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USD 511 Hires New Superintendent

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

Daryl Daugaard is returning to his home state after more than a decade in Alaska.

The Kansas native has been named the new USD 511 superintendent, replacing Brandie Waldschmidt, who resigned to take the superintendent position at Kiowa County.

Daugaard said he was interested in serving in a rural setting in Kansas. He also wanted to move back to his

home state as he has a lot of family who still lives there.

Daugaard, who will also serve as the Puls Elementary principal, has been in public education for more than 30 years. He spent two years as a middle school math and science teacher in Omaha, Neb., then eight years teaching those subjects in Plainville. He then spent five years as a high school math teacher in Garden City.

More recently, Daugaard has worked in Alaska, having served 12 years as a K-12 school principal and

six years as a school district technology director.

"I am grateful and thankful for being offered the position," Daugaard said about the chance to serve Attica schools.

"I am looking forward to moving to the area and making Attica my home. I am looking forward to working in Attica and serving the community," he said.

Daugaard said he had a good impression of the community when he first visited the schools.

"Everyone in the commu-

nity and school is positive and welcoming," he said. "I am excited about this new opportunity to work and serve the Attica schools and community."

Daugaard has two adult children who grew up in Kansas. His son, Zachary, graduated from Wichita State University and is currently a mechanical engineer in St. Joseph, Mo., His daughter, Haley, graduated from Fort Hays State University and is employed as a software engineer in Bismarck, N.D.



DARYL DAUGAARD

AHS Golf Takes 2nd

STAFF REPORT

The Attica golf team took second at the Medicine Lodge tournament last Thursday.

The Bulldogs shot 206 as a team. Cheney won the tournament with 182.

Carter Swingle was the top individual. He shot 46 and placed third. Chase Rogers shot 50 and tied for eighth, taking ninth on tiebreakers. Michalyn Wyatt and Mac Harnden each shot 55 and tied for 15th place and Drake Schmidt shot 62 and tied for 23rd place.

The Bulldogs also competed at the Chaparral tournament Tuesday, April 2 and took fourth as a team.

The Bulldogs shot 462 as a team. Swingle shot 103 and placed 14th overall, while Harnden shot 110 and placed 19th. Schmidt shot 124 and tied for 31st, while Rogers shot 125 and tied for 33rd. Wyatt shot 126 and finished 26th.

Head coach Craig Winters said the golfers did well and are working hard to accomplish their goals.

"The main goal is to get better each and every week and make a push towards the end of the year," Winters said.

Track Season Underway With Multiple Events

STAFF REPORT

The Attica track athletes have opened their season, with several athletes attending the Oxford meet, some attending the Medicine Lodge junior varsity meet and some attending the Conway Springs meet.

At the Oxford meet March 29, Jon Monroe was first in the boy's pole vault with a height of 11 feet, two inches, and Thomas Deviney was third with a height of 10 feet, six inches.

Monroe ran the 800-meter run and finished with a time of 2:49.88 and Deviney ran the 100-meter dash and finished with a time of 13.46. Kendall Nelson competed in the boy's discus and threw the disc 68 feet, six inches,

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Harper County Sheriff's Deputy Involved in Fatal Shooting Near Attica

STAFF REPORT

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation is investigating an officer-involved shooting that happened early Tuesday morning just west of Attica on U.S. Highway 160.

Per the Harper County Sheriff's Department's Facebook page, a sheriff's deputy responded to a call west of Attica just before

7 a.m.

The Facebook post stated that Harper County Sheriff Tracy Chance requested assistance from the KBI and that agency has taken over the investigation.

According to a KSN-TV story, the KBI reported that a woman was shot and pronounced dead and that no law enforcement officers

were hurt.

The KBI identified the woman as Cheryl Gaines, 54, of Oklahoma City.

According to the KBI, the sheriff's deputy approached a vehicle stopped on U.S. Highway 160 and saw a woman in the car, holding a knife and scissors.

An officer from Attica Police arrived on scene,

then both officers backed away from the vehicle and called for backup, according to the KBI.

Per the KBI, the officers gave several commands for the woman to drop her weapons and get out of her car. The woman later exited the vehicle but did not drop the knife and scissors.

According to the KBI,

both officers backed away, but the Attica officer tripped and fell. The woman advanced toward him and the sheriff's deputy fired three shots.

The Kansas Department of Transportation posted on its Twitter feed that U.S. Highway 160 was closed west of Attica because of law enforcement in the area.



JASON JUMP / The Independent

Big Throw: Redgate Takes First Place at South Barber Meet

Attica High School junior Zoie Redgate won the girl's javelin event Tuesday afternoon at the South Barber track meet in Kiowa. Redgate's best throw was 110-3. Cunningham's Kyra Morgan placed second with a throw of 104-2, while AHS senior Ava Dark took third with a throw of 103-3.

Medicaid Expansion Debate to be Revived When Legislature Returns

BY RACHEL MIPRO
Kansas Reflector

TOPEKA – In three weeks, senators will decide whether to give Medicaid expansion a full floor debate or block discussion of health insurance coverage for low-income Kansans for another year.

Lawmakers rushed to hammer out myriad policy pieces ranging from the tax code to K-12 education funding during a late-night marathon session before adjourning Saturday for three weeks. During the frenzied process, Senate Minority Leader Dinah Sykes, a Lenexa Democrat, introduced a motion to pull Senate Bill 355 to the floor for consideration.

The procedural move is designed to override the authority of Republican

leadership who refuse to allow the bill to move forward through the usual process. The Sykes motion will require approval from 24 of the 40 senators.

"This is not a partisan issue, and over 70 percent of Kansans, regardless of party, support Medicaid expansion," Sykes said. "Only a few extremists in the Legislature are standing in the way, so Kansans deserve to know where their legislators stand on Medicaid expansion. To quote Beyonce, let's bring it to the floor now."

The quote is an apparent reference to Beyonce's song "Texas Hold 'Em," which contains the line, "Come take it to the floor now."

Senators will consider the motion after they return later this month, with a vote scheduled for April 26.

Gathering 24 votes will be an uphill battle, given GOP leaders' opposition to Medicaid expansion. Senate President Ty Masterson and House Speaker Dan Hawkins have characterized the program as a way to "expand the welfare state," instead of helping the "truly needy."

Medicaid expansion would expand health insurance coverage for lower-income families. Under the Affordable Care Act, the federal government covers 90 percent of the extra cost of Medicaid services in exchange for expanding eligibility to those who earn up to 138 percent of the federal poverty rate. Most of the estimated 152,000 Kansans who would benefit from expansion are self-employed, small business owners and their employees, or suffer-

ing from chronic illness.

Medicaid expansion would unlock \$700 million in annual federal funding and could save 59 rural hospitals on the brink of closing.

"The costs of everyday living continue to rise – including the cost of health care – and Kansas families are feeling it," said April Holman, executive director of Alliance for a Healthy Kansas. "It is past time for Kansas lawmakers to listen to the people and enact policy change that will ease the burdens of these costs on Kansas families."

Kansas is one of 10 states left that have not expanded Medicaid.

This session marked the first time in four years that GOP leaders allowed a Medicaid expansion bill to receive a committee hear-

ing. Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly applied pressure before the session with a statewide tour in which she promoted Medicaid expansion.

Democrats and health care advocates are hopeful this year's election will place additional pressure on lawmakers to support Medicaid expansion. All 165 seats in the House and Senate are up for election, and polling shows bipartisan support for Medicaid expansion.

In a statement to voters Saturday, Kelly said, "Now is the time to make your voices heard."

"I urge you to write, call, or meet with your legislators and encourage them to support expanding Medicaid by voting yes on this motion. We have the momentum to get this done this legislative session."

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QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? Contact Jason Jump at (620) 896-7311 or email jjump@atticaindependent.com

ATTICA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES April 3 Meeting

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order at 5:pm with Councilmen Matt Gardner, Justin Loreg, and Taner Hayes present. Councilmen Buckland Smith and Paul Calvert were unable to attend. Police Chief Chuck Berry, Superintendent Jay Spengler, City Clerk Lori Ryan were in attendance too. Loreg motioned to approve the 4/3/24 Agenda. Hayes seconded. Vote passed 3-0. Consent Agenda with 4/5/24 Payroll Appropriations Ordinance #7312 \$11,921.33 Expenditure Appropriation Ordinance #7299 \$11,018.12 was motioned for approval by Hayes and seconded by Gardner. Passed 3-0.

Appearances – Owner / Editor Jason Jump of the Attica Independent made his routine attendance at the meeting.

City Superintendent Jay Spengler Report – Public Works Team completed routine chores such as Running wells, Emptied trash on Main, completed One-Call Locates, Mowed, Pushed-up the Burn Site north of town, Monthly Water Meter Reading for Utility Bills. Working on water line on Botkin Street. Caulked around window in Library. Reglued laminate on countertops in Memorial Building. Superintendent Spengler attended KRWA Water Conference.

Working with County on new Daycare on Main. Removed one dead tree at McCaddon Park; more to do. Added insurance certificate to KDoT. Posted “dilapidated structure” signs on two houses to prepare for demolition. Will start on electrical work at Swimming Pool. At the 4/3 Council Meeting, asked Mayor / Council for new sewer cutting head. We currently have a Warthog that will cut 1” or less roots. Ours currently just cuts with water but needing more psi. Mayor said it is better to purchase those in the Fall so we will put it on the Agenda then.

APD Chief Berry Report – Chief Berry reported that he assisted with school camera system. Check and work on school camera system. Agreement with Red Cross to board (2) dog in case of disaster. Check school Bus/Radio not working/ broken antenna. Report of transient dropped off by Barber County Sheriff’s Office/ going to Nebraska. FBI Juvenile Firearms check. Report of recovered firearm/ Jasper County, Missouri Sheriff’s Office/ Remington shotgun. Traffic stop/ Black color, 2010, Nissan, Pickup truck/ wrong way street. Assist with Eagle Med/ Helicopter landing/ reported person fell. Assist DCF and Sheriff’s Office/

removal of children from residence. Report of suspicious vehicle & person/ Red color, Dodge, Dakota, Pickup truck asking questions about the house. Assist with City Easter Egg Hunt at city park. 400 block West Ave C: Report of possible domestic violence/ Check area/ injured female/ locate subject and arrest for domestic battery/ W-S0-107. Assist Antony #131 with family needing assistance/ food, food and fuel/ contact Hope assistance

City Clerk Lori Ryan Report – City Clerk Ryan reported that she and Bill Clerk Calvert are working on Lori working on getting quotes from health insurance providers. Lori / Staci compiling 37 different items for the initial part of the Audit. Lori met with Dari Cone realtor. Lori dealt with Dump Truck sale. 63 kids for Easter. Approximately 3 helpers. Spent approximately \$1300 of the Merchant’s money. Current “EVENTS” account balance = \$ 3,333.74 Lori met with Salina Steel representative. Lori typed two letters to homeowners concerning their dilapidated property.

AGENDA & OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED – City Clerk, Lori Ryan asked Mayor / Council about what grant item they would like for her to write for the HCCF

May Grant Round. Mayor asked for dimmable lights in the Memorial Building. Lori asked if we could get new benches for in front of City Hall. Both items were approved. Mayor / Council discussed the Dump Truck bids. Counter-offer will be made. City will be looking to purchase a used 2.5 ton dump truck. Trucking Business owner offered to haul-off diesel tank (4’ x 25’) and air tank in the Power Plant for free; Council was quick to say yes!

EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was no reason to have an E.S. at the 4/3/2024 Council Meeting.

Councilman motioned to go into Executive Session at pm for five minutes for matters of non-elected personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). Councilman seconded. Passed 0. Regular session resumed at m. No action taken while in Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52pm. Next regularly scheduled Council Meeting is 4/17/24.

Council Meetings are every first and third Wednesday of each month at 5:pm and open to the public; however, if you would like to address Council, it is appreciated that you call City Hall first to get on the Agenda.

NEWS BRIEFS

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION RIDES AVAILABLE

The Public Transportation Service assists all Harper County residents of any age to stay independent with transportation to work, medical appointments, shopping, errands, Patterson Health Center and locations less than 70 miles away. Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Every Harper County resident can ride with public transit regardless of age or mobility. Rides are first come, first served. Equal access is provided to the public. Call (620) 842-5104 for ride reservations and rates.

TUESDAYS TOGETHER TO FEATURE SPEAKER

Danielle Saunders will be the guest speaker at “Tuesdays Together” on April 16. She will be discussing how to avoid probate. Attendees can learn steps they can take now to transfer assets and bank accounts to their heirs upon their death. Saunders will also explain the differences in powers of attorney and living wills in Kansas. Advice on how to avoid scams will be discussed as well. The event will be April 16 at 11:30 in the Patterson Health Center meeting room.

AHS TO HOST RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE APRIL 12

Attica High School will host a Red Cross blood drive on Friday, April 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Wellness Center. Donors will receive a \$10 e-gift card via email to a merchant of their choice. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, please call Mandy Traffas at (620) 254-7915.

DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR HOMESTEAD REFUND

Harper County senior residents who own property and whose household gross income is \$40,500 or less, you may qualify for up to \$700 back in property tax thru the Kansas Homestead Refund. This annual program is not automatic and you must file for a refund by April 15. There are also refunds available for veterans, permanently disabled and low income seniors. More information is available at www.ksrevenue.org or call Jennifer Wolffe in the Aging Office to schedule an appointment (620) 842-5104.

COMMUNITY SPRUCE UP DAY SET FOR APRIL 19

The annual Community Spruce Up Day will be held on Friday, April 19. Please contact Donna Richards at USD 511 if you have any projects you need assistance with on that day. Richards can be reached at (620) 254-7915 or via email at donnar@usd511.org.

ATTICA SENIOR MEALS

April 15: Smoked beef, macaroni salad, carrots and celery, cherry cobbler and milk.

April 16: Pork stir fry, white rice, egg roll, fruit and milk.

April 17: Chicken spaghetti, breadstick, asparagus, ice cream and milk.

April 18: Smothered

steak, whole grain hot roll, peas, tossed salad, fruit and milk.

April 19: Grilled tilapia, whole grain bread slice, cooked spinach, buttered beans, banana cake and milk.

Suggested donation is \$4 per meal. Order by 1 p.m. the day before.

HARPER COUNTY JAIL

April 4: Braeden Reece Bell, 23, held for Barber County Sheriff’s Office, release date N/A.

April 7: Maynor Alexander Ubico, 22, criminal damage to property, DUI, failure to report accident, transporting open container and driving with suspended license, release date N/A, bond N/A.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice of election of one (1) member of the Board of Directors of Hospital District No. One of Harper County, Kansas and Annual Meeting.

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Directors of the Hospital District No. 1, Harper County, Kansas pursuant to K.S.A. 80-2184 and 80-2185 that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of such Hospital District shall be held on Friday, May 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the

Attica Long Term Care Facility activity room, 302 N. Botkin, Attica, Kansas for the purpose of electing one (1) member to the Board of Directors for a term of three (3) years and for such other purposes that may come before said meeting.

Prospective board candidates should contact administrator Holly Noble at 620-254-7253, ext. 100 no later than noon on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 in order for their names to appear on the official election ballot.

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Junior High Track Teams Open Season at South Barber

STAFF REPORT

Attica Junior High tracksters got their 2024 campaign underway last Thursday in Kiowa at the South Barber meet.

The seventh-grade Bulldogs took third, scoring 90 teams points, while the eighth graders took third with 118 points. The seventh-grade Lady Bulldogs finished fifth with 19 points, while the eighth graders came in fourth with 44 points.

Chaparral and Medicine Lodge each won two divisions. CJH took first in the seventh-grade girls and seventh-grade boys, while MLJH was the top finisher in the eighth-grade girl's and eighth-grade boy's divisions.

"I was very proud of these kids for the first meet. I thought we did great," AJH track coach Lance Vandever said. "Many personal bests were achieved in just the first meet. I'm looking forward to seeing their progress this season."

Complete Attica results:

Eighth-Grade Girls

Laney Vandever – Long Jump, 1st, 13-4.5, 4x100 Relay, 1st, Medley Relay, 1st; Laykin Shilling – Pole Vault, 1st, 7-6, 4x100 Relay, 1st, Medley Relay, 1st; Angelina McMillan – 4x1 Relay 1st, Medley Relay 1st; Grace

Whitmer – 100 dash, 4th, 14.66, 4x100 Relay, 1st, Medley Relay 1st (7th grader that ran up in 8th grade division); 400 Relay, 1st, 60.87, Shilling, Vandever, McMillan, Whitmer; Medley Relay, 1st, 2:15.06, Shilling (100), McMillan (100), Whitmer (200), Vandever (400)

Seventh-Grade Girls

Maddy Brace – Shot, 10th, 18-7, Disc, 8th, 36-10; Amy Davis – 100 dash, 6th, 16.34, 200 dash, 8th, 36.18; Ashtyn Schmidt – Pole Vault, 2nd, 6-0, 100 dash, 2nd, 14.81, 200 dash, 5th, 32.47

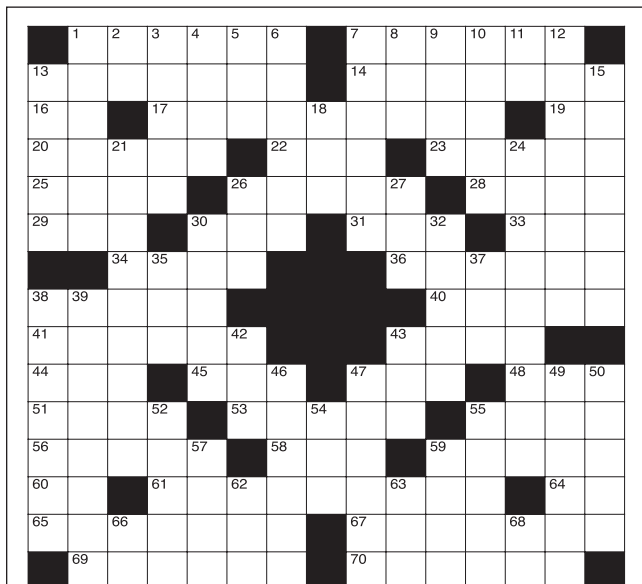
Eighth-Grade Boys

Jack Alexander – High Jump, 1st, 4-10, Triple Jump, 3rd, 32-5.5, 400 Relay, 1st, 800 Relay, 2nd; Jaxon Baird – 1600 run, 1st, 5:31.49, 3200 run, 1st, 11:13.72, 200 Dash, 5th, 31.87, Medley Relay, 2nd; Max Deviney – 100 Dash, 3rd, 13.5, 400 Relay, 1st, 800 Relay, 2nd, Medley Relay, 2nd; Hayden Domnick – Triple Jump, 5th, 31-10, 800 Run, 3rd, 2:45.8; Levi Tatro – 100 Dash, 6th, 13.67, 400 Relay, 1st, 800 Relay, 2nd, Medley Relay, 2nd; Konner Nelson – 1600 Run, 4th, 6:49.2, 3200 Run, 3rd, 12:50.46, 400 Relay, 1st, 800 Relay,

2nd; Tristan Richmeier – 800 Run, 1st, 2:35.62, 100 Dash, 7th, 13.75, Discus, 2nd, 90-11, Medley Relay, 2nd; Juaquin Ybarra – Discus, 8th, 10-8, Long Jump, 8th, 10-8; Waylon Loesch – Pole Vault, 3rd, 7-0, 800 Run, 4th, 3:20.3; Henry Swingle – Shot, 6th, 21-2, Discus, 7th, 56-7 (7th grader that competed in the 8th grade division); 400 Relay, 1st, 54.62, Nelson, Tatro, Alexander, Deviney; 800 Relay, 2nd, 1:58.06, Nelson, Tatro, Alexander, Deviney; Medley Relay, 2nd, 2:08.55, Tatro (100), Richmeier (100), Deviney (200), Baird (400)

Seventh-Grade Boys

Jordy Torres – Discus, 1st, 93-7, 200 Dash, 3rd, 28.75, 400 Dash, 3rd, 1:05.78, Medley Relay, 2nd; Gabe Westerman – Shot, 3rd, 24-9, Discus, 4th, 80-0; Cade McDaniel – Shot, 6th, 23-5.5, 100 Dash, 10th, 16.05, Medley Relay, 2nd; Dax Ricke – High Jump, 1st, 4-6, Long Jump, 3rd, 13-5.5, 400 Dash, 6th, 1:08.65, Medley Relay, 2nd; Braxton Swonger – Pole Vault, 1st, 6-6, High Jump, 4th, 4-6, 100 Hurdles, 1st, 20.06, Medley Relay, 2nd; Easton Wood – Discus, 3rd, 81-8, Shot, 5th, 23-6; Medley Relay – 2nd, 2:12.72, Swonger (100), McDaniel (100), Torres (200) and Ricke (400).

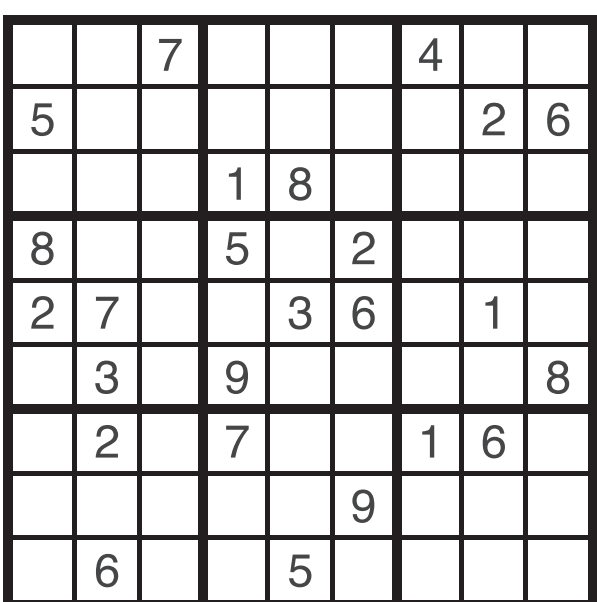


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1. Island nation
7. Platforms
13. Project plan
14. French fishing port
16. South Dakota
17. Oakland's baseball team
19. Military policeman
20. Ornamental stone
22. Garland
23. Process that produces ammonia
25. Mousses
26. Music notation "dal _"
28. Fail to win
29. Peyton's little brother
30. Not near
31. Some cars still need it
33. Lizard genus
34. An idiot (Brit.)
36. Postponed
38. African country
40. Gazes unpleasantly
41. In a way, traveled
43. Ukraine's capital
44. Appropriate
45. Dash
47. Twitch
48. Swiss river
51. Data file with computer animations
53. City in S. Korea
55. Particular region
56. They have eyes and noses
58. Tear
59. Large Madagascan lemur
60. Not out
61. Ornamental saddle covering
64. A driver's license is one
65. Latin term for charity
67. Rechristens
69. Objects from an earlier time
70. Hindu male religious teachers

CLUES DOWN

1. Used as a weapon
2. Yukon Territory
3. Makes a map of
4. An established ceremony prescribed by a religion
5. Unnilhexium
6. Merchant
7. Playing the field
8. Folk singer DiFranco
9. Something to scratch
10. Mexican agave
11. Equal to one quintillion bytes
12. Session
13. North American people
15. Ranches
18. Electroencephalograph
21. A type of compound
24. Avenue
26. High schoolers' test
27. A type of meal
30. Gradually disappeared
32. Ancient Frankish law code
35. Popular pickup truck
37. Buzzing insect
38. Deal illegally
39. Lying in the same plane
42. Obstruct
43. Related
46. Challenge aggressively
47. Nocturnal hoofed animals
49. Bird's nests
50. Forays
52. B. de Mille, filmmaker
54. Title of respect
55. One-time name of Vietnam
57. Self-immolation by fire ritual
59. Private school in New York
62. Political action committee
63. A way to fashion
66. Email reply
68. "The Great Lake State"



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and threw the shot out 26 feet, 2.5 inches.

For the girls, Ava Dark was second in the javelin with a throw of 103 feet, two inches, and Zoie Redgate was third with a throw of 102 feet, two inches.

Libby Swingle was sixth in the 800-meter run with a time of 3:05.55 and threw the discus 66 feet, four inches. Baylee Ricke threw

the discus 62 feet, one-half inch, and threw the shot put 25 feet, 4.5 inches.

At the Medicine Lodge JV meet April 2, Monroe won the boy's pole vault, clearing a height of 11 feet. Nelson threw the boys discus 66 feet, 7.5 inches, and the shot put 27 feet, 11.5 inches.

Swingle competed in the girl's discus and took fifth with a throw of 66 feet, 9.5 inches.

At the Conway Springs meet last Friday, for the

girls, Cady Hemphill won the 800-meter run with a time of 2:35.82 and the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:56.58. Zoie Redgate was fifth in the javelin with a throw of 108 feet and Baylee Ricke was sixth in the shot put with a throw of 27 feet.

For the boys, Thomas Deviney took first in the pole vault with a height of 11 feet, nine inches.

Other results for the girls were Ricke, a throw of 69 feet, seven inches in the dis-

cus; Libby Swingle, a time of 3:04.20 in the 800 and a throw of 70 feet, eight inches in the discus; Ava Dark, a throw of 96 feet, 10 inches in the javelin; and Mylie Blick, a throw of 75 feet, eight inches in the discus and a throw of 21 feet, four inches in the shot put.

In other boy's events, Deviney ran a time of 13.07 in the 100 and Kendall Nelson threw the discus 60 feet, one inch and the shot put 27 feet, four inches.

Trump: Abortion Policy Should be Left to States

BY JENNIFER SHUTT
States Newsroom

WASHINGTON – Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump announced a shift in his views on abortion laws Monday, releasing a video advocating for state legislatures to make those decisions, not Congress – and was immediately met with strong criticism from an influential anti-abortion group that said it should remain a national debate.

"My view is now that we have abortion where everybody wanted it from a legal standpoint, the states will determine by vote, or legislation, or perhaps both, and whatever they decide must be the law of the land. In this case, the law of the

state," Trump said in a nearly five-minute video he posted to social media.

"Many states will be different, many will have a different number of weeks, or some will have more conservative than others, and that's what they will be," he added. "At the end of the day, this is all about the will of the people. You must follow your heart, or in many cases your religion or your faith."

Trump said he supports exceptions to abortion bans to allow pregnancy terminations in cases of rape, incest and the life of the pregnant patient.

Trump's video is a departure from comments he's made on the campaign trail that he would support a 16-

week nationwide ban.

The shift in his policy platform less than seven months before Election Day could be viewed as an effort by Trump to appeal to centrist Republicans and swing voters, especially women, as Democrats have sought to rally supporters behind reproductive rights.

In the last two years, voters in a number of states have approved ballot questions that bolstered support for abortion access, including those in Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio.

Several other states, including Arizona and Florida, are likely to have abortion access questions on this November's ballot, alongside the choice for president

and representation in both chambers of Congress.

President Joe Biden wrote in a statement released by his reelection campaign that "Trump once said women must be punished for seeking reproductive health care – and he's gotten his wish."

"Women are being turned away from emergency rooms, forced to go to court to seek permission for the medical attention they need, and left to travel hundreds of miles for health care," Biden wrote.

"Because of Donald Trump, one in three women in America already live under extreme and dangerous bans that put their lives at risk and threaten doctors

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with prosecution for doing their jobs,” Biden added. “And that is only going to get worse.”

‘Deeply Disappointed’

Anti-abortion organizations immediately expressed frustration with Trump’s most recent campaign stance, while reproductive rights organizations questioned its truthfulness.

Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America President Marjorie Dannenfelser wrote in a statement the organization is “deeply disappointed in President Trump’s position” and reiterated the Supreme Court’s “Dobbs decision clearly allows both states and Congress to act.”

“Saying the issue is ‘back to the states’ cedes the national debate to the Democrats who are working relentlessly to enact legislation mandating abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy,” Dannenfelser wrote. “If successful, they will wipe out states’ rights.”

South Carolina Republican U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham also broke with Trump on the issue, writing in a statement that “the pro-life movement has always been about the wellbeing of the unborn child – not geography.”

Graham, ranking member on the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, said he would

continue to press for a 15-week nationwide abortion ban with exceptions for rape, incest and the life of the pregnant patient.

Until he can garner the votes to move that bill through Congress, Graham wrote, he would press for a law “requiring abortion providers to administer anesthesia to an unborn child at fifteen weeks.”

Abortion rights supporters were highly critical. Reproductive Freedom for All President and CEO Mini Timmaraju wrote in a statement that she didn’t believe Trump’s comments in the video, calling him a “liar.”

“He knows that publicly supporting bans loses voters, so he deployed dangerous disinformation about abortion in order to distract from the truth about what he will do if elected,” Timmaraju wrote.

“He’s responsible for the harm and chaos caused by Republicans’ abortion bans in the states, and all he is saying is that he wants more of it,” Timmaraju added. “The stakes couldn’t be higher, and we need to elect reproductive freedom majorities in Congress and send President Biden and Vice President Harris back to the White House to restore the federal right to abortion and expand access.”

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, a New York Democrat, cast doubt that Trump would hold the

stance for any length of time, writing in a statement, “Let’s wait a few weeks and see what his new position will be.”

Biden-Harris 2024 Campaign Manager Julie Chavez Rodriguez said on a call with reporters Monday afternoon that Trump’s video shows “his support for those extreme bans and made clear he will support these bans in all 50 states.”

“Make no mistake, leaving it to the states is an endorsement of the cruel and dangerous abortion bans across the country made possible only by Donald Trump,” Rodriguez said.

The abortion bans currently in place in Republican states sometimes exclude exceptions for rape and incest, and can take effect before a woman knows she’s pregnant, Rodriguez said.

Abortion Decision

Trump was president before the U.S. Supreme Court in 2022 overturned the constitutional right to abortion it established in the 1973 Roe v. Wade case and reaffirmed in the 1992 Planned Parenthood v. Casey ruling.

The conservative justices on the court wrote in their ruling ending nationwide protections that “the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives.”

That would include Congress, should lawmakers

choose to pursue a nationwide law. Trump didn’t say in the video if he would veto such a bill or work to prevent it from reaching his desk, in the event he is reelected president and has a Republican-controlled Congress.

In the video, Trump personally thanked the conservative justices on the Supreme Court who ended the right to an abortion and commented that he was “proudly the person who was responsible” for that ruling.

Trump didn’t comment specifically in the video about whether he would seek to enforce an 1873 anti-obscenity law that many anti-abortion advocates say could ban the mailing of medication abortion.

The Comstock Act, as it’s called, came up at the U.S. Supreme Court in late March when the justices heard oral arguments over access to mifepristone, one of two pharmaceuticals used in medication abortions.

That law hasn’t been enforced in decades but it bars the mailing of “Every article or thing designed, adapted, or intended for producing abortion, or for any indecent or immoral use.”

Trump and IVF

Trump also addressed access to in vitro fertilization in his video, saying the Republican Party “wants to make it easier for mothers and families to have babies,

not harder.”

“That includes supporting the availability of fertility treatments, like IVF, in every state in America,” Trump said, later adding he “strongly supports the availability of IVF for couples who are trying to have a precious baby.”

Trump thanked lawmakers in Alabama for enacting civil and criminal protections for IVF clinics so they could resume treatments after the state’s Supreme Court ruled that frozen embryos constituted children.

While many of the IVF clinics in the state restarted their work after the new law was put in place, a Mobile, Alabama, IVF clinic said it will cease at the end of the year due to a lawsuit over the process.

“Today I’m pleased that the Alabama Legislature has acted very quickly and passed legislation that preserves the availability of IVF in Alabama,” Trump said. “They really did a great and fast job.”

Trump said that the GOP “should always be on the side of the miracle of life and the side of mothers, fathers and their beautiful babies. And that’s what we are.”

“IVF is an important part of that and our great Republican Party will always be with you in your quest for the ultimate joy in life,” Trump said.

Republicans in the U.S.

Senate have blocked two bills from moving forward that would have addressed access to IVF, following the questions about the process in Alabama.

Republican Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith of Mississippi in late February blocked efforts by Illinois Democratic Sen. Tammy Duckworth to pass a bill that would have implemented nationwide protections of IVF patients and health care providers.

That legislation would have barred limitations on “assisted reproductive technology services” that are “more burdensome than limitations or requirements imposed on medically comparable procedures, do not significantly advance reproductive health or the safety of such services and unduly restrict access to such services.”

In mid-March, Oklahoma Republican Sen. James Lankford blocked Washington state Democratic Sen. Patty Murray from quickly passing legislation that would have expanded access to fertility treatments for military members and veterans.

The bill, titled the Veteran Families Health Services Act, would have allowed troops to freeze their eggs or sperm before shipping out to a combat zone or a hazardous duty assignment. It would also have broadened access to VA’s adoption services.



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Javelin: Dark Finishes Third

Attica High School senior Ava Dark launches one of her four javelin throws on Tuesday at the South Barber track meet in Kiowa. Dark placed third with a 103-3, which was less than a foot behind the second-place finisher.



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Discus: Blick Bests Teammates

Attica High School sophomore Mylie Blick was the top discus thrower for the Lady Bulldogs Tuesday at the South Barber meet in Kiowa. Blick finished just ahead of AHS freshman Libby Swingle with a toss of 72-5.25. Swingle’s best was 67-4.75. Attica junior Baylee Rickee also competed with a top throw of 64-7.75.

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