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Sen. Moran calls on OSHA to stop unlawful regulation of family farms

By Tom Ichniowski
Lawrence, Kan. (The Lawrence Journal-World) — Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) and Sen. Pat Roberts (R-Kan.) have introduced legislation to help family farms and ranches deal with the impact of OSHA's new regulations. The legislation would allow family farms and ranches to opt out of OSHA's new regulations if they have fewer than 100 employees and are not in a high-hazard industry.

Expansion plans underway

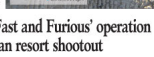


By Tom Ichniowski
Lawrence, Kan. (The Lawrence Journal-World) — The expansion of the power plant at the site of the old Lawrence Municipal Airport is well underway. The new plant will be a 1,200-megawatt natural gas combined cycle plant. The project is being developed by the American Electric Power Co. Inc. and is expected to be completed in 2015.

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Meade Lake open for trout fishing



By Tom Ichniowski
Lawrence, Kan. (The Lawrence Journal-World) — Meade Lake is open for trout fishing. The lake is located in the Meade National Wildlife Refuge and is a popular spot for anglers. The refuge is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is open to the public for hunting and fishing.

Woman finds snake in couch brought home from curb

By Tom Ichniowski
Lawrence, Kan. (The Lawrence Journal-World) — A woman who brought home a couch from the curb on Monday found a snake in it. The woman, who did not want to be named, said she found the snake in the couch while she was cleaning it. She called the police and the snake was taken to a local animal shelter.

Gun from botched 'Fast and Furious' operation turns up after Mexican resort shootout



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Kan. Statehouse renovation nearly complete



By Tom Ichniowski
Lawrence, Kan. (The Lawrence Journal-World) — The renovation of the Kansas State Capitol building is nearly complete. The project, which cost \$100 million, was completed in 2011. The building is now open to the public and is a popular destination for tourists. The renovation included the restoration of the building's exterior and the installation of new interior finishes.