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## Carver League hosts soft reopening

By Jonathan Riley  
Morning Sun Editor

PITTSBURG, Kan. — After nearly a year of renovation work, some of the key players in the effort to restore and reopen a historic local African-American community center hosted an event Saturday to give the public an update on the project.

Organizers of Saturday's event at the Carver Social League, located at 1007 S. Elm St., noted that plans for the building include reopening it as a museum, but also further stages of development to restore its past role as a community gathering place. The date of the event was chosen in observance of Juneteenth,



Dozens of people attended a soft reopening event for the Carver Social League building on Saturday, June 18. Pictured are, from left, Chris Goodwin, Andrew Klusener, Lutrecia (Scroggins) Church, Donna Campbell Brice, Ishmael Elkamil and Stacy Butcher. JONATHAN RILEY / THE MORNING SUN

which commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans and holiday last year. “What you’re doing, where you’re at right now is you’re standing in the

original Carver League building,” said Stacy Butcher, one of the main

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## Unemployment rate lowest recorded in Kansas history

*Rising prices still worry consumers*

By Dustin R. Strong  
Morning Sun Staff

TOPEKA, Kan. — Gov. Laura Kelly on Monday celebrated Kansas hitting the lowest unemployment rate in the state's recorded history, at 2.3 percent. Unemployment continues to decline in the state, even as the unemployment rate nationally holds flat. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Kansas has the sixth lowest unemployment rate in the country relative to other states.

“My Administration has worked to ensure that every Kansan who wants

a job, can have a job,” said Gov. Kelly. “I’m proud that we have achieved the lowest unemployment rate in our state’s history at 2.3 percent, over a full percentage point below the nation’s unemployment rate. We will continue breaking economic records by prioritizing job creation, business investment, and workforce development.”

Preliminary estimates reported by the Labor Market Information Services division of the Kansas Department of Labor and the Bureau of Labor Statistics show a seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 2.3 percent in May, a decrease from 2.4 percent in April and a decrease from 3.4 percent this time last year. This is

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## 620 Day



Aurora Buckner pets Molly the multicolored poodle during 620 Day at the Pittsburg Farmers' Market Pavilion on Monday. Molly was at the event with her owner, Ashley Denham, right, while Buckner was attending with her mom, Christy McElhaney, left. 620 Day is an annual celebration of Pittsburg's area code (620) on June 20. ANTJEA WOLFF / THE MORNING SUN

## Summer Snaps

*Youth Photography Workshop at Block 22 helps kids learn new skill*

By Antjea Wolff  
Morning Sun Staff

PITTSBURG, Kan. — As summer officially starts, youth in the Pittsburg area have the opportunity to join in activities that not only engage their minds, but also their creativity. With the help of Block 22 and Root Coffeehouse, the first Youth Photography Workshop taught by Rion Huffman, associate professor of photogra-

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13-year-old Lexi Cronister takes a “worm’s eye view” photograph in Europe Park during the photowalk portion of the Youth Photography Workshop on Monday.

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## You've made your bed – now race it!

*Bed races to be held at Arma VJ Homecoming*

Staff Reports  
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ARMA, Kan. — Grab four of your friends, put wheels on a bed, sport hilarious costumes, be part of a parade and race to win! Arma VJ Homecoming is proud to present its first Southeast Kansas Bed Derby on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022. With a total of \$1,800 in cash awards, there's numerous ways to win.

First, teams shall be part of the 10 a.m. 76th annual VJ parade on Aug. 13 where judges will determine the top three entries based on costumes, bed decoration, and creativity. First place is awarded \$500, second \$300 and third



The Arma VJ Homecoming is introducing bed racing to the festivities this year. Grab some trusted friends, build a bed, and have some fun. Numerous cash prizes, totaling \$1,800, will be given out. COURTESY PHOTO

\$100.

Secondly, beds will be displayed from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at Blue Moon

parking lot where the public will choose its favorite. The winning team receives \$100.

And finally, a race to the finish! Two teams at a time will race down the main drag of Arma starting at

1 p.m. The fastest timed beds in the two-block race will receive \$500 for first, \$300 for second and \$100

for third.

Teams can be made up of friends, family, organizations or businesses — any group with four drivers and one rider. Beds — from 3-foot-by-6-foot (small twin size) to 6-foot-by-8-foot (queen size) can be handcrafted or retrofitted with a mattress on top. Business advertising or a group name on the beds is accepted. Drivers and riders must wear helmets.

Coordinator Larry Black says he wanted to bring a new event to Arma VJ Homecoming — and the region — which also pays homage to some of the festival's quirky past competitions, like the greasy pig and shoe-kicking contests.

For rules and entry forms, go to Arma VJ Homecoming's Facebook page. For more information, contact coordinator Larry Black at 620-347-8582.

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# COMMUNITY

## Obituaries

### Barbara Jo (Houser) Capron

Barbara Jo (Houser) Capron, age 76 years, of Columbus, Kansas passed away June 16, 2022.

Barbara was born Nov. 12, 1945, to Wayne and Josephine (Chase) Houser in Columbus, Kansas.

She was a graduate of Cherokee County Rural High School, Class of 1962. June 5, 1963, she married her high school sweetheart, Evan Daniel Capron. They were married for 54 years, before his death on Aug. 14, 2017.

From 1972 to 1990, they resided in Richardson, Texas. In 1974, as their youngest daughter entered school, Barbara entered the workforce, working for Richardson National Bank, starting in the bookkeeping department, and working her way up to Executive Vice President. She worked for the bank until 1990 when the family moved back to Southeast Kansas. From 1993-2010 Barbara worked as the Office Manager for the Mercy Clinic in Columbus.

Barbara was an active member of the 1st United Methodist Church in Columbus and worked as a volunteer for the Methodist Thrift Shop. She also served her community as a member of the Columbus City Council for four years. After her retirement, Barbara enjoyed several trips within the United States, visiting Hawaii, Washington DC, New York, Orlando (Disney) in 2016, Memphis, Tennessee, Alabama, and Florida. She enjoyed playing Bridge, reading, walking, Elvis, Neal Diamond, and listening to the band play for the Columbus Titan Football games.

Barbara is survived by two daughters Julie Simpson and husband, Scott, Corinth, Texas, and Dana Wellmeier and husband, Brian, Columbus, Kansas; grandchildren, Katie Scoles, (Sam) Denton, Texas, Sarah Simpson (Jonathon Ward) Corinth, Texas, Preston Simpson, Flower Mound, Texas, Jana Allison (Dylan Koehler) Columbus, Kansas; great grandchildren: Josephine Scoles, and Baby Ward who is due to be born in Dec.; siblings Wesley Houser (Jan) Of Joplin, Missouri, Dora Dunlap, Steve, Columbus; and a host of nephews and nieces.

Funeral Services will be at Derfelt Funeral Home of Columbus, Friday, June 24, 2022 at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at Park Cemetery. The family will receive friends Thursday, June 23, 2022 at the funeral home from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to the 1st United Methodist Church General Fund.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Derfelt Funeral Home of Columbus.



### Bernadette Arlene Coomes

Bernadette Arlene Coomes, 61, passed away on June 18, 2022, in Girard, Kansas. Bernadette was a humble, caring woman who will be remembered for the endless amounts of love and joy she poured into this world. She was tirelessly devoted to her family, successfully raising 4 rowdy boys, 13 grandchildren, a loving husband and many others along the way. Bernadette was an ultimate crafts-woman, and her creations ranged from award-winning Halloween costumes to hand-knitted baby blankets for all her grandchildren. A true matriarch of the Coomes family, her skills as a chef allowed her to bring family and friends together countless times over the years, as it was one of her favorite ways to serve others. Bernadette's prayer and devotion to our Lord allowed her to elevate the lives of many.



While her early years were devoted to her children, Bernadette also blessed the Girard community with a 17-year career as secretary at Girard High School. A calming presence in the school office, Mrs. Coomes provided love and support to hundreds of students, teachers, and administrators throughout the years. Her later years were spent enjoying her passion for the farmyard, where she loved teaching her grandkids how to appreciate God's creation, leaving the family with many fond memories of her baby goats, chickens, and various animals. Bernadette will be deeply missed.

Survivors include: Her husband of 45 years Dale, of the home, four sons and their families Nicholas Coomes and his wife, Amy, and their daughters, Lauren and Addison, of Pittsburg, Kansas, Christopher Coomes and his wife, Ashley, and their children, Isabella, Matthew, Joseph, Cecilia, Lucy, and Charlie of Pittsburg, Kansas, Brian Coomes and his wife, Jordan, and their children, Russell, Leo, Maxine and Violet, of Pittsburg, Kansas, Benjamin Coomes and his wife, Alyssa, and their daughter, Evelyn, of Overland Park, Kansas, two sisters Jackie Bowman of Hutchinson, Kansas; and Margaret Diskin of St. Paul, Kansas, four brothers Bob Jacquinet, Dick Jacquinet; Steve Jacquinet; and

Lawrence Jacquinet all of St. Paul, Kansas, numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cleo and Eugene Jacquinet.

The funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, June 23, 2022, at St. Francis Catholic Church in St. Paul, Kansas. Burial will follow at St. Francis Cemetery in St. Paul. Bernadette will be lifted in prayer with a community rosary at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, at St. Francis Catholic Church. The family will receive friends following the rosary.

Memorials are suggested to the National Catholic Partnership on Disability/Mental Health. These may be left at or mailed to Forbes-Hoffman Funeral Home, P.O. Box 374, Parsons, KS 67357.

Online condolences may be left at [www.forbeshoffman.com](http://www.forbeshoffman.com).

## Five more lawsuits filed against Missouri boarding school

NEVADA, Mo. (AP) — Five additional lawsuits have been filed accusing a southwestern Missouri boarding school of abusing students.

The lawsuits alleging physical and emotional abuse at Agape Boarding School were filed Wednesday in Vernon County. All told, 19 lawsuits have been filed against the boarding school since early 2021.

Agape's doctor, David Smock, was charged in December with child sex crimes. He pleaded not guilty in March. Meanwhile, five employees were charged in September with abusing students. Missouri Attorney Gen-

eral Eric Schmitt has said he thinks many more workers should have been charged.

The latest lawsuits were filed by former students who attended Agape at various times between 2014 and this year. The lawsuits also name Agape Baptist Church, which oversees the boarding school.

The lawsuits seek unspecified amounts in damages.

Phone and email messages left Saturday with an attorney for Agape were not immediately returned.

## CLUB NOTES

### 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.

### Wednesday, June 22

#### Blanket Brigade

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

### Thursday, June 23

#### 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](mailto: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.

#### Pittsburg Noon Kiwanis

Pittsburg Noon Kiwanis meets at noon on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at The Pitt restaurant at 516 N. Broadway. Members and guests are encouraged to attend.

### Saturday, June 25

#### Little Balkans Quilt Guild Sew Day

The Little Balkans Quilt Guild Sew Day will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, 6th and Pine Streets.

#### Little Balkans Quilt Guild Committee Meeting

The Little Balkans Quilt Guild Quilt Show Committee Meeting will start at 9 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church, 6th and Pine Streets.

## Fireworks at the Lake set for July 2

#### Staff Reports

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — The Friends of Crawford State Park are organizing an old-fashioned Independence Day celebration to be held July 2. Fireworks are scheduled to start at 9:30 p.m. for hundreds of guests and residents at the park, which is located near Farlington.

"The fireworks display this year is expected to be more spectacular than ever!" the Friends

of Crawford State Park said in an announcement of the July 2 event. "As a resident, please consider making a donation to support this annual celebration and continue the tradition."

Those interested in supporting the Fireworks at the Lake event can send donations to Jan Geier, Treasurer, 105 West Lake Road, Farlington, KS 66734. Search for "Friends of Crawford State Park" on Facebook to learn more about the group.

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Service: A Graveside Service will be held on Thursday June 23rd at 11 a.m. at McGonigle Cemetery in Crawford County. A visitation will be held on Wednesday 22nd from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Smith-Carson-Wall Cemetery.

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## NEWS

# Cornhole tournament raises money for CAC

By Antjea Wolff  
Morning Sun Staff

PITTSBURG, Kan. — The Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) in conjunction with several businesses on Broadway hosted its first Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser in Pittsburg on Friday evening.

Cheryle Moore of Shelter Insurance, who is a board member of CAC, had the idea of creating a family friendly event that highlights the great businesses on the block and helps give back to CAC. The group was able to close off the 200 block of South Broadway Street and set up several sets of Cornhole boards in the street. Community members were able to participate in the tournament by paying \$50 per team.

Several businesses had booths set up to either sell wares or have a fun activity for kids. Main Street Axe Company, Drop the H, the Meat Shed, and Arvest Bank sold food and beverages. Moore said all of the businesses involved in the event were extremely



More than 100 people attended the Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser event for the Children's Advocacy Center on Friday. ANTJEA WOLFF / THE MORNING SUN

helpful. Others besides those selling food and drinks included Simon's Market, Miners and Monroe, Books and Burrow, Vaper Generation, Shelter Insurance/Cheryle Moore Agency, Momentum Chiropractic, Mandy's Place, Jolly Trolley, Offshore Tropix, and Marrone's Inc.

Half of the proceeds went to CAC, and the other half went to one citizen

who entered the raffle. Another raffle was available for a chance to win an Apple Watch. The event also featured live music provided by Cole Morris.

The CAC provides a neutral, child-friendly location for children enduring sexual abuse investigations to be interviewed by specifically trained forensic interviewers. They coordinate sexual abuse investigations with law

enforcement and protective services and provide advocacy for the child and their caregivers, make referrals for counseling and medical exams, and support the child in court if he or she has to testify.

"I'm very passionate about the work that CAC does," Moore said. "I am very honored to be on their board."

## Wilson's celebrate 50th anniversary



Bill and Margie Wilson, of Weir, Kansas, celebrated their 50th Anniversary with friends and family at St. Bridget's Parish Hall in Scammon, Kansas, on June 12, 2022. Bill Wilson married Margie O'Brien on June 10, 1972 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Parsons, Kansas. The couple has three children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They have a family trip to Pensacola, Florida, planned to commemorate the occasion. COURTESY

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## CARVER

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organizers of the event. Butcher, along with fellow Pittsburg State University graduates Chris Goodwin and Ishmael Elkamil organizing the project, worked with a student-led team of contractors to save the building, which last summer was on the verge of being sold at a county tax sale and torn down.

"With their hard work and their dedication to believing in the vision that we had for this place and for this location, they really came through and did a very good job of keeping this building where it is and safe enough to where we can have this, what we're calling a soft awareness opening," Butcher said.

Also in attendance at Saturday's event was Don-

na Campbell Brice, who originally was leading the effort to save the building last summer, before Butcher, Goodwin and Elkamil, along with other donors and stakeholders in the project, stepped in to finance it and manage the logistics of the renovation.

"As I heard through the grapevine, it was going to be demolished and they were going to put up an apartment building," Brice said. "This was the last building in Pittsburg to my knowledge that served the needs of black people in Pittsburg. It made no sense to me for this building to be demolished."

The Carver League was originally built by members of the local African-American community in the mid-twentieth century when racial segregation was still enforced in Pittsburg. Butcher

recalled the moment last summer when he came to see the building with Goodwin after hearing about the possibility of it being demolished.

"I just think emotion took over for both of us that it was a no-brainer what we were going to do," he said. "We didn't know how we were going to do it, but we knew what needed done."

Goodwin, for his part, talked about his memories of coming to the Carver League as a young boy, before the building eventually stopped being used as a community center and was abandoned.

"It just seemed like a really, really huge place, and then as you get older, you're like 'Man, this is about the size of my dorm room,'" Goodwin said. "But there was a lot of really good memories here, just family and friends and things like that."

Although he did not go into extensive detail, Goodwin also said that beyond the existing building, plans are in the works for "a larger scale community center of some sort" at the Carver League and the surrounding grounds.

"We've got some plans to kind of move things forward," he said. "We've got this property right next to us, so we've got some big ideas on doing a second phase of everything."

Even as he, Butcher, Elkamil and others are working on taking the Carver League to the next level with an expanded community center, though, Goodwin noted the progress that has already been made.

"This initially was the main focus: get this part saved, bring it back to where people can use it," he said, "and then grow it kind of as the community grows."

## AREA EVENTS

### Tuesday, June 21 and Wednesday, June 22

#### Storytime at PPL

Pittsburg Public Library invites the public to join them for story time at 10 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday for storytime in Lincoln park. There will be new stories and crafts every week. Look for the PPL Bookmobile vehicle. No registration required.

### Tuesday, June 21

#### Art Exploration Instruction

Join Gallery artists Pat Glick and Laura Wright every Tuesday afternoon for a fun time working on citizens' own projects or art from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at ArtForms Gallery. Participants are asked to bring their own materials. This event is free and open to the public.

### Wednesday, June 22

#### Building Strong Readers

Children up to age 5 are invited to Girard Public Library, 128 W. Prairie St. In Girard, for stories and a craft from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Call the library at 620-724-4317 for more information.

#### Pittsburg Area Farmers' Market

Vendors offer seasonal fruits and vegetables, meats, baked goods, and more. Local artisans sell handmade crafts. The farmers' market accepts EBT/Vision/SNAP cards. Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon April 16 to Oct. 30 at the Farmers' Market Pavilion, 119 E. 11th St., Pittsburg.

#### iCraft: Watercolor

iCraft will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22. This event will allow participants to create a watercolor painting. iCraft is open to anyone in 6th grade through adulthood. The library will provide the supplies. Please register online for this free program.

### Thursday, June 23

#### Teen Book Swap Night

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 Book Swap Night. Bring a book and swap it for something different. Teen Nights are open to grades 6 through 12.

### Friday, June 24

#### 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 Johnny Joe Zilbert Polka and Shelby Heger will be performing.

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## OKIE IN EXILE

# Albert Einstein and Tennessee Williams



**BOBBY NEAL WINTERS**  
Morning Sun Columnist

I've just been to my school reunion. At my school, we don't have a class reunion because the classes just aren't big enough. We get the whole high school together every two years. This time it's been four because of COVID which took a tremendous toll on us.

You may remember what Einstein and Tennessee Williams said about time: It is the farthest distance between two places.

This is doubly true for the place that I come from. Time has been painting on a rough canvas, putting one layer atop the next without regard to propri-

ety. The Plains Tribes were there first; then the Civilized Tribes; then the ranchers; and then came the oilfield. Somewhat later, after civilization began to recede, came the purveyors of wacky-tobacky and methamphetamine.

Every layer is still there with the whole having a strange harmony all its own.

The school, McLish, was named after the layer of sand that the oil was discovered in. While there are a few things, here and there, named for the Plains Tribes and the Civilized Tribes, nothing has been named for marijuana or meth. Maybe eventually something will if things keep going the way they are.

These sorts of occasions are odd, to say the least.

When you grow up in a small town or a small rural area, things are different. There are fewer boundaries. Everybody knows everything about everybody else, but maybe they know themselves — ourselves — the least of all.

Back home because of the lack of boundaries, and the transparency of your lives, everybody knows you like family. Or — if you left at any point — they know the person you were before you left. Sometimes it is difficult for them to see you as anyone else; or you to see them as anyone else.

But I've been gone for 42 years now, and there has been some change. We've all acquired...history. All of our paths taken have trampled the paths not taken. We've gone in op-

posite directions. Going back to that place we've started is hard. The trail is so confused that not even a Comanche could read it.

I met a girl there who'd been in my class; a woman, I guess, as she's almost 60. She brought me a hand-crafted artisanal puzzle. She told me I'd given it to her in high school. It is carved from a single piece of wood with balls and chambers and links of chain.

I don't remember it. I've tried to ferret out the memory, but it's gone.

I do remember one time she came by house with a group of high school kids in the back of a pickup truck. She convinced my dad—the most overprotective father on the face of the Earth — to let me ride with them in the back of that pickup truck to

go to the drive-in movies. We went to see "Animal House." No seat belts — hell no seats. How did we even live?

Nothing but a young girl's charm would've convinced Dad to let me go. My heart swells to remember this even now. Because for the course of one evening I got to be normal. Because of her, my heart beats a little faster whenever Supertramp plays on the radio because that was her favorite group.

All on the strength of that act of kindness more than four decades ago.

But I don't remember me giving her the puzzle. But she remembered.

There is a certain reciprocity there.

People have laughed at me here because I title my column "The Okie in Exile" and style myself as

such. This is only Kansas; there is only a thin imaginary line that separates us.

But those people just don't know. A lot of rivers have been forded on my way here, a lot of fences crossed. Some distances are greater than the geography would seem to allow for.

But we've traversed them to get here, and every once in a while we need to travel them again so we don't forget who we are.

*Bobby Winters, a native of Harden City, Oklahoma, blogs at redneckmath.blogspot.com and okieinexile.blogspot.com. He invites you to "like" the National Association of Lawn Mowers on Facebook. Search for him by name on YouTube.*

## HELLO NEIGHBOR

# The power of being positive



**LOIS CARLSON**  
Morning Sun Columnist

Today, as we look at society, so much seems to be focused on the negative not the positive. There is so much good in our country and in the human nature of people. However, as we watch the news, we as a people continue to jump on the negative bandwagon instead of the good and positive. Why do you think that is? I attended a program last year and when I found my notes

from it, I decided to share them with you.

We learned that in reality our brain is wired to focus on the negative. We have to work at the positive. Parents and family are critical in instilling positive attitudes in their children along with teachers and the staff at our schools. What is the first word a baby is most likely to say? The word NO. Why? Could it be because they hear that word over and over again when parents, family members and others keep telling them no? "No, don't touch." "No don't put that in your

mouth." And the list goes on.

Mamma and DaDa usually come a little later.

We know people seem to be either optimistic and pessimistic. These are either positive or negative attitudes. Does this have anything to do with being happy? When your children brought a grade card home, did you immediately focus on the lowest grade and start to comment or did you compliment on the good grades and then visit about what trouble they might be having in the class where the low grade came in? This

is important. Also don't compare one child against another. Everyone is different. Remember that.

So what are some of the traits of happy people? How can you be a little happier? Here are a few suggestions. Start your day in a positive way. Be upbeat. Compliment someone. Express gratitude daily. Ask yourself what you are grateful for? Pick up your cell phone and send a text or e-even mail to at least two people with a positive message. Or pick up your house phone and make a couple of positive calls. Let me

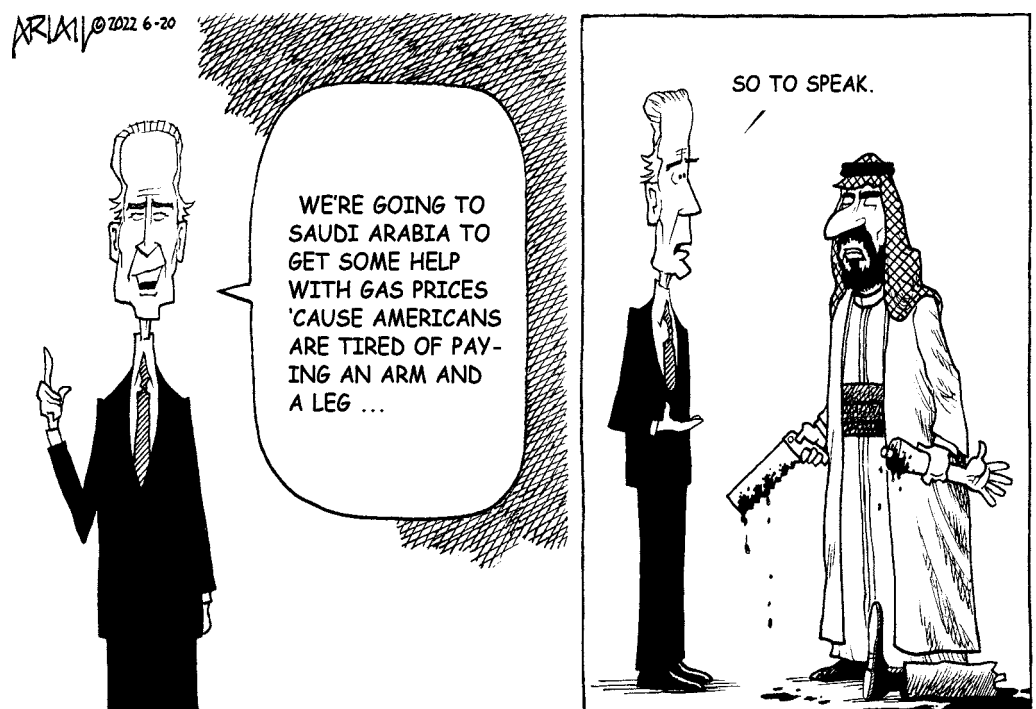
tell you...the recipients will then start their day on a positive note.

A smile is worth a thousand words. You may be surprised to learn that kids smile at least 400 times a day as compared to the average of only 20 by adults. Have you ever smiled at someone who isn't smiling only to see them smile back? I was at a conference last week and three nice people, one man and two women did a great job of taking care of our meals. I noticed the man always had a smile on his face, one woman had a pleasant look and

smiled occasionally and one woman never smiled. Near the end of the conference I thanked each of them individually for their hard work. When I approached the woman who I had never seen smile, I simply said, every time I see you, you seem to be in deep thought. Don't forget to smile and she did. The other worker thanked me and then smiled. We need to let people know they are valued and appreciated.

We need to remember that happiness is not an inheritance. It's an intention. Positivity leads to happiness. Try it!

## EDITORIAL CARTOONS



# Wife feels it's the end of the line with drunk hubby



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abigail Van Buren

**DEAR ABBY:** I got pregnant at 15 and had my oldest daughter at 16. I met my husband at 18, and went on to have four more daughters. I have been with him for more than 30 years (I just turned 49). My girls are living their own lives now. The thing is, now that I'm alone with my husband, I have come to discover that we have nothing in common. I want to leave him, but I have no money, no car and no job. I have become someone I never thought I would become

— alone with no life! My husband ignores me and drinks a lot. When we visit family, it's a free-for-all drunk fest for him. I just don't have the energy at my age to deal with a drunk. I dealt all my life with an alcoholic father and I don't want to do it anymore. How do I begin to rebuild my life and start over? I really need to do this for myself. — AT A CROSSROADS IN OHIO

**DEAR AT A CROSSROADS:** I agree that rebuilding your life is something you need to do for yourself. The surest way to accomplish it would be to get a job. This may eventually equip you to survive on your own. If you need transportation, ask your daughters for help, or take

public transportation. If you prefer not to attend "family" gatherings, have your husband go alone. Your father's alcoholism may have contributed to the fact that you married someone with an alcohol problem, thinking it was "normal." If that's the case, consider finding a nearby chapter of Al-Anon (al-anon.org/info) or Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (adultchildren.org) and attend some of the meetings. They are sometimes held online, so you could do it on a computer, if necessary. I wish you luck on your journey.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a widow with three serious illnesses, one of which is potentially deadly. I

hesitate to confide in some of my friends because the majority of them go into a litany of their illnesses. For the most part, their ailments are common and require just a small change in diet or perhaps losing some weight. What makes it uncomfortable for me is they act like they are in a life-threatening situation, which they aren't. I find it increasingly difficult to empathize with their common colds, achy joints, etc. How can I explain to these folks how much they upset me? For the most part, they are good people, just very self-centered. — CHALLENGED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

**DEAR CHALLENGED:** It may be unrealistic to expect friends

who don't know about your serious medical conditions to empathize with you or stop complaining about their aches and pains. Rather than say their complaints are annoying, tell them the truth about what's going on with you. After that, try to remember that regardless of how minor, every person's health challenges are important to them, even if on the grand scale of things they don't seem that way to you.

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



# STATE & REGION

## Petting zoo in the park



8-year-old Charley Dohle feeds a llama at a petting zoo hosted by the Pittsburg Public Library at Lincoln Park on Friday. ANTJEA WOLFF / THE MORNING SUN



The Pittsburg Public Library partnered with Kramer Livestock and Petting Zoo to bring a variety of animals, such as a parrot, a donkey, a camel, mini horse, calf, tortoises, and rabbits for the children to pet and interact with at Lincoln Park on Friday. ANTJEA WOLFF / THE MORNING SUN



A local boy feeds a leaf to a camel at the Pittsburg Public Library's petting zoo event on Friday. ANTJEA WOLFF / THE MORNING SUN



Kramer Livestock and Petting Zoo brought a one-year-old kangaroo named Wiggles for the children to see in Lincoln Park at the Pittsburg Public Library-sponsored event. ANTJEA WOLFF / THE MORNING SUN

### SNAPS

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phy at Pittsburg State University, took place in downtown Pittsburg on Monday.

The workshop was open to middle school and early high school students who had the desire to learn more about photography and had a camera of some kind, cell phone cameras included. The attendees were able to learn basics of lighting, exposure, and composition, and then practice what they learned by doing photography exercises all during this six-hour course.

Huffman said this workshop will hopefully not only give the attendees a new skill, but it will also allow them to interact with other people and get them out of their comfort zone. He said he had students in the workshop from Fort Scott, Weir, Pittsburg, and Frontenac.

Huffman said he hopes that the students see this workshop as a gateway to something they might want to do.

"It's opening their creativity and opening their eyes to what's possible," he said.

Toward the end of the session, the 12 students and Huffman went on a photowalk scavenger hunt around the downtown area. Huffman gave the students a list of prompts to help guide the students on objects or scenery to photograph.

Huffman said he likes to give himself prompts when he wants to be more creative.

"It is important to have prompts," he said. "What that means is you need something to spark your creativity."

After going over some brief rules of when permission is needed to take someone's photo, the class set out on their photowalk, first heading north on Broadway to Europe Park, and then walking down the alley

to 8th Street and looping back around to Block 22. The group stopped every few minutes to get shots of scenery or objects they found interesting.

12-year-old Natalee Merriman said she took the class to see if she wanted to be a photographer someday.

Huffman said that at the end of the workshop, the students would select their favorite photos they snapped, and then the photos would be printed and hung in the Root Coffeehouse Gallery next week.

13-year-old Gabby Yartz said her favorite thing about the workshop was the photowalk because she got to see more of the downtown area, and she didn't know Europe Park existed.

"I've always liked taking pictures," she said. "It helps me remember the moment because sometime I'll forget it. And it's helpful to have photos."

## Cowley County deputies cleared in woman's shooting death

WINFIELD, Kan. (AP) — The Cowley County attorney has ruled that three sheriff's deputies acted appropriately when they shot and killed a woman near Winfield in April.

County Attorney Larry Schwartz said in a report issued Wednesday the shooting of Andrea Barrow, of Arkansas City, was "lawful and justified," KAKE-TV reported.

The Cowley County deputies were responding to a report of a suspicious vehicle on April 15 when

they encountered Barrow, who was acting erratically, according to the report.

Body cameras worn by the officers show Master Deputy Cory Sunnenberg talked to Barrow for several minutes after seeing a Kansas license plate inside the car that he believed was stolen. She refused several orders to get out of her vehicle and became increasingly agitated, Schwartz said.

After a stun gun was used on Barrow, Cpl. John Van Royan saw her pull

a handgun from between the car seat and the center console and shouted a warning, according to the report.

Barrow fell out of the car and fired at the officers, Schwartz said. All the deputies were hit but were able to take cover.

Barrow returned to the vehicle and the officers believed she was reloading her weapon. Young and Sunnenberg fired back at Barrow, killing her, Schwartz said.

## Teen sentenced to life in prison in death of 12-year-old boy

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. (AP) — A Kansas teenager has been sentenced to life in prison in the shooting death of a 12-year-old boy during a botched gun deal.

WDAF-TV reports that a jury convicted 18-year-old Jaylen LaRon Johnson of Kansas City, Kansas, of

first-degree murder last month. Sentencing was Friday.

Prosecutors say Johnson and two other men drove to Leavenworth to purchase a gun on April 14, 2021. The sellers allegedly sold a BB gun to one of Johnson's friends.

Authorities say Johnson began shooting when he realized it wasn't the gun they wanted.

Eleven bullets struck the seller's car. Twelve-year-old Brian Henderson Jr. was in the backseat and died in the shooting.

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# LOOKING BACK

FROM OUR HISTORY

## Police 'invited' the J. George Loos carnival to leave Pittsburg

By Phil Burgert  
news@morningsun.net

Excerpted stories in *Crawford County newspaper archives*

### 100 Years Ago

June 21, 1922  
Jurors are not always what they seem to be, to wit, Mrs. Laura Capps, alias Robert Duncan. That a 22-year-old Crawford county woman masqueraded as a man for seven years, and "got by" to the extent of serving on the jury panel at the May term of the district court in Pittsburg without being detected, was brought to light yesterday when Sheriff Milt Gould discovered the impersonation. "You'll get into women's clothing and act as a woman," Gould told her, "or go to the penitentiary."

The J. George Loos carnival arrived in Pittsburg last night, but did not get located at Fair Grounds park, as scheduled, for the opening today. Believing that the carnival would not have a desirable influence on the city, and that property was endangered by the presence of some of the carnival followers, the

police "invited" the show to leave town.

Organization of a semi-professional baseball league composed of six teams in this section is now going forward, it was announced last night by Charles Marshall, manager of the Kansas City Southern Blues, and Otto Plagens of the Vocates, who are fostering the moment. Teams now being considered as members of the league are the Blues, Vocates, Girard, Columbus, Carthage and Fort Scott.

### 50 Years Ago

June 21, 1972  
Notice that the contract with the Henderson Drilling Co. for drilling a well at the site of the new water treatment plant will be terminated for non-performance was given by the City Commission yesterday. Henderson is 293 days behind schedule on the project, City Manager Marty Stricklan said. Termination was recommended by Black & Veatch of Kansas City, consulting engineer on the project.

Bids of the National Bank of Pittsburg and City National Bank on \$11,700 in temporary notes

to be issued by the city were accepted yesterday by the City Commission. Each submitted a bid providing for interest at the rate of four per cent. The board decided to permit each bank to take half the notes. The temporary notes are to provide initial financing for the construction of a sewer lateral to serve the new Parkview Mobile Home Village at 20th and the Bypass.

Sam Mishmash fired a strong five-hitter and drove in two runs with a double, leading Pittsburg Legion-Bowlus to a 5-2 victory over Columbus Legion Post No. 3 at Jaycee Ballpark last night. Mishmash struck out eight Columbus batters and walked six in going the distance to gain the win for Pittsburg.

### 25 Years Ago

June 21, 1997  
Keep on truckin'. Just don't do it on the Arcadia-Mulberry road. The Crawford county commission yesterday passed a resolution banning heavy truck traffic on the north south artery between the two cities in the eastern part of the county. The decree was effective immediately. Commissioner

Tom Moody asked for the resolution in order to protect an approximately five-mile stretch of the newly overlaid road.

David Kendall, Pittsburg, a person with multiple sclerosis, will present several books on MS to the Pittsburg Public Library on behalf of the Ozark Beach Branch, Mid America Chapter, National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The branch is donating the books to libraries in the 26 counties that it serves. The books contain practical information and could also be helpful to those doing research on MS.

The Southeast Kansas Twisters 12-and-under fastpitch softball team took first place in the Olathe Girls Softball Association Annual Tournament last week, overcoming Kansas City House of Diamonds 11-6, Olathe Aces 4-0 and Kansas City Double Dare 6-5 to qualify for the championship game. In that game the Twisters used 11 hits and three sacrifice bunts while pitchers didn't walk a batter to defeat the Topeka Rockets 8-3

## COMMODITIES

Market closed due to Juneteenth

## Crawford County Property Transfers

Schubbach Properties LLC, Farlington, conveyed a deed to the property located at 503 E Forest Ave, Girard, to Harper, Howard; Harper, Teresa, Girard, The deed was recorded March 7, 2022.

Wietharn, James Ryan; Wietharn, Krissy Ann, Pittsburg, conveyed a deed to the property located at

1032 E 580th Avenue, Pittsburg, to Reynolds, Christopher; Reynolds Klair, Pittsburg, The deed was recorded March 8, 2022.

6 Pack Mo & KS LLC, Orem, Utah, conveyed a deed to the property located at 406 N Rouse, Pittsburg,

to HIG SOF1 GS12, LLC, Orem, Ut. The deed was recorded March 8, 2022.

6 PACK MO & KS LLC, Orem, Ut conveyed a deed to the property located at 1101 E 4th, Pittsburg, to HIG SOF1 GS12, LLC, Orem, Ut. March 8, 2022.

Hunziker, Catherina Cheyenne, Pittsburg,

conveyed a deed to the property located at 501 Norris Drive, Pittsburg, to Woods, David M & April D, Pittsburg, The deed was recorded March 8, 2022.

Geier, Steve E; Geier, Susan K., Erie, conveyed a deed to the property legally described as S35, T27, R21, Acres 75.8, S1/2 Ne1/4, Less Row, near N 20th Street, Walnut, to Franklin, Johnathan M; Franklin, Terri

Hepler The deed was recorded March 8, 2022.

Toby's Amusements Inc., Arma, conveyed a deed to the property located at 989 E 640th Avenue, Mulberry, The deed was recorded March 8, 2022.

FOURC LLC, Pittsburg, conveyed a deed to the property located at 409 E 21st, Pittsburg, to Morales, Elmer Narciso Larios; Pedro, Lucinda Juano, Pittsburg, The deed was recorded March 9, 2022.

Pittsburg Land Bank C/O Deanna Goering Pittsburg, conveyed a deed to the property legally described as Pittsburg Original Town, S 10.4' Of N 24.5' Of E 32' Lt 510, Blk 19, Pittsburg, to CB HOMES LLC Frontenac, The deed was recorded March 9, 2022.

PM RENTALS LLC Pittsburg, conveyed a deed to the property located at 314 W Kansas, Pittsburg, to Dirks, Jeffrey L; Peggy M. Dirks, Merriam, The deed was recorded March 9, 2022.

Malle, Connie D; Burns, Cathy L. % Farley, Betty, Pittsburg, conveyed a deed to the property located at

1921 S Elm, Pittsburg, to Chappell, Eric C. Fort Worth, Tx The deed was recorded March 9, 2022.

Yost, Mary M Trust, Pittsburg, conveyed a deed to the property located at 2606 Knollview, Pittsburg, to

Riggs, Austin; Riggs, Ashlen, Pittsburg, The deed was recorded March 9, 2022.

Wehmeyer, Theresa; Lamborn, Brenda; Vandelinde, Susan, Pittsburg, conveyed a deed to the property located at 1227 E 540th Avenue, Pittsburg, to Oehme Farms LLC, The deed was recorded March 10, 2022.

Rivera, Jose Maria, Pittsburg, conveyed a deed to the property located at 603 W 2nd, Pittsburg, to Gomez-Lopez, Margarito Noe; Huinac, Telma De Leon,

Pittsburg, The deed was recorded March 10, 2022.

Kaelin, Robert William & Lisa Dawn Rev Trust, Kansas City, Mo., conveyed a deed to the property located at 103 W Madison St Pittsburg, to Phan, Rithy; Hy, Sot-heary The deed was recorded March 10, 2022.

Wehmeyer, Walter & Theresa M., C/O Robert Hosier, Pittsburg, conveyed a deed to the property legally described as S36, T30, R25, Acres 2.8, Beg Ne Cor W1/2 Ne1/4 Nw1/4, Th W 375.7, S 344.74', E 382.88', N 344.57' To Pob, Less Row near E 540th Avenue, Pittsburg, to Oehme Farms LLC Pittsburg, The deed was recorded March 10, 2022.

Tersinar, Drew A; Gray, Madison L., Pittsburg, conveyed a deed to the property located at 926 N Main, Pittsburg, to Guymon, Dustin A; Guymon, Tanna L Pittsburg, The deed was recorded March 11, 2022.

R&J Property LLC, Pittsburg, conveyed a deed to the property located at 204 E Leighton, Frontenac, to Parsons, Charles A., Pittsburg, The deed was recorded March 11, 2022.

Snyder, Colbie; Snyder, Whitney, Pittsburg, conveyed a deed to the property legally described as S02, T30, R23, Acres 23.3, Beg 308' E Nw Cor E1/2 Ne1/4, Th S 424.29, W 308, S 677.6, E 987.16, N 1106.89, W 684.63, To Pob, Less Row near W 590th Avenue, Girard, Coomes, Jason; Coomes, Lesli, Hays, deed was recorded March 11, 2022.

Wu, Olivia, Pittsburg, conveyed a deed to the property located at 503 Ohio, Pittsburg, to Mur-rin, Cole

Fort Scott, The deed was recorded March 14, 2022.

Blair, Troy; Blair, Bruce, Pittsburg, conveyed a deed to the property legally described as Crozier's Prairie Estates, Lot 1, Acres 2.7 near E 590th Avenue, Pittsburg, to Matlock Custom Homes LLC, Mulberry, The deed was recorded March 14, 2022.

O'toole, Margaret A., Girard, conveyed a deed to the property located at 932 W Hwy 47, Girard, The deed was recorded March 14, 2022.

City Of Pittsburg, Pittsburg, conveyed a deed to the property legally described as Laphams Addition, Lots 1 Thru 3, Blk 1, Less Row, near E 4th, Pittsburg, to Colby 2021 LLC Leawood, The deed was recorded March 15, 2022.

City Of Pittsburg, Pittsburg, conveyed a deed to the property located at 207 N Rouse, Pittsburg, to

Colby 2021 LLC, Leawood, The deed was recorded March 15, 2022.

City Of Pittsburg, Pittsburg, conveyed a deed to the property legally described as Laphams Addition, Block 1 Lots 6, 7 near N Rouse, Pittsburg, to Colby 2021 LLC, Leawood, The deed was recorded March 15, 2022.

City Of Pittsburg, Pittsburg, conveyed a deed to the property legally described as Laphams Addition, Block 1, Lot 4, 5 near N Rouse, Pittsburg, to Colby 2021 LLC, The deed was recorded March 15, 2022.

TODAY IN HISTORY

## In 1377, King Edward III died after ruling England for 50 years

Associated Press  
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Today is Tuesday, June 21, the 172nd day of 2022. There are 193 days left in the year. Summer begins at 5:14 a.m. EDT.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On June 21, 1788, the United States Constitution went into effect as New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify it.

**On this date:**  
In 1377, King Edward III died after ruling England for 50 years; he was succeeded by his grandson, Richard II.

In 1834, Cyrus Hall McCormick received a patent for his reaping machine.

In 1942, an Imperial Japanese submarine fired shells at Fort Stevens on the Oregon coast, causing little damage.

In 1954, the American Cancer Society presented a study to the American Medical Association meeting in San Francisco which found that men who regularly smoked cigarettes died at a considerably higher rate than non-smokers.

In 1964, civil rights workers Michael H. Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James E. Chaney were slain in Philadelphia, Mississippi; their bodies were found buried in an earthen dam six weeks later. (Forty-one years later on this date in 2005, Edgar Ray Killen, an 80-year-old former Ku Klux Klansman, was found guilty of manslaughter; he was sentenced to 60 years in prison, where he died in

January 2018.)

In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Miller v. California*, ruled that states may ban materials found to be obscene according to local standards.

In 1977, Menachem Begin (men-AH'-kem BAY'-gihn) of the Likud bloc became Israel's sixth prime minister.

In 1982, a jury in Washington, D.C. found John Hinckley Jr. not guilty by reason of insanity in the shootings of President Ronald Reagan and three other men.

In 1989, a sharply divided Supreme Court ruled that burning the American flag as a form of political protest was protected by the First Amendment.

In 1997, the WNBA made its debut as the New York Liberty defeated the host Los Angeles Sparks 67-57.

In 2010, Faisal Shahzad (FY'-sul shah-ZAHD'), a Pakistan-born U.S. citizen, pleaded guilty to charges of plotting a failed car bombing in New York's Times Square. (Shahzad was later sentenced to life in prison.)

In 2011, the Food and Drug Administration announced that cigarette packs in the U.S. would have to carry macabre images that included rotting teeth and gums, diseased lungs and a sewn-up corpse of a smoker as part of a graphic campaign aimed at discouraging Americans from lighting up.

**Ten years ago:** The U.S. Supreme Court unanimously threw out penalties against Fox and

ABC television stations that violated the Federal Communications Commission policy regulating curse words and nudity on television, but the justices declined to issue a broader constitutional ruling. Miami's LeBron James capped his title bid with 26 points, 13 assists and 11 rebounds as he led the Heat in a 121-106 rout of the Oklahoma City Thunder to win the NBA Finals in five games. Broadway composer-lyricist Richard Adler, 90, died in Southampton, New York.

Five years ago: Edmon-ton's Connor McDavid won the Hart Trophy as the NHL's most valuable player at the league's postseason awards show in Las Vegas.

**One year ago:** The town council in Amherst, Massachusetts, created a fund to pay reparations to Black residents; the move came as communities and institutions looked for ways to atone for slavery, discrimination and past wrongs amid the nation's ongoing racial reckoning. Raiders defensive lineman Carl Nassib became the first active player in NFL history to publicly declare that he was gay. (Nassib would get support from his teammates and the Raiders, but was cut in March 2022 in a salary cap move.) Major League Baseball umpires began doing regular checks of all pitchers for tacky substances that could be used to doctor baseballs.

**Today's Birthdays:** Composer Lalo Schiffrin is 90. Actor Bernie Kopell is 89. Actor Monte Markham is

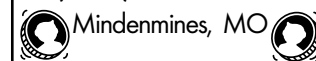
87. Songwriter Don Black is 84. Actor Mariette Hartley is 82. Comedian Joe Flaherty is 81. Rock singer-musician Ray Davies (The Kinks) is 78. Actor Meredith Baxter is 75. Actor Michael Gross (Baxter's co-star on the sitcom "Family Ties") is 75. Rock musician Joe Molland (Badfinger) is 75. Rock musician Don Airey (Deep Purple) is 74. Rock musician Joey Kramer (Aerosmith) is 72. Rock musician Nils Lofgren is 71. Actor Robyn Douglass is 70. Actor Leigh McCloskey is 67. Cartoonist Berke Breathed is 65. Actor Josh Pais is 64. Country singer Kathy Mattea is 63. Oregon Gov. Kate Brown is 62. Actor Marc Copage (koh-PAJ') is 60. Actor Sammi Davis is 58. Actor Doug Savant is 58. Country musician Porter Howell is 58. Actor Michael Dolan is 57. Writer-director Lana Wachowski is 57. Actor Carrie Preston is 55. Rapper/producer Pete Rock is 52. Country singer Allison Moorer is 50. Actor Juliette Lewis is 49. Actor Maggie Siff is 48. Musician Justin Cary is 47. Rock musician Mike Einziger (Incubus) is 46. Actor Chris Pratt is 43. Rock singer Brandon Flowers is 41. Britain's Prince William is 40. Actor Benjamin Walker is 40. Actor Michael Malarkey is 39. Pop singer Kris Allen (TV: "American Idol") is 37. Pop/rock singer Lana Del Rey is 37. Actor Jascha Washington is 33. Country musician Chandler Baldwin (LAN-CO) is 30. Pop singer Rebecca Black is 25.

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**NEWS**

# 2 men charged in fatal fireworks explosion that killed 4

BLACK JACK, Mo. (AP) — Two men were charged with murder in a house explosion near St. Louis that authorities say killed four people who were assembling fireworks in a garage.

St. Louis County prosecutors say 37-year-old Terrell Cooks and 43-year-old Seneca Mahan made fireworks and directed

younger people on how to load the canisters and attach a fuse for lighting. They would then sell the fireworks to others. Neither Cooks nor Mahan had a license to make or sell fireworks.

Cooks and Mahan are each with three counts of second-degree murder and several other charges in Friday's explosion near

the town of Black Jack. They were charged before a fourth victim died Saturday.

The victims in the powerful blast that shook other homes and blew out neighbors' windows were identified as Travell Eason, 16; Christopher Jones, 17; Damario Cooks, 18; and William Jones, 21.

Authorities have said a

12-year-old child was also injured in the explosion, but the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that police could not provide details Sunday about how many others were still hospitalized.

Cooks and Martin are being held on a \$350,000 cash bail. Online court records don't list the cases yet, so it's not clear if the

men have attorneys who could comment on the charges.

Court documents say Cooks admitted that he and Mahan made explosive devices designed to make a loud bang and bright flash. Investigators saw Cooks moving boxes of chemicals used to make explosives to his vehicle after Friday's explosion,

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# NEWS



This map shows the designated detour around road work on highway K-47 next Monday and Tuesday on highways U.S. 59, U.S. 400 and U.S. 169. COURTESY PHOTO

## Railroad crossing on K-47 to close for repairs

**Staff Reports**  
news@morningsun.net

PARSONS, Kan. — The South Kansas & Oklahoma (SKOL) Railroad plans to close and repair its crossing on K-47 east of U.S. 169 on Monday and Tuesday, June 27 and 28.

K-47 will be closed to traffic at the crossing from 8 a.m. Monday through 5 p.m. Tuesday.

The signed detour is on U.S. 59, U.S. 400 and U.S. 169.

For more information on this closure go to [www.kandrive.org](http://www.kandrive.org). Persons with questions may call Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Superintendent Larry Robinson at 620-308-7622 or Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen at 620-902-6433.

## Officials find first likely case of monkeypox in Missouri

Officials said the probable case of monkeypox was found in a Kansas City resident who had recently traveled out of state. That person didn't need to be hospitalized.

State and local health officials are waiting for the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to confirm the results. Meanwhile, officials are notifying people who may have been in contact with the infected person. The disease that first

causes flu-like symptoms before progressing to a rash on the face and body is commonly found in parts of central and west Africa. But this year, 1,880 infections have been reported in more than 30 countries where monkeypox isn't typically found.

Most of those cases have been found in Europe, but the CDC said Saturday that 113 cases of monkeypox have been found in the United States.

## 2nd arrest made in Oklahoma festival shooting that killed 1

MUSKOGEE, Okla. (AP) — Police arrested a second person on Friday in a shooting at an Oklahoma festival last month in which one person was killed and eight others were wounded.

Officers arrested Kendall Alexander, 25, at his home in Muskogee, about 125 miles (200 kilometers) east of Oklahoma City, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation said. He faces one count of first-degree murder and eight counts of shooting with intent to kill, Muskogee police said.

Alexander was being held without bond in the

Muskogee County jail and it wasn't known if he had an attorney yet who might speak on his behalf.

Alexander is the second person detained in the Memorial Day weekend shooting in Taft, where about 1,500 people were attending an outdoor festival. Days after the shooting, Skyler Buckner surrendered to police and is currently in custody.

Sharika Bowler died in the shooting and the wounded ranged in age from 9 to 56.

Authorities have issued arrest warrants for two other people in the case.

## ECONOMY

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down from a grueling high of 12.2 percent in April of 2020. In Crawford County, the preliminary unemployment rate is 2.6 percent, or 0.3 percent higher than the state average.

Meanwhile, the unemployment rate in the United States as a whole has remained at 3.6 percent for three consecutive months, a rate significantly higher than Kansas estimates.

Kansas began keeping records of monthly unemployment rates in January 1976.

Since the start of the Kelly Administration, Kansas has secured 654 economic development projects worth \$8,943,214,898.00 in capital investment and has retained and created 43,111 jobs, according to Kelly's press release Monday. According to the Kansas Department of Labor, Crawford County has 653 job openings.

While these numbers are good news, unemployment figures do not always tell the whole story, because they do not count stay-at-home parents, the under-employed, or those who have simply quit looking for a job. Many economists, however, consider an unemployment rate of less than 4 percent to be "full employment."

But while the unemployment figures look good, people have been feeling the strain of inflation throughout much of

the world since early 2021. This has been attributed primarily to supply short-ages caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, coupled with strong consumer demand driven by historic job and wage growth as the pandemic receded, a phenomenon known as the Phillips Curve that suggests the rate of inflation rises as unemployment rates fall because lower unemployment means people spend more, leading to more pressure on prices, according to Dr. Somer G. Anderson, an economics professor at Maryville University in St. Louis. Massive public spending in recent years has also caused inflationary pressure as the supply of money has increased.

According to Bankrate.com, energy prices soared 25.6 percent since 2021. Gas prices climbed by 38 percent over the past 12 months, while utility prices soared 23.8 percent and electricity rose by 9 percent. Transportation prices have also risen 23.9 percent in the past year, with used vehicles skyrocketing 41.2 percent and new vehicle prices soaring 12.4 percent. The cost of putting food on the table at home rose by 8.6 percent from 2021, while the price of eating a meal out at a restaurant jumped 7.5 percent, the largest increase on record. Among the groceries that were most expensive were pork (14 percent), poultry (12.5 percent) and eggs (11.4 percent).

# Academician of the Week

## Connor Doherty Frontenac High School

This Frontenac High School Class of 2022 graduate exemplifies the term Academician, Connor Doherty, maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average through all four of his high school years and is a Kansas Scholar. His greatest achievement during high school was being elected class President all four years by his peers.

Connor is also a member of the National Honor Society, Technology Student Association, Interact Club, Dollar Club and a selected delegate for the 2021 Boys' State of Kansas (unable to attend).

Throughout high school he enjoyed helping others and giving his time both to school and the community and was a part of donating shoes to the Lords Diner, doing Random Acts of Kindness at local stores/restaurants, bell ringing for the Salvation Army, and the Raider relief water program.

He was a member of the Frontenac High Cross Country team and was a part of the 1st boys' team to ever qualify to compete at state. He was also a member of the Frontenac High Baseball team finishing third at state one year.

Outside the classroom and away from the athletic field, Connor enjoys running, baseball, puzzles, video games, carpentry, designing and video productions.

In the fall he plans to attend Iowa State University where he will major in Aerospace Engineering. He is grateful for the local academic/community/family scholarships he has received.

He offers this advice to younger students, enjoy every moment because they go way to fast!

Connor's best memory of high school is attending sporting events with his friends.

He is a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

He leaves remembering his favorite class, Raider Ink, a T-Shirt production Class taught by Eric Gudde.

His dream destination would be going back to Canada fishing on the lake.

The best advice he has received is "learn from your past and push forward".

He is currently self-employed with his own pet setting service.

His favorites include: a nice steak dinner to eat; pop music to enjoy; and to watch the sitcom Cheers in his free time. He would someday like to meet Canadian actor Ryan Reynolds.

Connor says "his biggest inspiration came from his parents, Brian and Abby Doherty."

His most challenging task as a senior was finding the strength to do the work effectively so close to the end of the year.

The one thing he cannot live without is music.

His grandparents are Pat and Cathy Doherty, the late Norman and Judy Edwards along with Chris and Tammy Edwards.

He has one brother Kelton Doherty.

Connor is most grateful for his family and friends. He says, they have helped him through his hardest times and he could not have asked for a better group to support him.



Connor Doherty

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# SPORTS

## Mustangs claim Pittsburg State Baseball Invitational title

By Aaron Pyle  
Morning Sun Staff

The Midwest Mustangs capped a 3-0-1 record and captured the tournament title Sunday in the 18-under Pittsburg State Baseball Invitational with an 8-5 victory over the Topeka Scrappers at Al Ortolani Field.

In the title game, the Mustangs held a 2-1 lead through 4 1/2 innings before a six-run effort in the fifth and sixth broke open the close game.

The Mustangs started the rally in the fifth when the first two batters, Brett Sarwinski and Seth Stover, drew back-to-back walks, followed by Alex Coester reaching base after being hit by a pitch.

Landin Midgett then approached the plate, powering a double to center field that brought in the three runners.

With the Mustangs leading 5-1, the Scrappers cut the deficit to three runs in the sixth when Gabe Hernandez delivered a double down the left-field line to bring in Scott Jellison from second base.

However, the Mustangs kept the momentum and their big bats rolling, scoring three runs in the sixth to put the game out of reach. Topeka walked the first two batters before Mario Menghini ripped a line drive through the second and third base gap to bring in Kam Koester from second.

Stover helped plate one

run off a double as Sarwinski brought in the Mustangs' final run following a sacrifice fly.

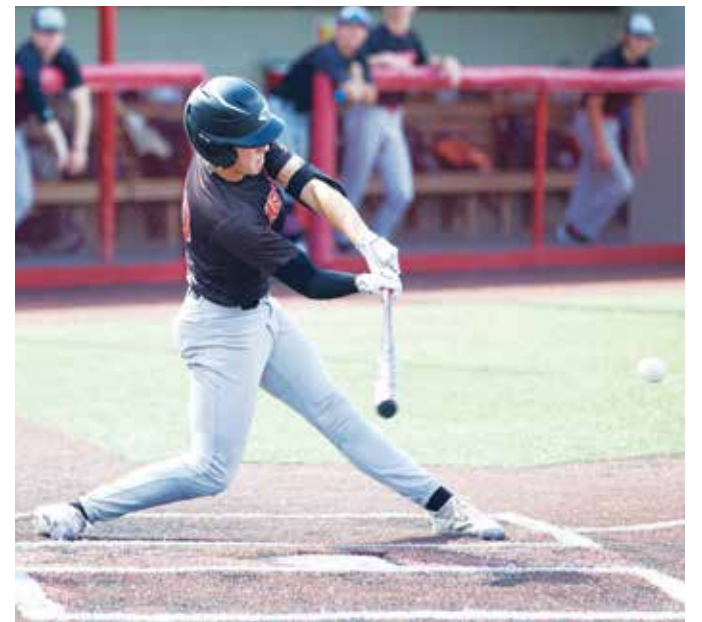
The Scrappers made one final attempt to trim the margin in the seventh, plating three runs. One runner advanced after a wild pitch, while the remaining two runs were scored off back-to-back singles from Jellison and Tad Darting.

On the mound, Jake Scribor started for the Mustangs throwing for 2 1/2 innings, allowing two hits and two walks while fanning one batter through 50 pitches. Stover closed the game for the Midwest Mustangs, holding the Scrappers to one hit as he struck out six batters.

Midgett highlighted the play at the plate, going 2-for-2 with two doubles and three RBI. Along with Midgett, Menghini provided a crucial role in Sunday's victory, finishing 2-for-2 with two singles and one run batted in. In addition, Wyatt Foley and Coester helped plate several runs with one sacrifice fly each.

Darting, Hernandez, Jellison, Jackson Stuewe, Jack Unruh and Kaiden Griffin all had one hit for the Scrappers.

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Holden Finley, Kaiden Griffin (5) and Justin Phillips; Jake Scribor, Seth Stover (3) and Eli Cheaney. W--Stover. L--Griffin. 2B--TS: Gabe Hernandez; MW: Stover, Landin Midgett (2).



Girard's Alex Coester powers a sacrifice fly to center field sending home Brett Sarwinski from third during the Midwest Mustangs championship game against the Topeka Scrappers Sunday in the Pittsburg State Baseball Invitational at Al Ortolani Field. AARON PYLE/MORNING SUN STAFF

## Girard alumni honored at Fallen Trojan golf tournament

By Aaron Pyle  
Morning Sun Staff

GIRARD, Kan. — Six new names were added to the walls of Fallen Trojans. From coaches to classmates, the Fallen Trojans organization honored six alumni during the 14th annual Fallen Trojan Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday, June 17.

Each year the organization honors Girard alumni who played sports and are deceased. Honorees at this year's event were Eldon Hill, Roger Zettl, Terry Azember, Thurston Smith, Coach Craig Crespi and Coach Dan Smith.

Eldon Hill was the first honoree during Friday's event. After graduating with the class of 1950, Hill received a football scholarship and attended Iola Kansas Junior College. He then received another football scholarship to Kansas State Teachers College, known today as Pittsburg State University.

Eldon's son, Barry Hill, spoke on behalf of his father during the presentation. "I'd like to thank all of you for recognizing my father," he said. "He loved Girard and he loved football more than anything. I know how proud he'd be to receive this himself. I'll take it for him and I can't thank you enough for everything you did for him



Seven Girard High School students received \$1,000 scholarships during Friday's Fallen Trojan Memorial Golf Tournament hosted at Crawford Hills. Scholarship recipients from left, include Kinley Smith, Sophia Arneson, Caroline Kunshek, Parker Tersinar, Gage Davenport and John Gilmore. (Not pictured: Quinn O'Rand)

AARON PYLE/MORNING SUN STAFF

and with him."

Roger Zettl, a key member and coordinator with the Fallen Trojans organization, graduated from Girard High School in 1963. Zettl was a member of Girard's 1963 4x400 relay team that won the Class A State Championship with a time of 3:30:00. He was a four-year member of the track team and the football team. Following high school, he went on to play football at the junior college in Parsons.

Bob Zettl was in attendance during the alumni tournament to comment on his brother's honor, adding that Roger "Loved Girard and was a longtime participant in the Fallen

Trojans."

Terry Azember, a member of the Class of 1964, competed for the Trojans' football and track teams. Terry's daughter Gwen Azember spoke on her father's behalf.

"This is a very big honor," she said. "My dad was a very big part of the community and we lost him at a very young age, but just even being in here (Crawford Hills Golf Course) brings back a lot of memories. I swung my first club out here on this course with them and played many rounds of golf, so it's great to be here and thank you very much."

Thurston Smith, also a 1964 Girard High School

graduate, was active on the Trojans' football and basketball teams. Along with competing, Smith coached and refereed kids in multiple sports, including volleyball.

Roscoe Newton, a longtime friend of Smith, shared his experience with Thurston and thanked the Fallen Trojans for his honor.

"He told me a lot of stories about growing up in Girard and playing sports at Girard and all his friends," he said. "... Thurston was really a great guy and I know he would really appreciate this honor."

Coach Craig Crespi was honored during Friday's event for his efforts on and off the field. Throughout his football coaching career, Crespi collected a 96-42 record, claiming three CNC championships and two co-championships. He also helped secure nine league championships coaching track.

A member of the Kansas Coaches Hall of Fame, he also served as a Shrine Bowl coach and was named a CNC coach of the year.

Crespi's daughter Erica Harris spoke during his honoring, highlighting her father's impact on the community.

"Even though my dad didn't go to Girard, he

didn't graduate from Girard, he loved Girard as much as he did his own," Harris said. "This community and the people in this community were important to him and he instilled that into Anthony and I as we were growing up."

"... To help keep his spirit alive in this community, the last thing we want is for him to be forgotten. A lot of the kids that are graduating now didn't know him or were too young to know him. But, thankfully, a lot of the parents and members of the community do and that's what helps keep his tradition and spirit alive, so I appreciate that."

Lastly, Coach Dan Smith was honored for his efforts in coaching Girard's baseball team from 1999 to 2007. During his time as the Trojans' head coach, Smith held a 123-67 overall and 87-46 league record through his nine seasons with the program. Achievements include back-to-back regional championships (2002, 2003) as well as a league co-championship (2002).

Smith's son, Dustin, spoke on his father's behalf, expressing his love for the community.

"My dad loved this community," he said. "Those of you that know him, he was never afraid to speak his mind. But there's one thing I know for sure, he

loved Girard ... He loved this community, he loved everything about it and it's an honor for my family. Again, being I don't want to say an outsider, but he didn't go to high school here. He did coach here and was always involved in youth activities. He loved this place."

In addition to Friday's honoring, six Girard High School students attended the tournament to receive their \$1,000 scholarships, courtesy of the Fallen Trojans organization. Students in attendance spoke in front of tournament participants listing their college destination and desired major. Recipients included Sophia Arneson, Gage Davenport, John Gilmore, Caroline Kunshek, Kinley Smith and Parker Tersinar. Quinn O'Rand also received a scholarship but was not in attendance.

Along with the scholarships, alumni, friends and family competed in the golf tournament as Don and Jim Pyle took the first-place prize. Jim Radell and Don Puckett placed second, while Tucker Johnston and John Lehman finished third. Martin Lentz also won the tournament's raffle for a 55-inch TV.

For more information, contact Roger McCracken at rdj@ckt.net or 620-249-0431.

## Oak Grove's fast start sinks Post 64, 7-3

By Jim Henry  
Sports Editor

Oak Grove (Mo.) grabbed a 5-0 lead in the first 2 1/2 innings and defeated Pittsburg American Legion Post 64 7-3 on Saturday morning at Al Ortolani Field in the 18-under Pittsburg State Invitational.

Two errors helped Oak Grove score twice in the top of the first inning, and it padded its lead in the third as a single by Shay-

ton Wright, groundout by Dalton Chaney and single by Cole Chaney each scored a run.

Wright and Cole Chaney had two hits apiece to led Oak Grove's seven-hit attack.

Post 64, which went 0-3 in its pool, got on the scoreboard in the third inning. Colin Hite and Payton Morrow singled to start the inning, and each advanced one base on an outfield error on Morrow's hit to center field.

Tucker Akins singled to score Morrow, and Trevor Amershek walked to load the bases. Kaleb Scales lofted a sacrifice fly to center to score Morrow, but Oak Grove pitcher Connor Hernandez struck out the next two batters to end the threat.

A bases-loaded walk and fielder's choice gave Oak Grove two runs in the sixth for a 7-2 lead.

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## Post 64 tops Cubs

Staff Reports  
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Pittsburg Post 64 scored eight runs in the first two innings to propel them to a 10-0 win over the Midwest Cubs on Sunday in its final game of the Pittsburg State Baseball Invitational.

Post 64 18U 10, Midwest Cubs 0

Starter Nate Smith pitched three innings and Tucker Akins helped seal the win in the fourth as the Patriots grabbed the run-rule victory. Payton Morrow and

Kaden Harrison led the team with two hits each. Harrison belted a triple for the Patriots lone extra base hit.

Up next, Post 64 travels to the Heart of America Connie Mack World Series in Joplin on Friday.

Post 64 17U 9, Carl Junction 0

The Post 64 17U team defeated Carl Junction 9-0 to win the championship in the Heart of America Route 66 tournament in Carl Junction.

Noah Duncan pitched a six-inning no-hitter, allowing only one walk

with five strikeouts to lead the 17U team to the title.

Nate Mitchell paced the offense, finishing with two hits and two runs batted in.

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## Sports in Kansas All-State softball honors announced

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Several area softball athletes and Frontenac head coach Cassie Rhuems received 2022 Sports in Kansas All-State softball honors.

Rhuems collected honors for 2022 Sports in Kansas All-Classes coach of the year, while also claim-

ing Class-3A coach of the year award as well.

Heather Arnett from Frontenac earned Sports in Kansas 3A player of the year. Arnett also represented Class 3A in the Sports in Kansas All-State top nine for all classes.

There are a total of six local players that earned Sports in Kansas Class 3A All-State first team hon-

ors. Avery Johnson from Frontenac earned 3A first team pitching honors. Arnett, Hattie Pyle, and Annie Lee earned Class 3A first team infield honors. Abi Beaman from Frontenac and Emmaline Senecat from Girard earned Class 3A first team outfield honors. Mia Brown from Frontenac earned 3A first team utility honors.

Three Girard and Frontenac athletes made the Sports in Kansas Class 3A All-State second team. Girard's Lexy Robinson took second team pitching honors, while teammate Erin Anderson earned second team infield honors. Frontenac's Kaitlyn Hayslip captured second team catching honors. Class 3A honorable men-

tions include Bailey Troite from Girard, as well as Mady Logiudici and Kelby Burke from Frontenac.

CLASS 2-1A

Shelby Underwood from Northeast garnered Sports in Kansas Class 2-1A All-State first team honors. Lauren Yagmour from St. Mary's Colgan claimed second team infield honors, while North-

east's Kenzie Jackson and Lexi Yarnell earned honorable mention in Class 2-1A

CLASS 5A

Kali Terry from Pittsburg earned Sports in Kansas Class 5A first team infield honors. Roary Hunziker, Emery Kafka and Elle Slaughter earned Class 5A honorable mention.



**BASEBALL**  
**MLB STANDINGS**

**American League**

**East Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	49	17	.742	—
Toronto	38	28	.576	11
Tampa Bay	36	30	.545	13
Boston	36	31	.537	13½
Baltimore	30	38	.441	20

**Central Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	38	30	.559	—
Cleveland	34	28	.548	1
Chicago	31	33	.484	5
Detroit	26	40	.394	11
Kansas City	23	42	.354	13½

**West Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	41	25	.621	—
Los Angeles	33	36	.478	9½
Texas	31	35	.470	10
Seattle	29	39	.426	13
Oakland	23	45	.338	19

**Sunday's Games**  
Baltimore 2, Tampa Bay 1  
Boston 6, St. Louis 4  
Detroit 7, Texas 3  
Toronto 10, N.Y. Yankees 9  
Oakland 4, Kansas City 0  
L.A. Angels 4, Seattle 0  
Arizona 7, Minnesota 1  
Cleveland 5, L.A. Dodgers 3  
Houston 4, Chicago White Sox 3

**Monday's Games**  
Detroit at Boston  
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay  
Toronto at Chicago White Sox  
Kansas City at L.A. Angels

**Tuesday's Games**  
Washington (Fedde 4-5) at Baltimore (TBD), 6:05 p.m.  
Detroit (Brieske 1-5) at Boston (Hill 2-4), 6:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Cortes 6-2) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 6:10 p.m.  
Cleveland (Civale 2-3) at Minnesota (Ryan 5-3), 6:40 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Gibson 4-2) at Texas (Pérez 4-2), 7:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets (Williams 1-3) at Houston (Urquidy 5-3), 7:10 p.m.  
Toronto (Gausman 5-6) at Chicago White Sox (Cease 5-3), 7:10 p.m.  
Kansas City (Heasley 1-3) at L.A. Angels (Detmers 2-3), 8:38 p.m.  
Seattle (Gonzales 3-7) at Oakland (Kaprielian 0-4), 8:40 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**  
N.Y. Mets at Houston, 1:10 p.m.  
Toronto at Chicago White Sox, 1:10 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Texas, 3:05 p.m.  
Washington at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.  
Detroit at Boston, 6:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m.  
Cleveland at Minnesota, 6:40 p.m.  
Seattle at Oakland, 8:40 p.m.  
Kansas City at L.A. Angels, 8:49 p.m.

**National League**

**East Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	45	24	.652	—
Atlanta	38	29	.567	6
Philadelphia	36	32	.529	8½
Miami	29	36	.446	14
Washington	24	46	.343	21½

**Central Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	38	30	.559	—
St. Louis	38	30	.559	—
Pittsburgh	26	39	.400	10½
Chicago	25	41	.379	12
Cincinnati	23	43	.348	14

**West Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	40	25	.615	—
San Diego	41	27	.603	½
San Francisco	37	28	.569	3
Arizona	32	36	.471	9½
Colorado	30	37	.448	11

**Sunday's Games**  
Washington 9, Philadelphia 3  
Pittsburgh 4, San Francisco 3  
Miami 6, N.Y. Mets 2  
Milwaukee 6, Cincinnati 3  
Boston 6, St. Louis 4  
Atlanta 6, Chicago Cubs 0  
Colorado 8, San Diego 3

Arizona 7, Minnesota 1  
Cleveland 5, L.A. Dodgers 3

**Monday's Games**  
N.Y. Mets 6, Miami 0  
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh  
San Francisco at Atlanta  
St. Louis at Milwaukee  
Arizona at San Diego

**Tuesday's Games**  
Colorado (Feltner 1-2) at Miami (Castano 0-1), 5:40 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers (Gonsolin 8-0) at Cincinnati (Mahle 2-5), 5:40 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs (Swamer 1-2) at Pittsburgh (Contreras 1-1), 6:05 p.m.  
Washington (Fedde 4-5) at Baltimore (TBD), 6:05 p.m.  
San Francisco (TBD) at Atlanta (Strider 3-2), 6:20 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Gibson 4-2) at Texas (Pérez 4-2), 7:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets (Williams 1-3) at Houston (Urquidy 5-3), 7:10 p.m.  
St. Louis (Flaherty 0-0) at Milwaukee (TBD), 7:10 p.m.  
Arizona (Gallen 4-2) at San Diego (Manaea 3-3), 8:40 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**  
N.Y. Mets at Houston, 1:10 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Texas, 3:05 p.m.  
Arizona at San Diego, 3:10 p.m.  
Colorado at Miami, 5:40 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers at Cincinnati, 5:40 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.  
Washington at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.  
San Francisco at Atlanta, 6:20 p.m.  
St. Louis at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.

**COLLEGE SLATE**

**College World Series At Omaha, Neb.**

**Friday's Games**  
Game 1 -- Oklahoma 13, No. 5 Texas A&M 8  
Game 2 -- Notre Dame 7, No. 9 Texas 3

**Saturday's Games**  
Game 3 -- Arkansas 17, No. 2 Stanford 2  
Game 4 -- Ole Miss 5, No. 14 Auburn 1

**Sunday's Games**  
Game 5 -- No. 5 Texas A&M 10, No. 9 Texas 2  
Game 6 -- Oklahoma 6, Notre Dame 2

**Monday's Games**  
Game 7 -- No. 14 Auburn 6, No. 2 Stanford 2  
Game 8 -- Arkansas (43-19) vs. Ole Miss (37-22), 6 p.m.

**Tuesday's Games**  
Game 9 -- Notre Dame (41-15) vs. No. 5 Texas A&M (41-19), 1 p.m.  
Game 10 -- Game 8 Loser vs. No. 14 Auburn (43-21), 6 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**  
Game 11 -- Oklahoma (43-22) vs. Game 9 Winner, 1 p.m.  
Game 12 -- Game 8 Winner vs. Game 10 Winner, 6 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**  
x-Game 13 -- Oklahoma vs. Game 9 Winner, 1 p.m.  
x-Game 14 -- Game 8 Winner vs. Game 10 Winner, 6 p.m.

**Championship Series**  
(Best-of-3)  
Saturday, June 25: Pairings TBA, 6 p.m.  
Sunday, June 26: Pairings TBA, 2 p.m.  
x-Monday, June 27: Pairings TBA, 6 p.m.



# Mustangs coast past Natural Baseball Academy

By Jim Henry  
Sports Editor

Kolt Ungeheuer pitched a complete game as the Midwest Mustangs rolled past Natural Baseball Academy from Olathe 9-1 Saturday in the 18-under Pittsburg State Baseball Invitational at Al Ortola Field.

The Mustangs won their pool with a 2-0-1 record and advanced to the

championship game. Ungeheuer scattered eight hits, struck out two batters and walked three. The Mustangs' middle infielders aided Ungeheuer by turning two double plays.

The Mustangs collected 10 hits off three Natural Baseball pitchers and scored in each of the last five innings of the game. The Mustangs had base-runners in every inning

and stranded 14 runners. Alex Coester paced the offense with three hits and a run batted in, and Cade Beshore drove in two runs with a run-scoring single to left in the second inning and bunt in the fifth.

Wyatt Foley lined a single and triple, Kam Koester hit a double, and Logan Myers and Eli Cheaney each had one hit and one RBI.

The Mustangs took a 2-0 lead in the second when Myers led off with a walk and came around to score on Koester's double as the relay throw from the outfield was mishandled. Koester later scored on Beshore's single.

Natural Baseball, which finished second in the pool at 2-1, scored on Donaldson's sacrifice fly in the third.

# Pivetta goes 7 strong with 10 Ks; Red Sox hold off Cards 6-4

By Ken Powtak  
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Nick Pivetta pitched seven dominant innings with 10 strikeouts, Christian Vázquez hit a three-run homer and the Boston Red Sox held off the St. Louis Cardinals 6-4 on Sunday to win their fifth straight series.

Trevor Story added a solo shot and Jackie Bradley Jr. had a go-ahead single for the Red Sox, who rebounded after getting blown out 11-2 on Saturday night for their 13th victory in 17 games.

St. Louis wrapped up just its second visit to Fenway Park in 14 years. The Cardinals have lost three of four. Juan Yezpez had a pinch hit three-run homer in the ninth and Tyler O'Neill had three hits for the Cardinals but had to leave the game due to left hamstring tightness after legging out a double.

Pivetta (7-5) continued



St. Louis Cardinals' Tyler O'Neill, right, slides safely into home plate as Boston Red Sox's Christian Vazquez, left, waits for the ball in the fourth inning of a baseball game, Sunday, in Boston. AP PHOTO/STEVEN SENNE

his hot stretch, giving up just one run and four hits, with four walks. He's 7-1 with a 1.77 ERA in his last nine starts.

"I was really happy with the way it finished," said Pivetta, who struck out the side in his final inning. "I was really focused on putting a zero up on the board. It was still a 2-1 game."

He gave up all of his walks in the first three

innings.

"We had to get back to the normal Pivetta we know," said catcher Vázquez. "When he attacks the zone with the fastball no matter who's hitting, he doesn't care who's hitting. He attacks everybody."

Pivetta said he was still pumped up afterward. "He's an electric kid," Vázquez said.

Tanner Houck struck

out Brendan Donovan for the final out after Yezpez's homer with a runner on second for his fourth save.

Vázquez hit his shot into the Green Monster seats, making it 6-1 in the eighth.

Cardinals' slugger Albert Pujols, who announced he's retiring at the end of the season, started at DH despite a right-hander pitching and went 0 for 3 with three strikeouts.

Making just his third career start, rookie right-hander Andre Pallante (2-2) pitched sharply into the sixth, allowing two runs, four hits, striking out four and walking one.

"Pallante did a nice job," St. Louis manager Oliver Marmol said. "He competed extremely well, under control the whole time, a lot of ground balls. ... Overall, a solid mix. We wanted to keep him right around 75 today. We got to that pitch count. A nice job."

# A's pitchers 3-hit Royals; Brown, Murphy homer in 4-0 win

By Michael Wagaman  
AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Jared Koenig pitched into the sixth inning for his first career win and combined with three relievers on a three-hitter, helping the Oakland Athletics beat the Kansas City Royals 4-0 on Sunday to end an eight-game home losing streak.

Koenig grew up about 75 miles south of Oakland and had several friends and family in attendance. That included his dad Greg, who got to watch his son on Father's Day.

"I'm happy he was able to be here," Koenig said. "I'm sure he was nervous as can be, too. It's awesome to have that support and to be able to do it today of all days."

Seth Brown had three hits, including his first home run at the Oakland Coliseum in nearly a year. Sean Murphy also connected to help the A's avoid a three-game sweep.

Oakland, which won for the third time in 18 games overall, still owns the worst record in baseball at 23-45.

The Royals stranded six runners in scoring position and were shut out for the ninth time this season.

Koenig (1-2) gave up two hits over 5 2/3 innings. The A's left-hander walked four and had to pitched around traffic much of the afternoon to avoid becoming the fourth pitcher in Oakland history to lose his first three starts.

Not bad for a pitcher



Kansas City Royals' Brady Singer pitches against the Oakland Athletics during the first inning of a baseball game in Oakland, Calif. ON SUNDAY. AP PHOTO/JEFF CHIU

who spent 2017-19 in independent leagues. The 28-year-old was pitching in Australia when he caught the attention of an A's scout last year and was signed to a minor league deal.

"His stuff today was exactly who he's been described as," manager

Mark Kotsay said. "He didn't strike anyone out but he got through 5 2/3 with a lot of contact and a good defense behind him. For him, his journey through independent ball, through Australia, through the minor leagues, it's a great reward for him."

## POST 64

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Post 64 scored a run in the bottom of the inning

when Amershek beat out an infield hit, continued to second on a throwing error, advanced to third on Scales' groundout and scored on Kaden Harrison's sacrifice fly to right.

Post 64 starter Hunter Bennett allowed five runs (three earned) and five hits in 3 2/3 innings, walked seven batters and struck out three. Brandon Hall entered in the

fourth and recorded a strikeout to extinguish a bases-loaded threat. He fanned two, walked three and allowed two runs and two hits in the final 2 1/3 innings.

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# Fitzpatrick's victory a win for golf at thrilling US Open

By Eddie Pells  
AP Sports Writer

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) — The unsettled future of golf was in the surer of hands over the final four tantalizing hours of the U.S. Open.

The sport, almost always at its best when major titles are at stake, went on a wild ride courtesy of Matt Fitzpatrick and Will Zalatoris, two 20-somethings trying to win their first major titles but playing like they'd been doing this for years.

There were ties, lead changes and enough momentum shifts to make an NBA crowd edgy. There was tension. In the end, it was a career-defining shot from a fairway bunker that left Fitzpatrick holding the trophy — and a putt missed by a whisker that left Zalatoris holding his head in his hands in agony after yet another excruciating close call at a major.

"When they show the highlights of future U.S. Opens, that's one that's going to be shown because that was just incredible," Zalatoris said.

He was speaking of the

shot Fitzpatrick hit from the fairway bunker on No. 18 while leading by one. It was a 9-iron from 156 yards. The shot elevated out of the sand, and had enough juice to clear the gaping bunker guarding the green. It came to rest 18 feet above the hole.

Fitzpatrick got down in two putts to wrap up his round of 2-under 68 and a tournament of 6-under 274.

But not until Zalatoris' 14-foot putt to tie stopped a millimeter to the left of the cup — a miss that sent him buckling to the ground and gave him his third second-place finish in only seven starts at the majors — was the tournament over.

With tears welling in his eyes, Fitzpatrick's caddie, Billy Foster, kissed the 18th flag; it was his first major, too, after four decades in the business.

Then, suddenly, golf's biggest debate wasn't about the future of the breakaway LIV Tour, or the stability of the PGA Tour, or how that tour will punish those who have dared to defect. Instead, as Zalatoris suggested, it's about where Fitzpatrick's



Matthew Fitzpatrick, right, of England, celebrates with Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, after Fitzpatrick won the U.S. Open golf tournament at The Country Club, Sunday, in Brookline, Mass. AP PHOTO/CHARLES KRUPA

bunker shot might fit in the pantheon of the greatest shots executed under major-championship pressure.

"It's one of the best shots I ever hit, no doubt about it" Fitzpatrick said.

That the shot, and the day, came at one of golf's most hallowed shrines only felt right. The Country Club outside of Boston is where Frances Ouimet knocked off one of the game's greats, Harry Vardon, in a 1913 upset that helped put golf on the map in the United States.

Curtis Strange won the last U.S. Open here in 1988.

Justin Leonard made a long putt to lift the U.S. to its Ryder Cup victory here in 1999.

Some thought the U.S. Open had simply outgrown the course, and the property, but the USGA decided to take a chance on the hilly, craggy, wind-swept layout filled with blind shots and crooked fairways everywhere.

The Country Club delivered. So did Fitzpatrick and Zalatoris, with supporting help from Scottie Scheffler, the top-ranked Masters champion who tied for second with Zalatoris. Most of his best

shots over the weekend came on the front nine.

Scheffler was watching near the 18th green when Zalatoris' birdie putt missed by less than an inch.

"When it was two feet out, I was like, 'Oh, yeah, that one's in,' and for some reason it went off to the left," Scheffler said. "It's one of those deals. You've got to get the breaks."

On this day, Fitzpatrick got the biggest breaks. There was none bigger than on the 15th tee box when he and Zalatoris were tied and facing a blind shot over a hill on the 500-yard par-4.

Fitzpatrick hit a massive block; Zalatoris' miss wasn't as far off line. But Fitzpatrick's ball landed in an area trampled down by the fans. Zalatoris was in thick, lush grass. Fitzpatrick made birdie and Zalatoris made bogey. It was a two-shot swing that, ultimately, Zalatoris couldn't overcome.

"We're walking down and he goes, 'I barely miss the fairway and I've got a horrible lie and he misses it by 30 yards and he's OK,'" said Zalatoris' caddie, Ryan Goble. "But Matt

played great. And yeah, it was a great experience. So you just say, 'Yeah, we'll get him next time.'"

For Fitzpatrick, this win bookends with his title at the 2013 U.S. Amateur, also at The Country Club. He became the second person to win both the U.S. Open and Amateur at the same place. The other: Jack Nicklaus in 1961 and 1972 at Pebble Beach.

After the victory, Nicklaus called Fitzpatrick to congratulate him on his victory. Fitzpatrick, though, spoke of a different phone call from The Bear — the one he received after his victory at the member-member tournament at Nicklaus' place in Florida, The Bear's Club.

"He said 'Finally, congratulations for winning in the States,'" Fitzpatrick said.

Nicklaus was razzing him. Before that, all of Fitzpatrick's seven professional wins had come on the European Tour.

This time, the call from Nicklaus was no joke. Finally, Fitzpatrick has an official win in the United States — and the biggest one at that.

## Todd Gilliland wins NASCAR Truck race on dirt at Knoxville

KNOXVILLE, Iowa (AP) — Todd Gilliland pulled away off a late restart to win the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race Saturday night on Knoxville Raceway's half-mile dirt oval.

Racing for father David Gilliland in his lone Truck start of the season, Gilliland won for the third time in the series. After four full seasons in the Truck Series, he moved up to the Cup Series this year with Front Row Motorsports.

"The Cup Series is tough, just racing every single week. I've had like a million people ask me, 'Is this really what you want to do on your off week?'" Gilliland said. "Absolutely. Nothing beats racing."

"I tell everyone, I'm young, and I wish I could do this every single week of the year. ... I love the trucks. I ran here forever, it felt like. So, to be able to come back and to get one, it's so special."

He joined his father in Iowa with the Cup Series off this weekend.

"I told him when the race started, all I want for Father's Day is that

trophy," said David Gilliland, a former Cup driver. "We'll be taking it home on the plane with us."

Gilliland took the lead from John Hunter Nemechek shortly before John Wood spun to bring out the final caution with nine laps to go.

On the restart with four laps left, Gilliland started on the outside in David Gilliland Racing's No. 17 Ford and steadily pulled away.

Nemechek finished second, 0.945 seconds back in Kyle Busch Motorsports' No. 4 Toyota.

Zane Smith was third,

followed by Ty Makeski, Stewart Friesen, Derek Kraus, Matt Crafton, Grant Engfinger and Tyler Ankrum.

Defending series champion Ben Rhodes, the winner this season in the dirt race at Bristol, overcame overheating problem to finish 10th. USAC National Midget champion Buddy Kofoid was 11th in Kyle Busch Motorsports' No. 51 truck.

Carson Hocevar started second, won the first stage and led the first 65 laps before the engine expired on the No. 42 Chevrolet. He finished 35th.



Todd Gilliland celebrates after winning the NASCAR Truck Series auto race Saturday, at Knoxville Raceway in Knoxville, Iowa. JOSEPH CRESS/IOWA CITY PRESS-CITIZEN VIA AP

## Sooners beat Notre Dame 6-2 to move within win of CWS finals

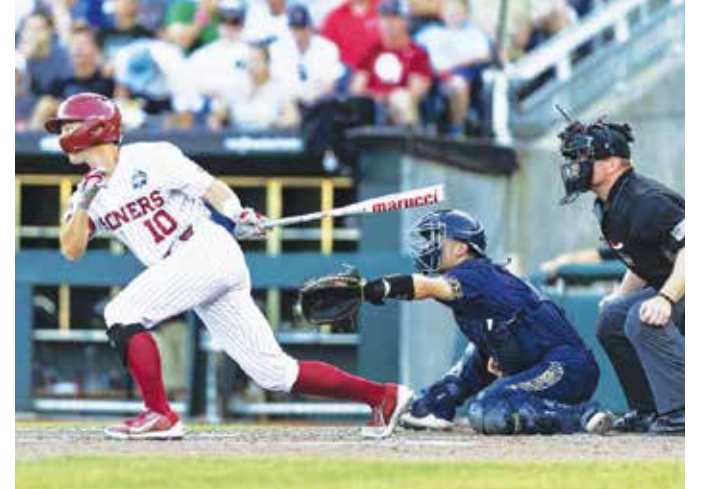
By Eric Olson  
AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Cade Horton struck out a career-high 11 in six innings, Tanner Tredaway continued his torrid post-season with three hits and Oklahoma took control of its bracket in the College World Series with a 6-2 victory over Notre Dame on Sunday night.

The Sooners (44-22) need one more win to advance to the best-of-three finals starting Saturday. They'll play Wednesday against the winner of a Tuesday elimination game between Notre Dame (41-16) and Texas A&M. The Aggies beat Texas 10-2 on Sunday.

With three freshmen, five sophomores and a senior in the everyday lineup and picked to finish sixth in the Big 12, Oklahoma wasn't expected to be in this position. The Sooners got hot the second half of the regular season, won the conference tournament and went on the road to win its regional and super regional.

"Winning the national championship has always been the goal, and we've had that from the very beginning," freshman third



Oklahoma infielder Tanner Tredaway (10) hits an RBI single in the third inning against Notre Dame during an NCAA College World Series baseball game, Sunday, in Omaha, Neb. AP PHOTO/JOHN PETERSON

baseman Wallace Clark said. "It's not a new idea. Even when we would lose a mid-week game, we would talk about it. The idea behind it was we're going to win the whole damn thing."

Horton, who had Tommy John surgery 16 months ago and didn't pitch until March 29, went at least six innings for a third straight start. The redshirt freshman held the Irish scoreless on three singles the first five innings.

Horton (5-2) gave up David LaManna's two-run homer to left in the sixth

and didn't come out for the seventh. He threw a season-high 100 pitches.

"When you have mid 90s, you have a good slider, you have a curveball, and he flashed a changeup periodically... That was a lot. Clearly we didn't recognize it," Irish coach Link Jarrett said.

Tredaway continued to be a catalyst for the Sooners. He's now batting .513 (20 of 39) in the NCAA Tournament after going 3 for 4 and extending his hitting streak to 16 games. He drove in two runs and scored twice.

## Speedy Colorado Avalanche zoom to 2-0 series lead over Bolts

By Pat Graham  
AP Sports Writer

DENVER (AP) — Marinate on this for a quick moment: Colorado has 11 goals in the Stanley Cup Final so far, and not one from star forward Nathan MacKinnon.

The always-pushing-the-pace Avalanche are clicking on all cylinders, even with MacKinnon's scoring held in check and Nazem Kadri sidelined by a thumb injury.

This is a bunch that comes at you from all directions — no matter the name on the back of the jersey. They're a constant blur of burgundy-and-blue that gets fast break after fast break, scoring chance after scoring chance.

Along with it, they have a 2-0 lead over Tampa Bay

in the best-of-seven series, with Game 3 in Tampa on Monday night.

"Certainly the fastest team that we played," Tampa Bay forward Steven Stamkos said. "We've got to find a way to slow them down."

How, precisely? "Putting pucks in areas where you can neutralize their speed and not turning the puck over — not giving them freebies," Stamkos said. "It's no secret they're a very fast team."

Colorado has scored at least seven goals four times in this playoff run, the latest a 7-0 rout in Game 2. They're one of only seven NHL teams who have recorded that many seven-or-more goal games in one postseason.

On top of that, the Avalanche became the first

NHL team to tally 11 or more goals through two games of the final since they themselves accomplished the feat in 1996.

Coach Jared Bednar chalks the offensive fireworks up to one big reason — rest. While the Lightning had to grind through a tough six-game series with the New York Rangers, the Avalanche got an extended breather after a sweep of Edmonton.

"We've been trying all year to balance the work/rest ratio," Bednar explained. "It's important. ... Our team just seems to be really focused, dialed in and they're hungry and they want to win."

A different player rises to the occasion each game, too. Like Andre Burakovsky scoring the OT winner in Game 1. Or



Tampa Bay Lightning center Ross Colton (79) and Colorado Avalanche defenseman Cale Makar (8) try to stay upright after a collision during the second period in Game 2 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Final on Saturday, in Denver. AP PHOTO/JOHN LOCHER

Valeri Nichushkin and Cale Makar each recording two goals in Game 2. They've found a way to score early and often on Tampa Bay's Andrei Vasilevskiy, who's one of the best goaltenders on the planet.

think anything like that. We've just got to keep going and just have that mentality that doesn't stop."

Colorado's performing all the gritty tasks as well. Take Darren Helm, for example: He leads the playoffs with 84 hits, including 22 in the finals. He also had a goal in Game 2, his second of the postseason.

"A beast," Makar said of the veteran center. "He's so driven."

There's also Darcy Kuemper and his 16-save shutout Saturday night. He joined Patrick Roy as the Avalanche goaltenders who've recorded a shutout in the Stanley Cup Final (Roy accomplished the feat in 1996 and twice in 2001 as Colorado captured its two Stanley Cup trophies).

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