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EDUCATION

For Dodge City Community College, a merger with Fort Hays University would give students the chance to pursue a Bachelor's degree. Sidney Hammond is in his second year at DCCC and says he'd take advantage of the opportunity. "A better environment, teachers would be more engaging with you." But it isn't as simple as adding a few new courses. The original proposal says Fort Hays would be granted administrative control and that worries people like board of trustees' member Don Webb. "There's no reason we can't go arm and arm and dance down the road, but that's not what, they want to come in and take over everything except for the expenses." In a recent meeting financial officer Vada Hermon projected the community college would see a \$960,000 shortfall in the merger. "With so many questions still unanswered, the concern is that it'll be the students and the taxpayers holding the bill." Webb says he'd like to see the school grow but Ford County can't afford a big price tag. "I've heard numbers like 2,000 students, holy cow I hope not! Where are they gonna stay? It comes right square out of the taxpayers' pockets." The board of trustees has only voted to discuss the merger so it isn't a done deal yet. But Webb thinks there's a lot of concerns that have yet to be addressed. We reached out to presidents of both institutions to address those concerns. Neither returned our calls.
12PM – 07/31/14 – Lindsay Cobb – 1:24

It took almost 5 days, but the transformation is complete. The former Bryant Elementary School site is now College Hill West. Kathleen Patterson, "The last week has been exhausting, but it's also been a blessing because we've had so many people come forward to help us. We've learned a lot, we're a close-knit group, we already were a close-knit group, and now we're even closer because we helped each other out and our community helped us." Students and their parents toured their temporary school this afternoon, meeting their new teachers and seeing familiar faces. CG Tuwain, 3rd grader, "I get to see my friends again and we get to play on the playground and I don't have to sit at home all day." The teachers finally got in to their classrooms Friday morning and have been working around the clock to get their classrooms ready for tomorrow's first day of school. Valerie Alicea, music teacher, "There was a lot of set-up to do but there were so many helpers wandering the halls it was really easy to set up." The move to Bryant was needed after a fire at College Hill Elementary last week destroyed 2 classrooms and damaged several others, prompting parents to adjust their schedules. Max Romero, parent, "It was cool. I'm just happy for the kid, to get his education, looking forward to it for him so he can play and enjoy his time with other children." But no matter whom you ask, they are excited to get the school year under way -- albeit at a different address for now. Why are you excited? "Because school is good for you!"
07/23/14 – Felix Rodrigues-Lima – 1:26

To qualify as an innovative school district, Kansas schools have to prove that certain state laws keep them from giving their students the proper education. Mark Crawford, superintendent, "We're pressed up between federal laws, state laws, and some of those laws aren't what's best for kids. We wanna be more creative and more innovative to free kids up." For Hugoton schools the hope is to better prepare kids for life after high school, but their two biggest problems are student testing and teacher licensures. 40 percent of their students are not native English speakers and the district felt many of those kids were spending too much time with unnecessary test taking. John Girodat, "They're losing a lot of class time taking tests, for some of them that test is not applicable, it doesn't, it's not going to benefit them." Jacqueline Garcia, English second language student, "If kids could get some more in class time instead of being taken away for ESL classes as often if they feel like they've mastered English." And in a rural area like Hugoton it can be hard to entice new teachers to move to the area. "If we can get an industry expert, bring them in for one hour to teach one specific class, even if they only teach it to four or five kids, we give them the opportunity to do that." "To make sure students

aren't missing out on any important programs the school board actually has to approve any exemptions." And that is just the local level of accountability. "Anything that we're asking for freedom from, we're also gonna run through our innovative council, which that's a stakeholder group made up of parents and teachers and also students." Innovation classification will be finalized by state board approval in the next 90 days and Crawford says he is confident their district will qualify.

5PM News – 8/28/14 – Lindsay Cobb – 1:36

Tough budget times mean new sacrifices for parents in the Hays district. Facing a deficit, Hays schools decided in May to make several cuts, including no longer bussing kids who live within 2.5 miles of their school. "Obviously it causes some hardships and some things to deal with within the district with parents and getting kids to and from school." Some parents are finding it difficult to make arrangements for their kids. But after teachers were laid off due to the budget some parents are relieved that the school is trying to save money. "You know I think it's a small sacrifice, anything that the school district can do to save money at this point, I'm okay with it." The cuts are saving the district money, but it's becoming tough on the middle school, with no after school programs, except for athletics. "And all the kids obviously all the kids don't play sports, they don't have an avenue for parents to leave their children at the middle school for an hour say and then pick them up later, so that's one issue we need to consider." "The school district is looking at other options to help out parents including doing after school programs at Hays middle school and adding a bussing fee for kids who live in a 2.5 mile radius of their school." "If a small fee would be okay to help cover the cost, and someone is able to pay it, then they should be willing to pay it."

6PM News – 8/19/14 – Molly Hadfield – 1:28

"It's fun, you get a break from class." From washing school busses, to fixing fences at the dog park, students in Lyons were busy today, giving back. Kelly Nusser, Principal Lyons High School, "There are a lot of kids who have really embraced this day taking it to heart and are enjoying the experience." The school district found these projects through emails of people asking for help and staff members who knew about people who needed help, and everyone from pre-k to seniors are helping out and even staff members are pitching in. Bryan Herrera and Oscar Gomez, seniors at Lyons High School, "The high schoolers are doing more of the vigorous work, and the pre-schoolers are just doing a little that really doesn't seem like much but it does help out a lot." Students in specialized classes put their shop class skills to work, building steps to a home. Bill Day, Superintendent USD 405, "This is project based learning, this is the best way to learn, this is hands on, kids like, in some of our audio visual class is going around photographing and video graphing all the projects too so it's good for everybody." Most kids liked getting out of the classroom. Bryan Herrera and Oscar Gomez, "I do wish more schools would do something like this, it is nice being able to give back to the community." The school hopes that getting kids involved early will keep them volunteering their whole life. Bill Day, "You learn by doing, that's the best way to learn, and by practicing civic engagement and activism, hopefully our kids will leave here with a better understanding of what it takes to have a good community."

6PM News – 9/17/14 – Molly Hadfield – 1:03

We've seen the signs, teachers and teacher groups protesting school finance and now that the governor is rolling out an Efficiency Task Force for schools made up of a couple of principals, superintendents, along with the conservative Kansas policy institute, Kansas chamber, and some former lawmakers some are asking, does this mean school consolidation will be on the table? I asked one of the task force members - directly. Ken Thiessen, "What I would say is that there has been discussion and I think that there will be discussion as to how it pertains to how do we maximize the resources that we have." School principal Ken Thiessen of East High in Wichita says no. Consolidation is not the focus even though some groups have presented some ideas aimed at consolidating smaller districts to save money. Some education experts who have closely followed school finance say consolidation could end up on the table. The last time Kansas addressed forced consolidation, was in the 1960's and they reduced a number of school districts dramatically and they forced school districts to consolidate and it was a political atom bomb that went off in the state." John Robb has been an attorney helping to sue the state of Kansas over school finance and says the reason school consolidation is coming up now, because some lawmakers remember consolidation from nearly fifty years ago. But those on the Efficiency Task Force say that's not the plan, they're just listening. There has been very good dialogue and asking of questions and so I have been very pleased with the tone and the tenor that the meetings themselves have taken.

6PM News – 9/15/14 – Stephanie Bergmann – 1:41

COMMUNITY

Each year, Dodge City law enforcement sees about 100 felony drug cases. The majority of those involve Methamphetamine. "That's the worst thing that we have and that continues to be the worst thing, that's what we have that we're just inundated with." Lieutenant Brooks-Francis says they've seen a decrease in meth labs now that pharmacies are more strict. But meth is still coming in through the Mexican-American border and other drugs, including an increase in Marijuana from neighboring Colorado find their way through Kansas, a major highway distribution state. "Because some significant highways and interstates run through southwest Kansas, it makes it difficult for law enforcement to stop drugs from passing through the area." And once they're here DCPD only has two narcotics detectives to handle the work load. "Dodge City is a small area, but we have always had metro level crime, but we don't have metro level resources." Dodge City works with KBI and surrounding departments like Garden City police to tackle as much crime as they can. Plus, health initiatives throughout the area focus on education and prevention. "Parents and kids both need to know the consequences of using drugs, what it might do, not only to their health, but legally." While they try to get to the root of the issue the Dodge City Police Department is trying to get more money into the budget by selling forfeiture property or anything they seize that they can prove was bought with drug money to keep battling the problem.

5PM News – 07/31/14 – Lindsay Cobb – 1:27

The Department of Children and Families says it will fully investigate whether changes are needed after a child in foster care died Thursday after being left in a hot car. It just grieves our hearts that this would happen to any child, and certainly a child in state custody who has already been traumatized by being removed from the biological home. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment which licenses foster homes and parents tells KSN the foster parents in this case were originally licensed in 2010 for two foster children. That was later amended to allow 4 foster children in the home. Daric Smith, "We are looking at the environment of the home to see that it is constructive and maintained in a way that protects the health, safety and welfare of the children who are going to reside there." The foster home was sponsored by TFI Family Services, a company that is still allowed to sponsor state approved foster homes but whose placements have been suspended. Daric Smith, "The responsibility to see that the family foster home meets with initially and continues to comply with the regulations of KDHE is the child placing agency that sponsors the home." The state has directed its two foster care contractors that handle placement of children; including Saint Francis Community Services which covers Sedgwick County and the western 2/3 of the state to inspect the TFI sponsored homes and ensure whether training policies should be upheld. "Do they understand the basics of child welfare, what adoption is like; they talk about partnership and how to work together with the different agencies and different people in the agencies."

10PM News – 07/25/14 – Felix Rodriguez-Lima – 1:37

This Labor Day weekend is filled with culture. On Saturday night dozens joined the Wichita African Union for their annual banquet, this time with a twist. The group decided to use this time to pay homage to a man they say was one of the most influential people in the world. "Because of you, humanity received another chance. Mandela as everybody knows in the world was a great freedom fighter that lived in South Africa." Mayor Carl Brewer, mayor of the city of Wichita, "In America we hear about Nelson Mandela. we understand about apartheid, but it's nothing like really capturing the educational perspective of it and being able educate children." From poems to international food, guests were welcomed into a world tradition. Certainly exciting and wonderful to see these individuals come together as part of the community

10PM News – 08/30/14 – Kianga Kelley – 1:02

"A lot of homeless were stranded here; they just couldn't get back home. But they had a family member to take 'em in. But they didn't have the funds or the ability to get there." With the Wichita police program called "HOT," or "Homeless Out-Reach Team" it makes all that possible. Possible for people like Maggie whose older brother in Utah has agreed to take her in. "I need help. I need help to get home." "She couldn't make anything happen here, so she contacted our team." Maggie is only 26, she is homeless and she's pregnant. "I need to take care of this baby and that's my number one priority." Although she was born in Hutch she moved to Utah when she was 15 with her adoptive parents. Four years later she was kicked out of the house. "He dropped me off here and left. So I became homeless for three months here, four months now." With only one homeless shelter in Wichita for women with-out children police say 80 percent of the time, it's full. Officer Nate Schwiethale, "We definitely try to go out of our way to help our homeless females." It's housing programs, like this, that suggests getting homeless people off the street is better for everyone.

According to a study by UNC Charlotte's College of Health and Human Services, "within one-year of an assistant housing program, there was a 78 percent reduction in arrests, and an 84-percent reduction in jail stays and, thanks to WPD's "homeless out-reach team" and private donors. With bus ticket in hand and everything she owns in a single bag on her back, it's finally Maggie's turn to "go home."

10PM News – 08/27/14 – Brittany Glas – 1:45

"Just kind of shocked because it's never done anything before so it's kind of shocking and we live right next door to it and nothing has ever happened." 'Beware of dog', we see the sign in neighborhoods but rarely think that an attack will happen without some provocation. Police say Wednesday, a 13-year-old boy was visiting a friend that lives in this house. He was in the backyard when the dog approached him. "The dog made him uncomfortable, the dog was up on him, he gently pushed the dog away and it was after that that the dog either sensed his fear you know we don't know for sure we're not the dog but then the dog attacked." The attack put the boy in the hospital where he received stitches and then was re-admitted after complications. "The boy was bitten several times in both arms, the stomach and in the genitals." Now the dog is being observed by animal control who will make the call whether to euthanize the animal. Officials say the owner was following an agreement made between the family and Wichita's animal control back in 2012 after two biting incidents. We've petitioned to find out the details behind that agreement but right now those aren't being shared with the media. It comes as Bel Aire is already looking at changes with animal control policies to prevent things like this. "This is the third time for this dog, it's been the subject of a dangerous dog or an attack three separate times, you know, we were unaware in Bel Aire that the dog was in our community."

Fox News – 09/17/14 – Ashley Arnold – 1:37

Jail cells across Kansas are filled with people with at least one type of mental illness. Sedgwick County Sheriff, Jeff Easter sits on a governor-appointed advisory council working to address the issue. Easter says the state has just one mental hospital for non-criminals, passing the problem to the local level. Jeff Easter, "My jails are full with folks with mental illness that sometimes some of those folks don't belong in jail but there's nothing really out in the community to help them either so we're hoping that this is just a small piece of it from the law enforcement end but we're hoping with all the talking that we're at the state level that we'll see some differences made." The first step is using state funds to pay for expanded training to all levels of law enforcement from officers out on the streets to jail workers. "You can be CIT trained all day and if somebody draws a knife or points a gun at you that has a mental illness they're going to be treated like anybody else would that would do that in society." Only 2 counties in Kansas currently have the funding to train officers, one county that will benefit is Butler County where the sheriff is all for it." "We will try to get as many as of our folks trained as we can like I said we deal with it quite often it seems like the state has cut back there's not a place to take these folks." Gerry Lichti echoes that sentiment he works with NAMI-- the National Alliance on Mental Illness in Wichita. "It's amazing what can happen there so it benefits all of us in the community it's not just saving the lives of police individuals or members of the community but it's an atmospheric change that occurs with the police."

10PM News – 9/16/14 – Brian Miller – 1:41

HEALTH

The deadly Ebola virus may only be a plane ride away; however U.S. health officials say the risk to individuals here is low. Here's what you need to know about Ebola. There is no vaccine or cure for the virus and though between 60 - 90% of those who catch it die, unlike the flu - which you can catch from a sneeze or a cough - Ebola does not spread easily. To get Ebola, you have to come into direct contact with a sick person's body fluids such as blood or vomit. That's why the spread is usually limited to health care workers or family members who have physical contact with the sick person. The incubation period for someone who has been exposed is between 2 - 21 days. People are not contagious during this time - only after symptoms appear. Symptoms may include fever, diarrhea and vomiting. People traveling from West Africa who experience these conditions should contact their doctor. If someone does get sick in the United States, health experts stress the illness will likely be contained quickly.

Fox News – 07/30/14 – 1:06

The measles outbreak hit Kansas in June. "It starts with runny nose, just not feeling very well, red watery eyes so it can seem like just another virus." And now, three more cases, all tied to last week's discovery of an employee with measles at Sumo. "We kept in contact and watching and so we weren't surprised when we added additional cases to that case count." Across the state 14 cases have been reported, 11 of them here in Sedgwick County, the others in Johnson County. Officials say the problem with Measles spreading isn't just that it feels and looks like a different virus. "Measles can be spread to others from four days before to four days after the rash appears so someone has an onset you really have to look back several days and forward several days before you can say they're in the clear and no longer contagious." While county officials say both businesses are in the clear now, they are urging everyone to take advantage of free Measles, Mumps, and Rubella vaccinations being offered this week. "It's still important to get vaccinated, it's still important if someone was wondering if they really needed it so they didn't come on Saturday. Take the opportunity to get vaccinated when there's no out of pocket costs associated and come on in to the clinic."

6PM News – 07/25/14 – 1:20

When people first heard about the contamination of well water in some areas of West Wichita, the response was a reasonable one: concern, for their health, and for their property. Now residents nearby are hoping to get the ball rolling on a switch over to city water as well. Ben Nelson, Wichita Public Works, "There are two neighborhoods that are adjacent to the plume area also that are largely unserved by city water supply and a lot of those areas have gone through what's known as the petition process." Darold Yates, West Wichita, "Everyone I've talked to in our district is worried about it, because like I said we're only 180 feet from the contamination." The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has been monitoring the situation as they've hooked more than a hundred homes up to city water lines and so far, the news is good. Sara Belfry, "Our focus is really on connecting people to clean and safe drinking water and going forward we haven't seen the plume move at all so we're pretty happy and pretty satisfied that this is where the plume is and will remain." While KDHE and the city are footing the bill for the water change in the affected areas, for the nearby residents, it's a completely different situation; they'll cover the entire cost through special assessment fees. But some residents say they'd rather pay the price now, rather than paying for it more later. "If our wells become contaminated, our property essentially is worthless until we do something about the water situation."

6PM News – 08/25/14 – Ashley Arnold – 1:27

Only days after giving birth last month Shawnee mom Katie McClure was back in the hospital, this time in the emergency room. The patient: her newborn baby boy. His name: Sean. Katie McClure, "He just started turning purple and he stopped breathing and his hands and feet turned purple." Sean is one of at least 14 babies at Kansas City area hospitals reported to have the "Parecho-Virus", type three. While it's nothing new, health officials have seen a rise in infected babies. Dr. Mary Anne Jackson, Director of Division of Infectious Disease, "We're seeing more babies in the first couple weeks of life, and we know that with other viruses, babies who have infection in the first week or two of life may have some more severe disease." Like baby Sean who was diagnosed with "viral meningitis," which caused some brain damage. Lois Rahal, "In children and infants cause conjunctivitis. They cause respiratory symptoms. They cause GI symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea." the virus spreads through contact with respiratory and GI secretions. That's why doctors say washing your hands is the best way to prevent it. Lois Rahal, "Washing your hands before you change the diaper, after you change the diaper, definitely before you feed or handle the baby, and making sure other people do too." After what started as a simple fever turned into so much more. McClure offers moms and dads some advice of her own: don't take any chances. Katie McClure,

"Bring your children in. even if it's just something simple, 'cause something simple can turn into something horrific just within hours."

10PM News – 8/13/14 – Brittany Glas – 1:34

With a unanimous vote on Monday morning, Barton County became the latest entity to ban e-cigarettes in its buildings. "I think it's always good when a county health department can be proactive, and approach that problem and solve that issue before we have danger." The county health department introduced the resolution, saying it's in their mission to keep residents healthy. "And because they are unregulated by the Food and Drug Administration, we do not know all the health and safety issues yet with them, but we are very concerned because they do contain nicotine, they're very addictive." The health department says their biggest concern is how little they know about e-cigarettes and what kind of damage that they cause, they also leave vapor in the air that we do not know what it contains. The unknown long-term effects along with the concern that kids could ingest the liquid in e-cigarettes also concerned county leaders. "I think e-cigarettes do appeal to our younger population, I think that it's appealing to the people who continue to use tobacco but feel that they can do it in a safer manner but, because it's the fad."

6PM News – 9/16/14 – Molly Hadfield – 1:12

Concerns about the enterovirus are spreading across the Midwest. It's affecting the Kansas City area with one hospital there seeing up to 30 children a day with symptoms. Doctors say this isn't a new virus, but it is showing up earlier. "It's interesting we're getting this type of virus and this type of response from the community this early in the fall/winter season." Wichita hasn't seen the kind of numbers they have in Kansas City. The state is also prepared we just talked without epidemiologist at the state this morning so we are watching for it. We're just not seeing that surge in the Wichita area yet. The CDC says there are more than 100 types of enteroviruses, causing up to 15 million infections in the US each year. The best way to prevent spread is the advice we've all heard. Wash your hands and limit exposure to sick people and pay close attention to your child. Symptoms for the enterovirus EV-D68 are similarly to that of the common cold. Parents should be concerned especially those whose child uses one of these: an asthma inhaler. Dr. Amy Seery, pediatrician, "We really want parents to watch for if their child is having a fever that doesn't respond well to Tylenol or Motrin and also a child having trouble breathing." Doctors says avoid using antibiotics and to consult with your doctor the moment your child has trouble breathing.

Fox News – 9/08/14 – Kianga Kelley – 1:23

YOUTH

After a child in foster care dies in south Wichita KSN asked one of the placement agencies if foster care parents are getting enough training. Do they understand the basics of child welfare, what adoption is like? They talk about partnership and how to work together with the different agencies and different people in the agencies. Nina Shaw-Woody is with St. Francis community services one of the two placement services for foster kids in Kansas and says foster parents are involved in training and continuing education each year; but what went wrong? Child advocacy groups say -- as the legal system works out what they call the sad details of an infant left in a hot car they say more people are calling 911 all the time to let authorities know when something is wrong and a child is in danger. "911 is really the call we need to be making because of the ability of law enforcement to be present and on site and assess the situation at that time." Diana Schunn of the Child Advocacy Center says, "Yes people are calling 911 and that's the right thing to do. That may explain why the number of kids in the foster system is at an all-time high in Kansas from 2013 to 2014 more than six thousand. And that number is up, 872 compared to just two years ago." I think our public awareness has improved over the years and if you look at our reporting trends, the numbers have increased each year."

6PM News – 07/28/14 – Craig Andres – 1:24

Fighting summer hunger is the main goal of the McPherson Summer Lunch Program. Olivia Fetsch, Summer Lunch Program Coordinator, "We'll we saw a need for kids to have lunches provided in the summer, we were sending backpacks home with kids during the school year and then we thought well these kids aren't going to have food in the summer so we needed to find some way to provide the food for them. Each family receives a bag like this once a week and it's filled with kid friendly foods, so kids that are home alone during the week can make food like peanut butter and jelly by themselves." Judy Casey, volunteer, "I find it worthwhile, that I know that there's children here in our community that don't have the food during the summer, and it just makes you feel good." Private donations pay for the program, with much of the money coming from a golf tournament hosted by the Waldhauer Memorial Fund, but the tournament wasn't held this year. "The Waldair Fund was able to match donations up to five thousand dollars though this year, so they were able to help a little bit but not as much as they have in the past." Organizers are hoping that more people step up and donate money to keep the kids fed until school starts. "I always hear feedback from the drivers, when they deliver items and they always say how excited the kids are, they come running out the door, and are so excited that the driver is there, and they grab the bag and it's like Christmas for them."

5PM News – 07/28/14 – Molly Hadfield – 1:25

It was a case that shocked a community: A young child gets their hand on a gun and shoots another child killing him. But now officials say no charges will be filed in the case. Marc Bennett, "Ultimately after the case was reviewed it was determined to have been simply an accident and no criminal culpability involved." We wanted to know just what makes one incident an accident, and another a criminal case? Just weeks ago, a woman was taken to jail after allegedly pushing a lawnmower over a child at her daycare, an accident, but one that lead to an arrest on suspicion of aggravated child endangerment. Bennett says in each case charges are based on the definitive actions of the parents or person in charge and the shooting was no different. His office worked to answer a wide range of questions before making a decision. "Each case is assessed on its own merit on a case by case basis. Where was the weapon, the meth, the thing? Where was it left in relation to the children? Was it put in a secure location, somewhere removed from the kids? Was this someplace out in the open?" Kansas does not have a negligible homicide statute in place and Bennett wouldn't speculate on whether a law on the books would have changed the outcome of this case. "Every human tragedy doesn't necessarily need to be addressed by the criminal justice system, sometimes there are just tragic accidents and so to have a negligent homicide it could apply to any number of types of cases."

6PM News – 08/29/14 – Ashley Arnold – 1:25

Supporters of the field house are hoping it goes here in the heart of downtown Salina, to keep up with demand for recreational space. But the big question remains how to pay for it. Salina's recreation commission is supporting a plan to build a 9-million dollar field house that would have multi-use indoor courts and turf fields. Residents currently use school facilities for recreation, but parks officials say they are outgrowing those spaces. Dion Louthan, "It is a field house concept, and that is not a recreation center in the truest sense, it is more sports-driven. Based on the need, based on the existing program we have, based on some of the capacities with where we're at, we think it's something that might be a good fit." If the plan goes through, parks officials are hoping to take advantage of the growth in youth sports tourism and host tournaments that would bring thousands of visitors to Salina and support local businesses. "I think there's a lot of people who are excited about the opportunity to bring in some larger events and tournaments. You see a big group of salinians who

travel for a lot of out-of-town tournaments. I think they'd like the opportunity to host some of those here to bring folks into our community, showcase it and show what it has to offer." Louthan says he has commitments totaling 2 million dollars from private sources and can raise a million more hoping the city could cover the remaining 6 million. But city commissioners told supporters they would rather have the city pay a smaller share and put the issue to voters. City staffers say they'll come up with several plans to give to the city commission for them to consider to move forward with the project in the coming weeks.

10PM News – 08/29/14 – Felix Rodrigues-Lima – 1:30

It's a youth facility that's been around for more than a century. "This is uh certainly something that we do not want going on in our community." A place your kids should feel safe. "Keeping kids safe is absolutely a top priority for us." 39-year-old Charles Douglas-Miller was arrested Wednesday night at the Downtown Wichita YMCA. The convicted sex offender is accused of fondling himself while at the pool around children. "We took action immediately and um thanks to them um a bad situation was averted and everyone's safety was maintained." Representatives at the "Y" tell KSN it's thanks to quick-thinking from reporting parents and well-trained staff that landed Miller back behind bars. Training staff complete before they're actually hired. "Don't be afraid to report something to any Y staff because the better we can do that, the safer we keep everybody." KSN wanted to know, how did Miller have access to so many children at a facility like the "Y"? While all YMCA staff and volunteers under-go back-ground checks, members, guests, and visitors do not. And it's likely that won't change. "With the numbers that we go through here at the Wichita Y, we have 20,000 visits a day, I'm not sure of the feasibility of that." And it's not required by Kansas law. There is no "across the board" legislation restricting where registered sex offenders can live, work, or go to school. Nor are there any laws restricting who a sex offender can be around. It's those types of restrictions that are largely left up to a judge. "Parents need to make sure that they're keeping an eye on their children, that they know where they are, they're paying attention to their surroundings so they can protect their kids." 9/12/14 – Brittany Glas – 1:47

"I think that it's upsetting to even hear of a story like this, I think as grown-ups we need to act like such." Adults fighting at a youth league practice; it's a story that has Wichitans speaking out. "Couldn't handle conflict, don't know how to restrain themselves when they need to and umm, going to extremes to prove a point to other people over a little leagues game." Police say Monday night at a city of Wichita youth football practice things got out of hand after several adults began to assault one of the coaches. Police say one man was armed with brass knuckles, another, had a gun. Officials with that particular league say it wasn't their first encounter with the family. "We had had that person in our organization last year for about a week, but we quickly realized that it was going to be an issue and we were gonna have problems so we cut ties with him and his brothers and his family right then." Police say after the fight broke out the coach's wife pulled out a handgun, firing a round into the air. The men ran off when police say that coach ran to his car and pulled out his own gun. "I think it's a negative situation, don't be pulling no gun out or whatnot or what have you; you have to talk about it without being physical." Officials with the league agreed and have issued their own punishment for the coach's action. We have a zero tolerance policy for any guns or any problems within our organization so immediately the coach and the team mom who had the altercation with the other people outside the organization were dismissed.

5PM News – 9/9/14 – Ashley Arnold – 1:00