SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND CLUB ANNIVERSARIES READ, including 46 years of service by Charles Baldwin. Our president, Jacob Condon, who is observing seven years of service this month, announced he has accepted a position as marketing manager at TSU, beginning on the September 26. He will continue to run Broyles Transfer and Storage until the business sells. We wish you well in this new endeavor, Pres!

PARS V. POLIO: If you are a golfer and would like to participate in this fundraiser, contact Jill Williams <jwilliams@bankmw.com>. If you are not a golfer, consider sponsoring a golfer.

TAILGATE PARTY: Bill Lovegreen said the date is not firm yet. It may be delayed from October 1 to Homecoming weekend.

SIM MISSIONARIES DEANE & RUTH VALKENAAR: In Randy Rogers’ introduction, we learned that Deane and Ruth have been serving in Doro, South Sudan for the past two years. Previously, Deane, a former club member, worked for the Red Cross in Kirksville from 1999-2014. His wife, Ruth, worked for Victim Support Services. Deane said South Sudan is the world’s newest country, obtaining independence from Sudan in 2011. A civil war is ongoing there. In addition, the government in Sudan has been bombing its people, creating a huge refugee crisis for South Sudan. Ruth said their refugee camp is the largest UN operation in the world. In addition to meeting spiritual needs, SIM (Serving in Mission) provides education, health and clean water to improve the lives of South Sudanese citizens. The mission, which began in the early 1940s, operates a secondary school, which has recently gone from 13 to 60 students and from 5 to 13 teachers. Since 1950 a clinic has operated in Doro, providing services including maternity, leprosy and nutrition. According to Ruth, witch doctors remain prevalent there. Women are treated poorly in the country. Within the last three months, malnutrition has increased by 15%. Clean water efforts involve training people to repair the hand pump wells which have been breaking down. Sorghum, popular with the people, can be grown during the rainy season and 150 acres will be planted which will provide 1,000 sacks of grain for distribution. For more information about the mission, check out http://www.facebook.com/valkenaarsinsouthsudan/ref=bookmarks. Pictured above from left are President Jacob Condon, Ruth Valkenaar, Deane Valkenaar and Randy Rogers.

50-50 Drawing: Matt Eichor did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to $1,776.