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St. Mary's Colgan senior Meg Norman gives her speech at 78th Annual KACD Convention at which she won first place on the topic of "Healthy Forest, Healthy Communities" on Monday. COURTESY PHOTO

St. Mary's senior speaks for the trees

By Antjea Wolff
Morning Sun Staff

PITTSBURG, KS – After receiving encouragement from her biology teacher, Donna Maus, to enter, St. Mary's Colgan senior Meg Norman was awarded first place in the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) annual speech competition on Monday.

KACD was established in 1944 as a non-profit, nongovernmental organization dedicated to providing education and resources to schools and the public.

Before the KACD contest, Norman first won first place at the Crawford County Conservation District competition and then at the KACD Area V competitions, which qualified her to compete at state level.

Norman received an honorable mention for last year's speech event, which earned her \$250 to go towards her education.

After receiving her first-place award at the 78th Annual KACD Convention held in Wichita on Monday, Nov. 21, Norman gave her speech on the topic "Healthy Forest, Healthy Communities" to an audience of over 150 people.

In her speech, Norman discussed different threats to trees, why that should matter to people, and what people can do about the threats.

Norman said her family has always been big being out in nature, and as a child she participated in Pittsburg State

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Santa and Mrs. Clause will be making a special appearance at the City of Frontenac's Christmas Tree Lighting event in downtown Frontenac this Sunday evening. COURTESY PHOTO

City prepares for holiday season

By Antjea Wolff
Morning Sun Staff

FRONTENAC, KS – The holiday season is approaching quickly, and to help its citizens feel the Christmas spirit, the City of Frontenac will light up its downtown with a special ceremony featuring Santa and Mrs. Clause on Sunday evening.

For over 20 years, the City of Frontenac and Frontenac Mining Days Festival committee have organized an event to bring excitement and joy in preparation

for the upcoming holidays to its citizens.

Patrons are encouraged to gather in the downtown area of Frontenac at 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27 and listen to the choir which will be made up of 50 elementary students and 25 of the junior high and high school students.

Around 5:20 p.m., Mayor David Fornelli will flip on the Christmas lights that will illuminate the downtown area as well as a tree made of lights in the Frontenac Commons.

Once the festive lights are on, the Frontenac Raider Band will lead Santa

and Mrs. Clause, who will be perched on the fire truck, to city hall. Children will be allowed to take free photos with the Yuletide couple as well as decorate wooden ornaments and write letters to Santa. Hot cocoa and cookies will also be available for attendees.

Frontenac Library Director and the President of the Frontenac Mining Days Festival Seth Nutt said he enjoys seeing the community come together for this annual holiday tradition.

"I really like seeing the kids get excited for Christmas," he said.

Camp Now and Then



Children playing with a parachute at Camp Now and Then at the Lincoln Center. Pittsburg Parks and Recreation hosts the camp when USD 250 is out of session, but all children from ages 5 to 12 are welcome to participate in games, crafts, and playtime. Recreation Programs Manager Josie Maples said there is no technology allowed, that the program is designed for socialization and to let the young ones "be a kid." The next camp is scheduled for Jan. 3 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. DUSTIN STRONG / THE MORNING SUN

The Red Cross needs you!

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PITTSBURG, KS – Over the next month, The American Red Cross will be deploying its mobile blood drive units and making stops in several locations in Crawford County including Pittsburg, Girard, and Frontenac, to try to combat the blood crisis.

According to a recent press release, the Red Cross is asking for volunteers to give blood and make monetary donations. Citing natural disasters and global emergencies, the Red Cross is experiencing a first-ever nationwide blood crisis in the U.S.

In January 2022, the Red Cross experienced its worst national blood shortage in over a decade due to ongoing collection challenges and varied hospital demand during the pandemic. Patients in need of lifesaving blood transfu-

sions relied on an outpouring of support from hundreds of thousands of generous blood donors to overcome the crisis.

Multiple mobile blood drives will be in Crawford County, starting in Pittsburg on Nov. 29, from 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Countryside Christian Church, 1901 East 4th Street, and again on Nov. 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Countryside Christian Church, 1901 E. 4th Street.

The mobile blood drive will be in Frontenac on Dec 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Frontenac High School and again on Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Eagle Beverage, 250 N Cayuga Street, before appearing in Girard on Dec. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at St Michael's Catholic Church, 106 S. Western.

Other blood drives will be held in Cherokee County, the blood drive will visit Weir

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Obituaries

Dolores Belle Hoheisel

Dolores Belle Hoheisel, age 91, passed away at 10:59 p.m., Monday, Nov. 21, 2022, at Mercy Hospital, Fort Smith, Arkansas, following an illness.

Dolores was born June 8, 1931, in Sheridan Township, Cherokee County, Kansas. Her parents were John and Esther (Parsons) Powell.

She was raised in the McCune area and graduated from McCune High School in 1949. She then attended college at Kansas State Teacher's College in Pittsburg and taught for a few years in rural schools.

She was a member of the First Christian Church in Oswego. She had also been a 4-H and Girl Scout Leader. She was in a quilting club and taught crafts in Oswego through the Labette Community College. She enjoyed quilting, sewing, crafting, and gardening with flowers and vegetables. Most of all, she was cherished as a mother and housewife.

Dolores was married to Albert Hoheisel on April 25, 1954, in Columbus, Kansas. He passed away Feb. 28, 2019.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, John Powell Jr. and Loren Powell.

Surviving are two daughters, Carolyn Hays (David) of Yukon, Oklahoma, and Karen Sue Savage (Ken) of Rudy, Arkansas; four grandchildren, Zach Hays (Wendy), Holly Hays, Kendra Savage Lopez (Pedro), and Kurt Wesley Savage; and one great-granddaughter, Nova Hays.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, 2022, at McCune Cemetery in McCune, Kansas. Pastor James Garner will officiate. A viewing will be a half hour before the service at the cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Derfelt Funeral Home, Oswego, Kansas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to McCune Osage Township Library P.O. Box 73, 509 6th St., McCune, KS 66753.



Senior food box program to begin in Frontenac

Staff Reports
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FRONTENAC, Kan. — The Kansas Food Bank and Sacred Heart Community Food Pantry in Frontenac are introducing a USDA program to help provide monthly food boxes to low-income seniors. The Commodity Supplemental Food Program will be available in Frontenac to persons age 60 and above who qualify by meeting income requirements. Distribution will start in January.

The 2022 income guidelines are gross income before Medicare or any other type of expense is deducted from Social Security check or wages and household size. One person with a gross income of \$1,473; two people with an income of \$1,984; three people with an income of \$2,495; four with an income of \$3,007; five with an income of \$3,518; six with an income of \$4,029.

"We are very excited to start this program in Frontenac to help provide more food for

low-income seniors" said Craig Hubbard, Food Security Coordinator at the Kansas Food Bank. "This additional safety net will help ensure our seniors do not have to make hard choices between paying for food or paying for their medicine."

Interested seniors must fill out an application and provide the following: proof of ID, proof of income (Social Security Statement) and proof of address. Once approved, they will receive a monthly box. Applications can be received via mail by calling the Kansas Food Bank at 316-265-3663.

Food packages include a variety of foods, such as nonfat dry and ultra-high temperature fluid milk, cheese, juice, farina, oats, ready-to-eat cereal, rice, pasta, peanut butter, dry beans, canned meat, poultry or fish, and canned fruits and vegetables.

For more information, contact Craig Hubbard, Food Security Coordinator, at 316-265-3663 or by email at chubbard@kansasfoodbank.org

CLUB NOTES

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.

Monday, Nov. 28

TOPS #0599 Pittsburg

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

Co-Dependents Anonymous

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

NAMI SEK

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

Tuesday, Nov. 29

Pittsburg Noon Rotary

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

Pittsburg Duplicate Bridge Club

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

Wednesday, Nov. 30

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.

November is National Adoption Month

By Michelle Broxterman
Wildcat Extension District

GIRARD, Kan. — National Adoption Month is held every November to celebrate families who have grown through adoption, and to bring awareness to the need for more adoptive families to care for the large number of children in the foster care system.

"Over 117,000 children

and youth across the country are in foster care waiting for a forever family," according to the U.S. Children's Bureau. Right now, there are around 500 children in Kansas whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and are currently seeking an adoptive family.

Children in foster care range in age from newborn to 18. These children are placed into foster

care for a variety of reasons typically related to abuse and neglect. Children in foster care who are awaiting adoption have experienced significant trauma in their short lives, including the trauma they experienced when they were separated from their biological families. These children need a family that will welcome them and provide a sense of belonging

and safety.

If you are interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent, visit AdoptKSKids.org or call 1-855-236-7857.

For more information on this topic check out childwelfare.gov/adoptionmonth or contact Michelle Broxterman, Family and Child Development Extension Agent, mbroxterman@ksu.edu, (620)724-8233.

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University's Nature Reach Summer Program ever year. As she got older, she began to volunteer to assist the organizers of the program. Norman said she thinks this is what led her to being more involved in the conservation aspect

of nature.

"I've always enjoyed it," she said. "And over the past couple years, I've noticed there's a problem and I just became interested in it more."

Norman said she has always liked trees because her grandfather had a walnut grove, and she was always planting trees and caring for them.

"Not only do they help

us physically," Norman said, "but areas that have more vegetation tend to have healthier communities in general. And higher vegetation can be linked to less crime and improve mental health, so that is important."

In the fall of 2023, Norman said she plans to attend PSU to pursue a degree in biology with an emphasis of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation.

She said she is considering a career in teaching or wildlife rehabilitation.

Including the state competition, Norman has won \$1,000 in scholarships this year at the different KACD contests.

"After I performed, I was pretty confident, but it was exciting to hear that I won because I worked very hard for it."

RED CROSS

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on Nov. 23, from 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Building, Lincoln and Forest. In Labette County, volunteers can donate in Oswego, Dec. 15, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Oswego Senior Center, 723 Commercial, and in Parsons on Dec. 15, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 1500 S. 29th Street.

In Neosho County, blood donations will be in Saint Paul, Dec. 14, from 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at St Francis Parish Hall, 47 Hwy and 1st Street. Woodson County residents can donate in Yates Center, Dec. 5, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the 4-H Community Building, 713 Fry Street.

"Whether a crisis is felt by an entire commu-

nity or a single person, it turns lives upside down — especially for the most vulnerable," Alice Townsend, Regional CEO for the Red Cross Kansas-Oklahoma Region said in the press release. "This holiday season, join us to provide help and hope for people in need during future emergencies by making a financial donation or by giving blood or platelets."

In the release, the Red Cross said this year's extreme disasters in the U.S. are clear examples of the increasing frequency and intensity of the climate crisis. So far in 2022, 15 billion-dollar disasters have upended lives across the country — more than twice the number of billion-dollar disasters that struck annually two decades ago.

For these and tens of thousands of other disasters in Kansas and across the country, Red Cross

volunteers have worked 24/7 to provide shelter, food and care — including for a 12,000-acre wildfire in March and for the tornado that hit Andover in April, according to the release.

Internationally, the conflict in Ukraine has forced millions of people to flee for their lives. With such vast needs, the American Red Cross has provided financial donations and international crisis responders to support the global Red Cross network's response on the ground, which spans more than a dozen neighboring countries to deliver food, shelter, medical care, emotional support and other critical aid for displaced families.

Beyond national headlines, the release says, the need for blood is constant. One in seven patients entering a hospital will need a blood transfusion. As seasonal

illness and the threat of winter weather ramp up this holiday season, make a donation appointment and be a lifeline for car accident victims, parents with complicated child-births, individuals battling cancer and people with sickle cell disease.

On Giving Tuesday, Nov. 29, and through the holidays, volunteers can visit redcross.org to make a financial donation or an appointment to give blood or platelets for patients in the U.S. Individuals can also register for volunteer opportunities in their area.

For more information, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS to make an appointment at a blood drive or at a donor center in Wichita, Hays, or Salina.

Visit redcross.org/kansas2022 for more information about how the Red Cross Serving Kansas helped people in 2022.

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Miami police arrest man in 4 killings on Oklahoma pot farm

By Heather Hollingsworth
AP News Writer

Authorities want a man brought to back to Oklahoma to face charges in the execution-style killings of four people at a marijuana farm after he was arrested in South Florida.

The suspect in the week-end killings, Wu Chen, was taken into custody by Miami Beach police and brought to the Miami-Dade County Detention Center, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation said Tuesday.

He was arrested "after a car tag reader flagged (the) vehicle he was driving," the bureau said. The suspect will be charged with murder and shooting with intent to kill and faces extradition to Oklahoma.

OSBI also posted a photo provided by U.S. Marshals of the man sitting shoeless on a curb, apparently with his hands cuffed behind his back.

Authorities said the victims — three men and one woman, all Chinese citizens — were shot dead, "executed" on the 10-acre (4-hectare) property west of Hennessey,

a town about 55 miles (90 kilometers) northwest of Oklahoma City. A fifth victim who is also a Chinese citizen was wounded and taken to an Oklahoma City hospital.

The victims had not yet been identified publicly, and officials were still working to notify next of kin, police said.

Authorities had said they had a suspect in mind but were withholding the name for the time being to avoid endangering others.

"The suspect was inside that building for a significant amount of time before the executions began," OSBI said in a news release earlier Tuesday. "Based on the investigation thus far, this does not appear to be a random incident."

OSBI Capt. Stan Florence said that authorities believed the suspect knew the victims, who were found dead Sunday night.

"Don't know if they're related, or if they're co-workers, but certainly these individuals were, we believe, all familiar with each other," Florence said.

The deaths at the marijuana farm were the third

mass killing in Oklahoma in a little over a month. On Oct. 27, six children were killed in a suspected murder-suicide in the Tulsa suburb of Broken Arrow, and on Oct. 14, the bodies of four men who'd gone missing were found dismembered in an Oklahoma river.

According to a database run by The Associated Press, USA Today and Northeastern University, the United States has now had 40 mass killings so far this year. In just the past week, six were killed in the break room of a Walmart store in Virginia and five were slain at a Colorado Springs gay nightclub. The database defines a mass killing as at least four people killed, not including the killer.

The Kingfisher County Sheriff's Office initially responded to a reported hostage situation at the farm and requested help from state authorities, Florence said.

"There's a lot to unravel with this case," he added. "It'll take a little time for us to process it."

The case is being investigated as a quadruple

homicide. The Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control is also investigating.

That agency has targeted criminal growing and trafficking of marijuana for the black market in recent years. But agency spokesman Mark Woodward said Tuesday it was too soon to say that was a focus of this investigation.

"It being a marijuana farm, obviously Oklahoma state law requires that they have a license from the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority and from us," Woodward said. "One of the things we're looking at is, is it obtained legally or was it obtained by fraud? So that'll be part of our investigation."

Porsha Riley, spokeswoman for the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority, said there is an active license for a medical marijuana grow business at the location.

None of the 14 marijuana growing operations in the Hennessey area responded to email inquiries from The Associated Press, and officials would not identify which one operated at the site of the shootings.

Bison's relocation to Native lands revives a spiritual bond

By Bobby Ross Jr.
AP News Writer

BULL HOLLOW, Okla. (AP)—Ryan Mackey quietly sang a sacred Cherokee verse as he pulled a handful of tobacco out of a zip-close bag. Reaching over a barbed wire fence, he scattered the leaves onto the pasture where a growing herd of bison — popularly known as American buffalo — grazed in northeastern Oklahoma.

The offering represented a reverent act of thanksgiving, the 45-year-old explained, and a desire to forge a divine connection with the animals, his ancestors and the Creator.

"When tobacco is used in the right way, it's almost like a contract is made between you and the spirit — the spirit of our Creator, the spirit of these bison," Mackey said as a strong wind rumbled across the grassy field. "Everything, they say, has a spiritual aspect. Just like this wind, we can feel it in our hands, but we can't see it."

Decades after the last bison vanished from their tribal lands, the Cherokee Nation is part of a nationwide resurgence of Indigenous people seeking to reconnect with the hump-backed, shaggy-haired animals that occupy a crucial place in centuries-old tradition and belief.

Since 1992 the federally chartered InterTribal Buffalo Council has helped relocate surplus bison from locations such as Badlands National Park in South Dakota, Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming and Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona to 82 member tribes in 20 states.

"Collectively those tribes manage over 20,000 buffalo on tribal lands," said Troy Heinert, a Rosebud Sioux Tribe member who serves as executive director of the InterTribal Buffalo Council, based in Rapid City, South Dakota. "Our goal and mission is to restore buffalo back to Indian country for that cultural and spiritual connection that Indigenous people



A bison lopes through a pasture gate on a Cherokee Nation ranch in Bull Hollow, Okla., on Sept. 27. Births and additional bison transplants from various locations have boosted the population to about 215. The herd roams a 500-acre pasture in Bull Hollow, an unincorporated area of Delaware County about 70 miles northeast of Tulsa and near the small town of Kenwood. AP PHOTO/AUDREY JACKSON

have with the buffalo."

Centuries ago, an estimated 30 million to 60 million bison roamed the vast Great Plains of North America, from Canada to Texas. But by 1900, European settlers had driven the species to near extinction, hunting them en masse for their prized skins and often leaving the carcasses to rot on the prairie.

"It's important to recognize the history that Native people had with buffalo and how buffalo were nearly decimated. ... Now with the resurgence of the buffalo, often led by Native nations, we're seeing that spiritual and cultural awakening as well that comes with it," said Heinert, who is a South Dakota state senator.

Historically, Indigenous people hunted and used every part of the bison: for food, clothing, shelter, tools and ceremonial purposes. They did not regard the bison as a mere commodity, however, but rather as beings closely linked to people.

"Many tribes viewed them as a relative," Heinert said. "You'll find that in the ceremonies and language and songs."

Rosalyn LaPier, an Indigenous writer and scholar who grew up on the Blackfeet Nation's reservation

in Montana, said there are different mythological origin stories for bison among the various peoples of the Great Plains.

"Depending on what Indigenous group you're talking to, the bison originated in the supernatural realm and ended up on Earth for humans to use," said LaPier, an environmental historian and ethnobotanist at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. "And there's usually some sort of story of how humans were taught to hunt bison and kill bison and harvest them."

Her Blackfeet tribe, for example, believes there are three realms: the sky world, the below world — that is, Earth — and the underwater world. Tribal lore, LaPier says, holds that the Blackfeet were vegetarians until an orphaned bison slipped out of the underwater world in human form and was taken in by two caring humans. As a result, the underwater bison's divine leader allowed more to come to Earth to be hunted and eaten.

In Oklahoma, the Cherokee Nation, one of the largest Native American tribes with 437,000 registered members, had a few bison on its land in the 1970s. But

they disappeared.

It wasn't until 40 years later that the tribe's contemporary herd was begun, when a large cattle trailer — driven by Heinert — arrived in fall 2014 with 38 bison from Badlands National Park. It was greeted by emotional songs and prayers from tribe's people.

"I can still remember the dew that was on the grass and the songs of the birds that were in the trees. ... I could feel the hope and the pride in the Cherokee people that day," Heinert said.

Since then, births and additional bison transplants from various locations have boosted the population to about 215. The herd roams a 500-acre (2-square kilometer) pasture in Bull Hollow, an unincorporated area of Delaware County about 70 miles (113 kilometers) northeast of Tulsa, near the small town of Kenwood.

For now, the Cherokee are not harvesting the animals, whose bulls can weigh up to 2,000 pounds (900 kilograms) and stand 6 feet tall (nearly 2 meters), as leaders focus on growing the herd. But bison, a lean protein, could serve in the future as a food source for Cherokee schools and nutrition centers, said Bryan Warner, the tribe's deputy

AREA EVENTS

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.

Lego Night

Girard Public Library is hosting a Lego Night starting at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28. Legos will be provided for families and children to build with Legos and enjoy Lego themed activities.

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.

Tuesday, Nov. 29

CFSEK Match Day 2022

The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas invites the public to participate in Match Day on Tuesday, November 29. The Foundation is offering \$51,000 in matching funds for the endowments of 36 SEK nonprofits. More information is available at SoutheastKansas.org/match-day or by calling (620) 231-8897.

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.

Art Exploration Instruction

Join Gallery artists Pat Glick and Laura Wright every Tuesday afternoon for a fun time working on citizens' own projects or art from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at ArtForms Gallery. Participants are asked to bring their own materials. This event is free and open to the public.

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OPINION

Where Have You Gone, JFK?

Is 80 too old to be president?

By Steven V. Roberts
Syndicated Columnist

That question hovers over American politics because Joe Biden reached that milestone last weekend, the first octogenarian in our history to occupy the White House.

Moreover, Biden said recently: "My intention is that I will run again," and he'd be 86 if he served a full eight years. Donald Trump, at 76, has already announced his bid for another term, and he'd be 82 in 2028.

There are two answers to the "too old" question. One is physical capacity, and experts on aging agree that if an individual remains in good health, they are fully capable of serving as president well into their 80s.

"People in their 80s commonly experience declines; we shouldn't be naive about that," Lisa Berkman, a professor of public policy at the Harvard School of Public Health, told The New York Times. "And at the same time, there is so much variability. People who are doing well and are in the top level of functioning have the odds of going for another 10 years, of doing really well during this time and making very important contributions."

The other answer is political, not physical. Just because a person can govern in their 80s, it's fair to ask: Should they? Or is it better for the country for them to step aside and allow younger, fresher leadership to emerge? A recent Reuters poll found that 86% of Americans believe the "cutoff for serving as president should be age 75 or younger."

I have a vested interest in the physical question, since I'm only four months younger than Biden. Like the president, I forget names and fumble words, but Joe and I have both benefited from scientific and medical advances. When we were born, the life expectancy for an American male was 66. Today, it's more than 77, and if you hit 80, you can generally expect to live another eight years.

"An 80-year-old today and an 80-year-old 20 years ago represent different pockets of individuals; they're not directly comparable," Dan Belsky, assistant professor of epidemiology at Columbia University told The Washington Post. "Today there are many physically active, cognitively healthy 80-year-olds, taking classes, running around, governing."

Indeed, aging could be an advantage to a president. Reaction times grow longer, but experience -- even wisdom -- can also

expand. Joe Verghese, a gerontologist at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, summarized this view in the Post: "Most of the major decisions that I can think of that have affected this country haven't been split-second decisions; they would have been decisions that required consensus-building, taking input of people, and I think age gives you a bit of greater ability to do that."

So from a purely physical perspective, age alone should not disqualify any octogenarian from seeking the presidency. But politics is another matter entirely.

It's baked into our DNA as a nation to thrive on the dreams and daring of the young. When John F. Kennedy said in his inaugural address, "The torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans," he wasn't just talking about his own cohort, the veterans of World War II. He was expressing a basic impulse to keep passing the torch, to keep renewing the American spirit.

The pioneers who explored the West, and the astronauts who explored the moon, were not old people. Yes, wisdom comes with age, but vitality comes with youth. The new prime minister of Great Britain, Rishi Sunak, is 42. The prime minister of Finland, Sanna Marin, is 37.

The average age of the signers of the Declaration of Independence was 44, but more than a dozen of them were 35 or younger. Thomas Jefferson was 32 when he wrote the declaration. As historian David McCullough has said, "At the time of the revolution, they were all young. It was a young man's young woman's cause."

Innovation of all kinds has always been a young person's cause. Mark Zuckerberg imagined Facebook in his Harvard dorm room. Bill Gates dropped out of college and founded Microsoft at age 19. Sergey Brin and Larry Page were ancient by comparison when they created Google at 25.

This is the problem for Democrats, however: Biden might still be their best hope for defeating Trump. And if he retires, who replaces him? No one from the next generation seems ready to pick up that torch. To paraphrase the great Paul Simon: "Where have you gone, John F. Kennedy? A nation turns its lonely eyes to you ..."

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



In Quest To Get Trump, Secrecy Strikes Again

By Byron York
Washington Examiner

Think back five years to the frenzy of news reporting and commentary over what was called Trump-Russia "collusion" -- the allegation that the 2016 Trump campaign conspired with Russia to fix the presidential election. Most of the coverage, and especially the commentary, seemed predicated on the belief that collusion did, in fact, take place. But later, in one of history's great never minds, the extensive investigation of special counsel Robert Mueller was unable to establish that Trump-Russia collusion -- prosecutors called it conspiracy or coordination -- ever occurred at all. The Mueller team spent years investigating an alleged crime and in the end concluded they could not establish that the alleged crime even took place, much less who did it.

The striking feature of the media's collusion talkathon in 2017 and 2018 was that much of it was based on secret evidence. There were super-secret recordings of Michael Flynn, President Donald Trump's first national security adviser, talking to the Russians. There was secret evidence gathered by a secret FBI investigation. There was secret testimony to Mueller's prosecutors. And there was, famously, a secret dossier of Trump allegations. (Unlike the other examples, the dossier was actually revealed early in the investigation, which led fair-minded observers to suspect, correctly, that it was a fraud.)

Why re-tell that story? Because there is a new special counsel investigation of Trump, now a candidate for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination. Attorney General Merrick Garland instructed the new counsel, Jack Smith, to investigate two matters: Trump's alleged role in inciting the Jan. 6 riot and the "investigation involving classified documents and other presidential

records, as well as the possible obstruction of that investigation." What is notable about the second topic, the documents investigation, is how much, like earlier probes, it is based on secret evidence.

There is no doubt that Trump, when he left the White House, kept a significant number of documents from his presidential years. Why did he do so? The Washington Post recently reported that Justice Department prosecutors have concluded that Trump's motive "was largely his ego and a desire to hold on to the materials as trophies or mementos." The Biden Justice Department had looked hard for some kind of nefarious motive behind Trump's actions and all it could come up with, if the Post is correct, was a desire for high-end souvenirs. Nevertheless, Garland appointed a special counsel to investigate. Why? This is how Garland explained it: "Based on recent developments, including the former president's announcement that he is a candidate for president in the next election, and the sitting president's stated intention to be a candidate as well, I have concluded that it is in the public interest to appoint a special counsel."

It is in the "public interest." This is not just a legal case, Garland was saying, but one in which the public has a significant interest, and therefore one the DOJ must treat differently from other cases. The department must take steps to ensure public confidence in the investigation.

The heart of the documents case appears to be allegations that Trump improperly handled classified documents. But, of course, there are different degrees of classification, and beyond that, there is a widespread consensus that the government classifies too many documents to begin with. So to make Trump's offense, his memento-collecting, sound as serious as possible, there

have been leaks suggesting that he mishandled the most sensitive documents that the government has.

In the early weeks of the investigation, there were leaks that Trump's papers were "classified documents relating to nuclear weapons," in the words of the Washington Post, and also documents involving clandestine human sources who could face death or imprisonment in foreign lands if their identities were released through Trump's actions. There were papers that "could reveal carefully guarded secrets about U.S. intelligence-gathering methods," causing "grave concern" in the intelligence community, the Post reported. "At least one of the documents seized by the FBI describes Iran's missile program," the Post continued. "Other documents described highly sensitive intelligence work aimed at China."

Here is the problem. The investigation is in the "public interest," according to the attorney general, but no one in the public knows what the documents are. Other than the broadly worded reports based on leaks, the public has no idea what they might be. Yes, the Justice Department released a staged photo of documents and cover pages that said TOP SECRET/SCI lying on a carpet at Mar-a-Lago, but no one in the public knows what they are. There is no way for any member of the public to evaluate the evidence.

The DOJ is even keeping the evidence from the Trump defense. In a recent exchange of court papers, the former president's lawyers argued that they should not be required, as the government wants, to file a declaration regarding the government's inventory of seized documents because they do not possess the documents. Then the team added: "As to the documents that the government asserts include a classification marking, the government has not allowed [the Trump team]

to review these items."

Of course, prosecutors would argue that since no one has been charged in the case, the DOJ has no obligation to show anyone anything. Even if Trump is charged, prosecutors will probably try to keep lots of the evidence secret.

Maybe that is essential for national security. But remember what Garland said about the public's interest in the case. One party, Trump, is running for president, while prosecutors under the authority of his potential rival, President Joe Biden, are preparing, possibly, to file criminal charges in the case. There has been intensive media coverage of the case, much of it with the standard anti-Trump bias. What do the documents at the bottom of the case say? No one in the public knows.

In the absence of facts, there is speculation. That is what secrecy does to a high-profile case. It allows speculation to run amok -- just watch MSNBC some time -- while no one knows the actual facts of the investigation. The public forms an impression of guilt or innocence -- in this case, Trump's guilt -- without even knowing what, specifically, the case is about.

It has happened before with Trump. Not too many years ago, he faced accusations -- often dramatic accusations, like the notion that he was a Kremlin asset -- on the basis of unseen evidence that the talking heads said was reliable but that no one in the public could evaluate. Now, it's happening again.

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Forty-eight GHS NHS members attend A Christmas Carol play at the Repertory Theatre on the campus of UMKC Tuesday, Nov. 22. After the performance the group dined at Buca di Beppo Italian Restaurant and had the opportunity to explore various shops for a short amount of time. KRISTI BLAIR/GHS

NHS members attend A Christmas Carol play in KC

TROJAN TRIBUNE

Forty-eight NHS members from GHS traveled to Kansas City Tuesday, November 22 to kick off the beginning of Thanksgiving break. The group was accompanied by NHS sponsor Kristi Blair

In order to qualify for this trip students must be a member of NHS and uphold the qualities of character, scholarship, leadership and service.

This trip is a reward for all of the hard work these students have contributed in order to receive the honor of being

an NHS member.

The group consisted of seniors Trevor Amer shek, Laklyn Arthur, Samantha Brutchin, Brett Clevenger, Alex Coester, Caitlin Cranston, Aiden Damman, Gavin Doubrava, Carrie Dowling, Kellie Dowling, Sara Goble, Anna Gronau, Sydney Hessong, Garrett Humble, Spencer Jagels, Ryan Jarboe, Kendra Johnson, Aubree Lero, Lea McGown, Luke Niggemann, Gracie Peterson, Jaxson Robinson, Ashley Sabine, Jonah Sandford, Kaleb Scales, Emmaline Senecaut, Katy Stephan,

Tanner Ulbrich, Carly Vail, Ainsley Viets and Hannah Warner and juniors Hanna Bailey, Sarah Best, Peyton Brooks, Rylee Brooks, Hayden Buckley, Cody Burns, Lily Gronau, Bethany Herlocker, Kayleigh Leadstrom, Ainsley Norton, Haley Phillips, Kara Pope, Carly Reif, Hayley Schoeling, Claire Stevens, Marin Tersinar and Issac Woods.

The group departed GHS by bus at approximately 7:30 a.m. and drove to Kansas City, where they watched the play A Christmas Carol at the Repertory Theatre

on the campus of UMKC. After the play the group ate lunch at Buca di Beppo Italian Restaurant.

Following their meal, students had a short amount of time to explore the plaza, shop and enjoy dessert.

In regards to the trip, senior NHS member Goble said, “[She] had an awesome time watching the play and eating lunch, and it was a great opportunity to spend time with everyone in NHS.

The group then headed home and arrived back at GHS around 4 p.m.



GHS head football coach Neal Philpot speaks during the 2022 Football Banquet. Football players were awarded letters and other honors Monday, Nov. 21. The Trojans went 10-1 during the season and were both District and Regional champs. COURTESY PHOTO

GHS football athletes receive postseason honors

BY AINSLEY NORTON
TROJAN TRIBUNE

The 2022 GHS football banquet took place Monday, November 21 in the cafeteria. Due to their prolonged season, the football team’s banquet was held later than the other three fall sports.

The Trojans went 10-1 for the season and were both District and Regional champions. After making it to sectionals in week 11, they fell to Holton.

2022 Football players included freshmen Tyler Anderson, Aiden Ashbacher, Adam Basauri, Gannon Clark, Jenaro Garcia, Caleb Humble, Junior Love, Owen Murphy, Adrian Newton, Zach Pinckney; sophomores Zack Benso, Levi Blair, Aaron Doubrava, Maisen Gilmore, Robert Larson, Scott Moore, Jacob Pinckney, Bryce Reese and Sylar Sammons; juniors Brandon Bishop, Ethan Brooks, Cody Burns, Caleb Combs, Joel Jubber, Drake Kotzman, Anthony Pike and Jake Towner; seniors Alex Coester, Aiden Damman, Ethan Davidson, Justin Ferguson, Beau Harris, Hunter Hickman, Garrett Humble, Ryan Jarboe, Luke Niggemann, Jaden Norris, Juan Pizarro, Kaleb Scales, Cordell Searan, Adam Shireman, Christian Taylor and Arrick Williams; managers Cody Burns and Zoë Rhodes; and videographers Diamond Amaya-Reyes and MacKynzee Russell.

Letter winners were Blair, Brooks, Coester, Combs, Damman, Davidson, Ferguson, Gilmore, Harris, Hickman, Humble, Jarboe, Jubber, Kotzman, Moore, Niggemann, Norris, Pike, Pizzaro, Scales, Searan, Shireman, Taylor, Towner and Williams.

Honored athletes, voted on by the team, included Most Valuable Offensive Lineman, Ferguson and Jarboe; Most Valuable Defensive Lineman, Kotzman and Shireman; Most Valuable Offensive Skill, Coester; Most Valuable Defensive Skill, Pike; Most Inspirational Teammate, Jarboe; Most Valuable Special Teams Player, Humble; Most Valuable Work Team Player, Hickman; and Most Valuable Player, Niggemann.

The thirteen athletes who received All-CNC honors included Alex Coester, unanimous First Team Running Back and First Team Defensive Back; Caleb Combs, unanimous First Team Offensive Line; Justin Ferguson, unanimous First Team Offensive Line; Garrett Humble, First Team Kicker; Ryan Jarboe, Second Team Offensive Line; Drake Kotzman, First Team Defensive Line; Luke Niggemann, First Team Punter and First Team Quarterback; Anthony Pike, First Team Line Backer; Juan Pizarro, Second Team Defensive Line; Adam Shireman, Second Team Running Back and unanimous First Team Defensive Line; and Arrick Williams, Second Team Offensive Line.

Offensive honorable mentions included Ethan Davidson and Cordell Searan. After reflecting on the season, Head Coach and CNC Coach of the Year Neal Philpot stated, “This season was full of a lot of positives. We had a very fun group of guys to coach! The kids were driven at practice and improved each week.

“Senior leadership was very strong and that usually leads to a successful year. We had some young guys step up and play well when we needed them to. A lot of guys contributed to our success and that is always fun to see, because it gives them all some ownership. The season didn’t end like we wanted but these seniors should hold their heads high in what they have accomplished over the last few years!”



Fifty-six FFA members attend FFA Fun Night Thursday, Nov. 17 in the Ted R. Taylor gymnasium. Students had the opportunity to play 3-on-3 basketball, dodgeball and board games. All students that attended received points for their team points competition. BRANDON CALLAWAY/GHS



GHS seniors Luke Niggemann and Anna Gronau devise a plan to conquer the fictional world during the international relations game in instructor Matt Logue’s sixth hour advanced biology class Monday, Nov. 14. During this unit, instructor Matt Logue teaches students “how to make decisions about investing in other countries, agriculture, military and themselves while pretending to exist in a competitive world with the goal of improving the quality of life for their citizens.” HANNAH WARNER/TROJAN TRIBUNE



GHS sophomores Lillian Ripper and MacKynzee Russell decorate sugar cookies in instructor Emily Herlocker’s seventh hour Human Growth and Development class Friday, Nov. 18. Students spent the week getting into holiday spirit and spreading Christmas cheer. AINSLEY NORTON/TROJAN TRIBUNE

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LOOKING BACK

FROM OUR HISTORY

A mine explosion in Cherokee severely burned 13 miners, two probably fatally

By Phil Burgert
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Excerpted stories in Crawford County newspaper archives

100 Years Ago
Nov. 25, 1922

An explosion at Hamilton mine No. 6, Cherokee, at 11 o'clock this morning severely burned 13 miners, two probably fatally. Stuart Hamilton, one of the owners, and Angelo Abaguchio, are in Mt. Carmel hospital as a result of their injuries and are not expected to recover. Hamilton, who was the closest man to the keg of powder which exploded was perhaps the most seriously burned, it was reported late this afternoon.

The official call for the election of officers of District 14, United Mine Workers, to be held Dec. 12, was mailed to the local unions of the district this morning by D. H. Watkins and Ora Gassaway, international board members who are to conduct the election. The call is directed to all members and officers of the local unions in the jurisdiction and contains the other instructions to be followed.

Charging three men with threatening bodily harm and intimidation, two Kansas City Southern shops workers asked L. M. Resler, assistant county attorney, to swear out warrants for them. They charged the threats were made at the Bee Hive cafe and they were followed to the Leland, where they room. Resler advised the cases be taken to the U.S. district attorney, as the federal injunction against intimidation of rail employees may have jurisdiction.

50 Years Ago
Nov. 25, 1972

A hunting trip to the Pittsburg area 10 years ago and occasional visits here since then make the name of Joseph Aiuppa, Chicago gang leader, news whenever he breaks into headlines anywhere. Aiuppa got the nickname "Joey Doves" as a result of hunting here about 1962, which led to charges of illegally shooting mourning doves. Now Aiuppa is in the news with reporting that the long time Cicero, Ill., rackets and vice boss has been promoted.

Salvation Army workers will start ringing the

bells for the annual "Sharing is Caring" Christmas appeal today. The familiar red kettle stands have been placed in operation on Broadway near Woolworths and Toytown and will appear at Gibsons and the Mall. Kettles will be manned daily by Salvation army workers and on special days by members of local service clubs.

Kansas State College of Pittsburg is almost deserted as many students went home to enjoy the five-day Thanksgiving layoff with family and friends. However, Thanksgiving for those who didn't get to make it home for the vacation reflected a variety of loneliness, boredom, plenty of food, studying and football games. Not all stayed due to lack of money. For many, it was a reason such as having a job.

25 Years Ago
Nov. 25, 1997

Pittsburg citizens have grown accustomed to the downtown Christmas lights magically appearing the week before Thanksgiving, but it takes a lot of volunteer help and financial resources to bring the lights every year. Employ-

ees of KGE and the City of Pittsburg volunteered their time yesterday to hang the lights downtown lights, which run the several blocks of the main downtown business district.

The Southeast Kansas Railroad, Heart of the Heartlands and Pittsburg Parks and Recreation have announced the "Santa Train" will come to Pittsburg. The decorated train will stop at 12th and Broadway, and Santa will disembark to greet children with candy. The Homer Cole Senior Center and the Pittsburg High School band will be selling hot chocolate and treats as a fundraising activity.

The Frontenac Junior High School girls' basketball team defeated Northeast Junior High School in both the seventh and eighth grade teams. In the eighth grade game, Frontenac was led by Salim Haden, who scored 14 points and had eight steals to help her team win, 30-20. In the seventh grade game, Frontenac squeezed by Northeast by a field goal 26-24. Jenna Muter had seven points and seven rebounds.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 2002, President Bush signed legislation creating the Department of Homeland Security

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Today is Friday, Nov. 25, the 329th day of 2022. There are 36 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 25, 2016, Fidel Castro, who led his rebels to victorious revolution in 1959, embraced Soviet-style communism and defied the power of 10 U.S. presidents during his half-century of rule in Cuba, died at age 90.

On this date:

In 1783, the British evacuated New York during the Revolutionary War.

In 1914, baseball Hall of Famer Joe DiMaggio was born in Martinez, California.

In 1915, a new version of the Ku Klux Klan, targeting blacks, Jews, Catholics and immigrants, was founded by William Joseph Simmons.

In 1947, movie studio executives meeting in New York agreed to blacklist the "Hollywood Ten" who'd been cited for contempt of Congress the day before.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower suffered a slight stroke.

In 1961, the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, USS Enterprise, was commissioned.

In 1963, the body of President John F. Kennedy was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery; his widow, Jacqueline, lighted an "eternal flame" at the gravesite.

In 1986, the Iran-Contra affair erupted as President Ronald Reagan and Attorney General Edwin Meese revealed that profits from secret arms sales to Iran had been diverted to Nicaraguan rebels.

In 1999, Elian Gonzalez,

a 5-year-old Cuban boy, was rescued by a pair of sport fishermen off the coast of Florida, setting off an international custody battle.

In 2001, as the war in Afghanistan entered its eighth week, CIA officer Johnny "Mike" Spann was killed during a prison uprising in Mazar-e-Sharif, becoming America's first combat casualty of the conflict.

In 2002, President George W. Bush signed legislation creating the Department of Homeland Security, and appointed Tom Ridge to be its head.

In 2009, Toyota said it would replace the gas pedals on 4 million vehicles in the United States because the pedals could get stuck in the floor mats and cause sudden acceleration.

Ten years ago: Rioters stormed a Muslim Brother-

hood headquarters building in northern Egypt on the third day of street battles following a power grab by President Mohammed Morsi. YouTube announced that "Gangnam Style" by South Korean rapper PSY had become the site's most viewed video to that time, with more than 805 million viewings.

Five years ago: On what was designated as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, President Emmanuel Macron launched an initiative to combat violence and harassment against women in France and change what he described as France's sexist culture. A volcano on the Indonesian island of Bali rumbled to life, temporarily disrupting some international flights to the popular tourist destination.

Veteran Hollywood actor Rance Howard, the father of director Ron Howard, died at the age of 89.

One year ago: France launched a plan to give COVID-19 booster shots to all adults. A methane explosion in a coal mine in Siberia quickly filled the mine with toxic smoke; authorities said 46 miners and five rescuers were killed. Giant balloons once again wafted through miles of Manhattan as the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade returned in full, a year after being crimped by the coronavirus pandemic. Italy's government said National Geographic magazine's famed green-eyed "Afghan Girl," Sharbat Gulla, had arrived in Italy as part of the West's evacuation of Afghans following the Taliban takeover of the country.

Almanac for PITTSBURG, KS November 23, 2022

Daily Data	Observed	Normal	Record Highest	Record Lowest
Max Temperature	59	54	73 in 2010	32 in 2013
Min Temperature	34	33	52 in 2014	17 in 1950
Avg Temperature	46.5	43.7	58.0 in 2006	27.5 in 2007
Precipitation	0.00	0.10	1.32 in 1983	0.00 in 2022
Snowfall	M	0.0	2.0 in 1971	0.0 in 2021
Snow Depth	M	-	0 in 2021	0 in 2021
HDD (base 65)	18	21	37 in 2007	7 in 2006
CDD (base 65)	0	0	0 in 2022	0 in 2022
Month-to-Date Summary	Observed	Normal	Record Highest	Record Lowest
Avg Max Temperature	57.5	58.6	68.4 in 2016	47.6 in 1951
Avg Min Temperature	35.1	36.6	47.9 in 2004	29.3 in 1951
Avg Temperature	46.3	47.6	57.5 in 2001	38.5 in 1951
Total Precipitation	1.50	2.60	9.79 in 1979	T in 1955
Total Snowfall	M	0.3	13.4 in 1951	0.0 in 2020
Max Snow Depth	M	-	13 in 1951	0 in 2021
Total HDD (base 65)	431	404	607 in 1951	169 in 2001
Total CDD (base 65)	7	4	24 in 2005	0 in 2021
Year-to-Date Summary	Observed	Normal	Record Highest	Record Lowest
Avg Max Temperature	71.8	70.4	78.8 in 1950	39.0 in 1963
Avg Min Temperature	48.6	49.3	55.0 in 1950	16.3 in 1963
Avg Temperature	60.2	59.9	66.9 in 1950	27.6 in 1963
Total Precipitation	30.39	44.90	63.73 in 2019	6.66 in 1948
Total Snowfall (since July 1)	0.0	0.3	13.4 in 1951	0.0 in 2022
Max Snow Depth (since July 1)	0	-	13 in 1951	0 in 2022
Total HDD (since July 1)	641	667	868 in 1951	324 in 2016
Total CDD (since Jan 1)	1976	1622	2253 in 1954	0 in 1970

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Dec	153.80	154.72	153.22	153.35	-0.45
Feb	156.47	156.95	155.27	155.42	-1.00
Apr	159.87	160.30	159.02	159.12	-0.78
Jun	155.90	156.32	155.25	155.60	-0.42
Aug	156.05	156.30	155.32	155.57	-0.48
Oct	159.82	159.95	159.02	159.30	-0.35
Dec	163.10	163.65	162.95	163.02	-0.33
Feb	166.10	166.40	165.67	165.82	-0.30
Apr	168.50	168.50	167.82	168.05	+0.05
Est. sales 38,880. Tue.'s sales 38,286					
Tue.'s open int 290,325, up 2,573					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg
FEEDER CATTLE					
50,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Jan	182.05	182.05	179.05	179.25	-2.42
Mar	184.77	184.77	182.17	182.35	-2.22
Apr	187.77	188.02	185.80	186.05	-1.87
May	190.75	190.85	188.77	189.10	-1.60
Aug	200.87	201.00	199.40	199.67	-1.33
Sep	203.17	203.17	201.82	202.00	-1.10
Oct	203.75	203.75	203.37	203.37	-1.48
Nov	204.50	204.50	204.50	204.50	-1.25
Est. sales 9,902. Tue.'s sales 9,829					
Tue.'s open int 45,983					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg
HOGS, LEAN					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Dec	84.10	85.00	83.82	83.95	-0.30
Feb	89.75	90.50	88.62	88.80	-1.27
Apr	95.27	95.77	94.47	94.60	-0.95
May	99.37	99.50	98.95	98.95	-0.90
Jun	106.15	106.37	105.77	105.85	-0.42
Jul	106.67	106.80	106.45	106.52	-0.18
Aug	105.57	105.75	105.35	105.65	+0.08
Est. sales 35,000. Tue.'s sales 33,475					
Tue.'s open int 198,610, up 1,610					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg
PORK BELLIES					
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
No open contracts..					

Chicago Board of Trade

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
WHEAT					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Dec	791 3/4	797 1/2	781 1/4	793 1/2	+2
Mar	811 3/4	817	800 1/4	813 1/2	+3
May	821	826	810	823 3/4	+3 1/4
Jul	824 1/2	827 1/2	813	825 3/4	+3 1/4
Sep	826	832 3/4	819	831 1/2	+3 1/2
Dec	835 1/2	841	828 1/4	840 1/4	+3 3/4
Mar	836	844 3/4	833 3/4	843 1/2	+3 1/2
Est. sales 79,675. Tue.'s sales 74,745					
Tue.'s open int 352,395, up 1,014					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
CORN					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Dec	657 3/4	663 3/4	655 3/4	663 3/4	+6 1/2
Mar	660	666 3/4	658 1/4	666 1/4	+7
May	658 3/4	665 3/4	657 3/4	665 1/2	+6 3/4
Jul	655	660 1/4	652 3/4	660	+6 1/4
Sep	616 1/2	620 3/4	615 1/2	620 1/2	+4 1/2
Dec	605	609	604	608 1/2	+3 1/4
Mar	612	615 1/2	611	615 1/2	+3 1/2
May	615 3/4	618	613 1/2	618	+3
Jul	612 1/2	616 3/4	612 1/2	616 3/4	+3
Sep	575	577	575	577	+2 3/4
Dec	565 1/2	568	565 1/4	567	+2
Est. sales 282,783. Tue.'s sales 247,824					
Tue.'s open int 1,362,664					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
OATS					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Dec	400	400	391 1/2	394 3/4	-5
Mar	391 1/2	394 3/4	387	389	-7
May	388 1/4	-6 1/2			
Jul	396		391 1/4	391 1/4	-6 1/2
Sep	383 3/4	-6 3/4			
Dec	383 3/4	-6 3/4			
Mar	376	-6 3/4			
May	392 1/2	-6 3/4			
Jul	380 1/2	-6 3/4			
Sep	396 1/4	-6 3/4			
Est. sales 826. Tue.'s sales 821					
Tue.'s open int 4,071					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
SOYBEANS					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Jan	1431 1/2	1441	1422 1/4	1436	+6 1/4
Mar	1438	1446 1/2	1429	1442	+5 1/2
May	1443 3/4	1452 3/4	1436 1/2	1448 3/4	+5 1/4
Jul	1449	1455	1439 1/2	1451	+5
Aug	1430 3/4	1437 3/4	1424 1/4	1434 1/4	+3 1/2
Sep	1396	1399 3/4	1387 3/4	1396 3/4	+2
Nov	1376 1/2	1380 1/2	1370	1377 3/4	+1 1/2
Jan	1379 1/4	1381 1/2	1372	1378	
Est. sales 133,913. Tue.'s sales 123,015					
Tue.'s open int 623,227					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
SOYBEAN OIL					
60,000 lbs.; cents per lb					
Dec	73.84	75.01	73.24	74.91	+1.07
Jan	71.46	72.30	70.76	72.20	+0.76
Mar	69.82	70.51	69.19	70.42	+0.60
May	68.45	68.96	67.77	68.84	+0.43
Jul	67.24	67.61	66.53	67.46	+0.29
Aug	66.15	66.41	65.65	66.35	+0.19
Sep	65.28	65.61	64.67	65.44	+0.15
Oct	64.44	64.79	63.95	64.63	+0.13
Dec	63.97	64.28	63.26	64.13	+0.11
Est. sales 152,285. Tue.'s sales 139,394					
Tue.'s open int 450,896, up 2,785					

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
SOYBEAN MEAL					
100 tons; dollars per ton					
Dec	408.60	411.90	408.00	409.70	+1.10
Jan	405.00	409.00	404.60	407.40	+2.40
Mar	401.70	405.20	401.70	404.00	+2.40
May	398.40	401.60	398.40	400.90	

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Public Notice
Date: November 22, 2022
Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals

Notice of Public Hearing

The Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Pittsburg, KS, will hold a Public Hearing on December 19, 2022 at 5:30 pm, in the Municipal Court Room of the Law Enforcement Center, 201 N Pine, to consider a Petition for a Conditional Use Permit under the provisions of Article 30 of the Pittsburg Zoning Ordinance to allow a church at 1511 N Broadway.
The property is described as:
Lot Number Eight (8) in Nesch Addition to the City of Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat there.
Dated this November 22, 2022.
Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals

ATTEST:

Dexter Neisler
Zoning Administrator

Citizens with disabilities needing accommodations in order to attend this Public Hearing should contact the City Zoning Administrator's Office at 620-230-5517 no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled public hearing.

(Published in The Morning Sun on November 25th, 2022)

REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT LEASING QUOTES

The City of Pittsburg, Kansas is seeking quotes from financial institutions for the financing of A 2015 Freightliner M2106 6x6 Versalift VST-95001 Bucket Truck for the City of Pittsburg's Parks and Recreation Department. The specifics of the purchase are as follows:

- Total Contract Price of \$175,500 (see attached Estimate for standard equipment descriptions).
- o 1- 2015 Freightliner M2106 6X6 Versalift VST-95001 Bucket Truck- Total Contract Price \$175,500.00
- Quotes shall include these lease options:
 - o 5 year lease / purchase
 - o 5 annual payments, first at delivery of equipment
- Quotes shall include the annual payment amount, payment schedule, and interest rate.
- Quotes shall include the bidders lease purchase agreement which will be subject to the provisions of KSA 10-1116b and KSA 10-1116c and the City of Pittsburg's purchasing policy.
- All quotes shall be viable for a minimum of 30-days from submission.
- All quotes must be submitted by 2:00 p.m., December 13th, 2022, and clearly marked "Equipment Lease Quotes - "2015 Freightliner Bucket Truck ."
- Quotes received after 2:00 p.m. on December 13th will not be considered.
- Your quotes shall be submitted by mail or by hand to the following address:
City of Pittsburg
Attn: City Clerk
201 West 4th Street
P.O. Box 688
Pittsburg, Kansas 66762
- The City will evaluate the quotes and select the financial institution that best meets the needs of the City. The City reserves the right to reject any and all quotes and to waive irregularities.

Questions regarding this solicitation may be directed to:

Toby Book
Matt Bacon
Director of Parks and Recreation
Director of Public Works & Utilities
Telephone No: 620-230-8310
Telephone No.: (620) 240-5126
Email: Tobias.Book@pittks.org
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(Published in The Morning Sun on November 10th 2022)

Crawford County		STATE & COUNTY		2022 Mill Levies					
State Educational Building, Current	KSA 76-6b01	1.000							
State Institutional Building, Current	KSA 76-6b04	0.500							
TOTAL STATE		1.500							
County General	KSA 79-1946	12.250							
County Road & Bridge	KSA 79-1947	12.367							
County Health	KSA 65-204	1.921							
County Fair	KSA 2-132	0.032							
County Fairground Maintenance	KSA 2-131d	0.016							
County 4-H Fair Awards	KSA 19-1561b	0.029							
County Historical & Museum	KSA 19-2651	0.190							
County Soil Conservation	KSA 2-1907b	0.134							
County Ambulance	KSA 65-6113	2.166							
County Mental Health	KSA 19-4004	1.685							
County Intellectual Disabilities	KSA 19-4011	0.378							
County Elderly Program	KSA 12-1680	0.403							
County Employee Benefit	KSA 12-16,102	16.906							
County Operating Reserve	KSA 19-119	0.390							
Total County		48.867							
Total State & County Levies		50.367							
MISCELLANEOUS DISTRICTS									
Hospital District # 1: Capital Outlay	KSA 71-501	7.900							
Fire District # 1	KSA 19-3610	7.014							
Fire District # 2	KSA 19-3610	6.998							
Fire District # 3	KSA 19-3610	5.977							
Fire District # 4	KSA 19-3610	6.627							
SEK Lib Gen-KSA 12-1247	1.403; Emp Ben-KSA 12-16,102	0.091	1.493						
Watershed District # 102 (BB)	KSA 24-1219	4.195							
Wildcat Extension #14 (MG)	KSA 2-610	1.375							
				SCHOOL DISTRICTS					
				General	Capital Outlay	Bonds	Suppl. General	Recreation	GRAND TOTAL
				KSA 72-5142	72-53,113	10-113	72-5147	12-1907	
USD 246	20,000	7.997	15,439	43.436				43.436	
USD 247	20,000	7.988	19,347	47.335				47.335	
USD 248	20,000	7.993	9,481	14.396	51.870	USD 248	1,000	52.870	
USD 249	20,000	8,000	15,322	43.322	USD 249	1,764		45.086	
USD 250	20,000	8,000	10,077	15,102	53.179			53.179	
USD 101 (NE)	20,000	7,995	20,263	18,427	66.685			66.685	
USD 235 (BB)	20,000	8,001	5,048	16,626	49.675			49.675	
USD 505 (LB)	20,000	7,986	7,955	19,781	55.722	USD 505	0.998	56.720	
				TOWNSHIPS					
				General	Cemetery	Fire Dist.	Library		
				KSA 79-1962	79-1962	80-1540	12-1220		
BAKER	0.145			0.145					
CRAWFORD								0.000	
GRANT	1.343	1.169		2.512					
LINCOLN	0.689	2.655		3.344					
OSAGE	0.757	1.268	5.208	3.671	10.904				
SHERIDAN	0.765	1.309			2.074				
SHERMAN	1.277	1.026	4.749		7.052				
WALNUT	0.998	0.944			1.942				
WASHINGTON	0.418	0.704			1.122				
				THIRD CLASS CITIES					
				General	Operatin	Library	Bond & Employe	Public	
				KSA 12-101a	12-1220		10-113	12-16,102	12-137
ARCADIA	110.374								
ARMA	19.121	3.000				6.475			
CHEROKEE	51.608							51.608	
HEPLER	32.894	3.325						36.219	
MCCUNE	45.821							45.821	
WALNUT	26.796	5.900						32.696	
				SECOND CLASS CITIES					
FRONTENAC	42.405					7.017		49.422	
GIRARD	30.049	11.392				1.372	15.302	58.115	
MULBERRY	54.408							54.408	
				FIRST CLASS CITIES					
PITTSBURG	36.982	6.004				7.910		50.896	

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct list of the Tax Levies of Crawford County, Kansas for the year 2022. Lisa Lusker, Crawford County Clerk.

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- delegate the work of the Pittsburg office
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NEWS

A rail strike looms and impact on US economy could be broad

By Josh Funk
AP Business Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — American consumers and nearly every industry will be affected if freight trains grind to a halt next month.

One of the biggest rail unions rejected its deal Monday, joining three others that have failed to approve contracts over concerns about demanding schedules and the lack of paid sick time. That raises the risk of a strike, which could start as soon as Dec. 9 under a deadline that was pushed back Tuesday.

It wouldn't take long for the effects of a rail strike to trickle through the economy. Many businesses only have a few days' worth of raw materials and space for finished goods. Makers of food, fuel, cars and chemicals would all feel the squeeze, as would their customers.

That's not to mention the commuters who would be left stranded because many passenger railroads use tracks owned by the freight railroads.

The stakes are so high for the economy that Congress is expected to intervene and impose contract terms on railroad workers. The last time U.S. railroads went on strike was in 1992. That strike lasted two days before Congress intervened. An extended rail shutdown has not happened for a century, partly because a law passed in 1926 that governs rail negotiations made it much harder for workers to strike.

Here are some of the expected impacts of a rail strike:

\$2 BILLION A DAY

Railroads haul about 40% of the nation's freight each year. The railroads estimated that a rail strike would cost the economy \$2 billion a day in a report issued earlier this fall. Another recent report put together by a chemical industry trade group

projected that if a strike drags on for a month some 700,000 jobs would be lost as manufacturers who rely on railroads shut down, prices of nearly everything increase even more and the economy is potentially thrust into a recession.

And although some businesses would try to shift shipments over to trucks, there aren't nearly enough of them available. The Association of American Railroads trade group estimated that 467,000 additional trucks a day would be needed to handle everything railroads deliver.

CHEMICALS RUN DRY

Chemical manufacturers and refineries will be some of the first businesses affected, because railroads will stop shipping hazardous chemicals about a week before the strike deadline to ensure that no tank cars filled with dangerous liquids wind up stranded.

Jeff Sloan with the American Chemistry Council trade group said chemical plants could be close to shutting down by the time a rail strike actually begins because of that.

That means the chlorine that water treatment plants rely on to purify water, which they might only have about a week's supply of on hand, would become hard to get. It would be hard for manufacturers to make anything out of plastic without the chemicals that are part of the formula. Consumers will also pay more for gasoline if refineries shut down, either because they can't get the ingredients they need to make fuel or because railroads aren't available to haul away byproducts like sulfur.

Chemical plants also produce carbon dioxide as a byproduct, so the supply of carbon dioxide that beverage makers use to carbonate soda and beer would also be restricted, even though the gas typically moves via pipelines.

PASSENGER PROBLEMS

Roughly half of all commuter rail systems rely at least in part on tracks that are owned by freight railroads, and nearly all of Amtrak's long-distance trains run over the freight network.

Back in September, Amtrak canceled all of its long-distance trains days ahead of the strike deadline to ensure passengers wouldn't be left stranded in remote parts of the country while still en route to their destination.

And major commuter rail services in Chicago, Minneapolis, Maryland and Washington state all warned then that some of their operations would be suspended in the event of a rail strike.

FOOD FEARS

It would take about a week for customers to notice shortages of things like cereal, peanut butter and beer at the grocery store, said Tom Madrecki, vice president of supply chain for the Consumer Brands Association.

About 30% of all packaged food in the U.S. is moved by rail, he said. That percentage is much higher for denser, heavier items like cans of soup.

Some products, like cereal, cooking oils and beer, have entire operations built around rail deliveries of raw ingredients like grain, barley and peanuts, along with shipments of finished products.

Those companies typically keep only two to four days' worth of raw ingredients on hand because it's expensive to store them, Madrecki said, and grocers also keep a limited supply of products on hand.

Madrecki said big food companies don't like to discuss the threat of a rail strike because of worries about product shortages can lead to panic buying.

HUNGRY HERDS

Any disruption in rail service could threaten the



An Amtrak passenger train departs Chicago in the early evening headed south on Sept. 14, in Chicago. American consumers and nearly every industry will be affected if freight trains grind to a halt in December. Roughly half of all commuter rail systems rely at least in part on tracks that are owned by freight railroads, and nearly all of Amtrak's long-distance trains run over the freight network. AP PHOTO/CHARLES REX ARBOGAST, FILE

health of chickens and pigs, which depend on trains to deliver their feed, and contribute to higher meat prices.

"Our members rely on about 27 million bushels of corn and 11 million bushels of soybean meal every week to feed their chickens. Much of that is moved by rail," said Tom Super, a spokesman for the National Chicken Council, a trade group for the industry raising chickens for meat.

The National Grain and Feed Association said a rail strike now would hit pork and chicken producers in the southern U.S. hardest, because their local supply of corn and soybeans from this year's harvest is likely exhausted and they'd have to ship feed by truck, dramatically increasing costs.

"They only have so much storage. They can't go without rail service for too long

before they'd have to shut down the feed mills and they run into problems," said Max Fisher, the NGA's chief economist.

RETAIL RISKS

Jess Dankert, the vice president for supply chain at the Retail Industry Leaders Association, said retailers' inventory is largely in place for the holidays. But the industry is developing contingency plans.

"We don't see, you know, canceling Christmas and that kind of narrative," Dankert said. "But I think we will see the generalized disruption of really anything that moves by rail."

David Garfield, a managing director with the consulting firm AlixPartners, said a rail strike could still impact holiday items shipped to stores later in December, and would definitely hamper stocking of next season's goods.

Retailers are also concerned about online orders. Shippers like FedEx and UPS use rail cars that hold roughly 2,000 packages in each car.

AUTOMOBILE ANGST

Drivers are already paying record prices and often waiting months for new vehicles because of the production problems in the auto industry related to the shortage of computer chips in recent years.

That would only get worse if there is a rail strike, because roughly 75% of all new vehicles begin their journey from factories to dealerships on the railroad. Trains deliver some 2,000 carloads a day filled with vehicles.

And automakers may have a hard time keeping their plants running during a strike because some larger parts and raw materials are transported by rail.

Biden to extend student loan pause as court battle drags on

By Collin Binkley
and Chris Megerian

AP News Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden announced Tuesday that his administration will extend a pause on federal student loan payments while the White House fights a legal battle to save his plan to cancel portions of the debt.

"It isn't fair to ask tens of millions of borrowers eligible for relief to resume their student debt payments while the courts consider the lawsuit," Biden said in a video posted on Twitter.

The moratorium was slated to expire Jan. 1, a date that Biden set before his debt cancellation plan stalled in the face of legal challenges from conservative opponents.

Now it will extend until 60 days after the lawsuit is resolved. If the lawsuit has not been resolved by June 30, payments would resume 60 days after that.

Biden's plan promises \$10,000 in federal student debt forgiveness to those with incomes of less than \$125,000, or households earning less than \$250,000. Pell Grant recipients, who typically demonstrate more financial need, are eligible for an additional \$10,000 in relief.

More than 26 million people already applied for the relief, with 16 million approved, but the Education Department stopped processing applications this month after a federal judge in Texas struck down the plan.

The Justice Department last week asked the Supreme Court to examine the issue and reinstate Biden's debt cancellation plan. By extending the pause, the administration says it's giving the court a chance to resolve the case in its current term.

"I'm completely confident my plan is legal," Biden said Tuesday.

Biden announced the decision a day after more than 200 advocacy groups urged him to extend the pause, warning that starting payment in January would cause "financial catastrophe" for millions of borrowers.

The White House has argued in court that Americans continue to feel the financial stress of the pandemic. Without Biden's cancellation plan, it says, the number of people falling behind on student loans could rise to historic levels.

The greatest risk is for about 18 million borrowers who were told their entire loan balance would be canceled. Even

if payments restart, those borrowers might think they're in the clear and ignore the bills, the Education Department has warned.

But at the same time, the White House has warned that extending the payment pause will cost several billion dollars a month in lost revenue. The moratorium has already cost the government more than \$100 billion in lost payments and interest, according to the General Accountability Office.

The Biden administration didn't address the costs in its announcement, but instead cast blame on Republicans challenging the plan.

"Callous efforts to block student debt relief in the courts have caused tremendous financial uncertainty for millions of borrowers who cannot set their family budgets or even plan for the holidays without a clear picture of their student debt obligations," Education Secretary Miguel Cardona said.

"It's just plain wrong," he added.

Critics such as the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget have opposed any further extension, saying it could worsen inflation and raise the risk of economic recession.

But supporters of Biden's plan applauded the action, saying it provides a cushion to working-class Americans.

"This extension means that struggling borrowers will be able to keep food on their tables during the holiday season — and the coming months — as the administration does everything it can to beat back the baseless and backward attacks on working families with student debt," said Mike Pierce, executive director of the Student Borrower Protection Center.

The legality of broad student debt cancellation has been in question since before Biden took office. Supporters say federal law already gives the Education Department wide flexibility to cancel student loans, while opponents argue that only Congress has the power to cancel debt at that scale.

In announcing its plan, the Biden administration invoked the HEROES Act of 2003, a post-Sept. 11, 2001, law meant to help members of the military. The Justice Department says the law offers sweeping authority to cancel student debt during a national emergency. Biden has said the relief is needed to help Americans recover from the pandemic.

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SPORTS



AROUND THE MIAA
Jim Henry

Bearcats worthy of playoffs

The final postseason berth in Division II Super Region Three came down to Northwest Missouri and Truman State.

Truman State, a former MIAA member who is now in the Great Lakes Valley, had the edge in strength of schedule because MIAA schools are locked into a schedule of just league games.

But the Bearcats received the nod from the selection committee, likely because of tradition. After all, it's the Bearcats' 18th straight postseason appearance.

Last Saturday the Bearcats certainly showed they were playoff worthy, rolling Great American Conference champion and undefeated Ouachita Baptist 47-17. Ouachita Baptist entered the game No. 4 nationally with 305.8 rushing yards per game, but the Bearcats yielded just 18 rushing yards. Northwest Missouri had 177 yards on the ground and an advantage of 499-258 in total offense.

This Saturday the Bearcats play at No. 1 Grand Valley State in Allendale, Mich. It's the seventh time that they have met in the postseason, and the Bearcats hold a 4-2 series edge.

Grand Valley beat the Bearcats in national championship games in 2005 and 2006, but the Bearcats have won the last four meetings.

VOLLEYBALL SEASON ENDS

The MIAA's three teams in the volleyball regional tournament lost quarterfinal matches in Wayne, Neb.

Northwest Missouri, the regular-season champion, fell to St. Cloud State 3-1 (25-16, 25-22, 23-25, 25-21).

Washburn, the postseason tournament winner, lost to Minnesota-Duluth 3-1 (21-25, 25-21, 25-19, 15-19).

Nebraska-Kearney, the runner-up in the regular season and the tournament, lost to Concordia-St. Paul 3-2 (25-19, 22-25, 17-25, 25-21, 15-10).

Concordia-St. Paul made another comeback to win the championship over St. Cloud State 3-2 (24-26, 17-25, 25-19, 25-21, 15-13).

LADY HORNETS LOSE ON PKs

On a snow-covered field, host Bemidji State defeated Emporia State in the Sweet 16 of the Division II women's NCAA Soccer Tournament.

The match was tied 1-1 after two overtimes, and Bemidji State won 3-1 on penalty kicks.

The Lady Hornets finished 13-7-4 and reached the Sweet 16 for the first time.

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Gorillas race past Spires

By **Dashuan Vereen**
Morning Sun Staff

Fast-break offense was the key to Pittsburg State's success Wednesday night in John Lance Arena.

The Gorillas scored 20 points in transition and 21 points off of St. Mary turnovers to lead them to a 95-63 over the Spires.

"An emphasis for us was to get wide, run and reward our post players," said PSU coach Amanda Davied. "We've talked about that since the preseason, and I thought our guards did a better job of seeing them. Sometimes guards can be a little selfish, so it was good to be able to see them get rewarded."

Pittsburg State (4-1) returns home on Monday to take on Lincoln at 5:30 p.m. to open MIAA play.

Karenna Gerber led the Gorilla charge, scoring 23 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. Gerber scored eight points in the first quarter to spark Pittsburg State to a 26-18 lead. Gerber also grabbed three rebounds and made two free



Pittsburg State sophomore Karenna Gerber rises for the layup while Saint Mary's sophomore center Kaylani Hoskin attempts to block the shot during Wednesday's home debut for the Gorillas at John Lance Arena. AARON PYLE/MORNING SUN STAFF

throws in the period.

"The referees have not been very kind to Karenna early in games so far this year, which has led her to early foul trouble," said Davied. "But if she can find a way to stay in the game, I think we can expect more of these kind of performances

from her. She's agile and fast in transition, and we got to see her run tonight and get rewarded. Also, she used her quickness to the basketball as an advantage when grabbing rebounds. I think that is going to help us this year, and hopefully get her some more dou-

ble-doubles." "We communicated really well defensively early in the game," said Gerber. "And that carried over into our offense. We had quite a few assists (21) and sharing the ball is what gets our offense going, and it helped us get into our flow early."

Pittsburg State continued to add to its lead in the second. Following an offensive rebound, Jenna Shipley nailed a triple to extend the lead to 45-27 with two minutes remaining.

Two 3s from Daija Planas late in the quarter helped St. Mary cut into deficit, but Shipley's 10 points in the period led the Gorillas to a 48-36 halftime lead.

"Going into the game we emphasized how we thought we could beat this team getting up-and-down the court," said Gerber. "Making sure we were using our legs was something we mentioned every time in the huddle."

Pittsburg State had its biggest quarter in the third. Grace Pyle and Tristan Gegg both nailed two 3s in the period to lead the Gorillas on a 12-0 scoring run to propel them to a 76-52 lead. Gerber added seven points in the fourth quarter as the Gorillas continued their offensive onslaught.

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MIAA teams dominate to open playoffs

By **Jim Henry**
Sports Editor

Pittsburg State and Northwest Missouri gave a strong performance representing the MIAA last Saturday in the NCAA Division II playoffs.

The Gorillas (12-0) whitewashed once-beaten Indianapolis 35-0 while the Bearcats (10-2) dominated undefeated Ouachita Baptist 47-17.

"We think that the MIAA is one of the best conferences in Division II," PSU linebacker Alex Gaskill said. "For us to go out there and prove that means a lot to us as a program and the MIAA as a whole."

"I'm glad that Northwest Missouri was able to represent our conference very well."

"It feels good for our conference," running back Caleb Lewis said. "We are seeded third, and Northwest didn't get seeded

at all. For the most part, we're going to go out and do what we need to do."

"This is an outstanding league," Gorillas coach Brian Wright said. "To be able to represent the league as we are is certainly something that is valued by us. We had a good showing. Northwest had a good showing. And we believe another handful of (MIAA) teams would have had a good showing in the first round. It's just how it's set up."

This Saturday it's a conference showdown matching the top two teams from the MIAA against the best teams from the GLIAC.

The Gorillas play at second-seeded and defending national champion Ferris State while the Bearcats visit No. 1-ranked Grand Valley State.

Ferris State is in the postseason for the eighth consecutive year, the second-longest active streak

behind the Bearcats' 18 years.

"They have really good players, and they've done an exceptional job recruiting," Wright said. "They recruit nationally. They have guys from all over the place, certainly up in that region but also guys from Florida and California. They are extremely athletic. They are strong. They have a lot of guys who rotate in on both sides of the football, and they have experience. They've been playing at a high level for quite some time."

Last week the Gorillas got off to a blazing start as Kolbe Katsis raced 98 yards with the opening kickoff.

"Our sideline was very enthusiastic," running back Caleb Lewis said. "It brought a spark to the offense and the defense and the crowd. When you have the crowd, the offense and the defense already on a different level, it's hard to

beat us."

The defense posted its first postseason shutout in 35 years and had six takeaways, highlighted by Antione Nunn's 68-yard interception return to the end zone.

"It definitely gives us a lot of momentum going into Round 2 when we play another high-powered offense," Gaskill said. "UIndy had a really good running back, and we knew what they were able to do on the ground game. Being able to stop that and being able with our back to the wall near the goal line to keep them out of the end zone was really big."

Ferris State's offense is more evenly balanced than what PSU faced last week.

"They have a good bunch of receivers and skilled guys," Gaskill said. "They do a lot of stuff, motions, eye candy to get you off of your game, trying to confuse you. They are re-

ally big up front. They try to pound the rock, spread you out, anything they can to kind of manipulate you and have success."

The Gorilla offense was limited to 36 yards rushing.

"We need to come out more physical than we did last week, spread the ball around way more than we did last week," said Lewis. "I felt like we left a lot of yards out on the field as an offense."

"We learned that Indianapolis has a really good run defense," Wright said. "They were ranked No. 1 in the country for a reason, and they do an outstanding job with it. They are committed to it."

"We tried to force the issue maybe a little bit too much, but even though the stats weren't there, running the ball presents a certain physicality and it also sets up the rest of the plays. It set up the rest of the offense for us."

Maize, Mill Valley clash in 5A state championship for second straight year

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Maize (12-0) and Mill Valley (11-1), the top two seeds in the West and East brackets, respectively, have made it back to the Class 5A state championship game, with kickoff set for 1 p.m. on Saturday at Carnie

Smith Stadium.

After suffering a 28-14 loss to the Jaguars last season, quarterback Avery Johnson -- a Kansas State recruit -- will look to lead the Eagles in an attempt at revenge.

The Eagles are flying high after beating Hays 42-9, where the Eagles'

defense held the Indians scoreless through three quarters.

Senior running backs Deshaun Carter and Tayveon Williams rushed for two touchdowns each to lead the Maize offense. Johnson also threw his 29th touchdown pass, and second interception of the

season, and has thrown for 2,486 yards during his senior campaign.

Mill Valley will be looking to continue making history as it attempts to win its fourth state title in a row, and capture its sixth championship in eight years.

The Jaguars are coming

off a 63-0 semifinal shutout over Blue Valley Southwest as the Mill Valley defense had 6.5 sacks.

Junior running back Tristan Baker led the offense with 235 yards and five touchdowns on 22 carries. Mill Valley has scored 205 points this postseason while allowing zero points.

Chiefs could have Smith-Schuster back from injury for Rams

By **DAVE SKRETTA**
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Chiefs could have wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster back for this weekend's game against the Los Angeles Rams after he returned to practice Wednesday for the first time since landing in the concussion protocol two weeks ago.

Chiefs coach Andy Reid said that Smith-Schuster would need to get through a workout to officially clear the protocol, but signs point toward him being available Sunday. And that would be a major boost for a Chiefs offense missing wide receiver Mecole Hardman and potentially Kadarious Toney, who missed

Wednesday's practice with a hamstring injury.

Right guard Joe Thuney missed practice Wednesday with an ankle injury, though Reid said it's getting better. Safety Juan Thornhill worked out despite a calf injury and cornerback Jaylen Watson despite an ailing hand.

The Chiefs also made a series of roster moves, putting running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire on injured reserve with a high ankle sprain; they activated offensive lineman Lucas Niang to the 53-man roster after he spent the start of the season on the PUP list; and they signed tight end Kendall Blanton to the practice squad after an injury to Jordan Franks.

The decision to put Ed-

wards-Helaire on IR comes shortly after the 2020 first-round pick ceded the starting job to seventh-round draft pick Isiah Pacheco. The Chiefs also have Jerick McKinnon in the backfield, though he's primarily a threat in the pass game, and veteran Ronald Jones II could be active for the first time Sunday.

Smith-Schuster wound up missing only last week's 30-27 win over the Chargers after a vicious helmet-to-helmet shot from Jacksonville safety Andre Cisco the previous week left him laying motionless on the Arrowhead Stadium turf.

Smith-Schuster, who signed a one-year prove-it deal with Kansas City, has been more productive as

he became more familiar with Mahomes and the offense. He caught five passes for 113 yards and a touchdown against Buffalo, seven for 124 yards and a score against San Francisco and 10 for 88 yards against Tennessee before getting hurt.

Justin Watson led the Chiefs with three catches for 67 yards against the Chargers last Sunday. Skyy Moore had the best game of his rookie season with five catches for 63 yards. The only other wide receiver in their depleted group to catch a pass was Marquez Valdes-Scantling, who had an 18-yard grab to show for his four targets.

The performance by Moore, a second-round draft pick, was perhaps the most encouraging of them.



Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Skyy Moore, right, celebrates after making a catch for a first down as Los Angeles Chargers linebacker Kyle Van Noy stands in the background during the second half of an NFL football game Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022, in Inglewood, Calif. (AP PHOTO/JAYNE KAMIN-ONCEA)

FOOTBALL

COLLEGE PLAYOFFS

NCAA Division II Region Semifinals
(Seeds in Parentheses)
Saturday's Games
Super Region One
(4) Ashland, 10-1, at (1) Indiana, Pa., 9-1, noon
Slippery Rock, 10-2, at (2) Shepherd, W.Va., 11-1, 11 a.m.
Super Region Two
Wingate, 10-2, at (1) Benedict, 11-0, noon
(3) West Florida, 10-1, at (2) Delta State, 11-1, 1 p.m.
Super Region Three
Northwest Missouri, 10-2, at (1) Grand Valley State, 11-0, noon
(3) Pittsburg State, 12-0, at (2) Ferris State, 10-1, noon
Super Region Four
(4) Bemidji State, 10-2, at (1) Angelo State, 11-0, 1 p.m.
(3) Minnesota State-Mankato, 10-2, at (2) Colorado Mines, 10-2, 1 p.m.

COLLEGE SLATE

Friday's Games
BIG 12
Baylor (6-5) at Texas (7-4), 11 a.m.
SEC
Arkansas (6-5) at Missouri (5-6), 2:30 p.m.
Florida (6-5) at Florida St. (8-3), 6:30 p.m.
SOUTH
NC State (7-4) at North Carolina (9-2), 2:30 p.m.
MIDWEST
Toledo (7-4) at W. Michigan (4-7), 11 a.m.
Cent. Michigan (4-7) at E. Michigan (7-4), 11 a.m.
Tulane (9-2) at Cincinnati (9-2), 11 a.m.
Nebraska (3-8) at Iowa (7-4), 3 p.m.
FAR WEST
Utah St. (6-5) at Boise St. (8-3),

11 a.m.
Arizona St. (3-8) at Arizona (4-7), 2 p.m.
New Mexico (2-9) at Colorado St. (2-9), 2:30 p.m.
UCLA (8-3) at California (4-7), 3:30 p.m.
Wyoming (7-4) at Fresno St. (7-4), 9 p.m.

Saturday's Games
BIG 12
Kansas (6-5) at Kansas St. (8-3), 7 p.m.
West Virginia (4-7) at Oklahoma St. (7-4), 11 a.m.
Iowa St. (4-7) at TCU (11-0), 3 p.m.
Oklahoma (6-5) at Texas Tech (6-5), 6:30 p.m.
SEC
South Carolina (7-4) at Clemson (10-1), 11 a.m.
Georgia Tech (5-6) at Georgia (11-0), 11 a.m.
Louisville (7-4) at Kentucky (6-5), 2 p.m.
Auburn (5-6) at Alabama (9-2), 2:30 p.m.
LSU (9-2) at Texas A&M (4-7), 6 p.m.

EAST
Georgia St. (4-7) at Marshall (7-4), 11 a.m.
Rutgers (4-7) at Maryland (6-5), 11 a.m.
Army (4-6) at Umass (1-10), 11 a.m.
Kent St. (4-7) at Buffalo (5-5), noon
East Carolina (6-5) at Temple (3-8), noon
St. Francis (Pa.) (9-2) at Delaware (7-4), 1 p.m.
Fordham (9-2) at New Hampshire (8-3), 1 p.m.
Michigan St. (5-6) at Penn St. (9-2), 3 p.m.
Syracuse (6-5) at Boston College (3-8), 6:30 p.m.
Tennessee (9-2) at Vanderbilt

(5-6), 6:30 p.m.
SOUTH
Old Dominion (3-8) at South Alabama (9-2), 11 a.m.
W. Kentucky (7-5) at FAU (5-6), 11 a.m.
New Mexico St. (4-6) at Liberty (8-3), 11 a.m.
Elon (8-3) at Furman (9-2), 11 a.m.
Coastal Carolina (9-1) at James Madison (7-3), 11 a.m.
Virginia (3-7) at Virginia Tech (3-8), canceled
Davidson (8-3) at Richmond (8-3), 1 p.m.
Southern U. (6-4) vs. Grambling St. (3-7) at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Wake Forest (7-4) at Duke (7-4), 2:30 p.m.
UAB (5-6) at Louisiana Tech (3-8), 2:30 p.m.
Southern Miss. (5-6) at Louisiana-Monroe (4-7), 4 p.m.
Gardner-Webb (6-5) at E. Kentucky (7-4), 4 p.m.
Appalachian St. (6-5) at Georgia Southern (5-6), 5 p.m.
Middle Tennessee (6-5) at FIU (4-7), 5 p.m.
Idaho (7-4) at SE Louisiana (8-3), 6 p.m.
UCF (8-3) at South Florida (1-10), 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh (7-4) at Miami (5-6), 7 p.m.
MIDWEST
Michigan (11-0) at Ohio St. (11-0), 11 a.m.
Akron (1-9) at N. Illinois (3-8), 12:30 p.m.
Illinois (7-4) at Northwestern (1-10), 2:30 p.m.
Purdue (7-4) at Indiana (4-7), 2:30 p.m.
Minnesota (7-4) at Wisconsin (6-5), 2:30 p.m.
SOUTHWEST
Rice (5-6) at North Texas (6-5), 1 p.m.
UTEP (5-6) at UTSA (9-2), 2:30

p.m.
Troy (9-2) at Arkansas St. (3-8), 2:30 p.m.
Memphis (6-5) at SMU (6-5), 2:30 p.m.
Louisiana-Lafayette (5-6) at Texas State (4-7), 4 p.m.
Tulsa (4-7) at Houston (7-4), 6:30 p.m.
FAR WEST
Oregon (9-2) at Oregon St. (8-3), 2:30 p.m.
Hawaii (3-9) at San Jose St. (6-4), 2:30 p.m.
Utah (8-3) at Colorado (1-10), 3 p.m.
North Dakota (7-4) at Weber St. (9-2), 3 p.m.
Nevada (2-9) at UNLV (4-7), 5 p.m.
Notre Dame (8-3) at Southern Cal (10-1), 6:30 p.m.
Air Force (8-3) at San Diego St. (7-4), 8 p.m.
SE Missouri (9-2) at Montana (7-4), 9 p.m.
Washington (9-2) at Washington St. (7-4), 9:30 p.m.
BYU (6-5) at Stanford (3-8), 10 p.m.

PREP SLATE
Playoff Games
Saturday's Championship Games
Class 6A
Gardner Edgerton (9-3) vs. Manhattan (11-0) at Emporia, Welch Stadium
Class 5A
Mill Valley (11-1) vs. Maize (12-0), at Pittsburg, Carnie Smith Stadium, 1 p.m.
Class 4A
Bishop Miege (10-2) vs. Wamego (12-0), at Topeka, Hummer Sports Park
Class 3A
Holton (11-1) vs. Andale (12-0), at Hutchinson, Gowan Stadium
Class 2A
Nemaha Central (12-0) vs. Kingman (12-0), at Salina, USD305

Stadium
Class 1A
St. Marys (10-2) vs. Inman (11-1), at Hays, Lewis Field Stadium
8-Man Division I
Little River (11-1) vs. Wichita County (12-0), at Newton, Fischer Field, 3:30 p.m.
8-Man Division II
Axtell (12-0) vs. Thunder Ridge (11-1), at Newton, Fischer Field, 11 a.m.
6-Man
Cunningham (12-0) vs. Ashland (10-1), at Dodge City Memorial Stadium

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	7	3	0	0.700	281	174
Miami	7	3	0	0.700	252	241
N.Y. Jets	6	4	0	0.600	199	186
New England	6	4	0	0.600	213	169

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	7	3	0	0.700	193	185
Indianapolis	4	6	1	0.409	173	220
Jacksonville	3	7	0	0.300	216	205
Houston	1	8	1	0.150	159	230

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	7	3	0	0.700	248	199
Cincinnati	6	4	0	0.600	265	215
Cleveland	3	7	0	0.300	240	269
Pittsburgh	3	7	0	0.300	170	244

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	8	2	0	0.800	300	233
L.A. Chargers	5	5	0	0.500	227	258
Denver	3	7	0	0.300	147	171
Las Vegas	3	7	0	0.300	225	242

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	9	1	0	0.900	263	183
Dallas	7	3	0	0.700	251	167
N.Y. Giants	7	3	0	0.700	205	204
Washington	6	5	0	0.545	214	223

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	5	5	0	0.500	183	180
Atlanta	5	6	0	0.455	259	274
New Orleans	4	7	0	0.364	249	267
Carolina	3	8	0	0.273	207	256

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	8	2	0	0.800	229	231
Detroit	4	6	0	0.400	250	282
Green Bay	4	7	0	0.364	202	243
Chicago	3	8	0	0.273	241	274

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	6	4	0	0.600	236	173
Seattle	6	4	0	0.600	257	241
Arizona	4	7	0	0.364	240	296
L.A. Rams	3	7	0	0.300	168	227

Rams QB Stafford back in concussion protocol

By GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer



Los Angeles Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford is sacked by New Orleans Saints defenders Tanoh Kpassagnon (90) and Demario Davis (56) in the second half of an NFL football game in New Orleans, Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022. (AP PHOTO/GERALD HERBERT)

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Quarterback Matthew Stafford will miss his second game in three weeks for the Los Angeles Rams after going back into the NFL's concussion protocol.

Sean McVay confirmed Stafford will sit out when the Rams (3-7) visit the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday, but the coach said Wednesday that his Super Bowl-winning quarterback doesn't necessarily have a concussion.

Stafford left the Rams' loss at New Orleans early last Sunday when he felt numbness in his legs following a hit. Stafford has been examined by doctors who haven't yet determined whether he incurred a concussion, but Stafford is still back in the protocol because of the way he exited the game, McVay said.

"We're checking all those boxes and going through all that," McVay said. "There's a lot of layers to it, but you certainly want to make sure you're doing everything in your power to (address) exactly what went into that feeling, and letting the experts

be able to give their opinion, look at the MRI and those scans, and be able to give the right information so that we can move forward accordingly with him."

Stafford missed the Rams' loss to Arizona two weeks ago after going into the protocol the first time. The Rams still haven't confirmed whether Stafford incurred a concussion at that instance, either.

McVay said Stafford and the Rams haven't decided whether the quarterback could go on injured reserve or even be shut down for the season. Los Angeles has only six games remaining after Sunday and a daunting road to playoff

contention. The Rams also are uncertain who will play quarterback when they face the Chiefs on Sunday.

Third-stringer Bryce Perkins will get most of the snaps in practice because backup John Wolford has a lingering neck injury that forced him to miss last week's game at New Orleans.

Stafford is one of the NFL's most durable quarterbacks over the past 12 years. He had missed only eight games in that stretch — all in the 2019 season with Detroit because of a back injury — before his absence against the Cardinals.

Jets bench Zach Wilson; Mike White to start vs. Bears

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.
AP Pro Football Writer

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP) — Zach Wilson has gone from being the future of the New York Jets franchise to an underachieving benchwarmer.

Coach Robert Saleh announced the decision Wednesday to sit Wilson and replace him with Mike White as the starting quarterback Sunday against the Chicago Bears.

"Zach's career here is not over," Saleh said, adding that the plan is to have the second-year quarterback "reset" with the hope Wilson plays again this season. "This is not putting a nail in his coffin."

Joe Flacco will serve as White's backup, and Wilson will not be active against the Bears.

"We haven't wavered in our belief that he's going to be the future of this franchise," Saleh said.

Saleh didn't commit Monday to having Wilson under center this week after the second-year quarterback's dismal performance in the Jets' 10-3 loss to the Patriots in New England. The No. 2 overall pick in the draft last year was 9 of 22 for a meager 77 yards with several wayward throws. The Jets managed just 2 total yards on seven possessions in the

second half. "I wouldn't necessarily say surprised because I haven't been doing my job," Wilson said of the benching. "Of course I would like to not agree with the decision and everything, but it comes down to I have to play better."

Saleh said he'll evaluate the quarterback position on a day-to-day basis, and added the entire offense must be better.

"His decision-making has been fine, his practice habits and all that stuff have been fine," Saleh said of Wilson. "But there are some basic fundamental things that have gotten really out of whack for him. This is just an opportunity for him to sit back, focus on those things, find a way to reconnect with all the different things we fell in love with during the draft process."

"And it's something I feel he's going to be able to do."

Wilson has taken a lot of criticism this week not only for his play on the field, but how he handled his postgame news conference. When asked if he thought he and the offense let down the defense — which sacked Mac Jones six times — Wilson replied curtly: "No. No."

It appeared to be a lack of accountability and Saleh acknowledged there might have been "a little irritation," but insisted Wilson's comments had no bearing on the decision. Saleh said Wilson addressed the team, but declined to share details.

Wilson didn't realize how his postgame comments came across until his father texted him before he got on the team bus asking him what he said.

"The way that I handled the situation wasn't right,"

he said, adding he deserved the criticism. "I've got to be a better football player and I've got to be a better leader for these guys."

"I have an opportunity to turn the page as a player as a leader and take a step forward."

Wilson is 5-2 this season as the starter of the Jets, who are off to a surprising 6-4 start and in the middle of the playoff hunt. But he has struggled with consistency and not shown the progress expected of him. Wilson has just four touchdown passes and five interceptions in seven starts.

"I've got to do a better job for him," offensive coordinator Mike LaFleur said. "I've got to do a better job for the offense."

Flacco, who started the first three games while Wilson was sidelined with a knee injury, still leads the Jets with five TD throws despite not having played since Sept. 25. Flacco was dropped to No. 3 behind White on the team's depth chart a few weeks ago.

"He's more than capable of getting it done," LaFleur said of White.

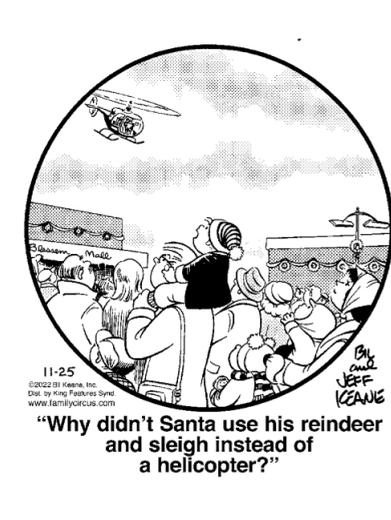
White briefly became a bit of a folk hero for the Jets last season during a four-game stretch that included three starts — and one that landed his jersey and a game ball in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Making his first NFL start against Cincinnati on Oct. 31, 2021, in place of an injured Wilson, White completed 37 of 45 passes for 405 yards and three touchdowns with two interceptions in a 34-31 victory. He joined Cam Newton (2011) as the only players since 1950 to pass for at least 400 yards in their first career start. White's 37 completions were the most by a player in his first start.

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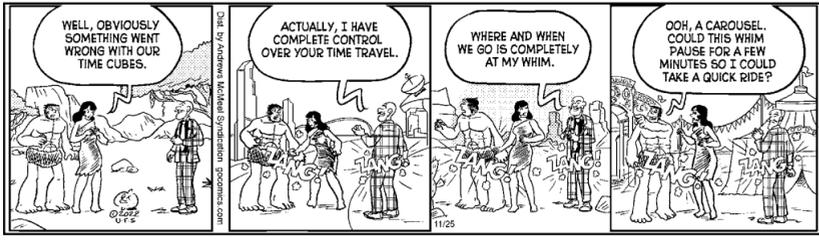
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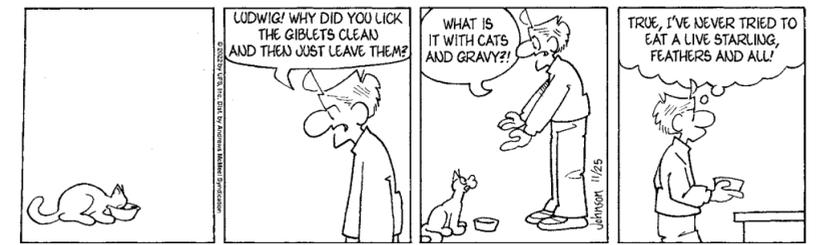
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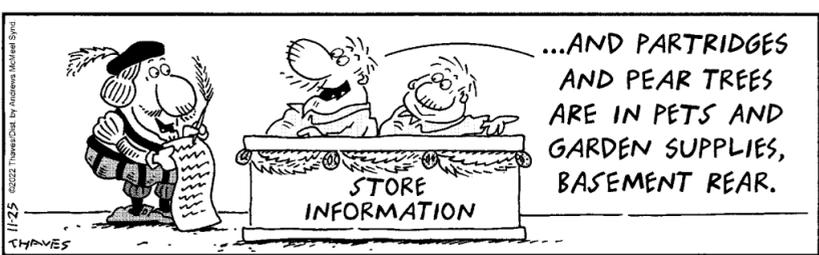
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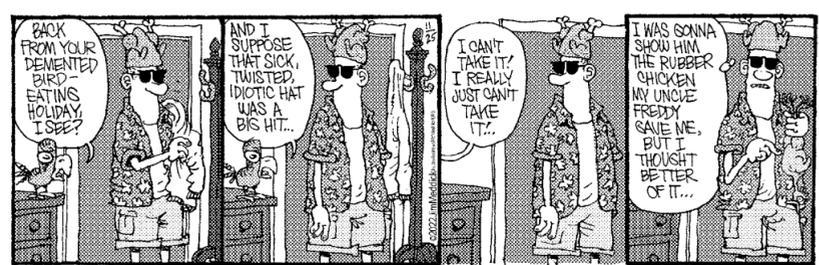
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A reasonable attitude will help you win every time. Refuse to let outside influences dictate what happens to you this year. Stick to your schedule, regardless of the direction others take. Have confidence in yourself, and you will feel good about your decisions and the outcome. Some partnerships will be tested, but not all will be broken.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Check your ego at the door and get down to business with honesty and integrity. How you treat others and allow them to treat you will be key. You must build respect by being fair.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- A quiet approach will work best. Don't step in and take charge prematurely. Give others a chance to do their thing before you act. You will get the highest return if your timing is impeccable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Put your emotions aside and move forward cautiously. Go over every detail and size up situations before you share your thoughts and intentions. Your approach to responsibilities will be important.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Regroup and assess your next move. Align yourself with people you know you can trust, and keep an eye on those you know will disappoint you. Stand back and observe until you see an opportunity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Put more thought into how you handle your money. Look for an investment that encourages you to upgrade, and be ready for anything that comes your way. Call on those who have your best interests at heart.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- It's OK to change your mind and head in a different direction if you tidy up loose ends first. Don't settle; do what makes the most sense and brings you closer to your long-term goal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Be a good listener, fact-finder and friend. Don't share sensitive information or make changes without doing your homework. Be open to suggestions, but put your needs first.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Think about what you want to see happen and how you propose to get things done. An innovative approach will plant seeds and give others a chance to see the possibilities. Invest in your future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Put your skills

to the test and take on a challenge. Get in the game and make a difference. A change someone makes may not be to your liking but will turn out better than anticipated.

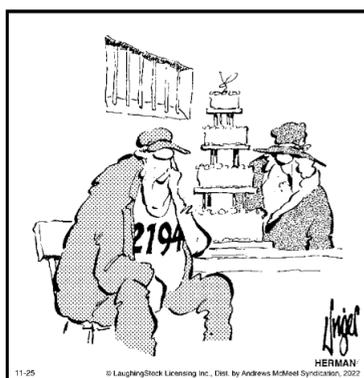
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- You are overdue for a change. Try something new and let your imagination run wild. Put some thought and effort into your home and lifestyle, and you'll devise a plan that excites you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- You have the drive and power to get things done your way. Traveling, pursuing educational opportunities and getting together with positive people will pay off. Stick to the truth.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Don't limit what you can do; take hold of whatever situation you face and turn it into something spectacular. Think big, budget wisely and put your energy where it will bring the highest return.

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Kansas State quarterback Will Howard (18) passes against West Virginia during the first half of an NCAA college football game in Morgantown, W.Va., Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022. (AP PHOTO/KATHLEEN BATTEN)

K-State to face KU with Big 12 title game possibly at stake

By **DAVE SKRETTA**
AP Sports Writer

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Kansas State will know before its rivalry game Saturday whether it needs to beat Kansas for a 14th consecutive time to earn a rematch with TCU in the Big 12 championship game.

If Baylor can knock off Texas on Friday, the No. 15 Wildcats will have their spot in Arlington.

Otherwise, a conference title will hinge upon the Wildcats beating the Jayhawks on Saturday night in a matchup that figures to be tougher for Kansas State than previous iterations.

The Wildcats (8-3, 6-2) are as good as they've ever been under fourth-year coach Chris Klieman, but Kansas (6-5, 2-5) is as good as its been under any coach in more than a decade.

"We've got to control what we can control," Klieman said. "That's what we're worried about."

The Wildcats have reached the Big 12 title game twice, most recently beating Oklahoma in 2003 before the game went on a six-year hiatus. They shared the conference championship with the Sooners in 2012, but have not stood alone atop the league since Bill Snyder was roaming the sidelines.

That was long before Klieman or Kansas counterpart Lance Leipold arrived on the scene.

"It's going to be a fun one, it's going to be a wild one," said Kansas State defensive end Brendon Mott, the Big 12's defensive player of the week after piling up three sacks against West Virginia. "We need a good week of preparation."

There is plenty at stake for Kansas, too.

The Jayhawks already are bowl-eligible for the first time since 2008, when Mark Mangino went to the Insight Bowl in his penultimate season. But they've lost five of their past six games, including a 55-14 roughhousing at the hands of Texas last weekend, and Leipold knows the importance of finishing the season on a high note for a program still building.

"It's about us playing well and showing that we're taking steps," said Leipold, whose name has been linked to open jobs at Nebraska and Wisconsin. "You look at what (Kansas State) did all year, and what they've done — it's a chance to knock off another ranked opponent, and do it on the road, and give us a shot of energy as we head into bowl prep."

It's also a chance for Kansas to make the Sunflower Showdown a rivalry again.

The two schools have been playing since 1902 and every year since 1911, making it the fifth-longest continuous series in any division of college football. Yet despite the Jayhawks holding a commanding advantage in the series, it has tilted wildly toward Kansas State ever since the late 1980s. The Wildcats won 11 straight games beginning in 1993, and their current streak of 13 straight has included plenty of lopsided scores.

That includes the 35-10 drubbing that they handed Kansas last season.

"We need to carry our end of the rivalry. That's first and foremost," Leipold said. "This hasn't been much of a rivalry when we didn't make it a competitive game. That's first and foremost that I'm focused on. Anything after that is what it is."

KU gives coach Lance Leipold 2-year extension

By **DAVE SKRETTA**
AP Sports Writer

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Kansas and coach Lance Leipold have agreed to their second contract extension in less than three months, this time adding two years to his deal and keeping him tied to the Jayhawks through the 2029 season, a person familiar with the terms told The Associated Press.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity Tuesday night because the school had not announced the extension.

Leipold had a year added to his original contract on Sept. 1 as a reward for a two-win first season that raised hopes around Lawrence that the football program might return to relevance. But after a 5-0 start had the Jayhawks ranked in the AP Top 25, and a sixth win made them bowl-eligible, the school aggressively moved to lock up Leipold well into the future — especially with Nebraska and Wisconsin, where he has deep connections, in

the market for coaches.

Leipold's original contract was a \$16.5 million, six-year pact that paid him \$2.2 million in its initial season with \$200,000 increases each year. He also would earn \$50,000 for finishing in the Top 25, earning Big 12 coach of the year or winning seven regular-season games, a threshold he can clear with a win Saturday over rival Kansas State.

He's already earned a \$100,000 bonus for qualifying for a bowl and can earn another \$75,000 for academic benchmarks.

Leipold was hired early last year, shortly after the Jayhawks parted with Les Miles amid sexual harassment allegations from his time at LSU. The scandal led to the ouster of Jeff Long, his longtime friend and the athletic director who hired him.

Kansas eventually gave the AD job to Travis Goff, and his first major move was to pluck Leipold — who won six Division III titles at Wisconsin-Whitewater — from Buffalo, which he had taken to three straight bowl



Kansas head coach Lance Leipold celebrates after a Kansas touchdown during the first half of an NCAA college football game against Oklahoma State Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, in Lawrence, Kan. (AP PHOTO/CHARLIE RIEDEL)

games.

Leipold was a popular pick among Jayhawks fans because of his Midwest pedigree, small-town roots and success in building programs, and his old-school demeanor on the field fit

seamlessly with the values of the school.

Despite having no offseason or time to put together a full recruiting class, Leipold managed to lead the Jayhawks to an upset of Texas late last season, and then carried the momentum right into this year. They ripped off five consecutive wins before losing quarterback Jalon Daniels to a shoulder injury, then toppled Oklahoma State with backup Jason Bean under center to qualify for a bowl game for the first time since the 2008 season.

On Saturday, they will try to snap a 13-game losing streak to Kansas State in their regular-season finale.

The extension for Leipold is the latest investment in football for a school primarily known for its national champion men's basketball program. Kansas officials announced plans last month for a long-awaited renovation to Memorial Stadium, part of a project that could exceed \$300 million and include new conference, entertainment and retail spaces.

Mizzou seeking bowl eligibility against rival Arkansas

By **DAVE SKRETTA**
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The situation could not seem simpler for Missouri heading into Friday's rivalry game with Arkansas: Win and the Tigers qualify for a bowl game, lose and they're sitting home for the holidays.

Yet there is more riding on the outcome than the chance to play one more game in December in balmy weather.

The Tigers, who have qualified for bowl games in each of coach Eli Drinkwitz's first two seasons, are still trying to return their program to SEC prominence. And finishing .500 against a rugged schedule could be considered a sign of progress, while a second straight loss to the Razorbacks would give Missouri its first losing season since 2016.

"I think we're improving the talent. I think we're improving the way we go

through the process. I see a lot of growth. I see a lot of things to be excited about," Drinkwitz said. "I think football is about gaining momentum and confidence as you build, and looking forward to what lies ahead, there are some more favorable schedules that allow you to gain momentum."

This season has certainly been a bear.

After an opening win over Louisiana Tech, the Tigers were blasted on the road by former Big 12 rival Kansas State, which could be playing for the Big 12 title by the end of the week. After returning home to face Abilene Christian, the Tigers began SEC play with road trips to Auburn and Florida sandwiched around a home game against No. 1 Georgia.

The Tigers actually acquitted themselves quite well during that stretch.

At least everywhere but the win-loss column.

The Tigers had Auburn beat in regulation when normally sure-thing kick-

er Harrison Mevis missed a chip-shot, then had the game won in overtime before Nathaniel Peat fumbled the ball away stretching for the end zone. The result: a 17-14 loss.

The following week, the Tigers gave the Bulldogs their toughest game to date, taking a 16-6 lead into halftime and holding onto the advantage until the fourth quarter. That's when the Bulldogs scored back-to-back touchdowns to wipe out the 10-point deficit, and the go-ahead score with 4:03 left propelled Georgia to a 26-22 victory.

Down in the Swamp, the Tigers rallied from an early pick-six to forge a 10-all tie with Florida at halftime. And they were still within a touchdown when Brady Cook's fourth-down pass near midfield fell incomplete with about a minute to go, allowing the Gators to escape with a 24-17 victory.

The Tigers lost another nail-biter to Kentucky, making it four conference losses to four potentially

bowl-bound teams by a combined 18 points, when a positive outcome in any of them would have Missouri headed to a bowl game already.

"It's always been a process in building, and there are days you stub your toe. It doesn't mean you cut your toe off. You keep going and go to work, and that's frustrating for fans and frustrating for people, but it's not frustrating for me when I see the vision for what we can accomplish."

Much of that frustration can be swept aside if the Tigers (5-6, 2-5) take care of the Razorbacks (6-5, 3-4) on Friday.

It would send Missouri to a bowl game — probably the Liberty Bowl, Las Vegas Bowl or Music City Bowl. It would give the Tigers about three more weeks of practice, which is invaluable for a young team. And it would confirm what Drinkwitz has been preaching, namely that his program is on the right track heading into next season.

Undefeated No. 4 TCU not overlooking last-place Iowa State

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Fourth-ranked TCU and Iowa State are on the opposite ends of the Big 12 standings, like they have been in one-score games all season.

Standout quarterback Max Duggan and the Horned Frogs (11-0, 8-0 Big 12, No. 4 CFP) just keep winning games, including their frantic comeback and final-play field goal last week at Baylor, to stay undefeated and in position to make the four-team College Football Playoff.

The last-place Cyclones (4-7, 1-7) on Saturday wrap up their first losing season since coach Matt Campbell's debut in 2016. They are coming off their sixth Big 12 loss by a touchdown or less — a combined 24

points. But they could play big spoilers in their final game.

"Every game's got a unique meaning to it," Campbell said. "For us, getting to the end of the season and getting to a point where you want to be playing your best football. So what a challenge and opportunity to do that."

While the Frogs with the Big 12's best offense are already set to play in the conference championship game Dec. 3, they aren't overlooking Iowa State. The league's top defense allows only 277 total yards a game and held eight opponents to 20 points or less.

The Frogs, who average 482 yards and 39.5 points a game, are playing on their ninth consecutive Saturday since an open date in mid-September. Four of their Big 12 wins have been by a touchdown or less,



TCU quarterback Max Duggan (15) with help from teammate offensive lineman Alan Ali evades Baylor defensive lineman Siaki Ika (62) during the fourth quarter of an NCAA college football game in Waco, Texas, Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022. TCU won 29-28. (AP PHOTO/LM OTERO)

and they had to score nine points in the final 127 seconds to beat Baylor 29-28.

Only one of their league games has been decided by more than 10 points.

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"You want to protect your home court and give the home fans something fun to watch," said Davied. "Players like Jenna Shipley showing up extra aggressive and playing with passion and energy makes a difference. We told them before the game; they're people who

have seen you play 100 games, and they're people who have never seen you play. To that person who has never seen you play, what impression do you want to leave with them. I think we had some players show up tonight and perform in a way that hopefully makes the crowd want to come back and watch."

Shipley added 20 points, Pyle notched 18 and Gegg scored 13. Demi Aamold

and Jerrica Johnson led St. Mary with 14 points each.

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