

Lt. Gov. Toland visits PSU

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland visited the Kansas Technology Center (KTC) at Pittsburg State University on Tuesday for the College of Technology’s Company Days, which were set to continue Wednesday.

Company Days is an event that allows students to network with employers, learn more about opportunities available in their field of interest, and seek out opportunities for experienced-based learning through summer employment at camps, internships, and full-time professional positions in numerous Kansas industries.

Toland spoke for about 20 minutes, highlighting the accomplishments he and Gov. Laura Kelly have made in boosting the state’s economic development over the past three-and-a-half years, then opened the forum for



Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland holds a Q&A at Pittsburg State University’s Kansas Technology Center Tuesday during the College of Technology’s Company Days. DUSTIN R. STRONG / THE MORNING SUN

a short question-and-answer period.

“Kansas is changing right before our eyes,” Toland said. “And it’s changing in ways that are positive.”

According to Toland, Kansas is experiencing its most rapid economic growth in the last half-century, and it is not just confined to the metropolitan areas around Kansas City and Wichita, but across the entire state. Toland asked the students present to envision how

they can contribute to this growth, to build up the economy and build things in Kansas.

Toland touted the recent Panasonic deal, saying that it will bring 4,000 direct jobs making batteries, as well as another 5-10,000 secondary jobs supporting the new facility. In the meantime, Toland said, 16,000 construction jobs are being created to build the facility.

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KU Med announces federal grant to improve SEK children’s behavioral health

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — The University of Kansas Medical Center has announced that a federal grant of nearly \$9 million will fund a new program, known as KanAWARE, aimed at addressing escalating student behavioral health needs in Southeast Kansas.

The five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Center for Mental Health Services in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), will go towards the new multi-agency project that aims to address these needs in 11 Southeast Kansas counties representing the state’s communities most at

risk for poverty, violence, trauma, substance use and mental health concerns.

The principal investigator for KanAWARE is Eve-Lynn Nelson, Ph.D., a professor and child psychologist at KU School of Medicine. “We have never faced a time of greater student behavioral health needs, matched with community innovation to meet these needs,” she said.

KanAWARE, supported by the SAMHSA Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education) funding opportunity, will combine the efforts of government agencies, schools, health care providers, social services and advocacy organizations to improve K-12 student mental health through evidence-based interventions, according

to a KUMC press release.

Rural school communities face long-standing health disparities and unmet behavioral health needs that were exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, the release said. KanAWARE will integrate school-based community health workers into the behavioral health approach to support students and their families.

“We are excited to be part of the coalition of agencies working on this grant project,” said Andy Brown, behavioral health services commissioner for the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS). “This project will help establish a sustainable infrastructure for promoting behavioral health in schools.”

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Women are Champions
Pittsburg Rotary hosts event to empower women

By Antjea Wolff
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PITTSBURG, Kan. — For decades, women have had to fight to be taken seriously in the workforce, and even now in 2022, within certain job environments, some women still struggle to be respected for what they contribute to the workplace. As a way of acknowledging the quality of women in the community, the Pittsburg Noon Rotary Club hosted “Women are Champions,” an event meant to empower and appreciate women in the area on Tuesday.

This second annual event included lunch, a gift bag, and a mini business expo with women-owned businesses and organizations, which was new to the event this year. Event organizer and past president of the Pittsburg Rotary Club Johnna Norton said the committee added this feature to cre-

ate more networking.

“We thought maybe that would foster a little bit more people getting to know some new people and networking, and getting to know our local businesses,” she said.

Norton said the idea behind the whole event, besides empowering them, was to reenergize the women in the community.

“So that’s what we’re trying to do with all of our guests today,” Norton said. “To kind of inspire them to go to the next level in whatever it is that they do.”

The keynote speaker, Kristi Spencer, owner of The Polite Company, began her speech talking about etiquette and asked the audience what came to their minds when they heard that word. After a few people called out from the audience things like “manners” or “social expectations,” Spencer gave some background on

the journalist and writer Emily Post.

In 1922, Emily Post was 50 years old, a mother of two children, and divorced from her husband after he was caught in a sex scandal when she wrote her first book titled “Etiquette.” A year later, in 1923, “Etiquette” was named the number one bestselling non-fiction book. Post also had a column in over 200 newspapers, as well as a weekly radio show. She received 6,000 pieces of mail a week from people asking her questions about etiquette, and founded the Emily Post Institute, which promoted etiquette based on consideration, respect, and honesty in 1946. Post was named the second most powerful woman in America, second only to Eleanor Roosevelt, in 1950. Her grandchildren now run the Emily Post Institute, write books, host podcasts, and travel the

country teaching Post’s etiquette philosophies.

Spencer, a graduate of the Emily Post Institute and now teacher of etiquette, said a lot of people have misconceptions about what she teaches.

“It’s no surprise that people ask what I do,” Spencer said. “And so some people state that it’s maybe that we’re talking about high tea, or how to walk in high heels, which I cannot do, or if you can wear white after Labor Day, and no one cares about that stuff.”

Spencer said what she teaches has little to do with judging other people’s behavior and more to do with how your behavior can affect others. She said it is all about self-assessment.

“People are afraid of being judged,” she said. “And I think we are all afraid of being judged, and a lot of that was our first experience with eti-



Kristi Spencer, owner of The Polite Company, speaks about the three principles needed when interacting with individuals — consideration, respect, and honesty — during the Pittsburg Noon Rotary Club’s event “Women are Champions” event on Tuesday. ANTJEA WOLFF / THE MORNING SUN

qu Shore and that somebody used it in a way that made us feel less than we wanted to be.”

Spencer said that Post’s definition of etiquette was: “Etiquette is not some rigid code of manners. It is simply how a person’s lives touch one another’s.”

She said everyone can use etiquette to his or her advantage.

“It’s about taking every opportunity for every in-

teraction, every meal, every office dilemma, every business meeting, to build relationships with other people,” she said.

Spencer added that etiquette can sometimes be confused with gender roles, and one question she has seen a lot lately is, should men still open the door for women?

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Local organizations host community baby shower

By Sam Kombrink
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PITTSBURG, Kan. — New and soon-to-be parents made their way to the Pittsburg Farmers’ Market Pavilion on Tuesday for a community baby shower hosted by Kansas Connected and Southeast Kansas Diaper Stock. The event featured games, refreshments, family photo opportunities, and a drawing to win prizes, including a water bottle and other souvenirs from local businesses.

“This is an event that includes multiple partners in our community,” said Community Health Center of Southeast Kan-

sas Patient Education and Support Manager Julie Laverack. “And we get together once a year and have a community baby shower for expecting parents and parents of those up to one year. So the parents received a passport where they got to go around to all of the different booths and then they got to go down, turn in their passport, and spin to win a big prize.”

Laverack said about one in three people won a prize.

“It was just a nice chance for program exposure and early childhood programs in our community,” she said. “It’s just a really nice event for

people to come to.”

She added that being involved in this event gives her an amazing feeling.

“One of our winners picked out a crib and she started crying because she didn’t have anything for her baby yet,” Laverack said. “Also, a lot of women don’t have a support system that there is going to be a baby shower, so that’s the idea behind this, is to show that they do have support. So, we will throw you a baby shower and it’s just a time to celebrate you. Motherhood is as hard as it can be without support.”

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Frontenac deadlocked on new library’s location amid public resistance

Seth Nutt appointed library director

By Dustin R. Strong
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FRONTENAC, Kan. — It was hoped that a final decision would be made at Monday evening’s Frontenac City Council meeting on the location of Frontenac’s new library and the project could move forward.

“As we discuss this, this is not about taking any binding action,” City Administrator John Zafuta said at the start of the meeting. “We have a long way to go, but we need a place for the new director

to focus. The second thing is how much work do we need to put into this building, because it needs it. It’s getting pretty bad.”

Zafuta had already provided council members with a list of city properties that could serve as locations for the library. Also supplied were estimated costs for repairs and demolition.

The estimated cost to repair the current 2,800 square-foot building is \$210,000, or about \$75 per square foot. This does not include any remodel or upgrades, just fixing it.

The estimate to demolish and remove it is between \$45-50,000.

The city has been operating on the view that the new library would be built on the site of the town hall, which currently hosts a municipal court and city council meetings. Other city-owned properties were considered, but were deemed to be too far from the downtown area. Wanting to keep the library close to the city center, the town hall site, by default, became the most obvious to showcase the new building.

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Obituaries

 Johnie Baima, 96, of Pittsburg, passed away at 7:57 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022, at his home due to complications from a fall.

John was born April 13, 1926, in Dunkirk, Kansas. John was the last born of twins in the living room of the house where his brother lived. They lived a quarter mile away from each other in the booming mine town called Dunkirk. The twins (known to this day as "The Babies") were named after their Uncle Louie and Grandpa John. Their names were soon reversed (Johnie became Louie, and Louie became Johnie) because the twin named Louie cried all the time – now known as Johnie. Their father was a miner. Their mother's name was Baima before she married their father, Joe Baima. Baima is a very common Italian name. Although their parents were born in Italy, they met in Kansas. Italian was the twin's first language.

As children, they loved to play baseball (pitcher and catcher). If a brawl broke out, the twins fought as a team. You could not pick on one of them, or you would end up fighting both of them.

Along with their older brother, Joe, they attended Frontenac High School. The twins joined the Army together and walked the Burma Trail crossing into China during World War II. They were lucky to serve in a platoon that had a member who loved to cook. He would take K-rations and create dinners better than the officer's meals. Sometimes, the Japanese got to their rations before the troops did. When that happened, they ate nothing for three days. In 2022, John was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal– something that he was very proud of.

After the war, they worked at the ammunition plant in Parsons as inspectors for the Air Force. John's life was interrupted at age 21 when they went hunting. Less than a mile from home, he lit a campfire. Hidden blasting caps exploded, leaving John blind and injured. The doctor wanted to save John's life by cutting off his right arm. His brother, Joe, refused to give permission. John was in Kansas University Medical Center, Kansas City, and blind for over a year. After three surgeries, John could see with the use of contacts.

John married Anna Mae Eichorn, and they were blessed with three children, Mary Ann, Johnie Louis, and Debra Sue. Together, they built a home and raised their family.

John went to work in Pittsburg at Mt. Carmel Hospital in the Maintenance Department. The vice-president asked John to start a storeroom, later known as the Purchasing Department. His first "storeroom" responsibilities were buying and organizing supplies, setting tractions, and maintaining oxygen. The job had so many head-aches that John quit 12 times in the first year. Every time the administration would not accept his resignation and talked John into returning to the storeroom. Forty years later, John finally quit; he retired.

In 1974, tragedy struck again when Anna Mae was killed by a man who was robbing their house. The robbery was to sustain a drug habit.

A year later, in 1975, John met the second love of his life, Lois. They remained partners in life for the rest of his life (over 40 years). Together, they fulfilled John's dream of making connections with his relatives in Italy. John and Lois went to Italy four times. John was blessed to sit in the church where his mother prayed to go to America and have a family, who was John and his brothers.

John had a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. He talked with Jesus frequently. God touched John's body and healed him many times: his heart condition, his paralyzed stomach, and his eyes improved as he got older. When things would happen, John would get on his riding lawn mower and talk loudly with God, whether it was snowing or not. The song that tells the story of John's life and how he was changed into a follower of Christ is "If You Could Only See Me."

Survivors include his wife, Lois Baima; three children, Mary Ann Blessant, Johnie Louis Baima, and Debra Baima; four grandchildren, Scott Baima, Eric Baima, Rick Scholes, and Renee Scales; seven great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren; three step-children, Marty Dell, Christy Sisemore, and Tim Dell; five step-grandchildren and three step-great-great-grandchildren.

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

A funeral service for John will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 26, at the Brenner Mortuary, with Gary Crawford officiating. Burial will follow in the Garden of Memories Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday at the Brenner Mortuary, where friends may call after 10 a.m. Sunday. Online condolences may be left at www.brennermortuary.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Brenner Mortuary.

Johnie Baima



Marilyn Gilbert

Marilyn Gilbert, age 88, of Galena, passed away at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, at Galena Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Marilyn was born in Sulphur, Oklahoma, on Aug. 24, 1934, to the union of Archie Gentry and Ola (Campbell) Gentry. She graduated from High School in Sulphur. During her time in school and for the years to follow, she was very musically inclined with the ability to sing, play the saxophone and piano, and even spent time as a drum majorette. She later lived in Ardmore, Oklahoma, and Stanislaus County, California, where she served as a court clerk before her retirement in the late 1980s. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Sulphur and Ardmore. She enjoyed playing spades, drinking margaritas with her Mexican food, and traveling.

She is survived by one son, Craig Gilbert of Oakdale, California; one daughter, Johanna Foster of Columbus, Kansas; four grandchildren, Chase, Brock, Lexi, and Reese Gilbert; and one niece, Lori Gentry.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Brent Gilbert; two brothers; and two sisters.

Ms. Gilbert has been entrusted to Derfelt Funeral Home of Galena for cremation. The family will host a memorial service at a later date. Online condolences may be expressed at www.derfeltfuneralhomes.com.

Foul play not suspected in Montgomery County trail death

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ELK CITY, Kan. — An Augusta, Kansas man was found dead on a hiking trail near Elk City in Montgomery County on Saturday, but authorities do not suspect foul play in his death, according to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

Shortly after 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, Montgomery County sheriff's deputies, Elk City Rural Fire, Independence Fire/EMS, and Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks officers were dispatched to a hiking trail near Elk City in response to a report of a 22-year-old man who had gone missing on the trail.

Deputies arrived at US Highway 160 and County Road 5000 where the 30-mile hiking trail entrance and exit is located. Upon their arrival, deputies contacted a witness that was with the missing man and said the last time he had seen his friend was around mile marker 13 on the trail. Deputies started

searching for the male subject. At approximately 7:28 p.m., deputies located the man on the ground just off the trail path. Independence Fire/EMS medics started attending to him but then pronounced him deceased, according to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

The man was identified as 22-year-old Jeremy Cox of Augusta, Kansas. At this point, foul play is not suspected and authorities believe Cox's death could be heat related, the sheriff's office said Monday, adding that the investigation is still ongoing.

"Sheriff Ron Wade asks the public to please respect the privacy of the family during this time," the sheriff's office said in a press release, adding that thoughts and prayers go out to Cox's friends and family. "Wade would also like to thank the Elk City Rural Fire, Independence Rural Fire, Independence Fire & EMS, Kansas Wildlife and Parks, and Kansas State Park Officers for their assistance."

Pittsburg Meals on Wheels to celebrate 50 years

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — Pittsburg Meals on Wheels, Inc. is planning a celebration of half a century of serving the local community. The 50-year anniversary celebration is set for early October.

Past and present board members and drivers are

invited to join Pittsburg Meals on Wheels at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6, in DePaul Hall at Ascension Via Christi Hospital for refreshments and recognition of their service to the community.

Contact the Pittsburg Meals on Wheels Office at 620-235-3515 or email pittmow@gmail.com for more information.

CLUB NOTES

Wednesday, Sept. 21

Blanket Brigade

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

Derfelt Funeral Home Grief Share

This 13-week program will be held in the Chapel at Derfelt Funeral Home of Galena every Wednesday at 10:00 AM, beginning on September 21, 2022. Support groups are led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. There is no cost to attend, Derfelt Funeral Home will cover the cost of your workbook, and you do not have to be a past client of our funeral home to participate. If you're able to, please call 620-783-1371 to pre-register.

Pittsburg Sunrise Rotary

Meets at 7 a.m. every first and third Wednesday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall at the northeast corner of 11th and Joplin streets.

Frontenac Rotary

Frontenac Rotary meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at noon in the basement of Frontenac Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 100 S. Cherokee St. Visit facebook.com/FrontenacRotary/ for more information.

Thursday, Sept. 22

Al-Anon

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

TOPS Club Inc.

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

TOPS #1186

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

Co-dependents Anonymous

Cancelled for 9/22

Friday, Sept. 23

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. 24

Little Balkans Quilt Guild Sew Day

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

Little Balkans Quilt Guild Committee Meeting


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

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Gerald Theodore Waggoner II
Service: A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, Sept. 23, 2022 at 11 a.m. The service will be located at Brenner Mortuary.
Burial will take place at a later date in Highland Park Cemetery.

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NEWS

Crawford County ends burn ban

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GIRARD, Kan. — The Crawford County Commission on Tuesday lifted a burn ban that had been in place for nearly two months. “If we wanted to end the burn ban, I think we should recommend that individuals that are wishing to burn please contact their fire department and make sure that they’re

aware of it, maybe even the sheriff’s department, put them on notice that you’re going to burn a field or a brush pile or something that could get out of hand,” County Counselor Jim Emerson said in opening the discussion of the burn ban. The county commissioners originally issued the burn ban at their July 22 meeting. “I don’t think there’s any farmers right now

that are going to go out and want to just burn anything. I know there’s some people that it’s more controlled brush piles I think is what they’re trying to take care of, because for lack of a better word they need to clean it up,” Commissioner Bruce Blair said Tuesday. “The main thing is agriculture-related large burns should be contacting fire departments,” he added. Both Emerson

and Blair noted that as of Tuesday morning, Crawford County was the only county among several surrounding counties that still had a burn ban in place. Following a motion by Blair and a second by Commissioner Tom Moody, the commission unanimously approved ending the burn ban.

Arma City Council discusses sidewalk project

By Aaron Pyle
Morning Sun Staff

ARMA, Kan. — The City of Arma is reaching closer to its goal of building a sidewalk around McDonald Park with the help of Live Well Crawford County. Initially discussed at a council meeting on Dec. 20 last year, the project pertains to a sidewalk encompassing McDonald Park that will explore enhanced trail infrastructure. In addition, the sidewalk includes connections to the pavilion, garden and concession stand, according to Live Well Executive Director Brad Stroud.

The overall estimated cost of the project is \$128,500. At Monday’s meeting, the Arma City Council revisited the topic with Stroud in attendance. Stroud first presented a check to the council for \$25,700 through a Pathways to a Healthy Kansas grant that covers 20 percent of the project’s cost. “The \$25,700 is for the beginning of getting the sidewalk project done around McDonald Park. So really, at this point, the next steps would be to investigate, find new opportunities for grants that will pay for the construction of it,” Stroud said. “I can help with that, I

have people with their eyes open looking for grants, and we look for grants all the time for that. When the time comes, and we find a grant that fits it, I will help write the grant.” Stroud and the council then discussed the “Health in All Policies” (HIAP) package, a collaborative approach that is a part of the Pathways grant that integrates and articulates health considerations into policy making across sectors and at all levels to improve the health of all communities and people. “Health in All Policies is just an approach, kind of like local governments are using, just as a way to improve health in your

communities just taking health consideration into your decision making when those things come up,” Stroud said. The council then appointed Councilwoman Carma Burns to lead a workshop to discuss HIAP, with the location and date still to be determined. In other business, the council announced the date for the annual fall citywide cleanup, slated for Monday, Oct. 10 through Friday, Oct. 14. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4. For more information, call the Arma City Hall at 620-347-4125.

Officials: Kansas deputy used Taser on child with autism

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — A state law enforcement oversight board reprimanded a Kansas sheriff’s deputy who used his Taser on a 12-year-old boy with autism while the boy was handcuffed and hogtied in the deputy’s vehicle. However, the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers’ Standards and Training chose not to revoke the law enforcement certification for former Jackson County deputy Matthew Honas despite finding that he used excessive force against the boy. Honas was terminated

from the Jackson County Sheriff’s department in March, The Topeka Capital-Journal reported. The standards commission said on Feb. 23 Honas tied up the boy, who had run away from foster care, in a way that threatened his ability to breathe properly. Honas was not wearing a body camera but the encounter was captured on his in-car camera. Honas knew the boy, identified as L.H., was autistic and had struggled with him during a previous encounter, the

commission said. Honas “struggled with, shoved, elbowed, applied pressure points, carried, pulled, ‘hog-tied’ and ultimately tased L.H.,” the commission said. The commission said Honas used the Taser on the boy without warning as he was sitting in the patrol vehicle with his feet outside the vehicle. At the time, L.H. was handcuffed behind his back, with the handcuffs connected to shackles on his ankles. Among other things, Honas also refused help from other available offi-

cers, did not call a transport van, used profanity and threatened to use his Taser on the boy again, the commission said. Michelle Meier, the commission’s legal counsel, said Monday she couldn’t comment on specific actions taken by the commission. The Capital-Journal filed an open records request for the video from the in-car camera, but it was rejected by Jackson County counselor Lee Hendricks on Monday.

TOLAND

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It is important that economic development not be confined to the metro areas, but spread out across the state, Toland said. As an example, he said a new cheese factory is being built in Ford County, around Dodge City. To support this, several new dairies are being built in several nearby counties to house 25,000 head of dairy cows, to provide the factory with raw milk. “Whether you are from Columbus, Dodge City, Lawrence, or wherever you are in the state,” Toland said, “there is a construction opportunity we want you to be a part of.” Toland said he has created programs, such as Build Up Kansas, to encourage high school students to enter the construction trades. He has also put together an ad campaign targeting Kansans who have left the state to bring them back to Kansas.

“There is a spin-off effect,” Toland said. “Whenever you build a battery plant, a cheese plant, or a soybean crushing operation, you have to build convenience stores, you have to build houses. All of these things are part of the ecosystem of growth that means opportunity to build a life and build wealth in Kansas.” When asked how to get people to stay in Kansas and entice new people to come, Toland said, first, we need to stop running ourselves down as Kansans. “There is this kind of ‘aw, shucks’ humility where we think, ‘We’re Kansas.’ We’re kind of meek and mild about it,” Toland said. “The fact is, we need to be much more positive about what a great place this is to live.” He said kids emulate what adults say and do, and when they hear that, it’s not healthy, and it gives them the idea that they need to leave. “We need to be much more vocal about being proud of Kansas.” At a more tangible level,

the second thing Kansas needs, according to Toland, is more rooftops to house those we want to recruit. “We went from \$2 million to support housing infrastructure last year to \$190 million in this year’s budget,” Toland said. “And I think we can sustain that level for quite a while. It’s meant to incentivize builders to choose to build in Kansas.” Third, Toland said, Kansas needs to retain its young people. “When we invest in K through 12 education and invest in their post-secondary education, we need to keep that investment here,” he said. “We are exporting our most valuable asset, our young people, to other states. We have to stop that.” Toland said Kansas has increased wages dramatically over the past three years, closing the gap in wages when compared to other markets like Dallas or Chicago. This factors in when people are weighing the decision to leave or come back to Kansas. “Is it worth \$20,000 more a year

if cost of living is 1.5 times higher, if commuting is more expensive, and you have to build a whole new life, as opposed to staying in Kansas?” Toland asked. Asked how we, as voters, can know we’re not getting the short end of the stick of the stick when it comes to outside deals, Toland said there are checks and balances in place. Using the example of the \$829 million Panasonic deal, he said the company has to hit certain benchmarks before it gets any funding from the state. “You hear about the deals we win,” Toland said. “You don’t hear about the ones we don’t. There have been deals we have walked away from because they were not good for Kansas taxpayers.” Toland said he is not afraid to say no to a deal, and that the success the state has had actually allows him to say no when it’s not right for the State of Kansas. “When it doesn’t make sense for the taxpayers, you can’t be afraid to walk away. And we have walked away,” Toland said.

AREA EVENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 21

Story Time at the Library

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

Building Strong Readers

Children up to age 5 are invited to Girard Public Library, 128 W. Prairie St. In Girard, for stories and a craft from 10 to 10:45 a.m. The ages 5 to 11 program will begin at 2:30 p.m. Call the library at 620-724-4317 for more information.

Teen Time

The Girard Public Library is hosting a Teen Time program for children in grades 6th through 12th at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21. Call the library at 620-724-4317 for more information.

Beginners Sign Language Class

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

Thursday, Sept. 22

29th Annual Emmett Lecture featuring Hyeryung Hwang

Hyeryung Hwang, a multidisciplinary teacher-scholar with research and teaching experience in the fields of world literature and cinema, theories of imperialism and colonialism, and peripheral aesthetics and politics, will be lecturing at PSU. Her talk will be called “Barbaric Modernities” and will begin at 7 p.m. in the Governor’s Room in the Overman Student Center. A reception will follow in the Heritage Room.

Friday, Sept. 23

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.

Pittsburg ArtWalk

The Fall Pittsburg ArtWalk will be held on from 5 to 9 p.m. in Downtown Pittsburg on Broadway Street between 4th Street and 7th Street. The ArtWalk features a variety of artists, vendors, and music, as well as a poetry and fiction reading. For more information, visit pittsburgartwalk.com.

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, DJ Curtis Benelli will have karaoke. Attendees are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs.

Friday, Sept. 23 through Saturday Sept. 24

McCune Fall Festival

The McCune Fall Festival will begin Friday, Sept. 23 at the Lions Arena and Pavilion. From 5 to 7 p.m. there will be a free Bean Feed with homemade ice cream, pie and desserts for a freewill donation that go to Impact Archery Youth Group. At 6 p.m. there will be live music. On Saturday, a fall festival and craft show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Main Street, as well as a Smokin’ Hot BBQ Cook-Off. There will also be a parade, games, petting zoo, clay pigeon shoot, and more.

Saturday, Sept. 24

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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FReadom

By Carol Ann Robb
Pittsburg Public Library

As we commemorate Banned Books Week, here is a list of titles recently added to our shelves — books that are available for everyone to read.

FICTION: Other Birds by Susan Addison Allen; Book Haters Book Club by Gretchen Anthony; Local Gone Missing by Fiona Barton; Last Dress From Paris by Jade Beer; Lizzie Blake's Best Mistake by Mazey Eddings; Daisy

Darker by Alice Feeney; Oath of Loyalty by Vince Flynn; American Adventure by CW Gortner; Drunk on Love by Jasmine Guillory; Captive by Iris Johansen; Blame Game by Sandie Jones; Fairy Tale by Stephen King; Beneath the Bending Skies by Jane Kirkpatrick; Memory Keeper of Kyiv by Erin Litteken; Tick Tock by Fern Michaels; Verifiers by Jane Pek; First Comes Scandal by Julia Quinn; Carrie Soto is Back by Taylor Jenkins Reid;

Desperation in Death by JD Robb; Girl Forgotten by Karin Slaughter; Boy With the Bookstore by Sarah Smith; Angelika Frankenstein Makes Her Match by Sally Thorne; Lost Girls of Willowbrook by Ellen Marie Wiseman
MYSTERY: Smile Beach Murder by Alicia Bessette; Certain Darkness by Anna Lee Huber; Hell & Back by Craig Johnson; Fox Creek by William Kent Kruger; Mother Daughter Traitor Spy by Susan Elia MacNeal; Murder at Beacon Park by Alyssa Maxwell; Bullet That Missed by Richard Osman; Blowback by James Patterson;

Truth to Lie For by Anne Perry
NONFICTION: Sweet Life by Suzanne Woods Fisher; Pope at War by David Kertzer; Leave Only Footprints by Conor Knighton; Deer Creek Drive by Beverly Lowry; Path Lit by Lightning by David Maraniss; Diana, William, & Harry by James Patterson; Outdoor Kids in an Inside World by Steven Rinella; Dessert Can Save the World by Christina Tosi; Dinners with Ruth by Nina Totenberg; Starry Messenger by Neil deGrasse Tyson
LARGE PRINT: 6:20 Man by David Baldacci; Heart

of the Mountains by Pepper Basham; Killer Words by VM Burns; Quilt for Christmas by Melody Carlson; Gunman's Pass by Ralph Cotton; Paris Apartment by Lucy Foley; Devil's Pass by William Johnstone; Orchard by Beverly Lewis; Best is Yet to Be by Debbie Macomber; Ways We Hide by Kristina McMorris; Last Suppers by Mandy Mikulencak; Last to Vanish by Megan Miranda; Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting by Clare Pooley; Girl from Guernica by Karen Robards; Citizen K-9 by David Rosenfelt
AUDIOBOOKS: 6:20 Man

by David Baldacci; Riverbend Reunion by Carolyn Brown; Sparring Partners by John Grisham; Hotel Nantucket by Elin Hilderbrand; Hell & Back by Craig Johnson; Best is Yet to Come by Debbie Macomber; Boardwalk Bookshop by Susan Mallery; Last to Vanish by Megan Miranda; Unkept Woman by Allison Montclair; Ninth Month by James Patterson; Smile by Sarah Ruhl; Portrait of an Unknown Woman by Daniel Silva; Challenge by Danielle Steel; Dinners with Ruth by Nina Totenberg; It Girl by Ruth Ware

TASTEFOOD

Get your jam on with this sheet pan dinner

By Lynda Balslev
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Sheet pan dinners are hardly a new trend, but the method is consistently revelatory. It's impossible not to marvel at its simplicity and ability to deliver a one-dish, er, -pan dinner packed with flavor.

This chicken dish is easy and extremely flexible in that you can make it all at once or marinate the chicken a few hours ahead or overnight for convenience, with the bonus of extra flavor from the marinating time. When ready to cook, perch the chicken over sliced onions and tomatoes and let the meat's juices baste the vegetables while they soften and break down into a chunky sauce.

Once the chicken is cooked, you are left with a generous amount of flavorful juice mingling with slippery ribbons of onion and collapsed, squidgy tomatoes. You could stop there, but don't: Take it one step further by simply pouring all the veggies and the juice into a skillet and reducing it to a rich and slick jam to serve with

the chicken. This is not only a one-dish meal — it's a self-basting, self-seasoning family dinner.

Sheet Pan Chicken Thighs With Tomato Onion Jam
Active time: 25 minutes
Total time: 1 hour, plus marinating time
Yield: Serves 4 to 6
• 3 tablespoons olive oil, plus additional for drizzling
• 3 garlic cloves, minced or pushed through a press
• Juice and zest of 1/2 lemon
• 1 teaspoon sweet paprika
• 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
• Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
• 8 chicken thighs
• 1 pound grape tomatoes, halved
• 1 large yellow onion, halved, thinly sliced
• 2 to 3 sprigs fresh thyme
• 2 small sprigs fresh rosemary
• 1 tablespoon tomato paste
• 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
Combine the oil, garlic, lemon juice, paprikas, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon black pepper in a small bowl. Rub the chicken with the oil mixture, including under the skin. Let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes. (If you have time, you can refrigerate the chicken at this point for up to 24 hours to allow the flavors

to develop. Remove from the refrigerator 30 minutes before roasting.) Heat the oven to 375 degrees. Spread the tomatoes, onion, thyme and rosemary on a rimmed baking sheet. Drizzle with a little oil and lightly season with salt and black pepper. Nestle the chicken over and between the vegetables. If there are any remaining juices from the marinade, drizzle them over the vegetables. Roast in the oven until the chicken is golden brown and cooked through, 30 to 40 minutes, depending on size. Transfer the chicken to a platter and keep warm. Transfer the vegetables and pan juices to a skillet. (There should be a good amount of pan juice from the chicken.) Stir in the tomato paste and red chili flakes and simmer over medium-low heat until the consistency is slightly reduced and jammy, 6 to 8 minutes, stirring often. Taste for seasoning and add more salt and black pepper if desired. Serve the chicken with the sauce.



EDITORIAL CARTOON



DO JUST ONE THING

By Danny Seo

Birdhouses are an excellent way to help our feathered friends find shelter to raise their brood, but these houses need to be cleaned every year, since parasites and illness-causing bacteria can be living inside. Fall is an excellent time to do this. The first step is to remove the old nest inside the birdhouse (wearing rubber gloves); you can leave it in a wooded area to naturally decompose. Then use a diluted mixture of one part bleach to nine parts hot water and spray the inside and outside of the birdhouse to disinfect it; scrub with a sponge. Place the birdhouse in a sunny spot to dry out for a full 24 hours, then reinstall and wait for a bird to discover it and make it their new home.

While wife was away, husband discovered women's clothing



DEAR ABBY
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My wife has been away for a while caring for her ill parents. Because I was alone, I decided to experiment with wearing women's clothes and found that I really enjoyed wearing leggings. They make very comfortable pajamas. I also found that sports bras not only provide compression that feels good, but also serve a purpose because I have rather enlarged breasts. Should I hide everything and put away my leggings and bras, or should I let her in on some of my secrets? -- DRESSED UP IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR DRESSED UP: I'm not sure what other "secrets" you have been hiding, but if they involve cross-dressing, you're not the only man who has discovered he enjoys wearing women's clothes. It may surprise you to know their wives help them do it. Your reasons for wanting to wear a sports bra and leggings seem practical. I see no reason to try to hide it from your wife.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a widow. I totaled my car four months ago and asked a friend, "Stan," for the type of help my husband would have provided. Stan was great and did so much. I felt bad that he refused my offer of money, so one day I took him out to lunch. A few weeks later, he invited me to dinner and took me to my favorite steakhouse. He

and his longtime girlfriend were parting ways because she was selling her home and moving to live with her son. We started going out to eat once or twice a week. Abby, after two months, he disappeared! I think I fell in love with him without even realizing it. Now he's gone every weekend, and I'm in so much pain. I am trying to set myself free. How could I fall in love so easily? -- WASN'T EXPECTING THAT

DEAR WASN'T EXPECTING: You were vulnerable, and Stan was there and seemed willing to step in and fill the void left by your husband's death. That's how you fell in love with someone who was, I assume, a longtime trusted friend. Stan may have met someone, have other com-

mitments or felt unready to make one with you. That he hasn't given you a reason for his disappearance is disappointing, but it happens. Please don't beat yourself up over this. You did nothing wrong. These disappointments are a part of life.

DEAR ABBY: I've been married to a verbally abusive woman for 49 years. To the outside world she seems perfect, but behind closed doors she's nasty. She overreacts angrily to the tiniest problem and jumps down my throat when I ask her the simplest question. She complains about my poor memory and hearing. I am 75 and in good shape except for a belly, which she often makes fun of. I have recommended couples therapy, but she refuses to go. Please help me. -- EXHAUSTED

IN ARIZONA

DEAR EXHAUSTED: Therapy would be a good idea. Because your wife refuses to go, it might benefit you to talk to a mental health professional. While it won't solve her problems, it could help you get to the bottom of yours. Chief among them would be figuring out the reason you have tolerated your wife's verbal abuse for nearly half a century, and deciding what, if anything, to do about it. Please don't wait.

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NEWS

DOJ probes racism allegations in Kansas City police force

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Justice has opened an investigation into allegations of discrimination against Black officers by the Kansas City Police Department that reportedly begins during hiring and extends to promotions and discipline. The federal agency announced the inquiry in a letter sent Monday to the Board of Police Commissioners and Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt. It did not elaborate on how it was alerted to the concerns. The announcement comes after The Kansas City Star published a series of stories examining allegations of racism and harassment within the city's police force. The newspaper found that the number of Black officers was lower than it had been decades ago, that Black officers were disproportionately disciplined by KCPD, and at least 18 officers had left because of racism over a 15-year period. Interim police chief Joseph Mabin vowed in

a statement to cooperate fully with the investigation. "I am committed to ensuring every member experiences a safe and fair work environment and every applicant receives fair treatment throughout the hiring process," said Mabin, a 22-year veteran of the department who is Black. Schmitt declined to comment on the announcement. Jeanene Kiesling, a spokeswoman for the local union the Kansas City Fraternal Order of Police, didn't immediately return a text message seeking comment. Mabin, who has said he does not plan to seek the permanent position, replaced embattled Chief Rick Smith, who is white. Smith retired this spring after 34 years in the department, the last five as chief. Civil rights activists pushed for years to have Smith retire or be fired, citing his department's handling of excessive force complaints and the shooting of Black men by officers.

Mayor Quinton Lucas, who also is Black, said during a news conference that he was frustrated the Board of Police Commissioners, a state-appointed board that controls the city's police department, did not discuss the investigation during a closed meeting on Monday. "We cannot just be responsive time and time again to new lawsuits, to new investigations from federal officials, to voices outside," Lucas said. "This department, and its board, need to be the ones that are launching these types of investigations to make sure we are doing right by our community." Several community groups immediately applauded the announcement that there would be a federal investigation, including the Urban League of Greater Kansas City and the Metro Organization for Racial and Economic Equity. The Department of Justice stressed in its letter that it hadn't reached any conclusions and a spokesperson said Monday that the agency had no comment.

Beyond Meat executive charged with biting man in fight

By Dee-Ann Durbin
Associated Press

A top executive at plant-based food company Beyond Meat has been charged with felony battery after a fight outside a college football game in which he was accused of biting a man's nose. Doug Ramsey was also charged with making a terroristic threat after the attack Saturday in a parking garage outside a University of Arkansas football game in Fayetteville. Beyond Meat said Tuesday it has suspended Ramsey indefinitely. According to a police report, Ramsey was angered when another driver inched in front of him in a traffic lane and made contact with the front passenger wheel on Ramsey's Ford Bronco SUV. The police report alleges that Ramsey got out of his vehicle and punched through the back windshield of the other driver's

car. The driver told police he got out of his car and Ramsey pulled him close and began punching him. Ramsey also bit the tip of the other driver's nose, ripping the flesh, according to the police report. The driver and witnesses told police that Ramsey threatened to kill the other man. Occupants of both vehicles got out and separated the two men. Washington County court records show Ramsey was released Sunday on a \$11,085 bond. A court appearance is scheduled for Oct. 19. Court officials were unable to provide the name of an attorney for Ramsey on Tuesday. Ramsey, 53, spent more than 30 years at Springdale, Arkansas-based Tyson Foods before joining Beyond Meat as chief operating officer late last year. He held top leadership positions at Tyson, including president of its poultry division and president of its global McDonald's business.

At Beyond Meat, he has guided partnerships with fast food companies including McDonald's, Panda Express and KFC. Beyond Meat said Jonathan Nelson, its senior vice president for manufacturing operations, will oversee the company's operations on an interim basis. Beyond Meat shares hit a 52-week low of \$15.97 Tuesday before closing at \$16.03. The company's shares have tumbled more than 75% since the start of this year. The El Segundo, California-based company has struggled as customers dealing with soaring grocery bills have bypassed its higher-priced products. McDonald's also recently ended a U.S. trial of its McPlant meatless burger — developed with Beyond Meat — without confirming future plans for the product. Beyond Meat laid off 4% of its workforce in August.

Kansas man sentenced for performing illegal autopsies

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — A Kansas man who admitted running an illegal autopsy scheme has been sentenced to nearly six years in prison for wire fraud. Shawn Parcells, 42, who lived in Topeka and Leawood, was sentenced Monday in federal court to one count of wire fraud,

the U.S. Attorney's office said. He pleaded guilty in May. As part of the plea deal, nine other fraud counts were dropped. Parcells, as owner of National Autopsy Services, persuaded a client to pay \$5,000 for an autopsy, according to court records. The client received an emailed autopsy

report that appeared to be authored by Parcells. No pathologist was involved in the examination or report, which is illegal. Between 2016 and 2019, Parcells, a self-taught pathology assistant with no formal education, made more than \$1.1 million from more than 350 clients for autopsies, most

of which he did not perform, according to court records. Parcells, who ran three companies, was also charged in 2019 by Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt with conducting illegal autopsies. In August, Parcells was banned from doing business in Kansas and

ordered to pay more than \$700,000 in restitution and fines for the state cases. He was also ordered to pay over \$250,000 in restitution to 82 people that used his services. That came after he was convicted in November of three felonies and three misdemeanors related to providing illegal autopsies

in Wabaunsee County. Prosecutors discovered that Parcells collected more than 1,600 biological samples, mostly human tissue, as part of the scheme. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment took custody of the samples and victims have until Oct. 6 to claim them.

Oklahoma officers fatally shoot man after slow-speed pursuit

WEATHERFORD, Okla. (AP) — The fatal shooting of a man by a law enforcement officer in western Oklahoma is under investigation by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investiga-

tion. Police in Weatherford asked the OSBI for assistance in the shooting death last week of Colby Archer, 39, following a slow-speed chase in the city about

65 miles (105 kilometers) west of Oklahoma City, the OSBI said Monday. Archer led Weatherford and state police on the chase Friday after he pulled a gun on a person

outside a business, according to the OSBI. Archer eventually stopped and began shooting at officers, who returned fire and killed him, the OSBI said.

The agency said a state trooper suffered a minor, undisclosed injury and was treated at a local hospital. The names of the officers were not released.

The OSBI said it will submit a report to the district attorney, who will determine whether the shooting was justified.

4 Ukrainian regions schedule votes this week to join Russia

By Jon Gambrell
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Russian-controlled regions of eastern and southern Ukraine announced plans Tuesday to start voting this week to become integral parts of Russia. The Kremlin-backed efforts to swallow up four regions could set the stage for Moscow to escalate the war following Ukrainian successes on the battlefield. The scheduling of referendums starting Friday in the Luhansk, Kherson and partly Russian-controlled Zaporizhzhia and Donetsk regions came after a close ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin said the votes are needed and as Moscow is losing ground in the invasion it began nearly seven months ago. Former President Dmitry Medvedev, the deputy head of Russia's Security Council chaired by Putin, said referendums that fold regions into Russia itself would make redrawn frontiers "irreversible" and enable Moscow to use "any means" to defend them. In 2014, Russia sent troops into Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula and then held a referendum there that paved the way for its annexation by Moscow.

The upcoming votes, in territory Russia already controls, are all but certain to go Moscow's way. But they were quickly dismissed as illegitimate by Western leaders who are backing Kyiv with military and other support that has helped its forces seize momentum on battlefields in the east and south. Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba denounced the planned votes as a sham. "The referendums will change nothing," he told reporters at U.N. headquarters where he is attending the General Assembly's annual gathering of world leaders. "It's an act of desperation for Russia, but it is not going to help them." U.S. national security adviser Jake Sullivan said the United States would "never recognize this territory as anything other than part of Ukraine," he said, adding that the Kremlin effort reflects Russia's setbacks on the battlefield. "These are not the actions of a confident country. These are not acts of strength," he said. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, who is also attending the U.N. General Assembly in New York, said: "It is very, very clear that these sham referendums cannot be accepted." French President Emmanuel Macron said ref-

erendum plans amounted to "cynicism." "Russia declared war ... and now it explains that in this same region it is going to organize a referendum. If this were not tragic, it might be funny," he said, adding that the votes would have "no legal consequences." Authorities installed by Russia in occupied areas of four Ukrainian regions had outlined plans to hold referendums on membership to the Russian Federation later this month. They have been condemned by Ukraine. Latvian Foreign Minister Edgars Rinkevics called for more sanctions against Russia and more weapons for Ukraine, tweeting: "We must say no to Russian blackmail." In Donetsk, part of Ukraine's wider Donbas region that Putin has set as a primary objective of the invasion, separatist leader Denis Pushilin said the vote will "restore historic justice" to the territory's "long-suffering people." They "have earned the right to be part of the great country that they always considered their motherland," he said.

In partly Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia, pro-Russia activist Vladimir Rogov said: "The faster we become part of Russia, the sooner peace will come." Pressure inside Russia for votes and from Moscow-backed leaders in Ukrainian regions that Moscow controls increased after a Ukrainian counteroffensive that has recaptured large areas. Former Kremlin speechwriter and Russian political analyst Abbas Gallyamov said on Facebook that Moscow-backed separatists appeared "scared that the Russians will abandon them" amid the Ukrainian offensive and forged ahead with referendum plans to force the Kremlin's hand. In another signal that Russia is digging in for a protracted and possibly ramped-up conflict, the Kremlin-controlled lower of house of parliament voted Tuesday to toughen laws against desertion, surrender and looting by Russian troops. Lawmakers also voted to introduce possible 10-year prison terms for soldiers refusing to fight. If approved, as expect-


ed, by the upper house and then signed by Putin, the legislation would strengthen commanders' hands against failing morale reported among soldiers. In an interview in New York with the "PBS News Hour," Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said that if peace is to prevail in Ukraine, "the returning of the land that was invaded will become really important." He also repeated his long-held position that the Crimean Peninsula should be returned to Ukraine. Turkey has strong ethnic ties to Crimean Tatars. "Since 2014, we have been talking to my dear friend Putin about this, and this is what we have requested from him," he said. In the Russian-occupied city of Enerhodar, shelling Tuesday around Europe's largest nuclear power plant damaged a cooling system, a dining hall for staff and an unspecified "special building," the city

administration said in a statement. There were no further details about the damage. The Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant has been a focus for concern for months because of fears that shelling could lead to a radiation leak. Russia and Ukraine blame each other for the shelling. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said there are no prospects for a diplomatic settlement of the conflict. Medvedev, who served as Russia's president from 2008 to 2012, said on his messaging app channel that the referendums are important to protect their residents and would "completely change" Russia's future trajectory. "After they are held and the new territories are taken into Russia's fold, a geopolitical transformation of the world will become irreversible," Medvedev said.

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LOOKING BACK

FROM OUR HISTORY

Coups were made in three booze raids

By Phil Burgert
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Excerpted stories in Crawford County newspaper archives

100 Years Ago
Sept. 21, 1922
The inauguration of a stadium campaign for the Normal, which will have for its ultimate object the construction of a stadium suitable for the needs of the school, to cost not less than \$50,000, was announced at the student assembly this morning. The announcement made by the senior class, was a surprise to the faculty and to the larger part of the students and brought forth a storm of applause. Previous fall enrollment records at the Normal have been shattered by the number of students who have enrolled for this semester, it was announced last night by Dean G. W. Trout. "The enrollment this fall has shown an increase from 30 to 35 per cent," he declared. Registration of students last fall was about 1,100 which would place the present enrollment around 1,350 or 1,400.

Coups were made in three booze raids yesterday. At the home of Antone Cetegnoze in Chiscopee, 125 bottles of wine and four gallons of "white mule" were found hidden by a double wall between an underground cave and a coal house. Mary and Adolf Deloney were arrested in South Radley after 15 quarts of whiskey were found buried in a potato patch. Also in South Radley, Sam Biancerelli was found with 24 quarts of whiskey.

50 Years Ago
Sept. 21, 1972
The annual Gold Star Mother's Day will be celebrated by the Pittsburg chapter of the American Gold Star Mothers. Mayor Curt Nettels has proclaimed Sunday as Gold Star Mother's Day, urging the community to note the observance. Members of the Pittsburg chapter will attend the church of their choice, after which officers will place a gold floral wreath on the memorial mound in Mt. Olive Cemetery. D. Glick Smith, 89, the last of the lawyers in Crawford County from the romantic days of

courtroom oratory died at Girard Hospital a day after being admitted. Smith was widely known for his courtroom manner – his colorful trial technique and cutting language. He had a profound vocabulary and he used it effectively. Smith opened his law office in Girard in 1909 and spent half a century in the same office. Parkview Estates, 520 W. 20th, the Pittsburg area's newest mobile home park, begins its grand opening celebration tomorrow. The new development, situated on a 30-acre tract attract adjacent to Four Oaks Golf Course and Lincoln Park, features paved streets, sidewalks, carports and underground utilities. Thirty-eight lots are now completed, according to owner Bruce Snodgrass of Lawrence.

25 Years Ago
Sept. 21, 1997
Rebecca Emmett told her story yesterday for the Women's Fair at Meadowbrook Mall. Her presentation was arranged through Safehouse. The Cherryvale woman shot and killed her husband Feb. 14, 1995, with his own gun. It wasn't the first time

he had abused her but it turned out to be the last. She was tried and found guilty of voluntary manslaughter. That conviction was overturned by the Kansas Court of Appeals. If you see several police units and fire trucks heading toward the Crawford County Fairgrounds this week, don't be alarmed. All Crawford County law enforcement and rescue units will be participating in a countywide disaster drill. While all the officials involved will be treating the situation like a real disaster, it's only an exercise to help officials in their preparedness should a real disaster occur. The Pittsburg State offense racked up big yardage and outscored the No. 1-ranked offense in the nation. The Gorilla defense came up with big plays when it needed to down the stretch. The combination was good enough for another PSU victory at Carnie Smith Stadium. The Gorillas downed the improved Emporia State Hornets 32-22 last night and are poised to move up to No. 2 in NCAA Division II rankings.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1973, the U.S. Senate confirmed Henry Kissinger to be Secretary of State

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Today is Wednesday, Sept. 21, the 264th day of 2022. There are 101 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:
On Sept. 21, 1981, the Senate unanimously confirmed the nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

On this date:
In 1792, the French National Convention voted to abolish the monarchy. In 1937, "The Hobbit," by J.R.R. Tolkien, was first published by George Allen & Unwin, Ltd. of London. In 1938, a hurricane struck parts of New York and New England, causing widespread damage and claiming some 700 lives. In 1957, the legal mystery-drama "Perry Mason," starring Raymond Burr, premiered on CBS-TV. In 1961, the first Boeing CH-47 Chinook military helicopter made its first hovering flight. In 1973, the U.S. Senate confirmed Henry Kissinger to be Secretary of State.

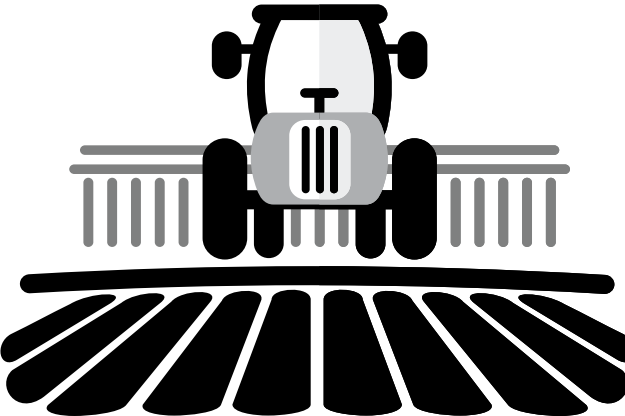
In 1982, National Football League players began a 57-day strike, their first regular-season walkout ever. In 1985, in North Korea and South Korea, family members who had been separated for decades were allowed to visit each other as both countries opened their borders in an unprecedented family-reunion program. In 1989, Hurricane Hugo crashed into Charleston, South Carolina (the storm was blamed for 56 deaths in the Caribbean and 29 in the United States). Twenty-one students in Alton, Texas, died when their school bus, hit by a soft-drink delivery truck, careened into a water-filled pit. In 1996, President Bill Clinton signed the Defense of Marriage Act denying federal recognition of same-sex marriages, a day after saying the law should not be used as an excuse for discrimination, violence or intimidation against gays and lesbians. (Although never formally repealed, DoMA was effectively overturned by U.S. Supreme Court decisions in 2013 and 2015.) In 2001, Congress again opened the federal cof-

fers to those harmed by terrorism, providing \$15 billion to the airline industry, which was suffering mounting economic losses since the Sept. 11 attacks. In 2011, Josh Fattal and Shane Bauer, two Americans jailed in Iran as spies, left Tehran for the Gulf state of Oman, closing a high-profile drama that brought more than two years of hope and heartbreak for their families. The state of Texas executed Lawrence Russell Brewer for his role in the gruesome dragging death of James Byrd Jr. **Ten years ago:** People lined up to buy Apple's iPhone5 as it went on sale in the United States and several other countries. A man was bitten multiple times after leaping from a monorail into a tiger exhibit at the Bronx Zoo in New York. **Five years ago:** Millions on Puerto Rico faced the prospect of weeks or months without power in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe met on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly to discuss the ongoing crisis

involving North Korea. Facebook said it would provide congressional investigators with the contents of 3,000 ads that had been bought by a Russian agency; it had already released the ads to federal authorities investigating Russian interference in the U.S. presidential election. **One year ago:** In his first address before the U.N. General Assembly, President Joe Biden urged the world's nations to address the global issues of the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change and human rights abuses. A coroner confirmed that human remains found in remote northern Wyoming were those of Gabby Petito, a 22-year-old who disappeared while on a cross-country road trip with a boyfriend, Brian Laundrie. (Laundrie's body would be found in a Florida swamp in October; the FBI later said he had admitted killing Petito in a notebook that was discovered hear his body.) Melvin Van Peebles, a playwright, musician and movie director whose work ushered in the "blaxploitation" films of the 1970s, died at his New York home; he was 89.

COMMODITIES

Chicago Merchantile Exchange					
	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg
CATTLE					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Oct	145.85	146.77	145.80	146.30	+58
Dec	150.92	152.22	150.90	151.07	+17
Feb	155.25	156.17	155.15	155.20	−05
Apr	158.90	159.65	158.67	158.87	−03
Jun	155.22	155.77	154.75	155.10	+05
Aug	155.00	155.65	154.67	154.85	−10
Oct	158.50	159.00	158.20	158.22	−25
Dec	161.80	161.80	161.32	161.32	−13
Feb	164.30	164.30	164.30	164.30	−15
Est. sales 70,077.Mon.'s sales 49,398					
Mon.'s open int 297,456					
FEEDER CATTLE					
50,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Sep	179.60	180.35	178.65	178.80	−1.15
Oct	182.00	182.82	179.80	180.02	−2.28
Nov	183.40	183.90	181.12	181.27	−2.25
Jan	184.90	185.40	182.75	182.90	−2.07
Mar	187.50	188.22	185.57	185.70	−2.10
Apr	191.27	191.30	188.85	188.92	−2.08
May	193.35	193.77	191.12	191.22	−2.13
Aug	200.00	200.70	199.52	200.05	−.35
Est. sales 15,160.Mon.'s sales 16,045					
Mon.'s open int 43,020, up 352					
HOGS,LEAN					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Oct	96.45	97.45	95.55	95.97	−0.50
Dec	88.00	89.07	87.40	88.17	+0.02
Feb	91.70	92.57	91.40	92.15	+0.23
Apr	95.72	96.45	95.70	96.35	+0.40
May	99.87	100.05	99.72	100.00	+0.28
Jun	104.92	105.70	104.92	105.60	+0.53
Jul	104.72	105.67	104.72	105.57	+0.80
Aug	103.35	104.27	103.35	104.25	+1.03
Oct	89.30	89.62	89.25	89.62	+0.32
Est. sales 33,921.Mon.'s sales 28,981					
Mon.'s open int 205,628, up 2,454					
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					
Dec	827¾	896¾	825½	893¾	+63¼
Mar	843	910½	842¾	907¼	+60¾
May	852¾	917	852¾	914¾	+59
Jul	853¾	906½	852	905	+54¼
Sep	853	905½	853	903¾	+50¾
Dec	858	908¾	858	907	+48
Mar	860¼	903	857	903	+45
May	882½	892½	881	892½	+41½
Est. sales 107,671.Mon.'s sales 67,384					
Mon.'s open int 285,024, up 581					
CORN					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Dec	677¾	693½	677½	692	+13¾
Mar	683	697¾	682¾	696¾	+13¼
May	684	697¾	683¾	697	+12¾
Jul	677¾	692	677¾	690¾	+12¼
Sep	635	646¾	635	645½	+10¼
Dec	621	633½	621	631	+9
Mar	630½	640	630½	637¾	+9
May	642	642	640½	640½	+9½
Jul	636	637½	636	637½	+9½
Est. sales 183,057.Mon.'s sales 162,269					
Mon.'s open int 1,322,701, up 2,134					
OATS					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Dec	401¼	417	401¼	413¼	+11
Mar	408¼	417½	407¾	416	+11
May	418¾	+10¾			
Jul	419½	+10¾			
Sep	404¾	+10¾			
Dec	404¾	+10¾			
Mar	397	+10¾			
May	394¼	+10¾			
Jul	382¼	+10¾			
Est. sales 318.Mon.'s sales 222					
Mon.'s open int 3,795					
SOYBEANS					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Nov	1461¾	1485½	1450¾	1478¾	+17½
Jan	1467¾	1491	1457½	1484½	+17
Mar	1469½	1492½	1459	1485½	+16¼
May	1471¼	1494	1461	1487	+15¾
Jul	1469	1491¼	1460¼	1485	+15½
Aug	1450¾	1467½	1439¾	1461	+13¾
Sep	1398	1419¼	1393¾	1413¾	+11¼
Nov	1381½	1395¾	1374½	1391¾	+9
Jan	1377¼	1394¼	1377¼	1394¼	+9
Est. sales 168,791.Mon.'s sales 147,993					
Mon.'s open int 653,097, up 1,491					
SOYBEAN OIL					
60,000 lbs; cents per lb					
Oct	68.20	68.77	67.14	68.59	+59
Dec	65.19	66.07	64.25	65.91	+75
Jan	64.30	65.06	63.33	64.92	+70
Mar	63.34	63.96	62.29	63.79	+62
May	62.48	63.06	61.48	62.89	+57
Jul	61.40	62.04	60.59	61.91	+52
Aug	60.45	61.05	59.71	60.96	+48
Sep	59.63	60.24	59.09	60.11	+45
Est. sales 98,173.Mon.'s sales 83,933					
Mon.'s open int 399,762					
SOYBEAN MEAL					
100 tons; dollars per ton					
Oct	437.40	453.60	435.70	450.80	+12.60
Dec	428.00	442.70	424.90	439.40	+10.10
Jan	423.00	437.40	420.90	434.10	+9.50
Mar	415.60	428.90	414.10	425.50	+8.70
May	411.60	424.30	410.90	420.70	+7.50
Jul	410.70	423.60	410.00	419.40	+7.00
Aug	407.30	418.00	407.00	414.10	+6.20
Sep	402.50	409.50	401.80	406.80	+5.30
Est. sales 125,357.Mon.'s sales 96,768					
Mon.'s open int 389,070, up 7,048					
Fri.'s open int 389,091					
Producers Cooperative Association					
Bushel					
Soft wheat..... \$8.39					
Soybean.....\$15.54					
Yellow shell corn\$7.72					
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KU

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The project will be a collaboration among KU Medical Center, KDADS, the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE), Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas (CHCSEK), DCCCA, Inc., Kansas Suicide Prevention Head-

quarters, Families Together, Inc., Greenbush Education Service Center, Four County Mental Health Center and the Kansas Unified School Districts of Coffeyville, Pittsburg and Fort Scott, along with the Unified School District of Eldon, Missouri. Delivering mental health services through school districts is a key part of KanAWARE, and one that will make a tremendous difference for

Kansas students, according to the release. “Ensuring mental health services and training are available to every student and educator across Kansas is critical to the education process,” said Shanna Bigler, KSDE coordinator of school mental health. “By being able to access services within the school, we’re able to decrease absenteeism and increase learning.” “We value our partner-

ship with KU Medical Center over the last five years and its impact in meeting the behavioral and other health care needs of our students and families,” said Craig Correll, Ed.D., superintendent of Coffeyville USD 445 schools. “We are excited to continue this partnership as it expands through the AWARE funding.” KanAWARE is an expansion of the Telehealth ROCKS (Regional Out-

reach for Communities, Kids and Schools) program in the pediatrics department at KU School of Medicine. Telehealth ROCKS is a school-based tele-behavioral health program, established in 2015, that provides services across specialties (e.g., psychology, psychiatry, developmental medicine, applied behavior). The program provides a comprehensive approach to children’s needs, includ-

ing education, health and social services, according to the release. “Our Telehealth ROCKS team and partners are grateful for KanAWARE funding to extend our strongest, evidence-supported behavioral health strategies and to set students up for success now and in the future,” Nelson said.

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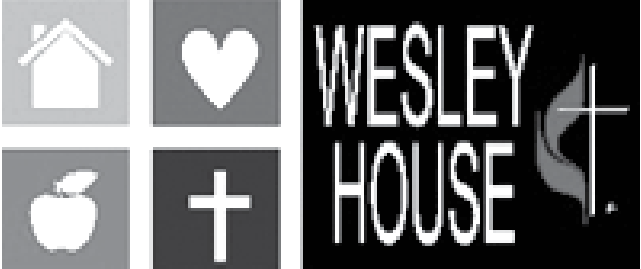
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WOMEN

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“And the answer is yes,” she said. “But that means women should also open doors for men, and people should just open doors for other people. So it doesn’t matter who’s a man or who’s a woman, you just open the door.”

Spencer then gave three principles to think about when encountering someone displaying what could be perceived as rude

behavior: consideration, respect, and honesty.

She said consideration is used to assume the best in people and have empathy, and that one unkind action from someone doesn’t mean they are an unkind person.

Spencer said that the second principle, respect, can be difficult to give to someone displaying rude behavior, but then the respect needs to turn inward.

“When you respect yourself, you respect your own intentions enough to

do it regardless of what anybody else thinks,” she said. “Don’t let an unkind action turn into an unkind interaction.”

She then said honesty is the most important element of the three.

“If you’re honest in your actions, other people’s reactions don’t make any difference,” she said.

To close the event, District 6110 Governor Elect Pamela Crawford spoke about how important Rotary Club was to the community and how important it was for women

to be a part of it. She said for an organization that is over 100 years old, women have only been allowed in Rotary Clubs in the past 35 years.

“Women take the opportunities that life gives them and they figure out how to use them in each situation they find themselves in going forward,” Crawford said. “And that’s what Rotary is about.”

Crawford said she noticed Spencer’s etiquette teachings were similar to Rotary’s philosophy.

“It’s about building re-

lationships in our communities and the world,” she said. “It’s about serving our communities and the world, touching one life at a time.”

Many women who attended the event said they were there to support other women and organizations. Shyan Hale, customer service representative for Community National Bank and Trust, said she thought Spencer’s Polite Company sounded interesting.

“I thought the whole etiquette presentation

was very interesting,” she said.

A member of a new women’s organization at Pittsburg State University, Women at Work, Amaya Harris, said she wanted to network with other women in business.

“I loved the keynote speaker really touching on the polite aspect of just life in general and just how to ultimately act,” she said.

Harris said the new group has big plans to get some work done and represent the women of PSU.

LIBRARY

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This proved to be more

controversial than expected on Tuesday, when two prominent local business owners, Stephen Hipfl and Chris Falletti, pushed to save the town hall build-

ing. Once used as the Eagles’ Lodge, the building was sold to the city, and according to Falletti, a former member of the Lodge, with the understanding the building would not be demolished, although it was never promised.

Opponents favored expanding the downtown, to the west and south, buying whatever property necessary, preserving the town hall building as part of the city’s heritage, and creating a campus-like atmosphere around the library and town hall. The building could be repaired and given a face-lift to make it more visually appealing.

Councilmember Joe Martin said that purchasing land is spending tax dollars, something that the council was wanting to avoid by building on land already owned by the city.

If the library is built on the site of the town hall, there will be concern over where council meetings

and municipal court hearings will be held. In previous meetings, the council felt that these could be moved to a new building near the law enforcement center.

Falletti said that is a “net-zero” gain to demolish the town hall and build a new one near a residential neighborhood. The city does not increase its downtown by doing so, Falletti said, so it’s not meeting its goal of expanding.

“We’ve had this money for two years and we need to get moving on building the library,” said Councilmember LaDonna Pyle. “That’s why we are looking at what we own right now so we can get this library built. We shouldn’t be buying land when we already have land.”

The council was pressed on how much work they have put in to exploring other options. Opponents wanted to know if the surrounding landowners have been approached

about selling. One suggested putting the issue on the ballot for the upcoming election cycle, but City Clerk Jayme Mjelde said it is too late to add it for this cycle, meaning it would have to be a special election.

Martin and Councilmember Pat Clinton said they feel it is their job to make the decision. “We listen to our constituents and appreciate their opinion, but we were elected to make these decisions,” Clinton said.

“I’m going to make a motion to take a vote,” said Pyle. “I move that we build the library on this spot.”

Pyle was immediately met by a “Wow!” from the gallery and was quickly challenged on her motion. Opponents asked why she would call for a vote without exploring any other options and with no rendering of the library.

Pyle’s motion was not seconded.

After an executive ses-

sion, the council approved a motion that Seth Nutt be appointed as library director.

“What’s our next step?” asked Joe Martin. “Do we start buying houses? Do we hire an architect? Let’s get an idea.”

The council discussed buying the properties adjacent to downtown, a move that Clinton was opposed to because buying property had never been discussed until now. The idea was always to build a new library using the grant, but save enough of it to create a fund that will make the library self-sufficient, city officials have said.

“Let’s look at the house,” said Mayor David Fornelli. “Let’s explore our options.”

In the end, the council decided to hire a project manager to consult and advise on matters of construction costs, site selection, and other matters that members of the council need clarified.

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UKRAINE

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“An encroachment on the territory of Russia is a crime that would warrant any means of self-defense,” he said, adding that Russia would enshrine the new territories in its constitution so no future Russian leader could hand them back.

“That is why they fear those referendums so much in Kyiv and in the West,” Medvedev said. “That is why they must be held.”

Ukrainian analyst Volodymyr Fesenko, head of the independent Penta Center think tank in Kyiv, said the Kremlin hopes the votes and the possibility of military escalation will raise the pressure from Western governments for Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to start talks with Moscow.

The move “reflects the weakness, not the strength of the Kremlin, which is struggling to find levers to influence the situation that has increasingly spun out of its control,” he said.

The recapturing of

territory, most notably in the northeastern Kharkiv region, has strengthened Ukraine’s arguments that its troops could deliver more stinging defeats to Russia with additional armament deliveries.

More heavy weaponry is on its way, with Slovenia promising 28 tanks and Germany pledging four additional self-propelled howitzers. More aid also is expected from Britain, already one of Ukraine’s biggest military backers after the U.S. British Prime Minister Liz Truss is expected to promise that in 2023, her government will “match or exceed” the 2.3 billion pounds (\$2.7 billion) in military aid given to Ukraine this year.

The swiftness of the Ukrainian counteroffensive also saw Russian forces abandon armored vehicles and other weapons as they beat hasty retreats. Ukrainian forces are recycling the captured weaponry back into battle. A Washington-based think tank, The Institute for the Study of War, said abandoned Russian T-72 tanks are being used by Ukrainian forces seeking to push into Russian-occu-

pied Luhansk.

In the counteroffensive’s wake, Ukrainian officials found hundreds of graves near the once-occupied city of Izium. Yevhenii Yenin, a deputy minister in Ukraine’s Internal Affairs Ministry, told a national telecast that officials found many bodies “with signs of violent death.”

“These are broken ribs and broken heads, men with bound hands, broken jaws and severed genitalia,” he said.

Prosecutor-General Andriy Kostin, during a trip to Washington, said Tuesday that another mass grave with possibly 100 bodies was discovered in another village in the counteroffensive area.

Meanwhile, Ukraine’s southern military command said its troops sank a Russian barge carrying troops and weapons across the Dnieper River near the Russian-occupied city of Nova Kakhovka. It offered no other details on the attack in the Russian-occupied Kherson region, which has been a major target in the Ukrainian counteroffensive.

SHOWER

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Dacia White, parent educator at Greenbush Education Service Center,

was first to organize a community baby shower several years ago.

“The baby shower came about just with all of our different organizations that work with families and young children to

give them support,” White said. “And to let them know that there are people out there that care about them and that we have all of these awesome programs that will support them in their homes even after the babies are born.”

White said that she finds what she does rewarding.

“Just to have families that otherwise wouldn’t be able to have a baby shower, or they don’t have the support system to offer them one, they can come here and it is very rewarding for us to let them know that they have some support,” she said.

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PSU’s Alderson, Newell receive MIAA honors

Football tickets for last 3 home games on sale

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Pittsburg State’s Gentrie Alderson and Kaizer Newell have been named MIAA athletes of the week in their respective sports, the league office has announced.

JENTRIE ALDERSON
Alderson, a freshman from Salina, Kan., has been named women’s cross country runner of the week.

In her first college meet, Alderson took second place -- first among non-NCAA Division I runners -- at last Saturday’s Missouri Southern Stampede.

She ran the 5,000-meter course in 16 minutes, 53 seconds and was 11 seconds ahead of the next Division II runner -- teammate Lara Murdock.

Marissa Dick also placed ninth as the Gorillas scored 91 points and finished second among 26 teams behind Arkansas.

PSU spikers face No. 11 Bearcats

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Pittsburg State battles MIAA preseason favorite Northwest Missouri in a volleyball match at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Bearcat Arena in Maryville.

The Gorillas are 8-5 overall and 2-2 in conference play after splitting two home matches. The Gorillas fell in four sets against No. 16 Central Missouri before sweeping Missouri Western in three sets.

The No. 11 Bearcats (9-3, 3-1 MIAA) knocked off No. 2 Washburn in four sets to highlight last weekend’s action. The Bearcats’ league loss came in five sets at Central Missouri.

Four Gorillas rank high in the conference statistics.

Setter Brianna Richard ranks second with 10.91 assists per set. With 2,647 career assists, Richard needs 82 assists to pass

KAIZER NEWELL
Newell, a junior from Broken Arrow, Okla., received the conference football special teams player of the week.

Early in the first quarter of last Saturday’s 49-14 victory over Northeastern State, Newell rushed up the middle, got past the protective blockers and blocked Tyler Crawford’s punt with his left hand. The ball bounded toward the end zone, and Newell picked it up at the 6-yard line and scored the Gorillas’ second touchdown.

FOOTBALL TICKETS GO ON SALE

Single-game tickets for Pittsburg State’s final three home football games went on sale Tuesday.

Those games are Oct. 8 against Northwest Missouri, homecoming on Oct. 22 against Missouri Western and the regular-season finale Nov. 12 against Fort Hays State.

Tickets can be purchased in person at the PSU Ticket Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, by calling the ticket office at (620) 235-4796 or online at pittstate.edu/tickets.

Sarah Brannock and move into sixth place on the Gorillas’ career list.

Libero Marissa Bates is second in the league and fifth in NCAA Division II with 5.75 digs per set. She needs 39 digs to climb into sixth place ahead of Amanda Henk on PSU’s all-time digs list.

At the net, Meg Auten and Janae Thurston are 3-4 in the league with 3.34 and 3.12 kills per set, respectively.

Seville Gates leads the team with a .235 hitting percentage.

The Bearcats’ Jaden Ferguson is hitting .327 for the season, and Payton Kirchhoefer averages 2.79 kills per 4 set.

Alyssa Rezac is fifth in the conference with 9.43 assists per set, and Abby Brunssen is third at 1.07 blocks per set.

After Wednesday’s match, the Gorillas return home to play Missouri Southern at 6 p.m. Friday.

Girard goes 1-1 in Riverton triangular

By Aaron Pyle
Morning Sun Staff

RIVERTON, Kan. — After the Erie Red Devil Classic Tournament on Saturday, the Girard volleyball team was back in action on Tuesday, competing in a CNC triangular at the Riverton Multipurpose Activity Center against Riverton and Columbus.

The Trojans fell to Riverton in the first match but bounced back against Columbus. With the victory over the Titans, the Trojans improve to 16-4 overall.

Girard opened the triangular against the undefeated Rams, who entered the match 10-0. According to the Kansas Volleyball Association, Riverton is currently the fifth-ranked team in Class 3A.

The Rams are highlighted by 5-foot-11 senior middle hitter Jacy Thomasson, an all-state and all-league finisher last season.

Riverton and Girard battled it out in the first set, with the Trojans leading by as many as three points. The front zone of seniors

Emmaline Senecaut, Sara Goble and Lea McGown helped the Trojans maintain the lead up until the midway mark when the Rams went on a 7-1 run with the help of Thomasson and Elizabeth Wells.

The Rams closed the first set 25-17, holding off the Trojans. Riverton then powered past Girard in the second set 25-9 to remain undefeated.

However, the energy shifted in the second match against the Titans. Girard opened the first set on an 8-0 run, leading by as many as 13 points. The Trojans eased past the Titans 25-7.

The Titans then responded in the second set with their own run, leading the Trojans by as many as six points. Despite the run, Girard made a significant surge midway through the set, tying it up at 16 before going on a 9-1 run to beat Columbus 25-17.

The Trojans look to follow the win on Thursday at 5 p.m. when they take on Fort Scott and Louisburg at Fort Scott.

Pittsburg soccer captures fourth straight SEK win

By Dashuan Vereen
Morning Sun Staff

In the early moments of action, Pittsburg’s Johan Arriola raced down the left sideline to catch up to a pass.

The ball took an awkward bounce off of Arriola’s foot and rolled toward Fort Scott goal keeper Mikey Kramer with close to 20 yards of space between Arriola and the goal.

The ball took a late bounce as it made its way to goal, and Kramer failed to gather the ball and had to watch as it found the back of the net.

“It ended up in the goal,” said Pittsburg coach Riley Beihl with a smile. “And that’s all that matters.”

Arriola’s opening goal came with 36 minutes remaining in the first half and set the tone for a 7-0 home victory over Fort Scott on Tuesday.

“It was huge,” said Beihl. “Scoring an early goal can change the tide of these games pretty quick, and we kept that momentum going for the rest of the game.”

Arriola notched two



Pittsburg’s Carlos Romero-Lopez taps a goal past Fort Scott goal keeper Mikey Kramer on Tuesday in Pittsburg. DASHUAN VEREEN/MORNING SUN

goals in the first half, and teammates Kevin Mejia, Carlos Romero-Lopez, Byron Lopez also found the back of the net to help Pittsburg build a 5-0 half-time lead.

“We played with intensity,” said Beihl. “I told the team from the beginning that they were a good team, so we had to be focused and keep our work rate up, and they did that in the first half for sure.”

Esvin Mendez and Anderson Reyes added goals in the second half as Pittsburg pushed its record to 5-1, with a 4-0 mark in the SEK.

“Every game matters, and that’s especially true in the SEK,” said Beihl. “It’s a pretty tight league and we’re going to be battling for the top spot the entire year.”

Beihl added that he was impressed with the mid-season form of the team.

“Everyone is settling into their role,” said Beihl. “The team as a whole is settling in together really well. We’re playing great. We have some big games coming up that’s going to be pretty tough. I’m excited to see how they do.”

Pittsburg hosts Carl Junction on Monday, before traveling to Independence to take on the undefeated Bulldogs on Tuesday.

Big 12 teams finding identities as conference play looms

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas has managed to forge an identity for itself through its first three games — all wins, surprisingly enough — as an offensive-minded team capable of putting up big points without necessarily throwing the ball all over the yard.

Kansas State has embraced the image of a physical, defense-first team that can barely score.

The rest of the Big 12 is also trying to find its identity as six teams play their first league games Saturday — Iowa State with the eighth-ranked defense in the nation, TCU with the ninth-ranked offense or top-10 teams Oklahoma and Oklahoma State that have been brilliant on offense and shown some defensive chops as well.

“Tough. Resilient. Edgy. Hungry. Never satisfied. I think those would be the best,” said first-year Sooners coach Brett Venables, when asked to describe his team. “I love the way we are developing. Our leadership and our mindset. These guys are super hungry, and they want you to coach them hard. When I say they are literally sitting on the edge of their seats in every meeting, I can’t say it any more clearly and truthfully. And when we go to practice it is the same thing.”

Venables, a longtime defensive guru who arrived from Clemson added: “We are still have a long way to go, but we are making steady improvement”

The biggest surprise in the Big 12 through the nonconference portion of the season is undoubtedly the Jayhawks, and it’s not only because they’re 3-0 for the first time in more than a decade. They’ve been dynamic on offense behind Jalon Daniels, who may be the impressive quarterback in the league so far.



Kansas quarterback Jalon Daniels (6) escapes a tackle by Houston defensive lineman Nelson Ceaser en route to a touchdown during the second half of an NCAA college football game Sept. 17, 2022, in Houston. (AP PHOTO/ERIC CHRISTIAN SMITH)

The league’s offensive player of the week following another big performance in a win at Houston, Daniels is doing what would get a player on a national title contender in the Heisman Trophy conversation. He accounted for 281 yards and five touchdowns in the 48-30 win over the Cougars, pushing his TD total to 10 through the first three games.

He is both the Jayhawks’ leading rusher with 244 yards and passer with 566 yards.

“We have a lot of people who are able to make plays with the ball in their hands in our offense,” said Daniels, who was fighting for playing time a year ago but seized the starting job in fall camp. “I feel like (coordinator Andy Kotelnicki) realizes that, so I feel like he does a great job of being able to put guys in situations to be able to get the ball.”

It’s not as if the Jayhawks have beaten up on soft competition to reach this point: They’re sitting atop the Big 12 by virtue of their overtime win at West Virginia and knocking down future conference foe Houston, which was expected to be a Top

25 contender.

“It’s nice to see that our early start’s being recognized,” said Kansas coach Lance Leipold, whose team plays another 3-0 opponent in Duke on Saturday. “But shortly after that happens, you have to just keep your head down and focus on what you’ve got to get done and get better at.”

There’s plenty for the Jayhawks’ rivals along Interstate 70 to get better at on offense.

On defense? Kansas State has been nearly dominant.

The Wildcats have yet to allow more than 17 points to any of their first three opponents, pitched one of the few shutouts in the opening weekend of college football and are allowing just 276 yards per game.

But not even that wrecking-crew identity was enough to save Kansas State against Tulane last weekend. Adrian Martinez once again struggled at quarterback and offensive coordinator Collin Klein made plenty of head-scratching calls, resulting in a 17-10 home loss that left the Wildcats feeling wounded heading to Oklahoma on Saturday.

Turns out establishing an identity doesn’t mean much if you don’t win.

“Adversity has struck and how are we going to respond to that adversity — all of us, players, coaches — because we knew it was going to be a tough game,” Wildcats coach Chris Klieman said. “We knew that they were a good football team and we knew we had to play really well to beat these guys. We played hard but we did not execute well.”

Iowa State, another defensive-minded team allowing 24.3 yards per game, has scratched together enough offense for a 3-0 start heading into its game against No. 17 Baylor on Saturday. And TCU has been stunningly efficient through two contests under coach Sonny Dykes, piling up 521.5 yards per game on offense heading into its trip to SMU this weekend.

“We’re showing up ready to rock and roll,” said Cyclones coach Matt Campbell. “I feel from a physicality standpoint, from an attitude and effort standpoint, things that we have set as our cornerstones of who we want to be. I like where we are at.”

BASEBALL
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American League

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	88	58	.603	—
Toronto	83	64	.565	5½
Tampa Bay	82	66	.554	7
Baltimore	76	71	.517	12½
Boston	72	75	.490	16½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	80	67	.544	—
Chicago	76	71	.517	4
Minnesota	73	74	.497	7
Kansas City	58	89	.395	22
Detroit	57	91	.385	23½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Houston	98	51	.658	—
Seattle	81	65	.555	15½
Los Angeles	64	83	.435	33
Texas	63	83	.432	33½
Oakland	53	94	.361	44

Monday's Games

Cleveland 11, Minnesota 4
Seattle 9, L.A. Angels 1
Houston 4, Tampa Bay 0
Detroit 11, Baltimore 0

Tuesday's Games

Houston 5, Tampa Bay 0
Detroit 3, Baltimore 2
Boston 5, Cincinnati 3
Toronto at Philadelphia, 5:45 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota at Kansas City, 7:10 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 8:40 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Boston (Wacha 11-1) at Cincinnati (Anderson 1-3), 5:40 p.m.
Houston (McCullers Jr. 3-1) at Tampa Bay (Kluber 10-9), 5:40 p.m.
Toronto (Gausman 12-10) at Philadelphia (Wheeler 11-7), 5:45 p.m.
Detroit (Manning 2-2) at Baltimore (Lyles 10-11), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Contreras 5-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Severino 5-3), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Davidson 2-6) at Texas (Dunning 3-8), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (McKenzie 10-11) at Chicago White Sox (Lynn 7-5), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Ober 1-2) at Kansas City (Lynch 4-11), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Ray 12-10) at Oakland (Kaprielian 3-9), 8:40 p.m.

National League

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
z-New York	94	55	.631	—
Atlanta	92	55	.626	1
Philadelphia	80	66	.548	12½
Miami	61	88	.409	33
Washington	51	96	.347	42

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	87	61	.588	—
Milwaukee	78	69	.531	8½
Chicago	63	85	.426	24
Cincinnati	58	90	.392	29
Pittsburgh	55	92	.374	31½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	103	44	.701	—
San Diego	81	66	.551	22
San Francisco	70	77	.476	33
Arizona	68	80	.459	35½
Colorado	64	83	.435	39

Monday's Games

Miami 10, Chicago Cubs 3
Atlanta 5, Washington 2
N.Y. Mets 7, Milwaukee 2
San Francisco 10, Colorado 7, 10 innings
L.A. Dodgers 5, Arizona 2

Tuesday's Games

L.A. Dodgers 6, Arizona 5, 1st game
Chicago Cubs 2, Miami 1
Boston 5, Cincinnati 3
Toronto at Philadelphia, 5:45 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 6:20 p.m.

N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee, 6:40 p.m.

San Francisco at Colorado, 7:40 p.m.
St. Louis at San Diego, 8:40 p.m.
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m., 2nd game

Wednesday's Games

Washington (Gray 7-9) at Atlanta (Fried 13-6), 11:20 a.m.
N.Y. Mets (Walker 12-4) at Milwaukee (Houser 6-9), 1:10 p.m.
Boston (Wacha 11-1) at Cincinnati (Anderson 1-3), 5:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Smyly 7-8) at Miami (Luzardo 3-7), 5:40 p.m.
Toronto (Gausman 12-10) at Philadelphia (Wheeler 11-7), 5:45 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Contreras 5-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Severino 5-3), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Webb 13-9) at Colorado (Márquez 8-11), 7:40 p.m.
St. Louis (Mikolas 11-12) at San Diego (Snell 7-9), 8:40 p.m.
Arizona (Bumgarner 6-15) at L.A. Dodgers (May 2-2), 9:10 p.m.

FOOTBALL

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EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	72	17
Miami	2	0	0	1.000	62	45
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	40	54
New England	1	1	0	.500	24	34

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	46	28

Houston	0	1	1	.250	29	36
Indianapolis	0	1	1	.250	20	44
Tennessee	0	2	0	.000	27	62

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	62	51
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	56	55
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	37	37
Cincinnati	0	2	0	.000	37	43

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	71	45
Denver	1	1	0	.500	32	26
L.A. Chargers	1	1	0	.500	48	46
Las Vegas	0	2	0	.000	42	53

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	2	0	0	1.000	40	36
Philadelphia	2	0	0	1.000	62	42
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	23	36
Washington	1	1	0	.500	55	58

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	2	0	0	1.000	39	13
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	37	46
Atlanta	0	2	0	.000	53	58
Carolina	0	2	0	.000	40	45

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	29	37
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	71	65
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	34	33
Minnesota	1	1	0	.500	30	31

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	50	67
L.A. Rams	1	1	0	.500	41	58
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	37	26
Seattle	1	1	0	.500	24	43

Monday's Games

Buffalo 41, Tennessee 7
Philadelphia 24, Minnesota 7
Thursday, Sept. 22
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 25

Baltimore at New England, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Miami, noon
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets, noon
Detroit at Minnesota, noon
Houston at Chicago, noon
Kansas City at Indianapolis, noon
Las Vegas at Tennessee, noon
New Orleans at Carolina, noon
Philadelphia at Washington, noon
Jacksonville at L.A. Chargers, 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 3:25 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Arizona, 3:25 p.m.
San Francisco at Denver, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 26

Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 7:15 p.m.

Venues, dates, TV, NFL: How to assemble CFP expansion puzzle

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

The College Football Playoff is built to expand. While only three games determine a champion, the current postseason format is seven games: Two semifinals, a championship game and four marquee bowls. To convert a four-team playoff into 12 requires four more games and about three more weeks. Expanding for the 2024 and '25 seasons largely hinges upon whether the already-scheduled semifinals and championship game can be pushed back. The NFL schedule will play a big role, too. College football fans should be prepared to watch playoff games on weeknights.

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The four-team model is already scheduled for 2024 and '25 seasons, but conference commissioners who manage the CFP are working to flip the format for those years.

"There's a lot of moving parts, a lot of pieces," Mountain West Commissioner Craig Thompson said earlier this month after a meeting of the management committee in Dallas.

True, but the framework is there.

Expanding for the 2024 and '25 seasons — and accessing an additional \$450 million in revenue over those two years — largely hinges upon whether the semifinals and championship games can be pushed back from their existing dates, with venue availability, big-event accommodations and television windows all lined up.

"It's the calendar," CFP Executive Director Bill Hancock said. "It's when are we going to play these games?"

The NFL schedule will play a huge role in determining when games will be played in a 12-team format for both 2024 and '25 and beyond.

A warning to college football fans: Be prepared playoff games on weeknights.

The four new first-round games to be played on campus will be played at least 12 days after the conference championship games, currently played the first weekend of December. This gives teams that play for their conference titles extra rest and keeps Army-Navy as the only major college football game on tap the second weekend of December.

The NFL steers clear of the first two Saturdays in December in deference to college football, but that's it. Starting the third weekend of December, the CFP can expect the NFL to play multiple Saturday games through mid-January and the first two weekends of its playoffs.

The CFP will either relinquish scheduling games on Saturday or risk going head-to-head with the NFL. There are Thursday night NFL games streaming on Amazon to consider, too, and the NFL is basically unrivaled in drawing American viewers.

"It's just such a ratings behemoth," said Bob Thompson, former president of Fox Sports Network.

There have been 18 college football playoff semifinals. Five have drawn television audiences of more than 20 million viewers. The rest ranged from 15.7 million to 19.5 million.

Last year, ESPN's NFL regular-season Monday Night Football games averaged 14.2 million viewers and NBC's Sunday Night Football averaged 18.5 million.

Maybe the CFP can place a first-round game or two onto the third Saturday in December when NFL games would likely be carried by the NFL Network.

"I think if I'm a network, I'm saying, 'If you're going

to mandate that we go up against an NFL game, I know that my rating is going to be down so I'm not going to bid as much,'" Thompson said.

But that's a reality to be dealt with no matter when the CFP expands, not a reason to avoid early expansion.

For the 2024 and '25 seasons, the CFP quarterfinals in a 12-team format would be played in the non-playoff New Year's Six bowls already scheduled on and around Jan. 1.

This should be a relatively easy switch.

In fact, the existing bowl lineup for those two years provides some help toward the expansion effort. Neither the Rose nor Sugar bowls would have to be moved off their contractually bound Jan. 1 time slots. The other two games might need their dates changed, but only by a few days.

Here's where things get potentially complicated. For example, in the 2024-25 season:

— The semifinals are scheduled to be played at the Cotton and Orange bowls on Saturday, Dec. 28. To remain semifinals in a 12-team format, those games would likely need to be played no earlier than Wednesday, Jan. 8.

The NFL schedule again squeezes what's available to the CFP. The NFL's wild card weekend would be Jan. 11-12, 2025. Ideally, the CFP would play its semifinals that weekend or Monday, Jan. 13 — but the NFL's expanded wild-card round now has six games, including one Monday night.

— That would leave Thursday, Jan. 9, and Friday, Jan. 10, as the best dates for the CFP semifinals to be played in North Texas and South Florida, both in stadiums used by NFL teams.

— The championship game for that season was recently awarded to Atlanta and scheduled for Monday, Jan. 6. That would likely need to be bumped back two weeks, to Monday, Jan. 20.

Aaron Judge hits 60th homer, within 1 of Maris' AL record

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Aaron Judge hit his 60th home run Tuesday night, matching Babe Ruth and moving within one of Roger Maris' American League season record.

The New York Yankees slugger drove a 3-1 sinker from Pittsburgh's Wil Crowe 430 feet to the left field seats leading off the

ninth inning. Judge's third home run in two games and ninth in September thrilled a screaming crowd at Yankee Stadium. He answered pleas for a curtain call despite New York's 8-5 deficit.

He equaled Ruth's total for the 1927 Yankees and has 15 games remaining to match and surpass Maris' total for New York in 1961.

Judge leads the major leagues with 128 RBIs and

is among the AL batting leaders with a .316 average as he tries for the first Triple Crown since Detroit's Miguel Cabrera in 2012.

Ruth became the first major leaguer to hit 60 homers when he connected off Washington's Tom Zachary for a two-run drive to right in the eighth inning on Sept. 30, 1927, the next-to-last game of the season.

Roger Maris Jr. and Kevin Maris, sons of the former player, were both on hand.

Fans in the outfield seats stood when Judge came to the plate.



New York Yankees' Harrison Bader celebrates Aaron Judge after scoring against the Pittsburgh Pirates during the fifth inning of a baseball game on Tuesday in New York.

(AP PHOTO/JESSIE ALCHEH)

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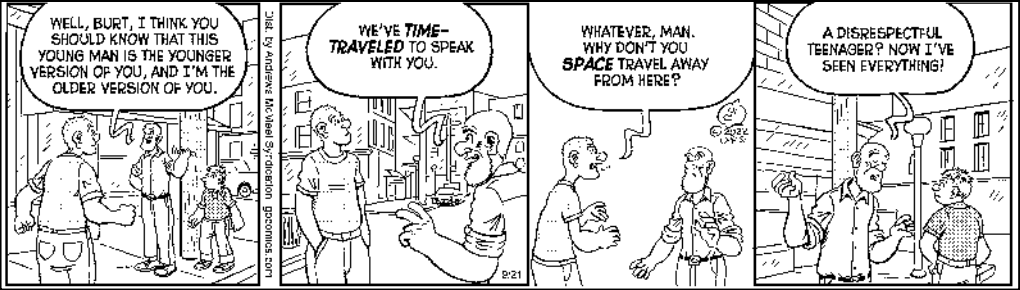
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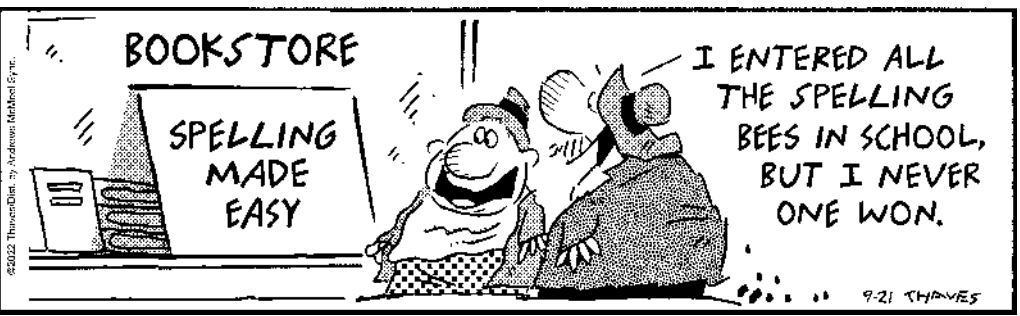
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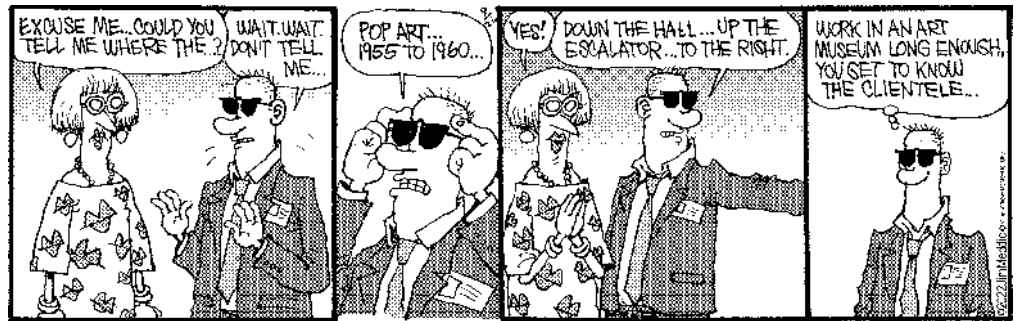
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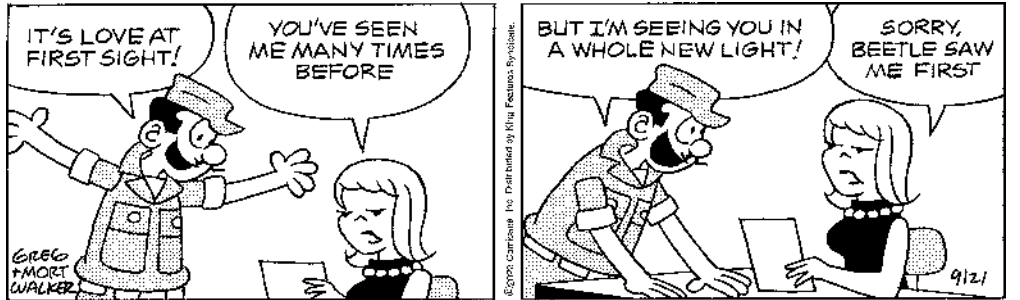
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Expand your mind and incorporate your skills into something you enjoy doing. Explore the possibilities, learn all you can from experts and sign up for courses that will encourage you to broaden your skills. Use your imagination to build a future that gives you the freedom to achieve your dreams.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Refuse to be a follower. Consider what others expect of you and whether it's worth your time to continue down this path or to switch to something that makes you excited.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Share your feelings; the response will help you decide your next move. Setting your sights on learning something new or taking your skills to the next level will pay off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Be a good listener. A sensitive approach to life, love and dealing with others will be key. A little help will go a long way and will encourage others to pitch in and help. Set a good example.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Share information with someone traveling down a similar path. A change in how you do your job or take care of responsibilities will raise your profile and give you more clout. Trust your instincts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Focus on presentation and money management. A domestic change will lower your overhead and give you the freedom to do things you enjoy. Make an honest assessment and a positive change.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Neglecting duties or falling behind will limit your freedom to do things you enjoy. Get your responsibilities out of the way, and you'll get the opportunity to make a positive lifestyle change.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Take the initiative. Maintaining honesty and integrity will make your life stress-free and encourage you to distance yourself from those who don't share your values.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Retreat and rethink. If you act in haste, you'll make a mistake. Take your time and get things right the first time. You'll become a valuable commodity if you are patient and direct from the beginning.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Absorb whatever information you can, then use it to your advantage. Put your time and effort

where they will bring the highest return. Don't limit what you can do.

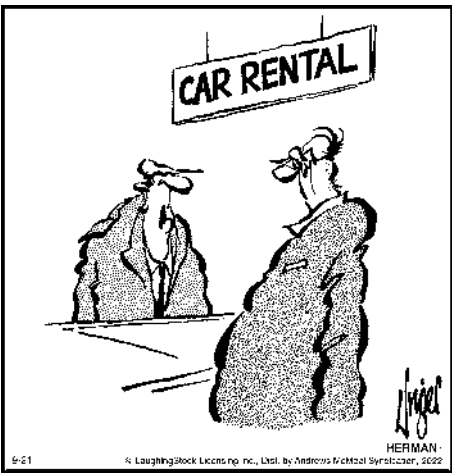
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Listen to suggestions, but don't go along with something that doesn't meet your expectations. Channel your energy into perfecting what you want to do and executing your plans with finesse.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Simplify your life and relationships. Conduct your affairs to suit your needs. Discard what's no longer valid or of use to you. Set new standards and goals, and research how to get what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Look for answers and you'll discover something that helps you change how you use your skills. Your personal adjustments will affect how others treat you. Kindness and compassion will be key.

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38 Foil-wrapped candies

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51 Heifer's hello

Bills showcasing their overall depth in 2 lopsided victories

By JOHN WAWROW
AP Sports Writer

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — One of the remarkable things about the Buffalo Bills have started the season at 2-0 is the manner in how they’ve steamrolled opponents while missing several key players in addition to the lopsided margins of victory.

The Bills’ secondary, minus star cornerback Tre'Davious White, contained Matthew Stafford to 240 yards passing in a 31-10 season-opening win over the defending Super Bowl champion Los Angeles Rams.

On Monday, a defensive front without starter Ed Oliver and his backup Tim Settle, stonewalled Derrick Henry, who was limited to 25 yards on 13 carries, while scoring on a 2-yard dive in a 41-7 rout of the Titans.

And let’s not forget a Josh Allen-led offense which needed less than three quarters to generate 317 yards passing and four touchdowns despite missing No. 2 receiver Gabe Davis.

“We got our (butts) kicked, plain and simple,” Titans coach Mike Vrabel said following the largest margin of defeat in his four-plus years in Tennessee.

The Bills entered the season with what was regarded as their deepest roster since the franchise’s Jim Kelly heydays in the early 1990s. And nothing, so far, has provided any indication of a weakness.

That depth could be tested on Sunday, when a potentially injury-thinned Bills team travels to play the suddenly resurgent division rival Miami Dolphins (2-0).

The retooled Dolphins made a splash of their own in rallying from a three-TD, fourth-quarter deficit in a 42-38 win over Baltimore on Sunday.

Already missing White, who isn’t expected to return until late October from a left knee injury, Buffalo’s secondary could be down two more starters.



Buffalo Bills linebacker Matt Milano (58) runs back an interception for a touchdown during the second half of an NFL football game against the Tennessee Titans on Monday in Orchard Park, N.Y. (AP PHOTO/JEFFREY T. BARNES)

Cornerback Dane Jackson, filling in for White, is questionable to play after spending a few hours in the hospital, where tests showed no serious damage to his neck or spine after he was struck by a teammate against Tennessee. Veteran starting safety Micah Hyde was also carted off after sustaining a neck injury in the second half.

That leaves Buffalo potentially having to lean heavily on rookie cornerbacks, Kaiir Elam and Christian Benford, to defend Miami’s dynamic duo of Tyreek Hill and Jaylen Waddle, who combined for 261 yards receiving and scored two touchdowns apiece against Baltimore.

Oliver’s status is uncertain because of an ankle injury, which could hamper Buffalo’s ability to pressure Tua Tagovailoa, who has lost all three career starts against the Bills, but had career highs with 469 yards passing and six TDs against the Ravens.

The Bills certainly took notice of what the Dolphins did by quickly turning their attention to Miami immediately in the aftermath of their win over Tennessee.

“The quickest way to make the playoffs is winning your division,” Allen said. “I know it’s early on in the season, but this Dol-

phins team is playing very good football, and we’ve got to be ready for it.”

WHAT’S WORKING

Same as last week: The Allen to Stefon Diggs connection. Diggs topped his Week 1 production with 12 catches for 148 yards and three touchdowns against Tennessee. Diggs leads the NFL with four touchdown catches, is second with 270 yards receiving behind Hill (284), and second with 20 catches behind the Rams’ Cooper Kupp (24).

WHAT NEEDS HELP

Statisticians in keeping up with the Bills’ third-quarter production against Tennessee, in which Buffalo scored 24 points and forced three turnovers.

STOCK UP

Rookie LB Terrell Bernard had three tackles in playing a regular role with Buffalo going with a three-linebacker formation against a power-run team such as Tennessee. The Bills are more accustomed to playing two linebackers against most opponents.

STOCK DOWN

RB Devin Singletary managed 19 yards on six carries.

INJURIES

CB Jackson who is still being evaluated for a neck injury. ... Hyde didn’t return after being carted off with a neck injury. ... LB Matt Milano did not return after sustaining what the team called a stinger. ... DT Jordan Phillips did not return because of a hamstring injury.

KEY NUMBER

20 — Buffalo’s past 20 victories have been decided by 10 or more points to match the NFL record set by the Chicago Bears spanning the 1941-42 seasons. The Bills’ most recent victory by nine points or fewer was a 24-21 win over New England on Nov. 1, 2020.

NEXT STEPS

Buffalo is riding a franchise-best seven-game winning streak over Miami since a 21-17 loss on Dec. 2, 2018, and has outscored the Dolphins by a combined 61-11 in its two meetings last year.

Thomas, Revis, Freeney headline first-time Hall candidates

By JOSH DUBOW
AP Pro Football Writer

Six-time All-Pro offensive lineman Joe Thomas, shutdown cornerback Darrelle Revis and speedy pass rusher Dwight Freeney headline the list of nine first-year eligible players picked among the 129 nominees for the 2023 class of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. The other first-year eligibles are running back Chris Johnson, offensive lineman Jahri Evans, linebackers NaVorro Bowman and James Harrison; defensive back Kam Chancellor and punter Shane Lechler. The list will be reduced to 25 semifinalists in November and to 15 finalists in January before the selection committee discusses and chooses the class of 2023 that will be enshrined in August.

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The nine new candi-

dates combined for 52 Pro Bowl berths, 30 first-team All-Pro selections, with five of the nine winning Super Bowls and five making an all-decade team. Johnson also won an Offensive Player of the Year award in 2009 and Harrison was picked as top defensive player in 2008.

Thomas was one of the top tackles in the league over a durable 11-year career that saw him selected first-team All-Pro six times and second team two other times. He had a streak of 10,363 consecutive plays while playing for the Browns his entire career.

Revis, who also came out in the 2007 draft, moved around much more, spending time with the Jets, Tampa Bay, New England and Kansas City.

His best play came in New York where he was a first-team All-Pro from 2009-11 and finished second in Defensive Player of the Year voting in 2009 when he repeatedly shut down top receivers by sending them to “Revis Island.”

Revis spent one year in New England, helping the Patriots win the Super Bowl in the 2014 season.

Freeney spent most of his 16-year career in Indianapolis where his speed off the edge and dominant spin move led to 125 1/2 career sacks. He anchored a defense that complemented a high-powered offense led by Peyton Manning

and helped the Colts win the Super Bowl following the 2006 season.

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The 15 finalists will be trimmed to 10 and then five during the selection meeting early next year. The final five candidates will need to get 80% of the votes from the panel to get into the Hall.

The roster of nominees consists of 67 offensive players, 50 defensive players and 12 special teamers.

Finalists from 2022 re-nominated for next year are defensive end Jared Allen, tackle Willie Anderson, defensive back Ronde Barber, returner Devin Hester, receivers Torry Holt, Andre Johnson and Reggie Wayne; linebackers Zach Thomas and Patrick Willis; and edge rusher DeMarcus Ware.

The committee will also consider former Chargers and Cardinals coach Don Coryell in the coaching category and three senior candidates: Super Bowl V MVP Chuck Howley and All-Pro defenders Joe Klecko and Ken Riley.

They also will get in if they get support from at least 80% of voters in January.

Hurts, so good! Eagles QB dominant in 24-7 win over Vikings

By DAN GELSTON
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jalen Hurts rolled to his right, scampered down the sideline and stutter-stepped to the 5-yard-line, where he was wrapped up by a defender with another in pursuit. Hurts twisted his body, lowered his head, dragged two defenders with him and powered his way in for an adrenaline-filled 26-yard touchdown run that about broke the game open.

Just maybe, or so the Eagles can hope, there are many more plays like that one ahead.

Hurts had 301 total yards in the first half in the breakout game of his young career, finishing with three total touchdowns as he led Philadelphia to a 24-7 win over the Minnesota Vikings on Monday night.

“Big-time performance on a big-time stage,” Eagles coach Nick Sirianni said.

Trying to prove he can play like the best franchise QBs in the NFL, Hurts looked downright unstoppable from the opening drive.

Hurts hit five receivers



Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts (1) runs up field during the first half of an NFL football game against the Minnesota Vikings on Monday in Philadelphia. (AP PHOTO/MATT ROURKE)

on 5-for-5 passing — highlighted by a 19-yard strike to A.J. Brown — and finished the drive himself with a 3-yard scoring run. In the opening win against Detroit, Hurts failed to complete a pass on five attempts and the Eagles turned the ball over on downs on the first drive of the game.

Turn the ball over on downs?

That seemed like just a rumor against the Vikings. The TD was just the liftoff for the 24-year-old

Hurts throwing, running, imposing his will with all his available tools against a Vikings defense that could not solve him in his 21st career start. He finished with 333 yards passing and a touchdown, and 57 yards and two scores on the ground.

“Another outstanding performance. He threw some unbelievable balls. He made a lot of plays,” Eagles center Jason Kelce said. “This was a really great, well-rounded game for him.”



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