

# Dalton family shoots again in Coffeyville - this time with cameras

Coffeyville area recently used as film site for independent sci-fi short film, written by descendant of Bill Dalton

BY MARTHA BOUCHER  
Staff Reporter

This past week, Coffeyville was host to a line up of actors and crew members working on their short film - *Event Virus*. The movie was written by Deborah Dalton, a descendant of Bill Dalton of the Wild Bunch, who came back to her family's land for the filming location. *Event Virus* was filmed at the Dalton farm over the course of three days.

Dalton's family, according to Deborah, is descended from Bill Dalton through a Charles Coleman Dalton. Bill Dalton (who is Mason Frakes Dalton, also known as William M. Dalton) was brother to the founders of



Actor Kevin Medlin prepares for a scene in *Event Virus*, slated by clapper loader Tristan Moles. The short film was shot in the Coffeyville area this past week. Martha Boucher | Staff Photo

the Dalton gang - Gratton, Bob and Emmett. Bill, however, was a co-leader of another gang, the Wild Bunch, which he led with Bill Doolin. They were also known as the Doolin-Dalton Gang or the Oklahombres. After his prolific outlaw career with the gang, Bill Dalton

was shot and killed by a posse near Ardmore, OK.

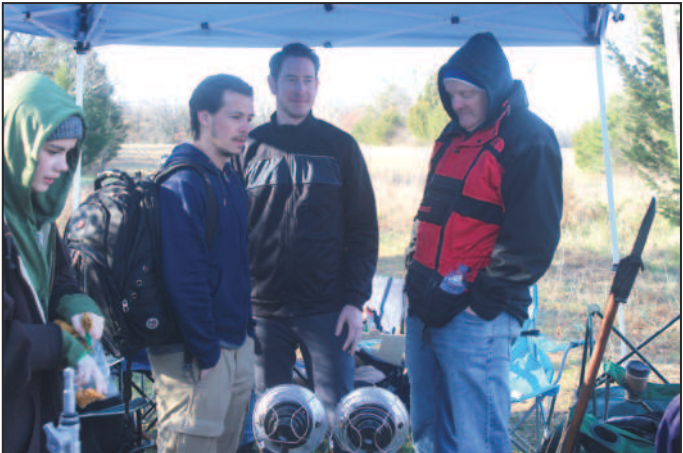
Deborah herself resides in Topeka, but has visited Coffeyville most of her life and felt grateful that her family had the land available for her film. *Event Virus* will be her first fully developed film project, though she has had

a few almost make it out of development. It's a science fiction short film that follows a survivalist struggling to hold onto a hologram copy of his late brother in a world where a terrorist or-

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From left to right, *Event Virus* actors, Baracha Walston, Davis DeRock, Kevin Medlin, Ragen Locricchio and Miles Trajan. Courtesy Photo



Actors Kevin Medlin (left), Davis DeRock (center) and *Event Virus* stunt coordinator and safety officer Eddie Conna stay warm with a propane tank during their shoot on the morning of Sunday, March 26. Martha Boucher | Staff Photo

# Community outcry continues via social media and further gatherings; City Attorney resigns

BY MARTHA BOUCHER  
Staff Reporter

The Coffeyville City Commission has not, as of press time, made any public statement concerning the termination of former Fire Chief Kenny Ward by City Manager Mark Hall and the resulting public outcry, aside from the one anonymous Commissioner who gave a comment to Journal staff in the March 18 edition. Since the City Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 14, which featured community members voicing their opposition to the termination to the Commission, frustration seems to have risen in Coffeyville.

The Coffeyville community has planned a Town Hall meeting for Monday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m to discuss the situa-

tion. Also, according to social media, Coffeyville community members intend to make another appearance at this week's City Commission meeting on Tuesday evening.

Additionally, it became public knowledge last week on that Paul Kritz, Coffeyville's long-standing City Attorney, had turned in his resignation. This happened on Thursday, March 23. Kritz has not announced his reason, but has offered to stay in his position until a replacement can be found.

The City of Coffeyville Facebook page posted for the vacant position of Fire Chief on Tuesday, March 21, to much public backlash on the post itself.

A write-up covering both the Town Hall and City Commission meeting will be in Saturday's Journal.

# Armed suspect robs Coffeyville Walmart at gunpoint - still at large

BY MARTHA BOUCHER  
Staff Reporter

The Coffeyville Police Department is seeking help with identifying the pictured suspect.

On Sunday, March 26, at 6:40 p.m, CPD officers were dispatched to the Walmart in Coffeyville for an armed robbery that had just taken place.

According to CPD, the suspect brandished a firearm, robbed the store clerk and left with an undisclosed amount of cash. Suspect appears to be a white male - possibly hispanic, according to CPD - and 40 - 50 years old. He was last seen leaving the store, heading southbound, on CR 5300 towards East 8th Street in a dark-colored, possibly black, extended cab Ford Ranger



Armed robber suspect. | Courtesy Photo

pickup.

To relay information about this case anonymously, call Officer Hagebusch at (620) 252-6160 or message the CPD on Facebook (Coffeyville Police Department).

# Gemma Becerra, a new life in Coffeyville

BY MARTHA BOUCHER  
Staff Reporter

Journal readers should know the name of Gemma. Gemma Becerra is our weekly columnist, having started up this past year. Australian by birth and nature, Becerra is now a homeowner and resident of The Ville and has lived in the states for the past 26 years.

With hopes of writing and growing in community for the future, Becerra



Gemma Becerra, a lady about Coffeyville

is glad to now have a home in Coffeyville after living in many places throughout her life. A daughter of teachers who were also missionaries, Becerra has stated that she "was blessed to have righteous parents and Godly grandparents." She currently attends Coffeyville's First Church of the Nazarene.

Her business is in essential oils - mixing scents, creating concoctions that are specific to certain health problems

or healing sunburns and beyond. She has clients all around who she fills orders for and creates blends for. "Now that I'm warming up with the writing thing, [I'm hoping to start] writing content on all the oils - how to use them," she added.

Becerra lives in a sweet house in town, off the road, with one of her sons, Joshua. With oils in the

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# Kim Baker Jones, Coffeyville's resident photographer

BY MARTHA BOUCHER  
Staff Reporter

If you are at a Coffeyville event, there's a good chance you will see Kim

Baker Jones there with camera in tow. Jones is the full-time lead secretary at Field Kindley High School (FKHS) but also runs a photography business.

For her business, she has won the Best Small Business for 2022 from the Coffeyville Area Chamber of Commerce. Through the years, she has done proj-

ects and shoots for different businesses, organizations and individuals in

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# Tyro Community Christian School opens pre-enrollment

Tyro Community Christian School is currently enrolling pre-school through 12th grade students for the 2023-2024 school year. Pre-enrollment is going on now through April 21. Tuition assistance and scholarships are available for students

who qualify. The Kansas Private School Scholarship is available for students who are currently enrolled in a public school or who are starting Kindergarten next

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## OBITUARIES

### Rita Marie (Cillessen) Rinkenbaugh

Rita Marie (Cillessen) Rinkenbaugh, 98, passed away on March 25, 2023 at Coffeyville Regional Medical Center surrounded by her very close family.

Rita was born November 3, 1924 at home in Coffeyville to George H. and Mary (Molly) Cillessen. She spent most of her childhood days in Coffeyville. She attended Holy Name Catholic School, Roosevelt Junior High and Field Kindley Memorial High School, graduating in 1942. She graduated from St. Edwards Mercy School of Nursing in Fort Smith, AR, and returned to Coffeyville to begin her storied nursing career. She married Floyd J. Rinkenbaugh on June 21, 1952 at Holy Name Catholic Church, attended by her brother-in-law, Bernard Boehm, and sister, Betty Cillessen. Floyd died in 1985.

Rita's nursing career began at the Southeast Kansas Hospital, pre-dating the Coffeyville Memorial Hospital, where she started as a staff nurse and was promoted to superintendent. She was named Director of Nursing at the "Old Southeast" as the new hospital was being staffed. Rita was then office nurse for J.D. McMillian M.D. before starting her family. Rita was the first nurse for the Head Start program when it was initiated in Coffeyville in 1966. She spent time at various nursing positions at SEK ap, Wm. T. Read, M.D., and Coffeyville Memorial Hospital in CCU, O.B. and as the Director of Nursing. She started the CRMC Home Health program in 1985. Rita retired from CRMC in 1986. In 1994, Rita was the first female inducted into the CRMC Hall of Fame. A bronze plaque is displayed at the hospital as testimony to her exemplary nursing career.

Rita was very active in the Coffeyville community and in Holy Name Catholic Church and School. She sat on the Kansas State Board of Nursing, the SEK Vocational-Technical Advisory Board, and District III of Kansas State Nursing Association. She volunteered in a number of organizations including Hospice, Matinee Musical and Searchlight. For years, she organized and led the Red Cross Blood Mobile drives, personally calling for volunteers and donors. She made communion calls to shut-ins, was the Health Chairman of Holy Name School PTA, a member of St. Teresa Circle of the Holy Name Altar Society. Rita was an Associate of the Sisters of St. Joseph. She initiated the local chapter of Faith and Light to assist those with intellectual disabilities and their friends and families.

Rita loved to sew and was an avid football and baseball fan but the hobbies and interests that meant the most to her were volunteering to help others, sharing her professionalism, faith and family.

Rita is survived by five of her seven children: John (Diane), Collinsville, OK, William (Bill) (Teri), El Dorado, KS, Robert (Tammi), Mary Ann (Craig) Dreiling, Wichita, KS, Rita (Mike) Taylor, Independence, KS and daughter-in-law, Sandi (Joe), Wann, OK, 23 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews and their families.

Rita was preceded in death by her parents George and Mary Cillessen, husband Floyd, son Joe, and daughter Susan; her siblings, Josephine (Jo) Ruzicka, Mary Eshelman, Francis Cillessen, Betty Farrell, William Cillessen, Jeroma (Jerry) Boehm, and Sister Mary Blaise Cillessen, O.S.B.

The Rosary will be prayed at 7 PM, Thursday, March 30th, at Holy Name Catholic Church, 408 Willow St. in Coffeyville, KS.

The Mass of Christian Burial celebrating Rita's faith-filled life will be celebrated Friday, March 31st, at 11 AM at Holy Name Catholic Church with interment following at Calvary Cemetery, all officiated by Father James Schibi.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 30th from 9 – 5 at David W. Barnes Funeral Home in Coffeyville.

Memorials can be made to Holy Name Catholic Church, the American Red Cross or CRMC, contributions may be left with or mailed in care of David W. Barnes Funeral Home, 306 North Cline Road, Coffeyville, KS 67337.

To leave a message for the family please visit [www.dwbfbh.com](http://www.dwbfbh.com).

David W. Barnes Funeral home of Coffeyville is in charge of arrangements.

### Diana Ryan

Diana Ryan, 64 died on Tuesday March 21st, 2023.

The daughter of Howard and Katherine Smith, she was born on March 28, 1958 in Coffeyville. She married Lonnie Ryan on May 26th, 1976. They have 3 daughters and 2 sons together. They divorced in 2002.

She is preceded in death by her parents and one brother. She is survived by daughters Billie Ryan, Debby Garrett, and Kristy Maldonado; her two sons Lonnie Ryan Jr and Lloyd Ryan. Also three sisters: Nancy Reeves, Melissa Smith, Anita Hall; four brothers: Howard Smith, Joe Smith, Robbie Smith, Toby Smith and she has nine grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

She will be cremated by The David Barnes Funeral Home.

## ET CETERA

### DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT MEETING AND NOWATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Sally McClendon, 918 559-2617

The Nowata County Democratic Party will hold a Democratic County Convention on Saturday, April 8, 2023. The convention will be held at the Nowata City/County Library in the west room. The address is 224 S. Pine in Nowata, OK.

A Precinct Meeting will be held prior to the Convention. The precinct is the most important unit of the political party. All Democratic voters from all Nowata county precincts are urged to participate. It is an opportunity to have a say in how the Party conducts business and in the issues, which it addresses. Voters, who are not sure of their precinct numbers, can have help at the registration desk. Please arrive by 1:30 PM to register and review information. At 2:00 PM the Precinct Meeting will begin. The Convention will begin at 2:30 PM.

### Rita Ann (Smith) Johnson

Rita Ann (Smith) Johnson, 60, Ponca City, Oklahoma formerly of Coffeyville, passed away Friday, March 24, 2023, at Alliance Health in Ponca City. Graveside Services will be at 2:00 p.m. Friday in Calvary Cemetery in Coffeyville. David W. Barnes Funeral Home of Coffeyville is in charge of arrangements.

## • Dalton family

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ganization is murdering people with a computer virus through technological implants inside people's bodies.

"This is an idea I've been kicking around for about 10 years now, and it's gone through many revisions," said Dalton. "Originally, the story was about a second Carington Event that destroyed technology on earth, but that takes too much exposition and time for a 15 minute film, so we had to have people take direct action because that can be explained immediately."

Professionals from California and more locally in Kansas City traveled to the Coffeyville area for the shoot. *Event Virus* was directed by Andrea Fantauzzi, who is an actor and director from Kansas City. Her directing credits include Letters from a Father, which won multiple awards in the film festival circuit. She currently works in the industry, going back and forth between Los Angeles and KC. Fantauzzi said that she was very excited to work with her actors.

"I am also an actor as well," she said. "I tend to function more so as an actor/director where I'm very much into the text and we go over goals and expectations and just do all of that fun stuff and make sure that we've got a really strong character just all the way around."

Fantauzzi compared her directing style of *Event Virus* to Hayao Miyazaki's *Princess Mononoke*. "There's not anyone that's 'bad', there's a lot of gray and we very much dive into that," she commented. Dalton added that she enjoys writing stories that host such moral dilemmas and letting the audience absorb the sympathies for each side. "To fit it into 15 to 18 minutes is going to be quite a challenge, but I know that we're up for it," she said.

The movie was shot over the course of three days and, as there were action shots needed, hosted Eddie Conna from California who served as the safety officer and stunt coordinator. Conna has been in the movie business for over 35 years and is currently in the process of moving to Hawaii, but did make the trip in between to work on *Event Virus*. Throughout the three days, Dalton ferried actors back and forth from her family's land and assisted with and observed the filming. "This will be my first time on a live movie set, although I have been to a film workshop before," she said. "I'm thankful that I've been able to bring in a director and cinematographer who really know their stuff. They're practiced filmmakers as well as great storytellers in their own right."

Per her writing background, Dalton has published a fantasy novel, *Crown of the Realm (All Things Impossible 1)* which won the bronze for the 2019 Readers' Favorite Annual Book Awards. She began writing scripts in 2008 as a passion hobby and has had a few options for development in the past few years. The COVID-19 pandemic held back one of her more recent film projects, so *Event Virus* is her first script to see development to the end.

According to Dalton, the film will be on the film festival circuit starting in late 2023. After it makes the rounds, it will be on Youtube for public viewing. The Coffeyville Journal will keep folks updated for when *Event Virus* becomes available to watch.

"Hopefully, *Event Virus* does well in the film festival circuit and we can garner support to create a feature-length movie about it," finished Dalton.

Keep up with Dalton's work via her website: [darkkingdomarts.com](http://darkkingdomarts.com).

## • Gemma Becerra

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basement and squirrels in the garden, she describes it as her "fairytale cottage in the woods".

This past year, she said, was put aside as a sabbatical. "It was my first year in my new home and I told myself I was going to take two years to just enjoy settling in - it took me awhile to get here. I really just enjoyed it and soaked everything up and made new friends."

"I feel like I'm to lay foundation for my business, ready to build it," she added, saying that before coming to Coffeyville, she was a single-mother living a semi-nomadic existence. "Now I'm here, I can let it grow. So, this year's about laying that groundwork."

Becerra spoke about de-cluttering and cleaning things up in her diet and spiritually and how it has helped her to visualize what is best for the future. "Where can I do the most good for the most people?," she mused, saying that stripping things down to simplicity and praying has been helping her with this.

She praised her local church and pastor, Luke Letsinger at the Nazarene church, for the guidance she has received spiritually. "He's a really good Bible student, he really studies and I love the stuff he does and he's really earnest, he loves people, he loves God," he said.

The church is going through the book of Lamentations currently and Becerra emphasized the need for grief and sorrow during times of new growth. "Not very many people understand that you need to cry - you need to be sad," she said. "I have my laments. I tell God when I'm having a hard time."

Becerra's home is cozy, with a cat and some dogs outside. She has subtle decorations for the holidays up, a quiet acknowledgement of the present in what is clearly a protected place away from the hustle and bustle of the too-muchness of life. It's practically clear - she's here to stay.

Per her business, she refers to much of it as natural healing. "When we've done all that we can, we're in the perfect place for a miracle," she concluded. "For me, natural healing is about doing everything that we can and then God will do the miracle. I like to use all of the natural things that He gives us."

Keep up with Gemma by reading her weekly column in the Saturday Journal - Gems with Gemma!



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### TUESDAY, MARCH 28

- 6:30pm, City Commission Meeting, City Commission Room

### SATURDAY, APRIL 1

- 1:00-3:00pm, Spring into Autism Awareness Event, 2404 W. 8th St.
- 6:00pm, Rotary Seafood Boil, Cedar Bluff Lodge

### SUNDAY, APRIL 2

- 7:30am-5:00pm, JAB Steer and Heifer Show, Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds

### TUESDAY, APRIL 4

- 11:30am-1:00pm, Non Profit Bootcamp, Coffeyville Chamber of Commerce
- 5:30pm, Caregiver Support Meetings, 2404 W. 8th St.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

- 7:30am, Business Over Breakfast, Best Western on 11th
- 9:30am, Congressman LaTurner Mobile Office, Coffeyville City Hall

### TUESDAY, APRIL 11

- 11:00am-1:00pm, Salvation Army Festival of Salads, First Baptist Church (9th and Elm)
- 6:30pm, City Commission Meeting, City Commission Room

### SATURDAY, APRIL 15

- 7:00am, Breakfast Fellowship, New Vision Church

## Have a community event?

Email it to [coffeyville1@gmail.com](mailto:coffeyville1@gmail.com).

It's your community calendar!

## • Kim Baker Jones

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Coffeyville. Jones said that her interest in images began with looking at magazines and "pretty pictures" that she would look at at her grandmother's house when she was very young.

"I always enjoyed that and my mom and dad had the little Instamatic cameras - we'd run out of film," she recalled, saying that learning to develop her own photos in high school was what really sparked her passion. When she graduated, her parents got her a top-of-the-line Canon camera of the day as a gift. "I just started taking pictures," she said. "I still have a copy of everything I've ever taken."

Jones said she moved back to Coffeyville in 2007 after being away a few years. Awhile after this, she did get a digital camera. This helped her with the creativity aspect of her craft, as it's much quicker than film. "That's when I started taking more pictures of weddings and seniors," she said.

"I've studied photography, I've gone to so many conferences and studied under some pretty big name people and I just have gone from there," she went on.

Her Facebook page for her photography - @Kim Jones Photography - is full of familiar Montgomery County faces and shows off her work for prospective clients. "I try to be reasonable in price because my philosophy is - everybody deserves nice pictures, whether you can afford them or not."

Other than weddings, Jones typically charges \$150 for all edited photos taken during and a photo release for them all.

"I usually will book a photo session when it's most convenient for the client," she went on. "I've done them on Thanksgiving, I've done them on Christmas."

Jones is always scouting out shots and backdrops, even if she doesn't always have her camera. "I'm always looking for new and unique places to take pictures," she said, saying that photography is very much her passion. "All of these things go into it, it's just not picking up a camera and pushing a button."

Always learning, Jones just got a new mirrorless camera and has been working to take the best pictures possible with it. "The technology is ever-changing, you're constantly learning and making changes to the way you do things," she concluded. "There's different styles that come and go, I've tried to stay consistent with my style - bright, beautiful colors, clear pictures. I like the bright, classic looking photos, so that's what I strive for."

## • Tyro Community

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year. To qualify, families must meet the free or reduced lunch guidelines. The ACE Scholarship and tuition assistance are also available. Contact the school office at (620) 289-4450.

TCCS is a non-denominational Christian school which serves preschool through 12th grade students.

The school is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International and is in its 36th year of operation. The TCCS student body is made up of young people from many different churches. Bus service is available from area towns. Students study traditional school subjects, as well as Bible and Christian living.

Students also take part in a weekly student-led chapel service. Extra curricular activities include: soccer, basketball, volleyball, track, academic competition, mission trips, community service projects and other activities.

TCCS Principal, Terry Byrd, encourages all parents to consider Christian education. "The scripture says to 'Train up the child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.' Proverbs 22:6. Why not check out our website and see if TCCS is a good fit for you and your family?"

Please call the school office at (620) 289-4450 to make an appointment for Kindergarten screening. For more information about enrollment, call (620) 289-4450 or email [tyrochristianschool@gmail.com](mailto:tyrochristianschool@gmail.com) or visit [www.tyrochristianschool.org](http://www.tyrochristianschool.org).



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News / Government

U.S. 160 resurfacing project starts April 3

Monday, April 3, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) expects to begin a mill and overlay project on U.S. 160 in Montgomery County. The work starts at the east city limits of Independence and continues east for 6.3 miles to U.S. 169.

Flaggers and a pilot car operation will direct one-lane traffic through the work zone during daylight hours. Expect delays of 15 minutes or less. The road



work should be completed by mid-April, weather permitting.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$907,756 to Pearson Construction, LLC, of Wichita. Check KDOT’s updated traveler information website, [www.Kandrive.org](http://www.Kandrive.org), for more highway condition and construction details. Persons with questions may contact Area Engineer Geryd Erbele at (620) 577-7314 or Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen at (620) 902-6433.

LaTurner applauds passage of “Parents Bill of Rights”

Today, Congressman Jake LaTurner (KS-02) voted in favor of H.R. 5, the Parents Bill of Rights. This legislation delivers on a key promise of the Commitment to America and puts in place concrete legal protections that will ensure parents always have a seat at the table when it comes to their child’s education. The Parents Bill of Rights passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 213-208.

"I'm a father of four young children. I know how important it is for parents to have a seat at the table when it comes to their children's education," said Rep. LaTurner. "Today, House Republicans delivered

on a promise we made to families across America by passing the Parents Bill of Rights—a commonsense bill that empowers parents with the tools and resources to help ensure their child receives the best education."

Attorney General Merrick Garland issued a memo in 2021 calling concerned parents across the country "domestic terrorists." The House Judiciary Committee released a report this week stating that there was "no legitimate basis" for the Department of Justice to target parents at school board meetings.

The Parents Bill of Rights ensures parents will not

be targeted by the federal government for speaking up and exercising their right to be involved in their child’s education.

- THE PARENTS BILL OF RIGHTS:**
- Right to know what’s being taught in schools and to see reading material
  - Right to be heard
  - Right to see school budget and spending
  - Right to protect their child’s privacy
  - Right to be updated on any violent activity at school

Coffeyville Public Library represented at SEK workshop

Bethany Fickle of Coffeyville Public Library (CPL) attended the Southeast Kansas Library System (SEKLS) workshop Public Library Information Exchange (PLIX) in Iola on Wednesday, March 15 and Thursday, March

16. Ada Dodd, from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), instructed library staff members on facilitation methods when offering Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, (STEM) library program-

ming. Participants also previewed a new application to use Scratch coding using mobile devices. Subscription to a national forum for discussion and idea sharing was made available for participants.

Sens. Marshall, Shaheen, Grassley host Biden drug Czar to discuss Fentanyl crisis

This past week, U.S. Senators Roger Marshall, M.D., Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), and Chuck Grassley (R-IA) hosted Dr. Rahul Gupta, Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, for a discussion on the federal government’s ongoing response to the opioid epidemic. A key focus of their discussion was on ways to ensure Big Tech companies take a more proactive role against drug dealers preying on America’s youth through social media. Dr. Gupta shared his support for their effort and committed to working collaboratively with the Senators to protect young people from these threats. They discussed executive and legislative approaches to address this including the Cooper Davis Act, which is authored by the hosting Senators, Judiciary Committee Chairman Dick Durbin (D-IL), and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN).

“At least one Kansan dies every day from fentanyl poisoning along with hundreds of others nationwide. Action from Congress and the White House is urgently needed to stop drug dealers from targeting Americans, particularly teenagers, through social media. Yesterday’s bipartisan meeting is proof that there is real momentum for the Cooper Davis Act,” Senator Marshall said. “This

impactful legislation will finally hold social media companies accountable for marketing deadly illegal drugs to America’s youth on their platforms. We look forward to continuing our work with Dr. Gupta and our Senate partners.”

“With the surge in fentanyl trafficking and now the prevalence of narcotic-resistant xylazine, the substance use disorder crisis is surging in New Hampshire and across the nation. For too long, our families have been broken by this scourge. Grandparents have stepped in to raise their grandkids; parents have endured the unimaginable grief of losing their children and our communities are overwhelmed by this epidemic,” said Senator Shaheen. “I appreciated meeting with Dr. Gupta to discuss what I’m hearing in New Hampshire and to highlight the bipartisan commitment that Senators Marshall, Grassley and I – as well as others in Congress – share to confront this crisis and save lives. From increasing flexibility in our laws to expand the eligibility of federal funds to treat substance use disorders, to enhancing global coordination to interdict the trafficking of fentanyl and holding social media companies accountable for how their platforms are used to target vulnerable kids, I’ll keep working on policies

to turn the tide on this epidemic.”

“Tens of thousands of Americans are dying from drug overdoses, particularly because of illegally trafficked fentanyl. Law enforcement has found tragic numbers of overdose cases tied to major social media platforms. There must be a comprehensive system for these companies to aid federal authorities so we can stop this poison. It’s essential that ONDCP and the administration continue to support efforts like these, so we can get our legislation across the finish line,” said Senator Grassley.

“Today, illicit drugs like fentanyl can far too easily be bought and sold online, including on social media,

and we are seeing the tragic results every day,” said Dr. Gupta. “This Administration is committed to finding solutions to protect young people and all Americans from the dangers of these deadly drugs and hold drug traffickers and their enablers accountable. We will look for every opportunity to work together in a bipartisan way with Congress to prevent more Americans from dying.”

The bill is in honor of Cooper Davis, a Kansas teen who tragically lost his life to a counterfeit prescription drug laced with fentanyl in August 2021. It was later found that a drug dealer solicited the teenager through popular social media platform Snapchat.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

I decided to write this letter after a milestone, my 200th ad over the past nearly 3 years.

About 10 years ago, after visiting a few times with a brilliant woman of color who had grown up in Montgomery, Alabama during the 1950s and 1960s, I decided to research civil rights. After 2 years I had about 3,500 pages of notes. I continued my research and gathering of the news.

Nearly 3 years ago I found an outlet for my research. I began condensing and editing my notes into ads in the Coffeyville Journal. Months later I began placing ads also in the Independence Reporter because of its larger circulation.

I tried to focus my ads on victims, not predators. My ads not only focused on civil rights, but also injustices, racism, police brutality, atrocities, mass shootings, gun safety and other topics. My purpose was to inform.

I’ve compiled and edited over 325 essays and placed over 200 ads in nearly 3 years. Recently I named my endeavor "The Justice Project." It’s a worthy cause, a challenge sometimes like swimming upstream.

Thank God for freedom of speech

and freedom of the press. I’ve found, though, freedom of speech is not free. Ads are expensive and require personal sacrifice. And I have been the recipient of hostility because of my ads. I have also been the recipient of harassment, vandalism and theft in recent years. For example, the day after a controversial ad of mine appeared in the local paper I had 1 flat tire and 2 going down the same morning. I had checked these tires closely the night before and I had not driven the truck for weeks. I had to replace 3 valve stems. I can only suspect the harassment, vandalism and theft was related to my ads. IF, this is the price of freedom of speech or if this simply comes with living in da Ville, I am willing to pay the price. MORE importantly, over the past 3 years I have received some compliments, support and quiet words of encouragement which have been greatly appreciated. I have also received some "he's the one" whispering behind my back which comes with being visible. I plan to keep doing what I am doing. It is its own reward.

Sincerely,

ROBERT GREENWOOD JR.  
Coffeyville

Senate confirms Kelly’s picks for administration secretary, Kansas Historical Society director

Proffitt to hold down two jobs — Cabinet secretary and director of budget

BY TIM CARPENTER  
Courtesy of the Kansas Reflector

Gov. Laura Kelly lauded the Kansas Senate’s unanimous vote Thursday to confirm a new secretary of the Kansas Department of Administration.

Adam Proffitt, who has served since 2020 as the governor’s budget director, was confirmed 38-0. He had been nominated by Kelly in January to the Cabinet position at the Department of Administration. Kelly said Proffitt would continue in dual roles as secretary of administration and chief budget advisor.

“Adam’s dedication, attention to detail and guidance have been pivotal to my administration’s efforts to bring fiscal responsibility back to the state,” Kelly said. “I’m glad legislators from both sides of the aisle recognize that his experience and success as my budget director make him perfectly suited to lead the Department of Administration.”

Proffitt said he was grateful to the

Senate and would work in partnership with the Legislature to “deliver excellent customer service to all Kansans.”

He was Medicaid director in the Kansas Department of Health and Environment prior to transitioning to state budget director. He worked 15 years in the private sector and held jobs in financial planning and forecasting.

The Senate also confirmed the governor’s nominee for executive director of the Kansas State Historical Society, which strives to collect, preserve and share state history.

Patrick Zollner, who previously filled the role as acting director, was confirmed 36-2 with dissent from Republican Sens. Caryn Tyson of Parker and Molly Baumgardner of Louisburg. The previous executive director, Jennie Chinn, died in April 2022.

“Since 1875, the Kansas Historical Society has preserved our state’s history. I’m proud to be selected to lead this organization,” Zollner said.

He joined the state Historical Society in 2004 and worked as an architectural historian and coordinator for the National Register. He’s from Arkansas and was vice president of the Arkansas Historical Association from 1995 to 2003.

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THE PECK PERSPECTIVE (From the Capitol)

STATE SENATOR VIRGIL PECK

Legislative debate and votes during the week of March 27th–31st will begin to bring into focus which bills will ultimately pass the legislature and make it to the governor’s desk and which ones don’t have sufficient legislative support for passage. Except for an occasional break from the norm, no committees will meet and both the Senate and the House will spend many hours in their respective chambers considering a wide variety of legislation.

To this point in the session, only three bills have passed both chambers and made their way to the governor for her consideration. Those bills are HB 2238 – the Fairness in Women’s Sports Act (keeping boys out of girls’ sports, locker rooms and showers), SB 11 – authorizing the development and approval of the Ad Astra Plaza on the Capitol grounds and SB 39 – providing for a mural in the Statehouse honoring the 1st Kansas Colored Voluntary Infantry Regiment.

As has been widely reported, HB 2238 has been vetoed – but awaits a potential veto override – while SB 11 and SB 39 have been signed into law.

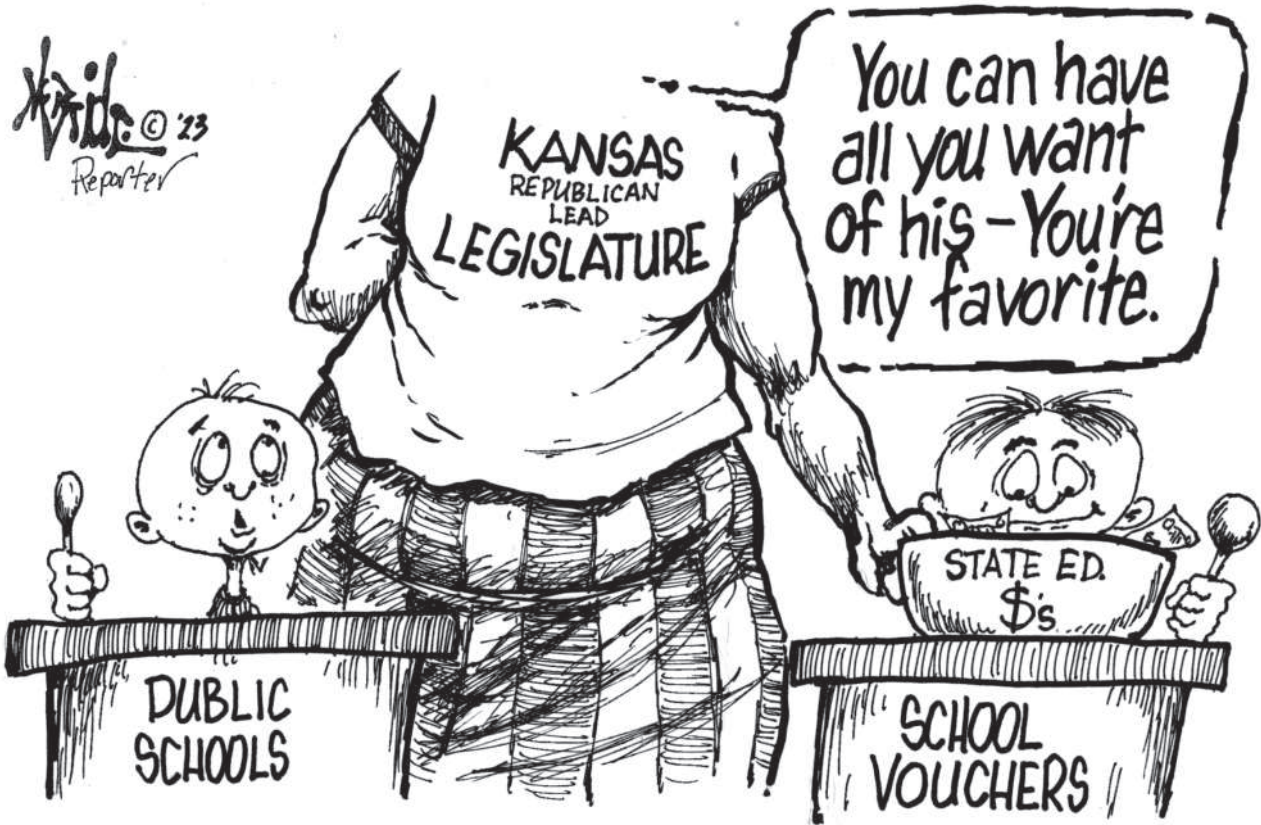
Tax Credits for Hollywood? The Senate passed legislation, SB 91, designed to bring economic activity to Kansas in the area of film production. SB 91 would enact the Kansas Film and Digital Media Industry Production Development Act (Act). The Act would provide a tax credit, sales tax exemption and loans and grants to incentivize film, video and digital media production in Kansas. Language in the bill puts the Secretary of Commerce in charge of administering the Act. The bill was heard in the Senate Commerce Committee, a committee I serve on, where a variety of business groups and groups devoted to increasing film production in Kansas testified in support of the Act. Although Kansas is one of only a handful of states without such tax incentives, and it is fun to have films or movies made in our state, I’m hesitant to use taxpayer money to incentivize places like Hollywood to make movies. Ultimately, SB 91 passed 28-7. I voted no (along with six others) and 4 senators voted pass. The House will likely consider SB 91 this week.

Working to Amend the US Constitution: When writing the Constitution of the United States, our founding father placed two methods – in Article V – whereby the US Constitution can be amended. Rightfully so, both methods are difficult to achieve. One method, and the only one to have been successfully used, is by a two-thirds vote of both the US House and the Senate, followed by ratification/approval by three-fourths of the state legislatures. The other method, which is much more difficult, is for two-thirds of the states (34) to pass a resolution to call for a convention of states. After a convention is convened and has proposed an amendment, or amendments, there must be a vote (ratification) by three-fourths (38) of the states to approve the proposed amendment(s) for the constitution to be amended.

Since 2014, there are 19 states, including our neighboring states of Oklahoma (2016), Missouri (2017) and Nebraska (2022), who have called for an Article V convention of states for the purpose of proposing two amendments. Both are designed to reign in the federal government. One would impose fiscal restraints on the federal government and the other would put term limits on congress.

The Senate debated and voted on SCR 1607 to join the call for a convention of states and the House did the same thing in HCR 5008. Although both resolutions received a majority of votes, 22–16 in the Senate and 74–48 in the House, neither garnered the necessary two-thirds majority for passage, 27 in the Senate and 84 in the House, as required by the Kansas Constitution. I voted yes to SCR 1607. I see a convention of states as the only sure way to regain power over the out-of-control federal government spending.

This is not the first time an attempt to call a convention has been voted on by the Kansas Legislature – there have been several attempts over the past 8 years, but each has failed the two-thirds majority threshold. As a result, if Kansas is to join the call, it will be accomplished by a future legislature.



QUINN MINUTE

Looking back: the Middle Ages

BY RIX QUINN

I’ve been reading old articles we’ve had around the house since the 1980s.

I keep a file folder near my desk that holds newspaper and magazine clippings. Some days I read about things that happened last year. Sometimes I read about inventions from 1975,

Yesterday I read about the Middle Ages (not mine, but the world’s). Those folks suffered nearly 1,000 years...and those were the rich ones.

What if you had no alarm clock? What if you had no toothbrush?

What if you had no tooth?

How tough was it? Well, rich people owned the land, lived in a castle, and could afford to bathe once a year.

Peasants farmed that land, and lived in houses made of wood, straw, and clay. Those dwellings had no windows, dirt floors...and sometimes farm animals slept inside. (That meant their wooden TVs had to remain at high volume.)

These people worked long hours, between sunrise and sunset. They had no wristwatches. Sundials were too heavy to keep in a pocket.

Many remedies were herbal. They were passed down from one generation to the next, mostly by conversa-

tion. (These were the first oral medications.)

Consequently, there were very few old people, because anybody over 30 with three or four teeth and most of his fingers was considered a geezer.

And nearly everybody had superstitions. Many believed in witches, and their ability to transform into werewolves at night. This made parties extremely risky, and curfew a lifesaver.

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WHAT ARE THE WARNING SIGNS OF A FAILING HARD DISK DRIVE?

There are several warning signs that may indicate a failing hard disk drive:

\* Strange noises: If you hear unusual clicking, grinding, or buzzing noises coming from your hard drive, it could indicate that the disk is failing.

\* Slow performance: If your computer takes longer than usual to boot up, load programs, or access files, it could indicate that the hard drive is failing.

\* Frequent crashes or freezes: If your computer crashes or freezes frequently, it could be due to a failing hard drive.

\* Errors or corrupted files: If you see error messages or corrupted files when you try to access data on your hard drive, it could indicate that the disk is failing.

\* S.M.A.R.T. warnings: S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology) is a system that monitors the health of hard drives. If you receive S.M.A.R.T. warnings, it could indicate that your hard drive is failing.

\* Disappearing files or folders: If files or folders on your hard drive disappear or become inaccessible, it could indicate that your hard drive is failing.

If you experience any of these warning signs, it's important to back up your data immediately and consider replacing your hard drive as soon as possible. What are the reasons a Solid State Drive may be better for a personal computer than a Hard Disk Drive?

Solid State Drives (SSDs) are becoming increasingly popular as a storage option for personal computers, and there are several reasons why they may be a better choice than Hard Disk Drives (HDDs):

\* Speed: SSDs are much faster than HDDs in terms of read and write speeds, which means that programs and files load more quickly. This can make a noticeable difference in the overall performance of your computer.

\* Reliability: Because SSDs have no moving parts, they are less likely to suffer from mechanical failures



Blake Escritt

than HDDs. This makes them more reliable and less prone to data loss.

\* Power consumption: SSDs consume less power than HDDs, which means that they produce less heat and can extend the battery life of laptops and other mobile devices.

\* Durability: SSDs are more durable than HDDs and can withstand shocks, vibrations, and other physical impacts better than traditional hard drives.

\* Noise: Because SSDs have no moving parts, they make no noise, which can be important in environments where noise levels are a concern.

Overall, SSDs offer several advantages over HDDs, including faster speeds, greater reliability, lower power consumption, increased durability, and less noise. While they may be more expensive than traditional hard drives, many users find that the benefits are worth the additional cost.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Eustress

[HIL-ək]

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# Sports



**Kansas State's Markquis Nowell reacts after Kansas State can't get off a possible game-tying shot at the end of regulation against Florida Atlantic during the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament at Madison Square Garden on Saturday night, March 25, 2023.** Travis Heying | Wichita Eagle | TNS

## Kansas State's dream season ends with loss to FAU in Elite Eight

**BY KELLIS ROBINETT**  
*The Wichita Eagle*

NEW YORK — Kansas State's dream basketball season came to a painful end with a 79-76 defeat against Florida Atlantic on Saturday at Madison Square Garden.

The Wildcats won 26 games and made it further in the NCAA Tournament than just about anyone expected, but their run stopped at the Elite Eight. Once again, they fell short of the Final Four at the hands of a Cinderella team from a mid-major conference.

K-State has not reached the Final Four since 1964.

It seemed like the Wildcats were finally going to break through when they led 63-57 with 8:39 remaining in this game following a Markquis Nowell 3-pointer that banked in off the glass. But the Owls answered with a 15-1 run and took control.

Nowell at least went out with a bang and finished with 30 points and 12 assists.

But he needed more help on offense for the Wildcats to pull out a win.

Here are some thoughts on the action:

### Nowell makes things happen in new ways

When Nowell earned the nickname "King of New York" with his thrilling performance against Michigan State he filled up the stat sheet with a NCAA Tournament record 19 assists to go along with 20 points.

He did his damage in other ways against the Owls.

Well, kind of.

Nowell still piled up 12 assists, but Florida Atlantic dared him to shoot in this game. He obliged and scored 30 points on 21 attempts. Even in the loss, he was the best player on the floor.

### Vlad Goldin made his presence felt on defense

Florida Atlantic center Vlad Goldin is a 7-foot-1 behemoth who found a way to impact just about every play the Wildcats ran when he was protecting the rim.

Goldin finished the game with 14 points, 13 rebounds and two blocks. His biggest stuff of the night came late in the second half when he blocked Nowell badly on a driving layup attempt. The big man flexed his muscles afterward and let it be known that there would be no easy buckets with him on the floor.

Thing is, his presence had already been felt.

In previous games, Nowell had most of his success by attacking the rim off the dribble and then kicking out to open shooters when

help defenders came closing in on him. But the Owls didn't send many help defenders his way with Goldin waiting in the paint as a shot-blocker.

The Wildcats had to adjust to his presence, which led Nowell to attempt more shots than he usually would.

### Jerome Tang had to manage foul trouble with Keyontae Johnson

Foul trouble has been a concern for Keyontae Johnson all season, and it was once again a problem for the senior guard against Florida Atlantic.

Johnson picked up a pair of fouls in the first eight minutes of Saturday's game, and he was relegated to the bench for most of the remainder of the half. He was a spectator for the next 11 minutes of action and only returned to the game for the final few seconds.

K-State struggled to keep pace with Florida Atlantic as its leading scorer watched from the bench and the Owls took a 42-38 lead at the break.

Johnson only played 8 minutes, 16 seconds of the first half.

Turned out, his early foul trouble was an omen of things to come. Johnson picked up two more fouls early in the second half and was unable to play as much as he would have liked down the stretch.

Two of his fouls were a bit unlucky and both came at the end of hustle plays when he was trying to corral a loose ball.

Nevertheless, they counted the same as any other foul and coach Jerome Tang had to make some difficult decisions on how to use one of his star players.

He went on to foul out with several minutes remaining, which put lots of pressure on the Wildcats.

### Florida Atlantic had a huge advantage on the glass

The biggest stat discrepancy of this game was easy to spot.

Florida Atlantic benefited from a massive rebounding advantage against K-State. The Owls crashed the glass and got 44 rebounds while the Wildcats were only able to corral 22.

### Supporting cast fell short for Wildcats

As good as Nowell was in this entire tournament, he needed more help from his teammates on Saturday.

Nae'Qwan Tomlin was the only other K-State player who reached double figures, as he finished with 14 points.

The Wildcats needed a more balanced effort to beat a time like the Owls.



## Why the Kansas City Royals' bullpen has most room for improvement — but with a caveat

**BY SAM McDOWELL**  
*The Kansas City Star*

In a single column on a lineup card, the Royals catalog their daily pitching plan, revealing not only who will pitch but exactly when his entrance will arrive.

The hope is to not need to deviate from it, a luxury of spring training, when the reps matter as much as the win-loss record.

But when the real games begin in a few days, replicating those blueprints would be idealistic. Impossible, actually.

Shouldn't stop the effort, though, right?

If you're digging into the 2023 Royals in hopes of contrasting them from the team that won 65 games in 2022, one of the first places you should land is in the bullpen. It is the spot that provides the most optimism for improvement, perhaps because it should look more different than any aspect of the team other than the coaching staff. And that's relatively speaking, to be clear, because there is some familiarity here.

In names.

As for roles? Well, ideally some will be more clearly defined, because the last group sort of threw those out the window — but that's in part because they had to throw those out the window. Heck, even Scott Barlow, the closer, made one-third of his appearances in a different role altogether.

The confused mixture worked about as well as any of us could have predicted it would. The Royals finished with the worst bullpen earned-run average in the American League at 4.66. So as you'd probably imagine, there has been conversation this spring about improving the production after a starting pitcher hands the ball to the manager.

But there lies the wrinkle in all of this.

That exchange — or the timing of it — is a significant piece of the kink.

We can't let the bullpen off the hook for its production last season, same as those arms are the primary reason for at least some optimism. But the bullpen problem was very much a starter problem, too. The Royals' relievers were too frequently thrown into fires they didn't ignite. Overworked. And ultimately less effective.

To illustrate the toll of that, let's first take a look around the league. Here's a list of the best bullpen earned-run averages in baseball a year ago: Astros, Dodgers, Yankees, Braves, Guardians and Mariners, in that order.

You probably know the correlation that's coming next. The first five teams on that list won their division, and the next finished as the top wild card team in the American League. So, yeah, the bullpen matters. A lot. No kidding, right?

But that's not the correlation we're here to make. Instead, take a look at the usage from each of those bullpens. The Astros were asked to record 108 fewer outs than any of their counterparts. The best was used the very least. In fact, every team on that aforementioned list falls into the bottom-8 in innings pitched from relievers, other than the Dodgers, who are still in the bottom half of the league.

While some pitchers will tell you they operate better when they work more frequently — Royals lefty Amir Garrett is among them — the data from 2022 shows that to be the exception. The rested pens operated as the most reliable. And that's something out of the control of the guys who sit out in left field at Kauffman Sta-

dium — and in control of those who begin the game on the mound.

A few days ago, Royals pitching coach Brian Sweeney reiterated an effort to more clearly define roles at the back end this season, or at least give players the best possible indication of when they might need to prepare to enter a game. Who wouldn't want that? Those involved certainly do.

"We can't script everything," he said, though perhaps the Royals can inform a pitcher, "This is maybe the bucket of hitters that you're going to join, or you're going to pitch the eighth."

The Royals have a group better prepared for that reality than a year ago. As it stands now, Barlow will open the season as the Royals' closer, the role he prefers. That pushes Aroldis Chapman and Dylan Cozman to serve as primary setup men, with Garrett meshing into inherited runners situations, and that's the role he prefers. Carlos Hernandez, Taylor Clarke and Ryan Yarbrough figure to factor into the mix, though with an ability to throw multiple innings. That too could alleviate some pressure on the back end.

But for all of the efforts the coaching staff makes to script this out, it cannot overcome the influence of the rotation — a group that still possesses some questions in that very area.

Brady Singer led the team with 153 1/3 innings a year ago. He will be a bit behind the usual track a week out from the opener, given his lack of innings at the World Baseball Classic. He threw just once for Team USA.

A year ago, the Royals' rotation ranked in the bottom half of the league in instances in which they threw at least five innings, instances in which they threw at least six, at least seven or at least eight. The group basically never gave its bullpen a night off — Singer was the only starter to complete eight innings, and he did that once.

The effect isn't overuse alone. It's unexpected use, too.

There's not a quicker way to turn the pen's blueprints into chaos. When the relievers so consistently throw additional innings, it can limit the manager's ability to play for specific matchups. For that night. And the next. And on it goes. On it went a year ago.

Perfect situation? The starters consistently complete at least six — which they did only 34.5% of the time in 2022 — and manager Matt Quatraro can follow the pre-game blueprint that they plan to overcommunicate to the clubhouse. They want pitchers preparing for specific moments in the game, not prepare for every single inning of a game.

More simply: They'd prefer they're able to return to something as organized as the spring-training column.

Idealistic. Mentioned that.

But strive for it. Map out the contingency plans ahead of time, just in case. That part isn't complicated.

The effect of using Plan B night after night can be.

The Royals have a better group out there than they had in 2022, or at least a group whose pieces fit more neatly together, though we have to admit it can't get much worse than, um, last place in ERA in the AL.

That's the group at the Quatraro and Sweeney's disposal.

Up to them how they use him.

Well, up to the starters too.



## Three takeaways from Kansas State's overtime win against Michigan State in Sweet 16

**BY KELLIS ROBINETT**  
*The Wichita Eagle*

NEW YORK — Nothing, it seems, can stop Markquis Nowell from leading the Kansas State men's basketball team to greatness in this NCAA Tournament.

Not even an injury to his right ankle slowed him down during a 98-93 overtime victory over Michigan State in a Sweet 16 game on Thursday at Madison Square Garden.

Nowell had his third straight sensational game in March Madness, finishing with 20 points and 19 assists despite missing a two-minute stretch of the second half when he was unable to put any weight on his right foot following an injury suffered under the basket.

His 19 assists set a new single-game record for the NCAA Tournament. No one in the history of this event has had more assists in a game than Nowell. And he set the record while playing in his hometown. What a moment.

He fittingly tied the record with a lob dunk to Keyontae Johnson

in overtime and then broke it with an inbounds pass to Ismael Massoud.

K-State survived a thrilling, back-and-forth game that was easily the most exciting game of March Madness thus far.

No lead was safe. Neither team held an advantage of more than nine points. They went toe to toe like a pair of boxers.

Nowell led the Wildcats, but he got lots of help. Keyontae Johnson had 22 points and Massoud delivered 15.

With the win, the Wildcats advanced to the Elite Eight. They will play the winner of Tennessee and Florida Atlantic on Saturday.

Until then, here are some key takeaways from Thursday's action:

### Markquis Nowell continued his rampage through the bracket

Is anyone in all of college basketball playing at a higher level than Markquis Nowell right now?

That question can almost be asked rhetorically at this point. There is a very strong chance he

would win MVP honors for the NCAA Tournament if that award was handed out after three rounds instead of six.

Nowell began March Madness hot with 17 points and 14 assists against Montana State. Then he backed that up with 27 points and nine rebounds. He was excellent once again vs. Michigan State, finishing the night with 20 points, 19 assists and five steals.

No one has been better than Nowell in March and he proved that once again on the biggest stage yet.

### K-State shot the cover off the ball from three

It shouldn't have come as much of a surprise that Nowell piled up so many assists in this game.

The Wildcats were draining every shot they looked at while he was getting them the ball, especially from three-point range.

That was particularly true in the first half when he had 10 assists and a whopping six different players made shots from three-point range. Massoud made two and



**Kansas State's Ismael Massoud (25) celebrates an overtime basket against Michigan State in the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA Tournament at Madison Square Garden on Thursday, March 23, 2023, in New York.** Elsa | Getty Images | TNS

### Call him "Swish" Massoud

No one had a hotter shooting touch than K-State junior forward Ismael Massoud in this game.

The Harlem native drained three-pointers from all over the court and shot the Wildcats into the Elite Eight.

He made 4 of 6 shots from beyond the arc and finished with 15 points.

His fadeaway jumper in overtime was the decisive shot of the game. He is a big reason why the Wildcats survived and advanced.



State / Puzzles

Kansas ADA violation claims put under new scrutiny in bill called ‘nuclear warhead’

Disabilities rights advocate says legislation would have chilling effect on Kansans with disabilities

BY RACHEL MIPRO

Courtesy of the Kansas Reflector

Kansans filing claims against businesses for violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act could have to pay the businesses’ attorney fees even if the company is found to be in the wrong, in what one disability rights advocate called a “nuclear warhead” of a bill.

Rocky Nichols, executive director of the Disability Rights Center of Kansas, said the legislation would essentially stop Kansans with disabilities from filing any ADA lawsuits due to the cost.

“It doesn’t just have a chilling effect on the ability of Kansans with disabilities to enforce their ADA rights,” Nichols said. “This bill ships Kansans’ ADA rights off to the deep freeze of Siberia. It’s not just a chilling effect. This is the deep freeze. It’s so overboard it’s like using a nuclear bomb to kill a mosquito.”

Lawmakers proposed an original form of the bill as Senate Bill 258 under the assumption that people were taking advantage of the Americans with Disabilities Act to sue small businesses for frivolous claims. The ADA was passed in 1990 to protect people with disabilities from discrimination in all areas of public life.

Under the legislation, courts could also award punitive damages to the business with a claim filed against it, but not to the disabled person in question. The bill, called the Act Against Abusive Access Litigation, would create a process for determining whether litigation claiming ADA violations is abusive or not.

A Kansas resident or the attorney general could file a civil action case against anyone who made an ADA violation claim to have the court determine whether or not the original ADA claim counted as “abusive litigation.” The “abusive litigation” determination process would try to determine whether or not the original claim was filed primarily to get payment from the business in question.

If the litigation is determined to be abusive, the person filing the ADA claim would have to pay attorney fees and litigation costs for the business, even if the business did violate the law.

Social Security Disability pay is about \$900 a month in Kansas. Nichols said people with disabilities wouldn’t be able to risk filing claims and potentially bankrupting themselves with potentially tens of thousands in litigation costs from businesses. Nichols also said the bill disincentivizes making business accessible to those with disabilities.

“This is about denying justice, because people are just not filing litigation,” Nichols said. “And if businesses know that they have a get out of jail free card on the ADA, what business is going to want to actually make ADA changes? It’s just rife with problems, and it’ll be used by bad actors for nefarious purposes.”

During one of the first hearings

on the legislation, Kansas Chamber spokesman Eric Stafford said he had heard of many cases in which businesses were targeted for having websites not in compliance with the ADA, though he only offered out-of-state examples, such as cases in New York, Florida and California.

“We believe these cases are not genuine in their desire to find a solution to a problem of website compliance,” Stafford said. “These are repeated claims where small businesses appear to be randomly and geographically targeted in hopes of reaching multiple settlements.”

Activists and other lawmakers questioned the need for such broad legislation if the issue was truly centered on website claims.

“It’s a nuclear warhead when a flyswatter will do,” Nichols said.

During a Tuesday Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on the bill, Sen. Ethan Corson, a Prairie Village Democrat, proposed an amendment specifically targeting website ADA violation claims.

“I think that that’s a better approach than a broad brush that will have a real chilling effect on plaintiffs’ ability to assert actual real access violation claims,” Corson said. “I think we’re better off to really focus on websites. That’s the immediate issue in front of us.”

The amendment, along with another proposed amendment that would narrow the legislation to affect only businesses with 15 or less employees, was shot down by other committee lawmakers.

Sen. Mark Steffen, a Hutchinson Republican who pioneered the provision that would require the plaintiff with a disability to pay the business’ attorney’s fees, said the provision was necessary to dissuade abusive lawsuits.

“There’s no question what abusive litigation is, and I think the low-hanging fruit on discouraging these is now putting these attorneys fees back on the entity bringing the suit,” Steffen said.

During the Tuesday meeting, lawmakers gutted the contents of House Bill 2016, a bill on property deeds, and rolled the contents of SB258 into it, thus bypassing the need for a House hearing on the legislation.

Nichols said the legislation was concerning on a local and national level.

“This seems like a classic example of a test case where they’re trying to dramatically undo the ADA,” Nichols said. “It would have just huge horrible ramifications for our state and for the rights of people with disabilities.”

Stafford sent a statement to the Kansas Reflector after the story first appeared online.

“We are confident this bill protects legitimate access claims, while offering protections for Kansas small businesses being targeted by predatory, sleazy attorneys in New York who have no intention of fixing ADA issues,” Stafford said. “Their only goal is to collect millions of dollars for themselves, and do nothing to fix access issues for our disabled citizens. To call this bill a ‘nuclear warhead’ is a dishonest scare tactic and we are disappointed the DRC would portray the bill so differently than how our talks had progressed.”



Previous Puzzle Solution

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Universal Crossword

Edited by Amanda Rafkin March 29, 2023

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14 Paint layer  
15 Maui’s \_\_\_\_\_ Highway  
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17 \*Binge out of spite  
19 Ancient Roman garment  
20 Without variety  
21 Pants measurements  
23 Digit shown off by a flip-flop  
24 Parts of molecules  
25 Summer Philly hrs.  
28 \*Islands that contain the southernmost point in the continental U.S.  
33 Flowery garland  
34 Took a lap?  
35 Winona of “Stranger Things”  
36 Crunchy, savory sandwich  
37 “Scram!” ... and what the last words in the starred clues’ answers often do  
40 Cause of bubbles in dough  
41 Catherine of “Schitt’s Creek”  
43 Just manage, with “out”  
44 Subject for some new U.S. residents  
45 \*Vessels for whites and reds  
49 Pig’s digs  
50 Golden dollars, e.g.  
51 A TV remote may require two  
53 Province with Calgary and Banff  
56 Person from Tel Aviv  
60 Vividly sensational  
61 \*Inglewood-based NFL player  
63 Syrupy honey alternative  
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68 English prep school

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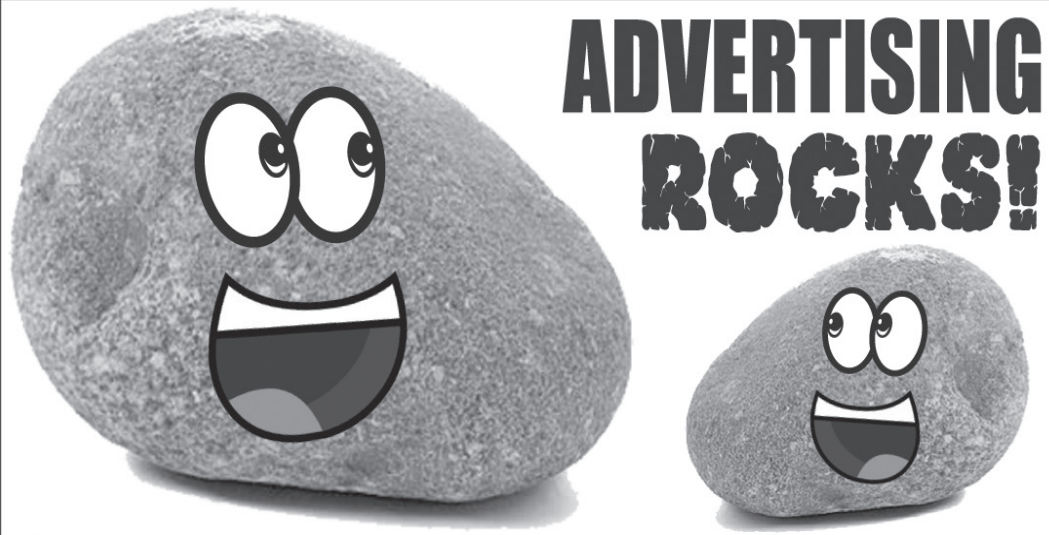
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Something’s Missing by Josh Cockroft

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Miscellaneous

Members of Congress blast TikTok CEO as bipartisan support for U.S. ban looks possible

BY JACOB FISCHLER  
Courtesy of the Kansas Reflector

A U.S. House panel grilled TikTok's CEO for more than five hours Thursday over the social media giant's ties to China, and indicated there may be bipartisan consensus for a national ban on the platform.

Members of both parties showed an unusual level of agreement during tough questioning of TikTok CEO Shou Chew. Several members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, including chairwoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers, a Washington Republican, said they supported banning the platform.

"Your platform should be banned," Rodgers said in the hearing's opening minutes.

"I agree with much of what you just said," ranking Democrat Frank Pallone of New Jersey told Rodgers moments later.

Pallone said in a Fox News interview Wednesday night that he hadn't decided if TikTok, a subsidiary of China-based ByteDance Ltd., should be banned but "it's certainly something we'd have to consider."

More than 150 million people in the United States use TikTok on a monthly basis, Chew said. That accounts for about 10% of the platform's global users and 25% of worldwide views.

CHew PROMOTES MIGRATION TO U.S. SERVERS

In his first appearance before a congressional committee, Chew emphasized his international background, telling the panel he met his Virginia-born wife at business school in the U.S. and that he and his family live in his home country of Singapore.

Early in the hearing, Chew also promoted an initiative by TikTok to migrate its data storage from Chinese servers to the United States. Dubbed Project Texas because it uses Austin-based Oracle's servers, Chew repeatedly said U.S. user information would be stored on U.S. soil, overseen by U.S. personnel employed by a separate U.S.-based company.

TikTok itself is headquartered in Singapore and Los Angeles, Chew repeated throughout the hearing.

"All protected U.S. data will be under the protection of U.S. law and under the control of the U.S.-led security team," he said. "This eliminates the concern that some of you have shared with me that TikTok user data can be subject to Chinese law."

Chew said the company did not remove content at the behest of the Chinese Communist Party, even when asked specifically if TikTok had removed content related to China's treatment of its Muslim Uyghur population and the 1989 massacre in Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

EFFORTS TO SEPARATE TIKTOK FROM CHINA REJECTED

But lawmakers dismissed Chew's repeated attempts to distance the platform from China and its ruling Communist Party.

ByteDance, like all Chinese companies, is beholden to the Chinese government and must turn over records and data on command, they said. Those concerns separated TikTok from other, mostly U.S.-based, social media platforms that collect extensive data from users.

"I still believe that the Beijing Communist government will still control and have the ability to influence what you do," Pallone told Chew. "This idea, this Project Texas, is simply not acceptable."

The U.S. Senate sponsors of a bill to effectively ban TikTok, Virginia Democrat Mark Warner and South Dakota Republican John Thune, said in a statement shortly after the House hearing adjourned that they were unmoved by Chew's appearance.

"All Chinese companies, including TikTok, whose parent company is based in Beijing, are ultimately required to do the bidding of Chinese intelligence services," Warner and Thune said. "Nothing we heard from Mr. Chew today assuaged those concerns."

TikTok spokesperson Brooke Oberwetter criticized the panel's "political grandstanding" in a statement to States Newsroom after the hearing.

"Shou came prepared to answer questions from Congress, but, unfortunately, the day was dominated by political grandstanding that failed to acknowledge the real solutions already underway through Project Texas," she wrote.

**FIRST AMENDMENT CONCERNS**

Chew characterized TikTok as a platform that encouraged creativity and free expression.

"TikTok will remain a place for free expression and will not be manipulated by any government," Chew said.

Though none spoke up at the Energy



TikTok CEO Shou Zi Chew takes questions from U.S. Rep. Kat Cammack, R-Florida, on March 23, 2023, before the House Energy and Commerce Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. The hearing was a rare opportunity for lawmakers to question the leader of the short-form social media video app about the company's relationship with its Chinese owner, ByteDance, and how they handle users' sensitive personal data. (Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images)

and Commerce hearing, some progressive Democrats and outside groups have expressed uneasiness with a government ban of a private service, especially one used to share and consume media.

"Our First Amendment gives us the right to speak freely and communicate freely," New York progressive Democrat U.S. Rep. Jamaal Bowman said at a Wednesday press conference. "TikTok as a platform has created a community and a space for free speech for 150 million Americans and counting."

"This TikTok hearing is giving me major (McCarthyism)/Red scare vibes," American Civil Liberties Union senior policy counsel Jenna Leventoff tweeted Thursday. "I don't think history will look favorably upon this as a justification for violating the First Amendment."

CONTENT PROBLEMS

Lawmakers also raised issues with the videos that appear on TikTok and the company's ability to control them. Members said the platform includes videos encouraging violence, suicide, eating disorders and other unhealthy behaviors, noting that ads are targeted to users as young as 13.

Chew said that many of the issues members raised were industry-wide challenges.

"The potential security, privacy, content manipulation concerns raised about TikTok are really not unique to us," Chew said. "The same issues apply to other companies."

Rep. Darren Soto, a Florida Democrat, agreed that the problems facing TikTok were also common on other platforms and proposed wider regulations across the industry.

"Violence, adult themes, drug and alcohol, sexualization, suicide — all major issues on TikTok," Soto said. "But also Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and other social media platforms. So the solution as I see it is to regulate TikTok and other social media platforms."

THREATENING VIDEO SHOWN

But, with Chew the only witness before them, lawmakers focused at Thursday's hearing on TikTok's shortcomings.

Florida Republican Kat Cammack played a video posted to TikTok weeks before the hearing — and well before the hearing was noticed to the public — showing a gun firing with the words "Me ... at the House Energy and Commerce on 3/23/2023" appearing next to it. A caption mentioned Rodgers by name.

"I think that is a blatant display of how vulnerable people who use TikTok are," she said.

"You couldn't take action after 41 days when a clear threat, a very violent threat to the chairwoman of this committee and the members of this committee, was posted on your platform," Cammack said, as her time to question Chew ran out. "You damn well know that you cannot protect the data and security ... of the 150 million users of your app."

In an exchange that was repeated among Chew and different members throughout the hearing, Chew asked to respond to Cammack, but Rodgers declined, saying the hearing had to move on.

Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle were aggressive in their questioning of Chew and unusually skeptical of his

answers.

At least three members reminded him that it was a federal crime to make false or misleading statements to Congress. Others asked yes or no questions and took Chew's attempts to answer with more context as a negative.

As the hearing entered its fourth hour, Chew showed his own frustration in an exchange with Florida Republican Neal Dunn. "You have not given us straightforward answers," Dunn said. "We don't find you credible on these things."

"Congressman, you have given me no time to answer your questions," Chew

responded. "I reject the characterizations." Another exchange with Dunn forced a clarification.

Dunn asked if ByteDance had spied on U.S. users on behalf of the Chinese Communist Party. Chew responded, "No." But when Dunn repeated the question, Chew said, "I don't think spying is the right way to describe it."

Chew later said the correct answer was a simple "no" and that the pace of questioning had caused confusion.

TikTok's communications department posted a tweet that highlighted Chew's initial response.



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Limits on foreign ownership of U.S. farmland gain support in Congress, despite skepticism

BY ADAM GOLDSTEIN

Courtesy of the Kansas Reflector

Bipartisan momentum is building in Congress to restrict China and other foreign adversaries from purchasing U.S. farmland, a reflection of a similar push by some states as well as apprehension over Chinese spy balloons, rising land prices and growing international competition.

“Foreign ownership of agricultural land threatens small family farms and the overall health of the agricultural supply chain,” wrote a bipartisan group of House lawmakers in a Feb. 27 letter to Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, condemning the department’s insufficient foreign transaction reporting from 2015 to 2018.

“I don’t think we should be allowing countries who don’t give a damn whether we exist or not to own land, whether it’s farmland or agribusiness, in this country,” said Democratic Sen. Jon Tester of Montana in a Feb. 28 Senate committee hearing.

“I believe that one acre of American farmland owned by the Chinese Communist Party is one acre too many,” said Republican Alabama Sen. Katie Britt in the same February hearing.

And while policy and legal experts outside Congress believe a national restriction on foreign ownership could get passed this session, they also believe there could be challenges in its rollout, as well as unintended consequences for the agricultural community.

John Schwarz, a row crop farmer and lawyer in Cass County, Indiana, questioned if any national bill would be enforceable due to the sheer scope of farmland in the country. He suggested it may be better left to counties and localities to handle.

“If this is going to work, it really has to be on a micro level,” Schwarz said. “I don’t think a macro level is going to do it because there’s just way too many ways to slip through, getting cute with the ownership and companies.”

Vilsack said in a Thursday Senate hearing that Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea together own under 400,000 acres of agricultural land as of 2021. He added that the nation’s largest foreign landholders include Canada, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

The secretary expressed concern over how federal foreign ownership restrictions could be implemented in a way that was fair and legally sound for international investors.

Clay Lowery, former assistant secretary for international affairs at the Department of the Treasury, also raised questions about a wide-reaching foreign ownership restriction at the Senate hearing in February.

“I do believe strongly in the ability for countries and entities to invest in the United States, because I think that is actually a positive,” he said.

Jennifer Zwagerman, director of the Drake University Agricultural Law Center in Iowa, said she understands that there are growing national security concerns over farmland. Yet she is concerned a federal ownership restriction could exacerbate problems with farmland loss, and provoke xenophobia across the country.

“It’s easy to focus on one area of concern and one aspect,” Zwagerman said. “My bigger fear is that we limit groups or entities or individuals that are really interested in farming or production themselves. And in doing so, we end up with land that is purchased by those less interested in farming and more as development.”

**FOREIGN LAND HOLDINGS**

The USDA reports that foreign persons and entities held an interest in just over 40 million acres of U.S. agricultural land in 2021.

This number marked an increase of over 2.4 million acres from the Dec. 31, 2020, report, and the agency added that foreign land holdings have increased by an average of 2.2 million acres per year since 2015.

Challenges persist with ownership transparency, outdated sales, and incomplete price information in the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act. Gaps in this legislation – which facilitates USDA oversight of foreign transactions through the Farm Service Agency – make it unclear if more or less acreage is actually owned by foreign governments.

Regardless, at the USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum in late February, Micah Brown of the National Agricultural Law Center said momentum for foreign ownership bills is being fueled by shifting ownership trends and national security concerns.

The Arkansas-based lawyer added that the current movement follows some farmland ownership “flash points” in American history dating back to the Revolutionary War.

Schwarz said the current push is likely in response to the Chinese spy balloon event in early February, along with recent Chinese land purchases close to North Dakota and Texas Air Force bases over the last three years.

Zwagerman said that another one of the “always-valid” concerns driving this issue is access to sufficient and adequate farmland for producers. Farmland prices have not declined by a significant margin since the late 1980s, according to the USDA Economic Research Service.

In early February, Republican Sen. Mike Rounds of South Dakota introduced the PASS Act of 2023 with Tester, which would bar North Korea, Iran, China, and Russia from purchasing U.S. farmland. The bill would also add the USDA to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, a multi-agency council that reviews financial transactions that affect national security. Rounds said in an interview with States Newsroom that he and his co-sponsor have “done their due diligence” in writing long-term legislation that protects its citizens, “the primary responsibility of the United States government.” “We’ve seen evidence of an attempt by China to purchase land near a very sensitive military installation,” Rounds said, referring to the North Dakota and Texas incidents. “That should be a heads-up that you address it before it becomes a problem, rather than waiting until it is a problem.” Rounds added that another pressing issue is the intellectual property concern surrounding foreign ownership, in which China could reproduce high-yield seeds and pesticides while circumventing intellectual property law.

**STATES LIMIT FOREIGN INVESTMENTS**

While there is no federal law that restricts foreign investors from acquiring agricultural land in the United States, 14 states currently have laws restricting foreign private investment in agricultural land.

These states include Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Kansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Virginia will be the 15th state to adopt a restriction in the coming days when Gov. Glenn Youngkin is expected to sign S.B. 1438.

Renée Johnson, an agricultural policy analyst with the Congressional Research Service, spoke at the February USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum about four categories of foreign farmland ownership restrictions that have gathered

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Sweet treats make Easter special

From chocolates to marshmallows to caramel eggs to jelly beans, Easter is chockful of candy. And for those who think Easter is only child’s play, guess again. Americans spend up to \$2 billion on Easter candy each year, according to Sweet Services, an online candy retailer. The National Confectioner’s Association says people in the United States consume nearly seven billion pounds of candy during the year, and Easter is the second-most popular holiday (behind Halloween) for indulging a sweet tooth. Faith comes first for many Easter celebrants. But there’s nothing wrong with enjoying some candy come Easter Sunday. Here’s a look at the history behind some of the sweets the Easter Bunny might leave in your basket this year.

• Chocolate eggs: The first chocolate eggs were made in Europe in the early 19th century. Since then, they have become one of the most popular and recognizable treats associated with Easter. The chocolate egg is predicated by edible Easter eggs made from sugar and pastry first designed in Germany. According to the "Guinness Book of World Records," the largest chocolate Easter egg ever made debuted in 2011. It was just over 34 feet high and weighed nearly 16,000 lbs.

• Chocolate bunny: The Easter Bunny also is a German incarnation. The seasonal bunny was introduced to America in the 18th century by German immigrants who believed in the "Osterhase," an egg-laying hare they believed was a sign of new life and prosperity. Germans also introduced the first edible chocolate bunnies. The NCA says 76 percent of people eat the ears on chocolate bunnies first.

• Jelly beans: People aren’t quite sure where the jelly bean originated, but some think it was based on a soft, chewy Middle Eastern sweet called Turkish delight and the hard candy shell of Jordan almonds. William Shraft, a Boston-based confectioner, may have coined the phrase "jelly bean" when he urged people to send these sweets to Union soldiers fighting in the Civil War.

• Peeps: Peeps are owned and made by Just Born Inc., a Pennsylvania-based company

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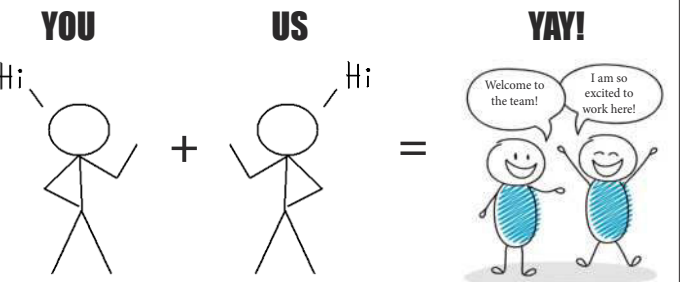
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