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Arma Council welcomes new members

By Aaron Pyle
Morning Sun Staff

ARMA, Kan. — Two new faces have now joined the Arma City Council.

Carma Burns and Gary Pommier were seated Monday as the new council members for the City of Arma. The two residents replace Travis Wood and Dick Cleland, who recently stepped down from their roles.

Mayor Rock Anderson commended Wood and Cleland for their services on the council.

“First of all, I’d like to thank both Travis (Wood) and Dicky (Cleland) for their service,” Anderson said. “It’s not an easy job, prior to what other people believe. It is a tough, tough job. You’re making decisions that affect people’s lives, safety, health, and issues in the community.”

“Of course, Travis has been on board for a while and Dicky Cleland was on for 11 years and I truly appreciate that. 11 years on the council is a long time and you get to the point where it’s like you’re be-

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Governor attends Southeast Kansas grand opening of ORP

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — Gov. Laura Kelly made several stops in Southeast Kansas on Monday, making an appearance at a groundbreaking ceremony in Cherryvale before traveling on to Independence, where she toured a local family-owned brewery and also attended the grand opening of the Office of Rural Prosperity (ORP).

Gov. Kelly’s visit to Cherryvale was to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for a new multi-million-dollar Bartlett Grain soybean processing facility, which is expected to create 50 high-quality jobs in the area.

“Bartlett Grain invested \$375 million into building a new soybean processing facility because they believe their future in Cherryvale, Kansas, is bright,” Kelly said. “They’re right. Kansas’ agriculture industry is modernizing, and the soybeans processed at this plant will be used for a new type of renewable diesel fuel. Bartlett is investing in a proof point for what our state can offer business-



Gov. Laura Kelly’s visit to Southeast Kansas this week included a stop at the grand opening ceremony for the Office of Rural Prosperity in Independence. COURTESY PHOTO

es involved in renewable energy.”

Next, Kelly was off to Independence, where she toured Indy Brew Works and talked with the owners, economic development leaders, and city officials about the state’s efforts to assist small businesses.

“When I took office, I

brought back the Kansas Main Street Program to help cities access technical services, networking, and training opportunities to restore their historic downtown districts,” said Kelly. “Independence is a Main Street community, and it was a pleasure meeting with local small busi-

nesses leaders today to see how Main Street has succeeded – and to hear how my Administration can build on its support for businesses in smaller towns.”

While in Independence, Kelly also attended the grand opening celebration for a facility

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Frontenac City Council pressed again on flooding issues

By Dustin R. Strong
Morning Sun Staff

FRONTENAC, Kan. — John Williamson made a second appeal before the Frontenac City Council Monday night to ask about any progress the city has made in resolving sewer issues since his last appearance in May.

“I don’t think anybody can guess what I’m here for again,” said Williamson. “Mainly just to ask some questions as to what’s been done about the backed-up sewer issue and storm water for the entire city? Have we done any testing? Have you done anything yet this past month?”

Mayor David Fornelli said the city is working on the issue, but there have been some delays.

“Like I said the last time we talked about this,” said Fornelli, “we need those flow meters. We

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County opens chipseal bids

By Dustin R. Strong
Morning Sun Staff

GIRARD, Kan. — The Crawford County Commission opened sealed bids on Tuesday from three contractors to chipseal county roads, although no decision was made on which bid to accept. The goal is to complete 30 miles of roadway, but cost and available funds will affect how much will get done.

Chipseal is a method of road repair that combines one or two layers of asphalt with a layer of fine aggregate that is embedded into the asphalt and bound together with an emulsifying agent. It is a method commonly used on rural roads that have low traffic volume. It is cheaper than completely resurfacing in asphalt or concrete, but is not as long-lasting.



An example of a finished chipseal pavement in rural Pennsylvania. COURTESY PHOTO

Wright Asphalt of Houston, Texas, offered a bid of \$2.50 per gallon of emulsifying agent and an initial pump charge of \$150 plus \$100 per hour afterwards.

Vance Brothers of Kansas City, Missouri, put in a bid of \$3.10 per gallon of emulsifying agent with a generator fee of \$70 per hour, and pump fee of \$75 per hour.

The last bid submitted was from Coastal Energy Corporation of Willow Springs, Missouri, at \$2.97 per gallon of emulsifying agent with a \$75 per hour pumping fee.

The commissioners moved and approved to send the bids to County Counselor Jim Emerson, who was not at Tuesday’s meeting, along with Road and Bridge Director Alyssa Edwards, and Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano for review and recommendation.

‘How to reflect and not just react’

PAYP hosts event aimed at tackling tough issues through empathy, conversation

By Jonathan Riley
Morning Sun Editor

PITTSBURG, Kan. — A Pittsburg Area Young Professionals Lunch and Learn event on Tuesday at Riggs Chiropractic dealt with a subject that may be even more relevant than usual with elections coming up in August and November: how to talk about controversial and sometimes uncomfortable issues with people who may disagree with you.

PAYP President Matt O’Malley introduced the topic, but said he was doing so not in his PAYP role, but as a Civic Engagement Fellow of the Kansas Leadership Center (KLC). Tuesday’s event was held as part of the KLC’s Journal Talks series.

“There are about 20 of us across the state who are experimenting with ways to have civil conversations about the toughest subjects that we have in this country,” O’Malley said, adding that the goal of the KLC’s Journal Talks program is to encourage discussions that are “the opposite of the Facebook comments section.”

Specifically, the difficult topic to address that PAYP members and



Matt O’Malley, who is president of Pittsburg Area Young Professionals and a Kansas Leadership Center Civic Engagement Fellow, speaks at a PAYP Lunch and Learn event Tuesday at Riggs Chiropractic. JONATHAN RILEY / THE MORNING SUN

guests talked about Tuesday was “guns and public safety.” Event attendees were each given a card representing a real person in Kansas (but not themselves) that included a quote from that person reflecting their views on gun rights and gun control issues. They were then asked to give their interpretations of that person’s values, loyalties, or what they would have to lose if laws or policies affecting those issues either change or don’t change.

“We don’t expect these discussions to yield a consensus or result in any sort of change,” O’Malley said. “We just need to learn how to talk to each other, how to reflect and not just react.”

One of the Kansans whose shoes an event attendee was asked to try

to put themselves in was a Kansas City, Kansas, mother of a homicide victim whose quote was “When I hear a mother wail, I cry with her because I know what this is.”

The event attendee who read the card said this person’s loyalties were probably to “other families who have lost someone due to gun violence.”

On the other end of the spectrum of the gun control debate, another attendee read a card representing an off-duty Kansas City, Kansas, police officer who saved lives by shooting an armed suspect. The officer’s quote was “It’s always been our right to defend ourselves.” The attendee who read this card said the off-duty officer’s greatest fear of losing something if

gun laws were to change would likely be the loss of freedom to individually provide security for himself and others.

Following the card-reading activity, O’Malley said the exercise showed the potential for talking about difficult issues but still having a productive discussion.

“No one threw food at each other, no one yelled, no one got mad,” he said. “Everyone was plenty tense at certain moments.”

O’Malley added, however, that despite event attendees having to get out of their comfort zone, it was a welcome change from how such subjects are often discussed.

“What would it look like if every time there was a hot-button topic, that we started it here?”

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Obituaries

Dorothy Lee (Hendricks) Ray

Dorothy Lee Ray, 72, of Nevada, Missouri — loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend — passed away Wednesday evening, June 15, 2022, at Nevada Regional Medical Center following an illness.



Dorothy was born June 15, 1950 in El Dorado Springs, Missouri, to Harry William Hendricks and Wil-lie Jo Fox Hendricks. She was raised in Stockton, Missouri, by her grandparents Maude and Raymond Fox.

Dorothy moved with her sister, Shirley, to Oregon in 1967 and graduated from Finn Rock High School in 1968. She met and married Richard J. Stanfield in 1969. Of this union three children were born. They later divorced.

Survivors include three children: daughter Kandice Gerster and husband John of Nevada, Missouri, son Joseph Stanfield of Nevada, Missouri, and daughter Shelly Romesburg and husband Bennie of Pittsburg, Kansas. Dorothy had 11 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, eight nieces and nephews, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Dorothy is survived by her dearest friend of over 50 years, Lisa Stark, of California, Missouri.

Preceding her in death was her husband Jimmy Ray, her parents Harry William Hendricks and Willie Jo Fox Hendricks, grandparents Maude and Raymond Fox and Elmer and Maggie Hendricks, two brothers, Bill and Jack Hendricks, and two sisters, Shirley Franklin and Connie Dill.

A celebration of Dorothy's life will be held at a future date.

Elm Acres Foundation awards grants

Recipients receive funding for at-risk youth programs

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — Grantmaking is a large part of carrying out the mission of the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas (CFSEK), and it has been since its establishment in 2001. Currently, CFSEK's Grant Program provides six grant opportunities annually.

One of those grant processes is funded by the Elm Acres Foundation Endowment Fund. The purpose of the Elm Acres Foundation, Inc. is to provide "support for at-risk youth in the Southeast Kansas community, (Crawford, Cherokee and Labette counties), including supporting any entities that provide services for at-risk youth."

The Elm Acres Foundation began its grant-

making through CFSEK in 2017 and has awarded over \$121,000 to 46 non-profit organizations in Cherokee, Crawford, and Labette counties.

The 2022 Elm Acres Foundation grant awards went to the following seven local organizations for at-risk youth projects, totaling \$24,158 this year alone: Dream Big Little One Association, KVC Kansas, USD #250 Pittsburg Community Schools, Communities in Schools of Mid-America, Special Olympics Kansas, First Baptist Church Riverton, and Fostering Connections.

The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas said it is pleased to be the host agency for this fund and is proud to assist Elm Acres in the granting of awards on an annual basis. On behalf of the Elm Acres Foundation, CFSEK congratulated the 2022 grant recipients and thanked them for their work with at-risk youth.

Those interested in establishing a grant-making fund can contact CFSEK at 620-231-8897 or visit SoutheastKansas.org.

Crawford County Property Transfers

Lewis, David S, Savannah, Ga. conveyed a deed to the property located at 6776 E 700th Avenue, Arcadia, to Womeldorff, James S; Womeldorff, Christi L. Saint Paul, The deed was recorded March 15, 2022.

Redman, Jarin & April, Pittsburg, conveyed a deed to the property located at 208 W 24th, Pittsburg, to

Bryant, Jimmy C & Valda A., Pittsburg, Ks. The deed was recorded March 16, 2022.

Crestview Addition, Lot 55, 56

Rottinghaus, Cooper, Cherokee, conveyed a deed to the property located at 209 W Walnut, Cherokee, to Sexton, Justin Lee, Cherokee, The deed was recorded

March 16, 2022.

Roberts, Joey A & Lisa, Girard, conveyed a deed to the property located at 149 N 100th Street, Girard, to Delange, Darin J; Delange, Jill L., Girard, The deed was recorded March 16, 2022.

Ck8 Properties LLC, Pittsburg, conveyed a deed to the property located at 105 W Druart, Frontenac, to

Jameson Rental Properties LLC., Girard, The deed was recorded March 17, 2022.

Chenoweth, Sarah, Lawrence, conveyed a deed to the property located at 605 N Georgia, Pittsburg, to

Thomas, Calvin L; Thomas, Bertha L. Pittsburg, The deed was recorded March 17, 2022.

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that will house the Office of Rural Prosperity. The ORP, which is an office within the Kansas Department of Commerce, was created during the Kelly administration following a listening tour in which state officials heard from rural community leaders. It has worked to help local leaders become champions for their cities and counties by providing

grant funding for things like housing, infrastructure, and cultural activities.

"We created the Office of Rural Prosperity so that our rural communities would know that their concerns and issues were being heard and that decisions were being made with their interests in mind," Kelly said. "From this new Independence location, the Office will continue its work to bring new investment and jobs to rural Kansas."

CLUB NOTES

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 pinocle. Come and visit.

Co-dependents Anonymous

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

AI-Anon

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

TOPS Club Inc.

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

TOPS #1186

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

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.

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need to know where the water is coming from." According to Fornelli the use of cameras has been discussed, but deemed ineffective. "I hate to beat a dead horse here, but we need those meters," said Fornelli. "We need to know where to start."

The city has ordered flow meters, but they still have not arrived, pending approval by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, according to City Clerk Jayme Mjelde.

Council Member LaDonna Pyle said the city has discussed its options to help resolve the problem, "but there isn't much we can do without those flow meters."

Fornelli said he's been thinking about this issue quite a bit. "If you got a pipe and it's full, and the sewer's full, it's backing up because the water is coming from somewhere," he said.

One of the possible causes of this, according to Fornelli, may be that people are running their gut-ters and sump pumps into the sewer lines, and when coupled with heavy rains, it overwhelms the system.

"The problem may not even be where you live," said Council Member Joe Martin. "The problem may be half a mile away." Martin also said that the city needs to know where the sewer backups

are coming from so the money to fix the problem can be spent in the right spots.

Williamson said he has a backflow valve in his basement to prevent flooding, but the problem is the valve sometimes gets stuck open by debris from the sewer line. When asked about an outside shut-off, he acknowledged there is one on his property, but added the he is 80 years old and not going outside in a thunderstorm at 2 a.m. to shut it off.

"I want the city to grow," said Williamson, "and I know you're annexing land for new housing, but if we can't supply the infrastructure for what we have today, how are we going to add houses down the line?"

Williamson said the most recent repairs to his basement cost \$7,000, not all of which was covered by his insurance. "This is the third time in seven years," he said. "I'm retired and on a fixed in-come. I can't afford to keep doing this."

Williamson is at the point where he is "prepared to send a bill," he said. "Not yet, but the city is going to get a bill. What you decide to do with it is up to you." He pointed out that this is not the first time the problem has occurred and the city has known about it for some time. "This time, I'm asking for expenses," said Williamson. "Next time, I'm asking for damages."

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Saporito named PSU Alumni Association president

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — Angie Saporito, administrator of Mercy Columbus Hospital, has been elected to serve as president of the Pittsburg State University Alumni Association for 2022.

Saporito has served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors since 2017. She was nominated as second vice president in 2020 and will assume the role of President of the Association in July 2022. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Degree from PSU, graduating in 2004.

"I have served on the Alumni board for 5 years and have enjoyed every minute. I have always been so proud to be PSU Alumni and was very excited when I was asked to serve," said Saporito. "There are so many wonderful things Pitt State offers right here close to home for students in our

area, it feels natural for me to take on this role and continue to support the University we all love!"

According to Director of Alumni Relations Jon A. Bartlow, PhD, the Alumni Association keeps a running list of individuals nominated by other alumni, faculty and staff as potential board members. "Individuals stay on the list for up to seven years," he said. "Each summer a nomination committee made up of faculty, staff, alumni and Alumni Association members meet to decide on new appointees. "We look for variety in majors, careers, location, age, etc. The common denominator is that these individuals are great cheerleaders for the university. They are our best advocates, recruiters and our eyes and ears in their communities."

During her year as President, Saporito will have an opportunity to be directly involved with multiple dinners and award ceremonies honoring out-



Saporito COURTESY PHOTO

standing alumni as well as the annual Half-Century Reunion event.

"Angie is invited to attend and be a part of every event that the PSU Alumni Association and Office of Alumni and Constituent Relations puts on during the 2022-2023 academic year," said Bartlow. "Her

positive attitude, bright smile and warm personality will represent PSU exceptionally well."

A graduate of Southeast High School and PSU, Saporito and her husband Clint, have three sons: Cade, Cal and Cord. She is the daughter of Bob and Kelly Duffin of rural Columbus.

Kansas Constitution allows partisan redistricting

By JOHN HANNA

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas' highest court declared Tuesday that the state constitution does not prohibit partisan gerrymandering, as the deeply divided justices explained their reasons for previously upholding a Republican congressional redistricting law.

The state Supreme Court issued only a brief opinion last month approving the new congressional map without explaining the reasoning behind its 4-3 decision. The new map makes it harder for the only Democrat in

the Kansas congressional delegation, two-term Rep. Sharice Davids, to win reelection in her Kansas City-area district.

One dissenting justice, Eric Rosen, accused the majority of authorizing "political chicanery" and ignoring a "full-scale assault on democracy in Kansas."

Justice Caleb Stegall wrote for the majority that the state constitution's guarantee of equal legal protection does not bar the Legislature from considering partisan factors when redrawing lines each decade to make districts as equal in population as

possible. The Legislature has Republican supermajorities and traditionally has been controlled by the GOP.

Stegall also argued that unless the state Supreme Court set a "zero tolerance" standard on partisan gerrymandering, it has no clear standards for when it should be prohibited.

Federal judges — not the Kansas courts — have typically reviewed the state's congressional boundaries, but the conservative-leaning U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 in 2019 that complaints about partisan gerrymandering are polit-

ical issues and not for the federal courts to resolve.

The new Kansas map split Kansas City, Kansas, which is one of the few Democratic strongholds in the GOP-leaning state, between two districts. Davids lost territory where she performs well, while the new map added several rural, heavily Republican counties to her 3rd District.

The map also moved the liberal northeastern Kansas city of Lawrence into the sprawling 1st District of central and western Kansas that is dominated by small conservative communities.

Kansas oil refinery to pay \$1.6 million for clean air errors

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EL DORADO, Kan. (AP) — An oil refinery in El Dorado will pay a \$1.6 million penalty for violations of the federal Clean Air Act, which resulted in a fire that killed an employee in 2017, the Environmental Protection Agency an-

nounced Tuesday.

HollyFrontier El Dorado Refining oil refinery did not follow requirements designed to protect the public from accidental releases of hazardous substances, which contributed to the fire and caused the employee's death, the EPA said.

In 2014, an EPA in-

spection identified the company's failure to evaluate hazards and to compile safety information. In 2017, a heater tube ruptured, causing the fatal fire. A subsequent investigation found that HollyFrontier did not design and maintain a safe facility or inspect and replace heater tubes, the

EPA said.

HollyFrontier entered a consent decree in 2020 with the federal and Kansas governments requiring it to conduct compliance audits. The penalty announced Tuesday satisfies the federal government's penalty claims arising from the 2014 inspection and 2017 fire, the EPA said.

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ing kicked in the stomach because it just continues on and on and on, so I appreciate Dicky Cleland's service very much."

Rob Lessen also expressed his appreciation for the two outgoing council members.

"I appreciate both their input throughout the last three years that I've been on," he said. "I appreciate them."

Councilman Ken Harryman added that "they will be missed."

Following a brief discussion regarding the legalities of appointing council members, Burns and Pommier were sworn into office as members of the Arma City Council. The council and those in attendance then gave a round of applause after the two read off the oath of office.

"I appreciate you coming forward and willing to participate as a council

member," Mayor Anderson said.

In other business, the council discussed the new name for the city's website. As discussed at the council's last meeting, the domain name armakansas.org is currently being used. With the site occupied, the city agreed to create a new website and is working with Angie Bertel, a website developer for Brooks Jeffrey Marketing.

At Monday's meeting, City Clerk Bette Lessen reviewed the proposed domain name for the city's planned website, cityofarmaks.org. The page is currently under construction.

Council members expressed appreciation for Lessen's efforts in creating the new website.

"Thank you, Bette, you've done a lot of work and I appreciate it," Mayor Anderson said.

In addition, the council approved advertising for a part-time mower position starting at \$13.50 an hour with no more than 30 hours per week and

working up until Tuesday, September 20.

Mayor Anderson also talked about owning chickens within the city limits after being approached by several residents.

"Doing a little research, even in some bigger cities, these cities allow individuals to raise two, maybe three hens under certain conditions," he said, adding that he "just wanted to bring that up and see what the council has an opinion of on that."

The city's ordinance regarding chickens states that "No person shall have, keep or maintain within the limits of the city any poultry, farm animal or other animals except dogs and cats within the city limits of Arma with the exceptions designated by the City of Arma Zoning Ordinance."

Arma City Library Director Brenda Banks then approached the council with a suggestion.

"I think if you allowed people to have four hens, no roosters, and the appropriate cage for them

and they can come up and get a permit to have those four chickens, I think that that would be okay," she said. "We don't need to have a rooster and those hens aren't going to make any noise."

City Attorney Tom Hayes suggested that the council review ordinances of surrounding cities, such as Girard, Pittsburg and Frontenac.

"So I think we just look at that and present what those various ones are and we can have the council look at it and say 'this one is good' or 'this one is bad,' but I think it's pretty prevalent now to allow the raising of chickens at home," Hayes said.

Bette Lessen noted that the council would have to go through the zoning committee on Wednesday, July 20, before making any future decisions.

The next scheduled meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 5. For more information, call the Arma City Hall at 620-347-4125.

AREA EVENTS

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.

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 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 Coffee-house, 402 N. Broadway. Each teen that attends a Teen Night program at Root Coffee-house 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 north-west 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.

Saturday, June 25

Pittsburg Area Farmers' Market

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Summer rerun

By Carol Ann Robb
Pittsburg Public Library

Back in my youth, summer meant Wednesday afternoon matinees at the Fox, city band concerts at the Band Dome in Lincoln Park, homemade ice cream on Sunday afternoons, and reruns of favorite TV shows. Yes, that was back in the days when a television show consisted of 30 or more episodes a season so repeats didn't start a month after the season premiere. Enough time elapsed that I couldn't always remember the plot but I know I eagerly waited for the new season to begin, which would bring something fresh and different.

That may explain why I rarely re-read books — I have a bit of a "been there, done that" attitude. Also,

I daily add titles to my "to be read" list of books so why return to something I already know the ending to? However, it does happen when I need to go back over a book before our monthly discussion so I can jog my memory but I rarely give it my full attention.

This time was different, though. I just finished re-reading "The Music of Bees" by Eileen Garvin and I must say, I now see the appeal of re-visiting a favorite book. Yes, I knew all the plot twists and turns and (fortunately) the book held up to a second reading. I found it just as charming, warm, and hopeful as I did a year ago, maybe even more so. The first time I focused on the destination, this second read was all about the journey.

And what a journey it was! Garvin's descriptive

prose flew over the pages — I could hear the humming of bees as I read about the care and feeding of the hives and how those tiny, magnificent creatures could bring together and heal three very broken souls. The story was sweet as honey, but never maudlin. The lives of Alice, Jake, Harry, and Cheney the dog will stay with me, even without a third reading.

Everyone is different — I know many folks who annually re-read their favorite book(s). It's their comfort food, the way they can return to a familiar time and place. That's not my style but a summer rerun of "The Music of Bees" was certainly a welcome respite from the weekend's heat. Too bad there wasn't some homemade ice cream on Sunday afternoon to go with it.

DO JUST ONE THING

By Danny Seo

Did you know one of the fastest ways to ruin a smartphone is exposure to natural elements? When your phone is exposed to the hot rays of the sun for too long, it

can overheat, degrading the performance of the battery and even melting the internal components, potentially ruining the phone for good. The easiest way to avoid this is to keep your phone out of the sun and especially to

never leave it inside a hot car (even the glove box gets very hot). And when charging a phone on a hot day, take off the protective case; it can hold in heat and cause the phone to overheat, too.

STOCK MARKET INSIGHTS

Whittling without breaking it

By Dr. Richard Baker, AIF
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Whittling a stick is therapeutic. I spent a lot of time as a boy whittling down a stick with my trusty Old Timer knife. First, the bark and then the softwood until you see the dark grain. I would play a game with myself, whittling it as thin as possible without breaking the stick in half. Right now, the Federal Reserve is trying to whittle down our economy without the economy going into recession.

The Fed raised its benchmark rate on June 15 by 0.75% the biggest jump since November of 1994. The jump was bigger than expected even a week ago but with the June 10 Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation report showing inflation sped up in May despite the Fed's efforts to slow it down, they had to go big.

So, what is the Fed actually trying to do? They are trying to whittle down the US economy

to slow down inflation but not so much that the US goes into a recession. Slowing the economy enough to cool inflation, but not too much to cause a recession is extremely tricky.

Just like my whittling stick, there is a point when raising rates where the economy breaks (recession.) No one knows exactly where that breaking point is in this economic cycle but the last cycle that breaking point was about 2.5% when it started affecting the economy (we are at 1.5-1.75 now). Our high inflation makes things different this time than it was that cycle, so it might be higher than 2.5% this time.

The Fed is trying to whittle the economy by slowing growth, but they don't get to use an Old Timer knife. Their knife is monetary policy which is a blunt instrument, to say the least. Monetary policy is slow and takes a lot of time to take effect. I think the Fed was late to the game on inflation,

but their response now is appropriate and will help the inflation in time.

In every market, there are winners and losers. I think investors should stick to their plan and be looking for market opportunities rather than heading for the exits.

These are tough times in the market but it is a normal part of the cycle. It's stressful for both investors and advisors. As a stress reliever, I suggest you grab a pocketknife and take out your frustrations whittling down an old stick. Just be sure to cut away from you, I learned that the hard way.

Have a blessed week!

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TASTEFOOD

Sail through the grilling season with a no-fail marinade

By Lynda Balslev
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Summer is all about grilling, which means everyone should have a go-to marinade up their sleeve for soaking and basting their favorite grillables. This no-fail marinade is tangy and sweet, with a kick of garlicky Sriracha for heat. It's also amenable to almost anything you would like to grill, including meat, chicken, fish and vegetables.

One protein that always loves a good marinade is chicken breast, which is essentially a blank slate when it comes to cooking. The white meat is mild and can easily dry out, so a juicy marinade does double duty in terms of boosting flavor and tenderizing the meat. There are a couple of tricks to drive the marinade flavor into the chicken. One is to score the whole breasts crosswise on the diagonal, about 1/4-inch deep, which allows the marinade to seep into the meat. Another option is to cut the chicken breasts into large chunks and thread them onto skewers. Not only are skewers fun to eat, but the chunks provide more surfaces and edges that can char and crisp on the grill — because who doesn't like all those crispy bits?

Sriracha is the ubiquitous Thai red chile sauce with a rooster on the label, which explains why it's often referred to as Rooster Sauce. While it's a handy squeeze bottle for seasoning Asian-inspired dishes, it's also an essential condiment for, well, almost anything. It's wonderfully balanced with salty, sweet and spicy heat, and a little



dab enhances dressings, dips, vinaigrettes and, of course, marinades.

When preparing the skewers, make sure to cut the chicken and vegetables in similar-sized pieces to ensure even cooking.

Grilled Sriracha Chicken Skewers

Active time: 20 minutes, plus marinating time

Total time: 8 to 10 minutes

Yield: Serves 4 to 6

- 2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 large red bell pepper, stemmed and seeded, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 large red onion, cut into 1-inch pieces
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Marinade:

- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons Sriracha
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons light brown

sugar

Note: If using bamboo skewers, pre-soak in warm water for at least 30 minutes.

Whisk the marinade ingredients together in a large bowl. Add the chicken and stir to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or up to 6 hours, stirring occasionally. Remove the chicken from the refrigerator 30 minutes before grilling.

Thread the chicken pieces on skewers, alternating with the pepper and onion pieces. Brush the skewers with some of the marinade, then discard the remaining marinade. Season the skewers with salt and pepper.

Grill the skewers over direct medium heat until well-marked and thoroughly cooked through, 8 to 10 minutes, turning as needed.

EDITORIAL CARTOON



Man's history as abuse victim impacts marriage



DEAR ABBY
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My husband was forced into sex at the age of 12 by an older female. He has expressed how humiliated he felt and that he made it his mission to never feel inadequate again. He gets his "knowledge" of satisfying a woman through porn. I have tried to explain to him that what he's seeing is only a performance put on for the male viewer. I have tried more than once to show him what really makes a woman "tick," but he insists I don't know what I'm talking about and that I'm lying

to him! I have tried every gentle approach to avoid hurting his feelings. I know from family members' comments about his bedroom having been a "revolving door" for women that he probably didn't use much discernment in his past. How can I move forward when I feel like he's stuck in the past? I know being sexually abused causes all kinds of trauma. He insists he's over it, but his actions tell me otherwise. I'm pretty sure I'm not his first unsatisfied partner because all his other relationships have ended because they were "crazy, stupid, fat, unfaithful ..." I don't want to give up on him. Please help. — PATIENT WIFE IN FLORIDA

DEAR WIFE: Talking to your husband must be like talking

to a wall. Solid marriages are built on trust and good communication, and your husband seems capable of neither. I admire your perseverance. The fact that he may have never had counseling to deal with what he went through as a child is regrettable. It could help even now. A licensed sex therapist might be able to help your husband see that you are not lying to him when you tell him that what pleases one woman might not please another. If you can't make him understand what makes you "tick," then cross your fingers and hope the therapist can get the message across.

DEAR ABBY: My 40-year-old nephew, "Randy," hasn't spoken with his sister, "Elyse," in five years because of a disagreement

about the resolution of their father's trust. When they visited me four years ago, he wouldn't speak to her. Elyse and her husband later announced they were adopting a baby. Randy visited me alone six months later, and I suggested, without success, that he put this aside until after the adoption. During the adoption, she became pregnant and had a second child. Randy still hasn't seen or talked with her or his niece and nephew. Our relationship has deteriorated since. Randy and Elyse tried a mediator last year, again without success. (I should mention he doesn't speak with his mother, either.) He has dodged any further discussion about the situation. I'm at a loss. We were all so close, and I miss him, but I can't accept his actions anymore. Any

suggestions? — UNCLE IN PAIN

DEAR UNCLE: In some families, blood is thicker than water. Your nephew appears to feel that money is thicker than blood. As much as you might wish to do it, you can't change him. Because his unwillingness to relent is causing you pain, limit your interactions with him and maintain your relationship with Elyse, the children and Randy's mother.

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LOOKING BACK

FROM OUR HISTORY

Charles W. Werner from New York City foiled hold ups who robbed him

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Excerpted stories in Crawford County newspaper archives

100 Years Ago

June 22, 1922
Two mines of Hamilton Coal & Mercantile, Nos. 9 and 6, normally employing a total of 230 men, will commence work Monday after being idle since April 1. Both mines are north of Cherokee. The company will operate these mines under the new scale adopted by the Southwestern Interstate Coal Operators' association, and places of former employees will be held open three days. Within a short time, the company hopes to be producing from 1,000 to 1,200 tons a day.

A coroner's jury took half an hour to return a verdict at Galena late last evening holding that James Burns was shot and instantly killed at his home near Galena Sunday by Deputy Constable Dan Davis without justification. The shooting occurred when officers went to Burns' home on a booze raid. The county attorney

announced that a charge would be filed against Davis, who is jailed at Columbus.

Charles W. Werner, registered at the Wick hotel as from New York City, foiled hold ups who robbed him late at night on Georgia street near Quincy. He was in a motor car when stopped, and as he climbed from the car, removed a valuable diamond stud from his tie and a ring from his hand, tossing them away. Less than \$20 in cash was obtained from him. Later, Mr. Werner returned to the spot and retrieved the diamond stud and ring.

50 Years Ago

June 22, 1972
The Pittsburg Headlight-Sun accomplished a first in the history of the newspaper by producing four pages of yesterday's edition utilizing photo composition. In today's edition eight pages were printed by the new process. Full conversion to the new system was originally scheduled for July 24, 1972, but due to a step up in the conversion, the Headlight-Sun has been able to partially convert nearly one month early.

Operation of the Army Ammunition Plant at Parsons for at least another year is assured with an announcement yesterday by the Department of the Army of a modified contract with Day & Zimmermann in the amount of \$10,949,586 for operations and maintenance of the government owned and contract operated facility. The plant loads, assembles and packs ammunition components.

Pittsburg's water plant should be back to normal operations soon after limping along for a while with one filter unit down and with recarbonation operating at less capacity than normal. The filter has been repaired and returned to operation, Don Austin, superintendent of the water plant reported yesterday.

25 Years Ago

June 22, 1997
The Ninth Annual Antique Gas Engine and Tractor Show got off to a wet and muddy start yesterday morning. The show will run through today and draws tractor buffs from all over the Four States, including towns as far away as Burlington

and Tulsa, Okla. Some exhibitors set up camp a night earlier, coming for the fellowship as well as the competition.

Bath-Naylor Funeral Home is again asking for a conditional use permit to build a crematory, only this time it is to be located in a commercial zone instead of a residential zone. The Pittsburg planning and zoning commissioners will consider two requests from the funeral home: one, to allow a crematory to be located at 522 S. Broadway, and, two, to allow a commercial parking lot to be located at 101 W. Forest.

The second day of the Jock's Nitch Softball Classic saw early morning rain, a threat of lightning, temperatures in the '90s, one professional basketball player, lots and lots of beer cans and dawn-to-dusk-to-dawn action on fields all across Crawford County. Danny Manning had come to town to play softball and that alone sparked more than a few spectators to be on the lookout at the Don Gutteridge Sports Complex.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1945, the World War II battle for Okinawa ended with an Allied victory

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Today is Wednesday, June 22, the 173rd day of 2022. There are 192 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 22, 1940, during World War II, Adolf Hitler gained a stunning victory as France was forced to sign an armistice eight days after German forces overran Paris.

On this date:

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated for a second time as Emperor of the French.

In 1870, the United States Department of Justice was created.

In 1937, Joe Louis began his reign as world heavyweight boxing champion by knocking out Jim Braddock in the eighth round of their fight in Chicago. (A year later on this date, Louis knocked out Max Schmeling in the first round of their rematch at Yankee Stadium.)

In 1941, Nazi Germany launched Operation Barbarossa, a massive invasion of the Soviet Union. In 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, more popularly known as the "GI Bill of Rights."

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In 1965, movie producer David O. Selznick ("Gone with the Wind") died in Los Angeles at age 63.

In 1970, President Richard Nixon signed an extension of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that lowered the minimum voting age to 18.

In 1977, John N. Mitchell became the first former U.S. Attorney General to go to prison as he began serving a sentence for his role in the Watergate cover-up. (He was released 19 months later.)

In 1981, Mark David Chapman pleaded guilty to killing rock star John Lennon. Abolhassan Bani-Sadr was deposed as president of Iran.

In 1992, the U.S. Supreme Court, in R.A.V. v. City of St. Paul, unanimously ruled that "hate crime" laws that banned cross burning and similar expressions of racial bias violated free-speech rights.

In 1999, in a major upset at Wimbledon, top-ranked Martina Hingis lost 6-2, 6-0 in the opening round to Jelena Dokic (yeh-LAY'-nuh DAH'-kich), a 16-year-old qualifier ranked 129th.

Ten years ago: Ex-Penn State assistant coach Jerry Sandusky was convicted by a jury in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, on 45 counts of sexually assaulting 10 boys over 15 years. (Sandusky is serving a 30- to 60-year state prison sentence.)

Five years ago: An online conspiracy theory dubbed "pizzagate" ended with real-world consequences as a North Carolina man was sentenced to four years in

prison for firing an assault rifle in-side Comet Ping Pong, a Washington, D.C. pizza restaurant. California officials denied parole for convicted killer Patricia Krenwinkel, a follower of cult leader Charles Manson, for the 1969 slayings of pregnant actor Sharon Tate and four other people. The Philadelphia 76ers selected guard Markelle Fultz with the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft.

One year ago: A government watchdog reported that deaths among Medicare patients in nursing homes had soared by 32% in 2020; it was the most comprehensive look yet at the ravages of COVID-19 among its most vulnerable victims. Kobe Bryant's widow agreed to settle a lawsuit against the pilot and owners of the helicopter that crashed in January 2020, killing the NBA star, their daughter, Gianna, and seven others; terms of the settlement weren't disclosed. After finishing with the second-worst record in the NBA, the Detroit Pistons won the NBA draft lottery, securing the No. 1 pick. (The Pistons would select Oklahoma State guard Cade Cunningham.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor Prunella Scales (TV: "Fawlty Towers") is 90. TV personality/actor Jai Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., is 89. Singer-actor Kris Kristofferson is 86. Actor Michael Lerner is 81. Actor Klaus Maria Brandauer is 79. Fox News analyst Brit Hume is 79. Singer/producer

Peter Asher (Peter and Gordon) is 78. Singer Howard "Eddie" Kaylan is 75. Singer-musician Todd Rundgren is 74. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., is 73. Actor Meryl Streep is 73. Actor Lindsay Wagner is 73. Singer Alan Osmond is 73. Actor Graham Greene is 70. Pop singer Cyndi Lauper is 69. Actor Chris Lemmon is 68. Rock musician Derek Forbes is 66. Actor Tim Russ is 66. Rock musician Garry Beers (INXS) is 65. Actor-producer-writer Bruce Campbell is 64. Rock musician Alan Anton (Cowboy Junkies) is 63. Actor Tracy Pollan is 62. Environmental activist Erin Brockovich is 62. Rock singer-musician Jimmy Somerville is 61. Bas-ketball Hall of Famer Clyde Drexler is 60. Actor Amy Brenneman is 58. Author Dan Brown is 58. Rock singer-musician Mike Edwards (Jesus Jones) is 58. Rock singer Steven Page is 52. Actor Michael Trucco is 52. Actor Mary Lynn Rajskub (RYS'-kub) is 51. TV personality Carson Daly is 49. Rock musician Chris Traynor is 49. Actor Donald Faison (FAY'-zahn) is 48. Actor Alicia Goranson is 48. Actor-comedian Mike O'Brien (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 46. TV personality/actor Jai Rodriguez is 43. Americana singer-songwriter John Moreland is 37. Pop singer Dinah Jane (Fifth Harmony) (TV: "The X Factor") is 25.

COMMODITIES

Chicago Merchantile Exchange

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg
CATTLE					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Jun	131.62	132.25	131.20	131.50	
Aug	131.77	132.42	131.60	132.02	+32
Oct	138.00	138.50	137.75	138.00	+08
Dec	143.80	144.17	143.50	143.82	+02
Feb	149.25	149.47	148.77	148.97	-25
Apr	153.00	153.35	152.57	152.82	-28
Jun	148.17	148.17	147.77	147.90	-35
Aug	147.80	147.90	147.80	147.85	-45
Oct	151.00	151.30	151.00	151.02	-58
Est. sales 45,523.Wed.'s sales 64,491					
Wed.'s open int 297,976					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg
FEEDER CATTLE					
50,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
May	155.07	155.15	154.05	154.12	-1.73
Aug	165.62	166.12	164.60	165.20	-60
Sep	168.45	168.80	167.37	167.90	-55
Oct	170.40	171.02	169.75	170.20	-52
Nov	172.65	172.75	171.65	171.82	-70
Jan	172.00	172.50	171.65	171.65	-80
Mar	173.32	173.47	173.27	173.42	-68
Apr	175.10	175.25	175.10	175.25	-55
Est. sales 7,457.Wed.'s sales 9,469					
Wed.'s open int 46,954, up 544					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg
HOGS,LEAN					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Jun	105.80	106.47	105.00	105.30	-0.80
Jul	107.82	108.47	106.30	106.97	-1.55
Aug	107.42	107.62	105.80	106.12	-1.73
Oct	91.25	91.87	90.05	90.75	-1.05
Dec	83.10	83.80	81.85	83.17	-2.8
Feb	87.10	87.90	86.22	87.50	+0.8
Apr	91.82	92.22	90.85	92.00	+1.8
Est. sales 17,850.Wed.'s sales 44,598					
Wed.'s open int 201,714					

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

Chicago Board of Trade

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
WHEAT					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Jul	1222	1247 3/4	1193 1/2	1200 1/2	-30 1/4
Sep	1231 1/2	1249 1/4	1197 1/4	1206	-27
Dec	1232 1/2	1250 3/4	1200	1210	-24 1/4
Mar	1229 3/4	1247 3/4	1199 3/4	1209 1/2	-22
May	1203 1/4	1224 3/4	1185 3/4	1192 1/4	-16 1/2
Jul	1135	1152	1109 1/2	1125	-14 1/2
Sep	1109	1116 1/4	1077 1/2	1094 3/4	-13 1/2
Est. sales 88,371.Wed.'s sales 103,547					
Wed.'s open int 327,539, up 888					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
CORN					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Jul	782	789 3/4	773 1/4	783 1/4	+1 3/4
Sep	752 3/4	756 3/4	741 1/4	750 1/2	-2 3/4
Dec	739 1/4	743 1/2	726 3/4	736	-4 1/4
Mar	743 3/4	746 1/2	730 1/4	739 1/2	-4 1/4
May	744 3/4	746 1/4	731	739 1/4	-4 1/4
Jul	739	740 1/4	725 1/2	733 1/4	-4 1/4
Sep	677 1/2	679	664 3/4	672 3/4	+1 1/4
Dec	649 1/2	652 1/2	637 3/4	647 3/4	+2 1/2
Mar	655 1/2	658 1/2	649 1/2	653 3/4	+2 1/2
May	655 1/4	+2			
Jul	652 1/2	+2 3/4			
Est. sales 199,905.Wed.'s sales 257,734					
Wed.'s open int 1,543,839					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
OATS					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Jul	644 3/4	644 3/4	617 1/2	627 3/4	-14
Sep	596	596	585 1/4	588 1/2	-9 1/2
Dec	591	591	580 1/4	583 1/2	-8 1/4
Mar	582 3/4	-8 1/4			
May	579	-8 1/4			
Jul	578 3/4	-8 1/4			
Sep	550 1/2	-8 1/4			
Dec	550 1/2	-8 1/4			
Jul	545 1/4	-8 1/4			
Sep	561	-8 1/4			
Est. sales 219.Wed.'s sales 161					
Wed.'s open int 2,929					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
SOYBEANS					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Jul	1663 3/4	1697	1660 3/4	1690 1/2	+27 3/4
Aug	1606 1/2	1635	1602	1630 1/2	+23 1/2
Sep	1538 3/4	1562	1529 3/4	1558 3/4	+19 3/4
Nov	1497 3/4	1519	1487	1514 1/2	+15
Jan	1501 1/2	1521 1/2	1490	1517 1/2	+15
Mar	1489 3/4	1508 1/2	1477 3/4	1505 3/4	+15 1/4
May	1490	1506 1/4	1476	1503 1/2	+15
Jul	1485	1502 1/2	1474 3/4	1501 1/4	+14 1/2
Est. sales 155,324.Wed.'s sales 157,165					
Wed.'s open int 714,906, up 5,762					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
SOYBEAN OIL					
60,000 lbs; cents per lb					
Jul	80.76	81.20	78.58	79.53	-1.02
Aug	77.96	78.42	76.17	77.19	-65
Sep	76.25	76.65	74.52	75.58	-54
Oct	74.63	75.09	73.27	74.19	-42
Dec	73.96	74.42	72.56	73.57	-38
Jan	73.05	73.56	71.86	72.91	-20
Mar	71.73	72.25	70.75	71.91	+08
May	70.58	71.16	69.79	71.03	+30
Jul	70.00	70.28	69.51	70.21	+43
Est. sales 101,143.Wed.'s sales 91,785					
Wed.'s open int 370,207					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
SOYBEAN MEAL					
100 tons; dollars per ton					
Jul	414.60	430.40	414.00	425.30	+11.30
Aug	409.90	425.00	409.20	420.60	+11.20
Sep	404.70	418.20	403.70	415.00	+10.40
Oct	399.10	411.00	397.50	408.50	+9.30
Dec	400.20	411.70	397.70	409.00	+8.90
Jan	398.70	409.50	396.00	407.30	+8.30
Mar	395.80	404.10	391.70	402.10	+6.40
May	394.40	401.80	391.60	400.20	+5.80
Jul	394.30	401.30	394.20	399.20	+5.00
Est. sales 85,735.Wed.'s sales 79,333					
Wed.'s open int 362,244, up 691					

Producers Cooperative Association

Bushel	
Soft wheat.....	\$11.41
Soybean.....	\$16.56
Yellow shell corn	\$7.83
Milo	\$7.68

Columbus Grain

Bushel	
Hard wheat.....	\$12.05
Soft wheat.....	\$11.31
Soybean.....	\$16.56
Yellow shell corn	\$7.83
Milo	\$7.71

McCune Farmers Union Coop Association

Bushel	
Hard wheat.....	\$12.05
Soft wheat.....	\$11.31
Soybean.....	\$16.56
Yellow shell corn	\$7.83
Milo	\$7.71

LEGALS

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Crawford County, Kansas

Plaintiff

vs.

Case No.2016-CV-000048

(First Published in The Pittsburg Morning Sun on June 22nd 2022) **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, Plaintiff, v. **Civil No. 22-2105-TC-RES SHARI L. LIVINGSTON, CORY LIVINGSTON**, and The Unknown Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees, Legatees, Creditors, and Assignees of the Deceased Borrower, **RICHARD A. LIVINGSTON**, and the Unknown Spouses of the Deceased Borrower and other Defendants; Unknown Stockholders, Officers, Successors, Trustees, Creditors and Assignees of Defendants as are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; Unknown Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees, Creditors, Successors and Assignees of Defendants as are or were partners or in partnership; and Unknown Guardians, Conservators and Trustees of Defendants as are minors or are in any way under legal disability; and Unknown Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Trustees, Creditors and Assignees of any Person alleged to be deceased and made Defendants, Defendants. **NOTICE OF SUIT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO:** The Unknown Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees, Legatees, Creditors, and Assignees of the deceased borrower Richard A. Livingston; the Unknown Spouses of the Deceased Borrower and other Defendants; the Unknown Stockholders, Officers, Successors, Trustees, Creditors and Assignees of such Defendants as are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the Unknown Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees, Creditors, Successors and Assignees of such Defendants as are or were partners or in partnership; and the Unknown Guardians, Conservators and Trustees of such of the Defendants as are minors or are in any way under legal disability; and the Unknown Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Trustees, Creditors and Assignees of any Person alleged to be deceased and made Defendants: **YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an Amended Complaint has been filed in the United States District Court for the District of Kansas, by the United States of America, on behalf of the Rural Housing Service, United States Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, by and through the United States Attorney for the District of Kansas, praying for judgment in rem in Count I on the Promissory Note dated April 2, 1980, in the amount of \$17,201.24, which includes principal, advances, and any other recoverable costs; plus interest on principal and advances in the amount of \$1,292.92 as of December 9, 2021; plus interest accruing thereafter at the daily rate of \$4.7082 to the date of judgment herein, together with interest at the legal rate thereafter; plus \$5,868.00 in subsidy subject to recapture; praying for judgment in rem in Count II on the Promissory Note dated September 30, 1994, in the amount of \$7,783.18; plus interest in the amount of \$9,846.35 as of March 6, 2020; plus interest accruing thereafter at the daily rate of \$1.08 per day to the date of judgment herein, together with interest at the legal rate thereafter; plus the costs of this action; and for foreclosure of the real estate mortgages executed on April 2, 1980, and on September 30, 1994, covering real property located in Crawford County, Kansas, described as: **Lots Seven (7) and Eight (8), Peck's Sub-division of Lot Three (3) of Perry's Sub-division of a part of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 24, Township 29, Range 23, Crawford County, Kansas** and you are hereby required to plead to said Amended Complaint on or before August 5, 2022, in the United States District Court at Kansas City, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree may be entered in due course upon the Amended Complaint. **DUSTON J. SLINKARD** United States Attorney s/ Wendy A. Lynn **WENDY A. LYNN** Assistant United States Attorney KS Fed. Bar No. 23594 500 State Avenue, Suite 360 Kansas City, Kansas 66101 PH: (913) 551-6730 FX: 6541 Email: wendy.lynn@usdoj.gov Attorneys for the Plaintiff

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSASIn the Matter of the Estate of
Victor Manuel Lopez, Deceased
Case No. CRP-2022-PR-000068**NOTICE OF HEARING**

STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that a Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed in this Court by Victoria Lopez, praying that descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Crawford County, Kansas, to-wit:

Lot Number Five (5) in Block Number Six (6) in the "Merwin Addition to Pittsburg, Kansas", according to the recorded Plat thereof.

AND

Lot Number Fourteen (14) in Braley's Subdivision of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section Twenty One (21), Township Thirty (30), Range Twenty Five (25) in the State of Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

You are hereby notified and required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 14th day of July, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Crawford County Judicial Center, 602 North Locust, Pittsburg, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition. Victoria Lopez, Petitioner

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me directed and delivered, issued out of the District Court of Crawford County, Kansas, sitting at Girard, I will, on the 29th day of July, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. of said day, in the District Courtroom, 3rd Floor, Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, offer at public sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title, and interest of the following described tracts, lots or pieces of real estate situated in the County of Crawford, State of Kansas, or any part thereof, attached hereto and marked Exhibit A, said property to be sold as property of the above named Defendants.

Sheriff of Crawford County, Kansas
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Attorney for Plaintiff

EXHIBIT A

No.	Description	Name of Owner Or Parties Claiming Any Interest	Year Of Sale	Amount Of Taxes, Charges, Interest & Penalties	Court Costs
1	The North Eighty (80) feet of Lot Number Twelve (12) in Block Number Six (6) in the Original Town (Now City) of Frontenac, (Crawford County, Kansas), according to the recorded Plat thereof. Subject to Mineral Rights and Reservations as recited in Warranty Deed from The Cherokee and Pittsburg Coal and Mining Company to John O'Brien, Recorded in Book 5 of Deeds, at page 340, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Crawford County, Kansas.	Deanna Renee Adams	2013	\$25,538.13	\$200
11	Lot Number Twenty Five (25) in the "Forest Park Addition to the City of Pittsburg", Crawford County Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof. Subject to a Mineral Deed in Book 110 at page 525.	Chika Bon Chigbo Chika Okechuckwu Vincent	2013	\$2,003.32	\$200
12	Lot Number Eight (8) in Kelley's Third Addition to the City of Mulberry, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof. Subject to a Right of Way Easement to the City of Mulberry in Book 192 at page 278.	City of Mulberry, Kansas	2013	\$911.95	\$200
21	Lot Number Forty Four (44) in Highland Addition to the City of Mulberry, Crawford, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof. Subject to an Easement in favor of the City of Mulberry, Kansas, as shown in Book 191 at page 527 in the office of the Register of Deeds.	Jeffrey L. Goodwin	2013	\$2,691.61	\$200
30	Three quarters of an acre, more or less, lying South of the M.K.T. Railroad, being a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section Fourteen (14), Township Twenty Eight (28) South, Range Twenty One (21) East of the Sixth P.M. according to the US Government Survey thereof.	Frankie Herod Karissa Herod Jimmie Herod	2013	\$314.27	\$200
39	Lots Numbered Thirteen (13), Fifteen (15), Seventeen (17) and Nineteen (19) in Block Number Seven (7) in Millers Addition to Walnut, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.	Richard Lindsey	2013	\$2,892.94	\$200
40	Lots Numbered Fourteen (14), Sixteen (16), Eighteen (18) and Twenty (20) in Block Number Seven (7) in Millers Addition to Walnut, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the Plat thereof.	Richard Lindsey	2013	\$1,193.76	\$200
41	The East One-Fourth (E ¼) of Lot Numbered Thirty Six (36) in McAuliffe's Subdivision, of Section 4, Township 29, Range 25, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof. Subject to Mineral Rights of record and a General Easement in favor of Rural Water Dist. #3, Crawford County, Kansas, as shown in Book 40 at page 362 in the office of the Register of Deeds.	Richard E. Love Ida H. Love	2013	\$230.03	\$200
47	Lot Number Twenty Eight (28) in Second College Hill Addition to the City of Pittsburg, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof. Easement to the City of Pittsburg as evidenced by Condemnation Proceedings in the District Court of Crawford County, Kansas, in Case No. 10572.	Troy J. Matthews Troy Matthews	2013	\$7,307.24	\$200
48	Lots Numbered Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Fifteen (15) and Sixteen (16) in Block Number One (1) in Dickey's Second Addition to the City of Mulberry, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof. Subject to a General Easement in favor of the City of Mulberry, as shown by Easement recorded in Book 192 at page 448 in the office of the Register of Deeds.	City of Mulberry Marlene McAfee Franklin McAfee	2013	\$1,689.60	\$200
49	All that part of Lots Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), and Ten (10) in Block Number Ten (10) in Pittsburg Town Company's "Third Addition to the Town of Pittsburg", Crawford County, Kansas, lying South and East of the South line of the right-of-way of the Nevada and Minden Railway Company of Kansas.	Alice Marie Caldwell McDaniels William W. Caldwell, II Claudine Elizabeth Caldwell Alice Marie McDaniels	2013	\$9,799.06	\$200
50	Lots Numbered One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), and Six (6) in Block Number Two (2) AND Lot Number Four (4) in Block Number Three (3) all in Hermann Addition to the City of Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kansas.	Deborah A. McKinstry	2013	\$7,694.32	\$200
58	Lots Numbered One (1) and Two (2) and Three (3) in Gaitskill's Addition to Girard, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the Plat thereof.	Lenna Ransburg E.M. Ransburg	2013	\$3,550.38	\$200
60	The South Ninety three (93) feet of Lot Eleven (11) Block Twenty two (22) in the 'East Pittsburg Land Company's 1 st Addition to the City of Pittsburg, Kansas', Crawford County, Kansas according to the recorded Plat thereof. Subject to Ordinance No. S-1025 by the City of Pittsburg, for weeds, as shown in Book 619 at page 641 in the office of the Register of Deeds.	Betty Jean Rogers Betty J. Rogers City of Pittsburg	2013	\$13,113.45	\$200
77	Lot Numbered Fifteen (15) in Block Number Twenty One (21) in the East Pittsburg Land Company's 1 st Addition to the City of Pittsburg, Kansas, according to the Plat thereof.	TBSW Holdings LLC	2013	\$8,321.56	\$200
78	Lots Numbered Eight (8), Nine (9) and Ten (10) in Mawhiney's Second Addition to the City of Mulberry, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the Plat thereof.	Kenneth Paul Thomas Sr. Kristal Totman Brad Totman Brad A. Totman	2013	\$7,302.10	\$200

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79	Lots Numbered Seven (7) and Eight (8) in Block Number Five (5) in the Town of Croweburg, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof. General Easement in favor of Rural Water Dist. 3, Crawford County, Kansas, in Book 40 at page 367. Mineral Rights in Book 68 at page 95 in the Register of Deeds.	David A. Tidwell David Tidwell Christine Burke State of Missouri	2013	\$763.47	\$200
86	Part of Lots Numbered Three Hundred Ninety Seven (397) and Three Hundred Ninety Eight (398) in Block Number Forty Four (44) in the "Town of Pittsburg" (now the City of Pittsburg Kansas), according to the recorded Plat thereof, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Lot Three Hundred Ninety Seven (397); thence East along the South line of said Lot, Sixty Five (65) feet; Thence North Sixty Two and One Half (62 1/2) feet, to a point in said Lot Three Hundred Ninety Eight (398); Thence South Sixty Two and One Half (62 1/2) feet to the place of beginning and being the West Sixty Five (65) feet of said lot Three Hundred Ninety Seven (397) and The West Sixty Five (65) of the South Twelve and One Half (12 1/2) feet of said Lot Three Hundred Ninety Eight (398).	Catherine L. West Melissa Uttley Twila Clark Jayson West Justin West Bobbi West	2013	\$13,675.64	\$200
88	Lot Number Two (2) in Block Number Eight (8) in Player's Sub-Division of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section Twenty Four (24), Township Twenty Nine (29), Range Twenty Three (23), Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof. Except Eighty One and One Half (81 1/2) feet off the entire East side of said Lot.	Viking Builders INC Girard National Bank	2013	\$453.58	\$200
89	The West Half (W 1/2) of the East Half (E 1/2) of Lots Numbered Five Hundred Twenty Three (523) and Five Hundred Twenty Four (524) in Block Number Seven (7) in the "Town of Pittsburg", (now the City of Pittsburg, Kansas), according to the recorded Plat thereof. Except Mineral Rights and Reservations as recited in Deed Book A at page 177. Subject to Minerals Rights, Reservations, and Easements of record.	Opal Maxine Walker Phyllis A. Kirby Johnnie Milburn Henderson Jr.	2013	\$23,214.12	\$200
94	Lots Numbered Thirteen (13), Fifteen (15), Seventeen (17) and Nineteen (19) in Block Number Three (3) in Millers Addition to the City of Walnut, (Crawford County, Kansas), according to the recorded Plat thereof.	Nyla J. Wright City of Walnut	2013	\$1,803.94	\$200
96	Lots Numbered Ten (10) and Eleven (11) in Block Number One (1) in Laphams Addition to Pittsburg, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof, Except that part of Lot Numbered Eleven, conveyed to the City of Pittsburg, Kansas, by Deed recorded in Book 320 at page 306 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Crawford County, Kansas, being: A parcel of land located In Lot 11, Book 1 Lapham Addition to the City of Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kansas, described as follows: The East 10.0 feet of the South 10.0 feet of Lot 11 of Lapham Addition. Except Mineral Rights and Reservations of Record.	Anthony Eure Anthony Lee Eure Anthony L. Eure April Edwards State of Kansas Dept. for Children and Family Services Chelsea Hawkins Anthony Eure Sr. Anthony L. Eure Jr.	2013	\$1,766.11	\$200
97	Lots Numbered One (1) and Two (2) less the West Thirty Four Feet (34) of said Lots, in Block Number Five (5), in Brown's Third Addition to Mulberry, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof. Except Mineral Rights and Reservations of Record.	Dolores Shackelford Birdie Buckles Claudia E. Hardesty Nella May Buckles August Dorchy	2012	\$358.89	\$200

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SPORTS

Zac Dickey hired as MIAA football official

Zac Dickey, the quarterback on Pittsburg State's 2011 NCAA Division II national championship team, has been hired by the MIAA as a full-time football official beginning this fall.

Dickey, who prepped at St. Mary's Colgan, accounted for 2,066 career yards in two seasons with the Gorillas. He played at Fort Scott Community College before transferring to PSU.

Dickey received his bachelor's degree in international/global studies and his master's degree in health, human performance and recreation from PSU. He is an agency president at AssuredPartners in Wichita.

There's also a historical note among this year's 13 first-year MIAA football



AROUND THE MIAA
Jim Henry

officials.

Taylor Darr has been hired as the first female full-time football official.

She's already worked one MIAA game, serving as the center judge for the Missouri Southern-Missouri Western game in Week 9 last season.

"The game was special for me for multiple reasons," Darr said in a release. "I made history being the first female to work a game in the MIAA, as well as getting to work my first collegiate game with my husband. So, it was a very special day for me to be able to work a col-

legiate game with him."

Darr's husband, Gavin Darr, has been a member of the MIAA's football officiating staff for the past three seasons.

Darr graduated from Kansas State in 2018. She moved to Wichita and began working a full high school varsity schedule and was hired by the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference as a swing official. The following year she was hired full time in the KJCCC and in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) and has been working there for the last three years.

"I hope that I can inspire other females to break barriers and do what they put their mind to," Darr said.



Zac Dickey

DIRECTORS' CUP

Pittsburg State finished in 37th place in the final standings of the Division II Learfield Directors' Cup.

The Gorillas were one of seven MIAA schools in the top-50 in the standings, which is determined by points received from performances in the national playoffs. The top-15 sports

at each school is used to determine points, and four of the 15 are volleyball and basketball for women and basketball and baseball for men.

The Gorillas totaled 386.75 points, and all of them came from the track and field and cross country programs.

A national championship in men's outdoor track and field provided 100 points. The Gorillas also had 85 points for third place in men's indoor track and field, 74.25 points for fifth in women's indoor track and field, 69 points for ninth place in women's outdoor track and field and 58.5 points for 16th place in men's cross country.

Central Missouri led MIAA schools with an eight-place finish with

671.25 points, headlined by a third-place finish in men's golf.

Washburn, the national runner-up in volleyball, was 21st with 482 points, and Nebraska-Kearney was 25th with 475.50.

Also in the top-50 were Central Oklahoma, 30th with 425.50; Northwest Missouri, 36th with 394.50; and Fort Hays State, 41st with 377.25 points.

The MIAA was the only Division II conference to have more than five schools in the top-50.

Other finishes by MIAA schools: Missouri Southern, 59th with 309.50; Lincoln, 72nd with 277; Missouri Western, 88th with 232.50; Rogers State, 108th with 187.75; Northeastern State, 131st with 150.50; and Emporia State, 186th with 77.

Arkansas' 11-1 win knocks Auburn out of College World Series

By ERIC OLSON
AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Will McEntire limited Auburn to three hits and a run in seven innings, Peyton Stovall became the first player in 13 years with five hits in a College World Series game, and Arkansas eliminated the Tigers with an 11-1 victory Tuesday night.

The Razorbacks (45-20) moved to the Bracket 2 final against Mississippi. They would have to beat the Rebels on Wednesday night and again Thursday to go to the best-of-three CWS finals this weekend.

Auburn (43-22) finished with 18 more wins than a year ago and made it to Omaha after being picked last in the Southeastern Conference West.

McEntire gave the Hogs the quality start they needed after they used

seven pitchers in a 13-5 loss to Ole Miss on Monday.

McEntire (2-2) retired the first 11 batters he faced before Sonny DiChiara singled to center with two outs in the fourth. The 6-foot-4, 225-pound right-hander struck out a career-high nine, walked one and didn't give up a run until Bobby Peirce homered leading off the seventh.

Auburn starter Mason Barnett (3-3) allowed four runs and five hits in 2 2/3 innings.

Last season, McEntire sat out as a redshirt and already had joined his summer team in Minnesota when the Hogs played in super regionals. He watched those games from his motel room in Duluth.

This season, McEntire continued biding his time and didn't make the travel roster until April.



Arkansas' Michael Turner (12) scores and cheers on Chris Lanzilli (18) running home for a second run against Auburn in the third inning during an NCAA College World Series baseball game Tuesday in Omaha, Neb. AP PHOTO/JOHN PETERSON

He made some midweek starts and worked out of the bullpen before earning a more significant role the last month.

McEntire started the super regional-clinching win at North Carolina, throwing 5 2/3 scoreless innings. He was even better on a

bigger stage Tuesday.

Relying on a low-90s fastball and a devastating curve, McEntire struck out six in a row at one

point. His confidence grew as his team got out to an early lead and built on it.

Braydon Webb doubled into the left-center gap on Barnett's first pitch of the game and Stovall followed with an RBI single to begin his 5-for-6 night. The previous player with five hits in a CWS game was North Carolina's Dustin Ackley in 2009.

The Razorbacks added three runs in the third inning and four more in the fourth, highlighted by Chris Lanzilli's 400-plus-foot homer down the left-field line.

Lanzilli also homered in a 17-2 win over Stanford on Saturday and has 10 for the season after hitting 42 in four years at Wake Forest.

For the first time in the 75-year history of the CWS, each of the first 10 games was decided by four or more runs.

VanBecelaere to oversee PSU student-athlete performance

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Pittsburg native Evan VanBecelaere has been named head coach of student-athlete performance at Pittsburg State, PSU athletics director Jim Johnson announced Tuesday.

VanBecelaere, a 2008 graduate of St. Mary's Colgan, will administer all aspects of student-athlete mental and physical wellness including strength training, nutrition, injury prevention and rehabilitation. He also will oversee the operations and staff of the Promaxima Strength and Conditioning Center.

"We are thrilled to have Evan and his family join Gorilla athletics," Johnson said in a press release. "This is not only a significant addition to athletics but to the university and the Pittsburg community. Evan joining us is a compelling example of our commitment to and our investment in the health and wellness of our student-athletes.

"Evan's experience speaks for itself. But it should not be lost on anyone that to attract someone with Evan's expertise and knowledge shines a spotlight on what we plan to do moving forward to provide the best resources and services we can to student-athletes in



Evan VanBecelaere

(these) areas.

"In the new world of intercollegiate athletics relative to the transfer portal, NIL and other challenges, our efforts in mental and physical wellness are a direct link to attracting and retaining student-athletes who compete academically and athletically at the highest level."

VanBecelaere joins the Gorillas staff after serving as the director of men's basketball strength and conditioning at Oregon the past four years. He also served as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Sacramento Kings of the NBA from 2016-18.

VanBecelaere's professional career began as an intern coach for men's basketball at Kansas in August 2011. He worked with the Jayhawks until May 2013 when he became the director of

sports performance at Santa Clara University until September 2016, overseeing the school's 20 NCAA Division I sports programs.

"There is nothing more exciting than pursuing my passion with a career in my hometown," VanBecelaere said. "Pittsburg State Athletics was a part of my life at a very young age and provided a vision of what career path I wanted to chase. Now thanks to Jim Johnson and the rest of the Pittsburg State family, I have the opportunity to give back to the community that gave so much to me."

VanBecelaere earned his degree in Exercise Science at Kansas. He is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist from the National Strength & Conditioning Association (NSCA), a USA Weightlifting Level 1 Coach as well as a Registered Strength & Conditioning Coach (RSCC).

VanBecelaere and his wife, Emily, have two sons, Grayson and Crew.

VanBecelaere replaces Matt Nelson, who served as director of strength training and nutrition since July 2014. Nelson recently resigned his position to take a similar position for Branson (Mo.) Public Schools.

Dragons set to host Grapple on the Gridiron at PSU

By Dashuan Vereen
Morning Sun Staff

For the first time in school history, Pittsburg High School wrestling is set to host the Grapple on the Gridiron at Pittsburg State's Carnie Smith Stadium on Thursday at 8 p.m.

Branson, Mo., and Seneca, Mo., will be in town to compete against Pittsburg on wrestling mats stationed on Carnie Smith Stadium's football field.

"This is a huge opportunity for our kids because it's never been done in our area that I know of," said Purple Dragons coach LC Davis.

Davis decided to start the event after seeing the effect similar events have had in other places.

"I've seen a couple other programs wrestle on gridiron," said Davis. "I think the first program I saw do it was the Iowa Hawkeyes in 2015. Since then, a lot of programs have been doing

it, and I decided I wanted to be the first in this area to do one. We're going to put two wrestling mats on the football field and have fans and family bring some lawn chairs and do some 'Grappling on the Gridiron.'"

With other sports typically dominating the summer slate, the event gives Pittsburg wrestlers the opportunity to continue to improve their skills.

"The kids have a lot going on during the summer," said Davis. "With work and other sports obligations like football, softball and baseball. Every year we do a free summer clinic for Pittsburg students. So, we're wrestling Monday through Wednesday with the clinic and on Thursday we get to compete and rough someone else up after working hard throughout the week."

As for the competition aspect, Davis wants the results to come secondary to the wrestlers having fun.

"This is offseason wrestling," said Davis. "We're not in competition shape right now, so I just want to see our athletes go out there and compete and have fun. It's not really about team points or winning a trophy. These are kind of exhibition matches to have fun and to grow the sport and get people excited and involved in the sport of wrestling."

Seneca was added to the event to make sure Pittsburg got matchups for all of its wrestlers. Davis also stated that Pittsburg plans to travel to Branson to compete in next year's competition.

As for Pittsburg State, Davis hopes the event will lead to the Gorillas adopting a new sport in the future.

"Pitt State doesn't have a wrestling program," said Davis. "I'd love to see them have one, so I hope this could be a kickstart to that conversation of them starting a program."

5 Dragons named to all-conference baseball team

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Five Pittsburg High School baseball players have been named to the Southeast Kansas League all-conference team.

The Purple Dragons, who won the league championship, have four players on the first team

-- Cale Farrington, Cooper Hayden, Tyler Sutton and Jackson Turnbull.

Braden Benson of Pittsburg made the second team.

Also named first-team all conference were Spencer Goldston and Hayden Harris of Fort Scott, Kam Koester of Chanute, Cooper Smith and Ryan Leiker of In-

dependence and Paxton Swanson of Parsons.

Joining Benson on the second team are Hudson Baker, Griffin Easton and Eli Hestand of Labette County, Dryden Cosens and Cody Wilson of Fort Scott, Bryan Jackett and Lars Koester of Chanute, Tra Mack and Tate Phillips of Parsons and Davis Merrick of Independence.

BASEBALL

MLB STANDINGS

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	50	18	.735	—
Toronto	38	29	.567	11½
Boston	38	31	.551	12½
Tampa Bay	37	31	.544	13
Baltimore	30	39	.435	20½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	35	28	.556	—
Minnesota	38	31	.551	—
Chicago	32	33	.492	4
Detroit	26	42	.382	11½
Kansas City	24	42	.364	12½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	42	25	.627	—
Texas	32	35	.478	10
Los Angeles	33	37	.471	10½
Seattle	29	39	.426	13½
Oakland	23	45	.338	19½

Monday's Games

Boston 5, Detroit 2
 N.Y. Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 2
 Chicago White Sox 8, Toronto 7
 Kansas City 6, L.A. Angels 2

Tuesday's Games

Washington 3, Baltimore 0
 Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Yankees 4
 Boston 5, Detroit 4
 Texas 7, Philadelphia 0
 Houston 8, N.Y. Mets 2
 Cleveland 6, Minnesota 5, 11 innings
 Toronto at Chicago White Sox
 Kansas City at L.A. Angels
 Seattle at Oakland

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Carrasco 8-2) at Houston (Garcia 4-5), 1:10 p.m.
 Toronto (Stripling 3-2) at Chicago White Sox (Giolito 4-3), 1:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Wheeler 6-3) at Texas (Gray 2-3), 3:05 p.m.
 Washington (Corbin 3-9) at Baltimore (Wells 4-4), 6:05 p.m.
 Detroit (Skubal 5-4) at Boston (Wacha 5-1), 6:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Montgomery 3-1) at Tampa Bay (Baz 0-1), 6:10 p.m.
 Cleveland (McKenzie 4-5) at Minnesota (Gray 3-1), 6:40 p.m.
 Seattle (Kirby 1-2) at Oakland (Blackburn 6-2), 8:40 p.m.
 Kansas City (Lynch 3-6) at L.A. Angels (Ohtani 5-4), 8:49 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Cleveland at Minnesota, 12:10 p.m.
 Seattle at Oakland, 2:37 p.m.
 Houston at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05 p.m.
 Baltimore at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	45	25	.643	—
Atlanta	39	30	.565	5½
Philadelphia	36	33	.522	8½
Miami	30	36	.455	13
Washington	25	46	.352	20½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	39	31	.557	—
St. Louis	39	31	.557	—
Pittsburgh	28	39	.418	10
Chicago	25	43	.368	13½
Cincinnati	23	44	.343	15

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	41	25	.621	—

San Diego	42	27	.609	½
San Francisco	38	29	.567	3½
Arizona	32	37	.464	10½
Colorado	30	38	.441	12

Monday's Games

N.Y. Mets 6, Miami 0
 Atlanta 2, San Francisco 1
 Pittsburgh 12, Chicago Cubs 1
 Milwaukee 2, St. Louis 0
 San Diego 4, Arizona 1

Tuesday's Games

L.A. Dodgers 8, Cincinnati 2
 Pittsburgh 7, Chicago Cubs 1
 Washington 3, Baltimore 0
 Miami 9, Colorado 8
 San Francisco 12, Atlanta 10
 Texas 7, Philadelphia 0
 Houston 8, N.Y. Mets 2
 St. Louis 6, Milwaukee 2
 Arizona at San Diego

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Carrasco 8-2) at Houston (Garcia 4-5), 1:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Wheeler 6-3) at Texas (Gray 2-3), 3:05 p.m.
 Arizona (Bumgarner 3-6) at San Diego (Clevinger 1-0), 3:10 p.m.
 Colorado (Kuhl 4-4) at Miami (López 4-3), 5:40 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Anderson 8-0) at Cincinnati (Castillo 2-4), 5:40 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Thompson 6-2) at Pittsburgh (Eickhoff 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
 Washington (Corbin 3-9) at Baltimore (Wells 4-4), 6:05 p.m.
 San Francisco (Rodón 6-4) at Atlanta (Morton 4-3), 6:20 p.m.
 St. Louis (Wainwright 5-5) at Milwaukee (Lauer 6-2), 7:10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Colorado at Miami, 11:10 a.m.
 San Francisco at Atlanta, 11:20 a.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 11:35 a.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at Cincinnati, 11:35 a.m.
 St. Louis at Milwaukee, 1:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia at San Diego, 8:40 p.m.



COLLEGE SLATE

College World Series At Omaha, Neb.

Monday's Games

Auburn 6, Stanford 2, Stanford eliminated
 Mississippi 13, Arkansas 5

Tuesday's Games

Texas A&M 5, Notre Dame 1, Notre Dame eliminated
 Arkansas 11, Auburn 1, Auburn eliminated

Wednesday's Games

Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M, 1 p.m.
 Mississippi vs. Arkansas, 6 p.m.

Thursday's Games

If necessary games if Oklahoma or Mississippi lose on Wednesday

June 25-27
 Oklahoma-Texas A&M winner vs. Mississippi-Arkansas winner, best-of-3 championship series

Conway falls in MMA debut

By Aaron Pyle
 Morning Sun Staff

Zach Conway, a Columbus native and 2021 graduate of Pittsburg State, has suffered the first loss of his amateur fighting career.

Conway fell in his debut with a first-round submission against Sean Taborisky, a former Barton Community College Cougars wrestler. The two opened Saturday night's Fight Hard Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) event at Kansas Crossing Casino.

"Unfortunately, I lost," Conway said. "I'll get the next one, though. I felt like I was the better fighter. Just got caught in a choke."

Despite the loss, the 28-year-old noted that he enjoyed the overall experience of debuting in

home territory with several family and friends in attendance.

"More adrenaline than skydiving," he said. "It's surreal and a great learning experience. I broke a toe and didn't even feel it until after the fight."

Gorman hits 2 HRs as Cards win 6-2 to regain share of 1st

By STEVE MEGARGEE
 AP Sports Writer

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Nolan Gorman went 4 of 4 with two solo homers and four RBIs as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Milwaukee Brewers 6-2 on Tuesday night to regain a share of the NL Central lead.

The Cardinals and Brewers are both 39-31 after splitting the first two matchups of this four-game series. St. Louis stopped the Brewers' four-game winning streak.

Gorman broke a 2-all tie and put the Cardinals ahead for good with a homer to center off Chi Chi González (0-1) in the fourth inning. He extended the lead to 4-2 with a drive over the right-field wall against Miguel Sánchez in the seventh.

Since making his major-league debut May 20, Gorman has six homers in 29 games. His first five all traveled at least 400 feet, including his 428-foot shot in the fourth. The streak ended when his seventh-inning homer went 396 feet.

Zack Thompson (1-0), Drew VerHagen, Giovan-



St. Louis Cardinals' Nolan Gorman is congratulated by Juan Ypez after hitting a home run during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers on Tuesday in Milwaukee. AP PHOTO/MORRY GASH

ny Gallegos and Ryan Helsley combined to allow just one hit and one walk in six innings of scoreless relief. The Brewers had just four hits.

Gorman's big night started with a two-out RBI single in the first as the Cardinals grabbed a 2-0 lead. Milwaukee's Willy Adames tied it in the bottom half with a two-run homer off Jack Flaherty.

But the Brewers failed to capitalize on Flaherty's control issues.

Flaherty retired just one of his first five batters — allowing Adames' homer and three walks — but avoided further damage in his three-inning stint by continually

pitching out of trouble. Flaherty matched a career high with five walks.

This was Flaherty's second appearance after having a platelet-rich plasma injection in March while recovering from shoulder inflammation. Flaherty made his season debut Wednesday and allowed four runs — two earned — over three innings in a 6-4 loss to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

González (0-1) allowed three runs and four hits over four innings with two strikeouts and one walk in his Brewers debut after getting claimed off waivers from Minnesota a week ago. González was starting in place of Aaron Ashby, who went

on the injured list Monday due to inflammation in his left arm.

Cardinals: 1B Paul Goldschmidt wasn't in the lineup due to what manager Oliver Marmol described as back tightness. "He'll experience it from time to time," Marmol said before the game. "Usually he takes a day, it loosens up, he'll get treatment and be back at it. That's our hope." ... RHP Jordan Hicks pitched one scoreless inning in a rehabilitation assignment with Triple-A Memphis as he recovers from a forearm strain. He threw 14 pitches, walked one batter and allowed no hits.

Brewers: Manager Craig Counsell said Kolten Wong had a setback in his recovery from a strained right calf and isn't doing any on-field activities right now, though the second baseman is swinging a bat. Wong hasn't played since June 7. ... IF Mike Brosseau (ankle) and RHP Trevor Gott (right groin) began rehabilitation assignments Tuesday with the Brewers' Single-A affiliate in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Dettmer's 7 shutout innings send Texas A&M past Irish at CWS

By ERIC OLSON
 AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Nathan Dettmer pitched three-hit ball over seven shutout innings, and Texas A&M capitalized on Notre Dame's mistakes to beat the Fighting Irish 5-1 in a College World Series elimination game Tuesday.

The No. 5 national seed Aggies (44-19) will play Oklahoma in the Bracket 1 final. They need to beat the Sooners on Wednesday and again Thursday to reach the CWS finals this weekend.

"This time last year we didn't even have a coaching staff," first-year coach Jim Schlossnagle said. "A third of this team wasn't even a Texas A&M Aggie yet. We were still recruiting out of the transfer portal. You look up a year later and you're playing in the final four of college baseball."

The Irish (41-17) ended the season with their most wins since 2006 and first Omaha appearance since 2002.

"Well, if there's a place you want to end it, it's obviously here," Notre Dame coach Link Jarrett said. "How we ended it was tough. That hurts. That wasn't indicative of how our team plays."

Dettmer (6-3) was working on three days' rest after giving up seven runs and getting pulled in the second inning of Texas



Texas A&M starting pitcher Nathan Dettmer (35) throws a pitch against Notre Dame in the first inning during an NCAA College World Series baseball game Tuesday in Omaha, Neb. AP PHOTO/JOHN PETERSON

A&M's 13-8 loss to Oklahoma on Friday.

"I'm not going to lie to you. After Friday, I felt just terrible, like I let my team down," Dettmer said. "But to come back and have Coach give me the ball just two games later, all that confidence just flowed through me and to know they trust me ... all I had to do was believe in myself. That's what happened and had some success today."

He bounced back with his best performance of the season. He got Notre Dame batters to swing over the top of his sinker and induced 10 groundouts.

"They obviously didn't have fun with it," Aggies third baseman Trevor Werner said. "It's fun to play behind that because you know you're going to get a lot of rollovers. We know when he's on, we're going to get a lot of plays. The whole team's feeling good when Dettmer's going."

The Irish reached base

on an error and hit batter but didn't get their first hit until David LaManna singled with one out in the fourth.

Dettmer, who struck out six and walked none, had his longest outing since he went seven innings against Vanderbilt on April 28. He threw 99 pitches, 68 for strikes.

"His pitches had depth," Notre Dame's Brooks Coetzee said. "He had the sinker going. He had the fastball's run going. Had the change-up going. Nothing was going straight, and he was pitching everybody differently. He didn't fall into tendencies."

The Aggies converted two walks, a balk, two singles and a throwing error into three runs in the third, the first two off starter Liam Simon (2-1). Werner homered leading off the fifth against Jack Findlay and Dylan Rock later had an RBI single, ending his 0-for-14 spell and making it 5-0.

Findlay, the Irish's star

freshman left-hander, had allowed only one earned run over his 14 1/3 innings in the NCAA Tournament before giving up the two in the fifth.

Brad Rudis took over for Dettmer starting the eighth inning, and Coetzee drove Rudis' second pitch more than 400 feet over the left-field fence for his 12th homer.

After Rudis walked the next batter, the Aggies brought in lefty Joseph Menefee, who allowed one hit in two innings for his second save.

"We came in here to win the whole thing," Notre Dame's Jared Miller said. "This whole pitcher was special. We acknowledge that we ran through some tough teams. Maybe the outside didn't really give us a chance. But we wanted to win the whole thing. So it's tough right now."

The game was the ninth of the CWS, and all were decided by four or more runs. That was a first in the event's 75-year history.

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Royals pound 3 HRs to beat Angels 6-2; Bubic gets 1st win

By **JOE REEDY**
AP Sports Writer

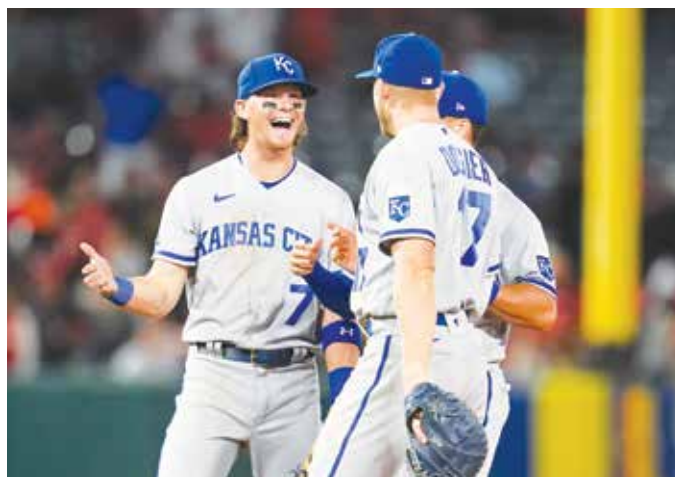
ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — All the small things are starting to add up to big results for the Kansas City Royals.

The Royals got some timely hits and another solid outing from their starting pitcher as they won for the fourth time in the last five games Monday night.

Andrew Benintendi, Salvador Perez and Hunter Dozier homered, Nicky Lopez drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning and Kris Bubic got his first victory of the season in the Royals' 6-2 victory over the Los Angeles Angels.

"The big hits, the pitching, just all the little components we've been wanting to see everything put together and we've had that in the last few games. It's important for our guys to see it and know what to expect," manager Mike Matheny said.

Kris Bubic, who came into the game as one of



Kansas City Royals shortstop Bobby Witt Jr. (7), first baseman Hunter Dozier (17), and second baseman Whit Merrifield, right, celebrate after a 6-2 win over the Los Angeles Angels in a baseball game in Anaheim, Calif., on Monday. AP PHOTO/ASHLEY LANDIS

four pitchers in the majors to have at least eight starts and no wins this season, struck out a season-high seven in six innings to improve to 1-4.

"As a pitcher, if you did your job the results kind of take care of itself," said Bubic, who gave up two runs on six hits and walked two in six innings. "The offense getting on the board early gives you a little more confidence

especially early on to attack, trust your stuff and go from there."

Taylor Ward had two hits — including a homer in the third inning — and drove in both runs for the Angels. Los Angeles had come in with some momentum after taking four of five in Seattle, but managed only seven hits.

"I thought we had some good at-bats. Were they consistent throughout?

Probably not, but we did hit a lot of balls hard," manager Phil Nevin said.

Noah Syndergaard worked into the eighth inning for only the second time in 11 starts, but struggled at the end. Syndergaard (4-6) allowed five runs on eight hits in 7 1/3 innings. The right-hander struck out five and walked two.

"He pitched out of some trouble here and there. Truth be told, we needed to score more runs and we didn't do that," Nevin said.

The game was tied at 2 when Dozier singled to center to lead off the seventh. He stole second and came home when Lopez lined a double to right.

Benintendi and Perez both had two-run shots as the Royals won for the fourth time in five games.

Whit Merrifield led off the game with a base hit before Benintendi drove a 94.6 mph fastball from Syndergaard into the seats in right-center to give the Royals a 2-0 lead four pitches into the game. Benintendi finished with

two hits after he went 5 for 23 during the first six games of the road trip.

Perez chased Syndergaard in the eighth inning with a blast to center to make it 5-2. Dozier added a solo homer later in the frame off Jaime Barria.

Perez is a career .326 hitter (56 for 172) in 43 games against the Angels. That's third among active players with at least 150 career at-bats against the Halos.

The Angels got within 2-1 in the third inning when Ward connected on Bubic's changeup and put it into the Royals' bullpen in left field. Ward is third on the Angels with 11 home runs, but it was his first since May 29 against Toronto.

He then evened it at 2 in the fifth inning with a line drive to center to score Andrew Velazquez. Ward tried to extend it to a double but was thrown out by center fielder Michael A. Taylor, who made a quick throw to second baseman Whit Merrifield to easily get Ward.

BACK TO FORM

Trout, who had five homers in the Seattle series, went 1 for 4 and has recorded a hit in 10 of his last 12 games. Since his career-worst 0-for-26 slump, the three-time AL MVP is 15 for 42 (.357) with eight home runs and 15 RBIs.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Royals: C Cam Gallagher was activated off the injured list after he missed the last 45 games due to a strained left hamstring. RHP Matt Peacock was optioned to Triple-A Omaha to open a spot for Gallagher and get down to the MLB limit of 13 pitchers on a roster.

Angels: 3B Anthony Rendon had season-ending surgery on his right wrist.

UP NEXT

Royals: RHP Jonathan Heasley (1-3, 3.72 ERA) has not allowed more than three earned runs in his seven previous starts.

Angels: LHP Reid Detmers (2-3, 4.25 ERA) is 0-2 with a 4.91 ERA in five starts since throwing a no-hitter against Tampa Bay on May 10.

MLB standardizing baseball rubbing and removal from humidors

By **RONALD BLUM**
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League Baseball is standardizing procedures for rubbing baseballs and their removal from humidors in an effort to establish more consistency amid complaints about slickness that followed the crackdown on sticky substances.

MLB has been working on standards over the course of the season in response to feedback from players and sent a memorandum outlining the changes on Tuesday to general managers, assistant GMs and clubhouse managers. Titled "Updates to Baseball Storage & Handling," a copy of the memo was obtained by The Associated Press.

Scrutiny of baseball preparation — a minimum 13 dozen are readied for each game — has increased in recent years. Use of a humidor, began by Colorado in 2002, expanded to Arizona in 2019, three additional teams in 2020, then a total of 10 last year and all 30 this season.

MLB is mandating a ball be stored in a humidor

for at least 14 days before game use, and ball storage must be recorded by the home team's gameday compliance monitor and then certified in a signed form by the clubhouse manager.

"All baseballs projected to be used in a specific game must be mudded within three hours of all other baseballs being used in that game, and must be mudded on the same day that they are going to be used," the memo states. "Baseballs should not be out of the humidor for more than two hours at any point prior to first pitch, and if it will take club staff longer than two hours, the baseballs should be pulled out of the humidor in smaller batches."

The memo followed review of video of each team's rubbing procedures.

MLB is instructing that "each club staff member involved in the process should apply mud in a uniform manner ensuring the same mud-to-water ratio is applied to each ball. Rubbing mud should be applied to each baseball for at least 30 seconds, ensuring that mud is rubbed thoroughly and consistently into the entire leather surface of the ball."

After rubbing, balls are to be put back in Rawlings boxes, with dividers between each, and returned to the humidor until the home team's gameday compliance monitors gets them for game use. In an effort to reduce time in ball bags, balls are to be taken from the humidor 15-30 minutes before the scheduled start, and then no more than 96 balls at a time.

When needed, up to 96 more balls may be taken from the humidor, and they should not be mixed in bags with balls from the earlier bunch. A bag must be cleaned with a damp cloth and then a dry cloth before it is used "to make sure there is no excess residue, dust or moisture."

Following a crackdown on use of sticky substances as grip aides last June 21, New York Mets pitcher Chris Bassitt complained about the baseballs in April and Los Angeles Angels pitcher Michael Lorenzen last weekend after a pitch he threw hit



San Diego Padres starting pitcher Yu Darvish works against an Arizona Diamondbacks batter during the third inning of a baseball game on Monday in San Diego. AP PHOTO/GREGORY BULL

Seattle's Justin Upton in the head.

Bassitt was angry after Mets batters were hit by pitches 19 times in their first 20 games. Mets batters were hit 50 times entering Tuesday, on pace to finish with 117 — which would break the record of 105 set by Cincinnati last season.

Yet overall, hit batters are averaging 0.40 per team per game, down from 0.43 last year and 0.46 during the pandem-

ic-shortened 2020 season, which was the most since a record high 0.47 in 1899.

MLB has tested tacky ball prototypes at last year's Arizona Fall League briefly this season at the Double-A Texas and Southern Leagues.

Commissioner Rob Manfred was pleased with the impact of the crackdown on sticky substances. Speaking at last year's All-Star Game, he called it "a step along the road to a return to a more enter-

taining form of baseball."

"The process has already shown very promising effects in terms of the play of the game on the field," he said. "Batting average, slugging percentage, all those offensive categories have improved. Strikeouts are down, base on balls are down. We have not seen any material increase in players being hit by pitches. Those are all huge positives for us."

RHP Abreu rejoins Yankees, claimed off waivers from Royals

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Relief pitcher Albert Abreu is back with the Yankees, two months after he was traded to Texas as part of the deal that brought catcher Jose Tre-

vino to New York.

The 26-year-old right-hander was claimed off waivers from the Kansas City Royals on Tuesday. The Yankees opened a roster spot by designating

pitcher David McKay for assignment.

Abreu has a 3.46 ERA this season for the Rangers and Royals, allowing 10 hits — three of them homers, in 13 innings with

12 strikeouts and 16 walks. He was obtained by the Royals on June 2 for right-hander Yohanse Morel and was designated for assignment by Kansas City on Friday.

Abreu is 2-1 with a 5.12 ERA in 41 relief appearances for the Yankees (2020-21), Rangers and Royals.

He was traded from New York to Texas on April 2 along with left-hander Robert Ahlstrom for Tre-

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Lightning look to even Stanley Cup Final against Avalanche

By **FRED GOODALL**
AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — So much for the notion that the Tampa Bay Lightning might be running out of gas against the speedy Colorado Avalanche in the Stanley Cup Final.

Turns out the team's recipe for postseason success still works when the two-time defending champions incorporate all the ingredients.

Like goaltender Andrei Vasilevski reverting his customary stingy ways; Steven Stamkos, Nikita Kucherov and Victor Hedman lighting up the scoresheet; and a slew of lesser-known role players contributing offensively and defensively, too.

The Lightning still trail the best-of-seven series 2-1 after bouncing back from the most lopsided playoff loss in franchise history to beat the Avalanche in Game 3. Coach Jon Cooper is confident his team is trending in the right direction.

"I probably use this word too often, but there's a recipe in place for us to have success. It doesn't take a brain surgeon to see what hasn't worked for us in games where we've gotten blown out and what's worked for us in the games we've won. A big part of it is managing the puck," Cooper said.

"(The Avalanche) are a hell of a team. You give them an inch, they'll take a mile. So you have to take away the inches all over the ice," the coach added. "And if it breaks down you hope your goalie is there to make a save for you. If you manage the puck, it all takes off from there."

Game 4 is Wednesday night at Amalie Arena, with Colorado looking to move within one victory

of its first Stanley Cup title since 2001 and Tampa Bay continuing its bid for the NHL's first three-peat in nearly 40 years.

Two nights after yielding seven goals in a blow-out loss, Vasilevski rebounded with 37 saves in a 6-2 victory Monday night.

The Lightning's depth was an asset, too, with six players scoring goals and a total of 10 showing up on the scoresheet.

"I know it's similar to the last series, being 2-1, but we still need to win the next one. It'll be tough on us if we just sat here and said: 'OK, we got one. We're going to be OK tomorrow,'" Cooper said. "Each game gets tougher and tougher. But the guys, give them credit. They knew what they had to do and they did it. But now we have to do it again."

Despite questions about who Colorado's goaltender will be moving forward, the Avalanche feel they're still in control of the series. A win Wednesday night would give them a commanding 3-1 lead heading back to Denver for Game 5 on Friday night.

"If you look at it, we are still in the driver's seat. ... We knew coming in here that it would be tough to win both games," Avalanche defenseman Erik Johnson said.

"The way they played at home, and the way they responded after a lot of losses in the playoffs, we knew that they were going to come with their best game. ... For us to get the split, we'd be sitting pretty good," Johnson added.

The Avalanche pulled goalie Darcy Kuemper after the netminder allowed five goals on 22 shots in Game 3, replacing him with Pavel Francouz.

Coach Jared Bednar did not say if he will stick with

Kuemper as the starter for Game 4.

"That's one possibility," Bednar said.

Colorado's Jack Johnson said the Avalanche have confidence in both goalies and are focused on regrouping as a team.

"We're not letting anything deter us from accomplishing our goal. ... There's no reason for us to waver mentally at all," the defenseman said. "Even (Monday night), we did a lot of really good things for good stretches of the game. There's no reason for us to have any frustration or downness in our mentality."

HIGH-SCORING AFFAIR

The Avalanche (13) and Lightning (9) have combined for 22 goals, making this the highest-scoring Stanley Cup Final through three games since the New York Islanders and Vancouver Canucks combined for 24 in the first three games in 1982.

KUCHEROV UPDATE

Cooper hasn't ruled out the possibility of Tampa Bay having Kucherov available for Game 4. The Lightning star hobbled off after a taking a cross-check from Colorado's Devon Toews during the third period of Game 3.

"As I sit right now, I think he can play (Wednesday). But I'm not Kuch," Cooper said. "But if I know Kuch, he's sitting there saying the same thing. But we'll see what the doctor says about that."

Toews said he was playing Kucherov tight, but not trying to hurt him.

"You know, good players, you got to try to take away their time and space, and that's what I was trying to do," Toews said. "If he got hurt on it, it's unfortunate. I'm not trying to hurt anyone."



Colorado Avalanche goaltender Darcy Kuemper makes a save on a shot from Tampa Bay Lightning left wing Ondrej Palat during the first period of Game 3 of an NHL hockey Stanley Cup Final on Monday in Tampa, Fla. AP PHOTO/CHRIS O'MEARA

Stanley Cup Final hinges on goaltending contrast

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**
AP Hockey Writer

Backup goaltender Brian Elliott didn't flinch while sitting on the bench, perhaps because he knew what was going through coach Jon Cooper's head.

As the Tampa Bay Lightning were getting drubbed 7-0 by the Colorado Avalanche in Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Final, there was never any serious consideration about pulling reigning playoff MVP Andrei Vasilevski.

"Listen, this is the playoffs and we're here to win hockey games," Cooper said afterward, knowing at the time the chance to win that particular game had vanished long before the final horn. "Vasy gives us the best chance to win a hockey game, and he's our guy. He's going to be in there a couple nights. No. He's the best goalie in the world, and we win together and we lose together."

Two nights later, that unwavering confidence stuck out even more when Colorado coach Jared Bednar pulled Darcy Kuemper after he allowed five goals in a 6-2 loss that trimmed the Avalanche lead over the two-time defending champions to 2-1 in the best-of-seven series.

Colorado has leaned on two goaltenders all post-season, but the uncertainty about who starts Game 4 on Wednesday night — and moving forward — has emerged as the biggest question mark for the high-powered Avalanche. Their offense has never really been an issue, after all. It's all about who's in net.

This is familiar turf for Colorado, those questions in goal. Philipp Grubauer is long gone to Seattle,

and general manager Joe Sakic tried to lock down the issue last summer by acquiring Kuemper in a trade with Arizona. If the problem persists, it could derail the club's hopes of closing out the series after jumping out to a 2-0 lead.

Asked what goes into his decision of Kuemper or Pavel Francouz for Game 4 Wednesday night, Bednar told reporters, "The same thing I always put into the decision" and chuckled a bit.

Bednar acknowledged Kuemper "didn't have a good night." Then he sounded a whole lot like Cooper, the coach with the two Stanley Cup rings in his fourth trip to the final that Bednar seems on the path to following.

"We win as a team, lose as a team," he said. "You can group him in with everybody else. Just weren't as good as we needed to be."

Bednar's choice could tip the balance of the series. Of course, Vasilevski has the potential to flip it in Tampa Bay's favor, too. He was sharp in Game 3, making 37 saves after allowing seven goals for just the second time in his NHL career.

"You know he was going to bounce back and play well and he played well," Avalanche defenseman Josh Manson said. "We still played a lot in their zone. We still had our chances."

It may not matter if Vasilevski returns to the form that won him the Conn Smythe Trophy as the playoff's top performer last year and the Vezina Trophy as the best goalie in the league in 2019. Game 2 was an uncharacteristic blip for a player who is becoming the face of the Lightning franchise and has every ability to steal this se-

ries, if necessary, and he has not yet even stolen a game against the Avs — when he very well could.

Kuemper or Francouz? Either is unlikely to do that. They got the Avalanche to the final with .897 and .906 save percentages, respectively, by being steady, not spectacular. They backstop a team that doesn't give up a lot of quality chances because it plays with the puck so much and doesn't typically let an opponent drive the play.

Game 2 was the perfect example of that. Manson called Kuemper "rock solid," though the Avs goalie faced only 16 shots in his shutout and was rarely tested.

That changed dramatically in Game 3, and Kuemper gave up at least two goals he'd like to have back. In true hockey fashion, players blamed themselves for Kuemper getting the hook.

"It was on us, for sure," forward Mikko Rantanen told reporters. "Three Grade A's (chances) in the slot, so you can't really ask for a goalie to make every save when you give chances like that."

That's true, but the disquieting thing for Colorado is that the Avalanche are outshooting the Lightning 107-71 — including 39-32 in Game 3 — and have a blowout loss and a tight overtime win sandwiched around that 7-0 victory to show for it.

Colorado's chances of moving one win from the Stanley Cup depends on Kuemper bouncing back — or Francouz locking things down — and both are big ifs against the team that has won it all the past two years with a goalie who's been there before.



Tampa Bay Lightning left wing Ondrej Palat (18) controls the puck against Colorado Avalanche defenseman Cale Makar (8) during the first period of Game 3 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Final on Monday in Tampa, Fla. AP PHOTO/PHELAN M. EBENHACK

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Rob Gronkowski retires, won't join Tom Brady for 3rd season

By **ROB MAADDI**
AP Pro Football Writer

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Rob Gronkowski won't be joining Tom Brady for a third season with the Buccaneers.

The four-time All-Pro tight end announced his retirement for the second time in three years on Tuesday. In an Instagram post, Gronkowski thanked his teammates and coaches over the years and said he's going back to "chilling out."

Gronkowski won four Super Bowls with Brady, including three in New England.

"I want to thank the whole entire first class Buccaneers organization for an amazing ride, trusting me to come back to play and help build a championship team," Gronkowski wrote on Instagram. "I will now be going back into my retirement home, walking away from football again with

my head held high knowing I gave it everything I had, good or bad, every time I stepped out on the field. The friendships and relationships I have made will last forever, and I appreciate every single one of my teammates and coaches for giving everything they had as well."

The 33-year-old retired in 2019 after nine seasons with the Patriots, but returned in 2020 when Brady went to the Buccaneers. The close friends teamed up to help Tampa beat the Kansas City Chiefs in the Super Bowl in February 2021. Gronkowski caught two touchdown passes in that game.

"Love you as a man, teammate and friend," Brady wrote on Gronkowski's post. "One of a kind in every way."

The Buccaneers and Brady were hoping Gronkowski would play another season. But Tampa prepared for his departure in the draft by selecting tight



Tampa Bay Buccaneers tight end Rob Gronkowski (87) waves to fans after an NFL football game, Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021, in Atlanta. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers won 30-17. Four-time All-Pro tight end Rob Gronkowski announced his retirement again, Tuesday, June 21, 2022. AP PHOTO/DANNY KARNIK

ends Cade Otton in the fourth round and Ko Kieft in the sixth round. Veteran tight end Cameron Brate also remains with the Buccaneers.

"Rob is a true professional who left it all on the field for us the past two

seasons and helped establish a championship culture in our building," Buccaneers general manager Jason Licht said in a statement. "It is always difficult to see a great player walk away from the game when he is still enjoying that

kind of success, but the overwhelming emotions I feel today are gratitude and respect for one of the greatest tight ends who ever played the game."

The fun-loving Gronkowski will be tough to replace. He was not only

one of the league's best pass-catching tight ends but also among the best blockers at his position. Gronk was known for his toughness, playing physical and through injuries.

His jovial personality made him one of the league's most popular players and a natural for a broadcasting job.

Gronkowski's agent, Drew Rosenhaus, told ESPN it wouldn't surprise him if Brady called and talked him out of retirement at some point during the season. Brady himself ended a 40-day retirement in March to play his 23rd season.

But for now, Gronk has spiked his last football in an NFL game.

He ends his career — again — with 621 catches for 9,286 yards and 92 touchdowns in the regular season. He had 98 receptions for 1,389 yards and 15 TDs in the postseason.

Title IX: Some violations tough to prove in college sports

By **ERICA HUNZINGER**
AP Sports Writer

Arkansas did something rare during the 2017-18 and 2018-19 seasons: It watched its baseball and softball teams reach the NCAA tournament. The similarities end there.

For all the talk of gender parity at NCAA championship events, a closer look at one school's participation shows how much less was spent on the Razorbacks' softball team — a difference not uncommon between men's and women's programs in college athletics.

According to public records and Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act filings, the Arkansas baseball team budgets for athlete meals, meal allowances and snacks was nearly three times greater than those of the softball team, averaging \$1,123 per player versus \$400 per player. Equipment disparities

were much the same, averaging about \$1,966 per baseball player versus \$740 per softball player.

Perhaps the starkest measure of comparison are the recruiting budgets: The softball team's entire on- and off-campus budget was about \$46,000 total per season. That's \$14,000 below the baseball team's on-campus budget alone, and baseball got another \$60,000 to recruit off-campus for a total of \$120,000.

On the surface, it might seem there's a Title IX issue at play. Under the law marking its 50th anniversary this week, athletic departments must provide equitable benefits for equipment and supplies, travel and per diem allowances, housing and dining facilities, and recruiting resources and opportunities.

But Title IX compliance doesn't mean overall equivalence, and shouldn't be used for di-

rect comparisons between similar sports because any benefit in favor of one gender can be offset in another area. You can't, for example, compare Arkansas' baseball team to its softball team and expect to win a Title IX challenge. Nor can you do the same for Arkansas' men's and women's basketball, despite the men getting double or triple the funding for meals, recruiting and equipment.

"There's a lot of misunderstanding about how equity in athletics is analyzed from a compliance standpoint," said Leah Reynolds, a Title IX expert and former Division I athlete. "It's not always apples to apples."

Recent lawsuits and federal complaints alleging Title IX violations, especially during the pandemic, have focused on universities cutting sports teams wholecloth while citing millions in savings.

The question, in basic terms, is whether the ratio of men's athletic participation opportunities compared with those for women is "substantially proportionate" to undergrad enrollment. Cases here also can be hard to prove: They often involve figuring out whether schools are manipulating roster numbers, and the general dearth of Title IX case law can lead to different interpretations by judges.

Reynolds said athletic departments may have looked at the cuts from a purely financial angle "without thinking about the bigger repercussions — and that's Title IX, because you can't make those kinds of haste decisions in athletic departments like you could perhaps in other areas."

So when threatened with lawsuits, some schools reinstated sports, like William and Mary did

for women's gymnastics, swimming and volleyball, and Dartmouth did with swimming, diving and golf for men and women as well as men's lightweight rowing.

Other schools settled lawsuits, like UConn. Its women's rowing team won a temporary restraining order after alleging civil rights violations. In the case, UConn was accused of putting inflated women's rowing roster numbers (about 20 more than would compete) on its EADA report.

Other allegations were investigated by and settled with the U.S. Education Department's Office for Civil Rights. Western Illinois settled in February after suspending and then cutting its men's and women's swimming and diving teams in 2020; the school also is required by the agreement to make coaching salaries and recruiting expenditures more equal.

The fight continues for other teams: Members of the Michigan State women's swimming and diving team earlier this year had their lawsuit reinstated, and the same happened in July 2021 for members of the Fresno State women's lacrosse team.

These recent cases and investigations rely on what's known as the three-prong test, which says schools are in compliance if they meet one of three: There are "substantially proportionate" participation opportunities based on full-time undergrad enrollment; the school can show a "history and continuing practice of program expansion" when one sex has been or still is underrepresented in athletics; or the school can demonstrate "the interests and abilities" of the underrepresented sex have been "fully and effectively accommodated."

Deshaun Watson settles 20 civil suits, faces NFL suspension

By **JUAN A. LOZANO and ROB MAADDI**
Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Cleveland Browns quarterback Deshaun Watson's decision to settle 20 of 24 civil lawsuits for sexual misconduct may not dissuade the NFL from giving him a lengthy suspension, a person familiar with the league's investigation told the Associated Press on Tuesday.

Watson has been accused by massage therapists of harassing, assaulting or touching them during appointments when he played for the Houston Texans.

Houston attorney Tony Buzbee, who represents all 24 women, said Tuesday in a statement that once the paperwork is finished on the 20 settlements, "those particular cases will be dismissed." He added that the terms of the settlements are "confi-



Cleveland Browns quarterback Deshaun Watson takes part in drills at the NFL football team's practice facility Tuesday, June 14, 2022, in Berea, Ohio. AP PHOTO/RON SCHWANE

dential" and that his legal team "won't comment further on the settlements or those cases."

Watson still faces discipline from the league, which conducted its own investigation into the 26-year-old's behavior.

Following Buzbee's announcement, NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said the agreements have "no

impact on the collectively bargained disciplinary process."

Another league official told the AP "settling doesn't give someone a pass" and indicated a lengthy suspension remains in order. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation hasn't concluded.

League investigators interviewed Watson in Houston over several days last month. They presented their findings to disciplinary officer Sue L. Robinson, a former federal judge who will decide Watson's punishment. This is the first case for Robinson, who was jointly appointed by the league and NFL Players Association.

The NFL is expected to make a decision before the Browns open training camp on July 27.

The Browns, who signed the three-time Pro Bowler to a fully guaranteed, five-year, \$230 million contract in March, had no immediate comment on the settlements.

Watson has denied any wrongdoing and vowed to clear his name. Rusty Hardin, Watson's lead attorney, did not immediately return an email or a text seeking comment.

In March, two separate Texas grand juries declined to indict him on criminal complaints stemming from the allegations. After that, the Browns and several other teams pursued Watson, with Cleveland convincing him to waive his no-trade clause and join a team with a solid roster.

The first 22 lawsuits against Watson were filed in March and April 2021. The last two lawsuits were

filed after HBO's "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel" aired an interview last month with two of the women who detailed their encounters with Watson.

The settlements also come after The New York Times reported earlier this month that Watson had booked massage appointments with at least 66 different women over 17 months while he played for the Texans. The report said that a Texans representative had provided Watson with a nondisclosure agreement that he gave to some of the women to sign.

Last week, Watson reiterated his innocence and sidestepped any questions about whether he would settle with any of the women.

"I never assaulted anyone," Watson said June 14 in his first public comments since being introduced by the Browns in March. "I never harassed anyone or I never disrespected anyone. I never forced anyone to do anything."

Buzbee said he plans on taking the four unsettled lawsuits to trial, including the first one that was filed by Ashley Solis, who has previously made her name public. In an interview with HBO's "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel," Solis said she felt threatened

by Watson after their massage session when he told her that she had a career to protect and "I know you don't want anyone messing with it just like I don't want anyone messing with mine."

Buzbee said that without Solis, "the conduct experienced by these women would likely have continued unfettered."

"The truth is, without her courage and willingness to come forward, the NFL wouldn't currently be contemplating discipline; there would be no examination of how teams might knowingly or unknowingly enable certain behavior," Buzbee said.

Cleveland, which has spent nearly two decades searching for a franchise quarterback, pursued and signed Watson despite his complex legal situation.

Owners Dee and Jimmy Haslam knew the Browns would face heavy criticism for the move, but they were comfortable with the decision after conducting their own investigation and meeting privately with Watson.

Now, the team is eager to know how long they might be without Watson. The Browns signed veteran backup Jacoby Brissett, who will move into the starting job if Watson is suspended.

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Orlando still evaluating all options with No. 1 draft pick

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
AP Basketball Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — College basketball season ended almost three months ago, the NBA draft lottery was more than a month ago and the draft itself is later this week.

Seems like the process should be winding down. Orlando Magic President Jeff Weltman sees it differently.

“I tell you, it’s still early in the process,” Weltman said Monday.

Translated: The Magic haven’t decided yet what they’ll do on Thursday night, when the draft rolls around and they have the No. 1 pick. Other teams have called to gauge what the asking price would be if they want to trade for that selection, and the Magic have evaluated all the top candidates.

But Weltman sees no reason to decide anything before it’s absolutely necessary, especially given the opportunity Orlando has by holding this No. 1 pick.

“Dialogue is always ongoing,” Weltman said. “But, most importantly, we get to do what we want. That’s the real benefit of having the No. 1 pick.”

The top candidates for the pick are well-known: Auburn’s Jabari Smith Jr. worked out for Orlando earlier this month, Gonzaga’s Chet Holmgren met with the Magic for multiple days last week and Duke’s Paolo Banchero has been working out with former Magic guard Mike Miller.

Holmgren said he came away convinced that “great people” are leading the Magic.

“They’ve got a vision for what they’re trying to put together in Orlando,” Holmgren said.

Weltman wouldn’t say that those are the only three candidates Orlando would consider at No. 1.

“It’s confirmed that there are a lot of talented players at the top of this draft, that’s for sure,” Weltman said.

This is the fourth time that Orlando will be making the No. 1 pick. The

Magic took Shaquille O’Neal with the top selection in 1992. Chris Webber was the No. 1 pick by Orlando in 1993, and he got traded that same night for Penny Hardaway and a package of future picks that were eventually turned into Vince Carter and, later, Miller. And in 2004, the Magic selected Dwight Howard with the first pick.

The No. 1 pick on Thursday will join a young core in Orlando that already includes 2017 top pick Markelle Fultz, a pair of top-eight picks from the 2021 draft in Franz Wagner and Jalen Suggs, and Cole Anthony — the No. 15 pick in 2020.

Orlando also has the No. 6 picks from the 2017 and 2018 draft, Jonathan Isaac and Mo Bamba. It’s possible that when next season starts Orlando could have as many as six lottery picks, nine top-16 selections and 12 first-rounders on its roster.

This is all part of the challenge for the Magic — who also have the No. 32 and No. 35 picks this year



Jeff Weltman, Orlando Magic NBA basketball team president of basketball operations, answers questions at a news conference, Thursday, April 12, 2018, in Orlando, Fla. Jeff Weltman and the Orlando Magic have the No. 1 pick in Thursday’s NBA draft. AP PHOTO/JOHN RAOUX

— going into Thursday: Finding more youth that fits with the current core, finding ways to be better next season and sustainably better for years to come.

“We do want to get better but not at the expense of rushing back to mediocrity,” Weltman said. “And we do want to have something sustainable. But you have to elevate

the standard to do that. You can’t just stay at the basement level, you know, interminably. So those are conversations that we’re having, which players do that for us.”



Mega’s Nikola Jovic tries to score during the ABA League basketball match between FMP and Mega in Belgrade, Serbia, Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022. Jovic, of Serbia, is one of the top international prospects heading into this year’s NBA draft. AP PHOTO/DARKO VOJINOVIC

Jovic, Dieng highlight international prospects in NBA draft

By **KEN MAGUIRE**
AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — Ousmane Dieng of France moved to Australia for a season to hone his skills. Nikola Jovic stayed home in Serbia.

Both are expected to end up in the NBA, though, since they are among the top international prospects in Thursday night’s draft.

Both are versatile 6-foot-10 wings who only recently turned 19 years old after completing their first professional season.

Dieng played for the New Zealand Breakers in Australia’s National Basketball League as part of its Next Stars program, which has become a hotspot for NBA prospects. Jovic was voted top prospect in the ABA League after his first full season for Belgrade club Mega, which produced reigning NBA MVP Nikola Jokic.

Here’s a look at some of the top international players in the draft:

JOVIC

STRENGTHS: Multi-faceted scorer with court vision and playmaking skills. He averaged 11.7 points, 4.4 rebounds and 3.4 assists this season and shot 36.5% from 3-point range.

Jovic told The Associated Press he had worked out for the Houston Rockets, San Antonio Spurs — as of Monday both teams

had three first-round picks — the Denver Nuggets (the 21st and 30th selections), the Chicago Bulls (No. 18), the Minnesota Timberwolves (No. 19), and the Milwaukee Bucks (the 24th pick). He also had workouts scheduled with the Miami Heat, who have the 27th pick, and the champion Golden State Warriors (No. 28).

“My basketball IQ is really good, shooting-wise I’m really good, also passing. Those are things I can immediately translate to the NBA,” Jovic said.

CONCERNS: Jovic doesn’t possess an explosive first step. Entering the season at 200 pounds, there were also concerns about his strength, but he has bulked up and now weighs 224 pounds.

“I’m working on my whole body. Core stability is really important for me,” said Jovic, who turned 19 this month.

Rafael Barlowe, director of scouting at NBA Big Board, said Jovic projects as “a league-average defender” and said the right fit will be vital: “He could end up in a bad situation like Deni Avdija (Washington Wizards) on team where he doesn’t have the opportunity to handle the ball and he’s stuck in a corner.”

DIENG

The lanky Frenchman recovered from a slow start in Australia to show flashes of why he could be a potential lottery pick.

STRENGTHS: Perimeter skills, playmaking potential, can defend multiple positions. He averaged 8.9 points, 3.2 rebounds and 1.1 assists per game. His 3-point shooting percentage was in the single digits early, but over the final 12 games of the season it was 35%.

“I just needed to find my rhythm and kept working on my game,” he said.

Dieng worked out with “a lot” of teams but declined to name them.

“I can fit in any team because I’m pretty versatile, so I can do whatever the coach wants me to do,” he said. “I’m a pretty hard worker and really versatile with good vision and can do everything on the floor.”

CONCERNS: Shooting consistency and frame. He needs to add bulk. At 215 pounds, he’s about 10 pounds heavier than early in the season, when he sometimes looked lost.

“The gap between third division in France and the NBL is really big. Everything is quicker and everything is more physical,” he said, adding that playing among former NBA players “was really good for me.”

Some other international with no U.S. experience:

— **ISMAEL KAMAGATE:** A 6-11, 230-pound center for Paris Basket. The 21-year-old Frenchman averaged 11.8 points, 6.3 rebounds

and 1.5 blocks per game. He rejected nine shots in a game against Roanne. French league all-star.

— **KHALIFA DIOP:** The latest Senegalese big man, a 7-foot-1, 240-pound center for Gran Canaria in Spain. He averaged 6.1 points, 4.2 rebounds and 0.8 blocks per game.

— **HUGO BESSON:** The 21-year-old shooting guard played with Dieng on the New Zealand Breakers. The 6-4 Frenchman averaged 13.9 points, 3.9 rebounds and 2.5 assists per game. Shot 30.8% from 3-point range.

— **GABRIELE PROCIDA:** An athletic 6-7 Italian who shot 38.3% from behind the arc for Bologna.

LOOKING AHEAD

The 7-foot-3 Victor Wembanyama of France might have been this year’s top pick — possibly last year’s too. The 18-year-old will finally be eligible in 2023.

With his size and skills — ball-handling, shooting, rim protection — Wembanyama is considered a generational talent. He finished with 22 points, eight rebounds and eight blocks against a stacked United States team that included Chet Holmgren in the final of the FIBA Under-19 World Cup last July. He plays for ASVEL, the French team owned by Tony Parker.

“If he maximizes all of his gifts,” Barlowe said, “he could easily be one of the best players in his generation.”

Tokyo closes books on delayed Games; \$13 billion price tag

By **STEPHEN WADE**
AP Sports Writer

TOKYO (AP) — The final price tag for last year’s COVID-delayed Tokyo Olympics was put at \$13 billion (1.4 trillion Japanese yen), the organizing committee said Tuesday in its final act before it is dissolved at the end of the month.

The cost was twice what was forecast in 2013 when Tokyo was awarded the Games. However, the final price tag presented by organizers is lower than the \$15.4 billion they predicted when the Olympics ended just under 11 months ago.

“We made an estimate, and the estimate has gone down lower than we expected,” Tokyo organizing committee CEO Toshiro Muto said, speaking through an interpreter at a news conference. “As a total amount, whether this is huge or not — when it comes to that kind of talk it is not easy to evaluate.”

Accurately tracking Olympic costs — who pays, who benefits, and what are and are not Games’ expenses — is an ever-moving maze. The one-year delay added to the difficulty, as did recent fluctuations in the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the Japanese yen.

When the Olympics opened on July 23, 2021, \$1 bought 110 yen. On Monday, \$1 bought 135 yen, the dollar’s highest level against the yen in about 25 years. Organizers chose to use a rate of \$1 to 109.89 yen to figure the dollar price, which organizers said was the average exchange rate for 2021.

Victor Matheson, a sports economist at the College of the Holy Cross, who has written extensively on the Olympics, suggested by email to AP that most of “the expenses and revenues are in yen, so the exchange rate changing the dollar amounts doesn’t affect how the event ‘feels’ to the organizers.”

Matheson and fellow American Robert Baade researched Olympic costs and benefits in a study called “Going for Gold: The Economics of the Olympics.” They wrote that “the overwhelming conclusion is that in most cases the Olympics are a money-losing proposition for host cities; they result in positive net benefits only under very specific and

unusual circumstances.” Muto said there were savings because of the absence of fans, which cut down on security costs and venue maintenance costs. He talked vaguely about “squeezing” costs and “simplifying” operations to reach the reductions.

However, organizers lost at least \$800 million in income from ticket sales because fans were banned due to COVID. Muto called “baseless” reports before and after the postponement that costs might hit \$25 billion.

There is one undeniable fact: Japanese government entities, primarily the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, covered about 55% of the total expenses. This amounted to about \$7.1 billion in Japanese taxpayer money.

The privately funded organizing committee budget covered about \$5.9 billion. The International Olympic Committee contributed \$1.3 billion to this budget, with the largest contribution of \$3.4 billion coming from local sponsors. Organizers also listed \$500 million in income from an unspecified “insurance payout.”

A University of Oxford study in 2020 said Tokyo was the most expensive Olympics on record.

In the several years prior to the Olympics, government audits found official costs might have been much more than stated.

It’s impossible to assess the long-term impact of the Tokyo Olympics, particularly in a sprawling city like the Japanese capital where change is constant. The pandemic erased any short-term tourism bounce. Local sponsors, who paid \$3.4 billion to be linked to the Olympics, didn’t seem very happy according to local reports.

Dentsu Inc., the giant Japanese advertising and public relations company, may have benefited. It directed marketing for Tokyo 2020, received commissions for lining up sponsors, and has been linked to an IOC vote-buying scandal that was tied to Tokyo getting the Games.

The scandal forced the resignation of Tsunekazu Takeda in 2019, an IOC member who also headed the Japanese Olympic Committee. He denied any wrongdoing.

Koepka the latest to join Saudi-backed LIV series

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

CROMWELL, Conn. (AP) — Brooks Koepka, one of the first players to denounce a rival league for only 48 players, is the latest PGA Tour player to sign on with Saudi-funded LIV Golf series, The Associated Press has learned.

A person briefed on Koepka's decision told the AP he still would be able to compete on the PGA Tour until he hits a shot on the LIV Golf circuit. The person spoke on condition of anonymity without authorization to speak on behalf of the tour.

The Daily Telegraph in the UK first reported Koepka's decision.

It was another step — and a big name with his four major championships — that added to the roster of the LIV Golf series that invariably will lead to no space for some of the lesser-known players in the inaugural event outside London two weeks ago.

Koepka remained in the field for the Travelers Championship, though he was not at a player meeting Tuesday morning at the TPC River Highlands. The next LIV Golf event starts June 30 outside Portland, Oregon.



Abraham Ancer, of Mexico, hits from the first fairway during the final round of the Memorial golf tournament Sunday, June 5, 2022, in Dublin, Ohio. AP PHOTO/DARRON CUM-MINGS

Koepka was the second player, behind Rory McIlroy, to speak out against a rival league in March 2020 when he told the AP, "I have a hard time believing golf should be about just 48 players."

"Money isn't going to change my life," Koepka said at the time.

The proposed rival league was different from LIV Golf, presented as the "Premier Golf League" though still relying on Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund. Greg Nor-

man and LIV Golf took the idea of 48-man fields, no cuts with a team component.

LIV Golf has not announced Koepka's signing amid speculation that a few others were soon to join. One was Abraham Ancer of Mexico, the No. 20 in the world who won a World Golf Championship last year in a playoff, along with the Australian Open in 2018.

Ancer said his decision was not taken lightly and that joining LIV would al-

low him to give back to the game by helping it grow in Mexico. "I never could have imagined being in this position today," he said on Twitter.

The development came as the PGA Tour held a player meeting at the Travelers Championship, during which Commissioner Jay Monahan spoke of the tour's position and plans to reshape the season and its tournaments.

According to two players in the meeting, the PGA Tour plans to return

to a calendar season that would start in January and the FedEx Cup playoffs would be eligible for only for the top 70 players. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the meeting was for players.

Currently, the top 125 make the postseason, with the top 70 advancing to the second playoff event and the top 30 to the Tour Championship. The new plan is for the top 70 at the start, then top 50 and top 30.

The fall would be used for players beyond 70th to secure cards for the following year, although research showed most inside the top 100 would be safe. The tour was still looking at three fall events for limited fields, part of eight tournaments during the year that would offer \$20 million in prize money.

LIV Golf was expected to announce as many as four new players this week. There was endless speculation during the U.S. Open involving more than a dozen names, some of whom have expressed no interest in going.

That led two-time major champion Collin Morikawa to post on Twitter, "To state for the record, once again, you all are absolutely wrong. I've said it

since February at Riviera that I'm here to stay on the PGA Tour and nothing has changed."

Koepka's younger brother, Chase, who is No. 1,607 in the world ranking, played in the inaugural LIV event outside London.

Brooks Koepka chastised the media at The Country Club last week for questions about the Saudi-funded league.

"I'm here at the U.S. Open. I'm ready to play U.S. Open, and I think it kind of sucks, too, you are all throwing this black cloud over the U.S. Open," he said. "I don't know why you guys keep doing that. The more legs you give it, the more you keep talking about it."

Koepka won back-to-back in the U.S. Open (2017-18) and PGA Championship (2018-19), though his game has been in decline since then because of a series of injuries.

His last victory was the Phoenix Open in February 2021 and he has fallen to No. 19 in the world. In the majors this year, he missed the cut at the Masters and has finished out of the top 50 in the PGA Championship and U.S. Open.

Faldo to retire as lead CBS analyst, replaced by Immelman

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

CROMWELL, Conn. (AP) — Nick Faldo is leaving 16 years as the lead golf analyst for CBS Sports. In his place will be another former Masters champion.

No, not Phil Mickelson. CBS announced Tuesday that Trevor Immelman of South Africa, who won the 2008 Masters and will be the International team Presidents Cup captain this year, will step in for Faldo starting next year.

Faldo, the three-time Masters and British Open champion, came over to CBS in 2007 as the lead announcer after having previously worked at ABC. His last broadcast on CBS will be the final round of the Wyndham Championship on Aug. 7.

"Nick brought the same passion and dedication that propelled him to the world's number one golfer to our broadcasts," CBS Sports chairman Sean

McManus said. "He combined his profound knowledge of golf with his wit and charm, enlightening viewers and elevating our coverage."

Mickelson, meanwhile, made a guest appearance for CBS after the third round of the PGA Championship at Harding Park in 2020 and received overwhelming reviews, prompting speculation that he might be carving a path for a career after golf. And then he won the PGA Championship a year later at age 50, only to lose corporate sponsors for his comments and involvement in the Saudi-backed LIV Golf series.

Immelman is only the fourth lead golf analyst for CBS in the last 50 years, following Faldo, Lanny Wadkins and the late Ken Venturi, who spent 35 years with the network.

TUNING IN

NBC Sports says the final round of the U.S. Open had a total audience delivery of 5.41 million, the most-watched final round

for a U.S. Open in the Eastern time zone since Justin Rose held off Phil Mickelson to win at Merion in 2013.

This year's edition also came down to the wire between Matt Fitzpatrick, Will Zalatoris and Masters champion Scottie Scheffler, with Fitzpatrick winning by one shot. Viewership peaked at 9.2 million when the last group was playing the 18th hole.

NBC says viewership was 65% more from Winged Foot in 2020, which Bryson DeChambeau won in September during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MONEY MATTERS

Few records on the PGA Tour are more vulnerable when they involve money, from the spike in prize money and inflation.

The latest to fall was Jordan Spieth's record from 2015 when he won five times in 25 starts and made \$12,030,465 in official money. That included a sterling mark in the majors with two wins, a run-

ner-up and a tie for fourth.

Scottie Scheffler broke that record Sunday when he tied for second in the U.S. Open and earned \$1,557,687. It was his second runner-up finish in his last three tournaments, this after running off four wins that included the Masters and a World Golf Championship. He now has \$12,896,849 in 18 starts. And he still has two months left in the season, including a major and two lucrative FedEx Cup playoffs events.

Will Zalatoris set a money record, too, when he tied for second at Brookline. He now has \$6,441,437, the most of any player for a single season without having won. That breaks the mark set last year by Louis Oosthuizen (\$6,306,679) who, like Zalatoris, was runner-up in consecutive majors.

Zalatoris, of course, will get more chances over the next two months.

SHORT STUFF

The USGA moved to a forward tee and a front pin

on the par-3 11th for the final round at The Country Club, making it play 108 yards. That's the official number, but adjusted for elevation, USGA officials said it played 98 yards.

That would appear to be keeping with a short-term trend, no pun intended.

Next year at Los Angeles Country Club will make it three times in the last four years the U.S. Open had a hole that played under 100 yards. The famous seventh at Pebble Beach is under 100 yards to a front pin (and terrifying with the Pacific wind). The 15th hole on the South course at LACC played at just 78 yards in one of the Walker Cup matches in 2017 and is likely to be play around 90 yards for the U.S. Open.

ENGLISH STREAK

Harris English is still trying to rebuild strength and form after only recently returning from hip surgery that kept him out nearly five months. So it was a big deal to make the cut in the U.S. Open with a 69 on Friday.

English had heard he had the longest active streak of cuts made in the majors (now at 15), but that wasn't the source of his motivation.

"I've never missed the cut in a USGA event and I was thinking about it," he said.

English is now 7 for 7 in playing the weekend at the U.S. Open, dating to his first one at Pinehurst No. 2 in 2014. But it goes deeper than that. He says he has made it through to match play in his other USGA events — once in the U.S. Junior (2006), twice in the U.S. Amateur Public Links (2010 and 2011) and three times in the U.S. Amateur (2007, 2010 and 2011).

His best result was reaching the semifinals in 2011 at the U.S. Public Links, and his best as a pro was his third-place finish in the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines. His weekend at Brookline didn't go so well. English closed with 78-77. But at least he was still playing.

Women's PGA Championship doubles prize money to \$9 million

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

The KPMG Women's PGA Championship is doubling the size of its purse to \$9 million, another boost to the women's game that brings prize money for the five majors to nearly triple the amount from a decade ago.

The increase in prize money for the LPGA Tour's second-oldest major is a 300 percent increase from 2014, the year before KPMG and the PGA of America partnered with the LPGA Tour to raise the prize money and the profile by taking it to fabled courses.

The Women's PGA Champion starts Thursday at Congressional Country Club, which has hosted the U.S. Open three times. The winner will get \$1.35 million.

The USGA signed up a presenting sponsor (Pro-Medica) in nearly doubling the purse of what already was the largest of

the LPGA majors, \$10 million that paid \$1.8 million to Minjee Lee when she won at Pine Needles.

The Amundia Evian Championship in France already announced a \$2 million increase to \$6.8 million, while the AIG Women's British Open has seen steady increases with a new title sponsor and now is up to \$6.8 million. The Chevron Championship had a \$5 million purse, nearly \$2 million more than the previous year.

That brings prize money for the five majors to \$37.3 million. In 2012, the same five tournaments had combined prize money of \$13.75 million.

All but the U.S. Women's Open have corporate sponsors as part of the title.

"We are accelerating the advancement, development and empowerment of women both on and off the golf course," said Paul Knopp, the U.S. chairman and CEO of KPMG. "The

significantly increased purse size — along with top courses in major markets, network TV coverage, and advanced data and analytics capabilities provided via KPMG Performance Insights — are tangible examples of our commitment to elevate the world-class athletes on the LPGA Tour."

The KPMG Performance Insights was launched last year to give the women a trove of statistics to help advance their games.

LPGA Tour Commissioner Mollie Marcoux Samaan delivered the news to her players in an email Tuesday morning, and it got plenty of attention.

"You heard a murmur kind of going around the clubhouse. 'Hey, did you see that email, 9 mil.' And everybody is super, super excited," Mariah Stackhouse said. "It's awesome being a KPMG Ambassador to see us joining that push for increasing and elevating women's golf, and it's been done with this

championship in terms of the competition ever since KPMG has taken over. So to see the purse rise too, it's just really cementing this as ... one of the premier, if not the premier major in women's golf."

Since KPMG became a sponsor, the Women's PGA has gone to Hazeltine and Olympia Fields, Aronimink and Sahalee, all courses that have hosted men's majors. Nelly Korda is the defending champion, winning last year at Atlanta Athletic Club to reach No. 1 for the first time.

The field features 99 of the top 100 players on the LPGA Tour's money list.

"This is a very big day for the LPGA, for women's golf and for women's sports," Marcoux Samaan said. "And we look forward to working with KPMG and the PGA of America to continue to use our platform to empower young women and inspire positive change in the world."



Minjee Lee, of Australia, kisses the Harton S. Semple Trophy after Lee won the final round of the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament at the Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club in Southern Pines, N.C., on Sunday, June 5, 2022. Minjee Lee, of Australia, won the match. AP PHOTO/STEVE HELBER

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Jaw-dropping features can sell a home in a heartbeat. A penthouse apartment with floor-to-ceiling windows and a panoramic view of a city skyline likely won't prove a hard sell, nor will a home with an infinity pool overlooking a landscape of rolling hills. As awe-inspiring as such features can

be, some more subtle components, such as authentic hardwood floors, also can do much to make a home more appealing to prospective buyers.

Hardwood flooring is a sought-after commodity. Data from the National Association of Realtors indicates that 54 percent of home buyers are willing to pay more for hardwood floors. In fact, NAR figures indicate that 28 percent of buyers between the ages of 35 and 54 consider hardwood floors "very important" when looking for a home. Homeowners who are considering selling their homes, or those who simply want to upgrade their existing flooring, may want to consider installing hardwood flooring. Though it's a project best left to professionals, hardwood flooring can be installed by skilled DIYers. In such instances, homeowners may want to keep these dos and don'ts in mind.

challenges, but no two homes are the same. So unless they have prior experience installing floors in multiple rooms or homes, homeowners may save themselves time, trouble and a significant amount of money hiring a professional to do the job.

DON'T Ignore The Subfloor.

New hardwoods won't erase the problem of subfloors in poor condition. According to the home renovation experts at BobVila.com, squeaky floors could be an indication that the subfloor has begun to warp or twist. Sinking floors are another indicator of deteriorating subfloors. Subfloors should be somewhat level before new hardwoods are installed, so DIYers should inspect and address subfloor issues before installing new flooring.

DO Expose Wood Flooring To The Elements In Your Home Prior To Installation.

The home improvement resource BuildDirect recommends acclimating hardwoods to the space where they will be installed. Skipping this important step could result in gaps during the winter and cupping over the summer. To acclimate

hardwoods, open the boxes and spread them out for about a week while running the air conditioner or heater at normal levels. When storing hardwoods prior to installation, avoid keeping them in potentially moist areas like a basement.

DON'T Skimp On Tools.

A DIY hardwood flooring installation might be less expensive than hiring a professional, but homeowners should resist any temptation to increase those savings further by purchasing less costly tools or fewer tools than is necessary to complete the job. Build Direct notes that DIYers will need at least a miter saw, table saw, cleat-nailer or stapler, finish nailer, compressor, jamb saw, chalk line, nail set, and tape measure when installing hardwood floors. Purchase all necessary tools and read product reviews to ensure each tool is up to the task.

Wood floors can be awe-inspiring. Some homeowners can install such flooring on their own, and the project can be much easier if they learn as much about installation as possible prior to beginning the project.

DO Hire A Professional If You Have Limited Or No DIY Flooring Experience.

Hardwood flooring installation is not generally a project for novice DIYers. Hardwood flooring projects may present some common

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Gardening enthusiasts recognize that fall is not a time to rest on their laurels. In fact, fall is a great season to spend time in the yard. The Center for Agriculture, Food and the Environment at the University of Massachusetts Amherst indicates fall is the ideal time to improve the soil for next season. Amending the soil in the fall allows it to react accordingly over time and reap the benefits in spring. UMass suggests getting an

accurate soil test to see what is needed in the garden. Samples should be taken from various areas. Avoid doing so when the soil is very wet. At-home kits can test for nitrogen, potassium and phosphorous and determine the soil's pH. Gardeners should till the soil and add compost or manure, which will counteract many nutritional deficiencies. Worm castings also are good to add, particularly for summer vegetable gardens. The

gardening company Park Seed says that worm castings are high in minerals and effective at holding water - so much so that they even can be used alone in place of potting soil. Crushed egg shells, coffee grounds and banana peels also can be added in the fall, even if they are not part of a compost pile. The nutrients will break down throughout the fall and winter, and be available just in time for summer plantings.



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Building An Environment With The Burkes

By Antjea Wolff

Morning Sun Staff

PITTSBURG, Kan. — In 2016, Jamie and Austin Burke decided they wanted to start the adventure of having a greenhouse where Jamie could grow flowers.

“I really liked growing flowers, and found out I was really good at it,” she said.

The couple decided they wanted to just start out with a small greenhouse, until one of Jamie’s friends offered to sell her 1,000 square foot greenhouse to them. After the purchase Jamie attended Fort Scott Community College where she got a farm and ranch management degree, and opened the greenhouse the spring she graduated.

When they decided to expand and grow vegetables, they started with the basics like cucumbers, tomatoes, and some peppers. Jamie said she decided she wanted to do something different.

“I started trying to find the variety that tastes the best because if we were going to grow it, I wanted it to taste better and be different than what everybody else grows,” she said. Now, the Burkes have a lot full of 20 to 30 different kinds of tomatoes, a wide selection of peppers including Carolina Reapers, ghost peppers, and chocolate Bhutlahs, rainbow corn, garlic, watermelons, strawberries, blackberries, and pumpkins. They even grow cucamelons, which are fruits that look like watermelons that are the size of a grape, but taste like cucumbers.

“I like being outside every day,” Jamie said. “It’s just good to be outside to begin with, and I like eating all the stuff we grow.” The Burkes said they have people drive from Fort Scott, Arma, Pittsburg, Frontenac, McCune, Chanute, and Humboldt to get their produce,

and at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, they had people from Kansas City order when they had an online ordering system set up.

Jamie said it was when she started planting rows of flowers in the vegetable garden that she saw a huge increase in production because the flowers attracted the bees and other pollinators.

After planting milkweed and other flowers that attract butterflies, the Burkes’ garden became a Certified Monarch Waystation, Certified Monarch Garden, and Certified Butterfly Garden through the University of Kansas. Jamie said milkweed is the only plant that can host more monarch butterflies. In July, the milkweed and flowers in their garden are covered in butterflies, Jamie said. She said her favorite is the zebra swallowtail.

The Burkes tend their garden as their full-time jobs,

and Jamie said that it is extremely rewarding to her. “I know that I’m making a difference in the environment and I know I’m improving things,” Jamie said.

“We’re not growing a garden,” Austin said. “We’re growing an ecosystem.”

The Burkes do not use pesticides in their garden, and use companion planting methods to ward off harmful bugs.

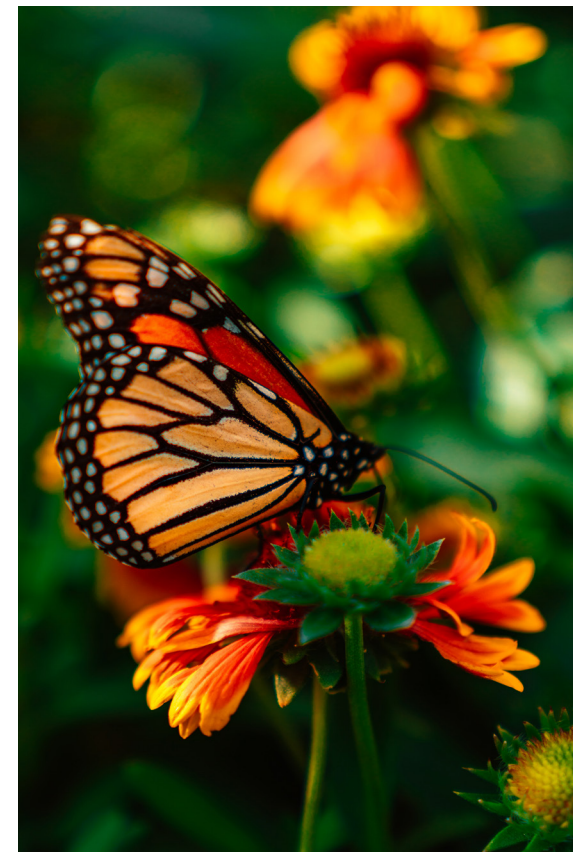
They plant marigolds to help enrich the soil and to trap nematodes which can be harmful to plants’ roots. They said zinnias are the number one flower to attract pollinators, and they also attract parasitic wasps which eat aphids. The couple also puts amaranth plants at the end of the rows of tomatoes and the bugs flock to that plant and destroy it instead of the tomatoes.

“I know the food that I’m growing for myself and my kids and my neighbors is healthy and organic

and ripe,” Jamie said. “No transport time and no factories involved.” The Burkes also plant lemon balm and basil, which attract lady bugs. They said they end up with thousands of ladybugs coming off of the lemon balm plants. Jamie said she read that the more aromatic the plant is, the more it attracts good, beneficial insects.

“We do things outside of the box here,” Austin said. “We do what tastes good and what

is good for the environment.” The Burkes sell their produce and flowers at their garden 204 N. Broadway St. in Walnut from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays, and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sundays. The couple said they grow their flowers and produce because they love it and take pride in it. “I want to make it a profit, but I’m not in it to make the most money,” Jamie said. “I want it to be good and taste good. I don’t sell it if it’s not quality.”



What To Know About Floor-To-Ceiling Windows

Modern homes showcase many dazzling features, but perhaps none draw as much instant attention as floor-to-ceiling windows. Often seen in high-rise apartments that boast panoramic city views, floor-to-ceiling windows also are right at home in single-family dwellings.

Homeowners considering floor-to-ceiling windows may have lots of questions. The following rundown can provide some basic information that can help homeowners decide if floor-to-ceiling windows are right for their homes.

Cost

Cost is often the primary consideration when mulling a home renovation, and that's even more significant as the world confronts the rising costs associated with inflation. The cost of installing floor-to-ceiling windows depends on a host of variables, including how many windows will be needed and where homeowners

live. According to Modernize®, a service that facilitates connections between renovation-minded homeowners and local contractors, a floor-to-ceiling window wall costs somewhere between \$700 to \$1,600 per linear foot. Framing and glazing will add to those costs. Homeowners considering floor-to-ceiling windows are urged to receive several estimates for the project prior to choosing a contractor.

Lighting And Energy Efficiency


One of the more appealing aspects of floor-to-ceiling windows is all the natural light they allow in. Of course, all that light also can drive up energy costs on sunny summer days. One way around that is to install energy efficient windows. Such windows include extra insulation to prevent cool air from escaping the home on summer days, which can reduce the need to lower the thermostat on your air conditioning.

A wall of glass also can provide less insulation against the cold. The extra insulation in energy efficient windows also helps keep warm air from escaping a home in the winter. Energy efficient windows may cost more than less efficient alternatives. However, over the long haul, a wall of less efficient floor-to-ceiling windows will likely cost more due to excess energy consumption.

Privacy And Fading

It's easy to be overwhelmed by the view floor-to-ceiling windows provide, especially in homes surrounded by serene natural settings like woods or properties that abut waterways. But that view outward also provides a view in, potentially compromising privacy. All that extra exposure to sunlight also can cause fabrics to fade over time. Floor-to-ceiling blinds and shades can protect homeowners' privacy and reduce fading on furniture, but this extra feature

will add to the final cost of the project. Smart window tinting is another way to improve privacy and reduce fading, but this feature also will drive up the cost. Floor-to-ceiling windows can be awe-inspiring. Homeowners considering such windows for their homes are urged to do their homework to ensure their homes are well-suited to this unique feature.

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Revitalize Your Landscape On A Budget



Many homeowners think they have to spend tons of green to get green in their landscape, but that isn't necessarily so. Homeowners can improve their landscapes without digging themselves into financial holes.

These strategies can help anyone save some cash and still end up with attractive gardens and more.

Use Stones Or Gravel For A Walkway.

If commercially installed pavers or

cement walkways are not within your budget, there are some affordable alternatives. Flagstone or individually purchased and spaced pavers and pea gravel can be used to create pathways. Some construction sites

even offer free stones when asked. Soften the look with moss or other plants on the perimeter.

Look For Free Mulch.

Municipal recycling centers may offer residents access to free mulch made from grinding up leaves, branches and other plant debris collected throughout the town. Simply bring a few containers to the recycling center and spread the mulch for an ornamental look or to insulate landscapes over winter and protect against weeds.

Remove Some Lawn.

Lawns can require hours of upkeep that may involve the application of expensive fertilizers and weed-killing products that are not always so eco-friendly. Reduce the size of a lawn by putting

in a mixed planting bed of perennials or ornamental grasses, or use landscape fabric and mulch.

Invest In Plants That Are Easy To Propagate.

Perennials are the gardener's friend when it comes to saving money. These plants sprout a new each year, and many, such as sedum, catmint, ferns, hostas, and black-eyed Susans, can propagate by division. Figure out the best times of year to divide the plants and start growing them in individual containers before planting the sturdy new shoots in the ground. A single variety of plants grouped together in mass plantings is affordable and easy.

Repurpose Old Items Into Planters.

Old wheelbarrows, barrels, watering cans, and other items can be repurposed into container gardening vessels. Figure out if items marked for the garbage bin can be incorporated into

Shop End-Of-Season Sales.

Garden centers may begin to make room for holiday items come the fall. Take advantage of reduced costs on remaining

plants and landscape accessories during this time of year. Plants can be covered or allowed to thrive indoors until they can be planted in the spring.

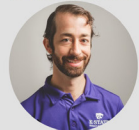
Pool Your Resources.

Homeowners planning on a big landscaping or revitalization project may want to speak with neighbors to see if they're interested in doing the same. Contractors guaranteed business from a few homes in the same neighborhood may be willing to negotiate lower prices for the volume of work on things like driveway repaving, deck or fence building, or installation of paver patios. Some handy ideas can help homeowners transform landscapes without spending too much.

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How To Approach A Basement Remodel

A fully finished and functional basement is a dream for many homeowners. Such a space, when completed, can serve as an entertainment space, a man cave, an artist's studio, or any number of additional functions.

Despite their usefulness, finished basements are something of a rarity. In an analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau's Survey of Construction, the National Association of Home Builders® found that only around 24 percent of single-family homes built in 2018 have basements. Homeowners who do not currently have a finished basement but are considering such a project can approach the remodel with a few key factors in mind. Careful consideration of these factors can ensure the project is budget-friendly and worthy of homeowners' investments.

Investment Value: Conventional

wisdom among home renovation and real estate experts suggests that a basement remodel is best if done to satisfy current inhabitants and not necessarily to appeal to prospective buyers once the home is put up for sale. Remodeling magazine reports that a midrange basement remodel costing around \$70,000 will provide a return of around \$49,000 (or 70 percent) at resale. Though that's not a poor return on investment, homeowners who are remodeling a basement solely for the potential ROI at resale can find other projects that provide a greater return.

Foundation: The foundation of the home must garner ample consideration before beginning a basement remodel. Certain foundation issues, such as soft concrete, cracked or curved outside walls and cracks in the flooring, are indicative of

significant issues with the foundation. These issues can be costly to address, and they must be remedied before the basement remodel can begin.

Existing Space: Some homeowners may have bought their homes with partially finished basements or even finished areas that they simply want to remodel. In such instances, a pre-remodel inspection from a licensed home inspector can save homeowners lots of money and heartache over the long haul. Partially finished or even aging finished basements might not have been renovated in adherence to codes, which could lead to costly violations down the road. An inspection in advance of a remodel can give homeowners an idea of what they will need to do to bring the basement up to code. Local officials also can provide a list of necessary permits and a detailed description

of requirements to ensure the remodeled basement adheres to code.

Soil:

Soil surrounding the home should be tested prior to beginning the project. Radon is an odorless gas found in soil that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notes can increase individuals' risk for lung cancer. Radon can seep into basements and increase that risk even further if it is present at elevated levels in the soil surrounding a home. Radon tests are simple and inexpensive, and no basement remodel project should begin without first conducting such a test.

Finished basements are valuable spaces. Homeowners who want to finish or remodel their basements should consider a host of factors before beginning the renovation.



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Summer Cookout Guide



With Father's Day coming up. Get on the grill with these recipes!

Grilled Beef Flanken

Ribs

Serves 6

Ingredients

- 4 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 small yellow onion diced
- 2 Tbsp minced garlic
- 4 jalapenos sliced
- 2 Tbsp kosher salt
- 2 Tbsp ancho chile powder
- 2 Tbsp ground cumin
- 4 limes zest and juice
- 1 cup chopped cilantro
- 24 oz. Mexican lager
- 3 lbs Meat Shed flanken-style beef short rib

Directions

1. Using a medium skillet, add olive oil and place over medium heat. Once hot, add onions, garlic, jalapenos and salt; stir until well combined. Cook 3-5 minutes, stirring occasionally, or until onions are translucent.
2. Add chile powder and cumin; stir until well combined. Continue cooking, stirring occasionally, for 1-2 more minutes.
3. Remove from heat and stir in lime zest and lime juice.
4. Transfer mixture into mixing bowl and add cilantro and beer; stir until well combined.
5. Refrigerate mixture for at least 30 minutes, or until cold.
6. Place flanken-style short ribs in a large zip-top bag. Add cold marinade and turn several times so short ribs are well coated. Refrigerate for 3-12 hours, depending on how strong you like your marinade flavors.
7. Preheat grill to high heat.
8. Remove short ribs from marinade; discard any excess marinade. Pat short ribs dry with paper towels.
9. Grill over high heat for 2-3 minutes per side.
10. Transfer grilled short ribs to a plate and cover lightly with foil. Let rest for 5 minutes before serving.



Easy Mexican Street Corn Salad

Serves 10

Ingredients

- Corn Fresh, Canned, or Frozen
- Mayonnaise
- Limes
- Cotija Cheese
- Onion
- Jalapeño
- If you want to alleviate the heat you can always leave it out
- Cilantro
- Green Onions

Directions

- Heat a medium-sized skillet over medium heat. Then add oil, butter, corn kernels, and salt. Stir to combine. Cook for 10 minutes. Stir the corn every 2 minutes to prevent the corn from burning.
- Whisk together garlic, lime juice, and mayo in a small bowl. You can do this while the corn is cooking or beforehand.
- Remove corn from heat once it is tender and let sit for 5 minutes. If the corn is too hot when the mayo mixture is added it can cause the sauce to separate.
- Mix in the mayo mixture. Then add in the red onion, Cotija cheese, jalapeño, and cilantro.
- Toss to combine. Then serve immediately with additional Cotija cheese and green onions.



What The Nutrients Found In Many Fruits And Vegetables Do For Your Body

A nutritious diet can serve as a strong foundation for a long, healthy life. Fruits and vegetables are the building blocks of nutritious diets, as they're loaded with nutrients that serve the body in myriad ways.

Calcium:

Dark, leafy vegetables like kale, spinach, broccoli, and bok choy contain calcium. Calcium also is found in fruits, including papaya and orange. According to the National Institutes of Health, the body utilizes calcium to build and maintain strong bones. In fact, the NIH notes that almost all calcium in the body is stored in the bones and teeth, where this vital mineral provides structure and hardness. Calcium also helps nerves carry messages from the brain to every part of the body.

Dietary fiber:

Dietary fiber is found in various fruits and vegetables. The Cleveland Clinic notes that berries like raspberries and blackberries contain significant amounts of dietary fiber. Pears, artichoke hearts and Brussels sprouts are packed with fiber as well. A high-fiber diet helps stabilize bowel movements and

maintain bowel health, and WebMD notes that studies have found a link between high-fiber diets and a lower risk for colorectal cancer. Studies also have linked fiber-rich foods with heart-friendly outcomes like reduced inflammation and lower cholesterol.

Magnesium:

The Mayo Clinic reports that magnesium supports muscle and nerve function and energy production. Individuals with chronically low levels of magnesium could be at increased risk for high blood pressure, heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and osteoporosis. The NIH notes that magnesium is widely distributed in plants. That means it can be found in a wide variety of fruits and vegetables, including spinach, edamame, black beans, bananas, and broccoli. Magnesium levels vary significantly in these foods, so anyone concerned about magnesium deficiency can speak with their physicians about the best and healthiest ways to include more in their diets.

Vitamin A:

According to the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, vitamin A stimulates the production and

activity of white blood cells, helps maintain healthy cells that line the body's interior surfaces and regulates cell growth and division necessary for reproduction. Green, leafy vegetables are good sources of vitamin A, as are orange and yellow vegetables like carrots and squash. Vitamin A also can be found in cantaloupe, apricots and mangos.

Potassium:

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans established by the United States Department of Agriculture list beet greens, lima beans, swiss chard, baked potatoes (with skin), and yams as great sources of potassium. Kiwi, melon, cantaloupe, and bananas are additional sources of potassium. The T.H. Chan School of Public Health reports that the main role of potassium in the body is to help maintain normal levels of fluid inside the cells. Potassium also supports a normal blood pressure.

The nutrients found in various fruits and vegetables go a long way toward building stronger, healthier bodies.