would gather at the old

where the Pizza Hut is

now located. They even

had a stage built by the

members that they could

set up for the gatherings.

first cruise," Collins said.

the old muscle cars is

still alive in the group,

but many of the original

members hate to see how

the cars have changed

nowadays compared steel

and muscle of days gone

by. Kent Bischoff said

as cars evolved, they got

more generic, as plastic,

aluminum and fiberglass

— and smaller engines

- have replaced the

now evolved over the

last 20 years," Bischoff

said. "Nobody's going to

restore them.'

"What we're driving

steel.

"We had 150 cars the

The fascination with

Charles "Skippy" Stone holds up the new Whiskey City Cruisers T-shirt for this year, with the artwork designed by Nelson County High School art student Dakota Kirchner. Stone is pictured along with club members Ronnie "Smiley" Hibbs, Sherry Gritton Hagan, Teddy Collins and Kent Bischoff. Stone, Hibbs, Collins and Bischoff are all original members of the club, as was the late Paul Gritton, Hagan's father.

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It grew from there, having small get-togethers to show off the Detroit muscle cars that were all the rage in the 1970s and before. By the time 1992 rolled around, they became official and welcomed in new members. The club has what is estimated to be about 3,000 members nowadays, but there isn't an official member list, no president, no secretary.

Several of the original members gathered last week at The Kentucky Standard office to share stories and browse through old photos, reminiscing about their years together.

to get a look at the Whiskey City Cruisers' new T-shirt for 2025, which features a coin-operated gumball machine with miniature cars in it, and a disembodied hand dropping a coin into the machine. Steven Campbell, a member of the club, did a rough sketch of it, but he needed help to see it through, so he contacted Dianna Williams, an art teacher at Nelson County High School. She then turned it over to one of her top ner get the call for a comstudents, Dakota Kirchner.

"I just took my idea to her, and this is what she tions within the commucame up with — she took it from there," Campbell said.

The club has regularly had T-shirts that they Campbell said he wants proceeds from the sale of the T-shirts to go back to Kirchner, and gives her all the credit for coming

up with the design. Kirchner is looking forward to seeing her artwork on T-shirts at the regular Whiskey City Cruisers gatherings, such T-shirts featuring Kirchas their monthly meets at Buzick Lumber starting April 27, as well as at the monthly Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfasts at Samuels Field, starting the second Saturday in May.

Working off of Camp-Kirchner said "from there, I was basically able to use my own creative anticipated their group freedom.'

She said the cars in the In the early years, they T-shirt logo are some of her favorite ones, as well Sonic Drive-In at Kenas ones modeled after tucky Home Square, those owned by members of the Cruisers.

"It's a really cool opportunity," Kirchner said. "And I think it's going to be cool to see that around."

She said designing the T-shirt was different than her usual artistic endeavors, such as a mural painting she has on one of the hallway walls at Nelson County High School. It gave her a chance to flex some different muscles in terms of what mediums she uses for her art, while also giving her an experience in delivering a commissioned artwork.

"It was the first commission-type experience They were also there for me," Kirchner said. "It was the first digital art kind of whole experience, making the design and digitalizing it, because I'm used to just pencil and paper-type art.'

She said it opened her eyes to different possibilities of how to express herself, and made her think about trying new things in the future, including how to translate an idea into something visual.

Williams said it was encouraging to see Kirchmissioned work, and that her students are making more and more connecnity as entities outside the school approach her with ideas.

"I think it's good for them, to see that they can sold, but this one was actually do something different, with Kirchner with their artwork that creating a colorful scene they do in class," Williams that will catch the eye. said. "... It gives them a better idea of what they might want to do when they leave (the school). And they know that their artwork is always something they can fall back into, even if they don't go into college for it.

Campbell said the new Whiskey City Cruisers ner's logo can be ordered through Choice Uniform in Bardstown. And the group figures they will be able to sell a lot of them at their upcoming gatherings.

"We used to sell a lot of bell's rough sketch, hats and T-shirts," Hibbs said.

Collins said they never would grow as it did.

SESSION

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Domestic Violence Protections: HB 38 makes violating a protective order three times within five years a Class D felony, reinforcing the state's commitment to protecting victims of domestic violence.

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our work remains as important as ever. Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to all we will accomplish together in the future.

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Now, they owe the American people the truth. Even after what might be the worst week of his life, we look to Waltz to lead the way and level with the American people.

If he simply falls on his sword in hopes that it makes this scandal go away for Trump and others, he will betray so many times to serve, protect and honor. If the

ers are so deeply rooted in incompetence and entitlement that he could not steer them clear, if over the course of three short months they were able to break him so thoroughly that he acquiesced to this kind of breach, the nation and the world need to know.

For its part, the members of Congress who know and respect Waltz insist, now, that he come before them and tell the truth. The whole truth, sparing nobody — the the people he's sworn truth they have little chance of getting from

explosive breach, who are already lying and spinning their heads off so fast that the rapid-fire gush of press conferences, social media posts and official statements are already riddled with dozens of contradictions.

Certainly, those responsible and irresponsible should suffer for their lack of care. But even as that unfolds, Congress and the American people must demand that this dutiful soldier do his duty once more. Otherwise, this nation is in deeper peril than any-

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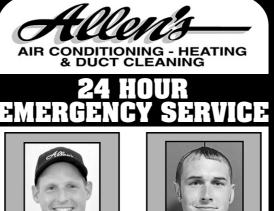
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