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District appoints new magistrate judge

By Antjea Wolff
Morning Sun Staff

PITTSBURG, Kan. — After interviews were conducted for three candidates, the 11th Judicial District, comprised of Cherokee, Crawford, and Labette counties, appointed Joe Gordon Gregory as a new district magistrate judge on Thursday.

Before the interviews, the 11th Judicial District Nominating Commission discussed the qualifications for the position, which would have limited jurisdiction. The magistrate judge would not hear felony jury trials, but could oversee preliminary matters like setting bonds and approving search warrants, probate matters, and juvenile hearings.

Chief Judge Lori Fleming said that because

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Chief Judge Lori Fleming, right, congratulates newly appointed magistrate judge Joe Gordon Gregory on his new position with the district. ANTJEA WOLFF / THE MORNING SUN

Rumble for the Jungle

Johnson and Wood set for rematch in county commission race

By Dustin R. Strong
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PITTSBURG, Kan. — The Crawford County Commission seat for the Third District is up for grabs this November, with Democratic incumbent Jeremy Johnson defending his seat against the very man he took it from, GOP candidate, and former Democrat, Carl Wood. Johnson defeated Wood in the 2018 Democratic primary, spurring Wood to run as an independent through a write-in campaign during the general election.



Jeremy Johnson, current Democratic County Commissioner for District 3. COURTESY PHOTO

“People told me they didn’t vote for me because they thought I was a shoe-in,” Wood said of the 2018 primary. Afterwards, he said, he felt abandoned by the Democratic Party and switched teams, deciding three-and-a-half years ago to run for county commission again as a Republican.



Carl Wood, GOP candidate for the Third District Crawford County Commissioner's seat. COURTESY PHOTO

“I was a life-long Democrat,” Wood said, “but went over to the Republicans after the election. Their beliefs are what I believe in.”

Both Johnson and Wood are family men who were born and bred in Crawford County and have served

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HISTORY'S HIDDEN GEMS

Henri Freyburger

By Holly Swigart
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In the year 58 BC, the Roman Empire established the first vineyards in what is today the city of Colmar, France. This lovely city has maintained its old world charm through the ages with structures that date back to medieval times, and it's still well known for its fine wines and vineyards. The cobblestone streets in the old section of town are criss-crossed with canals that have earned the city the nickname of “Little Venice.”

In 1927, Henri Freyburger was born in Colmar, into a centuries-old rich tradition of culture, music and art. Perhaps the most famous artist from Colmar was Frederic Bartholdi, who created the Statue of Liberty which stands in New York Harbor. “Liberty Enlightening the World,” is just one of many amazing works by Bartholdi. His statues, monuments and fountains can be seen in New York, Boston, and Washington, D.C., as well as Switzerland, Bolivia and of course, Paris, France. Public sculptures by Bartholdi are sprinkled throughout the city of Colmar, and it was in this imaginative environment that Henri Freyburger spent his early years.

At a very young age, Henri demonstrated an exceptional talent in music. He started with accordion, then piano, and was such a gifted young pianist that the state sponsored his education in music. If he had been allowed to continue his studies, he surely would have become a concert pianist. However, in 1939, when Henri was only 12 years old, Hitler invaded Poland, starting World War II, and everyone's life was thrown into turmoil. When the Nazis took possession of eastern France, Henri was declared a “2nd

Class” German citizen and forbidden to speak French. The Germans did recognize his musical abilities and sent him to study music in Berlin, but he was required to wear a Hitler Youth uniform and give the Nazi salute. He played with orchestras that performed for Hitler and Goebbels and many other high-ranking Nazis. When the tide of war began to turn, Germany was desperate for more soldiers. They started drafting anyone they could find, mainly teenagers and old men. Henri was conscripted into the German army at the age of 16. Right away, he made the near fatal mistake of sending an honest letter to his mother. Being a native teenager, he didn't realize that the Nazis would open and read his mail. He had written to his mother that he hated the German army and hoped they would lose the war very soon. To his horror, the S.S. called him in for questioning, and waived the letter in his face. They punished him by sending him to the Russian Front where the casualty rate was extremely high. During his first battle, he was ordered to operate a machine gun. Because he was reluctant to shoot the gun, a German officer held a pistol to Henri's head and started counting, eins, zwei, drei...

Although Henri beat the odds and survived combat, he was captured by the Russians and sent to a prisoner of war camp. He and thousands of other prisoners had to march hundreds of miles without adequate food and water. Conditions were harsh, and many of the older men did not survive the trip. As the war came to a close, the Russians had acquired 3,000,000 German prisoners of war. Many of those soldiers, like Henri, had been forced into service, but it took some time to



Henri Freyburger (1927-2015) COURTESY PHOTO / JOANNE BELLM STANFORD

sort them all out. Henri was finally set free after he proved himself by answering questions in French about his hometown. Even though he had not spoken French for five years, the answers thankfully came to him, and he was allowed to return to his family home in France. The joyful homecoming was somewhat short lived, though. Henri soon found himself back in the military, this time wearing the uniform of France and headed for the jungles of Vietnam. He served there as a communications officer for 2 1/2 years, operating a Morse Code transmitter. Since the communication center was an important strategic target for the enemy, Henri was lucky, once again, to make it home alive.

After his release from the French military, Henri decided to go to America. His destination was Wichita, Kansas, where his sister was living with her husband who worked for Boeing as an engineer. She had written Henri letters about Kansas, and encouraged him to join her there. Henri got a job right away in Wichita playing accordion at a bar called the White Horse. The pay was \$5 per night and free food. It was a start, and he was grateful to have a chance to create a new life in America. He enrolled at Friends University in Wichita and resumed his studies in music, but after

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Fly Kansas Air Tour to include Pittsburg stop

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — The Kansas Department of Transportation has announced the schedule for this year's Fly Kansas Air Tour, and one of the stops is in Pittsburg. KDOT's Division of Aviation is partnering with the Kansas Commission on Aerospace Education (KCAE) to host the tour from Thursday, Oct. 6, to Saturday, Oct. 8.

The annual flying celebration promotes aviation and economic growth. Over 30 pilots have already registered to fly the Air Tour this year, visiting nine communities across Kansas during the three-day tour.

“The Fly Kansas Air Tour brings airplanes and exciting career opportunities within reach



This map shows the route of the 2022 Fly Kansas Air Tour. COURTESY PHOTO / KDOT

for over 1,000 children across the state — an experience we hope many will look back on as their first step into aviation,” said KDOT Director of Aviation Bob Brock.

The Pittsburg stop on the Fly Kansas Air Tour

will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, after pilots involved in the tour visit Wellington from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. After Pittsburg, the tour will continue on to Olathe.

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Food from around the globe

PSU organization to host new event

By Antjea Wolff
Morning Sun Staff

PITTSBURG, Kan. — Following the success of the International Food and Culture Festival, the Pittsburg State University International Student Association decided to create a similar event but with a slightly different feel. Starting at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, the association will hold its first Global Fest, an event featuring a variety of food and crafts for sale.

According to Communications Coordinator Rebekah Shewart, the ISA wanted to have an event that had the feel of a night market. Night markets are a common occurrence in many Asian countries, and are known for being more

of a lighthearted casual shopping experience featuring different street vendors.

“The main goal of this event is to just connect with everybody and have them show off each other's cultures and doing stuff like that,” Shewart said.

Global Fest will have food available from many different countries, including the U.S., Brazil, China, Finland, France, India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Micronesia, Norway, Pakistan, Palau, Peru, South Korea, and Taiwan, as well as countries in Africa. The food will be bought by using tickets, and each ticket is \$1 a piece, with most food items costing between one and three tickets.

ISA President Raj Thakor said that beside each station of food, there will be a list of ingredients, so that people with food allergies can make sure they are not allergic to any of the food's con-

tents. He said there will also be a variety of vegetarian options.

Thakor said in addition to food, some of the booths will also have crafts for sale or crafts for patrons to make. He said he is unsure what each station plans on doing, but some of the students from India will also be doing Henna tattoos, which are temporary tattoos that stay on skin for only three or four days. Thakor said there will also be activities for children, so children are welcome as well.

The event will also feature a dance performance by students from Peru, as well as a band, and instrumental songs from Kazakhstan and India. A graduate assistant in the PSU Music Department, Isaac Hernandez, will be playing the keyboard and performing a song with his son.

“I'm looking forward to

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Obituaries

Margaret Jean (Workman) Stevens

Margaret Jean (Workman) Stevens, 80, of Girard, passed away at 8:55 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022, at the Arma Health and Rehab of Arma, Kansas.

She was born Nov. 16, 1941, in Pittsburg, Kansas, the daughter of James William and Opal Lillian (Fisher) Workman.

Jean attended school in Pittsburg, graduating from College High School.

On Sept. 10, 1960, Jean was united in marriage to William (Bill) Stevens. He preceded her in death on April 27, 2004.

She was employed at the Girard Medical Center and Pitt Plastics before her retirement.

Jean loved her family, her friends, and her many beloved pet dogs that were very much a part of her family.

Jean is survived by two daughters, Lori Thomas and Brenda Stevens, both of Girard; two grandsons, Caleb Thomas and his wife Brenna of Girard and Adam Thomas of Frontenac; and two great-grandchildren, Angela and William Thomas of Girard.

In addition to her parents and husband, Jean was preceded in death by one brother, Jim Workman, and one sister, JoAnn Skelton.

Graveside service for Margaret Jean Stevens will be at 10 a.m., Monday, Sept. 26, 2022, at the Girard Cemetery, with Pastor Rick Prideaux officiating.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. Sunday.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the SEK Humane Society, and these may be left at the funeral home or mailed to the Smith-Carson-Wall Funeral Home, 518 W. St. John St., P.O. Box 258, Girard, Kansas 66743.



Johnie Baima

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 headaches 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 47 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 Sismore, 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.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given to the First Baptist Church of Pittsburg. These may be left at or mailed to the Brenner Mortuary, 114 E. 4th St., Pittsburg, KS 66762. Online condolences may be left at www.brennermortuary.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Brenner Mortuary.

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the performances," Shewart said. "I think music from different countries is interesting, and I don't think people in America listen to those things."

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30, at Lindburg Plaza, which is the area between Whitesitt Hall and Nation Hall on PSU's campus. The event is open to the public.

Thakor said he wants

the students to feel at home and he doesn't want them to feel homesick. He said he feels this is a great opportunity to get international and American students together to try each other's food for reasonable prices.

"Basically, we want them to travel the world without getting visas," Thakor said. "That's the main goal for our event is to go and enjoy food from different countries. And hang out with your friends, your friends with your family members."



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Johnie Baima
Service: A funeral service will be held on monday sept. 26th at 10:30 a.m. at the Brenner Mortuary funeral home. Burial will follow at the Garden of Memories Cemetery. Family will receive friends starting at 2 p.m. and ending at 4 p.m. Sunday Sept 25th at the Brenner Mortuary funeral home.

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CLUB NOTES

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.

Monday, Sept. 26

TOPS #0599 Pittsburg

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

Co-Dependents Anonymous

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

NAMI SEK

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) support groups for those living with a mental health condition (Connections) and friends and family (Family) meet at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. At this time, we are only holding support groups virtually, via Zoom at us02web.zoom.us/j/5634478341 with meeting ID 5634478341. For more information email seknami@gmail.com or call 620-240-3740.

Tuesday, Sept. 27

Pittsburg Noon Rotary

Pittsburg Noon Rotary meets at noon on Tuesdays at Via Christi Hospital. To allow more time for networking, the group has added a monthly "Social Hour" on the first Tuesday of every month throughout the community. Ask a Rotarian for the next social hour location or visit the group's Facebook page, Pittsburg Noon Rotary Club.

Pittsburg Duplicate Bridge Club

The Pittsburg Duplicate Bridge Club meets on Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. at the Homer Cole Community Center. Fully vaccinated bridge players are welcome to come play with their partners. Masks are mandated at this time, but this policy will be reviewed when possible.

Veteran Representative at Homer Cole

The Homer Cole Center will host an American Legion veterans' representative on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Any veterans with concerns or questions can stop by. For more information contact Teri at 620-231-9773.

Sunflower Kiwanis

Sunflower Kiwanis meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Ascension Via Christi Hospital, for breakfast at 6:45 a.m.

BNSF: Rail accident victims should have to use arbitration

By MARGARET STAFFORD

Associated Press

BNSF Railway Co. has asked a federal court to require victims of a deadly Amtrak crash in Missouri to pursue settlements through arbitration, rather than lawsuits.

BNSF owns the railroad tracks used by Amtrak when a Southwest Chief train traveling from Los Angeles to Chicago collided with a pickup truck that was blocking an intersection near Mendon, Missouri. Three train passengers and the truck driver died and dozens more were injured in the June 27 collision.

Multiple lawsuits have been filed since the collision against both railway companies. Missouri transportation officials, Chariton County leaders and areas residents had been pushing for safety upgrades at the crossing, which is steep and had no lights or other signals to warn about an approaching train.

In a federal lawsuit filed Tuesday, BNSF asked for a preliminary injunction to require the victims to use arbitration rather than proceed with their lawsuits in court. The company also asked the judge to halt action on lawsuits pending in Missouri courts until the arbitration question is settled.

BNSF, based in Fort Worth, Texas, argues that when passengers bought tickets from Amtrak, they

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NEWS

Public meeting on lead and copper rule revisions set for Oct. 12 in Chanute

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CHANUTE, Kan. — The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has announced it will hold a series of public meetings, including one in Chanute, to help communities and public water supply systems learn about the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) new Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR).

Under the LCRR, public water supply systems are required to prepare and maintain and inventory

of service line materials. This inventory is to be submitted to KDHE by Oct. 16, 2024.

Public water supply system decision-makers, operators, and the public are encouraged to attend to learn more about the inventory requirements and actions that can be taken to reduce lead exposure risks in drinking water. Piping containing lead can become a potential health risk in drinking water.

Some homes (typically built before 1988) may have lead service lines that connect to the public water supply system.

Young children, infants and fetuses are particularly vulnerable to lead in drinking water and water used for formula because the physical and behavioral effects of lead occur at lower exposure levels in children.

KDHE staff will review topics including development of lead service line inventories, public water supply system responsibilities, water system customer cooperation, lead exposure health risks from drinking water, and funding information for lead service line replacement.

The meeting in Chanute is scheduled for 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, at Chanute Memorial Auditorium, 101 S. Lincoln Ave., Chanute. Other meetings will be Oct. 3 in Salina, Oct. 4 in Wichita, and Oct. 11 in Topeka.

Individuals needing accommodations should contact KDHE at least five business days before the meeting by phone at 785-296-5514, fax 785-559-4258 or TTY 711. For more information about KDHE’s Lead Service Line Inventory requirements, visit KDHE.KS.gov/LCRR.

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as accomplished county commissioners — Johnson for the past four years, and Wood for the previous eight — but that is where the similarities end. They have very different backgrounds, leadership styles and priorities for the future of the county.

Johnson is a 2009 graduate of Pittsburg State University with a bachelor’s in English. He went on to graduate school at the University of Rochester before coming back to PSU as an adjunct English professor and became involved in several non-profit organizations in the community, including the SEK Recycling Center, Live Well Crawford County, Eat Well Crawford County, and Habitat for Humanity. He was also elected to the Pittsburg City Commission and served as mayor. A self-professed “research junkie,” Johnson said he looks for the data to construct a bigger picture.

“I want to solve problems and fix things. I have a vested interest in making things better, because I live here,” Johnson said. “It’s easy to get hyper-focused on the day-to-day, making sure all the boxes are checked, and forget about the bigger picture. But it’s really important to think about the future because if you don’t, the day-to-day becomes more difficult to manage.”

Wood is very much the opposite. Attending a trade school, Wood became certified as an electrician, working for the P&M Coal company, helping in the last stages of building Big Brutus. He was later instrumental in restoring Brutus and turning it into a museum after the mammoth machine’s retirement. Wood spent 20 years working for Empire Electric, where he became certified as a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) technician. Growing up a city boy in Pittsburg, Wood learned to become a farmer and currently runs a cattle business with his son. Wood described his process of taking on problems as they come and

finding a solution.

“You don’t accomplish things just by going to meetings twice a week,” Wood said. “You have to go around and talk to people. I worked 40 to 60 hours a week at this job.”

During his eight years as commissioner, Wood said he would describe himself as an “ask forgiveness not permission” type of leader. When he saw a problem, he worked to solve it as quickly as possible. Among his most prominent accomplishments is the creation of the Southeast Kansas Career and Technical Education Center (SEK-CTEC) in Pittsburg.

“Being a tradesman is in my blood,” Wood said. “We about drove the wheels off of cars to get funding. We went all over to look for ideas, but had no money. It took us two years.”

Over those two years, Wood dedicated himself to raising the necessary funds. He secured a grant of \$1 million from the Rita Bicknell Foundation to use as seed money. Wood worked with the other commissioners to contribute \$125,000 a year for 3 years and the City of Pittsburg gave \$300,000. Wood also worked with Kansas Crossing, with the casino promising \$400,000 a year for 10 years.

At Wood’s urging, the county contributed \$125,000 to the new Addiction Treatment Center that is scheduled to begin construction soon.

Wood said he got two bridges built east of the hospital during his tenure, even getting an engineer on-site the day after a hole opened in one of the bridges to begin the process of replacing it.

“I don’t think any new bridges have been built since,” Wood said. “There are two bridges near Pittsburg that need to be redone.”

A conservative person and advocate of fiscal responsibility, Wood said during his time in office, the county paid off a \$10 million bond costing \$125,000 a year in interest and dropped the mill levy. By the time he left office, the county was less than \$100,000 in debt. All of this was not accomplished single-handedly.

To do anything as a commissioner, Wood said, “you’ve got to get the other two to go along with you.”

Wood sees the current economy as his biggest challenge. “Just a few years ago the state was broke,” he said. “Now, property assessments have increased, which is good if you’re wanting to sell, but there are going to be people out there who aren’t going to be able to pay their taxes. I want to drop the mill levy down because I know there is wiggle room.”

Although only four years in office, Johnson has racked up his own set of accomplishments.

“The hardest part is what the pandemic threw at us,” Johnson said. “It was something we had never seen before and decisions had to be made quickly in a high-stakes, high-pressure environment. It was challenging, but out of it came opportunities for leadership.”

During his tenure, the county has invested over \$2 million in child care. He said child care is largely unaffordable and is not a money-maker, which is why there is a shortage. Investment is what it needs, according to Johnson.

In recent weeks, the county commission has encouraged the various child care providers to combine resources. This strategy paid off when Sugar Creek and New Foundations agreed to work together to build and staff a new child care facility in Frontenac.

Johnson is also a champion of working with other counties, especially with a recent transportation planning initiative, saying that everybody in the state has transportation infrastructure issues and over the last decade, things aren’t getting fixed at a pace that they need to, which, Johnson says, intensifies pressure at the local level to make up for that.

“We have to talk to other people in the region and find a common solution,” Johnson said. “There is about to be a flood of money coming down from the federal government. If you are not collaborating, if you do not have a thing to point to and how it will impact an area, your ap-

plication is not going to be considered.”

Johnson says he brings to the table a lot of diverse knowledge in a lot of areas, working with a huge array of people, from the rancher in McCune to the KDOT director in Topeka. He said he has experience in dealing with problems that are unique to a city as well as the more rural parts of the county and how those interact with each other.

“I talk to people and want to hear what they have to say, hear their issues and what their solutions are,” Johnson said. “I am deeply invested in making the community better for myself and the people who live here, and for the people we want to live here.”

Wood said he truly loves the people of Crawford County. He enjoyed serving as commissioner and helping people, he said, and even now, he goes out of his way to help those that need it. He said he enjoys solving problems for people.

In an example of his leadership style, Wood talked about a severe storm that hit Chicopee during his tenure as commissioner. “A direct wind knocked down powerlines and trees,” Wood said. “People were in the dark and needed help. So I called out my crews and got on the phone with the other two commissioners and told them to get their crews out there that night to help those people.”

Wood would “damn near do this job for nothing,” he said. “Seriously. I don’t hunt, fish, or play golf. I watch a little bit of football and don’t chase women or drink. I just love helping people.”

Johnson, for his part, said that what sets him apart is his range of experience, despite his relative youth.

“I know I’m the young whipper-snapper, but not as young as I used to be,” Johnson said. “But what counts in politics is not just experience, but diverse experience. Serving on the city commission was a monumental experience and instilled in me the importance of thinking about the future.”

AREA EVENTS

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.

Christmas Shoppe Craft Show

The Christmas Shoppe, 1608 W. 4th Street, will be hosting a craft show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 with a variety of vendors. For more information regarding the event, call (620)-670-2242 or contact via Facebook message: The Christmas Shoppe.

Festa Italiana

Festa Italiana will be held at the Raider Sports Complex in Frontenac starting at 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, featuring food that may be purchased for tickets. Tickets are \$1 a piece and may be purchased in advance at Frontenac City Hall, Raider Express, Pickled Pete’s Bar and Grill, Shooters, Pallucas, Community National Bank, and Labette Bank.

Sunday, Sept. 25

Women Helping Women is celebrating that they have officially given over \$100,000 to area women in need starting at 5 p.m. at TJ Lelands. The public is inviting the public to join the organizers for trivia and live music from The Wayward Bettys. There will be free pizza and a cash bar. Suggested minimum donation: \$20.

Monday, Sept. 26 through Tuesday, Sept. 27

Blood Drive

A Community Blood Drive will be held from 1:30 to 7 p.m. Monday, September 26 and 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 27 at the Countryside Christian Church on 5th St. Appointments can be made at www.redcrossblood.org. Please consider making a donation as blood supplies are still very low and the need is constant.

Monday, Sept. 26

Lego Night

The Girard Public Library invites the public to a night of fun with Legos starting at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26 at the library. There will be Lego themed activities as well as Lego building. For more information, call the library at 620-724-4327.

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Freakout over Martha's Vineyard flight ignores the real problem

By Byron York
Washington Examiner

Much of the nation's political and commentary class had a near-nervous breakdown when 48 Venezuelans who had crossed illegally into the United States arrived at the Martha's Vineyard Airport, not far from the summer homes of some of the country's wealthiest and best-connected people. When they realized what had happened, many Democrats and allied voices in the media expressed white-hot anger at Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, who arranged the migrants' trip. Meanwhile, Vineyard residents volunteered to feed and care for the migrants for 24 hours, after which the National Guard whisked them off the exclusive island.

Now move 2,200 miles west and south, to Del Rio, Texas. During the 24-hour period from Saturday to Sunday, according to reporting by Fox News correspondent Bill Melugin, Border Patrol officers encountered 1,707 illegal crossers in the Del Rio Sector, which covers 245 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border. Officers encountered even more illegal crossers in the El Paso Sector to the west: 1,967 illegal crossings. And in the Yuma Sector still farther west, there were 757 illegal crossings. That is 4,431 illegal crossings in just three of the nine sectors of the U.S.-Mexico border.

So what happened when they crossed illegally into the United States? Were they turned back? Allowed to stay? According to Melugin's tweet, which is entirely consistent with statistics on the border, only 335 illegal crossers were expelled from the El Paso Sector on what is called a Title 42 expulsion, referring to the rule used to reduce the spread of COVID. In Del Rio, there were 514 expulsions. And in Yuma, there were 39 expulsions.

In total, there were 4,431

illegal crossings in the three sectors in a single 24-hour period, and 888 Title 42 expulsions. That means 3,543 illegal crossers were allowed to stay in the United States. In just three sectors, in just one day.

Whatever number you choose, 4,431 total illegal crossings or 3,543 allowed to stay, the number is a lot bigger than the 48 migrants who landed in Martha's Vineyard. And yet, the outrage! Critics lined up to call DeSantis' transfer of illegal crossers to a luxury redoubt in Massachusetts cruel and inhuman and un-American and anti-American and "literally human trafficking" and more. A Boston-based group called Lawyers for Civil Rights demanded that the United States Justice Department and the Massachusetts attorney general investigate and possibly prosecute DeSantis for an alleged "conspiracy to deprive our clients of their liberty and civil rights and interfere with federal immigration proceedings."

About the same time, we learned that the city of El Paso, led by a Democratic mayor, has been regularly busing illegal border crossers to New York City. Melugin reported that El Paso has sent at least 51 buses with a total of 2,365 migrants to New York City since Aug. 23. More buses are on the way. New York City Democratic Mayor Eric Adams, who has complained that migrants are overwhelming his city's social services capabilities, and who has bitterly denounced Texas Republican Gov. Greg Abbott's buses to New York, has actually made an agreement with El Paso to accept as many as 200 migrants a day.

OK, so Adams is partisan. So the lawyers on Martha's Vineyard are hysterical. So much of the press coverage is biased. The problem is that this debate is not about the real problem. Everyone is talking about how to ac-

commodate illegal border crossers once they are in the country, and not about how to prevent people from crossing illegally into the United States.

On Monday, U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced that officials have encountered 2,150,639 migrants on the U.S.-Mexico border so far this fiscal year. There is still one month to go, so the figure will rise. And it does not include the number, somewhere near half a million, of so-called "got-aways," that is, crossers known to border officials but not apprehended.

Isn't that the real problem? Isn't the real problem the enormous numbers of people crossing into the United States? And how to reduce that number? And how to deal with those who do manage to sneak across to make sure that only the relatively small number who have legitimate asylum claims are allowed to stay? Isn't that the real problem?

Instead of dealing with the real problem, everything the Biden administration has done since Day One has been to increase the incentive for would-be migrants to illegally cross into the United States. Arguing over how best to accommodate illegal crossers, rather than arguing over how best to return the vast majority of them back across the border, increases the incentive for those considering unlawful entry into the United States. They know their arrival might set off a debate over whether they should be allowed to stay in El Paso, or be sent to Martha's Vineyard, but either way, they stay in the United States — their ultimate goal. The current argument over the DeSantis flight does nothing to address what is happening on the U.S.-Mexico border.

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Not all Latinos are liberal

By Steven V. Roberts
Syndicated Columnist

The New York Times put it starkly. A recent poll with Siena College shows Democrats "faring far worse than they have in the past with Hispanic voters." Only 56% say they'll back Democratic candidates this fall, with Republicans getting 32%. Just two years ago, President Biden received 63% of the Latino vote, and in 2016, Hillary Clinton polled 71%.

While Democrats are surging among college-educated white women, many of them outraged by the Supreme Court's decision to roll back abortion rights, another dynamic — almost a counter-reaction — is at work. As the Democrats' center of gravity moves from the factory floor to the faculty lounge, as party strategist Paul Begala puts it, they are in danger of driving Latino voters away.

"The move has been especially pronounced among working-class Latinos, whose votes have the potential to reshape the political parties in the same way that the movement of white, working-class voters has made them a pillar of the Republican Party," writes the Wall Street Journal.

The Journal cites Rosemary Flores, a 57-year-old community activist in Las Vegas who always backed Democrats until 2016, "when she decided that her support for stronger border security, opposition to abortion and belief in economic self-reliance meant her values aligned with the Republican Party." As Flores explained: "Latinos are always told that they're Democrats. I finally said to myself that I'm a conservative, and so are other Latinos."

This trend looms as a critical factor this fall. Latino voters are concentrated in several states that will decide control of the Senate — Arizona,

Nevada, even Georgia. They play a major role in marginal House races from California to Florida. And in two years, the presidential contest could well hinge on the Democrats' ability to stem the defection of these once-loyal voters.

There are many reasons for this shift, and it starts with the economy. Like other Americans, especially those with less education and lower incomes, Latinos have been clobbered by rising prices and the financial aftershocks of the pandemic. An Emerson College survey of Latinos in Florida found that 38% rated the economy as their most important issue — almost 4 times more significant than any other factor.

The Times described the most disaffected Latinos: "They are disproportionately voters without college degrees who are focused on the economy, and they are more likely to be young, male and born in the United States but living in heavily Hispanic areas."

The economic downturn, however, aggravated deeper trends that were already starting to undermine the Democrats. Party leaders tend to see Latinos as "people of color," lumping them in with Blacks and assuming they will all embrace progressive positions. But that's wrong.

"One thing that's very important to understand about Hispanics, particularly working-class voters, is they're not liberals," demographer Ruy Teixeira told Bloomberg. "They're moderate to conservative, especially on cultural issues."

Democrats fail to grasp that many Latinos are devout Roman Catholics who attend church, salute the flag, own small businesses, and want even more police in their neighborhoods — not less.

Today's landscape can call up an earlier era, when the Democrats'

embrace of the antiwar movement and flag-burning, dope-smoking protesters helped push ethnic Democrats from places like Italy, Ireland and Poland into the arms of the Republicans, who then controlled the White House for 20 of 24 years between 1968 and 1992.

Today's version of that "counter-culture" is driven by a "wokeness" mentality, from defunding the police and defending political correctness to elevating transgender causes, especially in school sports and bathrooms. Begala joked on Bill Maher's HBO show that the "Democrats have two secret labs — one in Berkeley and one in Brooklyn — where we come up with ideas to completely piss off the working class." He added, "It's working wonderfully."

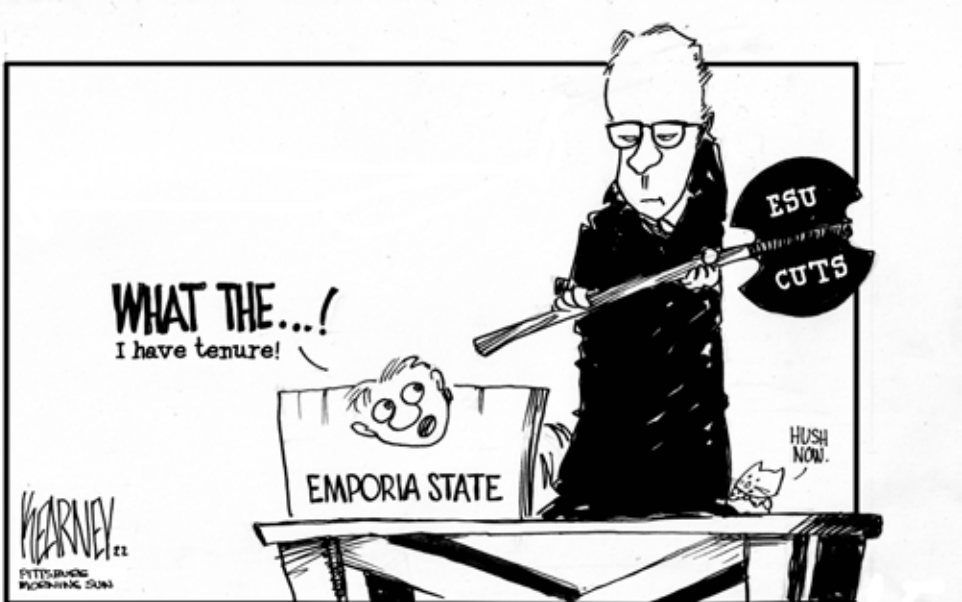
"There's a working-class culture that's feeling alienated from the college-educated, white progressives that are dominating the Democratic Party," Mike Madrid, a California-based Republican strategist who focuses on Latinos, told the Journal. "They're voting on economic issues and on the cultural drift of the Democratic Party."

Beyond this cultural disconnect and economic disappointment, there is another reason why Democrats are losing Latino voters: Indifference. Edgar Flores, a Democratic state assemblyman from Las Vegas, put it this way in the Journal: "I sincerely think that we've taken the community for granted politically. We have a responsibility as a party to do better."

If they don't understand, and embrace, that responsibility, Democrats will be in big trouble.

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EDITORIAL CARTOONS



Wife can't abide husband's other love: his weed



DEAR ABBY
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my husband for seven years, and I'm tired of having the same fight every day. He smokes marijuana, and I hate it. It has been a constant battle for years. We tried therapy, which helped for a while, but he goes back to smoking behind my back. We tried to reach a compromise that he smoke only after a certain time of day, but it still leads to fights. He shuts me out when he's doing drugs and says I don't care about his happiness because it's some-

thing he enjoys, and I am taking it away. I love him so much, but I hate drugs and don't like who he becomes when he's smoking. I want to have a baby, but I am uncomfortable with drugs being in the house. I feel like I can't trust him to be alone with a baby when he's high. I don't want to leave him, but I can't take it anymore. Having the same fight every day is exhausting, and it's had a really negative impact on our marriage. I want him to choose me over this, but if I give him an ultimatum, he'll hate me. What do I do?— ANTI-DRUG IN ILLINOIS

DEAR ANTI-DRUG: Give your husband that ultimatum and pack your bags. If you prefer the

father of your child not have a marijuana habit and he cannot quit, then, as much as you may love him, this person isn't The One for you. Sorry.

DEAR ABBY: I've read your column for years, frequently taking advice you provide to others and applying it to my circumstances. I have developed a mutual bond with a woman who is 30 _ 28 years younger than myself. She's a waitress at a diner I frequent. I've seen her children grow over the past six or seven years. We have had many meaningful conversations and shared our highs and lows. She's naturally friendly. Three or four years ago, she began sharing casual side hugs when I arrived. I

never ask for them. Over the last year, these hugs have become more intimate, not in a sexual way — just a deeper bond of friendship. We occasionally IM when she's off work, but I don't see her socially. Lately she has been teasing that she'll be my next ex. I reciprocate the flirting and teasing. I believe there is a mutual attraction. If not for the age difference, which I'm OK with, or the fear of causing issues with our friendship, I'd ask her out. Societal taboos weigh heavily on my mind, and I am pragmatic. Should I or shouldn't I? Or am I reading too much into our friendship? — UNSURE IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR UNSURE: Not having wit-

nessed the chemistry between the two of you, I couldn't say. However, nothing ventured, nothing gained. The next time you see her, after one of those "more intimate" hugs, tell her teasingly that you have been thinking about her comment that she'll be your next ex and ask if she'd like to have dinner with you sometime. Her response will tell you if you have been reading too much into the friendship.

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Four GHS HOSA Members and sponsor Kristi Blair prepare for last Friday's bake sale by creating signs Tuesday, Sept. 13. HOSA Members look forward to the reestablishment of HOSA-Future Health Professionals (HOSA), which is available to students who are interested in science and healthcare. HANNAH WARNER/TROJAN TRIBUNE

GHS reinstitutes HOSA, after a two-year hiatus

HANNAH WARNER
TROJAN TRIBUNE

After two long years, GHS is finally able to bring back HOSA-Future Health Professionals (HOSA), for students who are interested in science and healthcare.

Formally known as Health Occupations Students of America, the idea for a club for those interested in a career in medicine started in 1957, but it wasn't until November of 1976 in Arlington, Texas, at the Constitutional Convention that HOSA was officially created.

The club was created due to "the demand [that] grew for a group that would provide the specialized programs of Health Occupations students."

HOSA was originally created as two separate clubs, Future Nurses Clubs and Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA), but these clubs were changed to incorporate all students' interests.

It is a club geared towards broadening the world of healthcare for students who may be interested in potentially pursuing a career in the medical field.

According to hosa.org, their mission "is to promote career opportunities in the healthcare industry and to enhance the deliv-

ery of quality health care to all people."

GHS Science Instructor Kristi Blair started the club during the 2019-20 school year, but due to COVID-19 the start of the club was cut short.

For the past two years, members have not been able to meet or attend events due to the pandemic.

When asked how she felt about the return of HOSA, president Sara Goble replied, "I'm super excited that HOSA is finally up and running, after starting up our freshman year, but sadly canceling for the past two years due to COVID-19. I look forward to participating in a club that is centered around my interests in the medical field."

Requirements to join the club are a minimum of one science class and a \$20 fee which pays for State and National competition.

Last week HOSA members elected their board officials, who will create the foundation for the club to grow in the upcoming years.

Officers include Goble, president; Hannah Warner, vice president; Caitlin Cranston, secretary; Gavin Doubrava, treasurer; Jonah Sandford, historian; and Ainsley Norton, STUCO representative.

In October all board offi-

cials will be attending the HOSA Leadership Conference in Salina, where they will learn more about their leadership roles.

Throughout the first semester, members will host HOSA week during November and help with all fundraising events.

All competitions, which will begin in January, offer the members a wide variety of competitive categories which include sample skill event scenarios, clinical specialty, community awareness, creative problem solving, exploring medical innovation, extemporaneous writing, health career display, health career photography, health education, healthy lifestyle, medical innovation, medical reserve corps, prepared speaking, public health, public service announcement, researched persuasive writing and speaking, research poster and so much more.

Members who score well in these events will have the chance to attend the State Competition. Those who score well at State will compete at the National Competition in Dallas, Texas, over the summer.

HOSA will be accepting members through December, so don't forget to sign up!



GHS sophomore Levi Blair and senior Justin Ferguson mix chemicals in chemistry during fourth hour Tuesday, Sept. 13. Students in Rob Massa's chemistry class completed a lab over basic chemistry skills such as measuring and filtering out a precipitate. AINSLEY VIETS/TROJAN TRIBUNE

Girard FFA awards Greenhand Degrees



NUMBER GHS FFA Greenhands receive their degrees at Greenhand Orientation in the GHS cafeteria Tuesday, Sept. 20. FFA State Vice President Kirsten Kyger and Southeast District President Cecillia Newby also spoke to Greenhands at the event. AINSLEY NORTON/TROJAN TRIBUNE

BY AINSLEY NORTON
TROJAN TRIBUNE

The Girard FFA welcomed 31 new members into their program Tuesday, September 20, by awarding them with their Greenhand Degrees in the GHS cafeteria.

Enrolling in agriculture education and planning a supervised agricultural experience program qualifies new members for their Greenhand Degrees.

Greenhands must own or have access to the "Official FFA Manual" and "Official FFA Student Handbook."

To qualify for the Greenhand Degree, new members must have knowledge of the FFA Code of Ethics, the FFA Creed, the FFA jacket, the chapter constitution and the Program of Activities. They must also submit a written application.

Members who received their degree included Izaiah Adolph, Ayden Allen-Tennyson, Bryce Arthur, Aiden Ashbacher, Adam Basauri, Megan Bennett, Addison Brunk,

Kyler Clampitt, Madison Cranston, Boston Encarnacion, Myleigh Franklin, Nathan Garbrick, Jocelyn Goff, Josie Gronau, Shylah Harley, Caroline Jagels, Vanessa Leyva, Aiden Michna, Nicholas Patton, Zachary Pinckney, Izzabella Rice, Brodie Robinson, Sarah Rose, Rayleea Russell, Syllar Sammons, Emily Setterstrom, Isabel Shook, Ryder Stafford, Anjela Tavernaro, Kade Woodward and Landon Yockey.

Kansas FFA State Vice President Kirsten Kyger spoke to attendees about being brave enough to try something new and accepting their failures as opportunities to grow. Southeast District FFA President Cecillia Newby talked to Greenhands about the upcoming greenhand conference and welcomed them to the National FFA Organization.

Chapter officers announced Greenhand and Intermediate officers for the 2022-23 school year.

Greenhand officers include Rose, president; Gronau, vice president; Goff, secretary; Crans-

ton, treasurer; Harley, reporter; and Setterstrom, sentinel.

Intermediate officers include Avery Smith, president; Diamond Amaya Reyes, vice president; Mackynzee Russell, secretary; Bryce Reese, treasurer; Graci Murphy, reporter; Reese Hammack, sentinel; Arlana Ramirez, student advisor; and Samantha Turpen, historian.

The new officer teams will compete at leadership school in November. They will also be required to perform opening and closing ceremonies at monthly chapter meetings.

Regarding the orientation, Chapter President Zoë Rhodes stated, "[She] was so proud to see almost all of our greenhands show up to their first event which will kickstart their leadership in FFA, and [she is] looking forward to seeing them grow throughout the year."

"Girard FFA is going to be a great home for them during their high school career."



RVH kindergartener Kennedy Nelson receives morning welcomes from the GHS volleyball team in front of the elementary school Friday, Sept. 16. High schoolers in fall sports greet RVH students and participate in a parade through the halls weekly. AINSLEY NORTON/TROJAN TRIBUNE

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LOOKING BACK

FROM OUR HISTORY

Much interest has been shown in a black lung seminar which Rep. Skubitz will conduct

By Phil Burgert
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Excerpted stories in Crawford County newspaper archives

100 Years Ago
Sept. 23, 1922
Herman Yanko, aged 17, of Frontenac, was killed, and three other young men were injured when two motor cars sideswiped at a culvert near the John Beitzinger farm northeast of Frontenac, yesterday afternoon, turning the car over in which Yanko was riding with four companions, and hurling them into a barbed wire fence. Both cars had a rapid speed and met in the narrow space caused by the culvert.
Arrangements for entertaining about 125 members of the Kansas City, Kas., Chamber of Commerce at a banquet in the Chamber of Commerce dining hall here, were completed yesterday. It was originally announced the banquet would be held at the Stilwell hotel but this has changed. Members of the organization at Kansas City are expected Monday night on the first

leg of a week's booster trip through Kansas and Oklahoma.
Normal President W. A. Brandenburg announced yesterday that he will appoint a campaign committee within a few days to fund a new stadium. "I am confident that the alumni, faculty and friends of S. M. T. N. will cooperate in putting over this drive for \$50,000, in the next six months," he said. "If the University of Kansas can raise \$1 million we can surely raise \$50,000, although we are 20 years old and they are 60."
50 Years Ago
Sept. 23, 1972
He couldn't go to the wedding, so the wedding is coming to him. That's why marriage vows will be exchanged in the chapel of Mt. Carmel Medical Center tonight. Bill Ewan, 21, of Girard, and Kathy Sears, 17, of Erie, had planned to be married at 7:30 today in the First Christian Church at Erie. But Ewan was injured in a highway crash last week and still is a patient at Mt. Carmel.
Much interest has been shown in a black lung seminar which U.S. Rep. Joe

Skubitz will conduct Sunday at the City National Bank. Black lung is a miner's disease which has the technical name of pneumoconiosis. It is caused by coal dust accumulating in the lungs. Skubitz arrives in Pittsburg tonight from Washington, D.C. He will be in Cowley County all day Saturday for "Joe Skubitz Day" activities.
Colors of Kansas State College of Pittsburg will fly in downtown Pittsburg today signaling the Gorillas are playing on their home grid iron, meeting the Southwest Missouri State Bears. The crimson and gold will fly on Broadway at the intersections of 4th, 5th and 6th and will fly whenever the Gorillas play a home football or basketball contest. This practice was started last basketball season by the Chamber of Commerce.
25 Years Ago
Sept. 23, 1997
Charges of criminal sodomy and aggravated indecent liberties with a child have been dismissed against a Pittsburg man. Deputy Crawford County Attorney Julie Richey said she has dropped charges against Stacy Travis Still.

Richey added that she dropped the complaints because the alleged 13-year-old female victim changed her version of the case several times during an investigation and refused to testify.
We, at The Morning Sun, have recently been blessed with new computers, new word processing software and a new way of finding stuff from all over the world. It seems we have this thing called Netscape that gets you right on to this thing called the World Wide Web. I'm not sure how, but being able to type lots of letters in a row with a few periods thrown in lets you see what's going on.
Former Pittsburg High School all-conference defensive back Matt Bournonville was named Freedom Football Conference Defensive Player of the Week as he intercepted two passes in the final 2:49 to preserve the Coast Guard Academy's 13-8 win over Massachusetts-Maritime on Saturday at Buzzards Bay, Mass. Bournonville, who started all 11 games last season, and his teammates are off to a 2-0 season start.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 2016, President Obama vetoed a bill to allow 9/11 victims' families to sue Saudi Arabia

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Today is Friday, Sept. 23, the 266th day of 2022. There are 99 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 23, 1952, Sen. Richard M. Nixon, R-Calif., salvaged his vice-presidential nomination by appearing on television from Los Angeles to refute allegations of improper campaign fundraising in what became known as the "Checkers" speech.
On this date:
In 1780, British spy John Andre was captured along with papers revealing Benedict Arnold's plot to surrender West Point to the British.
In 1806, the Lewis and Clark expedition returned to St. Louis more than two years after setting out for the Pacific Northwest.
In 1955, a jury in Sumner, Mississippi, acquitted two white men, Roy Bryant and J.W. Milam, of murdering Black teenager Emmett Till. (The two men later admitted to the crime in an interview with Look magazine.)
In 1957, nine Black stu-

dents who'd entered Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas were forced to withdraw because of a white mob outside.
In 1962, "The Jetsons," an animated cartoon series about a Space Age family, premiered as the ABC television network's first program in color.
In 1987, Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., withdrew from the Democratic presidential race following questions about his use of borrowed quotations and the portrayal of his academic record.
In 1999, the Mars Climate Orbiter apparently burned up as it attempted to go into orbit around the Red Planet.
In 2001, President George W. Bush returned the American flag to full staff at Camp David, symbolically ending a period of national mourning following the 9/11 attacks.
In 2002, Gov. Gray Davis signed a law making California the first state to offer workers paid family leave.
In 2011, after 41 years, the soap opera "All My Children" broadcast its final episode on ABC-TV.
In 2016, President Barack Obama vetoed a bill to allow the families

of 9/11 victims to sue the government of Saudi Arabia, arguing it undermined national security. (Both the House and Senate voted to override the veto.)
In 2020, President Donald Trump refused to commit to a peaceful transfer of power if he were to lose the election, telling reporters, "We're going to have to see what happens."
Ten years ago: The Libyan militia suspected in the Sept. 11 attack on the U.S. diplomatic compound that killed the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans said it had disbanded on orders of the country's president. "Homeland" won the Emmy Award for best drama series, and its stars Claire Danes and Damian Lewis each won leading actor awards; "Modern Family" received four awards, including a three-peat as best comedy series.
Five years ago: President Donald Trump tweeted that NBA star Stephen Curry of the Golden State Warriors was no longer invited to the White House because Curry had said he didn't want to make such a visit

with his championship team; NBA star LeBron James responded with a tweet calling Trump a "bum" and saying, "Going to the White House was a great honor until you showed up!" Large amounts of federal aid began moving into Puerto Rico to help communities still without fresh water, fuel, electricity or phone service in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria.
One year ago: Opening a major new phase in the U.S. vaccination drive against COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention endorsed booster shots for millions of older or otherwise vulnerable Americans. In an effort to combat climate change, the Environmental Protection Agency issued a rule sharply limiting domestic production and use of hydrofluorocarbons, highly potent greenhouse gases commonly used in refrigerators and air conditioners. A gunman attacked a grocery store east of Memphis, Tennessee, killing one person and wounding 14 others before taking his own life; he'd been asked to leave his job at the store earlier in the day.
Today's Birthdays: Singer Julio Iglesias is 79. Actor Paul Petersen (TV: "The Donna Reed Show") is 77. Actor/singer Mary Kay Place is 75. Rock star Bruce Springsteen is 73. Director/playwright George C. Wolfe is 68. Rock musician Leon Taylor (The Ventures) is 67. Actor Rosalind Rao is 65. Golfer Larry Mize is 64. Actor Jason Alexander is 63. Actor Chi McBride is 61. Actor Erik Todd Dellums is 58. Actor LisaRaye is 56. Singer Ani (AH'-nee) DiFranco is 52. Rock singer Sam Bettens (K's Choice) is 50. Recording executive Jermaine Dupri is 50. Actor Kip Pardue is 46. Actor Anthony Mackie is 44. Pop singer Erik-Michael Estrada (TV: "Making the Band") is 43. Actor Aubrey Dollar is 42. Actor Brandon Victor Dixon is 41. Actor David Lim is 39. Actor Cush Jumbo is 37. Actor Skylar Astin is 35. Former tennis player Melanie Oudin (oo-DAN') is 31.

COMMODITIES

Chicago Merchantile Exchange					
	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg
CATTLE					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Oct	145.92	145.95	144.80	144.85	−1.02
Dec	150.65	150.75	149.10	149.35	−1.40
Feb	154.67	154.87	153.50	153.77	−1.13
Apr	158.35	158.42	157.20	157.52	−.95
Jun	154.70	154.77	153.67	153.95	−.90
Aug	154.60	154.70	153.67	153.97	−.78
Oct	158.00	158.10	157.60	157.82	−.30
Dec	160.77	160.97	160.65	160.75	−.47
Feb	163.75	163.87	163.47	163.80	−.67
Est. sales 54,945.Wed.'s sales 51,123					
Wed.'s open int 299,778, up 66					

FEEDER CATTLE					
50,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Sep	178.60	178.97	178.05	178.20	+0.03
Oct	179.30	179.72	177.37	177.97	−1.25
Nov	180.20	180.50	177.75	178.05	−2.27
Jan	181.82	182.22	179.80	179.95	−2.02
Mar	184.75	185.00	182.87	183.07	−1.78
Est. sales 20,981.Wed.'s sales 15,744					
Wed.'s open int 43,465, up 816					
HOGS, LEAN					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Oct	94.50	95.10	93.75	94.12	−.30
Dec	86.25	86.77	85.37	85.67	−.78
Feb	90.45	90.70	89.52	89.75	−.90
Apr	95.25	95.47	94.47	94.72	−.83
May	99.40	99.40	98.70	98.77	−.70
Jun	105.35	105.35	104.57	104.87	−.58
Est. sales 33,228.Wed.'s sales 42,689					
Wed.'s open int 208,026					

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	896½	922½	891	910¾	+7
Mar	908	933¼	902½	922	+6¾
May	915¼	937½	910	927½	+5¾
Jul	905¾	920¾	896¾	913½	+3¼
Sep	900¾	914¾	893¾	911	+3¾
Dec	898	916¼	895	912¾	+3¾
Mar	905	907½	899¾	907½	+3½
May	896	+3½			
Jul	852½	859	849	856	+3½
Sep	833½				
Dec	834	+3½			
Mar	825¼	+3½			
May	811	+3½			
Jul	784½	+1¾			
Est. sales 97,550.Wed.'s sales 154,979					
Wed.'s open int 288,320, up 2,753					

CORN					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Dec	683½	691	681½	688¾	+2¾
Mar	688¾	695¾	686½	693¼	+3
May	690	696¼	687¼	694¼	+3½
Jul	683½	690¼	681¼	688½	+4
Sep	640	645	639	642½	+2
Dec	627	631¼	624¼	630	+2¾
Mar	632¼	637	631¼	636¾	+2½
May	633½	639	633	639	+2¼
Jul	632	636¼	632	636¼	+2¼
Sep	583¾	585	578¾	580½	+1¼
Dec	571¾	573	567¼	568¾	+½
Jul	574½	+½			
Dec	536	+½			
Est. sales 149,552.Wed.'s sales 215,287					
Wed.'s open int 1,334,786, up 3,945					

OATS					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Dec	418	419¾	411	417	—
Mar	420	420¾	416¾	420	—
May	417½	422½	417½	422½	—
Jul	422½	423½	422	423½	
Sep	408¾				
Est. sales 259.Wed.'s sales 297					
Wed.'s open int 3,749, up 16					

SOYBEANS					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Nov	1456½	1476	1448¾	1457	−4¼
Jan	1462	1481	1454¼	1463¼	−3¾
Mar	1464½	1482¾	1456	1465	−3½
May	1465½	1484	1458¾	1467¾	−3
Jul	1464¾	1482½	1457½	1467¼	−2½
Aug	1440¼	1459¼	1440	1446½	−1
Sep	1407¾	1415½	1398¾	1403¾	−½
Est. sales 178,256.Wed.'s sales 173,131					
Wed.'s open int 662,733, up 6,423					

SOYBEAN OIL					
60,000 lbs; cents per lb					
Oct	67.82	69.66	67.13	69.43	+1.60
Dec	65.00	66.76	64.33	66.46	+1.46
Jan	64.09	65.75	63.47	65.47	+1.37
Mar	63.11	64.68	62.50	64.40	+1.31
May	62.24	63.69	61.63	63.49	+1.27
Jul	61.25	62.73	60.75	62.46	+1.23
Aug	59.79	61.66	59.79	61.46	+1.16
Sep	59.71	60.61	59.71	60.60	+1.13
Est. sales 100,051.Wed.'s sales 102,150					
Wed.'s open int 405,279, up 913					

SOYBEAN MEAL					
100 tons; dollars per ton					
Oct	454.30	463.70	444.50	445.90	−8.80
Dec	438.50	443.80	427.90	428.90	−9.90
Jan	431.30	435.90	421.50	423.00	−8.40
Mar	422.30	426.40	413.40	414.60	−7.40
May	417.00	421.20	408.60	410.20	−6.60
Jul	415.20	419.50	407.30	408.90	−6.30
Aug	409.90	413.80	402.10	403.70	−6.20
Sep	403.30	406.50	396.10	397.30	−6.00
Oct	395.30	395.30	389.10	390.00	−5.30
Dec	394.00	397.50	386.80	388.90	−5.10
Est. sales 121,389.Wed.'s sales 122,858					
Wed.'s open int 392,529, up 17					

Producers Cooperative Association	
Bushel	
Soft wheat.....	\$8.36
Soybean.....	\$14.12
Yellow shell corn	\$7.68
Milo	\$6.48

Columbus Grain	
Bushel	
Hard wheat.....	\$9.05
Soft wheat.....	\$8.56
Soybean.....	\$15.32
Yellow shell corn	\$7.68
Milo	\$6.48

McCune Farmers Union Coop Association	
Bushel	
Hard wheat.....	\$9.05
Soft wheat.....	\$8.56
Soybean.....	\$15.32
Yellow shell corn	\$7.68
Milo	\$6.48



NATION & WORLD

US sanctions Iranian morality police after woman’s death

By **FATIMA HUSSEIN**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government on Thursday imposed sanctions on Iran’s morality police and leaders of other government agencies after the death of a woman who’d been detained over an accusation she violated the country’s dress code by wearing her Islamic headgear too loosely.

The sanctions come after at least nine protesters have been killed in clashes with Iranian security forces since violence erupted over the weekend because of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini’s death.

The Treasury Department’s Office of Foreign Assets Control also designated the leaders of the Iranian Ministry of Intelligence and Security,

the Army’s Ground Forces, the Basij Resistance Forces and other law enforcement agencies for the sanctions, which deny them access of their properties and bank accounts held in the U.S.

“These officials oversee organizations that routinely employ violence to suppress peaceful protesters and members of Iranian civil society, political dissidents, women’s rights activists, and members of the Iranian Baha’i community,” the Treasury said in a news release.

The morality police detained Amini last week, saying she didn’t properly cover her hair with the Islamic headscarf, known as the hijab, which is mandatory for Iranian women. Amini collapsed at a police station and

died three days later.

Police say that she died of a heart attack and deny that she was mistreated. The government released video footage purporting to show the moment she collapsed. Her family says she had no history of heart trouble, and her death in police custody has triggered daring displays of defiance from protesters, in the face of beatings and possible arrest.

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said the U.S. calls on the Iranian government “to end its violence against women and its ongoing violent crackdown on free expression and assembly.”

“Mahsa Amini was a courageous woman whose death in Morality Police custody was yet another act of brutality

by the Iranian regime’s security forces against its own people,” Yellen said.

Amini’s death has prompted Iranians to take to the streets of Tehran and other parts of the country. Many Iranians, particularly the young, have come to see her death as part of the Islamic Republic’s heavy-handed policing of dissent and the morality police’s increasingly violent treatment of young women.

An anchor on Iran’s state television suggested the death toll from the mass protests could be as high as 17, but he did not say how he reached that figure.

Iran has faced global condemnation over Amini’s death, with the U.N. human rights office calling for an investigation.

Mexico City police injured by explosion at protest

By **FABIOLA SÁNCHEZ** and **FERNANDO LLANO**

MEXICO CITY (AP) — An explosion occurred outside Mexico’s Attorney General’s Office on Thursday, injuring police as protesters demonstrating ahead of the anniversary of the 2014 disappearance of 43 students clashed with officers clad in riot gear.

Those injured by the explosion were loaded onto ambulances. Broken glass and blood were visible.

Members of a bomb squad cordoned off the area. One undetonated object that an explosives technician recovered appeared to be a small pipe bomb — a tube with two capped ends.

Mexico City’s police department said that 11 police officers were injured by shrapnel from fireworks and some suffered bruises. They were all taken to hospitals and the injuries were not considered life threatening.

The protest was just one of a host of activities planned in advance of Monday’s 8th anniversary of the students’ disappearances. Protests that includes relatives of the disappeared students have usually remained peaceful.

Thursday’s demonstration started that way too, with chants and speeches. Most of the protesters boarded buses and left before a small group that stayed behind clashed with police.

Some masked protesters threw rocks and launched bottle rockets into police lines. Others spray painted areas around the building with demands for the missing students’ safe return.

The police bunched together, crouching below their plastic shields and were engulfed in smoke.

“I was in the entrance to my store when four bombs went off like bottle rockets which is what they launched at the At-

torney General’s Office, toward the windows,” said 19-year-old Jose Rivera Cruz, who sells clothing to one side of the office. “There was smoke and they closed the metro bus station (across the street). And most of the police were running and trying to get to the patrol cars and the ambulances.”

As more police arrived to help the injured and secure the area, the protesters left, he said.

On Sept. 26, 2014, local police in Iguala, Guerrero abducted 43 students from a radical teachers’ college. They were allegedly turned over to a drug gang and never seen again. Three victims were later identified by burned bone fragments.

Last month, Interior Undersecretary Alejandro Encinas, who leads a truth commission investigating the case, called it a “state crime” and directly implicated the military, among other state actors

including local and state police.

Former Attorney General Jesus Murillo Karam, who oversaw the original investigation into the disappearances, was arrested last month on charges of torture, official misconduct and forced disappearance. Last week, Mexico arrested a retired general, who had been in charge of the local army base in Iguala when the abductions occurred.

Dozens of student protesters arrived at the Attorney General’s Office aboard buses Thursday morning. Police with helmets and riot shields formed several lines of defense in front the entrances.

On Wednesday, activists had vandalized the exterior of Israel’s embassy in Mexico City. Mexico is seeking the extradition from Israel of another key figure in the investigation of the students’ disappearances.

US urges world to tell Russia to stop its nuclear threats

By **JENNIFER PELTZ** and **MATTHEW LEE**

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United States urged other nations to tell Russia to stop making nuclear threats and end “the horror” of its war in Ukraine as all three countries’ top diplomats spoke — but didn’t quite meet — at a high-profile U.N. Security Council meeting Thursday.

Held alongside the annual U.N. General Assembly gathering of world leaders, the session followed a striking development in the war this

week: Russia called up a portion of its reserves for the first time since World War II. At the same time, President Vladimir Putin said his nuclear-armed country would “use all means available to us” to defend itself if its territory is threatened.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken saw Putin’s remark as particularly menacing given plans for referendums in Russian-controlled parts of eastern and southern Ukraine on whether to become part of Russia.

Western nations have condemned those votes

as illegitimate and non-binding. But, in their wake, Moscow might see any Ukrainian attempt to retake those areas as an attack on “Russian territory,” Blinken warned.

“Every council member should send a clear message that these reckless nuclear threats must stop immediately,” he said.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov didn’t mention his country’s nuclear capacity or the new troop mobilization during his own remarks at the council meeting, which France called to discuss accountability for

alleged abuses and atrocities during the nearly 7-month-long war.

Instead, Lavrov repeated his country’s frequent claims that Kyiv has long oppressed Russian speakers in Ukraine’s east — one of the explanations Moscow has offered for the invasion — and that Western support for Ukraine is a menace to Russia.

“What’s particularly cynical is the position of states that are pumping Ukraine full of weapons and training their soldiers,” he said, main-

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JUDGE

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each of the judges has a different background, all of the judges get together to decide what case assignments will be. She said she anticipates the new magistrate judge will take over all of the Crawford and Labette County traffic cases as well as the small claim cases. She said they may be assigned some misdemeanor cases if necessary. One quality that the new magistrate judge would need to possess, she said, is fantastic people skills because they would be dealing with individuals representing themselves without a

lawyer.

Gregory, who was appointed to the position after receiving four out of five votes from nominating commission members who were present for the interviews, lives in Pittsburg. He has worked as an attorney for Wilbert and Towner P.A. for the past 39 years and is a municipal judge for Frontenac City Court. He has dealt with a variety of cases including criminal, divorce, and bankruptcy.

“When you represent clients, every client that I represent, I have to be thinking about how is the judge going to perceive this witness and what this witness says, how is the judge going to perceive my client, how

is the judge going to perceive an exhibit I might want to present, is a good judge going to allow that exhibit,” said Gregory.

“So in practicing law, you really have to think like a judge.”

Gregory added that it is very important to him to have a positive influence on as many people as he can.

The other two candidates were Elaine Bradshaw, assistant to the chief judge, who has worked for the Crawford County Judicial Center for the past 24 years, and Michael Reese of Girard, a deputy sheriff with Crawford County Sheriff’s Office, who has worked for the department for 19 years, serv-

ing as a school resource officer at Pittsburg High School, as well as a court security officer at the judicial court.

After the interviews, the nominating commission members conducted a brief discussion before casting their votes. After tallying the votes, the commission officially appointed Gregory to the position of district magistrate judge.

“I’m looking forward to doing my best to carry on the tradition of great judges in the 11th Judicial District,” Gregory said, “and doing a good job for the community and the citizens of the community.”

Canada to drop vaccine mandate at border Sept. 30

By **ROB GILLIES**

TORONTO (AP) — Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has signed off on Canada dropping the vaccine requirement for people entering the country at the end of September, an official familiar with the matter told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Canada, like the United States, requires foreign nationals to be vaccinated when entering the country. No change in the mandate is expected in the U.S. in the near term.

Unvaccinated foreign travelers who are allowed to enter Canada are currently subject to mandatory arrival tests and a 14-day quarantine.

The official said that Trudeau has agreed to let a cabinet order enforcing

mandatory COVID-19 vaccination requirements at the border expire Sept. 30. The official said earlier this week the prime minister needs to give final sign off. The official spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to speak publicly on the matter.

Trudeau’s Liberal government is still deciding whether to maintain the requirement for passengers to wear face masks on trains and airplanes.

Unvaccinated professional athletes like major league baseball players would be allowed to play in Toronto in the playoffs should the Blue Jays make the postseason. They currently are not allowed to cross the border into Canada.

AIR TOUR

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tawa from 2 to 3:45 p.m. and El Dorado from 5 to 8 p.m. Stops on day two of the tour, Oct. 7, include Augusta, Rooks County, and Hays. Stops on Oct. 8 include Concordia and

Junction City.

The tour focuses on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education. Highlights for this year include opportunities for students to learn from pilots, attend community events and view aircraft participating in the tour.

Missouri county settles underwire bra jail dispute for \$405K

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A Missouri county has agreed to pay \$405,000 to settle two lawsuits filed in a dispute that began when some underwire bras set off metal detectors at the county detention center.

The Jackson County Legislature approved the settlement this week for two longtime jail employees who alleged in sexual discrimination lawsuits that they were reprimanded and given different duties when they repeatedly failed to pass the screening machines at the jail, The Kansas City Star reported.

The dispute started in May 2019 when the county installed metal detectors at the detention center to keep weapons, cellphones and other contraband out of the jail in downtown Kansas City.

When underwire bras set off the detectors, attorneys were told they either had to remove them or meet with their clients via phone and separated by a window.

About 75 female attorneys and their supporters staged a public protest carrying signs such as “We need support!” when Jackson County Sheriff Daryl Forte and detention center director Diana Turner refused to find a solution.

Eventually, a secondary screening system was set up for attorneys and other visitors who might

have contact with inmates — but not for female jail employees.

Employees Charlotte Hardin and Linda Hengel sued after unsuccessful attempts to comply with the screening process, including taking off their bras and putting them back on after they cleared the machine.

But jail management said undergarments were not allowed in the bins that went through an X-ray machine, although men were allowed to take off belts and put them back on after going through the machines.

In their lawsuits, Hardin and Hengel said they were assigned to other duties outside the secure area for repeatedly failing to get through the machine.

Hengel, who was inmate services coordinator, retired early because the new jobs aggravated her medical conditions.

At one point, Hardin was put on leave for removing her bra and putting it through the X-ray machine. She said she was treated unfairly and denied a pay raise for complaining about what she saw as a discriminatory policy.

Under the settlement, Hardin will be paid \$255,000 and Hengel will be paid \$150,000. Attorney Katherine Myers, who represented both women, will share in those settlements.

BNSF

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checked a box agreeing to terms and conditions, which includes binding arbitration agreements. BNSF argues the terms apply to the company because it is the host railroad for Amtrak.

Grant Davis, who was appointed as a lead attorney for a plaintiff’s committee working to consolidate pre-trial matters in the numerous lawsuits, said BNSF is trying to take away his clients’ constitu-

tional right to a jury trial.

“We believe they are wrong factually and legally on this issue,” Davis said. “The fact that BNSF was not a party to (Amtrak’s) poor attempt at an arbitration agreement is fatal to this effort. It’s adding insult to injury for BNSF to file a case against the very people it injured.”

Among the defendants named in the lawsuit are relatives of the three passengers who died: Rochelle Cook, 58, and Kim Holsapple, 56, both of De Soto, Kansas; and Binh Pham, 82, of Kansas City, Missouri.

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taining that their goal is to prolong fighting “to wear down and weaken Russia.”

“That policy means the direct involvement of the West in the conflict,” said Lavrov. He added that Ukraine had become “an anti-Russia staging ground to create threats against Russian security” and his country wouldn’t accept it.

The Security Council has held dozens of contentious meetings on Ukraine since the war began in February, but Thursday’s session had special stature.

“That President Putin picked this week, as most of the world gathers at the United Nations, to add fuel to the fire he started shows his utter

contempt and disdain for the U.N. Charter, the U.N. General Assembly and this council,” Blinken told foreign ministers around the group’s famous horseshoe-shaped table.

“Tell President Putin to stop the horror he started. Tell him to stop putting his interests above the interests of the rest of the world, including his own people,” Blinken added.

Regardless, no one expects the council to act against Russia, since Moscow has veto power as a permanent member.

But the meeting was still a rare moment for top diplomats from Ukraine and Russia to appear in the same room — made all the more extraordinary for the fact that Lavrov is under U.S. sanctions.

In a sign of the charged atmosphere, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba apparently objected as council staffers

prepared to put a placard marking Ukraine’s seat next to Russia’s. The placard was ultimately moved to another spot.

Ahead of the meeting, Kuleba wryly told reporters that he planned to keep a “social distance” from Lavrov. But it turned out he didn’t have to: The Russian appeared only just before speaking and left right after, prompting Kuleba to quip later in his own speech that “Russian diplomats flee almost as quickly as Russian soldiers.”

British Foreign Secretary James Cleverly said he thought Lavrov didn’t care to hear “the collective condemnation of this council.”

And in an interview with The Associated Press, Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre called Lavrov’s decision not to hear other speakers in person “a sign of inse-

curity.”

In an undiplomatic exchange, Lavrov accused the U.S. and its allies of covering up alleged misdeeds by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy’s government on the rationale that “he’s a son of a bitch, but he’s our son of a bitch.” Kuleba later chided Russia for the “inappropriate slang.”

Blinken argued that Russia should face further censure and isolation for its invasion, pressing other countries to join in Washington’s forceful condemnations of the conflict. He cited the discovery of mass graves in Ukraine and repeated allegations from Ukrainians that they were tortured by Russian soldiers.

The International Criminal Court opened an investigation in March into possible crimes amid the war and sent teams to gather evidence. Pros-

ecutor Karim Khan told the council Thursday that he’s dispatching more ICC staffers next week to look into allegations emerging from eastern Ukraine.

Khan hasn’t yet announced any charges linked to the conflict, but he reiterated that he believes there are reasonable grounds to think that crimes have been committed.

“The picture that I’ve seen so far is troubling indeed,” he said.

The meeting came less than a week after Ukraine’s Zelenskyy announced the discovery of a mass burial site near a northeastern city, Izium, that had recently been recaptured from Russian forces. Zelenskyy said investigators found evidence that some of the dead were tortured.

French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna told the council that the

discovery prompted her country to send more investigators to join others who have been in Ukraine since hundreds of civilians were found dead in another city, Bucha, after a Russian withdrawal in late March.

There are “so many violations of the laws of war and so many actions for which Russia must be held accountable,” she said.

Other council members also called for accountability, but in varying tones.

“Investigations into violations of international humanitarian law should be objective and fair, based on fair facts, rather than an assumption of guilt, and without being politicized,” said Foreign Minister Wang Yi of China, which has maintained strong ties with Russia.

Quilt of Valor



Marine Corps veteran Phil Holcomb receives his Quilt of Valor for his service during the Korean War where he served aboard the heavy cruiser USS St. Paul, flagship of the US 7th Fleet, as an Admiral’s orderly. Holcomb served from Jan. 1953 to Jan. 1957, earning the rank of Corporal and was awarded the China Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal, among others, and made port calls in Formosa (modern Taiwan), the Philippines, Hong Kong, and Japan. COURTESY PHOTO

FREYBURGER

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a while he realized that his knowledge of foreign languages gave him a big advantage in that field, so he switched majors.

Upon his arrival in the U.S., Henri had been required to sign page after page of documents written in English. He had no idea what he was signing, but he later found out that he had agreed to report to the draft board for service in the Korean War! Going back to war yet again was simply not an option in Henri’s mind. Luckily, with the help of Friends University, he was released from that obligation. Henri became a U.S. citizen in 1959, completed his degree at Friends University, and went on to get a master’s degree at the University of Arkansas. While traveling back and forth between Fayetteville and Wichita, he stopped in Pittsburg to visit an old friend and German professor at the college, Dr. Hans Beer-

man, who suggested that Henri should apply for a teaching position that had come open in the Foreign Language Department. In 1962, Henri joined the faculty of PSU (then Kansas State College) and Pittsburg became his permanent home. During the ‘60s, he spent his summers pursuing a doctorate at the Sorbonne in Paris. After completing his PhD, he created a summer program that offered PSU students a chance to study in Paris. Henri was promoted to chair of the Foreign Language Department in 1968, and continued to travel to France with students each summer for the next two decades.

Music always remained

an important part of Henri’s life. He enjoyed playing piano for the Kiwanis Club on a regular basis. Besides piano and accordion, he played a variety of other instruments, including trombone and cello. It was through music that he met his life partner, Lois Bellm,

Lois finally got the hint, and they developed a very special relationship. Henri and Lois kept the tradition of traveling to France together every summer. In 2009, the two of them played piano at the Little Balkans Senior King and Queen Pageant in Pittsburg. They were in their



Henri Freyburger (1927-2015) COURTESY PHOTO / JOANNE BELLM STANFORD

a widow and talented pianist. Henri said it took a few years before Lois recognized his romantic overtures. He literally had a twinkle in his eye when he told the story of how they played bridge together for at least 5 years, but “She only seemed to be focused on the cards instead of looking into my eyes.” Henri finished the story with a hearty laugh.

80s, but still loved playing music and participating in community events.

Dr. Henri Freyburger was well liked by his students and friends. He always seemed to be smiling and his laugh was one of those jolly laughs with head thrown back. His friends say they never saw him in a bad mood. When he taught French, he didn’t just teach the language. He deliberately included French culture, art and music as part of the experience. Henri had a sparkling personality and seemed to live every moment to the fullest. Perhaps his war experiences, at such a young age, left him with a greater appreciation of just how precious life is.

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Southeast volleyball falls to Columbus

By Aaron Pyle
Morning Sun Staff

CHEROKEE, Kan. — The Southeast Lancers volleyball team was defeated by Columbus in four sets on Thursday in a nonconference home match.

With the loss, the Lancers fall to 6-14 overall, and the Titans improved to 4-11. Southeast is scheduled to compete in the 32nd annual Sharon Wadman Charger Classic, starting at 8 a.m. Saturday in Cherryvale.

Lancers coach Maya White noted that the team needs to improve communication and offensive execution.

“Defensively, we are doing a really great job at digging balls, but now we just have to be able to earn our own points putting the ball down and getting kills,” she said.

Columbus controlled the first set defeating Southeast 25-14.

The Lancers bounced back in the second set. Columbus began with a four-point lead courtesy of a 5-1 run. The Titans controlled the lead until the midway mark when the Lancers responded with an 8-2 run that helped tie it up at 20.

The Titans could not stop Southeast’s surge, scoring five straight points to claim the sec-



Southeast sophomore Eliz White provides an assist to sophomore Bella Tavernaro during Thursday’s home match against Columbus. AARON PYLE/MORNING SUN STAFF

ond set 25-20.

Tied 1-1, Columbus responded in the third set by piling on the points as the Lancers struggled to stay within reach. Southeast trimmed the lead to as little as six points. However, the Titans remained poised, prevailing 25-16.

The fourth set became tightly contested, with the Titans holding

a slight advantage until halfway through the set when the Titans powered past the Lancers 25-15 to win Thursday’s match.

Southeast sophomore Bella Tavernaro highlighted the Lancers’ efforts with 10 kills and two digs. Senior Malia Vinson and junior Kinzey Cassidy collectively earned 11 kills, five aces and three digs.

Panthers, Lancers meet in district opener

By Aaron Pyle
and Dashuan Vereen
Morning Sun Staff

St. Mary’s Colgan and Southeast meet in a Class 1A District 1 opening game on Friday at Hutchinson Field.

Kickoff between the former CNC League foes is set for 7 p.m.

The Lancers are looking to bounce back from last week’s 48-0 loss to Central Heights. Southeast has also yet to put points on the board this season.

After rumbling for 412 yards in a blowout victory over Riverton, Colgan looks to even its record to 2-2 in its homecoming matchup against the Lancers.

Colgan gained 497 total yards in its 54-14 victory over the Rams, and coach Shawn Seematter left the game impressed with the way his offensive line set the table for the team.

“I thought we executed really well on both sides of the ball, especially offensively,” said Seematter. “I thought our offensive line did a great job creating running lanes and protecting the quarterback when we dropped back to pass. I thought we threw it and caught it really well, which led to some big plays that helped us jump out to a big lead early on.”

Last season, the two teams squared off for the first time since 2015. The Panthers prevailed over

the Lancers 34-12. Key returners Tucker Harrell and Cooper Simmons combined for four touchdowns against the Lancers.

Simmons and Harrell have continued to pace the Colgan attack this season. Simmons led Colgan with 160 yards rushing, but the Panthers had three other runners register at least 50 yards on the ground, including Harrell who rushed for 76 yards and two touchdowns.

“I thought our backs ran really well,” said Seematter. “They were patient and let the offensive line work, and then hit the running lanes explosively and ran hard.”

Harrell also passed for 85 yards, and tossed touchdowns to Colin Hite and Connor VanBeelaere.

“I think we have shown the most improvement in our passing game,” said Seematter. “Our offensive line has protected us really well, and our quarterback and receivers have worked hard to improve their areas as well. Our quarterback threw it really well last game, and our receivers made some really nice catches and showed a great ability to go up and get the ball.”

Seematter added that the team will need to continue to refine its play on special teams.

“We need to improve our special teams,” said Seematter. “We gave up a kickoff return for a touchdown last week and

also missed several extra points. Plays like that are vital in close games and we must be able to capitalize on those opportunities, as well as limit opposing teams’ big plays that allow them to swing momentum.”

According to Southeast head coach Nick Cheney, the Lancers will only have 12 players suited up for Friday’s matchup due to injuries.

“We are just telling our kids to compete the best they can,” Cheney said. “We only have 12 kids that are going to suit up. We had a bunch of injuries and a grade policy. But I think you need to play and we are going to play. I admire them for staying and fighting. We’ll show up and do the best we can.”

Among the injuries is junior quarterback-defensive back Deric Mitchell, who is out with a concussion.

Kolby Lovell is expected to take the reins as Cheney noted that the senior had experience playing quarterback prior to moving to the line.

Cheney noted that he would also look to sophomore running backs Aden Smith and Braxton Hudson for success on the ground.

Through three games, Smith has compiled 44 yards on 11 attempts (4.4 yards per carry) while Hudson has collected 47 yards on 16 attempts (2.9 yards per carry).

Frontenac faces Girard in key CNC clash

By Aaron Pyle
and Sam Kombrink
Morning Sun Staff

The Frontenac football team faces a tough test as undefeated, longtime rival Girard travels to the Raider Sports Complex on Friday for a CNC League battle.

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

The Trojans, led by a three-touchdown performance from senior Alex Coester, won their third straight game of the season last Friday night against Galena, 41-20. That was the first game Girard had given up more than 15 points this season.

Frontenac enters Week 4 aiming to continue its streak to three games after defeating Bishop Ward 12-10 last week in Kansas City.

The Raiders look to avenge last year’s matchup, where the Trojans narrowly escaped with a 13-6 victory. Girard is one of the 10 remaining undefeated teams in Class 3A, a list that also includes Baxter Springs and Parsons.

“Girard is playing very well right now in all phases,” said Frontenac head coach Mark Smith. “Their offense executes extremely well, and their running game is very strong and efficient. Their offensive line gets off the football and plays very physically. They have three good running backs, but it all starts with their quarterback (Luke Nigemann).”

“He manages the offense very well. He’s a great runner and a very accurate passer, and a great leader. So, they are very skilled on offense, and they don’t beat themselves.

“On defense, they play very aggressive and play disciplined and sound.

You can tell they have a lot of experience coming back this year, and they play hard with confidence.”

Smith said that in order for the Raiders to come out with the win, they need to not beat themselves.

“First off, we need to take care of the football,” he said. “We can’t turn the ball over and get in good field position. Second, we’re going to have to stop the run. They get that running game going, then that opens up their passing game, and they like to run play action. So, they can make it hard on us if we don’t stop the run. It’s really going to come down to the trenches and who can control the line of scrimmage and run the ball better.”

The matchup features a battle of two of the area’s top running backs in Mario Menghini and Coester.

Coester, a senior, has served as Girard’s top option. Against Galena in Week 3, Coester rushed for 181 yards, and he has nine total touchdowns through three games.

Menghini, also a senior, has rushed for 274 yards on 52 carries and one touchdown this season. He also leads the Raiders in receiving with 13 receptions for 171 yards and one touchdown.

Girard head coach Neal Philpot expects the Raiders to be reloaded and ready despite last year’s graduation losses.

“They’ll be getting better,” he said. “They are a team that I know is well coached, and they are a little bit young, but they are going to get better each week. They have some nice players still, and they have some dangerous people that know how to win.”

Pittsburg set for road test against Tigers

By Dashuan Vereen
Morning Sun Staff

The Pittsburg Purple Dragons will look to build on their first win of the season on Friday when they travel to Fort Scott to take on the Tigers. Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m. in Fort Scott.

Last week, Pittsburg held on to capture a 28-20 victory in a tightly contested matchup against Labette County. Pittsburg coach Josh Lattimer noted the improvements that he saw from his team up front.

“The offensive line did a really good job in communicating,” said Lattimer. “They made the correct adjustments that allowed us to run our plays successfully.”

After a Labette County touchdown in the final moments of the second quarter tied the score going into halftime, Webb Fern and Stone Peery rushed for touchdowns to lead the Purple Dragons to the victory in the second half.

“The energy picked up in the second half,” said Lattimer. “The boys battled. We shot ourselves in the foot a couple times on both sides, but we kept battling and got the outcome where we wanted it to be.”

Lattimer added that the team will need to continue to improve on its defensive communication.

“We have to improve alignment assignments defensively,” said Lattimer. “There was a miscommunication on the long passing play on their first

drive. We weren’t in the right coverage that we needed to be in, and we allowed a touchdown because the communication wasn’t there. We preach to the guys all the time: Communication is the key to success.”

Lattimer stated that the team was in high spirits after capturing its first win of the year, which can make his job easier on the practice field.

“The kids were excited,” said Lattimer. “Obviously, winning cures a lot of things. From a coaching standpoint, when you win the game, you can coach them a little bit harder. It’s easier as a player to buy in when you coach them on technique and fundamentals, because it’s been proven to work by the re-

sults on the field.”

Lattimer returns to his former high school, where he captured state championships in football, wrestling and track and field and built a lifelong friendship with Fort Scott coach Bo Graham.

“Bo Graham is one of my best friends in the world,” said Lattimer. “We grew up together. He might have slept in my bed more than I did. He stayed at our house all the time and we have a great relationship.

“We haven’t talked since Saturday, which is fine and I root for them every week except when we play them. They’re going to be well-coached. His guys are going to be fired up to play the Dragons just like everybody else.”

Chiefs roll with Harris in Indy as Gay begins suspension

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Matt Ammendola was essentially signed off the street to serve as the Kansas City Chiefs’ kicker while Harrison Butker was dealing with a sprained left ankle, and he was perfect on field goals and extra points in a win over the Chargers.

The Chiefs hope their replacement linebacker is just as successful.

After losing Willie Gay Jr. to a four-game suspension for an off-the-field situation earlier this year, the Chiefs are leaning on Darius Harris to fulfill his spot in the middle of the defense.

Harris has been an important special teams contributor, but has otherwise shuffled between the 53-man roster and the practice squad during three years in Kansas City.

He went undrafted out of Middle Tennessee State in 2019 and signed as a free agent, then spent what would have been his rookie year on injured reserve while recovering from a shoulder injury.

He watched from there as the Chiefs rolled through the playoffs and beat the San Francisco 49ers to win their first Super Bowl in 50 years.

Harris returned the next season and began his on-again, off-again career in earnest, often getting waived only to be signed back to the practice squad and promoted on game days. He appeared in four games with two starts in 2020, seven games last season, and he’s played a role in wins over the Cardinals and Chargers to begin this season.

“He’s been here a while now. He knows the scheme like the back of his hand,” said Chiefs linebacker Nick Bolton, who will start alongside Harris in Indianapolis. “He’s similar to me that way.”

The Chiefs will need both of them to play well against the Colts, who along with newly acquired quarterback Matt Ryan also feature one of the NFL’s best running backs in Jonathan Taylor.

The way their defense is designed, the linebackers are often the first on the scene on running plays,



Kansas City Chiefs kicker Matt Ammendola, right, is congratulated by James Winchester (41) after kicking a field goal during the second half of an NFL football game against the Los Angeles Chargers on Sept. 15, 2022, in Kansas City, Mo. (AP PHOTO/CHARLIE RIEDEL)

playing off the work of the defensive line in front of them.

As for Gay, the Chiefs are trying to rally around him during his absence.

The third-year pro has spoken out about the mental health challenges he has faced in the NFL, and how being around the team has provided him a refuge.

But as part of the four-game suspension for a misdemeanor incident in which Gay broke a vacuum belonging to the moth-

er of his child, he is barred from the Kansas City practice facility entirely for the first two weeks, then can return for meetings and workouts while sitting out two more games.

The fact that Gay received a stiff four-game suspension for breaking a vacuum also did not sit well with many in the Chiefs organization.

Asked whether there was some inconsistency in the way players are penalized, Reid shook his head and smiled.

BASEBALL
MLB STANDINGS

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
z-New York	91	58	.611	—
Toronto	84	66	.560	7½
Tampa Bay	83	67	.553	8½
Baltimore	78	71	.523	13
Boston	72	77	.483	19

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	83	67	.553	—
Chicago	76	74	.507	7
Minnesota	73	77	.487	10
Kansas City	61	89	.407	22
Detroit	57	92	.383	25½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Houston	99	52	.656	—
Seattle	82	67	.550	16
Texas	65	84	.436	33
Los Angeles	65	85	.433	33½
Oakland	55	95	.367	43½

Wednesday's Games
Cincinnati 5, Boston 1
Houston 5, Tampa Bay 2
Baltimore 8, Detroit 1
N.Y. Yankees 14, Pittsburgh 2
Texas 7, L.A. Angels 2
Cleveland 8, Chicago White Sox 2
Philadelphia 4, Toronto 3, 10 innings
Kansas City 5, Minnesota 2
Oakland 2, Seattle 1
Thursday's Games
Kansas City 4, Minnesota 1
Texas 5, L.A. Angels 3
Seattle 9, Oakland 5
N.Y. Yankees 5, Boston 4, 10 innings
Baltimore 2, Houston 0
Tampa Bay 10, Toronto 5
Cleveland 4, Chicago White Sox 2
Friday's Games
Boston (Hill 7-7) at N.Y. Yankees (Cole 12-7), 6:05 p.m.
Houston (Urquidy 13-7) at Baltimore (Kremer 7-5), 6:05 p.m.
Toronto (Manoah 14-7) at Tampa Bay (Springs 9-4), 6:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Morris 0-2) at Texas (Gray 7-7), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Rodriguez 3-5) at Chicago White Sox (Giolito 10-9), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Ohtani 13-8) at Minnesota (TBD), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Gonzales 10-14) at Kansas City (Singer 9-4), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Bassitt 14-8) at Oakland (Irvin 9-11), 8:40 p.m.

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
z-New York	95	56	.629	—
z-Atlanta	93	57	.620	1½
Philadelphia	82	67	.550	12
Miami	61	89	.407	33½
Washington	52	97	.349	42

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	88	63	.583	—
Milwaukee	80	70	.533	7½
Chicago	65	85	.433	22½
Cincinnati	59	91	.393	28½
Pittsburgh	55	95	.367	32½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	103	46	.691	—
San Diego	83	67	.553	20½
San Francisco	73	77	.487	30½
Arizona	70	80	.467	33½
Colorado	64	86	.427	39½

Wednesday's Games
Washington 3, Atlanta 2
Milwaukee 6, N.Y. Mets 0
Cincinnati 5, Boston 1
Chicago Cubs 4, Miami 3
N.Y. Yankees 14, Pittsburgh 2
Philadelphia 4, Toronto 3, 10 innings
San Francisco 6, Colorado 1
San Diego 1, St. Louis 0
Arizona 6, L.A. Dodgers 1
Thursday's Games
San Francisco 3, Colorado 0
St. Louis 5, San Diego 4
Milwaukee 5, Cincinnati 1
Chicago Cubs 3, Pittsburgh 2
Philadelphia 1, Atlanta 0
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.
Friday's Games
Chicago Cubs (Assad 1-2) at Pittsburgh (Wilson 3-9), 5:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Alexander 2-3) at Cincinnati (Minor 4-12), 5:40 p.m.
Washington (Gray 7-9) at Miami (TBD), 5:40 p.m.
Atlanta (Odorizzi 5-5) at Philadelphia (Nola 9-12), 6:05 p.m.
San Diego (Manaea 7-9) at Colorado (Feltner 3-8), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Bassitt 14-8) at Oakland (Irvin 9-11), 8:40 p.m.

San Francisco (Rodón 13-8) at Arizona (TBD), 8:40 p.m.
St. Louis (Quintana 5-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Heaney 3-2), 9:10 p.m.

FOOTBALL
PREP SCHEDULE

Friday's Games
INDEPENDENTS
Pittsburg at Fort Scott
Baxter Springs at Parsons
CNC LEAGUE
Southeast at St. Mary's Colgan
Girard at Frontenac
Columbus at Galena
Baxter Springs at Parsons
Riverton at Fredonia
SOUTHEAST KANSAS LEAGUE
Pittsburg at Fort Scott
Wellington at Labette County
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11-Man
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Crest at Hartford
Marais des Cygnes Valley at Marmaton Valley
6-Man
Chetopa at Altoona-Midway

COLLEGE
SCHEDULE

Thursday's Games
BIG 12
West Virginia 33, Virginia Tech 10
SOUTH
Coastal Carolina 41, Georgia St. 24
MIDWEST
Illinois 31, Chattanooga 0
Friday's Games
EAST
Virginia (2-1) at Syracuse (3-0), 6 p.m.
SOUTHWEST
Boise St. (2-1) at UTEP (1-3), 8 p.m.
FAR WEST
Nevada (2-2) at Air Force (2-1), 7 p.m.
Saturday's Games
MIAA
Pittsburg St. (3-0) at Emporia St. (2-1), 1 p.m.
Cent. Missouri (0-3) at Neb.-Kearney (2-1), 1 p.m.
Lincoln (0-3) at Northeastern St. (0-3), 2 p.m.
NW Missouri (3-0) at Cent. Oklahoma (1-2), 2 p.m.
Washburn (2-1) at Mo. Western (2-1), 6 p.m.
Mo. Southern (2-1) at Fort Hays St. (1-2), 7 p.m.
BIG 12
Duke (3-0) at Kansas (3-0), 11 a.m.
Baylor (2-1) at Iowa St. (3-0), 11 a.m.
TCU (2-0) at SMU (2-1), 11 a.m.
Texas (2-1) at Texas Tech (2-1), 2:30 p.m.
Kansas St. (2-1) at Oklahoma (3-0), 7 p.m.
SEC
Missouri (2-1) at Auburn (2-1), 11 a.m.
Bowling Green (1-2) at Mississippi St. (2-1), 11 a.m.
Kent St. (1-2) at Georgia (3-0), 11 a.m.
Florida (2-1) at Tennessee (3-0), 2:30 p.m.
Tulsa (2-1) at Mississippi (3-0), 3 p.m.
Texas A&M (2-1) vs. Arkansas (3-0) at Arlington, Texas, 6 p.m.
N. Illinois (1-2) at Kentucky (3-0), 6 p.m.
Vanderbilt (3-1) at Alabama (3-0), 6:30 p.m.
New Mexico (2-1) at LSU (2-1), 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte (1-3) at South Carolina (1-2), 6:30 p.m.
TOP 25
Kent St. (1-2) at No. 1 Georgia (3-0), 11 a.m.
Vanderbilt (3-1) at No. 2 Alabama (3-0), 6:30 p.m.
Wisconsin (2-1) at No. 3 Ohio St. (3-0), 6:30 p.m.
Maryland (3-0) at No. 4 Michigan (3-0), 11 a.m.
No. 5 Clemson (3-0) at No. 21 Wake Forest (3-0), 11 a.m.
Kansas St. (2-1) at No. 6 Oklahoma (3-0), 7 p.m.
No. 7 Southern Cal (3-0) at Oregon St. (3-0), 8:30 p.m.
N. Illinois (1-2) at No. 8 Kentucky (3-0), 6 p.m.
No. 23 Texas A&M (2-1) vs. No. 10 Arkansas (3-0) at Arlington, Texas, 6 p.m.
No. 20 Florida (2-1) at No. 11 Tennessee (3-0), 2:30 p.m.
Uconn (1-3) at No. 12 NC State

(3-0), 6:30 p.m.
No. 13 Utah (2-1) at Arizona St. (1-2), 9:30 p.m.
Cent. Michigan (1-2) at No. 14 Penn St. (3-0), 11 a.m.
No. 15 Oregon (2-1) at Washington St. (3-0), 4 p.m.
Tulsa (2-1) at No. 16 Mississippi (3-0), 3 p.m.
No. 17 Baylor (2-1) at Iowa St. (3-0), 11 a.m.
Stanford (1-1) at No. 18 Washington (3-0), 9:30 p.m.
Wyoming (3-1) at No. 19 BYU (2-1), 9:15 p.m.
No. 22 Texas (2-1) at Texas Tech (2-1), 2:30 p.m.
Rhode Island (2-1) at No. 24 Pittsburgh (2-1), 11 a.m.
Middle Tennessee (2-1) at No. 25 Miami (2-1), 2:30 p.m.
EAST
ETSU (1-2) at Robert Morris (0-2), 11 a.m.
Harvard (1-0) at Brown (1-0), 11:30 a.m.
Columbia (1-0) at Georgetown (1-2), 11:30 a.m.
Holy Cross (3-0) at Colgate (1-2), noon
Lafayette (1-2) at Penn (1-0), noon
Dartmouth (1-0) at Sacred Heart (1-2), 1 p.m.
Yale (0-1) at Cornell (1-0), 1 p.m.
Umass (1-2) at Temple (1-2), 1 p.m.
Lehigh (1-2) at Princeton (1-0), 2 p.m.
Monmouth (NJ) (1-2) at Villanova (2-1), 2:30 p.m.
New Hampshire (2-1) at Towson (2-1), 3 p.m.
Hampton (3-0) at Delaware (3-0), 5 p.m.
Iowa (2-1) at Rutgers (3-0), 6 p.m.
SOUTH
South Florida (1-2) at Louisville (1-2), 11 a.m.
Grambling St. (1-2) at Bethune-Cookman (0-2), 1 p.m.
Stony Brook (0-2) at Richmond (2-1), 1 p.m.
MVSU (0-3) at Jackson St. (3-0), 1 p.m.
W. Carolina (2-1) at Samford (2-1), 2 p.m.
North Texas (2-2) at Memphis (2-1), 2:30 p.m.
James Madison (2-0) at Appalachian St. (2-1), 2:30 p.m.
Notre Dame (1-2) at North Carolina (3-0), 2:30 p.m.
FIU (1-1) at W. Kentucky (2-1), 2:30 p.m.
E. Kentucky (2-1) at Austin Peay (3-1), 3 p.m.
Georgia Tech (1-2) at UCF (2-1), 3 p.m.
Jacksonville St. (3-1) at Nicholls (0-3), 3 p.m.
Lamar (0-3) at Northwestern St. (0-3), 3:30 p.m.
E. Illinois (0-3) at Murray St. (0-3), 4 p.m.
Ball St. (1-2) at Georgia Southern (2-1), 5 p.m.
Arkansas St. (1-2) at Old Dominion (1-2), 5 p.m.
Navy (0-2) at East Carolina (2-1), 5 p.m.
Akron (1-2) at Liberty (2-1), 5 p.m.
Prairie View (1-2) at Alabama St. (2-1), 5 p.m.
Alabama A&M (0-3) at Florida A&M (1-2), 5 p.m.
Southern Miss. (1-2) at Tulane (3-0), 6 p.m.
Lindenwood (Mo.) (2-0) at UT Martin (1-2), 6 p.m.
Incarnate Word (3-0) at SE Louisiana (1-2), 6 p.m.
Tarleton St. (2-1) at North Alabama (1-2), 6 p.m.
SC State (1-1) at NC A&T (0-3), 6 p.m.
Ark.-Pine Bluff (2-1) at Alcorn St. (1-2), 6 p.m.
Louisiana Tech (1-2) at South Alabama (2-1), 6 p.m.
Marshall (2-1) at Troy (1-2), 6 p.m.
Louisiana-Lafayette (2-1) at Louisiana-Monroe (1-2), 7 p.m.
Mississippi College (0-0) at McNeese St. (0-3), 7 p.m.
Boston College (1-2) at Florida St. (3-0), 7 p.m.
MIDWEST
Buffalo (0-3) at E. Michigan (2-1), 11 a.m.
San Diego (1-2) at Valparaiso (1-2), noon
Fordham (3-0) at Ohio (1-2), 1 p.m.
Marist (0-2) at Drake (0-3), 1 p.m.
N. Dakota St. (2-1) at South Dakota (1-2), 1 p.m.
S. Dakota St. (2-1) at Missouri St. (2-1), 2 p.m.
Cent. Arkansas (1-2) at SE Missouri (2-1), 2 p.m.
North Dakota (2-1) at S. Illinois (1-2), 2 p.m.
Minnesota (3-0) at Michigan St. (2-1), 2:30 p.m.
Indiana (3-0) at Cincinnati (2-1), 2:30 p.m.
N. Iowa (0-3) at W. Illinois (0-3), 3 p.m.
Miami (Ohio) (1-2) at Northwestern (1-2), 6:30 p.m.
FAU (2-2) at Purdue (1-2), 6:30 p.m.

SOUTHWEST
Texas Southern (1-2) at UTSA (1-2), 2:30 p.m.
Rice (2-1) at Houston (1-2), 5 p.m.
North American University

(0-1) at Texas A&M Commerce (1-2), 6 p.m.
Texas A&M (2-1) vs. Arkansas (3-0) at Arlington, Texas, 6 p.m.
Warner (0-0) at Stephen F. Austin (1-2), 6 p.m.
Houston Baptist (1-1) at Texas State (1-2), 6 p.m.
W. New Mexico (0-0) at Abilene Christian (2-1), 7 p.m.
FAR WEST
UCLA (3-0) at Colorado (0-3), 1 p.m.
Idaho St. (0-3) at N. Colorado (1-2), 2 p.m.
Toledo (2-1) at San Diego St. (1-2), 2:30 p.m.
Portland St. (0-2) at Montana (3-0), 3 p.m.
Sacramento St. (2-0) at Colorado St. (0-3), 3 p.m.
Montana St. (2-1) at E. Washington (1-1), 3 p.m.
Idaho (1-2) at N. Arizona (1-2), 3 p.m.
Arizona (2-1) at California (2-1), 4:30 p.m.
UNLV (2-1) at Utah St. (1-2), 6 p.m.
Utah Tech (1-2) at S. Utah (2-1), 7 p.m.
Hawaii (1-3) at New Mexico St. (0-4), 7 p.m.
Weber St. (3-0) at UC Davis (1-2), 9 p.m.
W. Michigan (1-2) at San Jose St. (1-1), 9:30 p.m.

Colgan golfers sweep top honors

By Jim Henry
Sports Editor

St. Mary's Colgan's Ali Scripsick welcomed Thursday's weather change with open arms. "It was a little soggy on the course today," she said. "But it wasn't too bad. It was nice that it rained because they aerated the greens last week. "I like it cooler. I get sweaty whenever it's hot outside." Scripsick and her Panther teammates captured top honors in the Colgan/Frontenac Invitational golf tournament at Crestwood Country Club. The Panthers, with seven players among the top-10, carded a four-player total of 335. It's the lowest 18-hole score in program history, two strokes lower than the previous best. Columbus took second place with 446, followed by Frontenac 466 and Girard 534. Baxter Springs completed the five-team field but did not have enough players to post a team score. Playing the front nine twice, Scripsick fired a

PSU volleyball opens homestand against MSSU

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Pittsburg State's volleyball team certainly hopes there's no place like home as the Gorillas will be seeing a lot of action at John Lance Arena. The Gorillas entertain Missouri Southern at 6 p.m. Friday to begin a stretch when they play four consecutive home matches and six of their next seven. After Friday, the Gorillas play host to Central Oklahoma at 6 p.m. Monday, Emporia State at 6 p.m. next Friday and Washburn on Oct. 1. After a road match against Missouri South-

ern on Oct. 4, the Gorillas come back home for weekend matches against Nebraska-Kearney and Fort Hays State. Coach Jen Gomez' Gorillas (8-6, 2-3 MIAA) lost 3-0 (25-19, 25-12, 25-18) on Wednesday night at No. 11 Northwest Missouri. Missouri Southern (5-6, 0-2), coached by Kalie Mader, hasn't played since a 3-0 nonconference loss against Southwest Baptist on Sept. 13. The Lions' home conference matches last weekend against Missouri Western and Central Missouri were postponed because of COVID-19 protocols inside the MSSU volleyball program.

2-over-par 74 with nines of 38-36. She made two birdies and four bogeys. Both birdies came on the par-4 ninth hole as she sank a 10-foot putt on the first nine and hit a 58-degree wedge within two feet of the flagstick on her final hole. "My short game was really good today," Scripsick said. "I was on point today. My driver was good. I think I hit seven out of 14 fairways, so half of them." Assessing her season so far, "It's been pretty good," she said. "I've been on and off. I feel like I really haven't had a hot streak yet, so hopefully it's coming now." Five of the next seven finishers were also Panthers. Molly Swezey took second with 86 on nines of 42-44, and Ava Scripsick was third with 44-43—87. Audrey Goetting and Greta Ison tied for fourth place with 88s, and Zoey Smith shot 97 to share sixth place with Mallory Thompson of Columbus and Ruth Frederick of Frontenac. Addison Coomes of Col-

gan took ninth with 102, and Kenlyn Christianson completed the top-10 with 104. "To have all the other girls (whose scores counted) in the 80s was a first, too," Colgan coach Kim Scripsick said. "We go to Wichita next week to play with (Class) 5A and 6A schools. Then going into regional, this is great for our team to have these scores right now." **ST. MARY'S COLGAN (335)** -- Ali Scripsick 74, Molly Swezey 86, Ava Scripsick 87, Audrey Goetting 88, Greta Ison 88, Zoey Smith 97, Addison Coomes 102, Jane Kerr 136 **COLUMBUS (446)** -- Mallory Thompson 97, Kenlyn Christianson 104, Reese Grundy 108, Anna Head 137, Paige Patton 138 **FRONTENAC (466)** -- Ruth Frederick 97, Kayle Hensley 108, Addie Josephson 114, Callie Underwood 147 **GIRARD (534)** -- Karlyn Frisher 113, Ainsley Viets 128, Ashley Sabine 142, Hanna Bailey 151 **BAXTER SPRINGS** -- Katie Parker 143, Chloe Hall 193

Northeast travels to face Erie

By Sam Kombrink
Morning Sun Staff

The Northeast football team will travel to face Erie in a matchup of 0-3 teams. Kickoff between the Vikings and Red Devils is set for 7 p.m. Last week Northeast lost 41-12 to Quapaw on the road, but Northeast head coach David Pitts sees progress being made. "Quapaw was big fast and physical," he said. "I felt that we kind of rose up. They still put it to us pretty good, but I felt our kids raised their game up a little bit and we were playing faster." Last week the Vikings offense was led by junior

running back Tayshawn Gaynor and junior quarterback Dawson Troth. Gaynor had 16 carries for 52 yards and a touchdown, and Troth followed by rushing for 95 yards on eight carries with one touchdown. The Northeast defense will be led by junior line-backer Braden Young, who tallied a team-high 10 tackles last week. "We started playing more physical than we have been," Pitts noted. "Obviously we weren't to their degree, but we were better. If we can bring that speed and aggression into this game, I think it's going to be big for us." Pitts said he was impressed with what he saw

from the Red Devils when the Vikings got to scrimmage against them at the jamboree. "Erie is big up front," he said. "Their wide receivers are tall, and they are a good-looking team and I can't believe that they are 0-3." He said the Vikings are fully healthy and had a good week at practice. "They are still grasping things," Pitts said. "And this is a sport that builds on your knowledge as you move up. I'm glad the kids are coming out and playing, but their knowledge of the game is limited, so it can slow us down. We had to go back a little bit and start building back up, and we're in that process now."

Yanks clinch playoff berth

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Aaron Judge fell a few feet short of a record-tying 61st homer, hitting a 404-foot drive caught in front of the center field wall in the ninth inning, and the New York Yankees beat the Boston Red Sox 5-4 Thursday night on Josh Donaldson's 10th-inning single to clinch their sixth straight playoff berth. Judge had walked three times and struck out once before he came to the plate with the score tied 4-all in

the ninth. The crowd of 43,123 was on its feet for every pitch, and Judge drove a 2-2 fastball from Matt Barnes just to the right of straightaway center. The ball left the bat at 113 mph, and fans waited in anticipation as Judge jogged toward first base. But they groaned in unison as Kiké Hernández made the catch a step in front of the fence, not far from the 408-foot sign. Judge also threw out a runner at second base to help hold off Boston in the ninth, showing off his defensive prowess. Tommy

Pham hit a one-hopper off the right-field wall against Clay Holmes (7-4). Judge played the carom and from the warning track threw a strike to shortstop Isiah Kiner-Falefa for the tag. It was Judge's sixth assist of the season. Then in the 10th, with pinch-runner Marwin Gonzalez at second as the automatic runner, Kaleb Ort (0-2) intentionally walked Gleyber Torres before Donaldson grounded a single just past diving shortstop Xander Bogaerts and into left field.



Donovan’s grand slam carries Cardinals over Padres 5-4

By **BERNIE WILSON**
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Lars Nootbaar provided St. Louis’ first run in four games with a solo homer, and then rookie Brendan Donovan gave the NL Central leaders an even bigger lift.

Donovan hit his first career grand slam slam in the seventh inning to lead Albert Pujols and the Cardinals to a 5-4 victory against the San Diego Padres on Thursday, snapping a three-game losing lift.

Pujols was among the first teammates to greet Donovan in the dugout.

“It was one of the bigger swings I’ve had this year so that was cool for me,” Donovan said.

Pujols remained at 698 career homers, although he did drive two balls to deep left field, one for a single and one for an out on the warning track. The next stop in his pursuit of the 700-homer club is Dodger Stadium, where the Cardinals open a three-game series on Friday.

Manny Machado hit his 30th homer for the Padres, who had won five in a row. They currently hold the



St. Louis Cardinals’ Brendan Donovan (33) celebrates with teammate Albert Pujols, right, after hitting a grand slam during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the San Diego Padres on Thursday in San Diego. (AP PHOTO/GREGORY BULL)

NL’s No. 2 wild-card spot.

Donovan’s slam made a winner of Jack Flaherty (1-1), who struck out nine in six innings. He allowed three runs, two earned, on four hits and four walks.

Giovanny Gallegos pitched the ninth for his 14th save.

The Cardinals, who had been shut out in their previous three games, got on the

board when Nootbaar led off the fifth with a drive to right against Joe Musgrove for his 13th homer. That ended a scoreless streak of 31 2/3 innings by Padres starters, five outs shy of the club record.

“We know we have a great team and a great offense that’s going to turn at any point,” Donovan said. “It was just a matter of

who was going to do it. I’m pumped for Lars. That’s a big swing.”

Musgrove was gone after five innings and 72 pitches, and Adrian Morejon breezed through a perfect sixth to hold a 3-1 lead.

Alec Burleson singled leading off the seventh and Nootbaar drew a one-out walk, leading manager Bob Melvin to bring on Nick

Martinez (4-4). Tommy Edman walked to load the bases before Donovan drove his first career grand slam deep to right-center.

Donovan said he was looking to drive a ball to the biggest part of the field and bring in a run when he connected on a 3-1 cutter. It was his fifth homer this season.

“It just kind of ran into my barrel a little more than I thought it would. I was still running hard. You never know,” he said.

Asked what going through his mind, he added: “Don’t miss the base. ... I’m just running hard and make sure I hit all the bases on the way by.”

Pujols, who plans to retire after this season, one-hopped the wall in left for a single in the second. He popped up in the fourth and then hit a drive off Morejon that Jurickson Profar caught on the track for the final out of the sixth. He flied out to center in the eighth.

Profar drove Flaherty’s second pitch deep into the seats in right for his fourth career leadoff homer and third of the season. He has 15 overall. Profar also hit

an RBI double in the fifth.

Musgrove allowed one run and five hits, struck out four and walked two.

A CLIPPERS THING

Norman Powell of the Los Angeles Clippers, who went to San Diego’s Lincoln High, threw out a ceremonial first pitch. Teammate Paul George attended a game last homestand and then visited the victorious Padres clubhouse. Kawhi Leonard, who played two seasons at San Diego State, attended a game with his family earlier in the season. The Clippers moved from San Diego to Los Angeles in 1984.

UP NEXT

Cardinals: LHP José Quintana (5-6, 3.16 ERA) starts Friday night in the opener of a three-game series at the Los Angeles Dodgers. Andrew Heaney (3-2, 2.66 ERA) pitches for the NL West leaders.

Padres: LHP Sean Manaea (7-9, 5.18 ERA) is scheduled to start Friday night in the opener of a three-game series at Colorado, their last trip of the regular season. The Rockies are scheduled to start RHP Ryan Feltner (3-8, 6.05 ERA).

Heasley shuts down Twins Royals win 4-1 to finish sweep

By **DAVE SKRETTA**
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Jonathan Heasley pitched six innings of two-hit ball, Edward Oliveras and Drew Waters homered, and the Kansas City Royals beat the Minnesota Twins 4-1 on Thursday to complete their three-game series sweep.

Salvador Perez also drove in a run for Kansas City, extending his streak to seven straight games with an RBI, and Brad Keller finished off three innings of no-hit ball by the bullpen for his first career save.

“Much better version of baseball,” said Royals manager Mike Matheny, who celebrated his 52nd birthday in fine fashion Thursday. “The aim is always to win, but you put a couple of wins together against a team that you haven’t had success against and you see the confidence starting to swell.”

The first home sweep of at least three games by the Royals since July 2021 also probably ended the fading playoff hopes of the Twins, who two weeks ago were in

the midst of an AL Central race but lost eight of nine on their road trip.

“I mean, to be very frank about it, disappointing and about as low on the scale as you can imagine,” Twins manager Rocco Baldelli said. “The baserunners just weren’t there for us. The opportunities weren’t there.”

Minnesota rookie Josh Winder (4-5) allowed three runs and six hits in six innings. Caleb Hamilton drove in the only run for the Twins, who limp home to wrap up the season having lost 17 of their last 20 road games.

“You have to continue to play the same way. You have to continue to fight the same way,” Baldelli said.

Heasley (4-8) also was dominant in his previous start in Boston, allowing two hits over 6 2/3 shutout innings, and the 25-year-old picked up where he left off against Minnesota. Heasley retired his first 10 batters, striking out four of the first five, and followed a base hit by Carlos Correa by retiring the next two to end the inning.

“I thought he really built



Kansas City Royals’ Edward Olivares celebrates in the dugout after hitting a solo home run during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Minnesota Twins on Sept. 22, 2022, in Kansas City, Mo. (AP PHOTO/CHARLIE RIEDEL)

off what he did the last time,” Matheny said. “I do believe that he’s found something.”

Correa thought he had given the Twins the lead in the first, when he drove a pitch into the right-field seats. But umpire Manny Gonzalez ruled that the ball skirted the pole foul and there was not enough evidence to overrule his call.

The Royals took the lead in the third when Bobby Witt Jr. singled, stole second and scored on Perez’s shattered-bat single, then made it 2-0 in the fourth when Oliveras drove a 3-2 pitch into the left-field seats.

Waters added his no-doubt shot leading off the fifth, and Nate Eaton drove in an insurance run in the

eighth.

MJ Melendez, who homered in each of the previous two games, nearly joined the Royals’ home run party twice. He drove a pitch to the center-field warning track leading off the game and another to the wall in right in the third.

“He was so baffled both times,” Matheny said. “He was certain, as we all were,

that both of those balls were gone.”

GETTING WITTY

The first-inning double by Witt was his 55th extra-base hit this season, matching Alex Gordon for the most by a first-year player in team history. Witt also stole his 28th base, breaking a tie with Carlos Beltran for third among Royals rookies.

MOVING UP

Perez played his 1,246th game on Thursday, passing Alcides Escobar and Fred Patek for eighth in Royals history.

UP NEXT

After their disastrous trip, the Twins are headed home for three games against Angels and three against the White Sox to wrap the regular season. They have not announced a starter for the opener against Los Angeles on Friday night.

The Royals conclude their final homestand with three games against Seattle before heading to Cleveland for six to wrap up the season. They also have not announced a starter for Friday night’s game against the Mariners.

Nebraska takes step to creating Memorial Stadium of future

By **ERIC OLSON**
AP Sports Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — With Memorial Stadium on the cusp of its 100th anniversary, the Nebraska athletic department on Thursday set the stage for a massive renovation that will make the venue more fan friendly for decades to come.

University leaders also announced a new multimedia rights deal that would bring in more than \$300 million over 15 years and said that alcohol would be sold at men’s and women’s basketball games at Pinnacle Bank Arena starting this season.

The athletic department must get approval from the university Board of Regents, who are expected to approve the plans. The next board meeting is Sept. 30.

Nebraska is scheduled to open a \$160 million football facility next year, and the Big Ten’s billion-dollar-a-year media rights deal announced this summer will bring unprecedented windfalls to league

members.

The announcements came less than two weeks after Nebraska began its search for a new football coach following the firing of Scott Frost. Athletic director Trev Alberts said discussions about stadium upgrades and the rights deal have been going on for months and that the timing is coincidental.

“I’m not naive to perhaps the benefit of potential candidates saying, wow, in spite of some of our challenges in terms of wins and losses on the field, there’s a lot of momentum happening at the University of Nebraska,” Alberts said. “If that’s an unintended benefit, we’ll take it.”

The Cornhuskers have played in Memorial Stadium since 1923 and incremental improvements have been made over the years, including luxury suites in 1999 and an expansion to more than 85,000 seats in 2013.

A redevelopment of the south end zone area, concession areas and concourses as well as im-

provements in digital infrastructure are likely, Alberts said. He had no cost estimate or timetable for the project.

The athletic department received about 22,000 responses to a survey on what amenities fans would like in order to improve the stadium experience, Alberts said, and that feedback will be used in the decision-making process.

Alberts noted the football team continues to get strong fan support even though it has not had a winning season since 2016. The school has an NCAA-record 385-game sellout streak that began in 1962.

“We stick together through all kinds of weather,” Alberts said, quoting the school fight song. “I think the fans have stuck with us through some pretty nasty storms. I think it’s time for us to do our part.”

The athletic department’s multimedia rights agreement with Playfly Sports would take effect Oct. 1. The deal guarantees

\$301 million over 15 years, or about \$18.2 million annually. Playfly currently holds the multimedia rights for Southern California, LSU and Virginia, among other schools.

As part of the package, Alberts said, Playfly would contribute \$1 million to name, image and likeness programs each of the first two years and additional undetermined amounts in following years.

Alcohol would be sold only at Pinnacle Bank Arena as part of a two-year pilot program. Nebraska would receive 10% of the net profit, which Alberts said would amount to about \$100,000 this basketball season.

There will be no alcohol sales at Memorial Stadium because the facility is not properly equipped for that, Alberts said. Neither will there be sales at the Haymarket Park baseball stadium for now because of existing agreements between the university, city of Lincoln and the Lincoln Saltdogs independent league team.



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Duke, Kansas put 3-0 starts on line in gridiron showdown

By **DAVE SKRETTA**
AP Sports Writer

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Duke and Kansas are accustomed to these high-stakes showdowns, the kind that build national buzz whenever they meet or grab attention because national championship implications are riding on the outcome.

Wait, it's football season?

OK, so maybe few people are accustomed to the kind of matchup Saturday between the Blue Devils and Jayhawks. Both of the well-known "basketball schools" have soared to 3-0 starts, building the type of anticipation for game day in Lawrence that hasn't existed since Mark Mangino led Kansas to its last winning season in 2008.

In the case of the Blue Devils, their woes begone 2021 season was enough to end the tenure of David Cutcliffe, who did well to take them to six bowl games over 15 seasons but combined to win 10 games over the last three seasons.

Also, more the norm for a program that hasn't won an outright conference title in 60 years.

There was talent on



Lance Leipold

the roster, though, and coach Mike Elko has been squeezing the most out of it. The longtime defensive coordinator has led the Blue Devils to a shutout of Temple, a road win over North-western and a rout of North Carolina A&T, beating them by a combined 110-43 and raising hopes — already — of qualifying for a bowl game once again.

If Elko was given a pile of bricks and told to rebuild, the longtime small-college coach inherited a sack of dust. Kansas was coming off a winless season and the unceremonious dismissal of Les Miles, wallowing along with low scholarship numbers and woeful talent. Leipold didn't even have the benefit of spring football before his first season.

Yet the progress he

made was evident week-to-week last season, and it culminated with a road win over Texas.

After Leipold's first real recruiting cycle and offseason, the progress has continued right into this season, where the Jayhawks pounded Tennessee Tech and picked up quality road wins over West Virginia and Houston.

The Jayhawks' stunning start, which has even produced an unlikely All-American candidate in quarterback Jalon Daniels, has caught so many by surprise that their football Twitter account on Tuesday introduced fans to its stadium, traditions and chants: "We say Rock Chalk A LOT. It can pretty much mean whatever you want it to mean."

These days, it means success.

It all points to a game Saturday between two long-suffering programs on the rise. Duke is chasing its first 4-0 start since 2018, when New York Giants quarterback Daniel Jones was under center and the Blue Devils last had a winning record. The Jayhawks seek their first since 2009 — the year Mangino was fired amid allegations of player mistreatment.

Oklahoma's Venables hosts alma mater K-State in Big 12 clash

By **CLIFF BRUNT**
AP Sports Writer

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma coach Brent Venables always has spoken highly of Kansas State, where he played linebacker and got his coaching start as an assistant under Bill Snyder.

He will face the Wildcats as head coach for the first time on Saturday, and he's focused solely on getting the win for his sixth-ranked Sooners (3-0) in the Big 12 opener for both teams.

"I know I'm the head coach, but getting ready for a game is the same," Venables said. "I look at the scheme and the DNA more than I do at the logos. All the other dynamic things that are interesting everyone else are not interesting to me, with all due respect."

He still appreciates what Kansas State did for him, dating all the way back to his playing days in 1991 and 1992 and his time on Snyder's staff from 1993 to 1998.

"I reflect about my opportunities and my relationships all the time," he said. "When I think about Kansas State, I go back to when I played there, the mentors I had and the wonderful experience I had there in Manhattan. But it's a long time ago."

He even spoke to the 82-year-old Snyder after last week's 49-14 win at Nebraska.

"After the game, he said, 'Great job getting No. 3, now go get No. 4,'" he said. "Maybe an hour later, he said, 'Except not this week.' He must have checked the



Oklahoma head coach Brent Venables and players link arms across the field before an NCAA college football game against Kent State on Sept. 10, 2022, in Norman, Okla. (AP PHOTO/SUE OGROCKI)

schedule. He said, 'Not against us.' I love the loyalty. No surprise. Amazing man."

Oklahoma has dominated the Big 12 for years, but the Wildcats defeated the Sooners in 2012, 2014, 2019 and 2020. Kansas State coach Chris Klieman said there's just a few players left from the 2020 team, so that win doesn't matter.

"There's not enough guys from 2020," he said. "And that was such a strange year. I mean, there was nobody in the stands at all. Some of our guys just being there (in 2020) I think, will help. But it'll be a different crowd this year."

Even though Kansas State is coming off a surprising 17-10 loss to Tulane, Klieman has a positive outlook.

"I know we're going into a tough situation, guys, as far as coming off a loss and going against Oklahoma, who's a terrific football team," he said. "We need to continue to get better and have an opportunity in the

fourth quarter to win the game."

MARTINEZ AGAIN

Oklahoma faced Kansas State quarterback Adrian Martinez when he was at Nebraska last year, and he passed for 289 yards and a touchdown in a 23-16 loss in Norman.

Martinez has passed for 304 yards and a touchdown with no interceptions this season in three games. Klieman said he's being too careful.

ROBINSON UPDATE

Klieman said linebacker Shawn Robinson stepped away from the team for personal reasons and was not kicked off the team. Robinson never played after transferring from Missouri.

STANDOUT D

Oklahoma leads the nation with 32 tackles for loss and ranks fourth in sacks under first year coordinator Ted Roof. The Sooners rank 14th nationally in scoring defense, allowing an average of 10 points per game.

Week 3 preview: SEC has four ranked teams squaring off

By **JOHN MARSHALL**
AP Sports Writer

Georgia and Alabama have held down the top two spots in the AP Top 25 the past three weeks and are a good bet to stay there after this weekend's games. The rest of the Southeastern Conference — at least the top half — is proving to pretty good, too, but that could change with four of its eight ranked teams playing each other. On Saturday, No. 10 Arkansas will play at No. 23 Texas A&M in Arlington, Texas, and No. 11 Tennessee is at No. 20 Florida.

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On Saturday, No. 10 Arkansas will play at No. 23 Texas A&M in Arlington, Texas, and No. 11 Tennessee is at No. 20 Florida.

The Razorbacks (3-0, 1-0 SEC) have made a steady rise since opening at No. 19 in the preseason poll, though are last in the SEC in pass defense, allowing 353 yards per game.

The Aggies (2-1) are hoping to get some offensive mojo going after scoring 34 combined points against



Arkansas defensive lineman Jordan Domineck (14) prepares to sack Missouri State quarterback Jason Shelly (3) during the first half of an NCAA college football game on Sept. 17, 2022, in Fayetteville, Ark. (AP PHOTO/MICHAEL WOODS)

Appalachian State and No. 25 Miami. Texas A&M averages 313 total yards, last in the SEC.

Florida's hope is to throw a touchdown pass. Once known as the Fun 'n' Gun, the Gators (2-1, 0-1) have been Fun 'n' None — 0 TD passes in 77 attempts through three games. The Vols (3-0) are favored but Florida has won 16 of the past 17 meetings, including the last five.

The What to Watch rundown for this week of college football, presented by Regions Bank:

BEST GAME

No. 5 Clemson at No. 21 Wake Forest

Wake Forest coach Dave Clawson has called Clemson the measuring stick in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Demon Deacons haven't measured up to the Tigers in quite a while.

Clawson is 0-8 against Clemson and Wake Forest

hasn't won in the series since 2008, a stretch of 13 straight games. The Tigers have won the past four games by an average of 38 points, but oddsmakers are expecting this one to be closer — FanDuel has Clemson as a 7 1/2-point favorite.

UNDER THE RADAR

No. 17 Baylor (2-1) at Iowa State (3-0)

The Bears had a slipup against No. 19 BYU, but are still among the favorites to win the Big 12.

They may have to go through the Cyclones to get there.

Iowa State is off to its first 3-0 start since 2012 and has one of the nation's stingiest defenses, allowing 27 points per game. The Bears can still put up some big offensive numbers — 501 yards against Texas State last week — so this will be strength on strength.

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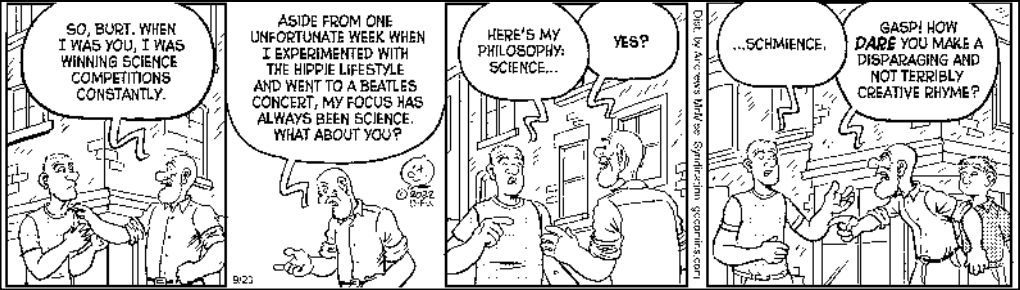
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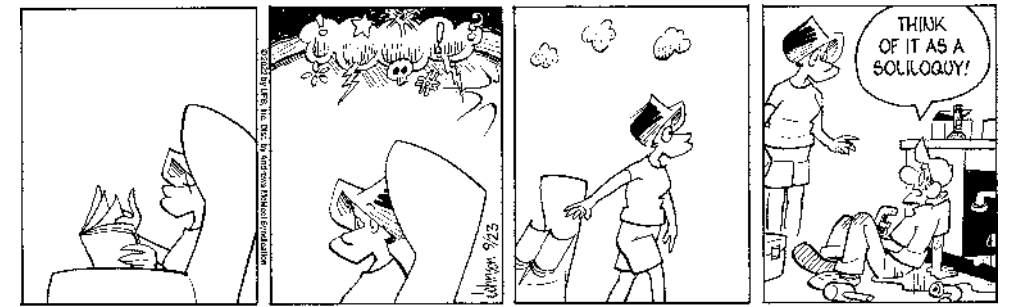
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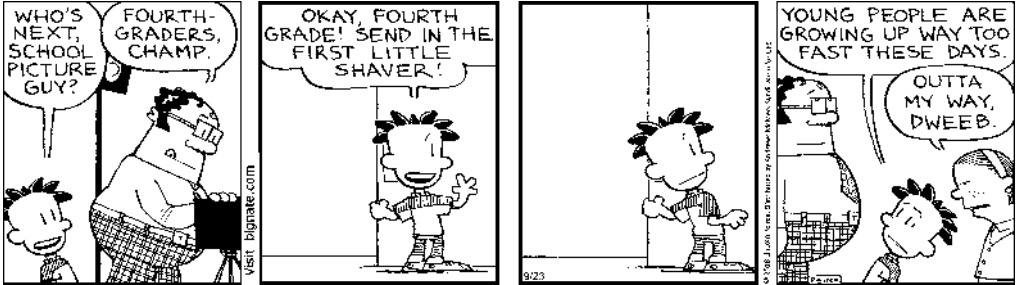
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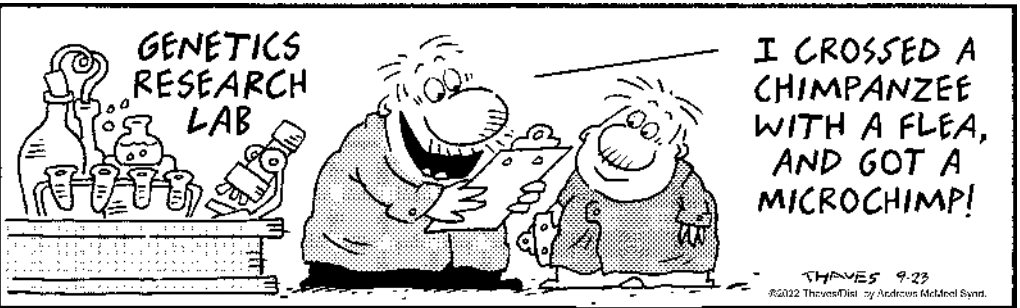
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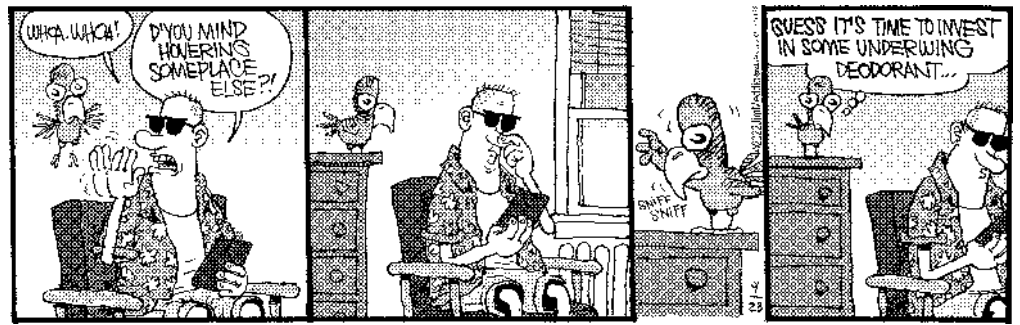
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ASTROGRAPH by Eugenia Last

Take the path that makes you happy. Use your imagination, and you'll find a way to improve your surroundings. Setting up a designated space to work on something that interests you is encouraged. Make changes that allow you the freedom to follow your heart. Romance is on the rise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Stick close to home. Don't feel the need to share your thoughts and feelings. Arguing will not help you solve issues. Focus on making your space functional, and you'll find it easier to be productive.

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Look for problems before you commit to something. Monitor what others do and how they feel before you share your beliefs. Having an idea of what you want and what will work for you will be key.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Gauge your every move. You will fall behind if you miscalculate what you can handle. Don't ignore how much preparation is necessary to reach your destination. Go above and beyond.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Make plans with someone who puts a smile on your face and offers mental stimulation. Your discussions will open a window of opportunity and help you discover what you want to do next.

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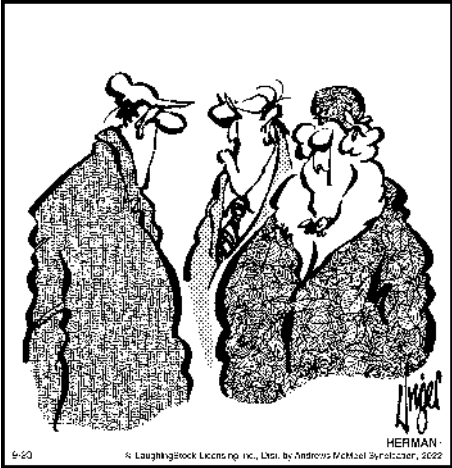
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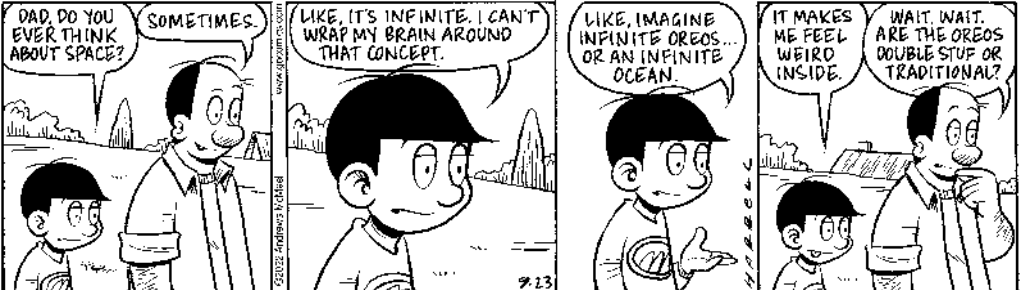
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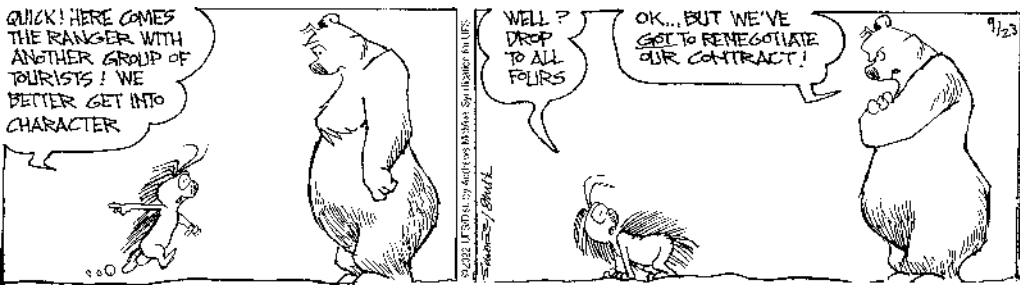
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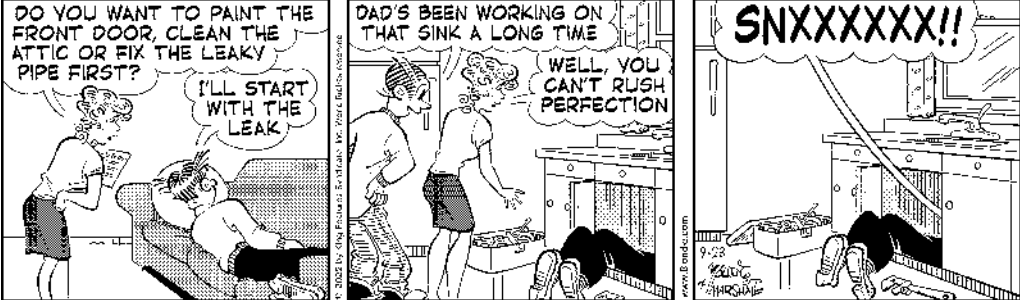
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Celtics suspend coach Ime Udoka for 2022-23 season

By JIMMY GOLEN and TIM REYNOLDS

AP Sports Writers

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Celtics have suspended Ime Udoka for a full year, banning the coach who led them to the NBA Finals last spring for the entire 2022-23 season over what two people with knowledge of the matter said was an improper relationship with a member of the organization.

The people spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the team did not reveal that detail publicly. In a statement issued Thursday night after a full day of wrangling over the terms of the punishment, the Celtics said Udoka violated team policies and left open the possibility that a longer separation could follow.

“A decision about his future with the Celtics beyond this season will be made at a later date,” the team said.

Assistant coach Joe Mazzulla will take over as interim coach, one of the people who spoke with The AP said. The defending Eastern Conference champions are scheduled to hold



Boston Celtics coach Ime Udoka reacts during the fourth quarter of Game 6 of basketball's NBA Finals against the Golden State Warriors on June 16, 2022, in Boston. (AP PHOTO/STEVEN SENNE, FILE)

media day on Monday and open training camp on Tuesday in preparation for the Oct. 18 season opener.

In a statement published by ESPN, Udoka apologized “to our players, fans, the entire Celtics organization, and my family for letting them down.”

“I am sorry for putting the team in this difficult situation, and I accept the team’s decision,” he said. “Out of respect for everyone involved, I will have no further comment.”

A longtime assistant in

his first NBA head coaching job, Udoka led Boston to a 51-31 record last season — going 26-6 in the final 32 games. The Celtics beat Brooklyn, Milwaukee and Miami on the way to the NBA Finals, where they lost to the Golden State Warriors in six games.

The developments stunned the NBA and shook up a team that had been among the favorites to contend for a championship this season. It would be an unprecedented 18th title for the franchise.

But in Boston, the story was reminiscent of the shakeup across town in 2020, when Red Sox manager Alex Cora was suspended by Major League Baseball for a year for his role in a sign-stealing scandal at his previous job, with the Houston Astros. Instead, the sides parted ways.

After a last-place finish under Ron Roenicke in the pandemic-shortened season, Cora was re-hired a year later and welcomed back.

It is unclear if Udoka and the Celtics will be as eager to reunite.

The 45-year-old Udoka spent the bulk of his NBA playing career with San Antonio and then joined Spurs coach Gregg Popovich’s staff as an assistant. Udoka was on the Spurs’ staff from 2012 through 2019, winning it all in ‘14, and he quickly found his way onto short lists for open head coaching jobs.

He spent the 2019-20 season in Philadelphia and the 2020-21 season in Brooklyn before the Celtics hired him in June 2021 as the successor to Brad Stevens — who moved up to the front office. In Year 1, Udoka finished fourth in coach of the year

voting and the Celtics came within two wins of the championship.

The bombshell on the eve of training camp is the latest twist heading into what was supposed to be a promising season for the NBA’s most-decorated franchise.

The Celtics bolstered their runner-up roster by acquiring guard Malcolm Brogdon in a trade from Indiana, then added sharpshooting veteran forward Danilo Gallinari as a free agent. But last month, Gallinari tore the ACL in his left knee and will be lost for the coming season.

Center Robert Williams, a key part of the Boston defense scheme who played through injuries during last season’s playoffs, is still dealing with knee soreness and is expected to miss the start of the season.

The Celtics were also mentioned in speculation over a new home for Brooklyn forward Kevin Durant, a perennial All-Star who asked for — and then backed off — a request to be traded. Although the talks amounted to nothing, it raised questions about Boston’s commitment to young star Jaylen Brown.

It’s also the second ma-

jor disciplinary situation in as many weeks in the NBA: Commissioner Adam Silver decided last week to suspend Robert Sarver — the owner of the Phoenix Suns and WNBA’s Phoenix Mercury — for one year and fine him \$10 million after an investigation showed his pattern of disturbing workplace conduct, including abusive and racist language. Sarver said Wednesday he intends to sell his teams.

Mazzulla interviewed for the Utah Jazz coaching job this summer, a position that ultimately went to Will Hardy — another of Udoka’s assistants in Boston last season.

Mazzulla’s only previous experience as a head coach is a two-year stint at Division II’s Fairmont State in West Virginia, where he went 43-17 and made the NCAA tournament in his second season. A native New Englander from Rhode Island, Mazzulla played at West Virginia, was an assistant for the Celtics’ G League team before taking over at Fairmont State, and then got hired by the Celtics again in June 2019 to be part of Stevens’ staff.

US builds 4-1 lead over Internationals in Presidents Cup

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The idea was for two of the most reliable American teams to set the tone Thursday in the Presidents Cup, and the result was predictable.

Xander Schauffele and Patrick Cantlay made short work of Adam Scott and Hideki Matsuyama in the opening match. They didn’t make a bogey in a 6-and-5 victory, improving their record to 5-0 in foursomes at the Presidents Cup and Ryder Cup.

Jordan Spieth and Justin Thomas, best friends since they were 14, had clutch shots to atone for their mistakes and held off Sungjae Im and Corey Connors, 2 and 1.

Another strong American team from top to bottom played at a high level on a hot day at Quail Hollow and walked off with a 4-1 lead after the first session.

The International team, already an underdog in these matches, was hurt more than the Americans by players leaving the PGA Tour for Saudi-funded LIV Golf, including Cameron Smith and Joaquin Niemann.

All that kept the International side from being shut out were Si Woo Kim and Cameron Davis. They were 2 down with four holes to play against Masters champion Scottie Scheffler and Sam Burns when they seized on American mistakes and scratched out a 2-up victory.

Two of the eight rookies for the International team,



Collin Morikawa, left, and Cameron Young celebrate on the 15th green during their foursomes match at the Presidents Cup golf tournament at the Quail Hollow Club on Thursday in Charlotte, N.C. (AP PHOTO/JULIO CORTEZ)

Taylor Pendrith and Mito Pereira, nearly picked up another point. They were all square going to the tough par-4 closing hole when Pereira hit a wild tee shot, Pendrith could only manage the right bunker and they made bogey. Tony Finau and Max Homa walked away with a 1-up win and a point.

The other U.S. point came from Collin Morikawa and Cameron Young, the PGA Tour rookie of the year, who soaked up the environment before a full house at Quail Hollow and produced a winning moment of his own.

They were in a tight match with against 20-year-old Tom Kim and K.H. Lee, all square with six holes to play. At the

time, the last three matches could have gone either way. As easy as Cantlay and Schauffele made it look in the opening match, it was only one point.

The Americans regained the lead when Morikawa stuffed a wedge into 2 feet for birdie on the downwind 14th hole. The lead remained 1 up and appeared to be headed toward the 18th when Young slammed in a 25-foot birdie putt on the 17th to end the match.

Cantlay and Schauffele first hooked up on the long flight over to Australia for the Presidents Cup in 2019, the first team matches for both. They have become fast friends off the course and are becoming a tough team to beat inside the ropes.

Federer to AP: Tennis will withstand big-name retirements

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

LONDON (AP) — Roger Federer was paying attention right along with everybody else when Serena Williams played what is expected to be her last match three weeks ago at the U.S. Open.

“Not surprised. Just very similar to me, in many ways. We were expecting it to come at some point,” Federer told The Associated Press. “You don’t ever want players like Serena to ever retire. ... I just thought, ‘What a great career.’”

He recognizes that their back-to-back exits after about a quarter-century each in tennis — he is 41 and leaves with 20 Grand Slam titles and she turns 41 on Monday and has 23 major singles championships — will spur some fans to move on from the sport.

Federer insists, though, that plenty will stick around.

“I mean, look, it’s going to leave some fans with not the same taste for the game. We might lose some, because they say, ‘OK, well that chapter for me closes, and I’ll move on to another sport or another athlete,’” Federer said in an interview Wednesday at the Laver Cup, where the final match of his stellar career will be in doubles alongside rival Rafael Nadal for Team Europe on Friday night.

“And some will stay with the game forever, because tennis is just a sport (that), once you’re in it, you’re normally in it. That’s why I don’t believe

a lot of people will leave,” he continued. “But they will not maybe wake up at 3 in the morning anymore for the Australian Open. Or they might not use their vacation time to go travel to a place. Maybe they say for a few years, ‘OK, let me go with a friend of mine and do a good adventure trip somewhere,’ until they find their way back in.”

He and Williams — along with Nadal, a 36-year-old who has a men’s-record 22 Slam titles, and Novak Djokovic, a 35-year-old with 21 titles — helped create a golden era in the sport, drawing new viewers and inspiring new players.

“Serena and Roger probably have more fans than anybody in tennis,” said Taylor Fritz, a 24-year-old Californian who is the highest-ranked American man at No. 12 and a part of Team World in London. “It’s tough

to replace two people as iconic as them, but I still think there is a lot of exciting times ahead.”

Still, what happens after they leave?

“These two players are irreplaceable. I don’t think there is any question about that,” said John McEnroe, who won seven major trophies from 1979 to 1984. He added this caveat: “The sport goes on, no matter what, and we have witnessed that in every sport over time.”

Which is why Federer is among those optimistic about the future.

“I’m a big believer, always, that tennis is bigger than anybody,” he said, “and it will always create new superstars.”

Federer thinks highlight-reel shots that make their way around on social media can help. So can the telling of each new top player’s “captivating story.”



Switzerland's Roger Federer, waves during a training session ahead of the Laver Cup tennis tournament at the O2 in London on Thursday. (AP PHOTO/KIN CHEUNG)

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Creating Festa

By Antjea Wolff
Morning Sun Staff

FRONTENAC, Kan. :

With one of the biggest fundraisers for Frontenac just around the corner, one of the founding members of Festa Italiana, Linda Grilz, recently shared some of the histories of the annual event.

Grilz first joined the Frontenac Education Foundation in 1994. While the organization had a few small fundraisers throughout the year, the board began brainstorming ideas for one big fundraiser to make a decent amount

of money.

Grilz said a retired judge who grew up in Frontenac came up with the idea of having a festival and selling great food. The Frontenac Education Foundation put plans into place and scheduled the first Festa Italiana for 1999. The board reached out to community members and asked them to make 100 small food samples and donate them to the event. The idea was to have people buy tickets at a dollar per ticket, and the patrons exchange one ticket for one food sample. She said that when they

began planning the event, their goal was to sell 1200 tickets, but by the Thursday before the event, only 200 tickets had been sold. Grilz said she remembers being very nervous that the event wouldn't do well because she was the president of the Frontenac Education Foundation at the time. The first Festa was held at the Camptown Greyhound Park, which was empty after closing. The owners of Camptown refreshed the building specifically for the Festa event. On the day of the event, Grilz said, there was a massive line from the door to the parking lot of people waiting to get in.

"It was a success from day one," Grilz said about Festa Italiana.

Grilz said the only issue with those first years of Festa was finding a permanent location for it to be held every year. After the first year, Festa was held at the Frontenac football field and fire station before they finally decided to set up tents outside at the baseball field. She said they initially had the event closer to the area, but the underground sprinklers posed a problem setting up the tent spikes. Grilz noted that the planning committee had to practically reinvent Festa Italiana at each new

location because a new set of issues came with each new site.

"The core of the people on the board never lost their enthusiasm," she said. "They never lost their grip." Grilz said they all worked towards the idea that this event would help give a scholarship to every student in Frontenac, and it became the big event at which most students volunteered.

Over the years, the planning committee noticed that people would come, eat, and leave. So, the group began brainstorming other ways to get people to stay. In later years, they added a silent auction, as well as live music and outdoor games for kids.

"I think being able to take an idea off of a tabletop and make it come into existence, and not just for a year, but for more than 20 years, is rewarding," Grilz said. "It's for a super, super cause, and it's helping out our kids. And that's our future. And so that's what pleased me. It was never hard work because I knew we all benefited in the long run. I love how everybody comes together. It's like a big family."

Festa Italiana will be held at 4:45 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Frontenac Sports Complex.



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It's Festa Time!

By *Dustin R. Strong*
Morning Sun Staff

FRONTENAC, Kan.: The 23rd annual Festa Italiana comes to the Raider Sports Complex in Frontenac on Saturday, Sept. 24, beginning at 4:45 p.m. Sponsored by

the Frontenac Education Foundation, the local festival raises money for student field trips and other amenities at USD 249. The largest of these are scholarships for all graduating seniors who

attend post-secondary education for \$150 per semester—or \$1,200 for a four-year university student. Tara Grassie, President of the Frontenac Education Foundation, is

also acting as co-chair alongside Ann Brown for this year's Festa. "I can't cook," said Grassie, "so that's why I put the event on." The festival is a celebration of Frontenac's rich cultural heritage. According to Grassie, who

only moved back to the area four years ago from Kansas City, although it originally started as "Festa Italiana" by a group of local grandmothers showcasing traditional Italian cooking, Festa has since

grown to include all of the area's ethnicities and heritages, such as Italian, German, Austrian, or French, as well as beloved family recipes, regardless of origins. Today, with a more international

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feel, the festival is usually referred to as simply "Festa." Grassie says she expects between 60 and 80 cooks this year and some local business contributions to the menu from the Blue Spoon, Pickled Pete's, and Pallucca's. Participants are not serving full-blown meals to guests but

samplers of their favorite dishes. Guests purchase a book of five tickets for \$10. Each ticket gets a guest a sample of food. Ticket books can be purchased on the day of the event, but Grassie recommends getting them early. "There are people who have

been coming to this since the start," Grassie said, "and they will make a sport of it. They know exactly what they want, who makes it, and where they are. It's almost like Black Friday." Advanced tickets can only be purchased in Frontenac. Guests can go to Raider Express,

Community National Bank in Frontenac, Frontenac City Hall, Labette Bank in Frontenac, Pickled Pete's, Shooters, and Pallucca's. Grassie suggests getting to the Raider Sports Complex early as food is typically gone within two hours. "This is a fun

and unique way to raise educational money," Grassie said. "It's a unique event to be a part of." The event does cost participants a tidy little sum, however. Grassie said Festa is "a huge success because of the cooks. It's a financial investment for them to buy the ingredients.

Without them, there is no Festa." Tragically, Grassie said she is usually so busy during the festival that she does not have time to try any cuisines. So, this year, after all the hard work she has put in, will someone please make sure this busy lady gets something to eat?



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Festa Is For Family

By Sam Kombrink
Morning Sun Staff

FRONTENAC, Kan.: Festa Italiana is not just a festival to take your family to but also where a family can begin, as Logan Falletti-Wright, a server at the event, found out when she was proposed to back in 2018.

“Festa is one of the gatherings that honor the heritage of Frontenac,” said Wright. “As an immigrant town, I think it is a very special identity for Frontenac.”

“My parents, Chris and Ann Falletti, have contributed, my grandparents have contributed, and I go every year,” she said. “I helped serve food and got engaged there in 2018.”

Wright said that her hometown means a lot to her, even though she no longer lives in Frontenac.

“I don’t live there, but I wanted it to be an expression of welcome to the community,” she said of attending the 2018 event.

“Like a new start in an old place, and so while my parents were serving food, my husband called over all my friends to wait by the tents.”

She said after the food was served, they found a patch of grass in front of the cannoli eating contest, and that’s when her husband got down on one knee.

“My friends took video of it, and if you listen to it, you can hear people calling for one more person to join the cannoli eating contest as I am weeping,” she said. “So it was really funny, and I wouldn’t have traded it for the world. I wanted that connection to the relationships I have built there

to go into my new life.”

Wright said when she meets people from other places at Festa, and they are impressed with how close the community is. “They’re ... impressed by how tight-knit and unique this city is,” she said.

She said she had been involved with Festa since she was young, and her parents and grandparents have carried on serving the Falletti family recipe for years. Wright and her sister grew up serving Italian cuisines such as Aunt Ann’s spaghetti and ravioli.

“The Falletti family is making capelletti this year, which is stuffed pasta,” she said. “It means little caps because they look like little caps. In other years we have made Aunt Anne’s spaghetti and ravioli.”

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Logan Falletti-Wright pictured with her husband Brandon Wright after he proposed to her at FESTA Italiano Festival in 2018. **COURTESY PHOTO**

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FEF Raises Funds For Students, Teachers

By Aaron Pyle
Morning Sun Staff

A tradition unlike any other, the Frontenac Education Foundation's highly anticipated Festa Italiana is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 24, starting at 5 p.m. The event will be at the Raider Sports Complex, at 1 Raider Drive (E. McKay). Aside from the heaping amounts of traditional Italian, Mediterranean, French, Mexican, American, Greek, Slovenian, Italian-Cajun, Bohemian, and German dishes, the FEF is raising

funds for USD 249 students and teachers.

Founded in 1993, the FEF began with five charter members: Gus Bosetti, Gary Cinotto, Anne Marie Krusic, Dick Pallucca, and Patricia Terlip. The group's initial focus was to provide school books and scholarships to the school district.

At first, the foundation could only offer \$50 scholarships per semester. Students receive \$150 as the foundation provides approximately 225 scholarships with roughly

\$33,000 a year.

Over \$1.2 million has been awarded or donated to USD 249 students and teachers since the foundation's inception. In the past five years, the foundation has:

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Awarded \$23,100 for semester scholarships for every graduate, awarded \$2,500 for service scholarships, donated \$399 for National WWI Museum admission fees, donated \$2,000 to the Drama Club for microphones, and donated \$2,000 to the FLE Library for a book vending machine.

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Awarded \$28,350 for semester scholarships for every graduate and awarded \$4,250 for service scholarships.

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Awarded \$32,400 for semester scholarships for every graduate, awarded \$4,000 for service scholarships, and donated \$4,000 for a junior and high school speaker.

2018

Awarded \$31,050 for scholarships for every graduate and awarded \$6,668 for teacher mini-

grants.

2017

Awarded \$30,600 for scholarships for every graduate and awarded \$7,869 to teacher mini-grants.

The FEF has also helped fund the Frontenac Spanish Club, Drama Club, Success for All Reading program, computer lab equipment, furnishings, and much more.

Additional FEF scholarships are the Service Scholarship and Paul Hutsey Scholarship. The Service Scholarship recognizes students who have demonstrated extraordinary service to others and made a difference by volunteering. At the same time, the Paul Hutsey Scholarship is awarded to the recipients of the KSHSAA Citizenship Award.

While the fall semester scholarships have passed, the spring semester scholarships deadline is Saturday, Dec. 31. For additional information regarding the FEF and Festa Italiana, contact FEF president Ann Brown at fef@frontenac249.org or visit frontenacedfoundation.org.

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Increasing student numbers

Student numbers have surpassed 1,000 with arrival of freshman class

Words By | Hailey Gray

This school year, the freshmen class at Pittsburg High School has had a big effect on the school. PHS has now risen above 1000 students in the school daily. Athletic Director Jeff Staley is starting his sixth year at PHS. As a result of numbers increasing in the school, Staley has also seen numbers increasing in all sports.

“It has meant more uniforms, more buses, more players trying out for teams, which is a great problem to have,” Staley said. “We don’t mind that at all, but that has been the biggest challenge.”

Principal Kelynn Heardt has been at PHS for seven years. As a result of increasing numbers, many teachers have been added to staff which has also caused some departments to grow.

“Even with [adding staff], our average class size across the building is probably around 25 students,” Heardt said. “Where seven years ago it was closer to 15 or 20, which is a good problem to have.”

According to Junior Georgia Boekhout, numbers are crazy this year and classes are significantly different from when she was a freshman.

“I like having bigger classes because it just means that there are more people to be involved,” Boekhout said. “We offer

a lot of things at Pittsburg High School and with the bigger classes I think we will be able to grow into something even more.”

The freshmen class is not the only reason numbers have expanded at PHS. This year, there have been over 75 transfers into the high school alone, not including the elementary schools and middle school.

“We have seen an increase in the number of students coming in from other districts,” Staley said. “I take that as a compliment to Pittsburg High School because 15 or 20 years ago people would want to move away from Pittsburg High School.”

Heardt does not see this expanding as a problem. According to her, PHS does a lot of things well and that is why so many people want to come to our district.

“It creates little things that we have to find solutions for but school districts are the livelihood of a community and the fact that we continue to grow is special,” Heardt said. “That does not happen in our surrounding communities.”

According to freshman Charlie Hall, it is great having big classes because you get to be introduced to more people and build more relationships.

“It can be a little overwhelming at times to have so many people in classes,” Hall said. “But the teachers are doing a

great job at keeping everything under control.”

According to Heardt, since school has started, she and the administration have also noticed other obstacles that they have to be monitoring.

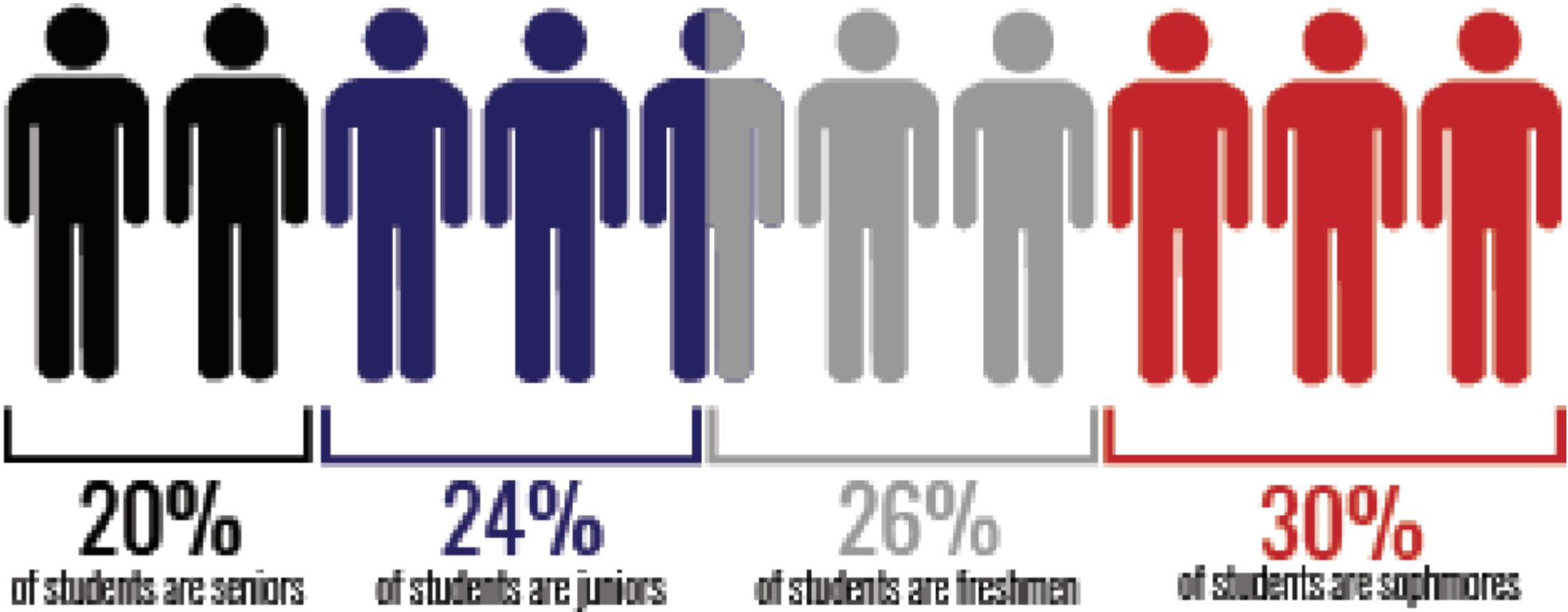
“The freshmen class makes up the majority of the student body. [The freshmen] are not all driving yet, but what happens when they are and we’re already at capacity,” Heardt said. “Those are things we have to be constantly talking about and looking at.”

In the next couple years, there will be a new FedEx company being built. This will result in more jobs, which will then bring more students moving into town and our district.

“We do know that when we get a new industry we are always going to have an influx,” Heardt said. “We’re expecting when that facility opens within the next year to two years, there are going to be more students that enroll in USD 250.”

During the pandemic, the halls were empty because people were quarantined and sick or doing online school. However, now the halls are so crowded that you can barely walk through them.

“We are one of the few communities in Southeast Kansas that are growing,” Staley said. “You wear that badge with pride and with honor that we’re busting at the seams.”



Art By | Heather Mowdy

Getting rid of lunch debt: Newly priced lunch has caused lunch debt among students

Words By | John Lee

With the worry of COVID-19 slowly dissipating in our everyday lives, aspects of the school day have changed as well. Specifically the way in which lunch functions.

“They did the free lunch because of COVID, and that was a two year thing,” cafeteria staff member Michelle Palmer said. “The federal government decided it wasn’t needed anymore, so that’s why we went back to the [paid] lunch.”

This sudden shift back into the way things were pre-COVID also forced the cafeteria workers to undergo some changes in the way they work.

“When it was free lunch, all we had to do was check mark people,” Palmer said. “We didn’t have to have the system where you put your lunch code in. But now, the federal government has stopped that.”

But now, with students having to pay for their lunch, there also comes difficulty in affordability. The district has also taken this into consideration and provided an alternative lunch option with reduced payment for those who can’t afford it.

“Most people, if they fill out the paperwork, would qualify for reduced, but we still feed them,” Palmer said.

However, not all students and parents find out about this paperwork. Debt from the lack of exposure of this reduced form, as well as debt from before COVID, stacks up to an

unbelievable amount.

“I was made aware that students at Pittsburg Community Middle School had a collective lunch deficit of \$915,” English teacher at PCMS Angela Lewis said.

With this new information, Lewis took the steps toward getting rid of the collective debt.

“I thought I could try to raise that amount so students who still owed money before COVID could once again eat a hot lunch at school,” Lewis said.

According to Lewis, she was able to get rid of this deficit because of the help and aid of the community.

“After administrative approval, I quickly made a Facebook posting about this issue and asked for donations to cover the \$915,” Lewis said. “Once I posted on Facebook, the \$915 was donated by a very kind, generous, active community member. It took eight minutes for that to happen.”

She aimed even higher and tried to get rid of the entire district’s deficit of \$1500. Not long after, she found that the debt was even higher than originally estimated.

“Within five minutes, that total was paid off. However, I later found out the district debt was actually more than that. And unfortunately, the amount owed by students grows each day,” Lewis said.

With this new information, Lewis has raised even more money with the help of the community, far exceeding the real

deficit of \$3950.

“As of today, people have donated \$4770,” Lewis said. “Anything raised from here forward will be paid toward the ongoing deficit. I am launching the ‘Adopt a Dragon’ program. This would be a donation of \$100 to cover a hot, school lunch every day until winter break.”

Despite the amount of trouble this sudden change in policy may have caused, the community as a whole was able to come together in order to make things easier for anyone and everyone.

“I cannot show my gratitude enough for what people have done for our students in USD 250,” Lewis said. “We are beyond blessed to have such dedicated, caring, and generous community members.”



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Coming back from retirement



Karen Curran and junior Kali Terry pose for a picture after a softball game. Photo Provided By | Kali Terry

Karen Curran returns to Pittsburg High School to teach physical science

Words By | Hailey Gray

Science Teacher Karen Curran decided to retire in 2021 after 32 years of teaching. However, the school was in need of a position being filled, so Curran stepped up.

Science teacher Mary Packard has known Coach Curran for decades. They met in a college class. After college, they both started to teach at Fort Scott and coached together there for ten years.

"I am very glad [Curran] came back to Pittsburg High School. Even though we just started, she still makes me laugh," Packard said. "I really missed her not being in school with us last year."

Junior Kali Terry has been close with Coach Curran in past years. In Terry's freshman year, Curran was the head softball coach for Pittsburg High School.

"When I heard that Curran was coming back to teach I literally was jumping for joy," Terry said. "It made me so happy that we would have her positive attitude in the building."

Coach Curran received many warm welcomes on the first day back. However, after this year, she will be going back into retirement.

"The former junior and senior students have really been amazing," Curran said. "I've treasured seeing and talking with each one."

Packard and Curran have coached softball, volleyball, golf, and archery together. Not only did they coach together, they also played softball and golf together.

"I swear every time we see each other we

laugh," Packard said. "Something funny from a movie or a past thing that happened to us."

According to Packard, Curran is a great teacher. She is organized, knows her science, and gets the point across really well.

"Mrs. Curran has great qualities as a teacher," Packard said. "I'm glad that the current freshmen get to have her as a teacher."

According to Terry, Curran will bring many smiles to faces and will make the school better in her year back teaching.

"Curran being back will impact the students because she is very helpful and a good teacher," Terry said. "Not only does she teach you physical science but she also teaches you life lessons."

According to Curran, she loves being back and it feels like she never left. Although, she will enjoy being able to spend more time with her family after this school year again.

"I thought it was going to be harder to get back into the daily routine, but it has definitely come easier than I thought," Curran said. "It's not hard to come to work everyday when you are looking forward to seeing so many friends and kids you love being around."

According to Curran, it was not hard to agree to fill the position. But she will enjoy being able to spend time with family and friends again after this school year.

"I'm happy to have been able to fill a need for the school and the district when they really didn't have any other options," Curran said. "I missed the kids, the admin, the staff, and my close friend, Mary Packard."

Physical training to physical science

Previous football coach retires, changes from teaching weights class to physcial science class

Words By | Heather Mowdy and Kayleigh Keller

Last year, Head Football Coach Tom Nickelson retired from coaching, but chose to stay at Pittsburg High School as a science teacher.

"[Science] is what I went to college for," Nickelson said. "I did this the first 16 years I taught. It's nice to get back."

While coaching football, Nickelson was also a weights and conditioning coach at the school. He went back to teaching science after his retirement for a few reasons.

"When you are in the weight room, you need to be a coach," Nickelson said. "I loved the coaching part, but people that are in there now need to be in there with their kids making sure they are getting stronger and faster."

According to Nickelson, neither subject is better than the other, even though they have their differences.

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Tom Nickelson

“You are exhausted at the end of the day with both [classes],” Nickelson said. “However, science is more mental and the weight room is more physical. I did spend four years in college learning how to [teach science], so this one comes a little more naturally.”

One major adjustment that Nickelson has had to make involves state assessments.

“We have very specific state criteria and benchmarks that we have to hit,” Nickelson said. “Making sure we hit them all is an adjustment.”

Even with all these adjustments, one thing stays the same: the kids.

“If they don’t think that you don’t care about them, then they are not going to give you their best efforts,” Nickelson said. “Forming bonds and just trying to get the best out of them no matter what you are teaching is what’s important.”

Stepping up: Senior Ella Rhuems takes on new position in HOSA

Words By | Addi Foster

Senior Ella Rhuems has been elected Kansas Future Health Professionals (HOSA) President for 2022-2023.

Rhuems was interested in joining the Pittsburg High School HOSA chapter her freshman year, but didn't actually get involved until her sophomore year.

"Getting to be involved in HOSA over the past two years has made me realize what a great organization this is," Rhuems said. "Through our conferences and events I found myself wanting to become more involved in HOSA."

Rhuems has a lot of different mentors in HOSA at the state level.

"Luckily, I've had great upperclassmen like Joy Lee and Mikayla Kitchen," Rhuems said. "They have really shown me the ropes of HOSA and how great it is to be involved at the state level."

According to Rhuems, the application and election process for becoming Kansas HOSA President is a very tedious undertaking.

"There's an application that includes short answer and essay questions and then you write and record a 2 minute speech about why you want to be a state officer and what you will bring to the program," Rhuems said. "Next, all of the HOSA programs across the state vote to elect the 9 officers and once you have been elected, there is a lengthy interview process with the Kansas HOSA board to elect the President and Vice President."

Rhuems has gained a lot of responsibilities, such as leading a team of nine state officers, planning state conferences, serving on the board of directors for Kansas HOSA, and representing Kansas at the Washington Leadership Academy and

the international conference in Houston, Texas.

"I am incredibly honored to serve as the President," Rhuems said. "Ever since I joined HOSA, I have wanted to be a state officer, but I never thought I would become the President."

In the future, Rhuems plans on going to medical school at the University of Kansas. She hopes to become either an Emergency or Trauma Surgeon with an emphasis in Cardiology.

"I am so excited for all the wonderful opportunities I have already been given for this year," Rhuems said. "Like every senior, I am extremely excited to go to college, but I am also excited to enjoy senior year and have many wonderful experiences, like being the Kansas HOSA President."



Ella Rhuems, senior, poses in her HOSA uniform. Photo Provided By | Ella Rhuems

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My body my choice

Mayhew discusses thoughts about election for abortion rights in Kansas

Words By | Emma Mayhew

Abortion is arguably one of the most controversial topics from the last century, with the earliest of abortions being performed in Egypt around 1550 B.C. It has gained even more popularity in the last 50 years due to the controversy over the Supreme Court decision known as Roe v. Wade that has given women all across the country legal rights to decide whether to get an abortion or not.

This changed June 24, 2022, when the Supreme Court made the decision to overturn this amendment, sending women into either a panic or celebration all throughout the country. The decision to get an abortion should be up to the woman and that woman only, because in the end it's her body. Her body is the one that will go through all the pain, hormonal changes, and possibly even death. Should it not be her choice whether she wants to go through all these changes or not? I believe it should be, and so did close to two-thirds of Kansas's population in August.

There are basic rights that a woman should have, one of which is the right to choose. If you don't want an abortion, then don't get one. It's that simple, but don't try to force your opinions on the women who need that choice. There are so many states in this country that disagree with that statement, and are keeping their anti-abortion legislation to control women and their bodies.

A common argument against abortion and those who are anti-choice is that being pro-life is about saving babies from murder, but what about the mothers and the kids that are already alive because their mothers didn't have a choice? These are the mothers who were raped and forced into having a child they didn't want or couldn't afford, which in many cases leads to kids living in abusive or unsuitable houses or being sent to the overflowing foster system.

In a more recent case, a 10-year-old girl being raped and falling pregnant with her rapist's child in the anti-choice state of Ohio, which immediately banned abortion after 6-weeks

with no exceptions for rape or incest, was forced to travel across state lines to Indiana where a doctor was able to perform a safe and legal abortion. The doctor has received "an immense outpouring of support from medical professionals in Indiana and across the country," according to NPR. This girl, a child most likely in 4th or 5th grade, has to deal with the trauma of a rape from a reportedly 27-year-old man and then the trauma of a pregnancy. What if Indiana had banned abortions just like Ohio? This child would be having a child herself, a baby raising her own baby. This is the scary reality that so many young girls and women are going to have to face in this post-roe era of living in America.

However, in a landslide election, Kansas voters decided to keep abortion legal in the state and to "vote no" to removing the amendment in the state. However, some abortion restrictions still stand here, unless the life of the mother is possibly threatened or is actively declining. Most providers decline to perform abortions in the state of Kansas after 21 weeks and 6 days, because the cutoff from the 22 week mark is too close to be able to really know for sure, according to abortionfinder.org.

As previously mentioned, abortion is heavily controversial, so just the allowance of an abortion up to 22 weeks is still heavily debated for moral reasons from the pro-life aspect of society. In fact, according to the Pew Research Center, the split between pro life and pro choice among adults in Kansas is exactly 49% on both sides, which leaves a 2% difference between adults who didn't know which side they supported.

Along with the information provided by the Pew Research Center, the topic of religion came up in the abortion debate. My belief is that you are allowed to believe whatever you want religiously, and you can tell me all about your beliefs, and I will show you the same respect you show me. However, that doesn't mean I have to follow your standards of how I should live or what I should do with my life, and the same standards goes for you.



You don't have to support anything I've said or will say, and I don't have to support anything you say or will say. That's how life works, you can't make everyone happy, but when it comes to times when my physical safety is at risk because of something I had the option to terminate but your religion came in the way of my health and took that option away from me, where is the equality in that? Where was the separation of Church and State in the courts when this decision was being made for everybody in the entire country?

Kansas is one of the lucky states, but the four abortion providers across the state are already feeling the effects of neighboring states banning abortion. There has been a rise of 4.1% in abortions provided in Kansas, which corresponds with a drop of abortions in Oklahoma and Texas, and this information was reported by the Topeka Capitol-Journal in April 2022, so this was as abortion restrictions were rising in these states. Some could say that was a simple coincidence, but the clues being presented lead me to believe that even before the total ban in these states were accomplished, people were already evacuating to Kansas for their abortion needs. What happens to these providers when every person in the surrounding states, which is tens of millions, all begin coming to Kansas for their abortion needs?

There's almost no way for these clinics to be prepared for that rush, so this leads me to my next point, which is that we need to support these four clinics as much as possible. There are many ways to support these clinics, but donations are listed as Planned Parenthood's greatest way to donate to the organization.

Kansas Abortion Election Voting Results

NO
543,855 votes
59%



YES
378,466 votes
41%

Art By | Heather Mowdy

College or professional football?

Arck expresses beliefs that college football is better than the NFL



Words By | Greely Arck

The best parts of fall are obviously the lazy weekend afternoons, the autumn scented candles, apple pie in the oven, and a fluffy blanket; but there's something far better than all of these combined: college football. Nothing compares to the crazy fans, unmatched atmosphere, different schools' banter on Twitter, and coaches that somehow always have something to be overly mad about. College football is a world of its own, there's nothing that comes close. However, despite college teams holding the crown of being most entertaining, the die-hard NFL fans still try to say otherwise.

The NFL is an old dog that isn't even trying to do new tricks. Sure, there will always be the fans who go nuts for their teams, but it doesn't compare to the atmosphere of college football. The NFL, simply put, is a combination of overpriced tickets, disappointing plays, constant controversy,

and is overall taken way too seriously. College football, on the other hand, has all the best traits of an amazing game experience: students who eat, breathe, and sleep for game days, the band coming in at just the right times, intense rivalries, massive upsets, and traditions that make each school unique. No matter how late the game goes, it won't matter, because college football is on Saturdays. I don't have to dread waking up for school in the morning, which makes it all the much more enjoyable. College teams also don't have annoying bandwagoners who claim to have loved any winning team for years; most college football fans went to that school or are from the general area.

The amount of times I've passed out on the couch watching NFL games on Sundays is too many to count, but I'm not sure there's been a college game I have dozed off to. College football is, and always will be the top tier of entertainment that the professional league could never dream of being.



Riley Beihl huddles with his team during practice. Photo By | Sidney Lira

New perspective

College student Riley Beihl takes over coaching position.

Words By | Heather Mowdy

After the former soccer coach resigned, the program was in need of a new, young perspective. Riley Beihl is the new soccer coach at PHS. He has been a high school soccer referee for three years now, but this is his first year coaching this age group.

"I believe that as a new, young coach I am able to bring a fresh perspective to the program, because I was a part of it just a few years ago," Beihl said. Beihl has prior experience coaching younger kids in the area, but coaching older kids also has some advantages. "The majority of the high school players are coming into the team with at least a little bit of prior experience in soccer," Beihl said. "I've done camps for kids between the ages of three and ten as well as coaching a team of 8-10 year olds, and most of them are coming into soccer for the first time."

Beihl has been playing since he was little, and played here at the high school for three years. He believes that this program has lots of room to grow, and is very motivated to improve it.

"It starts with these kids," Beihl said. "I've only had a couple weeks with the team so far

but I can see a lot of talent within it and am very excited for the season to start."

Along with goals of growth in the players, Beihl also has other visions outside of his team.

"My main goal for this season is to increase the awareness of the soccer program here at Pittsburg High School," Beihl said. "I want to fill those stands and get my players the recognition they deserve."

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Soccer Coach

Beihl will graduate from Pittsburg State University in December. Since he is still in college, he doesn't work for the district but rather on campus.

"As I'm sure most coaches would agree, there are always long days," Beihl said. "I leave for school or work at eight every morning and get home from practice

after six most nights. I make sure I'm finding time for any schoolwork I need to get done while still connecting with my friends and family."

Beihl will graduate with a major in Communications and a minor in Business Administration.

"I plan to go into the digital media industry after I graduate," Beihl said. "I'm not completely sure on what area I would like the best yet, but I do plan to continue coaching after college, as long as my career allows it."

Finishing Up:

After several months of construction, the gym can now be used for practices and games.

Words By | John Lee

After spending nearly the entirety of summer break repairing Pittsburg High School's gym floor, the process is just about finished.

"Well, it was a long summer," administrator Jeff Staley said. "The floor has now been repaired, it's just a matter of letting it cure."

Unfortunately, the process took much longer than intended. According to Staley, the floor was estimated to have finished repair by the end of May, and early into June. It took more than two months of extra time for the gym floor to reach its completion stage.

"August 17 was when they had completely finished working on the floor," Staley said.

At this point, the only question was why it took so much more time than was originally intended. The simple answer: COVID-19.

"It was my first project post-pandemic, and before, if you ordered something, you knew that it would take three to five days to ship so you could plan accordingly," Staley said. "Until things settle down, we do not live or work in a society where that is always the case."

The additional time it took to finish the gym floor also cut into some of the activities that viewed our gym as a necessity.

"The first two weeks of our volleyball season had to be moved, and over the summer there were several youth camps that we had to move," Staley said.

But regardless, administrators and coordinators still found viable alternatives while the gym was still undergoing repair.

"We had to move the [youth camps] to the Megan Mallet, or to the Middle School," Staley said. "We had them, we just had to move where we had them."

But when you disregard the time frame, what's important is that the repair was finished without too many setbacks. Staley attributes this to the teamwork and communication between workers and administrators.

"The biggest piece of it is teamwork; making sure you communicate," Staley said. "The process has a lot of moving parts, but as long as everyone is communicating, it works out pretty well."

That doesn't mean that a working process comes naturally though. Staley recognizes that one thing he learned from this experience is how to be patient with workers, and with colleagues.

"Sometimes, it takes months to get something in. And that's a very complex situation, not one that can be fixed by changing vendors or getting wood from somebody else," Staley said. "That was the biggest thing that I learned: when we have future large projects, I'm going to have to be more patient."

And even though things may be different from the way they were before, Staley and the rest of the administration team knows exactly how to handle the situation, if it were to ever happen again.

"Large projects are different now," Staley said. "But that's fine, we'll all adjust."

Change of management

Marybeth Grimes takes over as head tennis coach after previous coach changes positions

Words By | Heather Mowdy and Chloe Nickelson

Up until this year, the girls' tennis coach has changed for three years in a row now. Marybeth Grimes has taken over as head coach this season.

"I was the boy's assistant tennis coach for the spring 2022 season," Grimes said. "I learned a lot about how to be a coach from previous tennis coach Sally Rickers."

Since Grimes has coached boys in the past, she has some experience with coaching, but girls bring new experiences.

"Coaching the girls' team is a lot of fun," Grimes said. "We have a good mix of experienced and new players."

Several players have had to adapt to the coaching changes over the last three years.

"It's been very hard with new coaches," senior player Laikyn LeFever said. "You have to learn their way of coaching in a short amount of time before the season starts which tends to be fairly difficult."

Even though there are some difficulties, LeFever notices many positives with different

coaches.

"Having new coaches [helps us] learn new mechanics," LeFever said. "There's only one way to play tennis but every coach has a different way to get us there and make us better."

Junior Indianna Grotheer has had a different coach each year she has played, which, according to Grotheer, has taught her a good life lesson.

"I was never good with change before high school," Grotheer said. "My tennis experience has definitely forced me to be ok with it."

Along with Grotheer, most of the junior girls have adapted with the changing coaching staff.

"We just have to be flexible," Grotheer said. "I think our team has become a lot closer because we will always have each other. The team spirit and bonding this year is absolutely amazing, and I don't think it would be that way if we always had the same coach."

According to Grotheer, the previous coaches have all had different coaching styles that have had their pros and cons, but one is not better than the other.

"I have appreciated something from each coach and learned to be flexible," Grotheer said. "Coach Grimes, our coach now, is a super smart and strong woman. She has already taught me a lot of strategies I didn't know before."

While it can be tough to change coaches each year, Grotheer, LeFever, and the rest of the team are adapting and changing with the program.

"It has been a new process every year," Grotheer said. "Everyone has just tried their best and moved forward. I am so incredibly proud of our team."

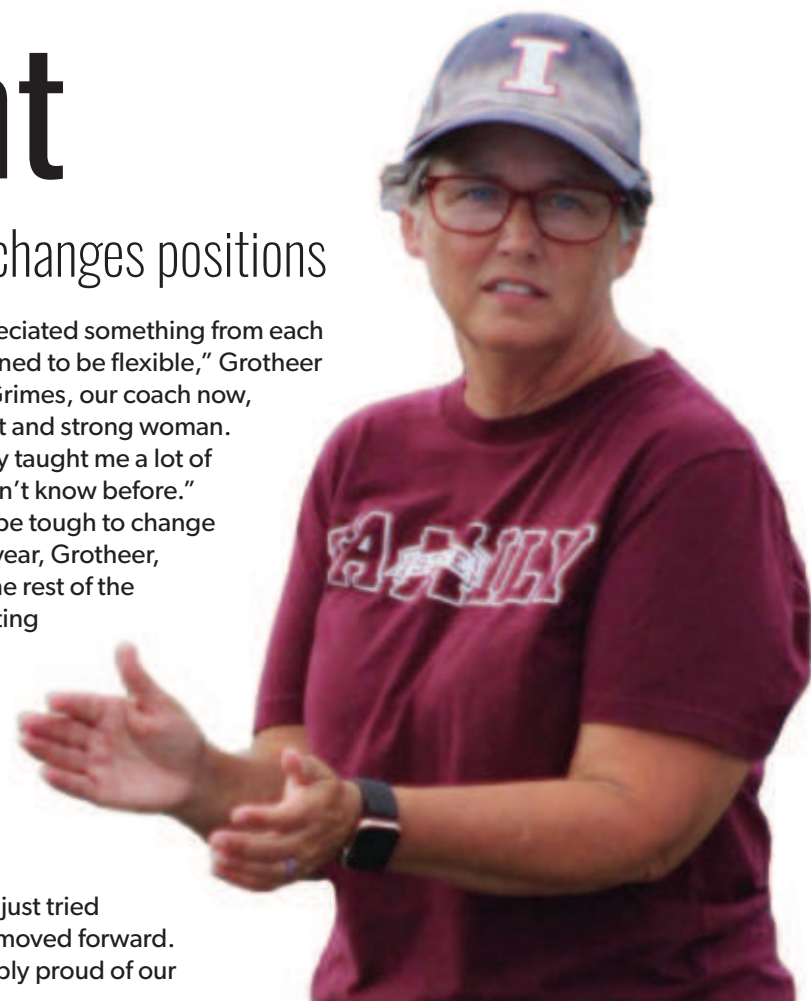


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