

Judge blocks parts of Trump’s election overhaul

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NEW YORK — A judge on Thursday blocked the Trump administration from immediately enacting certain changes to how federal elections are run, including adding a proof-of-citizenship requirement to the federal voter registration form.

The decision is a setback for President Donald Trump, who has argued the requirement is needed to restore public confidence in elections. But the judge allowed other parts of Trump’s

sweeping executive order on U.S. elections to go forward for now, including a directive to tighten mail ballot deadlines around the country.

Trump’s March executive order overhauling how U.S. elections are run prompted swift lawsuits from the League of United Latin American Citizens, the League of Women Voters Education Fund, the Democratic National Committee and others, who called it unconstitutional.

U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly in Washington

sided with voting rights groups and Democrats, saying that the Constitution gives the power to regulate federal elections to states and Congress — not the president. She noted federal lawmakers are currently working on their own legislation to require proof of citizenship to vote.

In a 120-page decision on Thursday, she said the plaintiffs had proven that the proof-of-citizenship requirement would cause their clients irreparable harm and go against the public

interest, while the government had offered “almost no defense of the President’s order on the merits.”

Accordingly, she granted a preliminary injunction to stop the citizenship requirement from moving forward while the lawsuit plays out.

The judge also blocked part of the Republican president’s order requiring public assistance enrollees to have their citizenship assessed before getting access to the federal voter registration form.

But she denied other requests from a group of Democratic plaintiffs, including refusing to block Trump’s order to require all mailed ballots to be received by Election Day nationwide. She also did not touch Trump’s order to open certain databases to billionaire Elon Musk’s Department of Government Efficiency to allow it to review state voter lists to search for noncitizens. The judge said those arguments brought by Democrats were either premature or should be brought by states instead.

CAMS

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Youngman said there was a time all he needed was his notes for a jury to believe him.

But now, he said, that juries almost depend on having video or body cam footage from law enforcement.

“Society has shifted. ...There’s a bit of expectation that you’ll come to court with video,” Youngman said. “It’s a sign of the times and I’m glad that we’re able to be part of it.”

For KSP, the agency started with dash cams and over time has adopted body cams that are also integrated into the dash cams.

Trooper Corey King, public affairs officer for KSP’s Henderson post, said troopers wear their cameras on their belts instead of the upper chest area so not to take away from the uniform.

King said he started out in 2000 with a vehicle camera that recorded on a VHS tape in the back of his car. Now, all of the digital footage is uploaded to a storage cloud that can be viewed by KSP supervisors.

“All troopers from super-



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Trooper Corey King, public affairs officer for the Kentucky State Police Post 16, talks about his Motorola M500 police in-car video system in his State Trooper cruiser on Thursday in Owensboro.

visors down have body-worn cameras and vehicles should have them as well,”

King said.

Early in his career, King said his dash cam record-



The control panel for the Motorola M500 police in-car video system used in Trooper Corey King’s State Trooper Cruiser.

ed a DUI arrest he made, with the driver claiming King had assaulted his girlfriend who the video showed falling down a levee when she stepped out of the car.

“I had to get her and pick her up — she was obviously battered and bruised; (the boyfriend) told her that I beat her up,” King said. “She actually came to court thinking that until we showed her the tape. ... (Cameras) are a great way to exonerate you. Let’s face it, there are people who make claims that are false. But it’s a great way to make law enforcement accountable, too.”

OPD has used body cameras for years and they

also employ dash cameras.

Art Ealum, OPD’s chief of police, told members of the Owensboro Rotary Club on Wednesday that the department will conduct random body cam audits as part of checking officer conduct.

“We have supervisors on each shift review two or three officers’ body cams at random,” Ealum said. “And then we have a Professional Standards Unit lieutenant that goes through and does an audit as well. It’s very time-consuming but it’s an opportunity to say, ‘Hey, outstanding job how you handled this call,’ because if you reinforce the positive behavior, that spreads like wildfire.”



Daviness County Sheriff Deputy Chris Lee demonstrates his WRAP Intrinsic body-worn camera on Thursday at the Daviess County Sheriff’s Department.

Ealum added that officers go through deescalation training and that even the use of profanity can be subject to disciplinary action.

“...You may know you’re being recorded but sometimes the situation may get the best of you,” Ealum said. “And I recognize the heat of the moment.”

Youngman said he doesn’t do any body cam audits of his deputies unless a complaint is filed against a specific deputy.

And King said KSP supervisors have access to review body cam footage at anytime.

CAREER

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and Hancock and Ohio schools attended. Also, for the first time, several area homeschool students participated in the event.

“We kind of found the hub of where they all communicate and we were able to get some information to them,” said Hicks, who was pleased with the range of options that were provided to students to learn about.

“You want one electrician, one plumber, because you can get too much of the same thing over and over and it kind of gets boring for the kids honestly.

“You want to a little bit of everything in the whole industry.”

Brent Divine was representing Owensboro Insulators, which has had a presence at each of the events. He said the goal is to present the students with options they may not otherwise consider.

“We just like coming out because there are so many kids who think that a four-year degree is the only path that they have, so we just want to show them that there are more paths to success than just



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Carter Crabtree, a Daviess County High School junior, learns to stack landscaping blocks with a mini excavator at a demonstration set up Thursday by Barnard Landscaping during the Homebuilder Association of Owensboro’s annual Construction Career Day.

a four-year college degree; not that that’s a bad thing, but there are other paths you can take,” Divine said. “You can make a living, you can start your own company. Any of these trades are one of the easiest paths to your own ownership of a company.”

Owensboro Insulators had a spray foam booth set up that was a big draw for the students.

“We have a lot that just want the activity of spraying foam, but we do have a lot of kids who come up with very intriguing questions, like

how do you get started, what you’re expected to make in five or 10 years, how you start with a company like us, is it something you go to school for or is this kind of an apprenticeship program,” Divine said. “We get a lot of great questions from the kids. Some are just interested in the process. It’s a great time to talk to the younger generation.

“The trade industry is constantly looking for people, and it’s very, very easy to find a job in the trade industry if

you’re willing to work hard. We want to talk to these kids because they’re going to be the next generation, and if we don’t, we’re going to run out of electricians, run out plumbers, run out of bricklayers. We want them to know this is an opportunity that they have after they get out of school.”

Neil Lanham was representing Lee Building Products, which has partnered with an Owensboro High School masonry class to teach the trade. Several students were trying their hand at the masonry walls set up.

“There is very high demand (for trade jobs), especially in the masonry industry for masons,” said Lanham, who wants to make sure the students are aware of their options. “I think the key is options. Whenever I was in high school it was college or nothing else. Had I known about these options, maybe I would have chosen a different route. We’re just making sure that at least they know their available options.”

Christian Williams, a junior at Owensboro High School, is interested in a career in a trade. He’s

currently taking carpentry classes at Owensboro Community & Technical College.

“I think it’s pretty neat,” said Williams about the event. “It helps us find possible careers and explore opportunities that we usually wouldn’t have.”

Isaac Rhodes, who represented Star Plumbing and Mechanical, said trade careers are seeing a resurgence.

“The trades are an important thing,” Rhodes said. “A lot of people write them off, but I think it’s important for our young guys and girls to come out here and see that these trades are

actually pretty cool. You get to do something very interesting. It’s manual labor, but you get a lot of fulfillment from actually building stuff with your own hands, and there is a lot of craft that goes into it. There is a reason they call it skilled labor.”

Niles Board, a senior at Apollo who is also studying at OCTC, was working with Rhodes to learn about welding.

“The class at OCTC is something similar to this; I’m just trying to get extra practice,” Board said. “I think HVAC is a good trade to get into. It can be hard, but I think it’s really interesting.”

WONDER

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in August 2015, when he heard that the Wonder Whip had closed after 60 years in business.

“I was shocked and genuinely sad that another piece of our history and culture could be permanently lost,” he said at the time.

“I ate a fair amount of food there when I was younger,” Woodward said. “I’m an East End guy who wanted to bring it back.”

So, he bought the iconic 840-square-foot restaurant and reopened it in early 2016.

“This place is a landmark,

a part of the community,” Woodward said earlier. “I couldn’t believe it when I saw that it had closed. If I was from out of town or even the other side of town, I might not have bought it. But it’s important to me. And it’s worked out well.”

A legal notice in the June 14, 1955, Messenger-Inquirer announced that Wyndall’s Wonder Whip had filed an application for a county permit to sell ice cream, soft drinks and sandwiches.

On July 1, 1955, E.A. Nonweiler, D. Wyndall Smith and John T. Rutledge filed incorporation papers with the state.

The top seller on the menu is still the Wonderburger — a quarter-pound

hamburger on a toasted five-inch bun with lettuce, tomato, onion, mayo and pickle cooked on an old-fashion flat top grill.

Shakes are in second place followed by ice cream.

Woodward didn’t start out planning to operate a restaurant.

Woodward got his degree in mechanical engineering and worked for a while at the Mitsubishi automotive plant in Normal, Illinois.

“But I decided I didn’t want to be a mechanical engineer,” he said. “So I came home and got into business.”

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Midday Pick 3: 9-0-9
Midday Pick 4: 7-3-1-9
Evening Pick 3: 6-0-4
Evening Pick 4: 7-7-4-8
Cash Ball 225: 1-14-26-30; The Cash Ball was 4
Lucky For Life: 13-15-20-31-38
The Lucky Ball was 14

Indiana
Midday Daily 3: 8-0-7
Super Ball was 4
Midday Daily 4: 8-5-1-6
Super Ball was 4
Evening Daily 3: 0-4-3
Super Ball was 9
Evening Daily 4: 9-8-7-5
Super Ball was 9
Cash 5: 3-20-32-43-45

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