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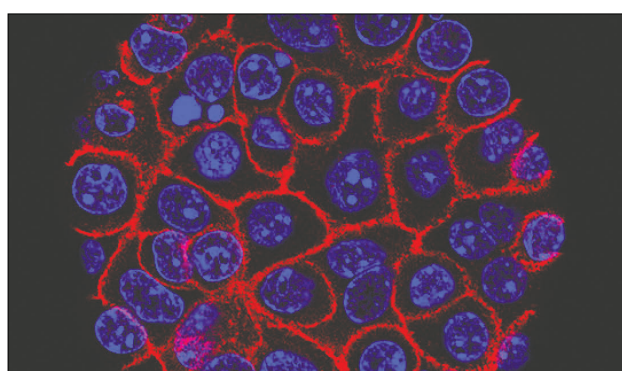
of Arizona Cancer Center, who wasn't involved with the research, said from the ASCO meeting. She was struck by how "patients stayed on this treatment because it was providing durable and meaningful benefit to them."

The pills' effects eventually wane but recipients used them for significantly longer than the comparison group stayed on chemotherapy, reporting less pain and a better quality of life as their tumors shrank. Many still were using the drug after the data was analyzed, which Wainberg said means the survival gap may widen as researchers continue tracking them.

Dr. Brian Wolpin, of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, presented the findings Sunday. He said the drug should become "a new standard of care" for previously treated metastatic pancreatic cancer, adding that researchers also will explore its use earlier in the disease, including to see if tumor shrinkage might let more patients qualify for surgery.

Side effects most likely to affect pill usage were a rash that can be severe and mouth sores, he said.

Maker Revolution Medicines funded the study and the Food and Drug Administration plans to expedite review of the drug. Meanwhile, the agency is allowing what's called "expanded access" to the experimental drug for patients who meet



This undated microscope image from USC via the NIH shows pancreatic cancer cells, nuclei in blue, growing as a sphere encased in membranes, red.

certain criteria. The drug garnered public attention when former U.S. Sen. Ben Sasse described on "60 Minutes" how he's had less pain while taking it. Oncologists are being flooded with requests as the special access program gets started.

Pancreatic cancer is among the most deadly forms in large part because it's hard to detect before it starts spreading to other organs. The American Cancer Society estimates about 67,000 new cases will be diagnosed in the U.S. this year and more than 52,000 people will die from the disease. The five-year overall survival rate is 13%.

Unlike with other cancers that have benefited from a variety of chemotherapy alternatives, pancreatic cancer has been harder to tackle.

Cancer specialists not involved in the new research expressed optimism that this may be a turning point in the quest for new options, with dozens of experimental drugs in development.

The new drug targets mutations in the RAS gene family that normally regulates cell growth. So-

called KRAS mutations are especially critical in fueling pancreatic cancer. But a structure that made it hard for drugs to stick to the mutated proteins meant this cancer driver was long considered "undruggable."

Revolution Medicines' drug uses what's essentially a molecular glue to bind with multiple KRAS subtypes. Wainberg said researchers next will probe whether the drug worked better in certain of those subtypes.

The drug will change pancreatic cancer treatment, said Dr. Andrew Coveler of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, who wasn't involved in the research.

"This thing works drastically differently," he said.

Wainberg said other drugs in development target specific KRAS subtypes. Other approaches in earlier stages of testing include vaccines designed to prevent recurrence after pancreatic cancer surgery by teaching the immune system to recognize the mutated protein.

"They Called Me 'Tut.'"

Asked what kids can expect to learn from the Houchens site, Harbison added: "I think kids could realize anything is possible with a lot of hard work and thought."

The Metcalfe County resident, a semiweekly center volunteer for the past 35 years, formerly taught at her county's Summer Shade Elementary for 27 years and considers these preservations important for children's education. Many kids, she said, don't like history because it's taught in facts and dates, whereas children need to see things and relate to them, she said.

"I've always thought that kids will be more appre-

ciative of what's around them if they know what led up to it," she added.

"You got to know where you've been before you know where you're going."

It'll be the latest addition to a center that spans some 30,000 square feet — and Pace hopes it'll bolster community interest in the museum and its vision. If they can raise enough funds, she would hope they can build a publicly accessible pathway connecting the center to the Glasgow square corner.

"It's part of our mission to preserve our heritage," Pace added of the upcoming exhibit.

"This is part of our heritage."

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businessman, heard about the plan and contacted the cultural center, according to the center's Executive Director Debbie Pace. Cecil and Lynne Martin donated the structure and artifacts. Glass contracted a construction company to dismantle and relocate the building. Numerous volunteers drove the store's contents to the center.

And, over the past months, the center's Kay Harbison has curated the exhibit with building contents as well as artifacts catalogued at the center — referencing Houchens' book

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spirit," according to the release. Paul said the story is told through a young boy's dream.

In his dream, the boy in the story travels through American history from Plymouth Rock to George Washington's presidency. Paul said she also wanted to highlight some key American figures sometimes forgotten about, like Samuel Adams and Paul Revere.

Paul said the little boy in both books is modeled after her grandson. She said she wants children to resonate with the young boy while learning American history.

"I wanted him to go on an adventure and really teach children American revolutionary history through a child like



Author Kelley Paul, wife of U.S. Senator Rand Paul, reads "Good Night, Little American," illustrated by Adrienne Green, with children on the lawn outside the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

them," Paul said.

Paul said she hopes these books will be a "jumping off point" for parents to talk to their kids about the history and founding of the nation.

"I think we have great American heroes," Paul said. "I think America 250 is a great time to sort of remember how heroic, courageous and brave they were."

Annual 'Summer Solstice: A Celtic Celebration' to return to The Capitol

Abigail Vickers

The Daily News

"Summer Solstice: A Celtic Celebration" will return for its fifth year to The Capitol on Monday, June 22, at 7 p.m. with traditional Celtic music, poetry and dance, according to a Warren County Public Library press release.

Audiences of all ages are invited to celebrate the summer solstice, the longest day of the year. The program will feature returning performers Skip Cleavinger, Rebecca Baumbach, John Skelton and Pat Broaders, according to the release.

Cleavinger said he hopes attendees learn something new from the celebration, but the group's main goal is to entertain locals.

"We try to teach people some cultural aspects about it, and we also try to entertain," Cleavinger said. "If you come, you'll see we have a great time ourselves."

Cleavinger and Baumbach are known through the library's Winter Solstice concert series, held each December at The Capitol since 2019, according to the release. The Winter Solstice concert series inspired its Summer Solstice counterpart, which has become a well-attended tradition that draws hundreds of patrons each year.

Both celebrations are essentially celebrating the winter and summer solstices through a Celtic lens, according to Cleavinger.

Cleavinger said it's interesting to think about how these celebrations



Musicians play at previous "Summer Solstice: A Celtic Celebration" at The Capitol.

are thousands of years old. During the Summer Solstice Celebration, Cleavinger said the group talks a little about the history of the summer solstice and how it helped ancient civilizations with agriculture.

Cleavinger said he plays the tin whistle, Irish bagpipes and Scottish bagpipes during concerts, and Baumbach plays the fiddle. Skelton plays the tin whistle, Spanish bagpipes, French bagpipes and the Irish flute. Broaders plays Bouzouki, but Cleavinger said he will also be singing at the Summer Solstice Celebration.

Cleavinger said the group will play music from Ireland and Scotland, along with songs from regions in France and Spain. While there will be some poetry, Cleavinger said the Summer Solstice Celebration is more about the songs and music.

A lot of people in the Bowling Green area love Irish and Scottish music, according to Cleavinger. He said there will be Irish dancers present for some of the sets at the Summer Solstice Celebration.

In addition to the solstice celebrations,

Cleavinger and Baumbach recently launched Southcentral Kentucky "SKY" Celtic Arts, an initiative introduced during the 2025 Winter Solstice concert, according to the release.

"The program is designed to expand access to Celtic music and culture in the region through classes and community-based programming," the release stated.

SKY Celtic Arts began offering tin whistle and bagpipe classes for beginners at Christ Episcopal Church, with eight-week sessions providing foundational instruction for new musicians, according to the release. Upcoming offerings include bi-monthly Irish and Scottish repertoire classes for melody instruments at the SOKY Center, which are expected to be free and open to the public. Additional programming is also in development, including Irish fiddle instruction and Irish and Scottish dance classes.

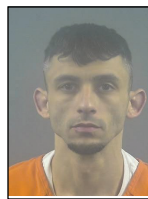
For more information or to reserve free tickets, visit warrenpl.org or call 270-781-4882.

Police: Escaped WCRJ inmate caught

By the Daily News

A Bowling Green man who had been wanted for a week after reportedly escaping from Warren County Regional Jail was apprehended Saturday morning.

Jon Moss, 32, was captured on Oliver Street, according to Kentucky



Jon Moss

Jail said that Moss scaled two fences with razor wire to escape from a recre-

State Police.

In a post on its Facebook page, Warren County Regional

ation yard at the facility on May 23.

Moss had initially been booked into the jail on Jan. 13 for multiple criminal charges, according to information on the jail's website, and he now faces a charge of second-degree escape.

Crash kills 5 in Virginia including family of 4 traveling to wedding

By ED WHITE

Associated Press

A family of four from Massachusetts who were killed when a bus crashed into multiple vehicles in Virginia were traveling to a wedding with a carload of homemade desserts for the celebration.

The family wedding will go forward Sunday in South Carolina, but it also will be a time to mourn the loss of Dmitri and Ecaterina Doncev and their two children, Emily and Mark, a relative said Saturday.

"A son, a father — the whole family — everyone that has been dear to us," Carolina Bublik said.

The Doncevs were killed when a motorcoach caused a chain-reaction crash with vehicles that had slowed down for a work zone on Interstate 95 in Stafford County around 2:35 a.m. Friday, authorities said.

The bus struck a Suburban, which then hit an Acura carrying the Doncev family, police said. Priscilla Mafalda, 25, of Worcester,

Massachusetts, was in the Chevrolet SUV and also died.

More people were treated for injuries, including one who was in critical condition, though most were discharged, Mary Washington Healthcare said.

The bus driver, Jing S. Dong, 48, of Staten Island, New York, was charged with two counts of involuntary manslaughter, and additional charges were likely, Virginia State Police said.