

ENJOY BILLY'S FAMOUS CUISINE AT HOME ON A SPECIAL EVENT
The new home of Billy's Famous Cuisine is now open for business. Billy's Famous Cuisine is a family-owned and operated restaurant that has been serving the community for over 30 years. The new location is located at 441 Village Plaza in Liberal, KS. Call 620-626-6400.

Color run/walk
After Prom Committee members assist
Page 6A

'Good Shepherd' continues to serve
New church springs to life in former Good Shepherd Lutheran building
Page 7A

Lesser prairie chicken
important piece of environmental puzzle
Page 7B

Calling all retailers
The Liberalist...
Page 7C

LEADER & TIMES
SUNDAY JANUARY 12, 2014
Your daily news & more for 127 years
Page 8A

Baughman dies in accident
Southwest Kansas surgeon killed in vehicle rollover
Page 8A

Feds side with same-sex couples in Utah

LIBERAL, Kan. — A federal judge has ruled in favor of same-sex couples in Utah, stating that the state's ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional. The ruling is a significant victory for the LGBTQ+ community and sets a precedent for other states. The judge found that the ban violated the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution. This decision is expected to have a major impact on the national conversation about marriage equality.

Utah's ban on same-sex marriage, which was enacted in 2009, prohibited the state from recognizing or performing marriages between two people of the same sex. The ruling in *Utah v. Little* (No. 13-1706) was a landmark decision that challenges the constitutionality of such bans. The judge's decision is based on the principle that all citizens are entitled to the same rights under the law, regardless of their sexual orientation.

The ruling is a significant victory for the LGBTQ+ community and sets a precedent for other states. The judge found that the ban violated the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution. This decision is expected to have a major impact on the national conversation about marriage equality.

Utah's ban on same-sex marriage, which was enacted in 2009, prohibited the state from recognizing or performing marriages between two people of the same sex. The ruling in *Utah v. Little* (No. 13-1706) was a landmark decision that challenges the constitutionality of such bans. The judge's decision is based on the principle that all citizens are entitled to the same rights under the law, regardless of their sexual orientation.

... 100 100 100 100 100 ... Welcome to the new and improved L&T. When you can't get the printed version, go to www.ksliberalist.com Liberal, Kansas