



Pittsburg State University President Dr. Daniel Shipp talks about his plans for the university at Pittsburg Noon Rotary Club's meeting on Tuesday.

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The future of PSU

Dr. Shipp shares his vision with Rotarians

By Antjea Wolff  
Morning Sun Staff

PITTSBURG, Kan. — After being on the job for 88 days, Dr. Daniel Shipp, the 10th president of Pittsburg State University, visited with the Pittsburg Noon Rotary Club on Tuesday to discuss plans he has for the university.

The Pittsburg Rotarians often invite guest speakers to their meetings, which are every Tuesday at noon, as a way to continuously showcase members of the community. Guest speakers range from students involved in Pittsburg High School's Launch program, to PSU coaches, musicians and many others. This week, the Rotary members were able to hear a little about Dr. Shipp and how he has interacted with the college and community so far, as well as his ideas for the future of PSU.

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From left, Marlene Willis purchases a rug from White Elephant Emporium co-owner Stephanie Beitzinger Watts with the help of Sandy Jenkins and Sophia Beitzinger during the store's soft opening on Sept. 17.

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Owners of unique store find permanent home

By Antjea Wolff  
Morning Sun Staff

PITTSBURG, Kan. — After hitting some bumps and challenges along the way, two sisters-in-law with a passion for interior design have a permanent location for their dream and are set to have their grand opening this weekend.

When Danielle Beitzinger married Stephanie Beitzinger Watts' brother, they quickly realized they both graduated from Pittsburg State University with the same degree: fashion merchandising. The two bonded over their love of visual interior design.

"Whenever we were together, we always talked about design, our homes," Watts said. "That's always the one thing we had hugely in common. And we've always complimented each other on our tastes."

After Watts moved back to Pittsburg, and Beitzinger was living in Kansas City, they decided to showcase their talent for discovering and displaying unique home décor pieces by renting a booth at Paradise Mall, an antique mall in Pittsburg, and selling their cultivated collections.

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Owners of the White Elephant Emporium, Stephanie Beitzinger Watts, left, and Danielle Beitzinger are set for their grand opening this weekend.

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Kansas Supreme Court chief justice discusses Parsons special session plans

By Jonathan Riley  
Morning Sun Editor

PITTSBURG, Kan. — The Kansas Supreme Court will hear oral arguments next Monday, Oct. 3, at Parsons High School during a special traveling docket session. Except for 2020 and 2021, the court has hosted such sessions, which are open to the public, at various locations around the state every year since 2011.

On Tuesday, Kansas Supreme Court Chief Justice Marla Luckert spoke with the Morning Sun about what people can expect from next week's special session, which will start at 6:30 p.m. and is expected to go until about 8 p.m.

"This will be a regular court docket for us," Luck-



Kansas Supreme Court Chief Justice Marla Luckert

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ert said. "It will be handled as if we were in the courtroom, so that people will have an opportunity to see the court in action, if you will, and we will call two cases. They are both criminal cases, and the

attorneys in the case will argue before the court, again, just as if we were in our courtroom in Topeka. The idea is to give the audience an opportunity to see how an appellate court works and what an oral argument sounds and looks like."

The travel docket session will be followed by a reception, during which members of the public will have the opportunity to visit with the Supreme Court justices and ask questions. Luckert said a frequent comment she hears from audience members after travel docket sessions is that the hearings were different from what they expected.

"People see trial courts on TV and in movies and

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Child care providers update county commission

By Dustin R. Strong  
Morning Sun Staff

GIRARD, Kan. — County commissioners heard updates from local child care providers Tuesday about their recent progress in expanding their facilities to accommodate the demand for child care slots in Crawford County.

Harmony Child Care, the facility championed by Dr. Jacqueline Youtcos, is working to convert the old Washington School at 209 S. Locust to serve as a child care facility. The school has been purchased and most of the rooms cleaned out. The Vecino Group has been hired to manage the renovation, which is estimated at \$3.7 million.

Harmony is designed for 122 child care slots, including 80 pre-school and 18 infant slots, and will serve all income levels. Harmony's administration is planning to begin renovation by Jan. 1 and be ready for clients by August of 2023.

Six area childcare providers, including Harmony, have already received \$200,000 each in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which was approved by Congress and signed by President Biden in March 2021 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Tuesday, Harmony asked for an additional \$750,000 in ARPA funding from the county.

Also at Tuesday's work

session with the county commissioners, Pastor Donnie Talent of Victory Life Church in Pittsburg announced he is looking to begin his construction on Oct. 10 with a completion date in February of 2023. Talent's facility will have 2,500 square feet dedicated to autistic clients. A new program director has already been hired and will start working in November.

Talent is asking for another \$400,000 to finish his facility, which when completed should be able to handle up to 84 clients.

Sugar Creek and New Horizons, two child care providers that each received \$200,000 in ARPA money before deciding to

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Obituaries

James Randel "Randy" Leach

James Randel "Randy" Leach, age 58, Mound City, Kansas, passed away Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022.

He was born in Iola, Kansas, on Jan. 15, 1964, the son of James Paul and Sharon Leigh (Henson) Leach. He attended grade school in Iola. He graduated from Erie High School. He then attended Labette Community College to play baseball.



After an injury, he decided he liked football better. So he continued his athletic career at Independence Community College to play football. After Indy, he went to Morningside College in Iowa to continue playing football. Pittsburg State University was Randy's next stop. He received his major in Biology with a minor in physical science. While at Pitt, he played football, competed in track and field, and was on the Pitt State rugby team. He later played semi-pro rugby for the Kansas City Blues. Randy's final education destination was Mid America Nazarene College, where he received a Master's degree in education and a major/concentration in technology-enhanced teaching.

He was united in marriage to Jennifer Johnson on Feb. 17, 1996. Randy and Jennifer welcomed two children after their union in marriage: Wesley and Carley.

Randy was a coach, educator, mentor, and friend to many. He was preceded in death by his parents and his dog Shirley Pearl.

Randy is survived by his wife, Jennifer; in-laws Charley and Mary Kay Johnson; son, James Wesley Leach and fiancé Tree Mulkin and her sister, MaLinda Henson; daughter, Carley, and husband Micah Mayberry; a granddaughter and best friend Dru James Mayberry; three sisters, Rictoria Bober (Paul), Sherry Fejfar (Shane), and Shelly Thorp (Mike); a brother, Robin Leach (Lisa); sister-in-law DeAnn and Jeff Dawson.

Coach Leach influenced so many people in his life here on earth and was blessed to know so many.

A Celebration of Randy's Life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022, at Jayhawk Linn High School. Memorial contributions are suggested to Jayhawk Linn Athletics or Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Edward Leroy Nutt

Edward Leroy Nutt, 71, of Mindenmines, Missouri, passed away in Pittsburg on Sept. 24, 2022.

He was born on May 20, 1951, at McCune, Kansas, to Glenn and Anna Mae (Warner) Nutt.

On June 27, 1999, he was united in marriage to Evelyn Goodwin. She survives of the home.

Edward worked and retired as an equipment operator for KDOT.

In addition to his wife Evelyn, he is survived by two sons, Chad Nutt of Grove, Oklahoma, and Robert Nutt of Grove, Oklahoma; his father, Glenn Nutt and his wife Dianne of McCune; a sister, Sheila, as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and two brothers, Kenneth Nutt and Rick Nutt.

A Graveside Service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022, at 11 a.m. at McCune City Cemetery. A visitation will be held at Brenner Mortuary on Friday, Sept. 30, 2022, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making a donation to Angels Among Us.

Arrangements are under the direction of Brenner Mortuary, 114 E. 4th St. Pittsburg, KS, 66762.



County hears about grant opportunities

By Dustin R. Strong  
Morning Sun Staff

GIRARD, Kan. — Crawford County Grant Writer Gus Brunetti approached the county commissioners Tuesday about several possible funding opportunities, ranging from child care to infrastructure. All of these grants are part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grants program.

Among the grants Brunetti listed was a youth job training program designed to teach at-risk youth, in partnership with a trades program, a trade skill they can use to make a living.

An architectural and removal grant provides funds to remodel storefronts to meet Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines. According to Brunetti, the funds can be used for one building, or up to five buildings with a grant of up to \$50,000.

A community facilities grant provides up to \$750,000 to improve community centers, libraries, parks, sidewalks, and trails to connect residential and recreational areas or to repair parks and trails. This grant requires a 25 percent match in funds.

A regional water and planning grant allows for the consolidation of two or more water systems,

creation or expansion of a water district, or the combining of two water districts. Brunetti said that for 2023, any projects over \$3 million will not require drafted plans. Applications for the grant open on Jan. 2 and are due by Dec. 31, 2023.

A non-profit child care and educational facilities grant is available to design and build child care facilities that cater to low- and middle-income families. As part of this grant, the county can request assistance in designing the facility.

Brunetti said the county, based on population, can apply for up to two grants out of the five total available; cities within the county can apply for one. Any non-profit organization can also apply for any grant.

The commissioners expressed interest in the child care grant and directed Brunetti to contact the child care providers in the county to see if the grant suits their needs. Brunetti was also advised to share this information with individual municipalities and other non-profit organizations, as there may be a grant of interest to them.

All grants, except the regional water and planning grant, are currently available with the due date for application being Feb. 1, 2023.

Wildcat District to host ServSafe training

Staff Reports  
news@morningsun.net

NEODESHA, Kan. — Kansas State Research & Extension Wildcat District is conducting a ServSafe Food Handlers education program on Nov. 15 at noon. Training will be held at the Wilson Medical Center, 2600 Ottawa Rd., Neodesha.

"It is important that all food handlers learn about food safety and proper food handling," according to Wildcat District Nutrition, Food Safety, and Health Agent Holly Miner. "The ServSafe

Food Handler program provides education to help keep food safe."

Those planning to attend the program must pre-register by Nov. 7. Participants will receive a book in class and be evaluated at the end of the class to receive a Food Handler's Certificate. The certificate is good for three years. Participants will learn methods of safe food preparation and handling.

For more information about the ServSafe Manager Training and Exam, contact Holly Miner at haminer@ksu.edu or 620-331-2690.

Wednesday, Sept. 28

Blanket Brigade

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

Derfelt Funeral Home Grief Share

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

Thursday, Sept. 29

Al-Anon

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

TOPS Club Inc.

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

TOPS #1186

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

Co-dependents Anonymous

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

Pittsburg Noon Kiwanis

Pittsburg Noon Kiwanis will meet at noon on Thursday, Sept 29, at Ascension Via Christi Hospital in DePaul Hall. Kiwanis Officers for 2023 will be installed. Discussion and planning for the return of the annual Pancake fundraiser will continue.

Friday, Sept. 30

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, Oct. 1

Scrabble Club

Scrabble Club will meet Saturday, Oct. 1, from noon to 4 p.m. at Pittsburg Public Library. New players are welcome.

Sunflower Kiwanis

Don't throw away those aluminum cans! Bring them to Dillon's parking lot on Saturday, where Sunflower Kiwanis members will be collecting from 8 a.m. to noon. Cans are collected the first Saturday of each month.

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# NEWS

## Pittsburg Parks & Rec to host senior bingo

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — A new session of the Pittsburg Parks & Recreation Department’s Senior Bingo has begun, with several events coming up

over the next few months. Each bingo event features a new theme with fun activities to enjoy. The theme for Sept. 30 will be “Birthdays,” followed by “Cheese & Sal-sa” on Oct. 7, “Birthdays” again on Oct. 28, “Vote

Christmas Luncheon & Chili” on Nov. 4, “Pie Walk & Birthdays” on Nov. 18, and a luncheon on Dec. 2. Senior Bingo starts at 1 p.m. at Lincoln Center, 710 W. 9th St., Pittsburg. Snacks and break time

is at 2 p.m. Cost is \$0.50 per meeting, \$0.25 per card. For additional details, call the Pittsburg Parks & Recreation office at 620-231-8310 or stop by Lincoln Center at 710 W. 9th St. in Pittsburg.

## PSU Campus Democrats to host candidates

**By Dustin R. Strong**  
Morning Sun Staff

PITTSBURG, Kan. — The Pittsburg State University Campus Democrats are hosting a candidate forum in the Governor’s Room at the Overman Student Center on Wednesday evening beginning at 5 p.m. According to Jackson Bertoncino, former presi-

dent of the Campus Democrats, the forum should not last much more than an hour. The event is a question-and-answer format, with current Campus Democrats President Lydia Zerr asking questions gathered from the PSU student body. If time permits, Bertoncino said, candidates will answer audience questions as well.

Although sponsored by the Campus Democrats, organizers wanted a bipartisan event and reached out to the PSU College Republicans and GOP candidates. The only Republican candidate to respond was Carl Wood, running for the Crawford County Commission 3rd District seat, but Wood has since cancelled his

appearance. No other GOP candidate has responded. The forum will feature incumbent 3rd District County Commissioner Jeremy Johnson and Patrick Schmidt, who is running for the U.S. House of Representatives seat in Kansas’ 2nd Congressional District against Republican incumbent Jake LaTurner.

## Prosecutor seeks 3rd trial for Kansas woman in 2 killings

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — A Kansas prosecutor has indicated that he intends to try a woman for the third time in the killings of her ex-husband and his girlfriend two decades ago. Dana Chandler is accused of killing 47-year-old Mike Sisco and his fiancée, 53-year-old Karen Harkness, in 2002 in Topeka.

Chandler’s second trial on two counts of first-degree murder ended in a hung jury last month. Chandler, who has always maintained she was in Colorado when the murders occurred, was convicted in her first trial in 2012, but the Kansas Supreme Court overturned that conviction because of prosecutorial misconduct.

In a court filing last week responding to a defense motion seeking an acquittal, Shawnee County Deputy District Attorney Charles Kitt indicated prosecutors will try Chandler again, The Topeka Capital Journal reported. Prosecutors contend that Chandler shot the victims because she was

bitter and upset by her divorce from Sisco. They acknowledged they had little physical evidence tying her to the killings but said the circumstantial evidence was overwhelming. Chandler’s attorneys argued that police did not investigate other potential suspects and conducted a sloppy investigation.

## Wichita man sentenced in ‘swatting’ case that led to death

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A Wichita man was sentenced Monday to 18 months in prison for his role in a hoax phone call that led police to shoot and kill an innocent man in 2017. Shane Gaskill was sentenced after pleading guilty in May to wire fraud, KSN reported. He was originally placed on probation but faced re-

newed prosecution after violating the terms of his probation. Prosecutors said Gaskill got into an argument in December 2017 with Ohio gamer Casey Viner over a \$1.50 bet. Using an old Wichita address Gaskill had given him, Viner persuaded Tyler Barris in Los Angeles to call Wichita police and say a kidnapping and

shooting had happened at the address, prosecutors said. It’s called “swatting,” a form of retaliation in which someone makes a false report to police to send first responders, including SWAT teams, to someone’s address. Andrew Finch, 28, who lived at the address, was shot and killed by police after he opened the front

door to see what was going on outside. Barris was sentenced to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to 51 counts of making fake emergency calls and threats around the country, including the one that led to Finch’s death. Viner served 15 months in prison after pleading guilty to conspiracy and obstruction of justice.

## LUCKERT

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other places, but an appellate court is not something that people usually have had an opportunity to either visit in person or even seen displayed in the media,” she said. Luckert noted that the Kansas Supreme Court has a Youtube channel where people can view its proceedings, although many people do not have time. “We actually have quite a few people who do that, but most Kansans can’t take the time during their day, when we do court usually, to do that,” she said. “So this is nighttime, in their hometown, so it gives them an opportunity to actually come out and experience it in person. Even if they’re a Zoom or Youtube watcher, it’s different in person I think.” Luckert said that the court does not make its decisions based on the personal feelings the justices may have about any given case. “I will explain at the beginning of the session that this isn’t a place where we do an opinion poll, that we make the decision based upon the facts and record and the law that applies,”

she said. She added that although some of the most high-profile cases the Kansas Supreme Court hears are those that set legal precedents with far-reaching implications or that become politically controversial for one reason or another, most cases it hears do not. The two cases the court will hear next week in Parsons are State of Kansas v. Richard I. Moler II, in which the defendant is appealing a conviction for violating the Kansas Offender Registration Act, and State of Kansas v. Justin Burke Eckert, in which the defendant is appealing a conviction for multiple counts of possession of drug paraphernalia. “They are, like all cases that come before us, important cases, especially to the parties involved, and they do set precedent for other courts to follow, but I doubt that they would be the kinds of cases that would grab a headline in the state news or anything of that nature,” said Luckert. The Kansas Supreme Court reviews hundreds of cases every year, Luckert said, and usually issues decisions on 100 to 200 cases annually. “And those are not cases

that every Kansan is going to know about. In fact years can sometimes go by without there being a case that would draw most Kansans’ attention, unless they are an attorney, a judge, a court watcher, or you know, others who are interested in it, but for the average Kansan, much of the work we do goes unnoticed, and yet it can really impact your life,” she said. “And so we do think people should understand that, because we are in each case applying our state statutes and our state constitution, and upholding the language that the legislature has adopted in those state statutes, and sometimes those statutes have a different impact than people recognize, so it just gives them an example to see how all of that fits together.” Anyone wishing to attend next week’s special session should arrive early to allow time to get through security screening. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. Court security advises that attendees should not bring food or drink; knives, pepper spray, firearms, or weapons; electronic devices like laptop computers, handheld games, personal digital assistants, or tablets; or large bags, large purses,

backpacks, computer cases, or briefcases. Small handbags are permitted. If you carrying a cell phone, it should be turned off and stored out of sight, and audience members are prohibited from talking while the court is in session. If arriving after proceedings start, or if audience members must leave the auditorium before the court session ends, they should be as quiet as possible, and talking immediately outside of the auditorium is also discouraged. Parsons High School is located at 3030 Morton Ave., Parsons. Next week’s special session will follow the normal process of Kansas Supreme Court proceedings as closely as possible, Luckert said, as one of the major goals of the travel docket special session is to educate the public on how the court system works by giving people a chance to see it up close. “We recognize that when you see polling about the three branches of government and how they work, invariably they show that people really do not understand how court systems work or what their role is,” Luckert said, “and in large part that’s because many people don’t have exposure to them.”

### AREA EVENTS

#### Wednesday, Sept. 28

##### Story Time at the Library

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

##### Building Strong Readers

The Girard Public Library invites the public to join them for their program Building Strong Readers on Wednesday, Oct. 5. The ages 0 to 5 program begins at 10 a.m. and the ages 5 to 11 programs begins at 2:30 p.m. “Pumpkins and Halloween” will be the theme for October. This program includes stories, crafts, and activities.

##### Children’s Movie Afternoon

The Girard Public Library is hosting a movie afternoon for children starting at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28. “Minions: Rise of Gru” and “Sing 2” will be the movie choices for September. Those that attend the movie will vote for the movie they would like to watch. Popcorn and drinks will be served.

##### Teen Time

The Girard Public Library will be hosting a teen time event for grades 6th through 12th starting at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28. A variety of activities will be available for attendees. Call the library 620-724-4327 for more information.

##### iCraft: Smash Books

The Pittsburg Public Library invites the public to a special iCraft event from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 28 to make Smash Books at the library. Smash Books will be made from recycled materials for patrons to create their own journals. Smash Books were the first iCraft project the library did back in 2012. The library provides all supplies, and iCraft is open to anyone in 6th grade through adult. Registration is required. To register, call 620-231-8110.

##### Pittsburg Area Farmers’ Market

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

##### Beginners Sign Language Class

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

#### Thursday, Sept. 29

##### Kansas Flyways: Understanding Birds’ Movements

The Sperry Galligar Audubon invites the public to their special presentation Kansas Flyways: Understanding Birds’ Movements, presented by Dr. Alice Boyle (KSU) at 7 p.m. in Yates Hall at Pittsburg State University. This event is free and open to the public.

#### Friday, Sept. 30

##### Talking Heads Discussion Group

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

##### Friday Music on the Lake

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

##### Global Fest

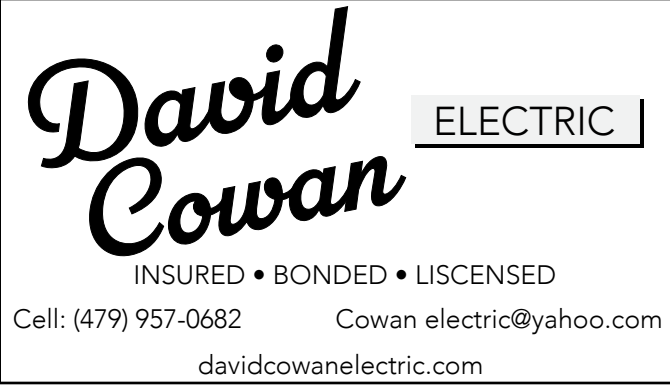
The International Student Association, in conjunction with the Office of International Programs and Services, will host Global Fest - an international night market - from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30 at Lindburg Plaza, at the intersection of Lindburg and Elm Streets. There will be a variety of country and ethnic booths with street food, wares, games, music, and more. It will be an interactive event exploring the many regions of the world in a lively open-air market atmosphere. Food samples will be \$1 each (cash). The event is open to the public.



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# OPINION PAGE

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## TASTEFOOD

# Lean into fall with these braised lamb meatballs

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It's officially autumn, so wave farewell to summer, wrap yourself in something cozy, and make some meatballs. Meatballs are like a warm hug. They are unpretentious, homey and unfailingly comforting — just like that sweater you're about to put on.

Meatballs are also universally pleasing. Most cuisines seem to have a version of a meatball, with "meat" being the variable term. The iterations are numerous and diverse, yet consistent: from the traditional meaty marriage of beef and pork, to fishy concoctions such as Danish fiskerikadeller or Brazilian bolinho de bacalhau, to vegetarian no-meatballs constructed of lentils and beans. Falafel, anyone?

The common denominator in these finger-licking morsels is a marriage of flavor and economy; they are an efficient and tasty way to stretch meat and repurpose trimmings and leftovers, while landing in a favorite comfort food group for adults and children alike. Everyone, it seems, loves a good meatball.

These are of the meaty ilk. They are lamb-heavy with a little beef added to keep the lamb in check. An unapologetic shower of spices and herbs delivers a whammy of flavor and fragrance, while a nugget of salty,

creamy feta tucked into the centers oozes cheesy goodness throughout the meat. Fall never tasted so good.

### Braised Lamb Meatballs With Smoky Tomato Sauce

Active Time: 30 minutes  
Total Time: 1 hour, plus chilling time  
Yield: Makes about 20 meatballs; Serves 4 to 6

#### Meatballs:

- 1 1/2 pounds ground lamb
- 1/2 pound ground beef
- 1/4 cup finely chopped yellow onion
- 1/4 cup panko (Japanese breadcrumbs)
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves and tender stems, plus more for garnish
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint
- 3 garlic cloves, minced or pushed through a press
- 1 teaspoon sweet paprika
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 3 to 4 ounces feta, cut into 1/2-inch cubes, plus more for garnish

#### Sauce:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/4 cup finely chopped yellow onion
- 2 garlic cloves, minced or pushed through a press
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 (15-ounce) can crushed tomatoes with juices
- 2 large roasted red peppers from a jar, drained and finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon harissa sauce (or chili paste)
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt, or to taste

- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Combine all the meatball ingredients except the feta in a bowl. Using your hands, gently mix until the ingredients are evenly distributed without overworking the meat.

Shape the meat into 1 1/2- to 2-inch balls. Make a small indentation in the center of each with your thumb and insert a feta cube, then close the meat around to seal it. Place the meatballs on a plate, cover with plastic wrap, and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.

Heat the oven to 350 degrees.

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large ovenproof skillet over medium-high heat. Add the meatballs in batches, without overcrowding, and brown on all sides, turning as needed, 5 to 7 minutes. (The meatballs will not be cooked through at this point. They will continue to cook in the sauce.) Transfer to a plate and repeat with the remaining meatballs.

Pour off all but 2 tablespoons drippings from the pan. Add the onion and saute until soft, scraping up any brown bits, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the garlic and saute until fragrant, about 15 seconds. Stir in the tomato paste, cumin, coriander and paprika and stir to create a slurry and to slightly toast the spices. Add the remaining sauce ingredients and simmer for 10 minutes,



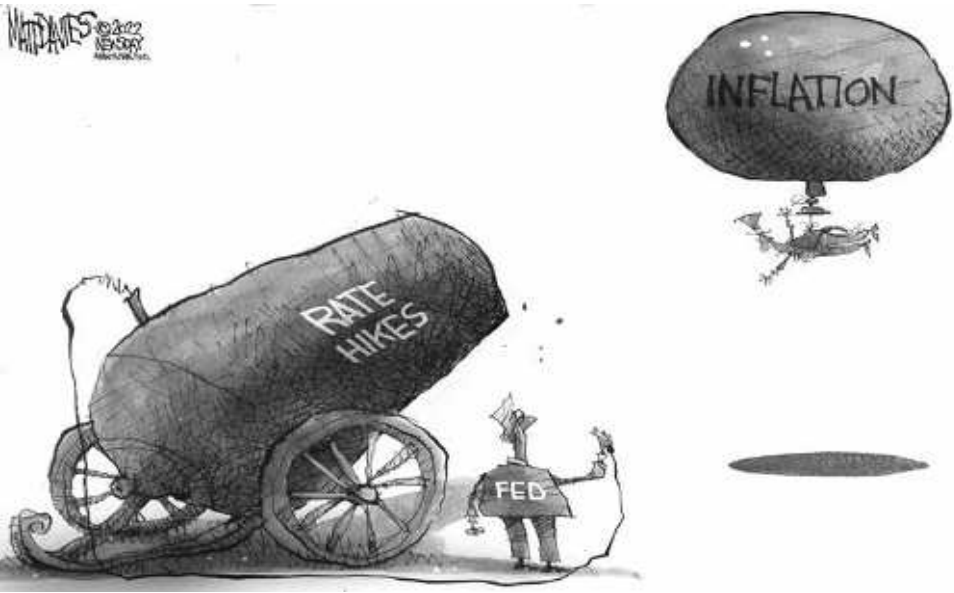
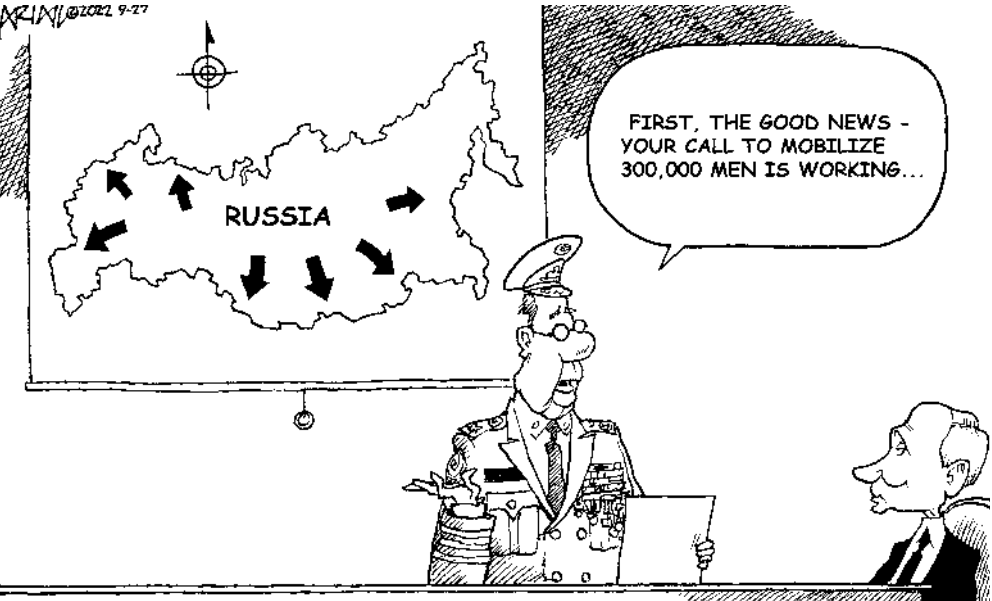
stirring occasionally.

Return the meatballs to the sauce without completely submerging. Place

in the oven and cook until the meatballs are thoroughly cooked, 20 to 30 minutes.

Serve warm, garnished with crumbled feta and chopped fresh cilantro leaves.

## EDITORIAL CARTOONS



## @ THE LIBRARY

# Soup's on!

By Carol Ann Robb  
Pittsburg Public Library

Seasonable temperatures are finally upon us, which means it's time to make soup, stew, and all kinds of autumnal foods we've not had for months. I recently made my first batch of stew and it was just right tasty. Of course, we all have our favorite recipes but it's still interesting to see what else might be out there.

Sure, it's fun to look at Pinterest but it's just not the same as holding a book. And so many cookbooks now boast gorgeous photos of the completed dishes. One such example is "The Complete Autumn and Winter Cookbook" put out by America's Test Kitchen. They also put out "Boards: Stylish Spreads for Casual Gatherings" for those wanting to throw together their own charcuterie boards for a tailgating party or an informal get-together.

I'm a fan of sheet pan dinners, so enjoyed

looking at "Sheet Pan Everything" by Ricardo Larrivee. There's just something so satisfying about those one-dish dinners (less wash-up required) and the aroma wafting through the house just makes your mouth water in anticipation of a flavorful meal.

Other fall-themed cookbooks that can be found on the library's shelves include "Autumn" by Susan Branch, "Autumn Gatherings" by Rick Rodgers, and four put out by Gooseberry Patch: "101 Autumn Recipes," "Coming Home," "Harvest Table," and "Quick & Easy Autumn."

For those who love their slow cookers — they, too, produce the most enticing aromas — I suggest you look no further than the Fix-It & Forget-It cookbooks. The library has ten different ones, as well as one for Instant Pots.

I think it's safe to say that if you're in need of some recipe inspiration, the library shelves hold

plenty of ideas. Just head back to the 641.5's and browse to your heart's content (though the autumn-themed cookbooks are on a special display, near our cart of "pumpkin spice" books).

As we turn the calendar over to October, it means yet another seasonal occurrence — "Books & Treats" are back for a second year! On Tuesday, Oct. 25, the Adult Services staff will again deliver special bags containing two books specially chosen just for you and a few treats to enjoy while you're reading. To sign up, call the Reference Desk at 620-230-5560 so we can find out your reading taste (sorry — we can't take specific titles, just authors and favorite genres), your address if you want the bookmobile to deliver the bag to your home (you must live within the Pittsburg city limits) or phone number if you want to pick up your bag at the library. Bags are limited to the first 50 people who sign up so don't put off calling in your request. After all, Halloween treats aren't just for kids.

# Husband's fantasies have opposite effect for wife



DEAR ABBY  
Abigail Van Buren

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been married 30 years. Our marriage has been a happy one. My husband supports me through everything. Our problems come up in the bedroom. A few years ago, he wanted to add "spice" to our relationship with a threesome. I agreed to try it if it would make him happy. Now every time we make love he wants to talk about another man being in our bed. I have tried explaining that I do not enjoy this all the time. It has

reached the point that I no longer get turned on. He can start out beautifully. I am turned on and we start. Then he wants me to talk to him about another man being there, and I shut down. When I try to explain it to him, he gets angry or frustrated. How do I keep my marriage going without losing my husband to a younger woman, and add some spice to my marriage bed without talking about threesomes? I love him and I don't want to lose a marriage we have fought to keep together through thick and thin. Please, help me keep my marriage together. -- LOST AND FRUSTRATED

**DEAR LOST AND FRUSTRATED:** If ever I heard about a couple

who need to talk to a licensed marriage and family therapist -- as well as a sex therapist -- it's the two of you. Sex is supposed to be enjoyable for both partners, not just one. Many straight men's fantasies involve another woman in the marriage bed. That your husband cannot be aroused without having you talk about another man raises questions about the nature of his sexual fantasies that I cannot address.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband's parents treat our two daughters very differently. My oldest is bright and talkative, and she's treated with love and kindness from both of them. They bring her gifts for holidays and birthdays and

make time to be with her. Our younger daughter has multiple disabilities. She is nonverbal and requires help in all areas. My in-laws act as if she doesn't exist. They never interact with her and never buy her gifts. They claim to be religious people, but I find their behavior toward our younger child to be completely devoid of love or kindness -- the opposite of what their religion teaches. It's distressing to my husband and me. We have mentioned the inequality before, to no avail. In fact, they never even responded. What should we do? It's tearing my heart apart to see my younger child treated this way by people who should love her unconditionally. -- MOM OF TWO IN OHIO

**DEAR MOM OF TWO:** You do not have to sit by and helplessly tolerate your younger daughter being treated the way she has been. I agree that what your in-laws have been doing is cruel and hurtful. It's appalling. So you and your husband should TELL them that if they want to continue seeing their grandchildren, they will show more consideration to the younger one, or else it won't happen.

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# NEWS

## New judge lets Missouri boarding school stay open

By JIM SALTER  
Associated Press

A Missouri judge on Tuesday allowed a Christian boarding school to remain open for now, scheduling two days of hearings in October to determine its fate after multiple current and former students alleged widespread abuse.

Cedar County Associate Circuit Judge Thomas Pyle's ruling came a day after he took over the case involving Agape Boarding School in Stockton. The Missouri attorney general's office had asked Pyle to close the school after requesting the new judge for the case previously presided over by Cedar County Circuit Judge David Munton. The state didn't say why it sought a new judge.

Pyle also approved the

state's request to again place Missouri Department of Social Services workers at Agape. On Monday, Munton lifted the order allowing state workers at the school. They had been there to monitor for abuse since Sept. 8.

Two days of hearings to determine Agape's fate are scheduled for Oct. 13-14.

Agape's attorney, John Schultz, said he was pleased with the judge's decision allowing Agape to continue operating.

"The students at Agape are not facing immediate harm as the State argued," Schultz said in a statement. "We monitor the students 24/7 and will continue to do so with the DSS workers returning. We look forward to having a trial in this matter be-

ginning on October 13th where actual evidence, versus unfounded allegations, can be heard and considered."

A spokesman for Republican Attorney General Eric Schmitt declined comment.

Schmitt's office filed a motion earlier this month to close the school, calling it "an immediate health and safety concern for the children residing at Agape." The school once served over 100 boys. The current number is unclear. School officials have declined to respond to interview requests.

Last week, the Republican speaker of the Missouri House, Rob Vescovo, sent a letter to U.S. Attorney Teresa Moore in Kansas City also urging closure of Agape. His letter said the situation is "more

far-reaching and contains more deeply-rooted corruption than we are able to address solely at the state level."

Vescovo's letter didn't explain his allegations of corruption and he has declined interview requests.

Agape's website calls it a boarding school "for teenage boys exhibiting bad behavior or failing academics. Our mission is to turn around your troubled teen." Its parent handbook says it is a ministry of Agape Baptist Church, also in Stockton. The school opened in 1996.

Abuse allegations at Agape and a nearby Christian boarding school for girls, Circle of Hope, resulted in a new Missouri law last year that among other things established minimum health and safety requirements

for boarding schools, required background checks for employees, and required adequate food, clothing and medical care for students.

Last year, Agape's longtime doctor, David Smock, was charged with child sex crimes and five employees were charged with low-level abuse counts. Schmitt's office contended that 22 workers should have been charged, and with more serious crimes. But in Missouri, only the local prosecutor can file charges, and Cedar County Prosecuting Attorney Ty Gaither has said no additional employees would be charged.

Circle of Hope, in Humansville, Missouri, closed amid an investigation in 2020 and its husband-and-wife co-founders face 99 charges,

including child abuse and neglect and sex crimes.

The petition filed by Schmitt's office cites several abuse allegations at Agape, including many from current students as told to DSS workers on-site.

One student was slammed through a magnetically-locked door and then restrained for about 40 minutes, several current students said.

In another case, a student said he saw another student punched in the stomach by a staff member while other staff held the student, who was then allegedly placed in handcuffs for about two weeks except for visits to the bathroom. The punishment was because the student refused to do jumping jacks, according to the court filing.

## Kremlin announces vote, paves way to annex part of Ukraine

By ADAM SCHRECK  
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Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — The Kremlin paved the way Tuesday to annex more of Ukraine and escalate the war by claiming that residents of a large swath overwhelmingly supported joining with Russia in stage-managed referendums the U.S. and its Western allies have dismissed as illegitimate.

Pro-Moscow officials said all four occupied regions of Ukraine voted to join Russia. According to Russia-installed election officials, 93% of the ballots cast in the Zaporizhzhia region supported annexation, as did 87% in the Kherson region, 98% in the Luhansk region and 99% in Donetsk. Possibly explaining the lower favorable vote in Kherson is that Russian authorities there have faced a strong Ukrainian underground resistance movement whose members have killed Moscow-appointed officials and threatened those who considered voting.

In a remark that appeared to rule out negotiations, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy told the U.N. Security Council by video from Kyiv that Russia's attempts to annex Ukrainian territory will mean "there is nothing to talk about with this president of Russia."

He added that "any annexation in the modern world is a crime, a crime against all states that consider the inviolability of border to be vital for themselves."

The preordained outcome sets the stage for a dangerous new phase in Russia's seven-month war, with the Kremlin threatening to throw more troops into the battle and poten-

tially use nuclear weapons.

The referendums asking residents whether they wanted the four occupied southern and eastern Ukraine regions to be incorporated into Russia began Sept. 23, often with armed officials going door-to-door collecting votes.

Russian President Vladimir Putin is expected to address Russia's parliament about the referendums on Friday, and Valentina Matviyenko, who chairs the body's upper house, said lawmakers could consider annexation legislation on Oct. 4.

Meanwhile, Russia ramped up warnings that it could deploy nuclear weapons to defend its territory, including newly acquired land, and continued mobilizing more than a quarter-million additional troops to deploy to a front line of more than 1,000 kms (more than 620 miles).

After the balloting, "the situation will radically change from the legal viewpoint, from the point of view of international law, with all the corresponding consequences for protection of those areas and ensuring their security," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Tuesday.

Many Western leaders have called the referendum a sham, and the U.N. Security Council met Tuesday in New York to discuss the voting, with the U.S. and Albania planning to introduce a resolution that says the results will never be accepted and that the four regions remain part of Ukraine. Russia is certain to veto the resolution.

The balloting and a call-up of Russian military reservists that Putin ordered last Wednesday are aimed at buttressing Moscow's exposed military and political positions.

The referendums follow

a familiar Kremlin playbook for territorial expansion and more aggressive military action. In 2014, Russian authorities held a similar referendum on Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula, under the close watch of Russian troops. Based on the voting, Russia annexed Crimea. Putin cited the defense of Russians living in Ukraine's eastern regions, their supposed desires to join with Russia, and an existential security threat to Russia as a pretext for his Feb. 24 invasion of Ukraine.

Putin has been talking up Moscow's nuclear option since Ukrainians launched a counteroffensive that reclaimed territory and has increasingly cornered his forces. A top Putin aide ratcheted up the nuclear rhetoric Tuesday.

"Let's imagine that Russia is forced to use the most powerful weapon against the Ukrainian regime that has committed a large-scale act of aggression, which is dangerous for the very existence of our state," Dmitry Medvedev, deputy head of the Russian Security Council that Putin chairs, wrote on his messaging app channel. "I believe that NATO will steer clear from direct meddling in the conflict."

The United States has dismissed the Kremlin's nuclear talk as a scare tactic.

The referendums asked residents whether they want the areas to be incorporated into Russia, and the Kremlin has portrayed them as free and fair, reflective of the people's desire for self-determination.

Tens of thousands of residents had already fled the regions because of the war, and images shared by those who remained showed armed Russian troops going door-to-door to pressure Ukrainians

into voting.

Mariupol Mayor Vadym Boychenko, who left the port city after the Russians seized it after a monthslong siege, said only about 20% of the 100,000 estimated remaining residents cast ballots in the Donetsk referendum. Mariupol's pre-war population was 541,000.

"A man toting an assault rifle comes to your home and asks you to vote, so what can people do?" Boychenko asked during a news conference, explaining how people were coerced into voting.

Western allies sided firmly with Ukraine, dismissing the referendum votes as a meaningless sham.

British Foreign Secretary James Cleverly said the ballots were "a desperate move" by Putin. French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna said while visiting Kyiv on Tuesday that France was determined "to support Ukraine and its sovereignty and territorial integrity" and described the ballots as "mock referendums."

Elsewhere, trouble emerged for Putin in the mass call-up he ordered of Russians to active military duty.

The order has triggered an exodus of nearly 200,000 men from Russia, fueled anti-war protests and sparked violence. On Monday, a gunman opened fire in an enlistment office in a Siberian city and gravely wounded the local chief military recruitment officer. Scattered arson attacks had been reported earlier on other enlistment offices.

One destination of fleeing Russian men is Kazakhstan, which reported Tuesday that about 98,000 Russians have crossed into Kazakhstan over the past week.

The European Union's border and coast guard agency says 66,000 Russian citizens entered the 27-nation bloc from Sept. 19 to 25, a 30% increase over the preceding week.

Russian officials tried to intercept some of the fleeing reservists on one of the main exodus routes, issuing conscription notices on the Georgian border. According to the state-run Tass agency, an enlistment task force was handing out notices at the Verkhniy Lars checkpoint, where an estimated 5,500 cars were lining up to cross. Independent Russian news sources have reported unconfirmed claims that draft-age men will be banned from leaving after the referendum.

As Moscow worked to build up its troops in Ukraine, potentially sending them to supplement its proxies who have been fighting in the separatist regions for the past eight years, Russian shelling continued to claim lives. Russian barrages killed at least 11 civilians and wounded 18 in 24 hours, Ukraine's presidential office said Tuesday.

In other developments, Ukrainian authorities reported more success in their counteroffensive to reclaim territory in some of the very regions where Russia is staging the referendums to consolidate its grip.

Ukrainian troops claimed to continue their push beyond the Oskil River in the country's east, pressing further into the Donbas. A video on social media Tuesday showed Ukrainian soldiers entering the village of Koroviy Yar, 15 kilometers (about 9 miles) from the river. Ukraine's military intelligence said that the country's forces continued to force Russian troops out of

the northeastern Kharkiv region and claimed to recapture the major railway junction of Kupyansk-Vuzlovyy.

The war's human toll was also reflected in a U.N. human rights monitoring mission's first comprehensive look at violations and abuses Russia and Ukraine committed between Feb. 1 and July 31, the first five months of Russia's invasion.

Matilda Bogner, the mission's chief, said Ukrainian prisoners of war appeared to have faced "systematic" mistreatment, "not only upon their capture, but also following their transfer to places of internment" in Russian-controlled areas of Ukraine and Russia itself.

The war has brought an energy crunch for much of Western Europe, with German officials seeing the disruption of Russian supplies as a Kremlin power play to pressure Europe over its support for Ukraine.

The danger to energy supplies grew when seismologists reported Tuesday that explosions rattled the Baltic Sea before unusual leaks were discovered on two underwater natural gas pipelines running from Russia to Germany. Some European leaders and experts pointed to possible sabotage during an energy standoff with Russia provoked by the war in Ukraine. The three leaks were reported on the Nord Stream 1 and 2 pipelines, which are filled with natural gas but not delivering the fuel to Europe.

The damage means that the pipelines are unlikely to be able to carry any gas to Europe this winter even if the political will to bring them online emerged, analysts at the Eurasia Group said.

## Sex abuse allegations spread against cheerleading industry

By JAMES POLLARD  
Associated Press

Sprawling allegations of abuse against cheerleaders reached Tennessee on Monday in a case that escalates the accusations facing some of the sport's top institutions.

An adult coach sexually assaulted teenage boys at Premier Athletics, according to allegations in a federal lawsuit filed in Memphis that is similar to a previous complaint against Rockstar Cheer in South Carolina.

In both cases, attorneys say leaders at Varsity Spirit, which runs competitions, and the U.S. All Star Federation, the country's cheerleading governing body, failed to provide a safe environment for athletes.

The lawsuit, brought

anonymously by two teenage boys and one boy's mother, alleges that a Premier Athletics coach sent nude pictures and masturbation videos and instigated nonconsensual sexual acts.

The coach has not been charged, and The Associated Press is not naming him. USASF did not immediately respond to an email request seeking comment.

In a statement to the AP, Premier Athletics Knoxville West said it was "inaccurately implicated" in the lawsuit, in which the majority of the allegations are said to have occurred before current ownership purchased any gyms.

In the statement, Premier Athletics said it heard June 26 from an athlete who reported receiving inappropriate photos from the coach. According to

the statement, Premier suspended the coach and immediately made a report to local law enforcement and USASF, neither of whom substantiated the complaint. Premier fired the coach, according to the statement.

Premier said it heard Sept. 18 from one athlete that another athlete had a "physical relationship" with the coach. After reporting that allegation to local law enforcement and USASF, Premier said, it did not contact the alleged victim's family to avoid any accusations of interfering with an investigation.

In a statement to the AP, Varsity Spirit said it is outraged that "predators took advantage of cheerleading programs to abuse innocent children" and rejected accusations that it enabled such behavior.

Varsity Spirit added that it never received reports of suspected misconduct and has not owned Premier Athletics or any other gym since August 2021.

Premier Athletics received reports in late May or June, but the coach continued to access the gym as recently as this month, according to the boys in the lawsuit.

Even after USASF added the coach to its ineligible list, the boys allege, he continued to participate in private lessons with minors on the gym's premises. In a July message, the coach told one of the plaintiffs that the gym manager told him he would not be fired, according to the boys in the lawsuit.

Also in July, USASF sent the coach a report notifying him of the allegations. That same week, the boys

allege in the lawsuit, the coach worked at camps run by the Universal Cheerleaders Association, which was established by Varsity founder Jeff Webb, and remained a Varsity representative.

The boys say in their lawsuit that USASF and Varsity endangered athletes by failing to report the misconduct to local law enforcement.

At a news conference Tuesday, the plaintiffs' lawyers said that "insular" systems within the cheer industry make it difficult for athletes to report misconduct. These institutions, the lawyers said, have set up an intentionally convoluted process. Lawyers noted that local gyms must become USASF members to participate in Varsity competitions.

"Varsity and the com-

panies that it empowers have an endowment that is funded on the backs of these athletes," attorney Jessica Fickling said. "The athletes and their families pay copious amounts of money to ensure that this sport continues. And for that money they are given a promise that they are going to be safe, that the environments that they cheer in, the gyms and competitions, will be safe. And yet, those environments are ill-equipped to handle these kinds of allegations."

Lawyers with the Strom Law Firm said Tuesday they are aware of other potential victims and seek to expedite this case. Attorney Alexandra Benevento said the allegations are part of a greater "culture of oversexualization in cheer."



# LOOKING BACK

FROM OUR HISTORY

## Students for McGovern at Kansas State college made plans for a caravan to Kansas City

By Phil Burgert  
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*Excerpted stories in Crawford County newspaper archives*

**100 Years Ago**  
Sept. 28, 1922

The Kansas state board of administration today let the contract for the erection of a new dormitory for girls at State Manual Training Normal School at Pittsburg to George E. Dalton of Junction City for \$104,750. The plumbing and heating contract went to J. H. Wright of Joplin, Mo., at \$13,377, and the electrical work to the Nelson Electric company of Joplin for \$1,395.95. There were about 20 bidders.

The last concert of the season will be held this evening at 8 o'clock at Lincoln park. Two selections, "Starry Night," from "Bacarolle," by J. H. Densmore, and "Deep River," by Fisher, which will be given by the High school girls' glee club conducted by Prof. W. F. Menne, will be a feature of the program. A band selection, "Doughboys' Return," which is the first number of the program, was com-

posed by J. J. Richards. The Roseland soccer football team has been organized and has announced that the team is now ready for dates with any team in the district. The Roseland team is starting in the season with the idea of winning the Schmeltzer cup. The team has lost one or two players but their places have been filled. All teams wishing for games should get in touch with Ebenezer Allen, manager for Roseland.

**50 Years Ago**  
Sept. 28, 1972

The 12 steam engines parked along a hedgerow on Fort Scott's south side represent a lifetime of love for George Jackson. The former steam engine operator and retired railroad engineer is busy this week scraping rust from the innards of the 15-ton machines, making plans for his 16th annual steam engine show. The show will feature Jackson's machines in demonstration of plowing, threshing, and sawing lumber.

The Students for McGovern at Kansas State college have made plans for a caravan from Crawford County to Kansas City Oct. 6

when the Democratic presidential nominee appears there. Other events planned by the students for McGovern include an evening of readings at KSC in the Stardust Ballroom and three bands have been secured for a Students for McGovern fund raising dance-concert Oct. 12 at the Tower Ballroom.

Head football coach Tom Lester and three Kansas State College gridiron gladiators were all but rubbing their hands in pleasant anticipation at the Gorilla Booster luncheon yesterday at the Besse. It wasn't so much confidence of victory over Emporia State as it was the thought of playing a team their same size. In each previous outing this fall, KSC has had to battle opponents much larger than themselves.

**25 Years Ago**  
Sept. 28, 1997

Students and teachers worldwide will benefit from a joint venture between PITSCO and Denmark's Lego® Dacta officially to be launched this week. Lego® Dacta-PITSCO will create a the new "Spectrum" curriculum, combining products from

the two companies, as its first project. Plans for the joint venture began about 10 months ago, according to Harvey, Dean founder and chief executive officer of PITSCO.

The Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce is once again offering the "Pittsburg Afghan" on a first come-first served basis. Commissioned by the Chamber, the Afghan was created by Country Mills in the United States. The design includes historic Pittsburgh landmarks, including Hotel Stilwell, Pittsburg Memorial Auditorium, Pittsburg Public Library, Russ Hall at Pittsburg State University and a historic railroad car.

The Pittsburg Wal-Mart Supercenter celebrates five years of success with a grand reopening tomorrow at the store, 2710 N. Broadway. The public is welcome to drink coffee and eat cake with employees. The reopening is part of the Supercenter's fifth birthday celebration in Pittsburg from in Sept. 27th to Oct. 3, which will include special events such as balloons and costumed characters to entertain children.

TODAY IN HISTORY

## In 1781, American forces in the Revolutionary War began their siege of Yorktown, Va.

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Today is Wednesday, Sept. 28, the 271st day of 2022. There are 94 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On Sept. 28, 1928, Scottish medical researcher Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin, the first effective antibiotic.

**On this date:**

In 1781, American forces in the Revolutionary War, backed by a French fleet, began their successful siege of Yorktown, Virginia.

In 1841, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow completed his poem "Excelsior."

In 1850, flogging was abolished as a form of punishment in the U.S. Navy.

In 1920, eight members of the Chicago White Sox were indicted for allegedly throwing the 1919 World Series against the Cincinnati Reds. (All were acquitted at trial, but all eight were banned from the game for life.)

In 1924, three U.S. Army planes landed in Seattle,

having completed the first round-the-world trip by air in 175 days.

In 1939, during World War II, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union signed a treaty calling for the partitioning of Poland, which the two countries had invaded.

In 1958, voters in the African country of Guinea overwhelmingly favored independence from France.

In 1962, a federal appeals court found Mississippi Gov. Ross Barnett in civil contempt for blocking the admission of James Meredith, a Black student, to the University of Mississippi. (Federal marshals escorted Meredith onto the campus two days later.)

In 1995, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat signed an accord at the White House ending Israel's military occupation of West Bank cities and laying the foundation for a Palestinian state.

In 2000, capping a 12-year battle, the government approved use of the abortion pill RU-486.

In 2019, voters in Afghanistan went to the polls to elect a president for the fourth time since a U.S.-led coalition ousted the Taliban regime in 2001; the vote was marred by violence, Taliban threats and widespread allegations of mismanagement. (After a series of delays, the country's independent election commission announced months later that Ashraf Ghani had won a second term as president.)

In 2020, the worldwide death toll from the coronavirus pandemic topped 1 million, according to a count by Johns Hopkins University.

**Ten years ago:** Citing national security risks, President Barack Obama blocked a Chinese company from owning four wind farm projects in northern Oregon near a Navy base where the U.S. military flew unmanned drones and electronic-warfare planes on training missions.

**Five years ago:** The Trump administration said its relief efforts in Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria were succeeding, though

people on the island said help was scarce and disorganized. House Majority Whip Steve Scalise returned to the House chamber for the first time since he was wounded three months earlier by a gunman who opened fire at a Republican baseball practice.

**One year ago:** Testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee, Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, called the 20-year war in Afghanistan a "strategic failure," and said he had favored keeping several thousand troops in the country to prevent a collapse of the U.S.-backed government and a rapid takeover by the Taliban. Barack and Michelle Obama dug shovels into the ground during a celebratory groundbreaking for the Obama Presidential Center along Lake Michigan in Chicago, near the Obama family home. A man who shot and killed five people at a newspaper in Maryland in 2018 was sentenced to more than five life sentences without the possibility of parole.

## COMMODITIES

Chicago Merchantile Exchange					
	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg
<b>CATTLE</b>					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Oct	144.22	144.32	143.15	143.57	+1.10
Dec	147.85	148.05	146.40	146.90	-.45
Feb	151.97	152.10	150.57	150.85	-.60
Apr	155.50	155.77	154.35	154.52	-.60
Jun	151.80	152.00	150.50	150.72	-.68
Aug	151.45	151.82	150.32	150.60	-.70
Oct	155.22	155.65	154.30	154.55	-.60
Dec	159.17	159.17	157.75	157.87	-.63
Feb	162.00	162.00	161.05	161.05	-1.12
Est. sales 59,864. Mon.'s sales 72,749					
Mon.'s open int 287,554					

<b>FEEDER CATTLE</b>					
50,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Sep	177.00	177.00	175.05	175.70	-1.17
Oct	177.00	177.62	175.30	176.12	-.95
Nov	176.90	177.55	175.20	176.27	-.78
Jan	177.87	178.22	175.95	176.80	-.92
Mar	180.45	180.60	178.50	179.12	-1.00
Apr	184.05	184.05	182.32	182.52	-1.28
May	186.90	186.90	185.10	185.75	-1.07
Aug	196.40	196.50	195.00	195.50	-.97
Est. sales 15,651. Mon.'s sales 18,370					
Mon.'s open int 45,779					

<b>HOGS,LEAN</b>					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Oct	91.12	91.37	88.42	88.70	-1.67
Dec	80.22	80.57	76.12	76.25	-3.15
Feb	84.22	84.77	80.12	80.35	-3.30
Apr	89.72	90.35	86.30	86.60	-2.60
May	93.67	94.50	90.85	91.25	-2.75
Jun	100.35	101.05	97.27	97.70	-2.25
Jul	100.65	101.10	97.55	98.05	-2.10
Aug	99.97	99.97	96.75	97.15	-2.00
Oct	86.10	86.10	84.20	84.45	-1.47
Est. sales 70,548. Mon.'s sales 63,430					
Mon.'s open int 203,196					

<b>PORK BELLIES</b>					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
No open contracts..					

Chicago Board of Trade					
	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
<b>WHEAT</b>					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Dec	857½	894½	857	871½	+13½
Mar	870½	907	870½	884¼	+13
May	878¾	911½	878¾	890½	+12¾
Jul	863¼	896¼	863¼	876	+10½
Sep	863¾	892¾	863¾	872¾	+9¼
Dec	872¼	893½	872¼	874¼	+7¼
Mar	869½	885	868¾	868¾	+6
May	857½	+6			
Est. sales 71,860. Mon.'s sales 67,892					
Mon.'s open int 287,955					

<b>CORN</b>					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Dec	666¼	678	666¼	667½	+1¼
Mar	670¾	682½	670¾	672¾	+2
May	671¼	683	671¼	673½	+2
Jul	665¼	676¾	665¼	667¾	+2½
Sep	622	630¼	621	621¼	-¼
Dec	611	618¾	610¼	610¼	-¾
Mar	617½	624¾	617	617	-¾
May	621¼	621¾	619¼	619¼	-¾
Jul	617	620¾	615¾	615¾	-1¼
Est. sales 225,840. Mon.'s sales 224,861					
Mon.'s open int 1,344,675, up 5,050					

<b>OATS</b>					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Dec	376½	387¾		370	-8½
Mar	388	391	374¼	374¼	-9¼
May	386½	386½	375½	375½	-8¾
Jul	378¼	-8¾			
Sep	364¼	-8¾			
Dec	364¼	-8¾			
Mar	356½	-8¾			
May	353¾	-8¾			
Jul	341¾	-8¾			
Est. sales 395. Mon.'s sales 574					
Mon.'s open int 3,800, up 52					

<b>SOYBEANS</b>					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Nov	1411¼	1437¼	1407	1408	-3¼
Jan	1416	1440¼	1413	1414	-2¼
Mar	1418¼	1442¼	1416	1417	-1¾
May	1421½	1444	1419¼	1420½	-1¼
Jul	1421	1442¼	1418¾	1420	-1
Aug	1406¼	1422¾	1401	1401½	-1¾
Sep	1365½	1381½	1364¼	1364¾	
Nov	1348¾	1366¾	1348¼	1350	+½
Jan	1360½	1363½	1352¼	1352¼	+½
Est. sales 220,981. Mon.'s sales 210,328					
Mon.'s open int 688,056, up 13,450					

<b>SOYBEAN OIL</b>					
60,000 lbs; cents per lb					
Oct	66.28	67.30	65.46	65.66	-.45
Dec	62.46	63.54	62.31	62.39	-.07
Jan	61.68	62.73	61.55	61.66	-.02
Mar	60.80	61.86	60.69	60.81	-.01
May	60.02	61.09	59.96	60.05	-.03
Jul	59.19	60.16	59.07	59.16	-.03
Aug	58.37	59.26	58.32	58.33	-.04
Sep	57.62	58.33	57.59	57.60	-.02
Est. sales 141,292. Mon.'s sales 140,739					
Mon.'s open int 407,754					

<b>SOYBEAN MEAL</b>					
100 tons; dollars per ton					
Oct	432.60	435.40	425.60	426.10	-6.50
Dec	417.50	421.50	412.90	413.60	-3.90
Jan	412.50	416.20	409.30	409.70	-2.90
Mar	406.00	409.70	404.00	404.30	-2.00
May	402.70	406.20	401.30	401.70	-1.10
Jul	401.90	405.50	401.00	401.40	-.40
Aug	397.00	400.50	396.90	396.90	
Sep	391.00	394.50	391.00	391.40	+50
Est. sales 127,846. Mon.'s sales 140,739					
Mon.'s open int 383,927,					

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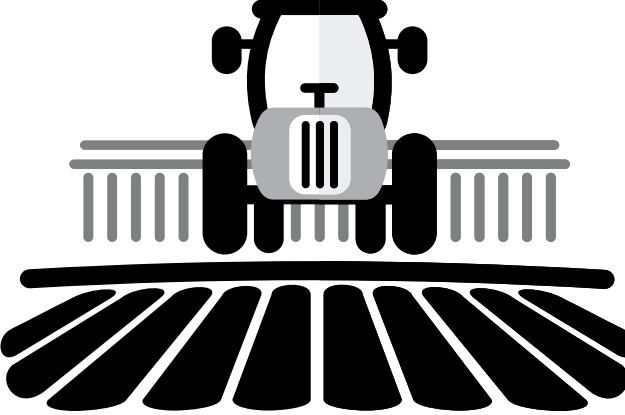
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Soybean.....	\$14.83
Yellow shell corn .....	\$7.47
Milo .....	\$6.27

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Bushel	
Hard wheat.....	\$8.68
Soft wheat.....	\$8.17
Soybean.....	\$14.83
Yellow shell corn .....	\$7.48
Milo .....	\$6.28

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Hard wheat.....	\$8.68
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NEWS

Senators push to reform police’s cellphone tracking tools

By JASON DEAREN and GARANCE BURKE  
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Civil rights lawyers and Democratic senators are pushing for legislation that would limit U.S. law enforcement agencies’ ability to buy cellphone tracking tools to follow people’s whereabouts, including back years in time, and sometimes without a search warrant. Concerns about police use of the tool known as “Fog Reveal” raised

in an investigation by The Associated Press published earlier this month also surfaced in a Federal Trade Commission hearing three weeks ago. Police agencies have been using the platform to search hundreds of billions of records gathered from 250 million mobile devices, and Hoover up people’s geolocation data to assemble so-called “patterns of life,” according to thousands of pages of records about the company. Sold by Virginia-based

Fog Data Science LLC, Fog Reveal has been used since at least 2018 in criminal investigations ranging from the murder of a nurse in Arkansas to tracing the movements of a potential participant in the Jan. 6 insurrection at the Capitol. The tool is rarely, if ever, mentioned in court records, something that defense attorneys say makes it harder for them to properly defend their clients in cases in which the technology was used. “Americans are in-

creasingly aware that their privacy is evaporating before their eyes, and the real-world implications can be devastating. Today, companies we’ve all heard of as well as companies we’re completely unaware of are collecting troves of data about where we go, what we do, and who we are,” said Sen. Ed Markey, a Massachusetts Democrat. Panelists and members of the public who took part in the FTC hearing also raised concerns about how data generated

by popular apps is used for surveillance purposes, or “in some cases, being used to infer identity and cause direct harm to people in the real world, in the physical world and being repurposed for, as was mentioned earlier, law enforcement and national security purposes,” said Stacey Gray, a senior director for U.S. programs for the Future of Privacy Forum. The FTC declined to comment specifically about Fog Reveal. Matthew Broderick, a

Fog managing partner, told AP that local law enforcement was at the front lines of trafficking and missing persons cases, but often fell behind in technology adoption. “We fill a gap for underfunded and understaffed departments,” he said in an email, adding that the company does not have access to people’s personal information, nor are search warrants required. The company refused to share information about how many police agencies it works with.

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NEWS

Wily seal surrenders at police station

BEVERLY, Mass. (AP) — A gray seal that wandered into a Massachusetts pond and evaded authorities’ attempts to capture him turned himself in Friday after waddling up to the local police station.

The gray seal first appeared earlier this month in Shoe Pond in the city of Beverly, northeast of Boston. The animal is believed to have traveled to the pond from the sea via a river and drainage pipes.

The seal quickly became a local attraction and was even named “Shoebert” after his chosen pond.

CHILDCARE

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collaborate, are moving forward with their joint project. The goal is to create 210 slots for child care, but final funding will determine the exact number of children served.

Southeast Kansas Community Action Program (SEKCAP) is looking to acquire the old addiction treatment center at the Girard Medical Center.

The county has approximately \$1 million in ARPA funds remaining to allocate to child care.

Another \$150,000 has been allocated for smaller child care providers who may receive a one-time payment of up to \$2,000 if they are home-based with fewer than 99 slots and are licensed. The money is currently not slated for centers designated as pre-schools, as there is a legal difference between pre-school and child care. The commissioners can decide to include pre-schools if they so choose, but they have not yet made any decisions on that.

SHIPP

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Rotary members was about how he was asked to speak to the PSU football team before their first game, and he told the players that their catchphrase “Welcome to the Jungle” isn’t quite right.

“And you could have heard a pin drop,” Shipp said. “They were like, ‘Who is this new guy with the tie on trying to talk to us about our theme song? What are you talking about?’ I said, I don’t think it’s right. Take it from somebody from the outside. I think it’s more appropriate to say ‘Welcome to the only place in Kansas that knows anything about championship football.’ And they jumped up and down.”

Dr. Shipp said he has spent the past 88 days learning about the community and the university in different ways.

“What you end up finding in kind of these moments in time, during the transition, is that it’s a chance to reflect and really learn about what our pride points and our pain points are as a community and as an organization,” Shipp said. “So we’re going to spend the entire fall semester digging into it, and try and understand what our opportunities are moving forward. And then rolling into strategic planning. That sounds sometimes very cold and shallow, but strategic planning is the lifeblood of what we do. And so

we have a lot of work to do around enrollment. I think we all understand that and what it means to the community and the campus. But it’s tough to jump into planning work until you build a base of education. So that’s what we’re doing together.”

He said one of the issues he saw is that PSU’s Kelce College of Business is in a building that is 100 years old.

“When you’re talking about enrollment for university or college kids, there’s two big propellers financially,” Shipp said. “Typically, your college of education and it’s typically your college of business.”

He pointed out that Wichita State University just opened a beautiful new facility for its business department.

“Our faculty deserve better, our students deserve better, and we’ve been raising funds for about 10 years and got about a fourth of the way there with the current concept,” he said.

Shipp said he wants to get a “plan B” in place so that PSU can open a new business facility in three years and said it is necessary if the university wants to keep a good enrollment level.

“We are making sure it is a top priority,” he said.

He said he also wants to build the university’s scholarship packages so that they will be consistent for a four-year degree, to attract more students.

“It’s not just about price,” Shipp said. “It’s

the value of a degree, the value of a residential college degree. Some of this work we’re doing in the transition teams this fall is to really unpack that. What’s distinct, what’s valuable, what’s unique about our educational recipe? And so we need to understand that and invest in that.”

Shipp said another thing that might interest those in attendance at Tuesday’s Rotary meeting is that only 50 percent of students at PSU graduate in six years, and the rest do not.

“So it’s half of the students that start that don’t finish,” he said. “They leave disappointed, disenfranchised with dollars that they owe, and they’re out of the game. That’s a big issue for all of us.”

Shipp said he got into education because his mother helped start a library in their small town, and that she used to tell him to go to school so he could leave every place a little better than when he found it.

“But if you leave disappointed and out of the mix, and you don’t have a career, but you owe money, what’s that say?” Shipp said. “We have too many people who are getting left out and getting left behind. That creates all kinds of challenges and opportunities for us in society. So I don’t need to preach to this group, because this group is centered on some of these issues. But we have to do better, all of higher education has to do not just a little bit better. I think

that if we enroll a student we enroll a graduate.”

He said he wants implement an associate’s degree as an option for students in addition to the bachelor’s degrees currently offered. For many students, life gets in the way, and if they need to leave, they can leave with an associate’s degree, he said.

“Imagine that in terms of being able to share that with the region,” he said. “How competitive are we, to say, ‘Come to Pitt State, and you get two degrees for the price of one.’ And it does right for the state of Kansas, for workforce development. It doesn’t leave people out disappointed and disenfranchised, and includes them and helps them build their confidence on the way to achieving their four-year degree.”

Shipp said he will be working with student focus groups over the next few weeks, and he is pleased and honored to be in the Pittsburg community and looking forward to serving PSU.

“I’m kind of opening up a crack for all of you to see kind of where we’re at,” Shipp said. “And thinking about a new model for achievement at Pitt State. I think it’s important for students and families. Probably from my background, you can tell every hour of every day, all I think about is what we do and how it impacts students and families. We have to do better. Not just a little better. We have to do better. And we’re going to.”



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When they had success with their booth, the two decided to expand to a bigger location, and moved into an old warehouse that was formerly owned by Beitzynger's Hardware. They cleaned up the building and named their new business White Elephant Emporium in October 2021.

“The name of the White Elephant Emporium means we take stuff that nobody else wants and give it value again,” Watts said. “So it’s the ultimate in recycling.”

Before their business hit its one-year mark, Watts and Beitzynger received notice that they had 30 days to vacate the warehouse. Watts said they debated on just walking away from the business altogether because they were so hurt. She said despite the fact the business was not open every day, they worked hard every day to make it a success. Watts said they were exhausted, especially since Beitzynger was commuting to Pittsburg from Kansas City up to four times a week. Watts said if it wasn’t for their customer base, they would have given up.

“They were like, ‘You can’t close, we need you here in Pittsburg,’” Watts said. “So we weren’t ready to stop.”

When the duo started looking into finding a space for their business on Broadway, they applied for and received a grant from the City of Pittsburg to help fix up a dilapidated storefront at 804 N. Broadway.

After 10 weeks of grueling work, much of which they did themselves, as well as challenges with contractors, Watts and Beitzynger were able to have their soft opening on Saturday, Sept. 17.

“Nothing gets in the way of a woman whose full-on desire is to succeed,” Watts said. “And that’s pretty much how we

were all summer. We did not take no for an answer. We learned how to pivot.”

“Every interior designer’s dream is to have their own place, secretly,” Beitzynger said. “I would say most do not get to achieve that.”

Watts and Beitzynger have debated on whether or not they will continue only being open the first weekend of the month, or if they will try opening every weekend throughout the fall and holiday season. Beitzynger said it can sometimes be hard since they are the only two people who work at the store, as well as finding unique products to sell.

“We innately enjoy the thrill of the hunt to find incredibly unique pieces to bring in here,” Watts said. “A lot of it could be a little considered wacky, but we also feel like it’s something we’re almost teaching our customers, teaching Pittsburg, to enjoy some of the design things that we enjoy as well.”

Watts said that despite many places having websites, she believes their focus should not stray from their physical location.

“You need to physically be in here and walk this to get the full-on effect,” Watts said. “And that’s what we’ve tried to prove.”

In addition to providing a shopping experience for the community, White Elephant will also be used as a teaching experience for one of the interior design classes at PSU in the near future. Watts and Beitzynger will be answering questions and giving a small talk as they show the students their choices for the space.

The two businesswomen have also considered ideas such as having live music play in the store or offering the space to be available for people to rent for meetings, bridal showers, or baby showers.

“I’m just looking forward to a new beginning,” Beitzynger said. “And being on Broadway, and just having our own place.”

Watts said the store will always be evolving and changing and that there will always be new merchandise.

“We’re going to be able to push the envelope a whole lot more here,” Watts said. “We own the building and we’re not afraid to do it. We’re going to do some fun things here.”

Watts said that the two of them have been told their whole lives how talented they were, but because they had husbands and were raising kids, they were only able to dabble in their design passions.

“Now we’ve taken this huge risk for ourselves,” Watts said. “And we do already feel like it’s paid off. And we know and can trust that we do have the ability to do this because we show people our ability. We’ve never been able to show off our ability.”

“The two of us together, I think, are more powerful than either of us alone,” Beitzynger said.

White Elephant Emporium’s grand opening at its new location will be this weekend from noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2 at 804 N. Broadway. Watts said they will post updates for the event on the White Elephant Emporium Facebook and Instagram.

“This is a store that she and I would want to go shop at,” Watts said. “And that’s always been our goal.”

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Dragons’ Cosens places third in Pittsburgh Invitational



Pittsburg’s Alyssa Cosens sinks a putt on Tuesday in the Pittsburgh Invitational at Crestwood Country Club in Pittsburgh. DASHUAN VEREEEN / MORNING SUN STAFF

**By Jim Henry**  
Sports Editor

The comforts of home brought out the best in Alyssa Cosens.

Cosens, a sophomore at Pittsburgh High School, shot a career-best 92 on Tuesday afternoon in the Pittsburgh Invitational at Crestwood Country Club.

“I feel like my drives were pretty straight and went pretty far,” Cosens said. “And my putting was a lot better than normal. And my approach shots, I feel like I hit them pretty good.

“I wanted to get in the 90s for sure because it’s my home course. I wanted to do better this time. My season is going pretty good, a lot better than last year.”

Cosens shot 45 on the front nine and 47 on the back nine.

“She just broke 50 last Thursday,” Purple Dragons coach Mary Packard said. “She’s been 50, 51. She broke 50, had a 49 at Fredonia. And to come out here and have two sub-50 nine holes is awesome.”

Cosens actually tied for

second in the 43-player field but wound up third on the leaderboard based on a scorecard playoff.

Ryann Thurston of Fort Scott was medalist with a 90 on the par-72 layout, and Celeste Schnider of Jayhawk-Linn took second with 92.

Saige Scott of Caney Valley was fourth with 93, and EllieSmith of Fort Scott and Violet Robins of Independence tied at 94.

Completing the top-10: Independence’s Mattily Brumley with 98 and Lucy Robins with 99, Labette County’s Josie Hayward with 102 and Caney Valley’s Tayln Thornton with 103.

The Dragons had one player in the second-10 as Jacqueline Hall shot 111 to tie for 18th. Other scores for the Dragons were Macy Farrington with 117, Ava Steier with 127, Lauren Coomes with 129 and Wavery Kafka with 144.

Independence claimed team honors with 397, followed by Caney Valley 411 and Labette County 443. The Dragons were fourth at 447.

“Eighteen holes is still

a bit of a chore for us,” Packard said. “I have a lot of young golfers. This is Alyssa’s second year, and she’s getting better and better. I feel like it’s hard to concentrate that long, and she did a great job today. She had good holes ... other girls had great stretches but then had a bad hole.

“I’m proud of them because they finished. We had some pretty good scores. We were four strokes from placing. When Caney comes to town, that’s a solid team. That bumped us out (from the top-3), but that’s great competition to have.”

Thurston, a senior, posted nines of 45-45 for her 90, also a career low and her first tournament championship.

“My chipping and my driving were helping me a lot,” she said. “My chipping saved me a lot of shots. ... I wanted to do better than last year. I was like a 101 last year.”

The final Southeast Kansas League meet of the season is Monday at Independence.

**AT CRESTWOOD COUNTRY CLUB**  
Par-72  
**INDEPENDENCE (397)** -- Mattily Brumley 98, Lucy Robins 99, Hadley Hies 106, Violet Robins 94, Anastin Journot 111, Sadee McCollam 120  
**CANEY VALLEY (411)** -- Tayln Thornton 103, Adi Thompson 105, Saige Scott 93, Marayah Gullick 119, Anna Washburn 110, Jenna Wade 122  
**LABETTE COUNTY (443)** -- Josie Hayward 102, Mia Howard 114, Kylie Garner 113, Ava O’Brien 110, Kaycee Reed 134, Emily Black 142  
**PITTSBURG (447)** -- Alyssa Cosens 92, Jacqueline Hall 111, Ava Steier 127, Waverly Kafka 144, May Farrington 117, Lauren Coomes 129  
**CHANUTE (451)** -- Emma Waltermire 107, Rainey Carter 107, Deleney Hastings 112, Layla Reineke 125  
**ANDERSON COUNTY (470)** -- Reagan Witherspoon 106, Alexis Overstreet 144, Aislyn Smith 111, Reese Witherspoon 117, Hallie Munsey 136  
**FORT SCOTT** -- Ryann Thurston 90, Ellie Smith 94, Luci Dunkeson 124, Alyssa Hunt WD  
**PARSONS** -- Madison Shepard 114  
**GALENA** -- Mia Sarwinski 135  
**JAYHAWK-LINN** -- Celeste Schnider 92, Camryn Thomas 126  
**OSAWATOMIE** -- Libby Barnett 140  
**PITTSBURG NO. 2** -- Akele Hawkins 148

Purple Dragons tennis compete in Pittsburgh Invitational

**By Dashuan Vereen**  
Morning Sun Staff

Pittsburg’s No. 2 singles player Indiana Grotheer captured fourth place to help lead Pittsburg performers on Tuesday at the Pittsburgh Tennis Invitational.

“We fought hard today,” said Pittsburg coach Marybeth Grimes. “I was very pleased with their effort and desire. It was a good day. We’re getting ready for SEK play on Saturday and for regionals a week after that, so this was a good test for us going into the next couple of weeks.”

Grotheer defeated Iola’s Rebekah Coltrane 8-1 in pool play action. Grotheer fell to Parsons’ Bri Boucher in pool play, setting up a third-place match against Labette County’s Alice

Carnahan. Carnahan claimed third by defeating Grotheer 8-4.

Both Pittsburg doubles teams claimed fourth-place finishes. No. 1 doubles Savannah Grotheer-Laikyan LeFever topped Iola’s Genvive Ward-Kennedy Maier 8-1 in pool play, but fell to Parsons Jadyn Heck-Kamryn Keathley 8-0 and Chanute’s Lena Aguilar-Rylee Smith 8-2 in the third-place match.

No. 2 doubles Kali Terry-Jessie Lawson earned fourth place after defeating Iola’s Molly Reibel-Melanie Palmer 8-0. Terry-Lawson fell to Parsons Brookelynn Bargier-Ariel Adams 8-2 and Labette County’s Carli Alloway-Molly Leonard 8-3 in the third-place match.

No. 1 singles Addy McCabe finished in fifth



Pittsburg’s No. 2 singles player Indiana Grotheer rockets a backhand during a match on Tuesday in the Pittsburgh Invitational. DASHUAN VEREEEN / MORNING SUN STAFF

place, defeating Coffeyville’s Presley Banzet 8-1 in her final match.

“It’s wonderful for our team to be able to play at home,” said Grimes. “There is a lot of support from family and friends. They don’t have to travel

an hour one way then another hour back, although they do have family that travels well. But it is really nice for them to be able to get out of school, hit the courts, and when the day is over be able to go home immediately.”

Lancers sweep triangular on Senior Night

**By Aaron Pyle**  
Morning Sun Staff

**CHEROKEE, Kan.** — The Southeast High School volleyball team swept Altoona-Midway and Pleasanton at home on Tuesday.

It was also Senior Night for the Lancers’ two seniors, Malia Vinson and Zoey Tavernaro, which made the victory even sweeter.

“I was pretty happy,” coach Maya White said. “We came out with wins with junior varsity and varsity, which is a first this season. So I was pretty pumped about that and that we battled back when we were behind.”

Southeast improves its overall record to 8-14. The Lancers are scheduled to remain home from their next matchup starting at 5 p.m. Thursday against Frontenac and Parsons.

Earning two victories on Senior Night, White noted the overall impact of Vinson and Tavernaro.

“They do mean a lot to us,” she said. “Their leadership has been really good this year and helped line things up, and they’ve really stepped it up themselves in being vocal leaders and just a leader on the court.”

The Lancers shined in the opener against the Altoona-Midway Jets, who entered the action at 0-12.

In the first set, the two

teams traded points until the four-point mark, when the Lancers went on a 17-1 run. Then, powered by the front zone of Vinson and Kinzey Cassidy, the Lancers prevailed 25-6.

The Jets kept it close midway through the second set, trimming the lead to 14-12. However, the Lancers remained poised, going on an 11-2 run, winning 25-14 to claim the victory.

Overall, the Lancers collected 22 kills and 12 aces through two sets. Vinson shined for Southeast compiling eight kills, seven aces and three digs. Cassidy also had five kills, two assists and one dig. Teammate Eliz White dished out 16 assists.

Against Pleasanton, the Lancers pushed the lead to as many as seven points early in the opening set. The Blu-Jays trimmed the lead to one point before the Lancers then again found a rhythm on offense by going on a 10-0 run to push the lead out of reach. Southeast claimed the first set 25-14.

Southeast trailed by as many as five points in the middle of the second set but tied it up at 19-19. From there, Southeast went on a 6-4 run to claim a 25-23 victory over Pleasanton.

Vinson finished with eight kills, and Cassidy had five kills, three aces and one assist.



Southeast sophomore Bella Tavernaro delivers a kill following a set from sophomore Eliz White during the Lancers’ match against Altoona-Midway on Tuesday night in Cherokee. AARON PYLE/MORNING SUN STAFF

Cardinals clinch division title

**By STEVE MEGARGEE**  
AP Sports Writer

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Paul Goldschmidt and the St. Louis Cardinals clinched the NL Central title Tuesday night by beating the Milwaukee Brewers 6-2 behind six strong innings from Miles Mikolas.

Andrew Knizner hit a two-run homer and Goldschmidt added two RBIs as St. Louis sealed its first division crown since 2019 and fourth straight playoff berth by defeating the team that won last year’s NL Central championship. This marks the third straight year the Cardinals have wrapped up a postseason spot with a victory over the Brewers.

The Cardinals (90-65) guaranteed themselves at least a tie with sec-

ond-place Milwaukee (82-72), and they now own the tiebreaker because the victory Tuesday gave St. Louis an insurmountable 10-8 lead in the season series.

The Brewers remain 1 1/2 games behind Philadelphia for the final NL wild card. The Phillies won the season series with Milwaukee and would get the playoff bid if the two teams end up tied.

St. Louis trailed Milwaukee in the NL Central standings for much of the season and was four games back on the morning of July 31. The Cardinals are 37-17 and the Brewers 25-28 since.

The Cardinals grabbed sole possession of first place on Aug. 6 and have been there ever since as part of an exciting season

that’s included Albert Pujols hitting his 700th career homer and Goldschmidt making a convincing MVP case.

Tuesday’s clincher didn’t feature much suspense as St. Louis scored the first six runs to delight the large contingent of Cardinals fans at American Family Field.

Mikolas (12-13) struck out nine and allowed only four hits and one walk. The Brewers’ lone run off him came in the sixth when Rowdy Tellez hit his 34th homer.

Milwaukee trailed 2-0 when starter Adrian Houser (6-10) left due to a strained right groin with one out in the fourth. Houser was pitching to Pujols when the right-hander reacted with obvious discomfort.

Brent Suter took over

and allowed a two-out homer to Knizner that made it 4-0. The homer was Knizner’s third of the season and ended his 0-for-22 slump.

**TRAINER’S ROOM**

Brewers manager Craig Counsell said there’s a possibility starting pitchers Aaron Ashby and Freddy Peralta also could work out of the bullpen during this stretch run now that they’ve returned from the injured list.

“I think there’s a chance you see Freddy and Aaron in both roles,” Counsell said.

Peralta started and pitched two innings before Ashby worked 1 2/3 innings of relief Sunday in the Brewers’ 2-1 loss at Cincinnati. That marked the first appearances for both of them since getting activated.

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x-New York	95	59	.617	—	
Toronto	87	68	.561	8½	
Tampa Bay	85	69	.552	10	
Baltimore	80	73	.523	14½	
Boston	72	81	.471	22½	

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	86	68	.558	—
Chicago	76	78	.494	10
Minnesota	75	79	.487	11
Kansas City	63	91	.409	23
Detroit	61	92	.399	24½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Houston	101	53	.656	—
Seattle	83	69	.546	17
Los Angeles	67	86	.438	33½
Texas	65	87	.428	35
Oakland	56	97	.366	44½

**Monday's Games**  
Baltimore 14, Boston 8  
Toronto 3, N.Y. Yankees 2, 10 innings

**Tuesday's Games**  
Detroit 4, Kansas City 3, 10 innings  
N.Y. Yankees 5, Toronto 2  
Tampa Bay 6, Cleveland 5, 11 innings  
Minnesota 4, Chicago White Sox 0  
Baltimore at Boston, 6:10 p.m.  
Arizona at Houston, 7:10 p.m.  
Oakland at L.A. Angels, 8:38 p.m.  
Texas at Seattle, 8:40 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**  
Tampa Bay (Glasnow 0-0) at Cleveland (McKenzie 11-11), 5:10 p.m.  
Kansas City (Lynch 4-11) at Detroit (Manning 2-3), 5:40 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Cole 12-7) at Toronto (TBD), 6:07 p.m.  
Baltimore (Kremer 8-5) at Boston (Hill 7-7), 6:10 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Cueto 7-9) at Minnesota (Winder 4-5), 6:40 p.m.  
Arizona (TBD) at Houston (Verlander 17-4), 7:10 p.m.  
Oakland (Martinez 4-5) at L.A. Angels (Davidson 2-7), 8:38 p.m.  
Texas (Pérez 12-6) at Seattle (Kirby 7-4), 8:40 p.m.

National League

East Division		W	L	Pct	GB
z-Atlanta	97	58	.626	—	
z-New York	97	58	.626	—	
Philadelphia	83	70	.542	13	
Miami	64	90	.416	32½	
Washington	53	101	.344	43½	

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-St. Louis	90	65	.581	—
Milwaukee	82	72	.532	7½
Chicago	68	86	.442	21½
Cincinnati	60	95	.387	30
Pittsburgh	58	97	.374	32

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	106	47	.693	—
San Diego	85	68	.556	21
San Francisco	75	78	.490	31
Arizona	71	83	.461	35½
Colorado	65	88	.425	41

**Monday's Games**  
Atlanta 8, Washington 0  
Pittsburgh 8, Cincinnati 3

**Tuesday's Games**  
Pittsburgh 4, Cincinnati 1  
Atlanta 8, Washington 2  
Chicago Cubs 2, Philadelphia 1  
Miami 6, N.Y. Mets 4  
St. Louis 6, Milwaukee 2



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# Castro has 2 late singles; Tigers beat Royals 4-3 in 10

By DAVE HOGG  
Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Harold Castro singled in the winning run with two outs in the 10th inning after tying it with a two-run single in the eighth in the Detroit Tigers’ 4-3 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Tuesday night.

Tucker Barnhart bunted pinch-runner Ryan Kreidler to third and Anthony Misiewicz (3-2) intentionally walked pinch-hitter Eric Haase.

Riley Greene struck out, and the Royals decided to walk Javy Báez to pitch to Castro with the bases loaded. He hit a soft grounder up the middle to win it.

“We were getting in the shower as soon as they walked Javy,” Spencer Torkelson said. “It was like, ‘All right, we’re getting to Hittin’ Harold.’ We have all the confidence in the world.”

Baez has struck out 143 times this year, including in a key situation in the eighth, but Royals manager Mike Matheny said he never considered pitching to him with the left-handed Misiewicz on the mound.

“We were going to make their lefties beat us,” he said. “Baez is a right-handed hitter who hits lefties really well.

Anthony made a good pitch — (catcher Salvador Perez) was going down to block hit, but (Castro) got a piece of it.”

Castro also helped with his glove. In the top of the 10th, Bobby Witt Jr. led off with a bouncer down the third-base line. Castro made a diving stop and, while he didn’t have a play on Witt, was able to hold automatic runner MJ Melendez at second.

Alex Lange (6-4) retired Salvador Perez before getting Vinnie Pasquatin to bounce into an inning-ending double play.

The Tigers trailed 3-0 after seven innings against Zack Greinke, then tied it against Dylan Coleman in the eighth.

Torkelson started the inning with a walk, then beat third baseman Nate Eaton’s throw to second on a groundball. After Tucker Barnhart lined out, Akil Baddoo’s bunt single loaded the bases. Riley Greene grounded softly to Eaton, but his throw home pulled Salvador Perez off the bag.

Báez struck out, but Castro lined a 2-2 pitch to left for a tying single. Carlos Hernández came in to retire Miguel Cabrera to keep it tied.

“If you want a single, Harold is the guy you want up there,” Tigers manager A.J. Hinch said. “He does

an incredible job of getting a piece of the ball and getting it onto the outfield grass. (Torkelson) made a couple nice baserunning plays in that inning and Akil got down that bunt on his own.”

Greinke allowed four singles and a walk.

“Zack pitched a vintage Zack game today,” Matheny said. “I don’t even look at the velocity when he’s pitching — it is all about pitch shape for him. I just watch how the hitters are reacting to him.”

Tigers starter Joey Wentz allowed three runs in five innings.

The Royals took a 2-0 lead in the second on Dozier’s home run — his 10th in 32 career games at Comerica Park and extended the margin to 3-0 on Nate Eaton’s RBI triple in the fourth.

“I have no idea why I hit so well here,” said Dozier, who has only homered once against the Tigers at home. “I like this park - it’s a fun place to play - so maybe I see the ball better here. I don’t really know.”

Kansas City could have given Greinke a bigger lead. After stranding runners in scoring position in the first two innings, Edward Oliveres hit a two-out double that would have easily scored Vinnie Pasquatin from first, but

the ball hopped over the fence for a ground-rule double and Dozier struck out.

In the fourth, Eaton was on third with one out after his triple, but second baseman Jonathan Schoop made a spectacular play to snag MJ Melendez’s line drive, spin and throw to third for an inning-ending double play.

“We had a couple chances to score more runs, but we still got the game to the situation we wanted,” Matheny said. “We had a runner on second and our 2-3-4 hitters coming up in the 10th. We just didn’t get it done.”

**GREINKE AGAINST DETROIT**

The bullpen cost Greinke his 14th win against the Tigers, which would have matched the most he has against any team — he has 14 against the Rockies, Padres and Giants.

He picked up the first 13 wins against Detroit early in his career, last beating the Tigers on Sept. 9, 2012, while with the Angels. His 2.36 ERA at Comerica Park is the lowest of any active pitcher (min. 75 IP).

**UP NEXT**

Game 2 of the three-game set is Wednesday night, with Detroit’s Matt Manning (2-3, 3.43) facing Daniel Lynch (4-11, 5.06).

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# Trojans finish third at Countryside Invitational

**Staff Reports**  
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The Girard High School girls golf team finished third at the Countryside Invitational hosted by Baxter Springs on Monday afternoon.

The Trojans finished

the nine-hole tournament with a team score of 230, 26 strokes behind second-place Columbus. The Labette County Grizzlies won the invitational with a total of 201.

The junior varsity teams for Baxter Springs, Columbus, Frontenac, Girard and Labette County

also competed in Monday’s tournament. The Baxter Springs (287) and Girard (287) junior varsity teams rounded out the top five.

Josie Hayward of Labette County won the individual title, finishing with a 10-over-par 46. Malory Thompson of Colum-

bus also shot 46 and took second.

Karlynn Fisher and Ashley Sabine highlighted Girard’s efforts as the two placed within the top-10. Fisher took sixth (53), and Sabine finished eighth (55).

The Trojans had three additional golfers in the

top-15. Ainsley Viets was 12th (60), Jordan Oplotnik placed 13th (62), and Hanna Bailey was 14th (65).

The Trojans are scheduled to travel to the Independence Country Club on Monday for an 18-hole tournament.

# Mickelson asks to remove name from lawsuit against PGA Tour

By DOUG FERGUSON  
AP Golf Writer

Phil Mickelson and three other LIV Golf players have asked a federal judge to remove their names from the antitrust lawsuit against the PGA Tour.

Talor Gooch, Hudson Swafford and Ian Poulter filed separately to have their names removed from the lawsuit. That leaves only three players and Saudi-funded LIV Golf as plaintiffs. The players are Bryson DeChambeau, Peter Uihlein and Matt Jones. The lawsuit is scheduled to go to trial in January of 2024.

Mickelson has been the driving force among PGA Tour players in getting the Saudi-funded rival league going.

Phil Mickelson, the driving force among PGA Tour players in the rival LIV Golf series, and three other players asked a federal judge Tuesday to remove their names from the antitrust lawsuit against the PGA Tour.

Talor Gooch, Hudson Swafford and Ian Poulter filed separately to have their names removed. That leaves only three players — Bryson DeChambeau, Peter Uihlein and Matt Jones — and Saudi-funded LIV Golf as plaintiffs in the lawsuit filed in early August.

The trial is not scheduled to begin until January 2024.

Mickelson’s decision was not a surprise. He had said two weeks ago to SI.com that he no longer needed to be involved in the lawsuit now that LIV Golf has joined as a plaintiff.

“The only reason for me to stay in is damages, which I don’t really want or need anything,” Mickelson said. “I do think it’s important that the players have the right to play when and where they want, when and where they qualify for. And now that LIV is a part of it, that will be accomplished if and when they win.”

LIV Golf already suffered one setback in court when U.S. District Judge Beth Labson Freeman denied a temporary restraining order that sought to allow LIV Golf players to compete in the PGA Tour’s lucrative postseason.

Mickelson has been one of the chief recruiters for LIV Golf and its leader, Greg Norman.

In an interview with Alan Shipnuck for his biography on Mickelson, the six-time major champion said he recruited three other “top players” for LIV Golf and that they paid attorneys to write the operating agreement for the proposed league.

Mickelson was among the last players an-



Phil Mickelson watches the flight of his tee shot on the first hole during the second round of the LIV Golf Invitational-Chicago tournament Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, in Sugar Grove, Ill. (JOE LEVNARD/DAILY HERALD VIA AP)

nounced when LIV Golf and its \$25 million purses began in early June. There now have been five events, with the next two scheduled in October in Thailand and Saudi Arabia.

LIV Golf has 12 of the top 50 in the world ranking.

Patrick Reed fell out of the top 50 this week, in part because LIV Golf does not receive world ranking points as its application with the Official World Golf Ranking board is considered, a process that could take until next summer.

“The PGA Tour for the last 20 or 30 years have had all the best players in the world. That will never be the case again,” Mickelson said two weeks ago. “LIV Golf is here to stay, and this type of divisive talk is doing nobody good.”

His hope was for LIV Golf and the PGA Tour to work together, which PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan has said is unlikely to happen. The PGA Tour has suspended all members who have signed with LIV Golf for violating tour regulations.

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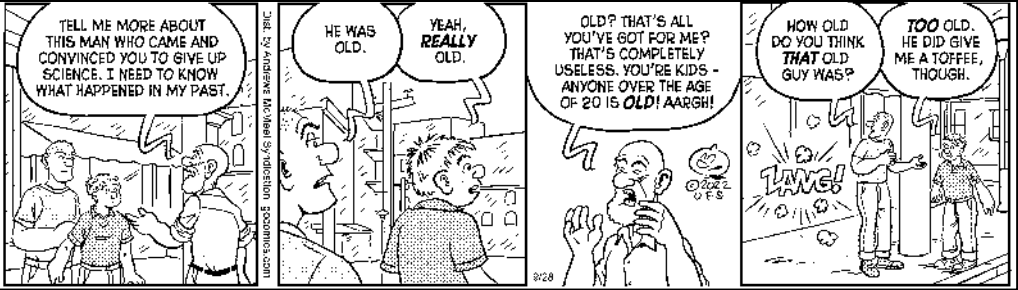
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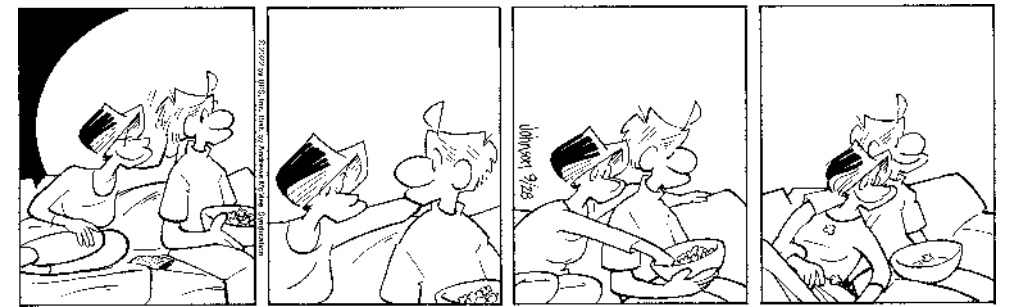


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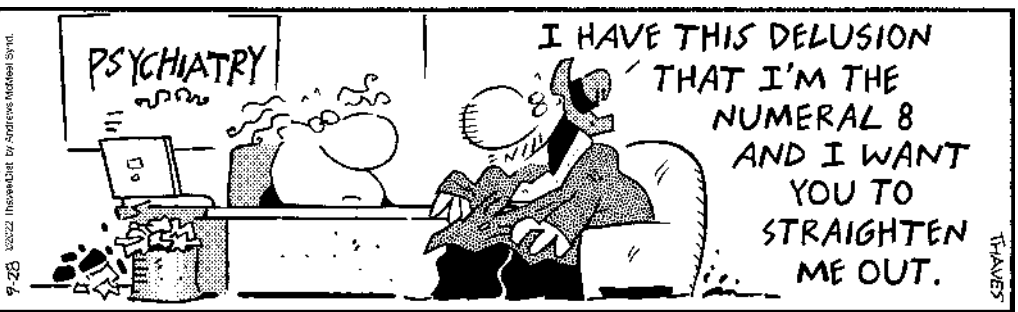
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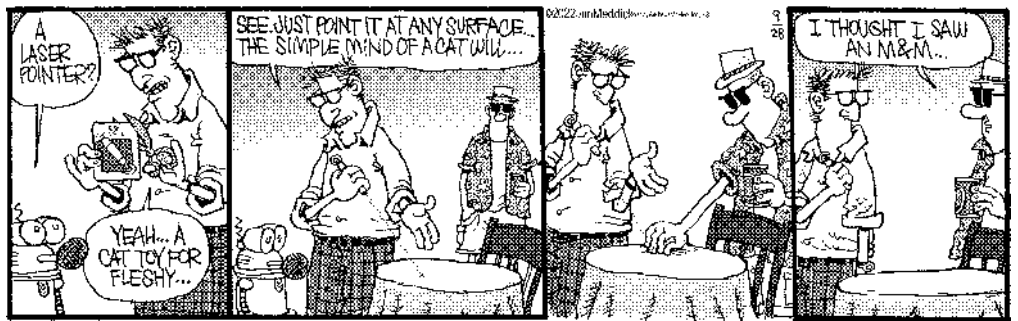
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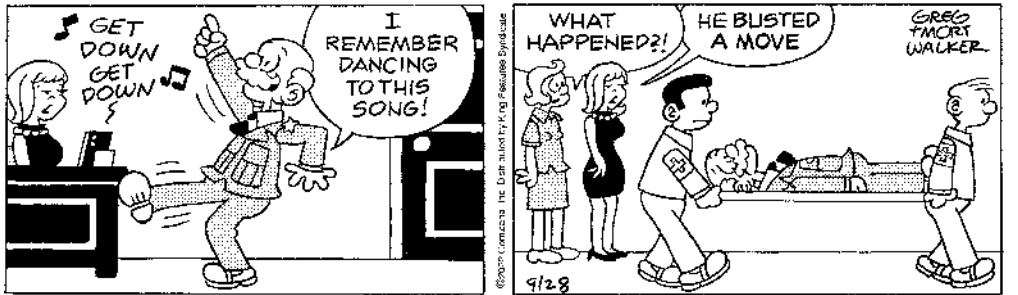
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Put excessive spending to rest this year, and focus on saving for something special. Rethink your life strategy and what's important to you, and you'll devise a plan that will encourage you to update your skills and learn something that makes you feel good about yourself and your future. Put your best foot forward and work hard.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Consider where you put your energy and the returns you get for your hard work, and you'll get a clear picture of the changes you can make to improve your life. Action will be key.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Let situations play out. It's best not to show your emotions or give anyone ammunition to disrupt your life. Listen carefully and gather information. You'll find helpful clues.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- A last-minute change someone makes will give you a reason to take note and make compensations that better suit your needs and lifestyle. Don't believe everything you hear.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- You'll get an inside view of something that will prompt you to shift how you do your job or the type of work you pursue. A change that entails a learning curve will pay off.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Revisit how you feel about your relationships. Maintaining peace will be necessary if you want to avoid emotional instability. Pay attention to money matters and shared expenses.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- A financial change is apparent. Do everything by the book, or you may end up owing money. Don't let an outsider represent you. Follow the rules and be transparent in everything you do.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- Look at the broader scope of a situation, and you'll gain perspective on what you can do to improve things. Rethink your connections and direction, and you'll discover whom you can trust.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- Pay attention to partnerships. Don't neglect those who have an impact on your life and plans. Be accommodating and offer common-sense solutions that will buy you time.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) -- Pull things together, do the work yourself and take the credit you deserve for your achieve-

ments. Get together with people who stimulate you mentally and encourage you to focus on self-improvement.

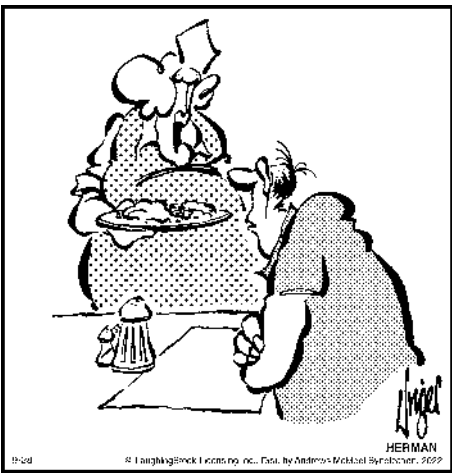
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- A pick-me-up will be illuminating. Book a spa day or plan to engage in something that brightens your surroundings or makes your place comfortable. Romance is on the rise.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- If you look for opportunities, you will find something that interests you. Get involved in a conversation that can offer insight into the pros and cons of something you want to pursue.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- A unique relationship approach is favored. Your input will make a difference and change how someone feels about you. Take control if you want to have a say in things. Stand up and be counted.

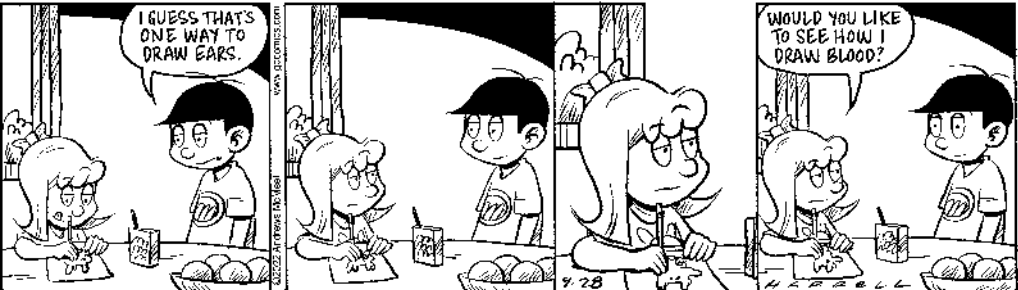
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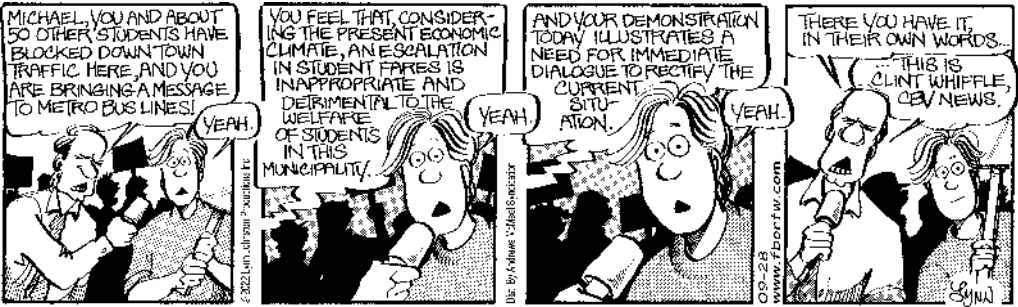


"We've got a new chef. Use lots of ketchup."

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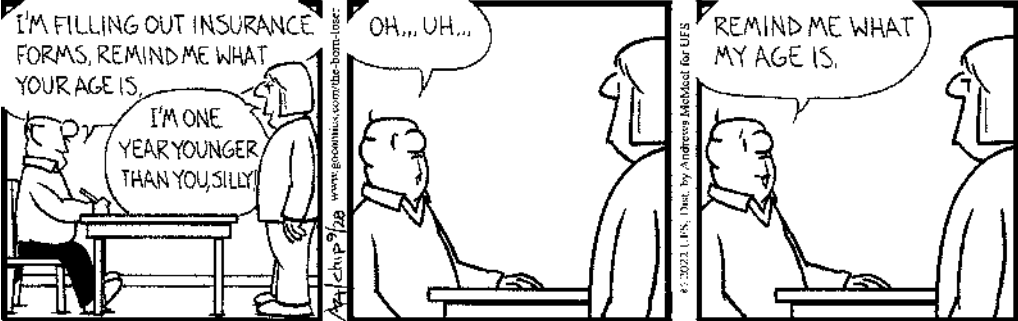
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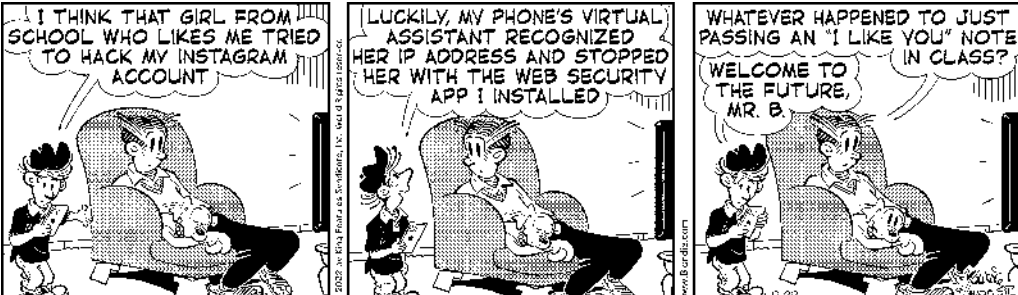
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- 3 Military cap
- 4 Prolific diarist

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- 9 Ladle
- 10 Moray

- 11 Astonish
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- 22 Contempt
- 24 Trend
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- 52 Meat turner
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# Kansas, K-State show football still belongs in hoops country

By **DAVE SKRETTA**  
AP Sports Writer

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Kansas State barged into the Top 25 after its win at Oklahoma on Saturday night, and there’s a good argument to be made that the Wildcats’ biggest rival — just down Interstate 70 — deserves to be there, too. As it stands, Kansas is just outside of the rankings. You read that correctly.

The long-downtrodden Jayhawks are among the 21 of 131 teams in the Football Bowl Subdivision that have yet to lose this season. They knocked Duke from those ranks Saturday, which was enough for Kansas to show up on 43 of the 63 Top 25 ballots — leaving them just a few points behind the 25th-ranked Wildcats.

Asked whether he puts any stock in it, Kansas coach Lance Leipold replied Tuesday: “I have not. Never have.”

There’s a lot of folks in the Sunflower State that do, though.



Kansas quarterback Jalon Daniels looks to pass during the second half of an NCAA college football game against Duke on Saturday in Lawrence, Kan. (AP PHOTO/CHARLIE RIEDEL)

Only five states have multiple programs in the Top 25. Kansas could become the sixth if the Jayhawks and Wildcats can inch their way one spot higher. Kansas (4-0) plays Iowa State on Saturday at Memorial Stadium in Lawrence — a place that sold out last

week for the first time in years, while Kansas State (3-1) hosts Texas Tech the same day.

The schools haven’t been ranked at the same time since Oct. 14, 2007, when the Jayhawks were 15th and the Wildcats No. 25. That was the year Kansas



Kansas State wide receiver Malik Knowles, left, celebrates with offensive lineman Hayden Gillum after scoring a touchdown against Oklahoma during the first half of an NCAA college football game on Saturday in Norman, Okla. (AP PHOTO/NATE BILLINGS)

won the Orange Bowl and tied its best-ever finish of seventh in the AP poll.

Most Kansas fans typically turn their attention to basketball at this time of the year — to the defending national champion Jay-

hawks. The football fans that are scattered across the state usually have to pin all their hopes on the Wildcats, who have been to bowl games 10 of the past 12 seasons. Yet the “house divided”

flags waving outside of homes from the Missouri border to the Colorado border are flying proudly for the first time in more than a decade.

Make no mistake: Leipold hears the chatter. He sees more people showing up for his weekly news conference, and it is impossible for him to avoid a schedule that’s rapidly filling with interview requests.

It took Kansas State about six hours to move on from its win over Oklahoma: The Wildcats didn’t get home from Norman until about 3 a.m. Sunday, then went through normal treatments and game film before getting back to practice Monday to prepare for Texas Tech.

There are plenty of folks patting the Wildcats on the back after rebounding from a brutal loss to Tulane with their stirring upset of the Sooners. But as Klieman noted Tuesday, as quickly as the Wildcats went from downtrodden to darlings, they could be headed the other way with a loss to the Red Raiders.

## MLB playoff primer: Things to know as postseason nears

By **DAVID BRANDT**  
AP Sports Writer

Major League Baseball’s postseason has a little more heft this season.

The playoffs are rapidly approaching, with the final regular season games set for Oct. 5. The postseason begins two days later with a field of 12 teams — up from last year’s 10 — and includes a best-of-three format for the opening wild-card round.

MLB’s new wild-card format is similar to the one currently used in college baseball for the NCAA Super Regional round: The three games will be scheduled on three consecutive days from Oct. 7-9 at the higher seed’s field. The first team that gets two wins advances.

After that, the playoffs will be business as usual. The division series will be best-of-five, while the league championship series and World Series will be best-of-seven.

Here’s a little more information about baseball’s bulked-up postseason:

### WHAT’S NEW IN BASEBALL’S WILD-CARD ROUND?

The best-of-three wild card format is a change from the sudden death one-game format that’s been in place since 2012.

Six teams each from the American League and National League will qualify for the postseason, including the three division winners in each league. The three wild-card teams in each league will be the teams with the best record that didn’t win their divi-

sion.

The top two teams with the best records in each league will get a bye and don’t have to play in the wild-card round. Those four teams get a few days of rest. Right now, that would be the Astros and Yankees in the American League and the Dodgers and Mets in the National League.

The wild-card round will feature four series: The No. 6 seed will play at the No. 3 seed in both the AL and NL. The No. 5 seed will play at the No. 4 seed.

### WHY ARE THE PLAYOFFS STARTING LATE?

October’s postseason festivities will bleed into November before a champion is crowned.

Some of the games originally scheduled for the first week of the season were moved to the end, meaning a season that was originally scheduled to end on Oct. 2 instead ends on Oct. 5.

Hence, a late start to the playoffs.

### WHAT HAPPENED TO BASEBALL TIEBREAKER GAMES?

Game No. 163 is one that lives in baseball lore. Bucky Dent’s homer for the Yankees in 1978. Matt Holliday’s game-winning run in the 13th inning for the Rockies in 2007.

Those days are gone.

If there’s a tie for one of the playoff spots, mathematical tiebreakers will be used instead of an extra game. The first will be the head-to-head record between the two teams involved.

If that can’t handle the stalemate, the team with the best intra-divisional re-

cord will win the tiebreaker. If that doesn’t work, the process continues with more and more convoluted solutions until a resolution is reached.

It’s unlikely tiebreakers will be needed in the American League, but keep an eye on the National League. The Braves and Mets are locked in a tight race for the NL East, while the Brewers and Phillies are in a battle for the final NL wild-card spot.

### WHO ARE THE FAVORITES?

Great question.

The Los Angeles Dodgers have been dominant all season with a lineup that includes Mookie Betts, Trea Turner, Will Smith and Freddie Freeman. They could top 110 wins this season during the final week.

Over in the American League, the Houston Astros have already topped 100 wins as well. They’ve got a loaded lineup that includes Jose Altuve, Alex Bregman and Yordan Alvarez, along with potential AL Cy Young winner Justin Verlander.

New York’s teams should figure into the mix as well. The Yankees were cruising for much of the season — led by star Aaron Judge’s 60-homer campaign — but have just a 30-31 record since the All-Star break. The Mets have one of the league’s deepest pitching staffs, with two aces on top in Jacob deGrom and Max Scherzer.

## Browns’ Garrett released from hospital after scary crash

By **TOM WITHERS**  
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cleveland Browns star defensive end Myles Garrett was released from a hospital late Monday night after he was injured when he rolled over his Porsche while driving on a rural road following practice.

Garrett suffered non-life-threatening injuries in the one-car wreck. He had been taken to the hospital, along with an unidentified female passenger, after crashing around 3 p.m. on Monday — about 2 hours after practice ended.

The extent of Garrett’s injuries is not yet known, and it’s unclear if the All-Pro will play Sunday when the Browns (2-1) visit the Atlanta Falcons (1-2). The team is expected to provide an update later Tuesday.

Garrett’s agent, Nicole Lynn, said Garrett didn’t break any bones. Lynn said Garrett was “alert and responsive” while receiving medical care.

The condition and status of the female passenger has not been disclosed.

Ohio State Highway Patrol said in a release that troopers arrived at the scene of the accident Monday to find Garrett’s damaged car on the side



Cleveland Browns defensive end Myles Garrett (95) pressures Minnesota Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins (8) during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021, in Minneapolis. (AP PHOTO/JIM MONE, FILE)

of the road after it appeared to flip over several times. Garrett had been driving on State Road in Sharon Township while traveling south after he left the team’s headquarters in Berea, Ohio.

The highway patrol doesn’t suspect impairment from drugs or alcohol. Garrett and his passenger were both wearing seat belts in his Porsche 911 Turbo S. The crash is still under investigation.

One of the NFL’s most dominant defensive players, Garrett has recorded 61 1/2 sacks in 71 games. He needs one sack to pass Clay Matthews for the team’s career record.

The Browns drafted Garrett with the No. 1 overall pick in 2017.

Garrett has three sacks and forced a fumble so far this season. As is almost always the case, teams have been game planning for him and using multiple blockers to keep him away from their quarterbacks.

Garrett missed one day of practice last week with a neck issue, but he played in Thursday night’s 29-17 home win over the Pittsburgh Steelers. He was double-teamed much of the game as the Browns were missing end Jadeveon Clowney, who was out with a sprained ankle.

Clowney didn’t practice Monday when the Browns returned from an extra off day. Coach Kevin Stefanski said it’s possible Clowney will return for the Falcons.

## QB Rush keeps winning as Cowboys wait for Prescott’s return

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**  
AP Pro Football Writer

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones hyped a nonexistent quarterback controversy after Cooper Rush won filling in for the injured Dak Prescott last week.

Even though Rush did it again in the first NFC East game for the defending division champs, Jones had come back to his senses.

“He’s doing a great job and I know that he doesn’t have anybody that’s supporting him more than Dak,” Jones said on his radio show Tuesday morning after a 23-16 “Monday Night Football” victory at the New York Giants.

“Because when Dak does get back, if we have a chance to have a record that lets us be in the hunt and lets us be viable, considering the loss of time



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Cooper Rush (10) motions at the line of scrimmage against the New York Giants during the second quarter of an NFL football game on Monday in East Rutherford, N.J. (AP PHOTO/ADAM HUNGER)

we had with Dak, then that’s what a quarterback is about. I think we got a good one in Cooper.”

By “good one,” Jones meant a backup. His tone was different last week after a victory over defending AFC champion Cin-

cinnati, when Jones, with that mischievous smile, said he would welcome a QB controversy because that would mean the Cowboys were winning.

After coach Mike McCarthy, star running back Ezekiel Elliott and even

Rush himself shot all that down, the undrafted sixth-year player went out and did it again.

Rush is the only quarterback since the 1970 merger to lead game-winning drives in the fourth quarter or overtime of his first three career starts.

The first was a 20-16 victory at Minnesota when Prescott was sidelined by a calf strain. Rush knew it would be multiple starts this time after Prescott fractured his right thumb in a season-opening loss to Tampa Bay.

Now the question is how many more. Jones said Prescott will be “able to play within a week or two.”

Logic says two weeks, when the Cowboys (2-1) visit the defending Super Bowl champion Rams in Los Angeles. Dallas is home against Washington on Sunday.



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