cleveland players immortalized in the hall.

All-Pro left guard Joel Bitonio admitted not knowing much about the Browns' history before he was drafted in 2014.

"You kind of look back and it was like before the Super Bowl era," Bitonio said. "I mean 17 Hall of Famers, multiple championships, some of the best players to ever play the game, innovators, some of the best coaches to ever (coach) the game have come through here."

"You kind of get a respect of why the Browns fans are the way they are."

Stefanski respected Browns superstar defensive end Myles Garrett's wishes and excused him from the tour. Last week, Garrett said he didn't want to visit the museum until he's being enshrined.

"I understand his feelings on that," Stefanski said before the tour.

Linebacker Anthony Walker Jr. wasn't surprised by Garrett's request.

"I know if you play this game you want to be the best at it," he said. "And if you don't have that mindset then you're not going to last very long in this league so for him to set them goals, I mean, I expect nothing else from him. It's kind of early right now, but I say he's a shoo-in."

Steelers sign star safety Minkah Fitzpatrick to 5-year deal

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Minkah Fitzpatrick is staying in Pittsburgh.

The Steelers signed their star safety to a five-year contract on Wednesday. Financial details were not released. NFL Network reported the deal is worth \$73.6 million, which would make him the highest-paid safety in the league.

The 25-year-old Fitzpatrick was ready to enter the final year of his rookie contract. He has been spectacular at times since arriving in Pittsburgh in a trade with Miami in Sep-

tember 2019 and was selected to the Pro Bowl and the All-Pro team in each of his first two seasons with the Steelers.

Fitzpatrick said in a release he was "shocked" and "excited" as he enters the prime of his career.

"It's just the beginning," Fitzpatrick said. "I am appreciative. I am thankful. Now I just want to keep on chopping. I love the history here. What it stands for. The standard we are held to."

Fitzpatrick's deal gives Pittsburgh's defense three

pillars to build around as it begins the post-Ben Roethlisberger era. The Steelers signed reigning Defensive Player of the Year T.J. Watt to a mega-contract last summer and veteran All-Pro defensive end Cam Heyward is entering his 12th season with the club.

"Minkah is one of the top safeties in the NFL and we are thrilled he will be in Pittsburgh through at least the next five years," Steelers general manager Omar Khan said in a statement. "When we traded for him, we knew he was going to be an integral part of our defense and we look forward to that continuing as we prepare for the upcoming season."

Fitzpatrick participated in the team's offseason program, but declined to do any 11-on-11 work, a decision that Watt made last year while his deal was being negotiated. Watt's contract wasn't finalized until the eve of the regular season. Getting Fitzpatrick done now removes any potential distractions for him as the team prepares to return to training camp at Saint Vincent College in late July.



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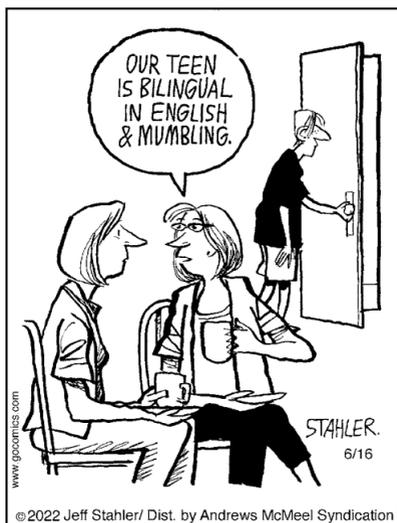
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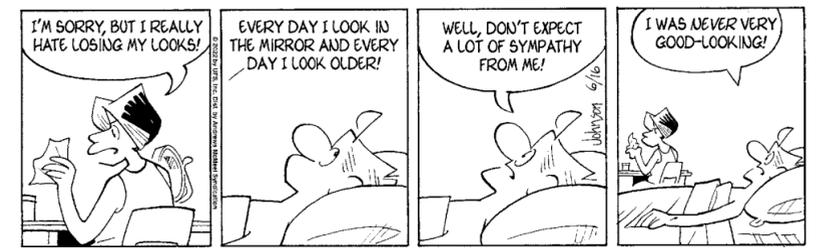
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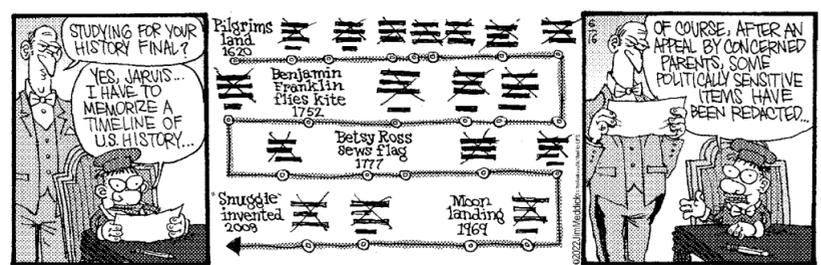
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Put your time and effort where they will do some good. Helping a cause you believe in will lead to valuable connections. Take it upon yourself to turn whatever you don't like in your life into something that makes you proud. Your hard work, perceptiveness and resourcefulness will lead to a well-organized life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Take care of your to-do list, and be proud of what you accomplish. Don't give anyone the chance to take advantage of you or steal your thunder. Listen carefully.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Timing is everything, and staying current will ensure that you live up to your promises. You'll make your life easier if you think before you overdo it physically, financially or emotionally.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Broaden your interests, gather information and use your skills, experience and knowledge to help others. Focus on what you can do, not on the impossible. Take care of your responsibilities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Get out and do your part to network, and, most of all, have some fun. Refuse to let people with negative attitudes get in your way. Love who you are and do your best.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Concentrate on money matters, health and contracts. A steady pace and a good understanding of what you can accomplish will help you advance. You can avoid problems via compromise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- If you reach out to friends and relatives, you'll be the recipient of valuable information that will help you make a good purchase or investment. Share your thoughts with a loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Dig in and don't stop until you are satisfied. Spend more time at home making adjustments that add to your comfort. A meaningful relationship will go through a transformation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Don't get involved in other people's dilemmas. Focus on what's happening at home, and make changes that put your mind at ease, save you money and encourage you to feel good about yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Share your thoughts, and make decisions based on the responses you receive. Changing how you live or deal with loved ones, finances and health matters will have lasting effects on your life.

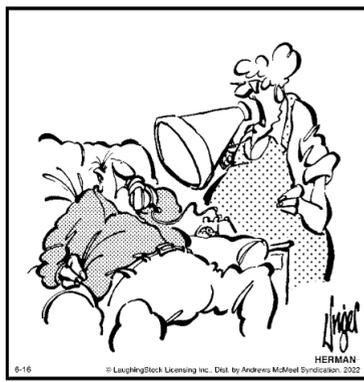
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Think less and do more. If you spend too much time hesitating, you won't accomplish what others expect. A personal change will turn out better than anticipated.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Anger will get you in trouble. Sort through your options and put negativity aside. A positive attitude will give you a better advantage in a competitive or challenging situation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Don't ruin a good thing by overanalyzing your next move. Go with the flow, and utilize your time and skills to your advantage. A personal change will raise your profile. Check all the details.

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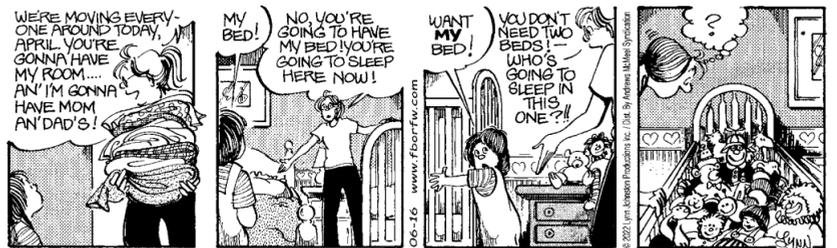
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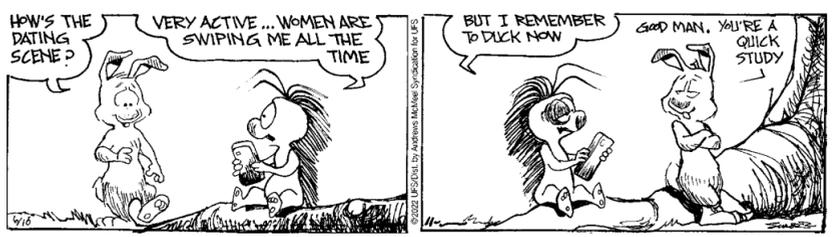
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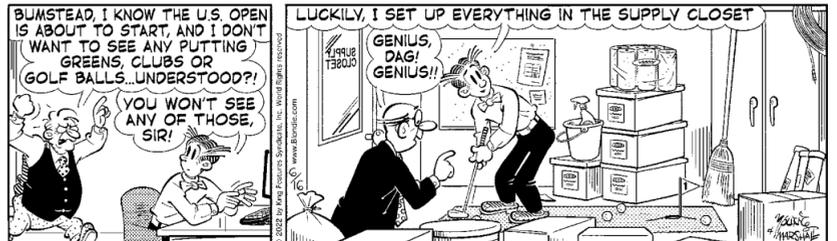
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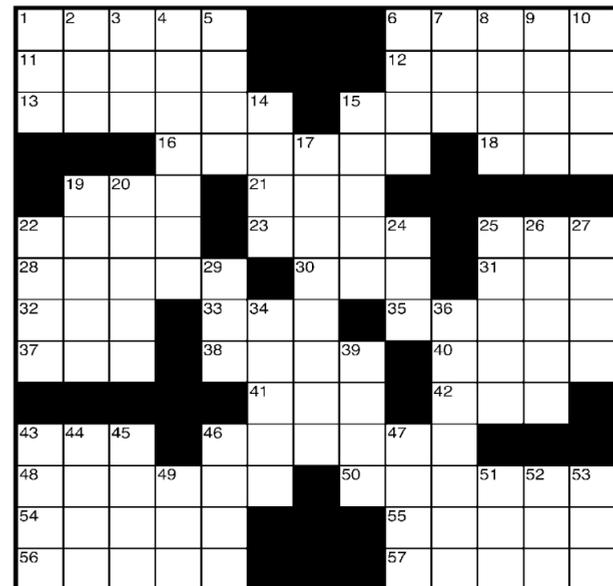
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TJ Turns Ten



How does a place known for live music celebrate its 10-year anniversary?

Yeah, you're already there.

The recent all-day live music extravaganza at TJ Leland's was more than just an anniversary celebration, though. It was a testament to teamwork, hard work, and a community that supports local dreams.

"We appreciate our community and that TJ Leland's is Pittsburg's best kept secret," Terri Kutz, co-owner, said. "TJ's has been a labor of love for John (Kutz) and I, and without it, we wouldn't have met all the customers, bartenders, and musicians we consider friends and loved ones."

Terri and John opened TJ Leland's in 2012 to provide Pittsburg residents with a cool place to enjoy friendship, a good drink, and live music. The couple has owned the building at 108 W. 6th Street since 1993.

The name of the pub was inspired by history and family. Their daughter Loren suggested the name TJ Leland's as a combination of the owners' initials and as an homage to the building's past as the historic Hotel Leland.

Terri said customers and visitors alike enjoy the historic features inside the Leland's.

"TJ Leland's is known for its historic location," she said. "Patrons of TJ's have always appreciated the exposed brick walls, hardwood floors and the barback, which was built by John with lumber from the demolished Masonic Temple."

Terri said the pub's first 10 years has "flown by", and she cherishes the memories made at the pub.

"It has been amazing to watch so many 'kids' grow up during these past 10 years," she said. "To be known to them as Mama T or as someone's Pittsburg mom is truly a gift."

"We are even known for being the place to go to meet that someone special. Numerous couples have met at TJ's and found their partners, and that is truly a blessing for John and me."

The May 28 anniversary event featured several local bands who have performed on TJ's stage over the years, including Thunder Mug, Bill and Monica's Excellent Adventure, The John Waynes, The Shane Duling Band, The Bends and more.

"We enjoy live local musicians, traveling bands, and even had a band from Germany perform here once," Terri said. "John and I wanted our regulars to come and enjoy some bands that played here 10 years ago and some that are relatively new to TJ's."

The celebration also featured a cornhole tournament and food trucks.

"Thanks to the State of Kansas and the City of Pittsburg, common consumption areas are now feasible," Terri said, "and a street party was the only way to go. The City of Pittsburg has backed TJ's and our other ventures, and Pittsburg's citizens always support local businesses."

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