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NOTE: The Morning Sun will not publish on Thursday, Nov. 24, as Thanksgiving is a U.S. postal holiday, and there will be no mail delivery. We will resume regular publication on Friday, Nov. 25. Our office will be open by appointment only on Friday. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!



Quilts of Honor

The Little Balkans Quilt Guild presented 11 veterans in the area with patriotic Quilts of Honor at its annual ceremony on Monday evening. ANTJEA WOLFF / THE MORNING SUN

Little Balkans Quilt Guild holds annual ceremony

By Antjea Wolff
Morning Sun Staff

PITTSBURG, KS – After spending a year sewing and stitching, the Little Balkans Quilt Guild continued its annual tradition of gifting its quilt creations to 11 veterans in the area on Monday evening.

Veterans, their families, and members of the Little Balkans Quilt Guild filled the gymnasium of the Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg to see the guild present patriotic quilts to those who served in the military.

Since 2010, the guild has been making the Quilts of Honor, and has made over 150 quilts, according to guild member Brandee Switzer.

Little Balkans Quilt Guild project chairperson Lori Fennern said the group meets once a month for a Sew Day at which the members exchange fabric strips that they use to make the quilts. Some members make one quilt entirely by themselves, while others worked as a team to produce the quilts, she said.

“I like seeing the veterans come in and receive the quilts, and how grateful they are for it,” Fennern said. “They

sacrificed a lot to go overseas and protect us, and so the little time it took us to make the quilts and give to them is a good exchange for their service.”

During the ceremony, the guild members called the veterans one at a time to the stage so they could present each individual with his or her quilt. The veterans were asked to share a brief summary of their military history and experience.

One of the quilt recipients, Vicky Gaiowski, who served in the Army Nursing Corps, said she was blown away that she was honored at the ceremony.

“I had no clue,” she said. “I’m very, very honored. I’m very thrilled.”

The veterans honored at the meeting were Craig Schropp, Sylvia Shirley, Adam Harrison, Robert Emery, Duane Hill, Eric Hutchens, Vicky Gaiowski, Eugene Carr Jr., Dane Uber, Gene Corsini, Jay O’Ferrell, and Richard Tindle.

In addition to presenting veterans with their Quilts of Honor on Monday evening, the Little Balkans Quilt Guild also gave The Salvation Army 90 doll-sized quilts, 43 pillow case, 4 stockings, and 10 adult-sized quilts for

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County, Commerce work for CDL training

Dustin R. Strong
Morning Sun Staff

GIRARD, Kan. — At Tuesday’s County Commission meeting, Crawford County entered into a contract with the US Department of Commerce (USDOC) to provide training to county employees to obtain a commercial driver’s license (CDL).

The USDOC has agreed to provide up to \$3,000 per student enrolled in Fort Scott Community College’s (FSCC) driver training program as part of the Aligned with Industry Demands (AID) grant meant to develop workforce needs and address skill gaps faced

by companies in Southeast Kansas. For any Crawford County employee enrolled in the program, the county will reimburse FSCC \$1,500.

Classes will be held at the southeast Kansas Career and Technical Education Center (SEK CTEC) in Pittsburg. According to Crawford County Counselor Jim Emerson, the county has approved doing some work at CTEC to help build a pad for the training. In return, CTEC will allow the county a credit against the \$1,500 per student cost.

“The program benefits the county because of new CDL training requirements,” Em-

erson said. “We were going to have to find someone to train our employees and it is good to have someone local doing the training.”

Several other SEK companies have also expressed interest in the AID program, including but not limited to, Crossland Construction, Midwest Minerals, Martinious Produce, the City of Pittsburg, Cherokee County, USD 249 and USD 250. It is not certain whether these companies have agreed to participate.

The program is designed to license up to 67 drivers through FSCC between September 2022 through June 2023. The goal is

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Meet the new chief in town

Cerne takes the reins of Pittsburg Fire

By Dustin R. Strong
Morning Sun Staff

PITTSBURG, Kan. — Initially appointed as the interim fire chief in September, after Chief Dennis O’Reilly announced his retirement, Taylor Cerne (pronounced Chur-nee) officially became chief on Monday, Nov. 14.

A 17-year veteran of the Pittsburg Fire Department, Cerne began his fire career at the age of 20 while working at a grain elevator in Labette County when his boss asked him to volunteer with the Hackberry-Bartlett Fire Department in 2001.

“I immediately fell in love with the job,” Cerne said. “From there, I did everything I could to get certified. The more certifications I had, the easier it would be to get hired.”

Cerne earned his EMT certification at Labette County Community College and attended night school in Reddings Mill, MO to earn his Firefighter 1 and 2 certifications. While attending Pittsburg State University, Cerne applied for and was accepted by the Pittsburg Fire Department in 2005 at 24 years old.

Cerne rose through the ranks quickly, skipping lieutenant and making captain after only five years until being promoted to Battalion Chief last year.

Raised in rural Labette County, near Altamont, Cerne said he only knew living in the country and that moving to Pittsburg was like coming to a big city. Married with three young children, Cerne and his wife, a Pittsburg native, live on a 20-acre farm just outside of town, a compromise, Cerne said, with his wife who wanted to at least see her neighbors.

Cerne said he has no desire



Pittsburg’s new fire chief, Taylor Cerne, in front of Rescue-7. DUSTIN STRONG / THE MORNING SUN

to leave Pittsburg for a larger department in the city because there isn’t the same sense of community. As a Pittsburg firefighter, he said he gets the chance to see the awe in school kids’ eyes when they get up close to a fire truck. Cerne said he likes getting to interact with the people of Pittsburg on a daily basis.

“In the city, people seem more disconnected,” Cerne said. “That’s a big advantage of a small town.”

Much of this connection grew out of his camaraderie with other firefighters, Cerne said, an aspect of the job that appealed to him as a young man.

“When the guys that raised me as a firefighter,” Cerne said tearfully, “When they began to retire and seeing those guys leave. It was rough.”

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33-year-old man killed in Crawford County crash

Staff Reports
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MCCUNE, Kan. — An accident on U.S. 400 Hwy. at milepost 417.9, several miles east of McCune, on Monday night claimed the life of 33-year-old Dakota L. Jones of Weir, Kansas.

According to the Kansas

Highway Patrol, Jones was traveling eastbound on U.S. 400 in the westbound lanes in a 1999 Dodge Dakota Pickup. A Buick Lacrosse 4-door, driven by 36-year-old Kenneth K. Messer of McCune, was traveling westbound in the westbound lanes. The two vehicles then collided head-on as both vehicles came to a rest in the

westbound lanes.

Messer was taken to Freeman West in Joplin with suspected serious injuries as he was wearing a seatbelt. The Kansas Highway Patrol noted that it was unknown if Jones was wearing a seatbelt.

Jones did not survive the crash and his next of kin were notified later Monday night.

Pittsburg PD pursues car-theft perpetrator



After a vehicle was stolen from La Quinta Inn and Suites at 2410 S. Broadway in the afternoon, officers with the Pittsburg Police Department spotted the vehicle later Monday evening. Allegedly, when the Pittsburg PD attempted to stop the vehicle, the driver evaded the officers and side-swiped another vehicle. After a short pursuit, the driver exited the suspect vehicle by St. Mary’s Colgan and fled on foot. The suspect was not apprehended, but officers are following up on this incident and have a person of interest. ANTJEA WOLFF / THE MORNING SUN

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COMMUNITY

Obituaries

Robert Lee "Bob" Vena

Robert Lee "Bob" Vena, age 76, Frontenac, Kansas, passed away Friday, Nov. 18, 2022, at Arma Health and Rehabilitation.

He was born in Franklin on June 13, 1946, to the late Frank Vena and Florie Mage Vena.

Bob owned and operated his own barber shop for many years in downtown Frontenac.

He married Patricia Merrit in Lawrence. She preceded him in death.

Survivors include three sons, Michael Vena and Garren Vena, both of Frontenac, and Toby Vena and wife, Gwendolyn of Cherryvale, Kansas; one brother, Frank Vena of Asbury, Missouri; and one sister, Becky Pace of Pittsburg. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the Derfelt Funeral Home, Baxter Chapel.

Loren Bob Whetzell

Loren Bob Whetzell, 81, died Friday, Nov. 18, 2022, in Pittsburg.

He was born Oct. 3, 1941, in Mulberry, Kansas, the son of John and Bertha (Turlot) Whetzell.

Bob married Audrey Clark and had two children, Pamela and Kelly. Audrey passed from an illness on May 15, 1967. He married Karen O'dell and had one child, Troy. Karen passed on Jan. 30, 2016.

Bob worked in the printing industry with FMI and Perfection Forms in Girard. He would laugh telling how he'd print his own grade cards to fool his parents.

He cherished family. He was a wonderful dad and grandpa. It was a great joy to play and sing to the grandkids and great-grandkids with his booming voice. Bob truly had the gift of gab and a tear-jerking wit. He never met a stranger. A compelling storyteller, loved ones struggled to get a word in as he belled on. He will be sorely missed. As one grandson said, "it's like losing a superhero."

He loved music — country, polka, and gospel — singing, dancing, bingo, stock car races, Chiefs football, Royals baseball, and attending church.

He is preceded by his parents; sisters, Delores Johnson and Ramona Smith; brother, John "Junior" Whetzell; grandson, T.J. Whetzell; and great-granddaughter, Arriana.

Bob's survived by his sister, Daisy Jones; children, Pamela Whetzell, Kelly (Karen) Whetzell, and Troy Whetzell; grandkids, Travis and Kara Redlon, Samantha, Nicholas (Tara), Audrey, and Zachary (Katie) Whetzell, Lisa Whetzell, and Ashleigh (Steven) Baker; 19 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and beloved poodle, Bella.

Memorial services are Monday, Nov. 28, at 10 a.m. at Bath-Naylor Funeral Home, with Pastor Scott Bennett officiating. Burial will follow at the Garden of Memories. Memorials can be left in the name of Lighthouse Church, 604 S. 200th St., Pittsburg, KS 66762. Condolences may be left at www.bathnaylor.com.

Services are under the direction of the Bath-Naylor Funeral Home, 522 S. Broadway, Pittsburg, Kansas.



Donald Lee Franklin, Sr.

Donald Lee Franklin, Sr., 68, of Pittsburg, formerly of Shreveport, Louisiana, passed away at 1:21 p.m. at his son's residence.

He was born July 27, 1954, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Willie Lee Sr. and Ruby (Robinson) Franklin. He joined the U.S. Navy for a short term and then joined the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served four years.

Mr. Franklin worked as a handyman for several real estate companies in Shreveport.

Survivors include two sons, Donald Lee Franklin, Jr. (Maurya) of Pittsburg and Antione Alexander of Kansas; one daughter, Myesha Franklin of Stillwater, Oklahoma; a brother, Willie Lee Franklin, Jr. of Shreveport, Louisiana; four grandchildren, Zaidy Franklin, Jose Franklin, Lilly Franklin, and Aexavier Franklin; two step-grandchildren, Dashontay Baker and Maquita Akoro; and one great-grandchild, Chevelle Dalton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, and a daughter, Trisha Alexander.

No services are planned at this time. Private family services will be at a later date in Louisiana. Online condolences may be left on the Brenner Mortuary website.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg.

Obituary Policy

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QUILTS

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the organization to give out to families in need this holiday.

Salvation Army Major Patricia Johnson said she appreciated the numerous doll-sized quilts due to the fact that The Salvation Army in Pittsburg received 100 more appli-

cations than last year for the annual Christmas Distribution. She said many of the children requested baby dolls and strollers for Christmas, so the small quilts would be perfect to go with those items.

"I just want you all to know how much we appreciate all this," Johnson said. "The children will be very grateful."

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to create a sustainable program beyond June 2023. The training program varies in length, depending on the participant's time, effort, and ability, but is designed to be completed in two to six weeks.

Students will undergo instruction that includes a minimum of eight days of online theory that is

supplemented with an instructor and 30 hours of behind the wheel training (BtW) that includes vehicle inspection, basic controls, coupling and uncoupling, communications and signaling, speed and space management, safe driver behavior, railroad crossing, night operations, extreme conditions, and emergency procedures. Once completed, a student is then eligible to take the CDL exam at a local DMV facility.

CHIEF

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In his years with the department, Cerne said he has seen a lot of changes in firefighting techniques, tactics, and technology. Continuing education is a constant in the department as new technology becomes available, not only in firefighting equipment, but also in automobiles and construction materials, as they change the way firefighters approach a situation, he said.

"The real challenge comes with balancing old tactics with new tech," Cerne said. "You just can't sit back and coast and be successful as a firefighter. Things are always changing."

For the time being, Cerne noted that he is not only fire chief, but is also pulling double duty as a battalion chief. He said he still wants to mentor his crew to his fullest capacity before completely stepping aside as their battalion leader.

Currently, the department employs 33 firefighters and officers, plus a chief and assistant chief. Cerne is looking

to fill five positions, and several interviews have been scheduled.

"We have a regularly scheduled testing day on the 16th of every month," Cerne said. "Testing is done at Memorial Auditorium where candidates can take their physical and written tests."

Testing can also be done by appointment through city hall, according to Cerne.

"I hope to stay at least another 10 years," Cerne said. "My goal is to work 30 years."

Cerne said he looks forward to coming to work every morning. He loves the whole package of being a firefighter, from the community involvement to the adrenaline rush and making a positive difference in someone's life.

Without hesitation, Cerne said his least favorite part of the job is paperwork.

Excited about the future, Cerne added that he has a young department that is very driven to be good at their job. The department has a lot of exuberance, tempered by a solid officer corps with years of experience, Cerne said.

"The future is going to be a lot of fun."

CLUB NOTES

Wednesday, Nov. 23

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 a.m., beginning on Sept. 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, Nov. 24

AI-Anon

There will be no meeting this Thursday, Nov. 24. Meetings will resume next Thursday, Dec. 1. If you have questions, please call 620-704-1309 or email jtknoll@swbell.net.

TOPS Club Inc.

There will be no meeting this Thursday, Nov. 24. Meetings will resume next Thursday, Dec. 1.

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There will be no meeting this Thursday, Nov. 24. Meetings will resume next Thursday, Dec. 1. If you have questions, please call 620-724-4342 or 620-687-1788 for more information.

Co-dependents Anonymous

There will be no meeting this Thursday, Nov. 24. Meetings will resume next Thursday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. If you have questions, please call 620-231-6977.

Pittsburg Noon Kiwanis

There will be no meeting this Thursday, Nov. 24. Meetings will resume next Thursday, Dec. 1.

Friday, Nov. 25

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, Nov. 26

Little Balkans Quilt Guild Sew Day

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

Little Balkans Quilt Guild Committee Meeting

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

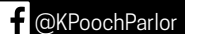
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NEWS



Carolyn Zagonel, Brian and Donna Cronister share French Cookie recipes to a full room at the Crawford County Historical Museum on Monday. COURTESY PHOTO

CCHM shows off sweet skills

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — The French cookie is a tradition around the holidays in southeast Kansas and memories of French cookie traditions and recipes were shared at the Crawford County Historical Museums event on

Monday. Brian Cronister demonstrated how to use French Cookie irons and shared his recipe, treating everyone with samples of different flavors he made for the event.

The history of galette or pizzelle irons go back to immigrants bringing them to America during the turn of the century.

Cast iron cookie manufacturers such as A.F. Deruy in Pittsburg, and Belgi Co. in Arma, produced the irons that were used over the coal stoves of the time. These irons are on display at the museum.

“We were thrilled when Brian said he would do a French cookie demonstration again,” said Amanda

Minton, Museum Director. “Visitors registering for the event said they could not wait to learn about making French Cookies and the different recipes. French cookies are definitely a must have during the holidays in Southeast Kansas! Thanks to everyone who participated in the event.”

Jan. 6 seditious trial of Oath Keepers founder goes to jury

By Lindsay Whitehurst and Alanna Durkin Richer

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — As angry supporters of President Donald Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol, ready to smash through windows and beat police officers, Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes extolled them as patriots and harkened back to the battle that kicked off the American Revolutionary War.

“Next comes our ‘Lexington,’” Rhodes told his fellow far-right extremists in a message on Jan. 6, 2021. “It’s coming.”

Jurors will begin weighing his words and actions on Tuesday, after nearly two months of testimony and argument in the criminal trial of Rhodes and four co-defendants. Final defense arguments wrapped up late Monday.

The jury will weigh the charges that the Oath Keepers were not whipped into an impulsive frenzy by Trump on Jan. 6 but came to Washington intent on stopping the transfer of presidential power at all costs.

The riot was the opportunity they had been preparing for, prosecutors say. Rhodes’ followers sprang into action, marching to the Capitol, joining the crowd pushing into the building, and attempting to overturn the election that was sending Joe Biden to the White House in place of Trump, authorities allege.

Not true, the Oath Keepers argue. They say there was never any plot, that

prosecutors have twisted their admittedly bombastic words and given jurors a misleading timeline of events and messages.

Hundreds of people have been convicted in the attack that left dozens of officers injured, sent lawmakers running for their lives and shook the foundations of American democracy. Now jurors in the case against Rhodes and four associates will decide, for the first time, whether the actions of any Jan. 6 defendants amount to seditious conspiracy — a rarely used charge that carries both significant prison time and political weight.

The jury’s verdict may well address the false notion that the 2020 presidential election was stolen, coming soon after 2022 midterm results in which voters rejected Trump’s chosen Republican candidates who supported his baseless claims of fraud. The outcome could also shape the future of the Justice Department’s massive and costly prosecution of the insurrection that some conservatives have sought to portray as politically motivated.

Failure to secure a seditious conspiracy conviction could spell trouble for another high-profile trial beginning next month of former Proud Boys national chairman Enrique Tarrio and other leaders of that extremist group. The Justice Department’s Jan. 6 probe has also expanded beyond those who attacked the Capitol to focus on others linked to

Trump’s efforts to overturn the election.

In the Oath Keepers trial, prosecutors built their case using dozens of encrypted messages sent in the weeks leading up to Jan. 6. They show Rhodes rallying his followers to fight to defend Trump and warning they might need to “rise up in insurrection.”

“We aren’t getting through this without a civil war. Prepare your mind body and spirit,” he wrote shortly after the 2020 election.

Three defendants, including Rhodes, took the witness stand to testify in their defense — a move generally seen by defense lawyers as a last-resort option because it tends to do more harm than good. On the witness stand, Rhodes, of Granbury, Texas, and his associates — Thomas Caldwell, of Berryville, Virginia, and Jessica Watkins, of Woodstock, Ohio — sought to downplay their actions, but struggled when pressed by prosecutors to explain their violent messages.

The others on trial are Kelly Meggs, of Dannelon, Florida, and Kenneth

Harrelson of Titusville, Florida. Seditious conspiracy carries up to 20 years behind bars, and all five defendants also face other felony charges. They would be the first people convicted of seditious conspiracy at trial since the 1995 prosecution of Islamic militants who plotted to bomb New York City landmarks.

The trial unfolding in Washington’s federal court — less than a mile from the Capitol — has provided a window into the ways in which Rhodes mobilized his group and later tried to reach Trump.

But while authorities combed through thousands of messages sent by Rhodes and his co-defendants, none specifically spelled out a plan to attack the Capitol itself. Defense attorneys emphasized that fact throughout the trial in arguing that Oath Keepers who did enter the Capitol were swept up in an spontaneous outpouring of election-fueled rage rather than acting as part of a plot.

Jurors never heard from three other Oath Keepers who have pleaded guilty to seditious conspiracy.

AREA EVENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 23

Story Time at the Library

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

Building Strong Readers

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

Beginners Sign Language Class

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

Thursday, Nov. 24

Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Cherokee community members are inviting anyone in the area to their free community dinner that will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 24 (Thanksgiving) at Cherokee United Methodist Church, 312 W. Magnolia. The dinner will feature turkey, ham, side dishes, and dessert.

Saturday, Nov. 26

Holiday Art Market

The Pittsburg ArtWalk will be having the first ever Holiday Art Market from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26 at Frisco Event Center. Over 20 artists will be selling their work. There will also be live music, snacks, and a cash bar serving mimosas and Bloody Mary’s.

Small Business Saturday Downtown Pittsburg

The Downtown Advisory Board and the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce are inviting the public to participate in Small Business Saturday, Nov. 26. Area small businesses will be offering great discounts throughout the day in honor of Small Business Saturday. Shoppers can pick up “passports” at the Holiday Art Market, located at the Frisco Event Center. Shop businesses on the passport - you’ll receive a stamp on your passport by visiting the location. Get 10 stamps and send a picture to visitdowntownpitt@gmail.com to enter to win one of two \$100 Gift Certificates.

Sunday, Nov. 27

Upcycled Snowmen Workshop

ArtForms Gallery will be hosting a workshop at which attendees will make snowmen out of old and new materials from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27. The workshop fee is \$40 and all supplies are provided. Call 620-240-0165 to register for the workshop.

Christmas Tree Lighting in Frontenac

Frontenac will have their Christmas parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony starting at 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28. The Frontenac High School Raider band will lead Santa in on a firetruck, and the tree will be lit at 5:20 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 28

Craft Event

The Homer Cole Center will be hosting a free craft event for patrons from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28. Participants are invited to come and go as they please. Crafts will include making candles and other Christmas items. The center is encouraging people to register by calling 620-231-9773.

Story Time at the Library

The Pittsburg Public Library invites kids and families to the library at 6 p.m. on Mondays 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.

43rd Annual Christmas Parade

City of Pittsburg Parks and Recreation Department is having its annual Christmas parade starting at 6:30 p.m. in downtown Pittsburg. For more information, contact Pittsburg Parks & Recreation at 620-231-8310.

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OPINION

LITTLE BALKANS CHRONICLES

Adventures with brother Gary, part 2



J.T. Knoll
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Here's the excerpt from "Frogdancer," the autobiography by former Arma native Frank Louis Jeler Jr. that continues some boyhood adventures with his brother, Gary. Again, I identify with Gary as I once quoted my older brother John's flowery language and got some horrified looks. — J.T.K.

Somewhere around 1952, our stepmother, Nell, developed a habit of spanking Gary. She was using a piece of broomstick, which was about three feet long. As you can imagine, that sort of device was quite stiff and lethal.

After one punishment session, I figured that this had gone way beyond a spanking and was now a beating. When she had finished, she put down this stick/club and was walking away. I grabbed it up, gave it my best homerun swing and laid it right across her butt.

She almost went into shock, her eyes rolling back and trying to catch

her breath. When she finally recovered, she screamed at me saying, "What do you think you're doing?"

I told her that I wanted her to know what that felt like. As soon as my dad got home from the mine, she met him at the car. I can imagine what she was telling him. He came into the house and asked why I did that. I told him the same thing that I told her. He sent me to the bedroom. I wasn't sure what would happen next. There were a lot of words being exchanged between him and Nell.

The next thing I saw was him sawing that stick into small pieces and placing it into the trash. That was the last of the corporal punishment that I ever saw.

When Gary was six, I took him along to the strip pit where the boys went skinny-dipping. Gary couldn't swim at that time, but I decided it was time. He informed me that he would sink and drown if I put him into the deep part of the water, which is exactly what I did. I swam away as he disappeared under water.

I waited and waited for him to come up paddling

to the surface. My buddies warned me that I'd better do something soon. The thought went through my head, what if I came home without him? Luckily, the water in this pit was quite clear. When I swam to the bottom, there was Gary sitting there with his arms crossed in front.

I drug him to the surface and out of the water. He said, "I told you that I couldn't swim." I let someone else teach him.

In 1953, I bought my first car, a 1947 Ford. One summer day, I was in the process of washing it when Gary started pestering me to let him help. I said that he could clean the inside. I was not watching him to see that he was sweeping out the inside with a full-sized broom. He stuck the top of the broom through the headliner and tore a good-sized hole in it.

I jerked him out of the car and called him a "God-damned little sh--." I sent him away warning him not to come back.

Later that evening, several sets of neighbors were gathered in our front yard socializing. There was a very large cottonwood tree



A 1947 Ford like the one Frank Louis Jeler Jr. bought in 1953. COURTESY OF CLASSIC.COM

in the front that my dad had rigged some ropes for a swing. Gary was in the swing, and the girl next door was pushing him. Every time he came back, he tried to hit this girl with his feet. After a few of these kicks, she swatted him on the bottom with her hand. It was a playful swat. He jumped out of the swing and called her a "God-damned little sh--."

The whole group heard him. It got very quiet when my dad said, "Where did you learn to talk like that?" Gary looked at me. I was shaking my head no when my dad turned around and looked at me. I guess that meant that I was guilty. I got chewed out but nothing else that I can recall.

Lesson: Watch out what you say to little kids because they'll quote you at

the most embarrassing times and places.

— Frank Louis Jeler Jr.

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

TASTEFOOD

Chile verde can utilize turkey leftovers — or not!

By Lynda Balslev
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This is not a leftover turkey recipe, but do not fret. While this recipe focuses on pork, the beauty of a chile verde is that you can use the recipe as a template and substitute in your favorite meat for the pork. Chunks of dark chicken are great flavorful contenders. And, yes, turkey leftovers can be switched in, as well.

The tomatillo base of the stew, the key component of this recipe, remains the same no matter the meat. The smoky, herbaceous salsa verde melds with a savory chicken (or turkey) stock, creating a stew that is bright, fresh and comforting at once.

Note that the cooking times will vary depending on your meat choice. Pork requires the longest time to slowly cook and tenderize (and infuse the stew with its flavor, which is a tasty benefit of this recipe). If you use fresh chicken meat or turkey meat, the simmering time will be shorter, approximately 1 hour. And if you repurpose your abundance of turkey leftovers, the time will be about 30 minutes. I recommend testing the stew for doneness every 30 minutes or so if you switch out the pork.

Pork Chile Verde

Active time: 30 minutes

Total time: 2 hours and 30 minutes

Yield: Serves 4 to 6

Salsa Verde:

- 1 pound tomatillos
- 1 poblano pepper, halved lengthwise and seeded
- 1 large jalapeno pepper, halved lengthwise, seeded
- 1 medium white onion, cut into 6 to 8 wedges
- 1 cup packed fresh cilantro leaves and tender stems



- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Chile Verde:

- 2 to 2 1/2 pounds pork shoulder (butt), excess fat trimmed, cut in 1-inch chunks
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3 large garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
- 2 cups chicken or turkey stock

Optional:

- Cooked long-grain rice
- Tortillas, warmed
- Chopped fresh cilantro
- Chopped red onion
- Sliced avocado
- Lime wedges

Heat the oven to 400 degrees.

Place the eggplant in a bowl. Drizzle with 3 table-

spoons oil and season with salt and black pepper. Spread on a baking sheet and roast in the oven until tender and golden brown, 20 to 25 minutes, stirring once or twice.

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a deep skillet over medium heat. Add the onion and cook until golden and soft, 5 to 6 minutes, stirring often. Add the bell peppers, tomatoes and garlic and saute until the peppers are crisp-tender, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the rice, oregano, thyme and red pepper flakes. Stir to coat and lightly toast the rice, about 30 seconds. Add the stock, 1 teaspoon kosher salt and 1/2 teaspoon black pepper. Cover the skillet and cook until the rice is tender and the liquid is absorbed, about 20 minutes. Stir in the eggplant and parsley. Taste for seasoning. Serve warm.

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That's Thanksgiving!

By Carol Ann Robb

Pittsburg Public Library

Growing up, I did not associate Thanksgiving with books and reading. It was all about the food. I'm not even sure that much thanks was given other than the usual prayer before the meal.

Since we usually headed up to my grandparents' home in Osawatimie on that Thursday morning, my sister and I would invariably sing, "Over the river and through the woods..." even though there were no woods, rarely any drifted snow, and we didn't cross the Marais de Cygnes River until we were at the city limits. Once we were out of the car, preparation for the feast went into high gear.

I can still picture my grandmother's kitchen, with all the pots and pans on the big, old-fashioned stove, as potatoes waited to be mashed, a variety of vegetables boiled away, and gravy was stirred while the turkey and dressing stayed warm in the oven. My grandmother cooked like she was feeding a threshing crew—my brother-in-law said he hadn't seen a "groaning board" until his first holiday meal with our family. Since Grandma's birthday always fell near Thanksgiving, our dessert was angel food cake, though I have no doubt there were a couple of pies waiting in the wings. Once we were finished, we moved on to the cleaning and packaging up leftovers, most of which went on the large back porch. On top of a dresser, not in a refrigerator. Late November was always cold back in those days but I'm still surprised we didn't end up with some type of food poisoning since the turkey would just sit on the table for us to pull a piece off if we found ourselves craving a bit more before it, too, went to the back porch.

That last memory brings to mind a scene in one of the few books that references a modern-day Thanksgiving dinner, Anne Tyler's "The Accidental Tourist", truly a nightmare scenario to anyone hosting their family and friends (but it made me laugh). There just aren't many books set during the Thanksgiving holidays and those that are tend to be a bit depressing. One of the more famous ones comes from Truman Capote, "The Thanksgiving Visitor", and it's often combined with "A Christmas Memory". But once you're past the picture book stage, there's just not many books about Thanksgiving.

However, early American poets wrote of this holiday long before it became little more than a prelude to Christmas shopping. James Greenleaf Whittier authored "The Pumpkin" and James Whitcomb Riley gave us "Thanksgiving". But the one I remember—probably from my father—is this classic by Eugene Field:

Pies of pumpkin, apple, mince.
Jams and jellies, peach and juice.
Purple grapes and apples red.
Cakes and nuts and gingerbread

—
That's Thanksgiving.
Turkey! Oh, a great big fellow!
Fruits all ripe and rich and mel-
low.

Everything that's nice to eat,
More than I can now repeat —
That's Thanksgiving.
Lots and lots of jolly fun,
Games to play and races run,
All as happy as can be —
For this happiness you can see
Makes Thanksgiving.
We must thank the One who gave
All the good things that we have;
That is why we keep the day
Set aside, our mothers say.
For Thanksgiving.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS

Board of County Commissioners
Crawford County, Kansas

Plaintiff

vs
Case No. CRG-2021-CV-000001

Shanon King Archuleta; Keith Edwards Baloh; Robert H. Burns; Josephine Burns; Charles Allen Burns; John David Burns; Beverly Kay Burns; Margaret Maureen Burns; Ryan Patrick Burns; Debra May Swindle Burns; Bobby J. Burns; Karen Colby; Amos Coplin; Anthony Hoag; Salina M. Flake; James A. Hill; Salina Marie Flake; Kelly Horton; Kelly Beth Horton; James Preston Horton; International Multifoods Corporation; J.H. Thiesing; Mildred R. Leonard; Mark S. Leonard; Mark Stephen Leonard; James Long; JoAnn Long; Virginia Cale; Paula S. McClure; Nikki B. Hall; Darlene Adkins; Darlene Adkins Mitchell; William W. Morgan; Mickey D. Mowrey; Erma J. Mowrey; Ruth Chambless; Erma Joan Mowrey; Mickey Mowrey; Joseph E. O'Brien; Juanita M. O'Brien; Dallas L. Palmer; Beneficial Mortgage Co.; Marilyn L. Pease; Roy R. Perry III; Betty Jean Perry; Roy Rolland Perry Jr.; Roy R. Perry Jr.; David Duane Phillips; Marceline Joann Phillips Revocable Trust; David Phillips; Marceline Phillips; Margaret A. Pryor; Joelida Swallow; Robert M. Fenoglio; Robert Fenoglio; James F. Pryor; Robert D. Rogers, Jr.; Franklin E. Seely II; Beverly J. Seely; Ladoris A. Seely; Franklin E. Seely; Franklin Seely; Franklin Seely Sr.; Frank E. Seely; George Raymond Short; Betty Jo Short; Matthew J. Smith; Rose M. Glidewell; Rosemary Sellars Glidewell; Ernest E. Glidewell; Dalena M. Wendel; Victor F. Graham; Fern G. Graham, Jr.; Cathy West; Catherine L. West; Donna Jo Hency; Max Eugene Wilson; Donna J. Hency; Steve Wood; Steven Wood; Wood Excavating, LLC.; Shechinah Wood; All tenants in possession, and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, creditors, trustees and assigns of such of the defendants as may be deceased; the unknown spouses of the defendants; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of such defendants as are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians and trustees of such of the defendants as are minors or in any wise under legal disability.

Defendants

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS to the Defendants above named and designated and all other persons who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Crawford County, Kansas, sitting at Girard, by the Board of County Commissioners, Crawford County, Kansas, praying for judgment and decree of the court finding and determining the amount of taxes, interest, charges, and penalties chargeable to each particular tract, lot or piece of real estate described in the attached Exhibit and the name of the owner or party having any interest therein and praying that the court shall thereon adjudge and decree the amount so found due to be a first and prior lien upon such particular tract, lot or parcel of real estate, and for an order and judgment foreclosing said lien and for an order and judgment that the property shall be sold at public auction sale for the satisfaction of such liens, costs, charges, and expenses of the proceedings of sale; and that the court enter its Order setting out the equitable share of all costs and expenses of the proceedings and sale of any parcel of real estate before the day of the sale; and further additional relief as may seem proper in the premises; and you are hereby required to plead to said petition on or before the 27th day of December, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in said court, at the Courthouse in the City of Girard, in Crawford County, Kansas. THIS IS AN ANSWER DATE, NOT A SALE DATE. Should you fail therein judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

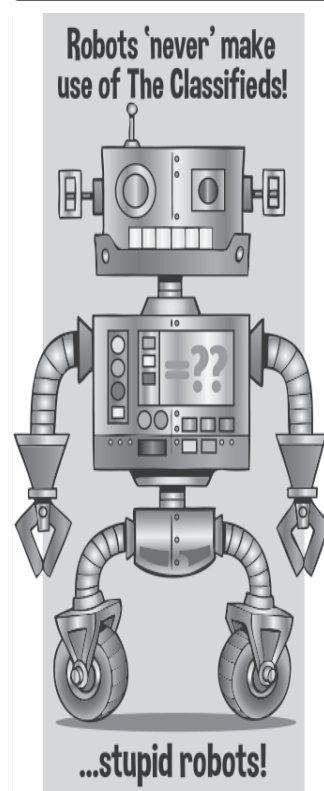
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EXHIBIT A

No.	Description	Name of Owner Or Parties Claiming Any Interest	Year Of Sale	Amount Of Taxes, Charges, Interest & Penalties	Court Costs	
2	South Forty Three (43) Feet East One Hundred Seventy Five (175) Feet of Lot Forty (40) Except East Twenty Five (25) Feet Lakeview Addition, Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kansas according to the recorded Plat thereof.	Shanon King Archuleta	2015	\$12,155.33	\$250.00	Number Two (2) of Bilello's Addition to Arma, Crawford Kansas, except mineral rights and reservations of record; and Lot Number Twenty (20), Block Six (6) in the Original Town (now City) of Arma, Crawford County, Kansas, except reservations of record.
				716 S. Woodland, Pittsburg		Tract II: The unnamed street which runs east of Pine Street being One Hundred Fifty (150) feet long and Forty (40) feet wide between Lots Eighteen (18) and Nineteen (19) of Bilello's Second Addition to the City of Arma, Kansas, which property was vacated by the City of Arma, Kansas by Ordinance No. 246, dated August 19, 1986. All the Coal and Other Minerals, Mining Rights and Reservations, as recited in Warranty Deed from The Western Coal and Mining Company to Domenico Cinotho, recorded in Book 48 of Deeds, at page 582, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Crawford County, Kansas.
3	Lots Numbered Fifteen (15) and Sixteen (16) in "Nahon Place" (Being Subdivision of part of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section Eight (8), Township Twenty Nine (29) South, Range Twenty Five (25) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Crawford County, Kansas according to the recorded Plat thereof.	Keith Edwards Baloh	2015	\$8,724.24	\$250.00	
				602 S. 4th St, Arma		
9	Lot Number Three (3) in Cinotto's 1st Addition of Arma, according to the recorded Plat thereof. All the Coal and Other Minerals, Mining Rights and Reservations, as in Warranty Deed from recited The Western Coal and Mining Company to Domenico Cinotho, recorded in Book 48 of Deeds, at page 582, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Crawford County, Kansas.	Robert H. Burns Josephine Burns Bobby J. Burns Debra May Swindle Burns Ryan Patrick Burns Margaret Maureen Burns Charles Allen Burns John David Burns Beverly Kay Burns	2015	\$2,557.08	\$250.00	15 Lot Numbered Thirty Three (33) on Fourth Avenue in Leighton's Third Addition to the City of Pittsburg, Kansas, according to the Plat thereof.
				604 E. South St, Arma		
10	Lot One (1) Block Two (2) Bilello's 1 Addition to Arma, Crawford County, Kansas according to the recorded Plat thereof. All the Coal and Other Minerals, Mining Rights and Reservations, as recited in Warranty Deed from The Western Coal and Mining Company to Domenico Cinotho, recorded in Book 48 of Deeds, at page 582, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Crawford County, Kansas.	Robert H. Burns Josephine Burns Bobby J. Burns Debra May Swindle Burns Margaret Maureen Burns Charles Allen Burns John David Burns Beverly Kay Burns	2015	\$633.05	\$250.00	17 Lot Number Five (5) in Block Number Six (6) in the Town of Arma, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.
				902 E. South St, Arma		22 Part of Lots Number Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) in Block Number Eight (8) in Pittsburg Town Company's Fourth Addition to the City of Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point Forty Five (45) feet North of the Southwest corner of Lot Number Twelve (12), Block Number Eight (8); hence North Forty Five (45) feet; Thence East Fifty Six feet; Thence South Fifteen (15) feet; Thence (56) East Twenty Nine (29) feet; Thence South Thirty (30) feet; Thence West Eighty Five (85) feet to the point of beginning.
11	Lot Nine (9) and Ten (10) Block One (1) Bilello's 1st Addition to Arma, Crawford Bilello's 1st Addition to Arma, Crawford Plat thereof. All the Coal and Other Minerals, Mining Rights and Reservations, as recited in Warranty Deed from The Western Coal and Mining Company to Domenico Cinotho, recorded in Book 48 of Deeds, at page 582, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Crawford County, Kansas	Robert H. Burns Josephine Burns Bobby J. Burns Debra May Swindle Burns Margaret Maureen Burns Charles Allen Burns John David Burns Beverly Kay Burns	2015	\$1,774.50	\$250.00	23 Lot Five (5) in Block Twenty-Two (22) Old Town Girard, (Crawford County, Kansas), according to the Plat thereof.
				107 S. Hoisington St, Arma		24 The East Twelve (12) feet of Lots Seven (7) and Eight (8), Block One (1) in North Addition to Town of Girard, and the East Twelve (12) feet of the North Half of vacated Oak Street, lying on the South Side thereof and adjacent thereto; and the West one-half (W 1/2) of the vacated alley lying on the East Side thereof and adjacent thereto.
12	Lot Eight (8) EXCEPT THE NORTH 40 FEET THEREOF, and ALL of Lot Nine (9) in Bilello's 2nd Addition to Arma Crawford County, Kansas according to the recorded Plat thereof. All the Coal and Other Minerals, Mining Rights and Reservations, as recited in Warranty Deed from The Western Coal and Mining Company to Domenico Cinotho, recorded in Book 48 of Deeds, at page 582, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Crawford County, Kansas.	Robert H. Burns Josephine Burns Bobby J. Burns Debra May Swindle Burns Margaret Maureen Burns Charles Allen Burns John David Burns Beverly Kay Burns	2015	\$5,882.27	\$250.00	25 The Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Seven (7), Township Thirty (30) Range Twenty Five (25), Beginning at a point Eight Hundred Fifteen (815) feet North and One Thousand Sixty Two (1062) feet West of the Southeast (SE) Corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4), thence West Two Hundred Seventy (270) feet, thence North Thirty Five (35) feet, thence East Two Hundred Seventy Nine and Thirty Six Hundredths (279.36) feet, thence South One Hundred (100) feet, thence West Ten and Twenty Seven Hundredths (10.27) feet, thence North Sixty (60) feet to the point of beginning.
				0 S. Pine St, Arma		26 Kelly Horton Kelly Beth Horton James Preston Horton 2014 \$3,885.71 \$250.00 309 S. Cherokee, Girard
13	Tract I : Lot Nineteen (19) in Bilello's Second Addition to Arma, Crawford County, Kansas, except mineral rights and reservations of record; The West Thirty (30) feet of Lot Number Five (5) in Block Number Two (2) in Leo Hromek's Addition to Arma, Crawford County, Kansas, except mineral rights and reservations of record; Lot Number Four (4) in Walter and Daisy O. Hefton's First Addition to Arma, Crawford County, Kansas, except mineral rights and reservations of record; Lot Number One (1) in Block	Robert H. Burns Josephine Burns Bobby J. Burns Debra May Swindle Burns Ryan Patrick Burns Margaret Maureen Burns Charles Allen Burns John David Burns Beverly Kay Burns	2015	\$1,860.32	\$250.00	27 International Multifoods Corporation 2015 \$296.42 \$250.00 3?? E. Saint John, Girard
				0 S. Pine St, Arma		28 J.H. Thiesing 2014 \$2,057.44 \$250.00 Landlocked, Pittsburg
						29 Mildred R. Leonard 2015 \$8,642.80 \$250.00 In the Suncrest Addition to the City

of Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kansas according to the recorded Plat thereof.		401 Suncrest, Pittsburg			
33 Lot Number Seventy Nine (79) in "2nd Forest Park Addition to Pittsburg", according to the Plat thereof.	Mark S. Leonard Mark Stephen Leonard	705 W. 2nd St, Pittsburg	2015	\$6,036.72	\$250.00
34 Lots Ten (10), Eleven (11), and Twelve (12), Block Eight (8) Highland Addition to Arcadia, Crawford County, Kansas.	James Long JoAnn Long Virgina Cale	305 S. Ohio St, Arcadia	2014	\$905.21	\$250.00
35 A portion of the West ½ of Lot 4 in Albert S. Warren's Subdivision of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 19, Township 30 South, Range 25 East, Crawford County, Kansas, described as follows: Beginning on the West line of said Lot 4, said point being a distance of 70 feet North of the Southwest corner of said Lot 4, then North along said West line a distance of 50 feet; then East and parallel to the South line of said Lot 4 a distance of 297 feet to the East line of said West ½ of Lot 4; then South along said East line a distance of 120 feet to the South line of said Lot 4; the West along said South line a distance of 150 feet to a point being 147 feet East of the Southwest corner of said Lot 4; then North and parallel with the West line of said Lot 4 a distance of 70 feet; then West and parallel with said South line a distance of 147 feet to the point of beginning.	Paula S. McClure Nikki B. Hall	414 N. Warren, Pittsburg	2014	\$13,095.41	\$250.00
38 Beginning Forty (40) feet E of Lot 29 which is in the Northeast (NE) Corner of Richard's 2nd subdivision of Section 17 Township 29 Range 25 Thence South One Hundred Forty-Four (144) feet, thence East Two Hundred Sixty-Four (264) feet, more or less, thence North One Hundred Forty-Four (144) feet, thence West Two Hundred Sixty Four (264) feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.	Darlene Adkins Darlene Adkins Mitchell	Landlocked, Franklin	2015	\$166.37	\$250.00
39 Lots Seven (7), Eight (8) and Nine (9) in Block Number Three (3) in Highland Addition to the City of Arcadia, according to the recorded Plat thereof. General Easement in favor of Rural Water District No. 8, Crawford County, Kanas as shown by "Right of Way Easement" recorded in Miscellaneous Record 86 at page 713, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Crawford County, Kansas.	William W. Morgan	409 S. William St, Arcadia	2015	\$1,556.33	\$250.00
40 Lot Number Five (5) Block Number Two (2) in the Smelter Addition to the City of Cherokee, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.	Mickey D. Mowrey Erma J. Mowrey Erma Joan Mowrey Ruth Chambless Mickey Mowrey	707 W. Magnolia St, Cherokee	2015	\$6,338.23	\$250.00
41 Lots Number One (1), Two (2), Three (3), in Block Number Sixteen (16) of the East Pittsburg Land Company 1st Addition to Pittsburg, KS, according to the Plat thereof.	Joseph E. O'Brien Juanita M. O'Brien	1609 N. Rouse, Pittsburg	2014	\$12,217.90	\$250.00
42 The West Ten (10) feet of Lot Number Two (2) AND all of Lot Number Three (3), EXCEPT the West Ten (10) feet of Lot Number (3) in I.H. Jenness' First Addition to the City of Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof.	Dallas L. Palmer Beneficial Mortgage Co.	904 W. 2nd St, Pittsburg	2014	\$6,998.16	\$250.00
43 Lots Numbered Three (3) and Thirty Two (32) in Block Number One (1) in Smelter Addition to the City of Cherokee, Crawford County, Kansas According to the recorded Plat thereof.	Marilyn L. Pease	704 W. Magnolia St, Cherokee	2014	\$6,717.22	\$250.00
44 Lots Numbered Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14) in Morrison's Subdivision of part of the NW ¼ of Section Seventeen (17), Township Thirty (30), Range Twenty-Five (25), according to the recorded plat thereof. EXCEPT: Mineral rights and reservations of record.	Roy R. Perry III Betty Jean Perry Roy Rolland Perry Jr. Roy R. Perry Jr.	601 E. 28th St, Pittsburg	2015	\$6,576.91	\$250.00
45 All of lot number Fifteen (15) in Morrison's Subdivision of part of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section Seventeen (17), Township Thirty (30), Range Twenty-Five (25), according to the recorded plat thereof. EXCEPT: Mineral rights and reservations of record.	Roy R. Perry III Betty Jean Perry Roy Rolland Perry Jr. Roy R. Perry Jr.	0 Unopened St, Pittsburg	2015	\$328.28	\$250.00
46 The West Sixteen (16) feet of the East (160) feet of the South Fifty-Five (55) of lot Eight (8) in Block Two (2) Sanderson's Addition to the city of Hepler, Kansas.	David Duane Phillips Marceline Joeann Phillips Revocable Trust David Phillips Marceline Phillips	0 N. Elm St, Hepler	2014	\$133.98	\$250.00
47 Lots Thirty Two (32) and Thirty Three (33) in Block Six (6) in the New York Investment Company's First Addition to the City of Pittsburg.	Margaret A. Pryor Robert M. Fenoglio Robert Fenoglio James F. Pryor	603 E. 21st St, Pittsburg	2015	\$8,900.70	\$250.00
49 Lot Numbered Fifty Seven (57) in Block Two (2) in McCormick's Addition to the City of Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kansas.	Robert D. Rogers, Jr.	214 W. Forest, Pittsburg	2014	\$8,889.47	\$250.00
51 Lot Ten (10), in Block Three (3) in Goff's West Addition to the City of Pittsburg, Kansas.	Franklin E. Seely II Beverly J. Seely Ladoris A. Seely Franklin E. Seely Franklin Seely Franklin Seely Sr. Frank E. Seely	417 W. 7th St, Pittsburg	2014	\$12,634.65	\$250.00
52 Lots numbered Twelve (12) and Thirteen (13) in Dorman's Addition to Girard, Kansas according to the repat thereof.	George Raymond Short Betty Jo Short	616 E. Elm St, Girard	2015	\$1,742.31	\$250.00

53 Lot numbered Twenty Four (24) in Park Place Improvement Company's Second Addition to the City of Pittsburg, Kansas according to the replat thereof.	Matthew J. Smith	415 W. 8th St, Pittsburg	2015	\$2,370.05	\$250.00
57 Lots Twenty-Three (23), Twenty-Four (24), Twenty-Five (25) of Stower;s Subdivision of Part of Warren's Subdivision, according to the recorded Plat thereof.	Rose M. Glidewell Rosemary Sellars Glidewell Ernest E. Glidewell	0 N. Smith St, Pittsburg	2014	\$590.14	\$250.00
58 Beginning at the SW corner of Lot 10 of Albert S. Warren's Subdivision, thence East 25 feet, North 99 Feet, West 52 feet, South 99 Feet to the point of beginning.	Rose M. Glidewell Rosemary Sellar Glidewell Ernest E. Gildewell	0 N. Smith St, Pittsburg	2014	\$435.74	\$250.00
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66 Lot Thirty Eight (38) except the South (50') feet said Lot in the original town of "Alston". Baker Township, Crawford County, Kansas. Surface Only.	Donna Jo Hency Max Eugene Wilson Donna J. Hency	711 E. 522nd Ave, Pittsburg	2015	\$662.80	\$250.00
67 Lot Twenty Five (25) in Everett's 1st Addition to the City of Franklin, Crawford County, Kansas. There is a Notice of Contamination of said property in Miscellaneous Record 568 at page 666, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Crawford County, Kansas dated 1/9/06 and Recorded 2/27/06.	Steve Wood Steven Wood Wood Excavating. LLC Shechinah Wood	206 W. 10th St, Franklin	2015	\$3,771.21	\$250.00



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NEWS

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Staff Reports
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SPORTS

These boots were made for hikin' *PSU grad Charlie Janssen completes Triple Crown of Hiking*

By Aaron Pyle
Morning Sun Staff

Pittsburg State alumnus and former member of the Pittsburg State track and field and cross country teams Charlie Janssen has become the 13th person ever to complete the calen-

dar-year Triple Crown of Hiking.

Totaling nearly 7,875 miles, the Triple Crown of Hiking features the three most famous long trails in the U.S. -- Appalachian Trail (AT), Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) and Continental Divide Trail (CDT). Hundreds have complet-

ed the trail over an extended period, but only 13 in less than one year.

Janssen started the journey on Feb. 3, and he said he had some sleeping struggles since returning home.

"It's a pretty surreal feeling," he said. "I kind of wondered since Feb. 3 exactly what I thought it was going to feel like, and it's still hard for me to wrap my head around it. I've only been removed from the trail for a week now, so I'm still really trying to process, kind of metabolize the whole experience."

"It's really hard for me to sleep in a bed after sleeping on the ground for 285 plus days. ... I wanted to do it, but it was just one of those things where it just ate at me and gnawed at me for so long that this had to be done."

Janssen added that he "feels great" after returning from the 10-week trek.

Janssen traveled 7,412.35 miles, averaging 26.3 miles per day for 285 days, 20 hours and 56 minutes. He added that his legs feel "fine" after logging all the miles.

"I know that I'm capable of doing a long distance thru-hike, and I knew I was capable of doing it fairly quickly," he said. "And I wanted to challenge myself in ways that most thru-hikers don't challenge themselves. They challenge themselves mentally that they can stick it out for that long, but I like to challenge myself by being out there a long time but also trying to go fast."

"I looked at it more as a challenge that I was capable of rising to the challenge,

too. That, and I also wanted to hike the Pacific Crest Trail and the Continental Divide Trail, and I don't want to do it over spans of like multiple years. ... Lets just do all three."

Having completed the Appalachian Trail in 2012, the rugged terrain was nothing new to Janssen. Known as the "starter trail," it is the shortest of the three trails totaling 2,193 miles from Springer Mountain, Ga., to Katahdin, Maine. However, he noted that the most challenging aspect of the Triple Crown was the weather and lack of sleep.

"Mostly weather," he said. "Everybody has their inner demons, but I was in a really good psychological state for all of like a total of a week the entire time. So I would just get minimal sleep and just rise and grind at 5 a.m. ... But the weather was probably the biggest factor."

"Just starting in the southern Appalachians in mid-winter, it was pretty rainy and snowy and pretty miserable. Although, the weather was good when I got over to the Pacific Crest Trail. But the snow in the High Sierra Mountain was pretty ridiculous. I was post-holing for the better part of 550 miles."

He said that a typical day of walking could last 12 to 14 hours of perpetual moving.

Janssen noted that the PCT was his favorite among the three. The PCT stretches from Campo, a small town on the U.S.-Mexico border, to Manning Park, British Columbia, for 2,650

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Gorillas to face multiple QBs at Ferris State

By Jim Henry
Sports Editor

Pittsburg State's Neal Philpot and Andy Majors shared quarterback duties during Pittsburg State's run to the 2004 NCAA Division II football national championship game.

This Saturday when the third-seeded Gorillas battle second-seeded Ferris State in a Super Region Three semifinal game, they will be facing multiple quarterbacks.

The Gorillas (12-0) and Bulldogs (10-1) square off at noon CST at Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids, Mich.

Ferris State is the defending national champion and making its eighth consecutive appearance in the playoffs -- the second-longest active streak behind Northwest Missouri's record 18 straight. The Bulldogs have reached the national quarterfinals -- region championship game -- the last five years.

Quarterback Carson Gulker was named the freshman of the year on the all-GLIAC team. He is the second Bulldog to be freshman of the year, joining two-time Harlon Hill Trophy winner Jason Vander Laan in 2012.

Gulker is No. 3 nationally with 22 rushing touchdowns -- two shy of Vander Lann's school record. He ran for 773 yards and completed 44-of-75 passes for 700 yards, four touchdowns and three interceptions.

Two more quarterbacks have combined for more than 1,500 yards passing this season. Mylik Mitchell has hit 55-of-93 passes for 851 yards, five TDs and zero interceptions in six games, and Evan Cummins is 46-of-83 for 704 yards, six TDs and three picks in nine games.

In last week's 41-7 victory over Davenport (Mich.), Mitchell was

9-of-18 for 155 yards and three touchdowns, and Gulker was 3-of-5 for 9 yards plus 11 rushes for 44 yards.

Mitchell passed for a school-record 508 yards and six touchdowns in last season's 67-25 road victory over Northwood.

The Bulldogs had 16 players on the all-GLIAC team, led by senior defensive end Caleb Murphy who was named player of the year. Murphy is the fourth consecutive Ferris State player to win player of the year and sixth in the last eight seasons.

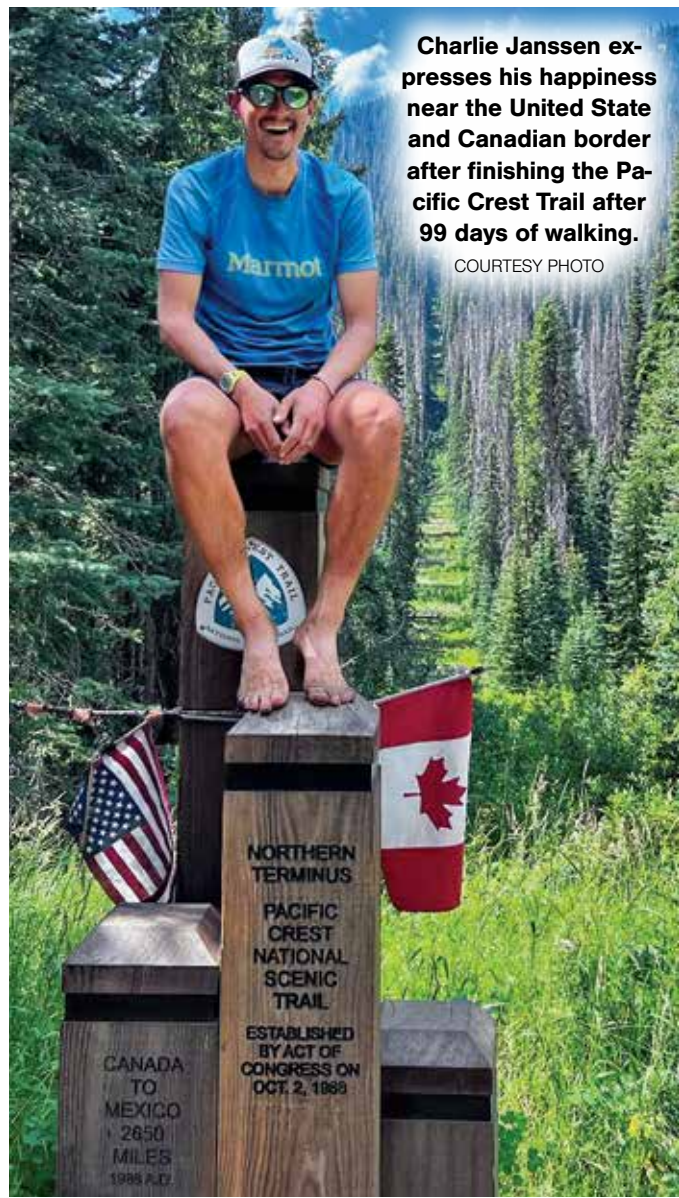
He leads the nation in quarterback sacks (18.5 for minus-140 yards) and tackles for loss (27.5 for minus-157 yards). He's 1.5 sacks and 2.5 tackles for loss from tying the single-season school records.

Other first-team all-conference selections are slot receiver CJ Jefferson, wide receiver Tyrese Hunt-Thompson, offensive lineman Adam Sieler, defensive tackle Jordan Jones, linebacker Konnor Near, defensive backs Sidney McCloud and Cyntell Williams and specialist Marcus Taylor.

The Bulldogs lost 22-21 to No. 1 ranked Grand Valley State on Oct. 15, ending winning streaks of 43 regular-season games and 32 conference games. Ferris State held a 21-10 lead entering the fourth quarter.

The Bulldogs are coached by Tony Annese, who has compiled a 111-17 record in 10 seasons. His winning percentage is the best among all 21 college programs in Michigan and in the conference.

The Bulldogs are 16-6 in the postseason under Annese.



Charlie Janssen expresses his happiness near the United State and Canadian border after finishing the Pacific Crest Trail after 99 days of walking. COURTESY PHOTO

PSU women make home debut

Staff Reports
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The Pittsburg State women's basketball team makes their 2022-23 home debut on Wednesday night at 5 against the University of St. Mary (3-3) at Whetzel Court inside John Lance Arena.

The Gorillas (3-1) suffered their first loss of the season on Saturday, falling 64-51 to Southern Nazarene at the Washburn Classic in Topeka. Freshman guard

Harper Schreiner led the Gorillas with 20 points and shot 6-of-14 from the field.

The Spires are coming off a 67-61 road loss to York College on Saturday. Senior guard Jerrica Johnson led St. Mary with 22 points. Sophomore guard Alanis Delgado followed with 21 points.

Fifth-year guard Tristen Gegg leads Pittsburg State in scoring, averaging 16.8 points per game, and leads the team with a .444 3-point field goal percentage.

Schreiner is the leading

rebounder for the Gorillas, averaging 8.3 rebounds per game. Schreiner also leads the team in steals with 10. Pittsburg State has forced 19 turnovers as a team.

Johnson leads St. Mary in scoring at 17.2 points per game. Sophomore forward Kaylani Hoskin leads the Spires in rebounding, averaging 6.3 rebounds per game.

Pittsburg State has averaged 68.3 points per game while opponents have averaged 67.8 points.

PSU men's basketball
For coverage of Pittsburg State's men's basketball game Tuesday night against Harris-Stowe, go to morningsun.net.

Argentines shocked, saddened by loss to Saudis at World Cup

By Daniel Politi
AP Sports Writer

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Tears welled in the eyes of Oscar López as he washed the windows of the Buenos Aires building where he works as the superintendent.

A devoted fan of Argentina, the 67-year-old was visibly upset as he reflected on the bitter 2-1 loss by the national team, delivered by upstart Saudi Arabia on Monday at the World Cup in Qatar.

But the fact that Argentina was favored over the Saudis is no excuse, Lopez said.

"If they're in the World Cup, no team is easy," López said. "You always have to be careful."

Most of Argentina got up early to watch the 7 a.m. match and the long-awaited debut of Lionel Messi's team. Many walked to bakeries in Buenos Aires wearing the light-blue-and-white jerseys to grab snacks.

Sounds of cheering were heard in the streets at the kickoff. More noise followed when Messi scored early in the game, and the din of air horns penetrated the morning air.

But an eerie silence then set in, as what was supposed to be an easy match turned challenging. Saudi Arabia rallied with two second-half goals, and one of World Cup's favorites instead suffered one of its biggest upsets.

"The truth is, this is a disappointment, a big disappointment," said Alejandro Pintos, a 36-year-old locksmith who opened his shop later than usual to watch the game. "This was the match that we had no choice but to win."

Pintos said the national team was "very disorganized" — something he found particularly frustrating, given its 36-match unbeaten streak leading up to the tournament.

Local media quoted Messi as saying he was just as shocked as the fans on how

things had turned out. "It's a very strong blow," Messi said. "We didn't expect to begin this way."

Other fans took to social media to complain about three potential Argentina goals ruled out on offside calls.

Argentines were counting on the World Cup to bring a glimmer of a hope to a country that has been economically stagnant for years, suffering a nearly 100% inflation rate and where close to four in 10 live in poverty.

Susana Leguizamón, 55, woke up early, put on her blue-and-white-striped Argentina jersey and was ready to celebrate.

"I was very, very, very surprised," she said. "The truth is, we underestimated our rival."

But Santiago Babarro, 40, said he wasn't too shocked by the loss.

"The same thing always happens to Argentina," the retail worker said. "We say, 'This is an easy match, we can win it easily,' and then,



Argentina soccer fans watch their team lose to Saudi Arabia in a World Cup Group C soccer match played on a large screen in the Palermo neighborhood of Buenos Aires, Argentina, early Tuesday. AP PHOTO/GUSTAVO GARELLO

bam! They put us in our place. We always believe we're more than what we are."

Sebastián Fabre said he woke up with an uneasy feeling and was worried about what he said was overconfidence by Argentina's fans.

"There was way too much unfounded optimism. I didn't want to say anything but I think we were all way too overconfident," he said.

Leguizamón, who walked to her job at a restaurant

still wearing her Argentina jersey, said she could feel the suffering of those around her.

Some fans saw a silver lining in suffering adversity at the outset of the tournament. Argentina next plays Mexico on Saturday in the second Group C match.

"Really, it's better that this happened in the first match and not in the quarterfinals," Fabre said. "That's the positive side to this."

Leguizamón agreed. "A trip is not a fall, as we say here," she said, using a common Argentine expression. "I'm a big fan of the national team and I get in a really bad mood when it loses but my hope is intact."

The saddest part, said 21-year-old retail worker Florencia Folgoso, "is having to go to work after watching a match that we lost. You already start the day with the left foot."

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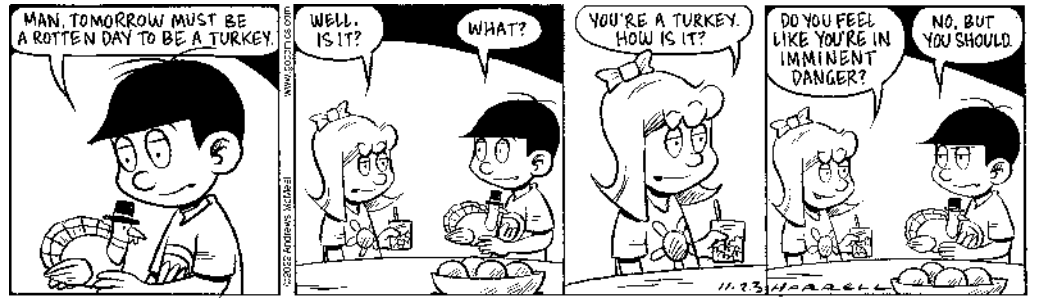
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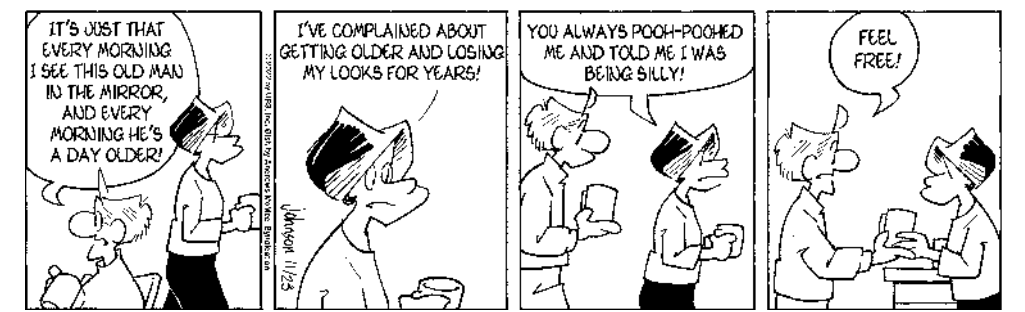
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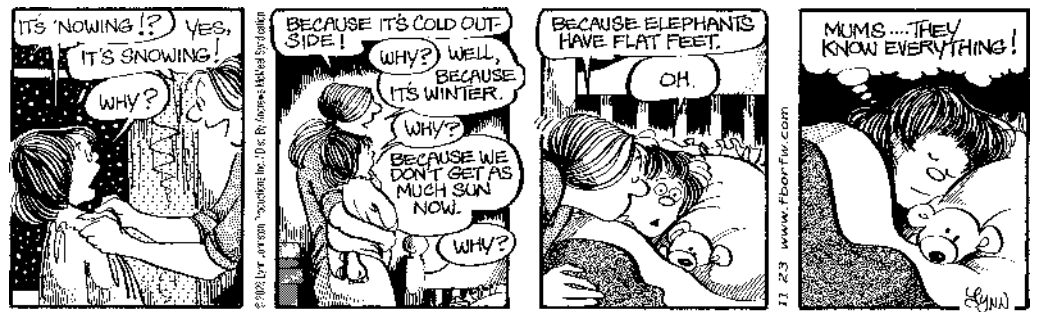
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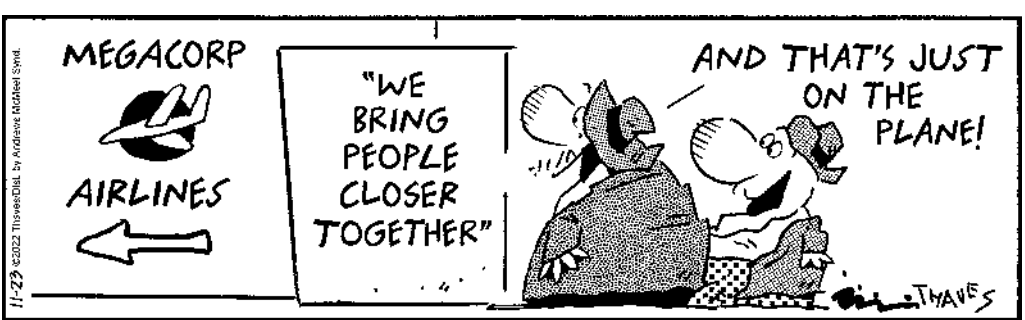
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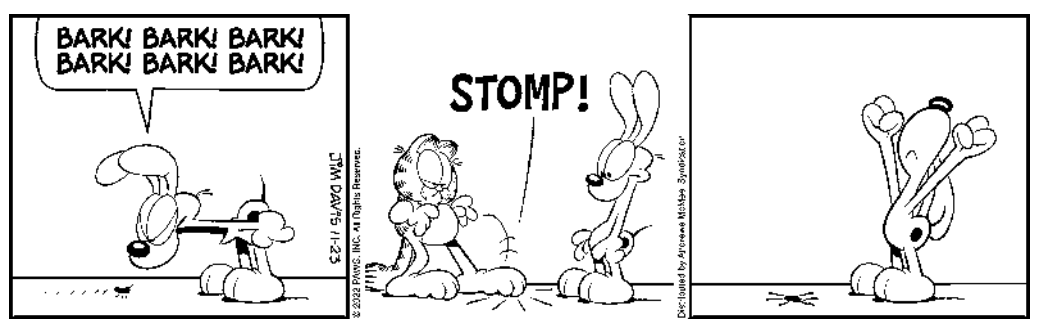
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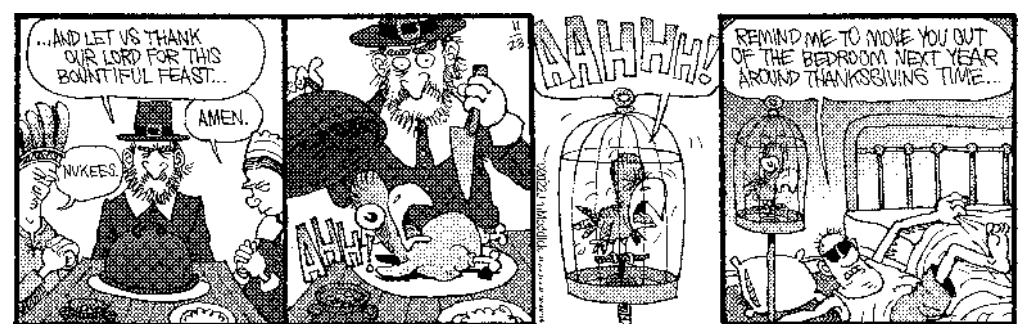
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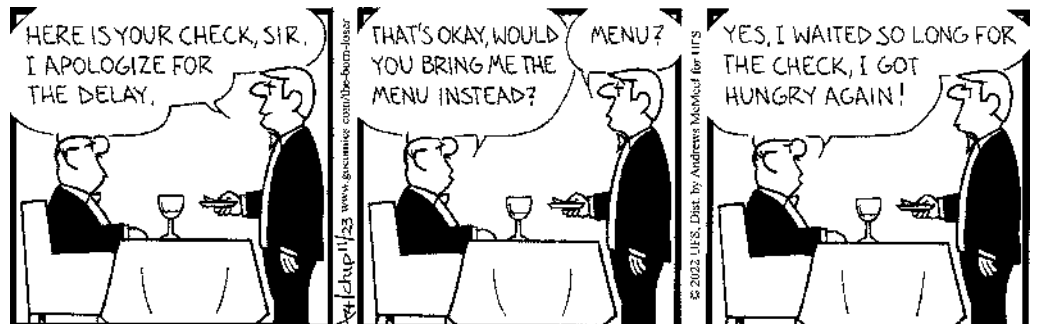
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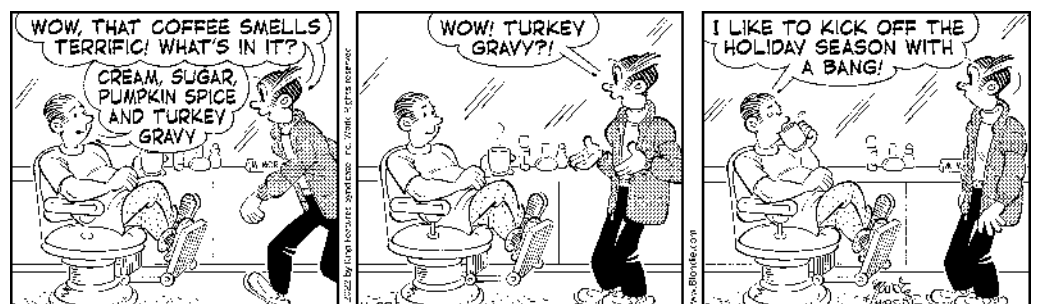
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You have options. Look around you and decide what's doable, then head in that direction. Take an unusual path or set up your lifestyle to suit your needs, regardless of how others choose to live. Let excitement drive you, and your skills, intelligence and desire for adventure take you to destinations that open your mind to new possibilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Don't get into a scuffle over trivial matters. Know when to give in and let someone else take the wheel. Weigh the pros and cons, and look at the long-term effects of the decisions you make.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Reach out and offer help where it's needed. There is power in being present and in acting on behalf of those who can't fend for themselves. Look for a worthy cause you can support.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Use your intelligence to make a point. How you handle others and approach controversial subjects will be key. Hone your negotiating skills and be honest and innovative.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Complete your to-do list, lower your stress level and move on to an activity that puts a smile on your face. Knowing when to work and when to relax will help you maintain balance and good health.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Put more faith in yourself and your ability to finish things on time. Step up and put your skills to the test while outmaneuvering anyone who gets in your way. Nurture relationships.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You will set a new standard and receive praise if you surprise everyone with your ability, technique and insight. Don't question or second-guess what you want to do or say.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Taking an active role will positively impact how things turn out. Don't trust anyone else to speak or act on your behalf. Avoid conflict and concentrate on finishing what you start.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Choose a path that gives you free rein to use your skills, knowledge and connections. Put a plan in place and team up with people you know you can count on.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- You will enjoy mixing and mingling, but you must be aware of people who try to persuade you

to donate time or money. Ask questions, and don't hesitate to say no if something doesn't feel right.

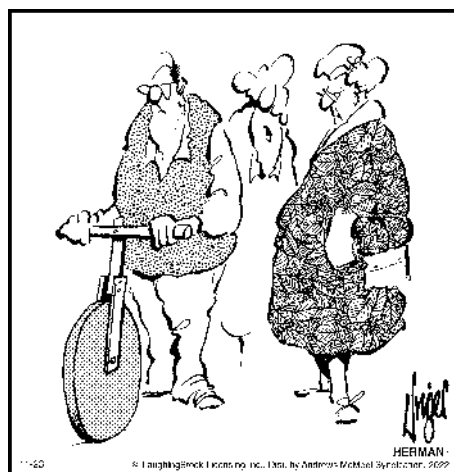
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Not everyone will like the changes you want to make. Approach opposition with candor and charm, and you'll gain insight into how you can get others to see and do things your way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Be ready to act. View situations, consider how to make improvements and implement changes that feel comfortable. It's up to you to force issues if it will help you get things moving.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Clear a space at home that will allow you the peace and quiet required to accomplish your objective. A chance to make extra cash or stretch your budget to fit your needs looks promising.

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NCAA awards Final Four to Las Vegas for first time

By Dave Skretta
 AP Basketball Writer

The Final Four is headed for the first time to Las Vegas, where wagering on the NCAA Tournament has long been a staple of March Madness revelry, after the NCAA awarded the men's national semifinals and championship game to Allegiant Stadium for the 2027-28 season.

The NCAA also announced Tuesday that Ford Field in Detroit would host the Final Four in 2027, while Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis would get the 2029 event and AT&T Stadium in Dallas would get the 2030 event.

"We are excited to bring the NCAA's premier championship to Las Vegas, a city that for a number of years has hosted numerous championships from several member conferences," said Bradley athletic director Chris Reynolds, who chairs the NCAA selection committee. "The feedback from leagues, the fans of their teams and the media covering the events staged there has been overwhelmingly positive, and we are confident we'll get the same reviews."

The national championship this season will be decided at NRG Stadium in Houston, while State Farm Stadium in Phoenix, the Alamodome in San Antonio and Lucas Oil Stadium already had been chosen for the following



UCLA's Adem Bona, left, fouls Baylor's Dale Bonner during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game on Sunday in Las Vegas. AP PHOTO/JOHN LOCHER

three Final Fours.

The NCAA long shied away from taking marquee events to Las Vegas because of its reputation as a gambling mecca. But the stance softened over the years, particularly as sports wagering became legal in states across the country, and many leagues have made its glitzy arenas the homes of their postseason basketball tournaments.

The Mountain West will play its championship game this season at the Thomas & Mack Center, the Pac-12 at T-Mobile Arena, the West Coast Conference at Orleans Arena and the WAC split between Michelob ULTRA Arena and Orleans Arena.

Las Vegas already was scheduled to host nine other NCAA championships over the next four years, and the men's NCAA Tournament will

head there for the first time next March when a regional round is played at T-Mobile Arena.

"We're thrilled. It's pretty exciting to have such a marquee event come to town," said Steve Hill, CEO of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. "Vegas has been a basketball town for decades. We've had an interesting road with the NCAA along that time. It is really gratifying to be able to work with the NCAA to bring their marquee event here and really celebrate what basketball is all about in this town."

Once a pariah for sports, Las Vegas has suddenly become a destination. The Raiders and Golden Knights of the NHL play in sparkling new facilities, the NFL had such success with its Pro Bowl last season that it's bringing back a reinvented version of it

in February, and Formula 1 is returning to the Las Vegas Strip for the first time since 1982 next summer.

The other Final Four sites chosen Tuesday have a history of hosting the men's basketball championship.

Ford Field was the site of the 2009 tournament, when 72,922 fans packed the home of the Detroit Lions to watch North Carolina beat Michigan State. AT&T Stadium will also get its second Final Four after hosting it in 2014, when Connecticut beat Kentucky before a crowd of 79,238 at the home of the Dallas Cowboys.

Lucas Oil Stadium has hosted the Final Four six times in the past 25 years, including the 2021 event, when the entire NCAA Tournament was conducted in front of a limited number of fans at venues scattered across Indiana. When it hosts the Final Four in 2029, Indianapolis will tie Kansas City for the most times conducting the title game with 10 apiece.

"It's been said many times about how coaches, players, fans and media love coming to the Final Four in Indianapolis, but I don't think you can overstate just how much everyone enjoys their experience when they go," Reynolds said. "The people not only embrace major events, but they don't take a single thing for granted."

Vegas oddsmakers, officials say NFL finally hears message

By Mark Anderson
 AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Jay Kornegay, who has built a reputation as one of Las Vegas' top sports book directors, spoke at a conference in Indianapolis several years ago that included the major professional sports leagues, the NCAA and the FBI.

Only four states offered legalized sports betting at the time, and only Nevada was allowed to take single-game bets.

"What I explained to them back then is we were on the same side," said Kornegay, vice president of race and sports operations at Westgate Las Vegas. "That integrity of the games was the utmost important thing. We wanted all games to be fair and true. We didn't want to accept wagers on something that was predetermined, so it was in our best interest to report any suspicious activity, any type of unusual betting."

"Yet we were like the plague. Nobody wanted to talk to us for the longest period of time."

That has changed dramatically, most notably in the NFL, which for years wanted to keep more than an arm's distance from Las Vegas and sports betting.

Now the NFL, as well as the other major pro leagues and the NCAA, openly embrace the city and the industry.

"By the time I got involved in the conversation with the NFL, we've gotten over the era of where the answer was just 'no' right from the start regardless of what the question was," said Steve Hill, who be-



Fans cheer as the Oakland Raiders announce their fourth round draft pick during an NFL football draft event in Las Vegas, April 29, 2017. Las Vegas oddsmakers had argued for years that sports betting is easier to monitor where it's legal and regulated. AP PHOTO/JOHN LOCHER, FILE

came CEO and president of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority in 2018.

The relationship began to thaw when NFL owners started to seriously consider the Raiders' plans to move to Las Vegas from Oakland, California. They voted 31-1 in favor in March 2017.

The U.S. Supreme Court also had much to do with that new relationship when it overturned the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act in 2018. The act outlawed sports betting, except where it already was legal, such as in Nevada.

Now more than 30 states plus Washington, D.C., have legalized sports betting, which has created a money-making opportunity for the leagues.

"Once they got a cut, everything was fine and dandy," Kornegay said. "I get that part. I understand. I'm not sore at the decades that I worked in this industry

that they frowned upon us. I wish it was the other way because I thought it was a better way to accept sports wagers in a regulated environment versus through illegal channels."

Las Vegas sports books have tipped off authorities when they've noticed a betting irregularity, such as an inordinate amount of money being wagered on a particular team.

That was the case in 1994 when Jimmy Vaccaro, then the sports book director at The Mirage, alerted the Nevada Gaming Control Board, the FBI and the Pac-10 Conference that there was an unusual amount of money bet on an Arizona State basketball game against Washington. That led to an investigation that resulted in criminal convictions.

Vaccaro, now the South Point sports marketing director, said there's a general misunderstanding by leagues about how his business works. If a four-point favorite, for example, wins by exactly that many points, that's bad news to Las Vegas sports books because the game is a push and all the bets are refunded.

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