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Constitution Week



From left, Mary Gilpin and Janie Fletcher of the Oceanus Hopkins Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution receive a proclamation Tuesday from Pittsburg Mayor Cheryl Brooks declaring Sept. 17 through Sept. 23, 2022, as Constitution Week in Pittsburg. Sept. 17 marks the 235th anniversary of the drafting of the U.S. Constitution at the Constitutional Convention in 1787. DUSTIN R. STRONG / THE MORNING SUN

Same goals, different place

Former city employee still growing Pittsburg

By Antjea Wolff
Morning Sun Staff

PITTSBURG, Kan. — Although former Director of Housing and Community Development for the City of Pittsburg Quentin Holmes has begun his new position as president of Equity Bank’s Pittsburg market, he will still be continuing to help the growth of Pittsburg, only with a different approach. Holmes was originally from Kansas City and said he came to Pittsburg about 20 years ago to attend Pittsburg State University and obtain a bachelor’s degree in manufacturing engineering technology. “I fell in love with Pittsburg,” he said. After working as Director of Development for the College of Technology at Pitt State for a few years, it was when Holmes was working as a service manager for a company called KMT Waterjet in Baxter



PSU alum Quentin Holmes recently transitioned from Director of Housing and Community Development for the City of Pittsburg to Pittsburg Market President for Equity Bank. ANTJEA WOLFF / THE MORNING SUN

Springs that he heard the city was looking into creating more housing in Pittsburg. Holmes said he had a good friend who was a residential developer in Northwest Arkansas, so he contacted City Manager Daron Hall and facilitated a meeting between his friend and Hall. Holmes attended the first several meetings between

Hall and his friend. Soon after the initial meetings, Holmes received a call from Hall saying the director of housing for the City of Pittsburg was leaving, and he was wondering if Holmes had any interest in the position. Holmes told Hall he did have a lot of interest in it.

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Weir to hold 87th annual Homecoming this weekend

By Antjea Wolff
Morning Sun Staff

WEIR, Kan. — The Weir Civic Club is once again inviting the public to attend its annual Homecoming celebration on Friday, Sept. 16 and Saturday, Sept. 17. The festivities will begin at 4:15 p.m. Friday with a homemade pie contest at the Weir Civic Center. Homecoming organizer Milt Alexander, who has participated for the last 14 years, said that for the past three or four years the Home Economics class of Southeast High School has competed in the pie baking contest, and Alexander said they are very talented students. After the winners of the pie contest are announced, the pies will be available for purchase during the free chili and bean feed which will take place at 5 p.m. at the Weir City Park. Alexander said attendees



Area residents and their animals march in the 2019 Weir Homecoming parade. FILE PHOTO should get there on time, because it is first-come, first-served and the chili normally runs out within the hour. At 6:30 p.m., the Weir Homecoming Royalty Coronation will commence at the Main Street Bandstand. Candidates are Greenlee Webster and Hunter Ruddick with Henley Zimmerman as the crown bearer. A pet contest will follow the coronation at 7 p.m. on Main Street, and the festivities for Friday will

conclude with a Cake Walk at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, the Homecoming events will begin bright and early with registration for the 3K Poker Walk at 7 a.m. with the Walk beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Weir Civic Center. Free breakfast will be available for the participants. The registration fee for the 3K Walk is \$15, and walkers receive a t-shirt. The line-up for the annual parade will start at 10 a.m., and the parade will begin at 11 a.m. with Stephen Saparito as the Grand Marshall and Mark Alexander as the parade announcer. From noon to 1 p.m. lunch will be available for purchase at various organizations such as Scammon Express, which will be set up as a food truck style vendor, and Weir Senior Citizens, who will have a chicken noodle dinner available, among others.

At 1 p.m., a free drawing for a television will take place at Main Street, and then at 1:15 other raffle prize drawings will be held. At 2 p.m. on Main Street a turtle race will occur for the children. Organizers ask that no snapping turtles be involved. Other races and games, such as an egg toss, will happen at 2:15 at the same location. The weekend of Homecoming events will conclude with live music by Zach Grimes and a street dance from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Main Street. Alexander said he personally looks forward to Homecoming every year because his family from all over the country comes back to help out with the Weir Homecoming events. For more information or to purchase raffle tickets, visit facebook.com/Weir-Civic-Center-155613304479544.

USD 250 talks strategic planning

By Dustin R. Strong
Morning Sun Staff

PITTSBURG, Kan. — With the 2022-23 school year underway, USD 250 Superintendent Richard Proffitt said it was time to discuss the need for a long-term strategic plan for the district at Monday night’s school board meeting. Board members mulled over what needs to be included in such a plan, and who should be involved in the planning. Proffitt said he envisioned this in two parts. The first part is Board of Education goals. This defines specific, short-term goals based on board knowledge, current data, and anticipated future needs, that can be accomplished in as little as

three years. These goals are in support of overall long-term strategic planning. The second part is the actual planning process that should envision the future of education and what it will look like. Proffitt said this process should include not only the Board of Education, but also teachers, students, parents, and the community as a whole. There was some concern about how big of a role to allow the general public to play in the process. Since the members of the board are closer to the issues and have more direct knowledge, some members said they felt the Board of Education should be the driving force behind planning,

allowing the general public a final check. Others felt the public should be involved in the planning process from the start. Any strategic plan will be subjected to a regular review to reformulate what may happen next in education. “We know that education in the future is going to be different, and we are going to have to start pointing resources there,” Proffitt said. “We’ve already seen it transform over the last couple of years.” No specific details of a strategic plan were talked about. The Board of Education is working out how to develop a strategic plan for the future of Pittsburg schools.

Three teens among five killed in recent Missouri Hwy 43 crashes

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NEVADA, Mo. — Three people including two teenagers died and two others were injured in a crash about five miles west of Nevada, Missouri, early Monday morning, according to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. That crash followed another over the weekend on the same highway that claimed the life of another teen, as well as an adult, and seriously injured two others. 19-year-old Tylar A. Green of Nevada was driving northbound on Highway MO 43 in a 2013 Ford F-150 at 12:12 a.m. Monday when he failed to stop for a stop sign and struck a 2014 Peterbilt truck driven by 48-year-old Robert King of Nevada, who was headed westbound on Highway U.S. 54, according to the MSHP. Green, along with two

of his passengers, 24-year-old Allison R. Bittiker of Nevada and a 17-year-old girl from Bronaugh, Missouri, died as a result of the crash. A third passenger, 19-year-old Derick T. Mahurin of Nevada, was seriously injured in the collision and was transported to Freeman Hospital West in Joplin for treatment, according to the crash report. King sought treatment for minor injuries after the crash at Nevada Regional Medical Center. The MSHP crash report noted that neither Green nor any of his passengers were wearing seat belts. The Monday morning crash came just days after two other people were killed and two injured in another crash early Saturday morning, also on Highway 43, about six miles south of Liberal in Barton County, Missouri. 30-year-old Shelby K. Stinnett of Joplin was

driving southbound in a 2017 Toyota Highlander when she crossed the center line and hit a northbound 1998 Ford F250 head on at 4:35 a.m. Saturday, according to the MSHP. The driver of the F250, a 17-year-old boy from Oronogo, Missouri, and Stinnett were both fatally injured in the crash. Two passengers in the F250, a 15-year-old boy from Carl Junction, Missouri, and a 16-year-old boy from Joplin, were also seriously injured in the crash and were transported to area hospitals for treatment. All four people involved in Saturday’s crash were wearing seat belts, according to the MSHP. All three minors involved in Saturday’s crash were identified in a Facebook post by Carl Junction Schools as Carl Junction High School students who were on their way to go hunting.



COMMUNITY

Obituaries

Gladys Elizabeth Harper

Gladys Elizabeth Harper, of Valley Glen, California, passed away at home on Aug. 17, 2022, at the age of 104. She was surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on Jan. 9, 1918, in Barnard, Kansas. Her family nickname growing up was "Olie" because her father's favorite flower was the gladiolus. She was married to Aaron W. Harper on Sept. 21, 1941. She, Aaron, and their four sons moved to Pittsburg, Kansas, in Aug. of 1963. Aaron was a Professor and Dean of Education at Pittsburg State University. During his career, they enjoyed living in Boulder, Colorado; Urbana, Illinois; Missoula, Montana; and Pittsburg. In 1965, Gladys received her Master's in Education from Pittsburg State University and worked as a reading teacher for the Pittsburg School District from 1966 until 1985, when she retired. She was widowed in April 1993 and lived on the family farm for another 19 years.

Gladys was a long-time faithful member of First United Methodist Church of Pittsburg, including after moving from Pittsburg to live with family. At the church, she belonged to several groups, including a quilting circle. She was involved in PEO and other educational organizations. Gladys belonged to a Book Club for many years that she participated in up to her death. She was very involved in her community and had many wonderful friends. She greatly enjoyed her family, her faith and church, flowers and gardening, reading, watching Jayhawk basketball games, and playing cutthroat games of "Skip-Bo" with her family, resulting in much laughter. She lived at her Langdon Lane home for 48 years until joining her son Larry and daughter-in-law Pam at the age of 94 in Seattle in 2012. In 2014 Gladys moved with them to Valley Glen, where she had the opportunity to be around Larry and Pam's four sons and their families. She also greatly enjoyed visiting her son, Dan, and his wife, Marjorie, and their two children in Missoula, Montana, as well as her son Jim, his wife June, and their four daughters in Boston and Northern Virginia. Gladys lived through the Great Depression, two World Wars, and two pandemics.

She was preceded in death by her husband Aaron, their son, Ken, her parents, an older brother, and two older sisters.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, ten grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

She was cremated, and her ashes will be buried next to Aaron. At her request, no service is planned. Gladys was beloved by many. She will be greatly missed and never forgotten.



29th annual Emmett Lecture to feature Hyeryung Hwang

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — A longstanding tribute by the Pittsburg State University English Department to a former professor of English brings to campus authors and scholars who can inspire and inform students, faculty, and other guests.

This year, the series continues on Sept. 22 with a presentation by Hyeryung Hwang, a multidisciplinary teacher-scholar with research and teaching experience in the fields of world literature and cinema, theories of imperialism and colonialism, and peripheral aesthetics and politics.

Her research projects draw on both East Asia and South America. At

PSU, her talk will be called "Barbaric Modernities" and will begin at 7 p.m. in the Governor's Room in the Overman Student Center. A reception will follow in the Heritage Room.

Each year, the honor is given to the winning author of the best literary article published in The Midwest Quarterly. The Emmett Lecture is sponsored by the Emmett family, the PSU English Department, and The Midwest Quarterly in memory of the late Victor J. Emmett Jr., who for 23 years was a professor of English.

For more information, contact Celia Patterson, chair of the English Department, at 620-235-4689 or visit pittstate.edu/english.



Hyeryung Hwang. COURTESY PHOTO / PSU

Lowell Milken Center celebrates 15 years

New LMC Park opens in Fort Scott

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FORT SCOTT, Kan. — The official Grand Opening — including VIP speeches, a surprise award presentation, and a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony — welcomed 200 guests to a new park and outdoor exhibit space Monday in the heart of the historic downtown district of Fort Scott, Kansas. The event was a fitting accompaniment to the 15th Anniversary celebration of the Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes (LMC), the center said in a news release.

The festivities began at 10 a.m. Monday with a special ceremony recognizing honored guests who traveled from across the country to attend. This included 24 teachers who

had earned the distinction of being LMC Fellows, several living Unsung Heroes and their family members, longtime patrons of LMC and the many individuals who have played key roles in the support and development of the park. Special appreciation was



2022 Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes Discovery Award competition grand prize winner Gracie Conrad of Taylor, Nebraska, shares an emotional moment with her English teacher Megan Helberg, who helped supervise Conrad's project. COURTESY PHOTO / MICHAEL HILLMAN

given to the park's major donor, the Lowell Milken Family Foundation, and generous grants from the Sunderland Foundation and Timken Foundation.

"As we enter this new era, the Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes continues to stand as a testament to the power of

Unsung Heroes to change the world through project-based learning," said LMC Chief Executive Officer Norm Conard.

In construction since June of last year, the LMC park is now a vibrant and much-anticipated expansion of LMC. The park features outdoor Unsung Hero exhibits with interactive story rails, a walking trail, an enhanced water feature, and beautiful landscaping with bench seating for guests to enjoy. The park provides a community space where visitors to the museum and Fort Scott residents alike can enjoy the tranquil scenery, learn about the Unsung Heroes profiled in the story rails, and gather for community programs and activities in partnership with other business in the downtown area.

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CLUB NOTES

Wednesday, Sept. 14

Blanket Brigade

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

SEK Interlocal #637

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

Thursday, Sept. 15

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.

Al-Anon

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

TOPS Club Inc.

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

TOPS #1186

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

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Offering the opportunity for caregivers to engage and support each other throughout their journey. Gatherings will take place at the Pittsburg Public Library at 308 N. Walnut, Pittsburg, every 3rd Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. Please contact Ashley Baker for further inquiries, 913-428-0453 or awink3@kumc.edu.

Friday, Sept. 16

Dinner at the Arma American Legion

The Arma American Legion, located at 512 E Main, is open Friday nights serving good food and drinks. The kitchen opens at 5:30 p.m. for dine-in or carry-out. Customers may call 620-347-8520 to place an order.

Saturday Sept. 17

Scrabble Club

Scrabble Club will meet from noon to 4 p.m. at Pittsburg Public Library. New players welcome.

Monday, Sept. 19

TOPS #0599 Pittsburg

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

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NEWS

Pittsburg Fire Department responds to call at Holiday Inn Express

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — At approximately 3:18 a.m. Tuesday, the Pittsburg Fire Department responded to a call from the Hol-

iday Inn Express at 4011 Parkview Dr., Pittsburg. Upon arrival, the fire department found no fire conditions. However, light smoke was discovered on the second floor. The source of the fire was

determined to be an air conditioning unit with a possible electrical issue. Management and maintenance for the Holiday Inn Express are working to resolve the issue, the City of Pittsburg said

in a press release later Tuesday morning. All occupants at the hotel who evacuated during the incident were allowed to return to their rooms. No injuries were reported.

PSU student group revives community garden

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — One shovelful of soil at a time, a group of Pittsburg State University students has taken on a project that will help those with food insecurity in Crawford County — a county with one of the highest rates of food insecurity in the state.

At the same time, they’re learning leadership and team skills. The project is a community garden, planted on a large, flat lot behind the First Christian Church in Pittsburg.

It was here, in 2009, that an adult volunteer first tilled the soil and planted a community garden. The first year, he and helpers harvested 3,200 pounds of produce, which they donated to the Wesley House food pantry in Pittsburg. By 2012, the garden was producing more than 10,000 pounds in donations.

In recent years, as those volunteers moved on, the garden fell into disuse.

A few years ago, Enactus — a student organization rooted in Kelce College of Business and comprised largely of majors in business related programs — decided to take on the



From left, Alex Tran, Brenna Lavender, Brianna Bae of PSU’s Enactus student group at the community garden behind the First Christian Church. COURTESY PHOTO / PSU

garden as a philanthropic project. Pastor Dustin Morris gave the group the green light to revitalize it. But the project never got off the ground as the pandemic interrupted plans and membership in the group declined.

Bailey Gallup, a management and marketing major from Lenexa, Kansas, set out to change that. “Last semester I took on the project because I knew how important it would be to help fight food insecurity here in Pittsburg, as well as Crawford County,” she said.

“We surveyed at The Lord’s Diner and I got to meet the people who would benefit from this project, and I found out how little fruits and vegetables are available to them, let alone

fresh produce.”

The Lord’s Diner Pittsburg location opened at 406 N. Locust St. in 2017 with a singular mission: to combat hunger in the community by serving nutritious meals with dignity and respect.

“I knew with the right team and a motivated project leader, this garden could be really beneficial to the community,” Gallup said.

With the arrival of September, a bit of rain, and cooler temperatures, conditions were right to finally get the community garden project started. About a dozen Enactus members gathered at the plot on Sept. 8 to plant cabbage, broccoli, and tomatoes. They’ll continue recruiting members to

help, and have created a weekly watering team.

“Most of us have little to no experience in gardening, so with the partners we’ve met in the community, we’ve learned how to prevent weeds, what time is best to plant, whether we should use transplants or seeds, those types of things,” Gallup said.

“We’ve also learned about the general need for more fresh produce in our community.”

It’s all been a bit of trial and error, and we’re by no means experts on our now second planting season, but we’re prepared to continue learning as we go,” she added.

Their goal: approximately 450 pounds this fall. And, they have plans for a spring and summer garden in 2023.

Their advisor, Chelsey Decker, said the team will use this project as an entry in this year’s Enactus National Exposition competition. But the project will have an impact far beyond that, she added.

“There is nothing more gratifying as an advisor than seeing your students give back to the community,” she said. “And at the same time, the Garden is building camaraderie between our Enactus students and teaching them critical skills.”

EPA to begin free lead testing at Cherokee County superfund site

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced it will be offering free residential lead testing as part of a new sitewide assessment at the Cherokee County National Priorities List Superfund Site. The EPA will investigate contamination within the site boundary.

Residents located within the site may sign up to have residential yards, private drinking water wells, agricultural land, and other areas such as parks, playgrounds, streams, and mine wastes, tested for heavy metals associated with historic mining, such as lead, zinc and cadmium. Lead is the primary contaminant of concern, according to the EPA.

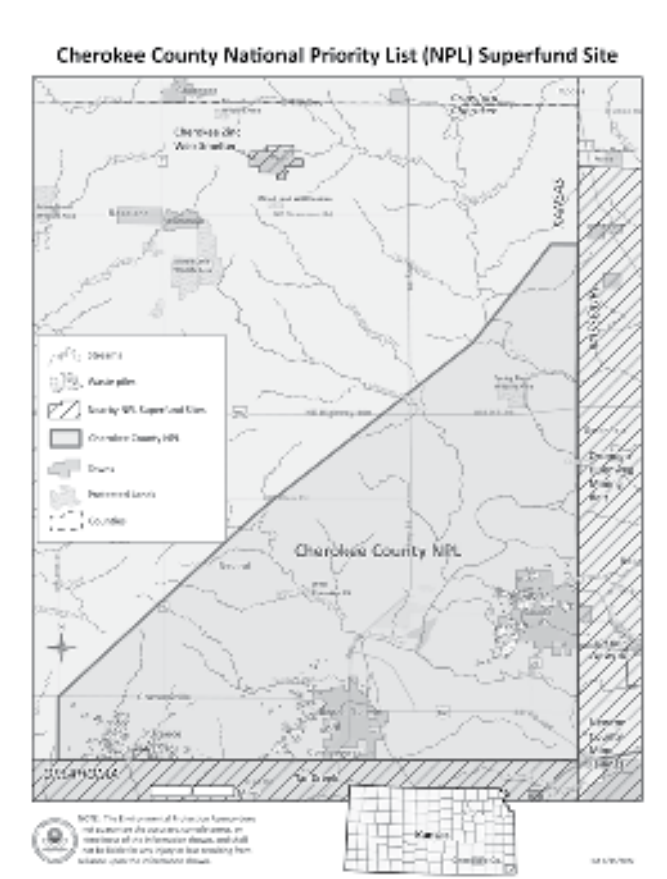
“Children are particularly vulnerable to the effects of lead poisoning. As a mom of three kids, I encourage moms and caregivers of young children living within the boundaries of the Cherokee County Superfund

Site in southeastern Kansas to act now,” said EPA Region 7 Administrator Meg McCollister. “You can protect your family from dangerous lead exposure by contacting us to have your yard, drinking water well, and even playground areas tested.”

The Cherokee County NPL Superfund Site covers approximately 115 square miles and includes the Kansas portion of the former Tri-State Mining District (TSMD), a 2,500-square-mile area in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. At one time, the TSMD was one of the world’s largest producers of lead and zinc.

To obtain no-cost lead testing of your residence and/or other areas of your property, fill out a permission form by contacting the EPA toll-free at 1-800-223-0425, or call EPA Contractor TetraTech at 620-284-1357. You can also email the EPA at R7-TSMD@epa.gov.

To date, the EPA has cleaned up approximately 12.9 million cubic yards of mine waste and contaminated soil from the Cherokee County site,



This map shows the boundaries of the Cherokee County National Priorities List Superfund Site. COURTESY PHOTO / EPA

restored 2,747 acres of mined land to beneficial use, and cleaned up lead contamination at 800 residential yards at the site during past response actions. Visit <https://bit.ly/3LiD1g0> to learn more

about the Cherokee County NPL Superfund Site.

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AREA EVENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 14

Beginners Sign Language Class

Every Wednesday starting Aug. 3 the South Broadway Baptist Church in the Kennett Building, 1318 S. Broadway in Pittsburg. The class will be from 5 to 6 p.m. and participants will learn sign language through songs. There is no cost and everyone is welcome.

Story Time at the Library

The Pittsburg Public Library invites kids and families to the library at 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays for a story time. The program is free and no registration is required. Story time takes place at the library at 308 N. Walnut Street.

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. Ages 5 to 11 will begin at 2:30. Call the library at 620-724-4317 for more information.

Pittsburg Area Farmers’ Market

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

Thursday, Sept. 15

Frontenac American Legion Bingo

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

La Celebracion

Hispanics of Today (HOT), a student-led organization at PSU, will kick off National Hispanic Heritage Month on Thursday, Sept. 15 with “La Celebración,” an event featuring food, music, and dancing, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Cleveland Plaza between Porter Hall and Horace Mann Hall.

Friday, Sept. 16

Talking Heads Discussion Group

The Talking Heads discussion group will meet at 9 a.m. every Friday morning at the Pittsburg Public Library. Using The Great Courses Series from The Teaching Company, participants will watch a 30-minute DVD lecture and the group discusses it.

Friday Music on the Lake

The Friends of Crawford State Park are once again hosting live music at Crawford State Park, Farlington, Kansas. Each Friday, music will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Lake View Café, on the northwest end of the lake at Crawford State Park. This Friday, Allen Ross will be performing. Attendees are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs.

Four States Music Festival

Social House Entertainment presents the Inaugural Four States Music Festival presented by Freeman Health System on the campus of Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas on Friday, Sept. 16 staring at 5 p.m. The Festival will feature Chase Rice & special guests: Parmalee, Kameron Marlowe, Adam Doleac and more. For more information visit fourstatesmusicfest.com. This is a strict 18+ event to enter and 21+ to drink.

Friday, Sept. 16 through Saturday, Sept. 17

Weir Homecoming

Weir Homecoming will begin at 3 p.m. Friday with a pie baking contest at the Weir Civic Center. Different events will take place Friday evening such as a chili feed, coronation, pet contest, and cake walk. Festivities will continue at 7 a.m. Saturday and last until 9 p.m. For more information go to facebook.com/Weir-Civic-Center-155613304479544.

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TASTEFOOD

Sheet pan soup

By Lynda Balslev
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The late summer season yields bushels of produce, namely sweet peppers, corn and tomatoes. At the same time, the cooler air invites warming layers and soups. This recipe is a perfect bridge for the moment.
Roasted summer vegetables create a sweet and flavorful base for this soup. A sheet pan (or two) of these vegetables is roasted in the oven until the vegetables are slightly shriveled, soft and sweet, then blitzed to make a deeply flavorful puree that is fresh and warming at once. The roasting process coaxes out the vegetables' sugars and amplifies their flavor, while a generous shower of aromatics adds layers of spice and heat to the soup. Fresh corn

kernels are stirred in at the end for a juicy pop of sweetness and crunch in each bite.
Taste the soup as you make it, since the flavors of the vegetables may vary slightly, and adjust the amount of spice and salt as needed. If you like chile heat, consider adding a seeded jalapeno or Fresno pepper to the mix of roasted vegetables.
The consistency of the soup should be slightly thick, but still runny enough to call a soup. You can thin it with additional stock if it's too thick. I use a good-quality chicken stock as a savory base. If you prefer a vegetarian option, use water or a vegetable stock. Just be sure to taste the soup and adjust the seasonings as needed.

Roasted Vegetable Soup
Prep Time: 1 hour

Total Time: 1 hour
Yield: Serves 4
• 8 plum tomatoes, halved lengthwise
• 2 large red bell peppers, seeded, quartered lengthwise
• 1 medium yellow onion, peeled, cut into 6 wedges
• Extra-virgin olive oil
• 2 large garlic cloves, minced or pushed through a press
• 2 tablespoons tomato paste
• 1 teaspoon ground cumin
• 1 teaspoon sweet paprika
• 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
• 1/4 teaspoon red chili flakes
• 2 cups chicken stock, or more as needed
• 1 teaspoon kosher salt
• Corn kernels from 1 small ear of corn
• 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
• Chopped fresh cilantro leaves for garnish
Heat the oven to 425 degrees.
Arrange the tomatoes and peppers, skin side up, on a large, rimmed baking sheet. Add the onions to the pan without crowding.



(Divide between 2 baking sheets if needed.) Lightly drizzle the vegetables with oil. Transfer to the oven and roast until the vegetables are soft and slightly charred, about 30 minutes, rotating the pan(s) once or twice. Remove from the oven and cool slightly, then peel away the skin from the tomatoes and peppers. Discard the skins. Coarsely chop the vegetables.

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a pot over medium heat. Add the garlic and saute until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Stir in the tomato paste, cumin, paprikas and chili flakes to make a slurry, then add the roasted vegetables and stock. There should be enough stock to cover the vegetables; add more stock if needed. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to medium-low, partially

cover the pot, and simmer for 15 minutes.
Carefully transfer the soup to a food processor and process until smooth (or use an immersion blender). Return the soup to the pot. Stir in the corn and season with the salt and black pepper. Taste for seasoning. Simmer the soup for about 5 minutes more to heat through. Serve warm, garnished with the cilantro.

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A life long-lived

By Carol Ann Robb
Pittsburg Public Library

Anyone who knows me at all well will not be surprised that I got little reading done this past weekend. Instead I was glued to BBC News on my laptop or CNN on television, watching all of the pageantry and ceremonial proceedings following the death of Queen Elizabeth II. As a student of English history and a longtime Anglophile, seeing rituals

dating back hundreds of years that have never before been seen by the public has been fascinating. And let's face it, no one does pomp like the British.
All of the scenes coming out of Scotland have brought back memories of a trip there 30(!) years ago. We rode the train from Heathrow to Edinburgh, where we walked around the Castle and just happened on to a motorcade carrying the Queen; yes, I

have a photo to prove I saw her. From there we walked down the Royal Mile to St. Giles Cathedral. Later we ended up at Balmoral and since the Queen was not there, we could walk around the Castle and look inside the windows. I can understand why she was so taken with the countryside (but let's face it, she wasn't exactly roughing it while staying there).
Anyone in the public eye for most of 96 years is going to be a subject for

many, many books, documentaries, and movies so if you want to learn more about this fascinating woman's life and times, the library is a good place to start. The shelves hold historical tomes of English history and biographies of her ancestors but there's more contemporary — and often gossipy — books about members of the Royal Family, not to mention biographies that have been written about the late Queen (none of which were authorised — she was noted for following her mother's dictum, "never complain, never explain"). Her diaries are

locked up, not to be opened for many, many years, a fact that distresses me to no end since I won't be around to learn how she felt about so many historical events (I would love to read what she had to say about Winston Churchill!)
If you'd rather learn history through video, then you might want to check out various movies, such as "The King's Speech," which told of her father's struggle to overcome his stutter, or Helen Mirren's portrayal in "The Queen." And, of course, there's "The Crown," which begins with the marriage of then Princess Elizabeth

to Philip Mountbatten in 1947.
Many souvenir books came out for the Platinum Jubilee in June and I have no doubt that more will be hitting the presses after the funeral next week — I've already had an email offer for Time's commemorative issue. But until then, the library has material for you to enjoy, including novels featuring the Queen (some quite humorous, which I'd like to think she would have enjoyed). Come check out our display devoted to the late Majesty (and I'll show you my photo if you ask).

Be the one to save a life this year

By Tara Solomon-Smith
Wildcat Extension District

What seems to transcend age, gender, socio-economic, and educational levels? Suicide does just that. For every person who dies by suicide annually, there are another 316 people who have thought seriously about suicide, and nearly 60 who have survived a suicide attempt. We all have dark moments but there is hope and we can all help!
September is National Suicide Prevention Month and #BeThe1To is the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline's message for spreading the word about actions we can all take to prevent suicide. Together, we can promote healing and prevent suicide by learning to help ourselves, help others, seek consultation from trained providers, and to seek hospital care when necessary. Here are

the steps to guide us in helping:
1. ASK: Asking the question "Are you thinking about suicide?" communicates that you are open to speaking about suicide in a non-judgmental and supportive way. It is not an easy question, but studies show you do not give a suicidal person morbid ideas by talking about suicide. The opposite is true — bringing up the subject of suicide and discussing it openly is one of the most helpful things you can do. Other questions you can ask include, "How do you hurt?" and "How can I help?"
The flip side of the "Ask" step is to "Listen." Make sure you take their answers seriously and not ignore them, especially if they indicate they are experiencing thoughts of suicide. Listening to their reasons for being in such emotional pain, as

well as listening for any potential reasons they want to continue to stay alive, are both incredibly important when they are telling you what's going on. Help them focus on their reasons for living and avoid trying to impose your reasons for them to stay alive.
2. BE THERE: This could mean being physically present for someone, speaking with them on the phone when you can, or any other way that shows support for the person at risk. An important aspect of this step is to make sure you follow through with the ways in which you say you will be able to support the person — do not commit to anything you are not willing or able to accomplish. Being there is life-saving because it increases someone's connectedness to others and limits isolation, which is a protective factor against

suicide.
3. KEEP THEM SAFE: This step is really about showing support for someone during times when they have thoughts of suicide by putting time and distance between the person and their chosen method. While this is not always easy, asking if the at-risk person has a plan and removing or disabling the lethal means can make a difference.
A number of studies have indicated that when lethal means are made less available or less deadly, suicide rates by that method decline, and frequently suicide rates overall decline. Research also shows that "method substitution" or choosing an alternate method when the original method is restricted, frequently does not happen. The myth "If someone really wants to kill themselves, they'll find a way to do it" often does not hold true if appropriate safety measures are put into place.

4. HELP THEM CONNECT: Save the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline number (call or text 988) and chat option (988lifeline.org/chat), to both your phones as it is there to help those who are suicidal or in emotional distress, including substance use crisis. People can also utilize 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.
Helping someone with thoughts of suicide connect with ongoing support can help them establish a safety net for those moments they find themselves in a crisis. One way to start helping them find ways to connect is to work with them to develop a safety plan. This can include ways for them to identify if they start to experience significant, severe thoughts of suicide along with what to do in those crisis moments. A safety plan can also include a list of individuals to contact when a crisis occurs. Here are ways

to make a safety plan: <https://www.bethelto.com/safety-plan/>
5. FOLLOW UP: After your initial contact with a person experiencing thoughts of suicide, and after you've connected them with the immediate support systems they need, make sure to follow-up with them to see how they're doing. Leave a message, send a text, or give them a call. The follow-up step is a great time to check in with them to see if there is more you are capable of helping with or if there are things, you have said you would do and have not yet had the chance to get done for the person. Studies have shown the number of suicide deaths goes down when someone follows up with the at-risk person.
Information from today's article came from www.bethelto.com. For more information, contact Tara Solomon-Smith, tsolomon@ksu.edu, or by calling 620-378-2167.

Middle schooler finds it hard to make new friends



DEAR ABBY
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is in eighth grade at a small private school. The problem is, she doesn't have any friends there. Away from school she makes friends easily. But around classmates she has known for years, she's quiet and awkward. She isn't invited to parties or other fun activities. She wants to make friends and join in conversations but doesn't know how. (I'm no help. I had the same problem at her age.) Her dad and I tell her high school will be easier, but she doesn't want

to wait. Do you have something that might help her? -- MOM OF AN OUTSIDER IN MISSOURI
DEAR MOM: By the time seventh grade rolls around, "cliques" have usually solidified, and the members are not generous about admitting outsiders. I agree that things will improve when your daughter gets into high school. As freshmen, everyone starts out on equal footing, and because classes are larger and students are funneling in from other schools, there's more opportunity to meet new people. I speak from experience. I was excluded when I moved to a new school in seventh grade, and I know how it felt. The subject of social dexterity has been in my column before because readers of all ages ask about it. It's im-

portant to understand that few individuals are born socially adept. It's a skill that must be learned, then polished until it becomes second nature. Part of being social is showing an interest in others. A smile is an excellent icebreaker, and one of the secrets of being charming is being a good listener. The keys to being liked by both sexes are simple: Be kind. Be honest. Be tactful. Offer a compliment -- but only if it's deserved. Be well groomed, tastefully dressed and conscious of your posture. Confident individuals stand tall. Another useful icebreaker is to ask others what they think and be open to listening to their opinions. Be a good listener and people will think you're a genius. I publish a booklet, "How To Be Popular," for people of all ages. It

contains many other useful tips for polishing social skills. You can order one for your daughter by sending your name and address, plus a check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds), to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Some people are anxious socially because they become so focused on their own insecurities, it distracts them from reaching out. The solution to that is: Concentrate on the OTHER person. If your daughter tries it, she will find that it works.
DEAR ABBY: One of my co-workers comes to work with different clothes all the time. I overheard her telling another co-worker she buys clothes, hides the tags,

then returns them after she wears them. She said she avoids wearing perfume so the clothes don't "smell." She also pays cash. In my opinion, this is a form of stealing. Your thoughts? -- WORKING WITH A THIEF
DEAR WORKING: I agree with you. While there is nothing you can do about it, it may comfort you to know that when this happens repeatedly, some stores refuse to sell more items to the perpetrator.
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NEWS

MILKEN

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Highlights of the Grand Opening event included reflections from LMC Founder Lowell Milken. “I believe that a center for Unsung Heroes could only have been borne out of a community that deeply values history, excellence and education,” he said in a press release. “Fifteen years later we can all take pride in knowing that educators, communities and students experience the powerful combination that can occur when history merged with project-based learning

leads to the discovery of change-makers.”

Also speaking during the event were Chief Executive Officer Norm Conard and Program Director Megan Felt, who have been instrumental in the LMC since its earliest beginnings. Remarks were also made by long-time supporters of LMC, such as former Executive Director of the National Teachers’ Hall of Fame Carol Strickland, LMC Park Committee Chair Beth Nuss and Fort Scott Chamber of Commerce Director Lindsay Madison.

A surprise announce-

ment capped off the special occasion when attendee Gracie Conrad, a high school student from Taylor, Nebraska, learned that she was the \$6,000 Grand Prize recipient in the 2022 Discovery Award competition for her powerful documentary about Holocaust Unsung Hero Betty Goudsmit-Oudkerk. Conrad’s documentary explores the courage and tenacity required for Goudsmit-Oudkerk to leverage her position as a daycare nurse in the Netherlands to help save more than 600 children from the Nazis.

Following a ribbon-cutting ceremony, guests

were invited inside LMC’s Hall of Unsung Heroes Museum to partake in its exhibits, enjoy light refreshments and view several presentations by educators who have participated in the LMC fellowship program. Guests also had the unique opportunity during these presentations to meet the living Unsung Heroes or their immediate families who were in attendance, such as Carl Wilkens, an Unsung Hero of the Rwandan genocide; family members of Unsung Hero Chester Nez, one of WWII’s “First Twenty-Nine” Navajo Code

Talkers; the family of Unsung Hero Andrew Jackson Higgins, who invented the Higgins boats used in amphibious landings in WWII and was credited by President Eisenhower as the “man who won the war”; and the family of Unsung Hero Gene Shoemaker, a pioneer in astrogeology and the only person whose ashes are buried on the moon.

The 15th Anniversary celebration culminated in a Community Open House hosted by the LMC from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Established in 2007, the Lowell Milken Cen-

ter for Unsung Heroes discovers, develops and communicates the stories of unsung heroes who have made a profound and positive impact on history, yet are largely unrecognized by contemporary generations, according to the release. The LMC has reached over 3,000,000 students and 30,000 schools in all 50 states and countries around the world. You can learn more about the LMC and the Discovery Award by connecting with the center on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. The LMC is located at 1 South Main, Fort Scott, Kansas.

GROWING

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“It was fascinating to me,” Holmes said. “And it was an opportunity for me to come back to Pittsburg, and work for the City of Pittsburg, so I took it.”

Not only did Holmes perform his regular duties as Director of Housing and Community Development for Pittsburg, he also hosted Facebook Live videos as a way to keep the public informed of new developments within the city.

“There was so much going on in Pittsburg, and

there was just a lot of false information, you know, buzzing around,” Holmes said. “So my goal was to go straight to the source, the property owner, the project manager, whoever it was that was in charge of that job and interview them live on Facebook, to where everyone can speak the same message and the real message.”

Since the city received a lot of good feedback about the videos, Holmes said that he hopes they continue to do something like that for the public. Holmes said it was easy for people to make assumptions about City Hall, which is why he wanted to provide

factual information to them.

“It was important for me to make sure that the community sees that we’re real people just trying to do good for the city,” he said.

Holmes said he had never necessarily thought about working for a bank until he met some of the leaders of Equity Bank. Since his wife, Monica, is the area director of Big Brothers Big Sisters, Holmes said he was happy to learn that Equity Bank had a huge involvement in Big Brothers Big Sisters.

“It was very impressive to me,” he said. “It kind of opened my eyes to their

core values, and the way this organization ran on a community bank level, and I really appreciated that. So when the opportunity came up and it happened to be Equity Bank, it just felt right.

“I came into this role, obviously, not knowing anyone here at Equity Bank and I have been extremely impressed with the team here,” Holmes said. “They are a team of experienced professionals that know what they’re doing.”

Holmes said he found that the most difficult part of his job with the city trying to grow Pittsburg was trying to get the local

banks to play a greater role in the development growth.

“It was always an interest of mine to figure out how to bring all the knowledge and everything from the city, and from our studies, to the bankers and show them that there is risk reduction in an XYZ incentive, there is risk reduction in the latent housing demand that we have, and there is risk reduction in our job growth numbers,” he said. “So that was really what interested me.”

Holmes said he has plans to be aggressive in the community and make Equity Bank number one.

He said he has areas of focus that he has set for his new role at Equity Bank. He said he wanted to grow the branch through manufacturing and distribution lending, healthcare, industry, agriculture, private banking, rental property, and multi-family residential development.

“I’m really not changing my personal goals of growing Pittsburg,” Holmes said. “I’m just doing it in a different capacity. So that is my plan, to continue to grow and bring awareness to Pittsburg.”

In Northern Ireland, praise for monarchy vies with disdain

By Adam Geller

Associated Press

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — It’s less than ten minutes walk from the Falls Road to the Shankill Road in Northern Ireland’s capital, where Catholics and Protestants still live in segregated enclaves.

But to hear people in these adjoining neighborhoods explain their almost diametrically opposite views of the British monarchy, it might as well be 1,000 miles.

And so as King Charles III arrived in Northern Ireland for the first visit since his mother’s death elevated him to the throne, the voices of Belfast offered a sharp reminder of the country’s persistent, complicated and, at times, bloody political realities.

On the street residents call The Shankill -- center of a Protestant neighborhood with a long history of loyalty to the crown -- British flags fluttered over shops and from light poles. At the foot of a giant mural of a young Elizabeth II proclaiming her “the people’s monarch,” many proud to be her subjects came bearing flowers and notes of emotional farewell.

“We swore our alle-

giance to the queen and she stuck by us,” said Jacqueline Humphries, 58, once a soldier in the Ulster Defence Regiment, established by the British Army to police Northern Ireland during the decades of sectarian violence known as The Troubles. “I think Charles will do just as good a job. She trained him well.”

Not half a mile away on the Falls Road -- the nationalist stronghold that served as base for the Irish Republican Army and its decades-long guerrilla campaign against British rule -- those heading to work Tuesday brushed off any suggestion that Charles’ visit could validate the crown’s claim to Northern Ireland.

“They can believe that, but we still believe we will get a united Ireland,” said Paul Walker, 55, walking past a 3-story-high mural of Bobby Sands, an IRA militant who died while on a hunger strike in prison in 1981.

Charles is “not our king. Bobby Sands was our king here,” said 52-year-old Bobby Jones. “Queen never done nothing for us. Never did. None of the royals do.”

Walker and others said Queen Elizabeth II had earned a measure of respect, if never affection,

for her decision in 2012 to shake hands with Martin McGuinness, the former IRA commander who went on to serve as Northern Ireland’s deputy first minister. But Charles is unwelcome.

“He won’t be up here much. We don’t have a place for Charles,” said a man named Christy, 61, who like others declined to provide his full name, pointing to Belfast’s fading, but brutally memorable, record of retribution on both sides.

The new king walked a delicate line Tuesday, thanking Northern Ireland officials for their condolences and praise of his mother for her efforts to foster reconciliation.

The queen, he said, “felt deeply, I know, the significance of the role she herself played in bringing together those whom history had separated, and in extending a hand to make possible the healing of long-held hurts.”

It’s not clear, though, if Charles will benefit from goodwill earned by his mother. She had decades to build a reputation as a steadfast leader even in the most difficult of times; not so, her son, who some see as aloof. And nowhere else in the lands that make up this less than United Kingdom is the divide over

the crown so fierce.

Most of Ireland gained independence from Britain in 1921 after a guerrilla war. But Northern Ireland, where a Protestant majority favored Britain, remained a part of the United Kingdom.

The shaky peace exploded in August 1969 with sectarian violence after protests by the Catholic minority for civil rights. The British Army sent in forces, ostensibly to contain the violence and protect Catholics.

“Army in Control Here For At Least Four Months,” warned the front page of The Irish News, now displayed in a museum of IRA history just off the Falls Road.

Instead, The Troubles lasted nearly 30 years, resulting in the deaths of more than 3,000 people.

A few minutes in either neighborhood is all it takes to unearth memories of the violence and the gaping divide over the role of the British government.

“Once you saw the Brits, once you saw the police, you went running the other way because you were guilty before you innocent,” said Damian Burns, a postal worker, walking to work past the offices of Sinn Fein, the political party long affiliated

with the IRA that is now the largest in Northern Ireland’s power-sharing government.

The Sinn Fein bookstore onsite sells posters with a portrait of Sands over the slogan: “England Get Out of Ireland.”

Over on the Shankill, Humphries, now a housing assistance counselor, recalled that when The Troubles started she was living in an area mixed with both Protestants and Catholics. After joining the British-allied military she received death threats from the Irish National Liberation Army, forcing a move to the loyalist neighborhood where she has lived ever since. Others on both sides also moved to be near those like them, and the city became even more divided.

The royal family was not immune to the violence. In 1979, the IRA assassinated Lord Louis Mountbatten, a cousin of the queen and mentor to Charles, detonating a bomb planted aboard his fishing boat. Three others also died.

The Troubles finally ended with the Good Friday Agreement of 1998. But all these years later, the Falls Road and the Shankill remain divided from one another by a “Peace Line” -- high walls with steel gates that are

still closed each evening.

Charles, unwanted by some here and unproven to others, will have to thread his way carefully through the volatility. But it could offer valuable lessons - at least in what not to do - for the new monarch. In Scotland, where a referendum on independence from Britain was narrowly defeated in 2014, rhetoric remains heated and officials are pushing for a follow-up vote. In Wales, too, some people bridle at being kept under London’s control.

Residents of Belfast will be watching closely, regardless of their allegiances.

On the Falls Road of 25 or 30 years ago, the queen was vilified as a symbol of British oppression, said Walker, who is confident the two Irelands will eventually be united.

He won’t change his mind about that, he said, but even with a bitter past, he’s become more willing to see the queen, who was 96, as more than a foe.

She was, after all, someone’s grandmother.

“It’s always in the back of your mind who these people are,” he said, “and not just that they’re the head of military forces.”

Wichita decriminalizes marijuana possession, fentanyl strips

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — The Wichita City Council on Tuesday voted to decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana and fentanyl test strips in the state’s largest city.

The move would eliminate between 750 and 850

prosecutions a year from the municipal courts. Marijuana possession is still illegal under state and federal law but local law enforcement agencies generally bring most minor marijuana possession cases to court, The Wichita Eagle reported.

Sedgwick County District Attorney Marc Bennett did not take a position on the proposal but said his office doesn’t have the resources to prosecute an additional 750 to 850 marijuana possession cases a year.

The repeal is scheduled

for a second reading next week and is set to take effect Sept. 23.

Kansas has been far slower than other states to liberalize its marijuana laws, largely because there’s no way for voters to get proposed laws on the ballot. The Republi-

can-controlled Legislature approved a measure this year to allow Kansans to use prescriptions derived from cannabis-related products if the drug is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as three currently are.

Legislative leaders

formed a committee to study medical marijuana this fall and Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly, who is seeking reelection, supports the idea.

LOOKING BACK

FROM OUR HISTORY

An application to extend a rail line from Columbus to Picher, Okla., was granted

By Phil Burgert
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Excerpted stories in Crawford County newspaper archives

100 Years Ago
Sept. 14, 1922
Today is the feature day of the Crawford County fair which is being held in Girard this week. It is Pittsburg Day and many Pittsburgers have made their way to the county seat to take in the farm, fine arts and other exhibits and to attend the horse racing meet there this afternoon. Tomorrow, Kiwanis Day at the fair, will include a balloon ascension in the afternoon with a double parachute drop of 2,000 feet.
The application of the Joplin & Pittsburg Railway company for an extension of the line from Columbus to Picher, Okla., a distance of approximately 11 miles, was granted yesterday afternoon by the Kansas public utilities commission. It is understood that the company already has placed an option on 990 tons of steel rails for the extension to avert sharp increases recently in

prices. Construction on the new line is expected to begin the latter part of this month.
The Christian church of this city will join with other churches of Christ of Crawford county in a mission rally which will be held in the grove near the city school building in Cherokee, Kas., Sunday. Cars and trucks will leave the church at 9:00 o'clock Sunday morning and the meeting in Cherokee will begin at 10:00 o'clock. Many of the classes will go in trucks and everyone will take a basket dinner.
50 Years Ago
Sept. 14, 1972
Comedian David Steinberg will appear at the major attractions show in Carney Auditorium Oct. 20 during Kansas State College homecoming. Steinberg had a series on CBS during the past summer, and makes frequent appearances on talk shows. The annual homecoming parade is Oct. 21. The KSC Gorillas-North-ern Colorado Bears football game will follow in Brandenburg Stadium.
The Redbud Trail Girl Scout Council will hold an open house at the new Girl

Scout Activity Center Oct. 1 and a dedication ceremony will be held. The new 80-acre camp is one mile west and one quarter mile north of the Frontenac junction. The center is used for day camp, troop camping and many other scout activities. The public is welcome to the open house.
A \$180,000 grant to Wichita State University to redevelop mined land throughout the Ozark regions of Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma has been awarded by the Ozark Regional Commission, Gov. Robert Docking said yesterday. He said nine Kansas counties are in the Ozark region and that the project will increase incomes, increase tax revenues and increase the tax base.
25 Years Ago
Sept. 14, 1997
In the 1920s, an entire industry came into being with the “bob” hair style, nail polish, permanent wave and hair color. Bottenfield’s Beauty Supply has been there for all of it. The Pittsburg-based business celebrates 75 years of existence this month. According to company presi-

dent Jerry Bottenfield, the business is one of the two oldest beauty wholesalers in the nation.
It rained on their parade, but the folks of the Arcadia area marched anyway. “We had a pretty nice parade, considering the weather,” said Pat Trammell, chairman of the 11th annual Old Settlers Festival who rode at the head of the parade as a grand marshal. Behind were fire trucks from Arma, Mulberry and Arcadia, Mirza Temple four-wheelers, bands from Arma and Girard, a float from a local church and lots of youngsters on bicycles.
The St. Mary's-Colgan Panthers lost their first volleyball match of the season, but since then have been unstoppable. Momentum continued the Panthers way yesterday as Colgan went unbeaten in five matches to win the Colgan-Frontenac Invitational pool play tournament. Colgan has now won nine straight matches since losing the first match of the season to Joplin-Thomas Jefferson.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1861, the first naval engagement of the Civil War took place

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Today is Wednesday, Sept. 14, the 257th day of 2022. There are 108 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 14, 1901, President William McKinley died in Buffalo, New York, of gunshot wounds inflicted by an assassin; Vice President Theodore Roosevelt succeeded him.
On this date:
In 1814, Francis Scott Key was inspired to write the poem “Defence of Fort McHenry” (later “The Star-Spangled Banner”) after witnessing the American flag flying over the Maryland fort following a night of British naval bombardment during the War of 1812.
In 1847, during the Mexican-American War, U.S. forces under Gen. Winfield Scott took control of Mexico City.
In 1861, the first naval engagement of the Civil War took place as the USS Colorado attacked and sank the Confederate private schooner Judah off Pensacola, Florida.
In 1867, the first volume of “Das Kapital” by Karl Marx was published in Hamburg, Germany.
In 1927, modern dance pioneer Isadora Duncan died in Nice (nees), France, when her scarf became entangled in a wheel of the sports car she was riding in.
In 1982, Princess Grace of Monaco, formerly film star Grace Kelly, died at age 52 of injuries from a car crash the day before; Lebanon's president-elect, Bashir Gemayel (bah-SHEER' jeh-MAY'-el), was killed by a bomb.
In 1991, the government of South Africa, the African National Congress and the Inkatha (in-KAH'-tah) Freedom Party signed a national peace pact.

In 1994, on the 34th day of a strike by players, Acting Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig announced the 1994 season was over.
In 2001, Americans packed churches and clogged public squares on a day of remembrance for the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks. President George W. Bush prayed with his Cabinet and attended services at Washington National Cathedral, then flew to New York, where he waded into the ruins of the World Trade Center and addressed rescue workers in a flag-waving, bullhorn-wielding show of resolve.
In 2009, death claimed “Dirty Dancing” star Patrick Swayze at 57; former White House press secretary Jody Powell at age 65; and comic character actor Henry Gibson at age 73.
In 2012, fury over an anti-Muslim film ridiculing the Prophet Muhammad spread across the Muslim world, with deadly clashes near Western embassies in Tunisia and Sudan, an American fast-food restaurant set ablaze in Lebanon, and inter-

national peacekeepers attacked in the Sinai.
In 2015, Rowan County, Kentucky, clerk Kim Davis returned to work for the first time since she was jailed for defying a federal court and announced that she would no longer block her deputies from issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples.
Ten years ago: Fury over an anti-Muslim film ridiculing the Prophet Muhammad spread across the Muslim world, with deadly clashes near Western embassies in Tunisia and Sudan, an American fast-food restaurant set ablaze in Lebanon, and international peacekeepers attacked in the Sinai.
Five years ago: CIA Director Mike Pompeo canceled a planned appearance at Harvard University over the school's decision to name Chelsea Manning a visiting fellow. Former CIA deputy director Mike Morell resigned from his post at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, saying he couldn't be part of an organization that “honors a convicted felon and

leaker of classified information.”
One year ago: The Justice Department said it was curtailing federal agents' use of “no-knock” warrants, and would also prohibit its agents from using chokeholds in most circumstances. South Carolina state police said Alex Murdaugh, a prominent lawyer, had tried to arrange his own death so that a son would get a \$10 million life insurance payment, but that the planned fatal shot only grazed his head. (Murdaugh was later charged in the deaths of his wife and their younger son; he is also charged with stealing \$8.5 million from people who hired him as an attorney.) Standup comic and former “Saturday Night Live” star Norm Macdonald died at 61; his management team said he'd had cancer for nine years, but kept it private. Signaling that Broadway was inching back to normalcy, three powerhouse shows — “The Lion King,” “Hamilton” and “Wicked” — reopened to audiences at full capacity.

COMMODITIES

Chicago Merchantile Exchange					
	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg
CATTLE					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Oct	145.60	145.70	144.52	144.80	−.95
Dec	151.05	151.30	150.10	150.45	−.90
Feb	155.32	155.42	154.30	154.72	−.83
Apr	158.65	158.82	157.65	158.17	−.85
Jun	154.80	155.02	153.90	154.45	−.80
Aug	154.97	154.97	153.90	154.40	−.72
Oct	158.00	158.40	157.52	158.07	−.45
Dec	161.25	161.47	160.80	160.92	−.70
Feb	164.00	164.07	163.70	163.70	−.72
Est. sales 71,109.Mon.'s sales 78,325					
Mon.'s open int 298,796, up 882					

FEEDER CATTLE					
50,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Sep	181.52	181.72	178.50	179.45	−2.07
Oct	183.10	183.12	179.00	180.52	−2.60
Nov	184.90	184.90	181.00	182.35	−2.45
Jan	185.55	185.72	182.70	183.77	−2.13
Mar	187.77	188.02	185.40	186.62	−1.73
Apr	190.92	191.00	188.95	190.07	−1.10
May	193.17	193.22	191.40	192.10	−1.45
Est. sales 20,486.Mon.'s sales 17,665					
Mon.'s open int 41,102					
HOGS,LEAN					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Oct	92.25	96.07	92.00	95.75	+3.88
Dec	83.07	85.87	82.85	85.70	+2.93
Feb	87.35	89.80	87.25	89.67	+2.47
Apr	92.07	94.02	91.95	93.95	+1.95
May	97.00	97.95	97.00	97.85	+.95
Jun	102.00	103.52	101.70	103.42	+1.57
Jul	102.15	103.37	101.85	103.22	+1.32
Aug	100.95	101.97	100.70	101.90	+1.08
Oct	87.85	87.97	87.02	87.92	+1.17
Est. sales 68,355.Mon.'s sales 56,934					
Mon.'s open int 203,667					

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Chicago Board of Trade					
	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
WHEAT					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Sep	850	850	839	842¾	+1½
Dec	858	876¼	850½	860½	+1¾
Mar	871¾	890½	866¾	876¾	+3½
May	880¼	898	876½	886¼	+5
Jul	875	890¾	868¾	880	+4½
Sep	875½	892¼	873½	882	+4
Dec	888¾	898½	877¾	887¾	+4
Mar	893½	896	880	885¾	+3½
May	877¾	+2¾			
Jul	833	839¼	833	839¼	+2¼
Sep	825¾	+2¼			
Est. sales 78,557.Mon.'s sales 93,983					
Mon.'s open int 287,688					

CORN					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Sep	721¼	725	709	709	−3¼
Dec	695½	698¼	688¼	692¾	−3¼
Mar	699	701¾	692½	697¼	−2¼
May	698¾	701¼	692¼	697¼	−1¼
Jul	692½	694¾	686½	691¾	—
Sep	646½	647¼	641¼	646¼	−1¼
Dec	630½	633¼	625¾	633	+¾
Mar	639	640	633¾	639¾	+¾
May	641	642¼	640	642¼	+½
Est. sales 220,989.Mon.'s sales 338,311					
Mon.'s open int 1,299,775, up 9,713					

OATS					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Sep	416½	—8			
Dec	409½	410	392¾	402	−8
Mar	411½	411½	397¼	406¼	−6¼
May	409¼	—6¼			
Jul	410	—6			
Sep	394¼	—6			
Dec	394¼	—6			
Mar	386½	—6			
May	383¾	—6			
Est. sales 400.Mon.'s sales 546					
Mon.'s open int 3,702, up 95					

SOYBEANS					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Sep	1556	1556	1525	1534¼	−15½
Nov	1486½	1508¾	1475¾	1478¾	−9½
Jan	1490¼	1512¼	1480¾	1484	−8¼
Mar	1485	1508	1480	1483¼	−6¾
May	1485¾	1504	1479¼	1483¼	−4¾
Jul	1479¾	1498¼	1475¼	1479½	−3½
Aug	1455½	1470¼	1450¾	1456¼	−2¾
Sep	1412½	1412¾	1409¼	1411¼	+½
Est. sales 233,247.Mon.'s sales 309,892					
Mon.'s open int 399,394					

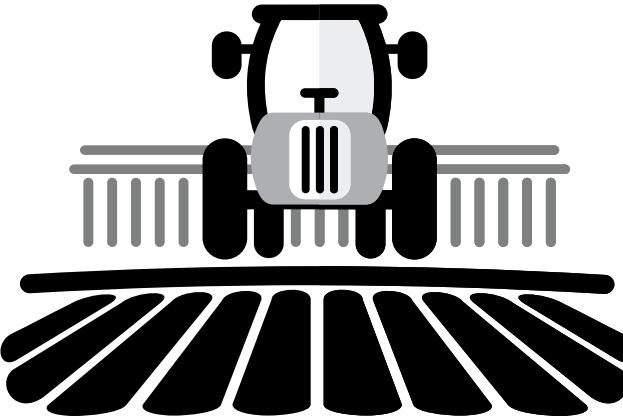
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60,000 lbs; cents per lb					
Sep	72.44	72.44	71.96	71.96	+0.4
Oct	68.31	69.98	68.05	68.93	+5.9
Dec	66.45	68.00	66.10	66.73	+2.4
Jan	65.55	66.96	65.21	65.86	+3.3
Mar	64.44	65.75	64.11	64.81	+3.9
May	63.57	64.79	63.22	63.89	+4.0
Jul	62.55	63.83	62.17	62.89	+4.3
Aug	61.32	62.82	61.26	61.95	+4.1
Est. sales 111,318.Mon.'s sales 111,369					
Mon.'s open int 399,394					

SOYBEAN MEAL					
100 tons; dollars per ton					
Sep	470.90	471.10	460.00	462.10	−10.80
Oct	438.70	441.80	428.40	428.90	−10.90
Dec	433.90	437.20	423.40	423.80	−10.80
Jan	429.30	432.70	420.30	420.60	−9.70
Mar	423.90	426.50	414.70	415.10	−9.30
May	419.50	422.30	412.10	412.40	−8.20
Jul	417.10	419.50	411.50	411.90	−7.20
Aug	414.00	414.70	407.30	407.30	−7.00
Est. sales 120,910.Mon.'s sales 158,367					
Mon.'s open int 384,160					

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Staff Reports
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Public water suppliers in Kansas take all measures necessary to notify customers quickly after a system failure or shutdown. Regardless of whether it's the supplier or KDHE that announces a boil water advisory, KDHE

will issue the rescind order following testing at a certified laboratory. KDHE announced the rescind order for Monday's boil advisory on Tuesday afternoon. Laboratory testing samples collected from

the City of Girard indicate no evidence of bacteriological contamination and all other conditions that placed the system at risk of contamination are deemed by KDHE officials to be resolved. For consumer questions,

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NEWS

Missouri Supreme Court won't weigh recreational pot lawsuit

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Missouri Supreme Court on Tuesday refused to take up a lawsuit challenging a ballot proposal to legalize recreational marijuana use in the state.

The Tuesday ruling means the proposed constitutional amendment will be on the Nov. 8 ballot. If voters approve the amendment, those age 21 and older could buy and grow marijuana for personal consumption as early as this year. The measure also would also require courts to wipe most past marijuana convictions clean.

Medical marijuana is already legal in Missouri. “We are now one step away from passing Amendment 3, which will bring millions in new revenue to Missouri, while allowing law enforcement to concentrate on fighting violent and serious crime,” pro-recreational pot campaign manager John Payne said in a statement.

Marijuana sales would be taxed at 6% under the Missouri measure. The tax is estimated to bring in more than \$46 million during the first full year the amendment is in effect and close to \$70 million the following year. Revenues would be earmarked for veterans’ homes, drug treatment programs and public defenders.

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Pittsburg soccer tops Chanute

By Dashuan Vereen
Morning Sun Staff

Pittsburg scored two goals in the second half to lead it to a 3-1 home victory over Chanute on Tuesday night.

The win pushes Pittsburg's record to 4-1, with a 3-0 mark in the Southeast Kansas League. The Purple Dragons will play their second of a four-game homestand against Coffeyville on Thursday.

"I saw a lot of intensity that I liked early in the first half," said Pittsburg Head Coach Riley Beihl. "I don't know if guys got tired or if it was changes that were made, but we lost some of that intensity later in the half. But coming into the second half, I saw that high level of intensity again, and I think it carried on for the rest of the game."

Edgar Mejia put the Purple Dragons on the board in the first half, rocketing a deep shot with 18 minutes into the first half.

"Edgar is very gifted on the ball," said Beihl. "He's quick with it and has a killer shot. A lot of these teams can't beat it."

Chanute's defense tightened around the end of the first half, and Jaxson Vaughan scored on a long range shot to tie the score with three minutes remaining.

Beihl's delivered a positive halftime message to the team.

"I let the team know that we were in front the whole half," said Beihl. "But they can still let something like that hap-



Pittsburg's Johan Arriola races past a Chanute defender on Tuesday. DASHUAN VEREEN/MORNING SUN

pen. You have to keep the intensity high, or they will keep chewing away at our lead."

Mejia broke the tie midway in the second half, scoring after a corner kick at the 21 minute mark in the half.

Pittsburg continued to dominate possession in the second half and sealed the win with a

goal from Delvin Solis.

Pittsburg failed to capitalize on some scoring opportunities against the Blue Comets. The Purple Dragon forwards applied constant pressure on the Chanute defenders, but Pittsburg will look to improve on making through passes into space.

"I think we have to be

able to see our opposite forward players better," said Beihl. "There were so many times where we were building up the ball on one side of the field and we had players wide open on the other side, and we just didn't see them and make the pass across."

Dragon spikers earn first victory

By Jim Henry
Sports Editor

After leading almost the entire match, Pittsburg had to rally late in the second set to complete a 2-0 victory (25-20, 25-22) over Coffeyville on Tuesday night in the PHS gymnasium.

The Purple Dragons (1-4) never trailed in the first set and jumped out to a 13-6 lead midway through the second set on a tip by Erin O'Connell over two blockers and an ace by Ivery Watts.

But the Golden Tornado tallied seven of the next eight points -- including a kill and ace by

Hope Hill and two consecutive aces by Ni'Shay Strickland -- to climb within 14-13.

Coffeyville caught the Dragons at 16-16 on a block by Amyah MooreKendrex, and kills by Autumn Rippee and Tiana McCullough gave the 'Nado a 20-18 lead.

An O'Connell kill and three straight aces by Alycia Cosens -- the last two down the left sideline -- put Pittsburg back on top 22-20.

McCullough's kill and MooreKendrex's ace tied the match at 22, but a kill and ace by Watts and kill by O'Connell gave Pittsburg its final three points.

"Those (ace serves) were really, really important for us," Dragons coach Ashlen Riggs said. "We've actually struggled with that this season so far. I'm proud of Alycia Cosens for making her serves at the end of the game."

O'Connell and Cosens unofficially accounted for six points apiece in the final set -- four kills and two aces by O'Connell and two kills and four aces by Cosens. Watts added three kills.

In the first set Cosens had a kill and three straight aces to scissor a 4-4 deadlock. She finished with four kills, four aces and a block in

the set.

O'Connell also had four kills in the first set, one more than Rileigh Manuel. Onna Jorge made two blocks.

"I thought our out-sides did a pretty good job of executing with our hitting," Riggs said. "I think we need to pick it up with some of our defensive play. We were out of position sometimes. We need to work on being in the right position, but I thought we did a pretty good job of putting the ball away."

The Dragons played Chanute in the final match of the quadrangular.

Varsolona hired as Frontenac boys basketball coach

Staff Reports
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FRONTENAC, Kan. — During the Frontenac USD 249 board of education meeting on Monday, it was announced that Ryan Varsolona has been hired as the new boys head basketball coach.

A motion was made by Mike Bitner that was seconded by Anthony Menghini to approve the hiring of Varsolona. It was announced that Varsolona was also hired as half junior high athletic director along with Cassie Rhuems. The motion passed six votes to none.

Other hirings included Willie Watt as high school baseball assistant, Tom Myers as high school base-

ball assistant, Brady McDonald as high school boys wrestling assistant, Logan McDonald as junior high boys wrestling assistant, Logan McDonald as high school boys wrestling assistant, Brendon Ohlmeier as high school girls wrestling assistant, Owen Gray as high school girls wrestling head coach and Quentin Holmes as junior high girls assistant wrestling coach.

A motion was made by Matt Frankenbery and seconded by Seth Nutt to approve the hiring of Blake Barto as assistant high school boys' basketball coach. Tim Casper was also hired as assistant high school boys' basketball coach. The motion passed six votes to none.

Gorillas edge Cardinals 3-1

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The Pittsburg State volleyball team traveled to Liberty, Mo. on Tuesday night to take on William Jewell in a non-conference match, and the Gorillas beat the Cardinals 3-1(18-25, 25-18, 25-17, 27-25).

Back-to-back attack errors let William Jewell take a 25-24 lead in the fourth set. The Gorillas got the lead back thanks to kills from Kate Bandre and Seville Gates, and a hitting error by the Cardinals gave PSU the final point.

Meg Auten recorded a

double-double with 14 kills and 11 digs.

Gates contributed 12 kills, while Jayden Sanford and Bandre both had 10.

Phoenix Bailey led the Gorillas with five total blocks. Marissa Bates led Pittsburg with 25 digs, and Brianna Richard led the Gorillas with 51 assists.

Bella LaPorta led the Cardinals with 15 kills. Anna Godfredsen added 11 kills for William Jewell.

The Gorillas play MIAA matches at home against Central Missouri on Friday and Missouri Western on Saturday. Both begin at 2 p.m.

Trout's HR streak ends at 7 games

CLEVELAND (AP) — Angels star Mike Trout's streak of consecutive games hitting a home run ended at seven, one shy of the major league record, and the AL Central-leading Cleveland Guardians beat Los Angeles 3-1 on Tuesday night.

Trout went 0-for-3 with three routine flyballs and a walk. The three-time AL MVP was chasing the mark of eight straight games with a home run, set by Pittsburgh's Dale Long in 1956 and matched by Don Mattingly of the Yankees in 1987 and Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. in 1993.

"I'm not going to lie," he said. "I've been thinking about it, for sure. Everybody's been texting me. You guys are asking me a bunch of questions. It's kind of hard not to."

Trout said a home run was especially in his thoughts when he batted against hard-throwing James Karinchak in the eighth that resulted in a fly to right on a 2-1 pitch.

"It's the nature of things, I guess," he said. "When I think home run, not good as you saw. I chased some pitches and was amped up too much. Got to start a new streak, I guess."

Lancers post 2-1 record at home quadrangular

By Aaron Pyle
Morning Sun Staff

CHEROKEE, Kan. — The Southeast Lancers girls volleyball team hosted a quadrangular Tuesday night that included Chetopa, Oswego and St. Paul.

The Lancers closed the tournament with two victories over Chetopa and Oswego, improving its overall record to 3-9 on the season.

Southeast head coach Maya White expressed her excitement following a closely contested final match against Oswego that came down to the final set.

"We're getting better every day, so that's good," she said. "This was a good win for us because we didn't make a lot of errors on our second two sets, our last two sets against Oswego. Which

is something we've been fighting it's just 'keep pushing through' in not making errors, and we did it. We earned a lot of our points and stayed focused."

Prior to the home opener, the Lancers traveled to Galena for a dual against the Bulldogs. Galena prevailed over Southeast in three sets in a best-of-five series (19-25, 23-25, 16-25).

Senior Malia Vinson highlighted the three sets with 15 digs, nine kills and three blocks. Senior Zoey Tavernaro provided an additional 16 digs for the Lancers.

Opening Tuesday's quadrangular, the Lancers eased past the Chetopa Hornets in two sets; 25-17 and 25-2. In the second set, Southeast dominated Chetopa scoring 21 straight points.

Junior Kinzey Cassidy and Vinson led the

charge for Southeast finishing with a combined nine aces, six kills and four digs.

The Lancers then battled St. Paul as the Indians swept Southeast in two sets; 21-25 and 12-25. Sophomore Eliz White and Vinson closed the two losses with eight combined kills. Tavernaro also provided 10 digs.

Closing the quadrangular, the Lancers faced off against the Oswego Indians. The Indians highlighted the first set, winning 25-16 by going on a significant surge midway through that pushed the lead to double digits.

However, the Lancers closed the final two sets with newfound energy as the home crowd cheered on Southeast. The Lancers dominated the last two sets, 25-9 and 25-11, to close the tournament with two victories.



Southeast sophomores Eliz White and Charlee Gideon rise for the block attempt in Tuesday's match against the Chetopa Hornets as the Lancers went 2-1 in their home quadrangular. AARON PYLE/MORNING SUN STAFF

White shined in helping her teammates in the final match, compiling 22 assists, three digs and two kills. The Indians could not stop Vinson, who collected 16 kills and

five digs.

The Lancers are scheduled to play again on Tuesday, Sept. 20, as Southeast travels to Marmaton Valley for a three-team tournament.

The dual features the host Wildcats and Jayhawk-Linn as match play begins at 5 p.m.

BASEBALL
MLB STANDINGS

American League

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	86	56	.606	—
Toronto	80	62	.563	6
Tampa Bay	79	62	.560	6½
Baltimore	74	67	.525	11½
Boston	69	73	.486	17

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	75	65	.536	—
Chicago	73	69	.514	3
Minnesota	70	70	.500	5
Kansas City	57	85	.401	19
Detroit	54	88	.380	22

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	92	50	.648	—
Seattle	79	61	.564	12
Texas	62	80	.437	30
Los Angeles	61	81	.430	31
Oakland	51	91	.359	41

Monday's Games
Texas 3, Miami 2, 1st game
Cleveland 5, L.A. Angels 4
Houston 7, Detroit 0
Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 2
Miami 10, Texas 6, 2nd game
Tuesday's Games
Tampa Bay 4, Toronto 2, 1st game
Cleveland 3, L.A. Angels 1
Houston 6, Detroit 3
Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 2, 2nd game
Baltimore 4, Washington 3
Minnesota 6, Kansas City 3
N.Y. Yankees 7, Boston 6, 10 innings
Chicago White Sox 4, Colorado 2
Texas 8, Oakland 7
San Diego at Seattle, 9:40 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Houston (Javier 8-9) at Detroit (Wentz 1-1), 12:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Sandoval 5-9) at Cleveland (Quantrill 12-5), 12:10 p.m.
Colorado (Freeland 8-9) at Chicago White Sox (Cease 14-6), 1:10 p.m.
San Diego (Manaea 7-8) at Seattle (Castillo 6-5), 3:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Wells 7-6) at Washington (Corbin 6-18), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rasmussen 10-4) at Toronto (Stripling 7-4), 6:07 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Montas 5-12) at Boston (Bello 1-5), 6:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Greinke 4-8) at Minnesota (Gray 7-4), 6:40 p.m.
Oakland (Sears 5-2) at Texas (Dunning 3-8), 7:05 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, 12:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 2:07 p.m.
Oakland at Houston, 6:20 p.m.
Kansas City at Minnesota, 6:40 p.m.

National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	89	54	.622	—
Atlanta	87	54	.617	1
Philadelphia	79	62	.560	9
Miami	58	84	.408	30½
Washington	49	93	.345	39½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	83	59	.585	—
Milwaukee	76	66	.535	7
Chicago	60	82	.423	23
Cincinnati	56	85	.397	26½
Pittsburgh	54	88	.380	29
West Division				

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Los Angeles	97	43	.693	—
San Diego	77	64	.546	20½
San Francisco	68	73	.482	29½
Arizona	66	74	.471	31
Colorado	61	81	.430	37

Monday's Games
Texas 3, Miami 2, 1st game
Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 3
Chicago Cubs 5, N.Y. Mets 2
Miami 10, Texas 6, 2nd game
L.A. Dodgers 6, Arizona 0
San Francisco 3, Atlanta 2
Tuesday's Games
Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 1, 1st game
Pittsburgh 1, Cincinnati 0, 2nd game
Philadelphia 2, Miami 1
Chicago Cubs 4, N.Y. Mets 1
Baltimore 4, Washington 3
Chicago White Sox 4, Colorado 2
Milwaukee 8, St. Louis 4
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 9:40 p.m.
Atlanta at San Francisco, 9:45 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Pittsburgh (Contreras 5-4) at Cincinnati (Lodolo 4-5), 11:35 p.m.
Colorado (Freeland 8-9) at Chicago White Sox (Cease 14-6), 1:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Morton 8-5) at San Francisco (Rodón 12-8), 2:45 p.m.
San Diego (Manaea 7-8) at Seattle (Castillo 6-5), 3:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Gibson 9-6) at Miami (Cabrera 5-2), 5:40 p.m.
Baltimore (Wells 7-6) at Washington (Corbin 6-18), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Smyly 6-8) at N.Y. Mets (Peterson 7-4), 6:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Burnes 10-6) at St. Louis (Wainwright 10-9), 6:45 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (May 1-2) at Arizona (Davies 2-4), 8:40 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Philadelphia at Miami, 5:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Mets, 6:20 p.m.
Cincinnati at St. Louis, 6:45 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 8:40 p.m.

Raiders win Frontenac volleyball tournament

By Sam Kombrink
Morning Sun Staff

The Frontenac volleyball team (10-1) hosted the Frontenac High School volleyball tournament on Saturday where the Raiders won six matches in a row, taking down Baxter Springs, Cherryvale, Pierce City, Columbus, Chanute and Fort Scott. “Overall, this team should be proud of themselves,” said Frontenac coach Martha Harper. “I feel like we grew a lot.” The Raiders kicked off the tournament by winning their first match over Baxter Springs in two sets 25-8, 25-14. In set one seniors Hattie Pyle, Mia Brown, and Kelly Burke all tied with four kills each. Senior Kynlee Lakey had three kills, junior Madison Hamm had two, and senior Brylie Smith had one kill. Senior Hattie Hamblin and Burke tied for eight kills each in set two, as the Raiders advanced. “We came out very focused from game one to the end,” Harper said. Frontenac then beat Cherryvale 2-0. Frontenac

won the first set 25-19, and Pyle led the Raiders with four kills. Pyle led the Raiders in set two with eight kills as the Raiders won 25-11. Brown followed with seven kills, and Lakey with four. Burke and Lucy Anderson both recorded one kill each. “Our servers really dominated this game,” she said. “They were aggressive and kept Cherryvale moving.” Frontenac took on Pierce City in its third match and won 2-1. The Raiders lost the first set 25-21, but bounced back and won two sets in a row 25-19, 26-24. Audrina Shay led the Raiders with three digs in the second set. Brown and Burke followed with two digs each. Junior Kendl Matlock led the Raiders with nine kills in the third set. Hamblin followed with eight kills and the Frontenac edged Pierce City 26-24. Hamblin and Matlock led the Raiders with 10 digs each. “After losing the first game to Pierce City, we had to play smart,” Harper said. “Our third game

we were down 24-17. They missed a serve and Kelly did a great job serving and kept them out of their offense. “We kept our composure and won the game. That game was huge for our team, it showed great teamwork and confidence in each other. Our passes were right on to our setter so she could make great sets. Mia was able to mix up her attacks.” Frontenac then faced Columbus and won the first set 25-20 and the second set 25-15. Matlock led the Raiders with eight digs in the first set, followed by Hamblin with seven digs. In the second set, Brown led the Raiders with nine kills. Pyle followed with four kills. “Columbus has improved very much this season,” she said. “Columbus has great servers and they play good defense. We went 2-1 against them earlier in the week, so we knew we had to play better this time.” Frontenac’s next opponent was Chanute and the Raiders won in two sets 25-20, 25-15. Hamm led the Raiders

in the first set with 10 digs, followed by Matlock with five digs. In the second set the Raiders were led by Brown and Pyle with six kills each. Frontenac faced Fort Scott for the championship match. The Raiders won the first set 25-15 and Brown and Pyle both had two kills each. Matlock led the Raiders with 13 digs, followed by Hamblin with seven. “Fort Scott is a good team with some big blockers and hitters,” she said. “We did a good job on defense to keep them out of their game.” Pyle led the Raiders with 10 kills, followed by Brown’s nine kills as Frontenac won 25-23. “Each game we want to get more familiar with each other and that will only build our trust in each other,” she said. “We still have several things to keep working on. “We are an aggressive serving team, so we will miss some serves, but we missed too many over the weekend. The best thing about this team is they will work hard to improve on their weaknesses.”

McCutchen homers, drives in 3 in Brewers’ 8-4 win over Cards

By JOE HARRIS
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Andrew McCutchen homered and drove in three and the Milwaukee Brewers used eight pitchers in an 8-4 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Tuesday night. The Brewers moved within seven games of the NL Central-leading Cardinals. Down three starters to injuries, the taxed Brewers staff was stretched even further when starter Matt Bush left after just 15 pitches because of right groin discomfort. Bush was the starter in what the club had already designated as a bullpen game. Luis Perdomo (2-0) was the winner, allowing one run in three innings. Perdomo, Brad Boxberger,

Hoby Milner, Justin Topa, Taylor Rogers and Brent Suter combined to retire 20 of 22 batters from the third inning on. McCutchen hit his 17th homer of the season, a two-run blast off Jordan Montgomery in the fifth, to break a 4-all tie. Christian Yelich added to the lead by getting hit by Packy Naughton’s pitch with the bases loaded in the sixth. Hunter Renfroe had a pair of hits including an RBI single in the eighth. The Brewers took a 2-0 lead in the first on RBI doubles from Willy Adames and McCutchen. Adames tied it with an RBI single in the second and Yelich drove in another on a fielder’s choice. It was the worst start in eight tries as a Cardinal for Montgomery (8-4), who

was acquired at the trade deadline from the New York Yankees. Montgomery allowed six runs, four earned, and gave up seven hits while striking out six. Nolan Arenado had a two-run double in the first and Albert Pujols added an RBI single to give the Cardinals a short-lived 3-2 lead. Tommy Edman’s RBI single in the second tied the game at 4-4. Edman has a career-high 14 game hitting streak. **FACE IN THE CROWD** Former Cardinals first baseman Matt Adams was shown on the video board after the fourth inning and waved to the crowd from his seat. **TRAINER’S ROOM** Brewers: LHP Aaron Ashby (left shoulder) threw a bullpen on Mon-

day. Cardinals: OF Dylan Carlson (left thumb sprain) took swings and played catch and is on track to begin a rehab assignment on Friday. **UP NEXT** Cardinals RHP Adam Wainwright (10-9, 3.33 ERA) will start the second of a two-game series against the Brewers and RHP Corbin Burnes (10-6, 2.93 ERA). Wainwright and catcher Yadier Molina are expected to start game No. 325 together as batterymates, which would break the all-time record set by the Detroit Tigers duo Mickey Lolich and Bill Freehan (1963-1975). Burnes is 2-0 with a 0.43 ERA in three starts against St. Louis this season.

Twins’ bid for combo no-hitter ends with 1 out in 9th vs KC

By ANDRES YBARRA
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota rookie Joe Ryan and reliever Jovani Moran combined to pitch no-hit ball until Bobby Witt Jr. doubled with one out in the ninth inning as the Twins beat the Kansas City Royals 6-3 on Tuesday night. Ryan was pulled after seven innings and 106 pitches, four shy of his big league high. There has never been a no-hitter at Tar-

get Field, and the crowd of 19,005 booed when Twins manager Rocco Baldelli sent Moran to the mound to start the eighth. Moran worked a perfect eighth. He struck out Drew Waters to begin the ninth before walking pinch-hitter Hunter Dozier and MJ Melendez. The Royals hadn’t come close to a hit until Witt lined a 1-2 fastball for a clean drive to deep left for an RBI double, setting off more boos from the fans. Sebastian Rivero followed with an infield hit

that drove in another run and Vinnie Pasquantino had a sacrifice fly. The Twins’ last no-hitter was by Francisco Liriano against the White Sox on May 3, 2011 in Chicago. Carlos Correa, Jose Miranda and Gio Urshela hit home runs as the Twins snapped a three-game skid. They remained five games behind Cleveland in the AL Central. Ryan (11-8) struck out nine, walked two and set down his last 12 batters. He has never gone past seven innings in his career and

had lost three of his previous four decisions. The 26-year-old righty had never gone past seven innings in his career. He has a big league high of 110 pitches, done Aug. 9 at the Los Angeles Dodgers. Ryan was a member of last year’s U.S. Olympic team and was traded to Twins by Rays while he was in Japan. The Royals avoided being no-hit for the first time since 2008 when Jon Lester shut them down in Boston. Kris Bubic (2-12) allowed 10 hits and five runs with six strikeouts in five innings. **TRAINER’S ROOM** Twins: RF Max Kepler (right leg) was not in Tuesday’s lineup but

Baldelli was hopeful he’d be available off the bench. Meanwhile, Baldelli said OF-INF Jorge Polanco and RHP Bailey Ober could potentially return this week. The manager also said OF Byron Buxton is slightly behind Polanco. **UP NEXT** Royals: RHP Zack Greinke (4-8) makes his 23rd start of the season on Wednesday night. He is 0-3 against Minnesota this season with a 4.20 ERA in those outings. He’s 0-6 on the road this season. Twins: RHP Sonny Gray (7-4) will look to go 3-0 against the Royals this season when he takes the mound on Wednesday night.



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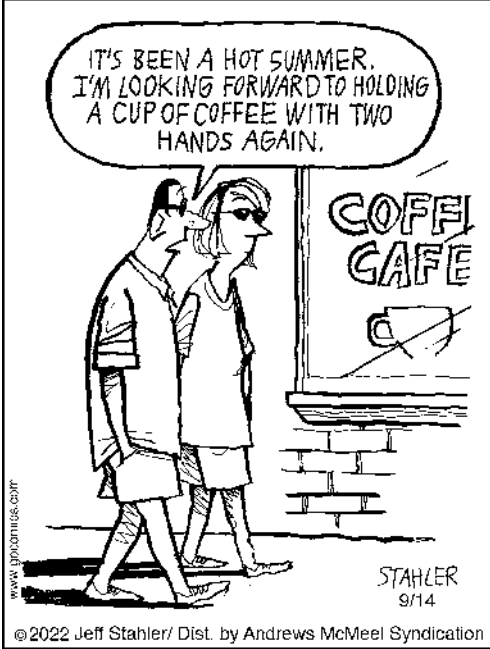


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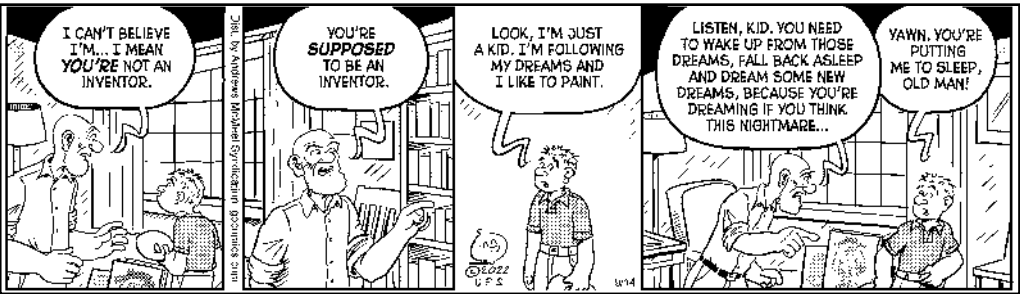
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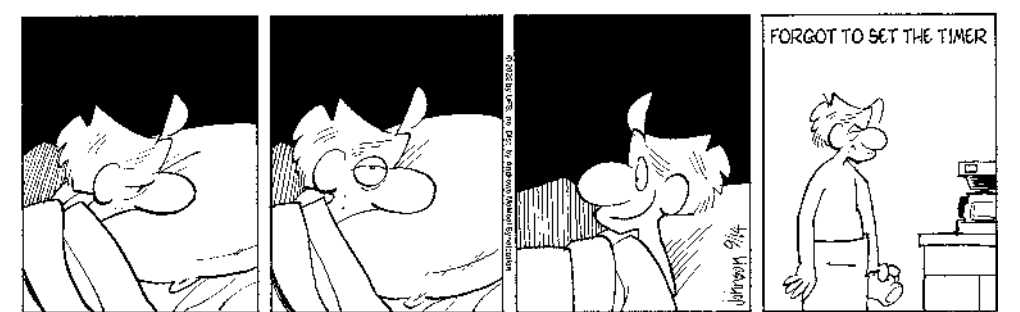
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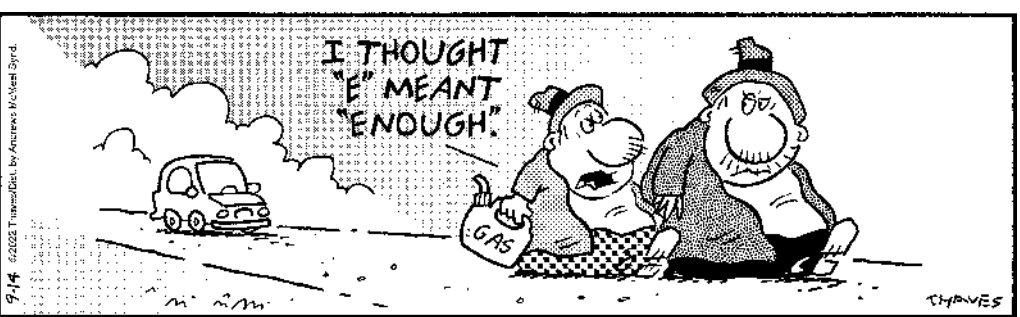
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Gather information before making a decision that affects your position. Stay calm and demonstrate what you have to offer and are willing to do. Stretching your imagination will encourage new beginnings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Explore the possibilities. Check out what's new and exciting. Keeping your plans simple and affordable will improve your life. Update your image to boost your morale.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Size up what's happening in your life. Evaluate your strengths and weaknesses, and adjust your lifestyle to ensure you put your best foot forward. Romance is in the stars.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't take anything for granted. If you want something done correctly, do it yourself. Verify facts before you pass them along. A serious discussion will help clear up a misunderstanding.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Make a change and a difference. How you handle contracts, domestic issues and love will determine your happiness. Be bold, say what's on your mind, find out where you stand and act accordingly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Don't feel obligated to do something that doesn't fit into your schedule or help you get what you want. Putting your energy into something that matters to you will pay off.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Prepare before you act. Have a plan to prevent mishaps and physical setbacks. Pay attention to meaningful relationships. Make changes that bring you closer to a loved one.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Think big, but stick to the basics. Plan your actions and keep things simple and doable. Don't guesstimate; sticking to the facts will help you maintain your budget and get things done on time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Put your emotions aside and decide what to do next based on facts and figures. Watch

how others react to situations to figure out how to proceed. If you are feeling uncertain, tread carefully.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Put your energy and enthusiasm where they will count most. Use your skills and talents to outmaneuver the competition. Take whatever you do seriously. Don't take chances with your health.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Present what you have to offer with pizzazz. Pay attention to detail, and you'll make a lasting impression. A partnership will help you bring about changes at home that add to your comfort.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Pay attention to detail and avoid a mishap. Decisions you make while under emotional pressure will backfire. Explore the possibilities, but don't commit time or money to something uncertain.

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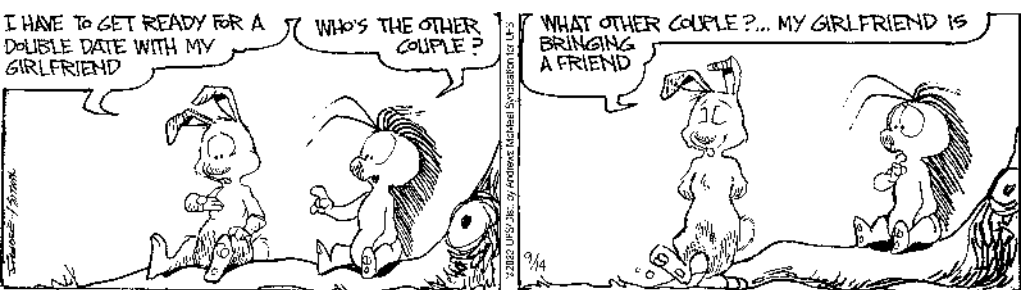
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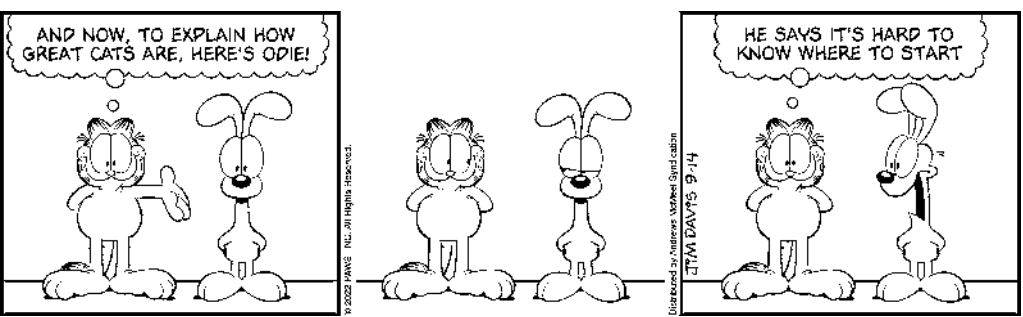
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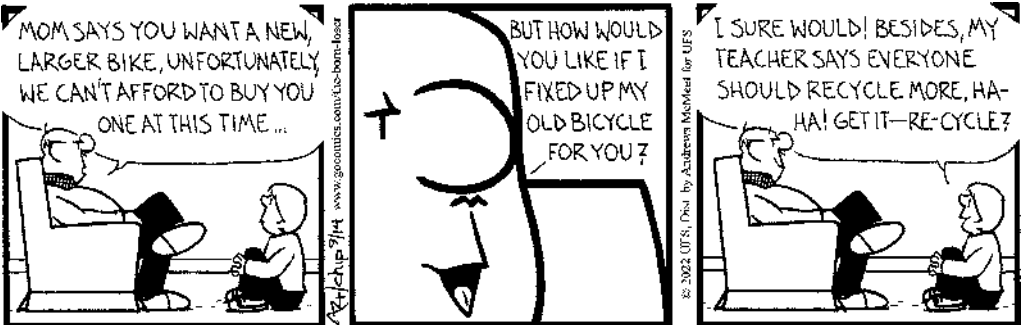
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Chiefs’ Mahomes still thrives on proving naysayers wrong

By DAVE SKRETTA
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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — It’s sometimes difficult to believe that Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes, for all that he’s accomplished during his young but brilliant NFL career, would carry such a considerable chip on his shoulder.

He thrives on the doubters. The naysayers. The critics who try to diminish everything he’s done.

It was that way when he was coming out of high school, and Texas Tech was among the only schools that gave the baseball player a football scholarship. And coming out of Texas Tech, when so many NFL teams pegged him as a system quarterback who would flounder like so many other “Air Raid” products as a professional.

It was that way this past offseason, too, when detractors tried to argue that Mahomes would take a step back without the game-breaking ability of Tyreek Hill, who was shipped to the Dolphins for a package of draft picks.

So much for that.

Mahomes merely responded by throwing for 360 yards and five touch-



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) throws against the Arizona Cardinals during the first half of an NFL football game on Sunday in Glendale, Ariz. (AP PHOTO/MATT YORK)

downs without an interception on Sunday in Arizona, a performance that was so nearly flawless that the Chiefs built a big enough lead that he could ride the bench at the end.

“That’s just Pat. That’s just who he is,” Chiefs offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy said this week, after they had turned their attention from the 44-21 blitz of the Cardinals to a Thursday night showdown against the Los Angeles Chargers.

There was one point during the game when Mahomes, after throwing his fourth touchdown pass, put up four fingers at a woebegone defender, as if to say: “How ‘bout that?” It was done in the

heat of the moment, and Mahomes said Tuesday that he didn’t even remember doing it. But it spoke volumes about his competitive fire.

Mahomes is coming off his sixth career game with at least five TD passes, joining a club that includes Drew Brees, Peyton Manning, Dan Marino and Ben Roethlisberger. Each of them played at least 240 games; Mahomes has played 64.

He’s also closing on 20,000 yards for his career — he needs 649 more — a number that Mahomes could reasonably achieve in two games. That would mean reaching the threshold in 66 games, five fewer than the NFL record.

Big 12’s underappreciated stealing spotlight early in season

By DAVE SKRETTA
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What were supposed to be the Big 12 also-rans took some of the spotlight from favorites such as Oklahoma and Oklahoma State over the weekend. Kansas improved to 2-0 with its overtime victory over West Virginia. Iowa State did the same with a road win over rival Iowa. Kansas State blew out former Big 12 foe Missouri in the first meeting with the Tigers in more than a decade. Texas Tech used double overtime to rally past then-No. 25 Houston. That’s some pretty salty stuff from a quartet of schools that were not expected to make much noise this season.

Kansas improved to 2-0 for the first time in more than a decade by squeezing out a victory at West Virginia, a win highlighted by a clinching pick-six in overtime.

There was Kansas State walloping ex-Big 12 rival Missouri to stay perfect through the first two games of the season, and Texas Tech, which beat then-No. 25 and future conference foe Houston to likewise stack two wins together.

Texas took then-No. 1 Alabama to the wire in a loss, even after losing their starting quarterback to injury, and Baylor fell to No.



Kansas players celebrate during overtime of an NCAA college football game against West Virginia in Morgantown, W.Va. on Saturday. (AP PHOTO/KATHLEEN BATTEN)

12 BYU on the road in overtime. But even in defeat, they were strong efforts by programs that, along with Oklahoma and Oklahoma State, were expected to be the cream of the Big 12 crop this season.

Kansas State led 14-3 at that point. It was 20-3 at halftime. The margin of victory, 40-12, was enough to raise eyebrows around the country, though the folks that follow the Wildcats closely know that this could turn out to be a special season in Manhattan.

“We have a good football team, but we have a lot of guys with a chip on their shoulder,” said Wildcats coach Chris Klieman, whose team plays Tulane on Saturday before a showdown with the Sooners.

“We think we can be a really good team.”

That same positive vibe is running through the Red Raiders, who have rallied around first-year coach Joey McGuire to beat Murray State and then knock off the Cougars in double overtime. Texas Tech got a 47-yard field goal from Trey Wolff to force the extra sessions, then twice answered Houston scores with touchdowns to escape with the 33-30 win.

“Our team’s No. 1 rule is don’t beat yourself,” McGuire said. “I thought that our guys really responded. If we stay on that side to where we’re winning the penalty battle and winning the ‘don’t beat yourself,’ we’re going to win a lot of those games.”

Defending champ Georgia downplays return to No. 1 in Top 25

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Defending national champion Georgia needed only two games to convince voters it should return to the top of the AP Top 25.

Coach Kirby Smart says September rankings are “never a big deal.”

“It only matters at the end of the year,” Smart said Monday, adding he is “a lot more worried about how we execute a combo block than I am worried

about what we’re ranked. And hopefully the kids are the same way.”

The Bulldogs (2-0) are winning with defense, which was also their strength in winning their first national title since 1980. They have given up only three points in two games.

Georgia will try to continue its impressive defensive showing when it opens its Southeastern Conference

schedule at South Carolina on Saturday.

Georgia was No. 1 for nine weeks last season, so offensive tackle Warren McClendon said the new ranking wasn’t big news for the players.

“We really don’t pay attention to the ratings,” McClendon said. “We worry about getting better day-by-day and this upcoming game.”

Georgia was No. 3 in the preseason AP Top 25 and moved to No. 2 following its 49-3 rout of then-No. 11 Oregon to open the season. The Bulldogs then climbed to No. 1 in this week’s poll, moving past Alabama following the Crimson Tide’s



Georgia head coach Kirby Smart reacts on the sideline during the first half of an NCAA college football game against Samford on Saturday in Athens, Ga. (AP PHOTO/JOHN BAZEMORE)

Georgia has played dominant defense despite having eight players from the unit selected in this year’s NFL draft, including five in the first round. Overall, Georgia had a record 15 players taken in the draft.

The defense took the lead again in Saturday’s 33-0 win over Samford. Georgia gave up only 128 yards and three first downs and led 30-0 at halftime.

It was a dominant but not satisfactory win. Smart was unhappy the Bulldogs settled for four field goals. After scoring touchdowns on its first seven possessions against Oregon, Georgia had to kick field goals on its first two posses-

sions against Samford after moving the ball inside the 10.

Smart called that offensive showing “a huge step back.”

The shutout of Samford impressed the Top 25 voters, but the stalled drives provided motivation for improvement.

“Last week I don’t think we played to our standard,” McClendon said before Monday’s practice. “We have some things we need to fix, some things we need to prevent from happening and some pre-snap things we need to get better at. Just coming back in today, look at what we messed up on and get back to work.”



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Suns owner Sarver suspended 1 year, fined \$10M after probe

apologized for “words and actions that offended our employees,” though noted he disagreed with some of the report’s findings.

The report said Sarver “repeated or purported to repeat the N-word on at least five occasions spanning his tenure with the Suns,” though added that the investigation “makes no finding that Sarver used this racially insensitive language with the intent to demean or denigrate.”

The study also concluded that Sarver used demeaning language toward female employees, including telling a pregnant employee that she would not be able to do her job after becoming a mother; made off-color comments and jokes about sex and anatomy; and yelled and cursed at employees in ways that would be considered bully-

ing “under workplace standards.”

Sarver, the league said, cannot be present at any NBA or WNBA team facility, including any office, arena, or practice facility; attend or participate in any NBA or WNBA event or activity, including games, practices or business partner activity; represent the Suns or Mercury in any public or private capacity; or have any involvement with the business or basketball operations of the Suns or Mercury.

On Tuesday, Sarver’s representatives said the investigation’s findings “confirmed that there was no evidence, whatsoever, to support several of the accusations in ESPN’s reporting from November 2021.”

Sarver and the Suns and Mercury “cooperated fully with the investigative pro-

cess,” the league said.

“Regardless of position, power or intent, we all need to recognize the corrosive and hurtful impact of racially insensitive and demeaning language and behavior,” Silver said. “On behalf of the entire NBA, I apologize to all of those impacted by the misconduct outlined in the investigators’ report. We must do better.”



The NBA has suspended Phoenix Suns and Phoenix Mercury owner Robert Sarver for one year, plus fined him \$10 million, after an investigation found that he had engaged in what the league called “workplace misconduct and organizational deficiencies.” (AP PHOTO/ROSS D. FRANKLIN, FILE)

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