

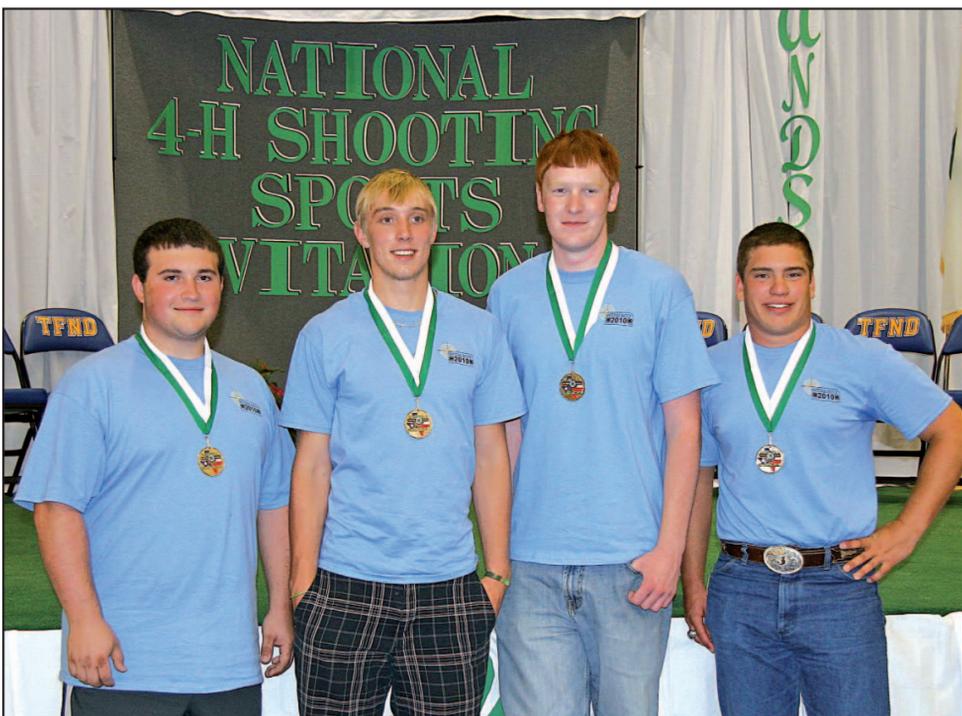
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Luke Hull, Seth Brandon, Grant Adams and Jacob Stroda, members of the Riley/Pottawatomie 4-H Straight Shooters participated in the 2010 National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational held in Kerrville, Texas June 28 to July 2, 2010.

Master Gardener's Tour Is Saturday

The Riley County Extension Master Gardener's 22nd annual garden tour is Saturday, July 10. If you haven't been around for the last 22 years, here's how you can participate this Saturday. Seven private gardens are featured, plus the KSU Gardens. Tickets with a map are available for purchase at each of the sites and the \$8 fee allows you to visit all the sites in any order. Tour times are 10am until 3 pm. Each site will have Extension Master Gardeners (volunteers) along with the garden owners to help answer questions. The generous hosts this year are:

Bruce and Kim Ewing at 1961 Zeandale Road
Charles and Pat Hughes at 3115 Chic Circle
Randy and Robyn James at 2880 Zeandale Road
Preston and Jean Klick at 149 N

Dartmouth Drive
Debi Kreiser and Aileen Oppenlander at 727 Rannells Road
Mike and Cindy Ross at 808 Mimosa Lane
Larry and Kay Weigel at 1809 Kingwood Drive
Proceeds from the tour benefit the KSU Gardens, 1500 Denison.
The tour is planned to offer both variety and scale. The tour attendee may see, smell, touch, hear, and perhaps even taste that perfect plant, combination of plants, or landscape feature which will create the WOW factor in their own garden.
Advance tickets for \$1 savings are available at Westside & Eastside Markets, Lee Creek Gardens, Horticultural Services, Blueville Nursery, or the Riley County Extension office through noon on Friday.

Stright Shooters In Nationals

The Riley/Pottawatomie 4-H Straight Shooters had four youth compete at the National 4-H Match June 28 to July 2, 2010. The Match was held in Kerrville, Texas and teams from 31 states participated. The 32 Kansas youth participated in the disciplines of Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Smallbore Rifle, Smallbore Pistol, Muzzle Loading, Shotgun, Re-curve Archery and Compound Archery.

Riley/Pottawatomie 4-H Straight Shooter Grant Adam, Manhattan, son of Carol and Dave Adams participated in Air Pistol. The Air Pistol team of Grant Adams, Riley/Pottawatomie County, Michael Purvis, Ellis County, Andy Swoyer, Jefferson County, and Danny Anderson, Lyon/Greenwood and coached by Troy Mattheyer, Ellis County placed 4th in Slow-fire Bulls-eye.

Adams placed 1st in the Slow-fire Bulls-eye Match and Purvis placed 10th. The Air Pistol team placed 3rd in Silhouettes with Purvis and Adams placed 4th and 6th respectively. Swoyer placed 8th in the Rapid and Timed Fire Match in Air Pistol and the team placed 3rd. Adams placed 4th and Purvis placed 9th overall with the Air Pistol Team earning the 3rd place and the bronze medal overall.

Seth Brandon, Havensville, son of Arlene and Doug Jacobson; Luke Hull, Manhattan, son of Bonnie and Terry Hull; and Jacob Stroda, Manhattan, son of Sally and Tim Stroda, participated as members of the Smallbore Pistol Team at the National 4-H Match. The Smallbore Pistol Team of Olivia Taylor-Pucket, Jefferson County, and Luke Hull, Jacob

Stroda and Seth Brandon, all of Riley/Pottawatomie Counties and coached by Ken Stewart, Jefferson County placed 1st in the Slow-fire Bulls-eye Match. Taylor-Pucket placed 3rd, Hull placed 4th and Brandon placed 12th individually in the Slow-fire Match. The Smallbore Pistol Team placed 1st in Silhouettes with Hull placing 4th, Stroda placing 5th and Taylor-Pucket placing 7th individually. The Smallbore Pistol Team placed 1st in the Timed and Rapid-fire Match with Hull placing 2nd and Taylor-Pucket placing 8th individually. The Smallbore Pistol Team swept the Match overall taking home four team gold medals. Hull placed 2nd, Taylor-Pucket placed 4th and Stroda placed 10th overall for the week.

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"Hotline" & "Central Park West" Coming July 10th

Manhattan Arts Center's Late Night Theatre presents readings of Hotline by Elaine May and Central Park West by Woody Allen, directed by Brent Sigman on Saturday, July 10 at 9pm. This performance series is dedicated to presenting new and challenging works to its community.

In HOTLINE an aging call girl going through a life crisis, decides to call a suicide hotline. The man who answers the hotline is on his first night on the job and is in for one crazy night. CENTRAL PARK WEST, in true Woody Allen fashion, centers on a psychiatrist who finds out her best friend is having an affair with her husband and drunkenly invites her over to confront her. She soon finds out her best friend isn't the only woman her husband has been sleeping with when he shows up with a much younger woman.

Hilarity ensues as the plot unravels.
Hotline and Central Park West feature Mary Elizabeth Atwood, Bettina Boller, Brett Hightower, Kim Riley, and Katie Sigman. This performance is not suitable for children.
Tickets are \$5. For more information on this and other performances at the Manhattan Arts Center, visit the website at www.manhattanarts.org, or call the office at 537-4420.
The Manhattan Arts Center is funded in part by the Kansas Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency which believes that a great nation deserves great art. Additional funding comes from the City of Manhattan and MAC members and friends.

McClaskey To Head Campaign

A former assistant dean for the K-State College of Agriculture has left her post to lead the campaign to elect Senate Majority Leader Derek Schmidt attorney general, the campaign announced today.

Jackie McClaskey, of Manhattan, will serve as campaign manager for Schmidt's attorney general campaign.

"Jackie brings years of experience with Kansas higher education, agriculture, young people and Republican politics to our campaign," said Schmidt, R-Independence, who is a former chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee and a founding member of the agriculture law section of the Kansas Bar Association. "What an honor to have her take the reins of our organization."

McClaskey served at the College of Agriculture from 1996 until she left last fall to run Schmidt's campaign. During her years at K-State, she worked with hundreds of

students who have become leaders in their professions across the state. She also has years of experience in Kansas Republican politics, having managed the two successful campaigns of State Senator Roger Reitz, R-Manhattan; served in the campaign and congressional staffs of then-U.S. Representative Sam Brownback; and interned in the Washington, D.C., office of U.S. Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum.

McClaskey originally is from Girard in Southeast Kansas.

Also joining the Schmidt campaign team are:

* Katie Firebaugh: Firebaugh, of Topeka, has taken a leave of absence from the Senate Majority Leader's office to work on Schmidt's campaign for attorney general. Originally from Rose Hill, she is a former campaign aide to U.S. Rep. Todd Tiahrt, R-Goddard.

* Heidi Cashman: Cashman is a

former legislative director in the Washington, D.C., office of U.S. Senator Pat Roberts, where she specialized in health care and social service issues. Originally from Wakeeney, Cashman now resides in Lenexa.

* Megan Pinegar: Pinegar is a former K-State Admissions Representative originally from Mt. Hope. While in college, she interned for U.S. Senator Pat Roberts and State Senator Phil Journey, R-Wichita.

* Gary Allerheiligen: Allerheiligen, of Wichita, is a certified public accountant who recently retired as a partner with Grant Thornton. He is serving as treasurer for the campaign.

"We have an outstanding and enthusiastic team," Schmidt said. "Along with so many volunteers across the state, we're building support to elect a responsible, Republican attorney general for Kansas."

Jazz Festival Will Be Saturday, July 17th

The Little Apple® Jazz Festival announces the addition of a family-friendly area to its annual free outdoor concert featuring two stages of continuous music on Saturday, July 17 at the Larry Norvell Band Shell in Manhattan's City Park.

Open from 4-8 p.m., the family-friendly area will include soldiers and equipment from Fort Riley, horses and troopers from the Commanding General's Color Guard, vehicles and crews from the 97th Military Police Battalion, a "petting zoo" from the K-State Insect Zoo, crafts from UFM, the Manhattan Arts Center, the Marinna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, and a special appearance from K-State's own Willie the Wildcat from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

The festival is part of the city's Arts in the Park series and is a col-

laborative effort between the Manhattan Parks and Recreation Department and the K-State Student Union Program Council. Additional sponsors include Meritrust Credit Union, Ag Press Commercial Printing, Dow Chemical Multicultural Resource Center, Manhattan Broadcasting, MWR and many other local businesses.

The Little Apple® Jazz Festival also features live music, food vendors, artist CD sales, and more. In case of rain, the event will move inside the newly completed Jon and Ruth Ann Wefald Pavilion in City Park.

For additional information and a complete list of all UPC activities, visit www.k-state.edu/upc or call the UPC office at 785-532-6571.

Sales Tax Under 2010 Budget Requirements

	2007				2008				2009				2010				
	Total	Redevelopment TIF Sales Taxes	Adjusted	Change from 2009 (Total)	Total	Redevelopment TIF Sales Taxes	Adjusted	Change from 2009 (Adjusted)	Total	Redevelopment TIF Sales Taxes	Adjusted	Change from 2009 (Total)	Change from 2009 (Adjusted)	2010 Adjusted Forecast	2010 Adjusted Compared to Forecast	2010 Budget	2010 Adjusted Compared to Budget
January	707,871	29,015	863,734	(128,653)	764,096	56,588	707,508	(156,226)	773,000	(85,492)	773,000	(85,492)		773,000	(85,492)		
February	840,398	41,654	688,007	55,879	785,540	54,269	731,271	43,264	725,000	6,271	740,000	(8,729)		725,000	(8,729)	740,000	(8,729)
March	712,397	23,175	821,308	(4,228)	840,255	48,610	791,645	(29,663)	815,000	(23,353)	825,000	(33,355)		815,000	(33,355)	825,000	(33,355)
April	657,648	26,549	640,228	(21,909)	644,868	48,380	596,488	(43,740)	700,000	(103,512)	725,000	(126,512)		700,000	(126,512)	725,000	(126,512)
May	744,187	24,895	634,261	124,206	783,362	45,824	737,538	103,277	700,000	37,538	725,000	12,538		700,000	37,538	725,000	12,538
June	753,717	16,456	703,391	65,265	785,112	46,187	738,925	35,534	725,000	13,925	750,000	(11,075)		725,000	13,925	750,000	(11,075)
July	714,334	21,927	788,148						773,000		773,000			773,000		773,000	
August	707,118	27,015	664,463						725,000		750,000			725,000		750,000	
September	739,384	39,749	723,656						773,000		773,000			773,000		773,000	
October	860,152	55,836	774,384						773,000		773,000			773,000		773,000	
November	763,032	60,581	817,447						825,000		850,000			825,000		850,000	
December	739,390	44,779	798,148						800,000		825,000			800,000		825,000	
TOTALS:	\$8,939,628	\$411,631	\$8,917,173	\$90,560	\$4,603,233	\$299,858	\$4,303,375	(\$47,854)	\$9,107,000	(\$134,825)	\$9,282,000	(\$174,975)		\$9,107,000	(\$174,975)	\$9,282,000	(\$174,975)
	6.2%				1.9%												

Did someone say that the Sale Tax in Manhattan was holding steady? 2010 may be up \$90,000 for the year but it is down \$234,000 from the 2010 Budget.

Obituaries

Anna Hawkins

Anna M. Hawkins, 80, Manhattan, KS passed away Monday, July 5, 2010 in the Via Christi Village, Manhattan.

She was born December 3, 1929 at Emmeram, KS, one of twelve children born to John Michael Geist and Mary Magdalen Quint Geist. She grew up on the family farm, near Emmeram, and attended the schools at Catherine, KS.

She was united in marriage to Robert M. Hawkins on January 5, 1948 at Great Bend, KS. He preceded her in death on December 3, 2001.

Mrs. Hawkins lived in Lyons, KS for many years. She worked as a nurse's aid at the Lyons

Hospital, a production worker at the El-Kan Manufacturing Plant at Ellsworth, KS, a crossing guard for the Lyons school district and did housework and janitorial duties for the Lyons Manufacturing Company. She had been a Manhattan resident since July 2000.

She attended the Catholic church and enjoyed sewing, crocheting, cooking and being a Girl Scout leader. She also volunteered many hours to the Rice County Council on Aging.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; and ten siblings.

Survivors include four daughters, Sherry L. Sheridan, Rensselaer, NY, Georgia M. Mulanax, and her husband, Lloyd,

Manhattan, Bessie A. Day, Wamego, KS and Susie E. Burt, and her husband, Charles, Great Bend; a sister, Evelyn Waldschmidt, Hays, KS; 15 grandchildren; and 23 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 8, 2010 in the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home, Manhattan with the Rev. Don Zimmerman officiating. Burial will follow in the Valley View Memorial Gardens, Manhattan.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association and left in care of the funeral home. Online condolences can be sent to www.irvin-parkview.com.

Rodney Hays

Rodney Hays, age 67, of Manhattan, Kansas, died Friday, July 2, 2010, at the Mercy Regional Health Center following a sudden illness.

He was born on November 22, 1942, in Manhattan, Kansas, the son of Guy T. and Marie M. (Morlan) Hays.

Mr. Hays was a lifetime Manhattan resident where he attended local schools, graduating from Manhattan High in 1960.

He was employed as a truck driver for the Riley County Highway Department for 30 years, retiring in December of 2007. Following a brief retirement he decided to go back to work and in March of 2008 he accepted a position as a truck driver for Shilling

Construction in Manhattan.

In addition to his career he enjoyed bowling and was a long-time member of the Manhattan Bowlers Association. He also collected miniature model cars and trucks and in his youth enjoyed racing his Opel at the local race-track. He was also a member of the Crestview Christian Church.

On September 4, 1970, in Manhattan, Kansas, he was united in marriage to the former Karen S. Hope. She survives of the home. He is also survived by his aunt and uncle: Evelyn F. and Gordon Geren of Grove, Oklahoma; his sister-in-law: Joy Rimmington of Marsing, Idaho and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Hays was preceded in death by his parents.

The family will receive friends during a visitation from 7:00 until

8:30 p.m. Wednesday evening at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Thursday, July 8, 2010, at the Crestview Christian Church, 4761 Tuttle Creek Blvd., Manhattan, with Pastor Devin Wendt officiating. Interment will follow in the Sunrise Cemetery.

On-line condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website located at www.yml-funeralhome.com.

Memorials have been established for the Arthritis Foundation and for Crestview Christian Church. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Charles Perry

Charles "Charlie" H. Perry, 72, Manhattan passed away Tuesday, June 29, 2010 as a result of a traffic accident, north of Manhattan on Highway 24.

He was born June 19, 1938 at Bedford, IN, one of nine children born to William Perry and Ollie Cobb Perry. He grew up in Bedford and attended the local schools.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served during the Vietnam Conflict. He was honorably discharged in 1971 at Ft. Riley and was the recipient of several National Defense and Vietnam Service Medals.

After his military service, Mr. Perry continued to live in the Manhattan area and worked many years in Water and Waste Water Management with the Civil Service at Ft. Riley. After his

retirement, he continued in the Waste Water Management, working for the cities of Manhattan, Junction City, St. George and Dwight for a number of years. He retired in 2000.

He was united in marriage to Nancy M. James Henry on January 27, 1990 in Wamego. She survives of the home.

Mr. Perry was a member of the Church of God and had recently been attending the Living Word Church, Manhattan. He was also a member of the Lee Pierson V.F.W. Post No. 1786, Manhattan.

He was preceded in death by parents; a brother, Burchell Perry; and two sisters, Sally Roth and Irene Stewart.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Perry is survived by two daughters, Debbie Perry, of California and Joy Henderson, Bedford, IN; a step-son, Kevin Henry, and his wife, Amy, Manhattan; a step-daughter, Sonja Hannington, and

her husband, Dave, Bucksport, ME; three brothers, Larry Perry, Oolitic, IN, Gene Perry, Bedford, IN and John Perry, Elgin, SC; two sisters, Lucy Mitchell, Oolitic, IN and Edna Whitaker, Elgin, SC; a granddaughter, Sarina Henderson; and five step-grandchildren, Tyler Henry, Chelsey Henry, Mitchell Henry, Sarah Hannington and Abigail Hannington.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, July 2, 2010 in the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home Chapel, Manhattan with Pastors Gary Ward and Lorenzo Jackson officiating. Burial, with military honors, followed in the Athelstane Cemetery, Longford, KS.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Charles Perry Memorial Fund, to be designated at a later date, and left in care of the funeral home. Online condolences can be sent to www.irvinparkview.com.

Dr. William Hoover

Dr. William J. Hoover March 26, 1928 - July 6, 2010 at 82 years old, Bill passed away in Colorado Springs, CO, after suffering a stroke. Bill was the beloved husband of Ellen Hoover for over 60 years. He will be forever remembered by his adoring children Mike Hoover, Jane Bartlett, and Laura Thiel; treasured grandchildren Emily Kiefer, K.C. Gillispie, Brian, Clay, and Mike Bartlett and Grace Thiel; prized great grandchildren Ashlyn, Clarissa, Adriana and Kamryn; loving sister Mary Council and caring in-laws Bobi Hoover, Bob Bartlett, Dave Thiel, Dustin Kiefer, and Lisa Bartlett, along with countless other friends and family whom were blessed to know him.

Born and raised in Champaign, Ill., Bill was one of two children born to the late Scott and Dorothy Hoover. After graduating high school in Champaign, Bill went on to receive his Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Illinois, majoring in Food Technology with minors in Business Administration and Mathematical Statistics.

As President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Institute of Baking for 18 years, Bill left his mark worldwide. His worked enhanced

food safety, processing, distribution, and nutrition at home, in the U.S., and abroad. Bill's work and research helped improve the nutritional value of food in 67 countries.

Prior to his time with A.I.B., Bill was Director for the Food and Feed Grain Institute and Head of Kansas State University's Department of Grain Science and Industry. Throughout his distinguished career, Bill served on numerous boards and committees in areas as varied as he was dynamic. He was honored numerous times throughout his life including Kansas Scientist of the Year, 2007 inductee into the Baking Hall of Fame and Citizen of the Year in Manhattan, KS, in 1981.

Bill loved being with his family and friends. He was an avid golfer, dedicated follower of all Kansas State and University of Illinois athletics, and enthusiastic violinist. He inspired all who knew him with his wit, integrity, and charm. Bill was especially talented at bringing smiles to the faces of those around him with his trademark sense of humor.

Friends and family are invited to attend a memorial service on July 10, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 612 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502, with Reverends Nancy J Kollhoff and Ben Duerfeldt officiating.

Online condolences may be left for

the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com.

A memorial scholarship has been established in Bill's name at the American Institute of Baking and may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502 or the American Institute of Baking, 1213 Baker's Way, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.



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Legislature Was Responsible

By Sen. Stephen R. Morris

As we enter the election season, you may hear a lot of misinformation about what actually happened in Topeka this year. I would like to set the record straight.

As the economy weakened, a series of very difficult decisions were made to cut or reduce the \$6 billion state budget by about \$1.5 billion — slashing budgets, furloughing state employees, cutting or eliminating programs and forcing government to do more with less.

As the economic crisis continued to get worse, it was clear that additional cuts would jeopardize critical programs that we, as citizens, depend on — such as K-12 education, law enforcement, corrections, services for the elderly, veterans and disaster aid.

As leaders, we are elected to make difficult decisions. After listening to Kansans in every corner of the state and hearing from economic experts at Wichita State University, we knew the only responsible way to move forward was to implement a modest three-year, 1-cent state sales tax increase. On July 1, 2013, the tax rate will drop to 5.7 percent. The remaining 0.4 percent will fund

continued maintenance on our state's roads and bridges under the comprehensive transportation program, which also will create jobs in communities across Kansas.

The decision to increase the sales tax was not reached lightly. The 1-cent sales-tax increase was chosen because nearly everyone — including nonresidents who work, shop or travel through Kansas — pay into the system. A 1-cent sales tax allows Kansas to remain competitive with its neighbors, which, despite having sometimes lower state sales taxes, often have higher local taxes. By spreading the burden across nearly everyone, we reduced the amount any one individual pays into the system, and we protected the poorest Kansans from the brunt of this increase by including food tax rebates and income-tax credits.

Of course, some lawmakers and organizations chose a different path, one not part of the solution. It is not surprising these same people are now busy spreading false or misleading information in an effort to frighten Kansans and score political points.

In fact, some of the same legislators who vocally opposed this modest sales-tax increase actually

supported a 2002 effort to increase the sales-tax rate, claiming it would be a catalyst for economic growth. They were right. Three years after that increase, the Kansas economy grew with more than 35,000 new jobs.

Kansans are resilient, and despite being in the throes of a stubborn recession, our state will come back better and stronger than ever. The start to economic recovery began in Topeka, but will end in coffee shops, diners, aircraft assembly lines, classrooms and Main Streets across our state, when those who want to work can find good jobs.

By cutting budgets, reining in spending and providing a responsible approach to revenues, we have been able to meet the state's obligations and keep our state fiscally whole. Kansans benefit from a sound, responsible, efficient and effective state government.

This year was about making choices. The steps taken by lawmakers who chose to be part of the solution will set the groundwork for increased economic growth and stability in the years to come.

State Sen. Stephen R. Morris, R-Hugoton, is president of the Kansas Senate.

Counter-Point

Increase Was Not Necessary

In a recent editorial "Legislature took responsible path" State Senator Stephen Morris from Hugoton wanted to set the record straight regarding the final budget and tax increase enacted by the legislature for next year. He concluded that after listening to Kansans in every corner of the state the only responsible way to move forward was with a tax increase. He also states that some lawmakers chose not to be part of the solution and are spreading false information to frighten Kansans.

I would like to offer a different viewpoint.

It's true that during this recession the state faced revenue shortfalls from the proposed budgets approved by the Governor. But that doesn't tell the whole story.

For the period from 2005 to 2009 the state's All Funds Budget spending rose from \$10,585,500,000 to \$13,960,345,000. That is a net 31.9% increase in state spending while inflation rose a cumulative 11.8% during that same time period. While the citizens of Kansas are trying to live within their means during a nasty recession, 71 house members and 21 senators voted to increase the 2011 budget by spending over \$200 million dollars more than last year. It seems that we have a spending crisis, not a budget crisis.

What Senator Morris and others are citing as a "modest, three year, one cent tax increase" is actually a 19% increase in the sales tax rate, the largest sales tax increase ever imposed on Kansas citizens. It must also be noted that 40% of the tax increase is permanent, extending beyond this current economic downturn.

The article declared that this

sales tax increase to 6.3% (plus county and city rates) allows Kansas to be competitive with its neighbors. But Oklahoma (4.5), Missouri (4.225), Colorado (2.9) and Nebraska (5.5) all have lower sales tax rates than Kansas. How does that possibly make us competitive?

As a further justification for an increase, Senator Morris and the proponents of this unprecedented tax hike want us to look back to the 2002 recession when the legislature raised taxes to satisfy their spending habits. He claims that it was a catalyst for economic growth and that 35,000 jobs were created because Topeka raised taxes. But according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Kansas lost approximately 27,400 private sector jobs by the next year. Alarming, from 2002 to 2010, government jobs have increased by approximately 33,000.

To believe that a tax increase on Kansas citizens during this recession is responsible and necessary, you would have to believe at least three things.

First, that no other funds are available help satisfy a budget shortfall. But 2009 agency balance sheets show a balance of \$1,955,000,862.00. While most of those dollars are committed, a portion could be used to fill budget shortfall holes. Additionally, according to the Department of Education and Legislative Research, the combined school districts had a carryover cash balance on June 30, 2010 of \$1,135,790,681.00. While much of that money is obligated, the Kansas Department of Education stated that \$500-\$700 million of those dollars could be re-prioritized as schools deem necessary to help them get through any tempo-

rary general budget shortfall.

Secondly, you must believe that Kansas is getting the maximum benefit from all owned assets (estimated at \$10-12 billion dollars in value). Selling one percent of unused or under-utilized property at market value would generate \$100-120 million dollars that could have been used before raising taxes on Kansas citizens.

Finally, to believe that a tax increase was responsible and necessary, you must believe that government is operating as effectively as possible, that there is no waste, fraud, or duplication of any program, and that all government agencies are working at their maximum level of efficiency all the time on behalf of the taxpayers.

These other options were available to the legislature (including controlling our spending) and should have been implemented before increasing taxes on an already burdened populace, especially when over 100,000 members of our workforce are unemployed. When Topeka or Washington takes even more money away from the private sector and out of the economy to grow government, it diminishes the road to economic recovery. We need to control our spending and encourage the private sector to grow by becoming a low tax state with a stable and predictable regulatory environment.

This recent tax increase to sustain an already bloated government was neither necessary nor responsible.

We need to focus on putting Kansans back to work. We need more taxpayers, not more and higher taxes...especially now.

State Representative Steven Brunk, Chairman, House Commerce and Labor Committee

Army Grants To Area Schools

ARLINGTON, VA —The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Educational Partnership awarded two grants to Fort Riley area schools through the Promoting Student Achievement at Schools Impacted by Military Force Structure Changes FY 10 Competitive Grant Program. A \$2.5 million grant was awarded to the Geary County School District in Junction City, Kansas and a \$667,000 grant was awarded to the Manhattan-Ogden School District in Manhattan, Kansas. Award amounts are based on the number of military children attending the school district.

The Manhattan-Ogden School District grant will fund "21st Century Mind Adventures," a program to raise student achievement levels and increase enrollments in science, engineering, technology, and math pathways. It will provide extended-day tutoring for academically at-risk students and give teachers intensive professional development in contextual learning.

"The school district's focus in this grant is to increase student academic achievement in grades 6-9 through a STEM program focused on cutting edge classroom technology as well as hands on student activities in the classroom, after school and during summer institutes," said Carol Adams, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning.

"Teacher support and skill enhancement will be provided through ongoing professional development over the three years of the grant," Adams

said. "Our partners in this project are the College of Education at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas and the Center for Occupational Research and development in Waco, Texas."

"Our grant program provides needed funding for schools serving the children of our military service members," said Kathy Facon, Chief, Educational Partnership Program, DoDEA. "These students face unique challenges being in a military family and we are proud to be able to help the school districts that support them."

The grant will fund "Leading Reading," a program to reverse the decline in Kansas Reading Assessments scores among students at 14 Geary County elementary schools. It aims to increase student achieve-

ment in reading among students in first through fifth grade, while maintaining kindergarten achievement. The grant will also provide sustained professional development in reading for new and novice K-5 teachers.

"Geary County Schools is pleased to once again partner with DoDEA to provide exciting new ways to help military dependents gain valuable learning experiences," said Ronald Walker, Superintendent, Geary County Schools. "Our relationship with DoDEA and Fort Riley is strong and the children of military families are the beneficiaries."

Geary County Schools received a \$2 million grant in 2009 under the same program, although the grant funds will be used at different schools within the District.

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Thoughts From The Prairie

Take Us Home, Country Roads

The month away was wonderful! Now as Gene Autry sang, "I'm Back in the Saddle Again." I begin by tipping my Stetson to Bob Strawn and John Matta for their excellent articles in my absence and to Jon Brake's Free Press and his trust in us.

The title of this column is a slight deviation from John Denver's signature hit of 1971, Take Me Home, Country Roads that was inspired by the unique beauty of the West Virginia Countryside. It is the theme song of the WVU Mountaineers and according to Wikipedia it was featured in the recent funeral of WV Senator Robert Byrd. But the "Us" in the column title does not refer to any of these.

In early June, Jenny and I departed the Flint Hills of Kansas for a sentimental journey to West Virginia for a renewal of our vows at the church where we were married 50 years ago. Our children secretly planned the processional music and to our surprise and delight, we entered the church to John Denver's Take Me Home, Country Roads. It became the theme song for the remainder of our journey down memory lane and frequently blared over the speakers of the 12-passenger van at the request of the grandchildren who rocked the rafters of the vehicle.

And appropriate it was as we navigated the backcountry roads of rural West Virginia where Jenny and I were blessed to grow up. Many of the roads were so narrow that two meeting cars had their outer wheels off the pavement and the hair pen curves were so sharp the driver at one point said he was looking at our own taillights!

The children and grandchildren wanted to visit the places where Jenny and I grew up and hear the stories associated with each place. We visited the small house where Jenny grew up and heard the stories of her childhood. The outdoor privy was gone but the indentation in the ground gave away its previous location.

Up in the "holler" where I grew up things are pretty much the same as 60 years ago, including the outdoor privy that is still in operation. Mr. Gerald Izzi said he now has one indoors. When I inquired about the Purple Heart on his license plate he said it was from having the side of his face torn away by shrapnel in Vietnam. Gerald said I was the first to thank him for his sacrifice. He gave us permission to roam around the old farm and the grandchildren were impressed when we found the old beech tree



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where I bagged my first squirrel and the location on my fort built out of slabs from the nearby sawmill.

Then we saddled up and headed over more country roads to our nation's capitol. The grandchildren were thrilled with the Air and Space Museum, the monuments and the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They were also excited to see the original Declaration of Independence and our Constitution as well as the footprint of God on every monument and building they visited. I was impressed that they knew the meaning of the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed..." They all agreed it means, "God gave us the rights then we elect people to protect them!"

Jenny and I returned to the Flint Hills with a profound appreciation for the opportunities we have had and the true blessings of living in "One Nation Under God." In addition to renewing our vows to each other we have renewed our vow to "defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

"Conscience of Kansas"

Barack Obama: Securing the border, one sign at a time

By: Paul A. Ibbetson

No one likes to be opposed. As people, we pick a side of an argument we believe in and try our hardest to win. That's life, but there are differing ways in which we oppose one another and some are much more inflammatory than others. See if you agree. Is it not more frustrating, more infuriating when someone attempts to trick you to win an argument? Is there not more respect given to those who say, "You're wrong, I'm right, and I will prove it!" versus someone who attempts trickery and poorly devised schemes to win an argument while congratulating you on your hard-fought victory?

I say it is better to be defeated than to be duped and defeated. When it comes to the issue of border security Barack Obama is attempting poorly crafted chicanery on the citizens of this country. Obama is not the first to fail the American people on this issue, but he is the first to fail them in such an insulting manner. Before we shine the light of accountability on Obama's bamboozling bag of border tricks, we should look at the failures to secure the border that preceded his presidency.

Through the time and effort of average Americans in the Minuteman Project the nation received video footage of the undeniably massive influx of illegal aliens crossing the border. If ever it was in question, the will of the American people to be safe and secure in their own nation has now been made clear. The U.S. border must be secured.

On Oct. 26, 2006, the Secure Fence Act was passed. It stated that within 18 months the government was to have secured the border through the use of physical barriers, border patrol agents, unmanned aerial vehicles, ground-based sensors, satellites, radar coverage, cameras and additional checkpoints. Just to make sure there was no question about the end goal, the term "operational control," which is referenced throughout the law, was defined as "the prevention of all unlawful U.S. entries, including entries by terrorists, other unlawful aliens, instruments of terrorism, narcotics and other contraband." So why is the border still wide open? Here is where the trickery starts. Instead of going full bore to complete the project, funding became a political wedge issue as double fencing became single fencing, and by the time the Obama administration was faced with the border security issue, fencing at all was seen as impractical. As reported by the Associated Press back in 2005, then-Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano was already undermining the fence option with statements such as, "You show me a 50-foot wall and I'll show you a 51-foot ladder at the border. That's the way the border works."

In a very foreseeable progression in the government's failure to secure the border, Arizona passes SB1070 to protect its state from an onslaught of illegal immigration. The current Arizona Governor Jan Brewer, once again with a majority of American support, forces the government's hand to

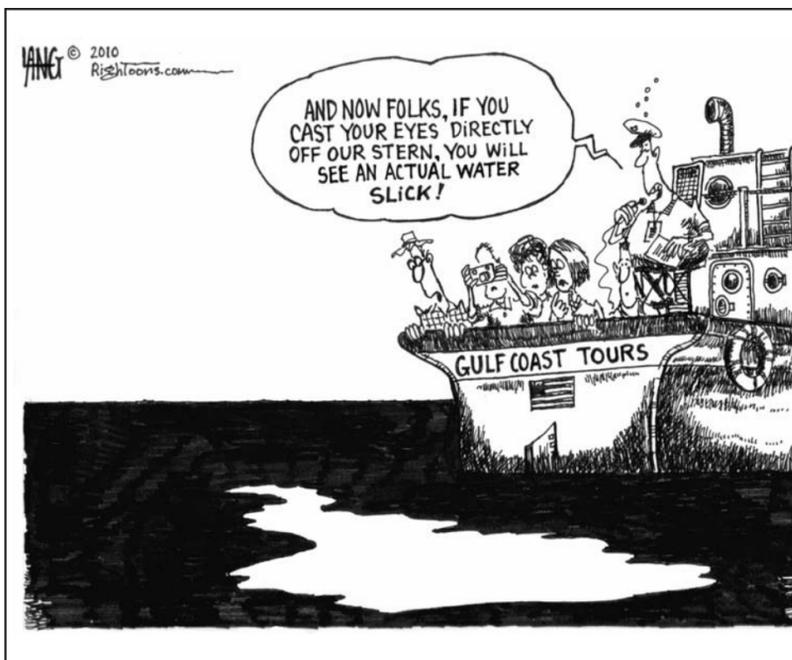
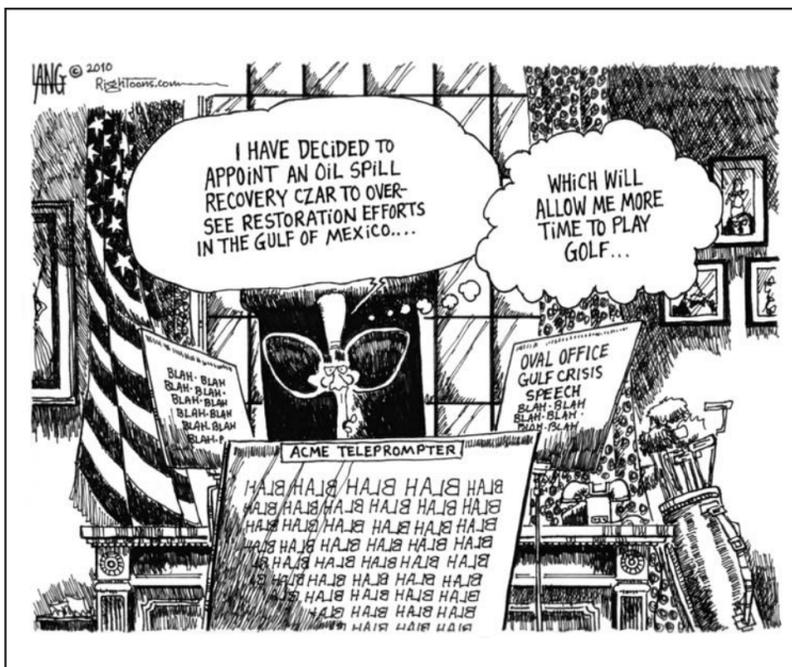


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take action. Even with the self-proclaimed transparent Obama administration at the helm, like painful déjà vu, government trickery again replaced government action. In response to Brewer's meeting with Barack Obama and the promise of government aid to secure the Arizona border, the president's response was to post warning signs in the desert, 80 miles from the U.S.-Mexico border and about 30 miles from the state capital. The signs read, "Smuggling and illegal immigration may be encountered in this area." No kidding, Sherlock! As reported by CBS news, Governor Brewer now stars in a new video showing the warning signs at her state's border as she gives the president both barrels for his lackadaisical response to this growing threat.

I can identify with her anger because it is not just opposition to securing the border that Obama is showing, it is opposition presented through an intelligence-insulting ruse. The Obama-border-sign fiasco is the biggest slap in the face to America on this issue so far and it will not be forgotten quickly. The economic and physical security of Americans is not a joke to be placed on signs at the nation's edge. After what has been years of failed policy on border security, Barack Obama is redefining the concept of "adding insult to injury." You can put that on a sign.

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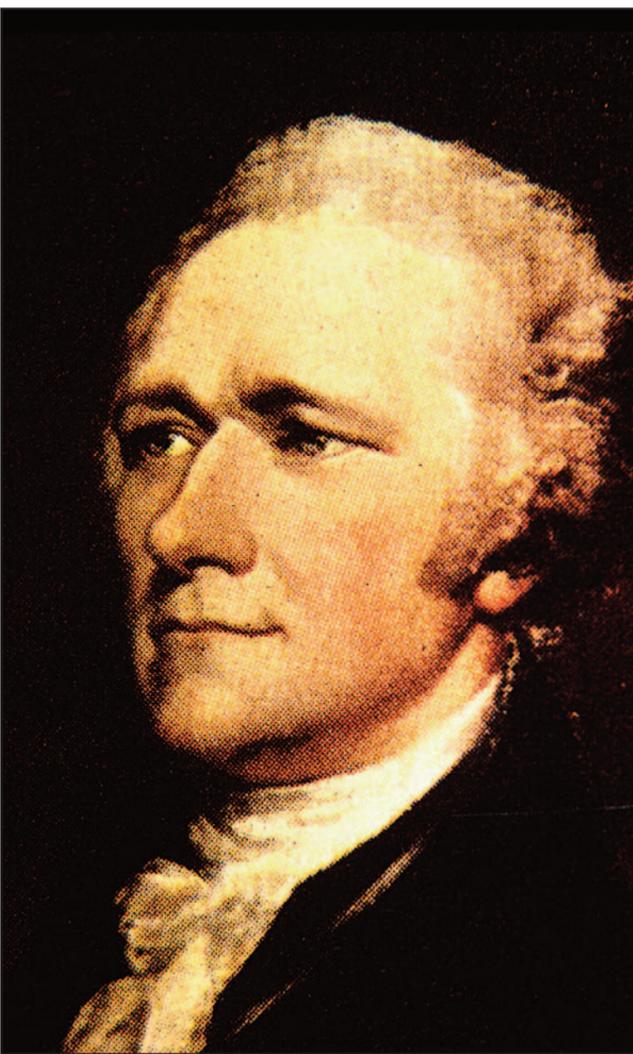
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[Alexander Hamilton]
To the People of the State of New
York:**

THE importance of the Union, in a commercial light, is one of those points about which there is least room to entertain a difference of opinion, and which has, in fact, commanded the most general assent of men who have any acquaintance with the subject. This applies as well to our intercourse with foreign countries as with each other.

There are appearances to authorize a supposition that the adventurous spirit, which distinguishes the commercial character of America, has already excited uneasy sensations in several of the maritime powers of Europe. They seem to be apprehensive of our too great interference in that carrying trade, which is the support of their navigation and the foundation of their naval strength. Those of them which have colonies in America look forward to what this country is capable of becoming, with painful solicitude. They foresee the dangers that may threaten their American dominions from the neighborhood of States, which have all the dispositions, and would possess all the means, requisite to the creation of a powerful marine. Impressions of this kind will naturally indicate the policy of fostering divisions among us, and of depriving us, as far as possible, of an ACTIVE COMMERCE in our own bottoms. This would answer the threefold purpose of preventing our interference in their

navigation, of monopolizing the profits of our trade, and of clipping the wings by which we might soar to a dangerous greatness. Did not prudence forbid the detail, it would be difficult to trace, by facts, the workings of this policy to the cabinets of ministers.

If we continue united, we may counteract a policy so unfriendly to our prosperity in a variety of ways. By prohibitory regulations, extending, at the same time, throughout the States, we may oblige foreign countries to bid against each other, for the privileges of our markets. This assertion will not appear chimerical to those who are able to appreciate the importance of the markets of three millions of people -- increasing in rapid progression, for the most part exclusively addicted to agriculture, and likely from local circumstances to remain so -- to any manufacturing nation; and the immense difference there would be to the trade and navigation of such a nation, between a direct communication in its own ships, and an indirect conveyance of its products and returns, to and from America, in the ships of another country. Suppose, for instance, we had a government in America, capable of excluding Great Britain (with whom we have at present no treaty of commerce) from all our ports; what would be the probable operation of this step upon her politics? Would it not enable us to negotiate, with the fairest prospect of success, for commercial privileges of the most valuable and extensive kind, in the dominions of that kingdom? When these questions have been asked, upon other occasions, they have received a plausible, but not a solid or satisfactory answer. It has

been said that prohibitions on our part would produce no change in the system of Britain, because she could prosecute her trade with us through the medium of the Dutch, who would be her immediate customers and paymasters for those articles which were wanted for the supply of our markets. But would not her navigation be materially injured by the loss of the important advantage of being her own carrier in that trade? Would not the principal part of its profits be intercepted by the Dutch, as a compensation for their agency and risk? Would not the mere circumstance of freight occasion a considerable deduction? Would not so circuitous an intercourse facilitate the competitions of other nations, by enhancing the price of British commodities in our markets, and by transferring to other hands the management of this interesting branch of the British commerce?

A mature consideration of the objects suggested by these questions will justify a belief that the real disadvantages to Britain from such a state of things, conspiring with the pre-possessions of a great part of the nation in favor of the American trade, and with the importunities of the West India islands, would produce a relaxation in her present system, and would let us into the enjoyment of privileges in the markets of those islands elsewhere, from which our trade would derive the most substantial benefits. Such a point gained from the British government, and which could not be expected without an equivalent in exemptions and immunities in our markets, would be likely to have a correspondent effect on the conduct of other nations, who would not be inclined to see themselves altogether supplanted in our trade.

A further resource for influencing the conduct of European nations toward us, in this respect, would arise from the establishment of a federal navy. There can be no doubt that the continuance of the Union under an efficient government would put it in our power, at a period not very distant, to create a navy which, if it could not vie with those of the great maritime powers, would at least be of respectable weight if thrown into the scale of either of two contending parties. This would be more peculiarly the case in relation to operations in the West Indies. A few ships of the line, sent opportunely to the reinforcement of either side, would often be sufficient to decide the fate of a campaign, on the event of which interests of the greatest magnitude were suspended. Our position is, in this respect, a most commanding one. And if to this consideration we add that of the usefulness of supplies from this country, in the prosecution of military operations in the West Indies, it will readily be perceived that a situation so favorable would enable us to bargain with great advantage for commercial privileges. A price would be set not only upon our friendship, but upon our neutrality. By a steady adherence to the Union we may hope, ere long, to become the arbiter of Europe in America, and to be able to incline the balance of European competitions in this part of the world as our interest may dictate.

But in the reverse of this eligible situation, we shall discover that the rivalships of the parts would make them checks upon each other, and would frustrate all the tempting advantages which nature has kindly placed within our reach. In a state so insignificant our commerce would be a prey to the wanton intermeddlings of all nations at war with each other; who, having nothing to fear from us, would with little scruple or remorse, supply their wants by depredations on our property as often as it fell in their way. The rights of neutrality will only be respected when they are defended by an adequate power. A nation, despicable by its

weakness, forfeits even the privilege of being neutral.

Under a vigorous national government, the natural strength and resources of the country, directed to a common interest, would baffle all the combinations of European jealousy to restrain our growth. This situation would even take away the motive to such combinations, by inducing an impracticability of success. An active commerce, an extensive navigation, and a flourishing marine would then be the offspring of moral and physical necessity. We might defy the little arts of the little politicians to control or vary the irresistible and unchangeable course of nature.

But in a state of disunion, these combinations might exist and might operate with success. It would be in the power of the maritime nations, availing themselves of our universal impotence, to prescribe the conditions of our political existence; and as they have a common interest in being our carriers, and still more in preventing our becoming theirs, they would in all probability combine to embarrass our navigation in such a manner as would in effect destroy it, and confine us to a PASSIVE COMMERCE. We should then be compelled to content ourselves with the first price of our commodities, and to see the profits of our trade snatched from us to enrich our enemies and persecutors. That unequalled spirit of enterprise, which signalizes the genius of the American merchants and navigators, and which is in itself an inexhaustible mine of national wealth, would be stifled and lost, and poverty and disgrace would overspread a country which, with wisdom, might make herself the admiration and envy of the world.

There are rights of great moment to the trade of America which are rights of the Union -- I allude to the fisheries, to the navigation of the Western lakes, and to that of the Mississippi. The dissolution of the Confederacy would give room for delicate questions concerning the future existence of these rights; which the interest of more powerful partners would hardly fail to solve to our disadvantage. The disposition of Spain with regard to the Mississippi needs no comment. France and Britain are concerned with us in the fisheries, and view them as of the utmost moment to their navigation. They, of course, would hardly remain long indifferent to that decided mastery, of which experience has shown us to be possessed in this valuable branch of traffic, and by which we are able to undersell those nations in their own markets. What more natural than that they should be disposed to exclude from the lists such dangerous competitors?

This branch of trade ought not to be considered as a partial benefit. All the navigating States may, in different degrees, advantageously participate in it, and under circumstances of a greater extension of mercantile capital, would not be unlikely to do it. As a nursery of seamen, it now is, or when time shall have more nearly assimilated the principles of navigation in the several States, will become, a universal resource. To the establishment of a navy, it must be indispensable.

To this great national object, a NAVY, union will contribute in various ways. Every institution will grow and flourish in proportion to the quantity and extent of the means concentrated towards its formation and support. A navy of the United States, as it would embrace the resources of all, is an object far less remote than a navy of any single State or partial confederacy, which would only embrace the resources of a single part. It happens, indeed, that different portions of confederated America possess each some peculiar advantage for this essential establishment. The more southern States furnish in greater abundance certain kinds of naval stores -- tar, pitch, and turpentine. Their wood for the construction of ships is also of a more solid and lasting texture. The difference in the duration of the ships of which the navy might be composed, if chiefly constructed of Southern wood, would be of signal importance, either in the view of naval strength or of national economy. Some of the

Southern and of the Middle States yield a greater plenty of iron, and of better quality. Seamen must chiefly be drawn from the Northern hive. The necessity of naval protection to external or maritime commerce does not require a particular elucidation, no more than the conduciveness of that species of commerce to the prosperity of a navy.

An unrestrained intercourse between the States themselves will advance the trade of each by an interchange of their respective productions, not only for the supply of reciprocal wants at home, but for exportation to foreign markets. The veins of commerce in every part will be replenished, and will acquire additional motion and vigor from a free circulation of the commodities of every part. Commercial enterprise will have much greater scope, from the diversity in the productions of different States. When the staple of one fails from a bad harvest or unproductive crop, it can call to its aid the staple of another. The variety, not less than the value, of products for exportation contributes to the activity of foreign commerce. It can be conducted upon much better terms with a large number of materials of a given value than with a small number of materials of the same value; arising from the competitions of trade and from the fluctuations of markets. Particular articles may be in great demand at certain periods, and unsalable at others; but if there be a variety of articles, it can scarcely happen that they should all be at one time in the latter predicament, and on this account the operations of the merchant would be less liable to any considerable obstruction or stagnation. The speculative trader will at once perceive the force of these observations, and will acknowledge that the aggregate balance of the commerce of the United States would bid fair to be much more favorable than that of the thirteen States without union or with partial unions.

It may perhaps be replied to this, that whether the States are united or disunited, there would still be an intimate intercourse between them which would answer the same ends; this intercourse would be fettered, interrupted, and narrowed by a multiplicity of causes, which in the course of these papers have been amply detailed. A unity of commercial, as well as political, interests, can only result from a unity of government.

There are other points of view in which this subject might be placed, of a striking and animating kind. But they would lead us too far into the regions of futurity, and would involve topics not proper for a newspaper discussion. I shall briefly observe, that our situation invites and our interests prompt us to aim at an ascendancy in the system of American affairs. The world may politically, as well as geographically, be divided into four parts, each having a distinct set of interests. Unhappily for the other three, Europe, by her arms and by her negotiations, by force and by fraud, has, in different degrees, extended her dominion over them all. Africa, Asia, and America, have successively felt her domination. The superiority she has long maintained has tempted her to plume herself as the Mistress of the World, and to consider the rest of mankind as created for her benefit. Men admired as profound philosophers have, in direct terms, attributed to her inhabitants a physical superiority, and have gravely asserted that all animals, and with them the human species, degenerate in America -- that even dogs cease to bark after having breathed awhile in our atmosphere. Facts have too long supported these arrogant pretensions of the Europeans. It belongs to us to vindicate the honor of the human race, and to teach that assuming brother, moderation. Union will enable us to do it. Disunion will add another victim to his triumphs. Let Americans disdain to be the instruments of European greatness! Let the thirteen States, bound together in a strict and indissoluble Union, concur in erecting one great American system, superior to the control of all transatlantic force or influence, and able to dictate the terms of the connection between the old and the new world!

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Creating A Crisis: Spending Increase To Fund Education

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Congress will soon consider spending \$10 billion to prevent layoffs in the public education sector. This money comes in addition to the \$80 billion awarded to the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) for K-12 education as a result of the stimulus bill.

While DOE funding has increased nearly fivefold in the 30 years since its creation, academic achievement has stagnated. Bureaucracy at the DOE has also ballooned over the decades. Another education bailout from Washington not only would fail to treat the root causes of states' fiscal problems but would also perpetuate a trend of ever-increasing funding for a federal department that has failed to live up to its mission of improving American education.

A History of Massive Funding Increases

President Jimmy Carter created the DOE in 1979. When President Ronald Reagan came into office a year later, he sought to limit the federal government's newly expanded role in education and undo what he called Carter's "bureaucratic boondoggle."

But despite its creation just 30 years ago, the DOE's discretionary budget is the third largest, behind only the Department of Defense and the Department of Health and Human Services. In addition to the federal "stimulus" money appropriated in 2009, the Obama Administration's FY 2011 budget request would further increase discretionary education spending by nearly 10 percent over 2010 levels, bringing total discretionary spending to \$50.7 billion. Education Secretary Arne Duncan stated:

The president's budget lays out a new vision for reforming our education system. ... It's a cradle to career agenda. One that starts at birth and follows children every step of the way with the ultimate goal that they graduate from a two year or four year college.

The DOE has spent the past three decades taxing states, running that money through the Washington

bureaucracy, and sending it back to states and school districts in an attempt to improve education. But for 30 years, this spending cycle has failed to improve education.

More Money for Lackluster Results

Since 1985, inflation-adjusted federal spending on K-12 education has increased 138 percent. Since the 1960s, real per-pupil federal education expenditures have more than tripled. Meanwhile, academic achievement has languished. Since the 1970s, math achievement has increased slightly, reading achievement has stagnated, and graduation rates have remained at about 73 percent nationally.

Nonetheless, the DOE continues to grow, both in terms of funding and staffing. In 2010, the DOE employed 4,199 full-time employees. President Obama's FY 2011 budget request anticipates full-time employment to grow to 4,603. If the FY 2011 budget request is enacted, the cost of salaries and expenses at the DOE will reach \$1.83 billion—\$344 million more than 2010 levels—a 23 percent increase.

In 2010, the average salary at the DOE reached \$103,000. This does not include the five executive level positions or senior executive positions. By comparison, in 2009, the average public school teacher salary was \$53,000.

According to an April 2010 Pew Research Center survey, the DOE ranked lowest in popularity among 13 federal agencies, earning just a 40 percent favorability rating. The DOE had also dropped the most precipitously of any federal agency, seeing its favorability ratings decline 21 percentage points since 1997. Even the Internal Revenue Service scored 7 points higher than the DOE.

A Better Way Forward

Rather than beefing up bureaucracy, there are better ways to improve education while easing the financial burden on states and taxpayers.

* Free states from federal red tape. As a result of No Child Left Behind, states were burdened with nearly 7 million manhours of paper-

work in order to comply with new federal mandates, costing states an estimated \$141 million. And while the federal government provides just 9 percent of funding for public education, it is the source of an estimated 41 percent of the administrative compliance burden for states. In the near term, state education budgets could be eased through emergency regulatory relief. Ultimately, federal control over education should be restored to the state and local level by granting states flexibility and the ability to target resources to a state's most vital education needs.

* Eliminate waste at the DOE. In 2009, the federal government's Program Assessment Rating Tool identified 47 ineffective and duplicative programs, the elimination of which would save taxpayers \$3.3 billion. The Office of Management and Budget found \$359 million in earmarks in the DOE's 2009 budget. Terminating ineffective programs and enacting budgets free of earmarks would trim DOE costs and save taxpayers money.

* Implement a hiring freeze at the DOE. If educational control and authority is returned to the state and local level, taxpayers will also be relieved of the staff needs and costs at the DOE. In doing so, the federal government can easily freeze staffing levels and ultimately reduce the number of workers needed to implement federal programs.

Decades of Failure

If Congress appropriates another \$10 billion to the DOE to prevent public sector job layoffs, it will be continuing the flawed, decades-old practice of filtering taxpayer resources through an inefficient federal agency. Instead of seeking another federal bailout from Washington, policymakers should ease the regulatory burden on states, permit states increased flexibility with their educational resources, and insist that funding is being efficiently used at the DOE.

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Specialist Gives Scoop On Ice Cream

By Greg Tammen
KSU News Service

A Kansas State University Research and Extension specialist says just because we all scream for ice cream doesn't mean we also have to scream about the fat and calories that come with it.

Karen Blakeslee, extension associate in animal sciences and industry and at K-State's Food Science Institute, has advice on ways to enjoy ice cream and watch your waistline.

"We're hearing about obesity a lot, so watching your portion sizes is a really good way to cut calories," Blakeslee said. "The recommended serving size for ice cream is a half a cup, which is around 130-150 calories."

Nutritionally there is not much difference between commercially made or homemade ice cream, Blakeslee said, as both kinds are usually made with cream, milk and eggs.

Blakeslee said there are ways to reduce calorie and fat intake without giving up ice cream completely. Most grocery stores carry healthier alternatives, such as reduced fat ice cream, which contains 25 percent less fat; a

light version, which has 50 percent less total fat and 33 percent fewer calories; low-fat ice cream, which has three grams of fat per serving; and non-fat ice cream, which has about 0.5 grams of fat per serving.

"There also are other frozen desserts, such as sherbet, gelato, sorbet and fruit bars, which are all lower in fat and just as refreshing as ice cream," she said. "If you don't want to give up ice cream, ice cream bars are a nice option because they are portion-sized for you already."

Even though reduced fat versions of chocolate and caramel syrups are available, Blakeslee recommends topping ice cream with fresh fruit — strawberries, peaches and pineapple — to sweeten the flavor and avoid the extra fat.

Homemade ice cream can be a treat, but it also can pose a health risk beyond its fat and calories, Blakeslee said.

"When making homemade ice cream, eggs are a traditional ingredient. When using raw eggs there is a chance of getting salmonella," she said. "This also can be a concern in commercially made ice cream."

To reduce the risk of contamination in homemade ice cream this summer, Blakeslee recommended starting with a custard base. To do that, cook the milk, sugar and eggs gently to 160 degrees and hold it at that temperature for about 15 seconds, she said. Once the custard is chilled, it can be added to the rest of the ingredients and churned.

Blakeslee said other options include using pasteurized eggs or a recipe that does not require raw eggs.

Ice cream may be the nation's favorite sweet food, and according to Blakeslee each American will consume an average of 23.2 quarts of ice cream or other commercially produced frozen dairy product this year. In fact, due to its popularity with the American public, President Ronald Reagan in 1984 declared July to be National Ice Cream Month, with July 18 as National Ice Cream Day, she said.

Blakeslee attributes the popularity of ice cream to its multitude of flavors and its versatility: shakes, malts, sundaes, ice cream bars, sandwiches or simply a scoop in a dish or a cone.

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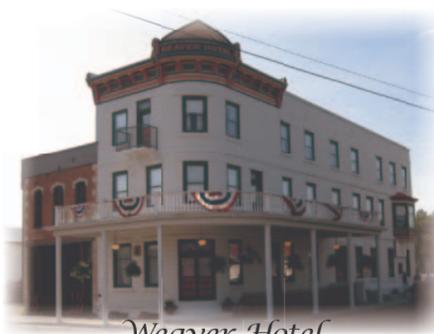
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Photojournalist At K-State

By: Kristin Copeland
KSU News Service

A former Christian Science Monitor photojournalist and multimedia producer is joining the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications at Kansas State University.

Andrew Nelson, a Topeka native who earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from K-State in 1987, will be joining the school's faculty in August as an assistant professor and R.M. Seaton Chair.

Nelson is currently an independent photojournalist and multimedia producer based out of Bangkok, Thailand. His clients have included Habitat for Humanity International and Getty

Images. Nelson worked at the Christian Science Monitor for more than a decade and was a staff photographer at the Register-Guard in Eugene, Ore., and The Kansas City Times. In addition, he has taught at the University of Oregon as an adjunct instructor.

"I'm looking forward to returning to my alma mater to help inspire a new generation of journalists in an era of rapid change. Convergent journalism and new media offer great opportunities for compelling storytelling, and I am excited to bring my experience from the field into the classroom," Nelson said.

R.M. Seaton, the late editor and publisher of the Coffeyville (Kan.)

Journal, established the Seaton chair in 1981 to attract top news professionals with substantive careers "who will help link the newsroom and the classroom to effectively educate future journalists."

"We are fortunate to have such strong ties with the Seaton family, owners of the Manhattan Mercury, which provides funding for the Seaton Chair. This relationship creates the best possible situation for our students," said Angela Powers, director and professor of the Miller School.

"The Seaton family has been synonymous with journalistic excellence, and I am honored to be named R.M. Seaton Professional Journalism Chair," Nelson said.

While working for the Christian Science Monitor out of Bangkok, Nelson covered stories in Vietnam, Japan and China and produced on-deadline multimedia pieces from the 2008 U.S. presidential campaign. Out of the publication's D.C. office, he worked on stories in more than 30 countries. He covered the Kosovo refugee crisis, the 2000 and 2004 U.S. presidential campaigns, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami and Hurricane Katrina.

"Nelson's experience with prestigious newspapers such as the Christian Science Monitor is exactly what we seek in the Seaton Chair. He brings an international perspective to our program and up-to-date multimedia skills that our students will relish," Powers said. "He also understands the needs of our students and community, having served as an editor-in-residence for our student newspaper a few years ago."

Nelson has received numerous awards from the White House News Photographers Association as well as an Award of Excellence from the Society for Newspaper Design.

K-State's A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications, established in 1910, has three sequences: advertising, journalism and digital media, and public relations. The undergraduate program has an enrollment of about 650 students; the graduate program has about 20 students. The school is accredited by The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

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Therapist Coming To KSU

By Beth Bohn
KSU News Service

Financial therapy experts from across the nation will be among the speakers and presenters at the annual conference of the Financial Therapy Association, Sept. 13-15, at Kansas State University.

Conference registrations are now being accepted through Aug. 15 at <http://www.financialtherapyassociation.org>.

Financial therapy is a blending of financial counseling with therapy to help individuals, couples and families struggling both financially and emotionally. Members of the Financial Therapy Association study the cognitive, emotional, behavioral, relational, economic and integrative aspects of financial wellness.

"Our members include individuals from around the world who blend aspects of financial planning, financial counseling, marriage and family therapy, sociology, social work and psychology," said K-State's Sonya Britt, president of the Financial Therapy Association. "The association has more than 100 practicing financial therapists and financial therapy researchers as members."

The association was created earlier this year. Britt, who is an assistant professor for K-State's Institute of Personal Financial Planning and a financial therapist at K-State's

Financial Therapy Clinic, is one of three K-State faculty members serving as founding members of the association's board.

"Because financial therapy is an integral part of K-State's personal financial planning program, it's not surprising our annual conference is at K-State. The university's Institute of Personal Financial Planning was among the first in the nation to open a clinic offering financial therapy," said Britt, who is an accredited financial counselor and certified retirement counselor.

Also serving on the Financial Therapy Association's board are Kristy Archuleta, co-director of K-State's Financial Planning Clinic and an assistant professor of family studies and human services, and John Grable, the Vera Mowery McAninch Professor of Human Development and Family Studies and director of K-State's Institute of Personal Financial Planning. Archuleta serves as the board's research liaison, while Grable is treasurer.

Among the keynote speakers for the conference will be Sandra Davis, a financial planning and management consultant with Sage Financial Solutions in San Francisco, Calif., and Ted Klontz of the Klontz Consulting Group in Nashville, Tenn. Klontz is a recognized pioneer in the emerging field of financial psychology.

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Straight Shooters At Nationals



The Kansas Smallbore Pistol team members are: Olivia Taylor-Pucket and Coach Ken Stewart, Jefferson County; Jacob Stroda, Manhattan; Seth Brandon, Havensville; and Luke Hull, Manhattan. The team placed 1st overall at the 2010 National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational.



Coach Ken Stewart, Olivia Taylor-Pucket, Seth Brandon, Jacob Stroda and Luke Hull relax after the awards ceremony at the 2010 National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational. The Smallbore Pistol Match consisted of a slow-fire match, a hunter silhouette match and a timed and rapid fire match.

National 4-H Match Results

The Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports Program had eight discipline teams coordinated by Rod Deeken, Jefferson County, travel to the National 4-H Match June 28 to July 2, 2010. The Match was held in Kerrville, Texas, and teams from 31 states participated. The 32 Kansas youth participated in the disciplines of Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Smallbore Rifle, Smallbore Pistol, Muzzle Loading, Shotgun, Recurve Archery and Compound Archery, but did not have representation in the Hunting discipline.

Air Rifle team member Tracy Rupp from the Walnut Grove Extension District placed 7th in the 3-Position Match. Air Rifle Team Members were Rupp, Kayla Lansing, Leavenworth County, Jessica Pearson, Jefferson County, Chelsea Steuwe, Wabaunsee County and were coached by Mick Lansing, Leavenworth County. Kayla Lansing placed 5th, Rupp placed 7th and the Air Rifle Team placed 3rd in the Sporter Standing Match. Pearson placed 4th individually and the Air Rifle Team placed 4th in the Silhouette Match. Rupp placed 7th, Lansing placed 9th and Pearson placed 10th overall with the team finishing in 3rd and bringing home the bronze medal.

The Air Pistol team of Grant Adams, Riley/Pottawatomie, Michael Purvis, Ellis County, Andy Swoyer, Jefferson County, and Danny Anderson, Lyon/Greenwood coached by Troy Mattheyer, Ellis County placed 4th in Slow-fire Bulls-eye Match. Adams placed 1st in the Slow-fire Bulls-eye Match and Purvis placed 10th. The Air Pistol team placed 3rd in Silhouettes and Purvis and Adams placed 4th and 6th respectively. Swoyer placed 8th in the Rapid and Timed Match in Air Pistol and the team placed 3rd. Adams placed 4th and Purvis placed 9th overall with the Air Pistol Team earning the 3rd place and bronze medal overall.

The Smallbore Rifle team of Ryan Langton and Ashley Neiberger, Jefferson County, Megan Hilbish, Lyon County and Lindsay Ewert, Leavenworth County and coached by Jim Langton, Jefferson County placed 5th in NRA Silhouette. Langton placed 10th in the Smallbore Rifle Silhouette Match. The team placed 1st in the CMP Match. Langton placed 3rd, Hilbish placed 6th and Ewert placed 8th individually in the CMP Match. Langton placed 7th overall and the team placed 5th

overall in the Smallbore Rifle Match.

The Smallbore Pistol Team of Olivia Taylor-Pucket, Jefferson County, and Luke Hull, Jacob Stroda and Seth Brandon, all of Riley/Pottawatomie Counties coached by Ken Stewart, Jefferson County placed 1st in the Slow-fire Bulls-eye Match. Taylor-Pucket placed 3rd and Hull placed 4th individually in the Slow-fire Match. The Smallbore Pistol Team placed 1st in Silhouettes with Hull placing 4th, Stroda placing 5th and Taylor-Pucket placing 7th individually. The Smallbore Pistol Team placed 1st in the Timed and Rapid-fire Match with Hull placing 2nd and Taylor-Pucket placing 8th individually. The Smallbore Pistol Team swept the Match overall taking home four team gold medals. Hull placed 2nd, Taylor-Pucket placed 4th and Stroda placed 10th overall for the week.

The Muzzle-loader Team of Tristen Brink, Jefferson County, Sam Leighton, Gove County, Cash Drylie and Logan Mattheyer of Ellis County and coached by Rollie Leighton, Gove County placed 3rd in the Bulls-eye Match with Mattheyer placing 4th. Leighton placed 6th individually in the Haffner Critters and Bottles Match. Brink placed 8th and Mattheyer placed 10th in the Silhouette Match with the team finishing 4th on Silhouettes. The Muzzle-loading Team placed 4th overall for the Match.

Austin Boley, Meade County, placed 10th in the Shotgun Trap Match. Shotgun team members were Boley, Kilee Hutchison, Kearney County, Brett Appelhans, Ellis County, and Robert Shifferdecker, Sedgwick County and coach Marie Gilchrist, Kearny County.

The Recurve Archery Team of Cody Hoagland and Dakota Hoagland, Jefferson County, Austin Smith, Gray County, and Marty Shanks, Cherokee County and coached by Bob Shanks, Cherokee County placed 5th in the 3D Match with Smith placing 5th individually.

Adam Pack, Wyandotte County, placed 10th in the 3D Match of Compound Archery. Other team members were Caleb Patterson, Wyandotte County, Diedre Kramer, Norton County, and Colton Ary, Edwards County with coach, John Pack, Wyandotte County.

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