

COMMUNITY

Local man finds valuable early baseball signatures in used book



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A chance find in a thrift store led a local man to discover a valuable set of autographs in a used book. Christopher Kidney, of Sharpsburg, was browsing the bookshelf in January at the Morehead Good Will store and found a 1948 edition of The Pittsburgh Pirates by Fred Lieb. The

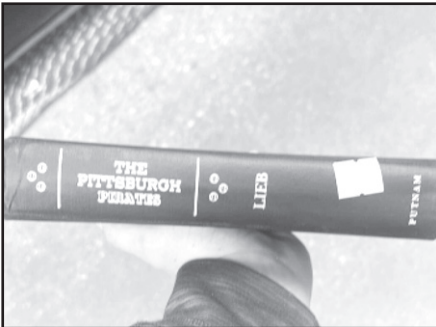
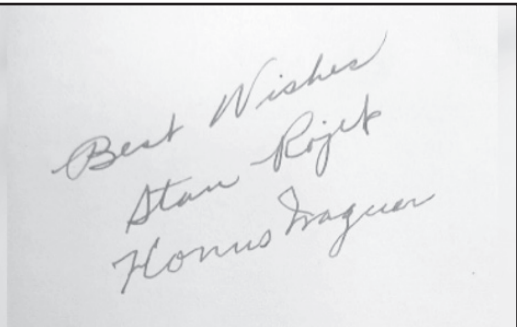
book is a history of the Pirates baseball team from the 1880s through the early 20th century. He noticed inside the cover was a handwritten note: “Best Wishes, Stan Rojek Honus Wagner” Stan “Happy Rabbit” Rojek was a short stop who played for the Pirates in 1942 and in 1948-51 seasons. He was voted 10th for National League MVP

in 1948. More importantly, Johannes Peter “Honus” Wagner, known as the Flying Dutchman, played from 1897 to 1917. He started his Major League career with the Louisville Colonels and played for the Pirates from 1900 to 1917. He is considered one of the most versatile players of his generation. He was a coach for the Pirates in 1948. Christopher has been thrifting and reselling antiques for the past two and a half years, with the help of friend Brad Hanneken, . He recognized that this was an amazing find for him. He soon had the signatures authenticated, and he said he has lined up an auction for the book in the next two months. The love of sports runs in his family. Christopher’s

father, James Kidney, was an attorney who worked for the Cincinnati Reds and Cincinnati Bengals. His grandfather, James Kidney, interestingly, once owned a reproduction Honus Wag-

ner card. He thinks of his valuable book find as a sign from his grandfather. Kidney expressed his appreciation for his wife Ashley and her family for

supporting his thrift resale business, his friend Brad Hanneken, owner of Brad’s VTG on DePop.com; and the employees of the Morehead Good Will Store.



Photos courtesy of Christopher Kidney

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CONTRACT 538-25-01
RECOAT/REPAIR TWO WATER STORAGE TANKS
SMOOT DRIVE 250,000 GALLON PEDESHERE AND
HIGH STREET 100,000 GALLON ELEVATED
CITY OF OWINGSVILLE
OWINGSVILLE, KENTUCKY

Sealed proposals for the following work will be received by the City of Owingsville, Bath County, Kentucky at the city hall until 1:30 p.m., local time, Tuesday, April 8, 2025, for furnishing labor and materials and performing all work as set forth by the Advertisement, General Conditions, Specifications and/or Drawings prepared by Bell Engineering. Immediately following the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids, all proposals which have been submitted in accordance with the above conditions will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work to be bid is described as follows:

Recoat/repair one 100,000 gallon elevated tank and one 250,000 gallon pedestal tank.

Drawings, Specifications and Contract Documents may be examined at the following places:

City of Owingsville
19 Goodpaster Avenue
Owingsville, Kentucky 40360

Bell Engineering
2480 Fortune Drive, Suite 350
Lexington, Kentucky 40509

or may be obtained from Lynn Imaging, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507, phone 859/255-1021, upon receipt of non-refundable deposit as follows:

CONTRACT 538-25-01--\$150.00

Sealed proposals for this Contract shall be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope as follows:

“Sealed Proposal for Contract 538-25-01. Not to be opened until 1:30 p.m., local time, Tuesday, April 8, 2025.”

If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the proposal must be enclosed in another envelope and mailed to the City of Owingsville allowing sufficient time for such mailing to reach this address prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposals.

Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond made payable to the City of Owingsville, Kentucky, in an amount not less than the percent of the base bid indicated in Specification Section C-200, Instructions to Bidders, Bid Security. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of 90 days after the date bids are opened. He may, however, withdraw his bid at any time prior to the time and date scheduled for opening of same or any authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered and will be returned unopened to the bidder.

The attention of all contractors is called to the fact that any contract awarded under this Advertisement for Bids is expected to be funded from current funds on hand and/or from revenue bonds.

Work to be performed by contractors involved in this project are not subject to the minimum wage rates established by the U.S. Department of Labor under the provisions of the Davis Bacon Act.

Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Anti Kickback Act, and the Contract Work Hours Standard Act.

Bidders must certify that they do not and will not maintain or provide for their employees any facilities that are segregated or based on race, color, creed, or national origin.

Bidders must show a certification of prior work under Executive Order 11246 (Equal Employment Opportunity) as amended.

All contractors and subcontractors must comply with 41 CFR 60-4, in regard to affirmative action. This is to ensure equal opportunity to females and minorities, and apply the time tables and goals set forth in 41 CFR 60-4.

The City of Owingsville may consider informal any bid not prepared and submitted in accordance with the provisions of this advertisement and/or the Specifications and may waive any informalities or reject any and all bids.

CITY OF OWINGSVILLE
Gary M. Hunt, Mayor

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