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RH track and field team break two school records

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RH school records set at Solomon Invitational, Friday

Friday, Rock Hills Track and Field team traveled to Solomon for the Solomon Invitational. It was a beautiful day for a meet and it showed. The team performed well and came away with multiple personal records.

The girls 4x800 team set a new school record of 10:13.71. Team members are Bethany Simmelink, Savannah Coil, Alivia Lindberg and Meili Ost.

Rock Hills Girls Results 100 meter - Tenzleigh Herz placed third, 13.68. 200 meter - Bethany Simmelink placed second, 27.84; Tenzleigh Herz placed third, 28.14.



At the North Plains League golf meet, April 21, Ethan Wirth placed fifth and Ty Vance was fourth.

Long jump - Tenzleigh Herz placed third, 14-8.5; Merissa Coleman placed 12th, 12-0.25.

Discus - Jayce Cady placed fifth, 86-9; Merissa Coleman placed 11th, 66-2.

Shot put - Jayce Cady placed eighth, 26 feet, 11.5 inches.

Rock Hills Boys Results 100 meter - Aiden Brown, 10th place, 12.52; Gabriel O'Connor, placed 11th, 12.56; Braiden Juarez placed 12th, 12.57.

200 meter - Braiden Juarez placed 12th, 25.56.

400 meter - Justin Luong placed third, 53.16; Waysen Colson placed fifth, 56.87.

800 meter - Justin Luong placed first 2:25.91; Tyler Hause, placed 14th, 2:07.43; Owen Mizner placed 18th, 2:32.56 and Treyton Reynolds placed 21st, 2:37.37.

1600 meter - Nolan Groat placed 10th, 5:33.51; Treyton Reynolds placed 13th, 5:36.04; Blake Fultz placed 15th, 5:39.15.

110 meter hurdles - Tyler Hause placed seventh, 21.29.

4x800 relay team placed second, 9:06.65.

High jump - Aiden Brown placed seventh, 5-4; Blake Fultz, place 15th, 5:39.15.

Long jump - Tyler Hause placed 21st, 5-2.

Discus - Eli Welcher placed eighth, 112-2; Kaden Wurm placed 10th, 104-1.

Shot put - Eli Welcher placed third, 43-0.

The Moser Minute By Representative Lisa Moser Kansas House District 106

Anyone for ice cream or an ice-cold glass of milk? This week's focus is on a massive accomplishment for agriculture in Kansas. For the past 10 years,

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the dairy industry in the Sunflower State and Kansas State University have been voicing concerns regarding the need for updating the KSU dairy facilities.

I was made more highly aware of this situation upon my entrance into the legislature in 2021. Sitting on the House Agriculture and Natural Resources committee since my first year in Topeka and having served as chair of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources budget committee this past biennium, I was involved in many conversations, both in-committee at the State House and outside of the Capitol with dairy stakeholders and KSU officials in efforts to move the project forward.

Thanks to the House Higher Education Budget Chair Representative Adam Turk, significant progress was made during the 2026 session. Michael Brouk, professor and dairy extension specialist in animal sciences and industry at KSU, gave a "Current State of the Dairy Facilities at KSU" presentation as well as a potential plan and cost analysis on Jan. 20, at a joint meeting of the Higher Ed Budget and the Ag and Natural Resources budget committees. Interim KSU Dean of the College of Agriculture Dan Moser and several industry stakeholders also spoke. Following that meeting, numerous legislators expressed interest in finding a way to make the new KSU Dairy Innovation and Education Center become a reality. In the final stages of the 2026 session, all three major entities came together - KSU, industry stakeholders and the legislature - and each agreed to put \$5M per year for the next three years toward the endeavor, with varying details of the specific means of funding, enabling Kansas State to utilize \$45M to build the new center. It was truly a collaboration of many, and I am grateful to have been a small conduit during the journey.

My thanks to all involved in the legislative process that saw this through to fruition, especially Chair Turk, Appropriations Chair Troy Waymaster for seeing that the dairy plan remained in the final budget, all my colleagues who voted in support of the project and to Governor Kelly for signing the budget that included the funding mechanism.

Grizzly powerlifters place at state meet

The 2026 IA State Powerlifting meet was held in Claflin on Saturday, April 18. Results for the Rock Hills athletes at the meet follow:

Whitley Frost - 2nd bench, 1st squat (broke state record at 140 lbs. with lift of 390 lbs.), 1st hang clean - 1st overall Back to Back State Champion also broke the overall pounds lifted state record.

Luke Simmelink - 6th squat, 4th hang clean.

Waysen Colson - 5th bench, 7th squat, 5th hang clean - 5th overall.

Harlee Harris - 3rd squat.

Cris Herfel - 11th clean.

Dalton Strnad - 7th squat.

Rock Hills' last day of school changed to Friday, May 15

President Marc Groat called a special meeting of the USD 107 Board of Education to order on Tuesday, April 28. Those present were: Marc Groat, Kenny Mizner (Zoom), Justin Angleton, Bobi Fogo, Natalie Frost (Zoom), Brandon Hollerich (Zoom), Jeff Sells, Sam Meyers and Janer Higer.

Mr. Sells addressed the board regarding the school calendar in light of construction at the junior-senior high school and the need to relocate furnishings. He explained that additional time would be required to move all furnishings out and into storage. He recommended moving the last day of student attendance to Friday, May 15. The board approved moving the last day for students to be May 15, because of the construction.

The next regular meeting will be at 1 p.m., Monday, May 11.

Baskets, candy & a dash away - a peck on the cheek

By J. Hancock Are there pockets of folks who celebrate May Day?

It always brings a smile to my face thinking back to the days Snowball Boy and I would run around town, arms full of homemade baskets stuffed with lilacs and a little candy. Nothing fancy - just whatever we could gather up - but it felt like we were carrying something special. I told him if they caught you, they got to kiss you on the cheek. Now, I'm not entirely sure that's how the tradition was written up anywhere, but it worked just fine for us.

Those little baskets, the dash to the door, the half-giggle, half-panic of not getting caught - that was the tradition in spirit, if not by the book. And honestly, my version might be better. A kiss on the cheek as the prize? That's small-town folklore at its finest.

There was something about it... that quiet kind of joy. Dropping a basket on a doorstep, knocking quick and hurrying off before the door swung open. Sometimes we got caught, sometimes we didn't - but either way, there was laughter, and that was the whole point. For just a moment, someone opened their door to unexpected kindness - lilacs in hand, a bit of candy and the unmistakable feeling that someone thought of them. We don't build enough of those moments anymore.

And maybe that's the real question hiding in my memory - not "does anyone celebrate it?" but "why did we stop?"

It was simple. Just a small gesture. But for a moment in time, it made people smile - and that felt like more than enough.

Because nothing about it was complicated. No tickets, no planning committees, no social media posts. Just a kid, a basket and a reason to make someone smile.

Feels like the kind of tradition worth dusting off again. So I'll ask it one more time... who will be delivering May baskets this year?

Jewell Co. Memories

10 Years Ago May 5, 2016

Dale and Joanne Freeman and grandson, Zach Freeman, went camping over the weekend.

The new Burr Oak Community Library opened for business.

Several from Northbranch attended a retirement celebration in Hays honoring Regi Wieland who retired from her teaching responsibilities at Hays.

Jewell County's SAFE April winners were Dereck Gillett, Jalee Orrman, Sarena Meier and Spencer Callaway.

Lee and Cory Carlson, grandsons of Ivan and Leta Frost, competed at the Nebraska state high school trap shoot in Dornham. Ivan drove up to watch but Leta stayed home because she had the flu.

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