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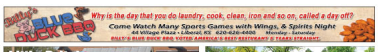
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Liberal man dies in early Sunday morning wreck

By JOHN PHILLIPS
Guide & Tour

A Liberal man died Sunday morning when his vehicle went off the road and banded into the railroad embankment, according to a report from the Kansas Highway Patrol.

Lloyd Andrew Jolly, 35, was travelling southwest on U.S. Highway 54 near the Western Avenue intersection around 2:40 a.m. Sunday when his 2014 Ford Mustang Cabriolet and entered the wear ditch and "ventilated into the railroad embankment," according to the report.

The van pronounced dead at the scene and his body was transported to Miller Mortuary.

He was not wearing a seat belt, the report added.

Maine woman, 80, goes skydiving on Mother's Day

WASHFIELD, Maine (AP) — An 80-year-old mother of seven from Wasatch has fulfilled a nearly 80-year-old wish to fly on Mother's Day.

Marjorie Bell hopped out of an airplane and with the help of a tandem skydiver floated 10,000 feet to the ground in Mother's Day, one day after her birthday.

Bell tells the Morning Sentinel that she "never felt so far."

The van accompanied on the jump by several family members, including a daughter, a brother and two grandchildren.

Bell, a grandmother and great-grandmother, had wanted to jump out of a plane since she was interrupted by diphtheria on a trip to Florida 70 years ago.

Bell already has plans for her 81st birthday. She wants to go back to the Grand Palace in the Maine New Brunswick border.

Family tests Kan. water law, claims impairment

SUBLETTE (AP) — A western Kansas family concerned about the future of the Ogallala aquifer is testing a state water law that allows senior water rights holders to force junior rights holders to reduce pumping to the rate of recharge.

Fifth generation farmer Joe Garrison and his brother Jim Bell filed an impairment claim in 2010 in Finland Ground Water Basin, a 1,000-square-mile tract of Sublette and Stanton Kan. Kan. Garrison.

The Hutchinson News reports the brothers filed another impairment claim in 2011.

Last week a judge issued a temporary injunction against a plaintiff including him from pumping water. Bell is a plaintiff in the Finland Basin.

Gov. Sam Brownback's administration has said the state's water resources could be nearly exhausted in 50 years if pumping continues at the current pace.

Saints salute class of 2014 graduates

Students of the graduating class of 2014 at Seward County Community Colleges/Area Technical School Kansas to the speeches given during the commencement ceremony. The special speaker for the ceremony was SCCCATS alumna Patricia Rodriguez-Baez, who shared her own experiences from school. (AP Jeanette Grace)

Kansas considers revised permit for coal plant

By CONNIE KOCH
AP Staff Writer

TOPEKA — The state's top sources manufacturing in a coal-fired plant in Kansas is to clear the way again for a new coal-fired power plant in southwest Kansas, but environmentalists contend that Gov. Sam Brownback's administration is taking about cuts to ensure that the Kansas Supreme Court is not.

Southwest Kansas Power Corp. needs a pollution-control permit from the state Department of Health and Environment for its proposed 895-megawatt plant near Holcomb in Finney County, where the Hutchinson utility already has another coal-fired plant. It obtained a permit in December 2010, but eight months ago, the Kansas Supreme Court ordered the department to reviews its original tougher air-quality standards.

Secretary Robert Moser is reviewing a proposed amendment drafted by the department and, and he approved tweaks after Southwest to go forward with the project.

But the Sierra Club and Earthjustice, national environmental groups, are in the lawsuit prompting the coal decision, argue the department should have stopped over, rather than reviewing the old permit. Both groups also want the state to stop the project and to stop the development of more fossil-fuel energy.

"They are once again trying to take shortcuts," said Amanda Gentile, an attorney for Earthjustice, which represented the Sierra Club in the lawsuit over the 2010 permit. "It really has been whatever they can do to pass the Kansas Supreme Court's ruling."

Department officials declined to discuss the proposed amendment to the Southwest Kansas Power Corp. and still reviewing it. The agency also said setting when Moser will decide.

The Kansas Supreme Court, for the proposed amendment proposed under the state, the department's staff and environmental stocking does for Southwest in 2010 deemed to cure coal plant would

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