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EDUCATION

Since the education bill became law on Monday there's been speculation of lawsuits coming from the Kansas National Education Association. But officials say they're doing their research before they make any moves. "No final decisions have been made; we are still trying to complete our research. Want to make certain that we are on good footing when we file and hope to have a decision within the next 30 days." But that still doesn't take away the sting of the new law. At the center of the possible lawsuit is the removal of due process which could lead to teachers being fired without being given a reason. "Would it be right for a teacher to be dismissed because they suggested that for what the child needs it's gonna cost some money and an allocation for a position?" Randy Mousley with United Teachers of Wichita believes despite all of the attention the bill has gotten in the past week, the big problem could be people waiting for something to happen before taking action. "I don't want people to become complacent that it's not something important here and now just because it could be a year from now before the law would be challenged because you know somebody was dismissed without a reason given to them." But until something happens, one thing is clear to him. "We gotta try to change some things before that happens."

6PM News - 04/24/14 - Ashley Arnold - 1:20

It's a done deal, school finance in Kansas; Governor Brownback highlighting the wins of this bill for education, fully funding schools. It provides \$73 million into the classroom and \$78 million in property tax relief annually. It returns local control to school districts and counties. Governor Brownback says local school district can raise their own money through a local tax. Some lawmakers say school funding not really being addressed in this bill, just the bare minimum. And democrat Minority leader Paul Davis says, money aside, he is uncomfortable with a provision in the bill that makes it easier for teachers to be fired. "But unfortunately Governor Brownback and his allies in the legislature inserted a provision that does away with due process rights for teachers." Paul Davis, minority leader in the house, still wonders if teacher issues could have been left out, but none of this has been easy say some. The education fight went on for weeks, at times well into the night for lawmakers. In the end they got a deal done that does address a Supreme Court mandate that says more money to schools. To that end a little more was added - 14-dollars a year for each k-12 child in the state. And the governor is calling this a big win. It is an investment in our future of our children and in the future of our state.

6PM News - 04/21/14 - Darren Dedo - 1:19

Workers are starting to put the finishing touches on Shocker Hall which will house almost 800 students, provide them with a dining hall and a short jaunt to classes. "I think the location is key. Students want to get up, they don't want to have much time in between when they get up and go to class. There will be no parking issues for them, they're going to be able to run out of bed and go to class." The hall would provide a more traditional college experience for the students who land a place there and there's belief among administrators that the completed construction of the residence hall is another positive step toward continued growth. "I think it's going to start changing who we are. I think people are going to start looking at it like, you know what, I can live on-campus now, I don't have to commute, and there's some really great facilities." Administrators at WSU say the school's recent growth can be seen in terms of increased applications and enrollment. "There's just a lot of activity, a lot of buzz here on-campus and that buzz has really translated well outside of campus to the greater Wichita area, statewide and nationally." Now it may be the basketball team that starts the conversation with future shockers, but Gandu says WSU has been recruiting. "A lot of students are seeing us on the cutting edge of universities nationwide, and they want to be part of that discussion.

They know that if they come here that they will have a progressive education, where they're able to get skills, abilities and the training they need to be successful in the job market."

10 PM News – 05/29/14 – Felix Rodrigues-Lime – 1:21

The State Assessment Test: new, better, interactive. That's the plan. But in a Beta Testing year there have been a lot of problems. Teresa San Martin, "Logs where they have been kicked out of the system. Or had multiple errors where there was no reading passage. Or the questions may not be showing up." Teresa San Martin says some schools have been computer testing for more than ten years now so they understand new tech and testing. "You're telling me you do not think it is a good test." "No, not at this point. We do have a small group of us across the state who are going to meet with our State Department of Education." San Martin will show them notes on what went wrong, specifically in the classroom. But even though feedback is on the way some teacher groups say teachers across the state have been very frustrated. Deena Burnett of the United Teachers of Wichita says lawmakers and the State Board of Education put out the mandate for part of the testing very late in the game so it may be understandable why the Beta Test has been glitchy. But, she also says next year there cannot be another Beta Test. It has to be ready to go. I don't think we want to subject our kids to yet another opportunity for testing. We're not teaching if we're testing. We're not. And that's why we are here. We're here to be teaching."

6PM News - 05/15/14 - Craig Andres - 1:27

Kansas native Andrew Eakin is a planner. "Entered in good faith into the CTI program at ASU expecting that that was gonna be the method to ultimately achieve my goal." But the 22-year-old says last-minute intervention by the FAA foiled his plans only months before graduation. For more than two decades, the FAA has worked closely with "Collegiate Training Initiative," or CTI schools across the country, there are 36 nation-wide - among them Hesston College. "Our commitment to the FAA is to provide a teachable student - someone that comes with the basic knowledge." While graduating from a CTI school wasn't required, it often gave students the upper-hand. "The new requirements for becoming an air traffic controller is anyone with a high school education, and three years or more of progressive work experience." "Explanations were given as to the reason why the changes were coming, but they were very poorly constructed. They did not offer significant time to digest what was going on before it happened." Of the new requirements a new online "biographical assessment" is getting the most attention. Something Eakin failed, and he's not alone. Back in February, 28,000 people reportedly applied for air traffic controller jobs; of those however Eakin says only eight-percent passed the 62-question biographical assessment. "This questionnaire has questions that have seemingly no relevance to the successfulness of air traffic controllers." When Eakin reached out for answers all he got was this letter from the FAA. It says, all applicants, "Regardless of experience, are required to meet qualifications, to include, passing the 'biographical assessment." "...the idea that you're gonna walk in to an air traffic role and be there for the next 25 years has its limitations." 10PM News - 06/09/14 - Brittany Glas - 2:12

Reading, writing, arithmetic - not your typical summer for most kids. School's out, but its back to basics here at Hamilton Middle School but with a twist: Game On. It stands for: gaming academic measurements every day. Latonia Kennedy is the program director for game on. She says these kids are getting a much needed boost for the summer. Hamilton Middle School is known for having some of the lowest test scores. School officials noticed that that was a problem, so they decided to do something different. Last year they saw between 10 to 15 kids a day. Now that number has sky rocketed to 70 kids a day. The difference, they took summer school out and replaced it with summer camp. "We're helping build their skills not only for next year, but also helping to prepare them for our state assessment." Game On also tackles financial literacy, bringing the bank to the class room. "We have a group of kids who may not see someone using a check. They're learning how to save and how to budget." There's a key boarding class, "They don't have the key boarding skills assessment test which are going to be online, they have to know how to type." And sessions that focus on social skills as well as language arts. "We are giving them strategies on note taking, strategies on writing, strategies on analyzing non-fiction text." In exchange for their hard work, students are given the option of camp activities like cheerleading or basketball. For soon to be 6th grader Karen Ortiz, it's a cooking class. Karen Ortiz, "I always wanted to learn how to cook, now I know how to make French toast and muffins." "As educators, we have to do something outside the box." 5PM News - 06/04/14 - Kianga Kelley - 1:37

COMMUNITY

"Our siren is down for right now but we are getting it fixed, basically these are free." Chase City Superintendent Tim White has been handing out free weather radios this week, one to everyone in town. "Everybody's really liking it, cause basically those are more of an indoor warning system, and the siren we've got, if the winds blowing a certain direction a lot of them can't hear it anyway. Crews were out here this morning looking at the city's siren to see what it would take to get it fixed, right now they found out that the motherboard was broken with two circuits out, the city doesn't know how much it will cost yet but they say that they hope to have the siren working as soon as possible." Irene Herzberg, Chase resident: "Well I think it's a good deal because I feel like they're trying to look out for the citizens of Chase, and they're making an effort to keep us safe until they can get things taken care of and everything running." Residents are relieved for the extra life-saving warning. Glenna Grinstead, resident: "I don't always hear the whistle, I sleep really hard so it would be nice to hear these, I know they go off really loud and I know that's just more of a benefit." The city got a thirteen dollar discount on each weather radio, helping keep the city safe and saving money. Glenna Grinstead: "I love it, because we're a small town, we don't have a lot of money so they're doing what they can to keep this community safe, but to be proactive to save us if something would happen." 5PM News - 04/25/14 - Molly Hadfield - 1:25

Camp Hope has found a new home. "Well it was unfortunate when the dining hall burned down and we didn't want to leave them hanging." Barton County Community College will house this year's event for kids battling cancer with some of the activities like bowling and mini golf held in town. "There will be some new additions but we are trying really hard to make things look the same for the campers." Gail says the important thing is just being able to give the kids a fun camp experience. "You know the important thing is having camp and having the kids be together, and they adapt a lot better than adults in a lot of ways, so I just think that they're going to be thrilled to have camp and have the activities that we've had in the past." The college is going to put the campers up in these student dorms one of the few problems they've had so far is finding enough beds for all of them. "Well the dorms would actually be overfilled, so we had to move some beds and things over from Camp Aldrich to accommodate them." College administrators are just glad they could do something to help. "Obviously Camp Hope is just a wonderful thing, it's doing a great thing for kids who are going through some really tough things, the least we can do is help them trying to find another place to find a camp."

5PM News - 04/24/14 - Molly Hadfield - 1:19

With recent lay-offs in an industry that's largely defined this community for decades, the question remains, "How can we grow and develop?" That answer may be on the horizon. "The Federal Government expects, over the next few years, to invest 1.2 trillion dollars in trying to recreate and redevelop manufacturing across the United States." The federal "Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership Program" received 70 applications for a shot at the recognition and more than one-billion-dollars. But today, only 12 communities were named. South Kansas was one thanks to over 30-percent of regional jobs in the industry. "This makes us eligible for that money, if you want to be part of rebuilding manufacturing, there's only 12 places in the country you oughta be going, and we're one of those 12. Yesterday, we weren't. A chunk of that cash may be ours for the taking but it's not a "cure-all." This money isn't going to be something that tomorrow they're gonna have a job because of this, it's not the nature of it." While tomorrow has come and gone it continues to be a waiting game for people like Patrick Brown. Brown has sent out a dozen resumes the past month but he's still with-out a job. Regardless, he remains optimistic for good reason.

10 PM News - 05/28/14 - Brittany Glas -- 1:44

City leaders are considering adding a 1 cent sales tax to everything you buy within Wichita. The purpose? To help grow the city's economy. The city says that adding a one cent sales tax would generate an estimated 397.6 million dollars over five years. Some residents who shared with the council say it's a good idea. .1% would be a significant start in the right direction; it would at least allow the current system to improve in a marginal way. So how would those dollars be spent? The city has four community projects that would benefit from the tax. Number one on the list: a new water source. The plan would cost 375 million dollars to build a 50 acre reservoir. "We're not getting much negative feedback about water. Everybody's looking for a supply that'll take us out to 2050." Other projects include additional money for street maintenance, a 90 million dollar job development fund, and stabilizing future finance with the transit. Some people see both sides; there wasn't some type of guarantee that that is going to help grow the city and that it's going to be well managed. City leaders say Wichita is behind other local communities when it comes to adding on to the state sales tax. Sedgwick County already adds 1 percent to the sales tax making it 7.15 percent of everything you

have. Derby adds a half a percent, while Haysville adds 1 percent. For now council members are still carefully weighing out their options before making a final decision. FOX News - 05/27/14 - Kianga Kellev - 1:35

Friends remember Roger Brining as an avid pilot, Air Force veteran and loving family man. "Roger was very generous about giving rides, taking people up, exposing them to aviation, and when we'd have an event out here especially he was very, he was fired up. He wanted to help out, he wanted as many people as he could get up in the air." Brining flew a lot, donating his flight time for young eagles, and angel flights - helping transporting kids with cancer to out--of-state doctor's appointment. But he was also known as an activist for the community. "He was instrumental in getting a lot of things updated. He was a real pusher, in terms of making sure the organization was going in the right direction, and if he didn't have the help or the resources, he'd just do it himself." Brining leaves behind his wife, Erica, three children and a grandchild. "He loved his family, very very much, thought being a grandpa was such a neat thing, and I think he let his beard go grey just to look like a grandpa." A farmer active on agriculture boards, and with church but most of all he's remembered as a friend. "Roger was notorious for running late because he loved people so much that he would always stop to talk to someone."

6PM News - 06/09/14 - Molly Hadfield - 1:22

All throughout Lindsborg, the sight is the same. Todd Thomas: "When I woke up at 6:30, 7 o'clock went out in town and limbs down everywhere. Lucky enough though that around town there's not a lot of property damage. Little bit here and there but for the most part, just like at this house, limbs have just fallen on the ground." Despite the storm bringing some much needed rain, the real issue was the wind that picked up afterwards. Brad Shogren: "Just straight line winds that just blew unrelenting, so I don't know, 50, 60 they say maybe up to 80 miles per hour winds." Around the area, plenty of people were out helping their neighbors get things cleaned up. "I own a big chainsaw, not a lot of people around here do, so I thought I'd come out and help out." Thursday morning's storm did leave a significant mark on one of the town's schools. "We lost the entire roof on the band building in the middle school." Officials say the damage to the school will cost around 50,000 dollars to fix. They're grateful for several factors, first that school is out, but also that the wind came after the rain. Glen Suppes, school superintendent: "We didn't have any water damage inside the building either and the crews working very quickly to get it water tight before the evening."

5PM - 06/05/14 -- Darren Dedo - 1:09

HEALTH

WSU senior pre-med student Nate Edwards says when it comes to studying he needs a little bit of a boost. To help him out he turns to Concerta, an ADHD prescription drug. "After the drug takes effect I feel like distractions around me aren't hindering me from being able to study." Concerta, along with other prescriptions like Adderall and Ritalin are taking college campuses by storm. Problem is, around 30-percent of the users of these study drugs either aren't prescribed the drug or don't necessarily need it at all. Mark Green, the Prevention Services Coordinator with WSU says it's a practice that can negatively affect your health. "In terms of raising the heart rate you can into concerns with different heart arrhythmias or other irregularities." Green says while it has adverse effects on the body physically, it can also pose some neurological problems. "Where you are introducing this stimulant drug, the brain is going to do certain things to counteract that, which than in the absence of the drug are going to have some lasting effects." Which can possibly lead to dependency when taking this sort of prescriptions. Regardless, students like Edwards say the rewards of these study drugs outweigh the dangers. "I've definitely noticed my grades improve with the dosage I take, it's a small dosage." Fox News – 04/24/14 – Chris Arnold – 1:22

With a 75-thousand dollar grant the Western Kansas Community Foundation created Live-Well-Finney County. By partnering with Garden City and the Finney County Community Health Coalition the organization hopes to build a healthier town. Shea Sinclair, Western KS Comm. Foundation: "We want to encourage everybody to get out and use what we have and look for the improvements we're hoping to make." In an effort to get people moving, a big focus is improving sidewalks. Pamela Stewart, Garden City resident: "The sidewalks need to be updated. In an area like right here, it's a nice area, but the sidewalks are in bad shape." Lindsay Cobb, reporter: "It's not just about healthier living, it's about safer living. One of the main priorities is to improve sidewalks and crosswalks around the schools, that way kids can be more active, and still be safe." Roy Cessna, Garden City Public schools: "Students that are in a safe and positive learning environment do better. So, connecting all the sidewalks and trying to get them from their home in a safe manner is really a great thing for the community." While they work on sidewalks Live Well Finney County will use the grant money to work on policy changes in the local government. Shea Sinclair: "It has all kinds of implications for economic development and businesses and families and supporting a community." Their first resolution is to create the Health and Environment Committee.

Noon News - 04/22/14 - Lindsay Cobb - 1:08

"It's murder to take this money from the federal government, it's only \$6k, but to me its murder and I'm not going to stand for it." That's Saline County Commissioner John Price asking questions about IUD form of birth control. The County Commission voted unanimously to reject a federal grant to fund the IUD form of birth control for the county health department. Now those commissioners find themselves under fire. "I think their appropriate action is simply to take the check from KDHE and say thank you very much." Community activist Janice Norlin wants an expanded county commission. This is the petition we're circulating to increase the commission from 3 to 5 members. She says the birth control controversy is just one reason why the expanded commission is needed. Women make up 50% of the population of Saline County and I think the commission has an obligation and a duty to show a commitment for women's health and they've been woefully negligent in this decision. KSN contacted John Price for comment and he sent us this."If someone wants to use birth control of their choice that's fine, but the county doesn't need to be funding this. I'm not telling people what to do but I'm not giving my stamp of approval." We should point out the Health Department does offer a full array of birth control, those options are still available, as for the IUD they're not offering that because it's not being funded. As for this petition they need 1600 signatures, they've already got 1500. County commissioners revisit the idea coming up Tuesday.

FOX News - 05/28/14 - Craig Andres - 1:42

Saint Catherine is the hub for healthcare in Southwest Kansas and now it's on its way to becoming a major cancer resource as well. The hospital has just opened its new "Legacy House", a building that holds the hospital's developmental foundation, and breast center and their partner, the Leave a Legacy Foundation. Kelley Reeve, philanthropy coordinator, "They raise money for cancer every year, they do a lot for the hospital and the community." The goal of the Leave a Legacy Foundation is to bring cancer resources like research and funding to the Southwest Kansas area, and now with the Legacy House they actually have an office to get all of that work done. Kelley Reeve, "They never had an office. They were a committee and they met in the marketing department in the hospital." The breast center aims to give breast cancer patients a warmer, more comfortable place when it comes to treatment that's close to home. Steve Dyer, chamber, "It's a really nice addition to what St. Catherine continues to do with growth and development, and providing services to western Kansas." The three

departments in the legacy house are separate but Saint Catherine put them together to help patients with accessibility, something that people have already started benefiting from. Kelley Reeve. "It's a lot easier for people to just stop in, picking something up, drop something off, ask a quick question, and be on their way. It's just a great thing for Saint Catherine, but more importantly the community." 5 PM News - 05/28/14 - Lindsay Cobb - 1:08

Saline County Commissioners heard from Health Department Director Bronson Farmer again Tuesday afternoon, "I'd like to respectfully request that the commission reconsider their option not to accept these funds." However, his request to reconsider the federal grant that would provide IUD's to county residents remains at a standstill. "I'm not making any different decision today without consulting more with our medical director." It all started two weeks ago when Commissioner John Price likened the IUD to murder. "It's murder to take this money from the Federal Government, it's only \$6k but to me its murder and I'm not going to stand for it. It sparked "public out-cry." Many residents are critical of Commissioner Price and his opposition. "His personal religious ideals then are dictating to women what is available to them." Ultimately it comes down to one question - whose jurisdiction does the "birth control business" fall under? Farmer argues it's a matter of "public health. "Unwanted pregnancies are a public health problem. Our job is for us to take a look at options, and then allow the individual citizens to make their choice." 10PM News - 06/03/14 - Brittany Glas - 1:29

What do time, money and appearance all have in common with men's health? They're all frequently used by men as reasons, or excuses, to avoid going to the doctor. Sound familiar? If so, here is some advice to get you or the men in your life to make routine, preventive health care a priority. Here's a classic excuse. "I just don't have the time." Experts agree-- you need to make the time. We don't want to wait until troubles start before we seek the advice & direction of our doctor. So plan ahead for an appointment, and bring along notes and questions to make it productive and worthwhile. Another popular justification- money, "It costs too much." Try looking at preventive care as an important investment. It's much more sensible to approach health care dollars up front as opposed to a large economic burden when there's a significant medical problem. What about using one's appearance as an indicator of good health? "I look fine. I'm in good shape."Silent health problems such as having high blood pressure or diabetes, or high cholesterol, they can have a cumulative effect on your health. The best excuse? Well, it just might be none at all."

Fox News - 06/03/14 - 1:19

YOUTH

Last week KSN brought you the story of the state of Kansas not offering enough money to cover background checks for everyone working at a school. And in the process of covering that story we uncovered concerns about sex offenders that could be coaching your children. If there is a registered sex offender interacting with kids should all the parents know about his past? The private Mid States Junior Football League plays here in the area and one parent from the town of Sedgwick asked KSN to investigate. Aimee says she recently found out this man has been a coach on the Mid States Little League football team in Sedgwick and says she's frustrated, because she had not heard about it before. This is the man in question, registered sex offender Layne Schroeder. He was convicted of unlawful sexual relations with a 17-year-old girl. As a sex offender, Schroeder has to register where he lives so parents and neighbors know he is in the area. Harvey County sheriff "T" Walton says Schroeder has been a model citizen since being placed on the sex offender list. But he wonders if sex offenders of any kind should be coaching kids. And he says there is nothing in Kansas law keeping Schroeder from volunteering as an assistant coach in a private league. KSN did some checking and found those on the sex offender registration can have contact with kids unless a judge deems them likely to re-offend, in which case a judge can make a rule in each individual case that dictates no contact with children at all. KSN went to the president of the Mid States Junior Football League and asked what are their rules on a registered sex offender as an assistant coach. Darrin Regier is President of the Volunteer League and says he does not know of any private children's sports league in the area that does background checks, but he says his league will now ask each team to start looking into the backgrounds of coaches, following our KSN investigation. KSN did talk with one of the board members of the individual team located in Sedgwick and that board member said they know Layne and are okay with him coaching. Still some parents say, even though there are individual boards governing each team in each town they still say they are not comfortable with a registered sex offender coaching kids. We asked lawmakers what are the rules that apply here. Is there anything keeping a registered sex offender from coaching and having contact with kids? State representative Jim Ward answered our question. Ward says many lawmakers believe sex offenders do deserve a second chance and says that may be the case with Schroeder since the other coaches on the team are okay with him coaching. KSN reached out several times to Schroeder. His only comment is that he is moving on with his life as a parent and husband and declined an on-camera interview. 10PM News -04/30/14 -Craig Andres - 2:35

"No one-year-old should end up shot in the chest under any circumstances. Terrible, terrible tragedy." Those are the words that have been repeated by those who describe what took place Tuesday afternoon. "You just don't want to believe something like that, you know, I was kinda waiting to get more information, I was hoping that it was wrong information. It's just a tragedy that nobody wants to hear anything like that." Police say around 2 pm, 3 children, aged 1, 3 and 4 were in the bedroom of this house while two adults, the father and his brother were in the living room. Investigators say the four-year-old reached into a nightstand where a semi automatic hand gun, fully loaded, was kept. "It does not appear that he actually picked up the gun but was able to pull the trigger of the gun discharging the firearm and shooting the one year old." Neighbors are in shock over the incident. "I'm just thankful that my son wasn't there at the time." Kristen Salisbury lives across the street and says her children had played with the kids several times. She, like so many others, has questions. "Why was that gun there, or why didn't you have it put up, or why would you even allow your child to play in the same room that the gun was if you knew that the child could get to it or if it wasn't locked away?" And while she understands personal safety, this case hits close to home. "I do agree that in this neighborhood you do have to have protection and you have to be ready for it at all times, but it's just shocking that something would happen like that." 6PM News - 04/30/14 - Ashley Arnold - 1:35

The distinct perception of homelessness in our area and across the United States is beginning to take on a different face. There's another face of homelessness we often miss, that's families, families with young children, teenagers, with grandparents. Melanie Miller-Garrett is the Chief Program Officer with the Wichita Children's Home. She says the children's home serves 2 thousand kids that come through their doors and several hundred more through their outreach programs. A common fear among some homeless families is sheltering their children in fear they will lose them permanently. Miller-Garrett says with the service they provide that isn't the case. "They're not going to be available to take care of their kids and they don't have family around that are stable and step in, they can place their children with us." The county also has various programs to help those in need. Maggie Flanders serves as a homeless plan specialist with Sedgwick County. She works with two programs: housing first and shelter plus care that combined can serve upwards of 200 people at a time, most of which are families. Flanders says some homeless people might be scared to come forward because they

have warrants or a checkered background. "Both programs, the programs I work with, work with people who have these sorts of histories. Otherwise where are people going to go if you don't have people who will work with them, you know landlords and agencies." Flanders adds that through case management, these programs tend to be pretty fluid and in the end incredibly beneficial. "With these programs there huge as far as helping people, it's made a difference in people's lives."

10 PM News – 05/22/14 – Chris Arnold – 1:35

Those tests conducted by the state are very concerning for parents and residents here in Cherryvale. showing that the lead levels in the bloodstream were more than 3 times that national average. The state tested children in Cherryvale from 2005 to 2012 and the results showed that the average lead level in the children's bloodstream was 4.54 micrograms per deciliter. That is about 3 and a half times more than the national average of 1.3. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment would not confirm the cause of these lead levels. But Cherryvale is known for having a decommissioned zinc mine on the north edge of town that has been a state cleanup site for almost 20 years and based on that, residents say the test results are not surprising. "It really doesn't. It's really hard to understand when you go to dig, you just find glass and you find all kinds of things and I say we grow rocks, and that's about all we can grow." Although no link has been established to the site, lead poisoning in children can come from contaminated soil or dust from industrial sites. The state says it is investigating reports of contamination in other parts of the town of 2,300 in Montgomery County. Residents say the state has been removing bad soil from neighborhoods in Cherryvale for years. "They dug down about 3 feet and went further over where the dirt was contaminated and re-filled this here, so I don't know what they're going to be doing next." Residents I talked to say they're hoping the state continues its corrective measures to protect children and adults alike. 10 PM News - 05/19/14 - Felix Rodrigues-Lima - 1:36

Teaching the youngest pitchers to throw, that's has been Barry Bilkey's job for the last 30 years. He says he has seen arm injuries nearly his whole coaching career. It all comes down to kids not learning to throw correctly and that leads to injuries. "It's not something that your normally do. I've heard people say that if you are going to be a pitcher, there is going to be soreness." But he doesn't believe that has to be true and many little league parents' hope it isn't either. "For my own child, he tries to push through and fight through and keep going. There is some positiveness in that. On the same token you have to be very cautious. I think sometimes that early on, the kids that pitch really well tends to pitch as much as the coaches are allowed to pitch them. And that does worry me because I think by the time they are old enough to matter that they can pitch really well, their shoulder might be messed enough that they can't." Physical therapist Carl Stratman is trying to help young pitchers whose arms have been injured from overuse. "I think the biggest problem with developing arms is the number of throws they are doing at the early stages of their career. Not just number of throws but throwing consistently throughout the year." Stratman sees kids as young as eight-yearsold. He says the number one thing he recommends is completely shutting down throwing after the season is over. For at least three months. That will help young muscles rebound and heal from the unnatural motion of throwing a baseball.

Noon News - 06/09/14 - 1:33

AJGA tournaments host young golfers from around the world helping them build up their skills for college. Emma Witaker, "It's a lot of fun! Golf has really taken me to a lot of places, met a lot of new people and learned a lot." And for these kids one of those places is Garden City. A partnership that is going well in its second year. "A lot of people are really getting behind this event. It's really great to see that we're able to give the economic impact that they want. Last year was probably about a half a million dollars for the community, and it's not just the hoteliers that benefit from an event like this. It's the restaurants, shopping, everyone in the community." That was with 96 athletes competing, this year they're hosting 120. "With all of those players, plus their families and tournament staff, Garden City could be looking at as much as \$600,000 in revenues, or more." And AJGA has already signed up for their third year at the dunes. "It's a great partnership we've developed and we hope to return in years to come." "It's always a good course to come back to. Good girls, good competition, and a fun course to play." Plus they say our Kansas winds give them an extra challenge to look forward to. 5PM News – 06/05/14 – Lindsay Cobb – 1:05