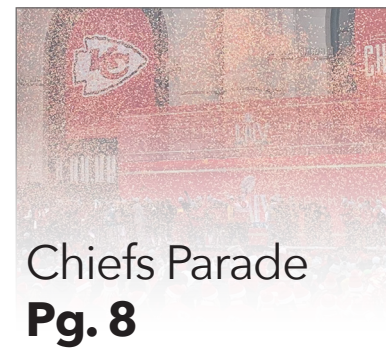




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# Website revision brings frustration, accommodations

**Lucas Lord**

Web Editor

Recently, the university website has undergone a complete redesign. Links to dead pages and faulty links remain a concern as the semester progresses.

Durler spoke last week during the first faculty senate meeting of the semester about how embarrassed he was to show the website to colleagues.

"I'm embarrassed when the ads say to check out the new website because students and potential students can't find the website," Durler said. "I will say the IT people are awesome. I don't have a complaint about the IT people."

At the time Jim Williams, vice president of student affairs, told Durler and the other faculty present to address concerns to Cory Falldine of the IT department.

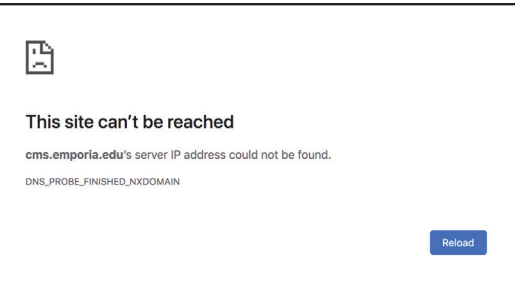
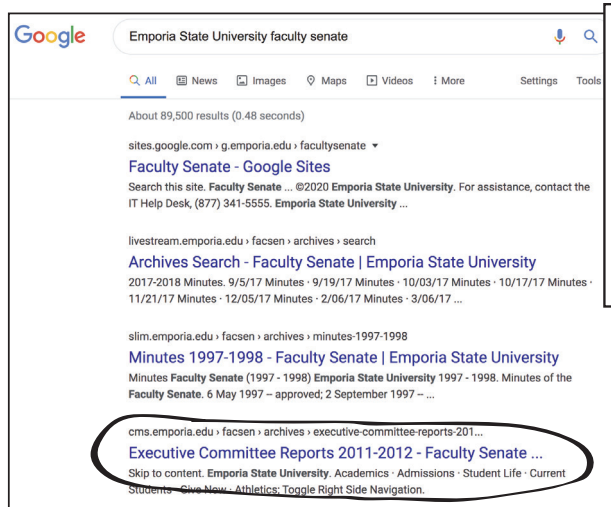
"I have not heard any concerns, nor do I personally have any (about the website)," Williams said. "Marketing and Media as well as IT have worked with members of my division and have continued to be of assistance as questions arise. The new website has focused our communication and highlighted the cocurricular experience."

"I have found that there has been steady progress in correcting (Emporia State's) website," said George Durler, the Faculty Affairs Committee chair and professor of accounting, in an email. "IT has been especially responsive in making corrections when issues are discovered."

Durler said that many of the problems the website had at launch have now been fixed.

"This is to be expected when a wholesale change is done," Durler said. "It is my

## Google searches lead nowhere



(left) Google searches for ESU webpages give current and old website results with dead links. Following some Google search results lead to errors. **Kalliope Craft** | THE BULLETIN

understanding the complete revision was done to adhere to the law and state policies regarding accommodation. IT and ESU Marketing have been working hard to deal with issues. It was to be expected to have some frustration when so many things on a website

are moved and changed. We sometimes forget it takes time to make the corrections necessary."

With the Blackboard Ally program recently installed on Canvas, the face of ESU continues to change online.

"I think our online pro-

grams are really good...Hor-net365 is certainly better organized now," said Kaje Robinson, junior political science major. "A lot of the Google links still don't work, and a lot of stuff has been put in weird

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# Snowy day brings snowy play



Students put the final touches on their snowman Feb. 12 in front of the Science Hall. They spent an hour working on their creation as the snow fell around them. **KALLIOPE CRAFT** | **The Bulletin**

# ASG passes six bills, resolutions

**Margaret Mellott**

Editor-in-Chief

Associated Student Government passed three bills and three resolutions at the last senate meeting on Feb. 6. They all passed 23 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstained.

The bills passed were: Recognition of flute choir, recognition of the sociology club and clarifications to the Line Item Organization appendixes. The resolutions passed were: State funding for higher education, celebration of Emporia State for the upcoming founders day and class resources.

"Access to higher education has become less accessible within the last decade for students due to unaffordability," said Martina Miller, business administration major. "And whereas the majority of the financial burden has been placed on the student with regular tuition and fee increases rather than in increased investment from the state funding and whereas state investment is critical for supporting regent institutions in their effort to provide efficient student based services that meet the needs of students."

The senate also had two guest speakers at the beginning of the meeting. Jerald Spotswood, dean of the graduate school and chair of the Open Educational Resources taskforce, spoke about opportunities for OER.

"Last spring we put to-

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# Impeachment results bring no surprise

**Lucas Lord**

Web Editor

President Donald Trump was acquitted on both articles of impeachment by the Senate after failing to reach a supermajority on Feb. 5. Trump was accused by the House of Representatives of abuse of power and obstruction of congress.

"Three out of the four presidential impeachments in history have occurred in what I consider to be my relatively

short lifetime," said Michael Smith, chair of social sciences. "It seems to be that we have never been so consumed over the opinions on one person."

Smith, who had just taken a group of students to observe the Iowa Caucus, said that the attention of the nation seemed divided.

"It seemed like the people who voted were voting whether they were pro or anti-Trump and the impeachment was a background issue," Smith said.

"I think this will certainly be one of those memorable moments in history, but what are you supposed to say about it?"

According to Smith, he has never seen another president promote their brand as much as Trump has.

"Everyone has an ego of some type. You must have one to be a politician," Smith said. "But you can be consumed by ego and self-interest...We've had some presidents with massive personalities in the

past, but Trump far exceeds them."

As the results of the trial were published, some students were not surprised by the results.

"I think with how messed up the process was by rule setting the impeachment trail ended up looking like another day of normal business, which it shouldn't be," said Jason Buck, senior political science

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# The cost of growing up: A guide to taxes

**Katie Donnelly**

Managing Editor

If you're anything like me and are still adjusting to this whole "adulting" thing then you may not know what the hell to do with that document called a W-2 you received from your boss.

The purpose of the W-2 is to report all the money you've made and the tax that has already been taken out.

If you have an income lower than \$69,000, you can file for free

through websites such as H&R Block or TurboTax. I'm assuming all college readers are in that boat. If not, you should be giving me the advice. The free websites are also helpful because they make it more difficult to make mistakes.

Accountants can help but it can cost more money than it's worth and they may just do what you are more than capable of doing yourself.

The first step in filing taxes is to make sure your W-2 Form is correct. Check and make sure all the infor-

mation is correct as far as social security and withholding amount. The withholding amount is how much is taken from each paycheck and which is decided by how much is made. The W-2 answers Rachel Green's question in the first episode of Friends, "Who is FICA and why is he getting all my money?"

Next, you need to fill out a 1040. The 1040 is an IRS form you fill out with information about your income used to file taxes. The 1040

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## Corky's Fuzzy Friends



**Sex**  
female

**Age**  
2 years

**Fee**  
\$25

**MERCEDES**

*This black cat is shy around other cats, but funny and sweet! She is spayed.*

Those interested in adopting Mercedes should fill out an application to adopt at the Emporia Kansas Animal Shelter, 1216 Hatcher St. **Infographic by Kalliope Craft** | THE BULLETIN



## New police chief increases campus outreach

**Margaret Mellott**

Editor-in-Chief

When the campus chief of police position opened up last spring, it was a natural fit for Jerry Cook. Cook, Emporia native and Emporia State graduate, was hired in fall of 2011.

In June of last spring, Cook was named interim chief until he was officially offered the position in the fall. Previously, Cook was a sergeant with the campus police.

"I would really like to see more interaction with the students, and also faculty and staff, that's extremely important with me," Cook said. "Having some type of relationship with people to show we're not always here to write you a ticket or take you to jail or anything like that...If you need help, we're here to help

you and we're here 24/7 for that reason."

Since taking the position, Cook has worked closely with Jim Williams, vice president of student affairs, to start community outreach.

"I love this university and I'm trying to do everything I can to give back to the university that they gave me when I was a student here."

**Jerry Cook**

*ESU Chief of Police and Safety*

"Number one is safety and security of students, faculty and staff on the campus," Williams said. "But because they're just focused on Emporia State, there's a great opportunity to be educators like everybody else...A lot of his things that he's been looking

at, for a lack of a better word, calling them community relationships, community policing type concepts and that's very exciting. I think in the long run, that's going to assist in keeping the campus safe and secure."

Being born and raised in Emporia, Cook said he was excited to work at ESU.

"I was a student here," Cook said. "I was born and raised in Emporia and I left for two years for junior college and then I finished my college career and

played sports here. I graduated (from) ESU with a sociology degree."

For almost a decade, Cook has known Linda Parks, administrative officer. Parks said he's done a wonderful job so far.

"I knew him before he started (working at the college)," Parks said. "He has stepped into this role so nicely. It's been an easy transition. He's respectful, he gets along well with everyone, he's a team player. I couldn't tell you enough honestly."

Ultimately, Cook said he's excited to give back to the university.

"I love Emporia..." Cook said. "I love this university and I'm trying to do everything I can to give back to the university that they gave me when I was a stu-

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major. "There were no surprises really. The entire trail was conducted along partisan

lines...people need to look beyond their media feed and get more involved and pay closer attention."

Three other presidents have been charged with impeach-

ment, but only two of them were successfully removed.

"I wasn't surprised at all (that there was no collaboration across party lines)," said John Barnett, associate profes-

sor of social sciences. "I think a lot of people are facing 'Trump fatigue,' but they don't see an alternative. I think the independents need to be looked at (this election)."

## Statehouse News

### Legalized sports gambling

By Sydney Hoover

TOPEKA -- Advocates of legalized sports gambling in Kansas recently endorsed a proposal allowing the four state-sanctioned casinos to take bets on college and professional athletic events on a casino's premises and through internet or mobile devices.

Commercial retailers and other businesses in Kansas that have sought an opportunity to engage in sports betting operations through the Kansas Lottery weren't included in the bill submitted to the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee. The bill would deliver to the state government a 7.5% tax on casino wagers and 10% tax on mobile bets, but the legislation wouldn't earmark a percentage of revenue for city or county governments.

If fewer than two of the casinos offered online sports wagering by July 2022, the Kansas Lottery would be able to step in and offer that internet service to gamblers. Sports bettors would have to be 21 years of age and in the state at the time of the bet, gambling on greyhound races would be banned and bets on high school sporting events wouldn't be permitted.

No royalty fees would be required to be paid to NFL, MLB or other professional sports leagues based on gambling in Kansas. Tribal casinos would be allowed to engage in sports betting under separate agreements negotiated with the governor.

"We have found that sports betting has become an effective new customer acquisition tool, particularly when we are able to offer mobile wagering," said Jeff Morris, a lobbyist with Penn National Gaming, which operates the Hollywood Casino at the Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan. The company is the nation's largest regional gaming operator with 41 facilities in 19 states.

During the 2019 legislative session, competing economic and political forces blocked passage of a sports gambling bill in Kansas.

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gether a roadmap, or plan, for building OER at ESU as well as a short report for the provost," Spotswood said. "Sometime this summer, (David Cordle, provost) came to me and said 'Ok, I've got some money for you. What do you guys wanna do?' So, we met with the taskforce and they decided the best plan of action was to follow basically a plan (from) KSU, which was to build incentive grants."

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W-2 can be uploaded to websites such as TurboTax or H&R Block for free. When filling out these forms make sure you include any deductions you qualify for, for example donating to charity.

Once all the documents necessary are uploaded, the next step is to calculate whether or not you will owe or be owed a

tax refund, which whatever tax service you go through should let you know. If you owe money it needs to be sent to the IRS or the Kansas (or wherever) Department of Revenue. A payment plan can always be made if necessary.

This year tax day falls on April 15. If it is not paid by then an additional five or six percent interest will be added.

For additional help, VITA services are available Mondays and Saturdays in Cremer Hall.

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links still don't work, and a lot of stuff has been put in weird spots, like I was trying to find student records to do a degree evaluation and I couldn't find it."

Robinson said that it can be frustrating and inconvenient at times trying to work with the redesigned website.

"I think the biggest issue is just trying to learn where everything is now," Robinson said. "It is definitely better than the old (website). I think it's a step in the right direction."

For concerns related to technology or the website in general the IT department can be contacted at 877-341-5555 or by visiting online at [www.emporia.edu/student-life/it-support](http://www.emporia.edu/student-life/it-support).

## Statehouse News

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### Kansas behind on vaccinations

By Sydney Hoover

TOPEKA — Kansas ranks below average in overall health and has continued to decline in recent years, Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary Lee Norman said.

America's Health Rankings places the state 29th in the country in overall health, Norman said in a Feb. 3 presentation to the House Children and Seniors Committee, with low points in vaccinations and sexually transmitted disease. Last year, the state ranked 27th.

"That downward slide you saw in America's Health Rankings I think represents a passive approach to health, and to actively change the course of that graph, it would take very active processes," Norman said Feb. 3.

Kansas was ranked particularly low in immunizations, at 49th for HPV immunization in girls, 34th for boys, and 46th for meningococcal vaccinations.

Norman said only 69% of children between 19 and 35 months complete recommended vaccinations for their age.

Rep. Randy Garber, R-Sabetha, asked whether there were any studies looking into the safe-

ty of immunizations, saying more doctors are questioning some vaccines.

"If I'm going to give my child an immunization, I want to make sure it's safe," Garber said. "And I'm not convinced that they are."

Norman said safety of vaccinations is looked at before efficacy or other factors.

He said with the flu vaccine, for instance, the state hasn't seen any flu-related deaths in people who have received the vaccine.

He also noted the fear that vaccines contribute to autism has been "absolutely discredited."

"People that don't get vaccinated don't because of the fear of the vaccine," Norman said. "People who do get vaccinated do because of fear of the illness. I think one thing we can all agree on is we're afraid."

Kansas also saw a spike in gonorrhea cases since 2008, as well as an increase in chlamydia and syphilis cases. Norman said more open discussions regarding sexual education could help relieve this increase, among other recommendations.

The state also ranked 30th in tobacco use, likely exacerbated by e-cigarette use, and 38th in obesity.

## Police Reports

### Logs from ESU Police and Safety

Feb. 5

A female subject requested to speak with an officer at ESU PD HQ in reference to a theft of funds.

Officers stopped KS 777LWH at 800 Merchant. Verbal warning for expired registration.

Officer checked a vehicle north of I-35. Vehicle was also searched. Search was negative. No other problem was found.

Officer checked KS 179JUV in the Twin Towers Complex Loading Zone. No problem was found.

Feb. 6

Officer obtained search warrant for KS 179JUV in east loading zone of Twin Towers Complex. Officer searched vehicle. Alexis Cole was taken into custody for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Officer provided jump start assistance for KS 258MLT at 1533 Merchant.

Officer admitted student Gabrielle Pousson into King Hall Room 109.

Feb. 7

Officer assisted Emporia Police Dept. with a found Drivers License. Property was returned to owner.

A male student requested to speak with an officer involving a hit and run in free parking.

Residential life requested welfare check for male student on North Twin Towers 6th floor. Student was examined by paramedics and refused transport.

Feb. 8

Officer assisted Emporia Police Dept. with check welfare at 802 East.

Officer admitted student Warren Menough into Southeast Morse Hall Room 418.

Officer assisted Lyon Co. deputy with a car stop on I-35 southbound mm 128.

Feb. 9

Officers assisted Emporia Police Dept. with a welfare check/attempt to locate. Subject's vehicle was located in 1200 Market. Officers left a note on the vehicle and contacted family.

Officers stopped KS 963MMD on I-35 north on-ramp at Merchant. Operator was the subject of outside agency assist/welfare check. Advised to call family.

A female student requested to speak with an officer at South Twin Tower Room 710.

Feb. 10

North Twin Towers zone 395 Fire. Smoke detector Room 307-B. Human error. Window left open.

Officer stopped KS 676JVS in 1200 State. Verbal warning for defective tail light.

Officer responded to reports of subjects screaming in North Twin Towers elevators and the smell of marijuana on South Twin Towers 7th floor.

## Statehouse News

### Strength in Numbers

By Paige Henderson

TOPEKA — "Si se puede" was the paradigm Jacquie Fernandez-Lenati grew up with. As the great niece of the prominent civil rights activist Dolores Huerta, Fernandez-Lenati had no choice but to believe in the words, "si se puede," or its English equivalent, "yes we can," a phrase coined by her great aunt.

Huerta is an American labor leader and civil right activist, who with Cesar Chavez, founded the labor union United Farm Workers. The union was formed to fight for the rights of farm workers throughout the United States. Huerta not only worked for the rights of farmers but for Latino and women's rights as well. In 2012, former President Barack Obama bestowed her the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Just like her great aunt, Fernandez-Lenati works to improve social and economic conditions for minority groups.



# Students, snowmen and snowy shenanigans



(left) Manasseh Ketner, sophomore graphic design major, and Kyara Wondra, sophomore English major, build a snowman Feb. 12 in front of Plumb Hall. The girls were one of many snowmen architects across campus yesterday. (right) International students Lucia Taboada, freshman English major, Ana Valdez, freshman communications and sociology major, and Camila Virel, intensive English student fill the air with laughter as they have a snowball fight in front of the William Allen White Library. Before the snowball fight broke out, the students made a small snowman. KALLIOPE CRAFT | **The Bulletin**



(above) Music students make the best of the winter weather by building a giant snowman on Feb. 12 outside of Beach Music Hall. They finished their snowman by carefully placing its head on top. (middle right) A group of music students rush to finish their snowman before choir rehearsal on Feb. 12 in front of Beach Music Hall. Despite still having classes these students found a way to have a fun snow day. (right) President Allison Garrett has a friendly snowball fight and makes snow angels with a group of students on Feb. 12 in front of Plumb Hall. President Garrett tweeted "Mass snow angels in front of Plumb Hall at 12:30 today. Who's with me?" SHELBY HAMBLETON | **The Bulletin**



LUCAS LORD

## EMPORIA EATS

Coach's for the win

After not eating a real meal in two days, I was lured inside Coach's neighborhood grill and bar by the smell of grilled chicken and patty melts. Sitting at 2702 W 15th Ave, right by Village Elementary, Coach's is about as close to a neighborhood

restaurant as Emporia has to offer.



Coach's received 5 out of 5 forks.

Every time I've gone to Coach's it seems like a sports team is there to celebrate. Although not as busy this time, rather nearly empty, the food still left me wanting to celebrate like it was me who won the Super Bowl.

With a solid variety of patty melts, some Mexican food and plenty of chicken and beer, I decided on one of the house specialties: the prairie chicken. For me, if chicken is going to be grilled, not fried, nothing beats being able to see the fresh grill marks on marinated chicken covered with onions and red

and green peppers topped with cheese and a touch of a sauce I was told had honey, ranch and some barbeque sauce in it.

With a garden salad, fresh green beans and a heaping serving of sweet potato fries, I could almost feel my stomach expand with a sigh of relief.

While they lack solid vegetarian options, the smell of the meat was enough to make anyone curious as to how it tasted. I was impressed that such a large restaurant and bar could be run with only the

two employees I saw.

For about \$13, Coach's is a bit more expensive than some of the other diners in town. However, between the daily specials, a good variety of drinks and great lunch options, you can't go wrong with a visit to Coach's.





## Take the time celebrate Black excellence now

Black History Month is important for all of us. No matter your race, Black History strengthens us all.

In an area made up of nearly 88% white people, celebrating Black excellence is so important during February, but should be celebrated the rest of the year too.

Unfortunately, learning minority histories is not something widely taught in traditional history classes. But, it should be.

Slavery is of course taught, but what about Mary Van Brittan Brown, who co-invented early home security systems in 1966? What about Garrett Morgan, who

invented modern traffic lights in 1923? Or Alexander Miles, who invented automatic elevator doors in 1877?

Black inventors have done so much for our daily lives, and yet the only inventors taught in school are white ones.

In a country that has historically oppressed Black

something that often goes unrecognized or is forgotten about. This goes to show that even at the college level, Black History Month should be a point of education for everyone.

We have to be more well rounded in our education about the struggles, triumphs and ultimately, the celebra-

Gordon Parks who was an award-winning photographer and Brown v. Board, the landmark Supreme Court case that declared “Separate, but equal is inherently unequal.”

Even way back in 1879, there was the exodusters who migrated to Kansas after the Civil War. If you want something more modern, just look at the works of Janelle Monae, a multi-award winning musician.

Black History should be celebrated for more than just February, but please partake in these wonderful opportunities while you can. It’s important to understand and learn where other people come from. It’s time to celebrate the impact of Black

contributions, not just on our country, but in our community.

Throughout this month, Emporia State is offering various programs hosted by Diversity Student Programs, Union Activities Council, Black Student Union and even Greek Life.

Some of these events include: Multicultural Ethnic Beauty/Hair Talk at 4 p.m. Feb. 17 Preston Family Room of the Memorial Union, and The Divine Nine Historically Black Greek System presentation at 6 p.m. Feb. 26 Preston Family Room.

Just in Kansas, we had Gordon Parks who was an award-winning photographer and Brown v. Board, the landmark Supreme Court case that declared “Separate, but equal is inherently unequal.”

people for centuries, more has to be done to lift up and celebrate the works and contributions of Black people.

Black History Month is

tions of other races and cultures. We have to do more to lift up our fellow students in celebrating their heritage.

Just in Kansas, we had

### Small-town big livin’



Lucas Lord  
Web Editor

When I moved from Santa Barbara to Emporia in fourth grade, the first thing I wanted to do was get out of this town.

Growing up in a city with about 100,000 people, I felt like Emporia was too small, even cramped. For the longest time, I was embarrassed to live in a somewhat rural community.

Over the last twelve years, my opinion of small-town life has pivoted completely. What Emporia may lack in variety, it more than makes up for in personality and community.

While not only having some of the best tap water I’ve ever had, Emporia has a lot to offer.

From monthly art showcases for First Friday, the Great American Flea Market to the seasonal farmers market, I’ve seen so many people come together in ways I would have never seen had I, ironically,

stayed in a bigger city. I would have never seen what a truly clear night sky looks like when you’re driving through the Flint Hills.

As I approach my graduation date, I have to consider where I’d like to live next. As my brother considers Ivy League schools in bustling cities, I find myself drawn to small town life, away from the six lanes of traffic and closer to nature and my neighbors. Living across the street from ESU, I’ve come to really appreciate the fact I can walk from one side of campus to the other and still have time to grab a bite between classes.

While Emporia may only have about 25,000 people on a good day, I continue to meet new people and explore new nooks and crannies of this little city. I’ve spent countless hours staring at the Cottonwood River as it floods past the All Veterans Memorial with the helicopter I played on in elementary school.

Emporia has taught me that a town isn’t defined by the amount of people that live there, but how they live together. Every time I eat at a local shop or cruise down Commercial Street, I am reminded of all the big living happening in this small-town life.

### Coronavirus is not an excuse to be xenophobic



Emma Boyd  
Copy Editor

News of the coronavirus outbreak from Wuhan, China has been circulating through the media since January. There have been over 40,000 cases worldwide, the majority of them in China, and only a little over 1,000 deaths have been caused, according to WebMD. This means less than one-tenth of a percent of cases have been fatal.

Thirteen confirmed cases have been reported in the U.S., according to the CDC. Lawrence was thought to have a case last month, but was tested negative. The patient was kept for a little over a week while tests were done to ensure his respiratory issues were not signs of an infection. There seems to be no need for panic or, more impor-

tantly, racism based around the virus here in the United States.

Stories of discrimination against immigrants from China or even of Asian descent have been trending on Social Media. Though the circumstances may be scary, there is no reason to be rude. The coronavirus is not hereditary nor is it automatically spread to anyone who looks Chinese. Keep your xenophobia in check.

Nations are taking the necessary precautions to fight the spread of the disease. Tourists leaving China have been quarantined and checked for the virus before and/or after leaving the country in hopes of stopping the spread of the disease. Less than 1% of cases have been outside of China.

One Chinese doctor died last week from the virus at just 34 years old. His name was Dr. Li Wenliang. He contracted the disease from one of his glaucoma patients. Wenliang was one of the first professionals to warn the Chinese government of the virus but was silenced by accusations of providing false information, according to an article from the New Yorker.

A hospital doctor in China died from the coronavirus after working with infected patients. At 62 years old, Liang Wudong contracted the virus while working to help those infected at the outbreak’s center in Wuhan. He died nine days later, according to the New York Post.

Any new virus is scary, and adding deaths to the mix makes it worse, but I just want to emphasize that the coronavirus is no reason to be xenophobic. It is very, very unlikely that anyone on campus has been infected, so please be nice to everyone. Especially our exchange students. Living abroad is hard.

Being discriminated against because of what is happening in your home country is worse.

This goes for any of our Chinese friends here in America right now. This is a hard time for everyone, especially for those whose families and friends are affected by the outbreak. And to anyone who is being mean just because someone looks Asian, you never know what is happening in their lives so try to be nice even if it’s out of character for you.

### St. Valentine would be disappointed



Faith Burgoon  
Opinion Editor

As we all know, Valentine’s Day is this week. Everyone’s favorite “holiday” to scramble about trying to find someone to spend money on as a way to show affection.

Honestly, I don’t see the point. Maybe it’s because like most of us, I have a habit of spending Valentine’s Day alone. Why should I try to find the most romantic gift to give to someone on a day deemed a “holiday” in the eyes of a capitalist industry?

If you love someone, you should be showing them every day. Send her flowers on a random Tuesday or send him a cute message on his way to work. It is more about that feeling of joy and love you get when someone cares about you.

Nowadays, we only care about what we can post. You see Instagram and Snapchat posts

about who got what for Valentine’s Day because it’s popular. Post about the people you love other days, not just a day that you feel like you have to.

I love flowers as much as the next girl—yellow roses and white lilies if anyone wanted to know since I don’t get them often—but I don’t want flowers because someone felt forced to get them for me on a holiday.

I want to feel special and loved every day. Not just one stupid holiday that was only created by companies to make them money. Stop worrying about what’s popular and looks good. Cherish the people you love every day.

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## Douglas County making changes after false rape report cases

LAWRENCE (AP) — Douglas County law enforcement officials are undergoing training and planning to coordinate investigations and prosecutions of sexual assault cases after facing criticism last year for charging women with making false sexual assault complaints.

Douglas County District Attorney Charles Branson said this week other changes planned in the county include a task force and continuing education on handling trauma and sexual assault cases, The Lawrence Journal-World reported.

In October, Branson dismissed a case against a woman who was charged with filing a false rape report, after a Lawrence police detective said in an affidavit that he thought the

woman reported the rape because she was angry the man involved was seeing another woman. Advocates for sexual violence victims criticized Branson and investigators, saying filing such charges would make victims reluctant to report sexual assaults. Two similar cases were dismissed in December.

A group of social work students at the University of Kansas said prosecutors and investigators showed a “concerning lack of crucial knowledge” about trauma and sexual assault, as well as behaviors survivors might display after an assault. Anne Divine, president of the KU Edwards BSW Student Group, said the group saw a “regrettable pattern” in the investigations.

In the past three months,

all attorneys and victim/witness coordinators in the Douglas County district attorney's office have completed a five-hour training course on sexual assault investigations. Lawrence police detectives will also take the training.

Tom Tremblay, a retired police chief from Burlington, Vermont, who specializes in trauma-informed response, investigation and prosecution training, will lead a two-day training session for more than 40 senior prosecutors, victim/witness coordinators, community service providers, detectives, investigators and their supervisors in April, Branson said. He also will help Branson's office draft procedures to coordinate responses of area law enforcement and attorneys in

investigations and prosecutions in sexual assault cases.

The county also will develop a continuing training program for the investigators and first responders who have first contact with survivors, “so they have at least the basic tools to understand what's going on, how to respond and how to make the handoff to the trained investigators,” Branson said. “It is anticipated” that all area law enforcement will take the annual in-service training, he said.

Divine said Wednesday that she thought it was “really wonderful” that Branson's plans include many points she and other students promoted in letters to Lawrence city leaders, the district attorney's office and local law enforcement.

Branson said a major

concern was that agencies handled their investigations differently.

“We didn't want people to have a different experience based upon who investigated the case,” Branson said. “It also made a difference in how the case was investigated with what our office would do with it and how we would necessarily view it.”

He's working with area law enforcement and service providers to create the Douglas County Sexual Assault and Trauma Task Force, which aims to develop protocols to ensure that investigations are consistent from agency to agency. Most of those currently appointed to the task force are males, but Branson said he is trying to add more community partners.

## Catholic investigations are still shrouded in secrecy

Roman Catholic Bishop Richard Malone resigned in December 2019 after intense public criticism for his handling of the clergy sexual abuse crisis in the Diocese of Buffalo, New York.

His departure came three months after the Vatican announced what's called an “apostolic visitation” — a religious investigation that allows the pope to swiftly audit, punish or sanction virtually any wing of the Roman Catholic Church — into Malone's diocese, or region.

In my research on clergy sexual abuse, I've learned that these investigations are still shrouded in secrecy. **Visitations for clergy sexual abuse**

When clergy abuse cases first emerged in the 1980s, the Vatican used apostolic visitations to punish Catholic institutions who had attracted negative press for their role in the scandal.

After lawmakers in Ireland, Canada and the U.S. suggested that seminary training was a potential cause of the clergy sex abuse crisis, for example, the Vatican ordered visitations to investigate the entire network of seminaries in those countries.

Though the full results of these investigations are rarely made public, resignations of troublesome clergy typically follow.

Bishop Robert Finn of Kansas City, for example, refused to leave office even after he was convicted in 2012, by the circuit court of Jackson County, Missouri, for his failure to report child sexual abuse. After awaiting his resignation for two years, the Vatican pressured Finn by opening a visitation in 2014. He promptly resigned after the Vatican's investigation.

In the ancient church, popes used apostolic visitations to govern far-flung regions. But since the creation of separate political delegates in the 16th century, visitations have been used more for emergency situations.

**A biblical approach to managing scandals**

The theology underpinning apostolic visitations comes from the Christian Bible, particularly passages from the Gospel of Mark and St. Paul's Letters, which urged early Christians to supervise one another.

The medieval Catholic empire was so diffuse that bishops had to travel long distances to “visit” their communities. Those yearly visits are still called “canonical visitations” because they are described in canon law, the regulations that govern clergy.

Unlike mundane canonical audits, apostolic visitations are special investigations ordered by the pope, who chooses a delegate, or “visitor,” to lead the inquiry. The Vatican has sole discretion over the purpose, scale and duration of the investigation.

They are called “apostolic” because the church teaches that the bishops are heirs to Jesus' apostles, and so only the pope can fire a Catholic bishop.

Some apostolic visitations are launched over doctrinal, rather than criminal, emergencies. In 2007, for example, Pope Benedict used a visitation to punish a liberal Australian bishop.

The bishop, William Morris, infuriated Benedict by openly advocating for women's ordination, which contradicts the Vatican policy that only men can be priests. That secret visitation sparked a years-long standoff in which Morris repeatedly refused the Vatican's order to resign, forcing the pope to publicly fire him.

**Visitations are highly secretive**

In theory, apostolic visitations need not be punitive. They could instead serve as a constructive way for the pope to delegate bishops to work as internal consultants or executive coaches for struggling units within the church, which oversees an estimated 1.3 billion Catholics worldwide.

However, Catholic laws define visitations in explicitly judicial terms, and

scholars have concluded that the investigations are nearly always a form of discipline.

Visitations are highly secretive. Even when the Vatican acknowledges that an visitation is underway, it seldom discloses the pope's reasoning for opening the inquiry, let alone the full findings of the investigation.

This lack of transparency has been condemned by some Catholics who expect the modern church to hold fair and open trials.

The Vatican was widely criticized, for example, for its inability to articulate why it investigated all 60,000 nuns in the United States. Pope Benedict initiated that controversial visitation in 2008, only to have it quietly closed in 2014 by his successor, Pope Francis, who did not impose any changes on American nuns.

**Resigning in a more dignified way**

In the case of Buffalo's Bishop Malone, none of the visitation's findings have been shared publicly. In his official statement, Malone defended his handling of clergy abuses before explaining that “prayer and discernment” had led him to resign.

Malone admitted that the apostolic visitation was “a factor” in his decision, but he was also adamant that the pope had not forced him to retire.

The authoritarian and top-secret nature of apostolic visitations makes it impossible to know whether the Vatican discovered any new allegations of child sexual abuse in Buffalo. The integrity of the visitation has also been called into question, because the inquiry was led by a bishop who is himself now under investigation for allegations of child sexual abuse.

As a result of all this secrecy, the public cannot know whether Pope Francis is being proactive in his outreach to survivors, especially to victims from dioceses where the bishop is suspected of having concealed the church's crimes.

## Klobuchar faces tough questioning in case of juvenile lifer

NEW YORK (AP) — As voters made their way to the New Hampshire polls, Democratic presidential candidate Amy Klobuchar faced pointed questions Tuesday about her oversight of a high-profile murder case in which a black teen was sentenced to life after a flawed police investigation.

“I mean, how do you defend something like that, to someone like me, who is the mother of a black boy, a black teenager?” asked Sunny Hostin, co-host of the ABC show “The View.” “This case would be my worst nightmare.”

Klobuchar, a Minnesota senator who has drawn enthusiastic crowds following her debate performance Friday night, said, “All of the evidence needs to be immediately reviewed in that case. The past evidence and also any new evidence.”

The back-and-forth between Hostin and Klobuchar, the former top prosecutor in Minneapolis, concerned an Associated Press investigation into the case of Myon Burrell. Burrell was 16 when he was apprehended in the 2002 death of an 11-year-old African American girl, killed

by a stray bullet while doing her homework.

No gun, fingerprints or DNA were ever recovered, and the case against Burrell relied on the testimony of a teen rival who offered conflicting stories when identifying the trigger man, who was standing 120 feet away, mostly behind a wall, the AP reported.

The AP also uncovered questionable police tactics in the case, including an investigator who offered cash for information, and interviewed a prison inmate who said that he was the triggerman and that Burrell was not on the scene when Tyesha Edwards was shot and killed.

After the AP's story, Klobuchar said evidence in the case should be reviewed. But her exchange with Hostin was especially heated and took place at a pivotal moment in her candidacy.

“You're a U.S. senator now,” Hostin said. “You're a powerful woman. What do you intend to do to right this wrong?”

Klobuchar replied: “It must be reviewed. Sunny, I think you know that I care so much about justice, and this case must be reviewed.”

## Wichita police investigate four overdoses last weekend

WICHITA (AP) — Wichita police are investigating whether four overdose cases from last weekend involved Oxycodone pills that might have been embedded with fentanyl.

A 19-year-old man died and a 16-year-old boy fell unconscious after taking the pills, police said. The teenager was revived and taken to a Wichita hospital. A 27-year-old man and 23-year-old man both required medical attention after taking the pills and becoming unconscious, KSNW reported.

The Regional Forensic Science Center will determine if the Oxycodone pills seized in the cases are counterfeit and embedded with fentanyl.

Wichita police also are investigating numerous cases of counterfeit Oxycodone pills embedded with fentan-

yl. Last year, 23 cases involved Oxycodone with fentanyl. The counterfeit pills appear to be legitimate Oxycodone pills but testing confirms they contain fentanyl, police said.

Fentanyl can be 30 to 50 times more powerful than heroin, and even small amounts are toxic, said Capt. Jeff Allen, commander of the Special Investigations Bureau.

It is possible some drug dealers are not aware they are providing counterfeit Oxycodone that contains fentanyl, he said.

Police warn residents that any narcotic or prescription drug not purchased with a doctor's prescription at a legitimate pharmacy should be considered unsafe and could potentially contain Fentanyl or other harmful substances.



## Motivational speaker inspires students with the phrase "You are the shit"



After bringing seven students on stage, Monti Washington, motivational speaker, introduced the activity called "You are the shit," where students describe why they're proud of themselves on Feb. 6 in Albert Taylor Hall. During his presentation, Washington described his personal struggles growing up homeless and in the foster care system. Washington put a lot of emphasis on engaging with the crowd and making them feel empowered. MARGARET MELLOTT | **The Bulletin**

## Musician to perform on campus for Valentine's

Yanan Chen

Staff Writer

Jariah Higgins, soulful singer songwriter, will perform at Emporia State at 7 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Center for Student Involvement.

The event is open to all Hornets, and refreshments will be provided.

Kay MacGregor, president of the Union Activities Council and senior communications major, said Higgins was a good Valentine's Day option.

"He is a soothing artist, like a coffee house singer to make his audiences relaxed," said Helen Bolling, vice president of UAC and junior elementary education major.

Higgins was found at the National Association for Campus Activities regional conference last fall.

"He was one of the performers and our students liked his music," said Blythe Eddy, director of Student Activities and community service said. "We decided to bring him to ESU based on his performance."

The program is cosponsored by Starbucks and Sedexo food services.

"Students attending will be provided up to five-dollar coupons for Starbucks drinks on the night of Jariah," Eddy said. "People can also come and decorate their own cookies."

UAC will hold various events in the following semester in an effort to serve students.

"We serve the students on campus. It gives students an opportunity to connect outside the class."



Emma Boyd

## "Ridin' with Biden"

I believe the voters of the United States have gotten lazy. We've started to vote for whoever is in our party, move on with our lives, and then complain about who was elected whether we voted for them or not.

I believe as citizens of the United States, we (especially us young voters) should at least know a little more than the names of the candidates. For the next few weeks, I will be laying out the candidates' platforms and biggest critics. In no particular order, Biden will be up first.

Former VP (under Barack Obama) Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr: "The Centrist," Moderate-Left, Currently in 2nd place in unofficial national polling and very popular with communities of color and working-class voters.

### Immigration

Biden wants to grant citi-

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zenship to some undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children and focus on undocumented immigrants with criminal records and reduce pressure on those without. He believes asylum seekers should be given a chance to at least speak their case and be heard.

### Economy

Biden's U.S. economic goals include increasing the minimum wage to \$15 an hour and encouraging the competitiveness among the middle class. One way Biden is hoping to pay for his ideas is to increase tax on the wealthy.

### Violence

As the original author of the Violence Against Women Act, one pillar of Biden's platform is to end violence against women. He also has plans to end gun violence by banning and buying back weapons of war and closing common loopholes used to get them. Biden believes the real enemy is gun manufacturers, not necessarily the NRA. He also worked with

the idea for "smart guns" that do not allow firing if the fingerprints do not match the owner.

### Education

For undergraduate students, Biden plans to double the maximum value of Pell grants and open them up to more middle-class Americans, make community college free, erase undergraduate student loan debt of those earning less than \$25,000 a year and cap student loan payments at 5% of the individual's annual income (it is capped at 10% right now).

Biden promises to provide high-quality, universal

incarceration to prevention and focus on redemption and rehab. He plans to get rid of the racial, gender, and income-based disparities in the system, decriminalize the use of cannabis, eliminate the death penalty, and reform the juvenile justice system to give more children a second chance. Biden will end cash bail and stop jailing people who are unable to pay for fines and fees and ensure humane prison conditions and provide for the needs of incarcerated women.

### Healthcare

Biden promises to protect and build on the Affordable Care Act, brought in during the Obama administration, so everyone (especially older Americans and low-income adults) has access to quality, affordable healthcare. Unlike Medicare for All, Biden encourages the use of public and private plans. He also plans to increase accessibility to hospitals in rural areas and stop runaway drug prices and profiteering of the drug industry.

### Climate Justice

Biden plans a Clean En-

ergy Revolution as a part of the Green New Deal by achieving a 100% clean energy economy and net zero emissions before 2050, promoting biofuels, investing in wind and solar energy and green infrastructure.

### Biden's Critiques

Many believe Biden is too centrist. They see him as not liberal enough to align with their views. He was originally thought to be the most likely candidate who could beat Trump because he had African Americans' support and could win white voters. After Iowa and New Hampshire (primarily white states), he is losing footing quickly. Many think he will not be able to overcome these losses.

Overall, he seems to be losing his hold on voters and donors. It's a common understanding that Biden really shot himself in the foot by not even staying in New Hampshire for the results to come in.

Biden's biggest setback was when he was accused by multiple women of inappropriately touching them. He has claimed that it was a misunderstanding of societal manners.

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pre-kindergarten, double the mental health care access in schools, and build better schools in low-income communities and communities of color.

As for the educators, Biden wants to provide a competitive wage and benefits, and help them pay off their student loans.

### Criminal Justice

Biden wants to shift from



Faith Burgoon



## "The Memory of Lemon" by Judith Fertig

This week, I read *The Memory of Lemon* by Judith Fertig. This is a fiction novel, but it reaches out to creative writers. With there being a creative writing group here at Emporia State, I figured this one was for them.

The book is about a pastry chef named Neely with a very unique gift. She can see into the souls of people and determine their emotions based on flavor.

Trust me, it sounded crazy when I first heard

about it but after a couple chapters, I was more interested. This story dives deeper into a baker who is going through a divorce and struggling with her absentee father who showed up out of nowhere.

As a college student and creative writer myself, I personally love these sorts of books. The author took a completely crazy unique idea and turned it into an interesting story.

Any creative writer knows the importance of

running with your own crazy ideas because sometimes, we get something completely amazing out of them.

The book starts with Neely, trying to decipher what to do to make a bride and her mom happy while they continuously butt heads. The story goes on to show the chef's struggle with the bride and her own life issues.



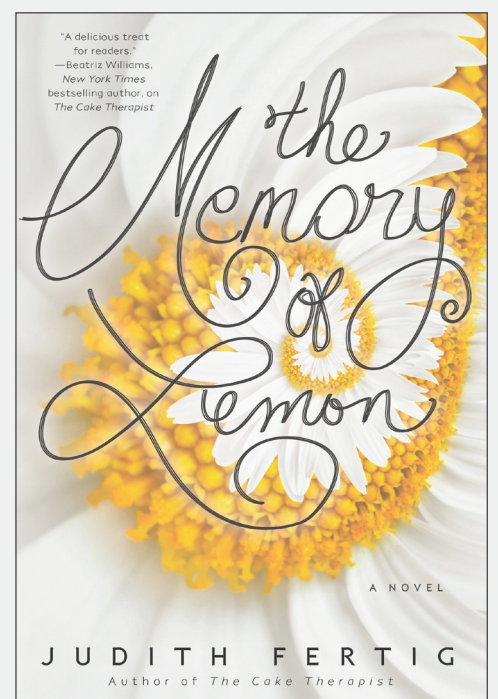
This book received 3 out of 5 apples.

The overall idea for the story was unique and definitely not something I had heard before. Although, I did struggle to get through the first chapter and my initial reaction to such an outlandish idea. The book got more entertaining in

the middle and the end was a nice close to the novel.

Creative writers, let me explain why I believe this book is important for people such as us. This author took a completely whack idea and made it into a novel. As a creative writer that is the ultimate goal. To be able to talk about something and create a novel that's published and wins awards.

I really think fiction novels nowadays follow too many familiar trends and cheesy lines. Although this novel was sort of cheesy, it really had a unique storyline that I appreciated. It was an unconventional story that made me happy as a creative writ-



er. I love the fact that the author did something so different. It is very important to me to see something I haven't seen before.



## AP Explains: Why there isn't a winner of Iowa's Dem caucuses

On the eve of the New Hampshire primary, how can it be there is still no winner of last week's Iowa caucuses?

Final results of the Democratic caucus were released late Sunday, after the Iowa Democratic Party made a series of corrections to a tally initially delayed by several days. That's not the end of the count, however, as Sen. Bernie Sanders and former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg exercised their right Monday to ask the state party to take another look at its reporting of the results.

Amid those delays in getting the data and after observing irregularities in the results once they did arrive, The Associated Press decided it cannot declare a winner in the first contest to decide the Democratic Party's nominee to challenge President Donald Trump in November.

For the AP to decide not to declare a result a week after balloting ended is highly unusual. Here are some answers to questions about the decision, the context in which it was made and what comes next:

**WHAT'S BEHIND THE AP'S DECISION? AREN'T ALL THE RESULTS IN?**

After the Iowa Democratic Party's release of new results late Sunday, Buttigieg leads Sanders by a margin of 0.09 percentage points.

That's in the count of what are known as state delegate equivalents, which is the outcome of a caucus AP uses to declare a winner. Buttigieg has two more state delegate equivalents than Sanders, out of 2,152 counted.

Those numbers could yet still change.

Candidates had until 1 p.m. EST on Monday to request a canvass, and the Sanders campaign did so. A canvass

is not a recount, but a check of the vote count to ensure the results were added correctly. And after that canvass is complete, the campaigns then have the option to pay for an actual recount.

All of that means it could yet be several days before the results in Iowa are, in fact, final.

And even then, the AP may still be unable to call the race.

"Even when the vote count in Iowa does come to an end, it may not be fully accurate," said David Scott, a deputy managing editor at AP who oversees the cooperative's coverage of polling and elections. "We continue to see irregularities in the results provided by the Iowa Democratic Party and unless they are resolved, we will remain unable to call the race."

**WHY ALL THIS TALK ABOUT DELEGATES? DIDN'T SANDERS WIN THE MOST VOTES?**

Unlike a government-run primary election, with secret ballots cast at polling places, the Iowa caucuses are an event run by the Iowa Democratic Party. Iowans gather in high school gyms, public libraries and coffee shops and — in front of neighbors and friends, family and strangers — sort themselves into groups backing each of the candidates.

Until this year, the only results reported from that process was a tally of the number of state convention delegates — or "state delegate equivalents" — awarded to each candidate.

For the first time, the party in 2020 released three sets of results from its caucuses: adding the "first alignment" and "final alignment" of caucusgoers to the number of "state delegate equivalents" each candidate received.

During the caucuses, voters arriving at their caucus site

filled out a card that listed their first choice; those results determined the "first alignment." Caucusgoers whose first-choice candidate failed to get at least 15% of the vote at their caucus site could switch their support to a different candidate. After they had done so, the results were tabulated again to determine the caucus site's "final alignment."

Sanders does lead Buttigieg by 3.5 percentage points in the first alignment and 1.5 points on the second alignment.

But the AP has always declared the winner of the Iowa caucuses based on state delegate equivalents, which are calculated from the final alignment votes. That's because Democrats choose their overall nominee based on delegates.

While the first alignment and final alignment provide insight into the process, state delegate equivalents have the most direct bearing on the metric Democrats use to pick their nominee — delegates to the party's national convention.

**SO WHO GETS THE MOST NATIONAL DELEGATES?**

Iowa awards 41 national delegates in its caucuses. As it stands, Buttigieg has 13 and Sanders has 12. Trailing behind are Elizabeth Warren with eight, Joe Biden with six and Amy Klobuchar with one.

The 41st and final delegate from Iowa will go to the overall winner. While the state party said Sunday it belongs to Buttigieg, the caucus won't formally come to an end until Sanders' requested canvass — and any potential recount to follow — is complete.

For that reason, the AP is not yet allocating that final delegate in its reporting on the results.

**SO WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE COUNT? AREN'T ELECTION CONTROLS IN PLACE?**

The reporting of caucus results in Iowa this year was marred by multiple problems: tech issues with the mobile phone app used to collect data from caucus sites, an overwhelming number of calls to the party's backup phone system and a subsequent delay of several days in reporting the results.

An AP review of the results provided by the Iowa Democratic Party also found numerous precinct results that contained errors or were inconsistent with party rules. For example, dozens of precincts reported more final alignment votes than first alignment votes, which is not possible under party rules. In one precinct in Polk County, home to the state capital of Des Moines, the party's data showed no candidates winning any votes in the first alignment but winning 215 votes in the final alignment.

In some other precincts, candidates won state delegate equivalents even though officials recorded them as receiving no votes in the final alignment.

Iowa party officials said there are reasons for the discrepancies that would not have changed the number of state delegate equivalents awarded to each candidate. But they didn't confirm the cause of discrepancies in individual precincts.

There were also a handful of precincts in which officials awarded more state delegate equivalents to candidates than there were available to be won.

The Iowa Democratic Party responded by collecting paper records of the results and checking them against the numbers reported by the vol-

unteers who run individual caucus sites. The results it released Sunday night included the subsequent revisions.

But the updated results largely left in place the issues with the complicated math used to calculate results in place. That's because, party leaders said, fixing the math on the paper records — signed by precinct leader, secretary and representatives of each campaign present — would break the law.

**HAS THE AP NOT CALLED A RACE BEFORE?**

Yes, though it is rare. When it does happen, it's usually because a very close race is headed for a canvass or a recount.

The most notable example was in 2000, when the results of the race between George W. Bush and Al Gore were too close to call at the end of election night. The AP decided not to call the race for either candidate. The ensuing recount dispute eventually reached the Supreme Court, which effectively cleared the way for Bush to become president.

In 2019, the AP declared the election for Kentucky governor as "too close to call" when the election night count ended with now-former Republican Gov. Matt Bevin behind by 5,000 votes out of more than 1.4 million cast. Bevin requested a canvass of the results, and AP only called the race after he conceded to now-Gov. Andy Beshear, a Democrat.

The AP does its data-driven race calls every year with the utmost care. With an extensive vote-counting apparatus across the nation, the AP calls close to 7,000 races in a presidential election year. Its race calls are used by media on both sides of the political spectrum and have been regarded for years as highly reliable.

## Satanist Kansas soldier pleads guilty to bomb plot charges

TOPEKA (AP) — A 24-year-old Army infantry soldier described by prosecutors as a Satanist who hoped to overthrow the U.S. government pleaded guilty Monday to distributing information through social media about building a bomb and making napalm.

Jarrett William Smith, a private first class stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, and previously at Fort Bliss, Texas, admitted during a court hearing to providing information about explosives in September to an FBI undercover agent.

Smith signed a formal plea agreement with federal prosecutors and then entered his pleas verbally during a half-hour court hearing before U.S. District Judge Daniel Crabtree. He wore an orange prison jumpsuit and black athletic shoes and alternated between "Yes" and "Yes, sir" in answering questions from Crabtree.

"Did you provide this information with the intent that the person would use it?" Crabtree asked him.

Smith replied, "Yes."

Smith also had faced a third felony charge of threatening to burn down the house of a far-left-leaning "antifa" member in Michigan, but that charge is to be dismissed under the plea agreement.

The two other charges dealt with Smith's actions while stationed at Fort Riley starting in July 2019.

Smith initially pleaded not guilty to all three charges in September but notified Crabtree last month that he would change his plea. The two charges to which he pleaded guilty carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Crabtree set his sentencing for May 18.

An attorney for Smith, federal public defender Rich Federico, did not immediately return a telephone message seeking comment after Monday's hearing.

In his plea agreement, Smith admitted that he had "disseminated guidance to others" through social media about how to build improvised explosive devices and that he spoke to others about his desire to travel to Ukraine to fight with "a violent, far-right paramilitary group."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony Mattivi said during a court hearing in September that Smith planned to overthrow the government, with attacking a news organization as a first step. An FBI affidavit said Smith suggested to the undercover agent targeting an unidentified major news organization with a car bomb, and CNN reported

that it was the target, citing two sources familiar with the investigation.

The affidavit said the FBI undercover agent asked Smith if there was anyone in Texas to target for "fire, destruction and death," and that Smith mentioned "Beto," an apparent reference to former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke, who was running at the time for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The affidavit said that Smith told another FBI agent before his arrest that his goal was to create "chaos." Mattivi said in September that Smith told the agent he distributed explosives information "for the glory of his Satanist religion," though he provided few other details, other than saying that Smith liked "black metal" music designed to attract people to Satan.

Mattivi declined to provide further details Monday.

An FBI affidavit in September alleged that Smith discussed a plan to kill "antifa" activists and described how to build a bomb that could be triggered by calling a cellphone. The affidavit identified the Ukrainian paramilitary group as Azov Battalion and said Smith was mentored by someone who had fought with a similar group there, Right Sector.

## Judge throws out lawsuit over arrest at Kansas City library

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A federal judge has thrown out a free-speech lawsuit against a former police detective filed by a man who was arrested while questioning a speaker at the Kansas City Public Library in 2016.

Chief Judge Beth Phillips ruled that Brent Parsons, a Kansas City Police detective at that time, had probable cause to arrest Jeremy Rothe-Kushel. The judge said Parsons also had qualified immunity from civil action, The Kansas City Star reported.

Rothe-Kushel, of Lawrence, Kansas, was arrested on May 9, 2016, as he questioned Middle East expert and diplomat Dennis Ross. Rothe-Kushel alleged in his lawsuit that his right to free speech was violated by the arrest.

A video of the incident shows Ross answering one of Rothe-Kushel's questions. When Rothe-Kushel tries to ask another question, a private security guard grabs his arm, followed by Parsons, who was off duty and working for a private firm at the event.

In her order issued in January, Phillips said Rothe-Kushel argued with Ross after his question was answered and continued speaking after a guard told him he was "done" and another person approached the microphone to ask a question.

When Parsons determined Rothe-Kushel should be arrested, Rothe-Kushel pushed

back and refused to "give up his hands," according to police.

Rothe-Kushel was issued citations for trespassing and obstructing or resisting an officer. The citations were ultimately dismissed.

On Tuesday, Rothe-Kushel, 41, said he believed he was arrested and charged because of his political views.

"I believe that this has to do with the rights of all Americans protected under virtually all of the First Amendment," he said. "This had to do with speech rights, press rights, assembly rights, even religious conscience rights."

In her order, the judge said Rothe-Kushel said Ross' right to ask questions was "not w/limitless."

"He could not ask so many questions that other audience members were deprived of the opportunity," she wrote, "and he had no right to argue with Ambassador Ross."

Steve Woolfolk, director of public programming for the library, was also arrested when he tried to intervene. He was charged in Kansas City Municipal Court and later found not guilty of obstruction, interfering with an arrest and assaulting a police officer.

Sgt. Jake Becchina, a Kansas City Police Department spokesman, said the department said could not comment because the plaintiff could appeal. In past statements, police stood by the arrests.



# Alcohol to be served at ESU football games

**Katie Donnelly**  
Managing Editor

Emporia State is planning to join other Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association schools in serving alcohol at football games. A taskforce has been put together to explore the different potentials for problems and advantages.

The first taskforce meeting will take place this May. They will weigh the costs and benefits and create a written report for President Allison Garrett as to why ESU should or shouldn't sell alcohol.

"The purpose is really going to see and to review and become familiar with different alcohol policies of ESU and for the Kansas Board of Regents schools," said Paul Frost, Associated Student Government president and senior management major. "(We want to) make sure if we do release this

and start to do this, that we are being compliant with our policies that are in place and also the ones that are in place with the KBOR and also reviewing what other MIAA schools are doing and how they've been successful."

Pittsburg State University and Fort Hays State University have their own taskforces. The taskforces at different schools will work in conjunction solving problems and providing feedback.

The alcohol policies at the University of Kansas, Kansas State University and Wichita State University will also be explored.

"I think our first task is to say, 'What are the policies we have now governing alcohol? How will this fit within them, and how will that change those?'" said Greg Schneider, professor of social sciences.



Emporia State University looks into a task force to serve alcohol at football games. The first task force meeting will be held in May. **Photo illustration by Shelby Hambleton** | THE BULLETIN

Rules will also be discussed. The taskforce has to look into the alcohol allowed at games, how many beverages people will be allowed to buy

and when they have to stop selling.

"I think everybody recognizes there are plenty of examples of it being done and

working," said Gwen Larson, director of marketing and media. "...People have figured out how to make it happen."

## Multitudes celebrate Red Wednesday in Kansas City



Those gathered in front of the WWI Memorial were recognized by Travis Kelce in his Chiefs Championship speech. "I see everyone up there on that Memorial. We represent and honor every single veteran that went to war for us in WWI... What's good right here in the heart of America?!" said Travis Kelce in his speech to the crowd. **KATIE DONNELLY** | **The Bulletin**



(above) Those standing in front of Main St. had front row seats to a hot pursuit at 8:12 a.m. "We came this close to having a police-involved shooting at this incident," said Rick Smith, Police Chief to the Kansas City Star. The driver was taken into custody after breaking parade route barriers. (top right) Fans waited eagerly for the arrival of the Chiefs, specifically head coach Andy Reid. While waiting they sang along to songs like "We Are the Champions" by Queen on repeat. The voices of the fans and the bass shook the windows of Union Station. (bottom right) Clark Hunt, chairman of the Kansas City Chiefs, described his father's favorite memory. Before he died, Lamar Hunt described in detail the 1970s Chief's Parade. Clark Hunt thanked the fans for their loyalty then and now. **KATIE DONNELLY** | **The Bulletin**