

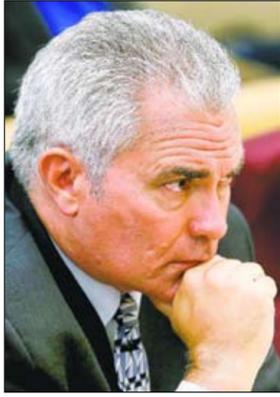


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Former KBI official Kyle Smith listens Wednesday to psychiatrist Steven Peterson during sentencing for Smith's charge of sexual exploitation of a child in Shawnee County District Court.



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Ex-KBI exec avoids prison

Child pornography offender put on supervised probation

By Steve Fry
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A psychiatrist testified Wednesday that former Kansas Bureau of Investigation administrator Kyle G. Smith, who pleaded guilty to one count of sexual exploitation of a child involving a photograph, wouldn't be a risk to the community in a non-prison setting.

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Rather than being imprisoned, Smith was placed on intensive supervised probation and will continue to undergo psychiatric treatment targeting the sexual behavior.

Shawnee County District Court Judge Cheryl Kingfisher found there was a treatment program for Smith and found

the treatment would serve the interests of the community. Smith, 58, of Topeka, pleaded guilty on March 27 to the sexual exploitation count.

Kingfisher sentenced Smith to 32 months in prison, then suspended that term to place him on intensive super-

KBI continues on 8A

Kansas' emissions higher than most

Federal regulations may hamper state's coal power plants

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A study released Wednesday showed Kansas produces more carbon dioxide emissions per megawatt-hour of electricity than all but 11 states, which could bring the state's coal power plants under scrutiny with new federal regulations coming.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency plans to propose new regulations on carbon dioxide emissions by existing power plants next week, a prospect that has environmental groups cheering and business groups predicting high energy prices.

The details of the rules, which may be challenged in court, aren't yet available, and EPA Administra-

COAL continues on 6A

RELAY FOR LIFE

Cancer doesn't keep her down



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Jennifer Kidd spends time Tuesday at Gage Park with her husband, Kurt, and children Emily and Elliott. Kidd, 34, was diagnosed with breast cancer in February but continues to fight the disease with the help of her family, friends and faith.

'You just keep going,' says 34-year-old educator, patient

RELAY FOR LIFE

When: 7 a.m. Friday to 7 p.m. Saturday
Where: Hayden High School

Cause: Fund-raiser for American Cancer Society
Info: American Cancer Society at (785) 273-4422 or www.RelayForLife.org/TopekaKS

By Eric Smith
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Some of Jennifer Kidd's favorite moments these days are the times spent with her husband and two young children, whether it is at the park playing or snuggling up at home.

And while being the mother of a 1-year-old (Elliott) and 3-year-old (Emily) and working full-time is a handful, Kidd manages.

Just like she has managed living with a very aggressive form of breast cancer for the past several months.

But for this mother, wife, daughter and teacher, among other things, her case is a little different.

For starters, Kidd is only 34 years old and was diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer in February, when she was 33.

Additionally, she was unable to get an early diagnosis because the cancer arose while she was breastfeeding.

Kidd was nourishing her youngest last summer when she noticed a change in her breast texture and tissue. She mentioned the bump — consistent with a cyst — to several people,

including breastfeeding consultants, but after finding out that sort of thing is normal, she monitored it, and it didn't change over the next several months.

After she weaned over the Christmas break and stopped breastfeeding, her breasts returned to normal except for the one spot.

She immediately went and got it checked out, and her worst fears were confirmed.

"And, of course, right away they

CANCER continues on 7A

1 of 3 spellers from Kansas moves on at bee

By Megan Hart
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Not making the semifinals of the Scripps National Spelling Bee wasn't too much of a disappointment, said Ethan Perrins, who represented the Topeka area.

Perrins, an eighth grader at Southwest Middle School in Lawrence, won the local bee sponsored by The Topeka Capital-Journal and participated in the national bee Wednesday. The other Kansas spellers were Vanya Shivashankar, of Olathe, who advanced to the semifinals, and Sterling Hollond, of Hays.

Shivashankar advanced to the finals in 2010, 2012 and 2013, tying for fifth place in her most recent appearance. Her older sister, Kavya, won the bee in 2009.

BEE continues on 9A



SHIVASHANKAR



PERRINS



HOLLOND

Concealed, open carry signs taking shape

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The Kansas attorney general's office delved into planning Wednesday for new signage that would be affixed to building entrances in accordance with revised state law on open and concealed handguns.

Attorney General Derek Schmidt called together a group of lawyers from his office and representatives of municipal government; higher education institutions; library, hospital and business groups; and pro-gun lobbyists in Topeka to sort through intricacies of statute set



ONLINE
View video from the attorney general's discussion Wednesday.
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to take effect July 1.

The current, recognizable door sign featuring a gun with a red slash through it will remain the basic symbol of Kansas' system, but additional text is likely to be deployed to distinguish for customers or visitors when they would be afforded opportunity for open carry or concealed carry.

SIGNS continues on 9A



THAD ALLTON/THE CAPITAL-JOURNAL

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt speaks at a meeting Wednesday to discuss new regulations for signs that business owners and others must post to keep guns off their premises.



WEATHER
Late thunderstorm.
Forecast on 5A

82 Today's high
67 Friday morning's low



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