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ArtWalk set for Sept. 23

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — After bringing back the Pittsburg ArtWalk as an in-person event this spring for the first time since 2019, ArtWalk organizers are gearing up for their fall event, set for Sept. 23.

The Fall ArtWalk will be held Friday, Sept. 23, 2022, from 5 to 9 p.m., in downtown Pittsburg. Over 50 artists and organizations will be participating.

Something new to the ArtWalk this season will be the Writer's Block. Attendees are encouraged to visit the west side of 6th Street to see several poets and authors. The Writer's

Block will feature several writers selling their poetry, fiction, and children's books. Inside TJ Lelands from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., there will be a poetry and fiction reading with an open mic at the end.

There will be four area bands performing during the ArtWalk at the Main Stage area in Europe Park. The ArtWalk has introduced six additional stage areas this year: inside Eclectic Soul Studio, the East 6th Street intersection, the B22 courtyard in front of the Pitsco Idea Shop, inside Toast, a performance stage located at the 7th Street crosswalk in front of The Finishing Touch, and one final stage location in the 6th Street

intersection that will feature a special surprise performance.

Outside of the main ArtWalk area on Broadway between 4th and 7th Streets, event attendees are also encouraged to visit Christina Bartlow LaRue at the Rainbow Clinic, located at 313 N. Broadway.

The SEK Humane Society, Pittsburg Public Library, Guardians of the Children, Operation Lifesaver, and several more local not-for-profit organizations will be on site at the ArtWalk with art-related activities for the youngest attendees.

Several food trucks will be serving up delectable dishes ranging from mac



After returning as an in-person event for the first time since 2019 this spring, the Pittsburg ArtWalk will be back for its first in-person fall event in three years Sept. 23.

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and cheese to wood-fired pizza. Many downtown eateries will be serving up specials all night, just

for the occasion. Several local businesses will be on location showing their support for art in the com-

munity and providing fun art projects for the kids.

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PSU, Audubon partner to offer wildlife education to public

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — Wildlife viewing is one of the fastest growing wildlife-related recreation activities in the U.S., and those who live within driving distance of Pittsburg State University will have opportunities to learn more about it this fall, thanks to a continuing partnership between the Biology Department and the Sperry-Galligar Audubon Society.

Associate Professor Andrew George, who now serves as the program chair for the local Audubon chapter, has started



PSU Associate Biology Professor Andrew George. COURTESY PHOTO

conducting monthly beginner bird walks the first Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. His next walks are planned for Oct. 1, Nov. 5, and Dec. 3. Locations include public lands such as Wilderness Park and

Prairie State Park. They are free and open to the public, and all ages and abilities are welcome. Details can be found on the Sperry-Galligar Audubon Society Facebook page.

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County accepts grant for RJA

By Dustin R. Strong
Morning Sun Staff

GIRARD, Kan. — The Crawford County Commission accepted a \$60,000 grant Tuesday from the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) on behalf of the Restorative Justice Authority (RJA). The grant is payable in installments of \$30,000 a year for two years.

The RJA supervises juvenile offenders in the community and refers them to appropriate services as needed with the goal of teaching youth social skills and problem-solving so they can make better informed decisions. The Disproportionate Minority Contant

Project Grant is another tool to help the RJA complete its mission.

Disproportionate Minority Contant (DMC) is defined by the US Department of Justice as “the disproportionate representation of ethnic, racial and linguistic minority youth in the juvenile court system.” According to the Coalition for Juvenile Justice, minority youth are overrepresented in every aspect of the justice system. African American youth represent 16 percent of the adolescents in this country, but comprise 40 percent of the youth incarcerated in local detention and state correctional facilities while Latino youth are incarcerated in local

detention and state correctional facilities nearly twice as often as white youth.

With this grant, according to the grant agreement, the Crawford County RJA is to “contract with the Center for Community Health and Development at the University of Kansas and the Learning Tree Institute in Girard to develop, implement, and provide examples to support a toolkit that will provide a ‘how to’ guide for judicial districts to address and sustain change to address racial and ethnic disparities (RED) and other disproportionate contact within the system.”

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Legacy of Music set for Saturday

By Antjea Wolff
Morning Sun Staff

PITTSBURG, Kan. — Music sometimes has the ability to provide comfort that nothing else can compare to, especially for children, which is why a group of individuals and musicians decided to organize a benefit concert at which all the proceeds would be put into a program to provide free music lessons to any child who wishes to learn. This year the Legacy of Music benefit concert will

be from noon to midnight Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Crawford County Fairgrounds in Girard.

The Legacy of Music Festival had its first show in 2018 with 10 bands divided across two bars in Pittsburg, Jimmy B's and TJ Leland's, with a cost of \$10. Over the past four years, event organizers have continued the tradition of having this yearly festival, and all the proceeds have been put towards their Legacy of Music Mentorship program, which is used for buying equipment and instru-

ments in order to provide a free music program for children and teens who wish to learn how to play instruments, but cannot afford it. The program provides free lessons and the tools necessary for learning music.

This year, thanks to sponsors and donors, the Legacy of Music Festival will feature 12 bands on two different stages at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. The bands performing will be Home Grown Has Beens, Final Warning, From Ashes, Soupman, Trak Masta

Tom, The Coventry Sacrifice, Blueshell Bombshell, Kota Lewis and the Flyers, Death by Zombie, Soulbliss, Friendly Fire, and Why Bother. Most of the bands are metal-style music or hard rock.

There will also be a free carnival for children ages three to 10, as well as games. Vendors at the event will include B&B Media, The Ogre's Lair, The American Legion, Off Shore Tropix, Stitchling Witchling, and Legacy Forged Custom Products.

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The Legacy of Music Foundation will be holding a raffle for a guitar signed by many local musicians at the Legacy of Music Festival on Saturday, Sept. 17. COURTESY PHOTO

Pittsburg commissioners debate final mill rate

By Dustin R. Strong
Morning Sun Staff

PITTSBURG, Kan. — On Tuesday night, the Pittsburg City Commission held public hearings to discuss setting the mill levy to exceed revenue neutral and approval of the city's 2023 budget. Both have been discussed at length throughout the past few months. Tuesday's session was to allow for public input and comment before any final decisions are made.

Commissioner Chuck Munsell motioned to exceed the revenue neutral rate, but with an adjustment to the mill levy. To remain revenue neutral, or to take in as much reve-

nue or less than last year, the city would need to adopt a mill levy of 48.282. Munsell offered a compromise, suggesting a levy of 49.961, the mid-point between the neutral rate and the current rate of 51.636. Munsell's proposal would still exceed revenue neutral, bringing in more revenue than last year, but easing the tax burden on Pittsburg residents.

According to the Crawford County Clerk's Office, the city's assessed valuation increased to \$148,125,457 in June 2022. If the city keeps the current levy, Munsell said that the city will collect an additional \$457,269 in property taxes over last year. Munsell's proposal

would reduce that amount to an additional \$239,525.

“I understand why we would do that,” Munsell said. “It's costing the city a lot more for everything we provide to the citizens. But on the same token, everyone is paying more.” Munsell said he would like to give the citizens and businesses a tax break. “Businesses are paying more for everything, which makes their product more expensive, and they pass that cost on to our citizens.”

Munsell said the city has already raised water and sewer rates and the city's sales tax rate is higher than it's ever been.

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Pittsburg City Commission receives economic update

By Dustin R. Strong
Morning Sun Staff

PITTSBURG, Kan. — Dr. Michael Davidsson, director of the Business & Economic Research Center and Associate Professor of Economics at Pittsburg State University, delivered his quarterly economic update to the Pittsburg City Commission this week, highlighting employment numbers, housing, sales tax revenues, and household incomes.

According to Davidsson's research, the local economy took a hit with the 2020 lockdown, losing 556 jobs from 2019. In 2021, 285 of those jobs came back. Davidsson said the

local economy is largely based on small business, with 94.7 percent of all businesses employing 20 to 49 workers, accounting for 42.7 percent of all employment.

“This is precisely the business segment that was worst hit during Covid,” Davidsson said, “but they are coming back.”

Between the first quarter of 2021 and the first quarter of 2022, 424 more jobs were added to the local economy, an increase of 2.6 percent, which Davidsson said the area hasn't seen in “a long time.” But there are still a lot of unfilled jobs. Currently, there are 624 job openings in the area.

Among major employers, CDL Electric is looking to fill 44 positions, Ascension Via Christi has 27 openings, SEK-CAP has 26 openings, Kansas Crossing Casino has 25 open jobs, and Pittsburg State has 24 positions open.

“The labor force we have is substantially blue-collar,” Davidsson said. “That lends itself well to manufacturing.” This segment, said Davidsson, is contributing more to the local economy than any other, generating nearly \$130 million in payroll, and employing 2,600 people with an average wage of \$48,700 per year.

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COMMUNITY

Obituaries

Carmen Didier Davis Germon Flottman

Carmen Didier Davis Germon Flottman passed away Aug. 30, 2022, at 101.5 years old. She was born Jan. 15, 1921, in Frontenac, Kansas.

She married Arnold Flottman when she was 82 years old and moved from San Diego to Pittsburg, Kansas, in 2003. In January 2021, Carmen moved back to San Diego to be near her daughters – Vicky, Mary Ellen, Babette, and their families. In February 2022, Carmen moved to Ridgeview Assisted Living.



When she moved to San Diego, Arnold moved back to Ohio to live near his daughter Irma, wife Robin, and children Emily and Ella. Arnold passed in January 2022, some seven months before Carmen.

There were many good memories of Arnold and Carmen's time in Kansas and the annual trips made for Masonic and American Legion Conferences. She also made her regular trips back to San Diego to see family and friends. She was blessed to attend the wedding of each of her grandchildren and nieces that are married. She was also a big part of graduations.

Carmen was very proud of Frontenac and collected historical information on its coal mining origins. Her family tree is full of many colorful characters that lived in the Pittsburg and Frontenac area. This included her mother and father – Florence (Aunt Gay) and John Adrian Didier. It was a big family with grandparents, uncles, and cousins often living with the Didier family in a two-bedroom house. There are many stories of Aunt Gay's antics and the bootlegging business in Crawford County.

Carmen was one of six children, with only three making it to adulthood. John Henry and John Adrian died as babies and her sister Julie passed at 16 from a car accident. Her wonderful brother, Jimmy, died a few years ago and provided many of her favorite stories as a young girl and wonderful times after she moved back to Kansas. The last sibling still living, Carole Jean, was mom's "little" sister. Carmen was 10 years her senior.

Carmen loved being on the go and exploring. She was to leave Kansas in her early 20s and not return to live there until her 80s. Her first stop was Washington, DC. As an employee for the State Department, she was to be one of the first women to work for the United Nations. She would take assignments in Brazil and live on the Amazon River with access only by plane or boat. She would move on to take an assignment in the Philippines and help sell off sunken warships to pay off monies owed the US.

Carmen was again in Washington, DC, and planning to move to Europe on another assignment. Then she met Victor Stewart Davis "Dave" and all plans were changed. They were married on April 23, 1949, and within a year, Mark made them three. Being in the Navy, Dave and Carmen moved many times. After Mark's birth, they moved to Key West, Florida, and Vicky and Babette made the Davis clan five. At Eglin Air Force Base, Mary Ellen was born, rounding the Davis clan out to an even six. The family was then off to Toms River, New Jersey, and then California.

In California, they moved to China Lake in the Mojave Desert. She and Dave were on bowling teams in China Lake and then San Diego. Carmen was finally settled in San Diego, where she remained for most of her family life. Unfortunately, Dave became ill and, after two years in the hospital, passed Sept. 1966 at the age of 46. They had been married for 17 years. He is buried in Fort Rosecrans, and when Carmen moved back to San Diego, she visited there often.

Carmen continued to work for the federal government, play bridge, run a credit union, travel, and attend Charger games. In 1972, Ed Germon joined his mom's family. Ed and Carmen were to spend some 30 years together. They traveled often, with cruises to Alaska and trips to Laughlin and Las Vegas.

Carmen's friends and family will continue with the storytelling and sharing of her wonderful life on Sept. 25, 2022, in San Diego at Mary Ellen's house. The final celebration of Carmen will be on Oct. 22, with a Rosary at 10:30 a.m. and Service at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Frontenac, Kansas, followed by the burial at the family plot in the Frontenac Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be hosted by the family at the Bath-Naylor Funeral home in Pittsburg, Kansas, at 1 p.m. Oct. 22. All who knew Carmen are welcome.

Michael "Mic" L. Frost

Michael "Mic" L. Frost, 55, of Mound Valley, died at 4:15 Sunday morning at his home.

He was born Sept. 23, 1966, in Parsons, a son of Elbert Clark and Lucy Sally Bell (Ward) Frost. He was raised in Mound Valley and attended the Mound Valley Grade School and Labette County High School, graduating with the Class of 1985.

He worked many years at Prestige Cabinets at Neodesha and later traveled as a fabrication welder. He was later employed at Beachner Grain and Beachner Construction and A&R Custom Fabrication at Parsons. At the time of his passing, he worked at Magnum Research.



He was united in marriage to Angie Johnson. They later divorced. He later married Christine Barnett, and they divorced also.

He enjoyed helping people, hunting, fishing, and car racing. He also enjoyed his dog, Rudy. Survivors include one son, Michael J. Frost, and his companion, Amber Duncan of Parsons; one daughter, Amanda Barnett of Osage Beach, Missouri; Five grandchildren: Johnny Duncan, SkyLynn Duncan, Kaydence Frost, Brody Frost, Harley Frost, all of Parsons; his mother, Lucy Ward of Pittsburg, and David Frost of Parsons; two sisters, Lucy Thomas of Mound Valley, Kansas, and Alice Abbe of Neodesha, Kansas.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, two sisters, including Debbie Seltzer, and one granddaughter, Ashlynn Boyle.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 16, 2022, at the Calvary Baptist Church at Parsons, with Reverend Rodney Howell officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Calvary Baptist.

Memorials are suggested to defray family expenses. Checks should be made payable to Lucy Frost and may be left at or mailed to the Carson-Wall Funeral Home, P.O. Box 272, St. Paul, KS 66771. Online condolences may be left at www.wallfuneralservices.com.

PSU announces fall music events

Special to the Morning Sun
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Several musical opportunities open to the campus and the community are coming up this fall at Pittsburg State University, with four planned for late September. Two events are free, while two are ticketed.

To learn about other upcoming university events open to the public, visit pittstate.edu/calendar.

Hispanic Heritage concert and fiesta

On Sept. 24, the Hispanic Heritage Celebration will be held at 7 p.m. in McCray Hall at Pittsburg State University. It will include a concert and a fiesta.

The concert will last about 45 minutes and will feature faculty, students, and community members, and will shine a spotlight on a group of Latin-American composers and their repertoire that has been under-represented or even unheard, the university said.

It will be followed by "Fiesta Latina" which

will include more music, dancing, and food samples provided by local Mexican restaurants in collaboration with the Hispanics of Today student organization.

The event will be directed by Associate Professor of Music Raúl Munguía and is free and open to everyone. For more information, contact Munguía at rmunguia@pittstate.edu or 620-235-4472.

PSU Wind Ensemble

On Sept. 29, the PSU Wind Ensemble will celebrate the opening of a new season under the direction of Assistant Professor Andrew Chybowski.

The program will transport the audience to a rainy river valley, the chaos and beauty of the city, and the Broadway stage, PSU said in a press release.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. in the Linda and Lee Scott Performance Hall in the Bicknell Family Center for the Arts, 1711 S. Broadway. It is free and open to the public.

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CLUB NOTES

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.

AI-Anon

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

TOPS Club Inc.

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

TOPS #1186

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

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Offering the opportunity for caregivers to engage and support each other throughout their journey. Gatherings will take place at the Pittsburg Public Library at 308 N. Walnut, Pittsburg, every 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.

Co-Dependents Anonymous

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

Little Balkans Quilt Guild

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NEWS

Girard Council reviews trash services

By Aaron Pyle
Morning Sun Staff

GIRARD, Kan. — The City of Girard is slated to decide soon whether to use in-house or external sanitation services. Council members met with Cheryl Zimmerman, a representative from Short’s Trash Service, during Monday’s regular meeting. “As several people are aware, the local hauler that represented the town of Girard is no longer in business,” she said. “With that being said, we are here to try to see whether or not if the city council would be open to suggestions as to bidding out the services for the city. [...] We would like to make a proposal and keep our dollars local and not send

them elsewhere.” Mayor Mickey Pyle noted that Zimmerman and Short’s Trash Service could submit a proposal to the city clerk for further evaluation. “You can get that worked up and give it to the city clerk,” he said. “Preferably, seal it in an envelope and just send it to her and we’ll have a look at it and see what we have to do.” The council accepted a motion to open bids for sanitation services. City administrator Johanna O’Brien then reviewed the Kansas state statutes regarding sanitation services, which require a lengthy process. “It’s an 18-month process if you want to change the way we do it,” she said. “Like if we want to bid it out for the entire city of Girard and award that to

one company, and then, in that case, it would go on the utility bills and when residents come to turn on their water and electric, they would automatically get sanitation services.” O’Brien added that the city has had problems with residents not signing up for sanitation services. She also noted that another option would be to provide sanitation services in-house, which also requires a lengthy process. “For the state, it’s an 18-month process,” she said. “If we are interested in doing that, we have to pass a resolution of intent.” However, Councilman Jeff Leslie expressed his concern about having an in-house service. “We’re having a rough time finding enough personnel to fill the positions

we have available,” he said. O’Brien then responded with a potential solution. “The way I was looking at it, and part of that 18-month process, is during that 18 months you have to buy equipment, and it would probably be a new department,” she said. The council noted that additional information regarding in-house or external sanitation services would be discussed at the council’s next meeting, which is scheduled for 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26. Council meetings may also be viewed on YouTube — search for the City of Girard, Kansas. For more information, contact Girard City Hall at 620-724-8918.

PSU

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George joined the faculty at PSU in 2016 and teaches courses in ornithology (birds), herpetology (amphibians and reptiles), wildlife ecology and management, terrestrial field ecology, principles of ecology, and general biology. He and his students are conducting two major field research projects: one working with the Missouri Department of Conservation to study the long-term effects of forest management on bird communities, and one with support from the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks to study and help protect Kansas’ only colony of the federally endangered gray bat. George

and his colleague, Associate Professor Christine Brodsky, have developed a long-term project to monitor mined-land ecosystems, with a special focus on birds, herpetofauna, and invasive plants. George also has lined up an informative semester of free programs featuring expert speakers. The programs will be held at PSU at 7 p.m. in Room 102 of Yates Hall and they are free and open to the public. **Sept. 29** *Kansas flyways: the current and future of understanding birds’ movements — Presented by Alice Boyle, Kansas State University.* Why is Kansas such an interesting place to study bird movement? Learn from Boyle — an internationally recognized scholar — about new discoveries, an exciting new

initiative that already is transforming the study of bird migration, and how automated telemetry could dramatically improve our understanding of how birds use our grasslands. **Oct. 27** *Fantastic Birds and Where to Find Them — Presented by Mary and Alex Marine, Pittsburg State University* From coast to coast, beaches to mountain ridges, cities to wilderness, fantastic birds are everywhere! Join Sperry-Galligar Audubon on an adventure across the USA as Mary and Alex recount stories and share pictures of amazing birds, stunning landscapes, close encounters with wildlife, and interesting bird projects of which they’ve been a part! **Dec. 1** *The Kansas Birding Trail & Wildlife Viewing — Presented by Jenn Rader, Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks* Learn from Rader, who directs the Southeast Kansas Nature Center at Schermerhorn Park in Galena, Kansas, how a new program with KDWP came together; the importance of wildlife viewers in the realm of outdoor recreation today, and about a new program to promote women in the outdoors.

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According to Angie Hadley, director of the Restorative Justice Authority, the RJA was picked last October by the Kansas Advisory Group (KAG), which oversees Title II federal grant funds, to be a pilot site for the DMC project. The KAG looked at Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) data and

judicial districts developing evidence-based programs to pick pilot sites in an effort to address DMC locally. Crawford County was one of the judicial districts picked, Hadley said. “The goal is for any youth who enters the system in Kansas to be treated the same despite race, color or ethnicity,” said Hadley. “This project allows rural judicial districts the opportunity to partner with a university to develop and put a plan in place to obtain needed

data long term in an effort to address DMC. KU and Greenbush reviewed state and local DMC data for Crawford County and conducted surveys from local stakeholders to identify gaps in services as well as local needs and will make recommendations to address DMC locally.” A tool kit provided for the project enables RJA to engage stakeholders, assess their current status and the need for growth and change, develop and evaluate a plan, sustain

the plan once developed, and communicate and complete the plan, according to Hadley. “Rather than receiving the recommendations and that being the end of the project, the grant funds will help us implement the tool kit at the local level by making data driven decisions from the data analysis and stakeholder information KU gathered as well as the reporting and dissemination of the data by Greenbush,” Hadley said.

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The best part is that entry into this event is free. An anonymous donor made an agreement with

the event organizers to pay \$10 for every person who attends the event. Attendees will just need to grab a bracelet when they enter the fairgrounds, and the bracelets will be used to track how many individuals attend the event.

In addition to the music, vendors, and carnival, the event will also feature a raffle for a guitar signed by many musicians in the area. Bass guitarist of the

band Blueshell Bombshell Alex Mauser said he was excited to get the chance to play at the Legacy of Music Festival. “We absolutely love what the Legacy of Music is about,” Mauser said.

ARTWALK

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Common consumption is in full swing, allowing ArtWalk attendees who are 21 or older to drink alcoholic

beverages while walking within the boundaries of the event. Establishments participating in common consumption are TJ Lelands, The Pitt, Brick & Mortar, and Toast. Attendees are encouraged to use the #pittsburgartwalk2022 hashtag

when posting to social media and to follow the Pittsburg Artwalk Facebook page for updates. ArtWalk organizers said in a press release. Contact ArtWalk organizers at PittsburgArtWalk@gmail.com or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/Pittsburg-

gArtWalk for additional information. Besides the spring and fall ArtWalk events, ArtWalk organizers will host their first ever Holiday Art Market this year on Nov. 26 at Frisco Event Center. The next ArtWalk will be held on April 21, 2023.

EVENTS

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Choir dinner: “A ‘70s Portrait” On Sept. 30, a popular event will return with “A ‘70s Portrait,” a choir dinner presented by the PSU Department of Music in the Crimson and Gold Ballroom of the Overman Student Center. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., it will feature solos, small ensembles, and full choral pieces drawn from popular songs, musical theatre, and classical choral rep-

ertoire of that memorable decade. Music will be performed throughout the ballroom as patrons enjoy a meal. Tickets are \$34 and are available now. Sales will close on Sept. 19, or earlier if reservations reach capacity for the event. Ticket order forms are available in the Music Department office in McCray Hall, or may be requested via email at smarchant@pittstate.edu. Groups of six to eight are eligible to reserve tables for the dinner. For more information contact Music Chair Susan Marchant at 620-235-4467.

Grammy nominated duo On Sept. 30, singer-songwriters Trout Fishing in America will perform in the Miller Theater in the Bicknell Center. The concert is in partnership with Olive Street Presents, a local house concert non-profit owned by Rob Poole and Carol Puckett. What began in 1979 as a streetcorner gamble to get noticed and signed by a major record label turned into a Grammy-nominated success story for Keith the Grimwood and Ezra Idlet, known collectively as Trout Fishing in America. Now with their own label and 25 albums to their

credit, including “Safe House,” which dropped in April, the duo draws inspiration from childhoods spent listening to top-40 AM radio. They season their music with stylings from rock and roll, blues, folk, country, bluegrass, funk, Latin, and reggae. Tickets will be sold online at olivetreetpresents.org — not through the PSU Ticket Office. All seating is general admission. Tickets are \$20 in advance, or \$25 the day of show at the door. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and music will begin at 7 p.m.

AREA EVENTS

Thursday, Sept. 15 through Saturday, Sept. 17

Used Book Sale

Annual Used Book Sale at Girard Public Library will be open during library hours now through Saturday, September 17th. Fill a Flat of Hardback Fiction (\$1 tables) for \$5.00. Fill a Flat of Paperback Fiction (\$0.25 tables - 30 books or less) for \$3.00. Fill a Flat of Adult Nonfiction Fiction (any combination of hardback and paperback) for \$1.00. Books: \$0.05 - \$2.00. DVDs: \$1.00 - \$5.00. Audiobooks: \$2.00. Cake Pans: \$1.00

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.

Saturday, Sept. 17

Crawford State Park CASI Chili Cookoff

The annual Crawford State Park CASI chili cook-off will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, September 17 at Crawford State Park. By 3 p.m. the chili will be ready tasting, and tasting cups will be \$3 a cup. Awards will be presented at 4:30. Entry fees to compete in the chili cookoff are \$20 for CASI or Homestyle, and \$30 for CASI and Homestyle. \$5 competition fee for salsa.

Pittsburg Area Farmers' Market

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

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LITTLE BALKANS CHRONICLES

Private bare sleeves, part 2

By J.T. Knoll
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Today’s column is the second excerpt from a chapter of former Pittsburger Dick Shaw’s memoir titled “Tales from the Professor: Life is a Hoot!” It’s available online on Kindle or locally at Books and Burrow in Pittsburg. — J.T.K.

Almost every weekend we went into San Antonio, rented a room in the Downtowner Motel, ate Mexican food at Casa Rio on the Riverwalk by the San Antonio River, had a few brews at the Cork Club, went to Mass at one of the downtown Catholic Churches near the Alamo, and went to the Jewish USO to eat free Bagels, Lox and cream cheese for breakfast. One of our friends, Mickey Thayler, was Jewish and he always went to Mass with us and then he took us to the Jewish USO.

Our hotel room had one double bed and four of us stayed in the room — only two of us checked in. We pulled the mattress off the box springs and the two who won the coin toss slept on the mattress and the other two slept on the box springs! We often visited the Alamo and officially claimed it for the USA.

Pete usually drove us to town but occasionally we took the bus and when returning, the bus dropped us off about two blocks from our barracks.

One weekend we decided to go to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico but unfortunately Mickey Thayler and I were scheduled for K.P. (Kitchen Police) that weekend. I knew that people often “sold” their K.P. to someone who wanted the money. Since few people were on the Base over the



Pvt. Shaw at completion of active duty. COURTESY PHOTO

weekend, the work was not that hard — except you always had to deal with the cranky Mess Sgt. We sold our K.P.

We had a great time in Mexico and brought home a number of souvenirs. Returned late on Sunday but were ready to go Monday morning. Someone told us that we were in trouble and sure enough, the First Sergeant called roll and then told Mickey Thayler and me to fall out and to go into his office. As we waited into his office, we knew it had something to do with K.P.

The 1st Sgt. stomped in and said, “You two were A.W.O.L. this weekend. You did not show up for your K.P. duty. You went down to Mexico, right?” “Yes, Sergeant.” He kept going, “And you didn’t have a pass to go into Mexico, did you?” “No, Sergeant.” Staring straight at us he said, “You were A.W.O.L. Being in Mexico, you were ‘Off Limits.’ You have shown disrespect of Army Regulations. You have disobeyed company S.O.P. (Standard Operating Procedures). You had someone else sign in for

you at the Mess Hall, so you are guilty of forgery and fraud.”

He paused and looked at us. “Don’t you think you should be punished?” Holy Cow! We knew we shouldn’t say “No”, but we also didn’t want to say “Yes” so I volunteered, “Whatever you think, Sergeant.” [At that moment I began to picture my uniform with a big white “P” spray-painted on it and pacing around the stockade.] The 1st Sgt. looked at us and said, “Well, I think you should be punished.” He paused for a second and said, “Would you mind taking K.P. next weekend?” [I can’t believe this! Is this all?] “Not at all, Sergeant!”

He added, “If you sell it again this weekend, make sure you get people who are dependable. Those two guys were late.” We said, “Yes, Sergeant. Thank you, Sergeant!” and got out of that office as fast as we could. Did we serve K.P. the next weekend? You bet . . . but not without new problems.

Mickey and I walked into the Mess Hall the next weekend to “serve our sen-

tence.” There was nothing to do because the Mess Hall was already cleaned up from the night before, and few people ate meals there on the weekend. The Mess Sgt. would not let us sit down in a chair — we had to be doing something — but what?

Mickey said, “Let’s get flyswatters and kill flies.” We walked around the tables for a while and then he said, “Let’s sit on the wall!” “What? How?”

“Get down in a crouched position with our backs resting against the wall and our right leg crossed over our left leg for balance with fly swatters in hand.” He showed me how and I agreed.

Of course, the Mess Sgt. saw us doing this and yelled, “Ok, you guys, I’m taking you over to the 1st Sgt.” Back we went. The Mess Sgt. raised his voice and said, “Sergeant, these two men have been sitting on the walls in the Mess Hall.” The 1st Sgt.

said, “What? Who are they? How can you sit on a wall?” Mess Sgt. said, “It’s Thayler and Shaw.” First Sgt. said, “Well, if anyone can sit on a wall, those two could.” He thanked the Mess Sgt. and said that he would take care of it.

After the Mess Sgt. left, the 1st Sgt said, “Ok, how do you sit on a wall? Show me.” We showed him what we were doing. He said, “Oh, don’t do that. Go back over to the Mess Hall and be good — that Mess Sgt. is hard to live with.”

Another time Thayler and I decided that we wanted to skip the drills for the day but how can we do this without being caught? We saw an empty 5-gallon water can and concluded that we could carry it around the post together, walk with determination and no one would notice us.

We rejoined our unit for lunch, but after lunch we picked up our can and walked again. This time

we thought we should put something in it just in case we were stopped. Fortunately, we were not stopped and began discussing what we could do the next time we wanted to skip “drills.” We decided that we could carry mops over our shoulders and walk like we were going somewhere.

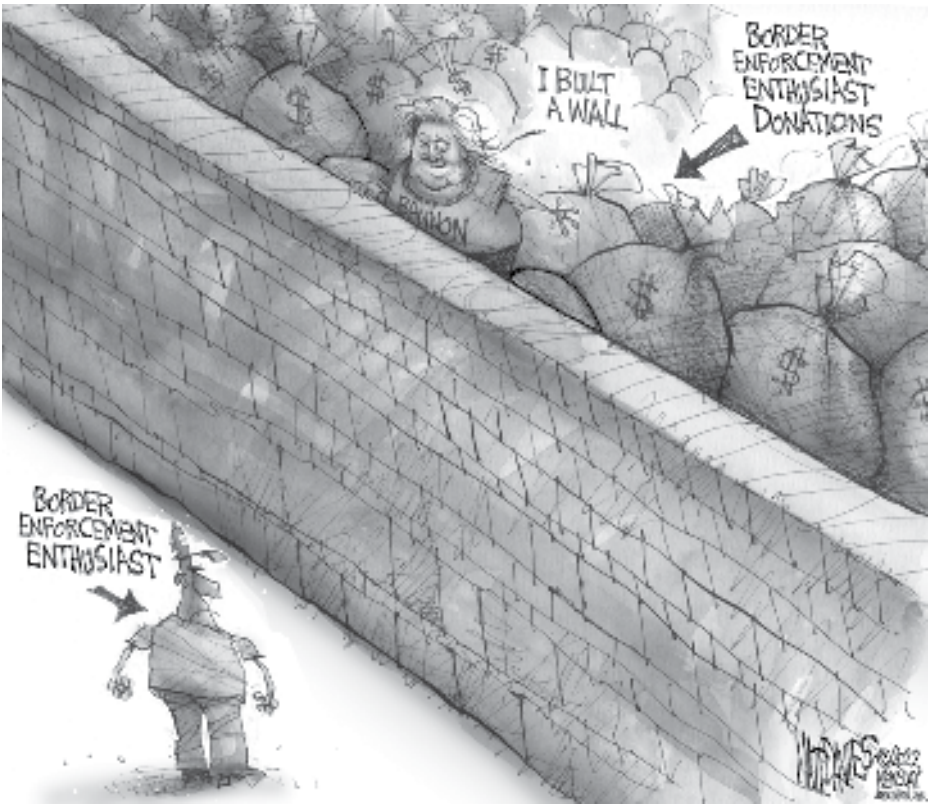
My six months of “Active Duty” concluded just before Christmas in 1960 and I was honorably discharged from active duty. Still, I was not promoted to “Private First Class.” I wonder why?

— Dick Shaw

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



EDITORIAL CARTOONS



Wedding plans clouded by young man's mental illness



DEAR ABBY
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: After three years together, my fiance and I plan to be married next year. While we have the usual couples' things going on, one concern is making me consider postponing the wedding or ending the engagement. My fiance has a son whose mental illness led him to withdraw from high school at 16. He has done nothing since. He doesn't work, and his father hasn't gotten him treatment for his issues. I made it clear at the beginning of our relationship that I have no desire for us to be

lifelong caretakers to someone who refuses to help himself. He doesn't want to tell his son to leave. Nobody wants to take him in, and he constantly flips between wanting treatment and not wanting treatment. I told my fiance he has until later this year to figure out what to do about this, or we will have to postpone the wedding. He said if we postpone now, what's to stop me from postponing again in the future? He mentioned that we should work through this as a couple and get married with this unresolved, if necessary. I told him this is an important issue that needs to be resolved before the wedding. I applaud him for being a single father and raising his son from such a young age. Please let me know your thoughts on the situation.

-- BIG DILEMMA IN INDIANA

DEAR DILEMMA: When a person marries into a family, they marry into its problems. (No family is without them.) If you don't want to share the responsibility of his mentally ill son, you should not marry this man. Rather than make him choose between the two of you, assume the responsibility for making the decision. If your fiance doesn't already know about The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), he should look into it. NAMI comprises families with the same problems he is facing, and it might help him to know what has worked for them. Its website is nami.org. Should you decide to go through with the marriage, you should consider joining as well.

DEAR ABBY: At what age do you stop holding hands when going for walks? I say never, but my boyfriend thinks we're too old to be holding hands because it's a teenager thing. I'm 61 and he is 60. I have just started dating again, and I love the feeling of holding his hand. I never had that during my two marriages. I am white, and he is Black. He says it's just something Black folks don't do. I'm not sure about that because I have seen a lot of couples of many ages and races holding hands. How do I get him to understand that holding hands gives me comfort and a good feeling? -- AFFECTIONATE IN NEW YORK

DEAR AFFECTIONATE: If you have told your boyfriend you need this and he responds by

making excuses and ignoring you, then face it -- he isn't receptive. Is he also unwilling to hold hands in private? Holding hands is not uncommon in Black culture. Many African American couples of every age hold hands and enjoy doing it. From where I sit, your boyfriend is either not affectionate or is reluctant to display affection in public because you're an interracial couple and he is concerned about unwanted attention.

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AGRICULTURE

Grafting is tricky, but with many potential benefits

By Jesse Gilmore
Wildcat Extension District

Grafting is the act of combining plant parts from two different individuals so that they form a new individual plant. Grafting can happen with both woody plants and herbaceous plants, and the techniques will differ depending on which you want to try. Herbaceous plant grafting takes a lot more work and has a greater chance of failure, but the potential rewards are high if you can pull it

off, especially if you are grafting tomatoes. You will want to graft herbaceous plants for one reason — to combine the characteristics from two different varieties. Any graft is made up of rootstock and scion. The rootstock will typically affect qualitative characteristics such as disease and insect resistance, while the scion will be responsible for any production characteristics, primarily yield. Grafting requires connecting two pieces of tissue and giving them the

best environment to fuse. The two things you want to look for in a good fusion are the same size of stems, and the same angle of the cut. Herbaceous grafts are typically held together by a silicone clip that is the same size as the stems. After clipping, the grafted plants need to be put in a 90% humidity room-temperature healing chamber for a week for the grafts to take. The plants should not be exposed to sunlight while healing so that it undergoes minimal photosynthesis. This way, the

plants can focus all their energy on healing the graft. Once the graft has fused, you can then plant the tomatoes as you would normal transplants. We will be doing tomato grafting demos at the Maker's Fair at the SE Research & Extension Center in Parsons on Saturday, Sept. 17. Contact your local extension office for more information. For more information, please contact Jesse Gilmore, horticulture agent at 620-724-8233 or jr637@ksu.edu.

Maker's Fair and Extension Expo is this Saturday

By James Coover
Wildcat Extension District

K-State Research and Extension's Wildcat District's first annual Maker's Fair and Extension Expo will be held this Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Southeast Research Center in Parsons (25092 Ness Rd). The day-long event will feature local crafter entrepreneurs, food trucks, a farm animal petting zoo, a 4-H project showcase, and hourly demonstrations from K-State Research and

Extension. The hands-on demonstrations will cover topics of all kinds, including animal care, tree grafting, fun crafts for kids, cooking, health, and nutrition. Some of our participating partners are county farm bureaus, NRCS, KSU Energy, and Research Center Faculty. Come hungry, because there will be food trucks and snack shakes available! Parkies Burgers & Keg Rootbeer, S&R Strawberry Poppin' Boba Lemonade, Munchies

Food Truck, and OffShore Tropix. "We have so many talented crafters and entrepreneurs in our region. We will highlight some of those folks as well as share with our region all of the different aspects of K-State Research and Extension," said Frances Graves, Wildcat Extension District director. K-State Research and Extension offices are located in every county in Kansas. The organization provides research-based education in the community in the areas of

agriculture, family and consumer sciences, youth development, community vitality and more. Here is the link to the official event Facebook page, be sure to like and follow to receive updates about vendors, the event schedule, and more! <https://www.facebook.com/TheMakersFairExtensionExpo> For more information, contact James Coover, crop production agent, jcoover@ksu.edu or 620-724-8233.

Gov. Kelly urges EPA to reject atrazine regulations

Staff Reports
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TOPEKA, Kan. — Gov. Laura Kelly on Tuesday sent a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding its recently proposed change to the usage and label requirements of atrazine, a herbicide that helps Kansas farmers control weeds that can choke out crops. "I'm standing with Kansas farmers in urging the EPA to reject overly

burdensome regulations that jeopardize our ag industry's ability to feed families, provide jobs, and produce record-setting agricultural exports," Kelly said. "These new requirements don't improve safety — but they could limit crop yields and drive up prices at a time when we should be doing everything we can to fight inflation." Atrazine has been an important tool for farmers of many of Kansas' valuable agriculture products since

it was first registered as an herbicide more than 60 years ago, according to a release from Kelly's office. Nearly 7,000 scientific studies have established the herbicide's safety, the release said. "Today's food producers need crop protection tools that are effective and environmentally sound," Agriculture Secretary Mike Beam said. "The use of atrazine to control weeds allows the crop plant to maximize yield potential, optimizing the overall

production efficiency and a decreased need for water and fertilizers. The potential adoption of a proposed level of concern far below the current level would significantly impair the effective use of atrazine on Kansas farms." Kansas farmers can provide their own comments to the EPA about the proposed modification at <https://bit.ly/3LcspPD>. A copy of Kelly's letter can be found at <https://bit.ly/3Uctta6>.

UN: Food exports from Ukraine are up, Russia fertilizer down

By Edith M. Lederer
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Food exports from Ukraine and Russia have increased since a July 22 grain deal, but critically needed fertilizer exports from Russia are still down despite being covered by the agreement, with financing and shipping still issues, the United Nations said Tuesday. U.N. trade chief Rebeca Grynspan, who leads the team trying to facilitate unimpeded global access to Russian food and fertilizer, said Russia reported a 12% increase in food exports from June to July. But while there has been "important progress," the U.N. is concerned about fertilizer exports needed by October and November, the latest for the northern hemisphere planting season, she said. Fertilizers now are three times the price they were before the COVID-19 pandemic hit in early 2020, Grynspan said, adding that "the crisis of affordability that we have now will be a catastrophic crisis if we don't solve the problem of fertilizer."

As an example, she said the sowing season for new crops in West Africa is over and planting was down by a very high percentage because of fertilizer costs. Grynspan told a U.N. press conference by video from Geneva that the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization reported that food prices declined globally in August for the fifth straight month. But she expressed concern that this decrease has not been seen in domestic markets, and developing countries especially are still struggling with high food prices as well as inflation, currency devaluations and interest rate hikes. Amir Abdulla, the United Nations coordinator for the deal to ship Ukrainian grain, said 129 fully laden ships carrying over 2.8 million tons of grain have left the three designated Ukrainian Black Sea ports for different countries. With grain prices dropping, Abdulla said, the U.N. has seen that people who had been hoarding grain to sell at high prices are now putting it on the market in one or two countries. "Hopefully that

will bring some of those local prices down" he said by video from Istanbul. On July 22, Russia and Ukraine signed separate agreements with Turkey and the United Nations clearing the way for the export of desperately needed grain and fertilizer, ending a wartime standoff that threatened food security around the globe. The deal expires in November after 120 days and can be renewed. Abdulla said the U.N. has "very positive messages from Turkey" that they want grain shipments to continue, "and we are hoping that with their influence, with U.N. mediation efforts ... it won't really be a matter for discussion." Ukraine was one of the world's largest exporters of wheat, corn and sunflower oil, but Russia's Feb. 24 invasion of the country and naval blockade of its ports had halted shipments. Some Ukrainian grain is transported through Europe by rail, road and river, but the prices of vital commodities such as wheat and barley had soared before the grain deal, which U.N. Secre-

tary-General Antonio Guterres called an unprecedented agreement between two parties engaged in a bloody conflict. Although international sanctions against Russia did not target food and fertilizer exports, the war has disrupted shipments of Russian products because shipping and insurance companies did not want to deal with Russia. Grynspan, who is secretary general of the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development, said there were "doubts" about U.S. and European Union sanctions and the U.N. has been providing clarifications that food and fertilizers have no sanctions so ships can carry them, insurance can be provided, banks can make transactions, and the vessels can go to European ports. This involves dealing with the private sector, where the Russian invasion and sanctions had "a chilling effect," she said, "so this is not like one stroke will solve all the problems."

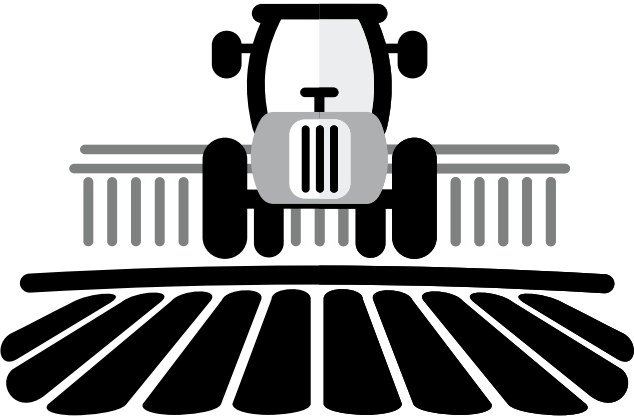
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Chicago Merchantile Exchange					
	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg
CATTLE					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Oct	144.65	145.40	144.55	145.05	+50
Dec	150.25	151.05	150.22	150.87	+62
Feb	154.47	155.25	154.42	155.20	+83
Apr	158.07	158.77	158.07	158.72	+70
Jun	154.10	154.72	154.07	154.67	+62
Aug	154.05	154.62	153.95	154.55	+65
Oct	157.25	157.80	157.20	157.80	+75
Est. sales 52,510.Fri.'s sales 60,372					
Fri.'s open int 295,588, up 3,334					
FEEDER CATTLE					
50,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Sep	183.42	185.30	183.42	184.17	+30
Oct	184.95	187.00	184.87	186.10	+1.15
Nov	186.25	187.82	186.25	187.02	+77
Jan	187.32	188.25	187.15	187.47	+40
Mar	189.30	189.82	189.05	189.42	+35
Apr	192.60	192.60	191.90	192.47	+32
May	194.37	194.50	193.77	194.47	+47
Aug	199.87	200.20	199.65	200.20	+70
Est. sales 15,303.Fri.'s sales 13,221					
Fri.'s open int 42,418					
HOGS,LEAN					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Oct	90.02	91.25	89.57	91.10	+1.08
Dec	82.65	83.65	82.25	83.50	+80
Feb	86.65	87.15	86.27	87.07	+37
Apr	90.85	91.52	90.62	91.47	+32
May	95.30	96.05	95.30	95.65	+08
Jun	100.75	101.25	100.42	101.15	+18
Jul	100.80	101.22	100.60	101.20	+13
Aug	99.75	100.35	99.40	100.05	+35
Oct	86.87	87.10	86.30	86.87	—33
Est. sales 40,345.Fri.'s sales 44,573					
Fri.'s open int 220,379, up 3,160					
PORK BELLIES					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
No open contracts..					

Chicago Board of Trade					
	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
WHEAT					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Sep	795½	800¾	794¼	800	+7
Dec	814¾	825	801¼	817	+6
Mar	829½	840¾	817¾	832	+4¾
May	843¼	849½	829½	841	+3¾
Jul	845	850¾	830½	841	+2½
Sep	846¼	857¼	837¼	847	+1¾
Dec	863¾	867½	846¾	857	+1½
Mar	866¾	867	851	858	+½
May	852¾	+½			
Est. sales 51,938.Fri.'s sales 51,840					
Fri.'s open int 289,607					
CORN					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Sep	670¾	682	667½	680¾	+11¾
Dec	665¾	676½	661½	676	+10¼
Mar	671¼	682¼	667¼	681¼	+10½
May	672¾	683½	668½	682¾	+10¼
Jul	667¾	678¾	663¾	678¼	+11
Sep	630¼	636¾	623¾	636¾	+9
Dec	615	623¼	610	623¼	+8¼
Mar	623½	630½	617½	630½	+8½
May	624	633	624	633	+8¼
Est. sales 179,987.Fri.'s sales 144,126					
Fri.'s open int 1,267,530, up 1,746					
OATS					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Sep	408	408	398¼	398¼	+4
Dec	389¼	402½	377½	383¾	+4
Mar	399¾	400	383½	388½	+2¾
May	391¼	+2			
Jul	391¼	+3			
Sep	375	+3¾			
Dec	375	+3¾			
Mar	367¼	+3¾			
May	364½	+3¾			
Est. sales 359.Fri.'s sales 394					
Fri.'s open int 3,532,up 112					
SOYBEANS					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Sep	1493	1493	1487½	1490	—20½
Nov	1415	1423	1392¼	1398¾	—21¾
Jan	1420¼	1427¼	1397	1403¾	—21½
Mar	1422¾	1429¾	1400	1406¾	—21¼
May	1426¼	1430	1401¾	1408½	—21
Jul	1423¾	1428½	1399¾	1406	—21
Aug	1391	1391	1384½	1389½	—19
Sep	1360½	1360½	1349	1351½	—16
Nov	1348	1351	1332	1336	—14
Est. sales 126,349.Fri.'s sales 95,182					
Fri.'s open int 611,445, up 3,038					
SOYBEAN OIL					
60,000 lbs; cents per lb					
Sep	71.22	71.22	68.96	68.96	—2.54
Oct	67.91	67.93	64.80	64.90	—3.04
Dec	66.13	66.27	63.00	63.28	—2.97
Jan	65.17	65.25	62.14	62.47	—2.75
Mar	64.00	64.08	61.18	61.48	—2.59
May	63.09	63.18	60.43	60.73	—2.43
Jul	62.14	62.22	59.57	59.82	—2.33
Aug	60.77	60.90	58.82	58.96	—2.21
Sep	60.00	60.00	58.21	58.21	—2.13
Est. sales 131,999.Fri.'s sales 137,804					
Fri.'s open int 389,559					
SOYBEAN MEAL					
100 tons; dollars per ton					
Sep	444.10	448.20	433.50	433.50	—10.60
Oct	419.00	419.00	408.70	410.60	—13.40
Dec	412.70	413.00	404.30	406.80	—10.90
Jan	408.00	408.10	400.80	404.60	—8.40
Mar	399.50	401.20	394.10	399.10	—5.70
May	396.60	399.30	391.80	397.20	—4.50
Jul	395.70	399.20	392.00	397.60	—4.00
Aug	393.10	395.50	389.10	394.70	—3.30
Sep	386.00	390.90	384.30	389.80	—2.80
Est. sales 129,727.Fri.'s sales 65,439					
Fri.'s open int 389,091					

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Bushel	
Soft wheat.....	\$8.17
Soybean.....	\$15.30
Yellow shell corn	\$7.62
Milo	\$6.42
Columbus Grain	
Bushel	
Hard wheat.....	\$8.72
Soft wheat.....	\$8.17
Soybean.....	\$15.30
Yellow shell corn	\$7.62
Milo	\$6.42
McCune Farmers Union Coop Association	
Bushel	
Hard wheat.....	\$8.72
Soft wheat.....	\$8.17
Soybean.....	\$15.30
Yellow shell corn	\$7.62
Milo	\$6.42



LOOKING BACK

FROM OUR HISTORY

N. L. Dixon and R. D. Wade were arrested for stealing 15 gallons of paint

By Phil Burgert
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Excerpted stories in Crawford County newspaper archives

100 Years Ago
Sept. 15, 1922
A blaze that threatened the east side of the business district started at the Standard Oil company's yards on East Fourth Street and Joplin Avenue shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon. The blaze apparently started from the shorting of an electrical circuit on a motor oil truck and spread to tanks containing 1,000 gallons of gasoline and kerosene rising to nearly 70 feet high and spreading a huge black cloud over the city.
N. L. Dixon and R. D. Wade were arrested yes-

terday morning by the police, charged with the theft of 15 gallons of paint from the warehouse of the Standard Ice & Fuel company on East Sixth street. The paint disappeared Monday night, and when officers went to the Dixon home, they found a barrel of paint in the basement and a part of the house had been painted. Dixon confessed to the theft, implicating Wade.
Charles Heaton, of near Weir, and John Elliott, of Columbus, were injured on the Mason road south of Weir last night, when a Ford roadster turned over. They were driving slowly, when the wheels got into a rut, throwing the Ford into a ditch and pinning them under the car. By the timely arrival of a motor-

ist, the car was removed. Both were covered with blood from wounds but it is thought they were not injured internally.
50 Years Ago
Sept. 15, 1972
Nine counties in Southeast Kansas moved deeper into solid waste planning last night as members of the SE-KAN Regional Planning Commission met at Erie and received state guidelines on what would be needed by each county as a regional solid waste plan is undertaken in the next several months. The commission made tentative plans to hire a planning consultant in November.
Dona Wyatt was presented with a \$50 savings bond by Dr. Larry Walters and a week's use of a 1972

Chevy Nova from Evans Chevrolet of Girard after winning first place in a bathing beauty contest held as part of the Girard homecoming festivities. Peggy Meck of Girard took second place and was presented a \$25 savings bond donated by Nick's of Girard.
Pittsburg's Junior Dragons opened their grid season with an impressive 20-6 victory over Carthage freshman. Sparking the Pittsburgh attack were E. G. Amoneno's passing and Mike Drenik's running. Drenik scored on runs of 44 and 32 yards. Del Stevens scored the third touchdown on a 15-yard run. Stevens also led the Pittsburg defense with numerous unassisted tackles. The Junior Dragons

go to Fort Scott next week.
25 Years Ago
Sept. 15, 1997
For the last several years a group of Pittsburg State University police officers has patrolled the university campus atop bicycles. Since its inception, the patrol has ridden more than 20,000 miles, making sure the campus is safe. PSU Police Sgt. Todd Stephenson, who coordinates the bike patrol, said the program was established in July 1992 after his department's director visited the University of Kansas's police bicycle patrol.
Retired U.S. Congressman Joe Skubitz will be honored with a public reception Saturday at the Fort Scott National Historic Site. In 1962 Sku-

bitz was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives by the former Fifth U.S. Congressional District of Kansas. During his 15-year career in the U.S. Congress, Skubitz was the most instrumental political benefactor responsible for the establishment of the Fort Scott historic site.
Pittsburg Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a class in rock climbing as part of its new "Adventure Series Programming." The class will be held at in Wildcat Park, Joplin. Instructor Jim Foresman will teach students the knots required for a safe climb, plus proper climbing techniques and safety rules. Some rappelling will be included in the course. Class sites will be limited.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1959, Nikita Khrushchev became the first Soviet head of state to visit the U.S.

Associated Press
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Today is Thursday, Sept. 15, the 258th day of 2022. There are 107 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 15, 1963, four Black girls were killed when a bomb went off during Sunday services at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. (Three Ku Klux Klansmen were eventually convicted for their roles in the blast.)
On this date:
In 1776, British forces occupied New York City during the American Revolution.
In 1789, the U.S. Department of Foreign Affairs was renamed the Department of State.
In 1857, William Howard Taft — who served as President of the United States and as U.S. chief justice — was born in Cincinnati, Ohio.
In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws deprived German Jews of their citizenship.
In 1940, during the World War II Battle of Britain, the tide turned as the Royal Air Force inflicted heavy losses upon the Luftwaffe.
In 1955, the novel "Loli-

ta," by Vladimir Nabokov, was first published in Paris.
In 1959, Nikita Khrushchev became the first Soviet head of state to visit the United States as he arrived at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington.
In 1972, a federal grand jury in Washington indicted seven men in connection with the Watergate break-in.
In 1981, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted unanimously to approve the Supreme Court nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor.
In 1985, Nike began selling its "Air Jordan 1" sneaker.
In 2001, President George W. Bush ordered U.S. troops to get ready for war and braced Americans for a long, difficult assault against terrorists to avenge the Sept. 11 attack. Beleaguered Afghans streamed out of Kabul, fearing a U.S. military strike against Taliban rulers harboring Osama bin Laden.
In 2006, Ford Motor Co. took drastic steps to remodel itself into a smaller, more competitive company, slashing thousands of jobs and shuttering two additional plants.

Ten years ago: Four days after the deadly attack on a U.S. diplomatic outpost in Benghazi, Libya, al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula called for more attacks on U.S. embassies. The State Department ordered non-essential government personnel and family members to leave its embassies in Sudan and Tunisia and warned U.S. citizens against traveling to the two countries. The National Hockey League locked out its players at 11:59 p.m. EDT; it was the league's fourth shutdown in a decade and one that would cost the league nearly half its season.
Five years ago: North Korea fired an intermediate-range missile over Japan into the northern Pacific, its longest-ever such flight. A bomb partially detonated on a London subway car, injuring 51 people. (An 18-year-old Iraqi asylum-seeker was convicted of attempted murder and sentenced to a minimum of 34 years in prison.) Harvard University reversed its decision to name as a visiting fellow Chelsea Manning, the former soldier who'd been convicted of leaking classified information. The Cleveland Indians

Almanac for PITTSBURG, KS September 14, 2022				
Daily Data	Observed	Normal	Record Highest	Record Lowest
Max Temperature	90	83	100 in 2011	67 in 2014
Min Temperature	55	60	73 in 1956	47 in 2014
Avg Temperature	72.5	71.6	86.5 in 1956	57.0 in 2014
Precipitation	0.00	0.19	6.04 in 1993	0.00 in 2022
Snowfall	M	0.0	0.0 in 2021	0.0 in 2021
Snow Depth	M	-	0 in 2021	0 in 2021
HDD (base 65)	0	1	8 in 2014	0 in 2022
CDD (base 65)	8	7	22 in 1956	0 in 2014
Month-to-Date Summary	Observed	Normal	Record Highest	Record Lowest
Avg Max Temperature	86.2	84.9	95.4 in 2000	78.3 in 2009
Avg Min Temperature	61.9	62.2	69.9 in 2000	57.7 in 2017
Avg Temperature	74.0	73.5	82.6 in 2000	69.1 in 1950
Total Precipitation	0.37	2.50	9.96 in 1961	0.00 in 2017
Total Snowfall	M	0.0	0.0 in 2021	0.0 in 2021
Max Snow Depth	M	-	0 in 2021	0 in 2021
Total HDD (base 65)	1	6	24 in 2014	0 in 2021
Total CDD (base 65)	130	126	251 in 2000	66 in 1950
Year-to-Date Summary	Observed	Normal	Record Highest	Record Lowest
Avg Max Temperature	72.0	71.0	80.9 in 1950	39.0 in 1963
Avg Min Temperature	49.4	50.1	58.3 in 1950	16.3 in 1963
Avg Temperature	60.7	60.5	69.6 in 1950	27.6 in 1963
Total Precipitation	25.72	36.01	52.88 in 2019	2.37 in 1948
Total Snowfall (since July 1)	0.0	0.0	0.0 in 2022	0.0 in 2022
Max Snow Depth (since July 1)	0	-	0 in 2022	0 in 2022
Total HDD (since July 1)	1	6	24 in 2014	0 in 2021
Total CDD (since Jan 1)	1771	1493	2024 in 2012	0 in 1970

saw their winning streak end at 22, an American League record, as they lost 4-3 to the Kansas City Royals. NASA's Cassini spacecraft disintegrated in the skies above Saturn after a journey of 20 years; it was the only spacecraft ever to orbit Saturn and sent back images of the planet, its rings and its moons. Character actor Harry Dean Stanton died

at the age of 91.
One year ago: California Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom emphatically defeated a recall aimed at kicking him out of office. SpaceX's first private flight streaked into orbit for a three-day trip carrying two contest winners, a health care worker and their rich sponsor. Olympic gold medalist Simone Biles told a Senate panel

that the FBI and gymnastics officials turned a "blind eye" to USA Gymnastics team doctor Larry Nassar's sexual abuse of her and hundreds of other women. President Joe Biden announced that the United States was forming a new Indo-Pacific security alliance with Britain and Australia.

CITY

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Larissa Bowman, director of finance for the City of Pittsburg, thanked Munsell for his comments, but said that property taxes are the only stable revenue stream. "Sales tax revenues can fluctuate. They are growing now, but that can change next month," she said. With the increased valuation of Pittsburg property, which has traditionally remained flat, keeping the mill levy at its current rate will allow the city to capture that added revenue for its reserves.
Commissioner Stu Hite asked Bowman how much revenue one mill generates. Bowman said \$143,000. "So how does that translate for a \$100,000 home?" Hite asked. Bowman said it would be an

decrease of \$11.50 per year at Munsell's proposed mill levy.
"I know we need to grow the city," Munsell said, "and we can still grow the city with a 49.961 mill levy."
Hite said what worried him was the already approved financial commitments the city has made to employee salaries and compensation. "I like the idea, Chuck," Hite said, "but I worry about what it's going to do to our overall budget."
"Will decreasing this cost jobs?" asked Commissioner Ron Seglie.
Bowman said the 2023 budget includes a \$457,000 increase that was asked for by the commission. Part of that increase is a four percent increase in wages. "There will have to be a cut somewhere," Bowman said.
"Why would you cut services or payroll? Why would you go there?"

asked Mayor Cheryl Brooks. Decreasing the current mill levy to Munsell's proposed level only funds half of the approved \$457,000 budget increase. "If you do the math, half of the \$457,000 is \$239,000," Brooks said. "We have a reserve and we made it through the pandemic on limited resources, and everybody is feeling the effects of everything else, it is going to make or break us for \$250,000 [from the reserve]?"
"It has to come from somewhere," Bowman said. "When the economy is like this, it is not good management practice to dip into reserves."
Commissioner Dawn McNay said the city has been looking at this for four months and their job is always balancing tax policy on citizens' resources versus services provided. "I am concerned we have taken our leadership to this point with an

approved consensus on the budget and now, all of the sudden, we're not," McNay said. "The other thing that concerns me is what's that going to do to us next year when the five of us are sitting here. We don't know if our sales tax will continue to grow. If inflation continues, people may pull back and we don't know if we are still going to have a red-hot real estate market. Probably not."
McNay also said the commissioners have told the city management to increase expenses. The commission has asked for additional staff and wage increases. "Why would we cut revenue? We asked them to build a budget on this," McNay said. "Now we are saying, 'Never mind.'"
"We have raised the mill every year," said Brooks.
City Manager Daron Hall was quick to say that was not exactly true. "We

have not raised the mill," Hall said. "The mill rate is fifty-one point something."
Bowman said the valuation from the county clerk in June is just a moment in time, and will fluctuate by October. That fluctuation is what affects the rate after the decimal point.
"If you dip into reserves to pay for raises, that creates a structural imbalance," Hall said. "The raises come every year after that and you have to dip into the reserves every year."
Fiscal reserves are there to protect the city against downturns in the economy, Hall said. He described property taxes as a main source for revenue because they are stable. Sales taxes can go anywhere, that's why they are earmarked for non-personnel costs, such as streets and equipment.
"I highly recommend you do not use reserves to

balance the budget," Hall said.
Hite agreed that he would like to see the mill levy lowered, but given the budget asked for by the commission, he didn't feel it to be financially responsible to do it now. McNay said lowering the rate would position the city at a disadvantage for next year.
After nearly 30 minutes of discussion, Seglie finally called for a vote. The commission voted 3 to 2 against Munsell's proposal. The proposed budget was approved, and the mill levy will remain at 51.636.
In Kansas, residential property is assessed at 11.5 percent of appraisal, and businesses are assessed at 25 percent. Under the current levy, the owner of a \$100,000 home will pay about \$594 per year in property taxes.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS

Inspire Communities LLC, doing Business as Parkview Community Mobile Home & RV Park, Plaintiff,

vs. Case No. CRP-2022-LM-000345

Daron Hudson and Sasha Hudson, Defendants.

Proceeding Under K.S.A. Chapter 61

NOTICE OF SUIT THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on the 15th day of August, 2022, a Petition was filed in the District Court of Crawford County, Kansas by Inspire Communities LLC, doing business as Parkview Community Mobile Home & RV Park, seeking a judgment against the above-named Defendants, for monetary damages and quieting title in Plaintiff in the following-described personal property in Crawford County, Kansas, to-wit:
1974 Cameron mobile home, 12 x 60 foot.

and that the Petition further seeks an Order holding the Plaintiff to be the owner of title to the above-described personal property, free of all right, title, and interest of the above-named Defendants, and all other persons who are or may be concerned, and that they and each of them be forever barred and foreclosed of and from all right, title, interest, lien, estate, or equity of redemption in or to the above-described personal property, or any part thereof. You are required to plead to the Petition on or before October 26, 2022, that day not being less than 41 days after the first publication date, in the District Court of Crawford County, Kansas, Crawford County Judicial Center, 602 North Locust Street, Pittsburg, Kansas 66762. Should you fail to file your written defenses, the allegations contained in the Plaintiff's Petition will be taken as true, and judgment quieting title to the above and foregoing real property in the Plaintiff will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Brenda Klinge
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS JUVENILE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF:

N. R. L. E. Minor Child
Case No. 20 JC 1 I (C)
Year of Birth 2018, A X female

NOTICE OF HEARING-Publication
Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2237

TO: BRIANNA ELLIOTT, UNKNOWN FATHER, ALL UNKNOWN GRANDPARENTS and all other persons who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court alleging that the child named above is a Child in Need of Care. The Court may find that the parents are unfit by reason or conduct or condition which renders the parents unable to care properly for a child, the conduct or condition is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future, the parental rights of the parent should be terminated, and a permanent custodian should be appointed for the child.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for the 26th day of September 2022, at 1:00 p.m. At the hearing the Court may issue orders relating to the care, custody and control of the child. The hearing will determine if the parents should be deprived of their parental rights and the right to custody of the child.

The parent(s), and any other person having legal custody are required to appear before this Court on the date and time shown, or to file your written response to the petition with the Clerk of the District Court prior to that time. Failure to respond or to appear before the Court at the time shown will not prevent the Court from entering judgment as requested in the petition, finding that the child is a Child in Need of Care, removing the child from the custody of parent, parents or any other present legal custodian until further order of the Court, or finding the parents unfit, and entering an order permanently terminating the parents' parental rights.

An attorney has been appointed as guardian ad litem for the child: Daniel Reynolds, P.O. Box 747, Independence, KS 67301; 620-331-1800. You have the right to appear before the Court and be heard personally, either with or without an attorney. The Court will appoint an attorney for any parent who desires an attorney but is financially unable to hire one. The Court may order one or both parents to pay child support. An attorney has been appointed for you. Brianna Elliott: Daniel Heath Lampson, 210 W Elm, Sedan, KS 67361; 316-617-6714. Unknown Father: James Villamaria, 400 W. 4th St., Pittsburg, KS 66762; 620-235-1806.

Date and time of hearing:
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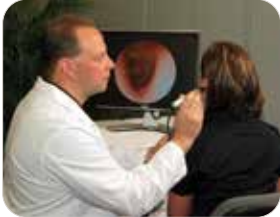


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Sheriff's office seeks two suspects in theft case

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — The Crawford County Sheriff's Office announced Wednesday afternoon that it was seeking two suspects allegedly involved in the Aug. 27 theft of vehicles and firearms at

Delange Seed near Girard. "Two trucks, rifles, and a 4-wheeler were stolen," the sheriff's office said in a Facebook post, which also included photos of the two suspects taken at a Walmart in Parsons. "The photo shows the suspect's white truck along with one of the sto-

len trucks from Delange Seed and the stolen 4-wheeler," the post noted. "The stolen truck in the photo was recovered in Wichita. The other items have not been recovered. If anyone has any information, please call the Crawford County Sheriff's Office at 620-724-8274."



Two individuals suspected of involvement in an Aug. 27 theft case in Crawford County, shown here at Walmart in Parsons, and a stolen truck later recovered in Wichita. COURTESY PHOTOS

FOOD

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Grynspan said the U.N. is undertaking "all efforts" to enable Russian exports of ammonia, a key ingredient of fertilizers, to get to world markets. She was asked to respond to Russian President Vladimir Putin's statement last week that

Russian fertilizers could get to European ports but not to markets in Africa, Asia and Latin America and replied that in the beginning export issues had not been clear. But she said the EU issued a clarification on Aug. 10 and the U.N. is trying to clarify any further questions. On the issue of insurance, Abulla said war risk insurance has dropped

from 2-3% of the value of the hull of the vessel to 0.5% of hull value because the operation of the shipping corridor from the three Black Sea ports has been effective. But Grynspan said the normal price is about 0.05% so it's still very high for the insurance market, and costs need to come down to bring food prices down further.

ECONOMY

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Between 2015 and 2019, Pittsburg saw a nearly one percent decline in population overall. In 2020, there was a 2.4 percent increase. Seeing such a dramatic increase, Davidsson said a lot of people "must have fallen out of their chair" as almost no one expected to see that level of growth. According to Davidsson, data analytics company Unacast projected a two percent rate of growth for 2020 and is projecting 1.7 percent growth for 2021. "It's not enough to recruit people to the area," Davidsson said. "We have to be ready to receive them and have the infrastructure." He said the city has been a catalyst for new housing development.

From 2015 to 2021, the local gross domestic product (GDP) grew nearly 30 percent. In the same period, GDP in Kansas grew by 21 percent and the national GDP increased by 24 percent. "This shows the economy is on a good foundation," Davidsson said.

This improvement has made its way into local households. The number of middle-income homes has increased in the city of Pittsburg by 12.6 percent, in Crawford County by 9.5 percent. This is leaps and bounds above state and national growth, both of which are below one-half of a percent. This improvement, said Davidsson, has affected credit scores, with Equifax reporting that 75 percent of adults in the Pittsburg area have a prime FICO credit score.

In light of this news, poverty rates in the area are still relatively high, although they are coming down, from 30.5 percent in

2015 to 27.5 percent in 2020. Davidsson gives two possible explanations for this. "The first is that Pittsburg is a magnet for people in the region that are poor and need to get help," said Davidsson, "so they move to Pittsburg and go on welfare." The second reason is commuters. "What happens to a paycheck that is given to an employee in Pittsburg? If that person lives in Pittsburg, he goes out and spends it in Pittsburg, maybe buy a house and pay property taxes," said Davidsson. "This puts the check into the economy and the ripple effects of that go through the economy by increasing the number of jobs and incomes in the future." If that employee takes that check to another town, county, or state, Pittsburg has lost that residual income.

In a supplemental study conducted with the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce, Davidsson found that the higher the income, the more likely an employee is to commute, and only 25 percent of those who make \$100,000 or more live in Pittsburg. This means a larger share of lower-income earners tend to live in Pittsburg. "Pittsburg is the economic anchor in the region, so it's no surprise people are coming to Pittsburg for a job," Davidsson said, "but this high level, 70.9 percent, of commuters is a great concern because of so much wealth leaking out of the city."

Taxable sales increased by more than 30 percent since the start of 2021, which is way above inflation, said Davidsson. "Historical data shows we really started to grow in 2017," he said. Pittsburg residents are responsible for 52 percent of all retail sales in the city; visitors

make up the remaining 48 percent. According to Davidsson, the total number of retail purchases in Pittsburg, if made solely by residents of Pittsburg, would indicate a city nearly twice the actual size of the city.

Despite challenges, Davidsson said the city is on good economic foundation, based on the data available.

Unfortunately, Davidsson said, with the COVID-19 shutdown in 2020, his data is somewhat dated. There are some factors that have not been accounted for yet, such as the amount of money in circulation because of stimulus payments, supply bottlenecks, and inflation. It will be 2023 before some of these factors' effects can begin to be measured.

"The two holes I see here," said Commissioner Ron Seglie, "is people, we don't have enough people, and number two is we don't have enough housing."

Davidsson said the labor force is a major obstacle for growth because there are a lot of unfilled jobs. He said the economy is primed for growth, but won't grow because the jobs can't be filled.

Commissioner Chuck Munsell asked if the city adding more housing would mean that more jobs could then be filled.

"Absolutely," Davidsson said. "We would have more people moving to Pittsburg. If wages are leaving the city, we are not going to see any benefits." In the study conducted with the Chamber, Davidsson said 55 percent of respondents cited housing issues as the reason they do not live in Pittsburg, either because they could not find a house they could afford or didn't like the neighborhood.

"The number of commuters is way too high," Davidsson said. Looking at 2017 data, Davidsson said a middle-income house of 2,400 square feet in Pittsburg, "looked like a dump," but a brand-new house of the same size was the same price in Joplin.

"A good portion of this new housing hasn't come online yet," said Seglie. "In time, we'll see it. As we get more housing, we'll see more people." Seglie also said that employers should encourage their employees to live in Pittsburg. "One way is having more affordable housing," he said.

City Manager Daron Hall reiterated Davidsson's key points. "Don't give up on Pittsburg, things are looking good," Hall said. "We're in a good place and looks like we will be for a while."

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PSU
teams
busy on
Saturday

With just a short trip across the state line, Pittsburgh State sports fans can watch the Gorillas all day on Saturday.

It starts early in the morning when PSU's men's and women's cross country teams make their regular-season debuts at the 31st Missouri Southern Stampede on the Tom Rutledge Cross Country Course.

The women's university open race (NCAA Division I and Division II schools) starts at 8:30 a.m. It's a 5,000-meter race.

The men's university open 8K is set for 9:45 a.m. The university races include 10 women's teams and eight men's teams from the MIAA.

In all, there are 10 races from 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

There are two more races for small college and junior college teams and six high school races -- two varsity boys, two varsity girls, one junior varsity boys and one junior varsity girls.

Runners from Pittsburgh, St. Mary's Colgan, Girard, Frontenac and Southeast are scheduled to compete.

After cross country, it's the return trip to Pittsburgh where the Gorillas play Missouri Western in a conference volleyball match at John Lance Arena. First serve is at 2 p.m.

Then after volleyball, fans can move toward Carnegie Smith Stadium where the Gorillas, ranked No. 16 in this week's AFCA NCAA Division II poll, face Northeastern State. Kick-off is at 7 p.m.

This is the first time the Gorillas have made the national poll since a 35-16 victory at Central Missouri in the first week of the 2021 season.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Pittsburg State sophomore quarterback Chad Dodson has been named MIAA offensive player of the week.

Dodson threw for 301 yards and four touchdowns, headlined by the game-winning 72-yard scoring connection to wide receiver Bryce Murphy with 12 seconds left, as the Gorillas rallied to beat No. 11 Nebraska-Kearney last Thursday.

Dodson, from Jacksonville, Fla., completed 20-of-29 passes and also rushed 10 times for 56 yards, including scrambles of 25 and 17 yards.

He is 3-0 as PSU's starting quarterback, and he has hit 86-of-136 passes for 1,337 yards and 14 touchdowns in eight career games.

NO. 1, NO. 2

A couple of MIAA quarterbacks rank at the top in national statistics after two games.

Northwest Missouri's Mike Hohensee leads all of Division II in completion percentage, hitting 35-of-47 attempts (.833).

Braden Gleason of Emporia State is second nationally in passing yards, throwing for 723 yards on 51-of-81 accuracy. He has four touchdown passes and zero interceptions.

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Colgan to host Rams on Thursday

By Dashuan Vereen
Morning Sun Staff

Following a two-game road slate to start the season, St. Mary's Colgan will play Riverton on Thursday at 7 p.m. in its first game at Hutchinson Field this season.

"Our crowd always does a good job of showing up to support us and providing a great atmosphere," said head coach Shawn Seematter. "This week especially. We are having our Panther Youth Football night where the youth football players

run on the field with us, so that will draw additional people to the game and give our players extra energy and excitement. I also know that our parents and community have worked hard to create a great atmosphere on game nights for us this year."

In its 38-12 defeat against Girard last week, Colgan (1-1) battled the Trojans early, tying the score in the second quarter following a 21-yard rushing touchdown by Tucker Harrell.

The Trojans responded with three straight touchdowns in the second quar-

ter, allowing them to coast to the win.

"I thought we competed really well early on and traded punches with a really good team," said Seematter. "We executed well enough early on to be in a close game and set ourselves up for success. However, when the turnovers started to mount at the end of the first half and beginning of the second half, it was too much to overcome against such a quality opponent."

Colgan will look to improve on its turnovers and run defense. The Panthers

lost two fumbles and allowed the Trojans to rush for 273 yards and six touchdowns.

"We need to clean up the turnovers and special teams mistakes," said Seematter. "Defensively, we need to play more assignment-sound and execute our specific assignments."

Offensively, Colgan will look to continue its success on the ground against Riverton after rushing for 318 yards in its opening two games. Colgan rushed for 172 yards in its 14-12 win against Frontenac in the

opening week.

"Our offensive line has done a good job against some really good defenses," said Seematter. "By making adjustments to the fronts and stunts we've seen and creating running lanes for our backs. Our backs have done a great job of hitting those seams when they are there, as well as creating extra yards after initial contact."

Riverton (0-2) is looking for its first win of the season, following a 29-0 loss to Frontenac last week and a 32-7 loss to Galena in Week 1.

Chargers show no fear against Chiefs in AFC West showdown

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Chiefs have taken on an almost unbeatable air in the AFC West over the past six years, not only winning the division each time but losing just six games total against some of their longest-standing rivals.

Except when it comes to the Los Angeles Chargers.

They've showed no fear in splitting their past four meetings with Kansas City, including a win in Arrowhead Stadium last season. And after making a series of offseason moves — like signing Khalil Mack, who had three of their five sacks in their opener against the Raiders — designed to deal with Patrick Mahomes and rest of the Chiefs' dynamic offense, the Chargers have every reason to be confident about facing the Chiefs again on Thursday night.

"They came in last year and beat us," Mahomes said. "They're going to be ready to go. They've won here. They're not going to be scared to come in and play. We have to have a better mindset that we have to play well from the start."

The Chiefs did that in their opener in Arizona, when they marched for touchdowns on their first three offensive series and were never seriously threatened in a 44-21 romp. Mahomes ended up with 360 yards passing and five TDs, dismissing any notion that the Kansas City offense would languish without wide receiver Tyreek Hill.

The defense also played well, holding Kyler Murray and the Cardinals



Los Angeles Chargers quarterback Justin Herbert passes as Las Vegas Raiders defensive tackle Bilal Nichols (91) applies pressure during the second half of an NFL football game in Inglewood, Calif., on Sunday. (AP PHOTO/GREGORY BULL)

to seven points into the fourth quarter.

Sounds like a team worthy of being feared.

"I think the optics of Tyreek leaving — they were a really good football team. They had a lot of good players when he was there, too," Chargers coach Brandon Staley said. "It's just when you have a player that's as special as Tyreek, maybe the other players don't get the same amount of attention. They've really onboarded a lot of players that allow them to truly spread the field and spread distribution, run and pass, and make them really tough to defend."

For their part, the Chargers defended the Raiders quite well in a 24-19 victory that was well in hand most of the way.

Mack made the biggest

dent, but Joey Bosa added 1 1/2 sacks and the Chargers finished with six as a team. They also picked off Derek Carr three times while forcing three fumbles, though the Raiders hopped on all of them.

"We've been preparing for this game for a long time," Chiefs offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy said. "We've had the offseason to think about this. We've had training camp. We had the additional practices between training camp and the first game. We've been watching them and we've been preparing for them. We'll be ready."

PRIME TIME

This will be the first game shown exclusively on Amazon Prime as part of a \$13 billion, 11-year pact to stream 15 regular-season Thursday night games along with one pre-

season game. Amazon first streamed Thursday night games during the 2017 season with CBS and NBC, then began doing the same with FOX the following year.

WHAT A KICK

The Chiefs could be without kicker Harrison Butker, who sprained his ankle on a kickoff in Arizona, forcing safety Eric Reid to handle most of the kicking duties the rest of the way. They signed former Jets kicker Matt Amendola to their practice squad and could elevate him for the game, but he would have little practice time with the rest of the kicking unit.

BRICK WALLS

Kansas City emerged as one of the NFL's best offensive lines last season, allowing the third-fewest sacks in the NFL, and

promptly held Arizona without a sack. The Chargers likewise did not allow a sack against the Raiders.

"I'm not surprised one bit to see how well they played because I've been seeing that all camp long," Chargers quarterback Justin Herbert said of his line. "They go up against two of the best pass rushers the NFL has seen in Joey and Khalil. To go up against those guys week in and week out, they're going to get better. I'm thankful to be playing behind them."

ALLEN'S ABSENCE

Chargers wide receiver Keenan Allen is expected to miss the game with a strained hamstring, leaving Joshua Palmer to start in his place. Herbert also will be counting on DeAndre Carter and Mike Williams, who has five career TD catches in Arrowhead Stadium, to help pick up the slack.

HISTORIC HERBERT

Arrowhead Stadium has long been among the toughest venues for visiting quarterbacks in the NFL; it holds the Guinness record for loudest outdoor stadium. Yet Herbert has a chance to join Craig Morton and Ken Anderson as the only QBs to win their first three starts there on Thursday night.

"Every year he seems to get better," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. "He's very smart. He understands where to go with the ball, so you know he's got a real good grasp of the offense. And he's accurate. He does a nice job and that's not getting any worse as he goes, he'll just keep polishing that moving ahead. The experience is everything now."

Frontenac coaches resign

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An article in the Wednesday edition of the Morning Sun, "Var-solona hired as Frontenac boys basketball coach," incorrectly stated that during the Frontenac USD 249 board of education meeting on Tuesday, a motion was made by board member Matt Frankenbery and seconded by Seth Nutt to approve the hiring of Blake Barto and Tim Casper as assistant high school boys' basketball coaches.

The motion was to approve the resignations of Barto and Casper as assistant high school basketball coaches. The motion passed 6 votes for and 0 against.

Gorillas, No. 16 Jennies clash on Friday afternoon

By Jim Henry
Sports Editor

Pittsburg State battles tradition-rich Central Missouri in an MIAA volleyball match at 2 p.m. Friday at John Lance Arena.

The unusual starting time was set to avoid conflict with a concert that begins at 6 on the PSU campus.

The Gorillas (7-4, 1-1 MIAA) split two conference matches on the road last weekend, falling in three sets to Central Oklahoma before winning a five-setter over Newman.

Pittsburg State has won six of its last seven matches, most recently a 3-1 victory Tuesday night at William Jewell.

The Gorillas were led by Meg Auten with 14 kills, Bri Richard with 51 assists and Marissa Bates with 25 digs.

"Not great the first set, but then we had a meeting of the minds and picked it up and did better after

that," said PSU coach Jen Gomez in reviewing Tuesday night's match. "Sets 2 and 3 and the start of 4 were really solid, pretty good. Then we had a little bit of a letdown at the end of Set 4 but we still ended up pulling it out. That's OK."

Bates ranks fifth in NCAA Division II with 5.76 digs per set. She ranks seventh in school history with 1,343 digs, just 79 digs behind sixth place.

Auten and Janae Thurston lead PSU at the net with 3.23 and 3.19 kills per set. Richard averages 10.6 assists per set, good for third place in the MIAA.

The No. 16 Jennies (6-4, 2-0) have been a dominant program ever since the MIAA began sponsoring a volleyball championship 40 years ago. The Jennies won the first 18 MIAA regular-season titles before sharing the 2000 crown with Truman State. The Jennies are defending conference and postseason tournament champi-

ons.

Jenna Schulte, a red-shirt freshman middle hitter, leads NCAA Division II with 1.55 blocks per set. Junior outside hitter Kersti Nix leads the team with 120 kills.

"Good players want to go to a place that has good tradition, and that's what they've had," Gomez said. "When we're trying to rebuild and establish that, they've had that continuity forever."

"And those players just know that that is what is expected, and you have to keep that culture and develop that culture."

The Jennies have a new head coach this season. Caitlin Pankratz Peterson was an All-American player for the Jennies and was promoted from assistant coach to head coach after Flip Piontek resigned after last season.

Peterson, a setter, had 5,502 career assists, ranking her second at UCM and eighth in the MIAA. The Jennies have lost to



three ranked opponents -- No. 11 West Florida, No. 17 West Texas A&M and No. 20 Regis.

"I think if we step up and do the things we can do, it could be a great game," Gomez said.

On Saturday, the Gorillas have another home match against Missouri Western, also at 2 p.m.

The Griffons are 3-7 overall and 0-2 in league play entering Friday's match at Missouri Southern.

Sophomore middle hitter Lily Kurz is fifth in the league with 32 blocks.

BASEBALL
MLB STANDINGS

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	87	56	.608	—
Toronto	81	62	.566	6
Tampa Bay	79	63	.556	7½
Baltimore	75	67	.528	11½
Boston	69	74	.483	18

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	76	65	.539	—
Chicago	73	70	.510	4
Minnesota	71	70	.504	5
Kansas City	57	86	.399	20
Detroit	54	89	.378	23

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	93	50	.650	—
Seattle	80	62	.563	12½
Texas	62	80	.437	30½
Los Angeles	61	82	.427	32
Oakland	51	91	.359	41½

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 2, Seattle 0

Wednesday's Games
Cleveland 5, L.A. Angels 3
Houston 2, Detroit 1
Colorado 3, Chicago White Sox 0
Seattle 6, San Diego 1
Toronto 5, Tampa Bay 1
Baltimore 6, Washington 2
N.Y. Yankees 5, Boston 3
Minnesota 4, Kansas City 0
Oakland at Texas, 7:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Chicago White Sox (Giolito 10-9) at Cleveland (Gaddis 0-1), 12:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (McClanahan 11-5) at Toronto (Gausman 12-9), 2:07 p.m.
Oakland (Kaprielian 3-9) at Houston (McCullers Jr. 3-1), 6:20 p.m.
Kansas City (Lynch 4-10) at Minnesota (Bundy 8-7), 6:40 p.m.

National League	W	L	Pct	GB
East Division				
New York	89	55	.618	—
Atlanta	88	55	.615	½
Philadelphia	80	62	.563	8
Miami	58	85	.406	30½
Washington	49	94	.343	39½

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	85	59	.590	—
Milwaukee	76	67	.531	8½
Chicago	61	82	.427	23½
Cincinnati	56	86	.394	28
Pittsburgh	55	88	.385	29½

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	98	43	.695	—
San Diego	78	65	.545	21
San Francisco	69	74	.483	30

Arizona	66	75	.468	32
Colorado	62	81	.434	37

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 4, Arizona 0
San Diego 2, Seattle 0
Atlanta 5, San Francisco 1
Wednesday's Games
Pittsburgh 10, Cincinnati 4
Colorado 3, Chicago White Sox 0
San Francisco 4, Atlanta 1
Seattle 6, San Diego 1
Philadelphia 6, Miami 1
Baltimore 6, Washington 2
Chicago Cubs 6, N.Y. Mets 3
St. Louis 4, Milwaukee 1
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 8:40 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Philadelphia (Syndergaard 9-9) at Miami (López 8-10), 5:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Brubaker 3-11) at N.Y. Mets (Carrasco 14-6), 6:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Anderson 0-3) at St. Louis (Mikolas 11-11), 6:45 p.m.
San Diego (Manaea 7-8) at Arizona (TBD), 8:40 p.m.

FOOTBALL
PREP SCHEDULE

Thursday's Game
CNC LEAGUE
Riverton at St. Mary's Colgan
Friday's Games
INDEPENDENTS
Labette County at Pittsburg
Parsons at Iola
CNC LEAGUE
Galena at Girard
Frontenac at KC Bishop Ward
Columbus at Coffeyville
Baxter Springs at Afton (Okla.)

Southeast Kansas League
Labette County at Pittsburg
Fort Scott at Independence
Columbus at Coffeyville
Tonganoxie at Chanute
Three Rivers League
11-Man
Central Heights at Southeast
Jayhawk-Linn at Uniontown
Pleasanton at Belle Plaine
8-Man
Oswego at Crest
St. Paul at Yates Center
Marmaton Valley at Sunrise
Christian

6-Man
Chetopa at Southern Coffey
County
Altoona-Midway at Centre-Lost
Springs

PREP STANDINGS

INDEPENDENTS	W	L
Parsons	2	0
Pittsburg	0	2

CNC LEAGUE	Conf.
Overall	W L
Girard	2 0
Baxter Springs	2 0
SM Colgan	1 1
Galena	1 1

Frontenac	1	1
Columbus	1	1
Riverton	0	2

Note: CNC League does not play a conference schedule because of conflicting district schedules.

SOUTHEAST KANSAS LEAGUE	Conf.	Overall
	W L	W L
Chanute	0 0	2 0
Coffeyville	0 0	2 0
Independence	0 0	1 1
Labette Co.	0 0	0 2
Fort Scott	0 0	0 2

THREE RIVERS LEAGUE	Conf.	Overall
11-Man	W L	W L
Jayhawk-Linn	2 0	2 0
Pleasanton	2 0	2 0
Southeast	0 1	0 2
Uniontown	0 1	0 2
Northeast	0 2	0 1

8-Man	Conf.	Overall
	W L	W L
Oswego	2 0	2 0
Crest	1 0	1 1
Marmaton Valley	1 1	1 1
St. Paul	0 1	1 1
Yates Center	0 2	0 2

6-Man	W	L
Altoona-Midway	1	1
Chetopa	0	2

Last Week's Results
Peabody-Burns 54, Chetopa 6
Waverly 51, Altoona-Midway 6

COLLEGE SCHEDULE

Friday's Games
EAST
Merrimack (1-1) at Harvard (0-0), 6 p.m.
SOUTH
Florida St. (2-0) at Louisville (1-1), 6:30 p.m.
FAR WEST
Air Force (2-0) at Wyoming (2-1), 7 p.m.
Saturday's Games
MIAA
Northeastern St. (0-2) at Pittsburg St. (2-0), 7 p.m.
Cent. Oklahoma (1-1) at Mo. Southern (1-1), 5 p.m.
Neb.-Kearney (1-1) at Washburn (2-0), 1 p.m.
Mo. Western (2-0) at Emporia St. (1-1), 1 p.m.
Cent. Missouri (0-2) at NW Missouri (2-0), 1:30 p.m.
Fort Hays St. (0-2) at Lincoln (0-2), 6 p.m.
BIG 12
Oklahoma (2-0) at Nebraska (1-2), 11 a.m.
Texas State (1-1) at Baylor (1-1), 11 a.m.
Tulane (2-0) at Kansas St. (2-0), 2 p.m.
Kansas (2-0) at Houston (1-1), 3 p.m.
Ohio (1-1) at Iowa St. (2-0), 1 p.m.
Towson (2-0) at West Virginia (0-2), noon
Texas Tech (2-0) at NC State (2-0), 6 p.m.
Ark.-Pine Bluff (2-0) at Oklahoma St. (2-0), 6 p.m.
UTSA (1-1) at Texas (1-1), 7 p.m.
SEC
Abilene Christian (2-0) at Missouri (1-1), 11 a.m.
Missouri St. (2-0) at Arkansas (2-0), 6 p.m.
Georgia (2-0) at South Carolina (1-1), 11 a.m.
Youngstown St. (2-0) at Kentucky (2-0), 11 a.m.
Penn St. (2-0) at Auburn (2-0), 2:30 p.m.
Mississippi (2-0) at Georgia Tech (1-1), 2:30 p.m.
Louisiana-Monroe (1-1) at Alabama (2-0), 3 p.m.
Vanderbilt (2-1) at N. Illinois (1-1), 2:30 p.m.
Mississippi St. (2-0) at LSU (1-1),

5 p.m.
Akron (1-1) at Tennessee (2-0), 6 p.m.
South Florida (1-1) at Florida (1-1), 6:30 p.m.
Miami (2-0) at Texas A&M (1-1), 8 p.m.
TOP 25
No. 1 Georgia at South Carolina, 11 a.m.
No. 2 Alabama vs. Louisiana-Monroe, 3 p.m.
No. 3 Ohio St. vs. Toledo, 6 p.m.
No. 4 Michigan vs. Uconn, 11 a.m.
No. 5 Clemson vs. Louisiana Tech, 7 p.m.
No. 6 Oklahoma at Nebraska, 11 a.m.
No. 7 Southern Cal vs. Fresno St., 9:30 p.m.
No. 8 Oklahoma St. vs. Ark.-Pine Bluff, 6 p.m.
No. 9 Kentucky vs. Youngstown St., 11 a.m.
No. 10 Arkansas vs. Missouri St., 6 p.m.
No. 11 Michigan St. at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
No. 12 BYU at No. 25 Oregon, 2:30 p.m.
No. 13 Miami at No. 24 Texas A&M, 8 p.m.
No. 14 Utah vs. San Diego St., 9 p.m.
No. 15 Tennessee vs. Akron, 6 p.m.
No. 16 NC State vs. Texas Tech, 6 p.m.
No. 17 Baylor vs. Texas State, 11 a.m.
No. 18 Florida vs. South Florida, 6:30 p.m.
No. 19 Wake Forest vs. Liberty, 4 p.m.
No. 20 Mississippi at Georgia Tech, 2:30 p.m.
No. 21 Texas vs. UTSA, 7 p.m.
No. 22 Penn St. at Auburn, 2:30 p.m.
No. 23 Pittsburgh at W. Michigan, 6:30 p.m.

EAST
Villanova (2-0) at Army (0-2), 11 a.m.
Richmond (1-1) at Lehigh (1-1), 11 a.m.
Purdue (1-1) at Syracuse (2-0), 11 a.m.
Colgate (1-1) at Penn (0-0), noon
Delaware (2-0) at Rhode Island (2-0), noon
Valparaiso (1-1) at Dartmouth (0-0), 12:30 p.m.
Rutgers (2-0) at Temple (1-1), 1 p.m.
Yale (0-0) at Holy Cross (2-0), 1 p.m.
William & Mary (2-0) at Lafayette (1-1), 2:30 p.m.
Stony Brook (0-1) at Umass (0-2), 2:30 p.m.
Columbia (0-0) at Marist (0-1), 5 p.m.
NC Central (2-0) at New Hampshire (2-0), 5 p.m.
SMU (2-0) at Maryland (2-0), 6:30 p.m.
Maine (0-2) at Boston College (0-2), 6:30 p.m.
SOUTH
Wofford (0-2) at Virginia Tech (1-1), 10 a.m.
Princeton (0-0) at Stetson (2-0), noon
Buffalo (0-2) at Coastal Carolina (2-0), noon
Cornell (0-0) at VMI (1-1), 12:30 p.m.
Grambling St. (1-1) at Jackson St. (2-0), 1 p.m.
Old Dominion (1-1) at Virginia (1-1), 1 p.m.
Hampton (2-0) at Norfolk St. (0-2), 1 p.m.
Austin Peay (2-1) at Alabama A&M (0-2), 2 p.m.
Georgia Southern (2-0) at UAB (1-1), 2:30 p.m.
Presbyterian (1-1) at W. Carolina (1-1), 2:30 p.m.
Troy (1-1) at Appalachian St.

(1-1), 2:30 p.m.
Liberty (1-0) at Wake Forest (2-0), 4 p.m.
Gardner-Webb (1-1) at Elon (1-1), 5 p.m.
Charleston Southern (0-2) at E. Kentucky (1-1), 5 p.m.
Campbell (1-1) at East Carolina (1-1), 5 p.m.
NC A&T (0-2) at Duke (2-0), 5 p.m.
North Alabama (1-1) at Chattanooga (2-0), 5 p.m.
St. Andrews (0-0) at Davidson (1-1), 6 p.m.
Samford (1-1) at Tennessee Tech (1-1), 6 p.m.
Northwestern St. (0-2) at Southern Miss. (0-1), 6 p.m.
CCSU (0-2) at SE Louisiana (0-2), 6 p.m.
Arkansas St. (1-1) at Memphis (1-1), 6 p.m.
Furman (1-1) at ETSU (1-1), 6:30 p.m.
UCF (1-1) at FAU (2-1), 6:30 p.m.
Louisiana Tech (1-1) at Clemson (2-0), 7 p.m.
Alcorn St. (0-2) at McNeese St. (0-2), 7 p.m.
MIDWEST
Uconn (1-2) at Michigan (2-0), 11 a.m.
Miami (Ohio) (1-1) at Cincinnati (1-1), 11 a.m.
LIU Brooklyn (0-2) at Kent St. (0-2), 11 a.m.
W. Kentucky (2-0) at Indiana (2-0), 11 a.m.
S. Illinois (0-2) at Northwestern (1-1), 11 a.m.
Montana (2-0) at Indiana St. (1-1), noon
Kentucky St. (0-0) at Dayton (1-1), noon
Bucknell (0-2) at Cent. Michigan (0-2), noon
Murray St. (0-2) at Ball St. (0-2), 1 p.m.
Cal Poly (1-1) at South Dakota (0-2), 1 p.m.
California (2-0) at Notre Dame (0-2), 1:30 p.m.
Nicholls (0-2) at SE Missouri (1-1), 2 p.m.
Colorado (0-2) at Minnesota (2-0), 2:30 p.m.
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E. Illinois (0-2) at Illinois St. (1-1), 6:30 p.m.
Nevada (2-1) at Iowa (1-1), 6:30 p.m.
N. Colorado (0-2) at Lamar (0-2), 6 p.m.
Missouri St. (2-0) at Arkansas (2-0), 6 p.m.
Texas A&M Commerce (1-1) at Sam Houston St. (0-2), 6 p.m.
Louisiana-Lafayette (2-0) at Rice (1-1), 6:30 p.m.
FAR WEST
South Alabama (2-0) at UCLA (2-0), 1 p.m.
Cent. Arkansas (0-2) at Idaho St. (0-2), 2 p.m.
North Texas (2-1) at UNLV (1-1), 2 p.m.
Drake (0-2) at Idaho (0-2), 2 p.m.
BYU (2-0) at Oregon (1-1), 2:30 p.m.
UT Martin (1-1) at Boise St. (1-1), 3 p.m.

North Dakota (1-1) at N. Arizona (1-1), 3 p.m.
Colorado St. (0-2) at Washington St. (2-0), 4 p.m.
Michigan St. (2-0) at Washington (2-0), 6:30 p.m.
Oregon St. (2-0) vs. Montana St. (2-0) at Portland, Ore., 7 p.m.
Utah Tech (1-1) at Weber St. (2-0), 7 p.m.
UTEP (1-2) at New Mexico (1-1), 7 p.m.
San Diego (1-1) at UC Davis (0-2), 9 p.m.
San Diego St. (1-1) at Utah (1-1), 9 p.m.
Fresno St. (1-1) at Southern Cal (2-0), 9:30 p.m.
N. Dakota St. (2-0) at Arizona (1-1), 10 p.m.
E. Michigan (1-1) at Arizona St. (1-1), 10 p.m.

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New England	0	1	0	.000	7	20

SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	0	0	1	.500	20	20
Indianapolis	0	0	1	.000	20	20
Jacksonville	0	0	1	.000	22	28
Tennessee	0	0	1	.000	20	21

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Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	2	49
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	26	24
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	23	20
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	20	23

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Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	44	21
L.A. Chargers	1	0	0	1.000	24	19
Denver	0	1	0	.000	16	17
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Washington	1	0	0	1.000	28	22
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	3	19

SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	27	26
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	19	3
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	26	27
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	24	26

NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	19	10
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	23	7
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	35	38
Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	7	23

WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	17	16
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	21	44
L.A. Rams	0	1	0	.000	10	31
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	10	19

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Petrino comes full-circle as Missouri State visits Arkansas

By **DAVE SKRETTA**
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Bobby Petrino is 61 these days, nearly five years removed from being on the national stage with Louisville and, far more importantly, more than a decade removed from the coach’s scandalous flame-out at Arkansas.

Just listen to him discuss his return to Fayetteville on Saturday, though, when he leads Missouri State against his former program in a much-anticipated game for the FCS program he has quickly turned into a juggernaut.

Petrino smiles and laughs, cracks jokes and deflects praise, and no questions no matter how awkward are off limits. Soon, it is evident that Petrino has found some peace in the Ozark Mountains of southwestern Missouri.

“We’ll see how it feels when I get there. Right now I’m just going to focus on the week and the preparation,” Petrino said this week. “I’m sure there will be some feelings and emotions when I step into the stadium, but it’s not about me. It’s about our football team. We’ve been a team dedicated to working hard together. It’s really about the players.”

The critics — and make no mistake, Petrino still has plenty — argue it’s always been about him.

Petrino got his coaching start nearly 40 years ago at his alma mater, tiny Carroll College in Helena, Montana, but he was so intent on climbing the professional ladder that



Missouri State head coach Bobby Petrino is shown in the first half of an NCAA college football game against Oklahoma State on Sept. 4, 2021, in Stillwater, Okla. Petrino will return to Fayetteville on Saturday, when he will lead Missouri State against his former program in a much-anticipated game for an FCS program that he’s quickly turned into a juggernaut. (AP PHOTO/SUE OGROCKI, FILE)

he rarely stayed in one place for more than a couple years.

Weber State and Idaho, Arizona State and Utah State, Nevada and Auburn.

It wasn’t until 2003, when he landed the head job at Louisville, that Petrino’s career took off. He took a solid program under John L. Smith and turned it into a power, winning 41 games against nine losses. The Cardinals twice finished in the top 10 in the final AP poll, and capped the 2006 season by winning the Orange Bowl.

Then came his disastrous turn as an NFL coach and shockingly quick downfall.

He lasted just 13 games into a five-year contract

with the Falcons, resigning less than 24 hours after telling Atlanta owner Arthur Blank he was in it for the long haul. He informed his players with a four-sentence notecard placed in each of their lockers, effectively abandoning them with a 3-10 record to take over as the coach at Arkansas.

Nobody has ever disputed Petrino’s ability to build a college program, so it wasn’t surprising that he quickly turned the Razorbacks into a winner. He had them in the Liberty Bowl in Year 2, won 10 games the following year and went 11-2, won the Cotton Bowl and finished fifth in the nation during what became his final season in 2011.

“He’s a great coach. He was when he was here and with the Falcons and Louisville,” current Razorbacks coach Sam Pittman, who has them ranked No. 10, acknowledged this week. “He’s just a really good coach.”

One with flaws, though. And they had nothing to do with X’s and O’s.

On an April morning in 2012, then-Arkansas athletic director Jeff Long learned his football coach had been in a motorcycle wreck in northwest Arkansas. Petrino initially told Long he was alone, but the police report later revealed he had a female passenger on board when he crashed. And when the university began an investigation of the acci-

dent, it found that Petrino was having an affair with the woman, whom he had hired to work in the athletic department.

Petrino was ultimately fired for cause, and the lasting image from his halcyon days at Arkansas turned out to be from a news conference in which he showed up wearing a neck brace with a bruised and battered face.

“He made the decision, a conscious decision, to mislead the public,” Long said upon firing him.

Petrino, a married father of four, issued a lengthy apology that fell on plenty of deaf ears. He acknowledged engaging in an “improper relationship,” making several poor decisions and said he accepted “full responsibility for what happened.”

Yet success covers many ills, so it didn’t take Petrino long to get another chance. He went 8-4 with Western Kentucky in his lone season, then Louisville came calling again. He took the Cardinals back to four straight bowl games but wasn’t able to duplicate the same magic from his first go-around, and a 2-8 start to the 2018 season led to another firing.

That’s when Petrino’s real comeback began.

After sitting out a year, he was hired by Missouri State, a middling program in the toughest FCS league in the country that had not qualified for the playoffs since 1990 — back when it was known as Southwest Missouri State. And despite taking over in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Petrino tied for

the league title and had the Bears in the playoffs in Year 1, and then won eight games and nearly upset Oklahoma State while taking them back last season.

The Bears are currently ranked fifth in the nation heading into Saturday’s game at Arkansas.

“I’m proud of our team. I’m proud of our assistant coaches and the players we have,” Petrino said. “We have a team that really likes to compete. They like to watch each other. And they’re not afraid to fail, so they’ll go out and hand-signal for a fade on fourth-and-1, and that’s awesome, when someone has that kind of confidence and belief. That’s what you want. That’s what you’re trying to develop young men to do — to not be afraid to fail.”

Sage advice from someone that has succeeded and failed plenty of times over the years.

Petrino would prefer that Saturday’s game be about the players on the field, but he’s not naïve. He knows eyes will be on him when the teams come out of the tunnel of Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium and prepare for kickoff.

So do the players on the sideline. They know his story. They know his history.

“He’s been pretty stone-wall, the same person he’s always been — same old guy,” Missouri State quarterback Jason Shelley said this week. “I think that’s going to rub off on the guys, just let us know its a regular game.”

Wainwright, Molina make history, then lead Cards over Brewers

By **STEVE OVERBEY**
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Adam Wainwright and Yadier Molina made history with the first pitch of the game, then the record-setting battery helped the St. Louis Cardinals extend their NL Central lead by beating the Milwaukee Brewers 4-1 Wednesday night.

Wainwright and Molina started together for the 325th time, the most ever by a pitcher-catcher duo in the majors. The duo eclipsed the regular-season mark of 324 held by the Detroit Tigers pair of Mickey Lolich and Bill Freehan from 1963-1975.

Wainwright and Molina received a standing ovation from the crowd at Busch Stadium as they walked from the bullpen to the dugout prior to the game.

Towels with the No. 325 were given out to fans as they entered the ballpark.

Wainwright opened the game with a first-pitch strike to Christian Yelich, who out of respect for the moment, made no attempt to swing at the offering.

Wainwright and Molina made their first start together on April 6, 2007, in Houston. Wainwright recorded a 4-2 win in that game -- the first of his 213 victories with Molina be-



St. Louis Cardinals’ Yadier Molina, left, and Adam Wainwright walk in from the bullpen after warming up for the team’s baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers on Wednesday, in St. Louis. (AP PHOTO/JOE PUETZ)

hind the plate.

The 40-year-old Molina, a perennial Glove Glover, has indicated he will retire at the end of this season. The 41-year-old Wainwright has yet to make a decision on his future.

Wainwright (11-9) gave up just one run in five innings despite allowed eight hits and walked two. He struck out three and walked two in a 98-pitch stint.

Molina gave him a boost, throwing out Kolten Wong attempting to steal on the back end of a strikeout to end the third. Wainwright fanned Andrew McCutchen with a 74 mph curve and Molina still got Wong by plenty.

Molina put the Cardi-

nals ahead for good with a tiebreaking single in the second.

Nolan Arenado and Lars Nootbaar both homered for the Cardinals, who have won three of four. They stretched their division lead to eight games over the second-place Brewers.

Milwaukee had a three-game winning streak snapped and remains two games behind San Diego in the race for the final wild-card spot in the NL.

Wainwright has thrown 2,141 of his 2,553 innings to Molina. He and Molina have teamed up to record 1,815 strikeouts.

Molina snapped a 1-all tie with an RBI single in the second.

Gray sharp for 7; Arraez exits early as Twins blank Royals

By **MIKE COOK**
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Sonny Gray cruised through seven sharp innings and the Minnesota Twins, despite losing AL batting leader Luis Arraez to an early injury, beat the Kansas City Royals 4-0 Wednesday night.

Gary Sánchez had a two-run double and Carlos Correa a couple hits for Minnesota, five games behind AL Central-leading Cleveland with 21 games remaining.

Arraez got an infield hit, raising his average to .320, and scored in the first, then left after the inning with left hamstring tightness.

Acquired from Cincinnati in March, Gray (8-4) has been a top-of-the-rotation guy for Minnesota all season. He breezed through the Kansas City lineup much of the night, allowing three hits and striking out eight.

Michael Massey had two of the five hits for Kansas City, which did not send more than four men to the plate in an inning against Gray. Through five innings, just one Royals runner advanced to second base and that came on a passed ball.

The right-hander has been especially strong for the Twins since the



Kansas City Royals second baseman Michael Massey cannot make the play on an infield single by Minnesota Twins’ Luis Arraez during the first inning of a baseball game on Wednesday, in Minneapolis. (AP PHOTO/ABBIE PARR)

All-Star break, going 4-1 and allowing two or fewer earned runs in nine of those 10 starts.

Making his second start after missing 17 games with right forearm tightness, Zack Greinke (4-9) allowed three runs and struck out one in four innings.

Kansas City has lost six straight at Target Field and failed to score in 43 of its past 44 innings there. It scored three times in the ninth inning Tuesday after being no-hit for eight innings.

Minnesota’s list of injured starters expanded with Arraez’s exit. The Twins already have a pair of regulars on 10-day injured lists: center fielder Byron Buxton out since Aug. 23 with a right hip strain and second baseman Jorge Polanco (left knee inflammation) has been out since Sept. 3.

Manager Rocco Baldelli previously said Polanco might return this week, but Buxton is further away.

Greinke was done in by a 39-pitch first inning. Sánchez hit a two-out, two-run

double and the Twins left the bases loaded when Sandy León grounding back sharply to Greinke.

Greinke is 0-7 with a 6.36 ERA in a dozen starts away from Kauffman Stadium this season; he’s 4-2 with a 1.93 ERA in 11 games at home. His last road win was 16 road starts ago, on Aug. 13, 2021, he pitched for Houston.

A sacrifice fly by Gio Urshela scored pinch-runner Billy Hamilton in the Twins seventh.

DOUBLES DELIGHT

Kansas City SS Bobby Witt Jr. doubled for the fourth straight game. Eight of his past 13 hits have gone for extra bases. He leads all rookies with 53 extra-base hits.

TRAINER’S ROOM

Twins: OF Max Kepler, who left Sunday’s game with a right leg contusion, missed his second straight game.

UP NEXT

The three-game wraps up series Thursday with LHP Daniel Lynch (4-10, 5.14) the scheduled starter for Kansas City. Minnesota plans to start RHP Dylan Bundy (8-7, 4.68).

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