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City Testing LED Lighting

Several weeks ago the City of Manhattan installed a test lighting fixture on the corner of 3rd and Poyntz Ave, on the NW corner. The City has received grant money to replace all the lighting on Poyntz Ave. Before proceeding with full scale replacement, this "test" was installed for your review.

Poyntz Avenue energy efficiency project involves pedestrian scale lighting from Juliette Avenue to 3rd Street. Approximately 180 fixtures will be replaced with Sternberg LED fixtures. The poles and arm bracket will not be replaced as part of this project. The current high pressure sodium bulbs of 100 watts will be replaced with a 51 watt LED Arc Array.

There are slight differences with the new fixture, you'll notice a metal cap on top that serves as a heat sync device for the LED Arc Array and meets the new dark sky requirements. The overall shape and size of the fixture is almost identical to the existing fixture.

Please visit the NW corner of 3rd and Poyntz Avenue in the evening hours to view the light as it puts off a much different "glow." Once you have done that, please take a moment to answer the few survey questions from the Public Works department.

- 1) During daylight hours, how does the new fixture look against the old poles (the new fixture will be painted to match)? (Perfect match, Good/Acceptable, Unacceptable)
- 2) During evening hours, light quality: Do you notice less glare with the new fixture? (Much better, About the same, Unacceptable)
- 3) Light Quality: Do you notice



The new test lighting fixture at the corner of 3rd and Poyntz.

more true rendition of colors with the white light? (Much better, Good/Acceptable, Unacceptable)

- 4) Light Quality: Does the brightness/output of light appear to be adequate? (Good/Acceptable, Too dark, increase the wattage)

The Project schedule is below:

March 12 2010: finish collecting comments from DMI and Historic Resources Board

April 28 2010 City Clerk accepts bid documents from interested contractors

May 4, 2010 City Commission awards contract to lowest bidder
OCT/NOV 2010 Estimate completion of the project

Fire Dept. Chief To Retire Friday, Rehired May 3rd

By Jon A. Brake

Manhattan Fire Department Chief Jerry Snyder will retire from the Department this Friday April 19th.

Snyder will be out of work for a month and then will be rehired on May 3rd by Manhattan City Manager Ron Fehr.

This will allow Snyder to start drawing his retirement and then also draw his salary from the City.

This past year Snyder has been paid \$43,677 per hour. His yearly salary was \$90,833.60 with a car allowance and health insurance.

Most family plans with the City cost \$800 per month. The City pick up \$600 per month and the employee pays \$200.

Teachers and School Administrators have used this process for many years. They would retire from one school district and be eligible for retirement pay and then be hired at a different for the same or more pay. The State Legislators made changes to law where the retiree will not get the full benefits if they go back to work.

Regional Council To Interview Executive Director Candidates

FORT RILEY, KS – After a national search, two highly qualified candidates have been selected to interview for the position of Executive Director of the Flint Hills Regional Council, Inc. During the week of March 22, both candidates will tour the area meeting the community at scheduled public events in various communities throughout the region. The interviews will be held in the Groesbeck Room at the Manhattan Public Library from 1:30-4:30pm on Tuesday March 23 and Thursday March 25. These interviews will be open to the public, but questions will be restricted to the Board of Directors. Following the interviews, the regular Board Meeting of the Flint Hills Regional Council will be held on March 26 in the Riley County Commission Room.

Mr. Chris Campy will tour the area all day Monday and Tuesday morning and interview on March 23. Mr. Campy is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). He currently lives and works in Starkville, MS. His previous experience includes work in regional planning, transportation planning, directing a metropolitan planning organization, coalition building and founding and directing a non-profit organization.

Mr. Ty Warner will tour the area all day Wednesday and Thursday morning and interview on March 25. Mr. Warner is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). He currently lives and works in Wheaton, IL. His previous experience includes regional planning, transportation planning, coordination of county and regional plans, facilitating multiple public workshops, directing division planning staff and coordination among partner agencies, civic organizations and municipalities.

The Board of Directors of the Flint Hills Regional Council consists of five officers: Sharon Brown – Mayor of Clay Center, President; Terry Heldstab – Mayor of Junction City, Vice President; Stan Hartwich – Commissioner from Pottawatomie County, Secretary; Karen McCulloh – Commissioner from Riley County, Treasurer; and Ben Bennett – Commissioner from Geary County, At-large Representative and five other Voting Directors: Jim Sherow – Commissioner from

the City of Manhattan, Vic Enns – Commissioner from the City of Wamego, Vern Hay – Commissioner from Morris County, Debi Schwerdtfeger – Councilperson from the City of Council Grove and David Shover – Councilperson from the City of Riley. Other members of the Council include: Donna Baer – Councilperson from the City of Randolph and Mike Johnson – Mayor of Leonardville. These members are represented by David Shover in voting issues. The Ex-Officio members are Linda Hoeffner, Deputy Garrison Commander Fort Riley; John Armbrust, Governor's Military Council; and Sue Peterson, Kansas State University.

As a new organization, the Flint Hills Regional Council is building on the region's long history of cooperation to create a more formalized process through which issues of regional concern can be discussed and addressed. The Council will not replace the individual relationships between or among the municipalities or between the municipalities and Fort Riley. It will be a tool available to increase the flow of information in the region while working toward mutually agreed upon goals. The primary tasks of the organization will be decided in the next few months as the Council staff is put in place.

Funding for the first few years of the Flint Hills Regional Council will be through the Office of Economic Adjustment at the Department of Defense. This funding stems from the need to coordinate a number of activities between Fort Riley and the surrounding region. One of the functions of the Council will be to serve as a primary community contact for Fort Riley and as an information clearinghouse for the region.

The Flint Hills Regional Council, Inc. provides regional municipalities the tools to work toward regional solutions to common issues. The Regional Council is a non-profit 501c(3) corporation whose membership is made up of local governments and whose Board is formed by elected officials from member municipalities and non-voting representatives from Fort Riley, Kansas State University and the Governor's Military Council.

Presidents Schulz To Be Town Hall Featured

Kansas State University President Kirk H. Schulz will host a Kansas Town Hall program at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum on March 30 at 7 p.m. in the Visitors Center. This special Kansas Town Hall program will provide an opportunity for Dr. Schulz to discuss his vision and goals for K-State and interact with area residents.

"Our community and its many K-State graduates and families look forward to welcoming Dr. Schulz to Abilene," states Karl Weissenbach, director of the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum. "We believe that Dr. Schulz's visit will further strengthen and expand the existing partnership between our two institutions. For instance, K-State's Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy (ICDD) is our principal partner in hosting Kansas Town Hall programs that serve as an important vehicle to increase citizen participation in the democratic experience," adds Weissenbach.

About Dr. Schulz: Dr. Schulz is originally from Virginia, where he attended Old Dominion University before transferring to Virginia Tech, where he earned his B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Chemical Engineering in 1986 and 1991, respectively. Following graduation, Dr. Schulz was an Assistant Professor of



President Kirk H. Schulz

Chemical Engineering at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. In 1995 he held the same position at Michigan Tech. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1998, and assumed the Chairmanship of the Department of Chemical Engineering at Michigan that same year.

Dr. Schulz served on the faculty at Mississippi State University from 2001 to 2009, assuming a series of administrative positions of increasing

responsibilities. He was Dean of the James Worth Bagley College of Engineering from 2004-2006, and Vice President for Research and Economic Development from 2007-2009.

In 2009, Dr. Schulz was selected as the 13th President of Kansas State University. He is married to Noel Nunnally Schulz, who is the Pasley Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at K-State. They have two sons, Tim and Andrew.

The program is free and open to the public. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by calling 785.263.6700 or 877.RING.IKE. You may also RSVP to this special Kansas Town Hall event on Facebook. Official sponsors are the Salina Journal, Salina Media Group, K-State's ICDD, and Eagle Communications.

The Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum, a nonpartisan federal institution, is part of the Presidential Libraries network operated by the National Archives and Records Administration. Presidential Libraries promote understanding of the presidency and the American experience. We preserve and provide access to historical materials, support research, and create interactive programs and exhibits that educate and inspire. An admission fee is charged for the Museum only.

Kansas Profile: Jean Smith And Melody Twigg - Cedar Vale

By Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University.

Spring can be a time of transplanting. Those transplants can be a wonderful addition to a garden or landscape. The same is true of people in communities. In today's Kansas Profile, we'll learn about two individuals who found themselves transplanted into a rural community in southeast Kansas. Now they are making significant contributions to their rural community.

Jean Smith and Melody Twigg were part of a recent Community Development Academy in Independence, Kansas, representing their town of Cedar Vale.

Neither Jean nor Melody is a native of Cedar Vale, but they are enthusiastic about their community.

Jean is a native of Colorado. She moved to Cedar Vale in 1995 due to the high cost of living in the

Rocky Mountain state.

Jean enjoys the rural lifestyle in southeast Kansas, but she became concerned about what was happening in many small towns – including hers. "We lost our hospital, our long term care facility, and too many small businesses on Main Street," she said.

Many people have such concerns, but to Jean's credit, she acted on them.

"Well, I told myself, you have a voice. You might as well get involved and see what you can do," she said. So Jean ran for city council and was elected.

Her approach borrowed from her career experiences. Jean said, "As a supervisor, I used to tell my crew that I would always have an open door and I would be glad to listen to their complaints, as long as they also brought to me their suggestion for a way to resolve the problem." Now she is bringing that constructive approach to City Hall.

"It is so easy to sit back and complain," she said. "To really make a difference requires some initiative."

Melody Twigg also represented Cedar Vale at the community development academy. She and her husband moved to Cedar Vale in the summer of 2008. Melody is enthusiastic about her new hometown.

"Cedar Vale is a wonderful community," Melody said. "It's in a beautiful setting. I'm new in town, and I have not met an unfriendly soul yet."

She is originally from Tennessee, and she loves the hills and trees which surround Cedar Vale. At the community development academy, Melody presented the report about the community's many public assets. She used the community's Web site, www.cityofcedarvale.com.

The Web site describes the city's government; history; education and health care; attractions such as

the parks, Lookout Mountain, Marsh Arch Bridge, Victorian homes and more; churches and organizations; chamber of commerce news; community announcements; and an events calendar.

The Web site is well done. Do you suppose it was created by some commercial vendor?

No. In fact, it was created by a high school student named Justin Davis. The city pays Justin to maintain the site. Justin even has his own computer business, www.pinpointtech.net.

Having a student maintain the community Web site is a creative and ingenious idea. It utilizes and engages the talents of our youth while providing a needed service for the community. It's an especially good idea for rural communities, which don't have big city budgets or lots of staff. After all, Cedar Vale is a town of 709 people. Now, that's rural.

As the Web site says: "Are you

looking for a quiet, friendly small town to call home? Cedar Vale is just about the closest thing to a Norman Rockwell print that you can get."

"Our people are our greatest resource," Melody Twigg said.

"I really love the people here," Jean Smith said. "The people in Cedar Vale are the most open and friendly people to be around."

Yet sometimes it takes people who move into the community from outside to appreciate its' benefits.

For more information, go to www.k-state.edu.cda or www.cityofcedarvale.com.

Spring can be a time of transplanting. Today we've met two individuals who were transplanted into the community of Cedar Vale. They are making a difference by becoming involved. We salute Jean Smith and Melody Twigg for representing their community at the community development academy.

“Messiah” To Be Performed

The Flint Hills Messiah Chorus and Chamber Orchestra will perform George Frideric Handel’s “Messiah” on Palm Sunday, March 28th, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Wamego, Kansas.

The church is located in downtown Wamego at sixth and Lincoln and is handicapped accessible.

The Flint Hills Messiah Chorus traces its roots to the late 1980’s when the KANZA Conference of the United

Methodist Church organized an ecumenical performance of Handel’s “Messiah” three times before the Wamego Council of Churches and a steering committee of volunteers from the area took the reins of the organization in 1991 and named it The Flint Hills Messiah Chorus.

The all-volunteer chorus, directed by Christine Day, has gathered each year, except in 2000, to perform portions of Handel’s “Messiah” during the Season of Lent.

Eight years ago, a chamber orchestra was added to the performances. The orchestra is comprised of local musicians including students from regional colleges. The assistant conductor, Janet Armstead, rehearses the chamber orchestra several weeks prior to the performance.

Tickets may be obtained by contacting Claudia Leeds at 785.532.6008 or Tim McCool at 785.456.7888.

Additional information can be found at www.flinthillsmessiah.org

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Governor Signs Smoking Ban

To advance the fight against cancer and improve the overall health of all Kansans, Governor Mark Parkinson signed into law HB 2221, the Kansas Clean Indoor Air today. Joined by First Lady Stacy Parkinson, former-Senator David Wysong, Secretary of Health and Environment Roderick Bremby, state legislators and health advocacy organizations, the governor held the signing in the South Wing of the Statehouse.

“The journey of passing a statewide public smoking ban has been long and hard, but today we are able to cross the finish line knowing that we have built a better future for generations to come,” said Parkinson. “With this legislation, our state takes the necessary steps to save Kansas lives by reducing cancer, tobacco-related diseases and teen smoking. I appreciate the vision of former-Senator Wysong, the bipartisan collaboration in the legislature

and the continuous support of so many Kansans.”

HB 2221 amends current law concerning cigarette or tobacco infractions and the taxation and unlawful use of cigarette and tobacco products. The bill bans smoking and makes the act of smoking in the following a cigarette or tobacco infraction: public places; taxicabs and limousines; common areas in public and private buildings, condominiums and other multiple-residential facilities; access points of all building and facilities unless exempted by the bill; and any place of employment.

The legislation makes it unlawful for any person who controls the use of the area where smoking is prohibited to fail to comply with any of the provisions set out in the bill or to allow smoking to occur where prohibited. It will also be unlawful for any person to smoke in an area where smoking is

prohibited. The bill will take effect upon publication in the Kansas Statute Book.

This brings the total number of bills signed during the 2010 Legislative Session to eight.

The governor will also be holding ceremonial bill signings on Monday, March 15th in Kansas City and Salina. The Kansas City signing will be held at the University of Kansas’ School of Nursing Atrium at 1:30 p.m. The Salina signing will be at the Salina-Salina County Health Agency at 3:30 p.m.

For more information on the governor’s efforts to pass the Clean Indoor Air Act, please visit <http://governor.ks.gov/issues-and-initiatives/health-and-fitness/592-enacting-a-statewide-public-smoking-ban>.

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Prepare For Bad Weather

During the month of March, the Kansas State Fire Marshal, Dan McLaughlin, is urging everyone to make an important change in your household – change the batteries in your smoke detector as well as the batteries in your flashlights and portable radios. This will take only a few moments of your time and offers the best defense for your family against the impacts of fire and severe weather.

Smoke detectors and other emergency response equipment can be a family’s most vital link when responding to a disaster. But they will not be

of any use unless they are installed properly and in working order.

To save lives and prevent needless injuries in Kansas, the Kansas State Fire Marshal’s Office offers the following safety tips:

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.

Have a flashlight on every level of the home and at least one for every person in the house.

Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one

sounds, they all sound.

Test alarms monthly by pushing the test button. Make sure everyone can hear the sound when tested.

Have a home escape plan. Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible, and have an established meeting place.

Have a weather radio located in a room that is easily heard from the common areas of the house.

Take a few moments to get your household prepared for the spring and summer months and always remember: When the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out.

Basketball Tournament Calling

When the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament tips off March 16, it will mark the first of 64 games that will be played in 13 U.S. cities over 21 days. College basketball players won’t be the only ones competing, as some 37 million Americans will enter office pools this year with hopes of becoming the resident bracket expert in the workplace. No wonder it’s called “March Madness.”

Keeping up with a tournament of this size is no small task, especially when a good portion of the early action happens weekdays between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. In order to keep up with the Cinderella stories, close calls

and buzzer beaters during the “Big Dance,” U.S. Cellular offers these tips to help hoop fans manage the madness using their mobile phones:

What’s the score? – NCAA Tournament Alerts allow you to keep up with all the tournament action. Individuals can go to www.4info.com to sign up and follow your favorite teams at the tourney. The service provides live scoring updates via text and post-game audio coverage to your mobile phone. You also can get live NCAA Tournament scores on your phone by using mobile search. Simply send a text with the word TOURNEY to 44636 and get scores back immedi-

ately.

Portable playmakers – Cell phone applications, such as U.S. Cellular’s MobiTV that’s available through easyedge, allow customers to watch games live. If you can’t tune in to the games on your phone, Fox Sports Ultimate, another easyedge application, can keep fans in the loop on college hoops by providing the latest scores, play-by-play updates and instantly refreshed, real time statistics.

Show your spirit – Let people know where your allegiance lies in March by downloading your favorite school’s fight song and setting it as your ringtone during the tournament.

Bracket banter – Texting fellow tournament pool participants is a quick and easy way to let your family, friends and co-workers know about your bracket magic.

The 9,000 associates of U.S. Cellular believe a wireless phone enhances people’s lives and a wireless company should be in the business of bringing people together. Based in Chicago, U.S. Cellular is the nation’s sixth-largest wireless carrier, serving 6.2 million customers across the country. To learn more about the company, visit one of its retail stores, uscellular.com or Facebook.

Joel McHale At KSU

The star of E!’s “The Soup” and NBC’s new comedy “Community,” Joel McHale, is coming to K-State Saturday, April 10.

Since 2004, McHale has hosted E!’s “The Soup,” a weekly entertainment show that satirizes pop culture and current events. His quick wit and sharp comedic timing have made “The Soup” a pop culture phenomenon, and McHale has been touring the country to sold-out audiences with his stand-up act.

In fall 2009, NBC introduced “Community” where McHale plays a lawyer who is forced to go back to community college after his law degree is declared invalid. While

there, he forms a study group with other misfit students, including Chevy Chase.

Born in Rome and raised in Seattle, McHale was a history major at the University of Washington. After receiving his Master’s of Fine Arts from UW’s Actor’s Training Program, McHale moved to LA and landed roles on “Will & Grace,” “CSI: Miami” and “Pushing Daisies.”

He jumped onto the big screen with roles in “Spiderman 2” and “Lords of Dogtown.” In 2009, McHale starred alongside Matt Damon in Steven Soderbergh’s comedic thriller, “The Informant.”

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Simon Ou Receives A Career Award

By Erinn Barcomb-Peterson
KSU News Service

A Kansas State University professor's research on thwarting cyber attacks is getting a boost from a National Science Foundation award for young faculty.

The foundation gave Simon Ou, K-State assistant professor of computing and information sciences, a CAREER Award. It supports the early career-development activities of junior teacher-scholars who most effectively integrate research and education within the context of the mission of their institution.

"Cybersecurity is an asymmetric warfare," Ou said. "The attackers only need to find one hole to compromise a system, whereas the defenders have to plug them all. Without automated reasoning, the cyberspace will continue to be the Wild West, where bad guys wreak havoc."

Ou will receive nearly \$430,000 during five years for his project, "Reasoning under Uncertainty in Cybersecurity." His award marks K-State's fourth CAREER Award so far this year.

"The CAREER award will enable Simon to advance his research on enterprise network security and develop techniques for critical infrastructure protection," said Gurdip Singh, who heads K-State's computing and information sciences department. "This award will provide a great opportunity to further strengthen K-

State's cybersecurity research program, a strategic area for our department, and to build a strong educational program -- particularly at the undergraduate level -- to train the next generation of cybersecurity leaders."

Ou's project seeks to improve cybersecurity by providing automated reasoning that a network administrator can use to reach a conclusion about what security breaches have happened and how they happened. Although computer scientists have developed reasoning models that work well for problems like disease diagnosis, these models have not proven effective in dealing with an active, malicious attacker who will try to break whatever assumptions are made in the model.

For the project, Ou will seek to formulate a reasoning model through first understanding how a human security analyst would reason about cyber-events. The eventual goal is to find the right theoretical framework for reasoning under the uncertainty that comes from not knowing a cyber attacker's actions and choices, and also from relying on imperfect sensors to report symptoms of potential attacks.

Beyond improving cybersecurity, Ou's project will provide research opportunities for K-State undergraduate students. Through K-State outreach programs, the test-bed infrastructure produced from the research then will educate the general public about cybersecurity problems.

Moreover, Ou said that the research

will provide endless data and examples to refresh the materials of the cybersecurity courses he teaches. He also aims to develop new courses with a focus on uncertainty in cybersecurity defense.

Ou came to K-State in 2006 and directs research for the cybersecurity research group Argus. His research is primarily in enterprise network security defense with a focus on attack graphs, security configuration management, intrusion detection and security metrics for enterprise networks.

Ou earned a doctorate in computer science at Princeton University and then served as a post-doctoral research associate at Purdue University's Center for Education and Research in Information Assurance and Security, and also as a research associate at Idaho National Laboratory. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in computer science from Tsinghua University in Beijing.

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Dodge City To Honor Kansas Cowboys

Nominations are now being accepted for the Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame. Individuals will be selected in the following categories: Working Cowboy, Cowboy Historian, Cowboy Entertainer/Artist, Rodeo Cowboy and Rancher/Cattlemans.

The Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame is a project of Boot Hill Museum developed to preserve and honor the life of the Kansas Cowboy. Inductees each year are honored for their outstanding contribution to the western heritage lifestyle, past and present, and to the preservation of the cowboy culture. They must uphold the cowboy ideals of integrity, honesty and self-sufficiency.

When asked about the Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame, Chairman, Kim Goodnight said "It is an honor to recognize the legacy of the Kansas Cowboy. Each year we receive numerous outstanding nominations for individuals that contribute to the cowboy way of life. The nominees come from all walks of life, from the hand that gets a paycheck for a job well done to the gentleman that owns the ranch."

Northeast Kansas area inductees in the Hall of Fame include Rancher/Cattlemans Dan Casement and Rodeo Cowboy Wayne Dunafon.

Nominations will be accepted until 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2010. All entries must be delivered to Boot Hill Museum or postmarked by June 1, 2010. Nomination forms are available at www.boothill.org or by calling the Boot Hill Museum in Dodge City at 620.227.8188.

Inductees or families will be notified of their selection by August 1, 2010. The 2010 induction ceremonies for the Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2009 at Boot Hill Museum, Dodge City, KS.

For more information please contact Lara Brehm at Boot Hill Museum. 620.227.8188

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history observed. After Israel abandoned their covenant with Jehovah, the people of Israel roamed the world as a "nation without a country" for more than 2,500 years. Will America be judged differently from Israel after a Covenant beginning and blessed with unprecedented prosperity to become the "City on a Hill," then to abandon the Providential Road?

George Washington understood America's unique beginning and wrote, "No country upon earth ever had it more in its power to attain these blessings than United America. Wondrously strange, then, and much to be regretted indeed would it be, were we to neglect the means and to depart from the road which Providence has pointed us to so plainly; I cannot believe it will ever come to pass."

At the Constitutional Convention of 1787, James Madison proposed the

plan to divide the central government into three branches: JUDICIAL, LEGISLATIVE, and EXECUTIVE. Madison claimed he discovered this model of government from the Perfect Governor as he read Isaiah 33:22; "For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; He will save us."

America's sustainability, then, is not to be found in Agenda 21 but as described in the words of President Ronald Reagan: "Perhaps no custom reveals our character as a Nation so clearly as our celebration of Thanksgiving Day. Rooted deeply in our Judeo-Christian heritage, the practice of offering thanksgiving underscores our unshakable belief in God as the foundation of our Nation and our firm reliance upon Him from Whom all blessings flow." Could words be more clear and have more meaning?

Conscience from page 4

The question that screams out in this case is, "how did this happen?"

What is known is that Behenna's platoon was plagued with the threat of roadside bombs and insurgent attacks and on April 21, 2008, his platoon was ambushed and two of his soldiers were killed. Ali Mansur was believed to be responsible for the attack and was later detained and questioned by Army Intelligence. In a strange set of events, Ali Mansur was released by Army Intelligence and Behenna was ordered to transport the suspected Al Qaeda member back to his home. Instead of taking Ali Mansur home, Behenna attempted an interrogation for additional information from the suspected Al Qaeda member and during this interrogation Ali Mansur was shot and killed.

In hopes of shining more light on the case, I was given the opportunity to talk about the incident with Michael Behenna's mother Vicki on my radio program "Conscience of Kansas." Vicki Behenna, an articulate woman, stated that her son pleaded self-defense in the case saying that Ali Mansur had attempted to take his weapon during the interrogation. She further said that the prosecution's expert during the trial, a Dr. Herbert MacDonnell who was not called to testify in the case, corroborated Behenna's trial testimony that Ali Mansur was in a standing position when shot versus the prosecution's assertion that he was in a seated position. This crucial witness was not made available to the defense during the trial. Behenna's case is on appeal.

Since the sentencing of Michael Behenna, a clemency letter has been sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, by politicians James Inhofe, Frank Lucas, Tom Coburn, John Sullivan, Tom Cole, and Dan Boren. For myself the case of 1st Lieutenant Michael Behenna seems painfully similar in many ways to the stories of Ramos and Compean, the soldier-related Haditha shootings, and Navy Seals in the Ahmed Hashim Abed incident, among many others. In many of these cases those who are charged with America's security were placed in almost untenable situations in which mistakes and errors could easily come to fruition while mercy and justice lagged painfully far behind.

The question that stands before Americans today is what is owed to those that protect our lives and freedoms? Is proper media coverage a mandatory precursor to justice in cases like Behenna's? Should the public demand the freedom of soldiers accused, if not convicted in defense-related cases in the war zone? Should the American people

demand that those who defend our lives be given at least the benefit of the doubt? For those who put everything on the line, should protection come with reward? The answers to these questions must be based on the value we place on the protectors of our liberty. If we hold them dear to our hearts, if we find merit in the toils of their labor, then we must face the debt that we owe to them; we must take up the mantle of responsibility to insure that their sacrifices for us are not in vain.

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Thoughts From The Prairie

Sustainable Development

It used to be that words meant what they said except when Yogi Berra spoke them. But Yogi claimed, "I never said most of the things I said." And in Yogi's case it is true that the acorn didn't fall very far from the tree, for his son, Dale, claimed, "You can't compare me to my father. Our similarities are different." Perhaps Yogi took his queue from French writer Joseph Joubert, who wrote, "Words, like eyeglasses, blur everything that they do not make more clear."

So it becomes obvious that words only have meaning if you know what the real meaning is. Take "Sustainable Development" for instance. On the surface these two words sound like motherhood and apple pie. They seem even more palatable when defined by the President's Council on Sustainable Development created by President Clinton in 1995 to implement the United Nations Sustainable Development Agenda 21: "Sustainable communities encourage people to work together to create healthy communities where natural resources and historic resources are preserved, jobs are available, sprawl is contained, neighborhoods are secure, education is lifelong, and all citizens have opportunities to improve the qualities of their lives."

But according to Tom DeWeese writing in the February 2010 DeWeese Report, Sustainable Development is a code word for reorganizing society on the basis of socialist principles, writing that, "According to its authors, the objective of sustainable development is to integrate economic, social, and environmental policies in order to achieve reduced consumption, social equity, and the preservation and restoration of biodiversity."

The Sustainable Development plank is three-fold: Social Equity, Economic Prosperity, and Ecological Integrity. Social Equity is based on the demand for "social justice," a phrase coined by Karl Marx. To the Sustainablists, this means everyone has a RIGHT to a good wage, health care and a nice house. In the final analysis, there can be no private ownership of property or business and no borders.

According to DeWeese, Economic Prosperity redefines free trade to mean "centralized global trade 'freely' crossing national borders...literally destroying whole industries



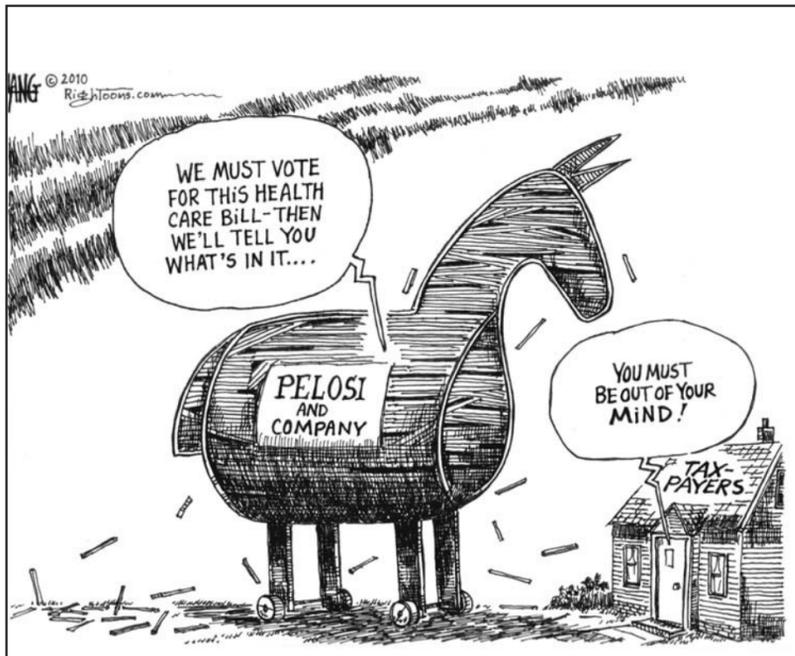
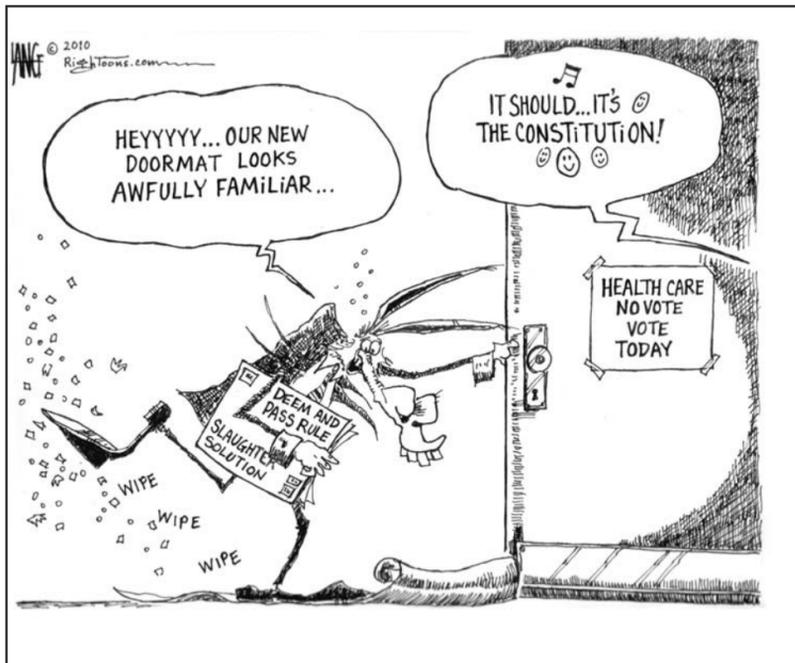
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and putting in place new, 'green' industries created with federal grants that bring newfound wealth to the 'partners'... True free markets are eliminated in favor of controlled economies which dictate the availability and quality of products."

Ecological Integrity demands that human activity be reduced to preclude "impinging on the planet's basic life support system." Deciphered this means population control and unlimited government, the antithesis of limited government and personal liberty advocated by our Founders. Now the reason for unrelenting pressure to reduce the effects of so-called man-made global warming and for the passage of nationalized healthcare becomes clear. These have nothing to do with stewardship of the environment or concern for the health of our citizens; it is all about implementing the UN Agenda 21 adopted by 178 nations with President George H. W. Bush as America's signatory and President Clinton as implementer.

Apathetic Americans may rest in the solace that, "At the very worst America will become just another European style social democracy." But that is folly. They are making the wrong comparison because European and American "similarities are different." Unlike Europe, America began as a Covenant nation. The other Covenant nation in history is Israel and that is where the comparison must be made and their

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"Conscience of Kansas"

Protection and Reward: The Case of 1st Lieutenant Michael Behenna

America is truly a blessed land. This is not a secret, as people from all parts of the world try everything from walking the deserts without water to paddling in trashcans through the ocean to reach the place where the "American dream" happens. While there are many factors that bring about America's continued prosperity such as the free market, our capitalist system, our constitution with its valuable principles, and the tolerance found within the Christian foundations of this nation, these things have flourished only because America has remained free.

Even in the nation today where we face the ongoing struggle to maintain the components of America's success, we must never forget the cost in American blood and sacrifice that has afforded this country the stability to develop and establish what is truly the envy of the planet. What are the responsibilities-and dare I say the duties-of the U.S. citizenry to those who guard the outposts of this country's defensive lines, those who walk the patrols in foreign lands where our enemies lurk while we the American people go about our little errands of life?

The case of 1st Lieutenant Michael Behenna, a soldier convicted and sentenced to twenty-five years in prison for the alleged murder of suspected Al Qaeda operative Ali Mansur in Iraq is a disturbing story on several levels. The story itself is painful to me as a Kansan since I learned that Behenna has been in military prison in Fort Leavenworth (yes the same facility in which Barack Obama wanted to house terrorist detainees from Guantanamo Bay) for almost a year and I knew nothing about Behenna or his



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case. The minimal news coverage about his story is unsettling.

I learned that Michael Behenna came from a stable family with a mother who is a U.S. Attorney and a father who is a retired Oklahoma Bureau of Investigations agent. Behenna excelled in the military, and while in Iraq served as a platoon commander. His most recent officer evaluation before the Ali Mansur shooting incident was stellar. In fact, the comments for his potential for promotion made it abundantly clear that Behenna was a soldier on the fast track upward. Now barring parole, Behenna, who was twenty-five years old at the time of his sentence, will be forty years old by the time of his release.

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Honors At Phi Zeta Research Day

By Joe Montgomery
KSU News Service

Outstanding research efforts have earned several students and faculty of Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine honors at Phi Zeta Research Day.

The event was sponsored March 2 by K-State's Sigma chapter of Phi Zeta, the veterinary medicine honorary society. Because research is an essential and valued component of the scholastic mission of the College of Veterinary Medicine, the day showcases the research efforts of the college's instructors, house officers, graduate students and professional students. Oral presentations are given on basic or clinical research areas and case reports.

Faculty earning honors include David C. Poole, professor of anatomy and physiology, Pfizer Animal Health Award for Research Excellence; and Wenjun Ma, research assistant professor in diagnostic medicine and pathobiology, first place in basic science research presentation for "Viral reassortment and transmission after co-infection of pigs with classical H1N1 and triple reassortant H3N2 swine influenza viruses."

Student award recipients and their honors include:

Emily Archer, master's student in biomedical science, Manhattan, poster award for "Ischemia/reperfusion-induced intestinal lipid alterations occur prior to antibody-induced PGE-2 production."

Charles Coats, third-year student in veterinary medicine, Manhattan, third

place in basic science research presentation, "Development of primary neuronal culture of embryonic rabbit dorsal root ganglia for microfluidic chamber analysis of trans-neuronal spread and axonal transport of bovine herpes virus type 1."

William Crumley, master's student in biomedical science, Manhattan, Case Report Award for "Ophthalmomyiasis externa in a puppy due to Cuterebra infestation."

Eliot Linsenmeyer, fourth-year student in veterinary medicine, Manhattan, Mahlon Vorhies Production Animal award and third place in clinical science research presentations, both for "Evaluation of retreatment and case fatality rates for calves treated with antimicrobials and ancillary Flunixin Meglumine for BRD complex."

John Patton, doctoral student in pathobiology, Manhattan, Dr. Harish C. and Ved K. Minocha Scholarship.

Christopher George, first-year student in veterinary medicine, Overland Park, Benjamin Kurz Memorial Research Scholarship.

Katherine Edwards, third-year student in veterinary medicine, St. George, Miller Pathology Scholarship Award.

Benjamin Wileman, doctoral student in pathobiology, Wamego, first place in clinical science research presentation, "Passive immunity to a commercial E. coli-SRP vaccine in beef cattle colostrum from cows grazing native range."

Charles Dodd, doctoral student in food science, Wamego, second place

in clinical science research presentations for within pens of feedlot cattle."

Ashley Smit, second-year student in veterinary medicine, Wichita, poster award for "Elemental analyses of liver, kidney and pancreas in Canada geese (Branta canadensis) in the Tri-State mining area."

From out of state: John Ayers, third-year student in veterinary medicine, Goodlettsville, Tenn., A.S.R. Ganta Veterinary Student Award.

From out of country: Shanzhong Gong, doctoral student in pathobiology, China, Dr. Cornelius Graduate Student Travel Award.

Raghavendra Amachawadi, master's student in biomedical science, India, A.S.R. Ganta Graduate Student Award.

Ranjni Chand, master's student in biomedical science, India, second place in basic science research presentation for "Investigation of the genetic flexibility of the non-structural protein 2 region in porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus."

Amit Kumar, doctoral student in pathobiology, India, poster award for "Attachment of Fusobacterium necrophorum to bovine endothelial cells and its inhibition by polyclonal antibodies raised against bacterial outer membrane proteins."

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Championship Bid Comes Up Short At KC

KSU Sports Information
 KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Kansas State's bid for a Big 12 Championship title came up short Saturday as top-ranked Kansas held on for a 72-64 win over the No. 9 Wildcats in the championship game of the Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship.

With the loss, the Wildcats dropped to 26-7 on the year and will now await their NCAA seed and destination, which will be announced Sunday.

The Wildcats struggled from the field against the Jayhawks as they hit on just 34 percent of their field goals. Kansas, meanwhile, shot 44 percent from the floor and was an efficient 24-of-31 from the free throw line.

Denis Clemente led the Wildcats with 17 points Saturday, while Jamar Samuels had 14 and Jacob Pullen 13. For their efforts this weekend, Clemente and Pullen were also named to the All-Championship squad.

Holding a 31-27 lead at the half, Kansas scored the first four points to build an eight-point lead before a Wally Judge free throw and a Pullen jumper made it 35-31. After Kansas built its lead back up to seven at 40-33, Samuels nailed a three and Clemente converted a steal into a fast-break layup to close the gap to 40-38.

But, the Jayhawks would answer with five straight to go back up by seven, 45-38, and extended the lead to 53-45 with eight minutes remaining. After a Pullen three cut the lead to 55-50, Clemente fouled Tyrell Reed on a three-point attempt and Reed hit all three free throws to up the lead back to eight and a Collins runner gave KU its largest lead of the game at 62-52.

Two Samuels three-pointers pulled the Cats to within 66-58 with 3:16 left, and Kelly hit two free throws to cut the margin to 66-60. But, K-State could not get any closer than six the rest of the way.

The Wildcats started the game 0-for-12 from the field but only found themselves down five as Kansas grabbed an early 5-0 lead. K-State battled back to 7-6 and tied the game at 8 following a Kelly jumper just inside the three-point line. Clemente gave K-



Jamar Samuels (32), Denis Clemente (center) and Rodney McGruder (22) start a fast break down court.

State its first lead of the game at 11-8 after a three from the top of the key and Samuels later gave the Cats the lead back at 16-15 following a trey.

A Clemente drive and runner made it 21-20 Kansas before the Jayhawks extended their margin to five at 27-22. With 1:37 left in the half, Kelly hit a 10-foot jumper to pull within 27-24 and Kansas would take a 31-27 lead at the break after a Rodney McGruder put-back was ruled no good after time had expired.

The Wildcats hit on just 12-of-38 field goals in the first half (32 percent), while Kansas connected on 38 percent (11-of-29).



Victor Ojeleye (10) and Jamar Samuels (32) could not stop Kansas from driving to the basket.



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