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Kansas History...



Basketball game, Randolph High School, Randolph, Kansas... An interior view showing a basketball game at Randolph High School auditorium, Randolph, Kansas. John Matchett is the player on the right waiting to jump at the tip-off. Date: Between 1923 and 1925. (Photo: Kansas Historical Society/ Kansas Memory)



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Construction boom set for Wichita State's Innovation Campus

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Construction is humming along on Wichita State University's new Innovation campus, with four major projects set to begin this summer and three others scheduled to be completed this year, university officials said.

"This is moving faster than we envisioned when we announced the Innovation Campus in August 2014," university president John Bardo said in a news release Wednesday.

Contractors are expected to begin work this summer on these four projects:

— A 45,000-square-foot partnership building, which would house companies that would

work with Wichita State students or faculty. It will be located just west of Airbus and north of the new Experiential Engineering Building, with easy access to the nearby National Institute for Aviation Research.

— An Element by Westin Hotel is expected to break ground in late summer and open in fall 2018. The hotel is the first major project in a mixed-use, 30-acre development called Braeburn Square, which will include restaurants and shops, The Wichita Eagle reported (<http://bit.ly/2qSYOmH>).

— Two multi-tenant buildings in Braeburn Square. Developers

are "in discussions with potential tenants" to occupy about 20,000 square feet, but those won't be named until agreements are signed.

— A section of 18th Street is expected to be completed. Additional pond improvements and sidewalks also will begin this summer.

Three other projects are scheduled to be completed this year, including a new Law Enforcement Training Center. It will house Wichita Police Department and Sedgwick County sheriff's training programs, along with the university's criminal justice program classrooms and faculty offices.

The other two projects scheduled to be done by the end of the year include The Flats, a 285-resident apartment complex; and a Pizza Hut museum, housed in the original Pizza Hut, which moved to from its first site to Wichita State in 1986. The museum will be staffed by Wichita State history students.

Wichita State officials said they are in advanced discussions with the Greater Wichita YMCA to build a new YMCA and wellness center on the Innovation Campus but it hasn't been officially approved. Some university students are gathering petition signatures opposing a proposed fee hike that would pay for it.

Kansas legislators to reopen debate over guns at hospitals

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas legislators are facing a midsummer deadline to approve costly security upgrades for state hospitals and mental institutions in order to keep in place a four-year-old ban on concealed weapons inside the facilities.

While the conservative state frequently embraces pro-gun policies, this debate is unique. Even Republican Gov. Sam Brownback and GOP lawmakers who are strong supporters of concealed carry don't want the exemption for hospitals to disappear, fearing the prospect of guns around mental patients or in areas with specialized equipment.

Absent a change in existing state law, universities, state and other public hospitals, mental health centers, some nursing homes and other facilities must allow concealed weapons in their buildings starting in July unless they provide "adequate"

security such as guards or metal detectors.

The law was enacted in 2013 and was designed to ensure that people with state concealed-carry permits could bring their weapons into public buildings. The law granted a four-year exemption that expires July 1 to universities and the facilities covered by the bill.

Supporters of the law said they're trying to make sure that if a building does not have adequate security, gun owners still can protect themselves from criminal threats. They also worry that lawmakers might chip away at concealed carry, expanded in 2015 to allow people to carry their weapons without a permit.

A stalemate appeared to have developed over any potential gun bill, making it likely that GOP leaders would let the issue drop this year. But last month, Brownback proposed spending \$24 million over two years on

additional security at the cash-strapped state's two mental hospitals and its two hospitals for the developmentally disabled — compelling another look.

Gun-rights groups are pushing hard to keep the resulting legislation narrow, so that people could still bring their weapons into public hospital areas. But Republican legislative leaders also are facing pressure from other lawmakers and advocates who want a broader debate on keeping concealed guns off of university campuses as well.

The Senate plans to debate a concealed carry bill next week. It would keep concealed guns out of the state hospitals, other public hospitals and nursing homes, community mental health centers, health clinics for the poor and the University of Kansas Medical Center and nearby buildings in Kansas City, Kansas.

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Pentagon declares success for key test of missile defense

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The Pentagon scored an important success Tuesday in a test of its oft-criticized missile defense program, destroying a mock warhead over the Pacific Ocean with an interceptor that is key to protecting U.S. territory from a North Korean attack.

Vice Adm. Jim Syring, director of the Pentagon agency in charge of developing the missile defense system, called the test result "an incredible accomplishment" and a critical milestone for a program hampered by setbacks over the years.

"This system is vitally important to the defense of our homeland, and this test demonstrates that we have a capable, credible deterrent against a very real threat," Syring said in a written statement announcing the test result.

Despite the success, the \$244 million test didn't confirm that under wartime conditions the U.S. could intercept an intercontinental-range missile fired by North Korea. Pyongyang is understood to be moving closer

to the capability of putting a nuclear warhead on such an ICBM and could develop decoys sophisticated enough to trick an interceptor into missing the real warhead.

Syring's agency sounded a note of caution.

"Initial indications are that the test met its primary objective, but program officials will continue to evaluate system performance based upon telemetry and other data obtained during the test," his statement said.

Philip E. Coyle, a former head of the Pentagon's test and evaluation office and a senior fellow at the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, said Tuesday's outcome was a significant success for a test that was three years in preparation, but he noted that it was only the second success in the last five intercept attempts since 2010.

"In several ways, this test was a \$244 million-dollar baby step, a baby step that took three years," Coyle said.

The most recent intercept

test, in June 2014, was successful, but the longer track record is spotty. Since the system was declared ready for potential combat use in 2004, only four of nine intercept attempts have been successful.

"This is part of a continuous learning curve," said Navy Capt. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman, ahead of Tuesday's test. The Pentagon is still incorporating engineering upgrades to its missile interceptor, which has yet to be fully tested in realistic conditions.

North Korea says its nuclear and missile programs are a defense against perceived U.S. military threats. Its accelerating missile development has complicated Pentagon calculations, most recently by incorporating solid-fuel technology into its rockets. The step would mean even less launch warning time for the United States. Liquid fuel is less stable and rockets using it have to be fueled in the field, a process that takes longer and can be detected by satellites.

2017 Garden Tour Map

1. Hodson & Lutjemeier - 5608 High Meadow Cir
2. Brown & Trecek - 5515 High Meadow Dr
3. Klick - 149 N Dartmouth Dr
4. Urick - 3110 Chic Cir
5. KSU Gardens - 1500 Denison Ave
6. Robb - 9048 Tonya Ter
7. Griffith - 4106 Taneil Dr

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In Aftermath of New Study, GOP Furthers Resolve to Replace Obamacare

By Rachel del Guidice
Heritage Foundation

The American Health Care Act is in the hands of the Senate, where Republican lawmakers sound positive about the task of drafting their version of the Obamacare repeal legislation.

“We’re continuing to work on policy outcomes to bring the conference together, and most critically to lower health insurance premiums so that health care is more accessible,” Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, said Thursday.

House Speaker Paul Ryan told reporters Thursday that it’s more urgent than ever for Congress to repeal Obamacare, after a new government report showed a doubling in the cost of individual health insurance plans since 2013.

“This law is in the middle of a collapse,” Ryan said. “We need to bring down the cost of coverage. And we need to revitalize the market so that people have real choices and real access to affordable health care. That’s what our plan will do.”

The House of Representatives voted by a razor-thin 217-213 May 4 to pass Republicans’ revised Obamacare replacement bill after President Donald Trump worked with Ryan to bring together House conservatives and centrists on the amended version.

Cruz’s remarks Thursday came after a meeting of the Senate’s health care working group, which officially includes him and 12 other GOP members.

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, however, has said the working group is open to anyone in the Republican conference.

“The working group that counts is all 52 of us,” Mc-

Connell, R-Ky., said in early May, referring to Republicans.

The group is tasked with drafting the Senate’s own proposal to repeal and replace Obamacare, which may include parts of the plan that passed the House.

Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, also part of the working group, said the need to repeal Obamacare is urgent in his state.

“Every time I travel back to Utah I hear from constituents whose health insurance premiums are now higher than their mortgages,” Lee said in a statement provided to The Daily Signal. “This has to stop.”

For his part, Cruz said flexibility is the operative word:

The way the working group has proceeded, this has been for a couple months now, is starting on areas of common ground and ... one of the most important is the need for more flexibility. More flexibility for states. More flexibility for consumers. And flexibility is a principle that can help produce consensus because flexibility is something that conservatives support and moderates support.

Senate Budget Chairman Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., is also part of the working group shaping the upper chamber’s version of the American Health Care Act.

Committee staff told The Daily Signal that Enzi is focused on making sure the legislation meets requirements of the budget procedure known as reconciliation. These include that the results must save taxpayers at least \$2 billion over 10 years.

Because of Democrats’ opposition to repealing Obamacare, formally known as the Affordable Care Act, Republicans are using the reconciliation process because it requires 51 rather than 60 votes in the 100-member Senate to advance legisla-

tion.

Dan Holler, spokesman for Heritage Action for America, the lobbying affiliate of The Heritage Foundation, told The Daily Signal in an email that the Senate is making good progress.

“While the entire process is taking significantly longer than many expected, the Senate is on track to pass their version this summer,” Holler said. “Doing so would not only deliver on a key campaign promise seven years in the making, but provide a much-needed legislative achievement for President Trump.”

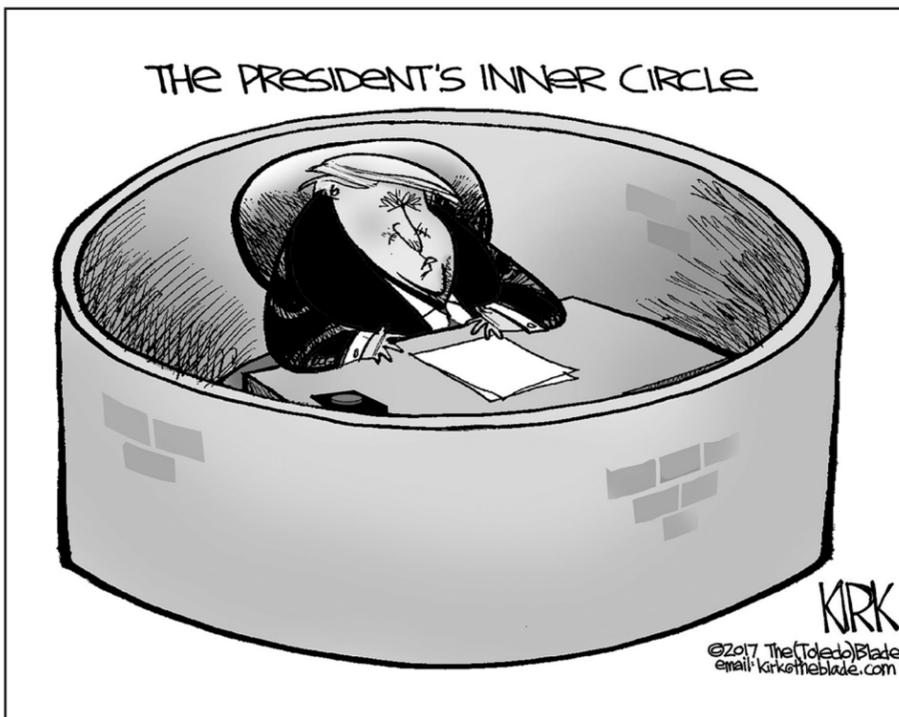
President Barack Obama signed the Affordable Care Act into law on March 23, 2010. Ryan said the Obamacare numbers contained in the government report released Tuesday speak for themselves.

“Since Obamacare went into effect, average health care premiums have doubled nationwide,” the House speaker told reporters, adding:

Remember—remember when President Obama promised that his health care plan would lower a typical family’s premiums by up to \$2,500? Under Obamacare, average premiums have gone up by nearly \$3,000.

The report by the Department of Health and Human Services, which oversees Obamacare, found that the average annual cost paid by a consumer for an individual health care plan in 2013 was \$2,784.

By 2017, the average annual cost for an individual plan purchased on HealthCare.gov, the Obamacare website, was \$5,712. Consumers in 39 states use HealthCare.gov rather than a state-run Obamacare insurance exchange.



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The Scientific Argument against the Paris Climate Agreement

By Patrick J. Michaels
CATO Institute

Last May, Donald Trump vowed to “cancel the Paris climate agreement.” It was a scripted remark in a prepared text, an unusual speech for the then-presidential candidate.

Since then, he has reportedly been under pressure from his daughter Ivanka — who has set up an intensive review process on climate change policy — along with her husband Jared Kushner and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson to remain in the deal. But Ivanka’s left-leaning tendencies have likely colored her choice of scientists allowed into the discussions.

All of this ignores a heretofore unrecognized fact: The Paris Agreement is based upon a fundamental misconception of climate history and science. The objective is to hold temperatures to “well below” 2 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels, and to “pursue efforts” to limit the increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

The key misconception is that all of the warming since the Industrial Revolution — 0.9 degrees Celsius — is a result of human activity.

Hardly. Since the beginning of reliable global temperature records in the late 19th century, there have been two periods of significant warming that are statistically indistinguishable in magnitude. The first period ran from 1910 through about 1945,

with a temperature increase of around 0.5 degrees Celsius. There could only be minimal human influence on this period, simply because humans had not emitted very much carbon dioxide.

After a slight cooling, the second one began sometime around 1976 and ended with the big 1998 El Nino. This period was likely in part due to a greenhouse effect.

The reason this period was affected by greenhouse warming is because the lower stratosphere cooled at the same time, which is a prediction of greenhouse theory. If, as some people maintain, “it’s all the sun,” then the whole atmosphere would warm.

Interestingly, when the lower atmospheric warming paused after 1998, the stratosphere also stopped cooling. What’s happening now is quite unclear as surface temperatures are constantly being readjusted.

So, after allowing for a small bit of other influence on the second warming, we’re left with the notion that the maximum warming caused by humans is somewhere between 0.4 and 0.5 degrees Celsius — half of the total since the Industrial Revolution.

This has huge implications. If, as the Paris Agreement erroneously assumes, all of the warming of 0.9 degrees is a re-

sult of human activity, there is no way that the aspirational goal of 1.5 degrees can ever be met. Thanks to the huge thermal inertia of the ocean, current models show there’s between 0.4 degrees and 0.6 degrees of warming on the way, even if emissions were capped at 2000 levels.

That’s a total of 1.5 degrees already guaranteed. Meeting the 2 degrees objective allows only an additional half of a degree in wiggle room. The Paris Agreement only mitigates about 0.2 degrees of warming. Again, believing in those models, that would be an additional warming of over 2 degrees Celsius this century.

So according to the United Nation’s own climate models, it is scientifically impossible. President Trump, that’s grounds enough to withdraw.

On top of that, the models that form the basis of the Paris Agreement are predicting way too much warming in the lower atmosphere, and erroneously predicting a dramatic warming of the upper atmosphere over the tropics. Most precipitation on earth is a result of the temperature difference between the lower layers and what’s aloft.

Get that wrong, which the climate models do systematically, and the models are of

very little utility.

There are other, more reality-based approaches to estimating future warming, and these point

to a 21st century increase of closer to 1.4 degrees Celsius. Adding that to the maximum human contribution to-date of 0.5 degrees yields 1.9 degrees,

meeting the Paris objective without the Paris Agreement.

President Trump, that’s also grounds enough to withdraw.



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Riley County Commission Minutes

Board of Riley County Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes May 22, 2017
115 North 4th Street Manhattan, KS 66502

Business Meeting

Signature on application to initiate the petition process for a Special Use Authorization for the construction of an equipment storage building (owner: Riley County).

Move to sign the application to publish the Notice of Public Hearing for a proposed Special Use Authorization.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Marvin Rodriguez, County Commissioner
Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s)

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Kari Anderson, an On Call Juvenile Intake Officer, in the Community Corrections Department, for Separation from County Service, effective May 5, 2017.

Review Minutes5.
Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - May 18, 2017 9:00 AM

Move to approve the min-

utes.
RESULT: A C -
CEPTED AS AMENDED
[UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Marvin Rodriguez, County Commissioner
AYES: Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

Review Tentative Agenda6. Tentative Agenda

Press Conference TopicsDiscuss Press Conference

Future topics:
Country Stampede
Corps of Engineers project - Brian McNulty 9:00 AM
Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director8.
Riley County Fire District #1 ISO Presentation

P. Collins presented a Power-Point presentation on Insurance Services Organization (ISO). 9:25 AM

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services9.
Administrative Work Session

10. Pending County Projects County Counselor

The Board watched the KAC Legislative video update.

9:30 AM
Press Conference11.
Public Notices - Leon Hobson (3-5 minutes)

Hobson said the structure replacement project on S. 24th Street is scheduled to begin Monday, June 5th, 2017. The project is located on the west side of the intersection of S. 24th Street and W. 40th Ave. W. 40th Ave. will be closed to through traffic during construction from S. 24th Street to S. 20th Street. This project is expected to be completed by June 8th, 2017 weather permitting.

Hobson said the Green-Randolph Road asphalt replacement project on the Green Randolph Road is scheduled to begin Monday, June 5th, 2017. The project is located 1/2 mile West of Crooked Creek Road. The Green Randolph Road will be closed to through traffic during construction from S. Otter Creek Road to Crooked Creek Road. The project is expected to be completed by June 7th, 2017 weather permitting.

Hobson said National Public Works Week is this week.

Hobson said the Riley County Public Works EXPO is Thursday, May 25th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at CiCo Park.
12. 2017 Elections - Susan Boller (2 minutes)

Boller said the candidate filing deadline is June 1st at 12:00 (noon).

Boller said the Primary Election will be held August 1st, if required and the General Election November 7th.

Holeman asked the commission if they would like him to send an e-mail to legislators regarding the proposed utility tax. The Board agreed.

Holeman said the deadline for the ambulance service contract decision with Via Christi is May 30th. Holeman said he will draft a letter for the commission for Thursday.

Holeman discussed the Health Department signage with the City of Manhattan. Holeman said the City Commission will need to sign a resolution extending the Manhattan City standard traffic ordinance.

10:00 AM
Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services10:00 AM13.
Executive session to discuss a performance matter involv-

ing non- elected personnel

Move that the County Commissioners, including Chairman Wells, Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Wilson, recess into executive session with Clancy Holeman, County Counselor, attorney for the County Commission, and Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk, pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 11:00 a.m.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Marvin Rodriguez, County Commissioner
AYES: Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

11:00 AM
Move to go out of executive session.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Marvin Rodriguez, County Commissioner
AYES: Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

11:00 AM
AdjournmentMove to adjourn.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marvin Rodriguez, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
AYES: Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

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Ruling: Public interest key in weighing open record cases

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — A Kansas judge was wrong to dismiss a woman's lawsuit seeking police body-camera video of her son's shooting, ruling the judge could not deny the open records request simply because it was part of a criminal investigation, an appeals court ruled Friday.

The Kansas Court of Appeals sent Trina Green's case back to the Wyandotte County court for

further hearings. The three-judge panel unanimously reversed a decision that had dismissed her case based on an exemption to the Kansas Open Records Act relating to investigatory records.

That exception isn't "iron-clad," the appeals court ruled, noting that in a court action the law enforcement agencies have the burden to prove that a record's release would harm

their investigation.

The ruling states judges have the discretion to disclose records if they find that the disclosure is in the public's interest, doesn't interfere with a law enforcement investigation, doesn't reveal confidential sources and techniques, doesn't endanger anyone's safety, and doesn't identify the victim of a sexual offense.

The Lawrence Journal-World

reported <http://bit.ly/2qrHe5K> the case stems from a February 2016 incident in which officers from the Kansas City, Kansas, police department and the Wyandotte County sheriff's office shot Green's son multiple times.

Her attorney, David Peterson, told the newspaper that no officers were charged in the shooting. Her son survived.

Trina Green sued after her re-

quest for the body-camera video of the incident was denied.

Wyandotte County District Judge Daniel Duncan dismissed Green's petition with prejudice, presumably preventing her from later seeking a court order for the records even after all investigations were completed. He offered no explanation how he reached his decision.

"Instead, the district court

appears to have simply decided that disclosure shall not be made whenever a law-enforcement agency objects, even though the statute clearly gives the court discretion to order disclosure in such cases," according to the appeals court's ruling.

The appeals court found that the lower court abused its discretion by ruling without an evidentiary record and without weighing the statutory factors.

Surgeon, med chief is new University of Kansas system

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A surgeon and longtime Navy reservist who has served as the University of Kansas Medical Center's top administrator was promoted Thursday to chief executive of the university system.

The Kansas Board of Regents unanimously named Dr. Douglas Girod as chancellor. He will succeed 72-year-old Bernadette Gray-Little, who an-

nounced last September she would retire this summer from the post she has held for eight years. Girod takes the helm on July 1.

Girod, 59, will oversee the university's campuses and their combined 28,000 students and 2,600 faculty members in Lawrence, Kansas City, Overland Park, Salina and Wichita, as well as research and educational centers in Hays, Parsons,

Topeka and Yoder. The university has \$1.4 billion in endowment assets, according to the school's website.

Taking over the university's top job will come with some immediate challenges, including monitoring campuses in which concealed firearms will be allowed starting July 1 and the uncertainty surrounding state funding for higher education.

"I'm certainly honored and humbled at the privilege of leading this great institution, serving the state of Kansas and, of course, the Jayhawk nation," Girod said during his introduction on the university system's main campus in Lawrence.

Citing five successive years of growth in freshman enrollment, he said the university "has been on a remarkable trajectory."

Girod said he will continue championing the university's push for inclusion and diversity, as well as expanding efforts to recruit and retain students and help them graduate at an even higher rate.

As the medical center's executive vice chancellor for the past four years, Girod oversaw educational, research, patient care and community engagement efforts of the university's

medicine, nursing and health professions schools. Those schools have more than 3,300 students, 2,100 faculty and 4,000 staffers.

Girod, who joined the medical center's faculty in 1994 after having served in the Navy Reserve, also served as the medical school's interim executive dean until early 2014.

After 16 years, billion dollar project's fate rests in the hands of the Miami commission

By Watchdog News
Miami Herald: After 16 years, billion dollar project's fate rests in the hands of the Miami commission

The tumultuous saga of Flagstone Island Gardens is finally coming to a head after 16 years of lawsuits, delays and deadline extensions.

Miami commissioners have

called a special meeting Tuesday to debate the fate of the \$1 billion complex of shops and hotel towers that voters approved on Watson Island in 2001. Turkish developer Mehmet Bayraktar built and opened a mega-yacht marina early last year, but has only just begun work on the upland portion of the project — an action

that is now a point of contention.

Miami Commissioner Ken Russell says Bayraktar missed a May 1 deadline to legally "commence construction" of the retail and parking phase of the project. He wants commissioners to boot Flagstone off one of South Florida's most valuable pieces of public prop-

erty by declaring the developer in default of its city agreements.

"I understand they moved some dirt around a few days before [their deadline] to try to convince us that construction had begun," Russell told Miami's other commissioners earlier this month. "But their phased permit, which allows them to begin building before

the master permit is finally approved, actually expired back in March and was not reinstated until May 4. Three days late? No — it's 15 years and three days late."

Tampa Bay Times: Pinellas licensing board executive director settled hundreds of cases without getting his board's approval

Eleanor Morrison complained to the Pinellas licensing board in 2015 that her contractor installed crooked walls and windows and poured too much concrete for her carport.

A panel of experts reviewed the evidence and ruled in her favor. The contractor faced a fine and possible license suspension.

That's when Rodney Fischer stepped in.

The longtime executive director of the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board met with the contractor one-on-one, after which he dismissed the complaint.

No fine. No suspension. No public record outlining why he made the decision after the experts had reviewed the same case.

"It bothers me," said Morrison, of Treasure Island. "I feel like I didn't have my day in

court."

Fischer held similar private meetings a lot during his 16-year tenure, the Tampa Bay Times found. After the meetings, he often waived or lowered fines and sometimes dismissed complaints entirely.

The Gainesville Sun: Florida Highway Patrol dealing with trooper shortage

The number of speeding tickets issued by the Florida Highway Patrol has dropped for three straight years as the agency deals with a shortage of troopers.

Since 2010, the agency has lost 993 troopers — or about half of its workforce of 1,946 troopers, to retirement or resignations, the highway patrol's director Col. Gene Spaulding told the Miami Herald.

"That's a big turnover," said Spaulding, a 24-year veteran of the agency. "That's really tough."

This spring, for example, Spaulding said the agency has 240 vacancies and the reinforcements aren't filling the void. The trooper academy typically has 80 recruits per class three times a year. He said the current class doesn't even have half of that number.

Trump's 'Draconian' Budget Barely Dents Spending Increases

By Chris Edwards
CATO Institute

President Trump issued his first federal budget Tuesday, and critics have been quick to call the proposals cruel and heartless. It would cut federal spending by \$3.6 trillion over the next 10 years, which does sound massive. But consider that total spending over that period is expected to be an unfathomable \$53.5 trillion, and so Trump's reforms would be a reasonable 6.7 percent reduction.

Critics like to call the cuts "draconian" — one non-profit even said it was "taking us back to the Stone Age" — without acknowledging that they are a drop in a bucket compared to the overall growth in spending in the past decade.

The 2007 federal budget was

\$2.8 trillion. In 2016, it was \$3.85 trillion — an increase of 37.5 percent.

Overspending by the last occupant of the White House caused federal debt to roughly double from \$10 trillion to \$20 trillion. That was a cruel and heartless policy because it imposed huge costs on young Americans. Their prosperity is undermined by ongoing borrow-and-spend policies. We don't know whether Trump will end up being more fiscally responsible than President Obama. But he does get credit for challenging the status quo in his budget and pursuing belt-tightening across a range of federal programs.

The plan would cut Medicaid, the huge health program for low-income families. Medicaid spending exploded from

\$118 billion in 2000 to \$389 billion today because there are few incentives for cost control in the program. State governments are rewarded for expanding the program with more federal aid, which makes no sense. The Trump budget proposes ways to cap each state's federal aid payment.

The food stamp program is also on the chopping block. The program's cost has soared from \$18 billion in 2000 to \$71 billion today. Yet demand for the program should have plunged in recent years, as the U.S. unemployment rate has fallen to 4.4 percent. The Trump budget would tighten work requirements and share program costs with the states.

The budget would reform Social Security Disability Insurance. This program has also

grown excessively — from \$56 billion in 2000 to \$144 this year. A key problem is that SSDI discourages disabled Americans who can work, and often want to work, from entering the labor force. The Trump budget would change program rules to encourage work, while also cutting the program's large fraud problem.

Trump targets the excessive benefits paid to federal workers. The Congressional Budget Office found that federal workers receive benefits 47 percent higher, on average, than comparable private-sector workers. Unlike the vast majority of private workers, federal workers receive both a defined-contribution and a defined-benefit pension. Trump's budget would cut the latter.

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Kansas State Womens Track & Field Team Rankings

Women - Class 1A - Team Rankings - 18 Events Scored

1) Centralia	47.50	2) Hanover	46
3) Dighton	39	4) Hutch-Central Christian	38
5) Downs-Lakeside	37	6) Sylvan-Lucas Unified	34
7) Alma-Northern Vly	31	8) Beloit-St. John's	28
8) Olpe	28	10) Linn	25
11) Wallace County	24	12) Axtell	21
12) Victoria	21	14) Osborne	20
14) Randolph-Blue Valley	20	14) South Gray	20
17) Fowler	16	17) Mankato-Rock Hills	16
17) Frankfort	16	20) Kensington-Thunder Ridge	15
21) Rolla	12	22) Ingalls	11
22) Otis-Bison	11	24) Coldwater-So Cntrl	10
25) Quinter	9	25) Rexford-Golden Plains	9
27) Rozel-Pawnee Heights	8	28) Stockton	7.50
28) Goessel	7.50	30) Bucklin	7
30) La Crosse	7	32) Natoma	6
32) Logan	6	32) Lost Springs-Centre	6
35) Weskan	5.50	36) Cunningham	5
37) Clifton-Clyde	4	37) Deerfield	4
37) Southern Coffey County	4	40) Hope	3
40) Hodgeman County	3	40) Norwich	3
40) Burrton	3	40) Langdon-Fairfield	3
45) Minneola	2	46) Madison	1
46) South Barber	1	46) Doniphan West	1

Women - Class 2A - Team Rankings - 18 Events Scored

1) Blue Rapids-Valley Hts	76	2) Bennington	52.50
3) Meade	40	4) Kiowa County	36
5) Hill City	34	6) Shawnee-Maranatha Academy	33
7) Olathe-Heritage Christian	32	8) Herington	30
9) Kinsley	29	9) Ellis	29
11) Elbing-Berean Academy	27	12) Chase County	24
13) Trego Community	23.50	14) Sublette	20
15) Moundridge	18	16) Plainville	17
16) Smith Center	17	18) Moran-Marmaton Valley	16
19) Wabaunsee	15	20) Lincoln	13
21) Jackson Heights	11	22) Pittsburg-St. Marys-Colga	10
22) Republic County	10	22) Ness City	10
22) Troy	10	26) Salina-Sacred Heart	9.50
27) Claflin-Central Plains	8	27) Decatur Community	8
29) Washington County	7	30) Stanton County	6
31) Solomon	5.50	32) Hillsboro	5
33) St. John	4	34) Jefferson County North	3
34) Lyndon	3	36) Spearville	2
36) West Elk	2	38) Ellinwood	1
38) Oakley	1	38) McLouth	1
38) Uniontown	1	38) Rosalia-Flinthills	1
38) Canton-Galva	1		

Women - Class 6A - Team Rankings - 18 Events Scored

1) Junction City	68	2) Olathe-Northwest	66
3) Hutchinson	57	4) Olathe-South	39
4) OP-Blue Valley North	39	4) Garden City	39
7) Shawnee Mission-East	38	8) Lawrence Free State	35
9) Manhattan	32	10) Shawnee Mission-North	26
10) Wichita-Southeast	26	10) Olathe-North	26
13) Olathe-East	24	14) Shawnee Mission-South	22
15) Lawrence	21	15) OP-Blue Valley West	21
17) Gardner-Edgerton	20	18) Wichita-East	19
19) Topeka-Washburn Rural	18	20) Shawnee Mission-West	14
21) Shawnee Mission-Northwest	13	22) Dodge City	10
23) Haysville-Campus	8	23) OP-Blue Valley Northwest	8
25) OP-Blue Valley	7	26) Wichita-Northwest	4
27) Wichita-North	2		

Kansas State Mens Track & Field Team Rankings

Men - Class 1A - Team Rankings - 18 Events Scored

1) South Gray	93	2) Olpe	65
3) Beloit-St. John's	47.50	4) Scandia-Pike Valley	45
5) Centralia	42	6) St. Francis	36
7) Osborne	31	8) Stockton	30
9) Victoria	24	10) Ashland	22
11) Brewster	19	11) Wallace County	19
13) Lebo	17	14) Hanover	16.50
15) Hodgeman County	13.50	16) Cedar Vale	13
17) Alma-Northern Vly	11.50	18) South Barber	11
19) Pretty Prairie	10	19) Southern Coffey County	10
19) Attica	10	22) Downs-Lakeside	8
22) Burlingame	8	22) Tipton Catholic	8
25) Logan	7	25) Colony-Crest	7
25) Dighton	7	25) Hutch-Central Christian	7
29) South Haven	6	29) Norwich	6
29) Satanta	6	32) Mankato-Rock Hills	5
33) Peabody-Burns	4	33) Ingalls	4
33) Otis-Bison	4	33) Wilson	4
33) Minneola	4	38) La Crosse	3
38) Clifton-Clyde	3	38) Greeley County	3
38) Axtell	3	38) Frankfort	3
43) Wakefield	2	43) Little River	2
45) Caldwell	1	45) Grainfield-Wheatland	1

Men - Class 2A - Team Rankings - 18 Events Scored

1) Plainville	88	2) Stanton County	73.50
3) Smith Center	67	4) Yates Center	54
4) Washington County	54	6) Salina-Sacred Heart	36
6) Ness City	36	8) Republic County	25
9) Kiowa County	23	9) Pittsburg-St. Marys-Colga	23
11) Meade	21	12) Herington	18
13) Macksville	15	14) Hillsboro	14
15) Bennington	13	16) Ellis	12
17) St. John	10	18) Moundridge	9.50
19) Claflin-Central Plains	9	19) McLouth	9
21) Solomon	8	21) Wichita County	8
21) Elbing-Berean Academy	8	21) Inman	8
25) Jefferson County North	7	26) Pleasanton	6
26) Wabaunsee	6	26) Shawnee-Maranatha Academy	6
29) Leon-Bluestem	5	29) Jackson Heights	5
29) Hill City	5	32) KC Christian	4.50
33) Blue Rapids-Valley Hts	4	34) Ellinwood	3
35) Spearville	2	35) Oakley	2
35) Olathe-Heritage Christian	2	38) Sublette	1
39) Chase County	0.50		

Men - Class 6A - Team Rankings - 18 Events Scored

1) Hutchinson	65	2) Manhattan	50
3) Wichita-South	48	4) Garden City	38
5) OP-Blue Valley	37	5) Shawnee Mission-Northwest	37
7) Derby	35	7) Olathe-South	35
9) Topeka High	34	10) Gardner-Edgerton	30
11) Dodge City	25	12) Olathe-Northwest	24
13) Shawnee Mission-North	23	13) Shawnee Mission-West	23
13) Haysville-Campus	23	16) Olathe-North	21
17) Wichita-East	20	17) Wichita-Northwest	20
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Third Championship in 4 years

Valley Heights Girls Win State

For the third time in four years the Valley Heights Grils Track Team won the Kansas State Championship in Track and Field. The team scored 76 points with Bennington coming in 2nd with 52.50.

Girls State Champions from Blue Rapids are Skyler Saunders in the Girls High Jump with a State Record jump of 5ft. 8.5 inches; Kayla Smith is Girls State Champion in both the Long Jump and the Triple Jump.

Freshman Samantha Vermetten took Second in the 800 Meter run; the 3200 Meter run and the 1600 Meter run. Samantha was to run the 400 Meter Dash but she had a False Start and was disqualified.

Sister Shelby Vermetten took 2nd in the Girls Discus Throw.

The Valley Heights Boys came in 33rd with Adrian Pishny placing 5th in the 3200 Meter run for the only points.

Valley Heights Girls

Samantha Vermetten
2nd - 800 Meter Run
2nd - 3200 Meter Run
2rd - 1600 Meter Run
FS - 400 Meter Dash

Skyler Saunders
1st - Girls High Jump
Set State Record at 5ft. 8.5 inches
6th - Girls Triple Jump
3rd - Girls Pole Vault

Shelby Vermetten
2nd - Girls Discus Throw
10th - Girls Shot Put

Kayla Smith
5th - 100 Meter Dash
1st - Girls Triple Jump
8th - 200 Meter Dash
1st - Girls Long Jump

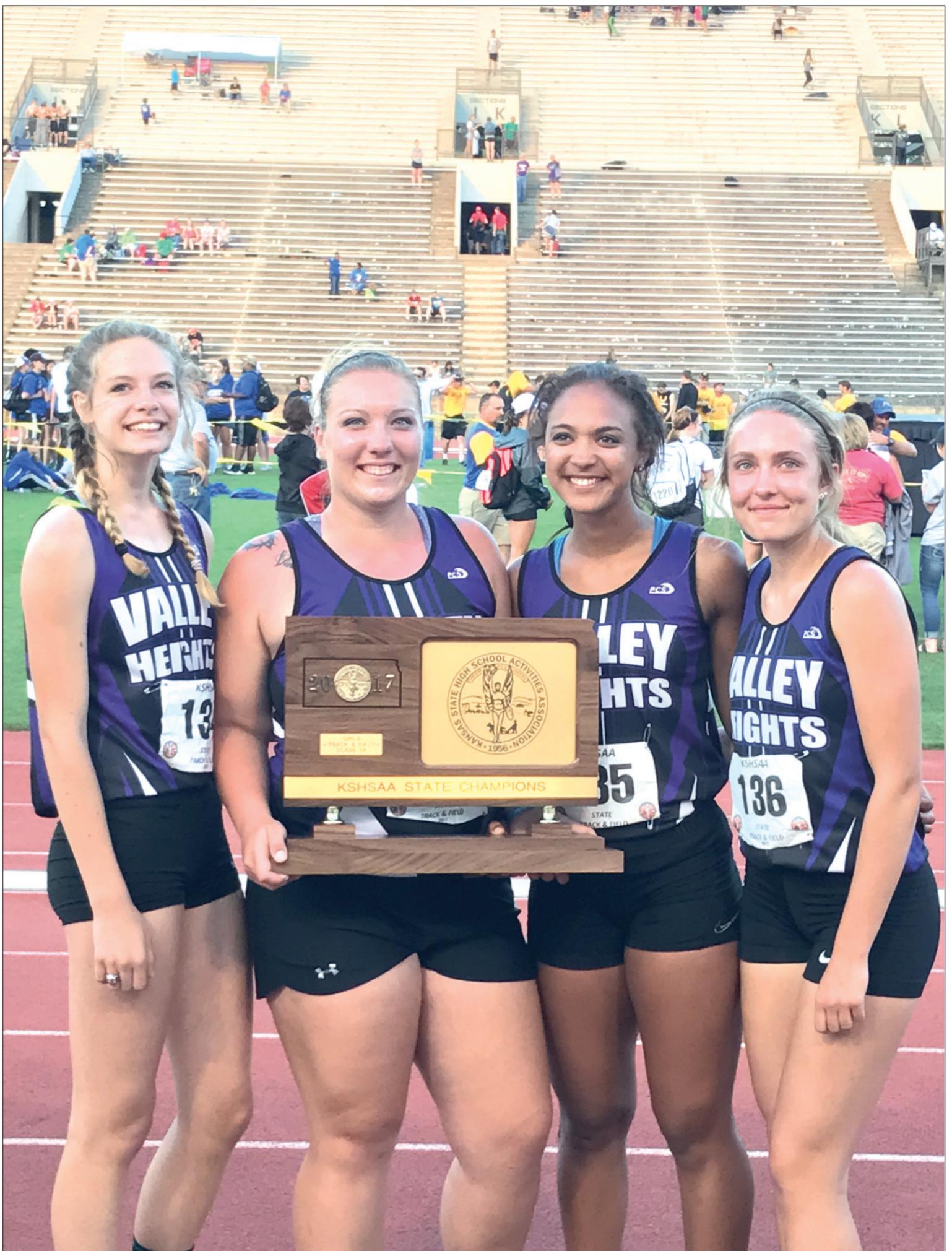
Valley Heights Boys

Adrian Pishny
5th - 3200 Meter Run
11 - Boys 1600 Meter Run

Alex Hardin
12th - 800 Meter Run

9th Place - Boys 4x800 Meter Relay
1. Jeremy Reed, 2. Cole Coggin, 3. Logan Woodyard, 4. Alex Hardin.

11th Place Prelims - Boys 4x400 Meter Relay
1. Jeremy Reed, 2. Cole Coggin, 3. Logan Woodyard, 4. Alex Hardin



The Valley Heights Girls Track Team won the Kansas State Track and Field Championships Friday and Saturday and are pictured with the State Trophy. The Third State Trophy the School has won in the past four years. From left to right are: Skyler Saunders, Shelby Vermetten, Kayla Smith and Samantha Vermetten. (Photo by Mike Vermetten)

Slain boy's case raises interest in child welfare oversight

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Records released last week that indicate Kansas officials investigated claims of child abuse for several years before a 7-year-old boy was tortured, starved, killed and fed to pigs may be strengthening some lawmakers' desire to increase oversight of the child welfare system.

The records show that Kansas Department for Children and Families officials investigated claims of child abuse over several years and had contact with Adrian Jones' father, Michael Jones, and stepmother, Heather Jones, who are now both serving life sentences for killing him. Some lawmakers say Adrian's case is further proof that the child welfare system needs reform.

"It is tragic that it took this level of catastrophe to bring notice to the problems that many

of us have seen in the system," said Republican Sen. Barbara Bollier, of Mission Hills.

An audit of the foster care system completed this spring determined that children in foster care weren't always kept safe and that the system didn't have enough homes or case workers. It also determined family support workers employed by contractors that provide foster care services didn't have enough experience. Adrian was never placed in foster care, but his family received support services from one of the state contractors providing family support and foster care placement services.

House and Senate negotiators are working on a bill that would create a task force to oversee the foster care system. Bollier,

who is on the conference committee, said she thinks the concept has momentum because of Adrian's case.

Under the bill, the task force of 10 legislators and eight stakeholders would meet six times a year.

Democrat Sen. Laura Kelly, of Topeka, said she'd like to see the task force have more child welfare stakeholders and experts instead of legislators. She said she'd also like it to meet more frequently and look at child welfare in general, not just foster care.

Republican Rep. Linda Gallagher, of Lenexa, said the task force wouldn't get "too deep into the weeds" on individual cases, but that it might study Adrian's case as an example of

where the system can go wrong.

Republican Rep. Brenda Landwehr, of Wichita, said the task force may want to review the system, but that people shouldn't point fingers at the Department for Children and Families because of Adrian's case.

The House Federal and State Affairs Committee also considered a bill that would require adults living in a home with an abused or neglected child to report that abuse. But that bill was introduced in May and likely won't get a vote as lawmakers spend most of their time working to balance the state's budget and wrap up the legislative session. Lawmakers budgeted to spend 100 days in Topeka but will return for day 102 on Tuesday.

Mary K. Kimmerling

Mary K. Zimmerling, age 60, of Marysville, passed away at KU Medical Center in Kansas City on Sunday, May 21, 2017, after a short illness.

Mary is survived by her two children; Rachel Musil of

Marysville and Jacob "Jake" (Gretchen) Schmitz of Lenexa, her mother, Vivian Grybko of Frankfort.

Memorial services are planned for 10:30 am, Saturday, June 10, 2017, at the American

Legion in Marysville.

Mary elected to donate her earthly body to the Medcure Whole Body Donation. A private inurnment will be held at a later date.

A full obituary will follow later.

Services arranged by Terry-Christie Funeral Home, Waterville, Kansas.

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Dallas "Jean" Whitlinger

Dallas "Jean" Whitlinger, age 79, of Marysville, passed away on Saturday, May 27, 2017, at Cambridge Place in Marysville.

Jean was born June 23, 1937, at Marysville, to Joseph C. and Alice N. (Fletcher) Tidwell. She married Jim McClung, they later divorced. She then married John Whitlinger, they later divorced. Jean worked as a Mail Carrier for the US Post Office, retiring in 1969 after an injury.

She had a big heart and once you were in her home, you became family.

Survivors include her two daughters Tami (Mark) Antoine of Marysville, Jennifer (Kade) Smith of Marysville, a son Todd Taylor of Denver, seven grandchildren, and ten grandchildren.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, a son Mitchell L. McClung, three sisters;

JoAnn Walters, Joyce King and June Myers, and a brother, Abe Tidwell.

Viewing will be from noon to 8:00 pm, Tuesday, at Terry-Christie Funeral Home in Waterville. Jean's family will receive guests at the funeral home from 6:00-8:00 pm in the evening.

Funeral services are planned for 2:00 pm, Wednesday, May 31, 2017, at the United Methodist Church in Marysville, with Pastor Dale Lewis officiating. The organist is Deb Landoll, who will accompany Mandy Cook and Wayne Kruse as they sing "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In The Garden". The congregation will sing "Amazing Grace". Casket Bearers are Justin Knecht, Dale Linck, Kade Smith, Dalton Roever, Fletch Tidwell and Donald Taylor. Honorary Bearers are Greg

Taylor, Scott Taylor, William Rockwell and Lisa Nolan. Burial is at Prospect Hill Cemetery.

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The Farmers Cooperative will hold a dedication for their new Train Shuttle Facility on Tuesday, June 13th near Frankfort, Kansas. An Open House will be held from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm with Tours, Prizes, and Give-A-Ways. A brief Ribbon cutting Ceremony will start at 10:30 and a meal will be provided. The new facility is lo-

cated at 2084 Tumbleweed Road just slightly north and west of Frankfort. All Producers are encouraged to attend the event.

The Farmers Cooperative Train Loading Shuttle is an advanced, Automated Grain Handling System. This 30 million dollar facility has a total storage capacity of 4.1 million bushels.

Farmers Cooperative plans to handle at least 8 to 10 million bushels each year from this facility. The Shuttle Loader contains over 8000 feet of track in a loop system so the train unit is never broken. Unit Trains with 110 cars can easily be loaded in less than 15 hours. Producers delivering grain to the facility will find a state of the art scale system that contains both inbound and outbound scales so driver never leaves the cab. Unloading by truck should be relatively quick with the 3 unloading pits that have a 49,000 bushel per hour elevation capacity.

According to Dennis Kenning, Sales & Marketing Manager, "the facility was constructed to better serve our Kansas and southern Nebraska Producers." Our company has always believed in "Investing in our Owners' Success", and this is just one of the many ways we reinvest to better serve our patrons. We know that Frankfort

is a great place to open a facility like this. Taxes from the investment help support government entities and it creates jobs. Dale Hayek, Farmers Cooperative Grain Manager explains that "the facility will bring new grain markets to Northeast Kansas. This will save producer's freight expense while providing higher cash prices for grain. Economically the facility will create more activity for Frankfort and the surrounding area. This is a Long term investment for the Farmers Cooperative."

The Farmers Cooperative includes major locations in Beat-
Frankfort, Summerfield, Marietta, Waterville, Blue Rapids, Hanover, and Herkimer. The company headquarters is located in Dorchester, Nebraska.

Kenning also went on to say, "We hope all Producers will come out and see the facility. The event will be held rain or shine."

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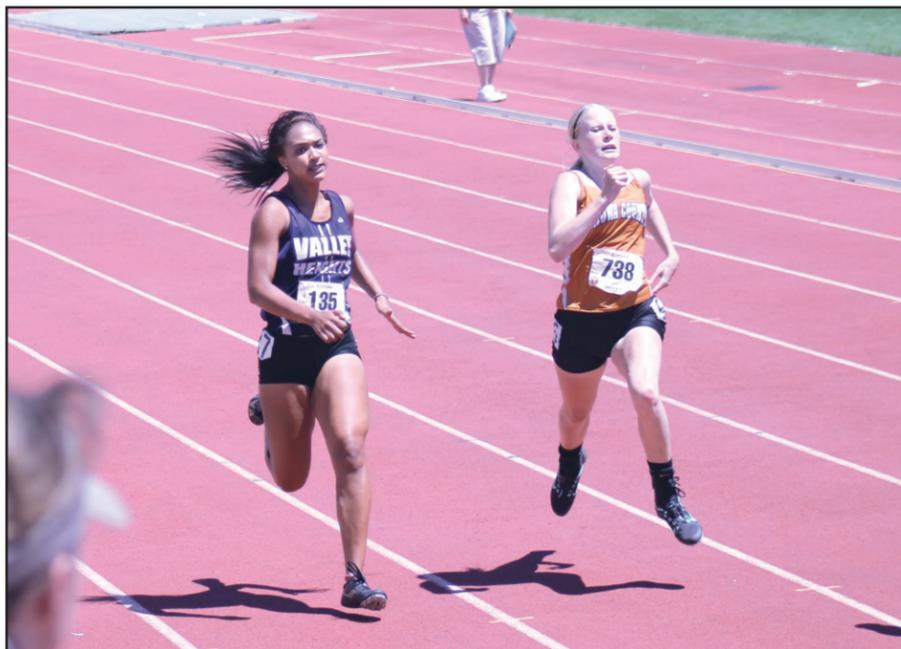
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Adrian Pishny (1) gets ready for one of his two runs.



Kayla Smith (135) took part in 4 events at the State Track Meet.



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Skyler Saunders took home first place in the high jump and set a new state record.

Ice Age Exhibit Opens at Museum

Blue Rapids, Kansas, 27 May 2017 - Blue Rapids History Museum on the Square continues to grow. A new permanent exhibit shows how the Ice Age influenced the founding site for this delightful small northeastern Kansas city.

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Visitors to the Blue Rapids History Museum from 5 to 95 will have fun learning about Blue Rapids' glacier past. Ice Age prehistory is amazing.

Come and visit this exciting and informative new exhibit in visitor-friendly Blue Rapids.

Elevators scrambling as Kansas wheat harvest nears

By ROXANA HEGEMAN Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Grain elevators across Kansas are feverishly working to move last year's grain out to make room for the new winter wheat crop as another harvest nears.

Kansas Grain and Feed Association executive director Tom Tunnell says there is still a storage issue, particularly in southwest Kansas.

state's southernmost counties and moves northward as the wheat ripens.

Cutting could begin late next week in south-central Kansas with harvest expected to be in full swing by the second week of June.

Farmers are grappling with damp weather, crop diseases and low prices.

The activity at elevators comes amid a wheat crop that has begun ripening. The Kansas harvest typically begins in the

Cash prices that are \$1 to \$1.50 a bushel below breakeven cost.

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Trump honors fallen and families in Memorial Day address

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) -- President Donald Trump on Monday expressed the nation's "boundless" gratitude for the ultimate sacrifice paid by Americans in defense of the United States, dedicating his first Memorial Day address as commander in chief to a top Cabinet secretary and two other families who lost loved ones.

Participating in the somber, annual observance at Arlington National Cemetery, Trump recounted the stories of Green Beret Capt. Andrew D. Byers of Colorado Springs and Christopher D. Horton of the Oklahoma National Guard as Byers' tearful parents and Horton's emotional widow looked on.

Trump also singled out for special mention Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly, a retired Marine lieutenant general whose son, Robert, also a Marine, was killed after he stepped on a land mine while

on patrol in southern Afghanistan in November 2010.

Trump addressed Gold Star families, those that have lost loved service members: "They each had their own names, their own stories, their own beautiful dreams. But they were all angels sent to us by God and they all share one title in common and that is the title of hero, real heroes."

"Though they were here only a brief time before God called them home, their legacy will endure forever," Trump said.

Horton, a sniper sent to Afghanistan in 2011, died in a gun battle with the Taliban near the Pakistan border three months into his deployment. Byers was on his third combat tour and, Trump said, ran through smoke and a hail of bullets to rescue an Afghan soldier when he was killed last November.

Secretary Kelly's other son,

Johnny, is getting ready for his fifth military deployment. A son-in-law, Jake, is a wounded warrior.

Trump also recognized former U.S. senator and GOP presidential nominee Bob Dole, 93, who suffered lifelong injuries during World War II. He attended the ceremony along with his wife, Elizabeth Dole, also a former U.S. senator.

"As we honor the brave warriors who gave their lives for ours, spending their last moments on this earth in defense of this country and of its people, words cannot measure the depth of their devotion, the purity of their love or the totality of their courage," Trump said.

"We only hope that every day we can prove worthy not only of their sacrifice and service, but of the sacrifice made by the families and loved ones they

left behind. Special, special people," he said.

Before the remarks, Trump laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, holding his hands on it for a long moment before stepping away. He then rested his hand on his heart as a bugler played "Taps."

Stepping to the microphone to deliver the address, Trump seemed to relish the warm welcome from the audience gathered in the sun-splashed amphitheater. Trump has been feeling particularly aggrieved in recent weeks by federal and congressional investigations into contacts between his associates and Russian government officials, including news reports that Jared Kushner, his son-in-law and top White House adviser, proposed establishing secret back-channel communications with Russia during the presidential transition.

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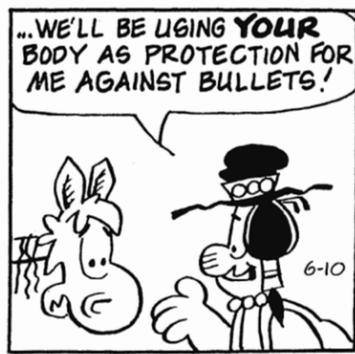
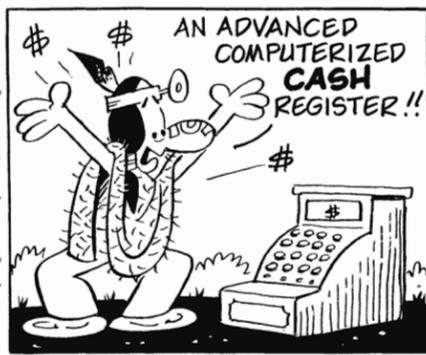
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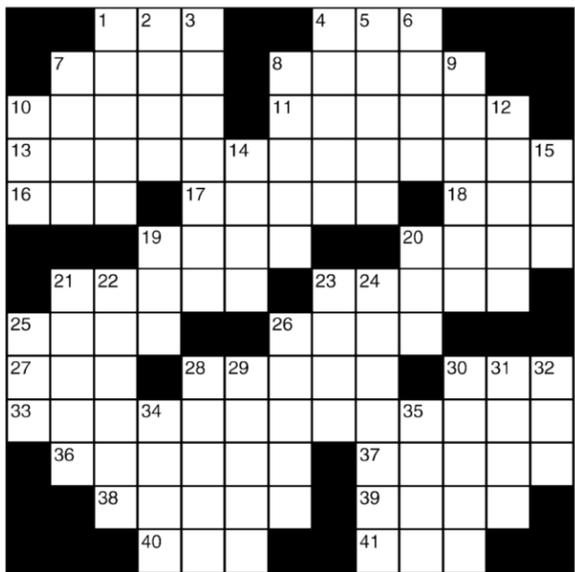
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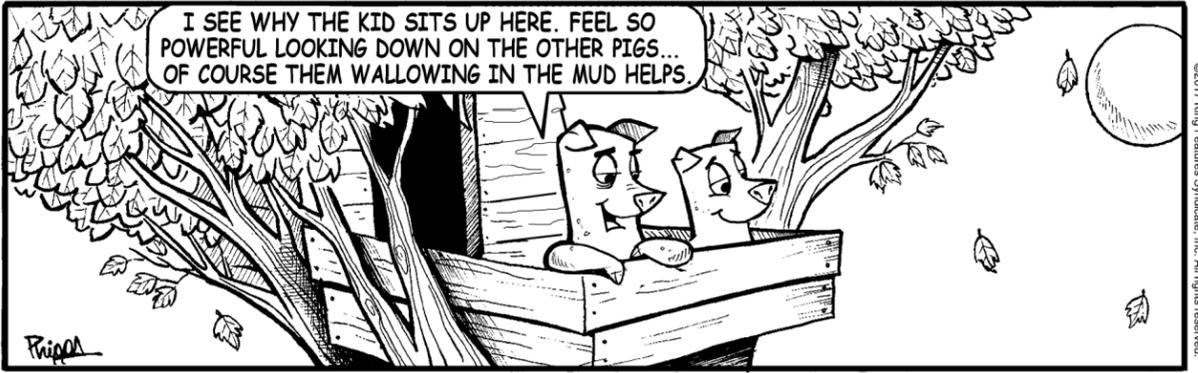


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Amber Waves

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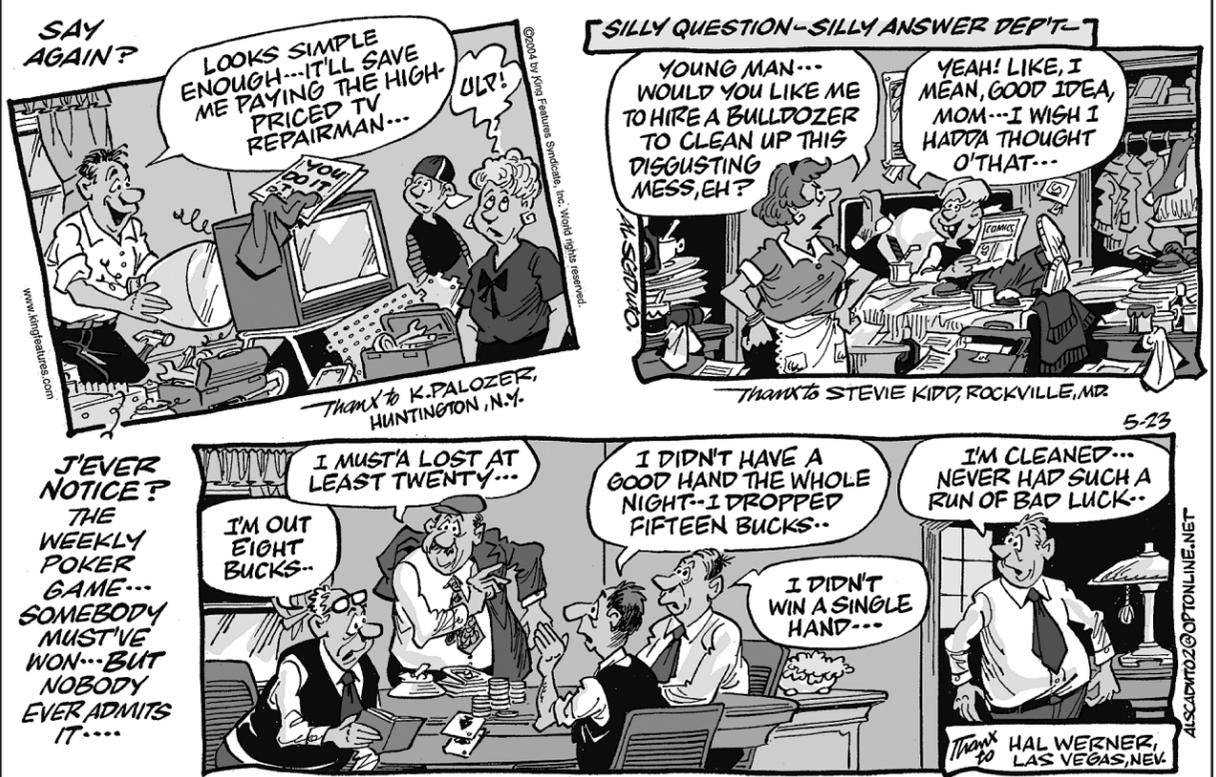
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Georgena Lindquist

Kansas State Women Win Big 12 Championship



Kansas State's Nina Schultz also brought home High Point Scorer of the Meet honors, totaling 25 points here she is picking up points in the High Jump.

KSU Sports Information

LAWRENCE, Kan. – Entering the final day of competition with a 16-point lead over the rest of the field, the 12th-ranked Kansas State women's track team used individual titles from Nina Schultz (high jump) and Shadae Lawrence (discus) to help propel them to the program's third Big 12 Outdoor Conference Championship, and first since 2002, on Sunday at Rock Chalk Park.

The Wildcats finished the three-day competition with a program-best 133 total points, holding off a surging Texas team which finished as the runner-up with 128.5 total points. It is K-State's first women's outdoor team title since 2002 when the team scored 121 points to win the crown in Columbia, Missouri.

Schultz also brought home High Point Scorer of the Meet honors, totaling 25 points for the women's side after competing in the javelin throw, high jump, long jump, 100-meter

hurdles and the 4x400-meter relay.

"I thought we were a year away because this is an extremely young team," Director of Track and Field and Cross Country Cliff Rovelto said. "It is so hard to win a conference title. But this group did not want to wait a year. They wanted it now. They competed their guts out."

Schultz's big day started in the women's high jump, where she took her first career Big 12 title with a huge personal-best mark of 1.82m/5-11.50. She opened at 1.63m/5-04.25 and was perfect through her first three bars before missing at once at 1.76m/5-09.25. She then cleared her next two bars, including the winning bar of 1.82m/5-11.50, on her first attempt to seal the title.

The New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada, native then stepped onto the track for the 100-meter hurdles finals, where she posted a time of 13.40 (3.5) to finish in seventh

place and earn two more points for the team. She closed out the day as a member of the 4x400-meter relay, where she helped the Wildcats earn a sixth-place finish with a time of 3:36.94 to close out the meet.

Throwing at the same time as Schultz, Lawrence faced windy conditions on her first three attempts and sat in third place with a best throw of 54.86m/heading into the finals. The sophomore then proved why she is the best discus thrower in the conference, shattering the school, facility and conference championship record on her fifth attempt with a mark of 62.59m/205-04. All three of her attempts in the finals were over 60 meters, making her the only athlete to eclipse the 60-meter mark in the event.

The turning point of the day was the Wildcats' 4x100-meter relay squad, which finished runner-up in the race. Entering the day with the seventh-best time in the Big 12, the group

made up of Akia Guerrier, A'Keyla Mitchell, Ranae McKenzie and Claudette Allen, finish in second place with a time of 44.93 to earn eight team points and extend the team's lead.

There were plenty of other dominant results on the final day of the Big 12 Championship.

K-State saw its other three women's high jumpers score as well, with Rhizlane Siba taking third place with a mark of 1.76m/5-09.25.

Shanae McKenzie, a sophomore, also cleared 1.76m/5-09.25, a new personal best in the event, while fellow sophomore Morgan Coffman rounded out the scoring efforts with a clearance of 1.73m/5-08 to finish in seventh place.

Sophomore Shardia Lawrence had a big day in the field in triple jump, finishing runner-up by just one centimeter with a huge season-best jump of 13.79m/45-03 (3.4) to claim eight points. Freshman

Konstantina Romaiou scored in the event with a mark of 13.08m/42-11 (4.3) to finish in seventh place.

On the track, McKenzie posted a time of 58.23 in the 400-meter hurdles to finish in third place. Mitchell, a junior, also finished in the top-five in her final, taking fifth place in the 200-meter dash with a season-best time of 23.07 (3.4). Senior Marija Stambolic took eighth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:15.37.

The women earned their victory with plenty of help on Friday and Saturday, including conference titles by Janee' Kasanavoid (hammer throw) and Morgan Wedekind (3,000-meter steeplechase). Full recaps from the first two days of competition can be found on the K-State track website here.

On the men's side, there were plenty of scoring efforts on the final day of action in Lawrence. In the field, newcomer Javier Lowe took sixth place in his first triple jump

competition of the outdoor season with a mark of 15.64m/51-03.75 (3.2). Sophomore Brett Neelly also scored in field events, finishing in eighth place in the discus with a toss of 51.70m/169-07. Neelly won the men's shot put title on Saturday.

Junior Terrell Smith had a dominant day on the track. He opened the day in the 100-meter dash, where he placed fifth with a time of 10.19 (5.3). He returned an hour later to claim a bronze medal in the 200-meter dash, posting a season-best time of 20.44 (4.0). Elsewhere on the track, Kain Ellis took fourth place in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:52.29.

K-State returns to action in two weeks as the team heads to Austin, Texas, for the 2017 NCAA Division I Track and Field West Preliminary. More information on the meet, including ticket information, a complete schedule and more, can be found on the Texas track and field website here.

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